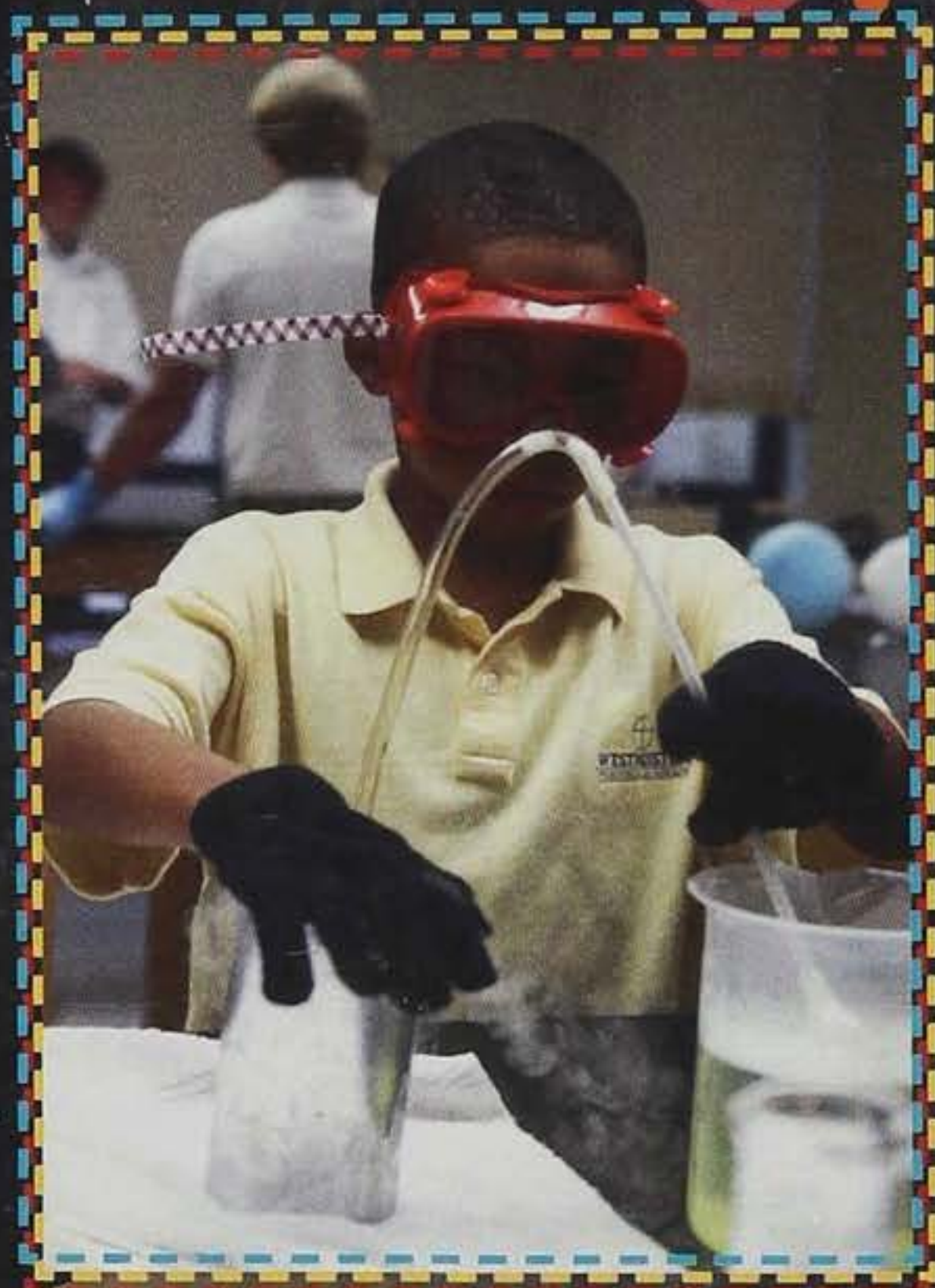


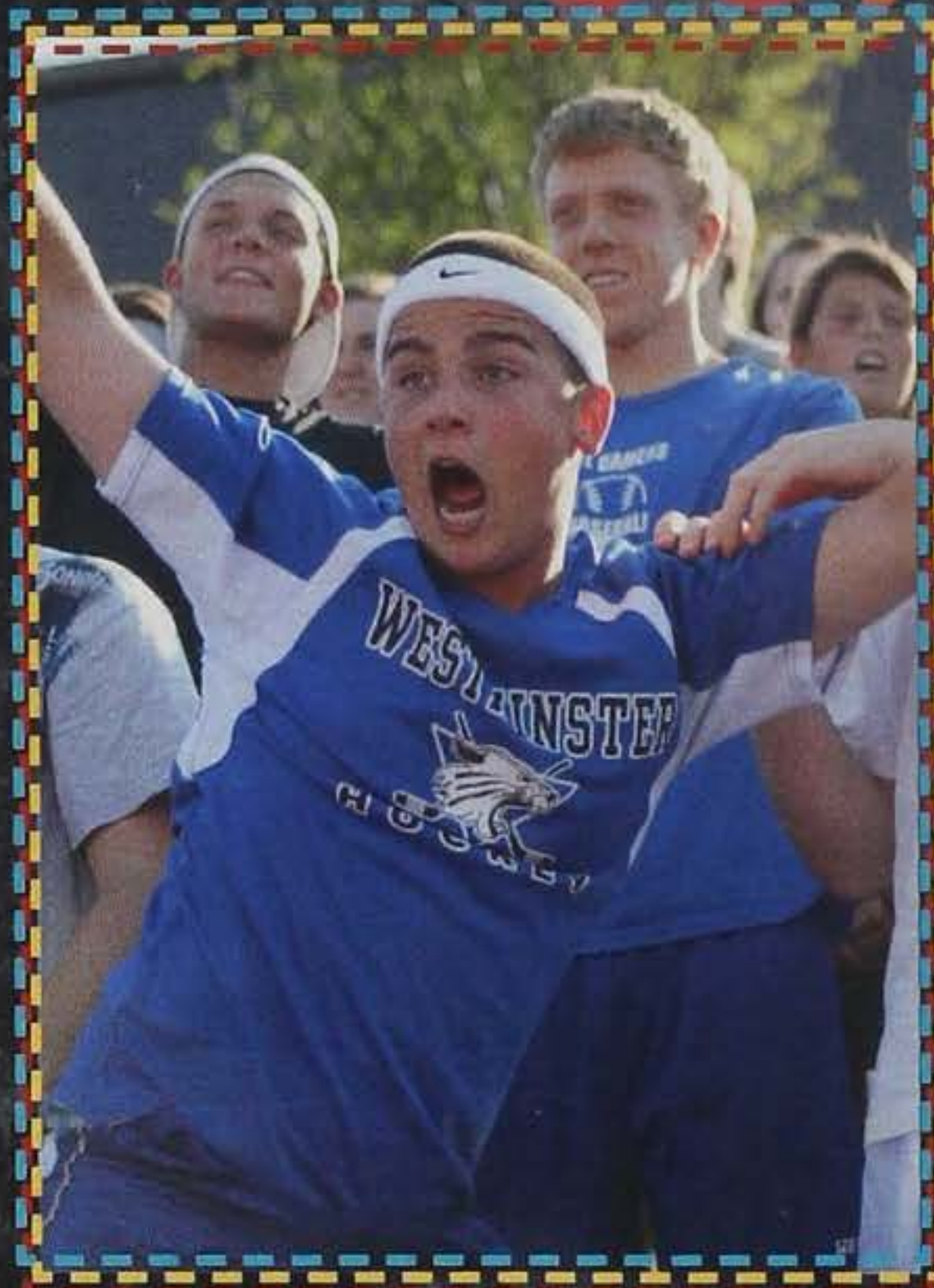
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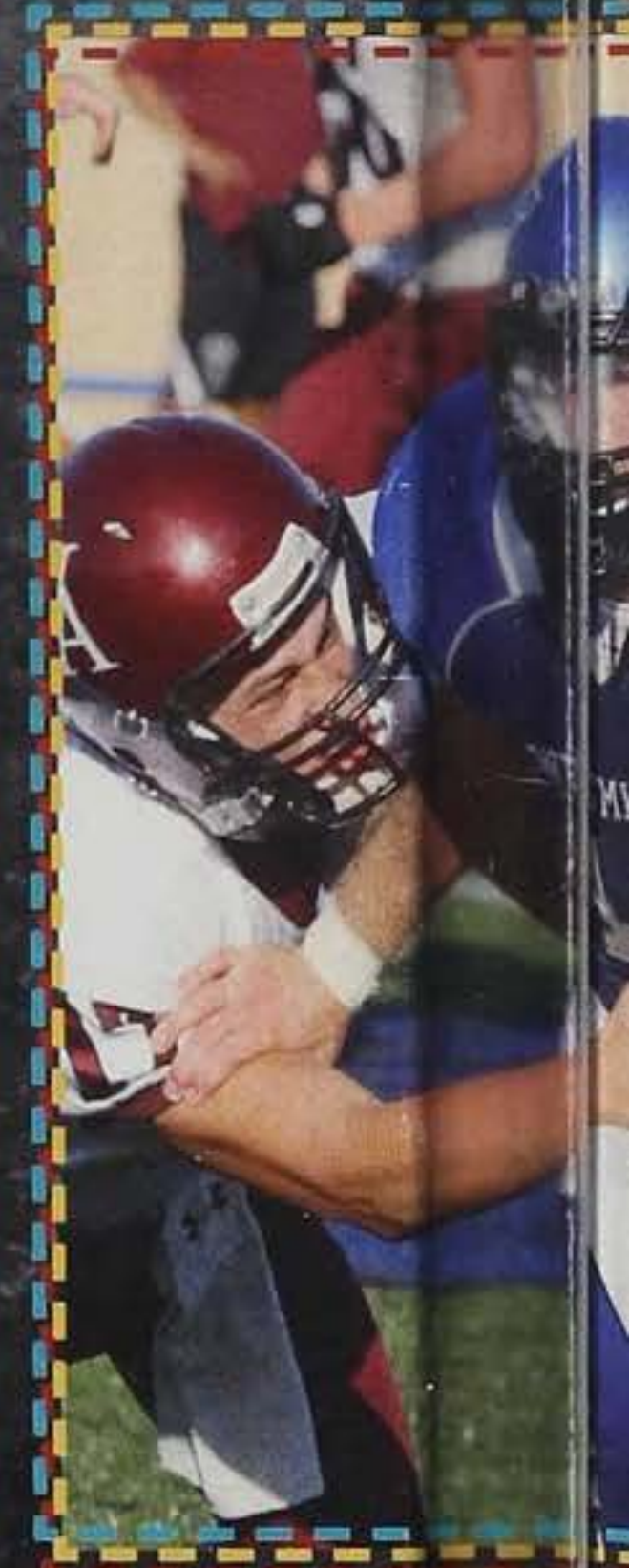


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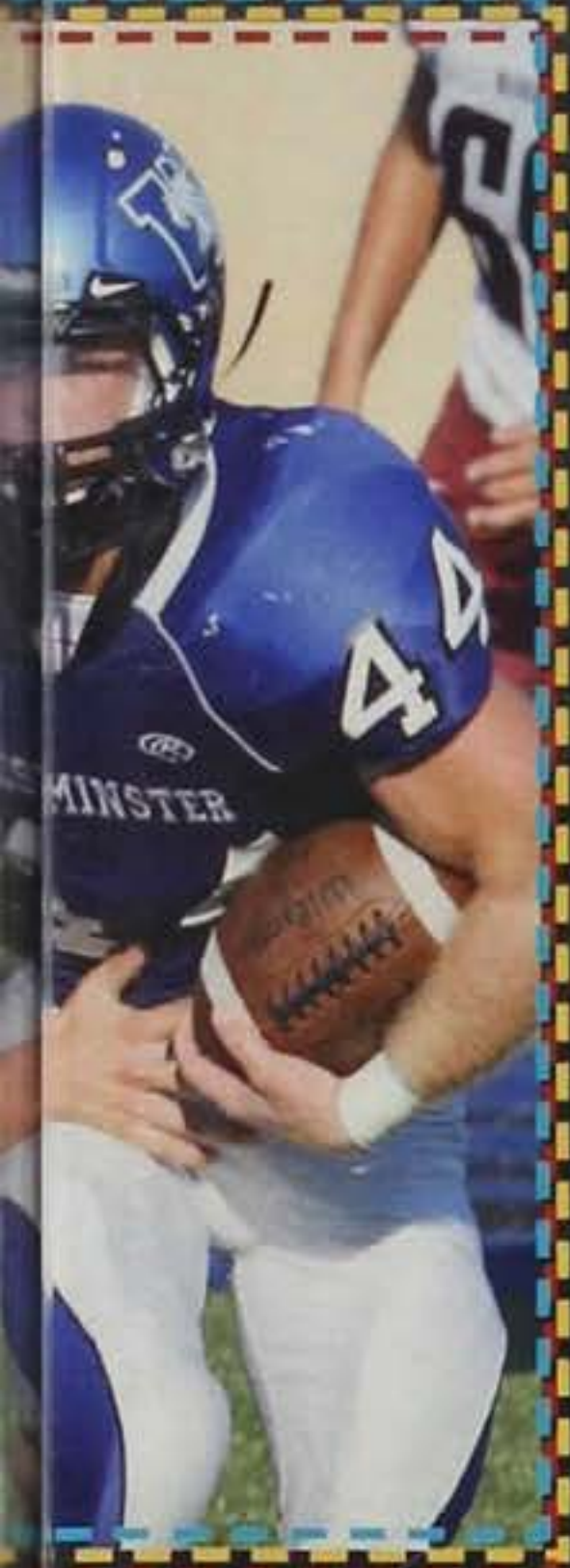
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On September 7, 1976, the **FIRST** pioneering students started their classes at the **NEWLY** opened Westminster Christian Academy. Crammed in a small section of Missouri Baptist University, the first graduating class of one, Clark Neuhoff, left a **LEGACY** for the new school. Never, in all his years, could he imagine the path Westminster would take.

In the years to come, Westminster relocated to a **SECOND** building, a part of the former Sanford Brown Business College building located on Manchester Road in Des Peres. It accumulated students until it was time for a **CHANGE**.

Violet Kouzes, junior



Audrey O'niell and Kaitlin Terschak, eighth graders



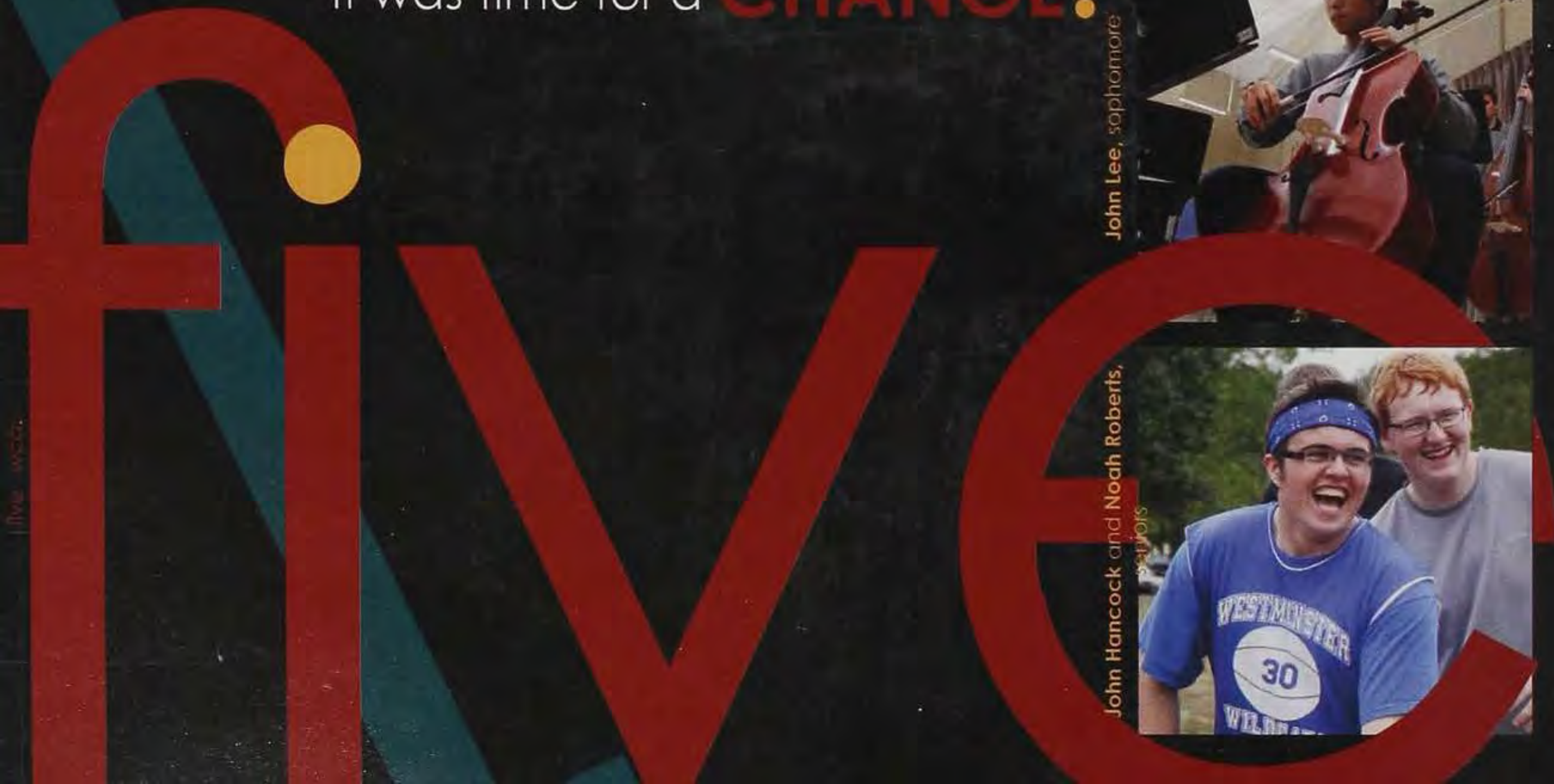
Michelle Bonacquisti, junior



John Lee, sophomore



John Hancock and Noah Roberts, sophomores



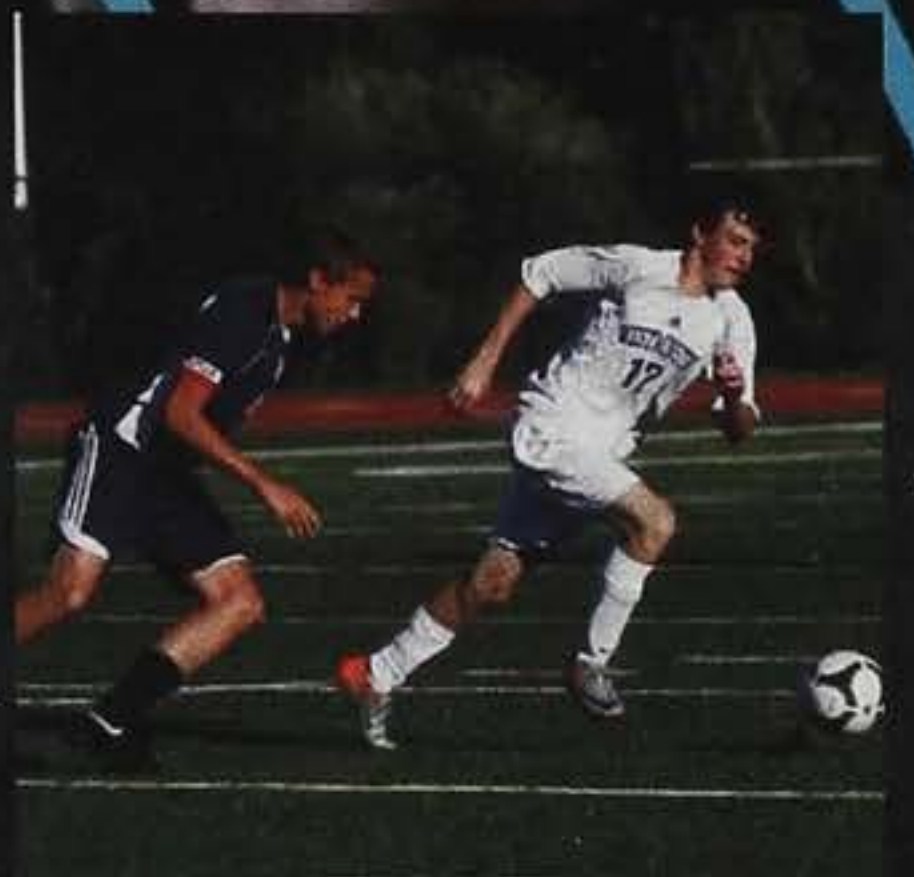


Caroline Hughes, seventh grade, runs through a senior PC tunnel on September 9. During the PC retreat, seventh graders were able to meet their group and play games such as "Where's my water bottle?" and "Honey If You Love Me..."

After their game against Notre Dame, the JV volleyball team huddles to talk about their game. The team had a season record of 15-13.



Harrison Farmer, freshman



Sam Dunne, freshman



Vikki MacKoul and Alivia Johnston, seventh graders



In the summer of 1982,
Westminster moved to the Ladue
campus: change **THREE.**

Here students had more room than they
could have **IMAGINED.**

Westminster had a building to call its own!

God continued to **BLESS** Westminster,
and after 16 years they underwent a

FOURTH change. The new
additions to WCA added on 60,000

square feet including a new gym and
science wing. No one imagined that

Westminster would have another move in its

FUTURE, yet after land was donated

to Westminster adjacent to previously

bought property a new plan
arose. The possibility of a

NEW building began.

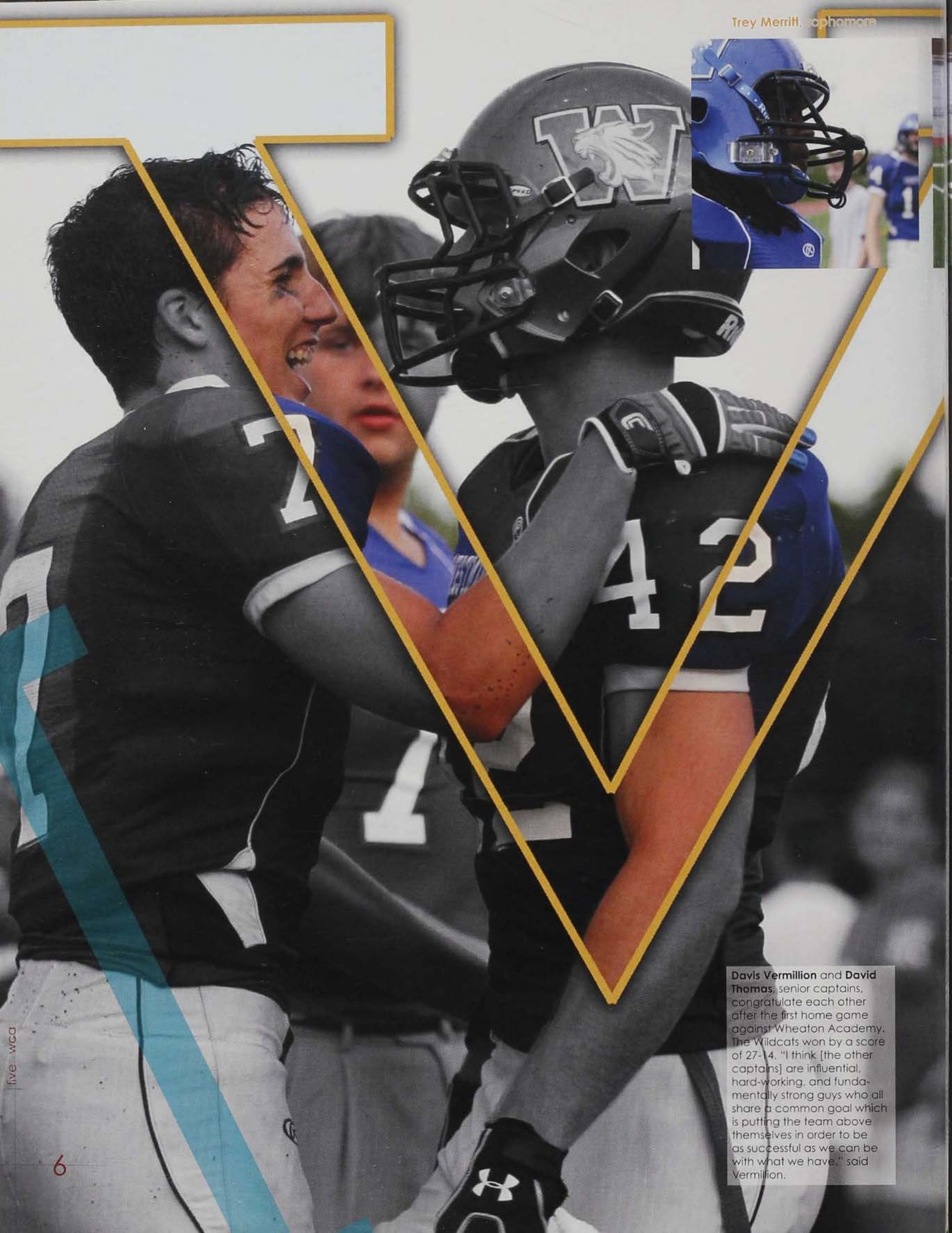
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Clayton Voges, seventh grade



Julia Davis and Taylor Cole, juniors



Davis Vermillion and **David Thomas**, senior captains, congratulate each other after the first home game against Wheaton Academy. The Wildcats won by a score of 27-14. "I think [the other captains] are influential, hard-working, and fundamentally strong guys who all share a common goal which is putting the team above themselves in order to be as successful as we can be with what we have," said Vermillion.

Zak Kessel, junior



Steven Matzig and Austin Mathai, freshmen



Seung Chan Jang, sophomore



Brianna Richards, freshman



In 2010, the **PLANS** were set. If Westminster sold the Ladue campus, the construction for the new campus could start. After selling the old campus, Westminster then met all the deadlines to follow.

There would be a new building: number **FIVE**.

On Aug. 1, 2011, the teachers transferred all of their supplies.

Finally, on August 22 the first day of school in the new campus **BEGAN**.

Then we Westminster students had a fresh start to **INVEST** in our new school. We had a chance to get **INVOLVED**, to try something new! Our actions on a

field, court, or gym **VERSUS** another team shaped our school's image. The way we dictated our lives gave Westminster a new **VOICE**. A voice

that eventually prepares us to **VENTURE** outside of Westminster's walls. Campus **five** is just a building

what did you do with it?

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Anticipation

Anticipation was high for the moment: 11:11 on December 11, 2011. "To be honest, I was pretty excited for it to come," said Cole Norman, senior.

Several classes decided to celebrate the special, once-in-a-lifetime occasion. For instance, Norman's fourth period class, Concert Choir, planned to sing in the Grand Entry for an entire minute. However, when the time passed the class instead sang to each other.

Next door, the String Orchestra class waited for the moment. "We waited for [11:11], stopped playing, and took pictures of the digital clock as it went to 11:11 and 11 seconds," said Carson Burke, freshman.

Although some classes celebrated the moment, others still proceeded with class. "In my AP US History class, we were taking a test.

Mr. Warren wouldn't let us do anything," said Shelby Kehr, junior.

Through the celebration of 11:11, teachers and students were able to

INVEST.

in each other's lives during the school day by creating a memory never to be repeated in their lifetimes.



During an all-singing chapel, **Peter Johnson**, senior, sings harmony and plays the piano. Johnson had been a member of chapel band for two years.



During a leadership meeting, **Neil Sutherland**, eighth grade, laughs while debating how to welcome new students to Westminster.



Andrew Montgomery, eighth grade, talks about making Christmas cards for residents at Delmar Gardens. Montgomery was one of many students who delivered cards to the residents.



Coloring a Christmas card, **Taylor Giddens**, eighth grade, socializes with other workers. The cards were delivered to senior citizens at the Delmar Gardens next door to Westminster's campus.



Margo Koby, eighth grade, writes a note of encouragement to a teacher. "It was great to see how much it meant," said Koby.

Patrick Agan
Griffin Andersen
Annie Auffenberg
Eli Avery
Teddy Bacon
Abbi Barron
Graci Barron
Jack Bauer



Logan Bauer
Brandon Beat
Josh Berglar
Rachel Berry
Caroline Brands
Sarah Broyles
Eyrica Brunk
Natalie Butler



Nick Callier
Chelsea Caplinger
Carson Coffee
Molly Cook
Josh Curry
Lexi Dark
Amanda Davis
Ethan Davitt



Luke Doiron
Connor Dolan
Seamus Dolnick
Brandon Douglas
Dawson Egan
Nick Ehrhart
Jesse Esparza-Burr
Lily Fiala



Zion Ford



FOLLOW THE LEADER.

Unbeknownst to most students, a group of eighth graders met every two weeks to discuss what leadership is. These students learned how served their classmates and teachers, as well as how to be selfless leaders.

The group learned that leaders do not have to be the center of attention or stand out to be considered one. Rather their leadership was most valued behind-the-scenes. "Leadership, in my opinion, doesn't mean that you have to do something extraordinary or life-changing. Being a leader can be as simple as picking up trash in the commons or writing notes of encouragement," said Margo Koby, eighth grade.

"Some leaders are bold and heroic. While others, like me, are in the background making sure things go well and making sure everyone feels accepted. I don't stand in front of crowds making a big speech about how we could improve the school. Leaders improve the school by their example, not by their words," said Blase Bell, eighth grade.

Meeting every other week helped teach these students how to serve WCA in a humble way. They learned skills that would help them excel as leaders not only in high school, but later on in life.

Alyse Tarantino, eighth grade, listens to Craig Walseth. Walseth talked about how students could be leaders in small, meaningful ways.



Nate Appelbaum, Nathan George, and Ty Borst, eighth graders, make Christmas cards for residents at Delmar Gardens. The leadership group, along with other eighth grade students, spent an advisory period working on this craft.



HEAVY LIFTING.

There was a variety of Physical Education classes available to high-school students in 2011-2012 including lifetime fitness, recreation sports, beginner strength, and advanced fitness. Ellie Huffman, senior, took strength and conditioning 1. "I really like this class, second semester I am going to advanced fitness because I like a challenge. On block days, we run sprints and have races, which I really enjoy," said Huffman.

Kayla Armstrong, sophomore, was in lifetime fitness during first semester. "We have a lot of fun with Miss Westoff, and we get to play a big variety of sports and games so you never get bored," said Armstrong. "I do swim team and cross country so I am always sore. This class helps me relax and relieve my all the tension in my muscles. I have it first hour so it is a good way to start out the day," said Abby Nixon, sophomore. Nixon was another student in lifetime fitness.

"We play games like croquet, badmitton, pickleball, washers [in recreational sports]. My favorite is kickball. This is my second year taking it because it is a lot of fun," said Maddie Ottsen, sophomore.

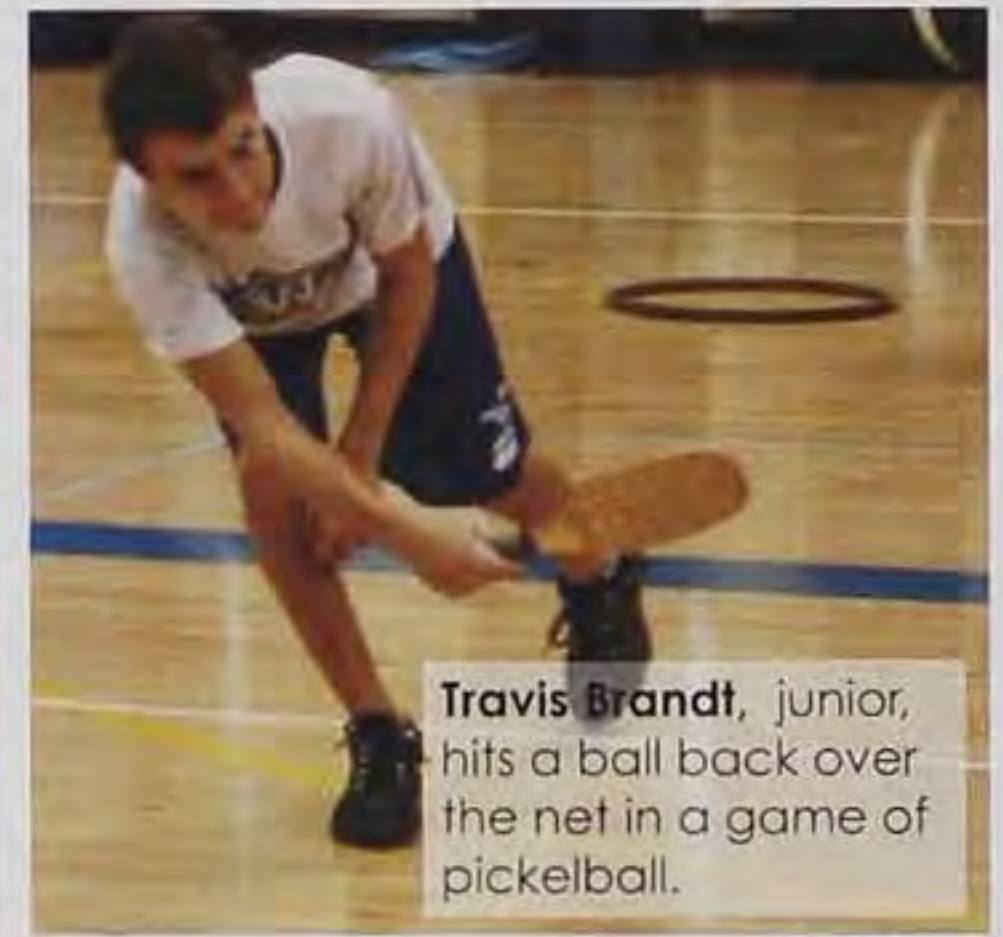
David Thomas, senior, was in advanced fitness. "I am in this class to keep improving. I keep my options open. I push myself to get stronger and faster everyday. Its also nice because I don't have to work out after school because I take this PE class," said Thomas. Having a wide variety of classes to choose from gave all students the chance to find the class that fit them best.

Valarie Chavez, junior, power cleans in sixth hour PE class. "I am in beginner strength training and I really like it because I get such a good work out everyday," said Chavez.

Kayla Brown, eighth grade, dances around during seventh hour PE. "I love to dance," said Brown.



During beginner strength and conditioning, **Zach Lokey**, junior, power cleans.



Travis Brandt, junior, hits a ball back over the net in a game of pickleball.

Taylor French
JT Fuller
Sarah Geisz
Sabrina Genovese
Kelsey Ginger
Chase Griesedieck
Eddie Griesedieck
Julie Griesedieck



Erika Gunn
Hannah Haguewood
Joelle Hathaway
Olivia Henderson
Olivia Holt
Cate Hoogstraten
Paris Hubler
Caroline Hughes



Gabby James
Laura Rose Johnson
Alivia Johnston
Dean Karanas
Sidney Keane
Jason Kelly
David Kerckhoff
Emily Kessel



Lauren Kessler
Jillian Klein
Paige Klein
Madison Koetting
Nikoli Lee
Anna Logan
Samantha Lombardo
Austin Loveland



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Logan Baurer, seventh grade, bench presses. "We used to go to the weight room which helped me get stronger. Now we're in the swimming unit and we play basketball and waterpolo in the pool which is cool," said Baurer.



Joshua Vander Velde, seventh grade, works his abs. "This is my first quarter doing PE and so far I like it. My favorite thing to do is the elliptical," said Vander Velde.



During seventh hour, **Morgan Braiser**, eighth grade, dances. "I think yoga is the most fun [activity in P.E.]," said Braiser.



Working on agility, **Austen Crim**, senior, jumps over boxes. Strength and Conditioning also focused on the technique of lifting during the semester.



EXPRESSION.

At Westminster's annual art show, Art a la Carte, **Auri Salem**, senior, talks to Westminster families about her sculpture. The eleven foot banana was made entirely of silverware which she welded together in her garage at home.



With a new space and a new director, there were big changes in store for the art department this year. For the first time there was a specific room for photography, a room for ceramics, and one for drawing. "It helps me focus on one art style," said Kaylie Duke, junior. The space also allowed for the art department to have more classes and grow in the future.

The new teachers changed most of the curriculum to make the classes their own as well as expand the students' art knowledge. The teachers tried to branch out into different subjects and show all the different ways that art can be used. Abigail Smith, sophomore, who took drawing said, "I feel like its more advanced, we use charcoal, pastel, and cover more mediums than we did last year. We just kind of started with the basics and didn't really progress as a class, where this year we've really improved." The photography class was also redone to provide a more in-depth study of the subject.

Although the students enjoyed the new resources and knowledge, they found that their favorite part of art, expressing themselves, stayed the same. Yoo Jin Hu, senior, claimed that when she made art, "I can forget about everything else and just focus on my work." Maegan Nelson, senior, said, "I love seeing the finished product when I worked hard on something."

Hannah Lovell
Lauren Lowe
Callie Macdonald
Vikki Mackoul
Allie Malawey
Jonathan Marshall
Alayna Marusiodis
Christina Mason



Savannah Mathews
Miranda Matuszewski
Christian Mcghee
Jake Mckie
Brandon Mckissic
Harry Medler
Jordan Merkel
Anna Mitchell



Jake Mitchell
Tomas Mitchem
Chris Moore
Cooper Moore
Caitlin Mundorf
Kalista Nelson
Matt Ottsen
Rebecca Park



Johnathan Parker
Luke Peters
Katie Port
Kyrstin Pritchett
Eri Ridenhour
Eryn Rideout
Hannah Sabadell
Daniel Schick



Molly Schoch





Izzy Hauptfear, eighth grade, draws her friend during art class. Along with drawing, middle school students explored techniques such as pastels and painting.



During ceramics, **Yoo Jin Hu**, senior, works on her coil pot. "We did a project where we made lanterns for candles. I really liked that project," said Hu.

Anna Bergman, sophomore, smooths her project during ceramics class. Though ceramics class has been at Westminster for many years, this year the new addition was pottery wheels, and a room solely dedicated to ceramics.



Juhyae Kim, freshman, paints with acrylics during art survey. During the class, students learned perspective and how to use math to make the illusion of 3-dimensional space.



Performing at Art a la Carte, **Andy Thomas**, sophomore, throws clay on the school's pottery wheel. Thomas learned to use the wheel when he took a class over the summer at Maryville University.



SMOOTHIES FOR DINNER.

The day after Christmas banquet is often a rough one. Students have stayed up late, girls' hair is still crunchy from hairspray, and mascara is still on their eyes. Despite all of this, the senior PC's had a responsibility of service. For weeks, the PC's had been selling Smoothie King smoothies in the Café on Tuesdays after school. The profit made went toward providing dinner for two families.

In addition to the dinner, the PC's bought presents for their children, who would not normally have received any.

Although some might think that serving at nine in the morning after Christmas Banquet is demanding, the PC's found it rewarding. Meg Rasche, a senior PC, bought a coat, hat, mittens, doll, coloring book, and crayons for a young girl.

Jessica Holt, senior, enjoyed the experience thoroughly, "The kids all came out of their rooms and were so sweet and happy we had come. One girl tried to sell me a puppy and I really wanted to buy it, but my parents would have killed me."



Emily Adkisson and Maddie Sturr, eighth graders, perform their cheer for their group led by Kaylee Trost, junior, at the PCJ retreat. Adkisson and Sturr were both members of Kaylee's Convicts.

Ben Schuler
Logan Sells
Michael Shaw
Rebekah Shields
Alyssa Shikles
Carter Snodgrass
Tom Southwell
Anna Stackle



Paige Stanfill
Josh Steiner
Zach Stinehagen
Bethany Stone
Kristin Strong
Ben Sullivan
Will Sutter
Cameron Tate

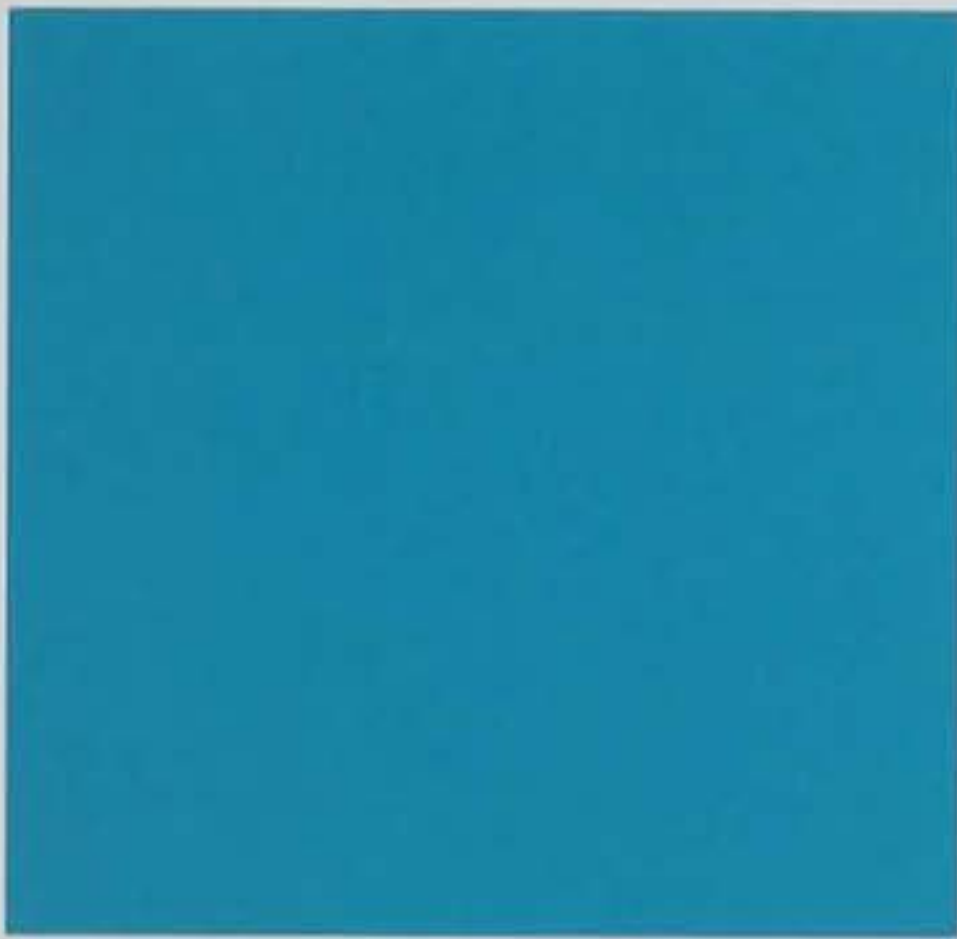


Nick Terbrock
Marissa Thames
Allison Thoenen
Matt Thomas
Joshua Vander Velde
Alena Vermillion
Steve Webb
Will Wetzel



Mackenzie Wieberg
Jonathan Williams
Valerie Winkler
Bennett Woodard
Oni Wright
Alexandra Yeager
Katherine Yenzer
Charlie Zone





Brandon McKissic, seventh grade, shrieks before the championship tug-of-war match. McKissic was in the PC group called Thomas' Titans. The Titans won the tug-of-war tournament.

Jessica Holt, senior, hugs one of her PC group members, **Jillian Klein**, seventh grade, after a balloon fight between the senior PCs and seventh grade class. Holt's PC group name was Holt's Hippies.

Brendan Solomon, junior, runs through a red rover line during the PCJ retreat. Red rover was a common tradition at the PC and PCJ retreats. Solomon was also a member of the cross country team.



SINGIN' ON THE STAIRS.

Naturally, when walking into the grand entry, a person's eyes were drawn to look toward the 24 stairs located in the center. Trying to utilize this, the high school Concert Choir started practicing on the stairs in preparation for special occasions and to brighten people's days. "The first time we sang in the grand entry it was really cool to watch people walk by and smile. They were coming in for school, so it was kind of unexpected," said Meg Rasche, senior.

The choir first performed on the stairs during the annual Founders Luncheon on November 7th. The luncheon was held to welcome Westminster board members, and it provided the board a chance to see the new building as well as experience part of the fine arts department first hand. When the board first walked into Westminster, the choir, singing a variety of songs on the stairs, welcomed them. "Singing for the founders was really fun, but kind of awkward because they weren't expecting it," said Jenni Jergenson, sophomore.

The chamber choir also sang on the stairs during Art A La Cart on December 13. "I think singing on the stairs was fun and sounded really cool," said Jenny Baldwin, sophomore.

"The grand entry echoes really well and makes for a very loud, nice sound," said Mr. Schwamb, choir teacher.



The basses and tenors rehearse their parts in the choir room on the day of the Art A La Carte concert. The choir sang songs such as *Plum Fairy*, *Dance of the Sugar Plum*, and *There is no Rose*.

In December, the high school band performs their christmas concert. Mr. Jones, the band director, conducted for both middle school and high school bands and jazz bands.



Faith Adamson
Emily Adkisson
Joey Albertson
Michael Alldredge
Nate Appelbaum
Annie Backs
Myles Bakewell
Mary Grace Barber



Clark Bartholomew
Blase Bell
Nick Bell
Lauren Bishop
James Bissell
Gabby Boeve
Ty Borst
Morgan Brasier



Kayla Brown
Brooke-Ellen Brugner
Caleb Buffa
Sterling Burton
Caira Butler
Nick Cacciarelli
Willie Canfield
Macy Catlett



Kendreaa Cobb
Jillian Combs
Aaron Cook
Tessa Copeland
Caleb Curry
Ally Dalby
Maggie Dare
Cortez Davis



During fourth hour, Allan Schwamb, choir teacher, directs the concert choir. On one evening in December, all the arts in Westminster hosted Art a la Carte to celebrate the talents of the students.



Lance Richards, sophomore, plays the violin in orchestra. Lance had been playing the violin for 8 years.



During Art a la Carte, the Chamber choir sings on the stairs. Chamber choir was a select group of singers who practiced before school on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.

Band & Choir | [nine]



中國在威斯敏斯特 (Chinese at Westminster)

Alivia Johnston and **Paris Hubler**, seventh graders, go over a worksheet during Spanish class.



Sea Sirisilp, junior, studies the Chinese characters. The students memorized each word individually because there is no Chinese alphabet.

During Spanish class, **Alexandra Yeager**, seventh grade, presents a project. The project included preparing a meal and presenting it to the class.



In 2012, China was the fastest advancing society in the world. Westminster wanted to be a part of this growing society by adding another foreign language. "My family has a business that imports stuff from China, so I think taking this course will help me absorb this language easier in the future," said Sea Sirisilp, junior. Sirisilp hoped to someday help translate business deals between the Chinese and his family.

Through the online program the students learned the Chinese characters and the pronunciation of the words. Their daily routine was to log onto the computers and learn about the language. On one occasion, the class had a special guest. "A native Chinese speaker came and taught the class. It was a different experience from online lectures and was very interesting," said Grace Bae, sophomore. The speaker provided an exciting break from the computer with his living examples of the Chinese culture.

Riley Adkisson, freshman, said that he took Chinese over Spanish or French, because it was a new experience. "I took Spanish last year and I wanted a change. I was not a huge fan of Spanish, so I am glad they have a new program to choose from." Westminster opened new opportunities for the students to learn about a new culture and language.

Rashon Davis
Robert Davis
Ryan Davis
Sinclair Davis
Mason Davitt
Aaron Dillmon
Taylor Dorsey
Avery Drury



Nathan Duke
Sophie Dunlap
Alissa Dwyer
Maggi Eachus
Nick Ebel
Andrew Eichelberger
Lexie Einertson
Sam Everhardt



Lindsey Falkner
Claire Fellows
Hannah Fiala
Azaria Foster
Nick Frogge
Nathan George
Taylor Giddens
Aaron Gion



Scott Goldfarb
Tom Graham
Missy Grasse
Harrison Greer
Lauren Griesedieck
Paul Griesedieck
Hannah Groce
Clara Gruneisen



International Korean students, **Grace Bae**, sophomore, and **Megan Lee**, junior, listen to the pronunciation of the Chinese words during third period.



您好

(Nín hǎo)

"Hello"

[Peter Kim, sophomore]



Favorite
Words

喝咖啡

(Hē kāfēi)

"To Drink Coffee"

[Jeff Meyers, senior]



爸

(Bà)

"Dad"

[Paion Nix, senior]

Language Academics 2[one.]





ARMED WITH TAPE.

Josh Ortiz, junior, takes a measurement in order to help make his boat. Each team worked on their boats during class everyday for two weeks.

As middle school algebra I students and high school algebra II students entered the classroom, they expected to be hit with x's and y's. Rather, they were handed cardboard and tape.

Middle school math teacher, Dale Beachy, and high school math teacher, Jacob Mohler, decided they would team their classes together. Their goal? To integrate math into a real life scenario by having students build life-size boats. "Two big takeaways were seeing that math could be used in real life and to help a predominantly digital and technologically savvy generation make something with their hands," said Mohler.

"We learned about volume and water displacement," said Alysse Tarantino, eighth grade.

Each group had eighth grade and upper school algebra II working together to accomplish their goal: beating Mr. Marsh during the final boat race in the pool. Each group was given five days to create a prototype as well as a life-size boat.

"It involved a lot of math. They wanted us to try something new and have fun at the same time," said Alyson McKie, eighth grade.

In the end, Mr. Marsh, rowing in the boat designed by Mr. Beachy and Mr. Mohler, received 3rd place. This gave 1st and 2nd placed teams bragging rights over their own teachers and head master.

Isabel Guariglia
Connor Hafenrichter
Nathan Hall
Ciarra Hampton
Elisabeth Harding
Sofie Harjoe
Julia Harre
Izzy Haupfear



Jordan Hawkins
Miles Hehner
Hannah Heintz
Chris Heyl
Casey Hinds
Caroline Holden
Alex Hopkins
Zach Hughes



Alec Hungerford
Sam Hunsicker
Erin Hunt
Ben Isaacs
Joel Johnson
Patrick Jung
Grace Keane
Lucy Kehr



John Kim
Margaret Koby
James Kouzes
Adan Larraga Manzano
Joonsok Lee
Minsok Lee
Lauren Lindgren
Jack Linton



Rebecca Liu
Lauren Massot
Jake Matheny
Logan McCall
Alyson McKie
Kaitlyn Mehlhouse
Drew Melaragno
Kaylah Meredith





During math class, **Tom Graham**, **Lindsey Falkner**, and **Alyson McKie**, eighth graders, work on creating their boat. "We had many preparations that we needed to do in order to build our cardboard boats. We had to figure out the volume, find the length and width, and several other calculations," said Falkner.



Nate Applebaum, eighth grade, works to secure the helm of his watercraft during third hour. His group finished in first place.



Lindsey Falkner, eighth grade, constructs a cardboard boat. "My favorite part was definitely when we raced our boats and hoped ours didn't sink," said Falkner.



Students make final preparations on their boats during class in the eighth grade commons. "The smaller boats held more weight and were easier to steer," said **Kaitlin Terschak**, eighth grade.

Math Academics 2[three.]



MILLS MALL GOT IT ALL

While the high school looked forward to Christmas Banquet at the end of the semester, the middle school looked forward to the Christmas Party at the Mills Mall. This past year, it took place at the Nascar Speedpark.

The middle school students enjoyed the numerous activities they were able to participate in. "We had so many options of things to do. We could play puttputt, go carts inside and outside, lazer tag, rockclimbing, or of course play in the huge arcade room!" said Caitlin Mundorf, seventh grade. "We did a little bit of everything and we had a great time, but my favorite thing was definitely go carts," said Madison Koetting, seventh grade.

Being able to skip a day of school was a great benefit to the middle school students. "Just about the whole day we went go-carting and played a truck game with all my friends and we got loads of tickets, so we had a lot of fun," said Jordan Merkle, seventh grade.

Although middle school students are not quite of age to be apart of Upper School Christmas Banquet, they still had an exclusive, fun-filled day to call their own.

Abbi Barron and **Alena Vermillion**, seventh grade, count their tickets from the games. "All my friends and I put our tickets together and we ended up having 2,010 tickets!" said Barron.



Andrew Montgomery
Mckenna Montgomery
Ben Moore
Brennan Murphy
Claire Nichols
Gracie Nye
Audrey O'Neill
Jared Orange



Lauren Ramos
Claire Rebbe
Tommy Regan
Nick Rogers
Lilly Sansone
Matt Schlafly
Timmy Sell
Zach Shultz



Gabby Sicard
Kendra Slater
Hannah Grace Smith
Stewart Snapp
Maddie Sturr
Neil Sutherland
Alyse Tarantino
Kaitlin Terschak



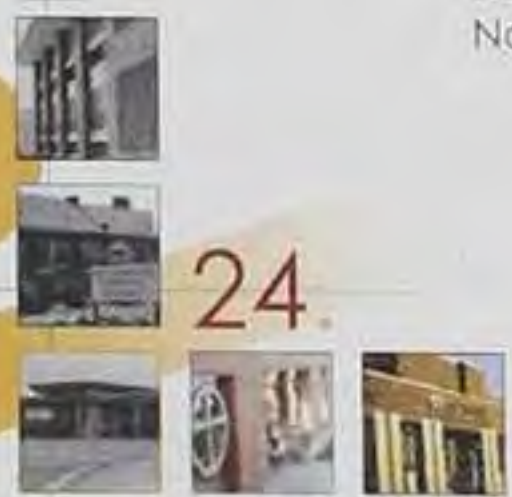
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Megan Wibbenmeyer

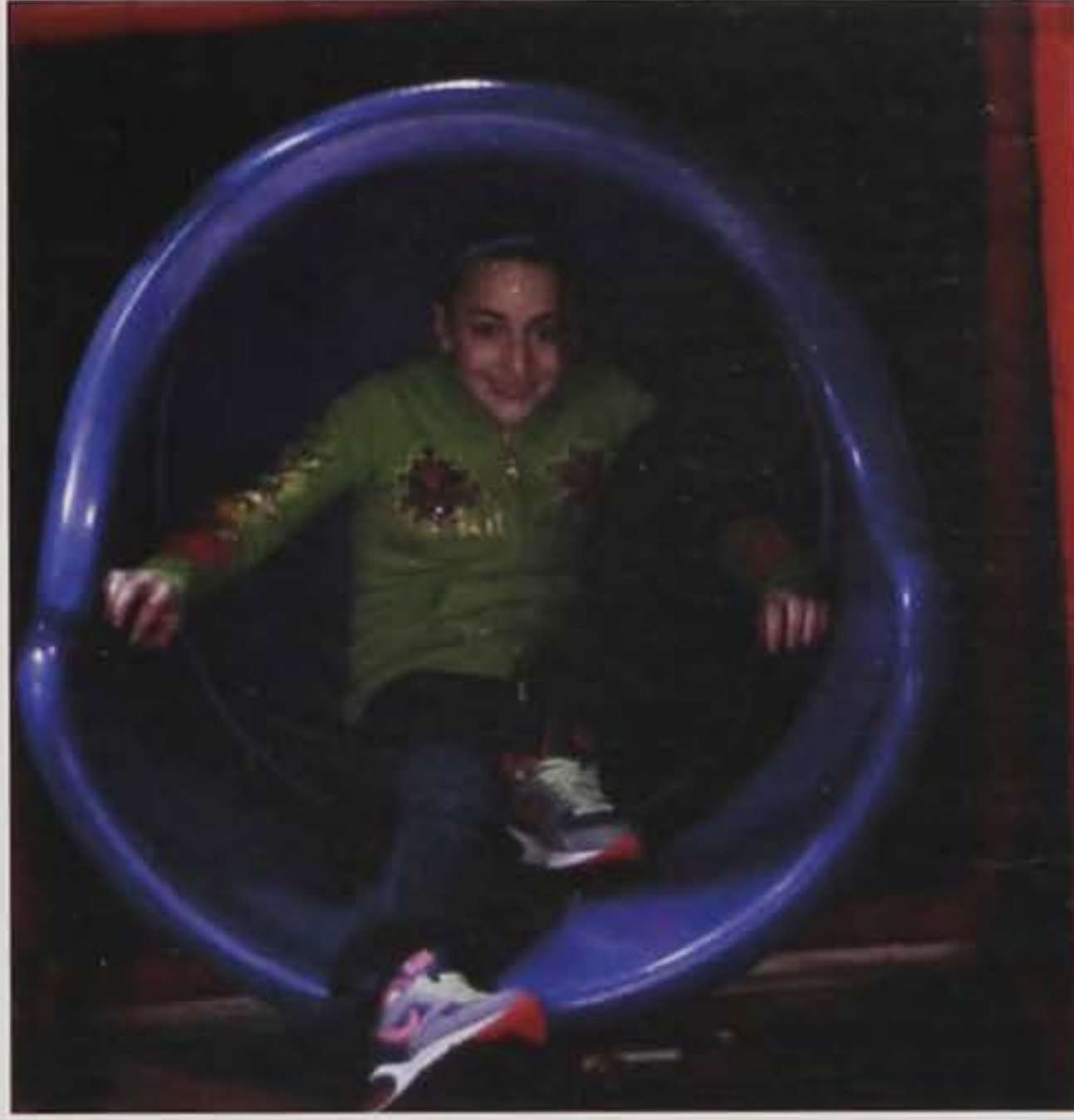


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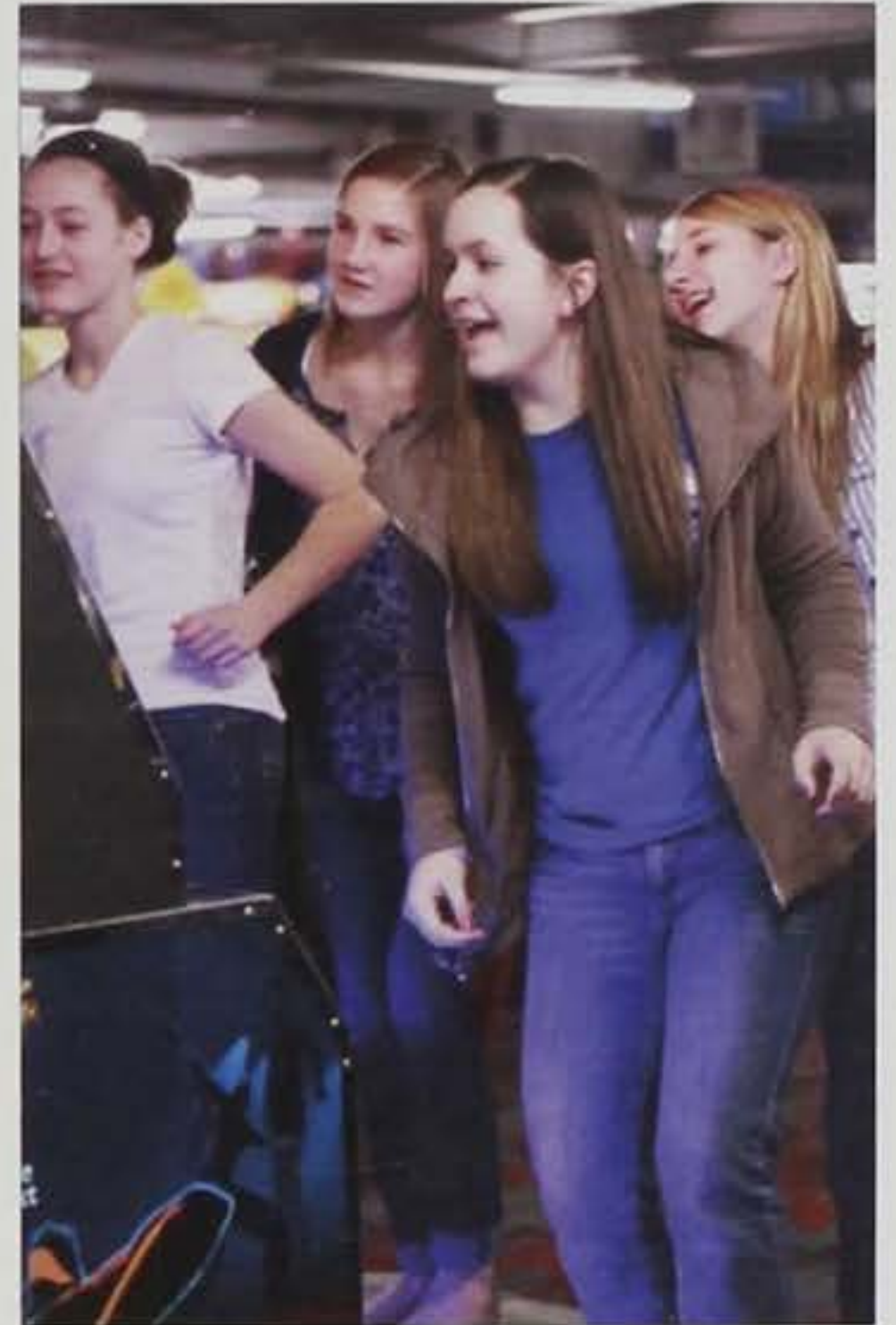
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Zac Shultz, eighth grade, plays putt putt with his friends. "My favorite holes were when you had to hit the ball up a ramp into a hole and then it would come out through another hole down below," said Schultz.

At the Mills Mall, **Paris Hubler**, seventh grade, comes down the slide. "It was a small slide on a kids playground that I went down in the arcade room, but it was funny," said Hubler.

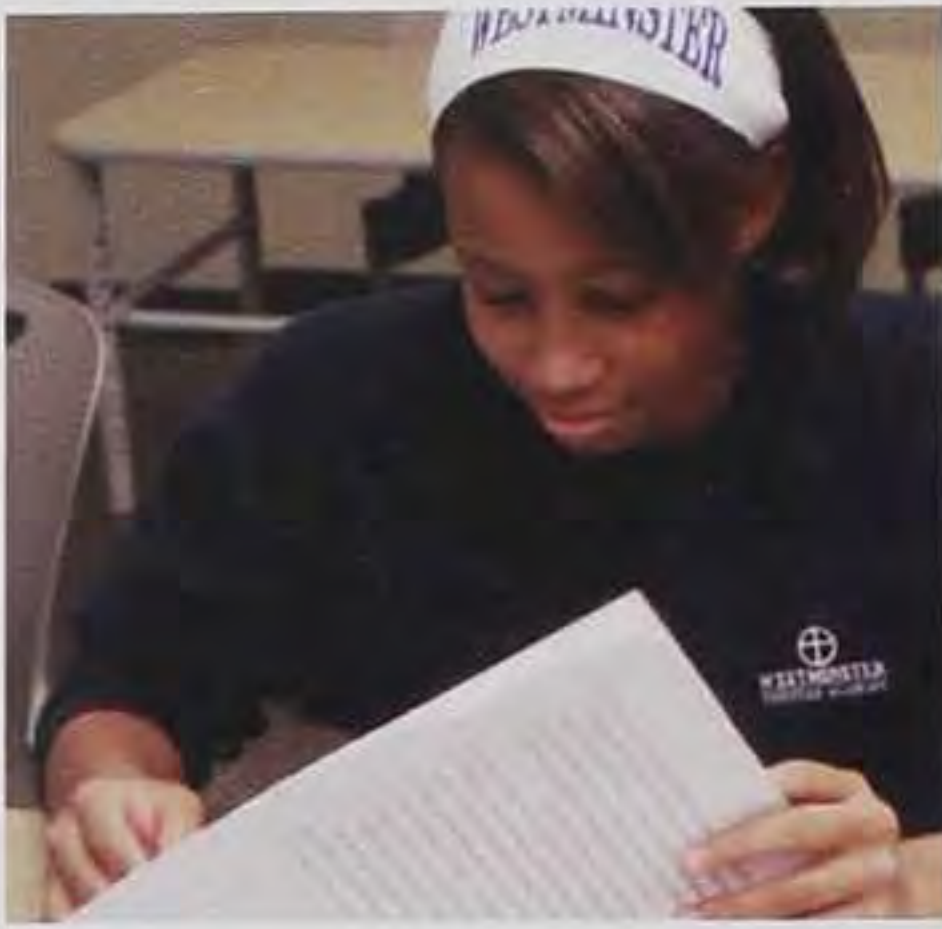


Chelsea Caplinger, seventh grade, goes on a special car ride at Mills. "My friends and I all went on a little kid ride in the arcade room at Mills and rode on the cars. It was so funny and ended up being really fun," said Caplinger.

In the arcade, **Chris Heyl**, eighth grade, plays a shooting game against his friend **Harrison Greer**, eighth grade. "I won a lot of tickets and it was really exciting," said Heyl.

Tessa Copeland, **Clara Gruneisen**, **Claire Rebbe**, and **Morgan Braiser**, eighth graders, play Dance Dance Revolution. Other options for games were laser tag, go carts, and arcade games.





Maya Holmes, sophomore, uses advisory to edit her paper for Literature of Western Civilization class. Literature was Holmes final class of the day.



During advisory, **Brandt Wieberg**, sophomore, reads a book for his ethics project. Wieberg used his time as a study hall to get little pieces of extra work done.

Julian Adams
Lavinia Adcock
Riley Adkisson
Caroline Agan
Lauren Alldredge
Sean Appelbaum
Sydney Arnold
Ellie Bacon



Will Barry
Olivia Bauer
Courtney Beat
David Becker
Josh Behm
Sarah Betz
Madilynn Blum
Brendan Bognar



Te'a Bouie
Sam Breifigam
Ricky Breneman
Trent Briden
Brandon Brouk
Emily Broyles
Tim Burford
Carson Burke



Grace Burzinski
Kirsten Caplinger
Jacob Chimento
Callie Christen
Nicole Chung
Sabrina Cockerham
Erin Conaghan
Olivia Coomes



Justin Creighton
Joseph Curtis
Josh Degroot
Melanie Dix
Cameron Dodge
Gavin Dodge
Christopher Doll
Alyssa Dosmann



Lily Duell
Sam Dunne
Whitney Dykstra
Alex Ebel
Amanda Ebert
Andrew Eichenlaub
Jordan Eimer
Becca Eis



Bianca Esparza-Burr



25 MINUTES OF...

At approximately 1:10 on a Wednesday afternoon, students could be seen studying, relaxing, or asking teachers questions to better understand the material. Welcome to advisory. It was a replacement for neighborhoods where students had small group time.

Students now had a twenty-five minute study hall to do whatever they needed to get done. Some students spent the time reviving from the long hours of a block day. "I liked just hanging out and enjoying my friends' company," said Mary Wynn, sophomore. Other students continued to work in order to finish homework. "In advisory, I did my homework for my seventh hour, this helped relieve my stress at night," said Lance Richards, sophomore.

Some students bonded with their advisors. For instance, in Ms. Schwartz's advisory Mary Wynn, Haley Woolbright, and Mackenzie Yeager spent their time talking and laughing with Ms. Schwartz. "I love my advisory because I got the pleasure of spending it with Ms. S," said Mackenzie Yeager, sophomore.

Most students enjoyed the twenty five minutes do to whatever they please. In a way they were given freedom from all of their work they had to accomplish during the day.

Victoria Weldon, sophomore, giggles at her classmates while trying to read. Weldon's advisor was Kelley Schwartz, history teacher.

On Wednesday during advisory, **Alex Beard**, junior, cleans out his locker. Several times throughout the year, students would take advisory time to have a class-wide locker cleanout.

While listening to her Ipod, **Jordan Weber**, sophomore, finishes the rest of her homework. Jordan also played lacrosse for Westminster in the spring.

Advisory 2 [seven.]



MISSING GAME 6.

Who would have thought that the Cardinals would make it to game six of the world series in 2011? Surely not all of St. Louis. However, it just so happens that the night of game six was the same night as the anual Open House that Westminster Ambassadors host.

It came as a huge dissapointment when all the ambassadors found out that while everyone was at home watching the game, they would be busy pointing strangers in the right direction and making small talk. According to Peggy Johnson, about four hundred plus people RSVP'd but attendance was less than that which was as expected because no one thought game six would be going on at the same time.

"I was really mad when I found out I wouldnt be able to watch the first several innings of the game, however when I got to Open House the game was on the big TV's in the commons and everyone was standing around watching the game," said Tyler Burns, sophomore. This was a relief to many of the Ambassadors.

"As soon as we got permission to leave the open house I got home as fast as I could to see the rest of the game," said Trip Worley, sophomore. Other ambassadors had tickets to go to the game but had to give them up to friends or other family members because they had to work the event. "I had to give up my ticket to my sister Bailey and it killed me to not be able to be there," said Shane Benes, sophomore.

Baxter Estes
Nathan Estock
Anna Evans
Michael Failoni
Harrison Farmer
Sarah Jane Fiala
Ethan Finn
Michael Fiore



Megan Galvin
Hannah Geisz
Ben Gienke
Hannah Gilmore
Matt Goebel
Trevon Gooch
Jay Green
Abi Hackman



Anna Hagan
Britt Hagemeyer
Mary Kathryn Hancock
Aleeah Harden
Johnny Hardin
Jordan Harvey
Brittany Hayes
Mary Heyl



Bailey Hiatt
Cameron Hibbler
Kathryn Hinrichs
Adrienne Horn
Steven Howell
Janie Hughes
Nathan Jackson
Julia Johnson



Megan Johnson
Josh Keane
Amon Kehr
Alex Kessel
Juhya Kim
Taylor King
Kaitlin Kittelson
Ashley Klein



Ashton Kratky
Jon Lauer
Dongbin Lee
Siwei Li
Christian Linhoff
Ben Linxwiler
Madison Massot
Austin Mathai



Cailyn McCarthy, and Trip Worley, sophomores, welcome people in the grand entry at the sign in table for Middle School Ignite. This was McCarthy's first year serving as an Ambassador.



Emily Broyles, freshman, points prospective parents up the stairs in the grand entry so they can see the Academic Hub.



Tyler Burns, sophomore, and Stephanie Lieber, senior, help parents who are still looking for a classroom after the bell rang. This year was Burns' first year and Lieber's second year as an ambassador.

Taylor Deves and Erin Bognar, juniors, assist a parent in finding their way at the Upper School Ignite. "It makes me feel better about having many fardies when I see parents who are just as lost as me in this huge building," said Deves.



Ambassadors 2[nine.]



WHAT IT TAKES.

The Art Club worked closely with the robotics team on the aesthetics of their robot and team design. The club also pooled their talents and pieces of art to come together and make up Art a la Carte 2012.

Art Club

Jazz & Pep Band

The group of musicians that were part of the jazz and pep band had rehearsals during band classes, after school on Fridays, and various Saturdays. They added to the atmosphere at home football and basketball games.

"Newspaper gives you the opportunity to find your voice but it also requires hours of careful planning, thinking and collaboration from the staff," said Melinda Oliver, junior & features editor.

Newspaper

Yearbook

"Yearbook takes time and effort, but it is worth it once you see the finished product. It is the best class I have ever taken at Westminster." said Meg Rasche, senior editor in chief.

Luke Matheny
Steven Matzig
Jon McCoy
Megan McDaniel
Sarah McFarland
Lake McGinty
Christian Meeks
Trey Merritt



Thomas Meyer
Caleb Miller
Parker Mitchem
John Moeller
Ali Montgomery
Egan Moylan
Caleb Mundorf
Oluranti Oginni



Eli Parham
Sam Parham
Bria Paxton
Sam Peterman
Ciarra Peters
Austin Port
Drew Port
David Pruitt



Marissa Rasch
Tierra Reese
Brianna Richards
Mike Richardson
Rachel Ritter
Ashlee Rogers
Karagen Rogers
Madaline Ross



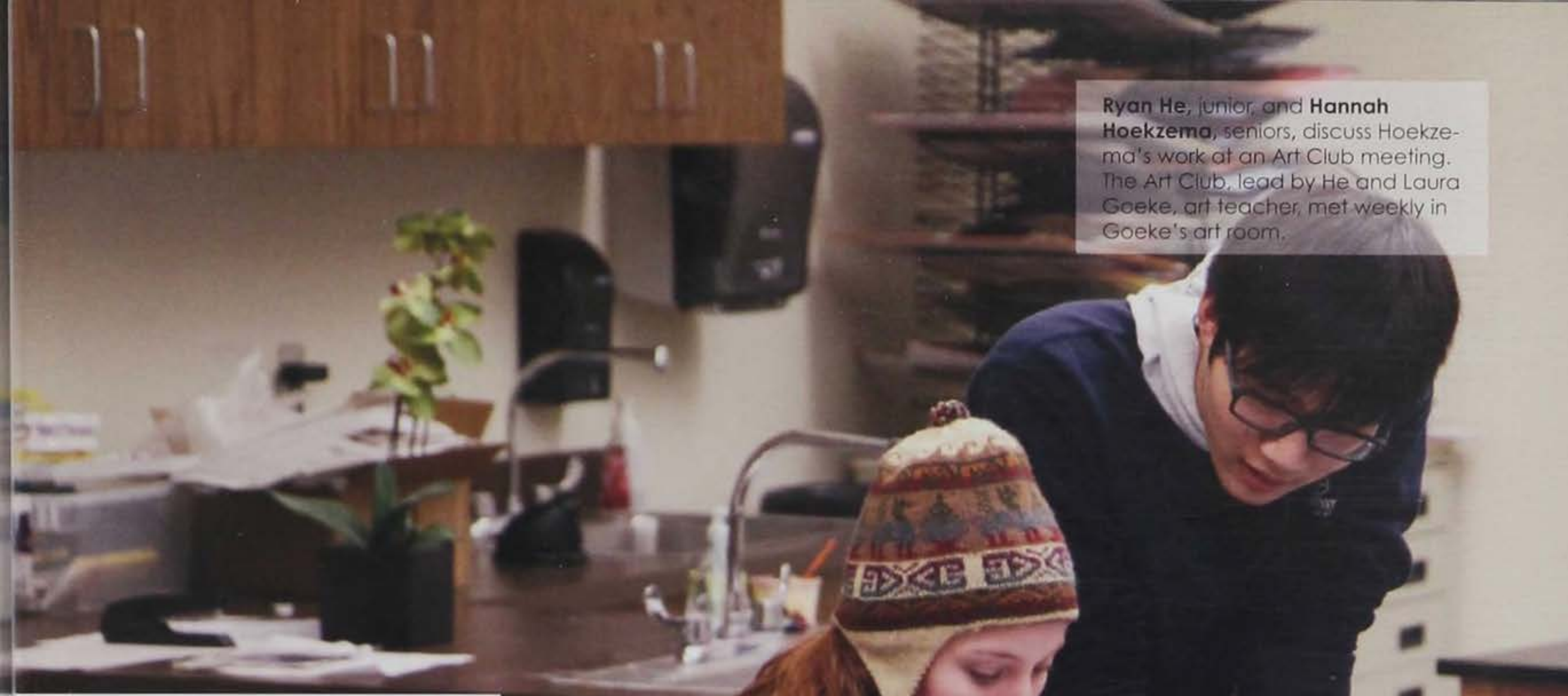
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Reed Schick
Elizabeth Schmidt
Emma Schoch
Maddie Schuler
Nathan Scott
Lucy Sell
Hunter Sells



Luke Shields
Carl Simakoff
Jack Southwell
Graham Stanfill
Angelina Steck
Jessa Stone
Drew Straub
Stephanie Strothkamp



Ryan He, junior, and Hannah Hoekzema, seniors, discuss Hoekzema's work at an Art Club meeting. The Art Club, lead by He and Laura Goeke, art teacher, met weekly in Goeke's art room.



Kalista Nelson, seventh grade, reads the newspaper while eating her lunch. The newspaper staff put out a new issue every month featuring opinions, school news, and sports updates.



Kaylie Duke, junior, **Ramya Gruneisen**, and **Courtney Powell**, seniors, work on the senior ads for the yearbook. Duke and Gruneisen were the operations manager, while Powell was copy editor for the yearbook.



Seamus Dolnick, seventh grade, laughs while reading "The Wildcat Roar", Westminster's newspaper. This is the newspaper's third year of posting their content online, as well as printing issues monthly.



Things That Produce 3[one.]



TAKING A RISE IN DEVOTION.

For the second year in a row the middle school had Rise in the morning instead of traditional devotions. Rise was a devotion time for the seventh and eighth grade which they were assigned to go to before their first hour class in the morning. This opportunity allowed the middle schoolers to have a more significant relationship with God.

Everyday there was a new devotion to look forward to. "I like it because it allows me to have a good time with God in the morning because it reminds me that God is most important everyday." said Lucy Kehr, eighth grade. It allows the middle schoolers to spend time with God for six minutes in the morning so they don't put it aside.

Everyone has busy scheduals with sports and school work that it becomes difficult to find time for a good devotion. It allows them to spend time with God in the morning so they dont put it aside when they have sports or school work. "It works out great with sports and school because when I get home from school I dont have time. It's nice having a devotion in the morning and not worrying about it later in the day." said Willie Canfield, eighth grade.

"I really just like the fact that students can start the day preparing their hearts and minds for school. Also, and most importantly, I think spending some time engaging the word/Bible and considering the Gospel of Christ is a good and right way to spend 6 minutes of your morning." said Jeremy Scott, eighth grade Bible teacher.

Jack Linton, eighth grade, takes time in Rise to pray quietly to himself.



Kevin Stump
Emily Sulewski
Josh Sumner
Blake Sutphen
Chrissy Talent
Amber Terlouw
Quentin Tate
Justin Thames



Bo Thomas
Samuel Thomas
Sydney Thomas
Makiya Thompson
Ally Trakas
Rachel Urban
Jacob Waller
Blake Weaver



Matt Weber
Corey Weinberg
Caroline Welch
Daniel Welker
Fisher Wells
Michael Weston
Grace Wickham
Ashlyn Wiggins



David Williams
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Erika Wilson
Kayla Wilson
Morgan Winkelmeier
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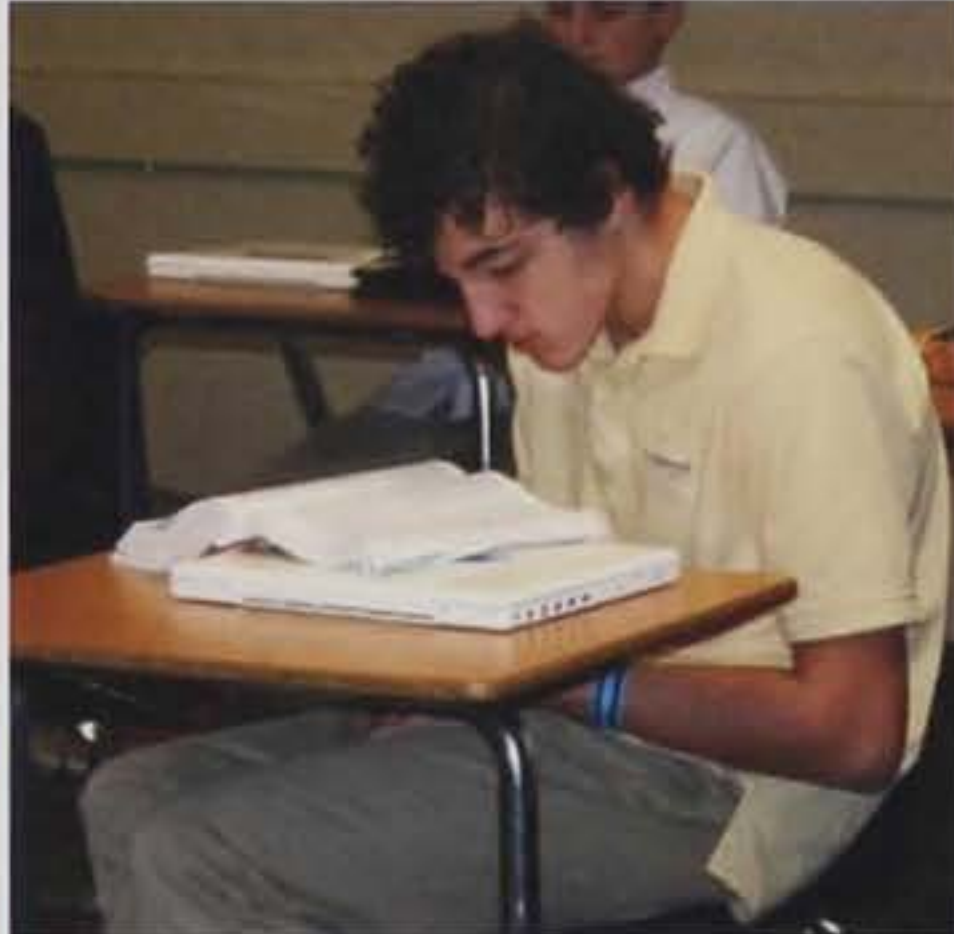
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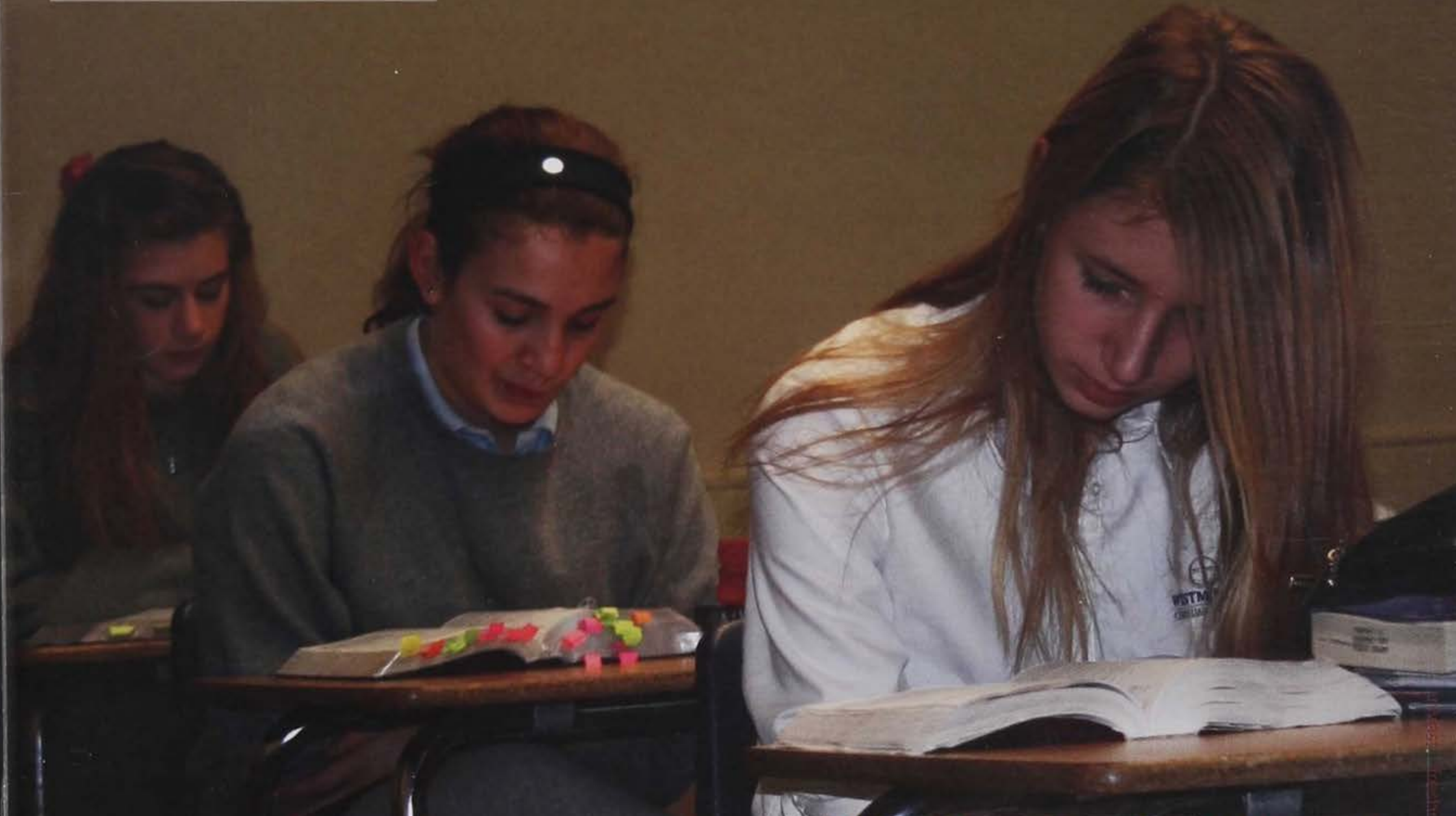


Morgan Brasier, eighth grade, reads her Bible. "I like Rise because it gives me an experience to get closer to God," said Brasier.

During Mrs. Honeycutt's and Mr. Schwamb's rise period, **Andrew Eichelberger**, eighth grade, reads out of his Bible.



Claire Rebbe, Kaitlyn Mehlhouse, and Lauren Lindgren, eighth grade, focus on reading out of Luke 8 in the middle of Rise.



DUNKIN DON'TS.

Every year Susie Pike, STUCO advisor, picks out a theme for the year, which STUCO members can build off of throughout the year. The topic this year was "Dunkin' Don'ts," based off of Mathew 10, the great Commission.

"It's all about us. It helps us keep our faith firm all the time when we look at it in Mrs. Pike's room." said Hong Young Choi, junior.

According to the Student Council, setting up the Carnival was more challenging than other years. "Mrs. Pike would tell us to retrieve supplies from certian rooms, but none of us knew where those rooms were. Setting up didn't go as smoothly as it has in the past because of the new layout." said Maya Taylor, sophomore.

Because of the new campus, carnival was difficult to pull out, but it definitely was a success. STUCO was expecting more people to come this year. Over two thousand people showed up and STUCO members received positive feedback.

Kristen Ahlbrand
Jennie Albertson
Bradley Almus
Brennen Almus
Julia Alpert
Kayla Armstrong
Paige Arnold
Michael Backs



Grace Bae
Emma Bailey
Catherine Bakewell
Jenny Baldwin
Justice Barlett
Emily Baum
Bryan Bayer
Beau Beattie



Sarah Becker
Tristan Becker
Celeste Beckman
Derek Bell
Austin Benefield
Shane Benes
Anna Bergman
Sam Bettlach



Melissa Blackwell
Brett Bond
Zack Bross
Tyler Burns
Heather Burt
Elise Burton
Jeff Camp
Annie Canfield



Andrew Cannon
Logan Cantagi
Hannah Caple
Tyler Catlett
Sung Jin Cho
Kyle Cline
Andrew Colgrove
Anna Cordray



Jill Coyne





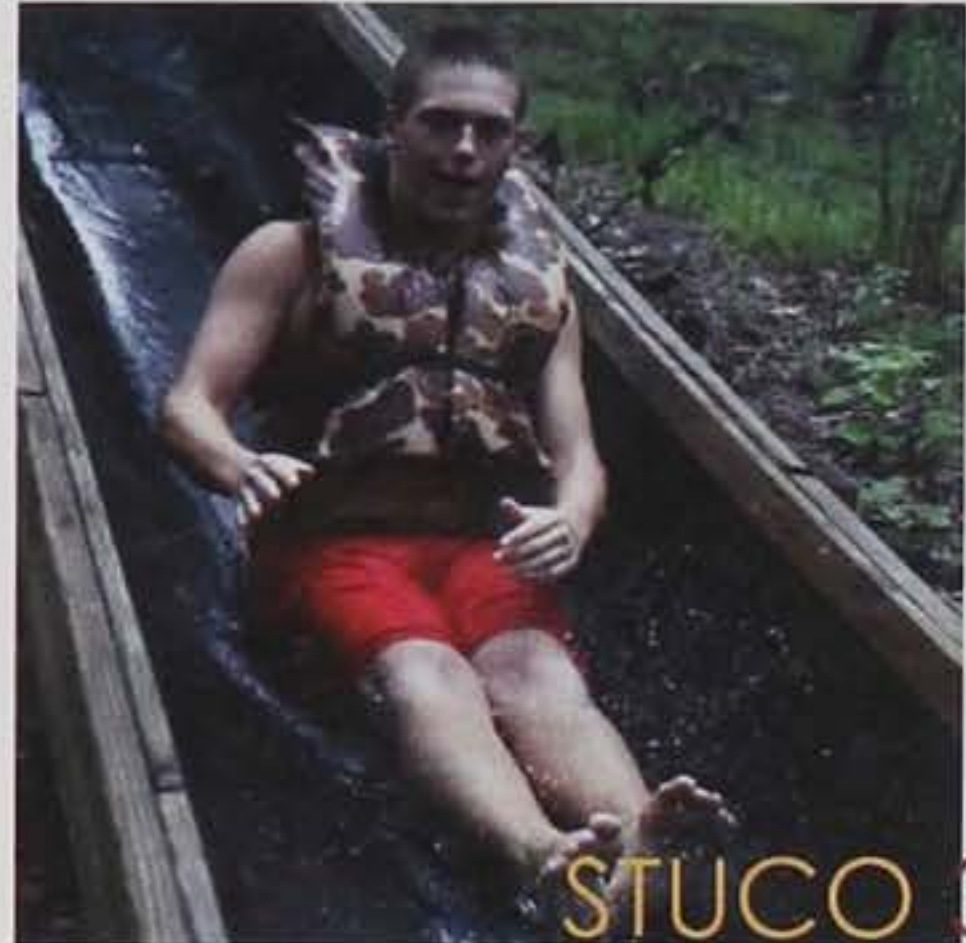
Taylor Hughes and **Avery Anderson**, seniors, and **Caleb Krumsieg**, sophomore, prayed as a group during the leadership retreat after the group discussion. As a senior, Hughes was chosen to lead the group.

During the leadership retreat, **Dylan Andres**, **Meg Rashe**, and **Maggie Duffy**, seniors, enjoyed a game of Mafia, which was played many times throughout the retreat.



Nick Ramos, senior, used the bungee cord to help him climb as far as he could during Carnival. The user would attach himself using a harness and run as hard and fast as he or she could. The farther one went, the better.

Ben Mitchell, junior, flies down the slick but steep slide. "I probably went down that slide about 10 times," said Mitchell. The slide was popular during the retreat



STUCO 3 [five.]



INSIDE A LEADER.



Amanda Radasch, senior treasurer, works on a math assignment during advisory. Radasch had been the class of 2012's treasurer for two years.

Some may only hear about them during class elections and some may not see them at work, but the class officers are always there planning everything behind the scenes. In each upper school grade there was a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, spirit chair and service chair. Each of these positions had their own specific responsibilities throughout the year and led their classes behind the scenes.

To Harrison Farmer, freshman president, being a leader was, "That the class officers get to do things for our class without them even really knowing. We get to plan things for them and make stuff without the glory which I think is what leadership really is," said Farmer. But also, being a class officer could be really fun. As a class officer, during advisory, all the class officers had a small advisory and enjoyed having fun inside jokes. "We have this joke with Dr. Gibson, freshman Bible teacher, that we say 'Teach Me How to Gibby,'" said Matthew Goebel, freshman vice president.

