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is to tell the
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to capture what happened
over the course of a
WHOLE SEASON or in
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Through the GOOD TIMES
and the BAD , we have a
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TIMELINE.



TIME
is precious.

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TO RELEASE OPENED DOOR
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We cannot afford to waste it.
We cannot STOP the future
or REWIND the past, so
PRESS PLAY.
Let's live in the moment
because TIME FLIES.



SUMMER

LEADERSHIP

Drew Dempsey, senior, waits in line for the blob at the Leadership Retreat. He sent many small freshmen flying through the air when he jumped on the blob.



SURVIVAL HIKE

6/18/17 4 hours. They were gone for literally 4 hours," said Brooke Lang, senior. While on the South Dakota summer seminar, most of the girls (and Chase Lottmann, senior) were confused when the boys left to get water and didn't come back for several hours. "We were just going to get water with [our guide,] Dan Codi, but the badlands kind of look the same everywhere so we had no clue where we were going," said Luke Heintz, senior, who participated in the trek. "We went over so many hills to look for this water some guy dropped off in the middle of nowhere," continued Heintz. All of the guys getting the water started to lose hope, especially with their guide, Caleb/Dan Codi, who continuously told them it was just over the next ridge. "Some of the guys acted like they were hallucinating and saw a McDonald's to try and pass the time," said Heintz, "but it still felt like days before we got to the water jugs."

When they finally got there, the boys were relieved until they realized they had to go all the way back to camp with multiple jugs of water for the girls, teachers, and Chase, who stayed behind due to injury. "Chase sat on a cactus and couldn't go get water," said Lang. Because there were not enough boys to carry all the jugs, some were left behind. As one may realize, this was a problem throughout the next few days when almost all of the water jugs had been emptied. "If Chase had gone we wouldn't have run out of water," continued Lang. Although a lighthearted situation then, throughout the following days from the trek, water had to be rationed.

Though it seemed like a decade-long trek for water, the boys survived and were able to make it back to camp before sundown. At that time, the situation was awful, but now students are able to look back and say it was one of the greatest experiences of their lives: "I would go back in a second if I could," said Lang, "It was a life-changing experience."



6/19/17 Chase Lottmann, Brooke Lang and Lily Rohlring, seniors, visit Mount Rushmore National Monument. For many of the summer seminar students, it was the first time they had seen Mount Rushmore in person. Students learned about the native history as well while at the site.



6/20/17 A group of girls sit on the wall of an abandoned firehouse at the highest point in South Dakota, Black Elk Peak. While half of the students went swimming in a nearby lake, the other half enjoyed a hike near their campsite. "The views were amazing," said Kathryn Kramer, senior.



6/18/17 Michael Thoenen, Carter McCall, Kathryn Kramer, and Mollie Ottens, seniors, celebrate on the finish line. They biked a total of 109 miles on the George S. Mickelson trail in the Black Hills. Despite the many crashes, every student completed the trails.



6/20/17 About half of the South Dakota seminar students suit up to go snorkeling in the Missouri River. Due to technical difficulties, the plans to travel down the river by steamboat fell through, leaving students with an extra day with no activity. Instead, the guide came up with an alternate solution: snorkeling.



6/14/17 Taylor Siebenman, Jenna Galakatos, Rylie Koester, and Lexi Berra, seniors, stand on the side of a cliff in the Badlands. After hiking with heavy packs all day, they were relieved to get a break at the first campsite. Students traveled through the national park for a total of 4 days.

SAY WHAT?

● "I touched a fish when we went snorkeling."

Charlie Wu, senior

● "Dejong threw Anna Johnson in the snow."

Sydney Johnson, senior

● "Half the time I wanted to cry."

Brooke Lang, senior

6/12/17

Michael Thoenen, senior, admires the badlands on the first day. As soon as students arrived, they took pictures of the scenery. On the first morning, students watched the sunrise over the hilltops and ate breakfast here.



8/19/17

Students attending the Oregon summer seminar meet to discuss different readings and studies while in the middle of a forest. Seniors that attended both the Oregon and South Dakota trips participated in a course relating to a certain theme during their time together. Teachers led discussions every day as a way of sparking discussion and growth for the upcoming year.