With the job of a class officer came responsibilities, but also fun opportunities and the chance to serve a class behind the scenes.

Taylor Davidson
Eichel Davis
Micah Degler
Madison Deves
Audrey Dodds
McKinzie Duesenberg
Danny Dwyer
Collin Einertson



Grayson Everhardt
Corey Falkner
Greg Fleissner
Dominic Franceschelli
Aaron Geesey
Andrew George
Nick George
Blake Gierse



Khiley Giles
Emma Glasgow
Kelly Goebel
Morgan Grimm
Alex Hagemeyer
Jaimee Hamm
Kayla Hampton
Olivia Harre



Mimi Hasting
Ana Hathaway
Brennan Hehner
Catrina Hickerson
Hannah Hickman
Caleb Hicks
Maya Holmes
Jensen Holt



Cole Hoskins
Clayton Hubler
Jake Huelskoetter
Ben Huffman
Nathan Jackson
Seung Chan Jang
Lina Jin
Jenni Jurgenson



Matthew Goebel, Harrison Farmer, Rachel Ritter, Emily Sulewski and Mary Kathryn Hancock discuss their plans for spirit week. The freshmen class was the only class without a class treasurer.



Brennen Almus, sophomore service chair, helps collect items during ITSOG. Almus's favorite part about being service chair was, "Being a leader of the class and helping design the events and service projects we do," said Almus.

Jennie Albertson, sophomore secretary, types notes during a class officer meeting. Albertson took notes to keep on record during Wednesday meetings with the other class officers.



Eichel Davis, sophomore, discusses class t-shirt designs during a meeting. Davis was the treasurer for the sophomore class.



Class Officers 3 | seven.



HISTORY: PAST & PRESENT

"In one sense, it's a current events course. In another sense, we explore the history behind the conflict," said Christopher Knerr, freshmen and sophomore history teacher. Knerr, alongside Slade Johnson, Scott Vonder Bruegge, Susie Pike, Diane Miller and Ken Boesch, began teaching a new freshman history course: The Non-Western World. Current conflicts were looked at from an American perspective, then the history behind these issues was researched and discussed.

Deciding between the various countries she learned about, Julia Johnson, freshman, said, "My favorite thing I've learned about is Korea. I have a good friend I met at camp who was Korean, so it's cool to learn about her country." Drew Port, freshman's, favorite issue was the "situation with Russia and Vladimir Putin." This was a different type of history class than most have experienced.

"We aren't learning completely about America, we're actually learning about the rest of the world now," said Johnny Hardin, freshman. "It's different because it's talking about recent events," said Johnson. According to Knerr, the students' curiosity was sparked through this course. "I enjoy learning about things that are currently effecting and that will effect us in the future," said Port.

Leigh-Ann Kaup
Peter Kim
Kyle Kinner
Jonathan Kinney
Grant Kitchens
J.D. Klein
Kaiyln Kneibert
Morgan Koetting



Claire Kopsky
Caleb Krumsieg
Anna Kuiper
Jong-Yoon Lee
Christian Lindgren
Anna Lindstrom
Robert Looney
Kendall MacDonald



Chad Maxey
Kristine Maxey
Cailyn McCarthy
Ashley McConkey
Esther McGowan
Chloe McQuillan
Christopher Meeks
Bailey Merkel



Moriah Miller
Reed Montgomery
Caroline Moore
Jared Muenks
Theodore Muschany
Aly Nichols
Abby Nixon
Josh Nkonge



Kaylee Noel
Maren Osterholt
Maddie Ottsen
Wes Park
Julia Peistrup
Taylor Pfeifer
Emma Pohlman
Austin Raines



Travis Ralls
Robert Rasche
Andrea Reed
Jacob Regan
Lance Richards
Nathan Richardson
Rachel Rogers
Nick Rosen





Savannah Mathews, seventh grader, confirms that she completed her project rubric. This geography class researched countries throughout Central America.



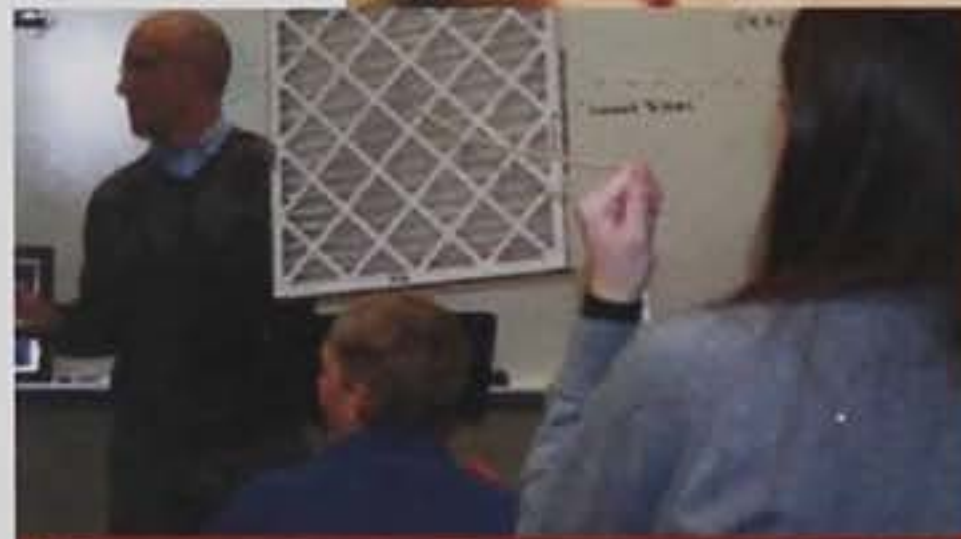
Erin Conaghan and **Callie Christen**, freshmen, research non-western countries for their history class. The new class looked at current issues and their backgrounds.



Emily Adkisson, eighth grade, traces a circle to make into a wheel for her lunar vehicle. In Tim Muehleisen's 3rd hour class, pairs used varying directions to create vehicles.



Looking into the conflicts around the world, **Scott Vonder Bruegge** teaches **Becca Eis**, freshman. The new freshmen history class integrated technology into the research of non-western countries.



Chris Knerr demonstrates with **Hannah Hickman**, sophomore, the ideas of the philosopher Kant. Knerr encouraged his students to doubt everything they knew in order to understand how the philosophers thought.



Working as a group for geography class, **Natalie Butler** and **Oni Wright**, seventh graders, research stars and moon phases.



Lucy Kehr and other eighth grade students in Tim Muehleisen's class construct lunar vehicles from cardboard, straws, and mints. Working with a time limit, the pairs had to create vehicles that would travel four feet on their own.



MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD.

While some people find writing papers as a chore, others treat it as a hobby.

"I would have to say that I've always been fascinated with stories," said Morgan Koetting, sophomore. Koetting wrote multiple books in her fiction series.

Another sophomore student that was writing a book was Eichel Davis. Davis was in the process of writing a thirteen book series about "two wealthy families who go through one of the hardest times in their lives with twist and turns." He said "(The book's) world was bigger than I could have ever dreamt." Although Davis put multiple hours into writing these books, he "wants to be a CEO of a huge company or a meteorologist."

Along with Davis and Koetting, Catherine Bakewell had written multiple books, but unlike the last two students, Bakewell had also entered and won two Poetry Slams at Westminster. Catherine first found an interest in writing books and poetry in third grade because her cousin inspired her.

Bakewell said "I, of course, felt the need to copy her, and I've been writing ever since."

Alec Runge
Scott Rupprecht
Brendan Sabadell
Annie Schlafly
Hannah Schweiss
Mike Scott
Sydney Seabaugh
Chase Seiller



Megan Sexton
Eric Shaffer
Bekah Sharp
Matt Sheehan
Zach Shikles
Morgan Siebenman
Abby Smith
Abigail Smith



Jordan Smith
Ryan Smith
Sam Snapp
Hannah Stipanovich
Maya Taylor
Andy Thomas
Miles Tucker
Nathan Tucker

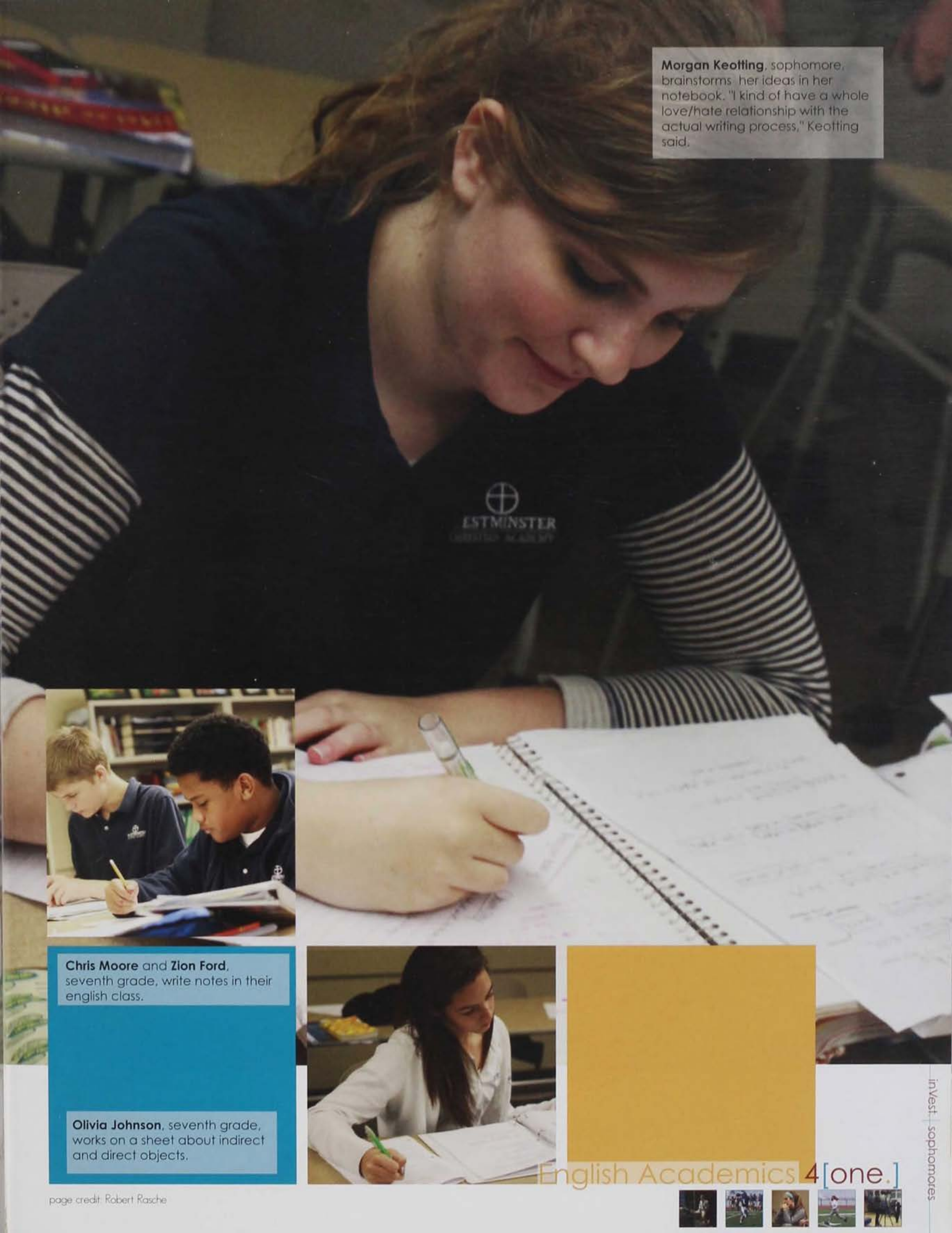


Lauren Vanek
Daria Vonderahe
Leah Votava
Nathan Wade
Jordan Weber
Victoria Weldon
Alex Wendt
Brandt Wieberg



Andrea Williams
Demetris Williams
Jordan Wolf
Haley Woolbright
Mary Wynn
Mackenzie Yeager
Chad Younger
Nick Zintel





Morgan Keotting, sophomore, brainstorms her ideas in her notebook. "I kind of have a whole love/hate relationship with the actual writing process," Keotting said.



Chris Moore and Zion Ford, seventh grade, write notes in their english class.



Olivia Johnson, seventh grade, works on a sheet about indirect and direct objects.



English Academics 4[one.]



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T.J. Noa, junior, acts out scenes from a hat with the improv team during lunch one day. Scenes from a hat is a fast paced joke game in which an audience member draws a random scene from a hat and an improv member steps forward and acts out a very short scene.

NO MORE BLACK & BLUE

One of the new and improved additions to Westminster's new campus was the new Black Box Theater. One class that directly benefitted by this addition was the improv class. Before, the black box theater was a small room cramped for space which always seemed to run on the hot side. Justine Doiron, senior, said, "I love the new black box because of the lights, the sound system and the moveable stage. Also because it's a black box...not a black and blue box...but the old black box will always hold great memories." Doiron took improv this year and previous years.

Another new element of the improv class this year was the teacher. Last year Mrs. Clem retired from teaching improv, so drama teacher Mrs. Scott took over her duties.

"Mrs. Scott being there is new and it's been awesome to get a fresh perspective on how to go about Improv" said Taylor Hughes, senior.

At the first Friday Night Improv of the year, **Sarah Yousef**, junior, acts in an improv skit. Yousef has been in improv for two years. "This year there are no 'weak' players. Everyone really pulls together for the shows making them consistently strong," said Yousef.



Sarah-Elizabeth Agan
Jonah Anderson
Abbey Andres
Nathan Arnold
Sarah Barker
Dominic Barresi
John Barry
Akos Bartha



Bria Baumgartner
Alex Beard
Michael Becker
Bryce Bell
Natalie Bell
Bailey Benes
Daniel Berglar
Ellie Bettlach



Emily Bick
Katie Boesch
Erin Bognar
Michelle Bonacquisti
Christine Bosch
Jabri Boyd
Travis Brandt
Parker Briden



Keegan Brown
Tim Burgess
Chris Cacciarelli
Will Campbell
Sam Canfield
Katy Chapell
Valerie Chavez
Nathan Cherian



Hong Young Choi
Taylor Cole
Ryan Conaghan
Brooke Cusumano
Julia Davis
Steven Davis
Brianna Degroot
Taylor Deves



Anna Dieckgraefe





In December, **Marshall Dickerson**, senior, performs with the improv team at Art a la Carte. The Improv team did small skits sporadically throughout the evening and then finished off with a performance at the end of the night.

"'Magic Goose' is an Improv joke. If nothing's happening, think happy thoughts, go out on stage, yell 'Magic Goose' and something will happen..."
 -Marshall Dickerson, senior.

"We like it because when 'Magic Goose' first came about it was so stupid. During class Marshall Dickerson interrupted a Hansel and Gretel scene with it, and then he kept doing it in shows and class, basically all the time. It caught on."
 -Justine Doiron, senior.

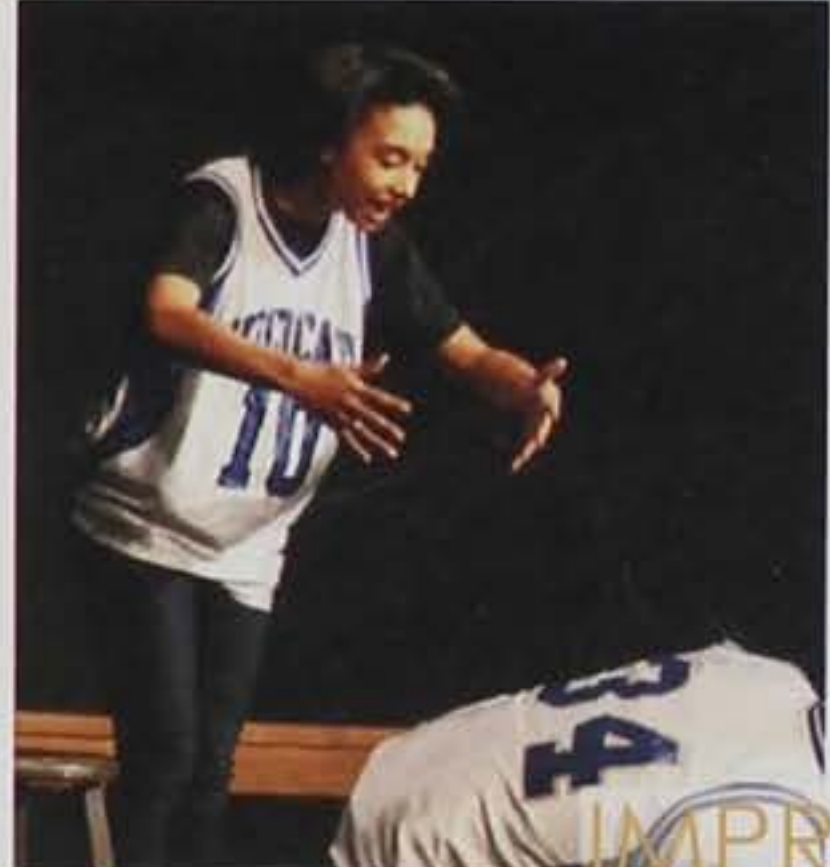
Magic Goose!



During lunch in December, **Justine Doiron**, senior, performs during A lunch next to the cafe.

Acting out a scene from a hat, **Joshua Richardson**, senior, performs during lunch. Richardson's favorite improv games are "double blind freeze" and "worlds worst."

Paris Watson, junior, performs in a skit for the white team during Friday Night Improv.



IMPROV 4[three.]



SING A NEW SONG.

"This year we are going to completely change chapel," said Mr. Holley. And that was completely true. In a new arena, with a new projector and new chapel band a lot changed. A lot went on before chapel that students did not know about. The Student Spiritual Life Team and the Chapel Band work together to create a more spiritual atmosphere at Westminster during chapel.

"We want chapel to be an authentic place where students come to worship, leave behind all distractions, and just be real with God and each other." said Brynn Benes, senior. The Spiritual Life Team wanted Chapel to be more serious and not just another time of the day. The speakers talked about what was relevant in students' lives in high school and middle school. The Spiritual Student Life team worked to find speakers and lessons that the students could take from.

"We wanted to get speakers kids could connect to, talk about issues students are facing, and help them figure out how to be a Christian here in high school," said Becky Weiss, senior. The Chapel Band collaborated with the Team and picked songs to go with the sermon. "We put a lot of thought into the songs messages and how they can preach the gospel. I think that we can all enjoy music, but being able to glorify the Lord at the same time is even better," said Avery Anderson, senior. This caused students to feel intrigued by the message and songs.

One of the student body's favorite parts about this new Chapel was that the Band enjoyed singing and worshipping with them. "Chapel is a place where you can say things you couldn't any where else, and the whole point is to say it in a beautiful way." said Taylor Hughes, senior.

Together the Spiritual Life Team and The Chapel Band worked hard to make an impact on our school.



Tim Holley, the new Student Spiritual Life director worships during chapel.

Jack Dohr
Kaitlin Dowling
Amber Draper
Mattie Drury
Michael Dudley
Kaylie Duke
Reagen Dykhouse
Jeremy Ebert



Will Egan
Brandon Estock
Ben Evans
Patrick Farmer
Brian Fellows
Kari Ford
Taylor Freiner
Anna Gaffney



Jesse Gruneisen
Eunna Gu
Julia Guzdial
Matt Hall
Janay Hardy
David Hartmann
Annie Hartwig
Alexis Harvey



Ryan He
Elise Hearne
Justin Henry
Emily Heyl
Jacob Hicks
James Hinrichs
James Hoekzema
Emily Horak



Hunter Hughes
Joe Issacs
Leah Janssen
Bree Jennrich
Jessica Johnson
Micaela Jones
Jake Kehr
Shelby Kehr





"Every week I am encouraged, challenged, and blessed by Mr. Holley and those that are a part of chapel band. It is such a privilege to worship the Lord with my school," said **Avery Anderson**, senior.



"We understand that each of us wants to better the spiritual life of Westminster. Our goal is to keep an open mind and heart for all ideas," said **Ben Lovell**, junior.



"Christian is a really good singer. She brings a new style because she suggests songs that we haven't done before..." said **Emily Heyl**, junior.

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"Mr. Holly has challenged us to sit down and talk with people this year. I have been trying to remind myself to ask questions, find out how people are doing, where they've been, and where they want to go. I think of it like this: I don't want to be a presence, I want to be present." said **Mandy Scott**, junior.



"In a lot of ways, music is the one thing we all agree on, the one thing we all love." said **Taylor Hughes**, senior.

Chapel Band & SSLT 4[five.]



"Brugner is really good at giving perspective. He is very inspired and has great input for the band," said **Christian Thompson**, junior.



ROBOTICS FIRST.

Westminster was privileged to participate in the National Robotic Competition, due to the generous donation from the Boeing Company of \$6500. The Westminster team, like all the others, received a kit and was expected to make a robot that would be capable of competing with other robots.

"We will have only 6 weeks to design, construct, test, redesign, modify and finalize a robot to complete very complex and challenging tasks" said Lisa Harding, physics teacher and advisor of the robotics team.

Students who were interested in engineering, computer designs, programming, graphic design, and team managing. "The biggest challenge for us is not a technical one" said Mrs. Harding. Only 25 students were selected to join the WCA team to prepare for the event. JETS was a separate club but their activities were revolved around robotics during the months that led up to the FIRST competition.

During a robotics meeting, **Graham Stanfill**, freshman, listens to Lisa Harding. Each week, students were featured in *Town and Country Manchester Patch*.



Ryan Kelly
Zak Kessel
Sori Kim
Grant Koby
Violet Kouzes
Nick Lauer
Chloe Lee
Jae Lee



Megan Lee
Soo Yong Lee
Sarah Levenhagen
Bennett Lewis
Grace Linton
Zackary Lokey
Ben Lovell
Levi Marshall



Katie Matheny
Sierra Mathews
Mark McFarland
Courtney McGhee
Calla McGinty
Ben Mitchell
Emily Mitchell
Hannah Mitchell



Cole Montgomery
Tissy Mundy
Luke Nitcher
Rebecca Nixon
TJ Noa
Easton Noble
Drake Norman
Mike Nothum



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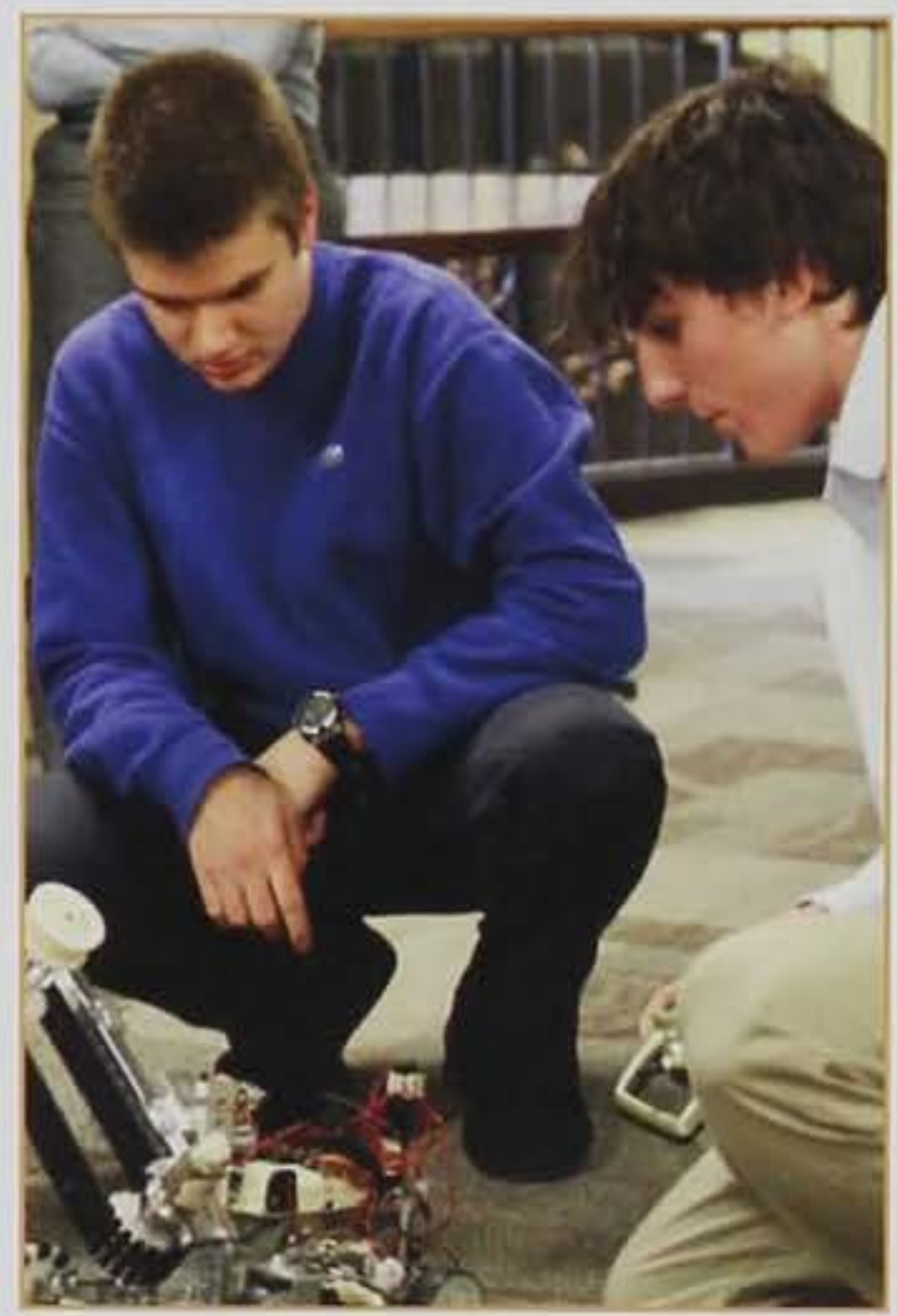
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Alex Rideout
Alyse Rogers
Grace Savage
Emilie Schroeder



Josh DeGroot, freshman, watches one of the robots while it climbs over an obstacle. In order to prepare for the FIRST Robotic Competition, the club built and tested different robots.



Jonathon Bopp, senior, worked on fixing the technical aspect of the robot. Bopp and a few other students worked after school to build these robots. The robots were built to maneuver through obstacle courses.



Brandon Terlouw and **Jonathon Bopp**, seniors, examine and test one of the robots they built. Terlouw and Bopp worked together to successfully build a robot that was fully ready for the competition.



Nathan Estock, freshman, used the remote control to guide a robot through the course. From the kits they were given, Estock and his team dedicated themselves to building these robots.

Science Academics 4 [seven.]



GIVING & RECEIVING

Starting in the fall of 1987, Westminster implemented a program for its teachers to impact the World. A committee of teachers formed to investigate the service programs of other St. Louis area high schools and then propose a program for WCA students. In the proceeding years to follow, Westminster teachers allowed their senior students to miss one class a week on Wednesday afternoons in order to allow seniors the opportunity to serve at local organizations.

In the 2011-2012 school year, Westminster celebrated the 24th school year of Faith in Action, formally known as senior service. Students in the senior class, such as Connor Sullivan, shared memories through their experiences. "A kid came up to me and was just like, 'You need a lightsaber? I have an extra one.' So I fought off hundreds of kids Jedi style," said Sullivan.

Jessie Owens, senior, served at Promise Christian Academy, a school for kids with special needs. "When they went to the pumpkin patch, they invited all of us who do our senior service there to go with them," said Owens.



A.J. Loynd, senior, plays with children at Spoede Elementary School. "The best part about it is getting to play with the kids and helping them learn," said Loynd.

Mandy Scott
Sam Sherman
Lucas Silkey
Sea Sirisilp
Meg Smith
Summer Smith
Mary Snapp
Brenden Solomon



John Eric Steiner
Sadie Stipanovich
Hannah Stone
Ellie Straub
Holly Sumner
Ian Sutherland
Eddie Sutphen
Laura Tarantino



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Amber Terschak
Nina Thampy
Nathan Theus
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Jacob Thomas
Brink Thompson
Christian Thompson



Megan Tilley
Amy Tipton
Kaylee Trost
Davis Vanderslice
Nathan Wade
Austin Walker
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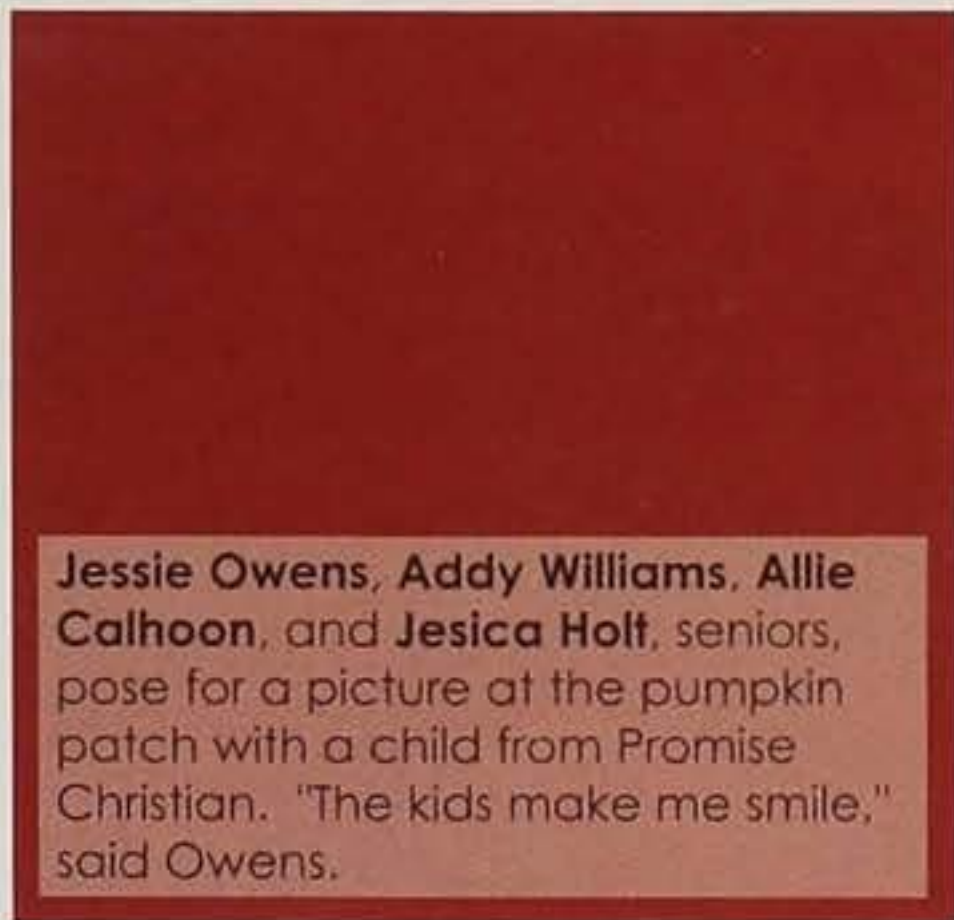
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James Zandstra



Addy Williams, senior, laughs with a girl from her senior service. Williams visited the pumpkin patch with Promise Christian Academy.



Louis Kohrs, senior, feeds a baby on the first day of senior service. Kohrs worked at the St. Louis Crisis Nursrey.



Jessie Owens, Addy Williams, Allie Calhoon, and Jesica Holt, seniors, pose for a picture at the pumpkin patch with a child from Promise Christian. "The kids make me smile," said Owens.



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MILES FOR WATER.

At the turn of a knob, fresh and easily accessible water flows from clean faucets to fill glasses every day. Getting water from a kitchen sink can be a daily routine for Americans. While Americans rarely give a second thought to the source of the water, people halfway around the globe struggle to survive with their lack of water. Carrying a five gallon jug of water for several miles can be part of the daily routine for women in Africa.

In response to the women in Africa, junior teachers decided to have their students carry a five gallon jug of water across the football field during seminars.

Throughout the year, each student attended a total of four seminars, all discussing different issues. One topic of discussion for the juniors was Global Awareness.

"Global awareness has been really good at opening my eyes to the problems around the world and the problems we are facing here in the U.S. For a couple weeks we talked about war and really discussed the issues," said Amy Tipton, junior.



Eunna Gu, junior, speaks during the Global Awareness Seminar. This particular Thursday, international students were given a chance to share their experiences about living in America.



Violet Kouzes, junior, works on a computer in the Academic Hub during junior seminar.



Amy Tipton, junior, carries a jug full of water across the football field during the Juniors' global awareness seminar. "When they showed us the video of the women carrying all the water it was a harsh reminder of what people have to go through to get water that isn't even always clean," said Tipton.



Patrick Farmer, junior, runs across the field holding a five gallon jug of water. "I learned what it looks like when you pour five gallons of water onto turf," said Farmer.



Eric Witherspoon, and **Nick Ridenhour**, juniors, sit on the floor during a College Prep Seminar.



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Hugh Jones, band teacher, conducts the middle school band during Art a la Carte.

During Art a la Carte, **Brendan Sabadell**, sophomore, serves Westminster parents. It was Sabadell's first year as a student ambassador.

During the upper school band concert, **Justin Henry**, junior, plays the guitar. "I thought the upper school played really well," said Meg Rasche, senior.



On the grand entry stairwell, Chamber Choir sings *Deck the Halls*. There were 16 students in Chamber Choir.



Go Bananas.

For Art a la Carte, many students submitted photography pictures and ceramic sculptures. However, for one student an eleven foot banana was submitted.

"I had always been interested in metal sculptures, and about two years ago I decided to learn how to make them myself," said Auri Salem, senior. Salem had made several abstract sculptures out of various recycled metals, but her largest project was the banana. "I'm honestly not sure what I was thinking when I came up with the project, but for me welding is just another way to make art."

The banana was placed in the center of the grand entry, so many students observed the sculpture. "It was really cool that it was all made out of silver ware. It made me smile every time I walked into school," said Ellie Linhoff, senior. Like Linhoff, students noticed the large banana when walking into the grand entry. "[The banana] was very creative. It shows off our fine arts program very well," said Julia Peistrup, sophomore.



Drew Hillemeier, senior, plays the violin. Hillemeier had been playing the violin for 10 years.



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Behind the Scenes: going above and beyond.

For one individual, the football award ceremony brought a big surprise. Julia Alpert, sophomore, did not expect to receive the Barnabas Award during the football recognition dinner. The award was given to Alpert for having a servant's heart and going above and beyond the call for taking care of her team.

"I was absolutely shocked when Coach called me up on stage and presented the award to me. I didn't even know managers were capable of getting awards. I am very thankful," said Alpert.

"The reason I chose Julia for this award is because she was extremely faithful and took lots of pressure off our coaches and helped to make more efficient use of our practice time," said Cory Snyder, varsity football coach.

Brittany Hawkins, senior, attends to an injured player. Hawkins was the manager of the football team.

Jacob Thomas, junior, moves the lane rope for the divers. Thomas was the manager for the girl's swim team.

Olivia Willis, junior, takes film for the girl's varsity basketball game.

Brooke Yeager, junior, manages the wrestling team. Yeager came to all the practices and matches and made sure she made things go as smoothly as possible. She even helped referee the matches at competitions and practice. "I love being the manager for the team because it allows me to spend more time with my brother since I know our time together is getting short because of him leaving for college next year," said Yeager.

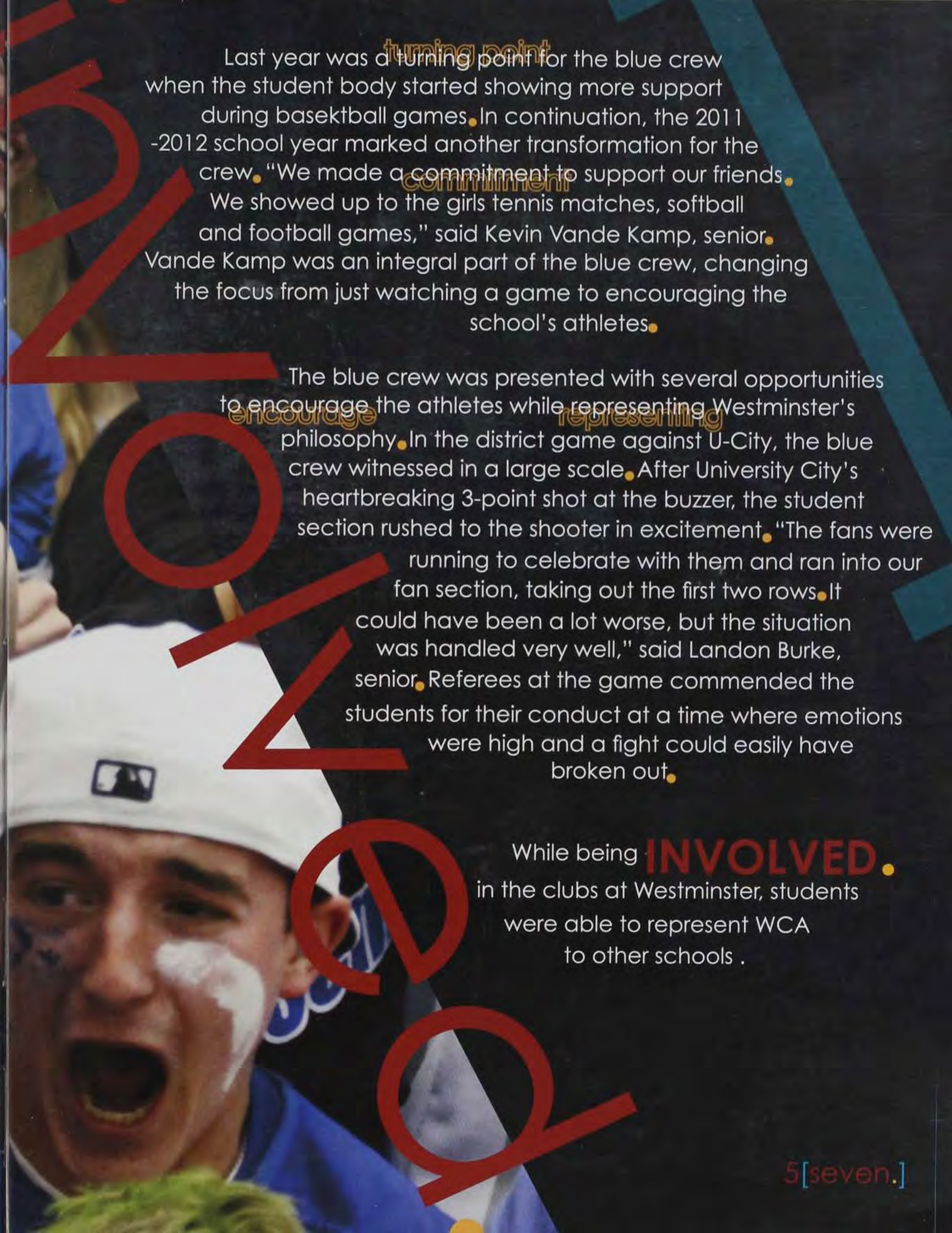




Mark McFarland, Daniel Berglar, and Nick Ridenhour, juniors, cheer with the blue crew during the Friday night basketball game against Confluence Prep Academy during Spirit Week. "I think it's a goal to feed momentum to the players to play better, so most games we cheer so hard the next day it almost hurts to talk sometimes," said McFarland.

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turning point
commitment

Last year was a turning point for the blue crew when the student body started showing more support during basketball games. In continuation, the 2011-2012 school year marked another transformation for the crew. "We made a commitment to support our friends. We showed up to the girls tennis matches, softball and football games," said Kevin Vande Kamp, senior. Vande Kamp was an integral part of the blue crew, changing the focus from just watching a game to encouraging the school's athletes.

encourage representing

The blue crew was presented with several opportunities to encourage the athletes while representing Westminster's philosophy. In the district game against U-City, the blue crew witnessed in a large scale. After University City's heartbreaking 3-point shot at the buzzer, the student section rushed to the shooter in excitement. "The fans were running to celebrate with them and ran into our fan section, taking out the first two rows. It could have been a lot worse, but the situation was handled very well," said Landon Burke, senior. Referees at the game commended the students for their conduct at a time where emotions were high and a fight could easily have broken out.

While being **INVOLVED** in the clubs at Westminster, students were able to represent WCA to other schools .

Steven Davis, junior, waits before the start of FCA. Davis played football in the fall, and had participated in FCA since his freshman year. Davis expressed interest in being a leader of FCA for the 2012-2013 year.

Nathan Arnold and **Jonah Anderson**, juniors, play a game of world cup. Arnold played tennis in the spring and was on the spiritual life team. Along with tennis, Anderson played recreational basketball.



[T]he leaders for FCA this past school year had big plans. Shelby Kehr, junior, and Dylan Andres, senior, were excited to impact the lives of those in FCA. Although Andres had planned to change people, "he ended up being changed the most," said Kehr.

"FCA has been great for me. The only reason I did it originally was because I had lost the race to be class president," said Andres. Andres used this as testament that God is sovereign through every situation in our lives. And sometimes our plans fall apart so that better things can come into play.

"The best and most rewarding part of all of it was definitely the leadership camp this past summer," said Andres. Andres, along with Kehr, attended the FCA leadership retreat in rural Missouri.

The camp was meant to prepare FCA leaders from schools all over the St. Louis area to lead FCA. "I noticed a real change in Dylan, he got a lot out of the FCA retreat," said Kehr.

GAME CHANGER



Mitch Penning, junior, prays at FCA. Both of Penning's sisters led FCA in past years. Penning played volleyball both in and out of Westminster.

During the FCA kickoff, **Jesse Gruneisen**, junior, makes a hamburger. The event revolved around food, fellowship, and fun. In addition to playing football, Gruneisen was a junior PC.





Dylan Andres, senior, checks Jonathan Roth, senior, in during the FCA kickoff event. Andres was the FCA leader along with Shelby Kehr, junior, and Chris Pederson, varsity football coach. Andres attended the FCA camp in Dutzow, Missouri.



Connor Larson, senior, throws a football during the FCA kickoff event. Larson was the senior class president as well as a varsity baseball player.

Before the 2011-2012 school year, Shelby Kehr, junior, speaks about FCA. FCA was influential in the Kehr household because Kehr's parents met at an FCA huddle in college.



After making a joke, **Holly Sumner**, junior, smiles along with a Westminster teacher's child. Every year, students from all grades helped babysit teacher's kids so teachers could go Christmas shopping.



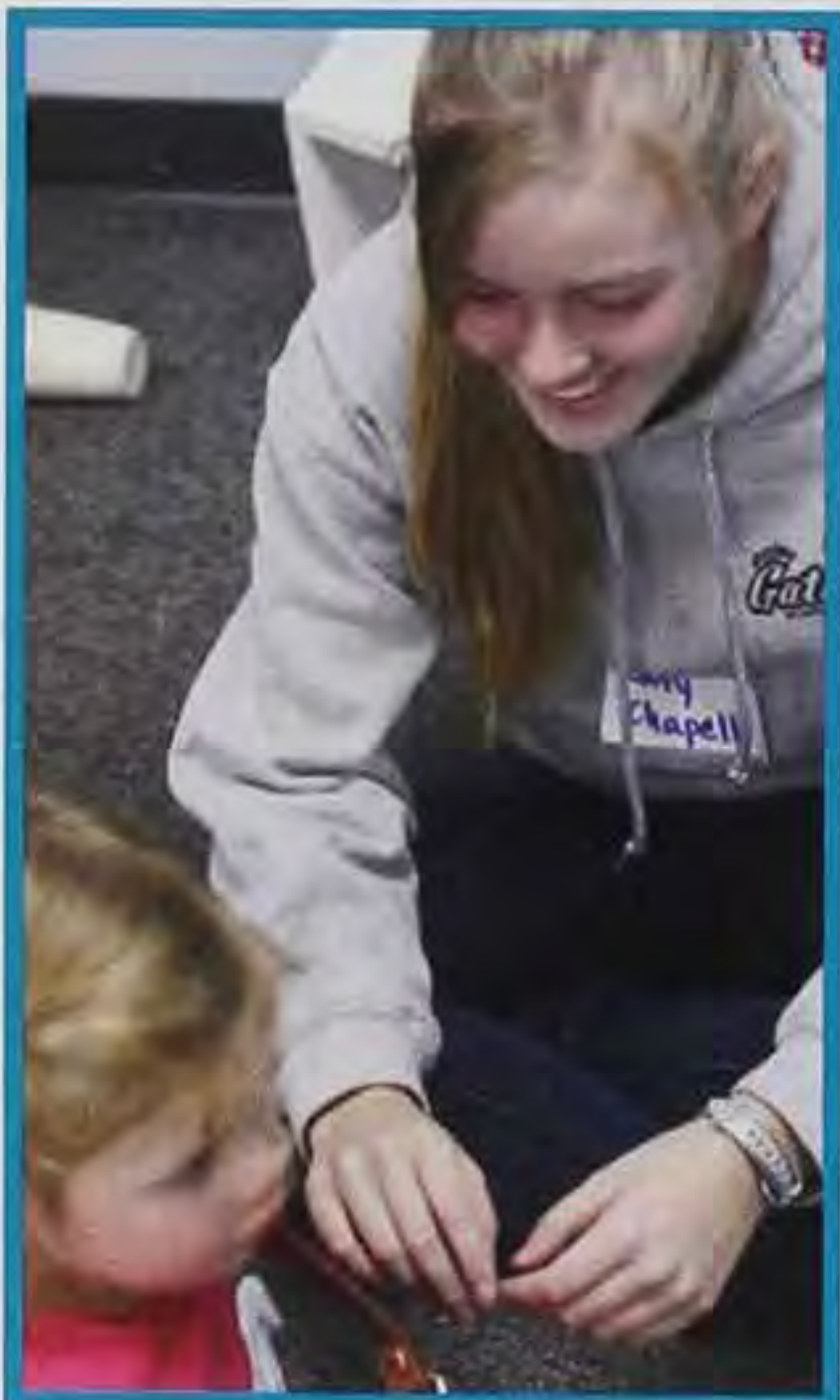
Rachel Hart, senior, explains the hazards of tobacco at the Incarnate Word Science Fair. The members of SWAT had a booth set up at the fair with pig lungs and a gift box.



Katie Boesch, junior, attaches an unhealthy pig lung to a demonstration. The pig lung was an example of what lungs could look like after 10 years of smoking. "I like being in SWAT because I love seeing kid's reactions to the affects of smoking," said Boesch.



Min Cha, senior, receives her NHS induction certificate at the NHS induction. "I feel accomplished that I could join NHS. This feeling motivates me to work harder. I became more confident!" said Cha.



Katy Chapell, junior, helps out at Covenant Presbyterian Church for Wee Wildcats. It was Chapell's second year being a member of NHS.

All About Serving.

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hen it came to clubs like NHS and SWAT, they may have had fun and challenged their members, but the biggest reward they received from being members of these clubs was the joy of serving others. Clubs

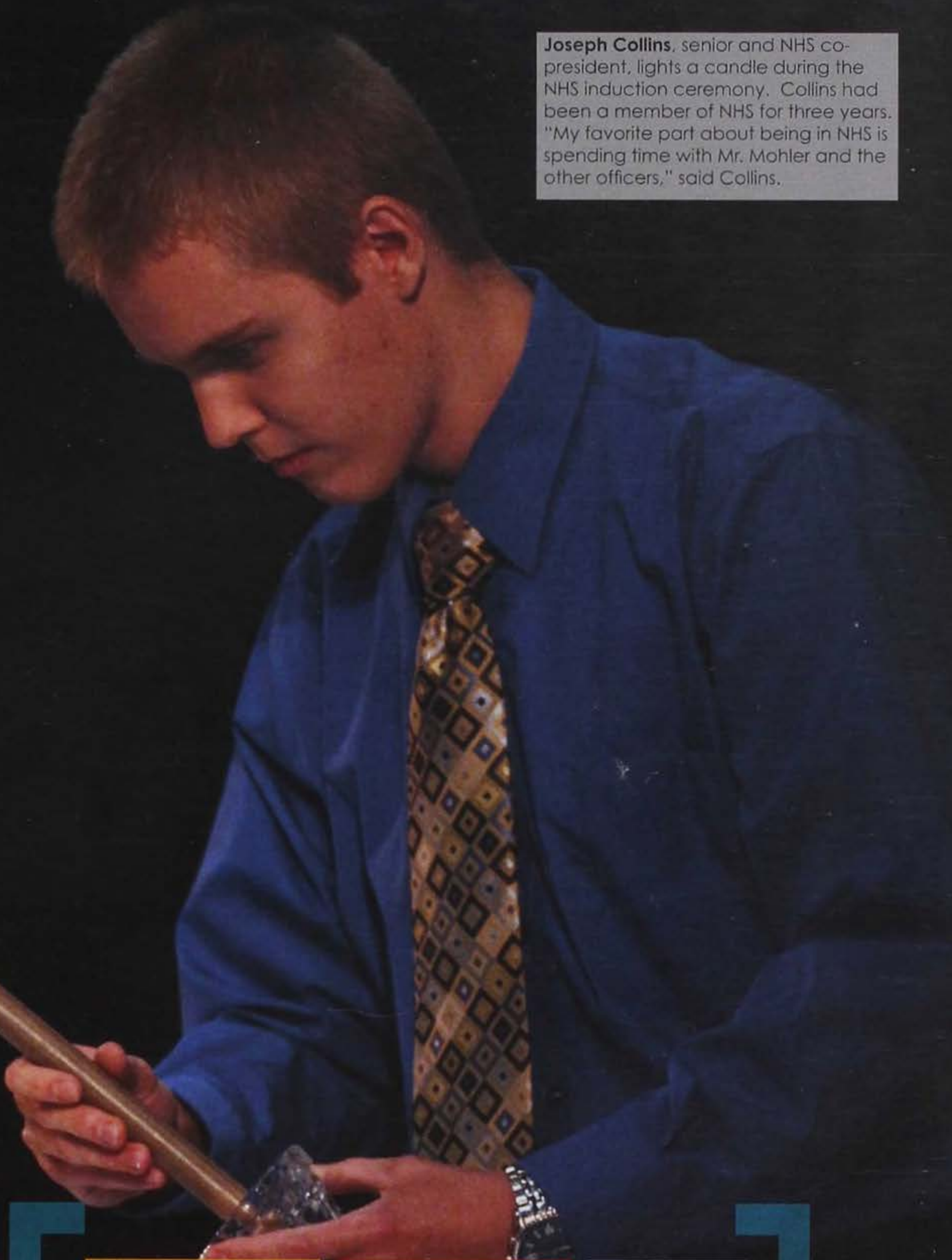
these revolved around serving others.

"My favorite part of being in NHS is volunteering with my friends. I volunteer at a nursing home a lot which gets interesting, but I always have fun when I bring along friends" said Esther McGowan, sophomore and first year NHS member. Also members of NHS were not only given the opportunity to serve their community, but so much more too.

According to Lance Richards, sophomore, "NHS gives you a chance to just step outside of your normal everyday realm of serving and instead go above and beyond." One of the highlights of the year for many NHS members was serving at Room at the Inn, an opportunity to serve dinner and provide shelter to homeless people. "It was so humbling to hear stories, and the guests were so genuine and sincerely grateful. It was really touching" said Bekah Sharp, sophomore.

Also, SWAT continued to serve the community and raise awareness about the hazards of tobacco by teaching elementary students at local schools. "My favorite part about being in SWAT is being able to talk to kids and knowing that making an influence" said Hart.

Joseph Collins, senior and NHS co-president, lights a candle during the NHS induction ceremony. Collins had been a member of NHS for three years. "My favorite part about being in NHS is spending time with Mr. Mohler and the other officers," said Collins.



Chad Maxey and Reed Montgomery, sophomores, walk across the stage during the NHS induction. Member of NHS were required to complete 30 service hours per year.



Attending a Friday morning Literary Rogues meeting, **Harrison Farmer**, freshman, listens to advisor **Timothy Gibson**, freshman bible teacher. Farmer was a first year member of the club this past year.

Clouds

by Harrison Farmer

Gliding through the air,

Floating as royal, majestic beasts,

Ruling over the earth,

Staring up, waiting for the end of their reign,

Though truly just anticipating the beginning of it.

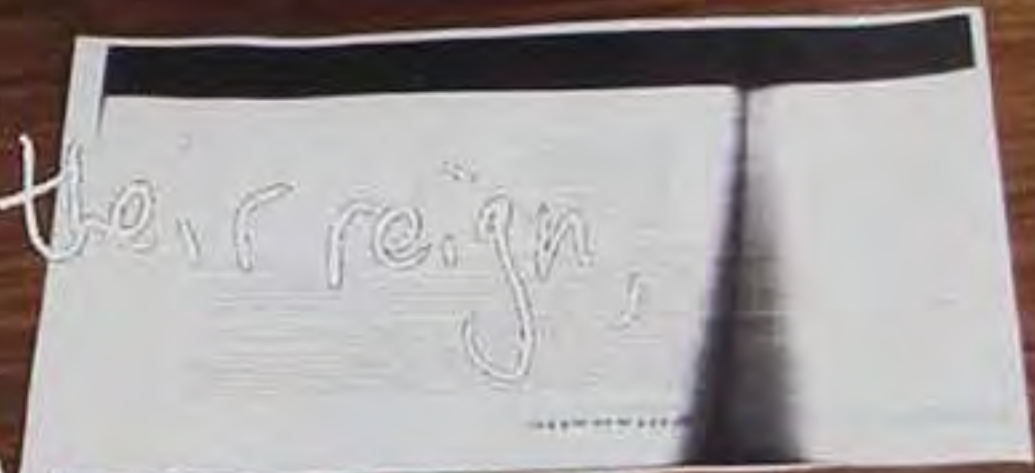
Finally they're spread throughout their wanderous kingdom,

Quenching their people & rewarding their servants,

Giving justice to all who deserve it,

Flooding towns & pouring through streets,

Only to ultimately start their reign again



Poetry Slam Champions

A participant in both Literary Rogues and Scholar Bowl, **Meg Smith**, junior, reads a poem she wrote for the poetry slam. "This year was a good year to join scholar bowl because almost everyone was new to the team," said Smith.

Nina Thampy, junior, reads her poem "Million Shards of Glass" during the open reading at the poetry slam. Thampy was part of the Literary Rogues and Scholar Bowl team this year.



This past year **Stephanie Strothkamp**, freshman, won in the open reading with her poem, "Butterflies." Reigning champion **Catherine Bakewell**, sophomore, won overall for her second year in a row. "The best part of the whole night was getting hugs from almost everyone at the event, even people I don't talk to that much," said Bakewell.



President of the Literary Rogues **Bree Jenrich**, junior, begins round one of the poetry slam with a poem that she wrote. "I can say what I mean better with poetry. Also, I can reveal truths about myself, but the focus isn't that the words are about me any longer, it's about a story that is told, and people won't judge you as much for your confessions," said Jenrich about why she likes to write poetry.

A Clean Slate

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oward Warren, leader of the Scholar Bowl, lost majority of his team from the past years to graduation. During the 2011-2012 school year, out of thirteen students on the team, all but two were new.

"I was excited to have new students because I lost fifteen seniors from the previous year," said Warren. I am hoping to recruit more people for next year. Most of them will probably come from my AP US History class like they did this past year." With all the new students, the Scholar Bowl had solid pre-season results with twelve wins and twelve losses.

"Scholar Bowl is definitely something I normally wouldn't do, but I wanted to try something that was outside of the box. It was a lot of fun to be around classmates that I otherwise wouldn't normally get the chance to be around. Through this I was able to get closer to them and get to know other people better," said Sarah Levenhagen, junior.

Another student new to the team was Sierra Mathews, junior. "There were two reasons why I really wanted to be on Scholar Bowl. The first being that I am a huge fan of Jeopardy and that is exactly what being on Scholar Bowl is like, one big game of Jeopardy. The second is that it looks amazing on college applications. I don't see why everyone wouldn't want to join," said Mathews.

This talented group of students could answer questions ranging from the history of Russian Tsars and nanobiotechnology to the beginnings of pop culture icons such as Lady Gaga, The New England Patriots, and Cee Lo Green.



During the intermission at the poetry slam, **Mandy Scott**, junior, plays her guitar and sings a song that she wrote. "I've been writing songs since Mr. Scott assigned the Psalms project in eighth grade," said Scott.

Nathan Theus and **Ian Sutherland**, juniors, participate in one of the weekly Scholar Bowl meetings. Both Theus and Sutherland were new members to the team.

Literary Rogues & Scholar Bowl 6[three.]





Kayla Wilson, freshman, balances a spoon on her nose. "Ryan He (junior) stuck a spoon on his nose so everyone started to do it. It took awhile for me to get it but I eventually got it to stay," said Wilson.



While at the Spanish and French Christmas party, **Jennie Albertson**, sophomore, helps make pinatas such as heads, elephants, and spiders.



During the ESL Christmas party, **Lucy Wynn**, senior, tries to balance a spoon on her nose without dropping it.

Spanish Meets French.



Maddie Ottsen, sophomore, pretends to order pizza on the play phone at ESL to entertain the kids. **Holly Sumner**, junior, eats chips and salsa along with other traditional spanish and french foods including crepes, quesadillas and rice. **Morgan Koetting** and **Chase Seiller**, sophomores, swing a girl from ESL.

At ESL, **Morgan Koetting**, sophomore, colors in a coloring book. Koetting also served as the opinions editor on Westminster's newspaper staff.

[F] or the first time, the Spanish and French clubs came together for their annual Christmas party. These two clubs got to enjoy the culture of French and Spanish combined for the ultimate cultural Christmas party while preparing for ESL.

ESL is a Bible study for immigrants, many of which are refugees, on Wednesday nights. "The Westminster Spanish club encourages students to help out with ESL on Wednesday nights. While the adults have a Bible study, we babysit the kids," said Lucy Wynn, senior.

During their time at the Christmas party they made some things such as pinatas and foods for themselves and to take to Engage St. Louis. "I had a lot of fun making the pinatas. We made a lot of different kinds such as an elephant, peoples' heads, etc." said Drake Norman, junior. The spanish and french clubs also got to eat a lot of different spanish and french foods.

The kids at ESL are incredibly fun and filled with happiness. "I would say the kids have influenced me to think of other people and be less selfish. These kids are always willing to share and include you in everything." said Seiller.



Chase Seiller, sophomore, plays with a young girl at Engage St. Louis. "My favorite part about ESL is hearing the kids laugh. Just the recognition that I can get them to have fun and have a good time is awesome!" said Seiller.



involved

Spanish Club & French Club & five.

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johnny and the [JETS]

During a Math club meeting after school. **Evan Miller, Harold Ellis, and Brendan Terlouw**, seniors, work together with math teacher David Haas. "The most important thing in the math club is to get people involved who are interested in mathematics and good at solving problems with different strategies. We have quite a variety of things we do this year, from playing games, doing puzzle problems, or watching movies," said Haas.

During one of the first JETS meetings. **Lance Richards**, sophomore, experiments with dry ice and soap.



James Zandstra, junior, leads a JETS meeting after school. Zandstra had helped lead JETS since the club began in 2010.



Steven Howell and Karagen Rogers, freshmen, look on as students freeze dry fruit in a solution of liquid Nitrogen.

Clayton Voges, eighth grade, takes the first bite of the home-made ice cream. Each person present at the JETS meeting got a cup full, and a day of experimentation.

[T]he JETS club was a new, interactive club that harbored a group of highly creative and intelligent students that wished to pursue science or engineering in their careers later in life. During the year the students worked on a series of projects and goals to work towards that involve a lot of problem solving and critical thinking.

"We get to handle fun and dangerous chemicals that you don't get to use in everyday class," said Max Lindstrom, senior. A social club for science and math oriented students; the JETS create a stimulating environment for creative kids and their like-minded peers. "I started the JETS because there was nothing ever like it before. There wasn't a group of people to meet after school to work with science and engineering," said Jonathan Bopp, senior and president of the JETS club.





Jonathan Bopp, senior, mixes a batch of a dairy based batter, into liquid nitrogen to make vanilla ice cream.

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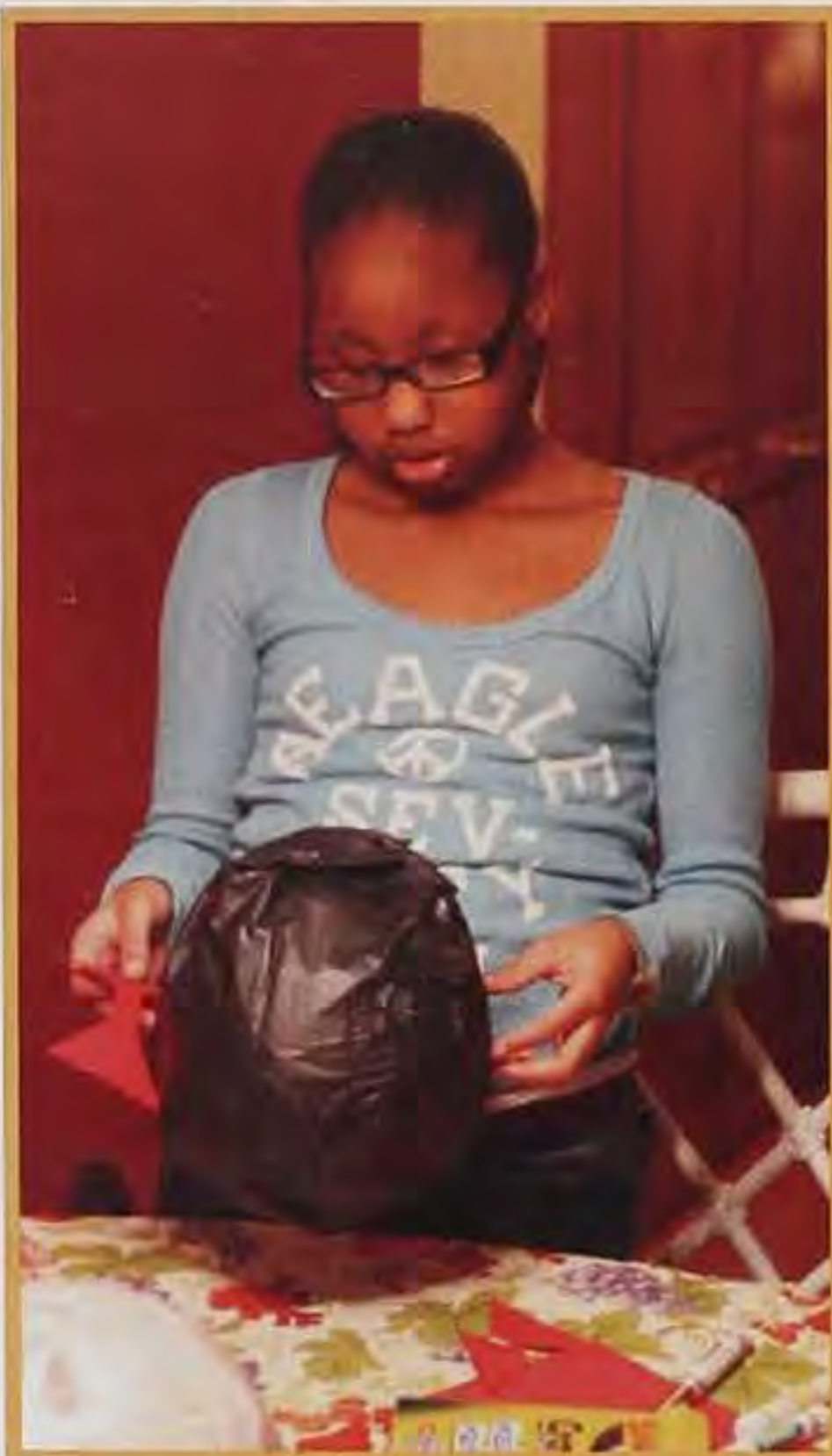
[E] arly Wednesday mornings, while most WCA students were still asleep, the AV club was arriving at the campus. "We get here as early as six-thirty some days, it really depends on how many songs the Chapel Band is performing or what we have to set up," said Andy Munoz, senior. "We also do Tuesday night practices that start around six and end around nine so that we can run through things," said Munoz.

The AV club was responsible for all productions, plays and performances that happened during the school year. Whether at a school play or during Spirit Week, the AV team was there working.

Some of the members were veterans to sound, while others had zero experience. No matter their experience, Han Kim, Media Coordinator and the AV club advisor, was there to assist them all. "He knows a lot. He is willing to take those without any experience or plenty of experience with sound before so he took me right in," said Munoz, being a member with plenty.

Bria Paxton, freshman, laughs at a joke told by her friend. Paxton stated, "I believe Westminster has equal diversity. I really like it," Paxton was a new student this year.

During lunch, **Jabri Boyd**, junior, converses with **Lilly Duell**, freshman. Boyd was glad with the way WCA had changed in diversity. "It has gotten so much better over the years as the faculty and administration have become aware and made moves to advance it," said Boyd.



Kayla Wilson, freshman, finishes a project for a Christmas party. "Westminster does have a good diversity of people", said Wilson.



Aaron Layton, a Special Services teacher, discusses an assignment to his students. Also known as the Director of Diversity for WCA, he was one of the key reasons for the diversity increase this past year.



Rushing to beat defenders, **Eric Witherspoon**, junior, works to gain control of the ball. Witherspoon was a first year member of the varsity squad. "I have definitely seen an increase in WCA's diversity since I was a freshman," said Witherspoon.



Andy Munoz, senior, and **Carson Burke**, freshman, along with other fellow AV club members receive instructions from Han Kim, AV club sponsor. "This was my first year on the AV staff," said Munoz.



Memorable Moments



Cortez Davis, eighth grade, performs a Boys' Poms routine during Spirit Week. "I feel [Black History Month] has really grown. I believe more people realize what it is and now I feel like all races can come and not feel out of place," said Davis.

During Spirit Week, a group of Korean students thank the Westminster student body for their hospitality. The students made WCA their home for a month.

AV Club & Diversity Club 6[nine.]



During an art club meeting, **Elizabeth Schmidt, Ciarra Peters,** and **Siwei Li**, freshmen, enjoy a funny conversation with their friends. Schmidt was also a member of Set Club.



A Place to be Someone Else.

Conveying the emotions of his character in the fall play *Romeo Juliet*, **Jake Hughes**, senior, reveals his love for theatre. "We haven't had much of a chance to do anything this year, but the people I've met in drama, through plays or otherwise, are just so much fun. Honestly, I don't think anyone in the school is as fun to be around as the drama people", said Hughes.



Hammering a brick, **Ryan Davis**, eighth grade, performs in the middle school play *Romona and Beezes*.

Molly Cook and **Hannah Haguewood**, seventh graders, get ready to start a new art project. Westminster's art club was open to both upper and middle school students, so both Cook and Haguewood joined as first year students.



A Place to be Themselves

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estminster's clubs and events gave students the opportunity to meet people who shared a similar hobby. These clubs provided a safe environment for students to be themselves. Drama club, for example, allowed students to stay in touch with friends that they had acted with.

"We don't do much outside of plays, but it's a great place for people to come and be themselves" said Andrew Gordon, senior.

Art club and Set club were also good examples of places where students could come and be themselves. People who were interested in art got to come together and complete different projects for the school. As a way to thank the Korean students for coming and visiting our school, some members of Art Club painted many small canvases that combined St. Louis and Seoul, Korea.

"It was a lot of fun and I'm glad that I was able to be a part of this wonderful gift for our sister school", said Bryn McKie, senior.

Some of the students who participated in Art Club also participated in Set Club. One of these students was Elizabeth Schmidt, freshman.

"It's a good way to be involved after school without taking up too much time", said Schmidt.

Westminster's clubs additionally allowed students who were new to the school to get involved. This year, Aleeah Harden, freshman, was new to Westminster and decided to take advantage of the clubs. Through Set club, she was able to meet other students.

"I was able meet more people through set club. I was also able to become friends with Amber Terlouw", said Harden.

Westminster's clubs were an example of the school's unity. Since the middle school and upper school are more separated than at the old Westminster, these clubs helps bring these two group of students together. Without these clubs and student events, new and returning students would not have the chance to meet other students who might be similar to them.



Creating a masterpiece, **Hailey Weinburg**, eighth grade, concentrates on completing one of her many art projects. Along with some of her other classmates, Weinburg liked to contribute her artistic talent to Westminster's art club.

Behind the scenes.



As people pile into the **theatre** to watch one of Westminster's many plays, they might wonder who exactly creates the **sets**? For the past couple years, Westminster has allowed students to be part of a **club** that helps create these sets. "It's really fun to be able to help out with the plays since i dont **act** in them", said freshman Aleeah Harden. Amber Terlouw and Elizabeth Schmidt, freshmen, were also members of **set** club. Members of set club would say that they enjoyed participating in the club because it allowed them to **contribute** to the plays without actually acting in them.

Drama Club & Set Club 7[one.]



Aaron Miller, senior, plays defense against the opposite team, trying to get the disk. "We weren't really that good, but it was fun when someone caught a long throw." said Miller.

James Richardson, senior, tosses the frisbee to his teammate. He was a regular member of the team.

Mud, Rain, and Tears.

[2] AM, raining, cold, and muddy. The Outdoor Adventure Club split into two teams for an intense game of capture the flag. It got very extreme to the point where kids were flying all over the place and ruining their clothes in the sludge. Dividing the sides was a 15-foot wide creek that was more mud than water. Jumping over it was not an option, so their only choice was to swim through it. Highly concentrated, the team fought through the muck only to get to the other side. Sprinting through the pouring rain, diving over logs, and swimming through impossible creeks, they played to win.

Using glow sticks as flags, Steven Bosch, senior and team captain, jammed the baton into an undersized log. Once the other team found it, they could not get the stick out of the log. 15 minutes later, after a great deal of smashing and demolishing, Max Lindstrom, senior, finally pulled out the glow stick. "Cheaters!" they screamed. It seemed unfair to keep the flag in such an enclosed place. Despite the deviousness, the team finally got a hold of the flag and ran it over to the other side in victory.



Caught By Surprise.



Ultimate Frisbee, the club for everyone. It was a fun, casual get together for kids who did not play sports during the fall. "When someone randomly threw it into the air and it went flying, it was so exciting when someone caught it. No one was expecting it so we were all in shock whenever that happened." said Evan Miller, senior. Even though they only met a couple of times, the amazing catches were what made it fun.





With the help from other experienced climbers, **Andy Munoz**, senior, climbs one of the tallest and most challenging faces at Upper Limits.

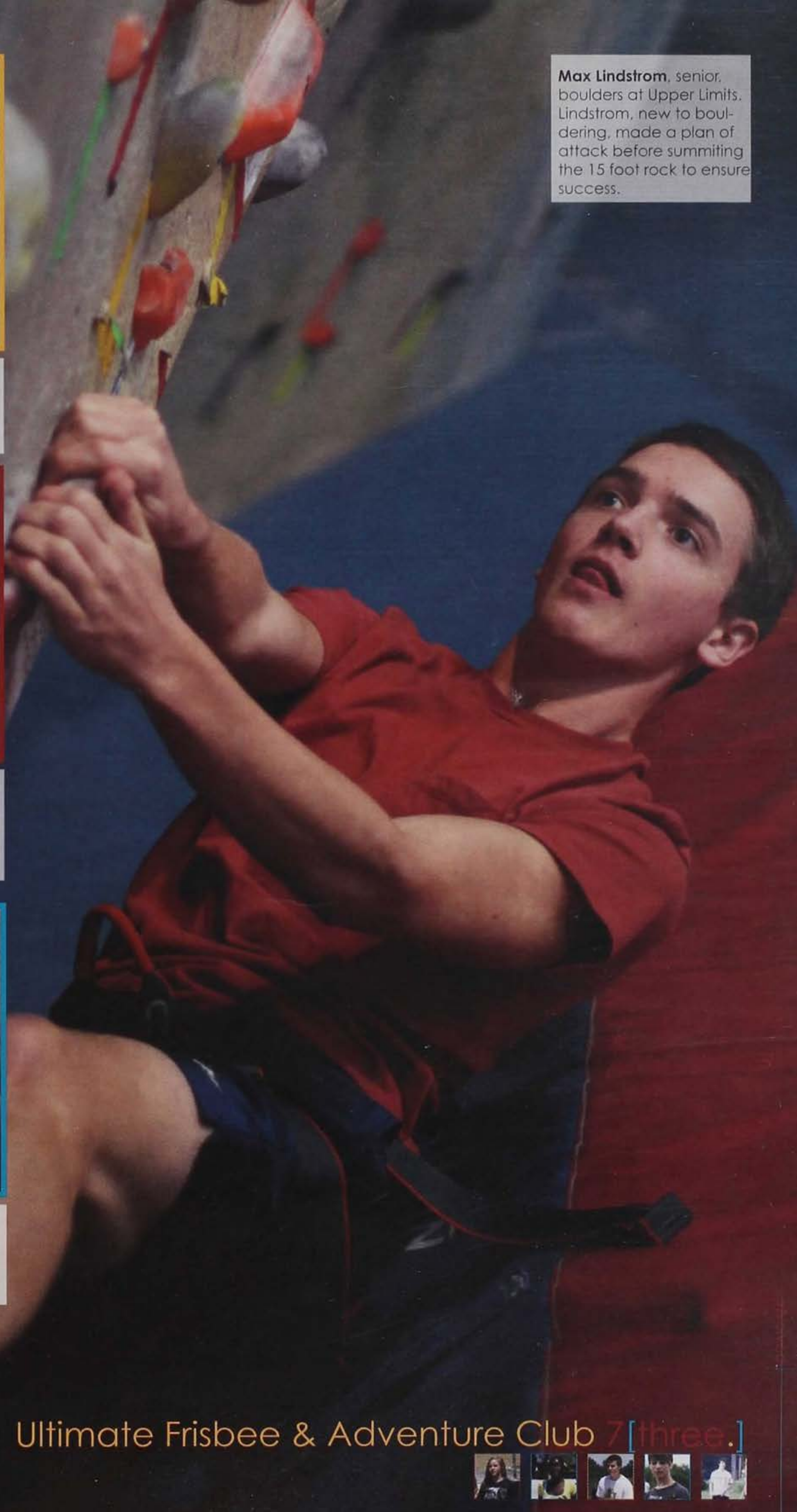


Lilly Duell, freshman, looks down towards her friends for reassurance. Lilly's brother **Peter Duell**, senior, was an experienced climber and often gave Lilly tips and pointers.

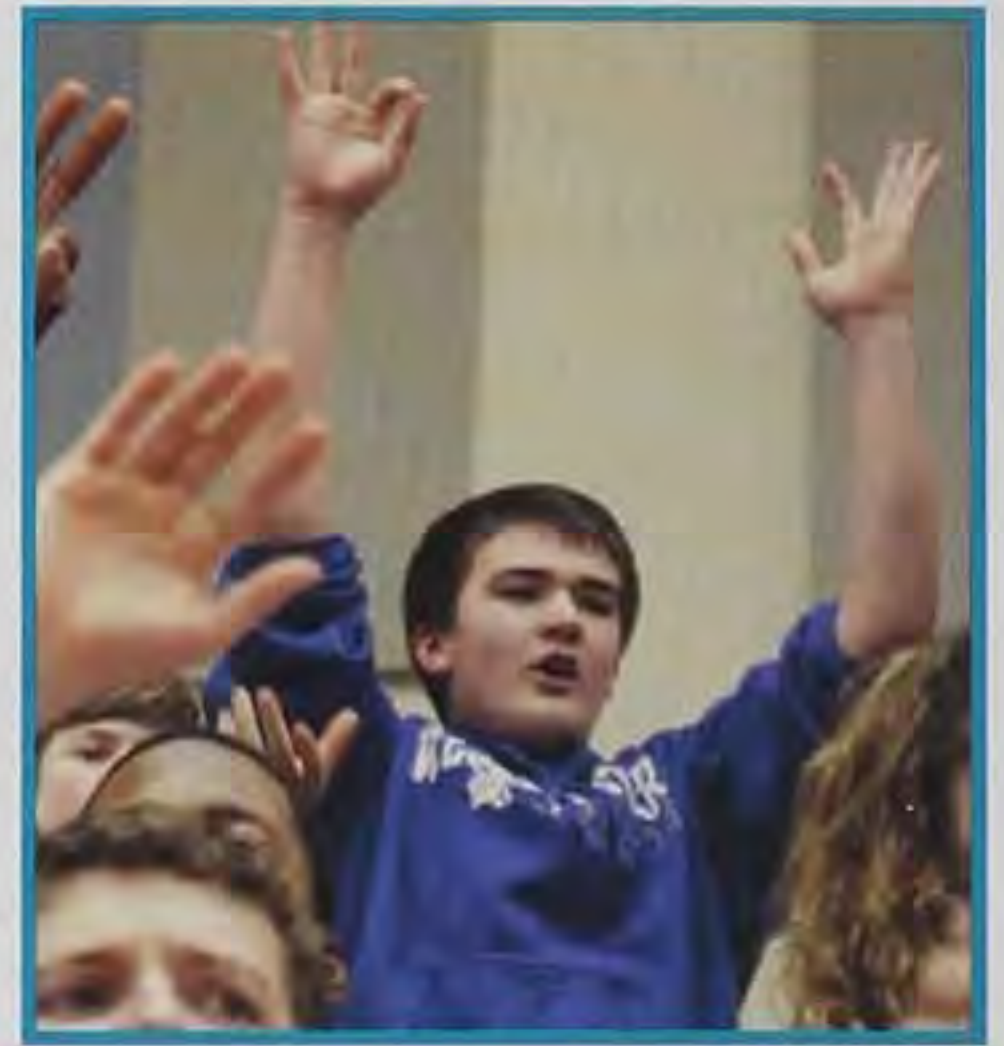


Spencer Moergan, senior, finds his way to the top of a boulder. Climbing isn't new to Moergan. He also enjoyed similar activities like hiking and biking.

Max Lindstrom, senior, boulders at Upper Limits. Lindstrom, new to bouldering, made a plan of attack before summing the 15 foot rock to ensure success.



Games Galore.



Watching a varsity basketball game on February 8, **Connor Hafenrichter**, eighth grade, holds up three fingers to celebrate a member of the squad scoring a three-pointer. The team won the contest against Christian High 52-39.



During a Friday night home game, **Alec Runge** and **Austin Benefield**, sophomores cheered on the boys varsity team. "The blue crew gives people an opportunity to just go crazy, have fun, and take a break from school and support the players and get them pumped which makes the game more enjoyable for everyone," said Benefield.

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very year WCA had one week of fun games and events. The Spirit Club members were the ones behind all of the fun and excitement. They met every Wednesday morning to try and figure out all of the fun games.

"I spent a lot of time trying to make sure that everything was put together and in order so that everyone can have a great time during Spirit Week." said Allie Calhoun, senior and president of the Spirit Club.

During spirit week, games were played on Monday and Tuesday. The traditional games included Chariot race, Tug O' war, Balloon stomp. The Spirit Club came up with new games such as Mattress surfing, Human bowling, Lands end relay, and Baby ring relay.

"Mattress surfing was a great new addition. It involves a lot of people who need teamwork, strategy, and strength to win." said Caleb Krumsieg, sophomore.

All of the games added up to the final score of the overall week. The seniors did well in the games and overall won Spirit Week for the second time.

"Champions get plaques, two time champs get the plaque again." said Zach Hampton, senior.



In the 2011-2012 school year, the spirit club introduced Lady Wildcat. The Wildcats appeared at many events such as spirit week, basketball games, and school rallies. The people in the suits always changed so no one ever knew who they were.




During a home game against Christian High, **Jacob Regan**, sophomore, cheers on the men's varsity Wildcats. Regan was a member of the men's junior varsity basketball squad.



Since **Leah Janssen** was the smallest in the junior class, she was designated to be in mattress surfing. "It was really easy for me because all I had to do was hold on! I didn't realize that it was so tiring for the guys. I want to do it again next year." said Janssen.





Allie Calhoon, senior and president of Spirit Club, celebrates the second Spirit Week championship for the class of 2012. It was the second time in Westminster history that a class won both their junior and senior year. "Winning two years in a row was incredible! All of the grades did such a good job this year and really made the competition intense which made it even more exciting."



Cheering on the basketball team at a home match, **Daniel Pollmann**, junior, encourages the squad. "Two words: Jack Dohr," said Pollmann.

Jonathon Roth, senior, celebrates after a member of the varsity basketball squad makes a shot. Roth played on the varsity football team in the fall.

Spirit Club & Blue Crew 7 [five.]



Summer Smith, junior, leads off of a base during the home game against Ursuline Academy. The Wildcats won 7-4. Smith had been playing softball for 11 years, and she played second base for Westminster.



Exciting, "Exciting," was the one word Ellie Huffman, senior, used to describe her last softball season as a Lady Wildcat. "I was able to see players develop, and the fact that we came together as not only a team, but a family, made this season even more **memorable**," said Huffman.

Huffman was not the only one who felt that her last season was one to remember. Jocelyn Sheffield, senior, was captain of the team and agreed with Huffman.

"In WCA history, the softball team has never made it past Sectionals, let alone go to State," said Sheffield. "And for me to be a part of **history**, especially my senior year, makes me so happy."

The varsity team graduated four seniors who not only had a **passion** for the game, but also a strong love for their team. "I know I will miss the girls and how close we became," said Brynn Benes, senior. "In the end, we all were playing for **God**, ourselves, and each other," said Sheffield.

Through Varsity Softball's successful season, the girls were able to shape Westminster's **image** both on and off the field. They utilized the **fifth** building to represent Westminster teams both on and off the field **VERSUS** other teams.

Fun & games.

"Yes, I got it over!" said Lily Fiala, seventh grade, during practice. On the last hour of the day, the seventh and eighth grade girls shared the gym. "I really enjoy doing drills and hopefully I will be on Varsity just like my older sister Lauren," said Allison Thoenen, seventh grade.

While the seventh graders were having fun playing the sport with their friends, right across the gym the eighth graders were getting down to business, dedicated to their sport. "We like to be serious, but we joke around all the time. One of our favorite games we play is 'Queen of the Court,'" said Lauren Griesedieck, eighth grade. In Queen of the Court, both teams play out a volley and the winners are named queen of the court.

The middle school teams came up with cheers such as jumping around and yelling. "When we got the winning point against Maryland Heights we screamed out our cheer 'Bump set spike it, that's the way we like it!'" said Savannah Mathews, seventh grade.

Lily Fiala, seventh grade, warms up her serve during practice. "I really like the game Queen of the Court," said Fiala.

Lauren Lindgren, eighth grade, works on her passes during the pregame warmup. Lindgren was one of the teams starting passers.



1. "1,2,3, WILDCATS!"
2. "Goooo Team!"
3. "Awe Team!"
4. "Uno, dos, tres, say what, say what, ACE!"
5. "Bump, set, spike it, that's the way we like it!"

Top 5 cheers.



During a pre-game warm up, **Macy Catlett**, eighth grade, sets the ball. "Macy gives us tips and always works hard," said **Avery Drury**, eighth grade.



Molly Schoch, seventh grade, practices her serve during practice. The middle school teams practiced during the day for their sports as opposed to the high school students who practiced after school.



Playing on the home court, **Gabby James**, seventh grade, sets the ball against Word of Life. The 7th grade A team won 2-0. "Gabby is really encouraging, she has great sets and serves," said **Emily Kessel**, seventh grade.



During practice, **Eri Ridenhour**, seventh grade, peppers with a partner. The seventh grade teams practiced in a big group instead of splitting into teams.



Gracie Nye, eighth grade, serves the ball during practice. "Gracie is a consistent volleyball player, and she is funny and encouraging," said **Lucy Kehr**, eighth grade.





Lauren Griesedieck, eighth grade, warms up before a scrimmage against the other eighth grade team. "When we are down in games, Lauren always picks us up and encourages us," said **Elizabeth Harding**, eighth grade.

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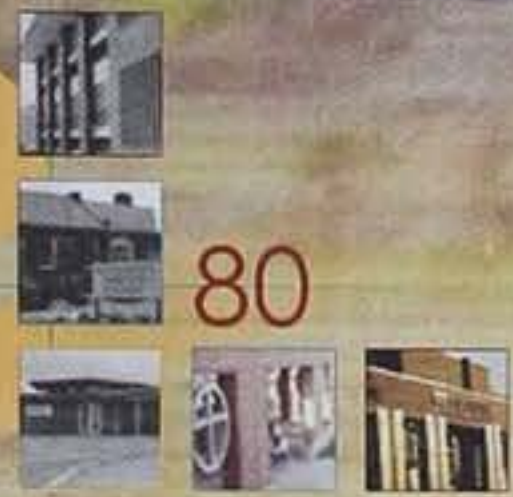





CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
of the Wildcats

Anna Kuiper, sophomore, sets the ball up to her hitter. Playing under the coaching direction of her mother, Kuiper said, "I had a fun and new kind of season."

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Taylor Pfeifer, sophomore, jumps to serve the ball in the home game against Notre Dame. Playing on JV for her second year, Pfeifer led the team as a captain. She also served as the team's libero.



Focusing on the ball, **Lara Yeast**, freshman, passes the ball to her setter at the Francis Howell North tournament. "I was able to make a lot of new friends on the team this year," said Yeast.



"Raspberries!"

"It's fun Friday!" said Coach Kuiper, the JV girls' volleyball coach. Every Friday throughout the season, Kuiper decided to use a reward to motivate the girls to work hard and play right. The first, and most remembered, prize was sweet and delicious raspberries. "The raspberries were my favorite," said Logan Cantagi, sophomore. Whether in a practice or game, a player who did something exceptional would receive a raspberry. "It meant we were improving and she was teaching us we did it right," said Anna Kuiper, sophomore.

Other treats received on Fridays included cookies and candies, as well as the occasional opportunity to be released early from practice. A game called doubles, where the players volley one another two against two, also became a reward.

Looking forward to the weekly tradition, Claire Kopsky, sophomore, asked, "when else do you get to eat during volleyball practice?" The teammates agreed that awareness of this motivation helped the team through the season. "It gives us a chance to positively analyze our game and helps get us in the mental state [we need to] improve our game," said Kopsky.

Raspberries were not only a motivation and tradition throughout the season, but they also became a team cheer to shout before or after a match. "It was a reminder to be on our toes, focus on the game, and have fun at the same time," said Kopsky.

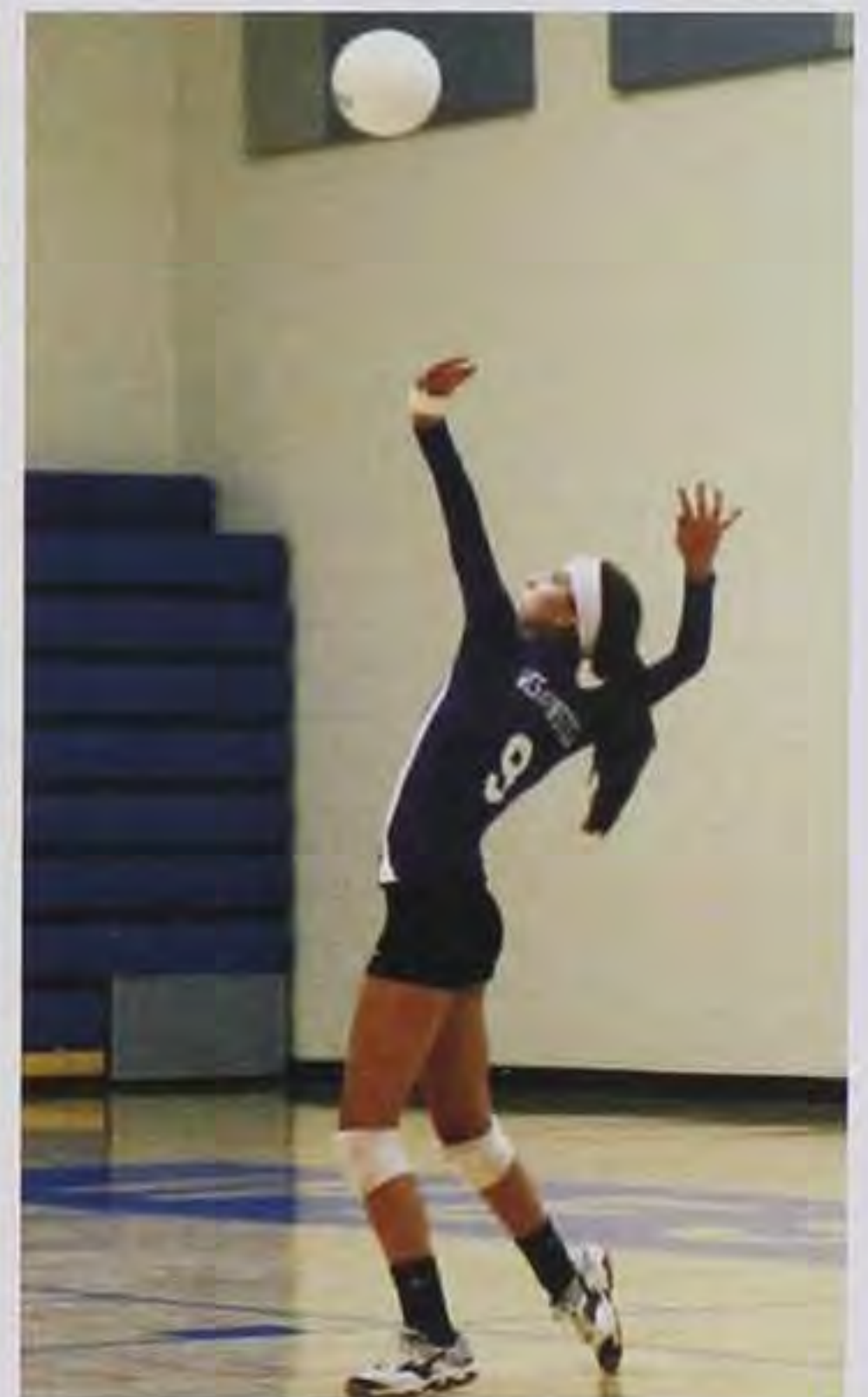


At the Francis Howell North tournament, the freshman team celebrates an aced serve. The lady wildcats ended with a season record of 10-11.

Adrienne Horn, freshman, goes up for a kill as middle hitter. "I had never played this position before so I liked doing something new this season," said Horn.



The JV volleyball team stands by to support the varsity team. The lady wildcats pulled out a 1st place win at the Clayton tournament despite numerous injuries throughout the season.



Keeping her eye on the ball in the home match against Notre Dame, **Celeste Beckman**, sophomore, serves the ball. Beckman was chosen by the JV team to be a captain.

- ## 5 Fun Friday Favorites
1. Raspberries
 2. Doubles
 3. Candy
 4. Early Release
 5. Cookies

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Jam Session.

"Everywhere we go, people wanna know, who we are, so we tell them. WE'RE WESTMINSTER VARSITY!" Running through the halls, warming up before every home game, the Varsity Volleyball team yelled this chant at the top of their lungs to pump themselves up.