8/19/17

Kelly Bradley and Sydney Johnson, seniors, take in the view on the Oregon summer seminar. As a smaller group, the students on the Oregon trip got to connect with everyone over the course of 10 days. "My favorite part was sitting by the campfire every night talking with the teachers and growing closer to my classmates," said Johnson.



5/30/17
 The Spain trip attendees flash peace signs and blow noise makers when celebrating the students who were apart of the Fiddler Cast. The celebration turned into a dance party as students blared 'Despacito' and feasted on Spanish chocolate candy.

“MY FAVORITE PLACE WAS DEFINITELY THE EIFFEL TOWER. IT’S SO CLICHE BUT IT WAS SO SURREAL AND WE WENT ON SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY. IT WAS A BREATHTAKING MOMENT,”

-**Jessica Santoso**, senior



6/4/17
Rebekah Warren, Daniel Brown, Anna Gierhart, and Savanna Steffens, seniors, pose in front of a cathedral in France. “Going to France has made me really love the language and now I want to continue learning it,” said Steffens.

6/4/17
Lauren Bell, Catie George, Sarah Becker, juniors, and Katherine Bauer, sophomore, look out from the Eiffel Tower. “The France trip opened my eyes and helped me to become more aware and appreciative of other cultures,” said Bauer.



7/6/17
Reese Earleywine, sophomore, **Jesse Parham**, senior, and **Grace Gevers**, junior pose in front of a plaza in Dalian. They spent their last day shopping and walking around downtown China even though it was rainy.

OUT OF THE (TIME) ZONE

5/27/17 Traveling to another country can always be a new and exciting experience but for some, adjusting to the different time change was a challenge. In Spain, where the time difference is seven hours, students like Jacob Moyer did everything he could to stay awake. "I drank coffee and just tried my hardest not to fall asleep. It also helped simply talking to people because you kept each other awake" said Moyer, sophomore.

Something that also helped the students get used to the difference was settling into a routine. "In France, we didn't do anything out of the ordinary since we were simply following routine activities. Our days were also packed with activities so that helped to keep us awake too" said Alec Bequette, junior.

Although, getting used to the time zones across the world may have been tough, it was even harder for the students to return home to normal time. "When we got back from China, we were all texting each other at 3am because none of us could adjust," said Hannah Redman, senior.

Overall, the trips were beneficial, learning experiences and a beginning to some of student adventures. "I loved every single second of the Spain trip and I really want to move there someday," said Nancy Marcos, sophomore.



5/31/17 Caleb Terschak, Austin Disper, Zach Cancila, juniors, and Drew Dempsey, senior, and Will Vestal, junior, pose in front of a gate in downtown Denia. "My favorite memory from Spain was when we went to the Real Madrid celebration parade and I saw Cristiano Ronaldo with my own eyes," said Disper.



6/8/17 Hannah Redmond, senior, hugs elementary school kids in the primary school they visited in China. They taught the little kids English, did science projects, and did different arts and crafts with them during the school days.



6/4/17 Daniel Brown, Savanna Steffens, seniors, Hayley Fizer, Sarah Becker, Catie George, Raphaella Zavaglia, Lauren Bell, Jordan Vitiello, Alec Bequette, Hannah Brown, juniors, and Jessica Santoso, senior, use a selfie stick to snap a picture at the top of the Eiffel Tower. When the group was at the top, they saw people ziplining off the Tower into a park down below.



5/29/17 Christine Steck, senior, flashes a thumbs up when assisting Spanish second graders with their homework. "Staying with host families was my favorite part since I got to experience Spain in a whole different way than you typically would have!" said Steck.

7/4/17 Dani Butler, Bridgette Grimm, Francie Akins, Ashley Peterman, seniors, munch on chocolate ice cream bars in the city. It was their first day in Dalian, China and they attempted to adjust to the time zone by snacking.



5/28/17 Ava Hollmann and Isabella Francois, sophomores, jump off a staircase in Spain. "I'll always remember the kindness of all of the kids and families we met. They never hesitated to practice their English or let us practice our broken Spanish with them," said Hollmann.

A GAP OF GENERATIONS

8/10/17 Ever since the 1980's, Westminster has held the annual leadership retreat at High Hill Christian Camp. Inviting all student leaders from club presidents to the chapel band, the retreat has been a commencement where teachers talk about the concept of leadership, and where students catch up over their summers over gaga ball and ziplining over a lake.