"We do a lot of traditions to warm up. It pumps up the team and leaves everyone in a good mood before we play," said Dani Evans, senior.

Something new that the team started in the 2011 season was dance parties. Before every game in the team room, the varsity team turned their team iHome up to full blast and jammed to all their favorite team songs such as, 'Move if You Wanna' by Mims, 'Sweet Dreams the Remix' by Beyonce, and 'Best Love Song' by Chris Brown.

"It gets pretty intense in the team room before games. Karlee is like, the only good dancer so we try to imitate her and it just ends up being really funny," said Sadie Stipanovich, junior, about Karlee Heinemann, senior.

Stranded

Because of a car malfunction, half the team plus the coaches had to stay at a **sketchy gas station** late into Sunday night in the small town of Cuba.

After **2 hours** of waiting next to farmers, drug dealers, and highway workers, the tow truck finally came and rescued the team from misery. "It wa **so scary**, but **so fun** at the same time." said **Sadie Stipanovich**, junior.



Assisting from the outside, **Bailey Benes**, junior, sets for the middle hitter. "I was really proud of her," said **Kelsey Walton**, assistant coach.



Serving, **Lauren Theonen**, junior, hit an ace. Theonen's serves led the team to victory, as she was the clutch server during many games.



Ellie Bettlach, junior, warms up before the home match against Lafayette High School. Bettlach played defensive specialist.



During a home game, **Megan Tilley**, junior, saves the ball from hitting the net. Tilley had the highest number of assists on the team during the season.

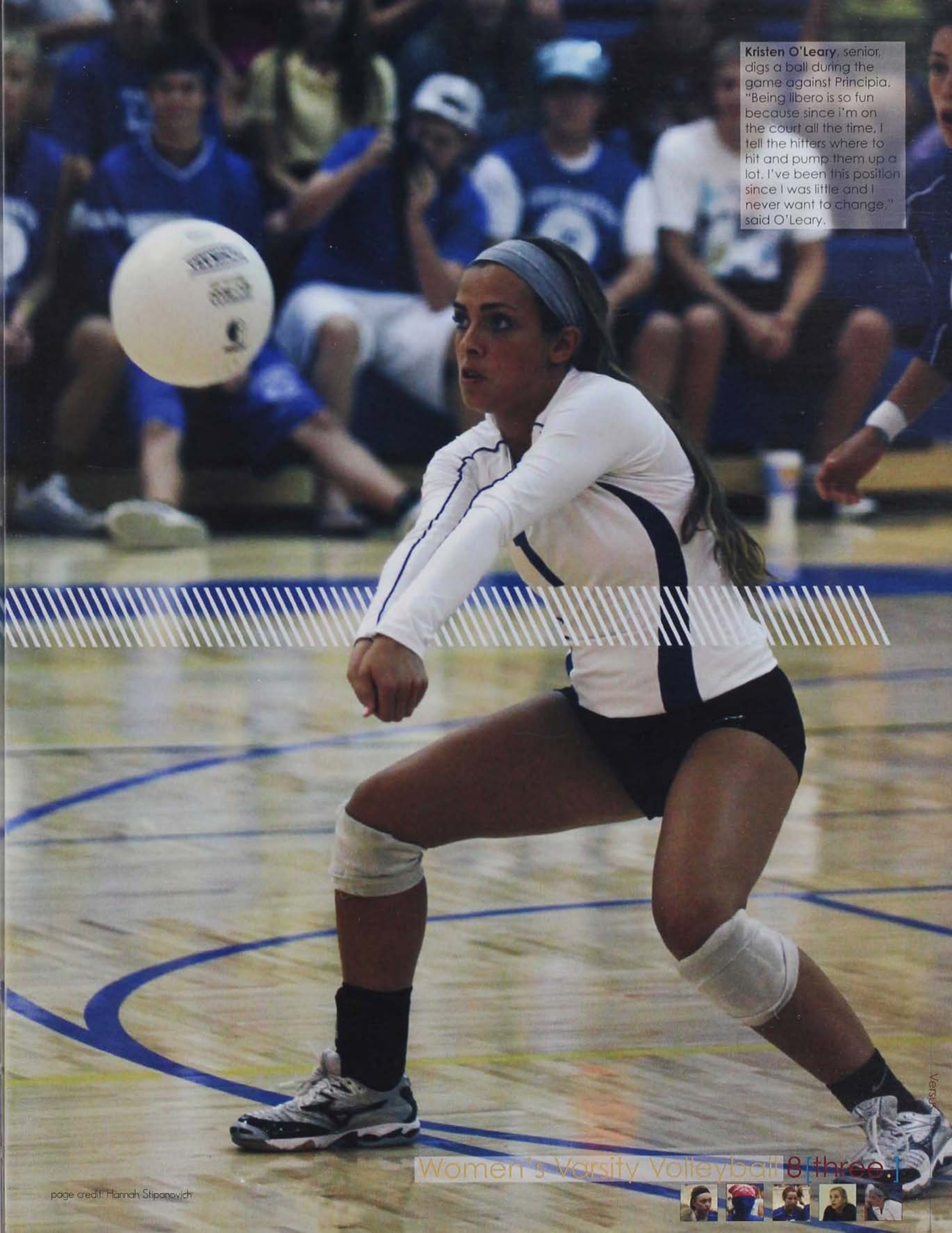


Warming up for the home game against Troy, **Karlee Heimemenn**, senior, practices her serve. The Lady Wildcats beat Troy in two games.

Sadie Stipanovich and **Erin Bognar**, juniors, chest bump before their match. Chest Bumps became their go-to action before and during the games. "It was funny because one time I chest bumped Kristen to the ground because I'm a foot taller than she is," said Stipanovich, about **Kristen O'Leary**, senior. Chest bumps were decidedly a favorite of the team during games, claiming that they always got cheered up.



Kristen O'Leary, senior, digs a ball during the game against Principia. "Being libero is so fun because since i'm on the court all the time, I tell the hitters where to hit and pump them up a lot. I've been this position since I was little and I never want to change," said O'Leary.



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Annie Backs, eighth grade, runs to first base during practice. The softball team was participating in a scrimmage and working on improving their skills.

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why play?

Lindsey Falkner, eighth grade, warms up before batting. It was Falkner's first year playing softball.



After a win, Ciarra Hampton, Annie Backs and Kendra Slater, eighth graders, laugh as they walk off the field



The first few games in a new season are usually the hardest, taking time to learn how to work best with your team. However, the eighth grade softball team had only 3 games in the entire season, not allowing them the luxury of getting to know how each other played. The girls were under the pressure to make their mark and succeed with no second chances.

The girls had differing attitudes, some just wanted to have fun.

"I like to play for fun because if you focus on just winning, it can lead into bad character or even pride... You are much happier to have fun rather than to want to win," says Kendra Slater, eighth grade.

However some of the other girls were more competitive.

"I like to win because it makes you feel like you've achieved something," said Kalista Nelson, seventh grade.



Ashley Woodall and Kim Mitchell, eighth grade softball coaches, instruct the team during a practice. "When our team is losing, we just try to keep focused and encourage each other," said Kendra Slater, eighth grade.



During a scrimmage, Alyssa Shikles, seventh grade, finishes a run around the bases. Shikles had been playing softball since kindergarten.



Stepping up to home plate, Ciarra Hampton, eighth grade, prepares to make a hit during the middle school's third game of the season.



Megan Wibbenmeyer, eighth grade, runs to first base during a scrimmage.

"Our favorite exercise is when we squat down like a catcher and push our knees apart with our elbows."

Annie Backs, eighth grade

warm-ups.

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Violet Kouzes, junior, stands ready as Pattonville is up to bat. Kouzes had been on the softball team for three years. It was her second year as captain.

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Optimism is Key.

Even though the season started off slow for the girls' JV softball team, they did not lose spirit due to their losses. "We haven't had the best track record. Our season hasn't been the best, but everyone strives to do their best and improve," said Melissa Blackwell, sophomore.

The girls instead focused on playing leading role for each other by encouragement. "If I make an error I can always count on my team to tell me to shake it off and get the next one," said Megan Johnson, freshman.

In fact, the lady Wildcats were notoriously heard across the parking lot while cheering their teammates on. The loudest of the supporters was Hannah Giesz, freshman. When asked, the majority of the girls agreed that they counted on Giesz to keep the cheering alive with her lively voice.

Along with cheering, the girls had many different tactics of motivating each other. Among the most popular was encouraging words and jokes. Another favorite occurred after the game. "Sometimes [my teammates] would bring cupcakes," said Elise Burton, sophomore. Although the season did not have many wins for the JV girls, they still found ways to stay positive.

Busch Turf

Busch Stadium donated the grass that once covered the Cardinals stadium. It was removed for the U2 concert on July 17. The grass was placed on the new softball field at the new Westminster Campus.

"It makes the softball team feel recognized as a serious sport at WCA."
Stephanie Strophkamp,
 freshman.

The team waits for the umpires to arrive for their last game of the season against St. Charles. The game started after an hour long warm up.

Daria Vonderahe, sophomore, catches in order to help her teammate warm up during the game against Principia. The lady Wildcats won 15-2 that afternoon.



Getting ready to bat, **Kirsten Caplinger**, freshman, plays in the away game against Principia. "I tell myself that I can hit and have been working all season for this moment," said Caplinger.



Rebecca Nixon, junior, prepares to pitch for the team's last game. "JV has not yet reached the very competitive side of softball yet, so we are just there to have fun," said Nixon.



At the first home game of the year, **Melissa Blackwell**, sophomore, lines up to swing at the pitch. The team beat Lutheran South with a final score of 20-1.



During the home game against Lutheran South, **Hannah Geisz**, freshman, encourages her teammates while their opponent is up to bat.

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Hitting the ball, **Sydney Seabaugh**, sophomore, makes it to first base in the State Quarterfinal game against Centralia.



Courtney McGhee, junior, sprints to third base during the home game against Ritenour High School. The Lady Wildcats won by a score of 6-5.



Ellie Huffman, senior, loads to hit the ball. Huffman was named to the All Conference First team along with 3 other Westminster softball players.



While playing defense, **Jensen Holt**, sophomore, gets in ready position. Holt played short stop, third base, and outfield during the season.



Bryn McKie, senior, prepares to hit the ball. McKie's favorite game was the District Championship against Kennedy.



Catching the ball, **Brynn Benes**, senior, gets an out at first base. Benes was the starting first baseman for four years.



Touching home plate, **Kristen Ahlbrand**, sophomore, scores during a home game versus Lutheran St. Charles. Ahlbrand also hit a game winning three run home run, which lead to the final score of 6-5.



Jessica Johnson, junior, pitches a strike during the game against Fort Zumwalt North. "I felt like this year we were all one big family by the end of the season," said Johnson.



A Final Four First.

"When we beat Kennedy, I was overwhelmed with excitement. They wanted to beat us so bad because we beat them earlier in the season. But our team didn't let down and fought hard. We were all screaming, some cried. It was really awesome to win districts my senior year" said Brynn Benes, senior, about the District Championship 6-5 win over Kennedy. The Lady Wildcats had no idea exactly how far they could make it in the softball post-season.

They later went on to defeat Bishop DuBourg in Sectionals, 15-0, with each girl on the team contributing in some way for the win. Three days later, the Lady Wildcats, along with their families, caravanned down to DeSoto for the State Quarterfinal. The Wildcats won the game 5-4 by scoring the winning run in the bottom of the seventh to break the tie. "When I realized we were going to state I felt like I'd accomplished something unimaginable by being the first pitcher to take our team to state" said Jessica Johnson, junior.

By making it to the final four in Springfield, the Lady Wildcats not only made Wildcat history but they also accomplished something extraordinary. Even though the girls lost both of their games in Springfield, they brought home a state, class three, fourth place trophy and made memories that would last forever. Bryn McKie's favorite memory from Springfield was "eating pizza with all the girls in one hotel room while watching the World Series" said McKie. Another of the team's favorite memories was "playing in the Missouri State stadium with all the girls. I knew most of the girls would never experience something like this and it was cool to be able to be there with them," said Ellie Huffman, senior and captain.

The Lady Wildcats made Westminster history not because of individual talent, but through the kind of teamwork that came from a friendship on and off the field.

Cardinals Kids Television!

The Varsity Softball team helped their coach, Andy Benes, film a segment for Cardinals Kids TV. The TV show premiered on Fox Sports Midwest and featured the girls playing, catching, and hitting with Fredbird.





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SPORTS

Third Time's a Charm.

"It was impossible to stop smiling. It's one thing to know we have it won, but it's amazing to hear your name called up as the first place champ," said Margaret Moore, senior and captain. This year's women's varsity golf team finally brought home a state championship after coming close the last two years.

The past two years the team has come in third place. The first year the team placed third they were only trailing by a few strokes going into the second day and could make a comeback. However, due to rain the second day was cancelled and the team had to settle for third. Last year, the team faced strong opponents and were without senior experience and clinched the third place trophy. This year, the Wildcats were determined to win it all.

What really made this year different was the desire to win as a team rather than to achieve an individual title. "We wanted to win State as a team more than anything. None of us were worried about placing individually," said Ciara Younger, junior. "Our team is really close, and it was so fun to win state with them," said Maggie Mauze, senior.

"Honestly, I would have been fine if I didn't win an individual title and just my team won," said Brooke Cusumano, junior and state champion, to the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

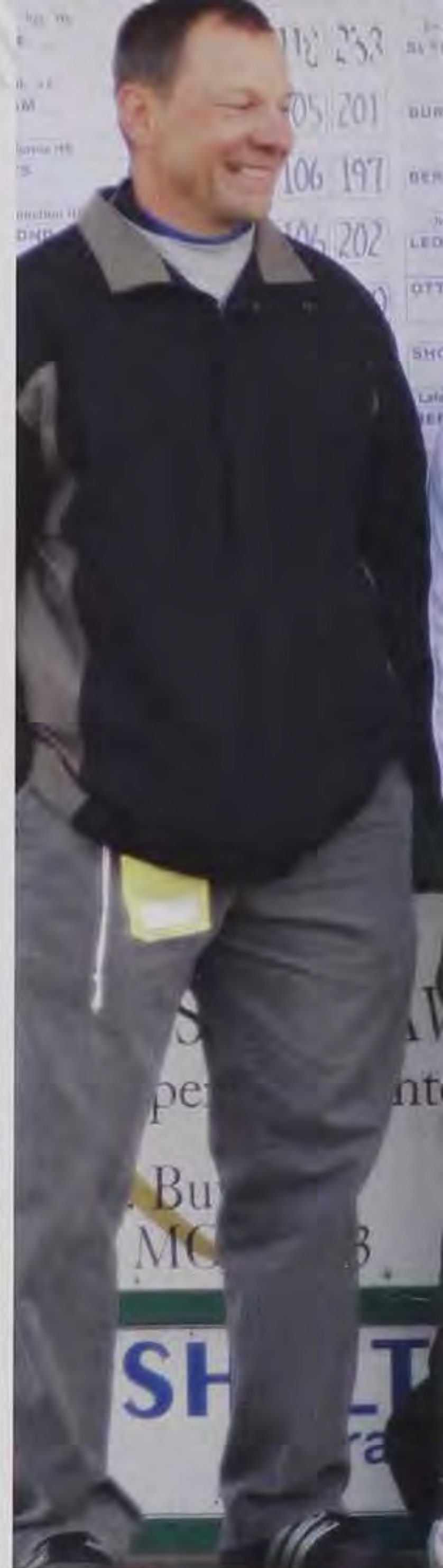
"We won by 91 strokes which is incredible and we won humbly which was my favorite part," said Rachael Gantner, senior. Now the banner with these girls' names on it will hang forever in the new Arena.

Margaret Moore, senior, tees off at Westborough Country Club, where her family had a club membership. Moore was captain of the golf team for the second year in a row. She received third place individually at the state tournament.

During the match against Visitation, **Rachael Gantner**, senior, hits over a lake. "She traveled everywhere with us, took pictures, and continually encouraged me," said **Margaret Moore**, senior.

Jordan Wolf, sophomore, lines up her put during the state golf match. Wolf returned to varsity and medaled in six matches, won the conference tournament, districts, sectionals, and placed fourth in state.

At Westborough Country Club, **Emily Orf**, junior, hits out of the rough and past a tree. Orf was a three time member of the JV golf team. "I love golf because it really teaches you patience and it takes a lot of skill," said Orf.



Hangin' with JV.

"I like riding in teammates' cars on the way to golf because I get to see what American teenagers are like, (driving fast, getting fast food before practice, and listening to loud music)," said **Eunna Gu**, junior.

"The coach left Jordan at school and had to go back and get her," said **Alex Hagemeyer**, sophomore.

"The JV pulled their weight as they played in varsity matches. They all played outstanding and I cannot wait to see what the team does next year," said **Margaret Moore**, senior captain.

From Varsity to JV:

"I decided to try and hit with my putter at the driving range, it ended up flying straight up and hitting me in the head," said **Anna Hagen**, freshman.





The team celebrates after the state match in Bolivar, Missouri. The wildcats not only brought home a first place team trophy, but a few individual medals as well. **Brooke Cusumano** won first in state, **Margaret Moore** placed third, **Jordan Wolf** placed fourth, and **Ciara Younger** placed seventh.



Maggie Mauze, senior, putts on the seventeenth green at the state tournament. Mauze was a part of the varsity golf team for four years.



Brooke Cusumano, junior, eyes the green at Westborough Country Club. Cusumano shot the lowest individual score in school's history with a one under par 35. Cusumano also won the individual state championship.



During the state match, **Ciara Younger**, junior, drives the ball down the fairway. Initially Younger was not eligible to play because of transfer issues. After becoming eligible, she placed seventh in state.



During a practice round, **Megan McDaniel**, freshman, hits from the middle of the fairway to get to the green.

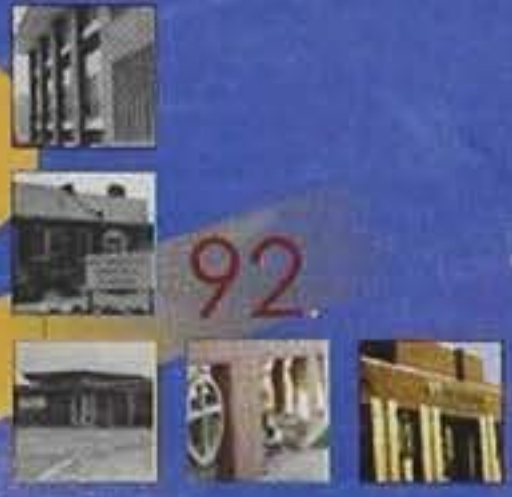
Women's JV & Varsity Golf 9[one.]





Claire Fellows, eighth grade, returns a hit during practice in a game of *Around the World*. The goal of the drill was to be the last girl standing by always returning the ball. "The feeling of hitting the ball against my racket and sending it far into the other court is unbelievable!" said Fellows.

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right off the racket.

Coming into middle school, students had the choice to play a sport instead of taking PE. In the fall, tennis was one of those options for the girls. "I thought it was cool we could do sports instead of PE. I chose tennis because I love playing it!" said Olivia Holt, seventh grade.

Once students made the decision to play tennis, the first day of practice arrived rapidly. However, the girls were not able to play on the first day due to a heat advisory. "We stayed inside to do fitness testing," said Holt. When the first day of practicing on the courts came, students had varying experiences. For the seventh graders, "the coaches watched us hit balls [to determine] who would be on the advanced team and who would be on the team who needed a little more help," said Holt.

Eighth graders seemed to have a more fun-based first day. "On the first day of practice, Coach Talley and I played in front of the other girls and he told them that if I beat him he would take us to six flags. But of course, I knew he wouldn't let me win, so I failed in front of our class," said Tessa Copeland, eighth grade. Copeland was a new student to WCA, and the competition against Coach Talley allowed her to make friends on her first day. "I do remember meeting a really nice girl named Tessa Copeland. If I hadn't taken tennis class, I would never have met her. She is really nice to everyone, and now is one of my best friends!" said Claire Fellows, eighth grade.

middle school matches?

For the first year in WCA history, middle school girls played matches against other schools.



"I am extremely excited about playing matches this year. It is a great opportunity for us, and really fun!" said **Tessa Copeland**, eighth grade.

"I love [playing matches]! The experience is really helpful, and gets us ready for high school. The only thing is, I don't like how you have to sign up for tournaments because then there is not always enough room for everyone to play," said **Claire Fellows**, eighth grade.



Christina Mason, seventh grade, moves in to return a hit during a drill. She returned it with a backhand.



During a game of Around the World, **Julia Harre**, eighth grade, reaches to return a hit. The girls often ended practice with a drill such as Around the World.



Sarah Broyles, seventh grade, rolls up her sleeves during practice. The middle school girls could not go outdoors the first day of practice due to a heat advisory.



Keeping her eye on the ball, **Alivia Johnston**, seventh grade, prepares to return the ball during practice. The girls met four times a week in the afternoons.



Rachel Berry, seventh grade, hits the ball close to the net. Berry played a singles match against **Christina Mason**, seventh grade.

Women's Middle School Tennis 9 [three.]



Pink Wednesdays

Kaylee Noel, sophomore, **Emma Schoch**, and **Sarah Jane Fiala**, freshmen wear pink to practice. In honor of Mary Snapp, junior. Every Wednesday the JV girls wore pink. "Pink Wednesdays are the bomb! We have so much fun and embrace our inner-girliness," said Barker.



Elise Hearne, junior, returns the ball to her opponent during a doubles match with her partner, **Haley Woolbright**, sophomore. "Haley and I met through JV tennis my sophomore year and I love being with her. Her favorite thing is pudding so we would always talk about pudding," said Hearne.



Angelina Steck, freshman, plays a doubles match with her partner. Steck and her partner won the doubles match 8-6. Steck played with a bad knee from surgery. "I always am scared something will happen to my knee before I start playing a match," said Steck.



Before her doubles match against St. Josephs Academy, **Haley Woolbright**, sophomore warms up with a rally.



Practicing for her doubles match, **Callie Christen**, freshman, rallies the ball back and forth with her doubles partner.

Two Hours of Misery.

Facing a two hour match, **Mary Snapp**, junior, played a singles match against Lutheran North's varsity team. Snapp, the number one player on the girls' JV tennis team, played against Lutheran North's top player on their varsity team. "She was very consistent and never missed a shot!" said Snapp.

Snapp won the first set 7-5. "We were really evenly matched, and it was a good game. We kept going back and forth. Neither one of us wanted to give up a point!" said Snapp.

Unfortunately, in the second set, her opponent won 6-4. By this point, Snapp was exhausted. "She looked so tired and exhausted, but that did not stop her." said Madilynn Blum, freshman. Tied 1-1, they had to go into a super tiebreaker to determine the winner.

Going into the super tie break Snapp and her opponent kept winning point after point, tying it up to 7-7. Snapp was getting really nervous. Eventually, Snapp's opponent won the match. "It was a very difficult match and it took a very long time, but it was fun and my opponent was really good!" said Snapp.



Janie Hughes, freshman, warms up with her opponent before the match against Lutheran North. Hughes won the match 6-4.

Mary Snapp, junior, plays Cor Jesu in a doubles match with her partner, **Morgan Siebenman**, sophomore. "I really love having Morgan as a doubles partner. We work really good together, and we get along great," said Snapp.

During her singles match, **Amber Terschak**, junior, forehands the ball. It was Terschak's third year playing for the tennis team.



Olivia Willis, junior, stretches to return a ball during a match against St. Josephs. Willis won the match 7-6. "The girl I played had really good ground strokes and knew exactly where to be for the next ball. It was hard but I love the challenge," said Willis.



Women's JV Tennis 9 [five.]



Serving the ball, **Maggie Duffy**, senior, sends a shot over the net to the Wildcat rival Principia. The Varsity girls spent many bonding experiences eating barbeque chicken pizzas at the Duffy's restaurant.



ping pong anyone?

After a long match against Villa Duchesne, the girls were tied 4-4. Normally when tied, the teams would play one more match to determine the winner. However, Nathan Talley, coach, decided to do something a little different and play ping pong. "Both coaches decided it was a different, memorable conclusion to the match that reminds both teams that tennis is primarily about having fun," said Talley.

Screams and cheers filled the air as the battle began. The girls had a rough start and were trailing Villa 4 to 8, yet they evened the score after some rallies. Finally, the girls took the lead with 3 people left compared to Villa's one player. "There was a ton of yelling and it was exciting and nervewracking at the same time," said Anna Bergman, sophomore.

The Villa opponent held her ground, but Esther McGowan, sophomore, hit a shot that the opponent could not reach. The girls went crazy and charged McGowan celebrating. "It felt good to win because the other team was trying to get me disqualified by saying I was in college because I was wearing a SLU sweatshirt," said McGowan.



Morgan Nixon, senior, plays doubles with **Esther McGowan**, sophomore. Nixon and McGowan went on to lose in a close tie breaker against Nerinx. Before the match against Nerinx, **Olivia Handler**, senior, warms up with her teammates. Handler played in the number one spot.

Caroline Thompson, senior, hits before the Ursuline match. Thompson was one of the team captains, alongside **Maggie Duffy**, senior.

Annie Schlafly, sophomore, performs her famous "Amazing Acrobat Annie" show. Schlafly twirled her racket and balanced it on her fingers before every match. Schlafly's show also included singing a catchy musical selection.

Famous Nicknames. 5

Sarah Betz = Betzie

Esther McGowan = Kitty Cat

Annie Schlafly = Yannie Yaffy

Anna Bergman = Yanna Yergmen

Horak and Heyl = The Emily's





Paige Stanfill, eighth grade, runs on the track during cross country practice. Stanfill practiced three times a week to get ready for meets during the weekend.

Getting Back Up!

Running two miles is strenuous when running straight, but even worse when running up and down hills. The middle school cross country had to run the hill behind the baseball and softball fields during their weekly practices.

After each practice, the team sprinted up the hill. "The hill is so hard because it's so big and feels like it's going on forever. By the end your legs feel like they are gonna fall off," said Kayla Brown, eighth grade.

Not only was the hill hard to run up because of its size, but many people struggled with staying on their feet. "While I was running I fell down the hill. I couldn't get up by myself either. Caitlin Mundorf had to stop running and come help me up!" said, Anna Stackle, seventh grade.

The students worked on a new running technique that caused many people to fall over. "When we run we have to lean forward a little and tons of people trip over their feet and fall down because their leaning too far forward!" said Eryn Rideout, seventh grade. The runners hard work and bruises paid off and the team improved throughout the season.

Top 5 Foods ...before a meet.

1. Cereal
2. Oatmeal
3. Peanut Butter Toast
4. Bagels
5. Bananas



Alyson McKie, and **Kayla Brown**, eighth graders, run the final sprint in the middle school meet at Priory. "I enjoy running because it helps me relieve the stress of school," said Brown.



Eryn Rideout, seventh grade, finishes the first race against Priory. It was Rideout's first year running cross country.



Practicing the new technique, **Caroline Hughes**, seventh grade, leans forward while running during the first meet.



Michael and **Anna Stackle**, seventh graders, finish an away meet against Priory. It was Stackle's first year running for a cross country team.

Middle School Cross Country 9[nine.]



Coach, We Have a Problem!

The 2011 Cross Country season marked a lot of changes. With both a new coach and new roads to run on, the girls knew that this year was going to be different. What they were not expecting was to lose half of their team due to injuries.

After the first two weeks of practice some of the girls started to feel fatigued. Ramya Gruneisen, senior, was the first, suffering from severe hip pain. "I went in for an MRI. The MRI showed us I had bursitis," said Gruneisen.

Later that week Abby Nixon, sophomore, experienced a throbbing pain in her foot and Dr. Rothrock told me that I had compensated my right foot," said Nixon.

Anna Lindstrom, sophomore, also experienced pain. "I had a really bad shin splint that turned into foot pain." Dr. Rothrock put Lindstrom in a boot for 2 weeks and diagnosed her with a "tibia stress injury."

"It is sad that we weren't able to score as a team," said Laura Tarantino, junior.

But the girls that were not injured were able to pull through to Districts. On Saturday, October 29th, the girls competed in the district race at Jefferson Barracks. Tarantino and Adrienne Kaup both qualified to travel to Jefferson City for state. Tarantino placed fifth while Kaup finished in twelfth place.

In the Hancock Invitational, **Valerie Chavez**, junior, sprints to the finish line. This was Chavez's second year running for the team.

Finishing the last mile, **Olivia Coomes**, freshman, passes an Orchard Farm qualifier. Throughout the season, Coomes was the only freshmen to compete on the varsity level.



Anna Lindstrom, sophomore, was injured throughout the season. Lindstrom was out for over four weeks. "I was so excited when I was released to run again," said Lindstrom.



Lily Duell, freshmen, smiles while running in the fresh fall breeze. "After I finish a race I am tired, but I just can't stop smiling," said Duell. Her personal record for the season was 25:34.

During the challenging Sioux Passage race, **Mackenzie Yeager**, sophomore, treks up the Man Maker. "The large teams looked intimidating since we only had three girls running, but I didn't let that bother me," said Yeager.



Lucy Wynn, senior, runs in the flat Orchard Farm Race. "I got to run Orchard Farm for the first time in my whole Cross Country career! We just happened to be running at dusk so it was just so gorgeous," said Wynn.



Finishing the race at the Orchard Farm meet, **Adrienne Kaup**, senior, places 12th. Kaup ran cross country for two years.



Running through the prairie at Orchard Farm, **Laura Tarantino**, junior, perseveres towards the finish line. Tarantino completed the race with a personal record of 19:39.



What's Your Running Jam?

Adrienne: Sober by P!nk

Laura: All These Things That I've Done by The Killers

Lucy: Top 40 from 2009

Valerie: Magic by B.O.B

Women's JV & Varsity Cross Country 10[one.]



During the home game against Principia, **Zach Shultz**, eighth grade, battles it out on the field for possession of the ball. This was Schultz's second year in the middle school soccer program. The wildcats beat Principia by a score of 4-0.



all for one one for all.

The new changes to Westminster this year brought needed dramatic restructuring of the middle school boys soccer program. In the past years, the eighth grade would practice separate from the seventh grade A and B soccer teams, and all three teams had different coaches. However, all three teams shared two things in the 2011 season; they practiced together and shared the same coach, Judy Pritchett.

"This has taken some getting used to, but it's not all that bad," said Jack Linton, eighth grade. "My coach, Mrs. Pritchett, has a lot to do, but she gets the job done. It amazes me how good she is at making all three teams feel like they have her undivided attention. With all the room on the field, space has not really been a problem," said Sam Hunsicker, eighth grade.

Even with all the changes brought to the program, students like Linton and Hunsicker did not have a problem with the changes. "I think that by us, eighth graders, being out there, it helps prepare the seventh grade teams for what their upcoming season would be like for when they move up to eighth grade," said Linton.

Although drastic adjustments may bring negativity, this change proved to be a success to all three middle school teams.



Jordan Hawkins, eighth grade, settles the ball. Hawkins played as a forward the entire season.

Adan Larraga Manzano and **Alex Hopkins**, eighth graders, listen to coach Pritchett during a huddle after the home game against MICDS. "I feel privileged to have been able to play for my home country and now play for my new team also," said Manzano.



During practice, **David Kerckhoff**, seventh grade, stops in the middle of a drill to listen for further instruction from his coach. Kerckhoff played as a center midfielder on the seventh grade A team.

Jake Matheny, eighth grade, makes a pass to the forwards before the game against Principia. Matheny started the game as a forward, his usual position.

Jack Linton, eighth grade, comes out of the box to save a goal. Linton finished off the second half of the game without letting any goals in the net.

Player Bio: Joonsok Lee

How is soccer different in Korea than in the U.S.?

"For the most part, the game is played the same as it is here. However, I like playing here better because the kids on my team are happier and funnier than they are on my team that I played for back home in Korea. They make soccer more fun for me to play," said **Joonsok Lee**, eighth grade.



Jason Kelly, seventh grade, dribbles the ball during warm up drills to get ready for the first home game of the season against Principia. Kelly played as a member of both the seventh grade A and B team.





At a home game against Lutheran North, **Sean Appelbaum**, freshman, takes a corner kick. Appelbaum played center midfield for the team and his dad was the JV coach.

Pressure Makes Us.

With the pressure of keeping a winning streak, the Wildcats' intensity rose to the challenge against the Priory Rebels. "Our biggest win was at home against Priory," said Dominic Franceschelli, sophomore. The win against Priory was significant because it kept the home game winning streak alive for the team.

The boys hoped that they would not lose because they knew the talent of Priory's Varsity Team. "We went into the game really wanting to win and confident since the first time that we faced them it was a close 1-0 loss," said Brendan Sabadell, sophomore.

Matt Sheehan, sophomore, scored the first goal for the Wildcats to tie the game one to one. "I received a pass, and knew something had to happen, so I knocked the ball into the bottom left corner at the top of the box," said Sheehan. It was also Sheehan's first year back since seventh grade.

The first goal sparked hope for the Cats. "We were ecstatic. That was the first goal we had ever scored on them," said Carl Simakoff, freshman. The team picked up an insurance goal in the last moments of the game scored by Tristan Becker, sophomore. "I jumped over the goalie and hit it in with my knee," said Becker.



Tristan Becker, sophomore, looks to serve the ball against St. Marys. The JV team won the game 2-0.




Advancing up the field, **Drew Straub**, freshman, looks for a pass during the JV's last home game of the year. Straub was the starting left wing defender.



During the game against St. Marys, **Dominic Franceschelli** and **Brendan Sabadell**, sophomores, enjoy a break. It was Franceschelli's second year playing JV.

Against the Principia Panthers, **Ben Evans**, junior, attempts to get a scoring chance. Evans could not play varsity because of MSHSAA rules.

Football & Futbol



"It's really fun playing both soccer and kicking for football. There are conflicts because of the schedules. Sometimes I have to skip games."

David Williams
freshman



Corey Falkner, sophomore, defends a Lutheran North player. During the game, Falkner cored his first goal of the season. The Wildcats won the game by a score of 9-1.



Going to the goal, **Carl Simakoff**, freshman, gets around a Principia Panthers defender. The Wildcats beat the Panthers 4-2.



During the home game against Principia, **Sam Peterman**, freshman, serves a corner kick into the box. The win against Principia brought the JV's record to 7-3-3.



Lake McGinty, freshman, dribbles forward from the back field. McGinty's family was on furlough from Cape Town, South Africa.

Men's JV Soccer 10[five.]



let the hats fly.

Scottish soccer player and coach Bill Shankly was once quoted saying, "[Soccer] is a matter of life and death, except more important." If the Westminster varsity soccer team ever became caught up in this sentiment, it was in the final moments of their match on September 13th against district rivals MICDS.

In the final minutes of the game, down by two goals, the varsity Wildcats looked defeat in the face and rose above it. "I thought to myself...we are going to lose if I don't do something quick," said Jack Dohr, junior. Senior captain Anthony Pritchett also said that the objective of those final minutes was to "push the heck forward." The Wildcats did just that when Dohr scored his first goal of the match. "I knew we still needed another goal to tie the game and we didn't have much time left," said Dohr.

The Wildcats then pushed the ball upfield a second time, ending in a second goal by Dohr. It was not a one-man show, however. The teamwork was there.

"Yeager made a fantastic run," said Pritchett.

"After scoring my second goal I was thrilled. I knew I could out-work them and get another one, so I told myself that was what I was gonna do," said Dohr.

As the boys played the ball near the MICDS goal, the Wildcats tried for a shot. Dohr finally came in and poked the ball past the MICDS goalie for his third goal, completing a hat trick and clinching the victory against the Wildcats' district rivals.

"After I saw it go in the net I went down on my knees and screamed and did some fist pumps... It was a memory I will not forget for a long time," said Dohr.

Keeping Goals Fresh

Jacob Chimento



"Playing with guys three years older than me was a challenge. The shots were harder, strikers were faster, and there was less margin for error. I've never looked at myself as the young freshman who's just trying to make it on the team, but instead as just a varsity goal keeper. I try to hold myself to high standards and perform just as well as everybody else out there in order to help my team...I'm glad that I had the opportunity"

Brent Stump, senior, heads the ball versus Lutheran South in a round robin tournament.



Jack Dohr, junior, gains control of the ball at mid-field as he heads for the goal on September 8th.

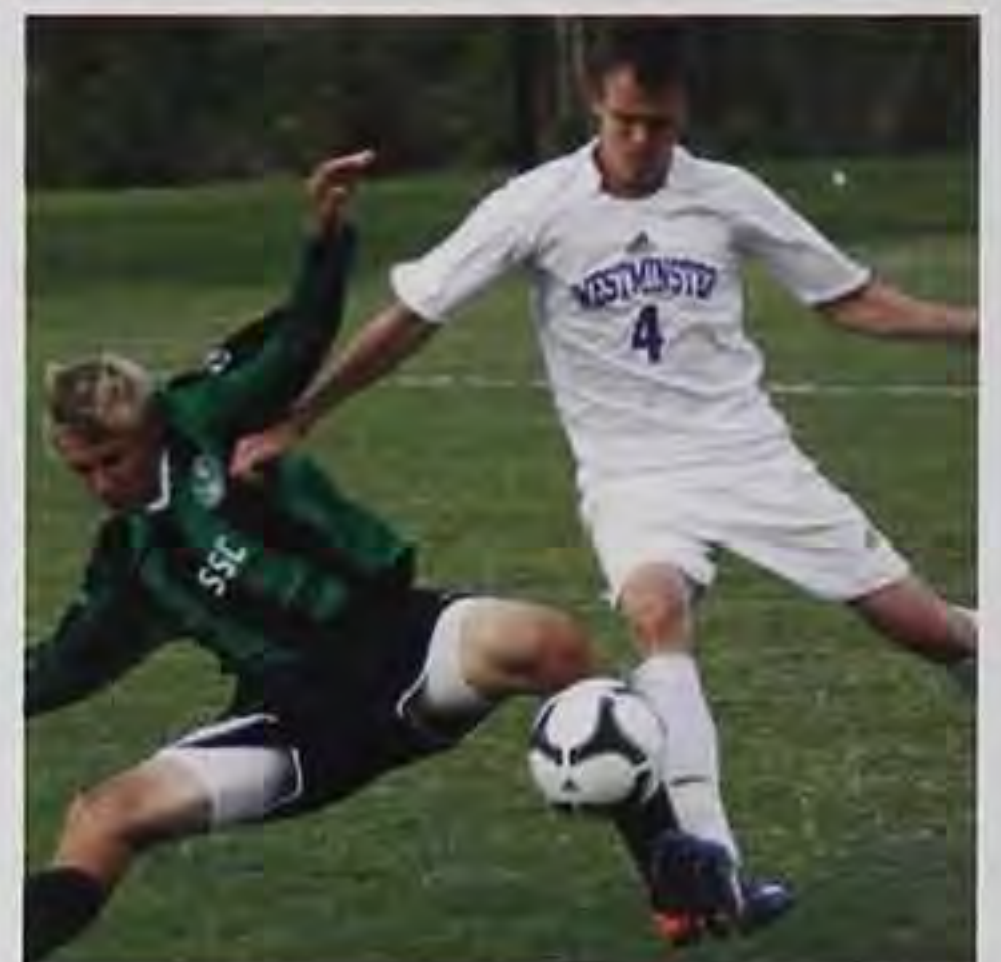


Michael Dudley, junior, prepares for a kick from the Westminster side of the field versus St. Mary's. The Wildcats won the game by a score of 3-1.



Tearing free from his opponent, **Sam Dunne**, freshman, goes past a McCluer North defender. Varsity won by a score of 5-0.

Trying to possess the ball, **Graham Ralls**, senior, plays during the game against St. Marys. Ralls had been on varsity for 2 years.





Anthony Pritchett, senior, possess the ball during the game against Lutheran South High School. Pritchett had been on Varsity for four years. As the senior captain of the team, Pritchett was the driving force behind the varsity team.



Men's Varsity Soccer 10[seven.]



Rookies VS. Veterans.

"Over ninety-five percent of the seventh grade football team is made up of kids who have never played football before," said Tim Muehleisen, head coach.

The new players had to work hard to prepare for the season. "It is the fourth week of school and I have been playing football every day. It is now my favorite sport. I really enjoy it, but I'm still trying to learn how to tackle correctly," said Matt Thomas, seventh grade.

The veterans found it much more enjoyable when they knew what to expect: "This is my second year of football and I like it much more than when I was a beginner. I used to be scared and didn't have good form, but now I know how to flatten people so it's so much more fun," said Cooper Moore, seventh grade.

Many of the new players said it was very scary going out on the field having only practiced with your team. "I get so scared of being trucked out on the field, but the pads protect me. I still have trouble getting the pads on, it takes me a while! All the boys who have played before help me though, like Cooper Moore," said Chase Griesedeick, seventh grade.

Logan Sells, seventh grade, runs the ball down the field and scores a touchdown. Sells was a running back for the seventh grade team.



Running the ball up the field, **Zach Stinehagen**, seventh grade, sprints past the 30 yard line. Stinehagen played quarterback for white offense and corner on defense.



After the home game against Chaminade, **Tom Graham**, eighth grade, walks to the sidelines. Graham played tight end on the offense.



Pre-Game Snacks.

"Before a game, I usually just eat a granola bar,"
-**Nick Cacciarelli**, eighth grade

"I eat a sandwich and chips, enough said,"
-**Joel Johnson**, eighth grade

"I eat pizza cause it's my favorite food,"
-**Charlie Zone**, seventh grade

"I need lots of energy, so I eat a cliff bar,"
-**Brandon Mckissic**, seventh grade

"Nature Valley Protien bar always does the trick,"
-**Connor Dolan**, seventh grade



Matthew Thomas, seventh grade, comes off the field to take a water break. "This is my first year playing football and I love it. My favorite position is nose guard because I like to know that I can hit someone and get a good sack," said Thomas.



Playing defense, **Austin Loveland**, seventh grade, blocks a Vianney player. The game versus Vianney was the team's first game of the season.

Cooper Moore, seventh grade, grabs some water on the side lines. "I play center, so I am a lineman and get to tackle everyone," said Moore.



The seventh grade starters listen to Coach Muehleisen before the game against Vianney Middle School. It was the team's first game at the new campus on September 17.

Steve Webb, seventh grade, runs the ball down the field. Webb had been playing football for three years.





After catching the ball, **Zach Hughes**, eighth grade, looks to his teammates to find a pass. Hughes was the team's main quarterback during the season.

Boy's Middle School Football 10 | nine.



Brett Bond, sophomore, watches the play after handing off the ball to his running back. "Whooping up on MICDS, making a comeback, and playing as a team were my favorite parts of the season," said Bond.



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Fighting the Odds.

As Brendan Bognar, freshman, rolled outside the protection of his linemen to run, he was hit hard and he dropped to the ground. After a minute of lying on the field in pain, Bognar got up and walked over to the sideline with what was later found out to be a concussion. After regaining his composure, he realized they had a problem: who was going to play quarterback since Bognar was injured?

Fortunately for the team, Kyle Kinner, sophomore, stepped up and said he could play. Kinner had minimal experience in quarterback but, according to Bognar, "He came in and did a really good job." After a fumble recovery from Robert Rasche, sophomore, Kinner threw a 67-yard touchdown to Demitris Williams, sophomore. And if that was not enough, the next drive Kinner led the team down the field to get to the 3-yard line.

"When we got in that huddle, I told the team 'It's all or nothing so lets get this done.' and they did." said Kinner. In sophomore Eric Shaffer's words, "Kinner did the unthinkable." He had thrown a 4-yard touchdown to Demetris Williams yet again. After the touchdown, Westminster's sidelines erupted. "As a team, we were extremely pleased with Kinner's performance," said Bradley Almus, sophomore.



Kyle Kinner and **JD Klein**, sophomores, celebrate after a 45-yard touchdown pass to Kinner during the game against MICDS.

During the game against Christian High School, **Blake Weaver**, freshman, runs the ball across the 50 yard line. The Wildcats won by a score of 48-14.

Sam Sherman, junior, breaks down before macking a tackle Priory game.

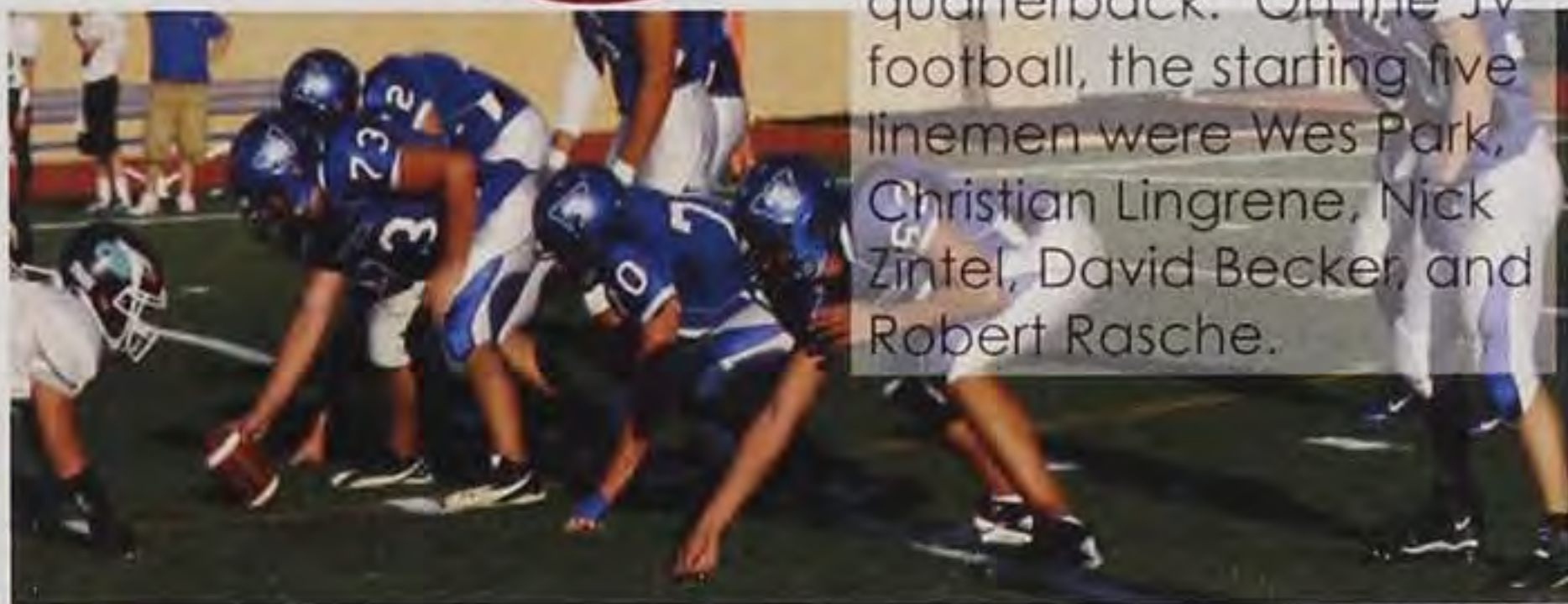
The Front 5

The offensive linemen, or The Front Five, play a important role in a football team, but they don't always get recognized. They have to stop the opposing team from getting to the quarterback. On the JV football, the starting five linemen were Wes Park, Christian Lingrene, Nick Zintel, David Becker, and Robert Rasche.



Robert Rasche, sophomore, defends during the game against MICDS. Rasche played offensive lineman.

Nick Zintel, sophomore, gets in position before the play against Christian High. Zintel played both offensive line and defensive line the 2011 season.



Men's Freshman & JV Football 11 [one.]



to adapt & excel.

The willingness to adjust is just as important as the change itself. "It's a new season, with a new turf field, new coaches, and a new offense. There's a lot being thrown at us. The challenge is to make it all work," said Landon Burke, senior. The all-new Wildcat field was one of the few high school synthetic playing fields in the state of Missouri. Accompanying the field was a state-of-the-art locker room specifically for the use of the football program.

"My favorite part about the year is being able to play on the turf day in and day out in practices. And it's nice to have hot showers, unlike last year," said Caleb Winter, senior offensive end.

Along with the obvious physical changes for the team, the football program also adopted a different offensive strategy.

"We call the new offense the Wing T. It fits better with the team's strengths and skill sets. Our goal is to wear out the opponent as much as possible, and then finally pound it in to score," said Brandon Hafenrichter, senior.

Accompanying the new strategies to win games, the program had a new commander in chief to lead the team to a successful season.

"Coach [Cory] Snyder has been an important part of our wins. He's a great team leader and he knows how to motivate before a game," said Davis Vermillion, senior captain. Despite the many adjustments, the team learned to take advantage of new opportunities.

While injuries are expected in one of the most physical sports, the Wildcats have faced more adversity with physical injuries than ever before. "We had a lot of senior players that got injured late in the season. Me and a few other guys missed the last game of our high school career. That was a bummer." Said Alex Frogge,

- 5 concussions
- 3 knee injuries
- 5 ankle/foot injuries
- 1 back complication
- 2 hand breaks
- 1 shoulder injury



no pain,
no game.



Brennan Bognar, freshman, warms up his arm on the sideline. Bognar played quarterback for the JV football team.



Alex Rideout, junior, plays during the game against Jennings. "That was an exciting game. It's always fun to play in front of big crowds, like during Wildcat Weekend," said Rideout.



Coby Nye, junior, shakes off a tackle at the home game against Lutheran North. Nye had been on varsity for two years.



Followed by his offensive linemen, **Forrest Obenhaus**, senior, drives up the field. "We took every game play by play, doing our best to drive up the field inch by inch," said Obenhaus.

Ryan Conaghan, junior, jukes a tackle on a kick return. Conaghan had been a part of the varsity football program for two years.





Scrambling out of the pocket, quarterback **Jacob Hicks**, junior, plays in the game against Jennings. Hicks had been on varsity for 1 year.

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At the Fort Zumwalt North meet, **Brandon Terlouw**, senior, swims butterfly. Terlouw was one of the team captains the 2011 season.



Eddie Sutphen, junior, swims in the freestyle relay. It was Sutphen's third year swimming for Westminster.



During the St. Peter's relay, **Brandt Wieberg**, sophomore, swims in the 200 medley relay.



Jeff Meyers, senior, backstrokes in the 100 back at home. It was Meyer's first year on the varsity team.



Jake Kehr, junior, swims in the butterfly relay meet at St. Peters. Kehr was the nephew of the team's coach, Kent Kehr.



HIGHLIGHTS Top 5

1. Chuck-A-Burger
2. Water polo Wednesday
3. St. Peter's Relay
4. Pizza Street
5. Cape Girardeau

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Easton Noble, junior, swims butterfly in the 200 medley relay at the annual St. Peters relay meet. "It's really nice, and it's great to be the first athletes to use the facility, which is an honor to have. A true gift from God," said Noble.

the WOW factor.

At the start of a new swim season, members of the 2011-2012 swim team gave their initial impression (or "WOW factor") of the new multi-million dollar facility. "The blocks are like sandpaper, so it improves our starts a lot," said Eli Parham, freshman. Jeff Meyers, senior commented, "It's fantastic how much deck space we have to accommodate opposing teams!" To have a new facility benefits the build of the team's competitive mentality as well as it's functionality in starting the new dive team.

It began late in the season of 2010 when Coach Kent Kehr and several to-be seniors expressed interest in starting a dive team. "Over the summer I learned to do a one-and-a-half," said Jonathan Bopp, senior. "We've had one before, and there would be no reason not to use the boards until the girls season in the spring," said Coach Kehr. Because of the high interest and demands from the numerous swimmers, the 2011-2012 school year produced a men's dive team.

Bo Thomas, freshman, explained that, "It called us to perform as athletes at the same level as the quality of the facility." his brother Jake Thomas, junior, said "It definitely helped us to take things more seriously." Overall, the new facility was met with both anticipation, and great expectations for all who participated in swimming.

Men's Varsity Swimming 11 [five.]

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Now What?

Since the victorious Everett twins and Danny Keith graduated last year, the boys cross country team struggled to create their own legacy. The team contained more new than experienced runners. Because of this Peter Duell and Reagan Dykhouse decided to lead their team to victory.

"I feel like Peter Duell and I have stepped up to the top now that the Everetts and Danny Keith are gone. I feel like since I am one of the top runners, one of my jobs is to encourage the younger runners to keep up their talent," said junior Reagan Dykhouse. Along with Dykhouse, senior Peter Duell has also decided to take one of the leadership roles for the team.

"I do consider myself the leader of the team. Reagen and I have a bit of rivalry as we are very close and often battle it out, neck to neck, in the last 200 meters of a race," said Duell.

On the other hand, senior Will Tipton has just started learning the ropes of his new team. "Everyone on the team is very accepting and they are pretty dang fun to be around!", said Tipton. However, Will Tipton was not the only new person on the cross country team this year. Some of these people are freshman Graham Stanfill and Josh Sumner. Graham was on JV and Josh was able to make Varsity.

"I enjoy cross country because it was technically the world's first sport, and it makes me feel free. It takes my stress away", said Stanfill. Joining a new sports team is a great opportunity of meeting new people. "I've met a lot of upperclassmen that I wouldn't have otherwise. It's been great," said freshman Josh Sumner.

The Boys cross country team made their season worth while. Despite some injuries the boys placed well in their meets with Duell and Dykhouse in the top multiple times. After saying goodbye to some of the best rumors in WCA history, the new seniors stepped up to the plate to create their own legacy. Throughout the season, the boys have been starting to build their own legacy that will be continued and build upon in the near future.



4 shoes.



Peter Duell, senior



Tipton, senior

RACE

During a casual run in the park, seniors **Will Tipton** and **Peter Duell** confronted a group of college runners and Peter jokingly yelled, "Hey! Bet we could kick your butts back to the parking lot." Peter soon realized that he said something stupid. The college runners gladly took him up on the offer. The college team was sponsored by Nike shoe company. Because of this Will and Peter decided to bet them their shoes if they win. The college team and their coach agreed and then prepared for the race. Long story short, Will and Peter beat the team and won ten pairs of Nike shoes. This moment is a moment that Peter and Will will never forget.

KICK YOUR BUTTS

NIKE

TEN PAIRS

NEVER FORGET





Racing towards the finish line, junior **Brendan Soloman** works hard to beat his opponent. Soloman is one of the top runners on the team this season and has been running cross country for three years.



Josh Sumner, tries to pass his opponent. Josh was the only freshman who made varsity. "It's been great! Reagan and I were almost killed by raccoons", said Sumner.



Running his assigned course, **Ethan Finn**, freshman, maintains his pace till the race's finish line.



Fixating on the finish line, junior **Drake Norman**, anticipate to possibly place for his team.



Matt Hall, junior, speeds to the finish line in front of him.

Men's Varsity/JV Cross Country 11 [seven.]



Maggi Eachus, eighth grade, dribbles past a teammate during a scrimmage in practice. Eachus was on the B team during her eighth grade year.



During a game against Parkway North, **Taylor Dorsey**, eighth grade, focuses on dribbling the ball. The team won the game 34-26.



Graci Barron, seventh grade, participates in a drill during practice on a Tuesday. Middle school students practiced sports during the school day.



While focusing on the basket, **Chelsea Caplinger**, seventh grade, prepares to shoot the ball during practice.



Missy Grasse, eighth grade, practices her offense skills. "My favorite position to play is point guard," said Grasse



The seventh and eighth grade teams "rocks up" at the end of a practice. The teams always made sure to make time to pray at the end of every practice and game.

Julie Griesedieck, seventh grade, works on her shooting form during a drill in practice. The seventh graders practiced during the last two periods of the day.



Margaret Koby, eighth grade, prepares to shoot during a Tuesday afternoon practice.



For the seventh grade girls basketball, what truly made the season so fun was "just being with friends and honoring God through basketball," said Alayna Marusiodis, seventh grade.



Alysse Tarantino, eighth grade, works on her defense skills against a teammate. The eighth grade girls team often did drills such as one verses one.

Practice, Play and Pray.

While being on one of the middle school girls' basketball teams could be challenging, it also helped girls improve in their basketball skills while having fun at the same time.

Throughout the season, all of the girls made new friends through basketball and made many memories. When the seventh grade teams were asked what their favorite memory was from their season, the majority said their favorite memory was the prayer time they had at the end of every practice and game.

Mackenzie Wieberg, seventh grade, said her favorite memory about playing basketball at Westminster was "probably our prayer time at the end of every game. Win or lose, we pray and do our hand motion and a whoo with our arms up," said Wieberg.

Top 5 Drills

Elbow shooting - Sidney Keane

Three on Two - Alivia Johnston

1v1 from sitting position - Jillian Klein

Scrimmaging - Taylor French

High Low - Kaylah Meredith

McKenna Montgomery, eighth grade, goes for a layup during practice. "I like playing basketball because it is fun and you have to be active," said Montgomery.



Undeniable.

The JV men's basketball team this past year left their mark with the best season they have had in a long time. "The team ended up winning three times the amount than last year," said Shane Benes, sophomore.

The year had ups and downs, yet more good moments to look back on. "We had more than a few buzzer beaters this year," said Trey Merritt, freshman. "The game against Hillsboro in the Fox Christmas Tournament was won by a great buzzer beater."

Matt Weber, freshman, scored the game winning lay up in five seconds. A play drawn up destined for another guard to take the shot, Weber was there when the team needed him the most.

"We actually won by one point because when he made the lay up the game was tied and he also got fouled so he won the game for us with a free throw," said Merritt.

The JV basketball finished the year with a winning season, but Weber's determination will be one of the most memorable moments of their year.

Andrew Cannon, sophomore, defends the basketball on Blue and White night. "I like playing on JV with all my friends, and I really like Coach Coleman," said Cannon.



Matt Weber, freshman, looks for a shot under the basket. Weber played center for the JV team this year.

Robert Loaney, sophomore, plays shooting guard during the home game against Parkway Central High School. "I have been playing basketball for over ten years now," said Loaney.

During the fourth home game, **Shane Benes**, sophomore, goes up for a layup "I love being on JV because we dominate!" said Benes.

Trey Merritt, freshman, dribbles past the defenders on the white team at the Blue and White game on November 17.

Highlights

Jacob Reagan, sophomore, 1 for 1 highlight of the year, had a three-pointer in the second to last game of the year.

Demetris Williams, sophomore, said, "Beating St. Dominic by six, was definitely a highlight."





Justin Creighton, freshman, goes up for a shot. "I really like doing shooting drills in practice, cause it pays off in the games. We have a lot of fun on our team," said Creighton.

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Men's JV Basketball 12 | one.





Four year varsity player, **Courtney Powell**, senior, looks for a teammate after driving to the hoop. Powell averaged 13.1 points, but she thrived on defense and led the team with 86 steals.

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Fighting Cancer.

"We had security with us and we all had our headphones on and were getting hyped for the game. It felt like we were an NBA team!" said Courtney Powell, senior captain.

This was how Powell described a moment that no other Westminster team had gotten to experience. The Lady Wildcats were honored with the opportunity to play at the ScottTrade Center, home of the St. Louis Blues. This event was organized as a fundraiser for breast cancer. Many boys and girls teams around the St. Louis area were given the opportunity to play in this huge arena. Most teams let their students off school so they could support their team. Westminster made the official decision to not start school until 11:45 and have a fan bus take all the students who paid to the ScottTrade Center. "I loved having the fans come out and cheer us on," said Adrienne Horn, freshman.

The girl's team drove down early in the morning to prepare for the big game against rivals, MICDS.

"We got to play in this game because MICDS views us as a big rival and they knew it would be a good game," said Brooke Cusumano, junior and other team captain.

The experience was something these girls never imagined. "It was so cool being on that big court and feeling as if no one could touch you," said Cusumano.

The team walked away from that game with a win and Westminster added \$1,000 for the Coaches vs. Cancer fundraiser.

The Trio

The Trio, also known as **Hannah Caple, Hannah Stipanovich, and Anna Kuiper**, sophomores, was a group on the team that enjoyed their time together during games.

"We do everything but talk about basketball. We talk about school, our days, and people in general." - Stipanovich

"We have little things we do when people score or sub-out. Like fist bumping." - Caple

"We go everywhere together- bathroom, locker room, bus, bench- everywhere." - Kuiper



Junior guard, **Brooke Cusumano**, runs through the offense at the Coaches vs Cancer game. Cusumano led the team in three pointers totalling 44. It was Cusumano's third year on varsity.



Jabri Boyd, junior, makes a cut in a win over Cape Notre Dame. It was Boyd's third year on the varsity roster. "The team this year is like one big happy family," said Boyd.

Starting point guard, **Kayla Armstrong**, sophomore, sprints past a Cape Notre Dame player. The team left school at two to make it to their game in Cape Girardeau.



Brittany Hawkins, senior, drives inside during a home game against Jackson. Hawkins got more playing time this year than her previous year on varsity.



In the Arena, **Sadie Stipanovich**, junior, fights for the rebound. Stipanovich led the team in scoring with 399 points for a 15.3 points per game average.



The only freshman on the team, **Adrienne Horn**, goes for the basket. One of Horn's best games was against Viz when she scored 16 points.



Senior, **Alexis Grasse**, dribbles past a defender in the Coaches vs Cancer game at the ScottTrade Center.

Women's Varsity Basketball 12 [three.]



Rebecca Krause, senior, dives off the block at the conference meet. Not only did Krause qualify for state individually, but her 200 medley relay also went to state. "When we found out we were all jumping around and hugging and crying and congratulating each other on how we all dropped time," said Krause.



Waiting for the gun to start her race, **Lauren Vanek**, sophomore, focuses on the task at hand. Vanek prepared for track by swimming during the winter.

Sarah Barker, junior, twirls in the air during the diving section of the meet. She took up diving before her freshman year and carried herself all the way to state.



WHAT TEAM?

W: Wild
 I: Intense
 L: Lovely
 D: Distance
 C: Chlorine
 A: Astounding
 T: Terrific



WILDCATS

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Diving into Deeper waters.

"The pool is amazing!" said Kristine Maxey, sophomore, as she entered into the new facility during the open house. The new campus brought about an eagerness for the swim team. By their performance throughout the season it was obvious the swimmers channeled their excitement into hard work.

State qualifiers in the 200 medley relay consisted of Kaitlin Kittelson, freshman, Leah Votava, sophomore, Ellie Straub, junior, and Rebecca Krause, senior. Krause finished out her high school swimming career as an individual state qualifier. "I had been trying to qualify for state all season and finally did on the second to last meet. It was so exciting. I was ecstatic!" said Krause.

Two girls who qualified for state were particularly unique for the school. Sarah Barker, junior, and Jordan Wolf, sophomore, were the first divers to qualify for state in Westminster's history.

"I was overjoyed and was in shock for about five hours. It was the best feeling in the world," said Barker. "Setting a new school record is a huge accomplishment to be proud of."

But the girls did not let their success get to their heads. During prayer time in math class, Wolf would ask for prayer over each meet, and both divers put lots of time and hard work into each dive.



During the meet against Visitation, **Ellie Straub**, junior, swims the 200 medley. Straub and her relay team went to state. She also competed in 100 back, 100 free and 400 free relay.

Abby Nixon, sophomore, swims freestyle. "My injuries were never significantly bad when I swam, it actually helped my injuries because I wasn't putting any stress on those muscles or making them worse," said Nixon who's injuries kept her from running cross country.

Leah Votava, sophomore, swims the breaststroke. Even though it was Votava's second year swimming with the team, she had swam on other competitive teams before her high school career.



Cheer VS. DANCE.

tricky distraction

For high school students, varsity dance and varsity cheerleading were two entirely different teams. Cheerleading focused on cheers and stunts while dance team focused more on dance technique. For middle school girls, however, cheering and dancing were combined into one team. This allowed the girls to see and experience both sides of what they could go on to pursue in high school.

The majority of the girls were interested in trying out for varsity dance over varsity cheerleading.

"I decided to do cheer and dance so I could gain more dance experience, since I would like to do dance team in high school," said Maggi Eachus, eighth grade.

Hannah Fiala, eighth grade, also had a passion for dancing.

"I love to dance. Next year I'm hoping to be on dance team," said Fiala, eighth grade.

Alyssa Shikles, seventh grade, quickly admitted her preference for dancing over cheering.

"I think being on the dance team would be cool. Honestly, I like dancing a lot more than doing cheers and stunts," said Shikles.

Although they got to practice both sports, most girls preferred performing dance routines over cheering.

The eighth grade cheerleaders got innovative at the first game trying to distract the other team's players.

““ We weren't playing well on our first game of the year so Lexi Einertson and Hannah Groce started flashing their phone numbers on their fingers to guys on the other team, ””

said Maggi Eachus, eighth grade.



Kicking, **Olivia Holt**, seventh grade, cheers for the seventh grade boys' basketball team. The middle school girls cheered only for basketball this year, not football.



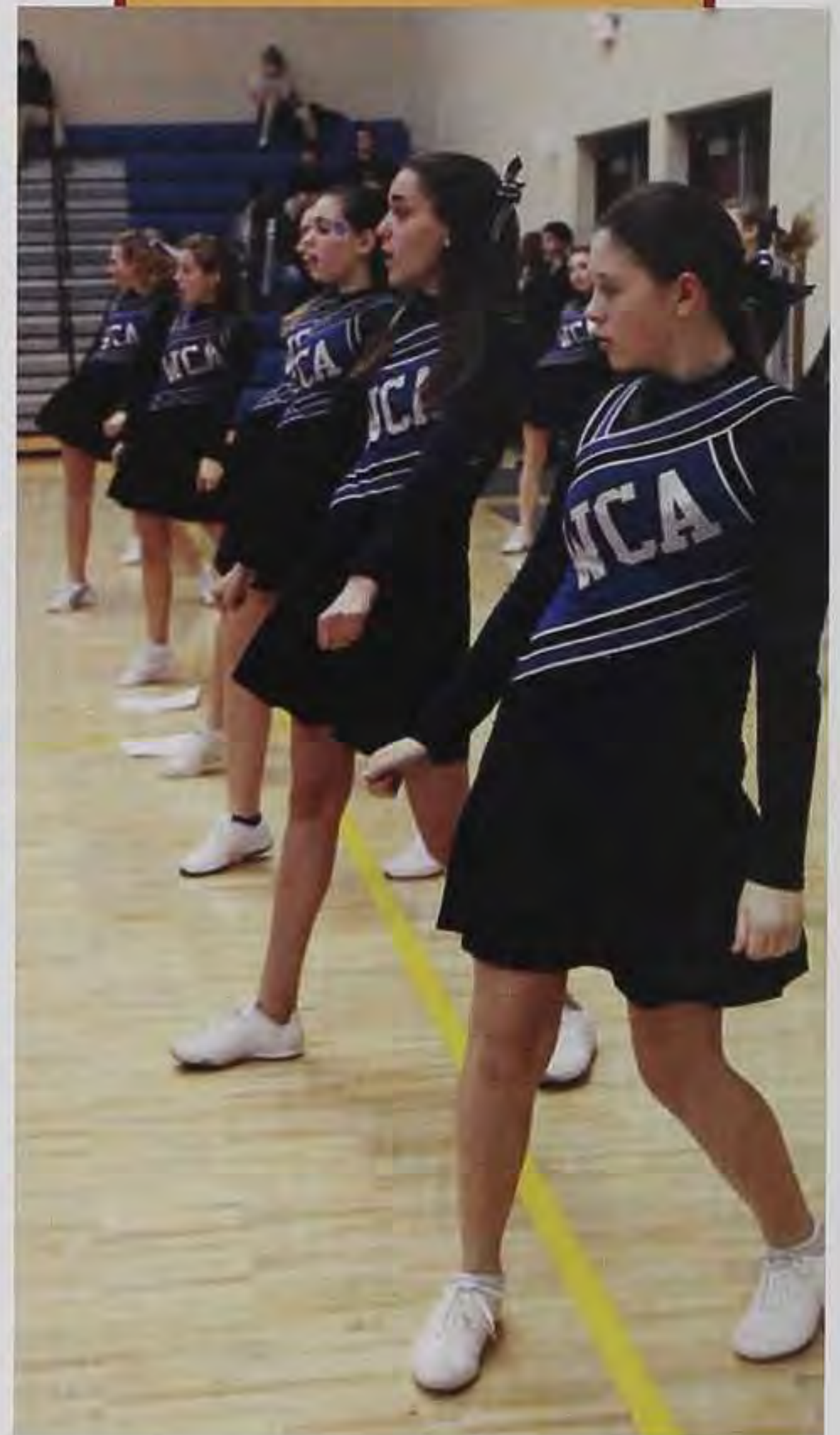
Dancing during a halftime show, **Gabby Boeve**, eighth grade, performs for the crowds. They danced a routine that incorporated stunts and jumps.



Anna Mitchell, seventh grade, dances with the other cheerleaders during a routine. She followed the footsteps of her older sister, Emily Mitchell, junior, who was a Varsity cheerleader.

Jumping and shouting, **Valerie Winkler** and **Hannah Haguewood**, seventh graders, get the crowd excited at a game against MICDS. The girls danced, cheered, and performed stunts.

Lauren Ramos and **Lindsey Falkner**, eighth graders, dance together during a game. "I like cheerleading because many of my friends are on the team," said Ramos.





Hannah Fiala, eighth grade, dances during halftime at a game on January 20th. "I always have fun with the girls on the team, and I love to dance," said Fiala.

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Veris

During the Friday Spirit Night basketball game, **Emily Bick**, junior, leads the crowd in the "WCA" clapping cheer. This cheer was a favorite amongst Westminster basketball fans.

Rachel Ritter, freshman, cheers on the JV football squad at a home game.

Brianna DeGroot, junior, pumps up the crowd at the Coaches vs Cancer game.



upgraded.

"When the cheerleaders premiered their routine on blue and white night, everyone was blown away. It was the best I've ever seen them," said Jessica Holt, senior. The stunts were both tougher and more visually effective. "We're the best we've ever been this year. We've really been working hard," said Laura Hamman, senior and head captain.

Westminster's varsity squad had one talented freshman who was able to use her experience on Spirit Elite, a competitive cheer team, to make a huge impact on the squad. She was one of only two tumblers on the team. "I've been on Spirit Elite for eight years, and cheering for them helped me catch on to varsity quicker and learn the cheers a lot faster," said Jazlyn Green, freshman. Green joined the squad mid-year and consequently had to learn the cheers and stunts twice as fast as any other new cheerleader. "Jay is really good tumbling wise and great at stunting," said Kari Ford, junior.

Ford was the second tumbler on the squad and was also brand new to the team. Ford has been a cheerleader ever since her sixth grade year. "The squad has been great. They've been really welcoming and we've improved so much since the summer. The season has overall been A+!" said Ford.

What was the best part of the season?

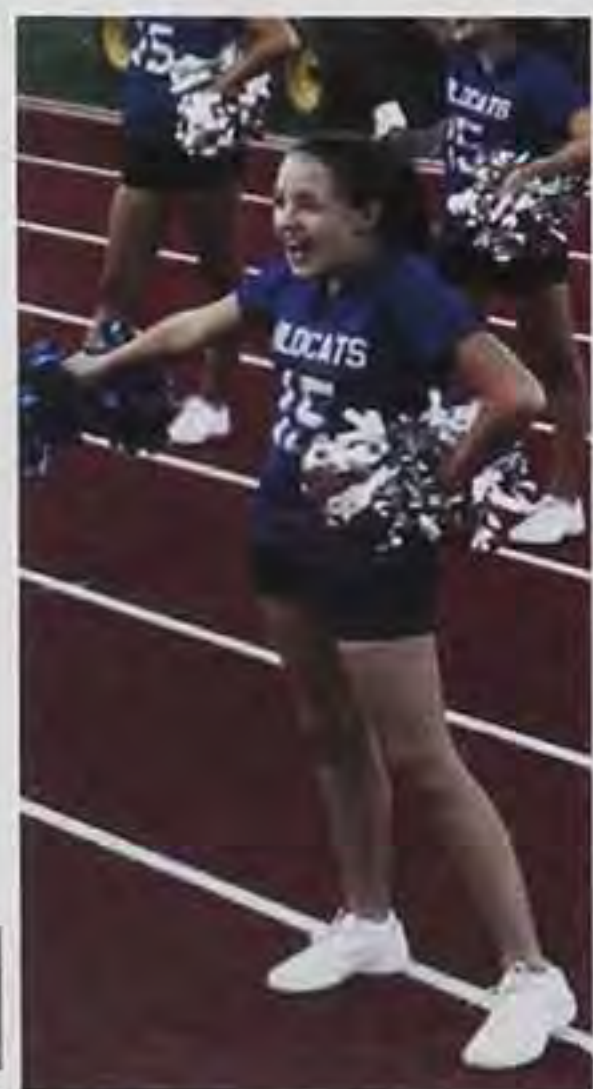


Football and spirit week are AMAZING because you get to know and love the people you're with half of the year, and spirit week is like the big finale to show what the students (and cheer team) of WCA are made of! And that's Jesus Christ!

-**Ashton Kratky**, freshman



Kari Ford, junior, cheers during the Wildcat Weekend football game on October 15. Ford was a new student to Westminster this year.



Hitting a half 'low V', **Karegan Rogers**, freshman, cheers to the crowd at a home game against Priory.

Abby Smith, sophomore, cheers for the women's varsity basketball team. All proceeds of this game were donated to fund cancer research.

Both JV and varsity squads pray together before their Spirit Night performance. This was the first year that the JV and varsity cheerleaders performed together during a Spirit Night halftime.

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Laura Hamman, senior, hits the ending stunt in the varsity cheerleaders' Christmas routine planked by **Emily Baum** and **Hannah Hickman**, sophomores. Hamman served as captain of the squad and cheered for Westminster all four years of high school.



dancing on the turf.

Brittany Hayes, freshman, helps lift **Kendall MacDonald**, sophomore in the air. "It was a little scary at first but then I watched Meg and the choreographers do the lift and after a while it became really thrilling" said McDonald.



Meg Rasche, senior and captain, yells, "Hey," in her turning disk. The girls added vocals to their routines to keep the energy up.



The Dance team had been a winter sport at Westminster since the team was created. Most teams practiced year round, but the Academy's team only practiced during the summer and winter season, taking the fall off. Not this year. For this first time in WCA history the girls debuted their routine during a home football game.

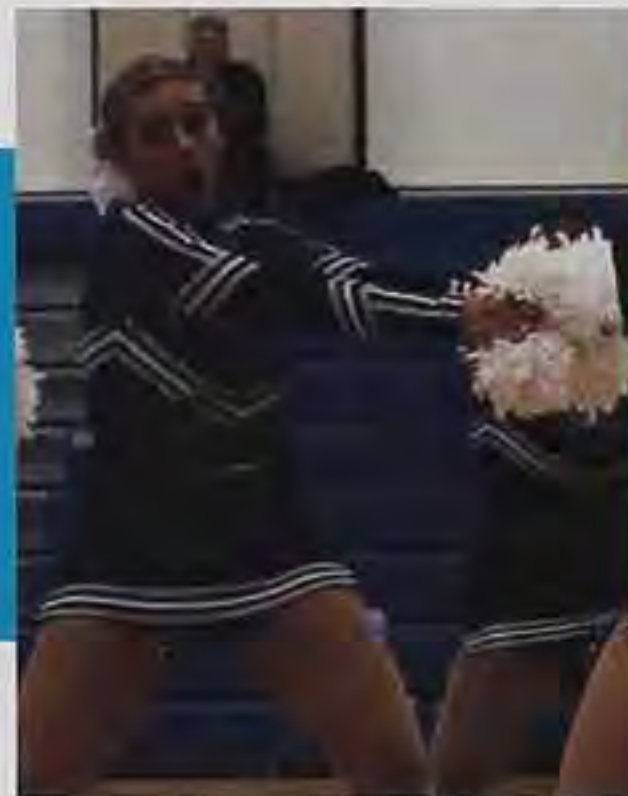
"Most dance teams do that so it made us feel more official, like the school was taking us more seriously," said Rachel Porter, senior. It was a fun experience to perform in a new venue. Many of the girls found dancing on the field preferable to the gym floor: "I like the turf a lot more. It has a lot of give and its surprisingly easy to do turns on and doesn't give you bruises." said Anna Franceschelli, senior and co-captain. "The crowd was only facing one way, unlike in the gym, which was less awkward," said Porter.

The girls' first competition was only a few weeks from when the team officially began to practice in the winter. Though other schools' teams practiced all year long and had a leg up on the WCA team, this year the girls were able to make up for the lost time. With the earlier practices this season, the team was more prepared for competitions. "It was a good way to start the season off, to be working on our technique," said Della Woodward, junior.

Taylor Pfeifer and **Bekah Sharp**, sophomores perform a hip-hop routine. The girls were both j.v. captains, and picked out the shoes for the routine.



Della Woodward, junior performs the pom routine during a boys varsity game.



Sabrina Cockerham, freshman, performs Spirit Night. The theme for the routine was "swag", and the girls wore bedazzled shoes and wore their hair in a faux-hawk.



Smiling at the crowd, **Anna Franceschelli**, senior, performs the traditional-Christmas dance. Franceschelli was co captain with Grace Linton this year and helped choreograph the dance.

A look at JV.

The experience of showing off their hard work to a high school crowd was one of the girls' favorites. "I loved seeing the crowds reactions to each of our routines," said Alyssa Dosmann, freshman.



Grace Wickham, freshman.

During the Spirit Week friday night basketball game, Varsity dance team premieres their hip hop routine. The girls had a tradition of creating a fun entrance to their routine for that game. This year they dressed up like a basketball team and mimicked the boys' warmup, trying to touch the rim.





Rachel Porter, senior, does a K-stall in the hip-hop routine. "It was nervewracking, I couldn't even feel my legs," said Porter of waiting to perform on Spirit Night.



Charging into the lane against the Christ Community forwards, **Brandon Douglas**, seventh grade, shoots a layup. The seventh grade A team ended with a record of 13-4.

Joel Johnson, eighth grade, leaps for a rebound against the MICDS eighth grade team. Davis served as one of the eighth grade B team's captains.



Will Wetzel, seventh grade, passes the ball to his teammate. "[Our team] had a lot of good fundamental players and we were an overall good team," said **Brandon McKissic**, seventh grade.



pass.

Dribbling down the sideline, **Connor Dolan**, seventh grade, looks for a teammate. The team agreed their best game this season was against Priory.

Ty Borst, eighth grade, looks to pass the ball into the lane. The 8th grade A team had a better season than any 8th grade team in the past.



Jack Linton, eighth grade, lays the ball up for a shot against MICDS. The 8th grade B team's season record was 11-5.

After rebounding the ball, **Jordan Hawkins**, eighth grade, puts the ball back up. The eighth grade A team ended the season with a record of 19-3.

On the Rise.

A surge of excitement rose from an unexpected source this past winter: the 8th grade A basketball team. The boys surprised the school with an extremely successful season filled with numerous victories. The boys agreed that a few of their best games were against River Roads Luthern and Chaminade.

Their much respected coach, Doug Coleman, began the season by telling the boys that they were one of the best 8th grade teams he had seen. "It fueled our team," said Sam Hunsicker, 8th grade. This motivation continued throughout their season, with help and inspiration from their coach. "Coach's intensity in practice made us want to work harder," said Hunsicker.

With so many dedicated boys, the team improved throughout the season leading to much success. "We had a lot of people who had the goal of winning, and our coach set a good game plan for us," said Nick Cacciarelli, 8th grade, who served as one of the team's captains.

Their goals did not end with the end of this season. Most of the boys planned to continue playing into high school, with hopes of one day playing on the Varsity basketball team. "We started to work as a team," said Aaron Cook Jr., 8th grade, and this teamwork could continue throughout high school with hard work in the off season. The boys introduced a new and successful season of middle school basketball, and "we hope to set the tone for other grades to come," said Cacciarelli.

Driving into the paint, **Aaron Cook Jr.**, eighth grade, earns a spot on the foul line. Cook served as one of the eighth grade A team's captains. "I wanted to be a leader and help my teammates," said Cook.



wait, teachers can play too?

The JV girls basketball team played a close game against some of the female teachers. Mallory Scholten, the coach of the JV girls team, organized a game with some of her friends to compete against her team. Scholten, along with Kelsey Walton, Emily Roig, Allison Pautler, Elizabeth Woodall, and Anne Williams, gave the girls a fight. The team was surprised by how the teachers were able to compete and keep up with them.

In the days that led up to the big game, the girls and teachers had back and forth bickering and left notes for each other. "Teachers: bring your canes and walkers because you know you will need them once the JV basketball team is done with you tomorrow! Bring it," said a Facebook status made by Kaylie Duke, junior. The teachers wore sweat bands and high socks for the game. "It was hilarious, they were being crazy and trash talking us. Miss Woodall had a Taco Bell sweatband on her head," said Haley Woolbright, sophomore, about the teachers.

The game was close, but the JV girls won by two points. The teachers were good and the girls said that Roig was a beast under the net with all the rebounds. "It was funny because you never see the teachers like that, and we won so that was exciting," said Hannah Caple, sophomore.

On Valentine's Day, the two teams met up and played another game. The JV girls decided to dress crazily that time by wearing kitten shirts from Wal-Mart. They painted their names and numbers on the back to look like jerseys. The teachers toned it down and wore normal clothes. Again, the JV girls beat the teachers by a few points.

Emily Sulewski, freshman, pedals backwards while guarding her player. Sulewski, along with other girls were nicknamed the "big girls" because they were the posts.

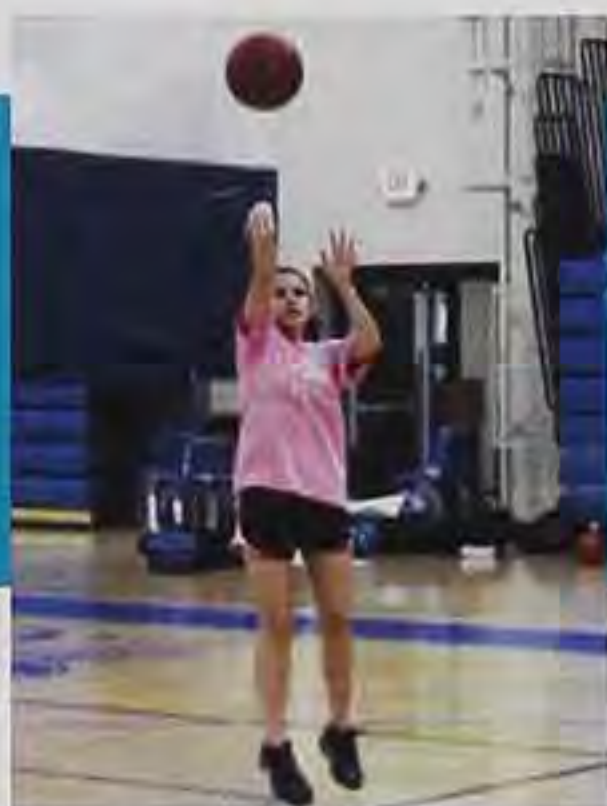
During a home match, **Mallory Scholten**, coach, gives a half time speech to her team. At the end the season the team ended with a winning record, 9-8, and Scholten rewarded with them with 7-11 slurpies.



Christine Talent, freshman, passes the basketball to the next person in the relay line. Coach Mallory Scholten had the girls dribbling the ball in between their legs forwards and backwards.



Olivia Coomes, freshman, protects the ball in the triple threat position until one of her teammates gets open. Coomes most commonly played a point guard for the JV team.



Kaylie Duke, junior, shoots the ball in a game of around the world during practice. "Over the last three years the shooting drills have really helped me improve my shot," said Duke.



Sydney Arnold, freshman, sets up for a free-throw during the Notre Dame game. The girls practiced their free-throws during practice so when the time came during the game, they were more accurate.

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Sydney Arnold = Squirt

Anna Evans = Big girl

Kaylie Duke = Dukey

Hannah Caple = Capable

Olivia Coomes = Baby Coomes

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Hannah Caple, sophomore, keeps the ball away from the the Cape Notre Dame defense. Although the girls lost 38 -56, Caple had many baskets and assists.





Tucking the ball into his wrist, **Connor Fleming**, senior, rises toward the ceiling on his way to sinking a layup. Fleming lead the Varsity Wildcats as one of two seniors on the roster. Fleming and Westminster avenged a loss from last season by pulling out a win against the Farmington Knights on December 5.

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back on the map

In the 2011-2012 basketball season, the Westminster Wildcats varsity basketball squad threw off the shackles of past years and proved to be a formidable presence on the court. Many people noticed that the team exhibited a drastically different style of play than in years past. This difference led to continued success in season and tournament play.

"This year we are all a little more mature and know our roles. We have gained the confidence of our coach and haven't been afraid of anything or anyone," said Connor Fleming, senior. The guys also had bigger goals in mind.

"Our success in tournaments and regular season games is nice, but it is not our goal. Our goal is to put Westminster basketball back on the radar in the metro area and also in the state. So while we enjoy these victories, we are hungry for more," said Cole Norman, senior.

Along with all of their physical goals, the team kept an even higher priority in their hearts. "Obviously we want to win every game and win every tournament. I think that if we all give our best effort, leave everything out on the court, and glorify God with our words and actions, then it would be considered success," said John Eric Steiner, junior.



In mid stride, **Cole Norman**, senior, bounds toward the basket. Norman helped lead the team as a senior in this tournament championship game at MICDS versus Lutheran North.

John Eric Steiner, junior, squares up to the basket to face the Farmington Knights. Steiner also had a dunk on February 3 that was featured by a local news station.



Chad Younger, sophomore, handles the ball versus Beaumont. Younger frequently played point guard and positions on the perimeter.



Jumping in the post, **Collin Einertson**, sophomore, goes up for a layup. This was Einertson's first year on varsity.

Tournament Presence

Champions of the Washington High School tournament for the first time in Westminster basketball history

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Place in the MICDS holiday tournament

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Brennan Hehner, sophomore, launches a shot during the final minutes of the championship game versus Lutheran North in the MICDS holiday tournament. Many Westminster students came out from their break to support the Cats.



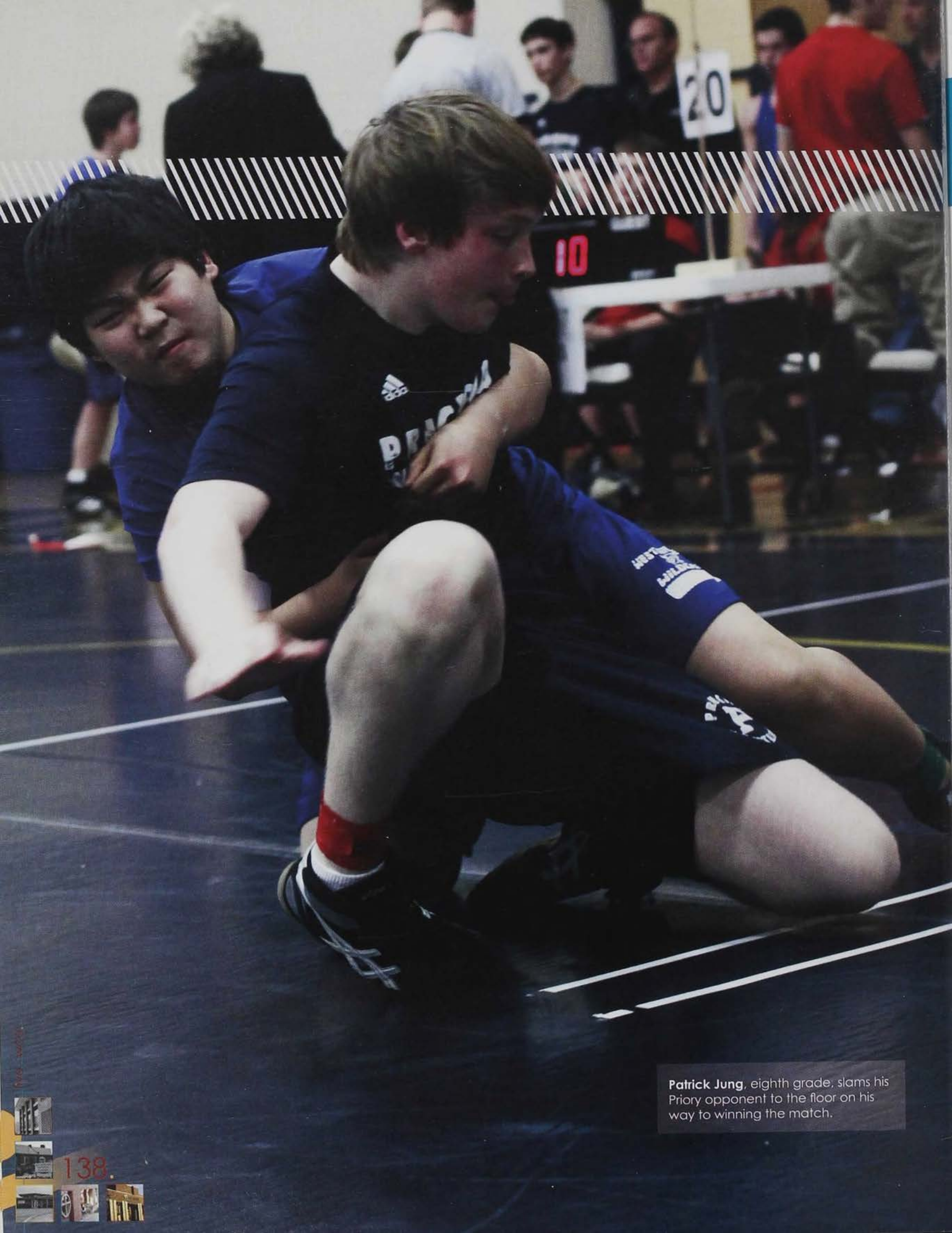
Grant Koby, junior, dives to the floor to scramble for a loose ball. Koby was a leader in the post as an upper classman for the Varsity Wildcats. The Wildcats went up here against St. Dominic's in their opening game on November 30.



Posing in triple threat position, **Brendan Bognar**, freshman, looks to move. Bognar was the only freshman on the team, performing his first year on varsity with all older guys.

Men's Varsity Basketball 13 [seven.]





Patrick Jung, eighth grade, slams his Priory opponent to the floor on his way to winning the match.

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Not the Norm.

For a group of middle school boys, the end of the school day became an anticipated experience. Getting through the last few hours of the day, especially on Fridays was less of a chore for the middle school wrestling team as they knew that some time on the mat would prop them up. On Friday, "We play games and live wrestle, and (Mr. Muehleisen) tells us jokes to try to make things more fun," said Alex Hopkins, eighth grader.

As an eighth grader, it was Hopkins first year at Westminster, but through fun Fridays, "Wrestling helped me make friends," said Hopkins. Hopkins favorite game was tails. In this game each wrestler hung a T-shirt out of their shorts like tails, and tried to pull other peoples out and be the last standing.

Another game that the wrestlers played was ride the Muel. In this game, the wrestlers held onto Mr. Muelhesien and tried to prevent him from scoring. In eighth grader, Cortez Davis' words, "We play games that people would play to have fun but we add wrestling into it."

JT Fuller, seventh grade, tightens his grip on his Whitfield opponent. "My favorite moment in wrestling was winning the first match I had as a wrestler," said Fuller.

Chris Heyl, eighth grade, and **Matt Thomas**, seventh grade, compete with each other at the Westminster tournament.

Luke Peters, seventh grade, escapes from his opponent to earn one point. "The most rewarding part of wrestling is when you are facing a guy who is a good match for you and the ref raises your hand as the winner," said Peters.



Struggling to earn points, **Cortez Davis** and **Harrison Greer**, eighth grader fight back and forth for the win. "I feel like my wrestling partner and I get closer as friends," said Davis.

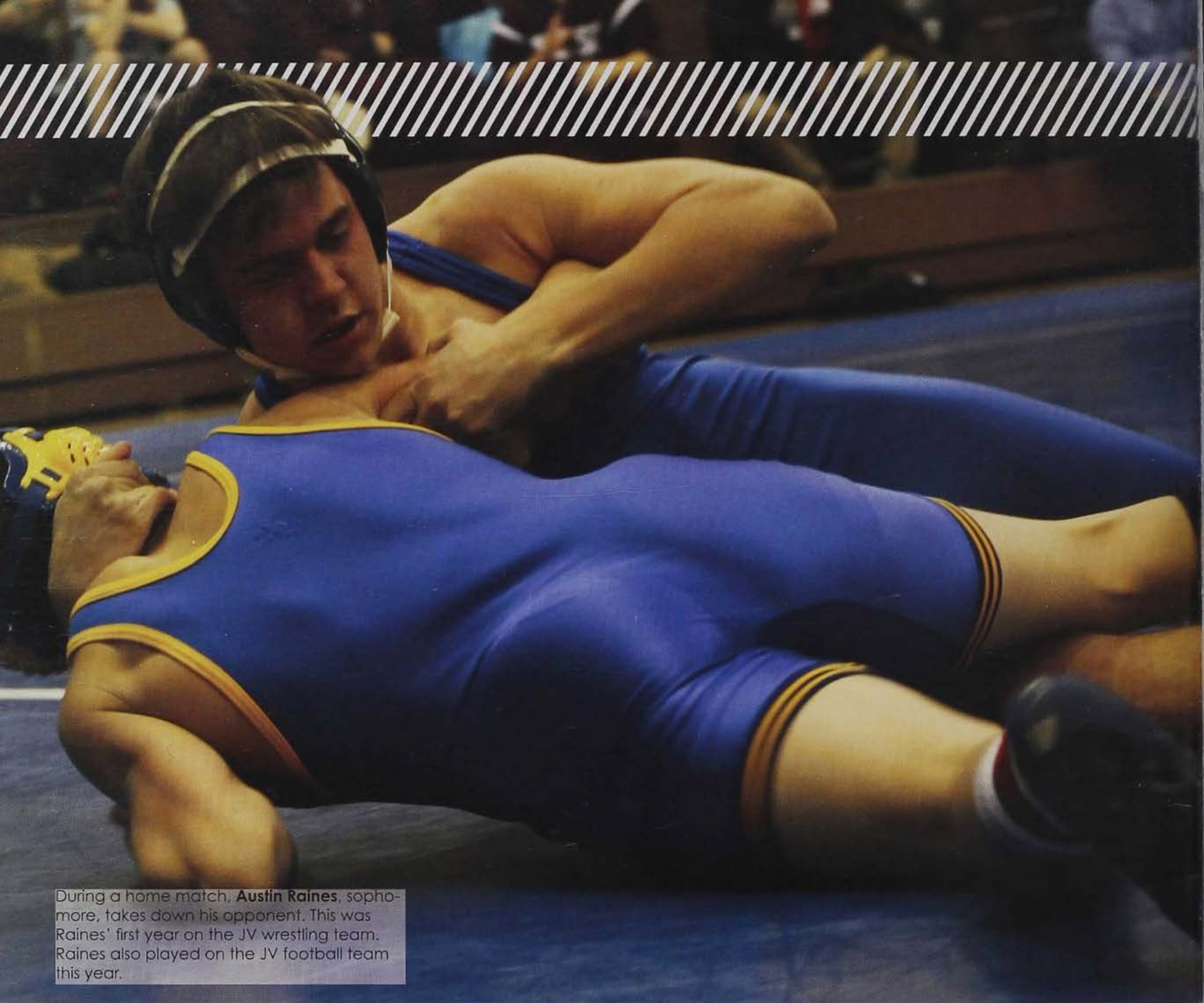


While wrestling his Priory competitor, **Moson Davitt**, eighth grade, fights to escape.

At the Priory tournament, **John Kim**, eighth grade, wrestles his Priory opponent. Kim lost this match in the second round by pin.

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During a home match, **Austin Raines**, sophomore, takes down his opponent. This was Raines' first year on the JV wrestling team. Raines also played on the JV football team this year.



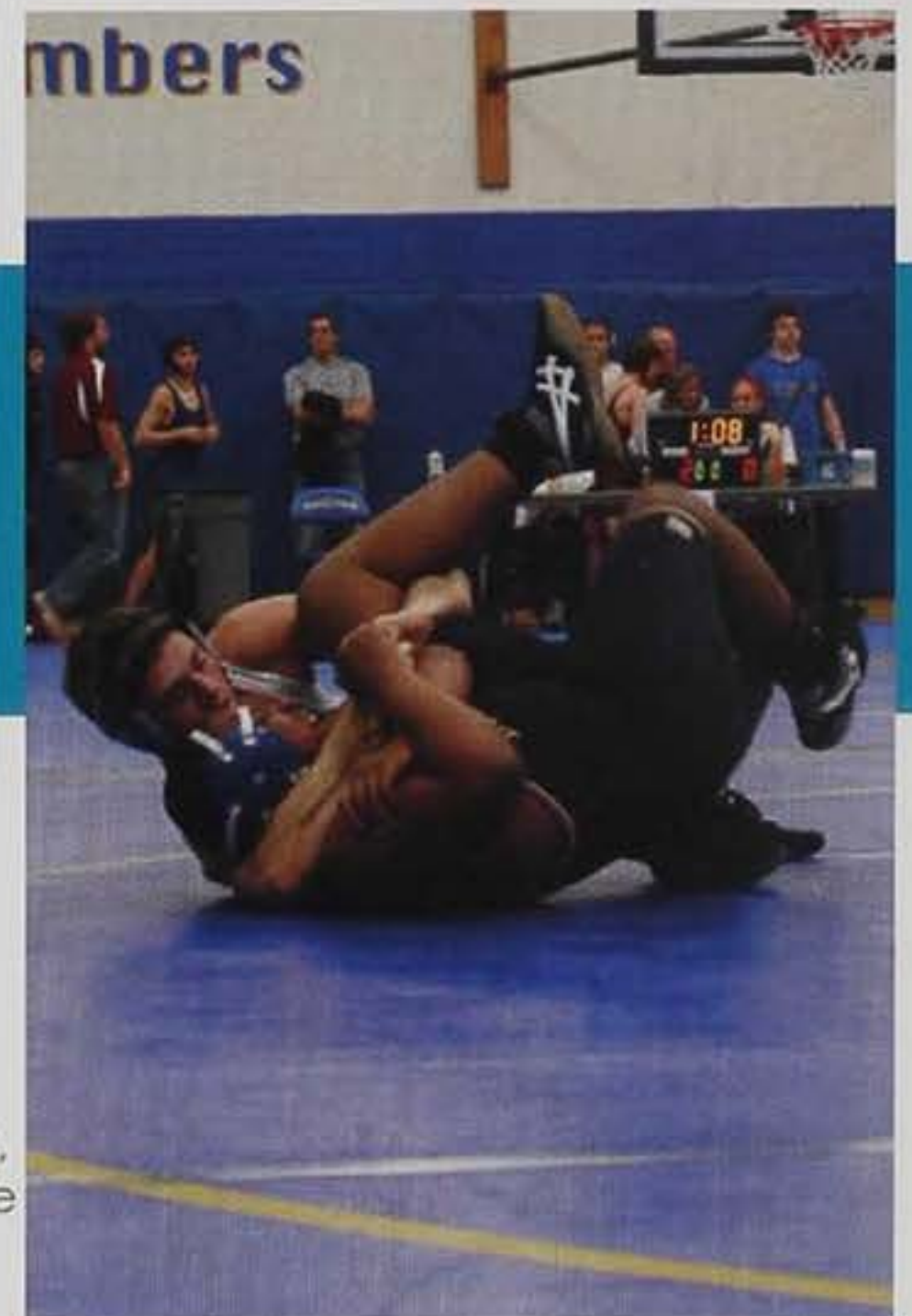
Helping win the Metro League Tournament, **Caleb Mundorf**, freshman, quickly pins his opponent. The team's veterans yelled out tips to the new wrestler.



Clayton Hubler, sophomore, takes on a Francis Howell wrestler. "I realized how hard [wrestling] was; I did it to stay in shape and challenge myself."



Eric Shaffer, sophomore, ties up his Priority opponent before pinning him for the win.



During the Metro League Tournament, **Blake Weaver**, freshman, helps WCA to the tournament victory.

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Fighting the Mind.

Overcoming the physical aspect of wrestling was just the beginning of the sport. "Before matches I listen to rap and try to block out all distractions from my mind to kind of get focused," said Caleb Miller, freshman. "I find that if I imagine myself pinning [my opponent] I get confidence and that confidence helps me get pumped up." The boys were required to work out for half an hour per practice and lift weights on Wednesdays.

Along with having to physically be in shape, the boys emotional mindset had to be in check.

"Wrestling really tests your mental strength. It's hard but you learn to push through it if you have the right mindset. That can be used in every aspect of life," said Trent Briden, freshman. The discipline and devotion that were taught to the wrestling team were valuable lessons to be used in the play-book of their everyday lives.

A privilege the JV boys had was practicing with the more experienced, Varsity wrestlers. "I like drilling with the older guys and learning new moves from them," said Briden. The Varsity team not only taught the JV boys new moves, but they were a support system as well.

"The older wrestlers encourage us and it means a lot," said, Michael Weston, freshman. The Varsity wrestlers kept the JV boys' heads up and taught them the art of ballancing the physical and mental aspects of wrestling.



Top 5 WORST things to happen on the mat...

- 1) Wrestling Teammates
- 2) Injuries.
- 3) Lack of endurance.
- 4) Punching an opponent.
- 5) Referee messing up.



JV watches their competition during their last meet. "The team is like a big family and tournaments are almost like a family reunion," said, **Caleb Miller**, freshman.



Sam Parham, freshman, prepares himself to go up against his competitor. After putting up a fight, Parham won.

During his second year on the JV wrestling team, **Mike Scott**, sophomore, faces an opponent at a home match on Jan. 25.

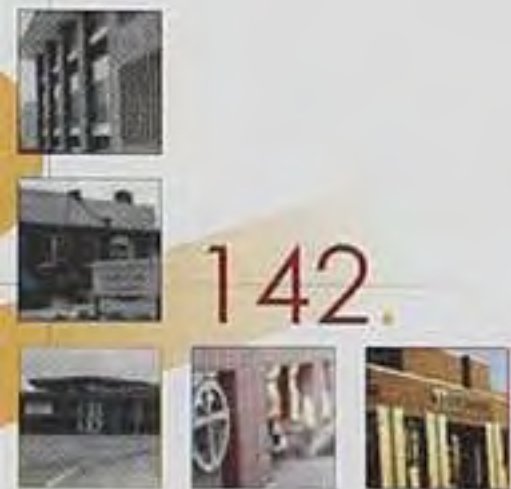
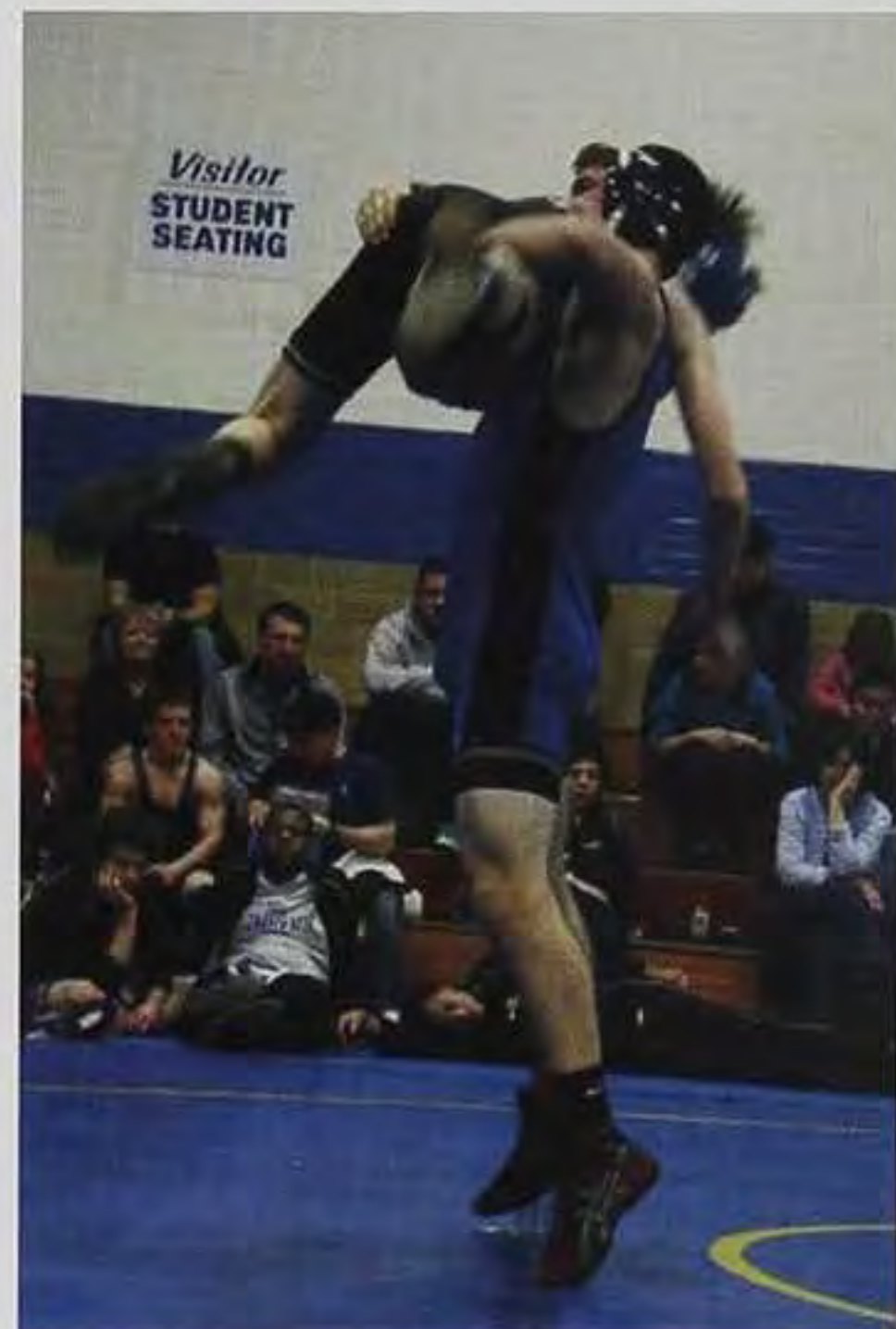




During a home tournament some of the teammates sit with Coach Wadley.

Keegan Brown, junior, picks up his opponent during the tournament, winning him the match. This was Brown's fifth year wrestling. "I started wrestling because I knew my dad wrestled, and I thought I might be good at it," said Brown.

Bennet Lewis, junior, dominates at a tournament against Union and Affton. This year Lewis beat coach Wadley's high school pin record and won the District, moving his record to 48-3. Lewis also placed 3rd at the state tournament.





Trading shoes for effort.

This year, Josh Bae, senior, was new to the Varsity wrestling team. In the spring, during the off-season, Josh was invited by a friend to a wrestling practice. "I participated in practice without wrestling shoes. When Coach Wadley noticed that I didn't have shoes, he gave his shoes to me to keep and use during practice. "I was thinking, [because] he gave me his shoes, I would give him my effort," said Bae. Tim Muehleisen and he [Coach Wadley] gave me a great opportunity to wrestle on varsity and honor God," said Bae.

The team took Bae's philosophy to heart, turning their effort into success. The wrestlers placed fourth in the District and sent seven wrestlers to the State Tournament.

Dominic Barrasi, Dominic Francescelli, B. J. Yeager, Forrest Obenhaus, Chris Cacciarelli, Joe Isaacs, and Bennett Lewis all qualified for state and participated in the tournament at Mizzou during February.



Jacob Chimento, freshman, wrestles his opponent during the Eric Lewis tournament at MICDS. This was Chimento's first year on Varsity. "The jump from JV to varsity was huge and the competition is a lot better in all aspects of the sport," said Chimento.

B. J. Yeager, senior, wrestles in the Westminster Invitational. "Wrestling was a sport that I was always sort of interested in and it didn't interfere with rodeo which is really my main sport. It has made me more mentally and physically stronger and I have seen it help me in everyday life," says Yeager.

"We have handstand and walking on our hands competitions sometimes, it's pretty fun," said Keegan Brown



At an away tournament, **Joseph Welker**, junior, wrestles on February 4 at John Burroughs. Westminster placed first overall in this tournament.



Josh Bae, senior, wrestles during a match at WCA. This was Bae's first year wrestling. "Coaches Wadley and Muehleisen gave me a chance and a great opportunity to wrestle on the varsity team and honor God," said Bae.



Brink Thompson, junior, goes head to head with his opponent during a match at the Metro League Tournament at John Burroughs, Feb 4.



Forrest Obenhaus, senior, is recognized for winning a match. Forrest had his 100th varsity win and was the third Wildcat in the program's history to achieve this.



Dominic Barresi, junior, takes down his opponent during a wrestling tournament. Barresi was one of the seven wrestlers to participate in the State Tournament.

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Varsity Wrestling 14 [three.]





Juking his opponent, **Tate Matheny**, senior, rushes the goal during the second game of the district playoffs against Vianney in February. "[I Will miss] the stuff that happens with just us, the stuff that makes us more than a team [the stuff that] makes us a family," said Matheny.



Captain's Corner

After a 17-1-3 season, the varsity Hockey team began post-season play on the third of February against Vianney High school. The game started quickly with a Vianney goal within the first three minutes of the game.

"We Managed to collect ourselves and tie the game a few minutes later," Said Sam Canfield, junior.

After constant back and forth between both teams, Vianney scored two more goals putting Westminster down 3-1.

"The time between the second and the third period was a major turning point in the game. We were all playing as individuals and after Sam gave a talk to the team, we started playing as a team," said Will Campbell, junior. "I just told them that we had worked too hard and put in too much time over the summer and throughout the course of the season to not go out and do everything we possibly could to win that game," said Canfield.

After the talk by Canfield, the team came out and managed to tie up the game with two minutes left to go.

"[The Strategy was] the same as always. Get it deep, hit someone, and score more then them," said Tate Matheny, senior. Within the last two minutes of play, the Wildcats scored the final goal of the game pulling out the win.

"Sam gave his talk and from then on I knew we would win," said Jake Huelskoetter, sophomore.



Taylor Bookout, senior, hits the puck down the ice. Bookout was the co-captain of the varsity hockey team and helped to lead the team as one of three seniors.



GOALIE

"Unlike other sports goalies, in hockey you have to have a lot of flexibility, [like] doing the splits, and balance because goalie skates are 1/3 of an inch thick. It's a huge responsibility having the team depend on me to win or lose a game."

- Ben Evans, junior.



Will Campbell, junior, comes to a stop in order to make a pass to his teammate. "I've been playing hockey since I was six," said Campbell.



Surveying his surroundings, **Parker Mitchem**, freshman, receives a pass from his teammate. Mitchem and the Wildcats played against the Vianney Griffins.



Sam Canfield, junior, fights for the puck against an opponent from Vianney during the second game in February. Canfield was the team captain.



Brendan Terbrock, junior, fights to get by a defender to create a goal scoring opportunity, in a game on Feb. 6.



Stooping low on the ice, **Jacob Huelskoetter**, sophomore, warms up before a game. "It's really cool to see the whole team bonding before we go to work on the ice," said Huelskoetter.



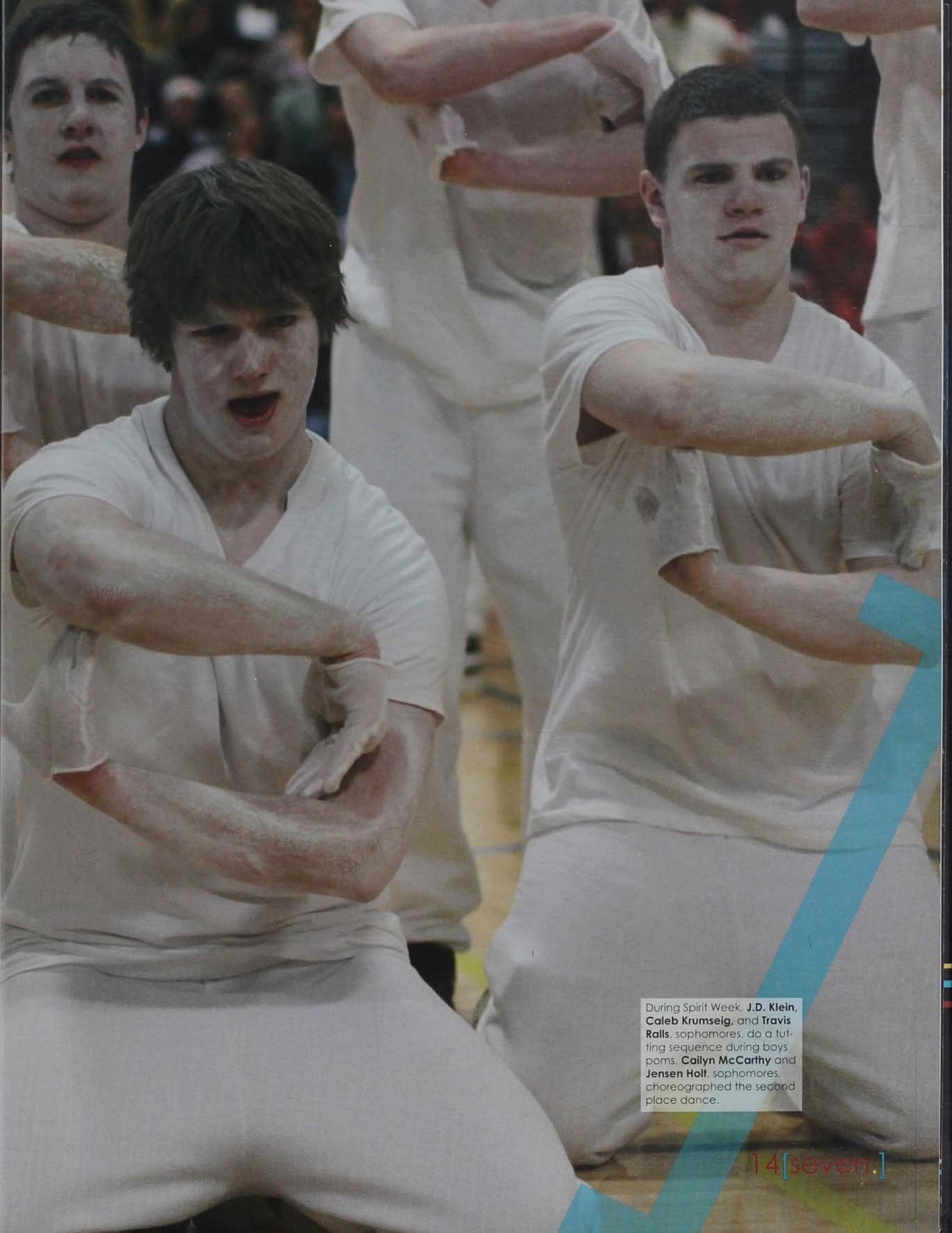
Beep. Beep. Beep. Jeremy Hall, senior leaned over to turn off his alarm on July 17, 2011. After shaking off the exhaustion, he realized, *I'm going to be in South Korea by the end of today.* Hall, along with seven other Westminster seniors, was traveling to Asia in order to teach a two week English camp to Westminster's sister school: Saemul Middle School.

After arriving in South Korea off of a 14 hour hour plane ride, the eight students and four teachers met with their host families for the trip. "I was so excited to meet with my host family! I love experiencing new cultures," said Meg Rasche, senior. When the Westminster personnel were not teaching, they spent time with their families and exploring Seoul, South Korea. "My favorite part of the trip was going up to Seoul tower," said Hall.

Although the trip only lasted 17 days, the students still agreed that they made friendships to last a lifetime. "I loved building new relationships," said Brynn Benes, senior. Because the Westminster students and teachers created the camp curriculum, Westminster was able to share its

VOICE., even in a foreign country. "I will always remember the people and relationships I made while on the trip. Not just with the Westminster students, but with the kids, too," said Brittany Zee-Cheng, senior.





During Spirit Week, **J.D. Klein**, **Caleb Krumseig**, and **Travis Ralls**, sophomores, do a tumbling sequence during boys poms. **Cailyn McCarthy** and **Jensen Holt**, sophomores, choreographed the second place dance.



The eastern group visits the popular Rockefeller Center during their trip. They posed in front of the formal forest of national flags which contained over 200 flagpoles.

Rebecca Waller, senior, **Nina Thampy**, and **Sarah Levenhagen**, juniors, pose for a picture in front of the Statue of Liberty in New York City. The group of nine traveled around and visited key locations in the east.



Zak Kessel, **Brenden Solomon**, **Katie Boesch**, **Katy Chapell** and **Summer Smith**, juniors, gather together for a group picture on top of Old Rag. The hike to the top is considered one of the most challenging rock scrambles in Shenandoah National Park.

On The Battlefield.

Leadership

On top of Old Rag, a group of juniors pose for a picture. "Old Rag was definitely one of my best memories because I had a moment to revel in the beauty of God's creation," said Elise Hearne, junior.

Abbey Andres, junior, paints Ken Boesch, history teacher's, fingernails during a resting period. "A great memory definitely has to be seeing Mr. Boesch get his nails done. Never have I seen a grown man willing to do such a thing and the fact that he kept it on for days placed me in a constant state of laughter" said Brenden Solomon, junior.



Junior seminar participants backpack through the backcountry of Shenandoah National Park with equipment weighing about 40 pounds. Students' packs included sleeping material, food, and anything else needed for their trip.



In June 11 at 5:45 a.m. the junior "brigade" embarked on their journey to see what the civil war battles and their leaders could teach the students about leadership. They had to ride in a car for thirteen hours to get to Hagerstown, Maryland for their first night. The long car ride was full of dancing and games.

"I loved being in the party van. Whether we were playing a very competitive game of Catch Phrase, listening to the Tangled soundtrack, listing off qualities of the perfect man, or dancing to Party Rock Anthem, I had an awesome time!" said Katie Boesch, junior. The next day they had a church service and visited their first battlefield, Antietam. They visited significant locations such as the Cornfield, Bloody land, and Burnside's bridge. "Learning about what all of the brave generals did throughout the war was very interesting, but being able to see the places where [the battles] happened made it more real. It is easier now to understand why they felt the way they did and why they did things the ways they did," said Bailey Benes, junior.

They focused on leaders such as General Ambrose Burnside, General George McClellan, Joshua Chamberlin, Robert E. Lee, and Abraham Lincoln, discovering what made them great leaders. The next day, they visited Gettysburg National Park, Civil War Museum, and Little Round Top.

"It makes everything so much more real and interesting when you are standing exactly where Union and Confederate soldiers fought and died hundreds of years ago," said Mattie Drury, junior. Next, they hiked through the backcountry of the Shenandoah National Park for ten miles. They also ventured on a river rafting trip. The last few days were spent camping at Babcock State Park. "It was humbling and inspiring to be in a group with such great people. It was like a big circle of ice cream, Snapple, and goodness! It was amazing!" said Katy Chapell, junior.



Brenden Solomon and **Bailey Benes**, juniors, cook the groups' dinner. The group of juniors had chores to fulfill, including cooking and washing dishes.



Hunter Hughes, junior, pretends to eat a spider he found on the ground. In the wilderness of the Shenandoah National Park there was lots of bugs and snakes.

Junior Seminar & Eastern Trip 14[nine.]



During the first week, **Brynn Benes**, senior, helps one of her students with a worksheet on American culture. Benes, along with **Meg Rasche** and **Brittany Zee-Cheng**, seniors, stayed with a host family of four.

Ellie Straub and **Annie Rebbe**, juniors, say their good byes to the tour guide, Julio. Julio stayed with the group the first week and "Everyone loved him" said Straub.

Jeremy Hall, senior, helps a student comprehend the culture packet. The students had multiple workshops beforehand to build these packets.



When a group of WCA students went to Costa Rica this past summer they experienced more of the country than an average American tourist would have. Though they went sight-seeing and hiked attractions from a breath-taking waterfall to an enormous volcano in the first week, the second week would become truly life changing. A week spent with a Costa Rican family taught the students about the culture.

"I liked it because they were really nice and it was fun to be able to experience a way of life that was really different from mine," said Annie Rebbe, junior.

One of the benefits of living with a host family was learning the culture of day to day life. For Becky Rogers, senior, this included going to school with her host sister and visiting the beach and movies with her host family. "It was a really cool way to experience their culture," said Rogers.

In the same way, Olivia Willis, junior, did special things with her family. Willis spent some time with her family visiting an old church and a volcano. She also went to school with her 14 year old host sister "which was really fun because I met a whole bunch of other kids and saw the other girls from our school with their family's kid."



At Saemul Middle School, **Brynn Benes**, **Meg Rasche**, and **Brittany Zee-Cheng**, seniors, pose with several students they gave an American culture lesson to. "I liked getting to experience teaching in a classroom setting" said Rasche.



The group of Westminster students that went to Costa Rica prepare before riding a gondola to the top of a mountain. On the trip, Emily Roig, spanish teacher, helped the students explore Costa Ricans special attributes.





Becky Rogers, senior, **Ellie Straub**, and **Annie Rebbbe**, juniors, pose as a group while in Costa Rica. During the trip, students visited a volcano and stayed with a host family.

Matt Brugner, senior, hugs one of his students at Saemul Christian School. "She was super shy but really funny," said Brugner.

Jeremy Hall, senior, carries a Korean middle school student from Saemul Middle School in Seoul, South Korea. Hall worked with Jacob Mohler, math teacher, during the camp week.





A group of seniors hike through the badlands on the South Dakota summer seminar. The group went backpacking for three days with only the supplies on their backs. The other seven days of the trip was spent biking, camping, and hiking in other parts of South Dakota.

God's Country.

The South Dakota Badlands is heaven for rattlesnakes in the summer. While Chris Knerr, a history teacher, had led the seminar many summers in a row, his fear of snakes had not gotten any better. The students on the trip became aware of this fear when they found a rattlesnake. Soon after they saw the snake, Caleb Gilkerson, a guide for backpacking, stabbed it with a walking pole.

After the killing of the snake, the devious students sat and watched Knerr eat his lunch. Knerr came to pick up his lunch, and as he walked back over to the teacher's circle, the students began to make a hissing sound, a sound that was identical to the sound of a Rattlesnake.

All of a sudden he jumped about four feet in the air and yelled, "Snake!" The students roared in laughter and for some reason, he still did not realize that the hissing sound was coming from the students, not a snake. He freaked out for a solid minute, and when he realized that it was the students, "He was more mad than scared," said Spencer Moergan, senior. Knerr walked off embarrassed, but with the knowledge that the prank was respectable. "The prank on Knerr was one of the funniest things that happened on the trip, we got him good," said Margaret Moore, senior.

Practical jokes happened not only in South Dakota, but on the Washington summer seminars as well. Kevin O'Leary, senior, had his place in the tent set over a giant hole by friends. "I walked into camp and everyone was quiet, I threw down my sleepingbag in my tent and tried to sit down. I sat in a hole about two feet deep, and everyone started dying laughing. I was actually mad, and I made my friends move the tent," said O'Leary.

Taylor Bookout, senior, watches the ocean on the beach during the Washington Summer Seminar. The trip included hiking up several different mountains and camping along the Washington and Oregon coasts.

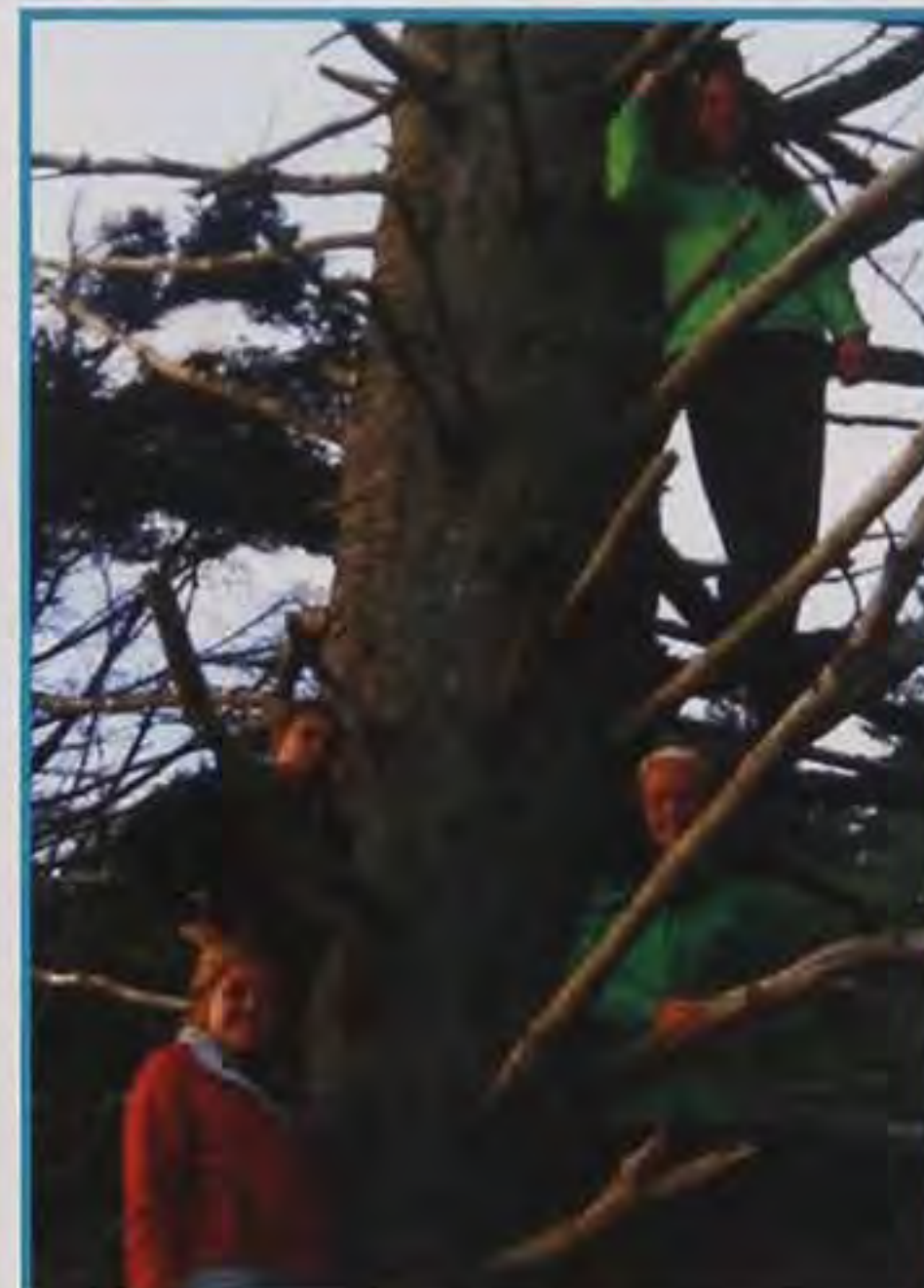
David Rohlfing, senior, stands on the top of a rock formation in the South Dakota badlands. It was Rohlfing's second year participating in a summer seminar.



After hiking to the beach, the Washington summer seminar students pose for a picture together. There were 17 seniors on the Washington trip.



Brendin Loveland and **Taylor Hughes**, seniors, hold a snake during Washington Summer seminar. The trip took place in July.



During the Washington Summer Seminar, **Dani Evans**, **Morgan Nixon**, **Rachel Becker**, and **Avery Anderson**, seniors, climb a tree near the beach.



Steven Bosch, senior, hikes through the badlands during the South Dakota summer seminar. Bosch had also attended Junior seminar the previous summer.



Olivia Willis, junior, reaches to catch the ball during the first quarter of the powderpuff game. This catch allowed Willis to score a touchdown for the juniors.



junior girls
VS.
senior girls





Saenea Williams, freshman, dances at pride night. "This was my first big performance. I really enjoyed doing a routine with the varsity team," said Williams.

Running, **Natalie Bell**, junior, carries the ball down the field during the powder-puff game. "We kept scoring back and forth," said Bell.

Ana Hathaway, sophomore, plays in the jazz band. "I decided to join jazz band because it was a way to play my instrument outside of band class and not just play classical music," said Hathaway.



Danny Dwyer, sophomore, plays the trumpet during pride night. Dwyer had been on the jazz band since seventh grade.

PRIDE night



Jumping in excitement, **Jake Mckie**, seventh grade, celebrates the football team's victory at tug-of-war during pride night.



Will Sutter, seventh grade, dances at pride night. Sutter and the rest of the soccer team were the first group to come out on the floor.



Camden Bridges, senior, laughs with the football team during pride night. Bridges was on the football team for two years.

Challenge Accepted.

The wind was blowing strong as senior and junior girls prepared to face each other. The annual powderpuff game took place on October 21. Juniors were unsure of their odds against the seniors.

"We thought there was no way we could compete because so many of the [female] junior athletes were on the volleyball team and therefore couldn't participate," said Jabri Boyd, junior. Nevertheless, crowds quickly piled in in support of both grades.

The seniors scored the first touchdown, but the juniors soon showed that they were not going to be beaten without a fight. Before long, the juniors scored a touchdown of their own to tie the scores. Throughout the game, the grades took turns scoring back and forth. "I expected to be crushed by the seniors, but we really held our own. I think that was what kept us going the rest of the game", said Olivia Willis, junior.

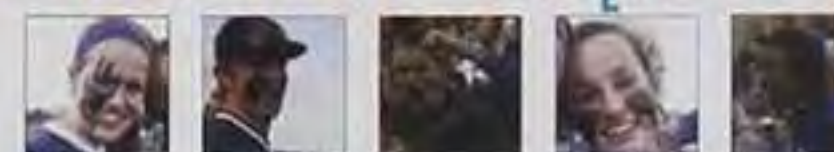
At the beginning of the quarter, the seniors were ahead by one touchdown. By the end of the quarter, though, the juniors pulled through once more and tied the game. Much to the seniors' disappointment, the quarter came to an end at a tie at 45-45. Juniors had mixed feelings with the outcome of a tie.

"We both did a really good job, but we wanted to win so badly. I am glad that we tied rather than lost," said Natalie Bell, junior.

"I was not happy with the tie at all. All we needed was a few more minutes for either team to score again," said Willis.

Regardless of initial expectations, the junior girls proved themselves to be fighters when faced with a challenge.

Pride Night & Powder Puff 15[five.]



BOOTH



Mackenzie Yeager and Emma Bailey and , sophomores, pose for a picture in the photobooth at Carnival. Westminster had silly hats and other props for people to put on. "I really enjoyed the photobooth because it let me express my crazy personality," said Bailey.



Something to Watch.

This year's carnival was different from years past in that the new campus enabled carnival to take place both outside and inside the gym. Students signed up to work at booths with friends and there were a whole bunch of different activities for students as well as families to participate in.

"My favorite booth at Carnival would have to be the senior's inflatable. Even though I did not participate in it, it was still fun watching everyone else do it" said Megan Sexton, sophomore.

The night of carnival the talent show took place. Students displayed and performed unique talents and funny skits.

"It was really fun. [performing] I was nervous at first but once I got on stage I was ready to give it a hundred percent," said Adcock.

Parker Briden, junior, and **John Hancock**, senior, host the talent show the night of carnival. It was Briden's fourth year hosting. "This year I got to work with John Hancock, which was incredible. He's one of my good friends and we had been planning that show for awhile. It all came together very nicely," said Briden.



"I loved the blue men dancing to 'I'm Blue.' It was hilarious and so much fun to watch,"
-Parker Briden, junior



Julia Johnson and **Kathryn Hinrichs**, freshmen, work at a caramel apples and pretzels booth. "A couple of my friends were doing it, and I thought we could do it together. I had a great time," said Johnson.

Megan Sexton, sophomore, helps at a concession stand. It was Sexton's second year on STUCO and first year being an officer.



Lavinia Adcock, freshmen, performs her jump rope and pogo stick act in the talent show.

Laura Rose Johnson and **Rebecca Park**, seventh graders, walk around visiting different booths inside the gym.

Annie Hartwig and **Jabri Boyd**, juniors, pose for a picture in the photobooth during carnival.



of donations



Placing cleaning supplies on his class's table, **Bennett Woodard**, seventh grade, contributes towards his first year doing ITSOG.

Bringing in bags of school supplies, **Connor Sullivan**, senior, makes his way towards the senior's designated table. "I like ITSOG, and think WCA should continue it", said Sullivan.

Emptying his bag of cleaning supplies, **Jake McKie**, seventh grade, makes sure he efficiently placed everything on the table.

Donating bags of food to his grade's table, **Matt Schafly**, eighth grade, brings food on Monday. Schafly had been introduced to this week of giving through his older siblings.

Johnny Hardin, freshman, brings a bag of food on Monday. Monday, students were asked to bring in canned food.



Sarah Levenhagen, junior, swings her bag of donated goods up on the table.

On Tuesday, **Dawson Egan**, seventh grade, hands his bag of donated things to one of his fellow classmates. "I liked participating in ITSOG because it sends the message that it is good to help people in need," said Egan.

Teddy Bacon, seventh grade, takes his time placing food on his class's table on Monday.



James Kouzes, eighth grade, sets his bag of canned food on his grade's table.

Handing off his cleaning supplies, **Eli Parham**, freshman, jokes around with one of his friends.



Kristin Strong, Katie Port, and Lauren Lowe, seventh graders, take a look at all the items that were placed on their class' table. The seventh grade won overall this year, which placed them as reigning champs for ITSOG.

Giving Back.

Every year, Westminster has a week set aside for helping out others, which is known as ITSOG. During this week, students were given the chance to donate to the St. Louis community.

"ITSOG teaches Westminster students to help others in the community. It makes us realize that there are many others who need help and by having ITSOG it shows us where we are needed within St. Louis!", said Emily Sulewski, freshman.

However, this week was not only destined for giving back, but to participate in a competition between fellow classmates. Each day had an assigned theme. Different days were open for certain items to be donated, for example Monday was for food. During studyhalls, students also had the chance to help load organizations' cars with the donated goods. Even though each grade brought loads of items each day, the seventh grade always found a way to win.

"I really liked participating in ITSOG for the first time this year", said seventh grader Dawson Egan.

Unlike the seventh graders, seniors instead reflected over the past years where they had been able to participate in the week of giving.

"ITSOG gives everyone a chance to help someone besides themselves. I think WCA should continue it because it is beneficial to others", said senior Connor Sullivan. By making ITSOG a competition between grades, it allowed for students to have fun with donating to people in need. However, it is also a good reminder for students to always be willing to give back to their community and the those around them.



Alyse Tarantino eighth grade, played the role of Aunt Bea Ramona and Beezes' aunt. "Take the chain off the stove" was my favorite line in the play. I thought it was really funny." said Tarantino.



**"TAKE THE CHAIN
OFF THE STOVE"**

PHOTO: W.C.C.





Avery Drury, and Trevor Weststeyn, eighth grade, played Mrs. and Mr. Quimby. "I really liked the cast of the play and it was fun to go to practice and hangout with everyone," said Drury.

During practice, **Miles Hehner**, eighth grade, marches as a boy scout. "The boy scouts were always marching around," said Hehner. Hehner played a boy scout, old man, and a doctor.

Hannah Haguewood, Caroline Hughes, Rebecca Park, and Valerie Winkler, seventh grade, in the role of girl scouts saying a pledge. This was Haguewoods, Hughes', Parks, and Winklers, first play.

Jonathan Williams, seventh grade, and **Alyson McKie**, eighth grade, converse on stage while playing the roles of a student and Ramona Quimby.



Lessons on Staying True.

The middle school fall play, "Ramona Quimby," was a big hit with the middle school students. The play featured Alyson McKie, eighth grade, who played the main character, Ramona Quimby. The play took place during the great depression, and was the story of a family who overcame a time of struggling and hardships and found success and happiness.

"One of my favorite quotes from the play was a line Ramona said near the end of the play in the last scene while talking to her older sister Beezus, 'But I don't want to be like Mom or Dad, or even Aunt Bea and Uncle Hobart, I want to be just like me!' said McKie. Trevor Weststeyn, eighth grade, played Bob Quimby who was the father of Romana and her older sister Beezus. A struggle for the Quimby family was that Bob Quimby was fired from his job.

Margo Koby, eighth grade, played the role of Mrs. Griggs. "The fall play was a blast! Everyone always had a positive attitude and got along great," said Koby. "I thought the cast did a great job and we had a really good turn out both performance nights," said Weststeyn.

"Ramona Quimby" had a lot of lessons that were taught. It showed how life can be a struggle at times and it also had a lesson of staying true to oneself. My favorite part about being involved in this play was just the incredible experience I had, by being a different character, acting like a nine year old again, and just meeting all of the seventh graders and hanging out with my eighth grade friends.



Zach Hughes and **Erin Hunt**, eighth grade, who played the roles of Hobart and the grandmother of Ramona's best friend, converse on stage having an argument.





Andrew Gordon, senior, reaches out to his lover, Juliet, from below the balcony. He was the lead role, Romeo, in the play.



Fair Sun."

"Arise

The students of Westminster recreated the ultimate, passionate love play, Romeo and Juliet, hosted in their own theater. James Butz, first year faculty member at the Academy, served as director. Because Butz had experience as a professional actor, he had a bountiful amount of Shakespearean knowledge and was able to use this knowledge to be successful in his first ever directing job. The actors believed he was one of the best directors they had ever worked with.

"We all loved him because he was very invested into the play. He made each of us take our parts seriously," said Justine Doiron, senior who played the part of Juliet.

The work that went into this play was not always easy. One Saturday, the cast had a practice the length of half a day- 12 hours- 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. The commitment level was incredibly high. "We practiced three hours a day every week day and three hours, at least, every Saturday," said Justine Doiron, senior.

However, the last hour of this practice, Doiron, Andres, and Andrew Gordon, senior decided that their 12 hours of hard work should end humorously. As a joke, the three students ran through almost the entire play, but instead of being their own characters, they imitated all the other cast members roles.

"It was a ton of fun," said Andres.



Justine Doiron and **Andrew Gordon**, seniors, repeat the onstage kiss during practice. "It really wasn't that awkward for me. We just had to practice it so many times!" said Doiron.

Dylan Andres and **Austen Crim**, seniors, play enemies during play practice. Andres came from the Capulets, while Crim came from Montagues.

After an intense sword fight, **Sarah Yousef**, junior, and **Jake Hughes**, senior, mourn the loss of their son Tybalt, played by **Dylan Andres**, senior. Tybalt, Prince of Cats, tragically died with a sword through his chest.



Austen Crim, senior, played the part of Mercutio. "It was so fun working with Austen because he got really into it," said **Alex Kessel**, freshman.



Margaret Moore, senior, dances at the Capulets party during the play. The dresses they wore were from one of Mr. Butz' friends that he had worked with before.

Alex Kessel, freshman, 'bites his thumb' during rehearsal. "It was funny because it was kinda the same as flicking people off," said Kessel.

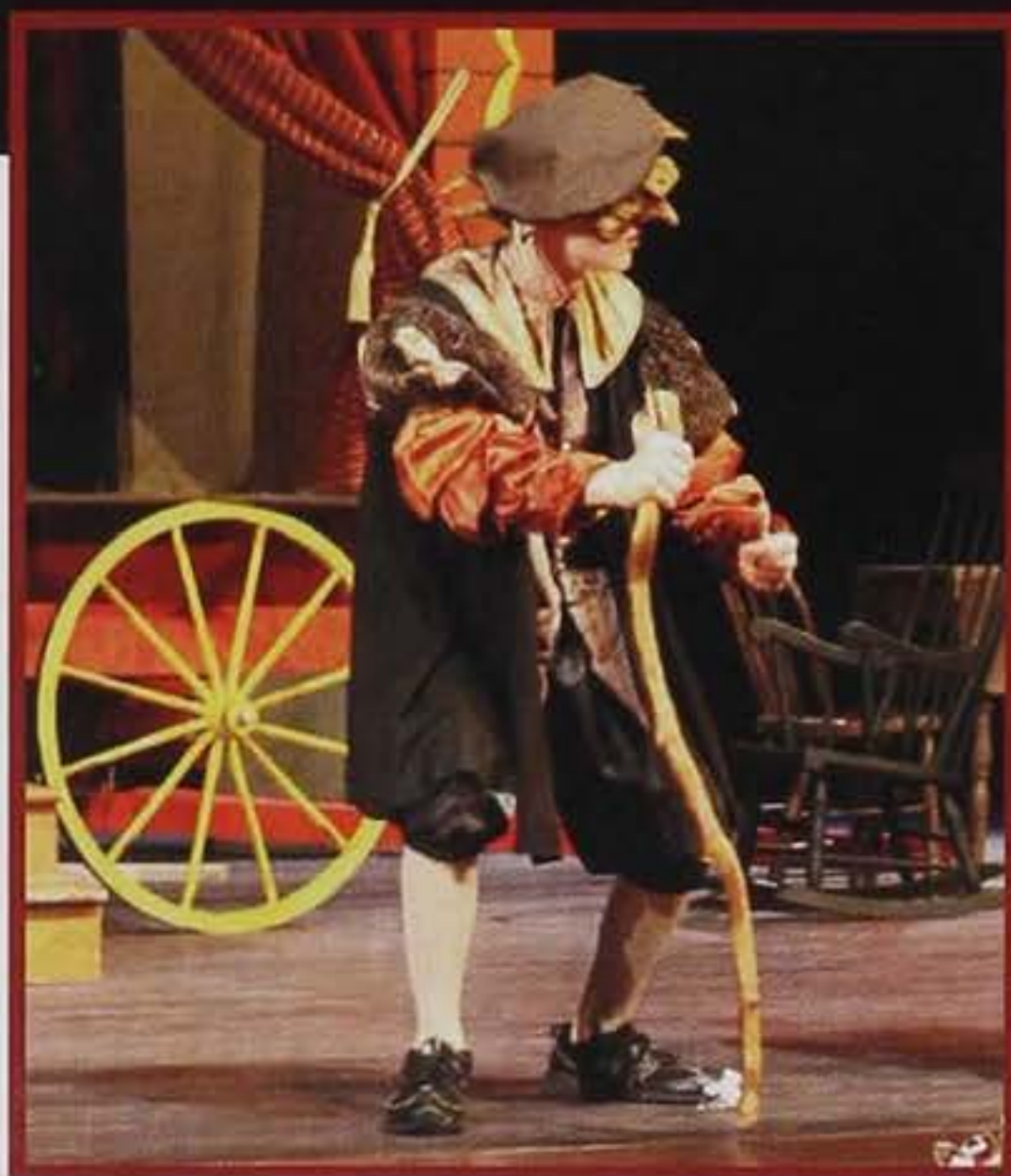


The Company of Wayward Saints poses for the audience. The poses were intended to portray the personalities of their characters.



Pantalone, **Alex Kessel**, freshman, stands as a hunched back old man. The cane took pressure off his back. "I'm also somewhat used to it, I was a lineman and a wrestler the last 3 years," said Kessel.

Justine Doiron, senior, stars as Columbine, who is Harlequin's sarcastic wife. "Justine was always in character and was really animated," said Abigail Smith, sophomore.



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Company.

In Good

"It's so cool to have a huge stage and lots of seats for more people to come and to top it off a huge blue curtain that falls perfectly," said Mary Heyl, freshman. Instead of performing at different facilities like in years past, A Company of Wayward Saints, this year's winter play, was performed at WCA.

The company was a group of nine vagrants who performed for different communities. This was a unique play because each actor had to memorize improv lines. The character's previous performance was about the history of man. The history began with the birth of man through adolescence, marriage and death.

"This particular play gave the actors a lot of room to create characters, so figuring out what worked well was hard at first," said Anna Hagan, freshman. They interpreted their characters in the way that they wanted to.

They had many funny moments during practice. In the beginning of the play Jake Hughes had to slide on stage and he almost fell off. Another time, Harrison Farmer, freshman hit himself in the face while saluting. "I started busting out laughing and so did the rest of the cast," said Farmer.

"We spend a lot of hours together and there is never a dull moment. Each person adds their joke or flair that creates a diverse, but unified group. I wouldn't trade it for anything," said Alex Kessel, freshman.



Harlequin, played by **Andrew Gordon**, senior, reflects on his past. Gordon's character was the leader who was late to every performance.

Anna Hagan, freshman, plays the part of the sweetheart, Isabella. "Adam and Eve was my favorite scene to perform because I got to use a lot of sarcasm which is always really fun," said Hagan.



Egan Moylan and **Harrison Farmer**, freshmen, stare off into the distance while listening to Harlequin talk. Moylan played Capitano, while Farmer played Scapino.

Mary Heyl, freshman, acts as a flirtatious Ruffiana. "I seem to have an ear for accents and it came naturally," said Heyl.



Tristano, played by **Jake Hughes**, senior, acts as Isabella's lover. Their matching costumes helped portray their love affair.



Ryan Kelly, junior, plays Dottore. Kelly's character was the know-it-all of the play.



Winter Play 16 [five.]





Mimi Hastings, sophomore, searches for her name on the table at Christmas Banquet. "It was at the St. Charles Convention Center, and it was pretty nice. I had a really fun night," said Hastings.



The Elf Who Saved Christmas.

Twas the night on Dec 16, when hundreds of friends gathered to celebrate. As they sat down and enjoyed Christmas Banquet a video came on. The elves (Taylor Hughes, Landon Burke, Zac Hampton, and Parker Briden) lost Santa (John Hancock) and went on a search at Westminster Christian Acadamey to find him. A rap-off took place in the film and there were many shout outs to the students in it.

Tyler Burns, sophomore, was incorporated in the rap, and he said, "I thought it was hilarious, the kids at our school really know how to rap."

John Hancock, senior, performed and scripted the rap. He said it was a lot of fun, and all together it took about two hours to make.

Taylor Deves, junior, said, "The quality of the video compared to past years was no doubt the best ever."

Since a roast was not longer aloud at Christmas Banquet anymore, the rap replaced it.

Gregory Fleissner, sophomore, went to Christmas Banquet with his date Anna Kuiper and is in STUCO. "I loved having Landon and Bennet as hosts, they were hilarious!" said Fleissner.



Hannah Ruckman and **Olivia Baurer**, freshmen, enjoy Christmas Banquet. "The best part was the ride over on the party bus with all of everyone!" said Ruckman.

Brendin Loveland, senior watches the singers during dinner at Christmas Banquet. "It was the last time I will ever go, and I had a lot of fun my last year," said Loveland.



Cameron Clay, senior, spent his time walking around and socializing with his friends. "It was a very memorable last year at Christmas Banquet," said Clay.



Laura Hammann and **Zach Hampton**, seniors, display their serious looks as one of their friends captures their last WCA Christmas Banquet. Hammann and Hampton brought seperate dates to their last banquet.



Moriah Miller, sophomore, laughs at a joke at her table during CB. "The best part about CB is getting all dressed up, and being in the limo with my friends," said Miller.



Emma Bailey, sophomore, enjoys the company of those seating at her table. Bailey also went last year as a freshman to CB.



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Theodore Muschany & Austin Benefield, sophomores



Scott Rupprecht, sophomore



Zach Shikles, sophomore



Kailynn Kneibert, sophomore



Nathan Richardson, sophomore

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BIG CHANGES:

The move from the Ladue to Town and Country campus marked many changes for Westminster students. The new building alone was an all-encompassing reminder that showed how the facilities have progressed. Physically the parking lot was one of the largest surfaces on the campus.

"The parking lot is so big, I'm glad that sophomores can drive themselves," said Sarah Becker, sophomore. In past years even the juniors were not able to park for the entire year. One aspect that students were very excited about was for that the first time ever Westminster had its very own theatre. "I like the seating. Now when we have plays we have an actual stage so we are able to do more with our performances" said Anna Gaffney, junior.

Some students found themselves missing aspects of the old campus despite all that the town and country school had to offer. "It's very big, but very bland. Boring! It needs color," said Mimi Hastings, sophomore. Another huge change to the school was the individual commons for the various grade levels. Davis Vanderslice, junior, commented, "It keeps the upper-classmen from talking to the lower-classmen between classes. It keeps us separated, but at the same time it's really nice to have them."



John Lee, sophomore, works on homework in the academic hub. The Hub integrated technology with a classic library by providing additional mac laptops.

Kaitlin Kittelson, freshman, talks with her friends in the hallway in between class.



Holding onto the football, **Keith Degler**, senior, is tackled by Lutheran North lineman.



Stepping over the hurdle, **David Pruitt**, freshman, warms up for his work out. "I like the track because we didn't have one before", says Pruitt.

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Devin Payne, senior



Amanda Ebert, eighth grade



Isaac Wachsmuth, senior



Bianca Esparza-Burr, freshman



Ben Moore, eighth grade



Maegan Nelson, senior



Stanley McCaskey & Chloe McCaskey, sophomore



Caleb Miller, freshman



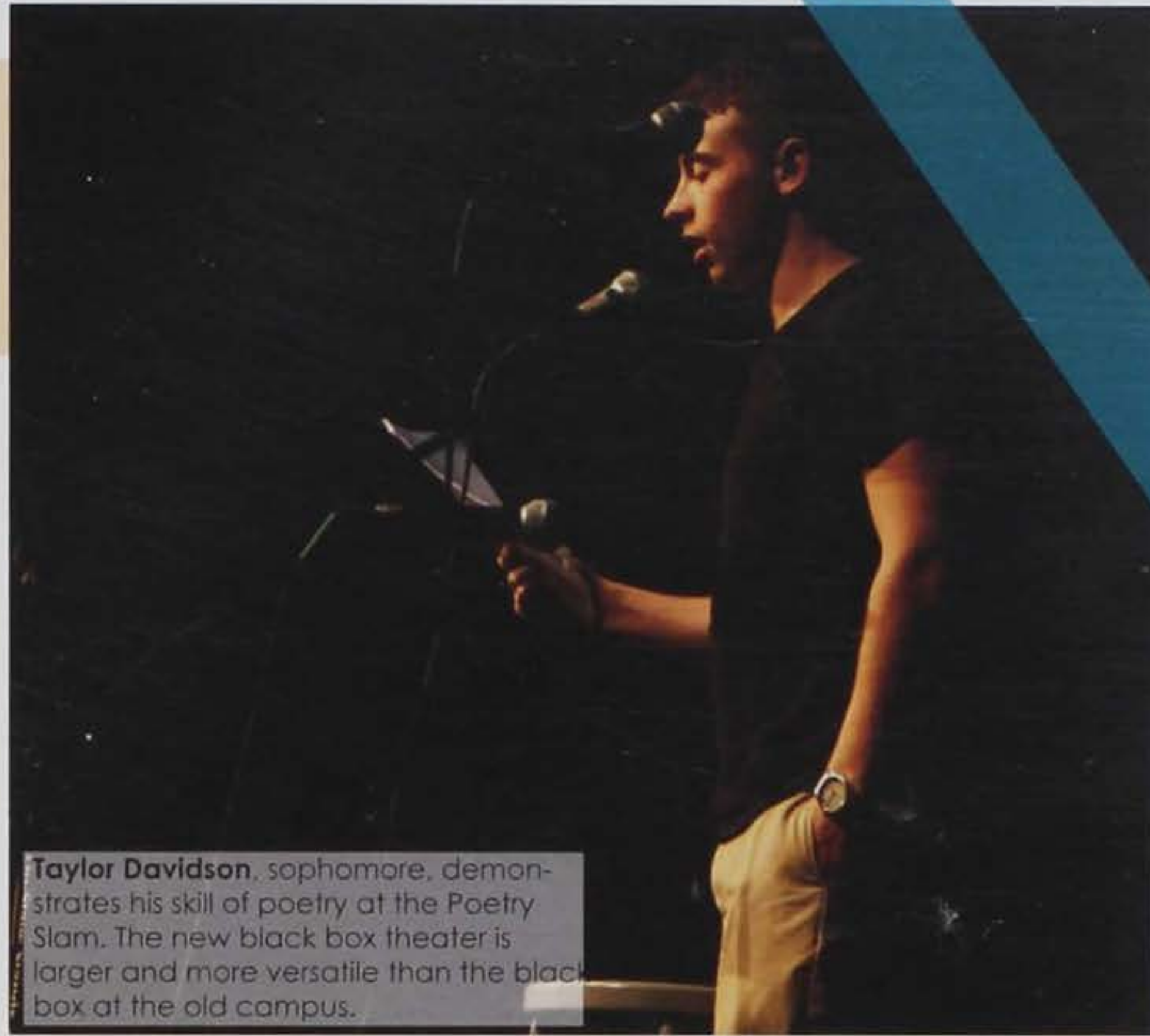
Katie Ganning, senior

Stretching, **Jon Lauer**, freshman, prepares for practice. Instead of carpooling back and forth to practices, the track team was able to use our own facilities.

Tim Burgess, junior, throws the ball down the field during soccer season. Burgess played on the new turf field and in the new arena for varsity boys' basketball.



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Taylor Davidson, sophomore, demonstrates his skill of poetry at the Poetry Slam. The new black box theater is larger and more versatile than the black box at the old campus.



Madison Massol, freshman



Daniel Shick, seventh grade



Gabby Stuard, eighth grade



Drew Melaragno, eighth grade



Amir Zakhary, junior, and **Brendan Yeager**, freshman, run the track during track practice after school. Zakhary and Yeager were both new to the team.

Anna Cordray, sophomore, stretches on the new turf field before an intense track practice.

Oginni Oluranti, freshman, eats lunch in the Cafe.



Swimmer, **Drew Port**, freshman, swims the breaststroke in a relay. During the men's swim team season Port swam in relays and the 500 freestyle most often.

5 Big Changes 16[nine.]





"I love to accessorize! I love earrings and scarves and I like wearing sperrys, they match with everything," said **Lexie Einertson**, eighth grade.

"I love wearing shorts. As far as pants go the only thing I miss is being able to wear blue jeans," said **Davis Vanderslice**, junior. Vanderslice was on the varsity baseball team.

"I don't normally accessorize much, I just put on my uniform and call it good," said **Claire Nichols**, eighth grade.

"I always have to be wearing some kind of bow and my favorite thing to wear are my combat boots," said **Lexi Zepp**, junior.



Megan Galvin, freshman



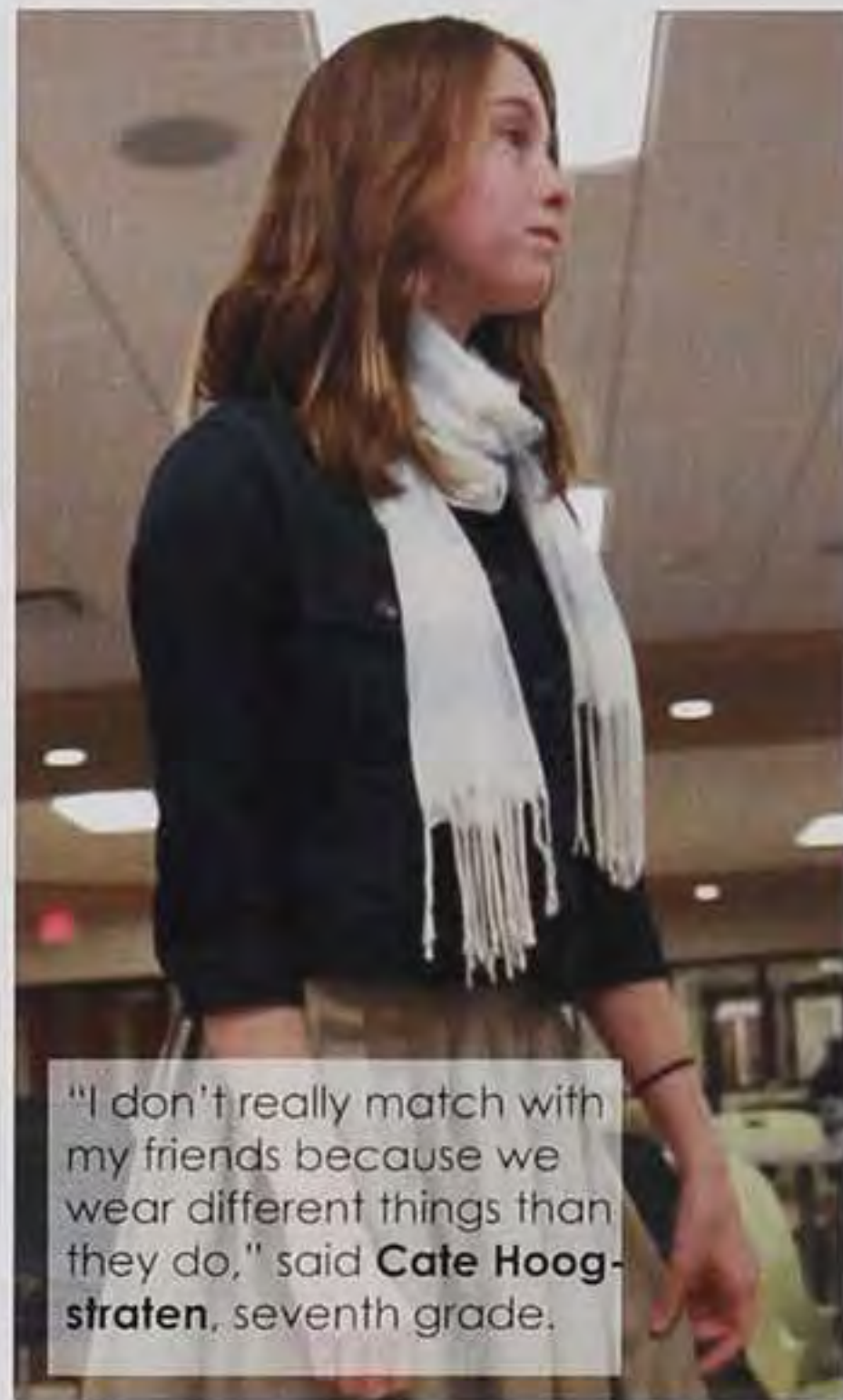
Trent Briden, freshman



Marissa Rasch, freshman



"My friends and I have similar taste so we match all the time," said **Jenny Baldwin**, sophomore. Baldwin was a member of concert choir.



"I don't really match with my friends because we wear different things than they do," said **Cate Hoogstraten**, seventh grade.



Josh Streiner, seventh grade



Heather Burt, sophomore



Thomas Meyer, freshman



Lauren Whitehead, eighth grade



"The uniforms all alright. I like all of the variety, like the different colored shirts," said **Jack Bauer**, seventh grade.



"I would rather wear jeans than my uniform. I wear earrings, bracelets with my uniform," said **Eryica Brunk**, seventh grade.

"I don't like the uniforms because I like to wear my own clothing, but it is nice because it doesn't take up my time in the morning," said **Catrina Hickerson**, sophomore.



Bradley Almus, sophomore



Hannah Grace, eighth grade



Corey Weinberg, freshman



Caroline Brands, seventh grade



Miles Tucker, sophomore



Annie Rebbe, junior



Cole Hoskins, sophomore

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Hannah Grace Smith, eighth grade



James Bissel, eighth grade



Austin Walker, junior



Martha Guariglia, senior



Jacob Wilson, eighth grade



BIG CHANGES:

"The worst was when I come out of my room and my sister would be wearing the same thing as me." said Claire Nichols, eighth grade.

The uniforms were one of the biggest changes to the school this year. Rather than previous years where everyone expressed their own style, people had to look the same every day. While its frustrating to match with other people, some have found a way to add some spice to their uniform.

"I accessorize my uniform by wearing fun boots and sperrys as well as bows in my hair." said Claire Kopsky, sophomore. The guys don't really accessorize, but they were just happy they could wear shorts. "You could just roll up your pants and "wallah" you have shorts." said Blake Sutphen, freshman. Because of the new uniforms, non Westminster people were confused why we wore them.

"People have often given me looks when I've gone out to eat. Most people ask me where I go to school, and when I say Westminster, they always say, "Oh that new school. Where is that located again?" said Kopsky.

Uniforms changed the whole atmosphere of the school, especially since it is so big.

"I like wearing scarves to jazz up my uniform; it kind of let's me express myself in my own way" said Hannah Schweiss, sophomore.

Sitting outside during lunch, **Blake Sutphen**, freshman said, "In my mind, everyone looks EXACTLY the same."



"Wearing skirts is amazing, and so much more comfortable than jeans when it's hot," said **Madilynn Blum**, freshman.



Posing to prove her fashion sense, **Claire Kopsky**, sophomore said "My friends and I match all the time. We sometimes joke saying, "So what lands end shirt are we wearing tomorrow?"

"I generally wear Sperrys with no socks of course," said **Sam Snapp**, sophomore.

These Uniforms

"Having uniforms is a lot easier because you dont have to think about what to wear, said **Azaria Foster**, eighth grade.

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5 Big Changes 17[one.]



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Tim Svoboda, senior



Laura Brands & Melissa Knappenberger, seniors



Carler Snodgrass, seventh grade



Ben Isaacs, eighth grade



Anna Marusiodis, seventh grade



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BIG CHANGES:

Entering the new campus, many students wondered where they would eat lunch in the new building. The students then stumbled across a sign reading "Café," which answered their question. The Café became a big change for most students in many ways besides the fancy new name.

The first aspect that changed students' lives was the new schedule, which included two lunches, compensating for the smaller lunchroom. "I like that there are two lunches this year because the cafeteria is not as crowded as it was last year and I have only two classes after lunch," said Taylor Freiner, junior. Although some people missed having lunch with all of their friends, two lunches opened up the opportunity for students to eat lunch with new people. "Random people sat by me, so I met a lot of people right away," said Sydney Arnold, freshman.

Another big change of the Café was the new food from Hollyberry. The new selection allowed for healthier meals and more unique food choices for lunch. "The ham and wheat sandwiches are amazing!" said Kayla Hampton, sophomore.

High tables, booths, couches, and an outdoor courtyard filled the new Café with exciting and more comfortable seating. "The booths are nice and the couches are comfy," said Emily Sulewski, freshman.

Along with the new food came a new lunch staff. Many students enjoyed conversing with the ladies and found them extremely kind and humorous. Through the numerous changes in the new Café, students' lunch periods had multiple positive outcomes. The big changes in the new campus gave opportunities to students that they had not had before.

Purchasing his Hollyberry meal, **Justice Bartlett**, sophomore, carries his meal during lunch. The school integrated a healthier meal plan with the Holly Berry food option.



Megan Galvin and Janie Hughes, freshmen, chat together in A lunch. The daily school schedule changed by dividing lunch into two periods, allowing for a less crowded Café.



Talking together in the Café after school, **Brennen Almus** and **Sung Jin Cho**, sophomores, sit on the new couches. A new rule allowed students to only eat food in the Café to keep the new school cleaner.

Elise Burton, sophomore, talks outside the Café. The signs reading "Café" introduced the new name for the cafeteria.





Ali Montgomery, freshman



Trevon Gooch, freshman



Madaline Ross, freshman



David Hartmann, junior



Ben Gienke, freshman



Maya Taylor, sophomore



Dorabhin Lav, freshman



Adan Larraga Manzano, eighth grade



Charisse Williams, freshman

Matthew Brugner and Morgan Nixon, seniors, make a sandwich in the Café. Food choices included a sandwich bar, a salad bar, and Holly Berry meals.

Studying together, Gavin Dodge and Britt Hagemeyer, freshmen, read and discuss their work. The new Café provided enough space for students to spread out and study.

Olivia Holt and Lily Fiala, seventh graders, laugh with friends at their lunch table during the middle school lunch.



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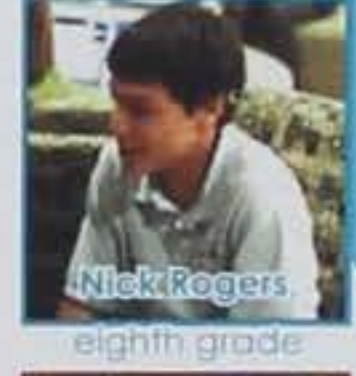
Andrew Eichenlaub, freshman



Matt Offsen, seventh grade



Tera Bowie, freshman



Nick Rogers, eighth grade



Jerett Maass, senior



Paying for her Holly Berry lunch, Andrea Williams, sophomore, hands her money to the lunch staff. Along with the new food selection came a new food staff. "They were really spunky," said Williams.

Hannah Sabadell and Eri Ridenhour, seventh graders, eat lunch together on the new Café couches. New seating ranged from booths to outdoor tables.



Enjoying lunch in the courtyard, Brandon Beat and Jason Kelly, seventh graders, talk together.

Sang Hyuk Park, freshman, searches his backpack for his homework. Park came to Westminster second semester from Korea.

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Sori Kim and Megan Lee, juniors, work on their college essays during their College Road Map seminar. Both students were here as part the foreign exchange program this year.

Melinda Oliver and Emily Mitchell, juniors, work along the side of their group during their College Road Map seminar.

Daniel Prada, junior, takes an online quiz to see which college fits him best. "The results were interesting," said Prada.



Caroline Agan, freshman, listens in on her first seminar of the year. Many students did not know what to expect at their first seminar.



Hunter Hughes, Zak Kessel and Joe Issacs, juniors, works in the study room evaluating the global awareness seminar with his group.



Tissy Mundy, junior, maps out her college future during seminar. "I love being able to use this seminar time to do something useful for my future," said Mundy.



Christian Lindgren, sophomore, researches different aspects of media during his media literacy seminar taught by Senor Legters and Mr. Burke.



Jessa Stone, freshman, uses her time in seminars to learn about new advances in technology.



Luke Dolron, seventh grade



Dawson Peon, seventh grade



Nick Smart, seventh grade



Jesse Esparza-Burns, seventh grade



Taylor French, seventh grade



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Chase Griesedieck, seventh grade

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Dean Karanas, seventh grade



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Olivia Henderson, seventh grade



Jolie Hathaway, seventh grade



Erika Coughlin, seventh grade



Ed Griesedieck, seventh grade

Justin Thames,
freshman



Hunter Sells,
freshman



Jack Southwell,
freshman



Joby Seltz,
freshman



Lucy Sell,
freshman



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BIG CHANGES:

Seminars!

Amongst many other changes that the new school year brought us at the academy, one of the biggest changes to the school week grind was having seminars on Thursday mornings. What was supposed to be a really cool idea got lots of mixed reviews from the student body. When asked how helpful seminars were and if students liked them, there were various responses.

"It depends on which seminar it is, I think it was a cool concept, but they can get really boring depending on what we are talking about," said Bailey Benes, junior. Freshman Blake Weaver, said, "I would rather just have an extra hour long study hall instead of seminars. I really think more students would like that over having seminars about stuff we really don't care about."

However, there were some students that find them to be very beneficial and have learned things through seminars that they would otherwise not have know.

"One seminar I did find to be really helpful and interesting was the Dating & Marriage seminar because it actually applies to my life and my future," said Kristen Ahlbrand said,

Clearly with new big changes there will always be mixed reviews and people will feel differently about them. Students however were used to all the change, because after all seminars weren't the only big change that the Academy had this past year.



After the main speaker finished, **Cameron Hibler**, freshman, broke up into his small group to work on a group project.

Baxter Estes and **Ethan Finn**, freshmen, work along the side of their small group. "Seminar's are a cool new concept, and they help break up the day which I really like," said Estes.

Bailey Myrkle and **JD Klein**, sophomores, work on his laptop in the media through literacy seminar. Students learned about media through all different sources of literature.

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Jonathan Parker, seventh grade



Lauren Moore, senior



Dong Jae Lee, junior



Jacob Thomas, junior



Eunna Gu, junior

clubs

BIG CHANGES:

The suspense and excitement grew in the Arena as the Tae Kwon Do club kicked apples placed on knives and wooden boards in swift motions. The students had practiced for weeks to display their talents. They spent an hour during each practice perfecting the motions. Amon Kehr, freshman, said, "the hardest part [of training] was learning all the form[s], because its very precise and I [have not done] any of it before." This included punches, kicks, and blocks.

Eunna Gu, junior, and Jun Young Oh, senior, put on an act and sparred each other during the club's spirit week performance. Gu said that her favorite part of the act was flipping over Young Oh because it was the hardest move in practice. However, Young Oh said, "There was no favorite part because my whole body hurts every time I did that with 'lovely' Eunna!" Gu also said, "I was nervous since Jun is master level and very professional and I didn't have any experience." Being able to avoid a punch or kick from an opponent with thirteen years experienced was scary for Gu.

The Tae Kwon Do club consisted of mostly Korean students, but a few students joined outside of the ethnic group. Maya Taylor, sophomore, said, "I actually debated walking through the doors to join [on the first day] because I thought I'd be the only non-Korean." Taylor said that she did not regret walking through the doors; "There was never a day where I felt uncomfortable with them because they're so nice."

In the Robotics Club, **Luke Nitcher**, junior, works on a small robot.



Red belt **Hong Young Choi**, junior, completes his jump kick which broke the board in half.



Sea Sirisilp, Nathan Estock, and James Zandstra watch others at the robotics competition in March. The team was the rookie all-star at regionals and went on to compete against countries such as Japan, Israel and Brazil in Worlds.



Students listen to what the new Movie Club will have to offer in a meeting at school.



Emma Glasgow, sophomore, helps hold the boards so her fellow club member can kick through them. Glasgow found out about the Tae Kwan Do club through a friend and the announcements and gave it a try.





James Hoekzema, junior



Leah Janssen, junior



Drew Port, freshman



Steven Bosch, senior



Andrea Reed, sophomore



Ryan He, junior



Hannah Mitchell, junior



Brandon Terlow, senior



Spencer Moergen, senior

During the Spirit Week performance **Sam Thomas**, freshman, displays control by hitting his forms. The Tae Kwon Do performance took place on February 1.

Cheerleaders **Abby Smith** and **Audrey Dodds**, sophomores, listen to what is in store for them in movie club. "I hope that movie club will help me appreciate movies more, and watch them with more knowledge about what work went into them," said Smith.



Max Miller, senior



Andrew Murphy, eighth grade



Timmy Sell, eighth grade



Hannah Lovell, seventh grade



Euchae Kwak, sophomore, kicks the board to split it. Her favorite kick was a "540 degrees hook kick." "When I accomplished it for the first time, I was just really happy and felt thankful for God for making me start TKD again because I hated TKD when I was young," said Kwak.

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James Zandstra, junior, works with the wires preparing the robot to drive over a small ramp. He was awarded "Future scientist" and was honored by the University of Missouri-St. Louis' College of Arts and Sciences at a dinner for distinguished high-school students.

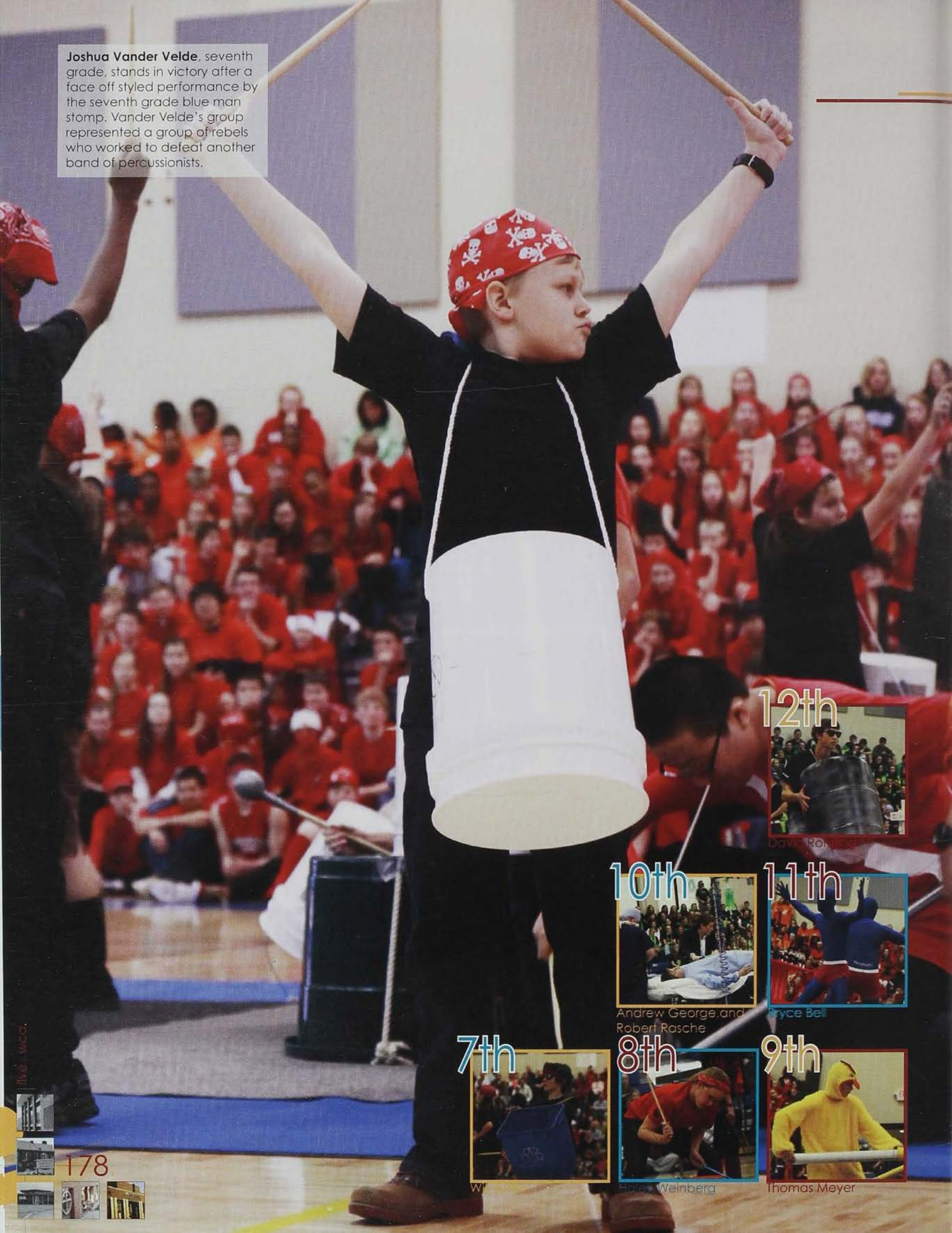


Fourth degree black belt, **Jun Young Oh**, senior, jumps up in a back flip to split a wood board with his foot. "I was member of [a Tae Kwon Do] mission team named 'International Tae Kwon Do Mission' in Korea," said Oh.

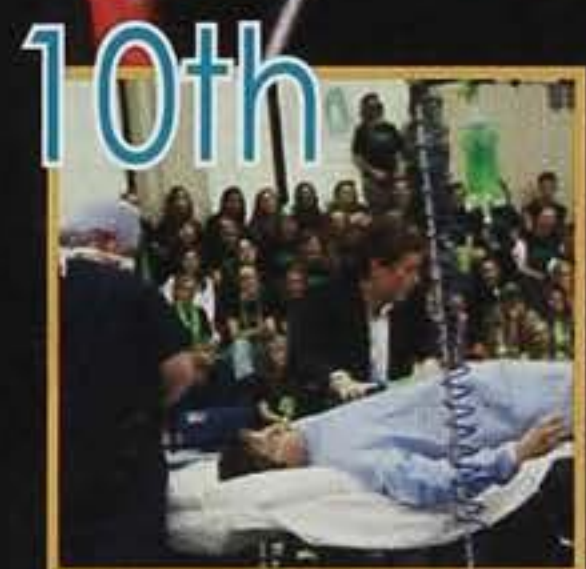
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Joshua Vander Velde, seventh grade, stands in victory after a face off styled performance by the seventh grade blue man stomp. Vander Velde's group represented a group of rebels who worked to defeat another band of percussionists.



David Romberg



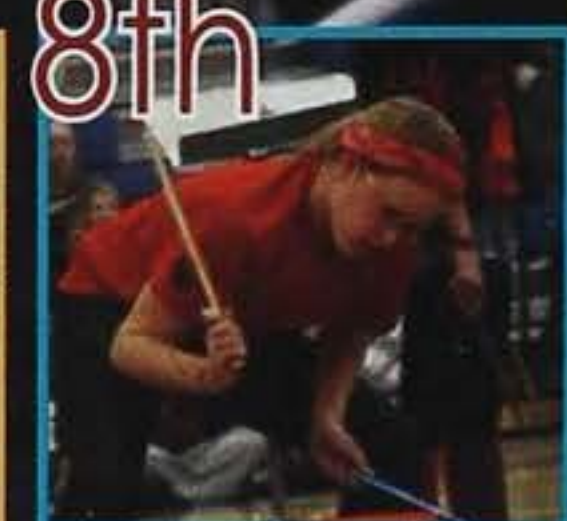
Andrew George and Robert Rasche



Bryce Bell



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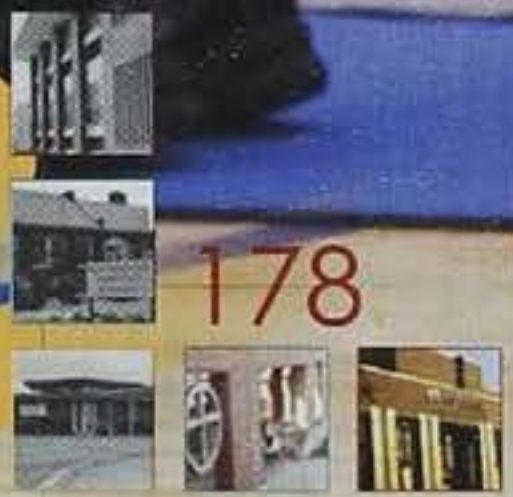
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the Underdogs

After dozens of hours of brutal practicing, headaches, and frustration, the results were finally ready to be announced. When it came down to the very predictable top three, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, the seniors were positive that they would be crowned victorious for the first time in class history. "Before we performed, everyone was telling us that we had first place locked, and we ourselves were convinced," said Nick Ramos, senior. "We just thought that musically our performance was more complex and cleaner than the others," said Connor Larson, senior. But the senior's high expectations came crashing down when the tie for second place was announced – the class of 2012 and 2013.

A mixture of horror and confusion was spread amongst the upperclassmen's faces as the sophomores rejoiced exuberantly at their victory. The sophomores were equally shocked at the upset. "When the announcers said that there was a two way tie for second, I got mad because ties are super lame. But when the words 'juniors and seniors' came out of their mouths, I was in shock. Our entire grade erupted. It was by far the best moment of spirit week," said Caleb Krumseig, sophomore. "People were saying that we had a chance to get first but we didn't really believe any of it. We put that routine together basically in just a few days so we felt overmatched going against the seniors and juniors so when we won, we were all pretty shocked," said Austin Benefield, sophomore.

Though a largely unpredicted win, it was also a well earned one. "The sophomores had a better theatrical performance that ended up beating our musical talent. I wish it was different but everyone on the sophomore group was talented and they did a great job," said Ramos. "We were disappointed when we didn't get first, but it was a great experience though. The sophomores and juniors definitely put on a great routine as well," said Sam Bezjak, senior.



Josh DeGroot, freshman



Nick Ehrhart, seventh



Logan Sells, seventh



Nathan Cherian, junior



Jessica Holt and Ellie Linhoff, seniors



Brianna DeGroot, junior



Dressed in a gorilla suit, **Reed Shick**, freshman, plays the trash can for the freshman blue man stomp.

Maxwell Lindstrom and **Jeremy Hall**, seniors, wave their grade's flag as the seniors parade into the gym during the second day of Spirit Week.

Eri Ridenhour, seventh grade, waits for her classmates to finish the chariot race during the second day of spirit week.

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Jabri Boyd, junior, dances to Space Jam during the junior lip sync. Their lip sync placed third.



Mary Snapp, junior, struts down a make-shift runway in her fourth hour english class.



Valerie Winkler, seventh grade, plays the chariot race on Day 2 of Spirit Week.



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Hunter Hughes, junior, tutts during the boys poms routine. Along with boys poms, Hughes also participated in Lip Sync, Blue Man Stomp, and the class video.



12th



Brandon Halenietter

10th



Andrew Thomas

11th



Bryce Bell

7th



Daniel Schick

8th



Trevor Weststeyn

9th



Trevon Gooch

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Oompa

Loompa



Ellie Bacon, freshman



Landon Burke, senior



Jeff Camp, sophomore



Emilie Schraeder, junior



Gabrielle James, seventh



Caleb Buffa, eighth

"We were bound and determined to win," said Taylor Deves, junior, reflecting back on the weeks leading up to spirit week in boy's poms. "After sophomore year we realized we could actually win so we tried really hard this year," said Eddie Sutphen, junior. "We had practice whenever we could, whenever we had an opening we took it." One thing that set the boy's poms class of 2013 apart from the rest was their level of dedication. With a shot at getting first place in boy's poms three years in a row, the juniors were pulling out all the stops. Their real secret weapon however was Grace Linton.

"Grace is a really good coach, she knows what to do, how to work us," said Drake Norman, junior. Linton was also notorious for creating themes that quickly became crowd favorites. This year she transformed the junior boys into candy-making Oompa Loompas. "It was original, you don't ever see it done. Plus it was fun," said Norman. On how she comes up with the themes Linton said, "Normally I wake up in the middle of the night, I've had dreams about it." The routine could not have happened without the other leaders and boys however, "I have a lot of help. The guys take it seriously, help each other out, and they're really good dancers, there's not a bad dancer in the group."

When the boys performed for the first time, there was no doubt who was taking home the prize. From the fun music and costumes to flawless dancing, the crowd went wild. After watching the boys perform Linton said, "I was proud of all the work they put in and how they executed it."