For freshmen and a portion of other students, this year was their first as student leaders. "The retreat was fun", said Luke Laughlin, freshman. Laughlin was part of the student activities leadership team this year, and this was his first time at High Hill. "The blob was a lot of fun," said Laughlin. "You fly fifty feet in the air, and there's a fifty-fifty chance you'll land on your feet or your stomach."

Some seniors, such as Taylor Siebenman, have been in leadership their whole high school careers. "I have been going to High Hill every summer since I was a kid," said Siebenman. "It's nice to go somewhere where time just seems to stop. It's very relaxing." Siebenman was the class president before the position was removed, and then became a peer counselor. "My favorite memory has to be Hannah Redmond ripping my shower towel off while I was standing in a cabin filled with seniors," said Siebenman.

When asked what advice she would give to future leaders, Siebenman said, "The leadership retreat is a time to learn how to effectively lead your peers but it doesn't mean you can't get dirty and have a little fun." The leadership retreat at High Hill will certainly continue to be an annual tradition for Westminster's leaders.



8/10/17
Zion Thompson and **Chloe Kellom**, juniors, play an intense game of tetherball. Thompson and Kellom were part of the Spirit team, a new leadership organization that used to be a club.



8/10/17
Lily Duda, sophomore, flails midair after being blobbed by Luke Vasel, senior. "It was the scariest moment of my life," said Duda. This year was Duda's second year in the student activities leadership team.

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FRESHMEN

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SOPHOMORES

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JUNIORS

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SENIORS



8/10/17
Thomas Shultz, junior, paddles his kayak across the lake. Paddleboards and kayaks were offered to the students to wander around the lake. Harrison Lawrence, junior, even tried to catch a fish.

8/10/17

Michael Thoenen, senior, strikes a pose midair after being blobbed. This year was Thoenen's second as a peer counselor.



8/10/17

Sam Jun, senior, pauses from his drums to listen to Mr. DeJong during a chapel band practice. This year was Jun's first year in chapel band, and he shared the drummer position with Ahamad Alexander, eighth.



8/10/17

Xander Smith, senior, plans his attack in a game of gaga ball. "We should definitely get a gag ball pit at Westminster," said Smith.



8/10/17

Erich Dodge, junior, reaches out to hit the ball in a game of 9 Square. 9 Square has been a Westminster staple, and students even have their own court outside of the café where students play during lunch.



"GET BLOBBED BY THREE PEOPLE AT ONCE, THROW MUD AT EACH OTHER, LET LOOSE AND ENJOY IT."

-Taylor Siebenman, senior

ONCE IN A LIFETIME



8/21/17
Kelly Kwak, Amie Lee, Som-in Kim, seniors, anticipate the eclipse that is about to take place. As exchange students, the girls were excited to see this event, as it was not taking place back in Korea. The eclipse may have taken place in only 1 country, but many countries and people were able to view and experience it.



8/21/17
Jenna Galakatos, senior, Jeff Gall, and Sarah Preusser, senior, share their excitement of the solar eclipse. Jenna Galakatos said, "Watching the solar eclipse was really an unforgettable event. It really emphasized the immense detail that God put in when creating the universe and it was amazing experiencing it first-hand in the path of totality."

8/21/17
Middle schoolers gaze at the solar eclipse before totality in awe. Even before totality, the eclipse could still be seen in its time of partiality. Underneath the glasses, it looked like the sun was waning smaller and smaller as the moon moved in front of it.

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8/21/17
Rachel Byars, Avery Engelmeyer, Bridgette Grimm, and Katie Myers, seniors, gaze at the sun as the moon moves over it. It took a total of ninety minutes for the moon to move over the sun before complete totality.

8/21/17 August 21st, 2017 was a day many Westminster students and Americans will never forget. For the first time since 1442, the moon perfectly passed in front of the sun in areas viewable from 12 main cities in the US, including St. Louis. Westminster students took in this once-in-a-lifetime view, literally, from the turf of the football field. "The solar eclipse was breathtaking. I am so happy I got to experience such an amazing event in my lifetime," said Natalie Ford, sophomore.