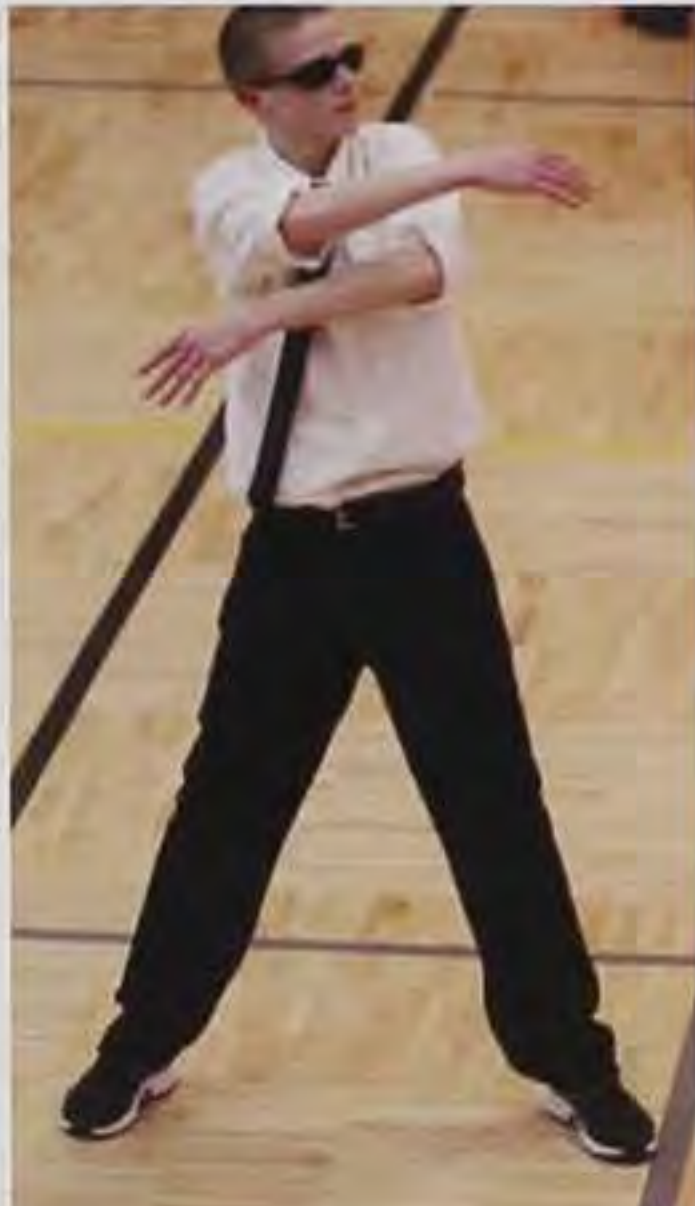
Davis Vermillion and Sun-Ha Park, seniors, perform the tutting portion of their boys poms routine. The senior boys were coached by Meg Rasche, Anna Franceschelli, and Maggie Duffy, seniors.



Abbey Andres and Ellie Bettlach, juniors, put orange and red makeup on one of the boys. Bettlach played on the varsity volleyball team and Andres ran cross country.

Mitch Penning, junior, participates in the human bowling event. Penning was also captain of the volleyball team this year.

Williy Wonka, also known as Hunter Hughes, junior, shows John Barry, John Eric Steiner, Jack Dohr, and Grant Koby, juniors, around the chocolate factory in the junior boys poms. The routine consisted of oompa loompas to coincide with the Willy Wonka theme



Blase Bell, eighth grade, dances in the eighth grade boys poms routine. The routine's theme was Men In Black.



Double

or

Nothing

Alyssa Dosmann, freshman, performs in the freshman lip sync performance. Dosmann was on JV dance team.



Cole Norman, senior, carries **Peter Johnson**, senior, on his shoulders during the senior class' grand entry.



Sabrina Genovese, seventh grade



Matt Powers and Emily Horak, juniors



Sam Bezak, senior, performs as Cogsworth in the seniors' lip sync. The seniors earned first place for lip sync.



Reed Schick, freshman



Isabel Guariglia, eighth grade



Alyse Rogers, junior



Lauren Lowe, seventh grade



Nick Ebel, eighth grade

Nathan Hall, eighth grade, participates in a human bowling game on day two of spirit week. Human bowling was new to the Spirit Week games.



"There was a point that I was worried the seniors may not get the win," said Allie Calhoun, senior.

Calhoun was not the only one who became uneasy; many seniors questioned being able to make a repeat for spirit week.

"I was on edge Friday night before they announced the scores for lip sync and Art Board," said Ellie Linhoff, senior. "Many people were spreading rumors that the juniors beat us before the final scores were said, which really had me worried," said Calhoun.

Thought the juniors were heavy competition for the seniors, some seniors never doubted their class.

"I was pretty confident that we would win again," said Katie Ganninger, senior. "This senior class has a lot of spirit and competitive nature," said Ganninger. Many circumstances allowed the seniors to hold on to their title, including the wins of Art Board and lip sync.

"All of the other grades did so amazing this year so I knew we had a lot of competition which just made the whole week more suspenseful and exciting," said Calhoun. So without the senior class next year, who will win the title? The class of 2013, or will there be another upset?



During the Monday of Spirit Week, **Joey Albertson**, eighth grade, participates in the balloon stomp game. "Balloon stomp is always my favorite game to watch," said Meg Rasche, senior.

The senior girl's lip sync dances to "Be Out Guest" from *Beauty and the Beast*. The senior lip sync was lead by Justine Doiron, and she earned a well deserved first place.



7th



Molly Scoch

8th



9th



Allie Montgomery and Rainer Urban

11th



Annie Rebbe

10th



Anna Eichelberger

12th



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the scores

| | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Lip Sync | 275 | 250 | 225 | 350 | 300 | 400 |
| Boys Poms | 225 | 275 | 250 | 350 | 400 | 300 |
| Blue Man Stomp | 25 | 75 | 50 | 150 | 112.5 | 112.5 |
| Art Board | 273 | 262 | 203 | 250 | 272 | 295 |
| Grand Total | 1333 | 1387 | 1258 | 1805 | 2069.5 | 2237.5 |

Spirit Week 18 three.



Voice

During the variety show, **Amon Kehr**, freshman, performs a hip hop act. Kehr had been breakdancing for 1 year after he learned it from the internet.



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Was she a pyromaniac? Was she intrigued by spinning circles? The answer is yes to both questions when it comes to Marissa Harjoe, senior. "I started hula hooping at the end of my sophomore year, but didn't start hooping with fire until this summer," said Harjoe.

One might ask why someone would make a hobby from such a dangerous source of entertainment.

"I started to fire hoop because I had seen a few other hoop dancers fire hoop. I felt I could do it, too," said Harjoe. "Actually, it's really not that dangerous." Harjoe had only suffered small burns but nothing painful or harmful to her.

Harjoe was not the only teenager who had an interest in fire. "Though I don't know anyone at WCA that fire hoops, some of my best friends do other fire performances like fire nunchucks, fire poi, and fire fans," said Harjoe. Although fire hooping was not common at Westminster, Harjoe still taught students. "I've helped a bunch of people get started hooping. Most of the time people see me hoop and really want to try so I've taught a lot of my friends how."

Marissa Harjoe not only learned an uncommon hobby, but she taught other students at Westminster. Through Harjoe's experiences at Westminster, she was able to

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outside the walls and learn a unique talent.

Top 5 Concerts

1. Selena Gomez and the Scene

"Before [Selena] came out, it showed her on the screen getting ready for the concert. Then, it went black and she was on stage. I would love to go to one of her concerts again."

Julia Harre, eighth grade



4. Taylor Swift

"It was definitely amazing, and I would love to go to one of her concerts again."

Mary Kathryn Hancock, freshman

2. Justin Bieber



"I was on the floor for his concert. It was really cool because we got his sweat towel that he threw off of the stage, so that was definitely the best concert I have been to."

Jay Green, freshman

5. New Found Glory

"I have been listening to New Found Glory since I was in Fourth grade but have missed every chance to see them. I will gladly go out of my way to see them again."

Connor Sullivan, senior



3. Skrillex

"It was insane! He had an image of a skeleton projected on the wall behind him, and the skeleton would copy his actions. It was pretty much the best concert that I have ever been to."

Will Tipton, senior



My family, I am blessed by your love for the Lord and others that characterizes how you live. I will forever admire this. My teachers, I will never take for granted the encouragement and accountability for me to lead well. I hope to invest in others like you have done in my life. Corbin, Dani & Abi. Our friendships have lasted so long because they are rooted in the Lord. You guys have seen me at my worst and been a part of my bests. I love you guys and will never forget the memories we've shared. "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." Proverbs 31:30



Avery Lee



Anderson.

Thank you. Whoever you are: teacher, friend, or acquaintance- Thank you for giving me the joy of getting to know you; and thank for being a blessing in my life. I truly thank you for simply being you, and for being a part of my amazing time at Westminster. To my parents- Thank you so much for everything; for supporting me, and for being such awesome parents. Coach Bain and Coach Holley- Thank you. I don't know where I'd be without your guidance. God has given me such a blessed time here, and I thank Him for it, and pray that He allows this school to continue to bless people as it has blessed me. 2 Peter 1:5-8.



Dylan M.



Andres.





Joshua Bae



God, you are amazing. Thank you for your endless blessing and love. My family, Dad and Mon. Mom, you are wonderful, thank you for your countless sacrifices and all the encouragements. Dad, you are absolutely incredible, thank you so much for given me an opportunity to go to WCA and helped me when I struggle and lift me up with your love and trust. KPCYG, all I can just say is that you guys truly saved me. John, Elisa, and James, love as my heart, and thank you so much for support and pray. "All I hope is in you. All I hope is in you; All the Glory is in you God. The light of the world."



Rachel Anne Becker



God, thank you for your provision in my life. You have blessed me immensely, Mom, Dad, and Tristan- Thank you for supporting me in all I do. I couldn't ask for a better family. Nathan- Be good! My friends- If I could take you all to college I would in a heartbeat. My favorite memories have been with you. I love you guys, Branson 09! Meg, Lucy, G- CCS buds: I know we'll always stay in touch. Glen- You're awesome and don't let anyone tell you otherwise. You've made me so happy. Lane 6- Don't grow up too fast, and keep being amazing. Soccer Team- Good times. Shoutout to everyone on Washington Summer Sem. I will miss this. Job 11:13-19.



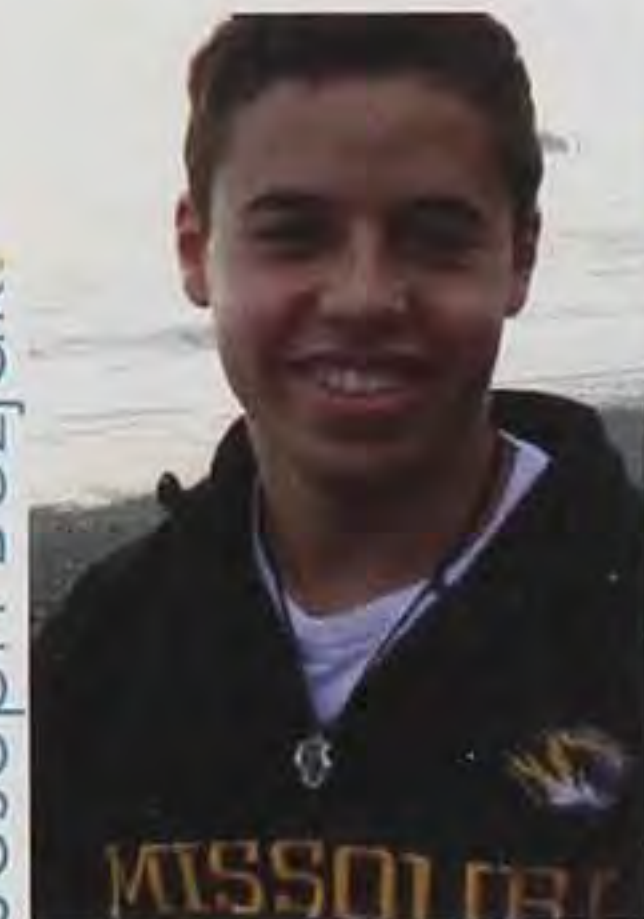
Brynn Nicole Benes



Mom and Dad (Coach)- Your godly wisdom and guidance surpasses all. Thanks for all you do. Bailz- You're a beautiful girl. I love you, even when it doesn't show. Shaner- You're study. I'll miss golfing. Drewby and Tay- I look up to you. Thanks for your advice. Twin- We've been besties since we first met. I'll never forget our crazy, blonde times together. Karl- Thanks for the fun and hugs. Softball girls- I'll miss y'all and boy talks. Tim and Sarah- Thanks for your support and encouragement. Luke- You mean so much to me and always will. You're an amazing, special, talented young man. Mafia crew- Y'all are awesome. Thanks for the encouragement and fun throughout the years! Love y'all!



Sam Joseph Bezjak



My four short years at Westminster have been the most fun of my entire life to this point. I can't believe that I have gone from walking in here as a new freshman to almost graduating. I want to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for blessing me with the opportunity to go here. Mom and dad, you've been so patient with me throughout the years as I've grown up, thank you so much for all the help you've given me throughout the years and the wisdom you have given me. Thanks to all the friends (you know who you are, I didn't want to leave anyone out) who made high school so enjoyable. So long, Westminster.





Jonathan Ross
Bopp.

Mom and Dad- thanks for everything you have done for me, you're great and I love you guys. Brendin- you've been my best friend since 7th grade. We've had a ton of fun times together and I know we'll stay close in college. Caleb- you have been there for me ever since freshman year. Thanks for introducing me to mudfall, giving me the nickname Gooey, and being hilarious and an awesome friend. I hope we stay close. Kelsey- you are an amazing girlfriend and one of a kind friend. We've had so many great times together and I know we will have many more. Thanks to everyone that has made my time at The Academy more enjoyable. Peace out Westminster!



Taylor Young
Bookout.

To my loving parents who have encouraged me to pursue my passions and stay true to my highest calling - To my crazy artist sister who has been my biggest fan, closest confidant, and best friend - To my friends whose support, honesty, and antics have made these years memorable and life-changing - To my teachers whose friendship, encouragement, and criticism have made me stronger and wiser - And most of all to my savior, master, brother, and friend Jesus Christ who has given me unending mercies, unchanging love, unmerited freedom, and unfading purpose, to whom I owe my life and infinite gratitude; Thank you. I love you all more than words can express.



Steven Eric
Bosch.

Mom, you gave me reason to believe and and hope. Thanks for believing in me and making me confident. Pops and Kerry, I will miss you guys- Come visit. To my Branson 09'rs we have had endless adventures that are unforgettable. I'm glad we've crossed off some bucket list nonsense. Thanks for making high school awesome. To my best friend with so many names; I could not be more thankful that I was lucky enough to spend so many countless times with you. I'm looking forward to the adventures ahead, you're one of a kind connor/blonn/sully... I could on forever. Abbey A-lets just say we've made some serious history. I'll miss u. To the underclassmen: keep it real and live for Him.



Dreage Korban Lee
Bradley.



Not Your Ordinary Hobbies...



At age 5, **Jenni Jurgenson**, sophomore, began collecting snowglobes. "My mom bought one when I was little, but I dropped it. I have been searching for it ever since. Other ones she has were bought from family or friends. They usually have sentimental value," said Jurgenson.



Jillian Klein, seventh grade, had been riding horses for 6 years. "Competitions and shows are my favorite part," said Klein.



Ever since she was a little girl, **Abbey Andres**, junior, had been interested in cosmetology. Andres could be seen with a different nail design each week throughout the year. "One day I tried a design and it just kept going from there," said Andres. "I come up with most of them on my own but when I am stumped for an ideal go to a website called nailsmag.com," said Andres.



Sarah Geisz, seventh grade, has been fencing for a year and likes it because "it is strategic, and you have to have good reflexes at the beginning of a lesson because we stretch, which makes us quicker."

Carson Coffee, seventh grade, has been fencing for three years and "likes practicing with an instructor, other students, and also using a sword!" Coffee fenced for fun, whereas, Geisz wanted to continue fencing as a sport.



Katherine Brands



God- You are all I want, all I need. You're everything. Mom- thanks for just being there for me. Dad- one of these days I will come to Lowes with you. thanks for pushing me forward. Alyson and Philip- I love you both; please buy Mr. King some pants. Caroline- I will always be looking out for you. Cousins- you have forever been there for me, and I thank you for challenging me. Friends- thanks for all the fun (snail, basement talks, France, Harry Potter, donut, pizza, oreos, spikes). Westminster and all the teachers that I have had- you have prepared me well for my upcoming journey, and I am ready to impact the world! Isaiah 61:1.

Laura



Camden L. Bridges



I just want to say thank you to my parents and all the sacrifices they have made for me. I also want to thank God for giving me the friends, family, and life I have. I also want to say thanks to Connor, Glen, Max, Forrest, Olivia, Brendin, and Cameron. I also want to give a shout out to Chad Kroeger from Nickelback, Kermit the Frog, and Biggie Smalls for being my inspirations. Tupac is alive!

Camden



Cardinal Mania!

After the excitement of the Cardinal's victory in the World Series, the Westminster students were given another surprise. With the retirement of Tony LaRussa, four of the academy's very own students were able to call their dad the new manager of the Cardinals. "My dad sent me and my siblings texts that said, 'Hey don't make it a big deal, but I got the job,'" said Jake Matheny, eighth grade. The kids had hoped that their dad might be considered for the job sometime in the future but were surprised that it happened so soon. "I was playing catch with my friend and I read the text and just laid on the ground. I didn't really know what to think," remembered Tate Matheny, senior.

The process of running for the job took its toll on the Matheny household; "He spent countless hours studying and preparing for the interviews and meetings which made being at home almost a little stressful, but for a good reason," said Luke, freshman. Despite the pressures of the job, overall they were thrilled. "We will for sure miss having him at home, but it's an awesome opportunity that would probably never come up again," said Luke.

Tate Matheny, senior, gets ready to bat during the Missouri State Competition. Matheny committed to play baseball at Missouri State University during his senior year.



During powder puff, **Katie Matheny**, junior, rushes the ball down the field.

At school, **Luke Matheny**, freshman, eats with his friends. Matheny played basketball and baseball his freshman year.



Wow... six years at WCA went fast! God's blessing and grace never cease. Mom + Dad, thank you isn't enough, and I'm blessed to be your son. Brooke, you're beautiful, never forget His love for you. Marky, you're the best little bro ever, and I'm just a call away. Morgan Marie Nixon, you're the most beautiful person I know, inside and out. I'm truly blessed to be in love with my best friend. I'll always be there. Burkey, Haxel, Vande, Ginge, thanks for the great memories on the course. Lost Continent, it's been an awesome ride. HOW3, you changed my life. "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear."



James Mathew Brugner.



God, thank you for always picking me up when I'm down, and never letting me go. Mom and Dad, I can't thank you enough for the sacrifices and selflessness you demonstrated on my behalf and I love you both so much. Caleb, I love you man, don't ever forget it. Graham, I'll never forget all the crazy times together, you'll always be my boy. Tate, we've been through so much, thanks for the good times in the cage and always being there. To all my bros, thanks for an unforgettable high school experience. In the words of Lil Wayne "I made it through the struggles, thank you Jesus. Help me focus on the future, and not the previous."



Jacob Richard Buffa.





Taylor

Renee Burch



Mom & Dad- Thank you for your unending love and patience. You have done so much for me and I love you both more than you know. Ryan & Matt- You guys have always been there to talk and make me laugh. I couldn't have asked for better brothers. Kelso- You're my best friend and our memories are priceless. I can't even begin to tell you how much you mean to me. Oh? Marissa- I don't know what I would've done without you. ADPD & Sutherland twins for life. Martha & Laura- I'm so glad we got to bond over dead cats and Menshumor tweets. I love you both! Everyone else- Thanks for the memories & I love you guys!



Landon

John Burke



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Psalm 140:10-11



Allie

Margaret Calhoun



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Glen

D. Calvin



After spending the majority of my waking life at Westminster for the past five years, it's finally leaving that makes me realize how much I've learned and how much I'm going to miss this. Mom and Dad- you guys made everything happen for me. I can't thank you enough. Rachel, you're amazing, and I couldn't have asked for anything better. Baseball team, live on, Caleb, we're still brothers. Brendin, Connor, Max, Forrest, Camden and Cameron, it's been real. To all the great teachers I've had and to all of them who took the time to make me who I am today, thank you. To everyone else, you guys are all in my prayers. I love you all.



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Chloe Nicole Carnahan.

Phineas and Ferb Phanatics

The Disney channel show Phineas and Ferb was loved by many little kids, but who knew that high school and middle school students enjoyed it too.

"I watch Phineas and Ferb sometimes. Perry the Platypus is my favorite character because he is so mysterious," said **Kaitlin Terschak**, eighth grade.



"I watch Phineas and Ferb sometimes because it's funny. My favorite character is Perry the Platypus" said **Jared Orange**, eighth grade.



In her locker, **Bekah Sharp**, sophomore keeps a Phineas and Ferb magnet. "I watch Phineas and Ferb a couple times a week because Perry is such a boss, and Ferb is a hunk" said Sharp.



Hannah Mitchell, junior, holds up her Phineas and Ferb folder during lunch. "My favorite character is definitely Agent P; he's a super hero whose cover is a household pet," said Mitchell.



Oni Wright, seventh grade, watches Phineas and Ferb when it is on T.V. "I like it because the characters are actually intelligent unlike Spongebob" said Wright.



After class, **Aimee Farquhar**, senior, shows off her Phineas and Ferb watch and hat. Farquhar watched the show whenever a new episode aired. "My favorite part of the show is seeing Perry and Doufinshmartiz 'battling,'" said Farquhar.

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Selah L. Chappeau.



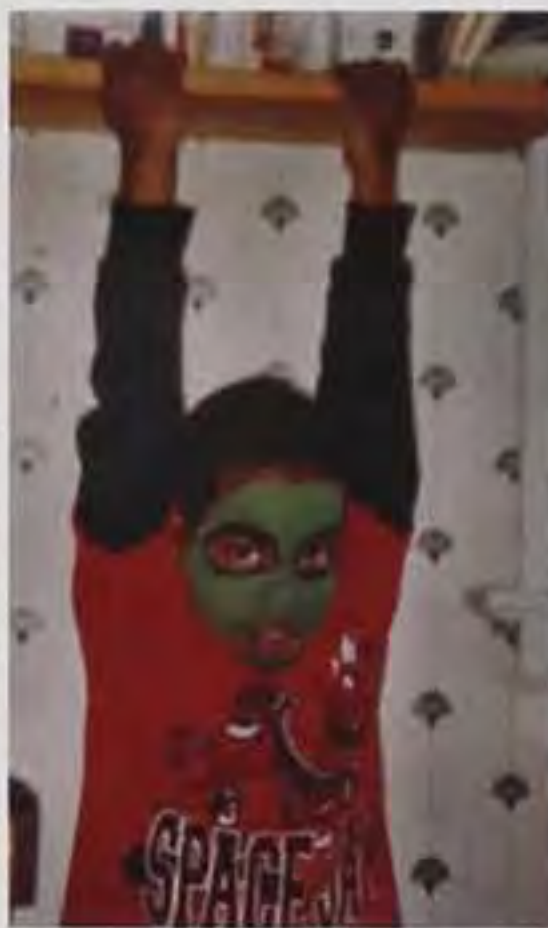
Min Ji Cha.



My two years at Westminster has passed so fast. First, I thank God for His plans. In His plan, even though there were difficulties in my life. He planned for me, and I know. He loves me. I also thank my family. Dad, I hardly say that I love you, but I really do. I appreciate for your unlimited love and support, Mom, you have been my true sponsor, adviser, and soul mate. I love you! Mino, you're the best brother, and I always pray for you. I thank my host family. You were my biggest support. Thank you so much! Korean friends in STL, you guys rock. There are so many people, I can't even write them all here!



Cameron Xavier Clay.



Dear Madam, Sir or otherwise

I would like to express my gratitude for the immense joy that I have experienced at the Academy. But seriously, I really appreciate my parents. I want to thank my dad for being a great influence on my life and an excellent role model. My mom has always been there for me and I really appreciate her in everything she does. Lastly I would like to thank all my friends and classmates for making my years memorable. :) #dudenicexcxcx



Joseph Philip Collins.



"Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my intellect and use every power as You choose. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine." Mom and Dad, while you may not always be the parents I want, you remain the parents I need. Thanks for loving me even when I screw up. Teachers, thanks for teaching me so much; keep up the good work. Will and Noah, growing up together has been real. Let's keep it up as long as we can. Steven, you encourage me to be a better man; Proverbs 27:17. Austen, your wit and humor make my days. Everyone else, you're awesome; don't forget it.



Time out with Twitter.

When students were asked who their favorite groups or people to follow on twitter were, the results all across the board. However, there seemed to be a pattern between the girls and guys responses.

GUYS



Cooper Moore,
seventh grade
@yesmarge



Brendan Bognar,
freshman
@UKCoachCalipari



Ben Mitchell,
junior
@MLB

VS.

Hannah Groce
eighth grade
@davidguetta



Madison Deves,
sophomore
@gossipgirl



Dani Evans,
senior
@vballproblems



GIRLS



Dani Evans, senior, goes by the name of @Daniell-evans1 for all her followers. "I love twitter, I check it whenever I get the chance," said Evans.



Ben Mitchell, junior, shared his love for the game of baseball in his twitter bio by using a quote from Joe Jackson: "God knows I gave my best in baseball at all times and no man on earth can truthfully judge me otherwise."



Madison Deves, sophomore, chose to use her name when she came up with her twitter account. "I decided to just go with @mdeves, because its simple and straightforward," said Deves.

First, I thank God for blessing my life with family and friends. Next, I want to thank all of the excellent WCA teachers who have taught me throughout the years. They have been exemplary in character and in teaching methods. Thank you to my friends at the old Lunch Table for the laughs- from tripping tenaciously over chairs to theorizing the existence of wormholes over the moon. To the thespian crowd I offer a standing ovation for their amazing talents and friendly, welcoming spirit. I thank Mrs. Scott for being my director through so many productions, and Mr. Butz for helping me to understand Shakespeare. Westminster has prepared me for the world, and now the world awaits.



Austen Christopher
Crim.



Keith is not a really talkative person. He doesn't express his feelings to anyone, he keeps to himself unless he is with his friends then he talks a lot. He is a friendly person and loves to hang out with his friends whenever he can. Keith is really into sports, he loves most of them, football, baseball and basketball. During the summer he goes laser tagging with his school friends and plays flag football with his church friends. Keith can be a really outspoken person when he wants to and has a really amazing voice but he is too shy to share it with the world. He is really loving, kindhearted young man and loves to play video games with his two bros.



Keith Joshua
Degler.





Marshall

Newberry Dickerson

Well, Senior Year. I've been waiting for this for 12 or so years. And now I'm here. I've got Improv, obsessively hanging around the drama department, and stuff. Is it what it's cracked up to be? Definitely. And, of course, this will degenerate into a series of shoutouts. To everyone at Sunnydale Adventist Academy. I love you all, even though you probably won't read this. To everyone at KREW, you're all friggen awesome, and without you I wouldn't be where I am today, and, "I AM A STEGOSAURUS!" That will mean absolutely nothing to about eight of every ten students. To all my regular Academy friends, you're all wonderful and stuff. To my Improv team, which has consisted of T.J. Noa, Bennet Lewis, Stephanie Lieber, Joshua Richardson, Andrew Gordon, Justine Doiron, The Zach Hampton, John Hancock, Paris Watson, Alex Smith, Taylor Hughes, Abbie Clark, Lizzie Blackwell, Ryan Kelly, Ian Farmer, Sarah Yusef, Daniel Moore, and Nate Cox. Everyone that has thus been shoutouted to (shoutouted? shouted out to?), is totally great. Love you all.
-MWGND



Jared

Michael Dillmon



I would like to thank my family for always supporting me and being there for me. Thanks Mom and Dad for providing me with a good education and for raising me well. I also want to thank God for blessing me with everything I could ever need.



Justine

Elizabeth Doiron



Ms. Miller Second Grade Class



God-You are and have been too good to me. Mom, thanks so much for everything. Dad, I won't forget you. Alayna, thanks for all the sisterly advice through the years. Luke, hang in there. To my buddies, gawwoozle, firth and the rest: isn't it crazy how we went through all of high school without any drama? Improv, you guys are hilarious, I hope you stay hilarious forever. Theatre people of the past: you were amazing, and still are amazing friends (Curly!). Theatre people of the future: stay wonderful, I'll miss you, 2N girls, we are so hard-core! Lip syncer's, we are all winners. And for the rest of the people in my life, 120 words just aren't enough.



Peter

Frederic Duell



I would like to thank God for the way He's blessed me and sent trials my way that have made me stronger. I want to thank my parents for allowing me to come to this school and supporting me in my endeavors. To Anna: I have enjoyed the times we've spent together immensely. I look forward to seeing you thrive in your marriage as you begin a new life with Brennen. To Lily: You make me laugh and add so much to the family. Although Anna has left and left an empty spot in the conversation, you have filled it with your witty comments and joyous laughter. To my cross country boys: Hang in there next year, especially you Brendan.



Mom: you will always be my strength. Thank you for working as hard as you do, you are my ultimate role model. Mckinzie and Abigail: through all the fights and arguments, you girls still manage to love me. Thank you for being my ultimate best friends. The Carey's: the world would not be as bright without you all in it, keep dancing! Jordan: you have been a sister to me, thank you for always being there. To my friends at WCA: Thank you for creating another home. Innsbrook, golf cart rides, and basement time will never fade from my memory. Most importantly, thank you God for blessing me with this life and the ability to praise you everyday.



Elizabeth Carey



Duesenberg.

Mom and Dad, you two have made me into who I am today. Thank you for always being there for me and for your unconditional love. I couldn't ask for better parents. Marge- we eat. We Laugh. We cry. We dance when we find out that Glee has recorded. You are my best friend and I love you so much. Meg and Anna- "What the Phddd." Boys poms has been a blast with the both of you! I love you both! Mafia group- Even though the games usually included a fight, it is still one of the best games we've ever played. Friday night nap time in my library, while someone plays the piano or guitar, is always fun. Senior PCs- #Rambo. Philippians 4:6.



Maggie Kramer



Duffy.

God: Thanks for everything you've done for me. Mommy and Daddy: I love you guys so much! Thanks for sending me to WCA & encouraging me throughout my journey. Whitney: You're the best sister ever! Never forget: I love you. Jessica/Alexis/Josh: Thanks for keeping me sane throughout these 11+ years that we've known each other. You guys have been amazing friends & I will never forget that. You deserve the best. All my other friends: Thanks for keeping my life interesting! Thanks for caring for me & encouraging me. Last but not least, Small Group: Thanks for keeping me in your prayers & loving me! I wouldn't be the same person without you! 1 Chronicles 29:12-13.



Dani Mallory



Dykstra.

Lord, without you I have no idea where my life would be. WCA has given me the tools to keep growing in my faith and represent you in a positive way. Mom and Dad, I couldn't ask for more. You are always there for me no matter what, and no matter how bad I mess up. You always love me. Thanks for supporting me at the thousands of baseball games I've had and running me around St. Louis my whole life. You are my role models and the best parents a kid could ask for. Collin, Keep working hard, you can do so much more than you think you are capable of. You are a great athlete and brother, keep pushing. Lexie (Lexile), you are the greatest sister I could ask for. I love getting hugs from you everyday when we get home from school. Always know that I am your big bro and I'm here for you-Sid.



Connor Jay



Einertson.





Harold C. Ellis.



Thank you God for letting me have a successful high school career. Thank you mom for your constant prayer and support. Thanks to my best friends, A.J. Loynd and Evan Miller, for making my time at Westminster worthwhile. A.J., you've helped me find myself as a fun, care free person. "Oh really?" We've had many crazy ideas and done some ridiculous things, from making huge rubber band balls to buying extremely powerful laser pointers. Evan, you've been a true friend, someone who encourages me, goes out of their way to help me, prevents me from making bad decisions, and helps me make the right ones. I love you guys and I hope we continue staying close outside of high school.



Dani Nicole Evans.



Lord, you have always provided, loved, and cared for me. Mom, your sacrificial love has had a great impact on my life. I hope one day I can be the kind of mother you are to me. Grandma- I know I can always rely on you. Thanks for always being there. Friends, you are what made high school so great. Abi- sisters since 5th grade! You'll always be my best friend. I can't wait to share a duplex with you when we grow up. Ave- My yarring buddy and best friend, I love our talks, laughs, and trips to Florida. Connor- through many ups and downs we've been best friends since freshmen year. Raisins, mountain dew, McDonald's "I'm done." Madeleine-poop. David- I am so thankful for the time we have spent together. Thanks for all of the fun times and memories. You are such a blessing!

Seniors: 3,528 rubberbands.

As middle schoolers, Harold Ellis and A.J. Loynd made small rubberband balls for fun. Then, one day the two decided on the idea of one rubberband ball through high school. Starting purely from rubberbands the boys spent hundreds of dollars on their toy. "My mom started getting mad, every time I went to buy more rubberbands. I tried to hide it from her," said Ellis. The boys bought rubberbands from multiple office supplies stores and the school bookstore. "I spent \$100 out of my bookstore account," said Loynd.

From their experience, the boys were able to test out their hypothesis. For example, Loynd and Ellis wanted to see how loud the echo of the ball would be when it hit the stairwell. "We bounced it and it was ridiculously loud and the light under [the stairs] popped and went out. It literally shook the entire staircase," said Loynd.

Finally, as seniors, the boys had a finished product of one massive rubberband ball. The ball, the size of a cantaloupe, weighed 7 pounds. The boys planned to continue their rubberband ball through college. Their goal was to get it to at least basketball sized before quitting.



A.J. Loynd and Harold Ellis, seniors, show their largest rubber band ball at school. Loynd and Ellis started to make small rubberband balls in eighth grade.



During the process, Harold Ellis, senior, admires his rubberband ball started in eighth grade.



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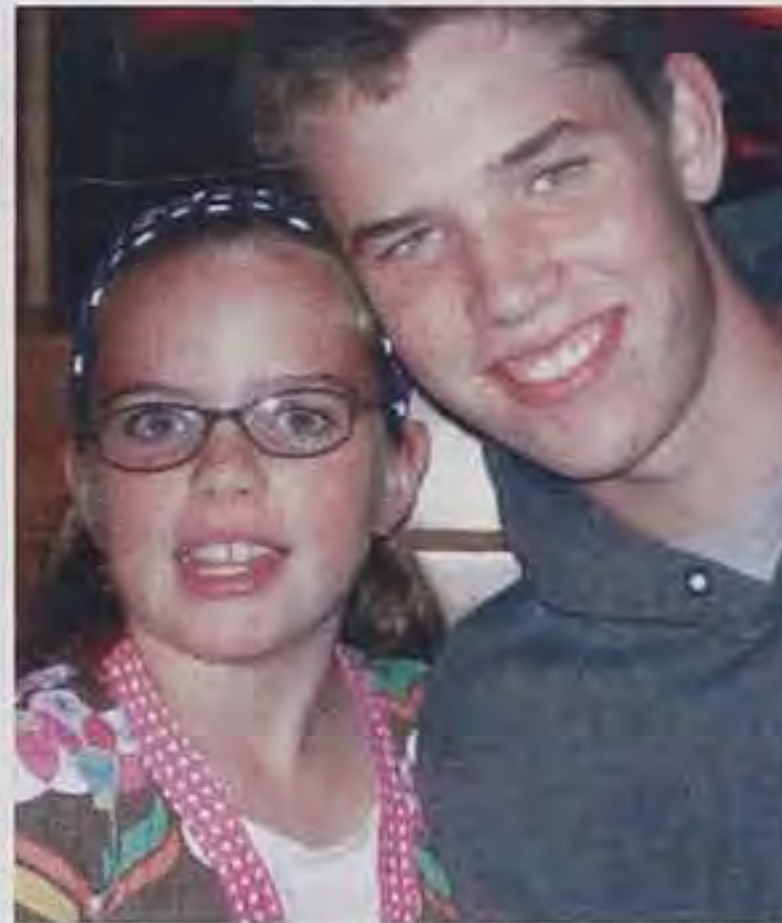


Westminster flew by so fast. I can remember 7th grade. 1st hour, Mr. Kerckhoff's class, like it was yesterday. To those still at WCA, be careful, it'll be over before you know it. To Melissa and Laura, we've never had a dull moment. Our basement talks and bubbly, snails, pizza, bio jokes, doughnuts, telepathic conversations, and all our laughs, I'll never forget. To all my other friends, I love you guys. To my parents, thanks for all the sacrifices you've made for me. WCA is truly a blessing. Most of all, thanks to God, without him I never would've made it this far. These past 6 years are memories that I will never trade for anything. Thanks and God Bless.



Aimee J. Farquhar.

To my parents, thank you for helping me grow closer to Christ and set a great example for me in the future. Coach Bain, I cannot thank you enough for all you have done for me these past 4 years. John, I will miss you when we leave here and the countless memories that came with it. Dani, from 8th grade on we never had a dull moment in our friendship and I hope we stay in contact past high school. Cole, gator fans until the day we die and teammates for the last 4 years. To the basketball team I have never been on a closer team. To the rest I did not mention don't worry about it.



Connor M. Fleming.

God, I am forever thankful for all your blessings. Mom, thank you for everything you do for me. I can always count on you. Dad, you have given me so many words of wisdom that I'll never forget. Evona- thank you for being such an inspiration to me. Dominic- I'll miss our car rides. bro. Maggie, Meg, and Mads- so many unforgettable girls' nights (pddhh)! Alexis and Jessica- we have had so much laughter (monarchs). Auri and Caroline- our SumSem experiences can't be beat. Mafia- it's been fun. DT-rap battles. Cailyn and Grace- you always make me smile. VDT- love you girls! My brothers- thank you for showing me how real men of God are. 1 Timothy 4:12



Anna Maria Franceschelli.

Thank you Lord for always being with me these great 17 years. They've been a blast, and I pray for many more just like them. To my parents, you guys are the best. There are an unbelievable amount of things I could say to you here, but I don't have the room. And I guess I just wasted some of it. Mom, you've always believed in me, and you've helped mold me into the person I am today. Dad, I will always be your best buddy. My biggest wish for my life is for me to become just like you. Evan: thanks for all the homework. Nick: ooh, the claw. Taylor: Our handshake is the best thing ever. Ever.



Wes Cooper Froeschner.



5 Trends.

Each year, new trends appear in the student body. To capture some of them, 134 high schoolers were asked to rate each trend out of five stars. After being tallied, the average was taken. This is what students thought:

Facebook



iPhone



Rihanna



Nike Shorts



The Help



PHONE: iPhone

Olivia Harre, sophomore, owned a Blackberry and iPhone. "It's really pretty and super convenient," said Harre when commenting on the iPhone.

ARTIST: Rihanna

"I really like her music and in the hallways people will have their phones playing her songs," said **Callie MacDonald**, seventh grade.



MOVIE: The Help

Clara Gruneisen, eighth grader, has seen The Help three times. "The Help is just such a fantastic movie! Everyone should see it. It is about how the past shapes our life today. Not only did I cry, but I laughed as well."



SOCIAL: Facebook

"There's more people on Facebook. Only a couple people have Google Plus and none of my friends have Twitter," said **Luke Shields**, freshman.

CLOTHES: Nike Shorts

"Nike has more styles that fit everyone's personality, and the shorts are fun to wear!" said **Sidney Keane**, seventh grade.



Alex Thomas Frogge



First I thank God for making all of this possible, and guiding me. Secondly I thank my amazing parents, Tom and Camille for the opportunity to attend such a school. And the love they have given me all these years. To my brother Nick and my sister Elena, always listen to mom and dad. They only want the best for you two. Of course I must thank my teachers, for offering me the cup of knowledge for me to drink from. I thank the coaches who have helped me discover mental toughness and build strong character. Finally I must thank the bros who have been my friends and given me the opportunity to experience great joy and happiness. It's been an unforgettable six years, that I will treasure forever.

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Out of Left

Field:

As the October days passed on, the Cardinals were on the rise and virtually coming out of nowhere. Coming into the playoffs as the wild card team, nobody expected them to go far, that is, except all their loyal St. Louis fans. On October 28, 2011, the Cardinals won the World Series.

Some students believed their attire to be contributing factors to the Cardinals' victory. Two students, Caleb Krumseig and Austin Benefield, sophomores, believed they had lucky shoes. "Austin Benefield and I each wore one white



Caleb Krumseig and Austin Benefield, sophomores, each wear one red and one white converse. Since they could not wear Cardinal clothing to school, they supported the Cardinals through their footwear.



Lucky T's

Rally Shoes



Sporting his lucky Cardinals t-shirt, Drake Norman, talks with Annie Rebbe, juniors, after school before the final game of the World Series. Norman believed his shirt contributed to the Cardinals' victory.

converse all-star and one red one. We wore them during the NLDS and the NLCS for four or five games and each time we did, the Cardinals won. We called them the rally shoes. There were even a couple days that we didn't wear the shoes and the Cardinals lost," said Krumseig.

Drake Norman, junior, had similar beliefs about a Cardinals t-shirt. "Everytime I wore it, we won. Everytime I didn't, we lost. One game I wore it until the last inning and then took it off. The other team came back and beat us," said Norman.

Whether the Cardinals victory can be attributed to students' apparel or not, nobody could deny the excitement of fans throughout Saint Louis.

God, thanks for giving me grace and opportunities to show your love to others. Mom and dad- thanks for supporting me through the years including going to every sporting even I've ever been a part of. I love you both. Aus- I look up to you more than you know. Thanks for being cool. Lunch table ladies, you all made high school worthwhile. I will miss you all dearly. Laxers remember who you play for- love you all! To all the friends I've been going to school and church with since I was 5, I'm blessed to have you all in my life. To the freshmen and any other friends still at the academy: Phil 1:9-11



Rachael Graham



Gantner.

Katie Emily



Ganninger.



Sam Nicole Giltner



So much in my life has changed in the past four years. Westminster has prepared me for the future in many ways. To my parents, thank you for always being there for me; you keep me motivated and driven. I appreciate the many sacrifices that were made to provide me with opportunities for success. To my brothers- you drive me crazy, but I love you guys so much. I am so thankful for my friends who are always been there for me when I need them. They put up with me, which is more than I could ask for. My friends never cease to provide me with fun, crazy memories. I'll always remember the late summer nights with my besties.



Brian Matthew Goldfarb



Katie and Jessie- it's hard to believe we've been together in class for 5 years. I'm so glad you've been my friends and we've shared so many good times. Mrs. Beard thanks for making the ELC like one big family. I felt a part of it and loved all your "Beard-ism". Mr. Tiemeier, the class "Grandpa", I will remember your wall-rattling sneezes, niceness, and sense of humor. Mrs. Everett, thanks for making me feel at home when I first came to WCA. Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Mohler, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Mckee, thanks for "getting me" and all your help. Mom and Dad, thank you for the unbelievable amount of patience and love you've shown me all these years.



Andrew Joseph Gordon



Christ, in You alone my hope is found. You are my light, my strength, my song. Thank you for always being faithful. Mom, your tenderness and never-ending love is something I will always cherish. I will miss being with you every day. Dad, you're the wisest person I know and have been the best dad I could've asked for. I've enjoyed all our long talks. Kelsey, I'm so glad you're my sister and I love you so much. I always know I can go to you for advice. To my friends, I don't know where I'd be without you. You have taught me so much, made me laugh until it hurts, and I am grateful you are all in my life. Improv team, you make me laugh everyday and I will miss you. To all my teachers, I can never repay you for how you've molded me into the person I am today. Thank you!



Leigh Graeler



"Happiness can be found in the darkest of time, if one only remembers to turn on the light." ~ Albus Dumbledore, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*
Thanks to mom and dad for guiding me through life's trials. My sister Brittaney, for showing me what strength looks like when it seems like your world is chaotic. My brother Sammy, can't wait to meet you at Heaven's gates. My friends, for being there for me and giving me unforgettable memories. Most importantly, Cindy, for changing and saving my life and showing me that you can find God's light when it seems like you'll never find your way out of darkness. I love you and miss you.



God, your perfect love amazes me. I give you all. To my parents, thanks for all the love, support, and sacrifices you have made. To my siblings, you bring me so much joy and laughter into my life. Kayley, you will always be my best friend. Jess and Dani, my life would not be complete without you. Rach, personality buddy, I love you and our deep talks. Anna, amazing project partner and friend. Justine, I am the Firth to your Jegs. Britt, my sweet little fasian. Hannah, my talented, brilliant ginger. Lunch girls, thanks for the good times, laughs, and for making high school great. To my PC girls, my Grasse Posse, you are wonderful. Love to all! 1 Pet. 4:8.



Alexis S.



Grasse.

God- you never let go. Parents- you have been there for me every step of the way, thank-you for your generosity, love, and support. Julie, Eddie, Chase- you have amazing gifts and I'm excited for the bright future that lies ahead. To the rest of my family, it's time to say goodbye, but the memories won't be forgotten. I will miss you all so much. Friends and teachers here at WCA, I am so thankful that God has placed you in my life. we've had great times together. Tennis guys- I love you, it's been fun.
Jer. 29:11



Henry Christopher



Griesedieck.

Mom and Dad- I know I've been a handful, thanks for all the guidance and support, I couldn't have made it without our talks. I love you both. Leah, Jesse, and Clara- best friends. I love you all. I hope the years bring us closer. Adrienne- oh wifey we kept it real! Thanks for always being there to listen. You couldn't have been a better friend. I love you so much...fyiiii this isn't goodbye. Never forget empty parking lots, lbs of froyo, frostbite, licking rainbows...and of course those twins! Laura, Abby, Valerie, Drake, and Brenden- I love you guys, keep giving it your all. XC/TRACK team- run hard. Teachers and Coaches- especially Ammen, Butte, Von, Dierking, and Goeke- thanks for pushing me to do my best. Father- break my heart for what breaks yours, everything I am for your kingdom cause. Never let me lose perspective. Proverbs 3:5-6.



Ramya Jane



Gruneisen.

First of all I'd like to thank you Mom and Dad, you love me unconditionally, put up with all my silliness, and show me God's unfailing grace. Mary Lara, Anna, and Isabel, I couldn't ask for better sisters. (Despite your invention of the "stupid slap") I love you all like crazy. Laura, high school wouldn't be the same without you, so many good memories... from my back porch all the way to Korea. Stephanie, it's never boring and I don't know what I'd do without you. Taylor and Kelsey, whether its scavenger hunts or discussing our favorite topic (you know the one) it's always hilarious. Rachel, dancing buddy, you made VDT so fun, I'm sorry I left you! Romans 8:38-39



Martha Grace



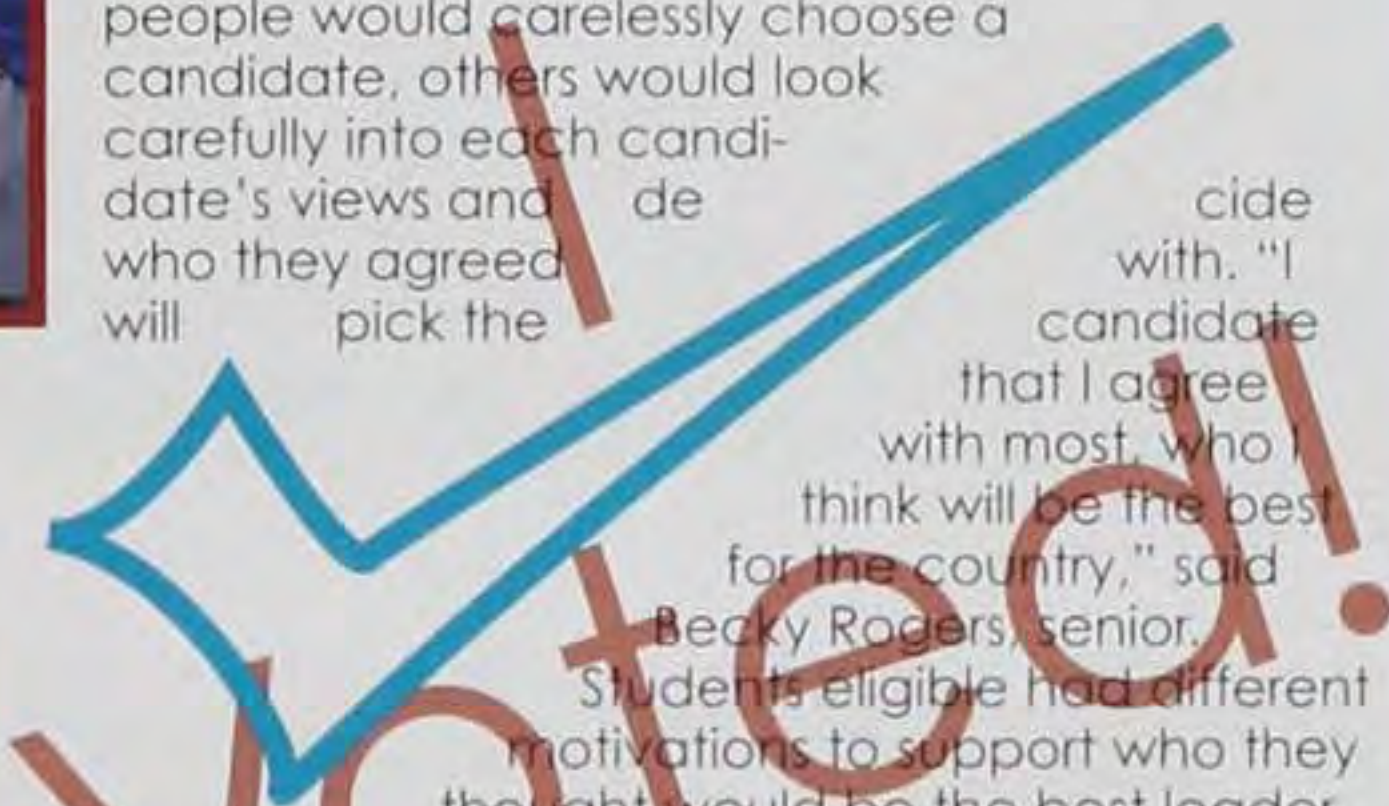
Guariglia.



"Voting is a privilege, and I am thankful for the opportunity to have a say in electing the leaders of our country."
-Caleb Janssen



Receiving the opportunity "to let my voice be heard" presented itself as a good motivation for students like Elizabeth Duesenberg, senior, to vote in the country's next election. With the next election nearing, students who would be old enough to vote for the first time seriously considered this option. While some people would carelessly choose a candidate, others would look carefully into each candidate's views and decide who they agreed with. "I will pick the candidate that I agree with most, who I think will be the best for the country," said Becky Rogers, senior.



"I'm looking forward to casting a vote for any candidate that will help our country improve."
-Parker Briden



"Some of my other friends can't vote, so I can rub it in their faces."
-Alexis Harvey



"I am going to research every politician's view on different topics."
-Elizabeth Duesenberg

Students eligible had different motivations to support who they thought would be the best leader. "It's my duty as a citizen to voice my opinion and contribute to the society in which I live," said Caleb Janssen, senior. "I'm going to take it very seriously," said Duesenberg. Recognizing the effect one vote can have, Parker Briden, junior, said, "the things that are voted on today effect us greatly. Teen unemployment is about as high as it's ever been." The excitement from these older students to support their country was an encouraging factor in the upcoming election.



"I feel like it is my responsibility to vote if I can."
-Becky Rogers



Jeremy David Hall



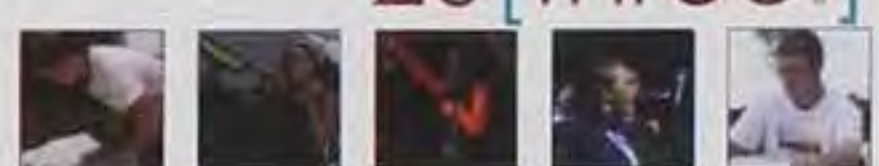
I would first like to say that my family is pretty amazing. Thank you Ma and Pop for always being there for me and helping me through tough times. Mike, you keep eating my food, but that's okay because dad will buy me more. Matt, you run too much. Also, to my friends, stay sweet. I hope I will be able to meet up with you all later in life. To my teachers at WCA: you all prepared me so well for my life to come. To my football team: thank you for the laughs and good times. I will miss those days. Lastly, thank you to everyone who helped me to become a man of God.



Brandon David Hafenrichter



First, God, you have always been there for me even when I didn't think I needed you. You always helped me get back up in life. Mom, you have always supported me in everything that I do, even playing football. Dad, I don't know a time where you haven't wanted to spend time with me or help me with anything I was struggling with. Connor, you're a great brother. You have great character; don't let that dwindle in high school. Thanks to all the football coaches for turning me into a hard working individual who isn't afraid of criticism. Finally, thanks to all my friends who have made my years in high school enjoyable!



'Life moves pretty fast. If you don't look around once in a while, you could miss it.' Mom & Dad- Thanks for the opportunities and everything else you've given me. It's been real, Gram, Gramps, and Mimi- Thank you for all the wise advice. I hope I can be as cool as you when I'm old. Auntie & Uncle Charles- You are too good to be true. Friends- You've made getting up at 6am every morning worthwhile. Haley, Anna, and Katie- From Animal Savings Club to late-night Taco Bell, we've shared some great memories. Cheerleaders- "Love you guys!"



Laura Ellington Hammann.

I thank the Lord for all that He has done for me these past six years at WCA. I wouldn't have made it without Him. Dad, thank you for being the man I strive to be. Mom, thank you for loving and caring for me when I don't deserve it. Kayla, Ciara, Jovana, and Arista, you are the best sisters I could ask for, you are all beautiful. John thanks for being the best brother I never had. Max, Nick, Allie, Tiffany and everybody who's meant something to me thank you. Improv, best class I ever had. Mr. Scott and Ms. Keeton, thanks for helping me get school. Mrs. Brown, you're gonna miss this. Peace WCA, thanks for the memories.



Zach James Hampton.

I thank God for blessing me with an incredible time at Westminster. Mom and Dad: I love you, thanks for always being there for me. Mary: You're the best sister I could've asked for, try to survive without me. Zach: I still can't believe Ichiro hit that walk-off, love you man. Fleming: Oh, I'll always answer the phone for you. Greez: Keep journaling. Andrew, Haxel, Cole: You're all weird, and I love it. Improv: Never forget the couch. Coach Bain, basketball team, poker guys: You've given me countless memories. Washing Sumsem: Long live Team John and the Yaminians. Buick, Doyle, Rutgers, Polo, Twitter #OSJ.



John Ray Hancock.

Dad- your trust in me amazes me. You made my life at home great. Mom- we've been through a lot together. Thank you for loving me no matter what. Tinkle Monkey-Grey's, Fusion Frenzy, Marco Polo masters, and our unwavering resolve to never be social. Kristen- beat it nerd, California Girls, and DK. Auri- our weird love for Johnny Depp, uh-oh.... Marissa- you've died of dysentery, you're going to see a man in a yellow poncho. zyxwvu4. Brendin- you're like my brother, I will always feel protective over you. Lastly, if I were president there would be lots of pool parties and everyone would be in a great mood.



Olivia Kate Handler.





Marissa Ann Harjoe.



Mom and Dad: Thanks for embracing everything I am and supporting my dreams. Carm and Spiff; we have so much fun together. Thanks for being my best friends, Oliva; I need a dolla- she was edging on my squeeze so I dinged her with a boing-boing in the numbrs lab. Caroline, Auri, and Brittany; PUNKS. Burch; Sutherland twins, bread co Mondays. Polish rap. To the class of 2012, live slowly and love all. "Celebrate we will for life is short but sweet for certain." See you in the future.

top 5 places to eat.

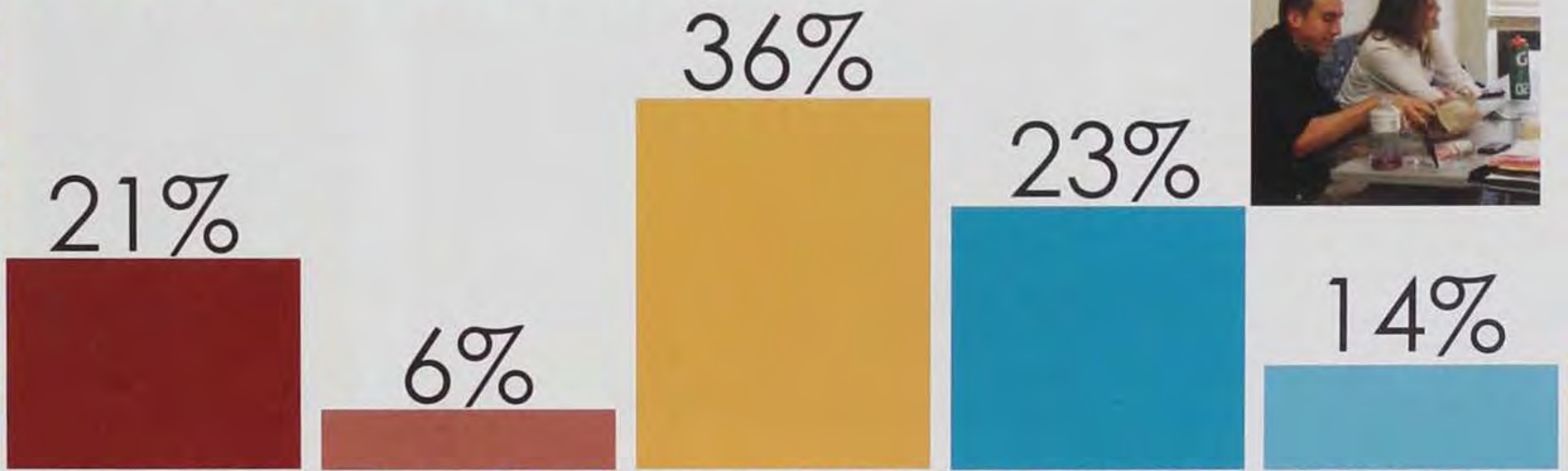
120 seventh and eighth graders were selected at random and asked which restaurant they would rank number one. Here's the results out of the following 5

- Bread Co: 21
- Subway: 6
- Chick-Fil-A: 36
- Panda Express: 23
- Taco Bell: 14



Gordon Younkin, senior, eats St. Louis Bread Company during A lunch.

In the lunchroom, Matt Hall, junior, and Samantha Giltner, senior, enjoy Subway.



Rachel Jaclyn Hart.



We did it!! Thank you Mom and Dad and Andrew and Katy and Jack. You are my joy in this life, my smile and reason for loving so deeply. I love you all the colors and all the bunches. David- I love you like a vegetarian loves salad. Thick and thin mister. I love my life and I love what I stand for. Thank you WCA for helping me figure out who I want and don't want to be. OH yess...Mrs. Karigan your sunshine at the Academy. Duces!



First and foremost, I want to thank God for giving me strength and ability for making it this far in life. Mama and Dad, I can't express how much I appreciate all that you have done for me; from bringing me into this world to making life changing sacrifices for me. I love you guys dearly, and I don't know what I would do if I didn't have you guys in my life, forreal! Jordan, my baby brother, I love you and you are the best brother alive. I adore you so much, even when I don't show it. Courtney, a.k.a Thug- a boo and Tiffany, a.k.a Ms. Innocent, I freaking love you guys. My straight sistas for life. We have been through it all; our memories are countless. To the rest of my fellow crew, I love you guys and thanks for being there for me. 1 Timothy 4:12



Brittany Nicole



Hawkins.

I am truly grateful for everything Westminster has provided me. I want to first thank my loving parents. Throughout my selfishness, I have failed to realize all that you have done in my life. I want you both to know that you mean the world to me. I Love you. To my coaches, thank for your investment in my life. It has been a pleasure to compete on the basketball court, and bring home state championships on the course! Coose, Peter, kbell, Tim, Vande, Brugs... I will never forget the great memories on the course and at the poker table! Greez, it's been real, I am thankful to have your friendship in my life. Stay strong in the Lord! Ephesians 5:8



Ryan Nash



Haxel.

I would like to thank my parents and my family first off, From my mom's brilliant ideas to my dad's endless jokes I do not know what I would have done without them. I would like to thank Maggie and Tommy, I am so lucky to have them as role models and to have them there for me whenever I need them. I would like to tell my cousins, and best friends, Caroline and Tucker, how much it has meant to have them right there by my side through everything! We laughed, fought, and cried together and I don't know what I would do without them! I want to give all the Glory to my Savior Jesus Christ. Psalm 119:105



Karlee Jean



Heinemann.

God; Thank you for showing me how to love others as You have loved me (1 Peter 4:8), and mercy I'll never deserve. Mommy and Daddy; I've always been appreciative of your sacrifices, even when I didn't act like it. I love you both, Ro; you're my best friend; that won't ever change. Court, Britt; the memories are countless; you're both my sisters. Zach; you're a horrible friend. Joking. Rae; I wouldn't have survived without you, you're amazing. Lu; see you soon roomie! Underclassmen/junior friends: Love you guys. I'll miss you all! Scott, Mohler, Snyder, Gibson; thanks for making WCA bearable. C/O 2012; can't believe it's finally over! Thanks to everyone who's been a friend to me, love you all, Galatians 2:20.



Tiffany Nicole



Hennings.



Emma Pohlman, sophomore, reads a book for her Biblical Ethics class. Pohlman preferred books to e-books: "They're more traditional and have more history behind them."

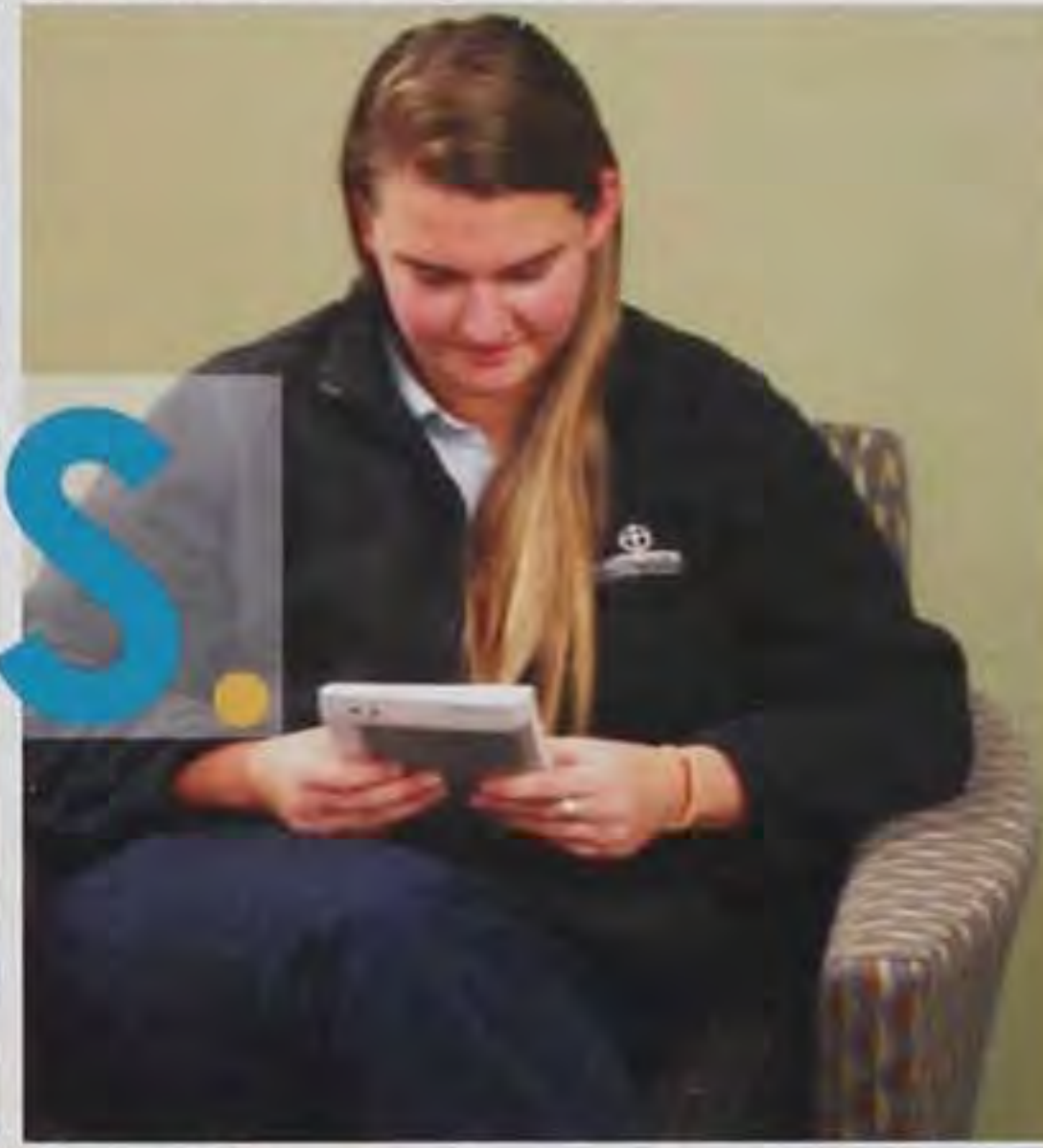
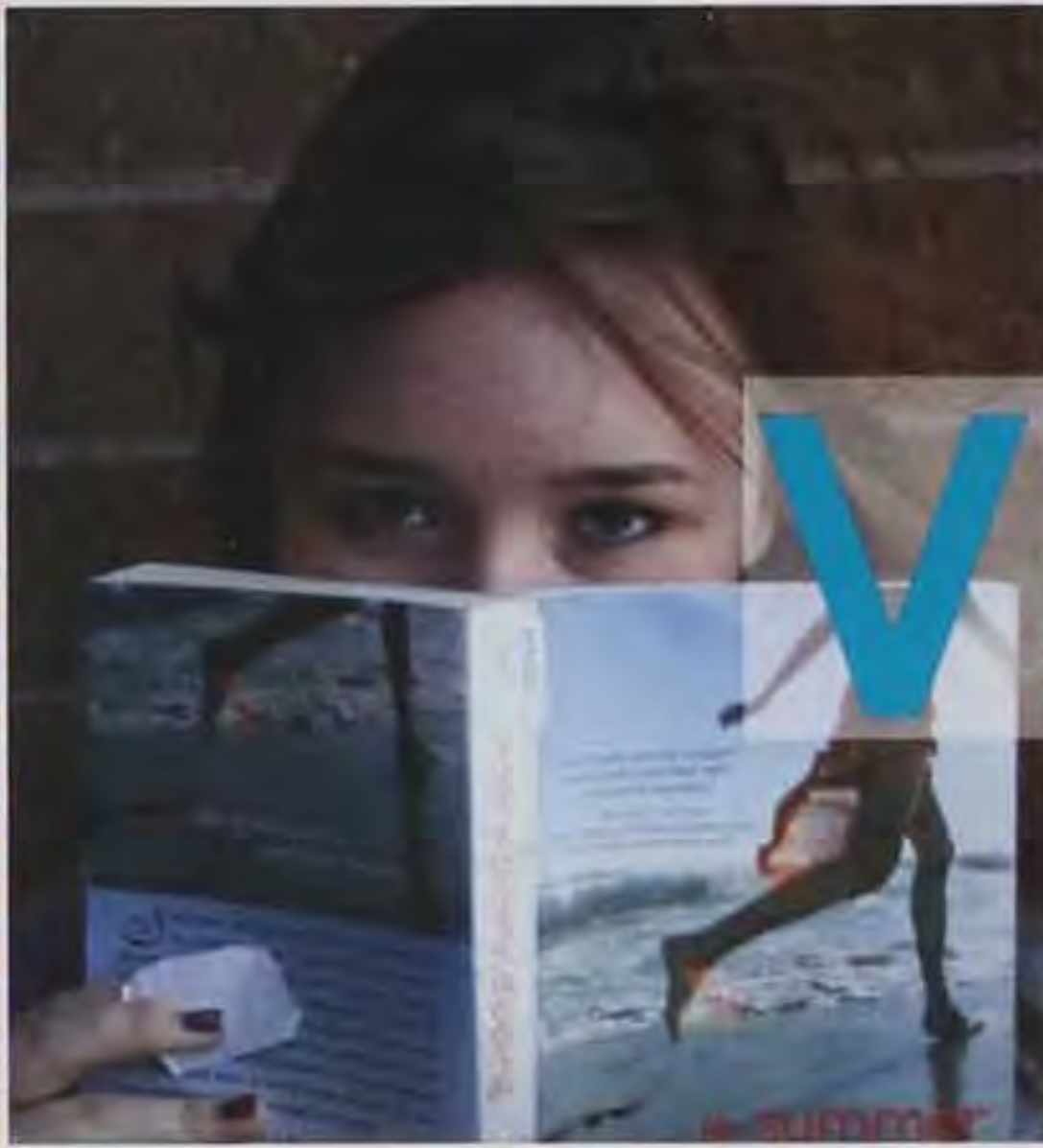
Rachel Gantner, senior, uses her kindle after school. "I like it because all my books are on one small thing," said Gantner. Many students brought their Kindles, Nooks, and iPads to school for entertainment.

Paper vs Plastic

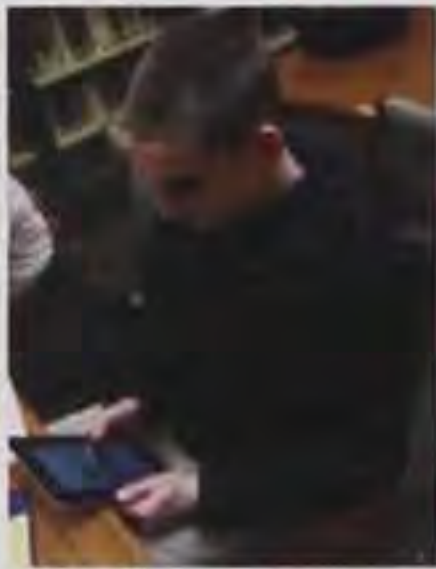
In recent years, the Nook, essentially an electronic book, had grown in popularity. "One of the things I like about [the Nook] is the portability. You only have to carry one thing, instead of a whole pile of books," said Rex Janssen, Geometry teacher.

Some people are hesitant to get a Nook or Kindle because of their love for the traditional book. "I like books better because it brings back memories of when I was little and my parents read to me," said Emma Pohlman, sophomore.

"Books have different personalities and that's something you lose when you're reading digitally," said Hannah Smith, eighth grade.



VS



Kaylee Trost, junior

Michael Scott, sophomore

Robert Davis, eighth grade

J.D. Klein, sophomore

Lucy Keht, eighth grade



Drew

Lee Hillemeier



I've grown substantially in my high school career. I can thank God first and foremost, but some others deserve credit. Evan, Nick, and Gordon, you've been here from the start. I don't know where I'd be without your friendships. Duell and Andy, I hope I can toast at both of your weddings. Peter, I thank you for always being open and willing to call me out when I needed it. Zach, you're a brother in Christ and it's wonderful to see Him through you, even when the Cowboys lose. Mother, you are wonderful, dedicated, loving, and my best friend. I love you with my whole heart and I will cherish all you've taught me and all I've yet to learn.



Hannah

Ruth Hoekzema



Mom & Dad: I love you more than words can describe. Thanks for raising me to where I am now with your amazing love, patience, and humor. Andrew: I love you a heck of a lot. Keep doing amazing things. Bethany: You're the best sister of all time. We're gonna write that book someday. James: All the videos never made...keep being a mad programming genius. Matthew: Keep reading; you'll rule the world. Sil: Twins forever. To my friends: I love all of you so, so much! I wouldn't have made it through high school sane without you—you made it amazing. Go where God calls you, and along the way, call me and tell me all about it.

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That's my H₂O story, what's yours?

A water bottle can say a lot about a person. The style, color, shape, and especially the stickers can tell a story.

For Katie Boesch, junior, the sticker on her water bottle tells the story of her summer seminar trip to Gettysburg. "I got the sticker from Shenandoah National Park. When I use my nalgene, I'm always reminded of the trip and how much fun it was."

For Avery Anderson, senior, the sticker on her water bottle symbolizes one of her favorite pastimes; hunting. "I have a Browning sticker on my water bottle. I hunt with a Browning [shotgun]". Anderson has two stickers, which resemble a buck, one on her truck and the other on her nalgene.

What does your water bottle say about you?



A few teachers, as well as students, have run a half marathon, and they have put a 13.1 sticker on their water bottle or car.



Hannah Hoekzema's, senior, love for animals is shown through a sticker on her frequently used water bottle.

Katie Boesch, junior, uses her Nalgene water bottle to express her love for parks and nature.

Jensen I am so blessed to have you in my life, I couldn't have asked for a better friend or sister, Te amo little grasshopper, Aguamente. Dad- thanks for making my lunch everyday, Mommy- thanks for supporting my opera endeavors Alexis Dani & G- thanks for sticking with me even when I sing The Sound of Music. Hannah and Brittany- you guys make me smile Justine- you are the prince to my snow white Rebecca- Phantom forever Munchkin- you're the best rapper ever Kaylie Duke- the Sahara was fun, lets do it again sometime. My dance team sisters- I love you guys "Kill it for the Lord" Martha- I know you have Hello Kitty. Rachel- thanks for laughing at my sarcasm Becky Dani Anna Miranda- Philippians 1:3



Jessica Gail Holt.

Primarily, Mom and dad, thank you for all the support, encouragement, and unconditional love that you have given to me. I love you so much, and thank you so much for being my parents! Also, for all the people who helped me whenever I felt the absence of my parents in America, thank you all for taking care of me like a family. I would never forget your kindness and concerns. Lastly, teachers, thank you for great education and all the help.



Yoo Jin Hu.





Ellie Anna Huffman



God- Thank you for your many blessings. Mom and Dad- Thank you for all the sacrifices you have made. You have given me tremendous opportunities, Ben- Never hold back and always give it your all. Brynn- My twin, thank you for sticking by my side through everything. Marge- you make me laugh more than anyone. You're the sweetest person I know! Karl- We share some great times dudie, thanks for always understanding. Tate- You will forever hold a special place in my heart. I will never forget the wonderful times we spent together. Softball and Soccer teams- It's been a blast. Keep working hard. To everyone else, it's been fun! Thank you Westminster for four great years!



Jake Kellar Hughes



What can I say? 120 words aren't enough. I'll quote someone else: "I love you, You love me. We're a happy family" "Is this real life, or is this fantasy?" "Life is a like a box of chocolates." "Which came first- the music or the misery?" "I am a leaf on the wind." How was that? God- Where do I begin? Dad- You've always been my role model. I love you. Mom- I wouldn't be much of anything without your love and support. Harper- you're the best big sister ever! Korea group- Sarang hae! Friends- You know who you are (I hope)! You made me who I am and made highschool bearable. Thank you- love you. Revelation 21:7



Steven Taylor Hughes



Wow, there went high-school. Lord, I've made a lot of mistakes, but I know you love me and I know you'll teach me. Thank you for the friends you've given me and the fun we've had! Take care of them and show us your glory. Make us new, Father. "The heavens declare the glory of God. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world...May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer."



Evan Craig James



God, thank you for always being there for me. Mom and dad- thanks for putting up with me for all these years. I couldn't have gotten this far without you guys. Kendall- thanks for being the best biggy sister ever. I love our humor because we are the only two that completely understand it. Nick, Gordon, and Drew- you guys have been my best friends for these six years. Thanks for all the fun and hilarious memories! Thanks to Jeans, Steven, Caleb, Jeremy, Jake, Brandon, and Wes for being awesome friends for many years! Such good times at my New Year's Eve parties! Hannah- thanks for all those crazy conversations we had. I love you all and God bless.



Coming into middle school at WCA and meeting new people means new crushes, so we asked 5 Westminster seniors to reveal their seventh grade crushes.

Who Said It?

1.

"In seventh grade, I liked Becky Weiss because she wore cool shoes."

2.

"My seventh grade crush was Zach Hampton because he had big hair, like me."

3.

"My crush in seventh grade was Taylor Bookout; he was my boyfriend! I liked how his hair looked."

4.

"I liked Luke Turner in seventh grade; he was funny."

5.

"I liked Matt Brugner because he was so smooth in his younger years."



A. Marissa Harjoe

B. Drew Hillemeier



E. Abi Leibovich



C. Rachel Becker

D. Andreae Bradley

Answers: 1.B 2.A 3.E 4.D 5.C

God- Thank you so much for giving me great opportunities throughout my life. Mom, Dad, and InSun- Thank you so much for being a great support, trusting me, and being on my side no matter what. Sunny- You are the best cousin ever. Dani Butler- Thank you for your love and help. You are a great teacher. Best Friends Forever, you know who you are. I owe you guys a ton of thanks. To everyone who knows me, thank you for being so kind and patient to me when I had trouble communicating. I had the best time of my life at Westminster because you all were there. I love you and I will miss you all.



Martha Jang.

God, thank you for choosing me as your child. I owe everything to you Lord. Dad and Mom, thank you for raising me and teaching me how to be a man of God. I love you both immensely and am blessed to have you as my parents. Kelsey, my kooky big sis, thanks for being such a great role model and someone I can talk to. Leah, my crazy little sis, thanks for being a friend and someone I can count on. Bros- thanks for all the laughs, fun times, and crazy memories. Girls- I will never understand, but I am grateful to call you my sisters. To the rest of you- make each day count, for life is but a breath.



Caleb James Janssen.





Mark Jin



I am so glad to finally graduate my high school life. I was an exchange student from South Korea. I came here, Westminster Christian Academy, in 2010. For two years, I learned various subjects and experienced diverse people and culture, and Christianity. Among my experiences in Westminster, the most impressive one was Christian event like Chapel and Bible study. I was so glad that I could hear such strong, moving preaching during Chapel time and that I could grow my morality and faith toward God through various Bible studies and that I could actually act on helping others as a Christian through Senior Service. Every moment I spend in Westminster is precious and meaningful to me. I feel sad leaving my priceless high school life at WCA.



Peter Francis Johnson



God- Thank you for constantly pursuing me. Mom and Dad- You have always encouraged me, comforted, and strengthened me with your loving wisdom and open arms. Grace, Anna, Lily, Ruth- My beautiful crazy sisters, thank you for you for loving and teaching me. My little Daniel- You are the best display of unconditional love I have ever witnessed. Max- I treasure your friendship more than I could ever tell. Keegan and Parker- I love every moment spent with you since we were little. Drew- You blow me away with your wisdom and humor. Anthony- Thanks for the toolset and TP. Taylor and Lizzie- You have shown me God through the way you love. Cole- It's been real. Chapel Bands- For growing me as a musician and a Christian.



Adrienne Nicole Kaup



Titus 3:4-5 My Savior, I am undeserving of your unconditional love and grace. May I strive to glorify you in all I do. Mom and Dad - thank you for your un-ending support, and for shaping me into who I am today. Isaac, Leigh-Ann, Laura, Monica, Scott, Kyle - thanks for always making me laugh. I am truly blessed to have you all. Ramya - only 120 words?! AHHH. Frostbite, empty parking lots, naps at Queeny, mochi, Shark Night 3D, lick the rainbow! You kept me grounded, and I can't thank you enough for that. Stay beautiful. I love you! Maegan and Rebecca - fearsome threesome! To all my XC girls - keep running hard! Laura, lemme know when you break 19. "To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift."



Robert Joseph Kinsinger



First of all, thank You God for blessing me with such an awesome life. I can't believe this is the last year of high school. It seems like just yesterday we were all playing together at recess, soaking in the excitement of our childhoods. Mom and Dad, thank you for all the sacrifices you have had to make to allow me to go to Westminster. I can only imagine how different my life would be if I wasn't a part of a Christian community. Friends, you know who you are, thank you for all the support and memories created throughout this year. I'm proud to say this was the best year of high school.



In seventh grade, senior year seemed unreachably far. Now it's here! To all my family and friends that have supported and taught me so much, your impact has been astounding. I am forever grateful. To Laura, Aimee, and all my other especially dear friends - you have stood by me these past six years through everything. We have laughed, cried, and danced in the rain. We have crossed oceans, drawn snails, harassed my cat, and spent many wonderful times in my basement. Most of all we have become stronger in who we are and in our faith together. I am truly blessed. I love you also much! To the seventh graders: don't blink, it's over before you know it.



Melissa Caroline



Knappenberger.

First, I would like to thank God for guiding me through the past six years. Mom and Dad, my gratitude to you goes beyond words. Thank you for everything you have done for me. Karlee, thanks for being my sister and always laughing. Isaac, some of the best times of my life. Timmy, you crack me up. Rob, Love you man. Zach, thanks for always believing. Study hall dream team: I will never forget you guys. Chris: Stop journaling. Nigel: Oh Nooo. Glen, thanks for convincing every teacher there was a cat in the room. To everyone who made the academy more enjoyable experience, I am grateful. Remember: Live to glorify Christ through thought, word, and deed.



Louis H.



Kohrs.

New to school.

Bryan Bayer, sophomore



"I really like the variety of personalities considering the school I went to before only had 35 people in my class," said Bryan Bayer, sophomore.

"Since Westminster is a Christian school, it was an easy transfer. I really liked how my peers have been nice to me." said Jordan Eimer, freshman. Eimer met some of her friends in activities such as JV Dance Team.



Jordan Eimer, freshman



Erica Winn, senior

Before coming to Westminster, Erica Winn, senior, was home-schooled. "Coming in as a senior is never really ideal and it was challenging at first, but I've adjusted and being put in new situations has made me be more comfortable with change," said Winn, senior.

"I hadn't even finished the summer reading nor did I have all my school supplies, but I was excited and lost," said Luke Nitcher, junior. This was Nitcher's fourth time moving schools. He joined many different clubs including JETS and Drama Club.



Luke Nitcher, junior

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Rebbeca Anne Krause.



Through the ups and downs, my family is always there. Mom and Dad, thank you for providing me with everything and for always being there and loving me no matter how crazy I get. Kate: you are a great encouragement and an amazing sister. Let's put on a two person production of Phantom sometime. Andrew: though you are smarter than me in everything. I still like you- thanks for teaching me football. All my friends, thanks for always loving me! Lunch table girls: You guys are so much fun! Truth or Dare... Swim girls: you all are amazing, thanks for making winter the best season ever. Lax girls: Great memories- I love you all! Jeremiah 29:11.



Connor David Larson.



Jesus, I'm eternally thankful for your blessings and love. Dad, I can't thank you enough for everything. I love you so much. Mom, thank you for loving me in a way I can't understand. Blake, your dedication continues to astonish me, thanks for the inspiration. Harper, stay firm in your beliefs, and thanks for the laughs... LITTLE girl!!!! Meg, words can't explain how much you've meant to me. Thanks for helping to make these past 2 years the best of my life. Vande & Luke, thanks for loving me as my brothers and best friends. Marge, I pray that I can love and respect people as you have. Einert, thanks for helping me fit in at WCA. Bros for life. Ryan, Green Frogs to Wildcats, love you bro. Friends Not Mentioned, thanks for the love and memories.



Kelsey N. Leib.



Mom and Dad- Thank you for everything you've done. You have always been there for me. I love you both, Burcho- We have been through so much together and have a lot of great memories. I know we'll always be best friends. Don't forget about the cone. "Ooh?" Taylor (Bookout)- You are such a great friend and boyfriend. We have so much fun together. I couldn't have asked for anyone better. Martha G and Laura- I'm so glad we became close this year. You guys are crazy and so fun. Amanda- Thank you for making this year unforgettable. Martha J- You are so sweet and funny. I'm happy I got to really know you. Cheerleaders- Show them your hearts.



Abi Christine Leibovich.



God- you're my rock. Js, 1:2-4 - continue to challenge me. Dad- thanks for the wisdom and for teaching me integrity. Mama, my proverbs 31 example, thank you for always listening. Bethany, my honest sister who I look up and rely on, thank you for paving the way! Your love for Jesus inspires me. Rachel- your nurturing persona has been a huge part of my growing up! Kara- Northwest shifts together have been so fun...you are the coolest person I know; I have so much to learn from you! Timothy- you're a great older brother... You've showed me how to live a transparent life. Dari, my bosom friend, we've been through thick and thin and our friendship will never change! Avery- I've enjoyed learning our similarities. Caleb- you're quality.



Thank you God for all the blessings you have placed in my life. Thank you family for never giving up on me and supporting me. I love you. Dad, thank you for all your patience. You are a great father. Mom, we have had our hard times but we have become close. Nicole, my sister, best friend, and counselor. Stonewall forever. Laura and Martha, you are beautiful, amazing women. Lets never lose touch and continue the traveling blanket and retail therapy. Brendin, you are always there for me. I'm glad we didn't die in the river. Becky, Lifetime fitness and school desks. Andrea, my nails thank you. Taylor, wiggle. Allie, you got to have somewhere to put your phone.



Stephanie Elise



Leiber.

Mother and Father you have been great! Thanks for all that you have done for me. I have enjoyed living with you in your household all my life. Thanks Anna, Alexander, and Margaret for being my siblings, you guys have been great. Maggie you are awesome. Also thanks to all my friends who helped me survive middle school and high school. It has been great getting to know you all and I hope we can all stay in contact. Maxwell Sloan Lindstrom follow your dreams and never forget your friends and family you would be nothing without them.



Max Sloan



Lindstrom.

First off, thank you God for everything you have done in my life. Thanks Mom, Nana, Papa, and other family for your provision and guidance throughout my life thus far. Annie: We have had our moments, but I am glad to have you as my sister. Christian, you always make me laugh and I love that we have such a close relationship. Rebecca Waller and Elizabeth, I am so glad to have gotten to know you two better over the years and hope we can stay in touch. Rebecca, all I have to say is "SMALLVILLE!!" To all my other amazing friends, thanks for all the good memories and conversations. Mrs. Maynor; thank you so much for all you amazing help over the past 4 years. Now Seniors, let's go and tackle life!!



Elie Trudeau



Linhoff.

"The man that honors God, God will honor" (1 Sam 2:30). I want to thank God for placing me in this situation of successfully graduating from high school. The reason why I was placed at Westminster is so that I may be prepared for college. I would like to thank my parents for spending the time and effort in order to place me in a better situation. Jeremiah 29:11 states, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope." The Lord has already set out a rubric and a blue print for my life; all I have to do now is follow it.



Emmanuel Mark



Logan.



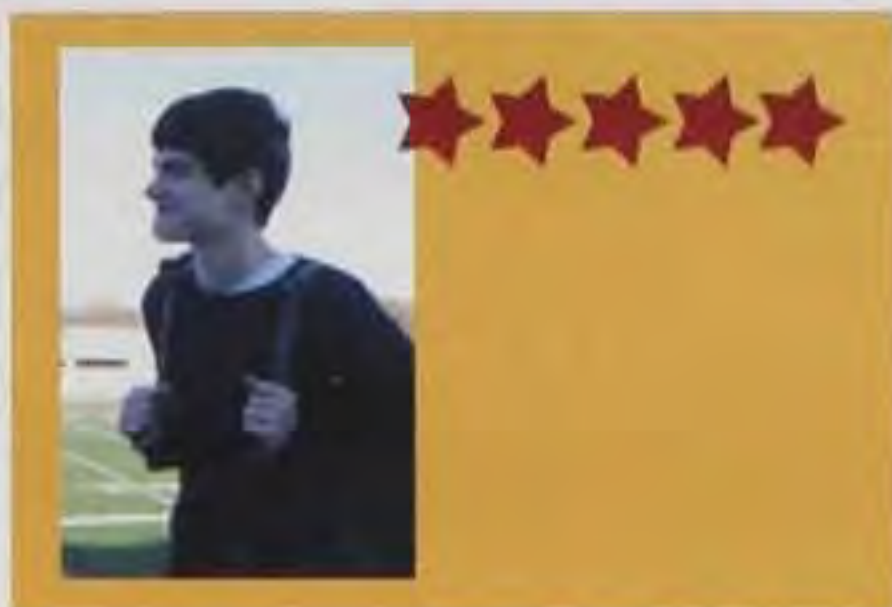
Escapades.

It happens: your friend group is hanging out, and you eventually run out of fun activities to do... Well, some Westminster students and their friends came up with fun, different activities to try!

Brooke-Ellen Brugner, eighth grade: "We went to **Yucandu** and we created several different things. I made a 'B' shaped plaque. We painted them first and then picked out different colored papers to paste onto it. I thought it was really cool because most people don't go to do things like that and it was something different, but really fun at the same time."

Johnny Kinney, sophomore, and his friends played video games or watched a movie when they got together. "If we had enough people, we would play an outdoor game like **cops and robbers** or football," said Kinney.

"My friend group was in an ongoing **prank war**; guys vs. girls," said **Calla McGinty**, junior. "We forked their yards, saran wrapped their cars, and wrote all over their car windows. We always brainstormed different pranks and the pranks are just for fun."



Sam Bezjak, senior, and his friends would play **ultimate frisbee** when they got together. "We played at night with light up frisbees and usually played till we couldn't play anymore," said Bezjak.



When **Ricky Breneman**, freshman, hung out with his friends, they would play **COD** (call of duty) or airsoft.



Brendin

Shea Loveland.



Thank you mom for getting me here. You have been the best mom in the hardest times. Forrest, Max, Taylor, and Olivia you guys are my best friends. I'll never forget the memories we have had together. I love you guys.



A.J.

Loynd.



I am so grateful for the education and opportunity that Westminster has provided for me. I would like to thank my parents for encouraging me to succeed in everything I do. To my grandmother Obo, I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you! To my friends: Harold Ellis I can only hope that we will stay friends for life. "OOOOOO! You messed up..." Sam Rein. Good times... "Its about that time!" Evan Miller, see you at Rolla man. "Ha Ha Ha SSSSSSSsss..." Arin McCandless, Thank you for keeping my ego in check. I would also like to thank Jay, Sam, Wes, Morgan, Kellyfish, Evan, and Sara. All of you have been there in times of need. Thank you God for I am truly loved, and blessed.

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Jerrett Scott
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Bright & Early.

While most WCA students were asleep or just waking up on Wednesday mornings at 7:00, a group of six girls and two teachers were up bright and early doing a Bible Study together. Every other Wednesday morning, middle school teachers Allison Pautler and Ashley Woodall, prepared a Bible Study for the girls. "They really care about us all and take their own time to plan Bible studies or hang out and we all bond really well with them and they make it fun for us" said Hannah Ruckman, freshman.

The group of girls had continued doing the Bible study since seventh grade. Megan McDaniel, freshman, said they had kept the Bible Study going for three years because "we all just like seeing each other every other week and it is a good start to the day."

Not only had the girls made good relationships with each other and grown in their faith, but they enjoyed doing service projects such as helping out at a Food Bank by packing boxes.

Madison Massot, freshman, reads about a topic during a Wednesday morning discussion.



Opening up the morning Bible Study, **Megan Johnson**, freshman, prays during a meeting.



While discussing friendship, **Emily Sulewski**, freshman, reads out of her devotional book.



Amanda Ebert, freshman, talks with her Bible Study group.



Six girls, along with Allison Pautler, math teacher, and Ashley Woodall, world geography teacher, meet bright and early on the morning of November 2.

Bj thanks for all the "Bro Days" and for always being there when I needed you. Buffa I don't even know how to thank you for all the times you just listened to me and helped me through difficult times. You are an awesome friend. Katie thanks for showing me what a real hockey player looks like. Luke, don't forget, keep the ball down or it goes along way....Jake and Blaise you two have more talent than anyone. Have fun and don't ever let anyone tell you that you can't do something. Finally mom and dad thank you both for dragging me all over the world to fulfill my dream. Thanks for always being there for me I love you both.



Tate
Matheny.





Maggie E. Mauze



God: you are my rock and my savior and you always will be. Thanks for bring me this far. Mom and Dad I love you so much. Thank you for all you do for me; I really do appreciate it even if it doesn't seem like it. Louisa and Evie: we have had some pretty great times together. Thanks for putting up with me. Friends: thanks for encouraging me through difficult times. I know you guys will always be there. PC girls, I love you all! You have been such a blessing in my life.



Bryn Ellen McKie



I want to thanks my parents for all that they have done. They have been so helpful and encouraging through my four years in high school. I never would have been where I am today without them. I would also like to thank all my friends. They were there for me in good times and in bad. Also, I would like to thank my high school softball coach, Andy Benes. He gave me so much help and has played a major roll in making me the player I am today. Furthermore, I would like to thank the staff of Westminster. It has been such a blessing to get to come and learn in a great Christian environment.



Jeff J. Meyers



I'm finally done! Thanks mom and dad for giving me the heart to learn and study hard in all my classes. I want to thank my teachers for giving me the incentive to do well and for pushing me in all of my classes allowing me to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Margaret, thanks for always being there to fix my problems when I had no one else to help me. David, thanks for helping me perfect my Halo skills even though I'll never be as good as you. Kitchens, you made practice both dreadful and hilarious at the same time. Props to you. And thank you God for making me who I am today.



Aaron Brian Miller



First off, I would like to thank my parents for bringing me here and keeping me on track in school even though it was challenging. Chess Club: The games were fun, the tournaments were intense, and we won a lot. Ultimate Frisbee Club: The ultimate games were really enjoyable; hopefully it will become a team because it has a lot of potential. To my friends, thanks for being there in my tough times and allowing school to not be too bad. Of course I could not have survived without the guidance of God through my life. It was a good experience. Notice that before its too late.



"I would define planking as an act that involves lying face down with one's hands at one's sides and one's body as straight as possible. Its like trying to mimic a plank, and the goal is to get someone to take a picture of you in this position in bizarre locations" said, **Evan Miller**, senior.



A new trend emerged at the beginning of the 2011 school year: planking. What is planking? Well, after asking several students for a definition, the yearbook staff compiled a definition.

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"Planking is where you lay down with everything towards the ground, arms at your side, in different places no one would expect" **Nathan Duke**, eighth grade.



An act where you lay flat on an unexpected object, parallel to the ground, and capture the moment with a picture.



"Planking is where you lay down on top of a tall object and act like superman," said **Chris Meeks**, sophomore.



"Planking is where you lay down on anything horizontally," said **Jay Pannkuk**, junior.

What an awesome four years. Unforgettable, to say the least. I have to give props to my parents and brothers for putting up with me all this time; I'm sure it wasn't easy. Thanks to all my amazing teachers who have taught me so much. Mr. Hass and Mr. Mohler, thanks for always keeping me thinking and wondering. To Mr. Jones and the band: Thanks for six years of great music. To the most epic lunch group ever: Thanks for all the laughs, the conversations, and the endless bowling, billiards, and tennis. My days at WCA will never be forgotten. May God continue to bless Westminster and its phenomenal community!



Evan Allen Miller.

Dad, thanks for always having my back when the going got rough, I'll always know I can fall back on you. Mom, I know you're looking down at me, and I won't disappoint you. To all my friends, I love you guys, thanks for everything. Con, thanks for all the great times in Maxico, you've been the best friend I could ask for, keep keeping it real man. Brendin, Forrest-I'll always remember KTRT, and all the memories that follow. Coach, thanks for helping me keep the wheels on the bus. Gibby, you shaped me into a better man. My younger friends- you've made me proud, especially Babylegs. Bub, we don't do that...see you at 6:15. Thanks to all.



Max Logan Miller.





Spencer

John Moergen



Lord, thank you for blessing me with a wonderful family, without them I would not have been able to make it through these four years. Mom and Dad you have done so much for me, I can't even explain how thankful I am. Dad you have really showed me what it means to be a man of Christ. I love you both so much. I have been blessed with such great friends, you have made these years so much fun. Thanks to my small group and my small group leader, for helping me become closer to God. I hope to go through the rest of my life and bless others like you have blessed me God.



Lauren

Elizabeth Moore



Mom and Dad: There aren't enough words to express all I want to thank you for. Thank you for being there no matter what, for loving me through everything, for being on my side, and for supporting me and believing in me. Ben; You will always be my best friend. Thanks for all the memories, and for being such a loving, caring little brother. Have fun in high school! I love you more than anything Bud. Dr. Shaw; Thanks for helping me through AP Physics and this year at Westminster. I wouldn't have made it without your caring encouragement. To all my new friends: Thanks for making me feel welcome and making this a memorable year. It's been an experience!



Margaret

Clark Moore



It's time to say goodbye to WCA... and thanks to my amazing family. Sarah, you are and always will be my rock. Elanor, you motivate and encourage me to pursue excellence. Parks, you are extraordinary; you inspire me. Caroline, words cannot describe the love I have for you. Cooper, your hugs and sweet smile are the best medicine. Brett, you are wonderful; our family is blessed to have you, Maggie, you have been a truly faithful friend. Jeff, you mean the world to me. Mom you are irreplaceable; thanks for never giving up on me. Dad, I will always be your little girl, no matter how far away I am. Thanks for showing me Christ through your life.



Seth

Charles Mundorf



Since starting my career at Westminster I have grown so much in my faith and grown close to many people. I want to thank my mom and dad for helping me through all the things I went through and getting me to do my best at everything I do. Thank you to Caleb and Caitlin for being the best siblings. Thank you to all the teachers that have put in the time and effort to helping me at my schoolwork. Thank you to my hockey coaches for always pushing me to get better and not to give up. Lastly I want to thank God for taking care of me through high school and letting me have an amazing experience.



If you had to leave...

WCA enrolled a considerable number of international students this year. One student, Dongjae Lee, junior, attended WCA for his third year. Although he did not plan on leaving America anytime soon he could easily list the things he would miss most.

"Once I do I'm going to miss Buffalo Wild Wings, Sheridan's, Ted Drew's, Chipotle, and Olive Garden," said Dongjae Lee, junior. In addition to foods Lee appreciated the atmosphere and relationships he encountered in St. Louis.

"I'll also miss being able to wave my hand and say hi to adults or older students without having to bow at them. Above all though, I'm going to miss the great people I've met in Saint Louis. Living with the Barresi's who have shown and are continuing to show great love for me is certainly one of the things that I'm going to miss the most. Including the Barresi's, all the friends I've made in Saint Louis are a huge part of my life and they will still be a big part even when I go back home," said Lee.

Lee enjoyed a lot of the food America had to offer, but he was most thankful for the relationships he developed.



Dongjae Lee, junior, prepares to make a blind kick at Tae Kwan Do practice. Lee practiced at the Chesterfield mall with other WCA students.

what would you miss?



Amir Zakhary, junior, had lived in America for most of his life but was born in Egypt.

Tomas Mitchem, seventh grade, came to Saint Louis from Mexico.

Graci Barron, seventh grade, and her twin, **Abbi Barron, seventh grade,** came from China.

Akos Bartha, junior, came to WCA from Budapest, Hungary. Bartha stayed with the Gilbert family.

Ryan He, junior, was from Changsha, Hunan, China.

First off I'd like to thank my parents for everything. They've supported me throughout high school and I know they'll continue to do so throughout my college career. To my friends, I never would have made it without you. Drew, Duell, I look forward to feasting at El Indio until we can't safely drive ourselves. Drew, I am sure you'll do well in Juilliard. Duell, you climb those rocks. Buffa, Latinos for life. To everyone else, hasta luego.



Andy Gabriel



Munoz.

God thank you for blessing me with so many gifts in my life. Dad, thanks for supporting me and pushing me to always do my best. love you! Mom, you have been such a role model to me. I love you! Mark, you're an awesome big bro. Thanks for always looking out for me. Victoria, I love you cuz! You've been like a sister to me. Rebecca, you have been such a true friend. Best Friends Forever! Becky, I'll always remember senior service! "Help me, I'm in danger" lol! To all my friends and family, thank you for helping me become the person I am today! I love you guys! I'll miss all of you!



Maegan Kathleen



Nelson.





Paton Elizabeth Nix



Mom and Dad, I love you two so much. Thank you for all that guidance and love you have given me. I couldn't have asked for two better parents than you guys. Ricky, you're the best older brother and friend on the planet. Reilly, please enjoy the rest of high school because it goes by fast, I'll always be a phone call away. Lulu and Grace, you are the best sisters I could ask for. Be good to each other. Anthony, you're my best friend, thank you so much for the past 2 years. Class of 2012, thank you for accepting me and being my friends when I was the new kid.



Morgan Nixon



WCA has been an experience I'll never forget. From loving teachers, to strong friendships, every moment was worth it. Chloe, B Becky, Meg, Dre, you guys make me smile so big! Whether it's Branson '09 or a pass in the hall, you were there for me always; I'll miss you all so much! Matty B, I am beyond blessed to have you in my life, thanks for every single memory. Let's keep living our lives for Him and trust in His amazing plan! Don't EVER forget 7-11! Abs, Mom, Dad, I could never ask for a better family, God has blessed me in so many ways, Thanks for being the biggest impact of my life, love you TONS! Jer. 29:11



Cole David Norman



Dad- you're the greatest influencer in my life and I hope to be like you someday. Mom- without your motivation, expectation and care for me, I don't know where I would be in life, Paige- you're such a "pinhead," but I love you anyway. Marge/Johnny/ David- you 3 have been my life-long friends and I will never forget our stories. Flemming/ Haxel- I'll miss Bread Co. Community after practice. Peter- "It's been real." Drew- Czech roomy, Meg/Jeff- Math on the heater. Noah- Homerun Derby in WV. Dyl/Zach/ Larson/Beez/DT/VK/Davis- I am thankful for memories with each of you. Drake- I thank God everyday that my brother is my best friend. You literally have been there for me always. I love you. Philipians 3:14.



Kevin James O'Leary



I would first like to thank my family. Without their support I wouldn't have made it this far in my story. To all my close friends, some of the adventures we had I'll never forget. You guys are the definition of what a true friend looks like. I would like to specifically thank my twin sister, Kristen, we have been double-trouble since we started walking. If it weren't for you, I wouldn't know how to properly vault a childproof gate, or evade babysitters. I'd like to thank Westminster and the teachers that have encouraged me to pursue a life that honors Christ. I pray that God continues to work in my life, emboldening me to pursue him further.



IT TAKES 5 YEARS Commitment

At Dance Excellence in Los Angeles, **Savannah Matthews**, seventh grade, poses with dancer Kent Boyd from *So You Think You Can Dance*. "I got to go to Los Angeles this summer with my dance crew to represent Missouri. Meeting Kent Boyd was a highlight," said Matthews.



Tiffany Hennings, senior, has played the piano for eleven years. Hennings entered the Missouri Music Teachers Association and was awarded with a first place finish out of eighteen people in the state. "I play everything from classical to jazz, and my favorite style is contemporary," said Hennings.

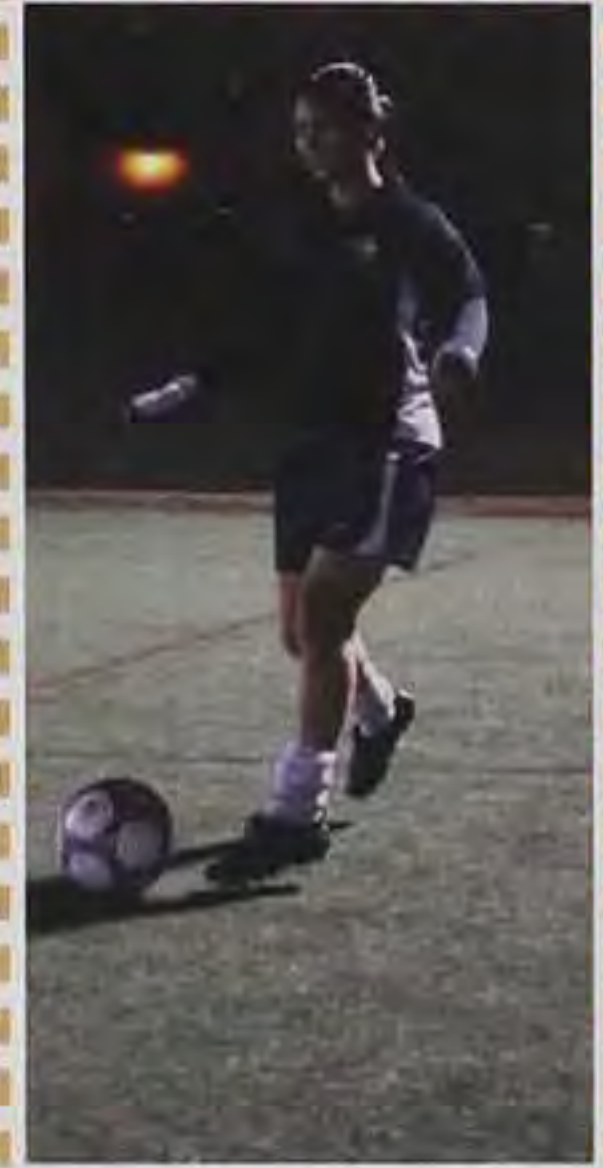
Mackenzie Wieberg, seventh grade, swims with the St. Charles Stingrays. "My favorite part of swimming would be when you dive in the water and start racing," said Wieberg.



Since she was three years old, **Samantha Lombardo**, seventh grade, has been riding horses.



Lombardo and her horse, Sure Im Pretty Good, traveled to Nationals and rode many different styles including Western, English, and jumping.



Brittany Zee-Cheng, senior, has played soccer for six years. Zee-Cheng played midfield and defense. "My favorite part about soccer is being part of a team of awesome girls. My teammates of both my club team and WCA's team are all amazing and I love them all so much!" said Zee-Cheng.

Lord, I owe you everything. Mom, thank you for always being there for me and loving me unconditionally. Dad, your wisdom has guided me in so many situations and gives me endurance. Lauren, you are my best friend, my perfect role model and the best big sister I could ask for. Thank you for everything you have done for me. Kevin, I'm so thankful you're my twin, my wingman, and my partner in crime. You are irreplaceable. Katherine and Michael, there is never a dull moment with you two. To all my friends, we have laughed, learned, and made cherished memories. I love you all. Volleyball Girls, I couldn't have asked for better teammates. Keep playing for Him. Joshua 1:5-9.



Kristen Morgan

O'Leary.

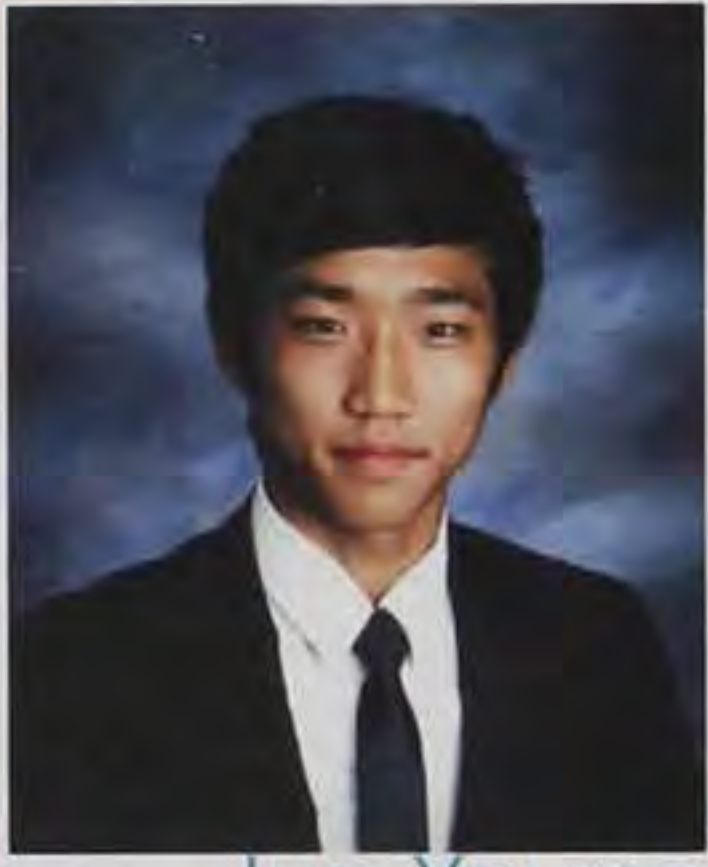
God, Thank you for everything that you have blessed me with. Thanks to all my family, especially my Mom, Dad & Leah. Teachers you have taught me well. To all my Football Coaches especially Coach Snyder & Coach Pederson, thanks for pushing me & teaching me to play the game with passion. Wrestling Coach Muehleisen & Grandpa, you have strengthened me for every circumstance in life. Football brothers, with you I have weathered the losses & shared the victories! Wrestlers, we always "got a Jag in & kept the wheels on the bus!" WCA thank you for all the great memories.



Forrest Green

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Jun Young Oh



Going abroad for high school was a hard, crucial decision in my life. I still remember that I had mixed emotions of fear and confidence looking down at America in the airplane. However, the time in the U.S with Westminster was a delight and comfort. I am really grateful to all of my host families for the courtesy treating me as family. I would also like to convey my sincere thanks to my parents for their unconditional love and belief about me. Westminster will be my unforgettable memories.



Dian Owens
Jessie



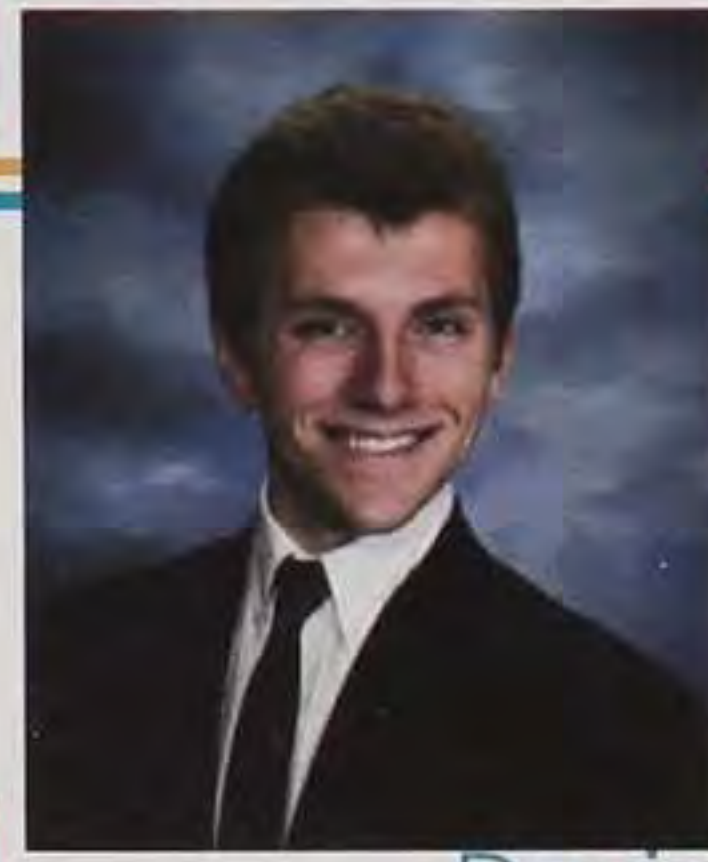
Dear Lord, thank you for all of my friends who have always been there for me especially Sheridan, - who has been my best friend since Kindergarten. Also Hannah, - for always making me laugh and providing a shoulder to cry on. My teachers especially, Mr. Schwamb and Mrs. Scott, for bringing alive music and drama. And thank you for my mom and dad who always took me out to breakfast every so often. And, Lord, to me this journey through WCA helped me mature. Thanks for blessing me with Mom, Dad, and Samantha who are there for me.



SunHa Park



Mommy and Daddy: my number one fans, thank you for always thinking of me, sacrificing so much, encouraging me in times of happiness and in times of struggle, and for loving me unconditionally. Thank you for everything you've done for me! Sang-Ha: You're the best brother ever. You have always challenged and pushed me beyond my limits. Hey!!! Don't forget I am always there for you! I am so glad you're my brother! That's what's up! My best friends: I love you guys, That's it. You know what I mean! Attention! P.S. Words can't express how thankful I am to you guys, but I hope to show it through my actions. Trust me!!!! Hakuna Matata!



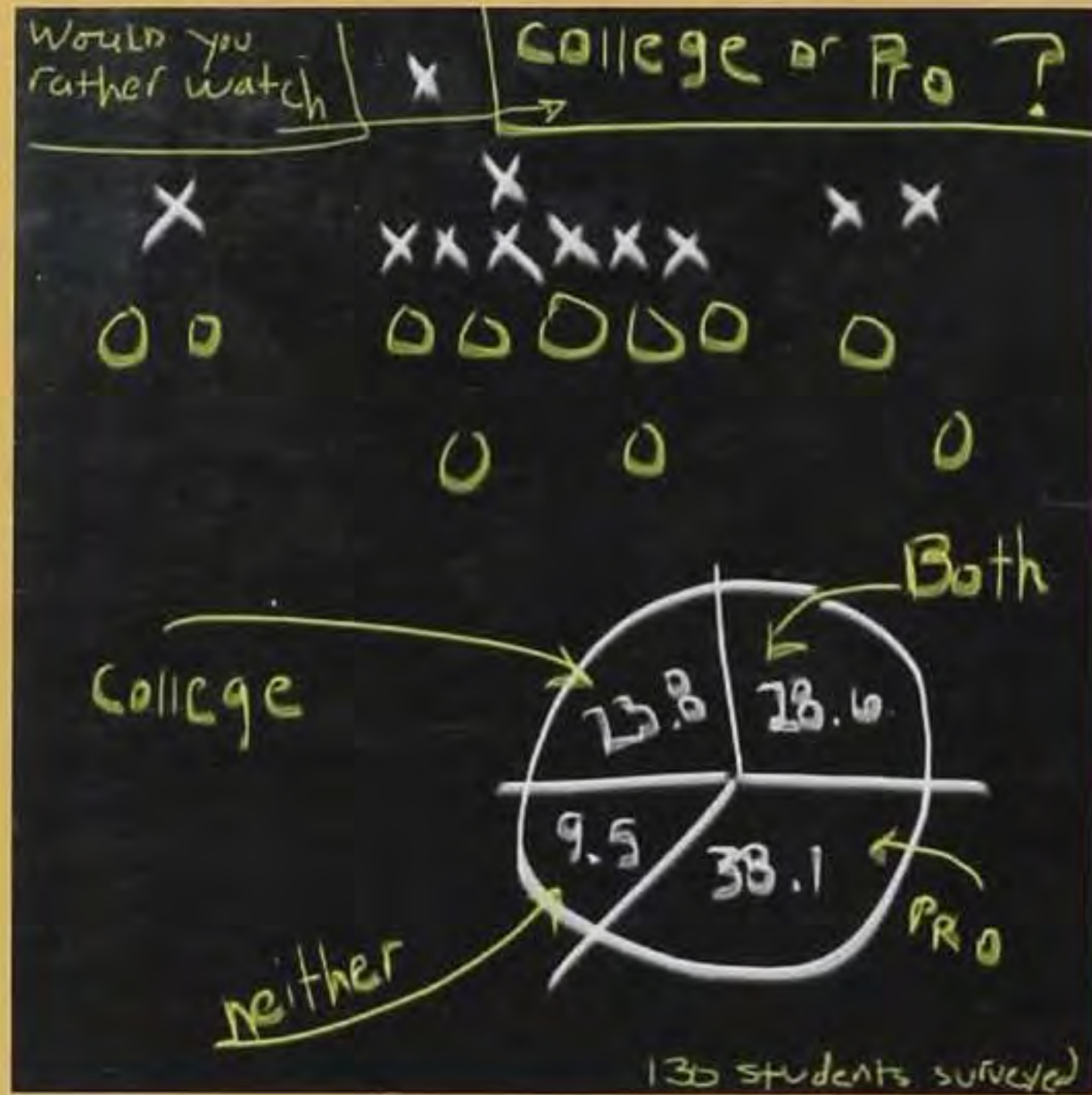
Devin Hagerly Payne



The number ones.

Favorite School Event:
(#1) Spirit Week
(#2) Christmas Banquet
(#3) Carnival
 total polled - 130 students

Where were you when the Cardinals won the World Series?
(#1) At a party
(#2) At home
(#3) At the game
 total polled - 20 students



I am truly blessed. Mom and Dad, through it all the trials and tribulations you stuck by me, and for that I am forever grateful. I could not have asked for more loving parents. Thomas and Ayanna, you have been more than supportive and I could have not gotten this far without you both. Melinda, being your friend has made my life all the better. You are an intelligent, beautiful, and loyal woman who God has amazing plans for. You are my sister and thank you for never letting anything come between us. You have always been a friend and so much more. I know that God has put you all in my life for a reason and I hope that I continue to fulfill his will throughout my life. Proverbs 31:30 Praise worthy



Rachel Annette Porter.

First, I would like to thank God for placing every challenge in my life and also continuing to bless me. Mom and Dad- you are my inspirations and I love you for always loving me unconditionally. No matter what, I will always be your baby girl. Brittany and Tiffany- from blueberry gumdrops to getting lost with my GPS, we have had FUN!! I love you! Basketball girls- I will never forget you guys! And always remember I am not Larry Bird. WCA- I thank you for showing me what patience, kindness and having true faith is. I would also like to thank every person I have come across in my life because you have taught me how to stand on my own and how not to be afraid to be myself.



Courtney Renee Powell.





Anthony C. Pritchett



God, thank you for the life lessons and teachings I've gotten to learn at WCA. Dad, thanks for all the sports practice you've provided all my life. Mom, I wouldn't be the soccer player I am today without you. Siblings, I want you all to go through high school doing whatever activities make you happy. To all my teachers, sorry for being sick and injured way too much, but thank you for cooperating with me through it all. To my soccer teammates past and present, I love all you guys and I'll miss playing with you all (Even futsal with Cherian). Lastly, my friends, thanks for all the amazing memories that will stay with me forever, I'll miss you guys.



Amanda Rose Radasch



Mommy and Daddy, I love you and thank you for always being here for me. Though I don't always show it, I really appreciate everything you do for me. I would be lost without you and your guidance. Faith, we have been through everything together and you have always been by my side. I love you so much, and you're the best big sister I could've ever asked for. Moopie and Tupi, I love you guys! You're my two best friends and I wouldn't have gotten through this year without you. Spencer, you da dog! Grandparents, you're amazing and I love you. Alec and Erik you guys are the best cousins ever and I guess I love you guys too.



Richard Ralls



God- Thank you for blessing me in so many ways. My parents- Words can't describe how thankful I am for you both. I love you more than anything. Thank you for your guidance and the examples you set. Travis- I love you and the memories we made. Work hard and stay focused because I know great success is ahead of you. Maggie- You bring great joy to my life. I love you. Buffa- You're family bro, we've established memories that won't be forgotten... "like I won the championship game, looks like I got on the championship ring" "could be purple, could be pink" Our friendship means more than you could ever know. Soccer team- It's been great. 2 Timothy 4:7.



David Ramos



God, thank You for all my hardships, opportunities and blessings. Mom/Dad thank you for forming me into the man I am today. Love you. Lauren- Love you sis. Grandma/ Grandpa- thank you for always being there for me and loving me, I appreciate everything. Friends- can't name all of you in only 120 words, thank you for an amazing 6 years I will not forget. Evan, Drew, Gordon, Zach, Lonnie (Max), and Matt, thanks for being my friends through all 6 years and all the memories, inside jokes, and fun times. 7th/8th PC boys- you guys were great, I couldn't have asked for better groups. Europe- DANUBE!!! PCs- #Rambo!!! APChem/H.Bio- thanks for making science fun. #Classof2012 rocks!!! John 3:30-31

22 [five.]



First, I would like to thank my parents for helping me when I needed help and pushing me when I lagged behind. I couldn't have done it without you guys. Michael- I couldn't have asked for a more awesome or weird brother. Lunch table- All you guys made high school a blast and wish you guys luck later on in college. Last I would like to thank God for the life you gave me. Thank you all,



James Richardson.

1 Timothy 4:12. Lord, thank you for the blessings you have placed in my life. Mom & Dad: From the beginning, you were my #1 fans. All that I know today -my independence, hard work, and encouragement- is because of you. I can never thank you enough. Rob: keep your sweet heart, and enjoy your time at WCA. Dave: I truly look up to you. Thanks for being a great model for me. Maggie & Anna: spending hours on boys poms. #phddd. Enough said. Connor: thanks for the great memories and your impact on my life. Sensational 6: BRANSON '09. Brynn & Brit: we should be Asians. G, B, & Lucy: For 16 years your sweet hearts have shaped mine. Meg's Moose: my year wouldn't have been this great without you guys! Mafia group: hanging out is always an adventure, stay my "Hero"s.



Megan Ann Rasche.

Mom and Dad Thank you for the constant encouragement. For encouragement to grow, both in God and manhood, and to strive for more. Thank you for helping me make tough decisions and knowing what is best for me especially when I wouldn't believe it. I love you both very much. Westminster Friends Thanks for making my first and only year a great one. I wasn't sure about switching schools, but you guys made me feel welcome the first day and made my senior year a good one. To the rest of my friends and family, You've helped make me who I am today. Thanks for the positive impact and influence you've all had on my life.



Joshua David Richardson.

Thanks be to God for being my Lord and Savior. Mom and Dad, you are the bomb and I love you both. Thanks for making the past 18 years the best. Johanna- Thanks for being a guiding light and going first. Sam- Thanks for talking technology and taking me on "brother bonding experiences." Marta- You're loud, but I still love ya. Vande- You've been my best friend for 12 years, thanks for everything. Dylan- We could talk for hours, maybe one day we will solve all the world's problems. To the lunch table, the past 6 years could not have been better. Shout out to my PC boys, I love you all. Golfers and Coach Burkey, thanks for the memories.



Noah Edwin Omie Roberts.

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The New Blue Crew

To show support for school teams, most students would just wear a blue crew shirt while others would go crazy with face paint and full blue and white outfits. But for four juniors, Hunter Hughes, Bryce Bell, Cole Montgomery, and Brendan Terbrock, another sporting event became the opportunity to wear full body blue morph suits. "The idea started with Bryce seeing the morph suits at party city. We all thought it would be fun to do," said Hughes, junior. The morph suits made the rounds, and they attended football games, volleyball matches, and even swim meets. Montgomery, Bell, and Hughes also participated in the variety show dressed in the morph suits, dress coats, and top hats. "We did the variety show because it would be fun, and it was really fun to get up and dance in front of everyone," said Montgomery. The suits also made their way out of the school by being worn at a Cardinal's game. "It was the Thursday night before the first football game so it was the first time we had ever worn them," said Bell, "It was awesome because we ran fast and yelled 'the Cardinals are going to win the World Series.' Some people wanted to take pictures with us as well, which made it a lot of fun."



Brendan Terbrock, Hunter Hughes, and Bryce Bell dress in swimwear and morph suits to show their support for the swim team.

Cole Montgomery, Hughes, and Bell perform a dance in the variety show dressed in their morph suits.

Hughes, Bell, and Terbrock, juniors, show their support at the Women's volleyball game by showing up in volleyball gear.



Becky

Lynn Rogers



Wow! These four years have flown by! I have so many great memories from my time at WCA! To my family - thanks for always being there to support me. You guys are the best! To all my friends - its been fun and I'm going to miss you! I love you all! God - thank you for your unfailing love and your amazing gift of redemption. John 3:30 "He must become greater and I must become less."



David

Keane Rohlfing



Thanks to God, for He has given me all the great things that I have in my life. Mom, thanks for your constant care and support. Dad, thanks for all of the lessons you have taught me. Mike and Matt, I've had so much fun with you and thanks for being two of my biggest role models. Caleb, Brent, Kevin, Buford, Connor, Gooey: the MudFall bros will live on. Dani: you always make my day so much better. My Kirk besties, Cole, Jeff, and Margaret: thanks for always being there for me. VK, Noah, and Brent: I will always be up for some COD 2 and trampoline basketball. All of my friends and those unmentioned, I will miss you immensely.



So my real name is Jonathan and first of all I want to thank God for being the coolest person ever. He is amazing. Thanks for putting up with me through everything. Also thanks to my family, thanks mom and dad for being the best parents in the world and helping me grow a lot. Thanks for giving me a great perspective on life and blessing me so much, thanks for everything. Thank you all my friends for making high school bearable, but especially Steven and Jake, you guys have always been there for me no matter what and you guys are amazing, thanks. Love you all. So yeah.... Ephesians 4:1-6. And stuff....



Jonathan Richard



Roth.

Mom, thank you for always believing in me. You're the best mom a girl could ask for. Miranda, you're my best friend, I couldn't have asked for a better sister. Have an amazing time at WCA. I'm going to miss you the most. Caroline, I don't know how you put up with me all these years, so many great memories, the name Bob still makes me laugh. Liv, you win, you are a true bro. Kristen, it's been fun, hanging with you always ends in a great story. Marissa, you are my favorite hippie. Emilie, it's been weird, but I love you to death, oh and eww. Class of 2012, it really has been great, I will miss you all.



Auri Mariam

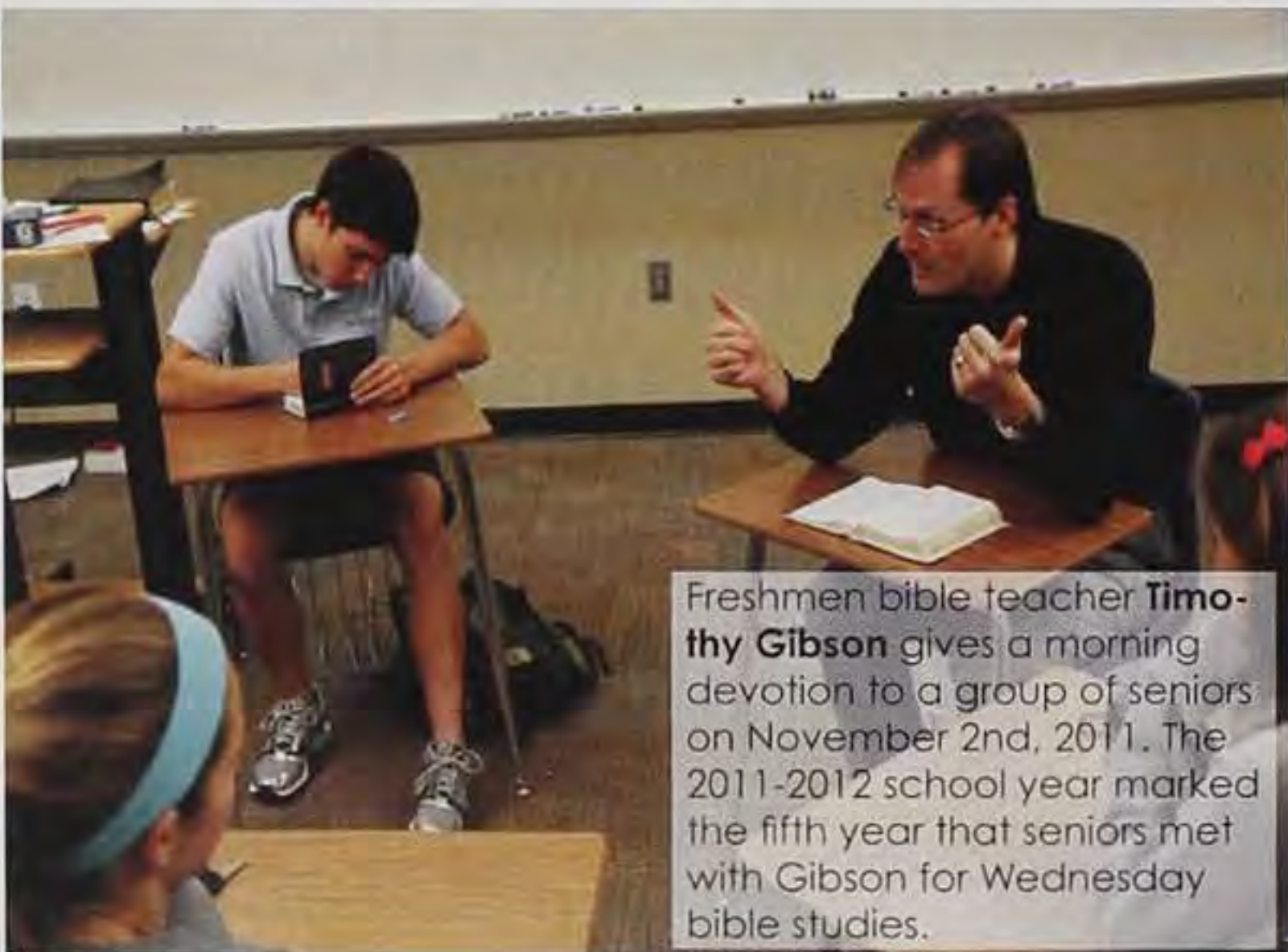


Salem.

5 years of Bible study



Madeleine Smith, senior, listens to Timothy Gibson's discussion on a passage in Luke. Smith was a regular attendee of the bible study.



Freshmen bible teacher **Timothy Gibson** gives a morning devotion to a group of seniors on November 2nd, 2011. The 2011-2012 school year marked the fifth year that seniors met with Gibson for Wednesday bible studies.

In 2007, Timothy Gibson, a New Testament teacher, was approached by a few seniors to start a bible study on Wednesday evenings. Word of mouth passed to the juniors of that year and a similar situation preceeded the next year; and the next year, and the next year.

Finally in 2011, **five** years later, seniors Meg Rasche and Morgan Nixon approached Dr. Gibson with a similar request: start a Bible study for their senior class. "My older brother told me that if Gibson had a bible study, I should definitely try to join it because he shared many wise words," said Rasche. Following her brother's suggestion, Rasche gathered fellow seniors to join her on Wednesday mornings before school.





Jocelyn

Alyce Sheffield



¡Aycaramba! My journey through high school has been an unforgettable part of my life, and I can't believe it's over. WCA at first felt gigantic to me, but it's become my home. Great teachers, friends, a loyal family- I have so much to be thankful for. Senior service friends, Lunch buds, softball team, theater peeps and the many amazing people I didn't even mention- you've touched my life. Thanks to my family for always supporting me; I love you more than I can say. And finally, thank you, Father, for showing me over and over again that you've got my back. I'm really going to miss this school: I love you all. ¡Gracias para todo!



Madeleine

Ruth Smith



Mom and Dad, thanks for the numerous hours you have spent serving me, and the sacrifices you've made over the years, it doesn't go unnoticed. The Lord blessed me with you two. Shelby, BFF! You have stuck with me through it all; I don't expect college will make things any different. TWUDLE! Dani-poopie. Mafia friends, all of you are amazing. In the words of OUR hero, Enrique Iglesias, "You can take my breath away." I'm not even going to ask if we will stay in touch, I know we will. Soccer girls; thanks for a laugh; I will never forget you all. Soccer really is the best time of the year. Thanks WCA, for a great experience. Psalm 73:26.



Brent

Andrew Stump



Thanks be to God, all good things come through Him. Mom and Dad- thanks for the support and looking out for what's best for me. The love you both have shown me has helped me tremendously. Curtis- thanks for being a great big brother and for being my best friend. Kevin- you're one of the toughest kids I know, thanks for all the time we've spent together. I wouldn't trade it for anything. Mark- thanks for constantly making me laugh and bringing me so much joy. To all the Bros- thanks for the great times, lunch was always the highlight of my day. Soccer guys- you're the best, thanks for a great 4 years. Everyone else, thanks for your support.



Connor

M. Sullivan



All my friends have made my high school experience memorable and incredible. Thanks a lot guys. Mom and Dad, I couldn't have got through these years without your support and encouragement, I hope you guys know how grateful I am for the education that you have given me. Andreae, thanks for making me smile every day, thanks for calling me out when I am wrong and thank you for sticking by me when it wasn't easy. "Promise me you'll always remember: You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think" (Christopher Robin to Pooh). Last but not least, God, thanks for giving me strength everyday, and a million second chances.



On New Years eve, **Kevin Vande Kamp**, senior, plays knock out against other mafia members. Though Vande Kamp went on the Washington Summer Seminar, he also became a member this past summer.



Cole Norman, senior, talks with the other members of Mafia. "We get together and go over to Maggie Duffy's house to play the game," said Norman.



Luke Turner, senior, plays Bop-It during a Halloween party. Because Turner could not think of a costume, he asked **Maggie Duffy**, senior, to bring an Indian headdress.

Grand Theft Auto, Call of Duty, Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim; games that were popular this year had gamers going crazy. But what happened to the games that were played when in elementary school? A group of students, mostly seniors, have brought the game Mafia back into the mix.

This past summer, the South Dakota group for Summer Seminar took time to reminisce about the game they used to play when they were in third grade. "We were just sitting around a campfire and began to talk about it," said Alex Frogge, senior. "And people began play it again and really liked it, and it started to spread to parties and other get-togethers."

The group also just hung out on special occasions, such as Halloween. "Brynn Benes held a party for all 20 of us and it was really fun!" said Cole Norman, senior. "We always try to kill Dylan Andres first and he gets so angry!" said Madeleine Smith, senior.

Kill Dyl!

I would like to start by thanking God for the innumerable opportunities that He has given me. I would also like to thank my parents for being Christian role models, as well as for their constant encouragement. I'd like to thank the teachers and administration for your dedication and for the excellent education. To my friends: it's been an awesome four years. Know that life has no limitations, except for ones you make. To my P.C. kids: I love you guys, enjoy life to the fullest, and I wish you all the best!



Tim James



Svoboda.

I guess it is finally time for me to leave. I need to say thanks to dad for teaching me how to work, thanks to my mom for teaching me how to plan, and thanks to God for teaching me how to smile and laugh and just revel in the fact that I am alive in this beautiful place. Thanks to coach Kehr for always being happy but never smiling. Tj, Thank you for all the encouragement. Aaron, James, Austin, just thanks for laughing with me. Swim team, you have certainly made my life much more interesting. Just keep swimming. Thanks again, see you later.



Brandon Charles



Terlouw.





David

Todd Thomas



Thank you Lord. It's been a great four years. I want to thank my bros for some great times, the football team for the great encouragement you've given me, the ladies for pretending I'm cool, the teachers for tolerating me, and my parents and the coaches for making me into the man I am today. PC Bros - y'all are awesome. Theo - stay cool my bro. Keep rockin' it on and off the field. Andy - God has blessed you with some awesome talents! Keep it up! I am truly blessed to have each and every one of you in my life. Keep it real and leave it all on the field. DT



Caroline

Grace Thompson



Mom & Dad, thanks for having patience with me throughout my moody teen years. Olivia, you'll always be my Tinkle Monkey. School would've sucked without you. Marissa, you're my oldest friend. I always laugh hardest with you. Kristen everything is better with you around. Auri, thanks for checking for doinks Bob. Avery- why so flaming! D-group-nice mmm! "Oh Yea!" Allison, "You're all fired!" poor no name. You owe me so many back scratches. Robert, we've bonded a lot through our ability to sit in front of the TV for hours at a time. Thanks for letting me tell you anything. You have no idea how much I look up to you guys. Tennis girls, you're the best. We're unlike any other team Meow.



Will

Andrew Tipton



Halla Errrbody! I want to thank some of the totally fresh to death people in my life. My parents have continually shown love and care to me, and I'll never forget that. Plus my siblings Katie, Megan, Amy, and Andrew have been super fly! We've shared shenanigans, good times, and whole lotta craziness! I'd also like to give a shout out to my extended family for being almost as cool as my immediate family, and I definitely don't want to forget my amazing friends whose names number too many to include. Thanks for enjoying the good times with me, and holding me up in the bad times. Keep it real and stay fresh! -Willy T



Luke

A. Turner



Mom and dad thank you so much for all the things that you have done and given me throughout my high school years. I am so glad that you guys have been able to put me through Westminster along with my brothers. You guys have been a big impact in the way that I treat all the people in my life, and I am very happy that you guys have put the good impressions of Christ on me. I will never forget all the awesome friends that I have had at WCA. I will always remember Mafia, Frisbee, blue crews, and I could never forget throwing water balloons at... with Vande. I am going to miss you guys!



Dad, you're an amazing example of a godly father. You're always there and will always be my best golf partner and friend. Mom, you've taught me how to pour out love with a servant heart and, of course, hospitality. Cassie, Jeff, and Kayla, so much random fun, and it's such a blessing knowing that you're always there. Noah, 12 years of friendship still amazes me, you've been a foundation for me. Luke, countless laughs together, but you've also been an amazing encourager and always had my back. Golf guys, best team I've been part of. Holley guys/lunchtable, thank goodness God uses broken people! You've shown me what a brotherhood is and pointed me back to the Lord. 1 John 3:16



Kevin Dean



Vande Kamp.

Reflecting upon my time spent at Westminster, I will always remember the people that entered my life and how they, and this school, have shaped me. I am very blessed to have two parents who want nothing more than for me to try my hardest, do my best, and have fun. I love you Mom and Dad. Athletics have forged a brotherhood and bonds that cannot be broken by time. I learned that Pressure is a Privilege, and will never forget the memories made with my brothers whether it was a win, lose, or draw. To God alone be the glory, everything done is for your kingdom, and I am thankful for that. May your will continue to be done.



Davis Tony



Vermillion.

Lord, I thank you for being my rock and loving me unconditionally. Daddy-You are always there for me. Love you Da. Mom-You do so much for me and I will always love you and your dancing. Jacob/Zbuck- You always make me laugh. Love you forever bro. Mama- You are the best grandma ever and a great role model. 5 Besties-. Oreos anyone? So many memories. Love you all. Duesie-Can't believe it's over. Football. Laughs. Love you. Ellie-Hottt. Christine- Sis. Criminal Minds. Love you. Tennis team-MEOW. Nicky, Jeans, Steven-You guys rock. Thank you WCA and all of my friends and family for the great memories. May God bless you and keep you.



Rebecca May



Waller.

Isaac J.



Wachsmuth.



It's never Too Late

Becky Weiss, senior, plays her guitar on campus after school. This year Weiss gave her testimony during a chapel that touched many people. "My intentions were to talk to the kids who didn't have their faith figured out. I really wanted people to walk away knowing God is waiting for them," said Weiss.



Tim Holley, Westminster's director of spiritual life, made it a priority this year to include more real stories from more students in chapel. His hope was that kids at WCA would listen and relate to those stories more than others. Becky Weiss, senior took the microphone first. Weiss' talk in chapel was real and relatable. Her encouragement was that there is always hope and that your sins are not unforgivable. "I wanted them [students at Westminster] to know its never too late to turn to God," said Weiss.



"I loved how Becky was really honest, open, and brave when she talked."

- Gabby Boeve, eighth grade

"[Becky's talk in chapel] was a great reminder that peoples' lives are complicated and we tend to lose sight of that as teenagers I think. We get so focused on our own problems and drama we forget everyone else is going through things as well. It was good to hear something real. The road to faith is not an easy one and very rarely as simple as summer camp or going to a Christian school," said Jake Hughes, senior.



Becky

LeAnne Weiss.



High-School has taught me a lot; egging is fun until you're caught. skinny dipping is a terrible idea. Branson is the best place on earth. and my friends are all truly amazing people. Dre- my most awkward friend, can't wait to see your life in 20 years. B- It's taken 4 years, but we finally take good pictures. Mogo- strangest new kid I've ever seen, nothing changed. Chloe-glad you invited yourself to my house, it began this awkward friendship Meg- nose! Anna, Miranda, Danl, Jessica- you mean more to me than you'll ever know. WCA- thanks for putting up my shenanigans. Mom; Dad, Kenny- coolest family ever. Peace out- Becky.



Addy

Elizabeth Williams.



Mom and Dad- Thanks for encouraging me throughout my high school years, for helping me overcome trials in my life. Your love and support means everything to me! Thanks for guiding me on God's path. Logan and Caroline- y'all are the best siblings ever! Thanks for putting a smile on my face when I needed it most! Susan Needler - God has definitely blessed me with you as my youth leader! Knowing that I can come to you with anything means more than you will ever know! Nell- Thanks for being my best friend. We have had so many unforgettable memories. I know our friendship will last forever! ELC and LC thanks for helping me succeed! 2 Corinthians 12:9



Some of you looking at my picture are wondering, "Who is that girl?" But honestly, who among us truly knows who they really are? After moving from Atlanta in 2010, I regret I attended Westminster for only a year. I leave WCA with lasting memories of a beautiful school, a few friends, enjoyable time spent in senior service, and some really great teachers. To my sister, Olivia, I wish for you three fun and wonderful remaining years here. To my parents, I appreciate your sacrifice to send me to Westminster, as well as your encouragement and love. Finally, to my Lord and Savior, thank you for abiding love in seeing me through some challenging, yet growth-producing years.



Erica JoAnn Winn.

Mom and Dad, thanks for all the love and support throughout the years. Both of you are great examples and I couldn't ask for better parents. Ben and Tom- you two are the best. I know you'll always be there for me. To my friends- I love you all. David, Brent, Kevin, Buford, Gooley, Connor, and all the other guys- I'll never forget the good times we've had. Thanks for making high school so fun. Abi- you're awesome and I'm so thankful for you! Avery and Dani- I'm glad I got to know you both this summer. To everyone else- it's been a fun six years.



Caleb Scott Winter.

Hope Unlimited.

Hope Unlimited "helps and provides needs to under-privileged youth by tutoring, sports, and also providing bible study for them," said, art teacher, Mrs. Lara Goeke. A tutor at WCA, Matt Shaeffer, helped run the non-profit youth outreach Hope Unlimited. Shaeffer asked Ms. Goeke to rally students to volunteer by painting chairs for an auction. The proceeds were used to advance the organization and send kids to summer camps.

At the action, nine chairs were sold, all starting at \$50 a piece. Each chair had a specific theme which was worked on by multiple people. The students ranged from seventh graders to seniors. Each student shared a great opportunity to show their talents while helping under-privileged kids their age.



Andy Thomas, sophomore, and **Marissa Harjoe**, senior, prepare the chair for painting by sanding it down. "The most memorable moment of painting the chairs was staying after school till seven for four days in a row. I enjoyed working with the people around me even though the hours were long," said Thomas.



Ramya Gruneisen, senior, works on her chair for the auction. Gruneisen turned her chair into a car in order to appeal to little boys. In order to give the effect, Gruneisen bought push lights and wheels at Lowes.



Abigail Smith, sophomore's, STL Cardinals chair sold for the highest price of the evening. "Since art is my passion I enjoyed spending time painting my chair and I knew it was going to a good cause," said Smith.



Anna Lindstrom, sophomore, said, "I think it's great that students can go to a safe place where they can get academic help, be loved, and have the gospel shared with them."

"My chair was nature themed with bugs and wildlife. I chose it because I thought it would appeal to a little kid," said **Auri Salem**, senior.





B.J. Yeager

Mom and Dad – Thank you for always being the support and encouragement I needed whether it be in school, sports, or life, through times of happiness and through times of struggle. I wouldn't be the person I am today without your guidance, Coach- thank you for making me the man I am today. Without your expectations in practice and out on the mat I wouldn't be the man I am today. Tate and Forrest it was real guys, couldn't imagine high school or life without you two. Mr. Mohler you're the man! Thank you God, for making me the man that I am today, and blessing me with family and friends in my life, couldn't do it without you.



Lucy Lee Pruitt Wynn



Mommy, Daddy- you have inspired me and shown me how to love. Mary, you are my best friend, sissie-boo. Nana, Grandma Emmy- I love you so much! Friends- I am so blessed to have you. Cross Country Team- you changed my life. You showed me what it means to work hard and to be a good friend. Westminster staff- thank you for all you have taught me and for showing me God's love. Church family- thank you for everything! Micah Project friends- y'all are my family, Finally, God is my Father, Savior, and Lord. I am so thankful for the love and grace He has shown me. To know Jesus Christ is to know what true love is.



Gordon C. Younkin



Mom and Dad—thanks for everything. You've always supported me and put up with me. Morgan, Hayley, Leah—you're the best big brother and sisters a guy could ask for. You guys are amazing role models and friends for me. Friends—it's been great growing up with you and I'll miss you all. God—you give my life meaning. Help me remember that! –Galatians 2:20-



Brittany Zee-Cheng



God- Thank you for Your countless blessings! Mom and Dad- Thanks for your continuous love, support and encouragement! Je-Je- Thanks for being a great big sister and being there for me! Go-Go- Thanks for helping me with all the Sum Sem stuff! Se- Twin, I love you, I don't think I've ever laughed harder with anyone. Ernie- SPAR! G- Thanks for being so encouraging and pushing me to do stuff I wouldn't normally do. Lexi- I shall always be your little fasion! Jessica- Once there was a dog named Fido and he loved lemonade! Lucy and Gordy- You guys were the best locker-buddies ever! Lunch table- You guys are so funny and never fail to make me laugh!





Avery Anderson.

Joy. Strength. Clarity. You know who you are, and whose you are. When we had you, God knew exactly what we needed. What a privilege it has been to have you in our home for the last 18 years. Thank you for all the joy you have brought to us, all the laughs, all the love. We won't cry because life must change, we will be grateful. We love you, Mom and Dad.



Rachel Becker.

Dearest Rachel, The years have flown since we took this picture of a brown-eyed, curly haired doll dressed in denim; posing among the pumpkins. Only yesterday we saw you take your first steps, speak your first words, attend pre-school... we are so proud of the young woman that you have become. High school is ending, but another door in your life opens. Step through it boldly with faith, hope, and charity. Our unending love.

Mom, Dad, Tristan



Steven Bosch.

Steven, We are so proud of you and of the young man you have become. Your enthusiasm for life, dedication to your goals, and desire to honor God have been a delight to watch develop. It is a joy to see how God is using the abilities He has given you for His glory. "Be strong and courageous... for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9. Love, Mom and Dad



Laura Brands.

Laura- We thank God for you! He has filled you with gentleness, compassion and strength. We know that, as you allow Him, God will continue using you and your love for people and animals for His purposes. We share these verses with you- 1 Cor. 10:31... "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" and Ps. 37:4 "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart."

Much Love,

Mom and Dad



Jacob Butta.

Jacob, Even when you were very young you showed determination and even then, great integrity. God gave those to you for His Purpose and Glory. So I give you 1 Cor. 9:24 and 26 for the Lord desires you finish the race that others may come to know Him! I, we, are so proud of you! Blessings! Ita



Landon Burke.

Landon, What an amazing man you are. From the minute you were born you have brought love, joy, and fun to our family. We are proud of you for so many reasons, and we love watching you glorify the Lord with your many gifts and talents. May your God always be your joy and your strength. May His word be your anchor. You color our world, and we love you more than words can express. Love Always, Mom and Dad



Glen Calvin.

18 years ago, today was a lifetime away. Today it seems like all that time happened in a blink. You'll always be our little Glenny Boy. We are proud of you. We will always pray for you and love you but, we could never love you as much as your Father in Heaven! Put Him first everyday of your life. You are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14) We love you more than the moon and the stars— Mom and Dad



Peter Duell.

The Lord knew you would live up to your name, Peter. You are our rock: steady and strong in your faith, in your character, and in your unwavering devotion to family and friends. You have a passion for adventure and your humility and humor shine. You've run the race quickly and we know you'll finish it with your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith. We'll always be cheering for you, Peter! Love always, Mom and Dad



Elizabeth Duesenberg.

Elizabeth, You have blessed so many people with your sweet spirit, and cute little smile. I pray that God continues to bless you and guide you on this new journey. I am very proud of you for all of your accomplishments. This is only the beginning. I know God has something very special planned for you. Always keep Christ first in your life and your journey will be one to treasure. - Love Mom, McKinzie & Abigail (Philippians 4:13)



Maggie Duffy.

We LOVE you Maggie! You have brought so much joy and laughter to our home. You bring a smile to everyone's face who meets you. You love life and it shows. We could not be more proud of you. You are gifted in so many ways and we look forward to see what God has planned for you. Always remember, that we love you but God loves you more.





Harold Ellis.

Harold,

Where have the years gone? It's still hard for me to believe that you are now driving your own car, getting ready to graduate from High School and head off to college. I know it has not always been easy growing up as an only child by a single parent, but I am so proud of you and the outstanding, bright, intelligent, God-fearing young man you have become. I love you my son!

Mom



Anna Franceschelli.

AnnaBanana- God blessed you with traits that can't be taught: Intelligence, Determination, and Integrity encased in a Strong Will all wrapped up with a razor sharp Wit. These gifts helped you achieve your goals and stand firm in your convictions WHILE trying your hardest and having fun! As you blaze that next trail, we pray you always remember: your faith, your roots, your commitments, and as always- SUNSCREEN! Continue to live 1 Timothy 4:12 Love Mom, Dad, Evona and Dominic



Rachael Ganther.

Dear Sweet Rachael,

It is so very rare to find a person of such great character, grace, humility and fortitude. You encourage everyone, watch out for others, include all and help when not asked... never expecting anything in return. What a blessing you have been in our lives and others also. Phil 4:13 We are excited for you and your journey ahead and are so very proud of you!

We love you dearly, Mom and Dad



Brian Goldfarb.

We are so excited to see you graduate. It's gone so fast! We've received such joy seeing you grow into a young man, gaining confidence, and putting your own unique stamp on WCA and our family. We so much admire your perseverance and determination, and love your sense of humor! You are a blessing from God. We are excited to see God's purpose unfold in your life. We love you and are proud of you. Mom, Dad, Kevin, Scott, Max!



Andrew Gordon.

Noble, trustworthy, courageous, loyal. Hard working, accepting of others, lover of truth. These are just a few words and phrases to describe your character, Andrew. Dad and I are so proud of you in everyway. We love you and know God has great plans for you.

Love, Mom and Dad



Chris Griesedieck.

Chris,

You should be very proud, as we are, of how you have used your time at WCA! God has allowed you to experience some significant obstacles through which he has done, and will continue to do great work in your life. We also commend and respect your choices regarding friends-may you continue to bless one another lifelong! We love you and are so thankful for you. Mom & Dad Ps. 121



Jeremy Hall.

From the moment of your birth, you have brought us great joy. Your easy-going manner and sense of humor are qualities that will carry you far in this life. But it is your strength of godly character and desire for excellence, especially in your art, that make us beam with pride. What a wonderful man you have become! "Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power." Ephesians 6:10 We love you deeply, Dad, Mom, Mike, and Matt



Laura Hammann.

Laura,

Looking back to this day, we still feel the miracle of God's wondrous love. You are our most precious gift. You've blossomed into a beautiful young lady. From days at St. Paul's, piano lessons, sports, cheer and WCA, you have made a positive difference, and been a blessing. Know that we are so proud of you and admire your accomplishments and love you to pieces! Forever, Mom and Dad



Zach Hampton.

Dear Zach,

You have been a blessing all of your life. We have seen that the Lord has remembered you and this is to our great joy since your name means, "Whom the Lord remembers." We are very thankful to the Lord for the young man that you have become and look forward to seeing how the Lord will use your life for his glory. Trust in the Lord with all of your heart. Prov 3:5-6

Love, Mom and Dad



Brittany Hawkins.

Brittany,

What a blessing and joy you have been since the day you were born. There are not enough words to express how much we love you and how proud we are of the beautiful young woman you have become. Now you are approaching a new chapter in your life. God has prepared a marvelous path for you thus far, and we pray that you will continue to seek the path that He has set before you.

Love Mom, Dad and Jordan





Ryan Haxel.

Ryan,
It has been a blessing to watch you grow into such an exceptional young man! Your character and integrity have been a great example to your friends and family. Continue to use the many gifts and talents that God has blessed you with. We're very proud of you and are so excited to watch you succeed in the next phase of your life (Jeremiah 29:11). We love you and will always be there for you.
Much Love,
Mom, Dad and Katie



Hannah Hoekzema.

Hannah, We are very proud of the woman you have become. God has blessed you with a creative mind and an eye for bringing to life the wonders of His creation through your talents. May you continue to serve Him in all that you do and in all you create. "My eyes are fixed on You, O Sovereign Lord; in You I take refuge." Psalm 141:8a

Love,

Mom, Dad, Andrew, Bethany, James and Matthew



Jake Hughes.

Our Fine Boy!

What a continuous source of joy and pride you are to us! It was a bumpy and scary start with nine days in the NICU at St. John's Mercy. It has been wonderful to see your gifts from God as you have grown in His grace. Your compassion to others has made us so proud. We all, your Dad and Mom and your sister Harper, can hardly wait to see the future unfold.



Evan James.

Evan,

The time has gone by for too quickly. What a joy you are to us. Your sense of humor keeps us smiling. You have matured into a young man with a kind heart and gentle spirit. May God's grace go with you as you venture into a new chapter of your life. The Lord has given you many gifts. Use them courageously for His glory. Find the freedom of surrender to Christ. (Matt. 6:33)

Love, Mom and Dad



Peter Johnson.

Peter,
We remember you playing the entire NCAA tournament- all 64 teams- in a make-believe game in our driveway and singing a solo with the adult choir, as a 10 year old, in Hebrew! You have brought much joy to our family with your love, music, and sense of humor. Stay grounded in the Lord, Peter. He is strong and faithful and will finish the great work that He has begun in you.

We love you, Pi!

Dad & Mom



Adrienne Kaup.

Our passionate Adrienne,

As a little girl you were full of questions and wonder and a strong desire to learn; to know. Through the years, your silliness and laughter has brought us joy. You have loved life and commanded center stage at times. Your determination and discipline are strengths for you. Let your passion be entertained with God's will and driven by His power and you will be blessed. 1 Chron 28:9



Stephanie Lieber.

Stephanie,

God has blessed you with so many gifts and talents. You are friendly and welcoming to others. You have a beautiful voice. You are strong and assertive yet caring and thoughtful. Your smile and playful demeanor bring joy and happiness to those around you. Keep growing in your relationship with Jesus. He loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life. You will be an inspiration to others and become your best by letting God direct your path.



Max Lindstrom.

Max:

Time flies! It seems like yesterday you were that curious, investigative boy playing with Legos with your siblings. The Lord has blessed you and us through you. With Him, you must now dare disturb the universe and make of this ending a new beginning. God is with you every day and He is for you not against you - (Romans 8). Remember we love you and are truly blessed to have you as our son!

Love Dad and Mom



Iate Matheny.

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." We can't wait to see where God takes you. We are so proud of the awesome young man you have become. Go into the next stage of your life as a true light for Christ. Never lose sight of who you are and what you stand for.
Love Mom & Dad



Cole Norman.

Cole,

What joy it has been for our family to watch you grow into a strong, sensitive and loving young man. We have enjoyed sharing in your humor, watching you as an athlete, and seeing you participate in adventures and outreach. We encourage you to continue using the gifts and talents God has given you and pray that God will equip you to do His will for His glory (Hebrews 13:20).

We love you, son.
Mom and Dad





Forrest Obenaus.

Forrest, Congratulations! You will always be our "little baby man". Watching you grow up into the wonderful young man you have become has been a true joy & blessing. We are so proud of you & all your accomplishments. You are a devoted friend, little brother & loving son. Stay true to yourself & look to God to direct your path, give you strength & show you the way to life's successes. We love you unconditionally, Mom, Dad & Leah
Proverbs 3:5 & 6, Philippians 4:13



Jessie Owens.

Jessie, What a treasure you are to us. Our hearts rejoice listening to the beautiful voice with which God has blessed you. You are a special gift, and you bring joy and friendship to more people than you know. We love your laughter and the 'spot on' things you say. Know that we will always be there for you and may God bless you and bless others through your many gifts. Keep singing, Jess Bess. We love you dearly, Mom, Dad and Samantha.



Courtney Powell.

To Our Dearest Courtney, You are a joy to our family. When you came into this world your dad and I knew you were destined for greatness. God has truly blessed you with both talent and intellect. We are so proud of you and know that you will do great things. Remember to consult God first and everything will go as planned. We love you so much. Mom & Dad



Anthony Pritchett.

Anthony, We thank God every day for blessing us with you, our amazing son & brother! You have faced every challenge head-on that life has thrown your way and do so with, faith, strength, and courage. You have such an amazing heart, caring personality, and a great sense of humor. Continue to use God's words to guide you through life and know Jesus and your family will always be here for you! We are your biggest fans and are so incredibly proud. Love-Dad, Mom, Kyrstin, Michael, Alyssa, Hailey



Amanda Raasch.

To Amanda, We love you so much! We are thankful for the talented and beautiful daughter that God has given us. We will pray for continued blessing as you begin this new stage in your life. May you continue to make a "joyful noise to the Lord" as you embark upon this new adventure. College will be a wonderful opportunity. Stay strong, enjoy life, and may God bless you with his peace and grace. We are proud of you Amanda! Love, Mom, Dad & Faith (Spencer and Coconut too!)



Meg Rasche.

Meg, God blessed us when he entrusted us with the most amazing gift 18 years ago- You! You are loving, kind, hard-working, organized, multi-talented, and a leader. We are so proud of the godly young lady you have become. May you always use the gifts God has given you to glorify him. Wisdom, contentment, and joy follow when you take the path of God's adventures. Be Strong and Courageous Our Precious Baby Girl! Mt. 22: 37-39

Love, Mom and Dad



Noah Roberts.

Uff da Noah, this is it for the little boy who told his kindergarten teacher he never has a bad day. We give the Lord thanks and praise for your hard work and happy countenance. May the Lord continue to bless your days and may you remain strong in Him who calls you by name. We love you! :)

Mom, Dad, Johanna, Sam, Jessica and Marta Here comes the Judge!



Rebecca Rogers.

Only yesterday; Bisquick moments, lightning bugs, princesses, all star soccer, animals on your dresser, bonfires, Christmas stockings, yard quidditch, LAX, Elizabeth Blackwell outtakes, sea monkeys, rodeos, skiing, first day at WCA, driving, movie nights, Harry Potter marathon, pictures (dead squirrel), big stuff. What a joy to watch you grow. Pura Vida! Love, Mom and Dad The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. Num 6:24-25



Brent Stump.

Brent, We all love you so much and are so proud of you! You have brought such joy and laughter to all of us. You are an incredible young man with a caring heart. The Lord has blessed you! "And we know in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Love, Mom, Dad, Curtiss, Kevin and Mark



David Thomas.

Your commitment to living with purpose and intensity in a manner that honors the Lord is a great blessing and encouragement to us and to many. Throughout your life we have seen your faith, strength and skills develop just as we have seen you grow from a boy to a man. What a joy it will be to see how God uses you to fearlessly serve him in his kingdom!

We love you always! Dad, Mom, Andy, Jimmy and Libby





Caroline,

From the first moment we met you we knew we were in for an amazing ride. You did not disappoint and you have been a continuous source of joy for our entire family! We are so thankful that God blessed us with you! You have grown into a beautiful, intelligent, confident young woman, and we can't wait to see what God has in store for you. Stay close to Him always. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Allison & Rob

Caroline Thompson.



Jacob,

It has been a joy to watch you grow into such a wonderful young man. We wish you the best as you begin this next journey in your life. Congratulations!

Love, Grandpa and Grandma Betty

Jacob Buffa.



Big D,

We could not love you more. We could not be more proud. We are your biggest fans. You are a special man-you love people, you have a servant's heart, you love life. Your future awaits. Wherever you go, whatever you do continue to always seek His will, His plan for you. Be confident and courageous. Have Fun! He loves you. So do we.

Mom, Dad, Ross, & Alena

Davis Vermillion.

We are so proud of you Beautiful. It has been a privilege to be your parents and watch you grow into the amazing young woman you have turned into. You have an amazing future ahead of you. We love you Princess!

Love, Mom and Dad



Sam Giltner.



Caleb,

You light up our lives with joy! Your name means "whole-hearted, faithful," and this perfectly fits you. The Biblical Caleb, after whom you are named, credits God for his courage and great strength. We are so thankful that He created you, and gave you the gift of faith. We rejoice to see His wonderful plans for your life unfold. Remember to abide in His Word, and trust Him in all circumstances. We love you so much!

Dad and Mom

Caleb Winter.



Jacob, Even when you were young you showed determination and even then, great integrity. God gave those to you for His purpose and Glory. So I give 1 Cor. 9: 24 and 26 for the Lord desires you finish the race that others may come to know Him. I, we, are so proud of you! Blessings! Ita

Jacob Buffa.



Gordon,

What a blessing for us to see how the Lord has grown you from a tiny, helpless baby to a strong, competent, and godly man. Your quick wit, sharp mind, and gentle spirit are examples to us. As you head into a bright future, stay close to the Lord. Seek Him to find wisdom, direction, and strength. We are so proud of you and love you so much!

Dad, Mom, Morgan, Lainey, Hayley, and Leah Ephesians 3:14-21

Gordon Younkin.



Brittany,

You are such a blessing from God and watching you grow into a delightful Godly young lady has brought us tremendous joy. Remember God has a future plan for you (Jeremiah 29:11) and it is our prayer that by His power He may fulfill every good purposes of yours and every act prompted by your faith so that He may be glorified in you and you in Him (2 Thessalonians 1: 11-12).

Love, Dad and Mom

Brittany Lee-Cheng.





Dear Rachel,

Putting pen to words is wholly inadequate to express the love, joy, and pride that we experience as your parents. You have developed those qualities of character that we so admire: Christian faith, love of family, loyalty toward friends, dedication to the task at hand, perseverance...these are the gifts of God and they will be with you always. "In whatever you do, do it for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Our Love,

Mom and Dad

Rachel Becker.

Abi,

Dad and I think you're amazing! God has given you a lavish gifting to understand and relate to people. Everyone around you benefits. God's hand is on you and we smile at your future. Isaiah 58:11. We love you



Abi Leibovich.



Luke.

We love you so very much and are so proud of the young man you have become! You are so caring, kind and sincere. May you always love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.

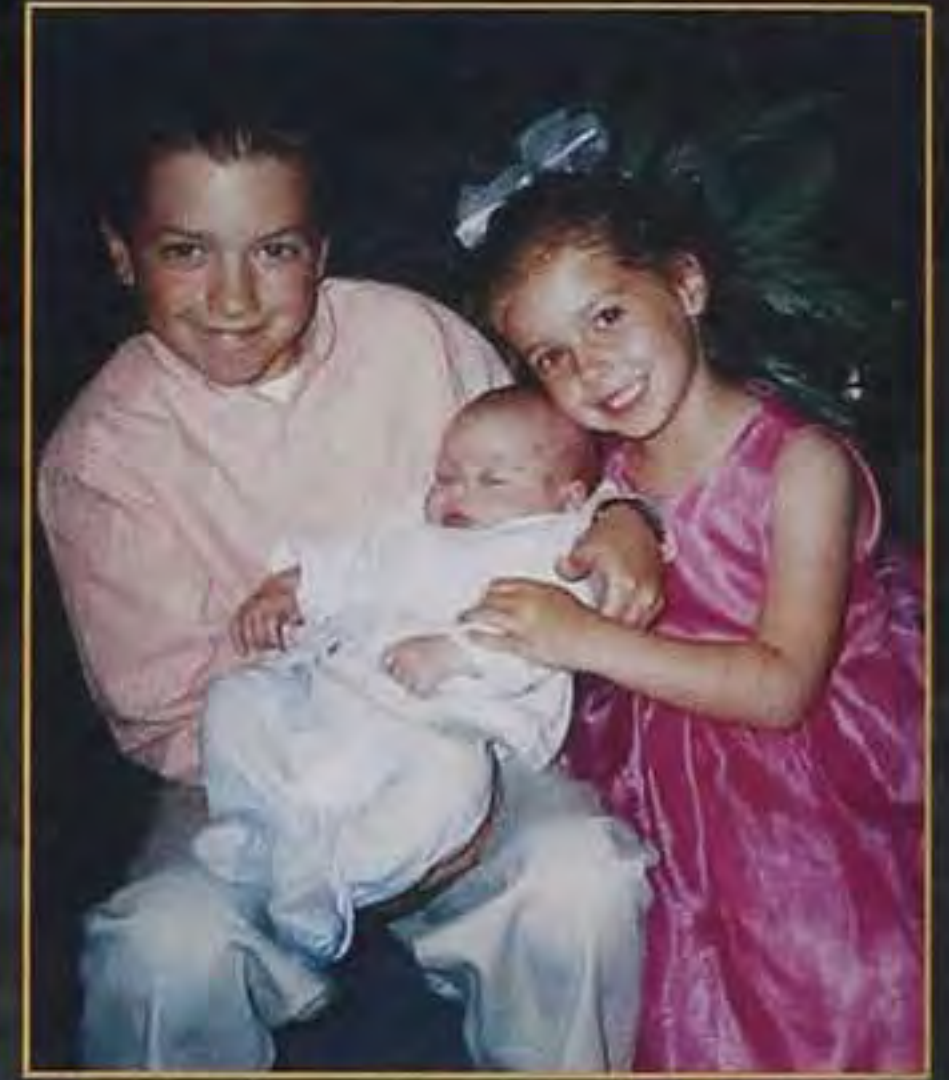


Luke Turner.



Joseph,
We love you, and we're grateful to God for the gifts he has given you. Just remember: With great power comes great responsibility.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Joy, and Ransom

Joe Collins.



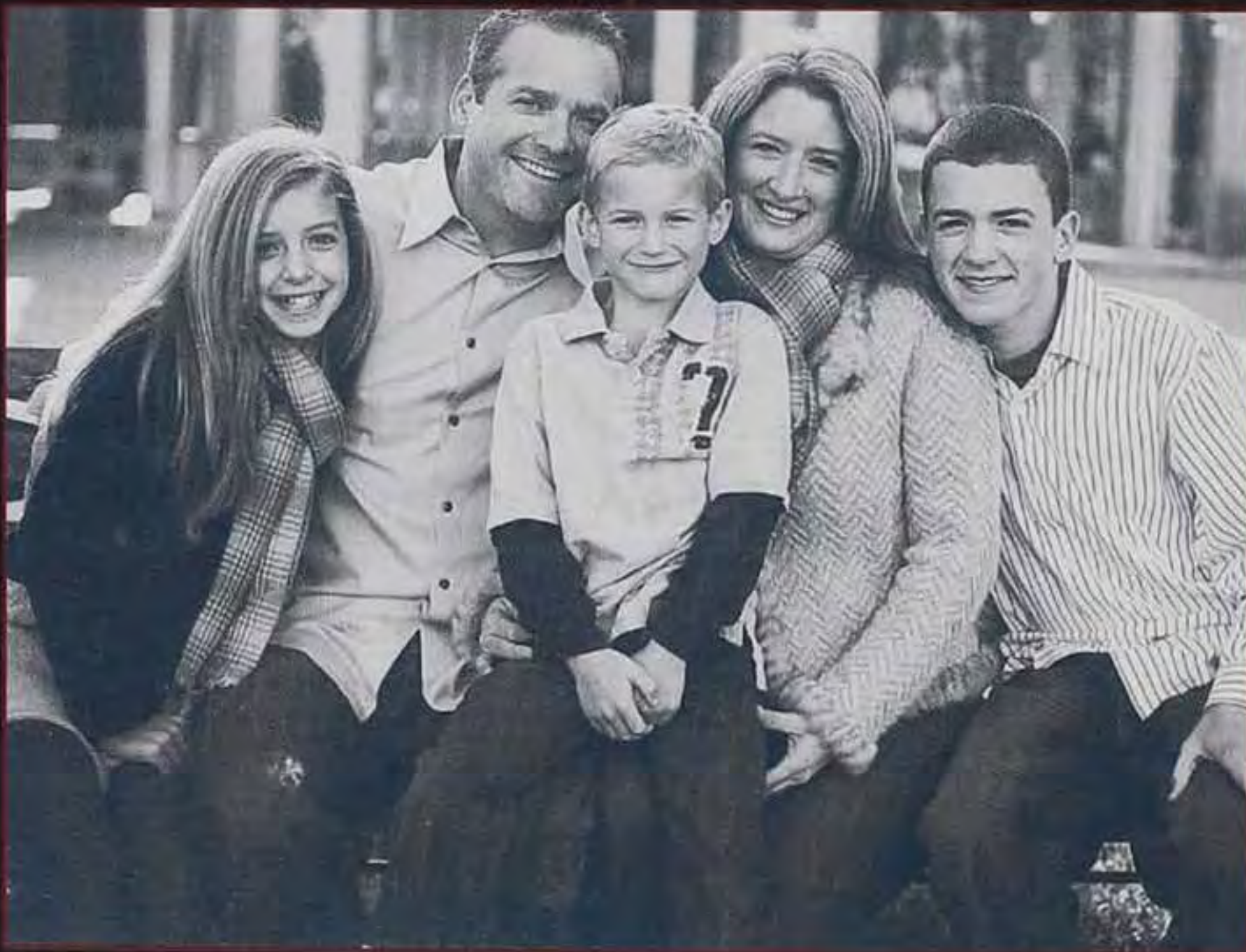
Matthew,

Our family began on the day you were born, and since then, you have been nothing but joy and happiness. Now you are a man of character and integrity. Thank you for being such a great role model to your brother and sister. We love you more than words can say. You are a blessing, a gift from above, someone we adore. We are so proud of you. Love,

Mom, Dad, Brooke-Ellen, and Mark.



Matthew Brugner.





Brynn.

You have grown into a Godly and beautiful woman both on the inside and out. You have achieved great things during your high school years, and we couldn't be more proud of you. Your wise choices and strong work ethic will result in great blessings in your life. We love you more deeply than words can express!

Mom and Dad

Brynn Benes.



Connor,

I've looked up to you all these years. You have taught me a lot. Doing Things with you meant a lot to me.

Love,

Collin

Connor,

You're a great brother! I can't believe you're already headed off to college. I'm going to miss you so much! I love you. Thanks for always being there for me!

Love your baby sister,
Lexie

Connor Einertson.



John,

First off, learn how to ride a bike. Second, have a blast at college. I'll miss you like crazy. You're not only my brother, but my best friend that I can always count on. You always make me laugh and you are the biggest inspiration in my life. I'm so blessed to have you! Love you!

-Mary Kathryn

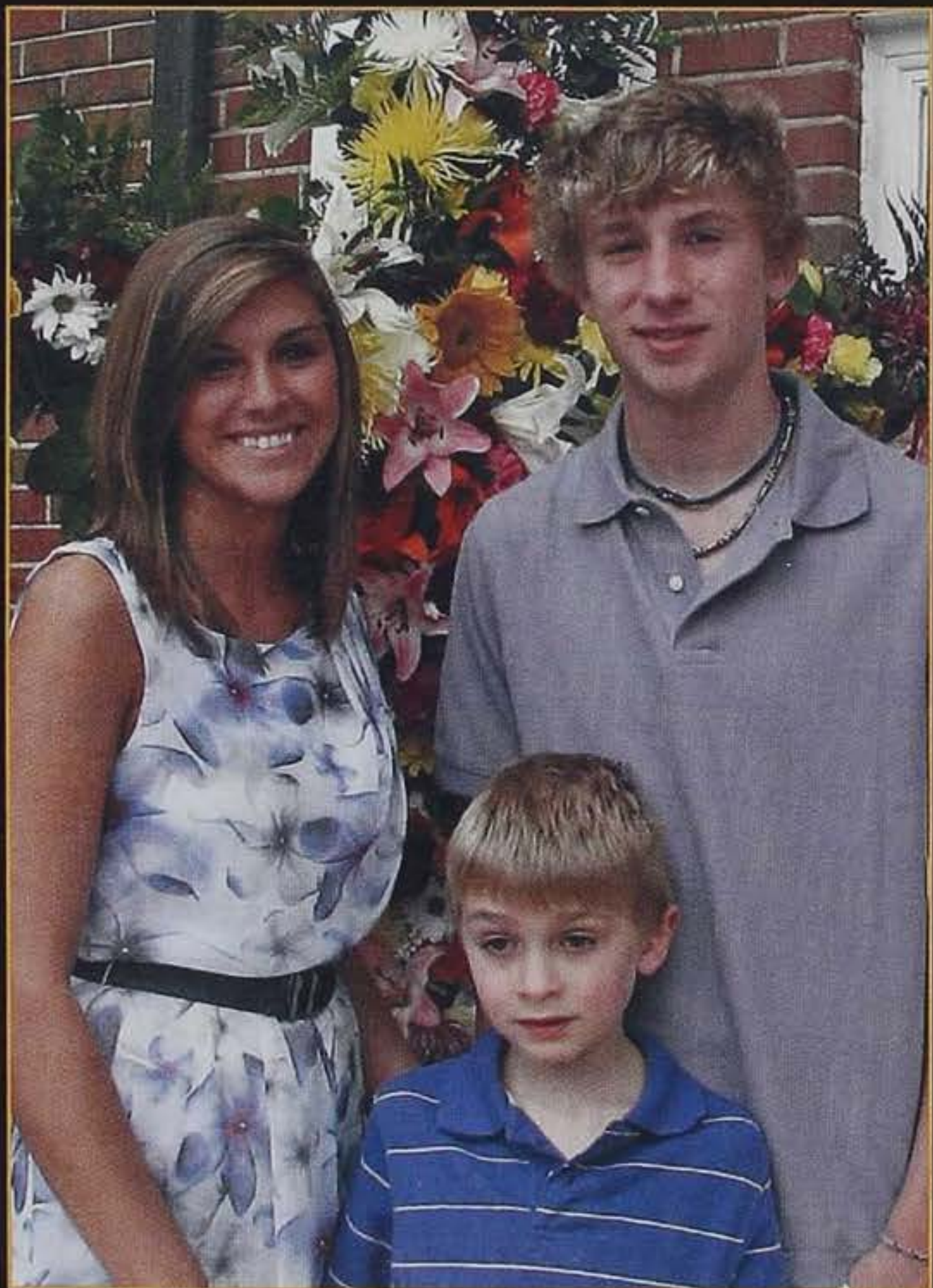
John Hancock.





Congrats Andreae Bradley and the WCA class of 2012! First Westminster shirt- one month old; first uniform- preschool; first yearbook picture- kindergarten. Proud of all your firsts! Love, Mommer

Andreae Bradley



Glen,
It's amazing to know what God has known and loved you since the creation of the world. Let His music inspire you and lift you up!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Whitney, and Hunter

Glen Calvin.

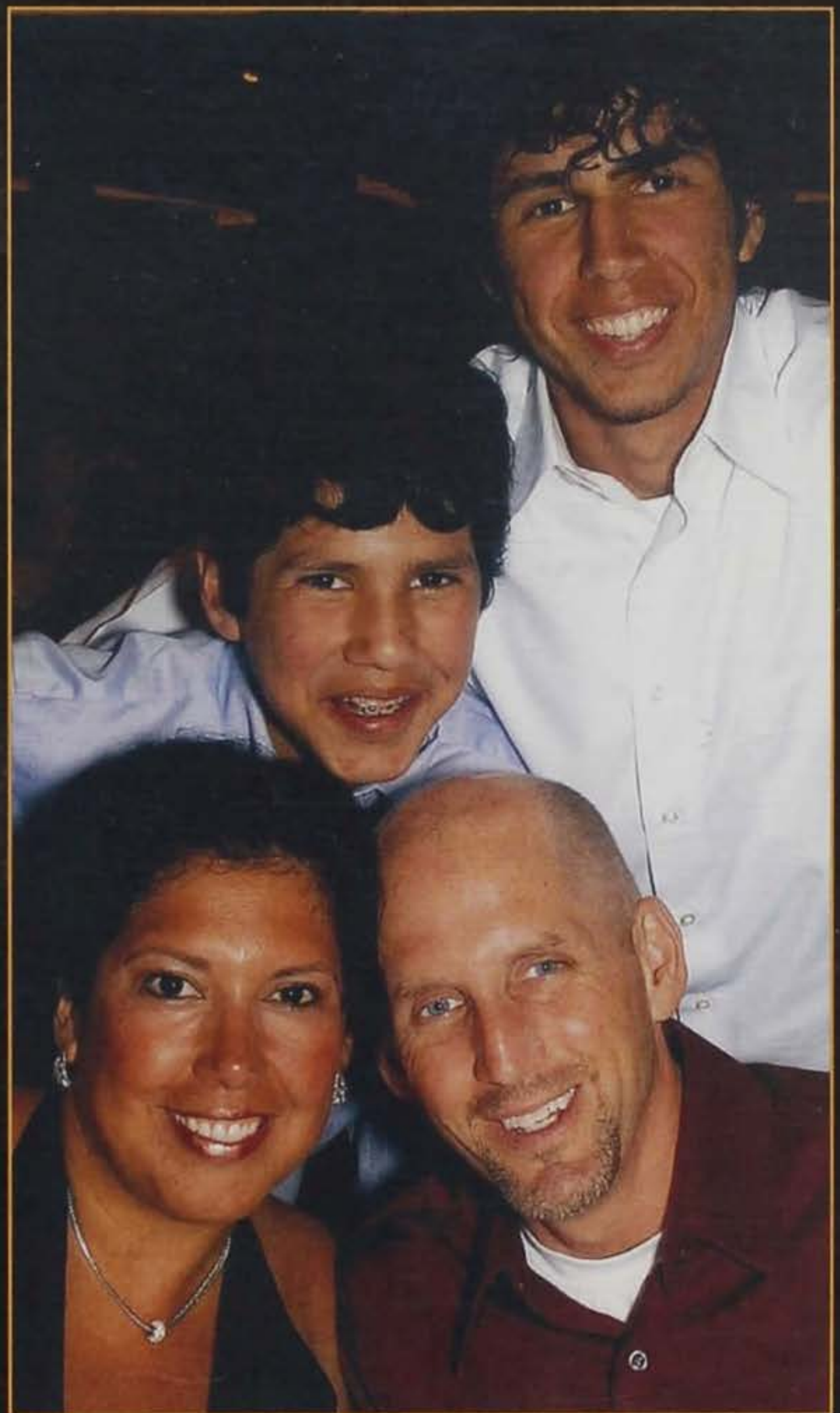
Jacob,

I can hear the chatter as clear as day, "Let's go #10! Come on Buffa!" while your dad stands behind the fence waiting to see you do what you love the most, play ball. We will ALWAYS be your #1 fans. No matter where God leads, you know where home is (Proverbs 16:3,9). You're a leader, an encourager, and a man of your word. You EXCEED the measure of a good son. You're an EXCEPTIONAL man and an ACE confidant (aka "big brother") and your smile makes a bad day better. Live under God's grace and mercy; it is essential for success, fulfillment, victory, and strength to get up when you stumble! Press in towards Christ, moving forward no matter what (Phil 3:13-14). Give 110% but never forget to ask of God (Luke 11:9) for He is your Defender, Provider, and Counselor. The years went by too quickly but we are excited to see how God's plan for you life unfolds!! Te Queremos Con Todo Nuestro Corazon.

Mom and Dad
PS: Pop says, "NO REGRETS!"

Jacob,
I love you Bro. Have fun in college.

Caleb



Jacob Buffa.





Karlee,

Your joyful spirit has blessed our family. You bring energy and life to every occasion and your laughter can brighten a room like sunshine. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus... His love for you runs even more deeply than ours. (Hebrews 12: 1-2)

Always, Mom and Dad

Karlee Heinemann.



Jessica,

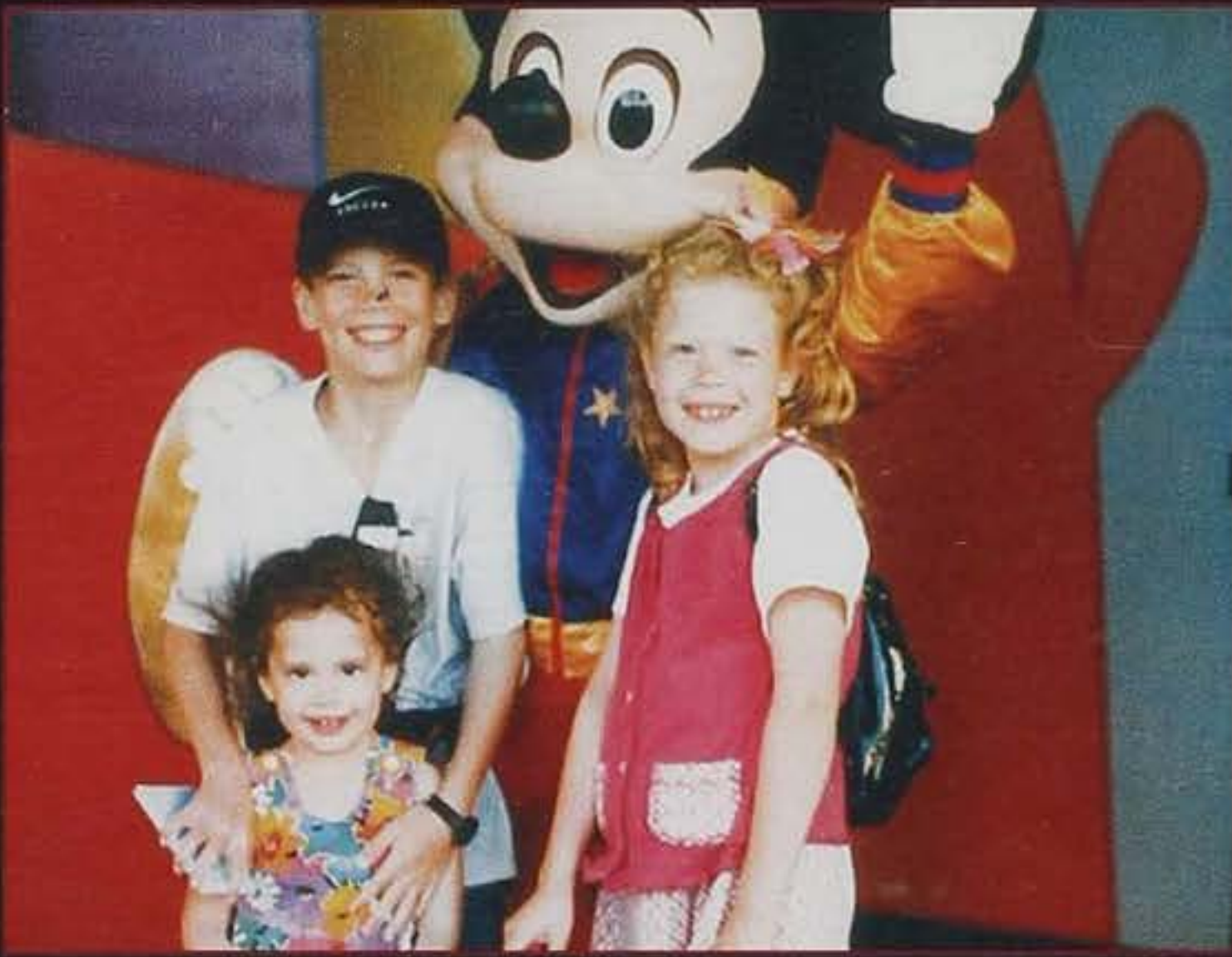
You are a joy and blessing to us. With your sweet spirit, caring heart, and firm faith, we know that 'He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion.' Keep smiling!