Although there were only 2.63 minutes of totality, the sun was still seen through scientifically tested glasses that protected the eyes while looking directly at the sun during the 90 minutes of partiality. "This was a once in a lifetime experience that I will never forget. It was amazing to be able to experience God's amazing creation with my friends and to hear everyone's reaction because the only thing I could see through the glasses was the sun," said Maddie Grega, sophomore. The solar eclipse was a day many students at Westminster will remember as some of the unique minutes in their lifetime.



8/21/17
Ava Hollmann and Isabella Francois, sophomores, enjoy the solar eclipse together. "The solar eclipse was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. It was so cool to see how God is in control of the universe because it reminds me of his power and majesty," said Francois.



8/21/17
Campbell Coffee, junior, stares at the sun just before totality. Many students had trouble resisting the urge to stare at the sun without their glasses on. However, if they would have stared directly at the sun without their glasses, they would have gone blind.

8/21/17
Katie Hobaugh, Abby Stewart, Maddie Grega, MacKenzie Axford, Caroline Guempel, Josie Christen, and Natalie Ford, sophomores, pose together during partiality. As a group, these friends experienced the solar eclipse together. "It was a really cool experience and I am glad I could be a part of it," said Christen.



8/21/17
Brooke Lang, Abby Ruckman, Haley Schmer, and Kaitlyn Rigdon, seniors, enjoy the solar eclipse together. Every grade sat together at different yard lines on the football field to view this event.



FALL

10/3/17

Izzy Clawson, senior, holds up Mr. Petke's son, Ty, at the fall sports pep rally. Ty served as an unofficial cheerleader and mascot for FCA and the girl's varsity softball team.





9/12/17
Izzy Cancila, freshman, plays a match against Visitation. She and her partner, Hattie Means, junior, put up a fight against their opponent. This was Cancila's first year on varsity.



9/20/17
Josie Christen, sophomore, and **Emily Fentress**, junior encourage each other during their match against Visitation. Christen and Fentress were doubles partners this year.



9/12/17
Maggie Kurop, senior, sends the ball over the net. Kurop was on the tennis team for all four years. "Thinking back to freshman year it's flown by... it feels like just yesterday," said Kurop.



9/12/17
Caroline Hinrichs, senior, and **Kiley McKee**, junior, encouraged each other during their match against Visitation.

GETCHA HEAD IN THE GAME

9/12/17 The Varsity Tennis team strove for excellence this season making relationships that would carry on through time. Along the way, the team fought their way to the top and won the Parkway West tournament. For the tennis team, this victory turned the season around.

Although the matches seemed to go by slowly, the girls would say that the season flies by.

"The season is fast paced because we normally have 4 matches a week," said Emily Fentress, junior. Izzy Cancila, freshman, won in a long match against John Burroughs' number one player who went to state the previous year. She went into a 10 point tiebreaker which meant hers was the longest match that night.

"The whole match was really fast until the tiebreaker. The tiebreaker felt like it was in slow motion," said Cancila.

"The season itself went by extremely fast because it's only a few weeks. But when I'm in a match, the time goes by super slowly," said Caroline Kopsky, sophomore. This season was Kopsky's second year on varsity and she played her most crucial matches with Emily Fentress, junior.

The team focused on including the new members and younger girls on the team. The girls did big sis, little sis this year to connect more as a team. The big sis would get their little sis their favorite candy or Starbucks or whatever they wanted. By doing this, the older girls connected with the younger girls. The girls thought the season flew by for many of the girls and was by far the seniors' favorite season.



9/12/17
Josie Christen, sophomore, uses her backhand swing in a doubles match against Visitation. This was Christens second year on varsity.



9/12/17
Hattie Means, junior, returns the ball to her opponent in a doubles match against Visitation. This was Means third year on varsity.