Love, Mom and Dad

To my dearest, darling Jessica, Oy with the poodles already. With love from your awesome sister,

Jensen

Jessica Holt.



Congratulations on your high school graduation! You have been the best blessing in my life each and every day since June 13th 1994. We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. You are beautiful, you are smart, and you are the most caring and tenderhearted young woman of God. You are a blessing to all that cross your path. Proverbs 15:30 "A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news give health to the bones"

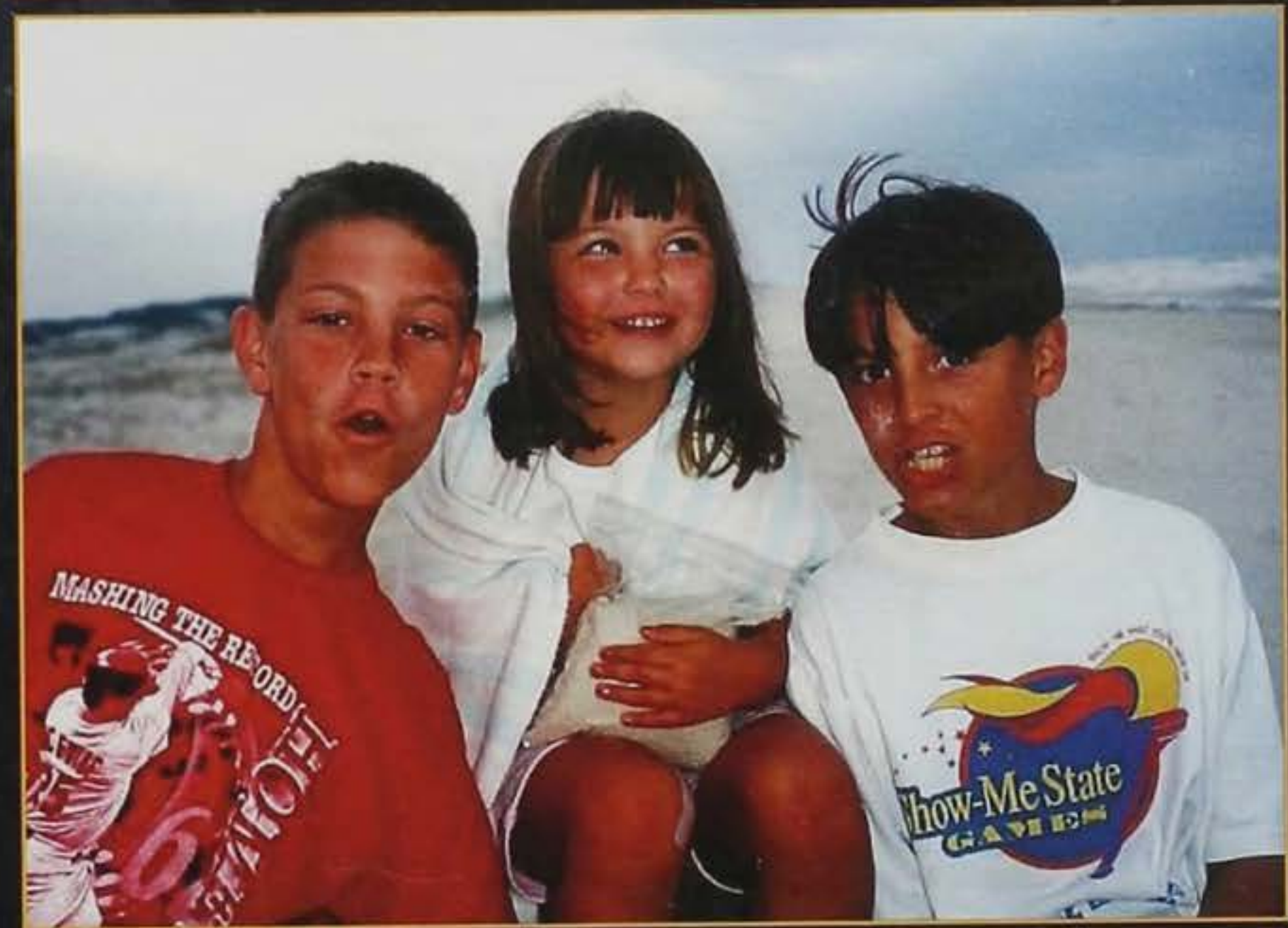
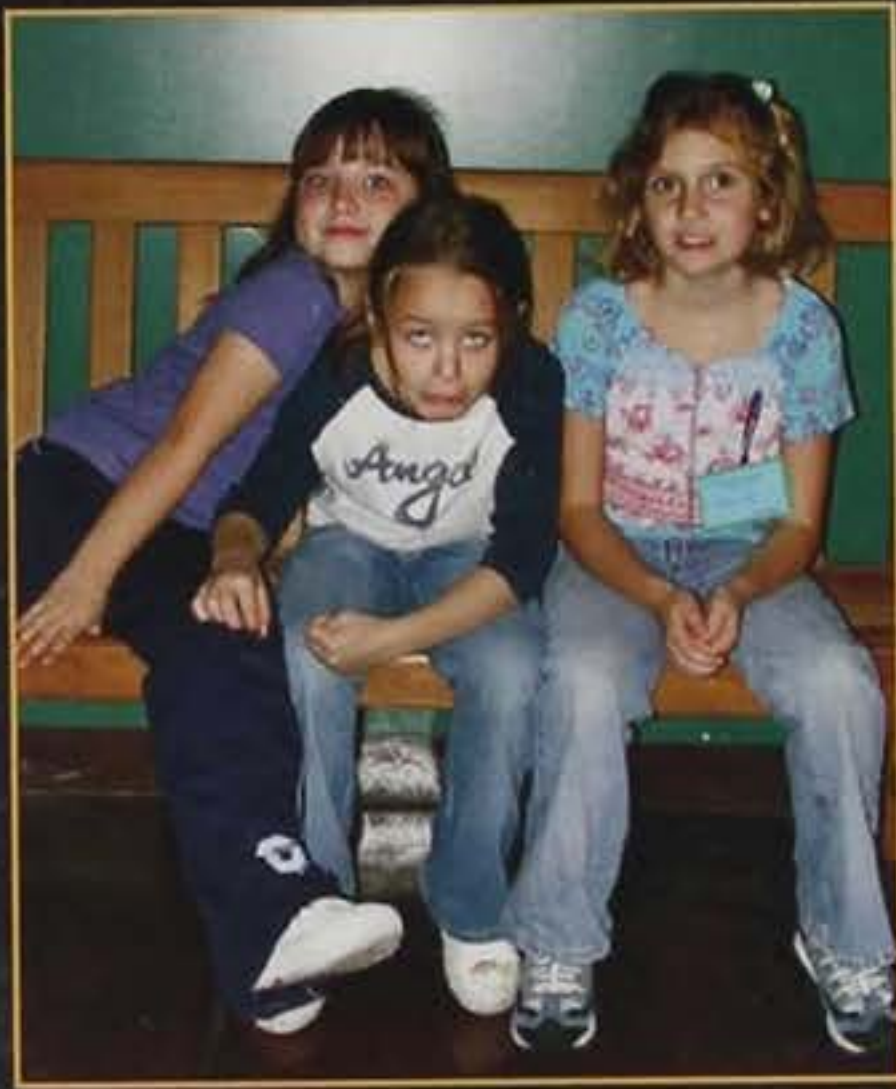
Dad and Kerry

Andreae Bradley.

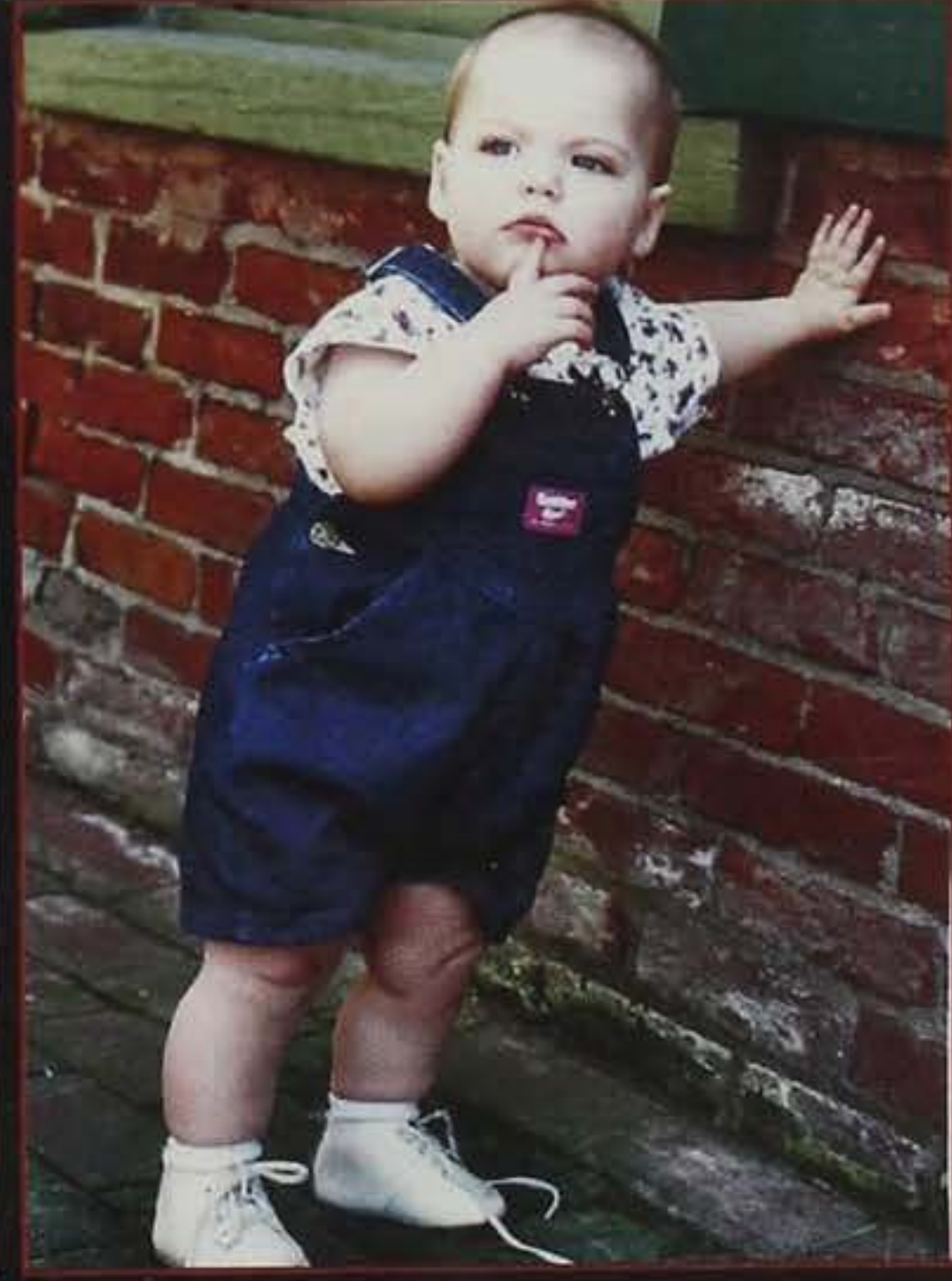
Taylor.

It seems like yesterday we were holding you for the first time. Every day since the moment we first found out you were coming you have blessed our lives beyond measure. We cherish all the memories of Beanie Babies, sleepovers with your zany friends, your plan to travel around the world saving animals and most of all your crazy sense of humor. We are so proud of the amazing young woman you have become and can't wait to see how God will complete the work He has started in you. Proverbs 3: 5-6

Love, Dad, Mom, Ryan and Matt



Taylor Burch.

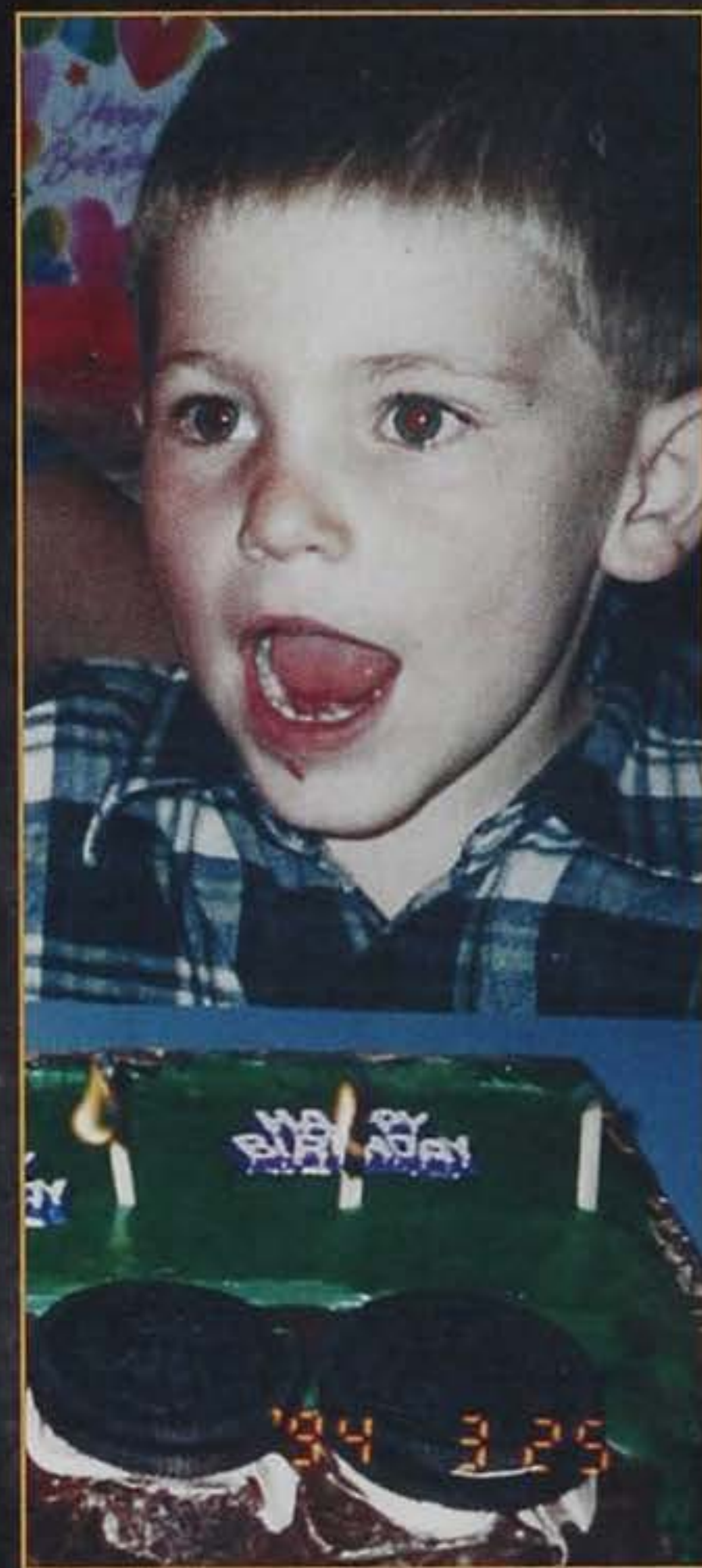


Marshall,

Congratulations! We are SO proud of you!! You are a wonderful son, great brother and fantastic friend. You are loved by ALL your family, near and far.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Marshall Dickerson.



Dani Dykstra.

Dani,

We are so proud of you. You are a true blessing from God! One of your many strengths, all your life, has been kindness. We are so pleased with the Godly, young lady that you have become! "You can do anything, through God, who gives you strength" (Philippians 4:13).
Love,

Mom, Dad and Whitney





Our Beautiful Brown-Eyed Girl,
We thank God for all you are-
although born the middle, you
were so eager to lead- and
you will continue to do so
with wisdom and strength of
character that is so You. Live,
Laugh, Sing! Colossians 3:23

Love Mom, Dad, Evona,
Dominic

Anna Franceschelli.



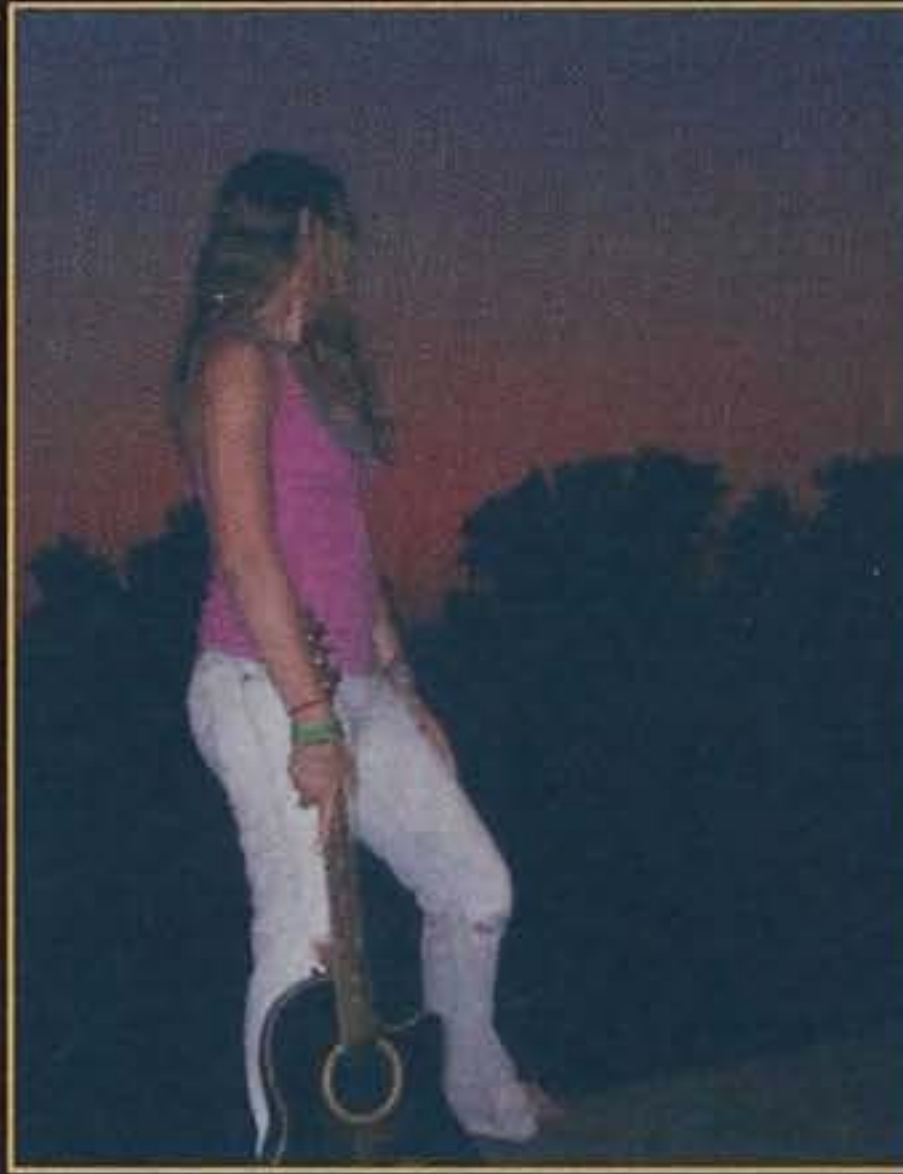
Wes,

Wes Froeschner.

We are so very proud of the
fun, joyful, honest young boy
you've always been and the
outstanding young man you
are becoming. Not a day
has gone by where you did
not make us smile or laugh.
You are blessed with many
skills and talents, and we trust
God has a plan for you to
use them. We pray that you
always walk with Christ and
glorify him in all that you do.

Love,
Mom and Dad





Andria,
We are so very proud of you. We appreciate who you are. God has given you a spirit of sensitivity and kindness. You're committed. You are real and beautiful! When you are passionate about something you can see it in your eyes and when that happens they sparkle! You always challenge and ask questions and never settled for one or two word answers. Don't lose that. Remain true to God first and foremost also remain true to yourself. Don't settle for status quo in anything or anyone. Know that you are loved and that we are so very proud of the young woman God has created. Continue on our dear sweet baby!

Andria Graeler.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Alexis,
You have been a joy and a blessing to raise! You're a gift that we both cherish. The beautiful Godly woman you have grown into is amazing. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that God has big plans for your future, if you keep your eyes focused on him. We are so thankful for you.

Loving you always, Mom and Dad

Lexi,
You are the best sister and role model we could ask for. We love you.

Missy and Dominic

Alexis Grasse.





Sweet Margaret,

Fourth child (or should we call you "firstborn of the second tree"?) Thanks for being so responsible and trustworthy. You continue to shine and bring beauty into all areas of life. We can't wait to see your life's story unfold!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Margaret Moore.



We praise God for you, David! You have brought us so much joy and laughter throughout these first 18 years of your life. We are very proud of your character and how you have used the gifts that God has blessed you with. He has special plans for your future!
Jeremiah 29:11

We love you, Mom, Dad, Michael, & Matt

David Rohlfling.



Ramya,

We have loved watching you grow into the young woman that God has created you to be. We love the fact that you crave deep understanding. We love your running, your creativity with a brush or a camera, and our long talks.
We love you - Mom and Dad.

Ramya Gruneisen.





Martha,

How we will miss your sweet laughter and fun-loving nature! Always remember Psalm 32:10... "Steadfast Love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord."

We Love you,
Mommy and Daddy

Martha Guariglia.



Congratulations Brandon!

We are so extremely proud of you! We are so thankful for how much you love the Lord, and so diligently follow Him. You are an awesome big brother and example for Connor. We are so proud of your many accomplishments but especially of your depth and character. You have enriched our lives in so many ways and we look forward to seeing the great plans God has for you. We love you, Dad and Mom

Proverbs 3: 5-6

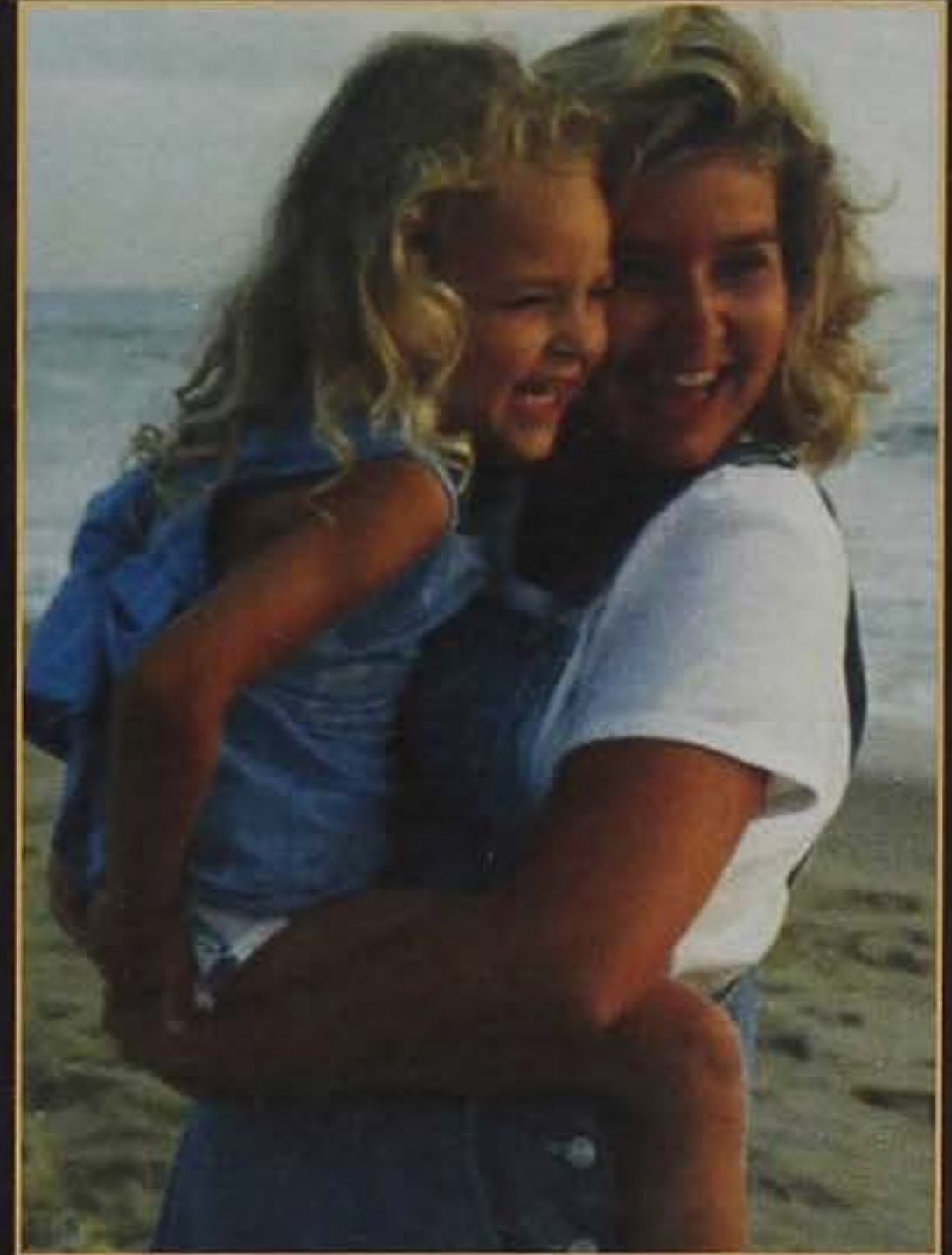
Brandon Hafenrichter.



You are truly a wonderful gift from God! I admire your character, positive attitude and compassionate heart. You love sunrises and sunsets. You appreciate the little things. You are my best friend and an amazing woman with a beautiful soul. You are a blessing to the world! I love you unconditionally, always.
 Mom

When I think of how much you have grown since beginning your high school career, I see that you are now prepared to take on all life has to offer. Most importantly, I see that you are ready for the next phase of life. I love you Allie.
 Dad

Allie Calhoon.

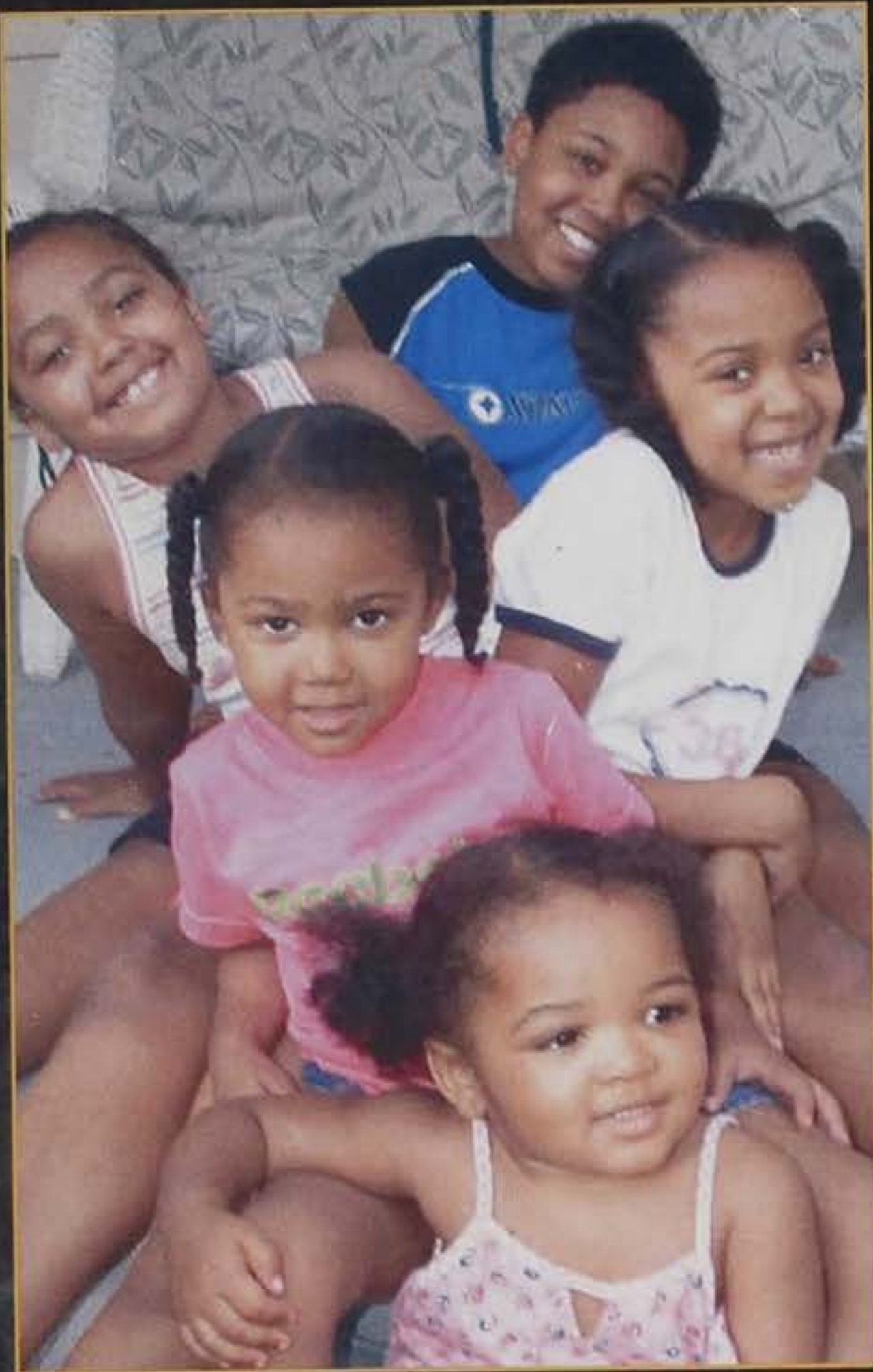




Chloe, We are so proud of you! When God blessed us with a little girl seventeen years ago, we had no idea what a beautiful young woman she would grow into, both inside and out. Remember to always keep your eyes on Jesus. He has made you for specific purposes and gifted you with so many abilities to fulfill them! We love you- you are precious to us. Love, Mom and Dad.

Chloe
Carnahan.





Zach,

You are such a blessing to our family. You have been our Superman, Batman and now our God fearing young man. We love you! Johsua 1:9.

Dad, Mom and Sisters

Zach Hampton.



John Hancock, Jr.,
We are so proud of
you and love you so
much!!!

Congratulations!!!

All Our Love,
Mom, Dad and Mary
Kathryn

John
Hancock.



What a wonderful adventure! Beautiful, inquisitive, fun and compassionate describes our delightful Marissa. Thanks for the joy, laughter and excitement you bring to our family. Climb every mountain, hike all you can and enjoy nature and the beauty of God's creation. You are the definition of a true friend. Our prayer for you is Ephesians 3: 14-21. We love you deeply and wish you complete peace in this next stage of your life.

Mom, Dad, Carmen and Sofie

Marissa Harjoe.



Jake Hughes.

Jake, yours is a heart filled with wonder and grace, by no act of ours. You have mastered every struggle, fear and frustration. You have accepted your gifts with modesty and gratitude. Hoping we have encouraged and equipped you for the road yet ahead, we prepare to loosen our hold and launch you into the creative life that God designed you to follow. For a family that lives in the world of "words", we find ourselves lacking. We heard years ago when you were just talking, "My! Don't that baby talk plain?!" You have what it takes, always have, since you first put your trust in out Lord.

Mom and Dad



Connor,

Our first, a true gift from God. It's hard to believe the years have gone by so quickly. Now, you will move to the next phase of your life. To see you be so focused, and the determination you have had to achieve your goals has been a joy. The smile on your face when you and the team won the state championship was priceless. Dare to be different than the world. Remember what the Bible says, "You are not your own. You were bought with a price." We can't wait to see you succeed on and off the field at college. We will always be your biggest fans.

Love,

Mom and Dad



Connor
Einertson.



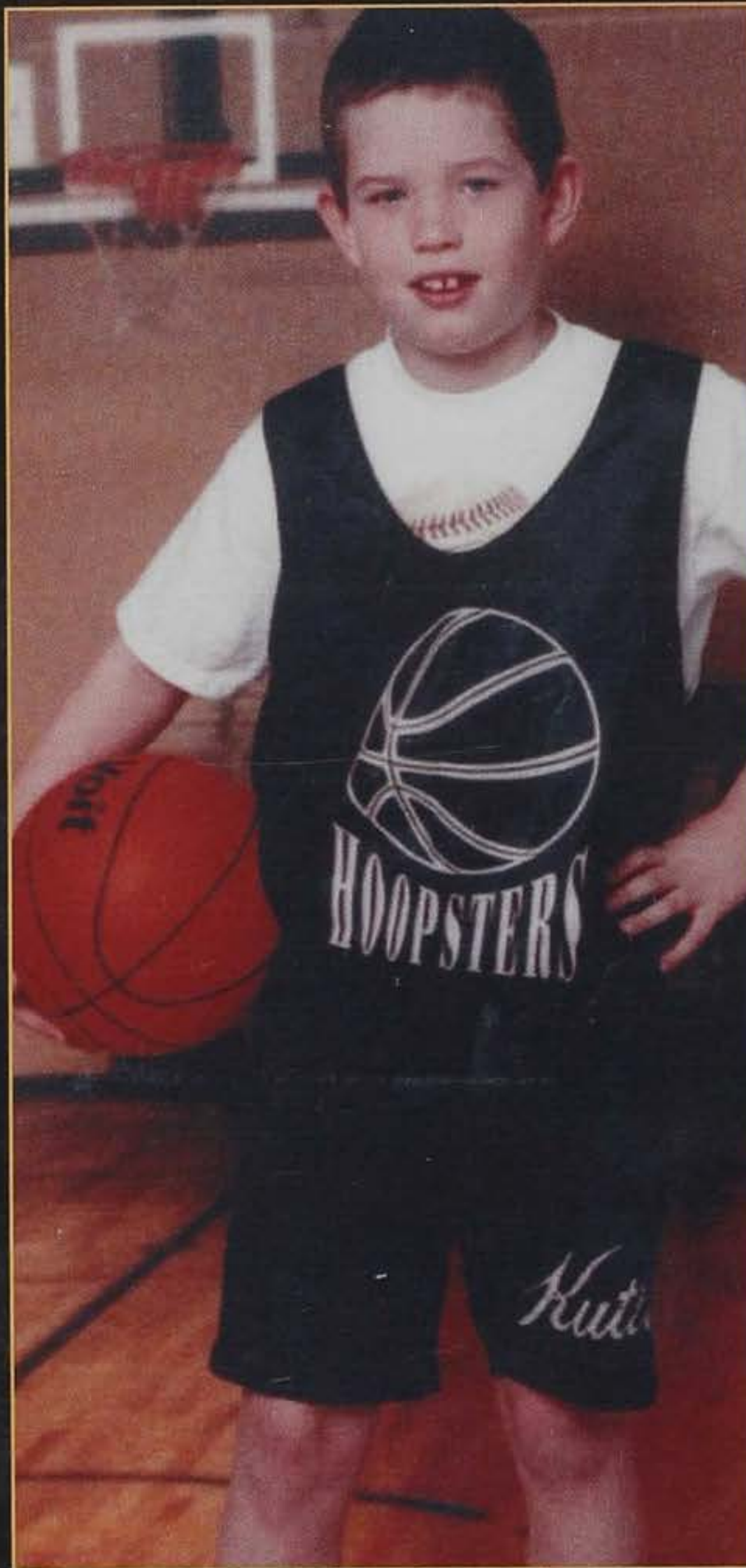
Connor Fleming.

Connor,

I remember our first drive to WCA and now here you are, graduating. Steve and I are so proud of the Godly man you have become. You are courageous and strong. But underneath that big, tall exterior is a kind, gentle young man with a heart for all. You have brought so much joy and light to our family. You truly are my gift from God, Connor. Keep the course, son. God has given you so many gifts. Let him continue to guide you so you can use them for His Glory.

Love you so much,

Mom and Steve





Proverbs 4:18 – "The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day."

Taylor:

From your first days, you have been an amazing mixture of energy, humor, charm and 'joie de vivre.' Then and now, we've learned to "expect the unexpected" in your life. Thanks for filling our lives with joy and adventure. We are thrilled to see the Lord at work in you, giving you a love for Him and for others, and a heart of worship (in song and in life). We see Him molding you into a true man of God: a humble servant, a warrior for Him, a leader of people, and a vessel of his love. We love you and are more proud of you than we can describe.

Mom, Dad, Sarah, and Zach

Taylor Hughes.



Evan,

You are such a blessing to us. Stay strong in your faith and seek the Lord's will. We love you and are so proud of you.

Mom, Dad and Kendall

Evan James.





Rebecca, What a blessing you have been to our family for 18 years. We can't wait to see what God has planned for your life.
Love, Mom & Dad

Rebecca Krause.



Connor Larson.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2011 CLASS 3 STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS!
Thank you for your hard work and dedications, and for your style of play—nothing but class—even during times of adversity.

Thank you for welcoming Connor with open arms. What a blessing to have not only experienced WCA's first State Baseball Championship, but to also build life-long friendships. May God richly bless you in all your future endeavors!

(Okay, we can't help it...)
Repeat 2010!
Go Cats!





Kevin and Kristen.

You are two wonderful individuals, each blessed with unique talents and gifts. Of course, you will always be "the twins". You entered this world giving special meaning to the phrase "double trouble", with silent signals and telepathic communications to foil our best parenting efforts! Above all you've been a double blessing, bringing incomparable joy and life to our family. Independent, kind, fun, hard working, energetic, creative, and more, we're looking forward to watching you both write the next chapters of your own individual stories. Mark 9:23

Love, Mom and Dad

Kevin and Kristen
O'Leary.





Laura Hammann.

Laura,

Mere words can't express the love, joy and pride you bring to us. We've adored you from the moment God blessed us with such a wonderful gift. **You** made us a family. You have been more than we could hope for: a good listener, a great friend, hours of laughter, unbridled wit and wisdom, and now a graceful young lady. Continue to allow God to lead. (Matthew 6:33) He has blessed you with many gifts and a determination to excel. We love you "Up to God and back" and more than you may ever know!

Forever,

Mom & Dad





Kelsey,
 You have grown up to be such a beautiful young woman. Your tender and sweet spirit, your wonderful sense of humor and your compassion for others make you a truly special person. We are so proud and blessed to have you as our daughter. We love you,

Mom and Dad

Kelsey
 Leib.



Sweet Ellie,
 Words are inadequate to convey our thankfulness to our heavenly Father for the gift of you.

We love you so much.

Mom, Christian, Annie, Papa, Nanna, and Max.
 Jeremiah 29:11

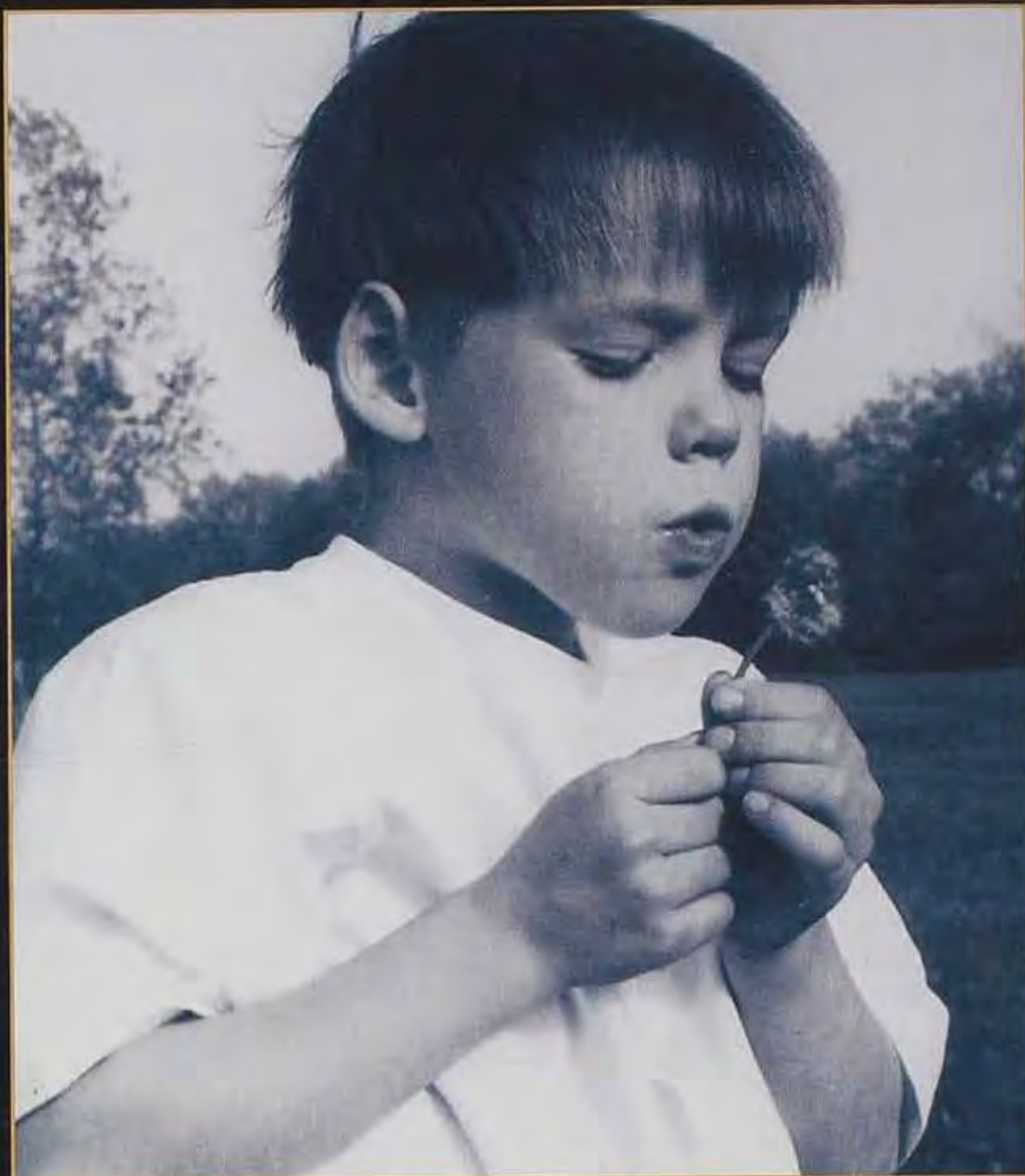
Ellie
 Linhoff.





A.J. - When you were little, you were the mischievous, curious, "just have to laugh at" one. Not so much has changed, but in addition to those, you have become a wonderful, kind, and compassionate man. Our Little Bird who flew even when everyone said he couldn't. We know God has great plans for you. Stay strong and righteous. -We love you! Dad, Mom, Kip, Bren, Sarah, Avory, Nick, Ashley, Morgan, and Gannan.

AJ Loynd.



Aurianna.

It is with great emotion that I consider the time that has now come. When you were just a few days old as I held you in my arms I contemplated the years ahead and the milestones we would share. I have lived each moment in wonder and amazement of the little girl God has so graciously given me. Your beauty, loving and forgiving heart, passion, strength and determination, humor, and creative spirit are inspiring. One could not measure the love and hope I have for you...

I love you, MOM

Auri Salem-Turvold.



Brandon Terlouw.

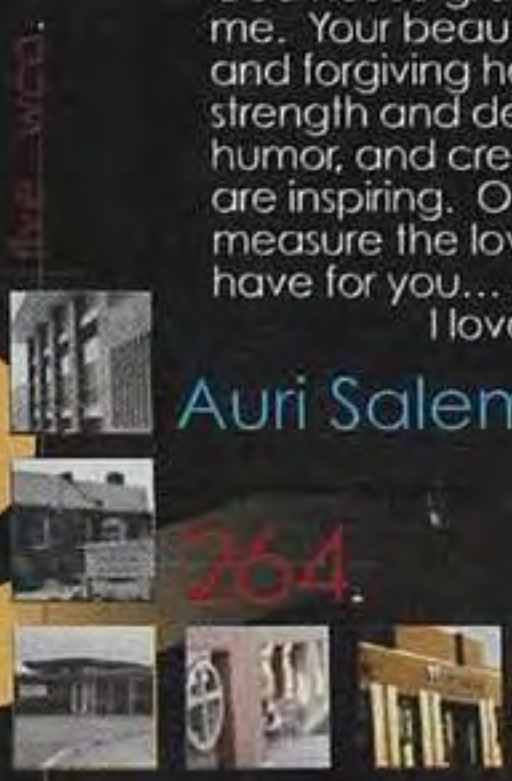
We remember ABC's/ counting at 18 months, 5 ER trips for stitches before age 5, soccer slide tackles, 8 hour chess matches and swim meets. God's Blessings!

Congratulations!

Mom and Dad



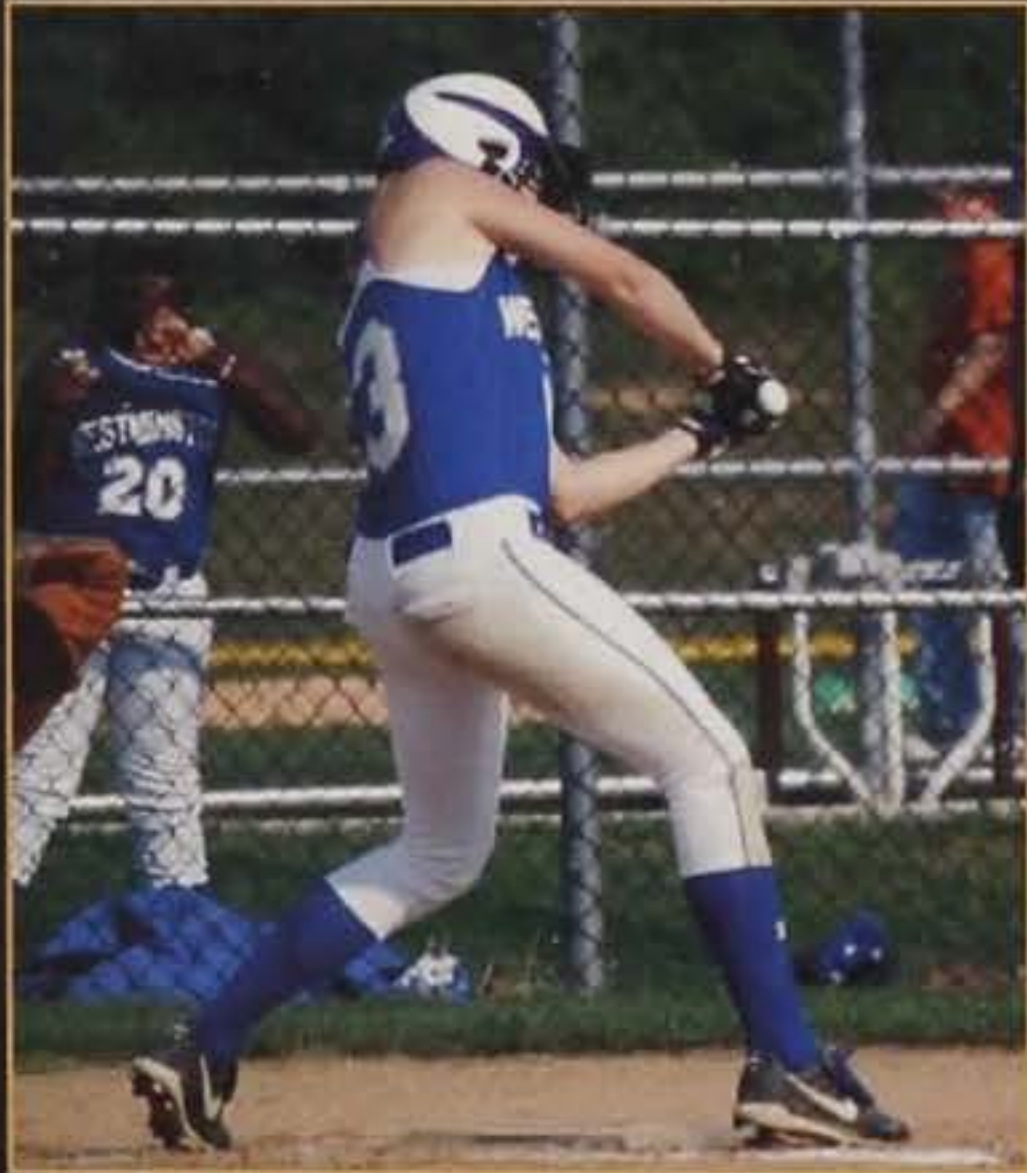
Brandon





Maggie,
 We are so very proud of you and your wonderful achievements in life so far. You are such a loving, determined and passionate young lady. Your hard work and quiet determination has paid off and we are so excited for you as you enter the next phase of your life. We Love You!
 Mom and Dad
 Philippians 4:13

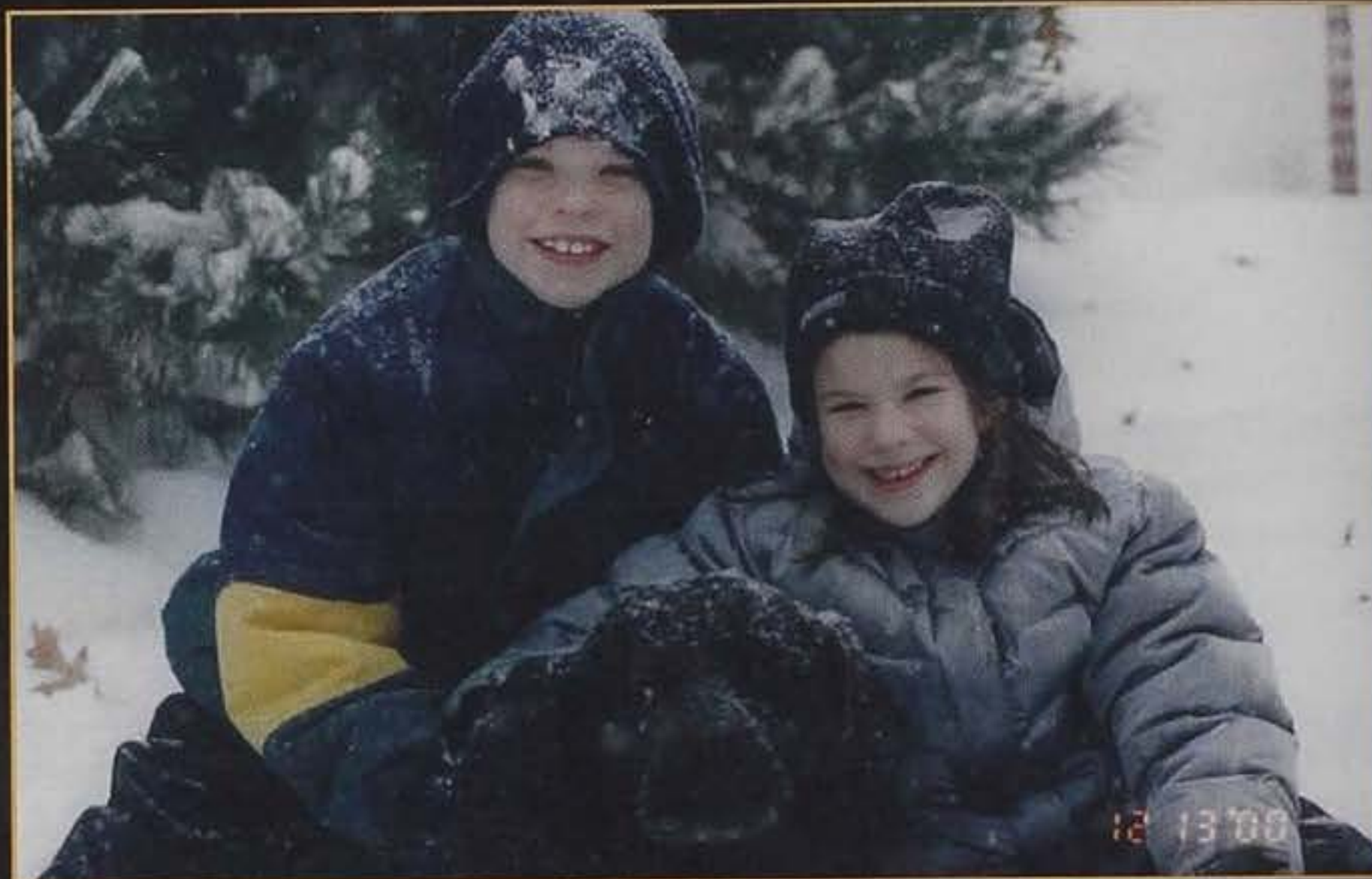
Maggie Mauze.



The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Your knowledge of this truth is all we could ever hope for you! We love you dearly!

Bryn McKie.





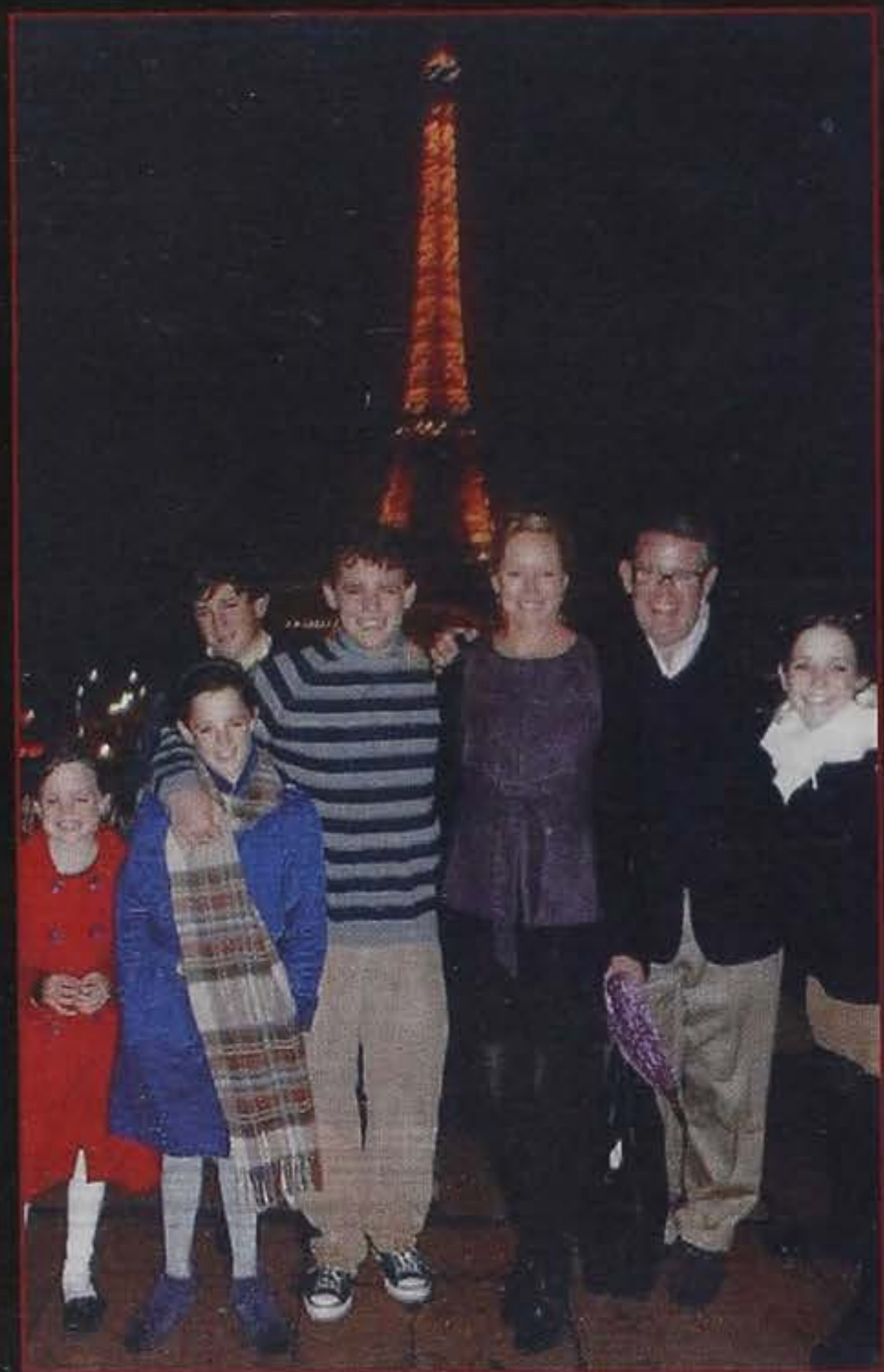
Maegan Nelson.

Maegan,

You have a special zest for life and a wonderful sense of humor, that has kept it fun for all of us. We are very proud to call you our daughter and love you so much.

Mom, Dad and Mark

Proverbs 3:5



Paton,

We are all so proud- You are a wonderful daughter + loving sister- who has grown into a beautiful person!! We love you "Peanut" aka "Gidget the Midget."

Much Love,

Mom -Dad- Ricky- Reilly- Lulu + Grace.

Paton Nix.



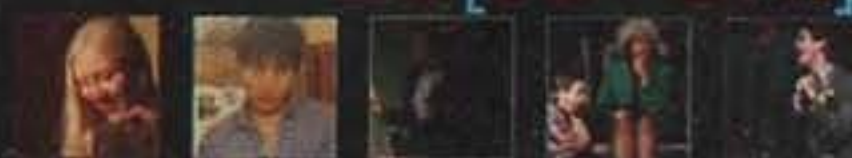


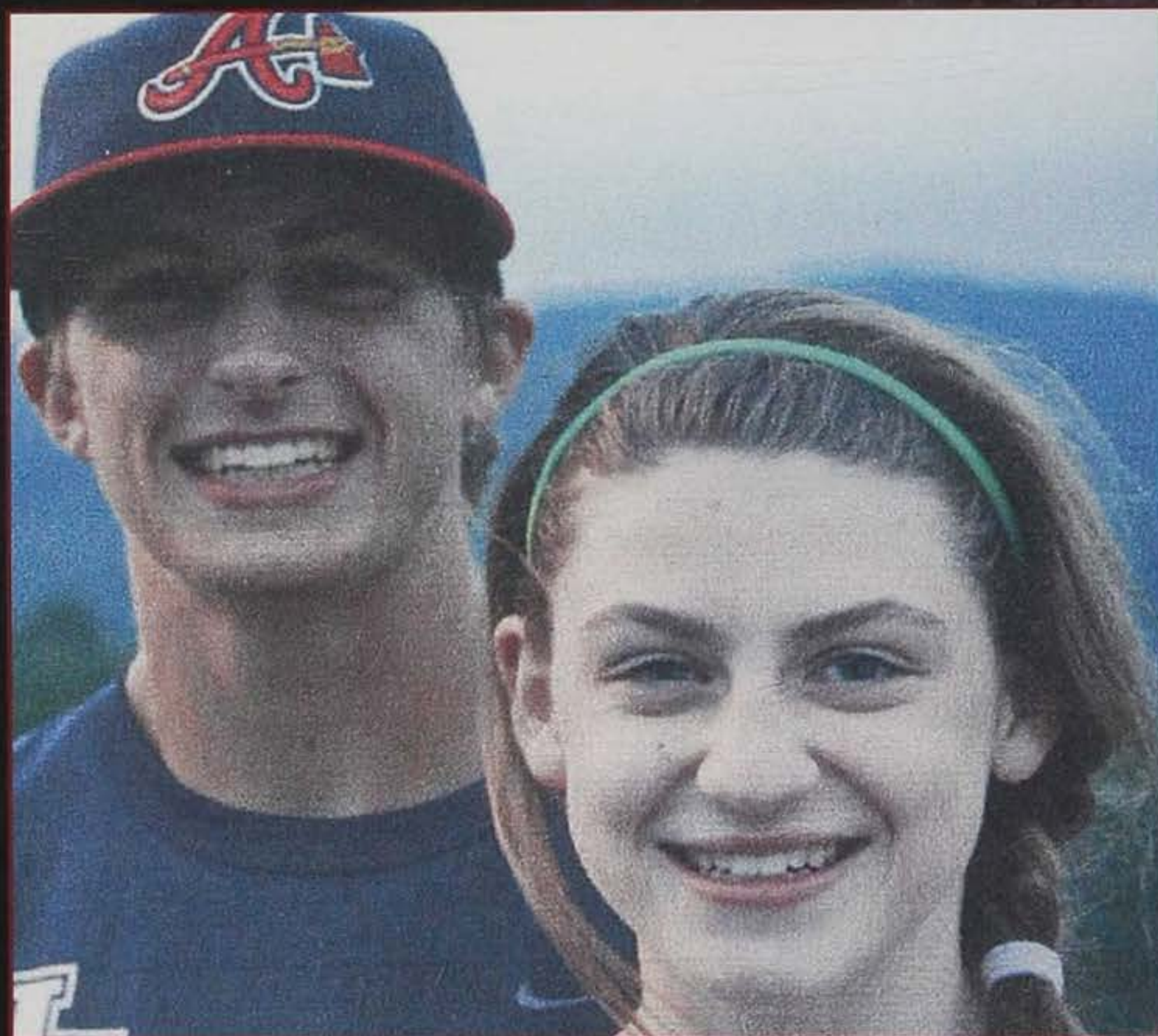
Rachel Hart.

Dear Rachel,

We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have turned into. The world is blessed to have you and so are we! We have watched you take adversity and turn it into strength. We are so amazed by you and we always have been. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful things you have coming in your future. We love you all the colors and all the bunches.

Mom and Dad, Andrew, Katy and Jack





Big Thoot!

You have been so loving to me the past two years it is unimagineable. I look at you and see a brother who has found his way and is happy. I love when you mess with me, because it gives me more time to spend with you before you leave for college. I will miss you so much. I hope these last few years have been as great for you as they have been for me.

Love Always,

Harper

Connor,

You're talented, creative, funny, and— from what I hear—a big hit with the ladies. If you weren't my brother, I'd beat you up.

Proud of you bro!

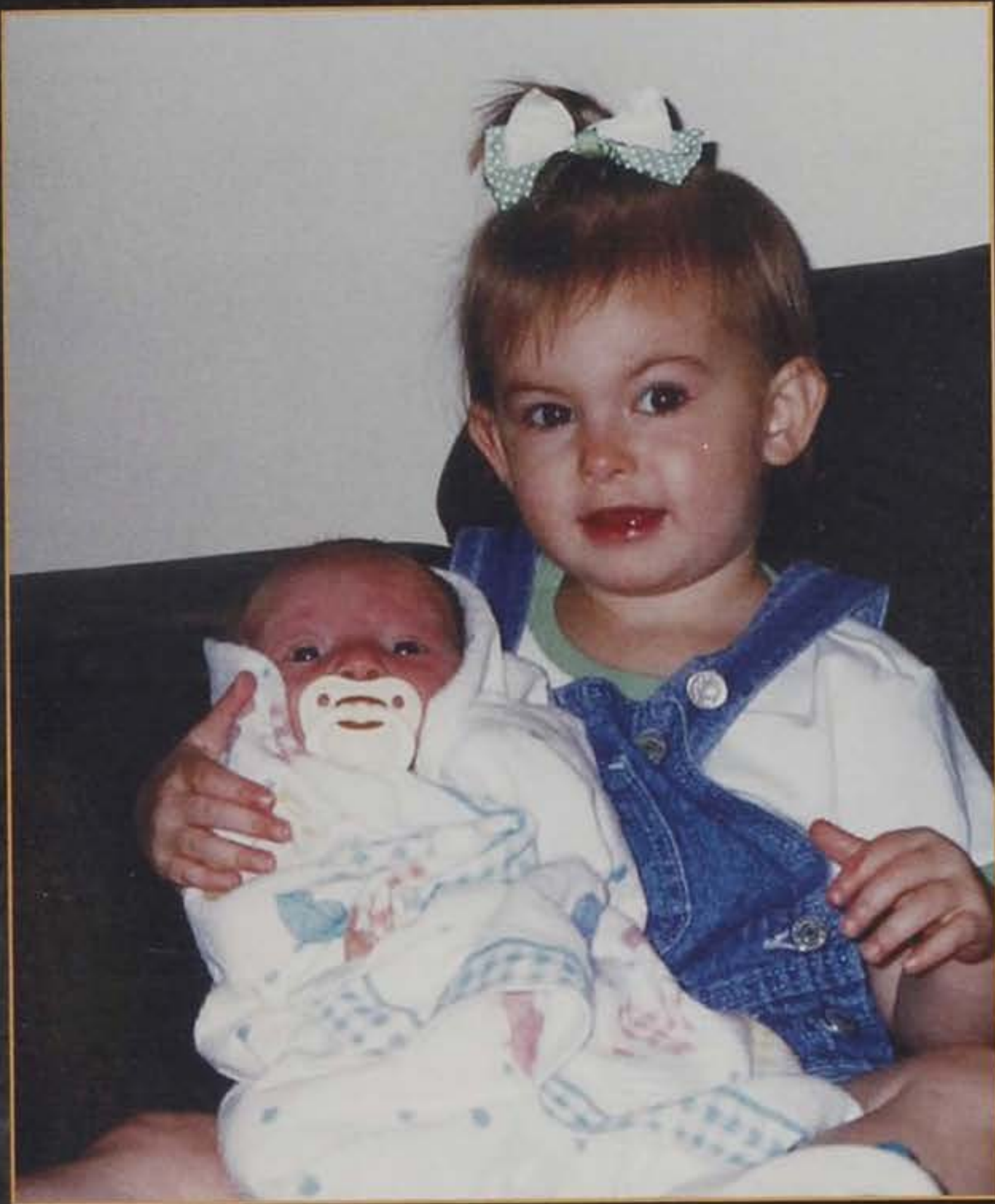
Love,

Your big brother

Connor Larson.



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Morgan Nixon.

Morgan,

We have watched you stay faithful and persevere through the good times and the challenges (James 1: 2-4). You are beautiful inside and out and you have such Godly character. We know God has big plans for your life and we can't wait to see how He uses you for His kingdom in your next chapter of life (Jeremiah 29: 11). Swim upstream! We are so proud to be your parents!

WE LOVE YOU TONS! Mom, Dad & Abbs



Forrest Obenhaus.

Forrest,

Congratulations! You are fun-loving, loyal, tender-hearted, passionate & determined. We can't wait to see what great future plans God has for you! You make us very proud.

Love you always,
Mom, Dad & Leah

Joshua 1:9
Proverbs 3:1



Devin,

Never did I imagine that I would have such a wonderful younger brother. We had our ups and downs but I like to think of you as a friend and equal, bonded as brothers by shared blood. I believe in you. Believe in yourself. You are the only one that can dictate your future. I will always be there for you and I'm proud to call you my brother.

Ryan

Dear Dev,

You have been a wonderful companion for me these last years! I really look forward to seeing how the Lord works in your life and brings you more and more into the image of his son. I love you with all my heart!

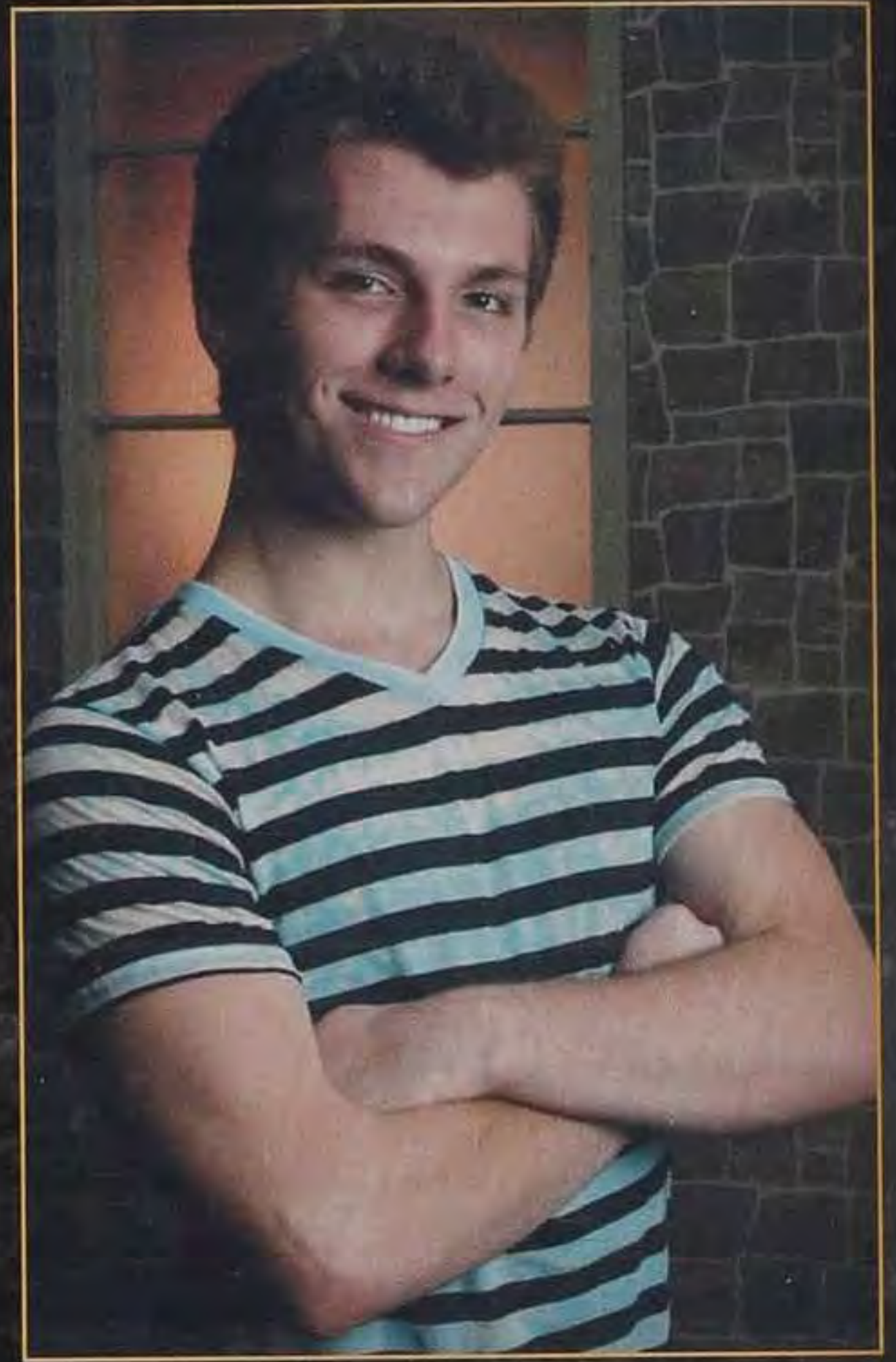
Mom

Devin,

I'm proud of you and wish you the best as you go off to college. We will miss you greatly. May God give you motivations that come from His heart so that you will become a man of God.

Love, Dad

Devin Payne.



Graham Ralls.

Grahamer

It's hard to believe that 18 years ago God chose us to be your parents. What a blessing to see you grow up from a curly headed little boy to a young man. You've brought so much joy to my life! "If the Lord is pleased with the way a man lives, He makes His steps secure. Even if the man trips, he won't fall. The Lord's hand takes good care of him." Psalm 37: 23-24 Love (and tears!),

-Mom

As you move into the next facet of your life, give everything your best effort, keep God first and know that you can all things through Him. Go with God.

-Dad

You're a great older brother; couldn't ask for anyone better. Glad I could share the soccer field with you this year. Can I borrow \$3.00? I'm going to miss raging with you in the car. Love you

-Travis

You're the best big brother ever. I love you.

-Maggie



Connor Larson.

THANK YOU!

WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
FACULTY, STAFF, FAMILIES
AND ABSOLUTELY AMAAAAZING
FRIENDS!

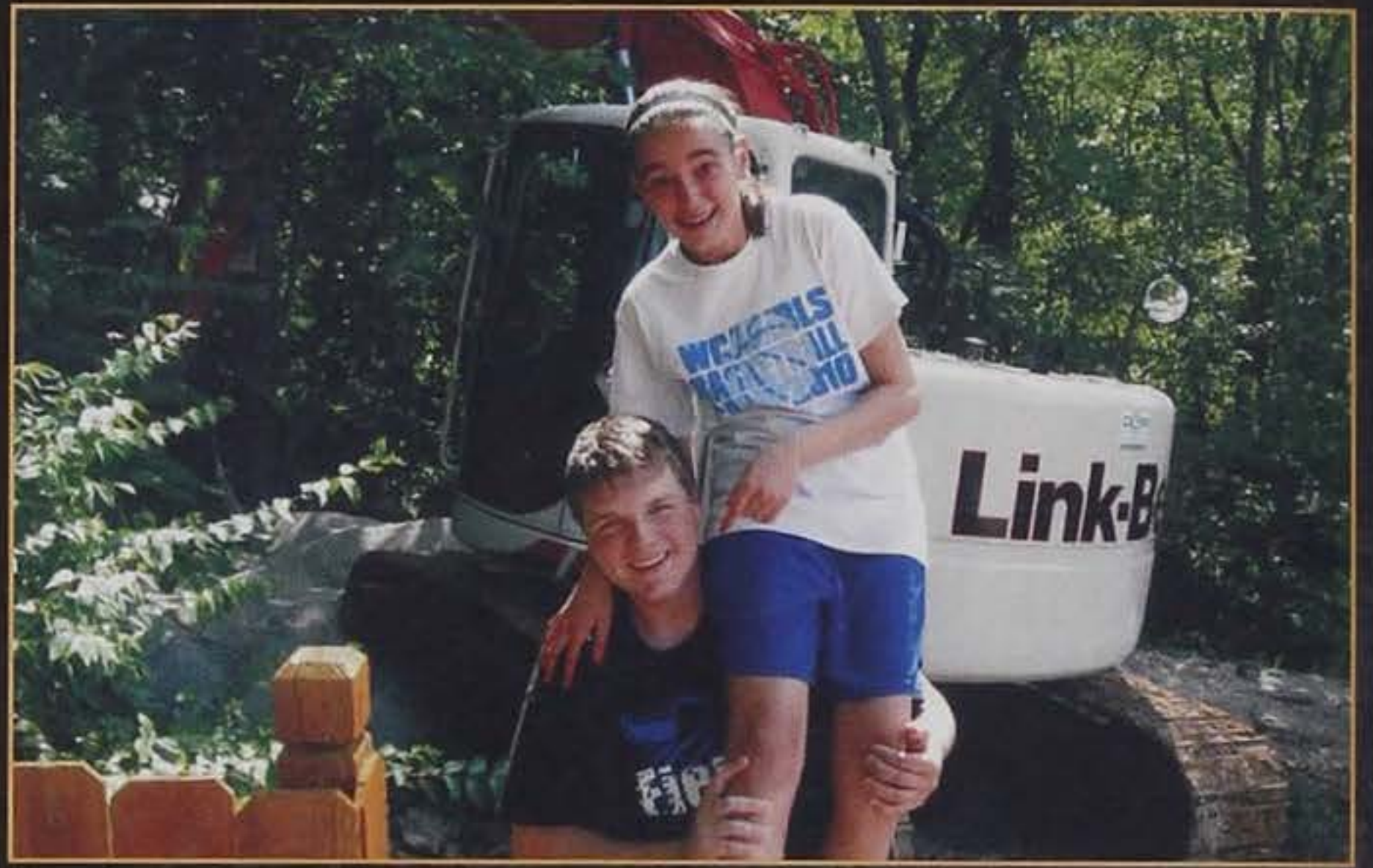
...for welcoming our son in such a
loving way.
...for providing the place where God
could restore
Connor's spirit and true happiness.
...for chaging his life, and ours.

We have OUR Connor back!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY, FOREVER AND
EVER!

GO CATS!





Nick Ramos.

Nick,

We are so proud of the compassionate and Godly young man you have become. You've overcome adversity with perseverance, faith and humor.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Lauren
Phillipians 4:13



Meg,

God blessed us when he entrusted us with the most amazing gift 18 years ago- You! You are loving, kind, hard-working, organized, multi-talented, and a leader. We are so proud of the godly young lady you have become. May you always use the gifts God has given you to glorify him. Wisdom, contentment, and joy follow when you take the path of God's adventures. Be Strong and Courageous Our Precious Baby Girl! Mt 22: 37-39

Love, Mom and Dad

Meg Rasche.





You have always been the go to guy. Whether it was yard work, cars, emergencies or sick family. You have always been there for us. In a way you have provided stability to the rest of us. As you move on your absence will be a void in our home.

Love, Dad, Mom, and Michael

James Richardson.



The last 18 years have been amazing as we have watched you grow from a small boy into a fine young man. We are so blessed to have you for a son, to have shared in both your lowest and highest moments, to watch God's sovereign hand develop you in to a son that anyone would be proud to call their own. These are exciting times, Joshua. Love God with all you heart, body and mind, and know we love you.

Josh Richardson.



"Dop, dop...dop it. No baby no more." Nope no more Boo. You're SOO big! We are over-the-top proud of the young man you've become! The rollercoaster ride (that was not always) actually brought you to a GREAT place! From "Apple" Hill, to Rossman, Burroughs, and now to beloved Westminster, your story Connor, ONLY GOD could have written. We've savored every second of God's gift to us...coaching/watching our passionate little athlete swinging his way into the mature boy who's turning his eyes upon Jesus, seeking His direction for life. WE see a young man who's making a difference in the lives of those around him...for Christ. It's a dream come true for us! WE cannot wait to watch you wide-eyed; as you charge ahead on the thrilling ride you're about to take for the pursuit of your dream(s)! A huge chunk of hearts will be "going west young man", when you do. But with every swing, and every dip....we're all with you! Someday a little toddler will ask, "Who is that Mommy?" I will smile big, and proudly shout from the rooftops, "That's my son Connor Larson!" He is pretty great, but you know what? To GOD be the glory! Love you beyond measure Boo Bear. The L5 Forever!

Connor Larson.

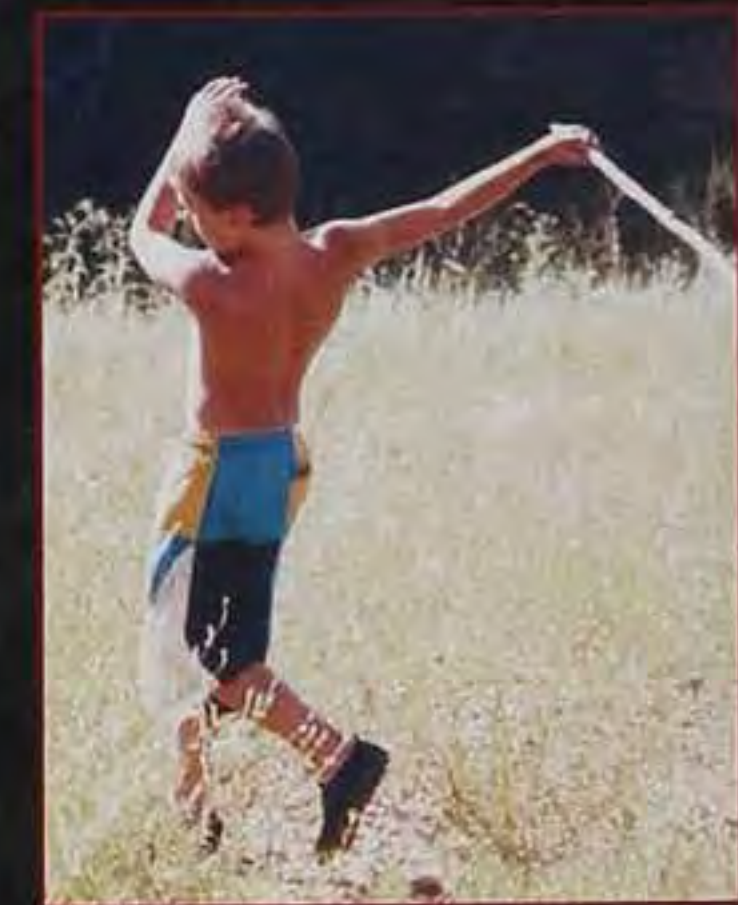


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Connor,

You've always had a light around you. Follow His light on your journey, remember you are loved unconditionally, and let your light shine always.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Ben

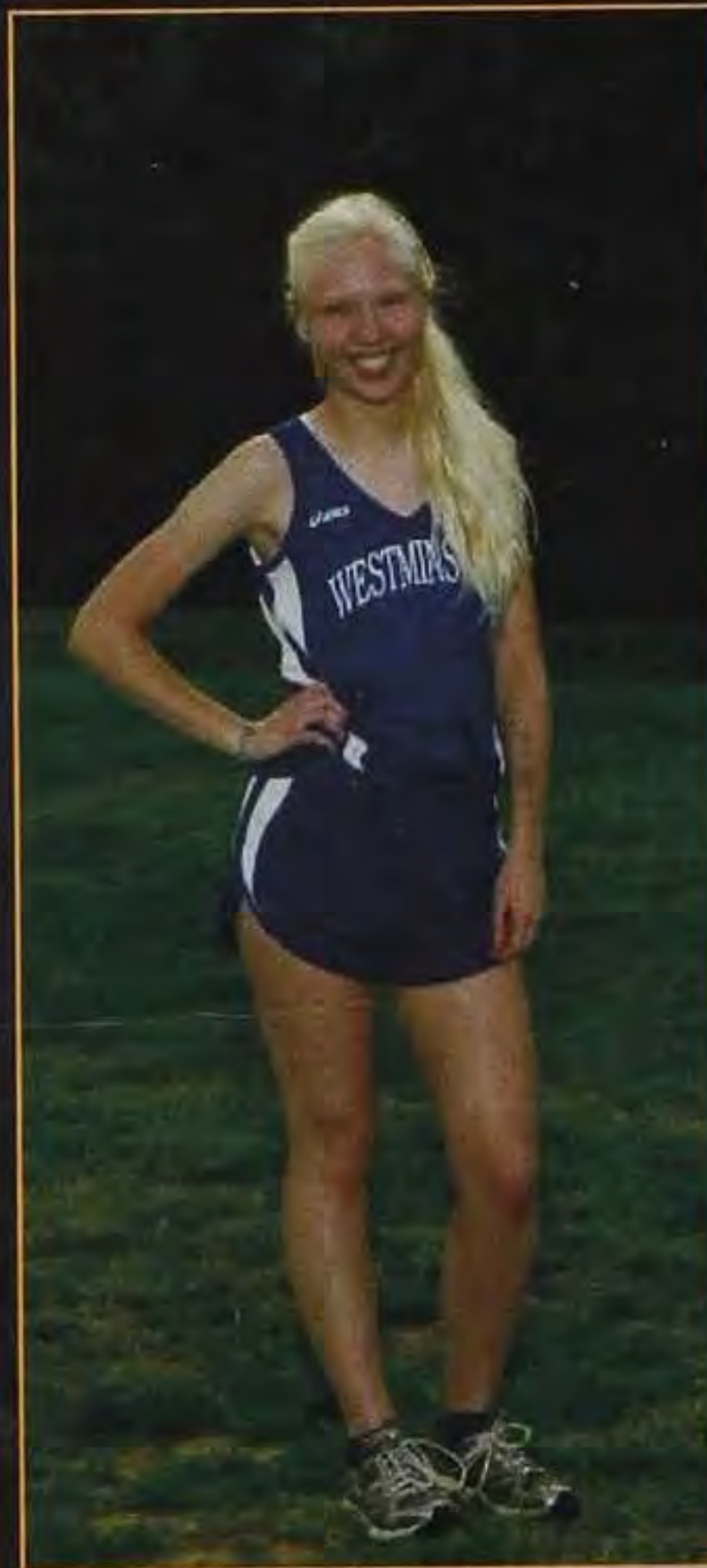
Connor Sullivan.



Addison,
Graduation is a milestone reminding us of God's goodness. May it remind you of God's love poured out through the care of parents, teachers, family, and friends. Love always, Mom, Dad, Logan, Caroline
Philippians 4:13

Addison Williams.





Lucy Lee,

You have grown into an amazing young lady. These past 18 years seem like the blink of an eye. You have brought such joy to our family...You are our precious gift from God.

Continue to be faithful to God's calling for your life. Make the most of every day. Always look to God's word for strength, encouragement, and wisdom.

We love you, Mom, Dad, and Mary

Philippians 4:13 Proverbs 16:3

Lucy Wynn.

Meg, Ramay, The Duke, Sierra, Court, Jess, Tiff, O'Leary, Ellie, Mattie, Shelby, Jake, Becker, Wiggins, Goebel, Andy, Aly, Rasche, Abigail, Caroline, Caple, Emma, Stipo, Maddie, Emma, Julia, Deves, Natalie, Smith...

Strauuub, Parker, Landon, Luce, Miss Tarantino, Sadie, Summer, Melinda, Madge, Morgan, Jess, Wes, Miss Franceschelli, Steven Davis, Bogнар, Jill, Duel, Elise, Reed, Eli, Sam, Lance, Scott, Jocelyn, Meg, Corey...

Whether you believe it or not, I have told you lately. Now gimme some Reese's peanut butter pies.

Oh, and thank you all tons.

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Yearbook and Newspaper staffs.



Will Tipton.

William,

So many things we love about you. Your enthusiasm and fun-loving ways, your honesty, loyalty, and work ethic... they all bring joy to our family. Remember always that nothing can separate you from our love, or from your Heavenly Father's. Take your zest for life and live for His glory. It's been a wonderful 18 years! Love You!





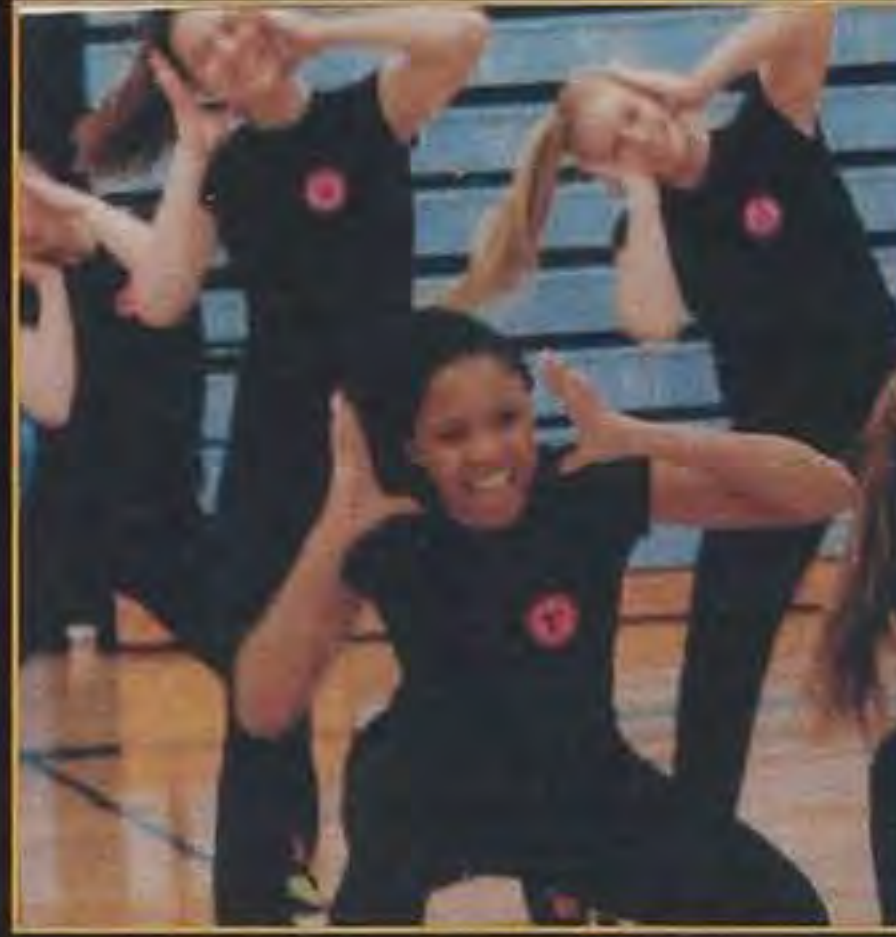
Spud,

We have heard it said that "the GREATEST thing you can give your child, is to let them go." They forgot to mention that it would also be the HARDEST. We can't believe that this time has come already, but you are prepared. What an honor to witness the incredible process of a life being formed, physically, mentally and spiritually. You should be proud of where you are, as we could not be prouder. May you lean on the wide, loving shoulders of our ever present Creator, and allow Him to take the seal, front and center, for what great things are yet to come. Thanks for allowing us to be your greatest fans.

We Love You No Matter What,
Dad and Mom

Tate Matheny.





Dear Rachel,

You bring your own unique qualities to us as a family and to those you will encounter. Your gift is desperately needed in a time when life's issues are painted with an array of gray mist. When you smile, you light up the world. When you speak, people listen; they actually have no choice! As we have said, we have great expectations of you and this next phase of life will prove what we have always said about you. Never doubt that GOD is for YOU and He will NEVER leave or forsake YOU. HE IS FOR YOU; JUST TRUST IN HIS WORD ALWAYS. IT NEVER FAILS!!!!!!!

Love You Forever,
Mom and Dad

Rachel Porter.

Life is fleeting, years rush past, and little boys grow up so fast. Ups and downs, triumphs and mistakes, laughter and tears. We remember it all and beam with pride! You are a man of integrity and character, with a gift of turning the mundane into amusement.

As we release you into manhood, we rely on your relationship with God to lead you. Live your values, choose wisely, live without regret and put God first.

We look forward to see where the Lord leads you on this journey of life and we are grateful to be a part of it! Our lives have been blessed and made richer because of you.

Love Mom and Dad



Camden Bridges.



Jocelyn Sheffield.

Jocelyn, The phone is ringing and Jocelyn is on the line! Always ready for good conversation—you have been a talker since you were a tot. It has been fun to watch your communication skills grow both in English and Spanish. You are a natural leader with a big heart and we look forward to seeing how God blesses the world through your gifts. We are grateful that you are part of this family.
Love, Mom, Dad, Klarissa & Jeremy

Live with...





Varsity Soccer.



JV Soccer.



Varsity Swimming.



Girls Golf.



JV Tennis.



Varsity Tennis.



JV Softball.



Varsity Softball.



Varsity Football.



Freshman Volleyball.



JV Volleyball.



Varsity Cheerleading.



Varsity Volleyball.



Cross Country.



Varsity Dance Team.



Freshman Basketball.



JV Basketball.

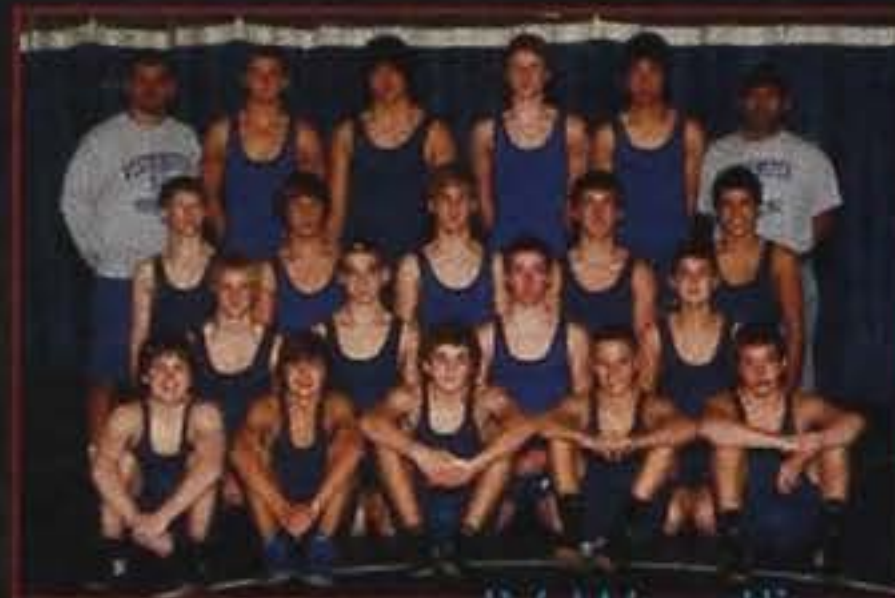


JV Cheerleading.





JV Basketball.



JV Wrestling.



Varsity Basketball.



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Varsity Wrestling.



JV Dance Team.



Varsity Swimming.



Middle School Softball.



Seventh Grade A Volleyball.



Seventh Grade Soccer.



Seventh Grade Football.



Eighth Grade A Volleyball.



Eighth Grade B Volleyball.



Eighth Grade Soccer.



Eighth Grade Football.



Eighth Grade Blue Volleyball.



Seventh Grade Red Volleyball.



Seventh Grade White Volleyball.





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Seventh Grade A Basketball.



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Seventh Grade B Basketball.



Seventh Grade B Basketball.



Seventh Grade C Basketball.



Seventh Grade C Basketball.



Eighth Grade A Basketball.



Eighth Grade A Basketball.



Eighth Grade B Basketball.



Eighth Grade B Basketball.



Middle School Dance Team.



Middle School Wrestling.



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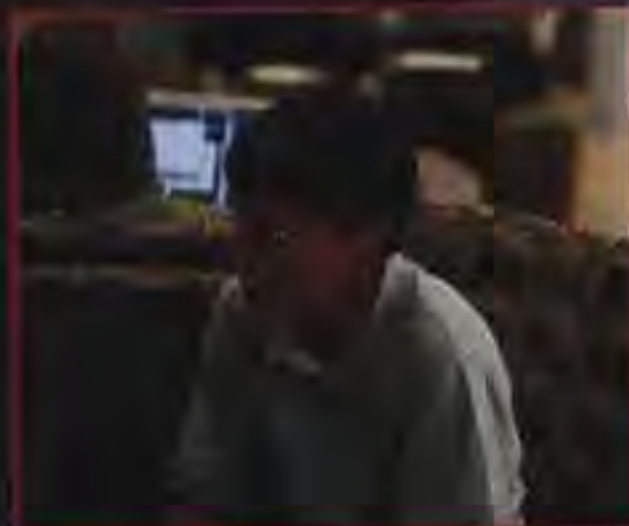
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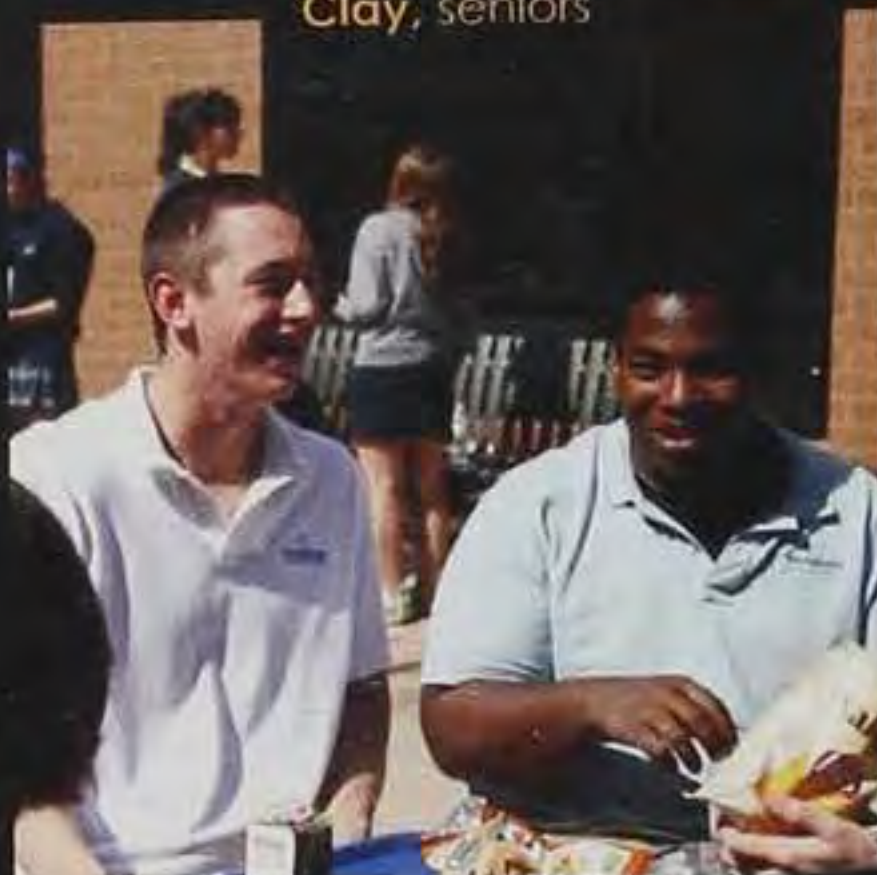
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Connor Einertson and Cameron Clay, seniors



Bria Baumgartner, junior



Kristine Maxey and Morgan Grimm, sophomores



Seth Mundorf, senior



On September 7, 1976, Clark Neuhoff experienced his first school day for his senior year of high school. Being the graduating class of one, he set the precedent and legacy for the seniors to follow.

Through the years, Westminster Christian Academy was blessed to relocate from the

FIRST



campus at Missouri Baptist,

to the

SECOND



campus at the former Sanford Brown Business College,



Christina Mason, Hannah Sabadell, Cameron Tate, and Madison Koetting, seventh graders



2011 GIRLS GOLF CLASS I
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 RACHAEL GARTNER
 ALEXIS HADGEMETER
 MADISE HAZLE
 MARGARET HUBBY
 JORDAN WELF
 COACH YOUNGER
 HEAD COACH - STEVE BRADLEY
 AID COACH - BEN JANDER



During Blue and White night, Jordan Harvey, freshman, fakes out Jacob Reagan, sophomore. Activities such as the Blue and White game and dinner took place for students to participate in.



Shawn Collins, senior



Bylesha, seniors



Kelsey Lamb, sophomore



Matthew Brown, junior



Hannah Heintz, eighth grade



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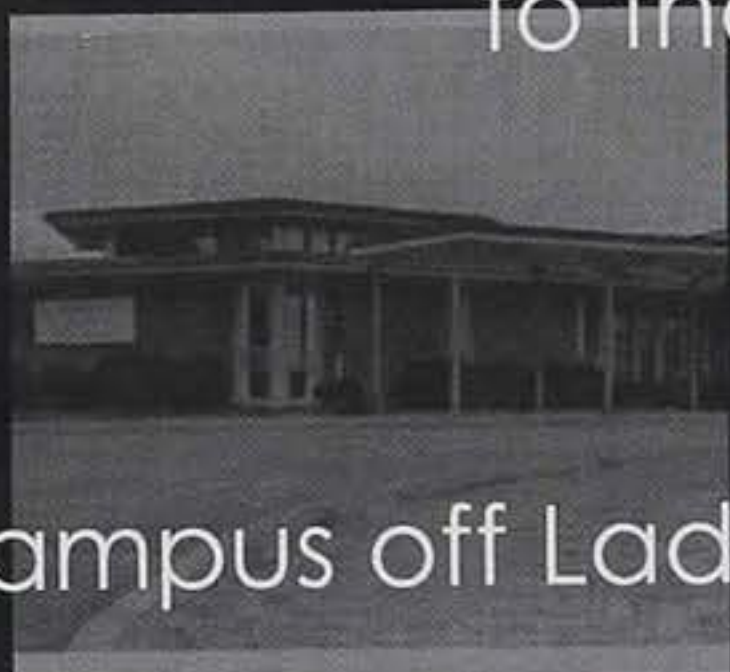


Sam Everheardt, eighth grade



Jordan Lamb, freshman

to the
THIRD
campus off Ladue Road,



to the
FOURTH
renovated campus off Ladue Road,



to the final
FIFTH
campus off of Maryville Centre Drive.



On May 21, 2012, 149 seniors were the first class to graduate from the new Town and Country campus.

The year marked many transitions and adjustments for the students.



Nick Lauer and Kaitlin Dowling, juniors



Samuel Thomas, sophomore



Jacob Buffa, senior



Lina Jin, sophomore



Eli Avery, seventh grade



Travis Ralls, sophomore



Khiley Giles, soph



peau, senior

Brian Goldfarb, senior

Robert Kinsinger, senior



During the Junior Peer Counselor retreat, **Minsok Lee**, eighth grade, runs through the Red Rover line. The retreat took place at Bluebird Park in Wildwood.



Sydney Seabaugh, sophomore, and Sophie Dunlap, eighth grade



Ryan Smith, sophomore



Amanda Radash, Marissa Harjoe, Rebecca Waller, and David Thomas, seniors

Christian Meeks, freshman

During Spirit Week, Nick Rosen, sophomore, participates in the balloon stomp game. The sophomores placed first in the game and received third place overall.



Caitlin M... seventh grade



Nick Frogge, eighth grade



Cailyn McCarthy, sophomore



Kate Harloe, sophomore

Nathan Jackson, sophomore

Bill Egan, Jesse Gruneisen, and Brian Fellows, juniors

Chris Cacciarelli, junior

Evan James, senior



Sansone and Olivia Welch,
eighth graders



Lucus Silkey, junior



Chloe McQuillan, sophomore



Wes Froeschner, senior



The change to a new campus allowed students to make their mark and find their voice in an untouched atmosphere. The expansion was designed to help further Westminster Christian Academy's vision of true community.

There are many games that have yet to be played, many musicals that have yet to be performed, many lessons that that have yet to be learned. There is much ahead of Westminster; the memories are only starting to be made.

Although the end is near for some, it is only the beginning.

What will you leave behind for campus number

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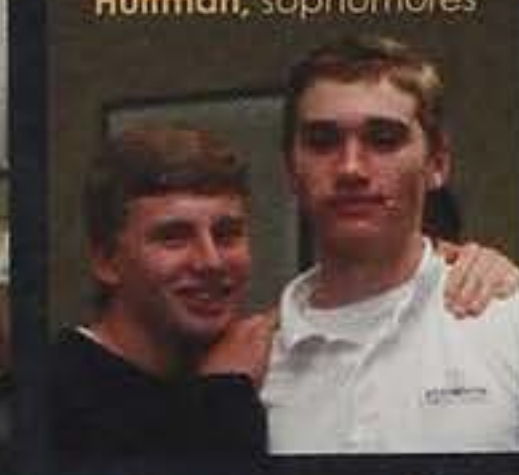
Jany Hardy, junior



Chloe Lee, junior



Grant Kitchens and Ben Huffman, sophomores



Seung Chan Jang, sophomore



Maddie Schuler, sophomore



Jared Meunks, sophomore



Ashlee Rogers, freshman



Maren Osterholt, sophomore



Emmanuel Logan, senior



Krystin Pritchett, seventh



Julia Peistrup, junior



Jacob Waller, sophomore



Lucy Sell, freshman



Mike Nothum, junior

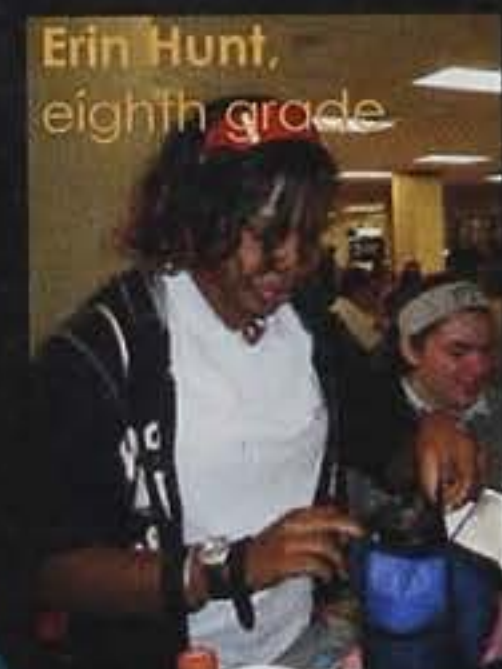


Grace Savage, junior

Caleb Winter, senior



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Erin Hunt, eighth grade



Christian Lindgren, sophomore



Anna Logan, seventh grade



Sarah McFarland, freshman



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Annie Hartwig, junior



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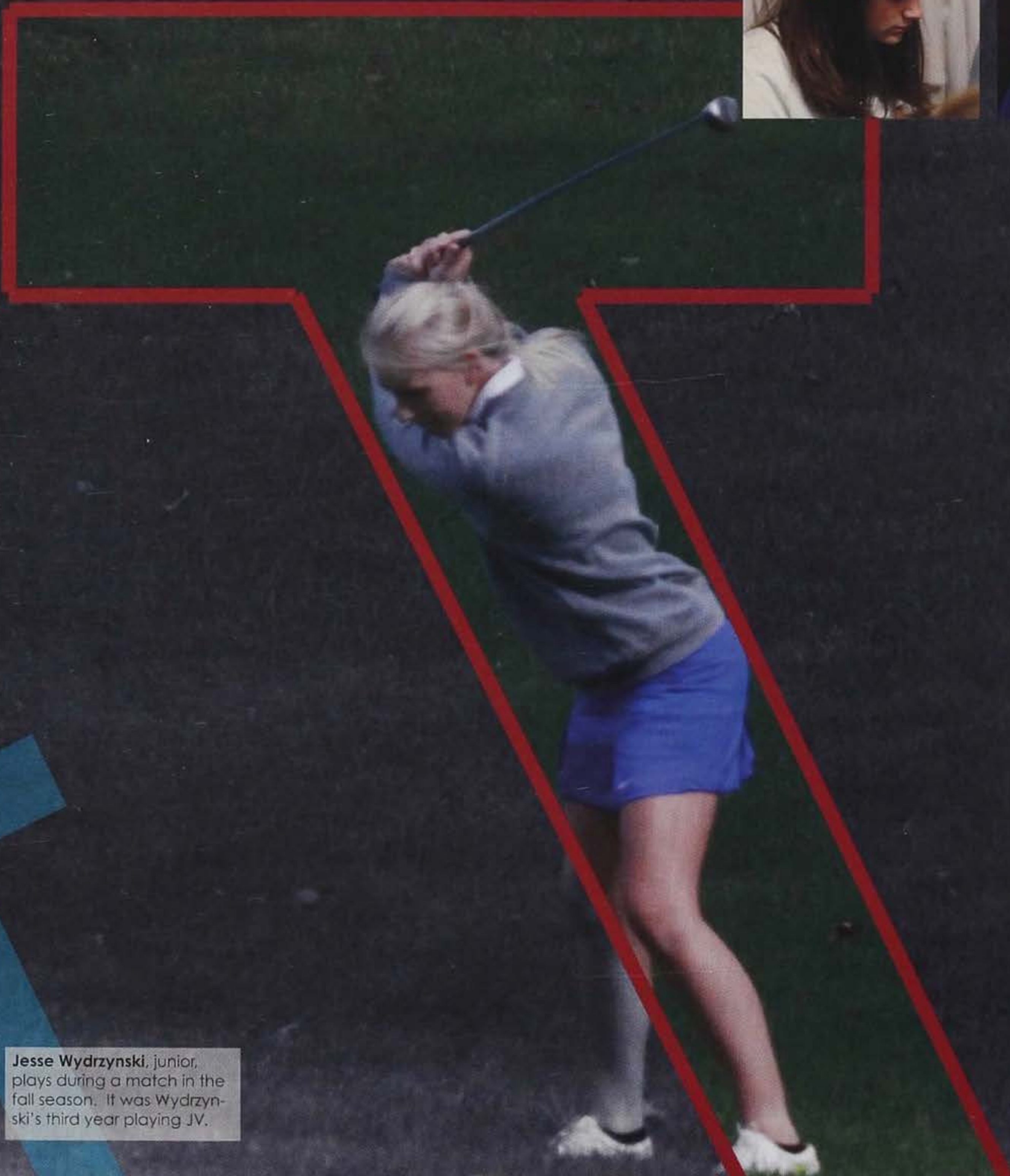
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Jesse Wydrzynski, junior, plays during a match in the fall season. It was Wydrzynski's third year playing JV.



Chase Sieller, sophomore



Fisher Wells, freshman



Sarah Bec

five words



an, freshman

Julia Guzdial, junior



Spring semester brought bluer skies, warmer weather, and a feverish anticipation for the release from school. As spring sports began and the seniors' college choices were totally completed, the atmosphere changed so immensely it was practically tangible. Though these events occur each closing of the school year, the 2011-2012 spring semester marked a time of distinction.



Miranda Motuszewski, seventh grade



Christian Linhoff and Ben Lynch



Kendrea Cobb, eighth grade



Michael Fiore, freshman

Westminster's **FIFTH** chapter established the community as a standout: bringing home numerous and new honors in sports and making impacts on those in need. Whether you were a new seventh grader, a nervous freshman, or an established senior, each student played a role in creating the new chapter for Westminster Christian Academy.



Emily Baum, freshman



Austin Port, freshman



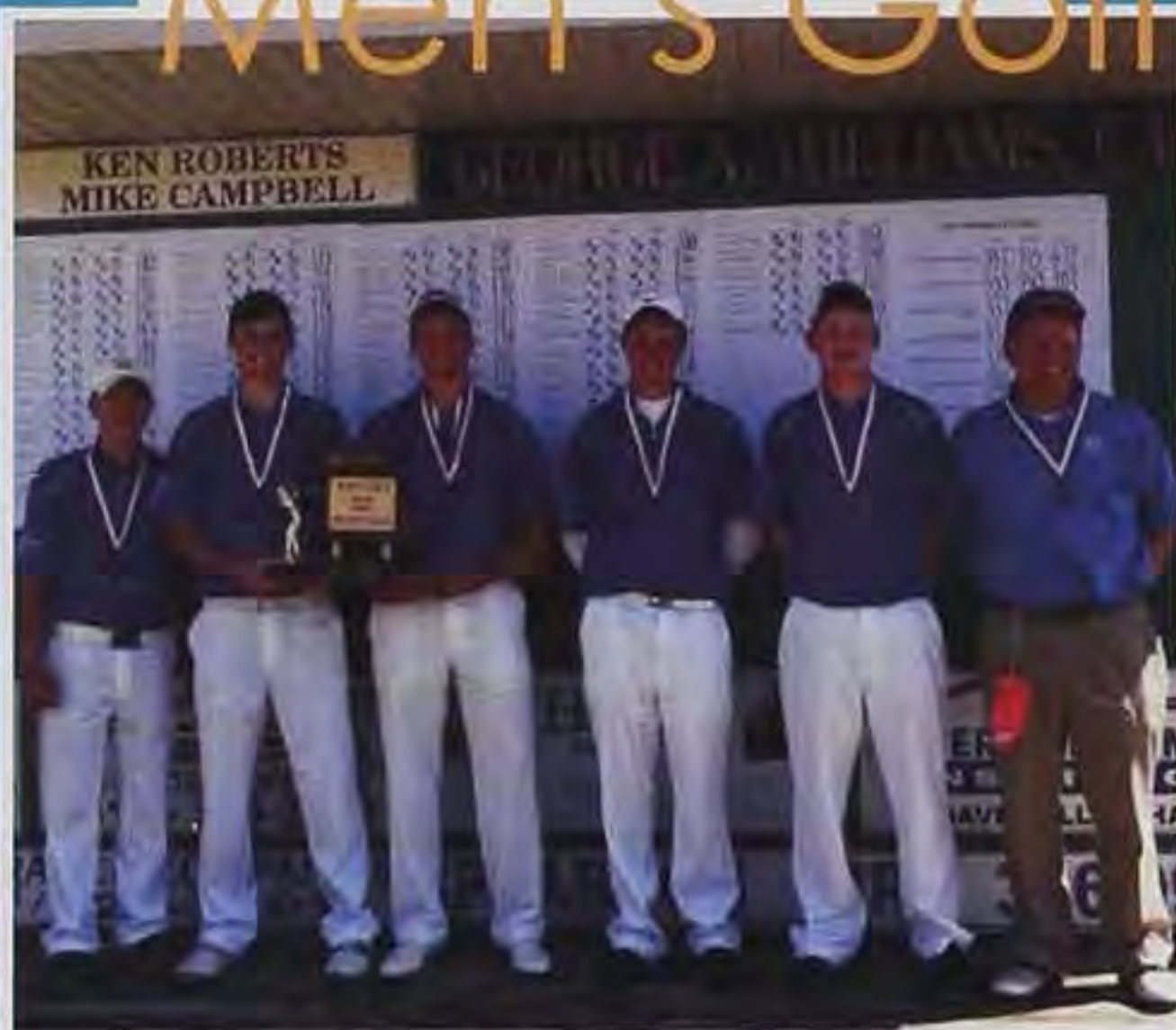
John Moeller, freshman



Sterling Burton, eighth grade

Glory Road.

Men's Golf.



The boys varsity golf team had tasted the championship before in 2010 when they won state golf. In the spring of 2011, the team had to find replacements for three key seniors that graduated. The team clinched second, only nine strokes behind the first place team. "I think we had the best team at that tournament. I wouldn't have traded any of our guys for anything," said Kevin VandeKamp, senior.

"Making it to state is tough," said Kevin VandeKamp, senior golfer. Shortcuts cannot be taken if someone wants to be the best. There are a number of teams at Westminster that sought to be the best in their sports and made it to the tournament. In the past year, Westminster had six teams and two individuals make runs to state tournaments to prove that they deserved to be number one.

These six teams and individuals did not just happen to make it as far as they did. Each of them worked just as hard during the off season as they did in season. "You have to give up a lot of time and have the drive to get better, but the reward in the end made it all worth it," said VandeKamp. "It took hard work, sacrifice, determination, and confidence. We all put the work in during practice and the offseason to give ourselves the chance to win a state championship. We all sacrificed our time in order to put the work in by practicing on Saturdays and staying after to get extra work in," said Connor Larson, varsity baseball player.

The reward is not felt immediately, but once the team makes it to the end of the final day to lift the trophy, no matter what place they received, the feeling is indescribable. "The feeling is incredible, it was impossible to stop smiling. Its one thing to know we have it won, but its amazing to hear your name called up as the first place champ," said Margaret Moore, senior.

Dance.



For the third year in a row, the Westminster Varsity Dance Team received second place at the Missouri State Competition. In the 2011-2012 season, the team placed first in the Hip Hop division and second in the Pom division, coming in second by a total of three points. "It felt very rewarding to get second at State. We worked so hard all season and it was so worth it," said Anna Franceschelli, senior co-captain. "Nothing compares to the feeling you get when you perform to the best of your ability with teammates you love," said Meg Rasche, senior captain.

Women's Golf.



The girls varsity golf team knew how it feels to be in the state tournament. The team had picked up third place two years in a row. In the 2011 season, the championship-hungry team wanted to change the results. "We all just played the game we love, and it turned out in our favor time after time," said Margaret Moore, senior captain. The girls won state by a more-than-convincing ninety-one strokes. "I think we won humbly which was my favorite part," said Rachael Gantner, senior.

Baseball.

The varsity baseball team had not been able to win state even with Major League bound athletes. However, in spring of 2011, the Wildcats finally accomplished their goal of winning the title. "The feeling was like none other. It was probably the most rewarding moment I have ever felt. Rewarding because of all the hard work we put in as a team and as individuals. Rewarding because we achieved our goal alongside of our brothers and best buds," said Connor Larson, senior.



Softball.



The softball team traveled to Springfield, Missouri in 2012 in order to compete in state- something a Westminster softball team had never experienced. The team never assumed they would make it to state, "Districts was tough, but we were confident we could make it through," said Kelly Goebel, sophomore and two-year varsity player. The team played tough competition and placed fourth. "State is exciting. It was different because we played on a college softball field and the level of competition was higher," said Goebel.

Women's Basketball.



Going where no other girls basketball team has gone before, the 2011-2012 team marched through sectionals to the state finals in the Mizzou Arena. "I wanted more than anything to get state with the team that I love. We all knew that we could get there and go further than the year before, so we did what it took to get there," said Courtney Powell, senior. The girls proudly brought home a fourth place trophy for the school.



Grab a partner!

[E]very spring, WCA's STUCO puts on a girls-ask-guys event for high school students. The past several years, STUCO had hosted a hoedown with square dancing and Old Western-themed dressup.

Brianna Degroot and James Zandstra, juniors, had attended the event together for three years straight. Each year, Degroot came up with a new way of asking Zandstra to go with her. "Freshman year, I put a note in his locker of a wanted sign with a picture of his face on it. Sophomore year, I baked him a cake. This year, I decorated his car with bright paints," said Degroot. Zandstra was most impressed with idea Degroot's idea in 2012. "My car is so beat up that it was nice to have something interesting on it for a change," said Zandstra.

"I do a much better job asking Brianna to CB," said Zandstra. The friendly competition encouraged Degroot and Zandstra to outdo each other with creativity revolving around CB and JSB.

The hoedown proved eventful for the thrid-time-returing pair. "During one dance with Ryan He, Sea Sirislip, Sunny Park, and Mandy Scott, everyone was going the wrong way. It got chaotic," said Degroot. The night consisted of plenty of laughter, dancing, and fun for those who attended. Zandstra thought more girls should take the initiative to invite a guy. "Many of our friends go, but, in the past, a lot of people haven't gone because they didn't have a date. More girls should start asking guys!" said Zandstra. Whether more girls started to ask guys or not, Zandstra and Degroot planned not to miss their last hoedown with their friends senior year.

Bennett Lewis, junior, peers over the gym during the hoedown. "The hoedown is WCA's most underrated event. More people should go," said Lewis

Jack Dohr, junior, and **Jensen Holt**, sophomore, meet in the middle during a square dance. "It was my second year going. It's a good way to spend time with friends" said Dohr.



Serving their fellow students, **Laura Brands**, senior, and **Amber Terschak**, junior, fill up cups of lemonade at the spring event. The event was put together and hosted by STUCO members including Brands and Terschak.



Mary Wynn and **Kelly Goebel**, sophomores, pose for a picture behind the old western cutouts. "My favorite part was switching partners and dancing with people I didn't know that well" said Wynn.



During the hoedown, **Austin Raines** and **Cailyn McCarthy**, sophomores, dance together. Students shuffled through the circle, so they ended up having several different partners before the end of the song.



Lucy Wynn and Max Lindstrom, seniors, dance with each other during the spring event. "I'm really good friends with Max so we had a lot of fun together, but we also enjoyed mingling with our other friends," said Wynn.



the popular promenade.



Akos Bartha, junior, promenades **Brianna Richardson**, freshman, around their square during the hoedown. "I wanted to go to the hoedown so I dragged one of my friends with me. It ended up being very fun," said Bartha.

Promenading around the square, **Taylor Pfeifer** and **Annie Schlafly**, sophomores, smile at each other. The dance consisted of promenading, do-si-dos, and swinging around corner partners.

Landon Burke, senior, and **Hannah Geisz**, freshman, dance together at the spring event. Burke was the president of STUCO.



Technicolored

The spring musical, "Joseph and the Technicolored Dreamcoat," is a new take on the Bible story about Joseph son of Jacob. It is told from the narrator's perspective instead of just Joseph's perspective. This play's central message is not to become too prideful in what you do.

Being a senior, this was Andrew Gordon's last performance for the Westminster drama department. He had participated in plays since he first came to Westminster, making a grand total of 11 dramatic appearances. This past year Gordon had been in every play including the fall play *Romeo and Juliet*, the winter play *Company of Wayward Saints*, and the spring play *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolored Dreamcoat*.

Next year Gordon will be studying in the BFA acting program at Missouri State University. "It makes me sad to think about not being in any more plays or musicals with my friends and awesome directors but I look forward to a new beginning in my life in college," said Gordon.

This play had many different elements in it making it unique. "This is the first musical I've been in with so many collaborating elements, like dancers, childrens chorus, and cool sets," said Gordon. Now that there was a new theater to perform in, the actors and performers had an even better time breaking a leg.

Jocelyn Sheffield, Jessie Owens, seniors, and Andrea Reed, sophomore, practice a dance to a song in the play. "I love to sing, act, dance and being with all of my choir and drama friends," said Owens.



Hannah Geisz, sophomore, and Ryan He, junior dance together during the mega mix. The mega mix was a ten minute song after the play where the cast took their bows.

Jocelyn Sheffield, senior sings a solo during practice. Sheffield was one of three narrators telling the story of Joseph.

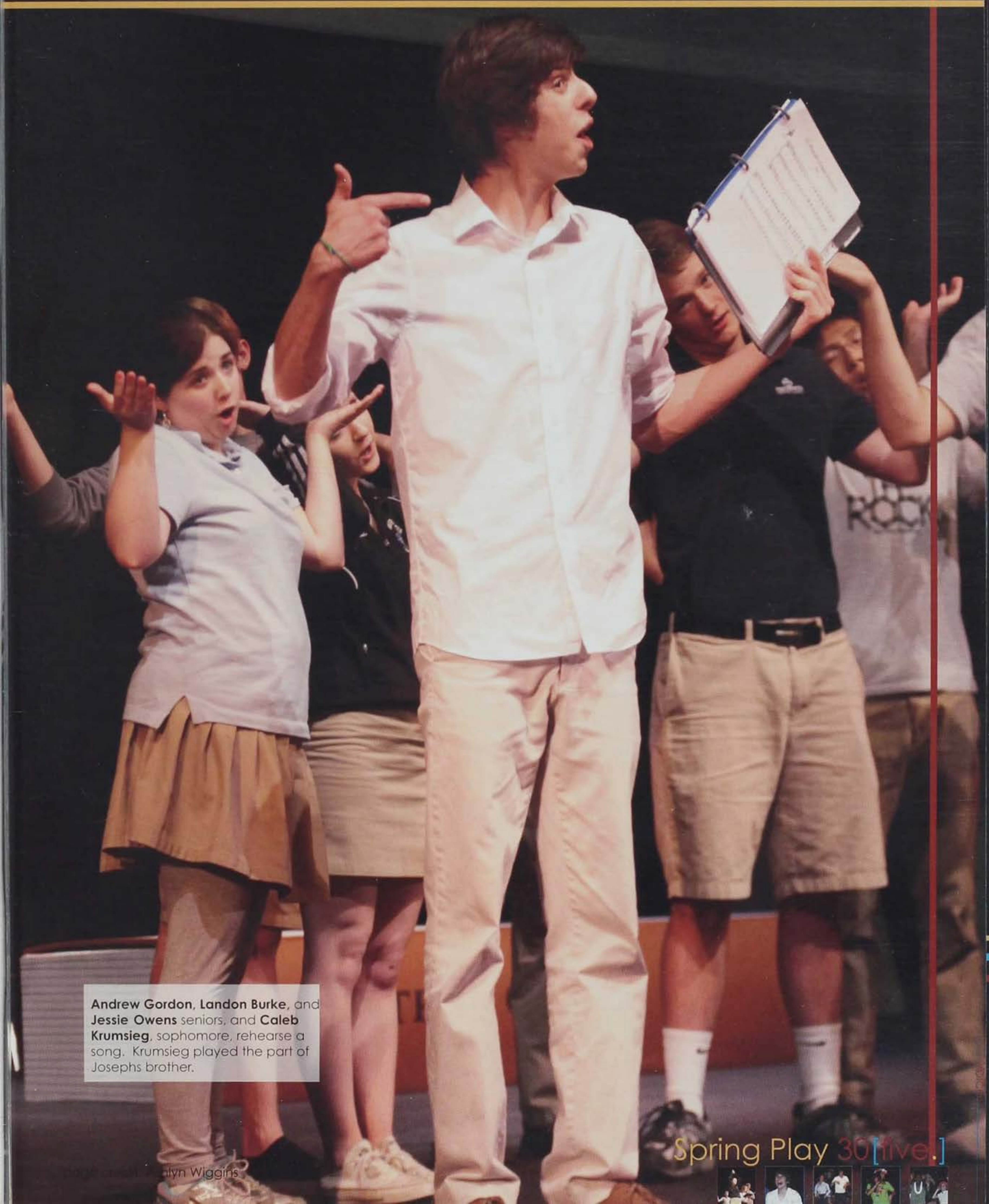


Taylor Hughes, Andrew Gordon, and Landon Burke, seniors rehearse a scene in the spring musical. Gordon was also the lead in the fall musical, *Romeo and Juliet*.

During practice, Mary Heyl, Anna Hagan, and Jessa Stone, freshmen, rehearse the finale. "My favorite song in the play is "Those Cannan Days," said Stone.




The cast of *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* rehearse one of the ending songs of the *Joseph*



Andrew Gordon, Landon Burke, and Jessie Owens seniors, and **Caleb Krumsieg**, sophomore, rehearse a song. Krumsieg played the part of Joseph's brother.

Calyn Wiggins





Alivia Johnston, seventh grade, works on her high jump during track and field practice. It was the first year that track and field had a high jump and mat to practice on.

First game, First goals.



Eryn Rideout, seventh grade, works her way around the defender so she can shoot. Rideout also ran track along with playing soccer. "My favorite part is honestly just running and I look forward to running with my friends and having a fun time while working," said Rideout.

On April 10th, the eighth grade and seventh grade soccer teams traveled to Principia. Both teams brought home a win.

"It felt great to win our first game and I know we definitely deserved it," said Kyrstin Pritchett, seventh grade. The seventh grade girls won their game 3 to 0.

The girls had practice weeks before their first game of the season, so the girls were excited to start off with a win. Callie McDonald, seventh grade, said, "We run drills and learn new foot skills and apply them to our scrimmage against the eighth graders. I can really see our team working together to become better."

In a similar manner, the eighth grader team won their game 6 to 1. "It felt good [to win against Principia]," said Azariah Foster, eighth grade. The girls had more games this season and they continued to win.



Jillian Combs and McKenna Montgomery, eighth grader, sprint the 50 yard dash in track and field practice.



During practice, **Valerie Winkler**, seventh grade, looks for the open cross. Winkler played midfield.



Ciarra Hampton, seventh grader practices her high jump during a track and field practice.



Faith Adamson, eighth grade, passes the ball to her partner during lacrosse practice. The girls pe class had a unit focused on lacrosse.



Allie Malloway, seventh grade, shoots the ball to score a goal for her team. Malloway was on the seventh grade A team.



Tessa Copeland, eighth grade, practicing her lacrosse passing.



During practice, **Caroline Hughes**, seventh grade, makes her way around a defender in a scrimmage. "It is hard to play in the heat, on the turf," said Hughes.



Annie Backs, eighth grade, dribbles the ball during a scrimmage in practice. "We always have a lot of fun, but still work hard," said Backs.



New Year New Track.

This year marked many changes for students, including the athletic facilities. Westminster Christian Academy had its first track. In previous seasons, athletes that chose to participate in track or cross-country had to use neighboring tracks to do their workouts. The girls team practiced down the street at Villa Duescene and the boys team practiced at MICDS. Now, the track Westminster runners use is no longer miles away, but it sits directly on campus.

The new track was happily received by the Westminster athletes. "Last year wasn't too bad but we had to practice with the Villa girls so we always had to share the track, some days it was really crowded. It's nice that now we don't have too," said Adrienne Kaup, senior. Not only do the girls love the new track but they also love the fellowship of the team, "I love being a part of the team and even if you do bad in a race you can still cheer for other team mates," said Lily Duell, freshman.

Sadly, many the seniors on the team that have been running for many years will only have one year of racing on their own track. "I hope that the Westminster track program keeps getting better as the years go on. And they get of host meets here in the years to come," said Courtney Powell, senior.

Following in their footsteps...

This year, Melissa Blackwell, sophomore, decided to run track. Her older brother Ryan Blackwell, class of 2007, was a state qualified athlete for track, and he holds many school records. Blackwell said her, "previous goals for the season were pretty high because of my brother, Ryan." Blackwell's dad was also a track star in highschool, so she set her standards high for herself. "I was looking forward to making those standards and dreams a reality." Unfortunately, she developed a stress fracture in her ankle and was not be able to run in the 2012 season. Blackwell hoped after the four weeks of therapy and rehab she would be able to run again in the future.

During the season, part of the warm up included the use of hurdles to strengthen muscles and increase flexibility.

Bailey Hiatt and **Saenea Williams**, freshmen, endure the pain in the squats exercise.



Running in the MICDS meet on April 10, **Laura Tarantino**, junior, sprints towards the finish line. Tarantino had been a varsity runner since her freshman year.

Megan Sexton, sophomore, hangs out with some of her teammates. "I love doing the hurdles, especially the 110 hurdles," said Sexton. Sexton also ran in some of the relays, including the 4x100 and the 4x200 meter-relay.



Kari Ford, junior, warms up for her first event. Ford participated in the shot put and discus throws.



Selah Chappeau, senior, warms up before practice. Chappeau enjoyed running the sprint races.



Cooling down after her workout, **Amber Terschak**, junior, runs around the in-field. "I enjoyed running the 800, it was a combination of a fast and distance race," said Terschak.



Adrienne Kaup, senior, stretches out her muscles before track practice starts. Kaup ran the mile and two mile races. "I love our track team, we have so much fun together," said Kaup.



Andria Graeler, senior, returns the ball to her offense after defending the goal. It was Graeler's second year playing the goalie position.

Guarding her player on the Ladue Rams, **Rachel Gantner**, senior, plays defense. Gantner served as one of the captains.



Jensen Holt, sophomore, takes a shot against the Eureka goalie. Holt played as a swing on both the JV and Varsity teams. She also led the JV team as one of the captains after just learning lacrosse for the first time.



Fighting against the Ladue Rams, **Mary Snapp**, junior, scoops the ball from the field. Snapp served as a captain for her team. "She's like a little angel off the field and a ravage monster on the field," said Anna Kuiper, sophomore.

Haley Woolbright, sophomore, sprints down the field looking for a pass. Woolbright played Varsity mid-fielder for freshman and sophomore year.



Running off the pick, **Avery Anderson**, senior, heads for the goal. Anderson served as one of three captains.

Bekah Sharp, sophomore, scoops the ball from the grass. Sharp played low defense for the JV team.

Piñata Party!

When one walks in on a lacrosse practice, he or she may expect to see balls being passed, goals being scored, or players running laps. However, on March 20, one would have seen a piñata, named Austin, sitting on the sidelines.

"I was at an authentic Mexican restaurant and I saw [a piñata], and it reminded me of my lacrosse team," said Jordan Weber, sophomore. Weber presumed that the piñata would provide a good means for the girls to relieve stress after a rough and stressful week. "I thought it would be fun to share a random, crazy thing like a piñata together," said Weber.

After "Austin," the blue and white smiling piñata, watched practice, the JV and Varsity lacrosse teams broke him open to see what candy awaited them inside. "There were blow-pops inside and we ate all of them," said Olivia Coomes, freshman. The teams enjoyed an interesting and new post-practice experience. "At the end of a hard practice, we got to goof off... and eat yummy candy," said Annie Canfield, sophomore.

"We got a good laugh out of a rough practice," said Weber. Why a lacrosse player brings a piñata to practice some may wonder, but the thrill and memories of an exciting, piñata-filled practice will stay in the minds of the players for a long time. "We loved playing with him," said Sydney Arnold, freshman.



Rebecca Krause, senior, looks to catch the ball in the air. Krause was one of the team's mid-fielders. "She definitely adds energy and peppiness to the team. We call ourselves the Prank Sinatras," said Haley Woolbright, sophomore.



During the game against Clayton, **Sarah Becker**, sophomore, goes in for a 50-50 ball. Becker primarily played defense during the season.



Megan Johnson, freshmen, leads the warm up of three file jogging. "Megan is a really good leader," said Kaylie Duke, junior.



Natalie Bell, junior, makes a move around the Clayton defense. "At the game we worked really hard and pushed through," said Bell.



Mackenzie Yeager, sophomore, jumps to settle a ball. Yeager played center midfield.



Callie Christen, freshmen, kicks the ball away from the goalie's hands. Seconds later, Christen scored her first goal of the season.



Emily Sulewski, freshmen, warms up before a game against Clayton. Sulewski was one of the two goalies. She would play goalie for half the game and **Esther McGowan**, sophomore, would play for the other half. Both Sulewski and McGowan started off the season with a shutout against Notre Dame.



2 is Better Than 1.

From the start, Coach Pritchett was without a goalie for her JV team, but at the last minute, two girls stepped up to the plate. Esther McGowan, sophomore, and Emily Sulewski, freshmen, decided to lend the soccer program a hand or two. With a new field it seemed like the perfect time to play.

McGowan was the goalie the previous year alongside Becky Weiss, senior, but she was not sure if she wanted to return. With much contemplation and a little persuasion, McGowan was convinced. Similarly, Sulewski was not sure if she wanted such a big responsibility, but she joined the team regardless. "They bring life to the team" said Megan Johnson, freshmen.

The two goalies were able to practice together. They also worked with boy's varsity goalie Ben Evans, junior, who trained them in his knowledge. McGowan and Sulewski bonded well because they were constantly with each other during all the drills and practices. "Yeah Emily and I have gotten really close because neither of us really know what we're doing but we've had a lot of fun," said McGowan. They even got matching goalie jerseys from Todd Zell, athletic director.

The team benefited from having two goalies because if something happened to one, there was the other to step in. "They are funny and carefree but when it comes to the games, they really turn it on. They are great to have on the team," said Natalie Bell, junior.



Kendall MacDonald, sophomore, dribbles her way through two defenders. The girls mercy ruled Burroughs and had to end the game with 17 minutes left.



Rachel Ritter, freshmen, sprints past the Burroughs defense. The team jammed to songs such as "Fantastic Baby" on the bus rides to games.



Mary Wynn, sophomore, passes the ball over her opponent's leg to her teammate. One tradition of the JV team was to have a Chik-Fil-A lunch together after their practices on days off school.



Sarah McFarland, freshmen, dribbles the ball around her Burroughs opponent. McFarland played a defensive position for the JV team as well as for a select Scott Gallagher team.



Women's JV soccer 31 [three.]





During the game against Villa, **Chloe Carnahan**, senior, dribbles away from an opponent. Carnahan had played varsity for four years, and she played almost every position throughout her career at Westminster.

Done Growing.

For the past 2 years, the Westminster Girl's soccer team had been relatively young. Like any young, immature team, after tough losses they would say that they learned from the experience and had the chance to continue to develop. In their 2011 season, the team was done growing up.

"I do feel pressure, but it's a good pressure. We don't have a single weak upperclassman on our team and each one contributes in some major way," said Chloe Carnahan, senior. Sarah Jane Fiala felt pressure coming in as one of three freshman who made the team. "Well, at first it was a little intimidating, but I like playing with upperclassmen because they all know what they're doing," said Fiala.

Two years ago, the girls lost in districts to Visitation, the team that would be the state champ the next two years, in overtime. "It was obvious after the loss that we were not losing many key players, and there was hope that we could be a threat to them in the future," said Shelby Kehr, junior.

Something common and cliché teams say, is "This is our year." As dumb as it sounds, it held true for the girls varsity team. They had eight returning seniors, six juniors, three sophomores, and three freshman. "This year's roster creates a huge opportunity for us to go far," said Carnahan.

Comic Relief:



"[Karlee Heinemann] has the best sense of humor and always says the funniest things at the right time."
-Margaret Moore, senior



Margaret Moore, senior, speeds up the field in a home game. Moore played center midfield with her sister **Caroline Moore**, sophomore.



Ellie Huffman, senior, strikes the ball during the game against Villa. Huffman also played softball, and was going to play at SLU after graduation.

Second year varsity player **Caroline Moore**, sophomore, looks for a cross during the John Burrough's game. Moore played midfield.



Shelby Kehr, junior, kicks the ball in the game against Burroughs. Kehr took most of the free kicks and corner kicks.



Meg Rasche, senior, dribbles the ball down the wing of the field during the Villa Game. It was Rasche's fourth year playing varsity.



During the home game against Burroughs, **Sarah Jane Fiala**, freshman pulls a move against an opponent. Fiala also played tennis in the fall.



Brittany Zee-Cheng, senior, shields off a opponent. The team beat Burroughs 7-0.



Summer Smith, junior, intercepts a pass made by a player on the visiting team, Villa. It was Smith's third year on varsity.



During the Villa game, **Courtney Beat**, freshman, serves the ball. Beat was one of the few freshman to make varsity.

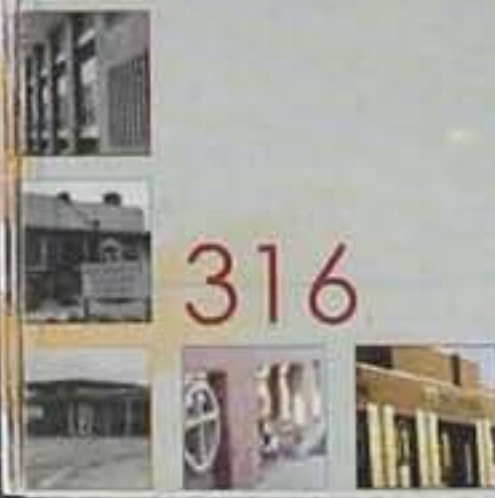
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Andrew Montgomery, seventh grade, goes for a ground stroke during practice on Tuesday after school. "I've played tennis since I was a kid, all year round since I was nine. I just like playing tennis, it's my favorite sport," said Montgomery at lunch.

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Achieve.

During practice, **Sam Hunsicker**, eighth grade, serves the ball. "I've played tennis for four years, and my brother Joe plays division 1 at school so i guess i wanted to be like him," said Hunsicker.



Records are meant to be broken; however, when students like Jack Dohr, junior, set a pacer record of 137, breaking the middle school record becomes a task. It took four years, but on the week of March 26th the record in the pacer was broken by eighth grader Zach Hughes.

The pacer was a physical activity often completed in PE to test endurance. It consisted of running back-and-forth on the volleyball court to a CD that recorded the runs a student had completed. As the numbers began reaching the hundreds, it became obvious to the class that the boys still had a lot in them and the record could be broken. Once the man on the CD said "138" things began to heat up. Jordan Hawkins, Aaron Cook and Hughes were now competing to set the new record for the middle school pacer.

Cook and Hawkins reached 141, but Hughes pulled out the staggering 143 and set the new record. "I was really excited because I knew he was a junior, so the record's been around for awhile. People came up and started congratulating me, and Mr. Kerkhoff keeps track of all the track records, so it's my goal to get as many of those as possible," said Hughes.

Now, as middle classes continue to run the pacers for years to come, it will be Hughes' record that needs to be beat.



Daniel Schick, seventh grade, hits a pop fly during practice. "My dad really likes it, and its really fun! I started when I was like..six," said Schick.

During a middle school track practice, **Josh Stiener** and **Griffen Andersen**, seventh graders, run warmup laps.



Teddy Bacon, seventh grade, heads for homeplate after a hit into outfield. It was Bacon's first year playing for Westminster.

During practice, **Luke Peters**, seventh grade, throws the ball to his team mate. Peters played outfield.

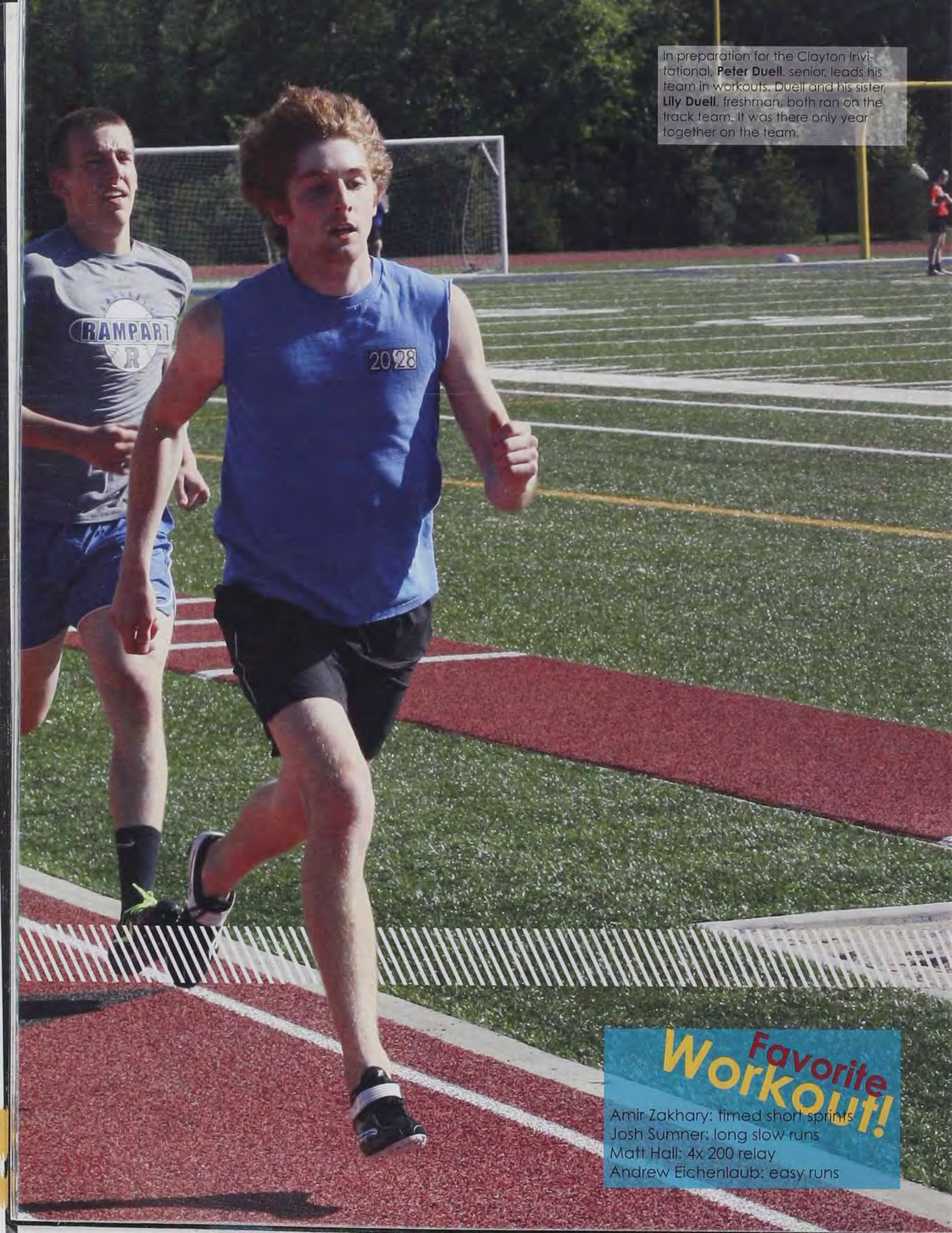


Stewart Snapp, eighth grade, goes for a back hand during tennis practice after school.



Jason Kelly, seventh grade, stands at the pitcher's mound during a middle school baseball practice. The team won there first game 7-4 against Priory.





In preparation for the Clayton Invitational, **Peter Duell**, senior, leads his team in workouts. Duell and his sister, **Lily Duell**, freshman, both ran on the track team. It was there only year together on the team.

Favorite Workout!

- Amir Zakhary: timed short sprints
- Josh Sumner: long slow runs
- Matt Hall: 4x 200 relay
- Andrew Eichenlaub: easy runs

ENDURING TO THE FINISH LINE

"The new track is beautiful, and it gives track members a sense of unity. We all motivate each other and it truly keeps our team close-knit and effective," said Amir Zakhary, junior. The men's and women's track team warms up together and encourages each other during practices on the new track. In previous years, both teams practiced at different locations, yet in the 2011 season, the track team used their facility to practice together and build each other up.

Before their meets, the boys prepared by blasting music in the bus. During a meet, it was all a mind game. They had to trust that they could finish the race and persevere through the pain. "You need to have a lot of endurance and the will to succeed," said Andrew Eichenlaub, freshman.

With endurance, the boys were able to set personal records and many goals were achieved throughout the season. "My favorite part about track is the great feeling when I set a new personal record," said Matt Hall, junior. The team had a fantastic season. Endurance and Encouragement were two important factors of their great season.



Amon Kehr, freshman, gets ready for his workout by doing hurdle drills. Kehr was also in the Tae Kwon Do club.



During drills, Emmanuel Logan, senior, sprints through the turf field. It was Logan's first year in track.



During practice, Brendan Yeager, freshman, runs his workout for the day. In preparation for track, Yeager ran track in middle school.



Josh Sumner, freshman, is timed in preparation for an upcoming meet. Sumner also ran cross country.



Thomas Meyer, freshman, practices for his first meet. In the 4x800 relay, Meyer, Andrew Eichenlaub, Gavin Dodge, and Brendan Yeager, freshmen, placed second at CBC.



Samuel Wos, Matt Hall, juniors, and Micah Degler, sophomore, finish their warm up by climbing over hurdles. Degler ran a very fast 100m race to come in third in the CBC meet. He also made his own personal record in the 100m dash at the Affton meet.



Finishing their workout, Reagan Dykhouse and Amir Zakhary, juniors, jog around the track. Since it was Zakhary's first year at Westminster, it was also his first year on the track team.



Matt Brugner, senior, scopes out the greens for his next putt. "The key to a successful golf game is being able to putt. That's why I always make sure I scope out the greens before I putt," said Brugner. Brugner finished out the day with a great round.



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Legends in the Making

Names like Arnold Palmer, Bobby Jones, and Tiger Woods are names that have become legends as time goes on. Legends such as these men go on to have drinks named after them, movies made about them, and restaurants cluttered with pictures of them.

Seniors, Ryan Haxel and Kevin Vande Kamp had both proven to be on the same road to success. Both golfers had played varsity for four years and received multiple state titles. There is no doubt that they could become legends some day just as these other men have.

"Winning state sophomore year was something unlike I have never experienced before. There was no doubt in my mind that our team was going to win first, and I know that sounds cocky to say, but at the time no other team had the talent that we had on ours," said Haxel. "I have been so lucky to be able to play along the side of my best friend Kevin for all four years of my high school golf career."

For Vande Kamp, Golf had been a part of his life ever since he was a little boy. "When I was very young, I picked up a club and immediately knew that I loved golf. Ever since then I have made golf a big priority in my life and it has payed off to do so. Playing varsity golf four years has taught me many lessons that I believe were very important for me to hear that will benefit me in my future golf career."

Even though both Haxel and Vande Kamp were finished with their four year varsity stint, for their golf careers, it was just the beginning.



Kevin Vande Kamp, senior, putts on hole sixteen at Old Warson Country Club for the conference tournament. "It is such a privilege to be able to play this tournament there every year because considering how exclusive the course is," says



Drake Norman, junior, tees off on the ninth hole during the varsity conference tournament. It was Norman's very first shot of the day.



Austin Benefield, sophomore, putts to make par. Benefield ended with a solid round at Greenbriar Country Club despite the ninety degree weather.

Freshman, **Graham Stanfill**, scopes out the green for what he anticipated to be his last putt of the round. The round was Stanfills second match of his highschool golf career.

Blake Gierse, sophomore, sinks a putt on the green to finish out his round. The 2011 season was his second year playing for JV. "The school year gets so much better when golf season rolls around," said Gierse.

"Let's hit up the club."
 The players favorite clubs to play...

- St. Louis Country Club - Ryan Haxel
- Old Warson Country Club - Cole Norman
- St. Louis Country Club - Drake Norman
- Greenbriar Country Club - Dylan Andres



Gazing out over the fairway, **Ryan Haxel**, senior, looks at his perfect shot. Haxel finished out the round at Old Warson with a 76, taking the lead for the Wildcats. Haxel's score helped put the team in second place at the conference tournament.



Attitude Character Life.

It was a clear day as the sun shone down on the determined faces of the Westminster football players. Westminster's linebacker Justice Bartlett jumped up to catch an interception when his knees collapsed, causing him to fall. Bartlett pushed through the game, but he later found out that he had fully torn his ACL and meniscus.

"I was out for six months," said Bartlett. That moment had not only affected the rest of his football season, but it carried into the beginning of spring baseball. "I missed four [baseball] practices," said Bartlett.

Outside of the personal effect of his injury, Bartlett's injury also affected the rest of the team. He was the catcher for the team, "It affected them the first two games because I was not able to play," said Bartlett.

Despite some early hardships, the JV team was not kept down for long. They lightened the mood by having nicknames for each other. "Nathan Scott is called Dale because of a racer named Dale Earnhardt Jr., Corey Weinberg is 'Bonzo' and Ben Huffman is called 'Smiley' because he never stops smiling," said Luke Matheny, freshman. The team pulled through and finished strong.



"We sometimes have a dance off, and we like to show off our handshakes," said Andrew Colgrove, sophomore



Justice Bartlett, sophomore, anticipates the next pitch during a game. This was Bartlett's second year playing on the JV baseball team.



Daniel Berglar, junior, rounds third base to home plate, scoring a run. Since this was Berglar's first year at Westminster, it was also his first year on the JV baseball team.



Nathan Scott, freshman, pitches during the sixth game of the season. Scott pitched on April 3rd against John Burroughs.



After he hits the ball, **Joseph Curtis**, freshman sprints towards first base. This game was played against Hazlewood West at Westminster's new home field.



Before the game against Principia, **Tim Burgess**, junior, focuses on the task at hand. Burgess's focus helped the team beat Principia 20-5.



Chad Younger, sophomore, pitches during a JV home game. This was Younger's first year attending Westminster Christian Academy. Younger started on April 17th against Principia.



Beach Bound.

Each year for spring break, the baseball team travels to Vero beach in order to keep practicing and improving. Twenty-three boys went on the 2011 trip, and they played around five hours of baseball each day.

As is tradition, the new baseball players on the team got their heads shaved. "It was expected but really funny when they buzzed all my hair off" said sophomore Tyler Catlett. "I was surprised, but not happy. I have to admit though, I was impressed with Connor Larson's buzzing skills," said Collin Einertson, sophomore.

"The best memory off the trip was throwing Van Gilst into the pool as a team! But, we had a lot of fun this year" said Shane Benes, sophomore.

"We wanted to do something as seniors and Veege would never get in the pool or ocean so we decided to take the liberty of throwing him in the pool!" said Luke Turner.

Tate Matheny, senior, sprints to third base in the away game against Burroughs. Matheny planned to attend Missouri State after graduation, where he received a full ride to play baseball.



Ben Lovell, junior, is the teams starting pitcher. Lovell had been pitching for nine years. "The team this year is fully capable of winning a state championship," said Lovell.



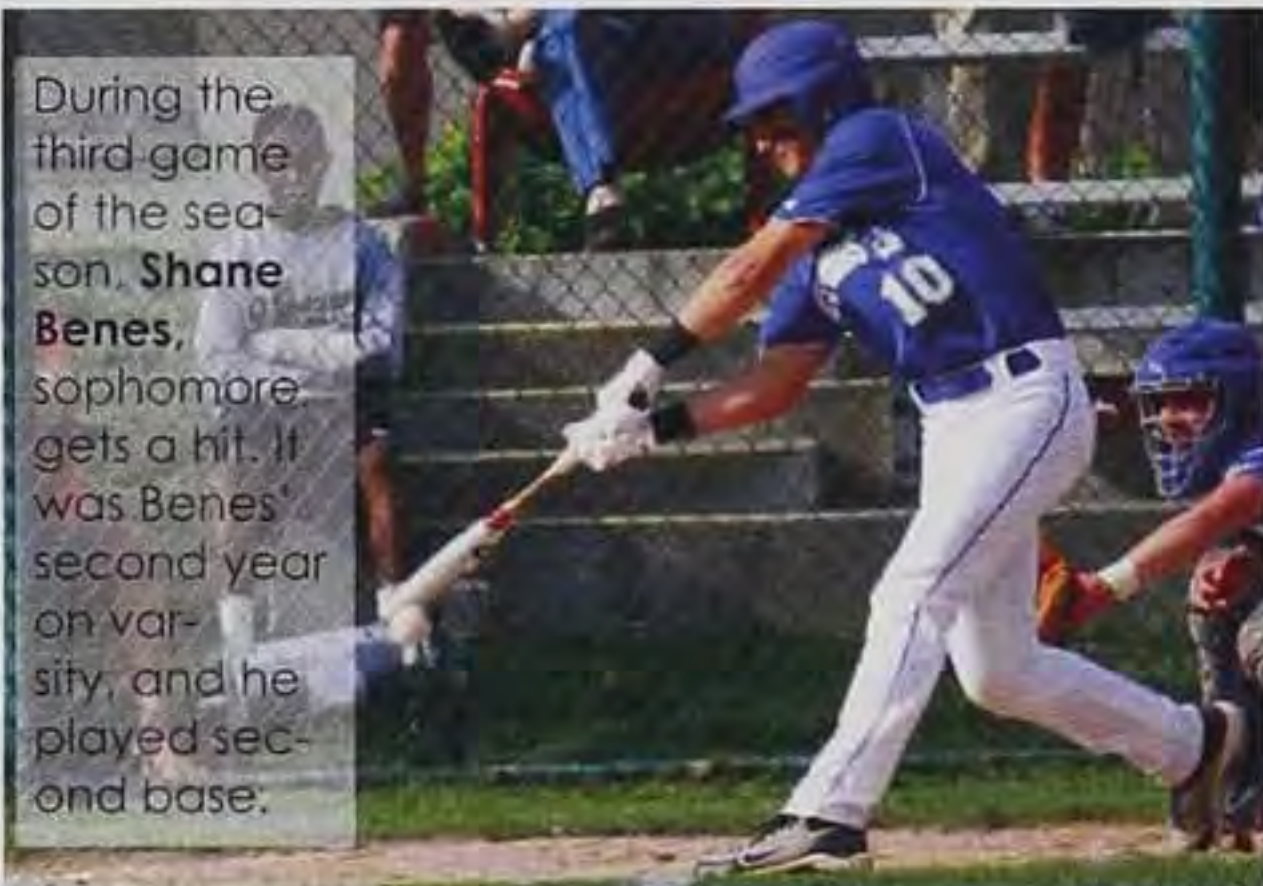
Connor Einertson, senior, swings at the ball, in the game versus Burroughs. Einertson was planning on attending DePauw University to play baseball.



History of Gamers.

Jordan Smith
Connor Einertson
Collin Einertson
Connor Larson
Mark McFarland

The Gamers is a summer league many of these boys have played on for years!



During the third game of the season, **Shane Benes**, sophomore gets a hit. It was Benes' second year on varsity, and he played second base.



Brett Bond, sophomore, is the varsity catcher. "I have been playing catcher for two years, and I really like it," said Bond.



Jacob Buffa, senior, throws the ball infield. Buffa also played soccer his senior year.

During the game against Burroughs, **Connor Larson**, senior, is congratulated for his good hit. "I have been playing baseball since I was three years old," said Larson. He is the teams starting shortstop and first batter, just like his junior year.



Luke Turner, senior, hits a line drive at a home game. Turner had been on varsity for four years.



Drew Straub, freshman, serves the ball. "My favorite thing about playing tennis is getting a really good serve in, or hitting a great forehand" said Straub.



During a doubles match, **Matthew Goebel**, freshman, serves against Belleville East High School. As a team, the Wildcats came in third place in the tournament.



At home, **Alex Kessel**, freshman, serves at a match against De Smet. Kessel won his doubles match, and the team beat De Smet 3-2.



Aaron Miller, senior, serves during his second match in the Belleville East JV Tournament. It was Miller's second year playing tennis.



Peter Kim, sophomore, hits a forehand during the first home match of the season. The team played a total of fifteen matches in their season.



Scott Rupprecht, sophomore, hits a backhand in a doubles match with partner **Jon McCoy**, freshman. Rupprecht and McCoy were seeded in the number two spot for the Wildcats.



3rd Year 3rd Place

The 2011 season was the third year that the JV tennis team played in the Belleville East JV Tournament. The tournament consisted of five high schools in Missouri and Illinois. Each boy on the team played either two or three matches throughout the day, and in order to increase their standings in the tournament, some of the players got the opportunity to play singles for the first time all season.

Alex Kessel, Matthew Goebel, freshmen, Aaron Miller, senior, and Scott Rupprecht, sophomore, were four players competing in their first singles match. "I got to play a number one seed, and it was a good opportunity for me to assess my own skill. It was a lot more competitive than I expected" said Alex Kessel, freshman.

At the end of the day, in the last set of the matches, the Wildcats fought for third place against Belleville East High School. For Jacob Waller, sophomore, his win to help his team clutch third place did not come easily. In the middle of his match, Waller fell on his knees. Luckily, Waller played through the pain and was able to win his match. Overall, the Wildcats were able to win three out of their last five matches, resulting in a third place win in their third year playing in the Belleville East JV Tournament.

Robert Rasche, sophomore, serves in a double match against Burroughs. Rasche and his partner, **Jacob Waller**, freshman, were the first seeded doubles team.



During a home match, **Jack Southwell**, freshman, hits a forehand shot. "My favorite thing about playing tennis is playing well and helping the team get a win" said Southwell.



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"A fun thing we do before each game is we get to start the matches off with counting one, two three, four in Korean, as a team."

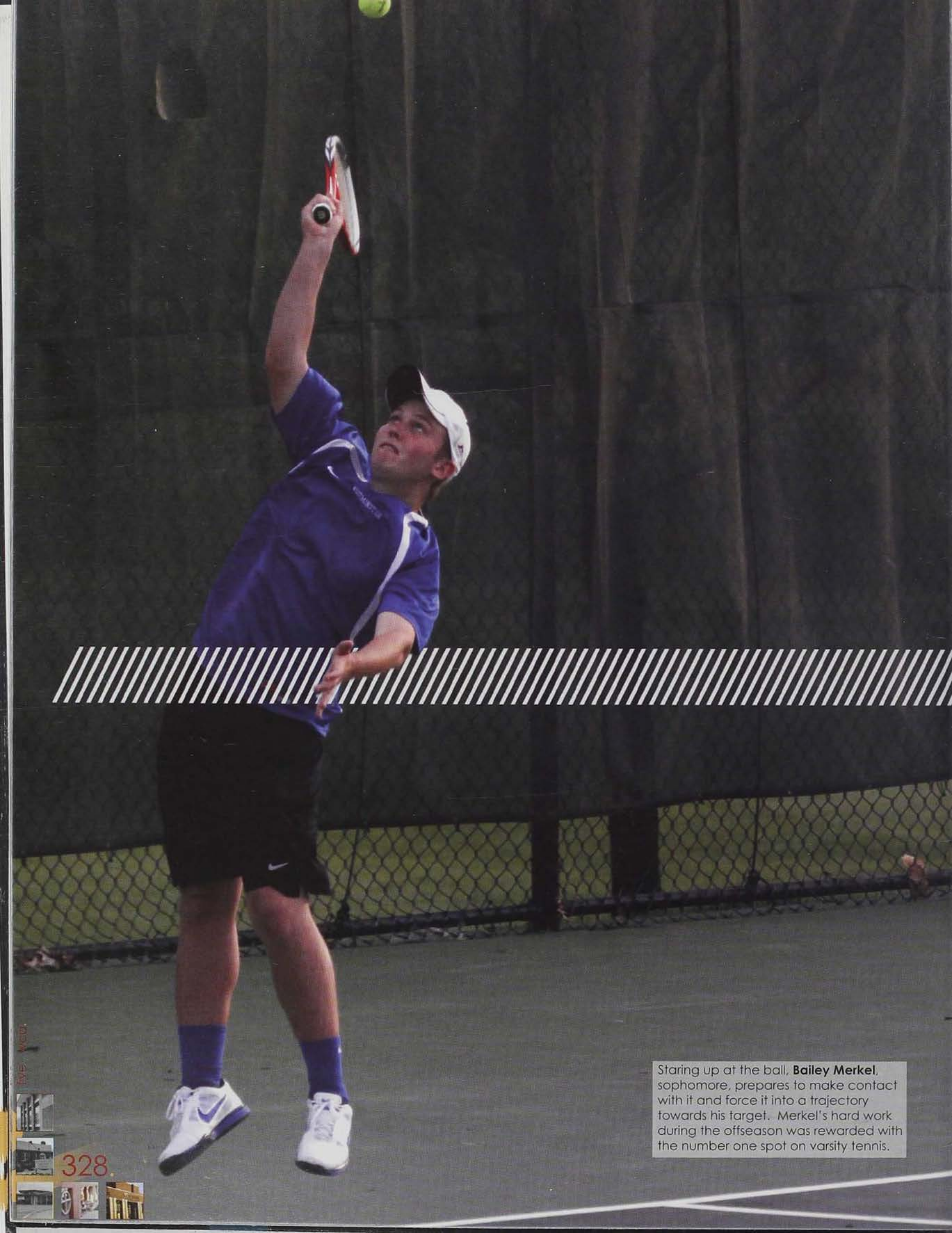
John Lee, sophomore

Jacob Waller, freshman, hits a ball during the Belleville East JV Tournament. "The most important thing I do before a match is I eat. Lots and lots of food. I mean large portions" said Waller.



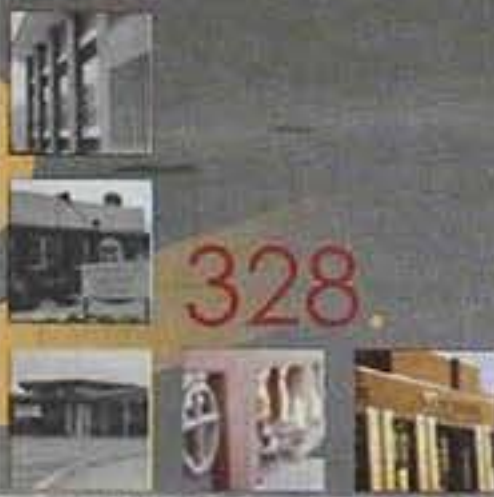
Men's JV Tennis 32 [seven]





Staring up at the ball, **Bailey Merkel**, sophomore, prepares to make contact with it and force it into a trajectory towards his target. Merkel's hard work during the offseason was rewarded with the number one spot on varsity tennis.

FIVE WOODS



The 13th Man.

When being involved in a sport, one of the most stressful and crucial parts of a season may happen before it even starts. In many cases, it can be the tryouts. After a long offseason of pushing yourself to get better, it is time to show the coaches the progress.

After a gruesome week of tryouts, many different players were "on the line" and head coach, Nathan Talley, had a tough time deciding who to keep. After much thought, Talley decided he would take thirteen players on the varsity team for the first time in Westminster tennis history.

Though having thirteen players caused one person to lack a doubles partner, it received good feedback from the team. "Having an extra guy or two is good for experience and he gets to play matches at a much higher level than JV," said Chris Griesedieck, senior. Although Griesedieck was a captain, he was unable to play because of a season ending injury to his shoulder. Jay Pannkuk, junior, believed that "it brings more depth to the team."



During practice, **Levi Marshall**, junior, volleys the ball back to his teammate. Marshall was also a member of the first ever robotics team his junior year.

Jay Pannkuk, junior, winds up to crush a ground stroke. "The match showed that I can grow as a player" said Pannkuk after a tough loss.



Zak Kessel, junior, smashes his first serve in the Clayton match. Kessel was the captain of the JV team his sophomore year.



Hunter Hughes, junior, prepares to hit his serve against his MICDS opponent. Hughes was the only playing captain his junior year.



During his MICDS match, **Sam Snapp**, sophomore, hits a lob. As a team, MICDS barely pulled off the win against Westminster with a 3-4 score.



Nathan Arnold, junior, focuses on the ball in the process of his serve. In this match, Nathan lost in the third set after a tough fight.

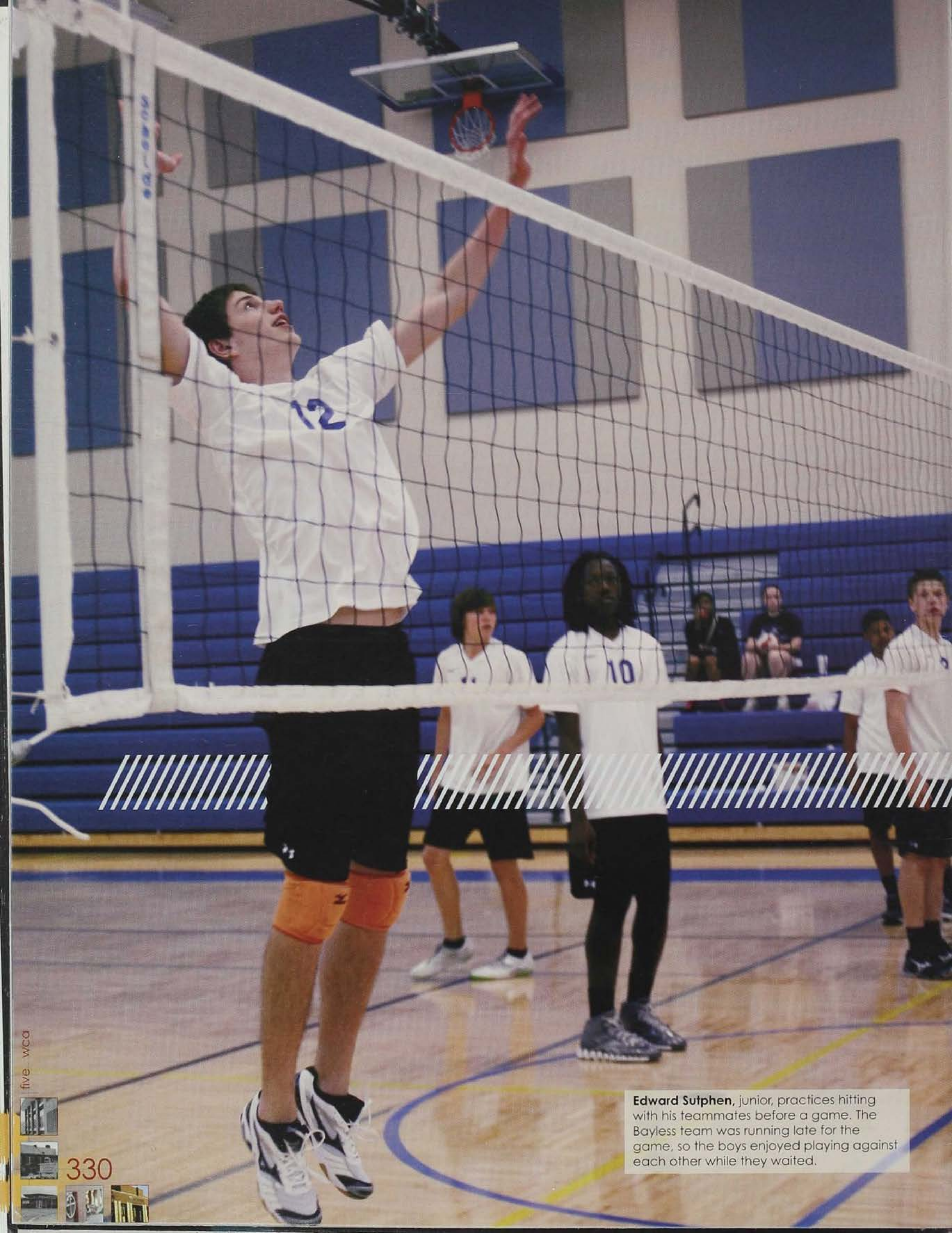


During the match against Clayton, **Bailey Merkel**, sophomore, hits a ground stroke. In his singles game, Merkel lost, but he also had the only win in the Clayton match in doubles with Derek Bell.



Derek Bell, sophomore, returns his opponent's serve. Bell started playing tennis in eighth grade and in his sophomore year, he was on the number one doubles team.





Edward Sutphen, junior, practices hitting with his teammates before a game. The Bayless team was running late for the game, so the boys enjoyed playing against each other while they waited.



To score on Vianny, **Miles Tucker**, sophomore, jumps up to spike the ball. "One of the funniest moments from a game was when Cameron [Hibbler] was serving. He hit Eddie [Sutphen] in the back of the head," said Tucker.

Theodore Muschany, sophomore, watches as Vianny serves the ball over the net. "No matter if we win or lose, coach has us say one thing we did well," said Muschany.

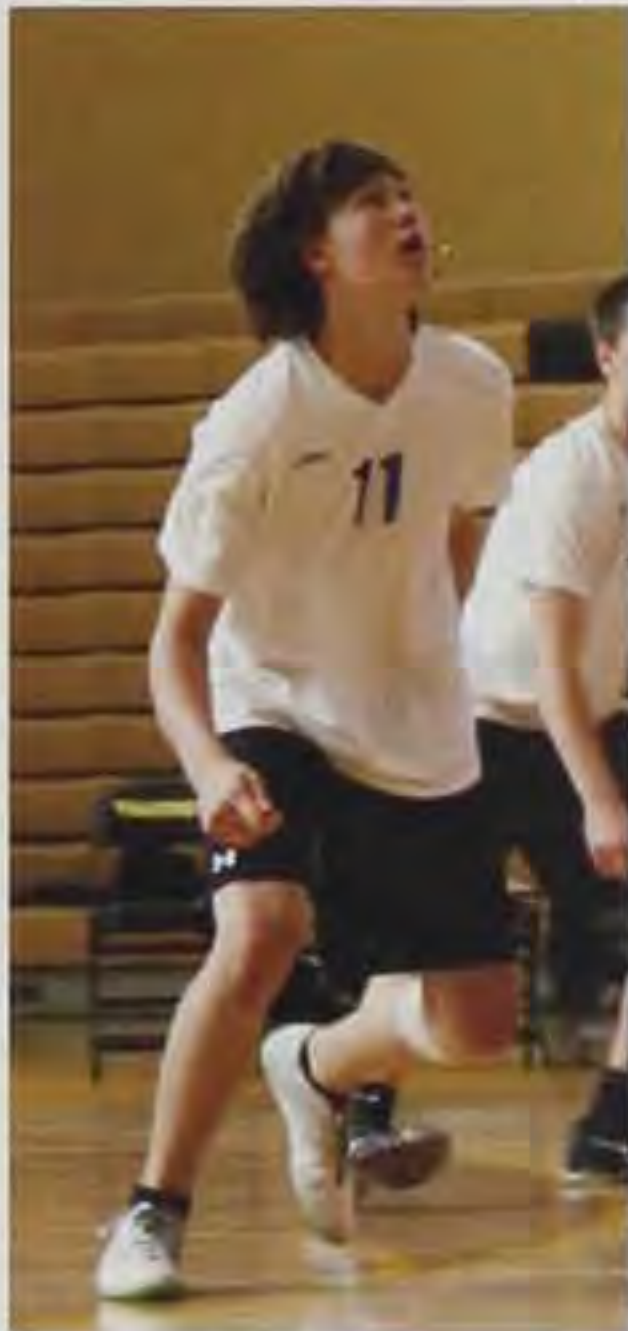
Brotherly Love.

Between a good serve and diving but missing the ball, the Boys' JV Volleyball team gave each other pats on the back. The best example of brotherly love on the team were brothers Edward, junior, and Blake Sutphen, freshman. The boys had never played before, but they had frequently watched their sisters.

Eddie not only gave advice to his younger brother, but he also took it. Eddie said that his little brother helped him improve by "giving me tips on things that I did wrong and would not have otherwise realized." In addition, having a little brother on the team was a "source of competition [and] motivation. I don't like the idea of him being better than me at volleyball, so I work a lot harder in practices to improve, get better, and stay better."

The younger brother was also challenged by his sibling. Blake said it was a huge benefit to have a sibling to drive him home after practices and games. Blake acknowledged that his older brother, being 6ft 5 in, was a good addition to the team.

Along with the Sutphen brothers keeping each other going and challenging each other, Bradley Alums, sophomore, said that having the brothers on the team was good "because they both have positive attitudes no matter the situation. [It] amplifies the team's spirit and it's fun to play with both [of them]."



"One time, all of the lights went off on the JV side of the court, the Varsity players came over to our side [and] attacked us with the volleyballs. We started to have one big dodgeball [game], that was really fun."

- **Joshua Behm**, freshman



The JV team huddles up during half time to talk about their game against Vianny. **Ben Gienke**, freshman, said that his coach taught him to "have strong hands and to communicate with other players."



Blake Sutphen, freshman, takes a rest while waiting for his opponent to serve. Stuphen said that one of his favorite memories was making weird noises when serving and "it's getting to be a habit."



Joshua Behm, freshman, bumps the ball during a home game against Bayless. "The most helpful thing I learned this year was to forget about the play before and just focus on the next play," said Behm.



Playing for his first year, **Bradley Almus**, sophomore, warms up before a match by practicing his spikes. Almus played football and was the manager of the boy's JV basketball for the second year.



Ben Gienke, freshman, serves the ball to the Bayless team. That afternoon, the Westminser boys lost only by two points.



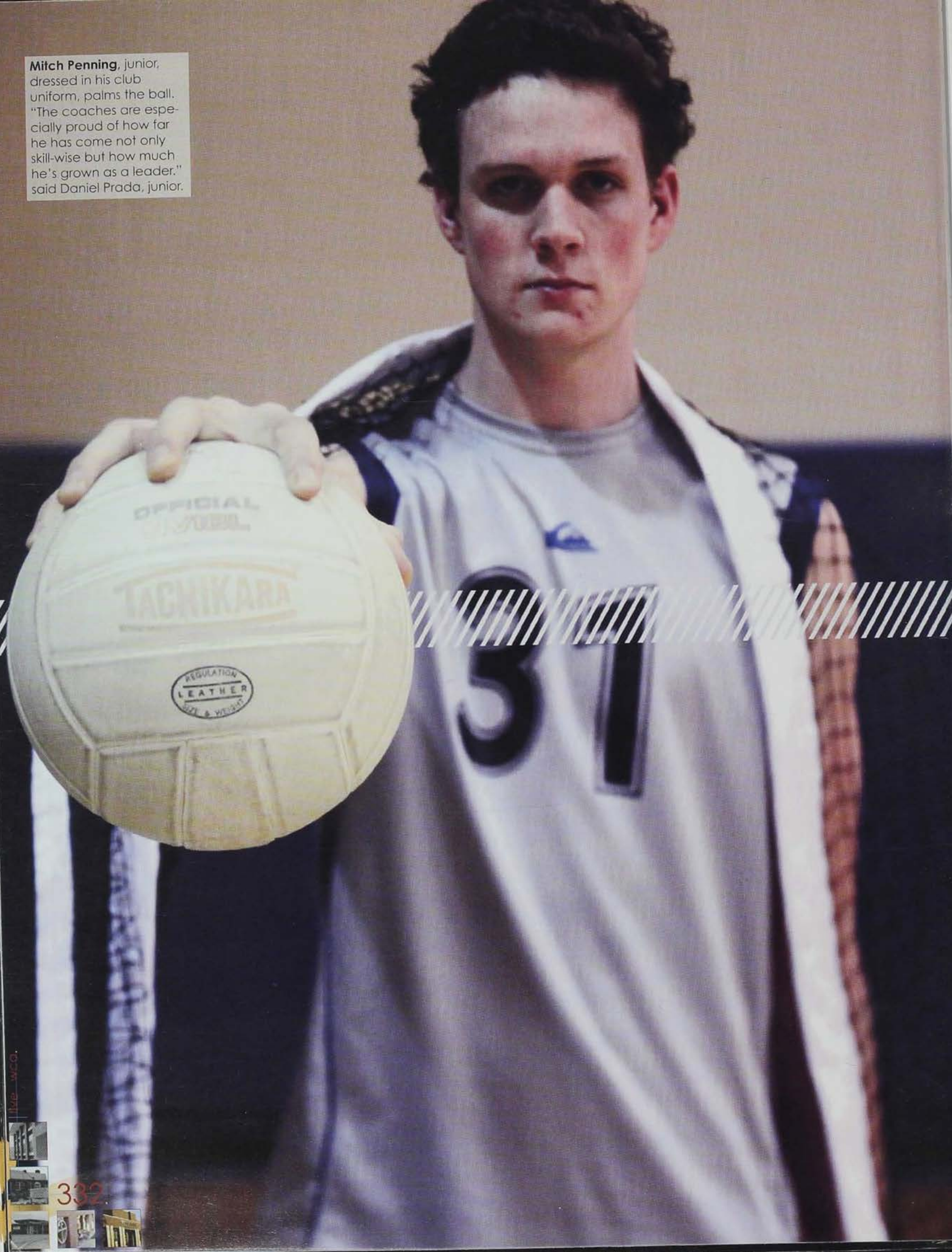
Cameron Hibbler, freshman, spikes the ball over the net at a home game. Hibbler also was on the boys' JV basketball team.

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Men's JV Volleyball 33 [one.]



Mitch Penning, junior, dressed in his club uniform, palms the ball. "The coaches are especially proud of how far he has come not only skill-wise but how much he's grown as a leader," said Daniel Prada, junior.



Famous?

Mitch Penning, junior, made a huge step in his volleyball career during his junior year. Penning played middle hitter on a club team, High Performance, 17's Gold where his team traveled around the United States playing at Qualifiers in order to qualify for Nationals. Not only did they qualify, but his team won three out of the three Qualifiers that they attended.

On March 4, Penning attended tryouts for the Youth National Team to represent the United States. 700 kids tried out but only 19 made it, including Penning. The team practiced in Los Angeles from the 2nd to the 8th of May, getting ready for the World Qualifier, NORCECA's. If they qualified at this event, they would move onto Worlds. The team played in countries such as Argentina, Canada, Brazil, and many more. "I think it is pretty cool to play with all of these great players. It makes the game very fun to be playing at such a high level," said Penning.

cheers! One of the main contributing **factors** to acquiring a win in a volleyball game is being **loud**, animated, and deafening. The boys did a great job of this. "The team is really **enthusiastic** and lively," said Daniel Prada, junior. The bench plays a big role in this by **yelling** out tips and who's hitting.



Gordon Younkin, senior, sets up to serve the ball. Younkin had played setter through high school.



Jared Muenks, sophomore, serves the ball against Bayless. It was his first year on Varsity.



Getting a kill, **Daniel Prada**, junior, hits the ball over the net. "Everybody has a positive attitude about everything and gets along well," said Prada.



Zach Lokey, junior, slams the ball to the other side of the court, getting the point. Lokey was a middle hitter.



During the home game against Bayless, **Daniel Pollmann**, junior, returns a served ball. Pollmann played libero for the team.



Zach Lokey, junior, and **Alex Wendt**, sophomore, go up together for a block. Lokey played middle hitter while Wendt played outside hitter.



Zach Lokey, junior, dives for a ball hit down by the other team. Lokey hit the ground hard but still got the dig.



Ally Dalby, eighth grade



Ben Shuler, seventh grade, plays tennis during practice on a Monday. It was Shuler's first year playing tennis.



Arroyo



Joseph Curtis



Reshael Angers, sophomore



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Brendon Brouk, sophomore



Alicia Dwyer, eighth grade



Eldine Verrillion, eighth grade



Anna Evans, freshman



Wilney Dykstra, freshman

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Ciarra Butler, eighth grade

Tim Burford, freshman

Mike Richardson, freshman

Amber Draper and Jon McCoy, freshman



This year, marked the first time Westminster's students occupied the new campus. Countless memories were created such as varsity football's first win on the new field, juniors and seniors tying in powder puff, the rap battle at Christmas Banquet, the seniors defending their champion title of Spirit Week, and Mr. Marsh giving Westminster a random day off school. Throughout the year, students shared these memories in the classroom, on the court, in the hall, on the field, and on the stage, all memories that helped shape the voice of Westminster at campus number

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Josh Behm, freshman



Maggie Dare, eighth grade



Grace Brunzinski, freshman



Alyssa Dwyer, eighth grade



Caroline Holden, eighth grade



Taylor King, freshman



Logan McCall, eighth grade



Lauren Bishop, freshman



Sinclair Davis, eighth grade



Olivia Wynn, freshman



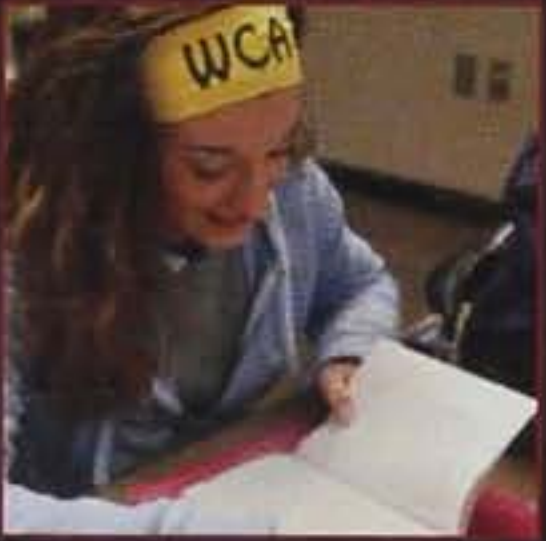
Katherine Yenser, seventh grade



Anna Evans, freshman



Anna Gaffney, eighth grade



Caleb Curry, eighth grade



Alex Ebel, freshman



Brandon Estlack, eighth grade



Hannah Gilmore, freshman



Nikoli Lee, seventh grade



Christian McGhee, seventh grade



Harry Meddler, seventh grade



Scott Goldfarb, eighth grade



Ben play on first

Anna Gaffney

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