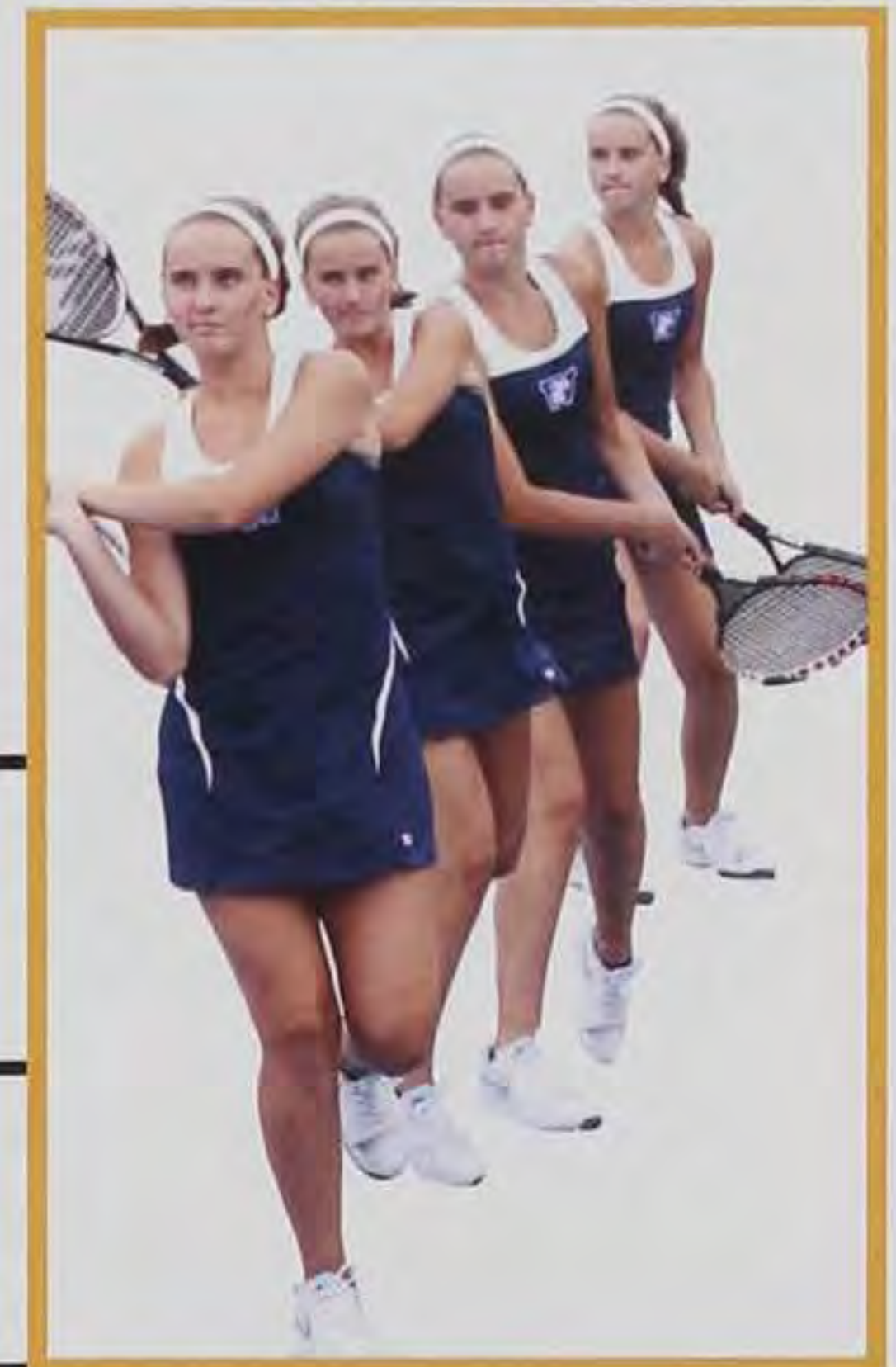


9/12/17
Caroline Hinrichs, senior, serves the ball to her opponent. "Everyone is incredibly dedicated. You can tell that everyone wants to be on this team because of how hard they play," said Hinrichs.



9/12/17
Grace Fentress, eighth, and **Caroline Kopsky**, sophomore, cheer on the varsity tennis team. Fentress played middle school tennis. This was Kopskys second year on varsity.

KILEY MCKEE



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IN FULL SWING

8/18/17 Tennis was a time consuming and extremely busy sport. The JV group of girls spent so much time together during the fall. With daily practices, girls dedicated much of their time and energy to improve their tennis skills. Throughout the season, coaches had the girls run drills and play challenging matches to keep the players on their toes.

Although the season only lasted 2-3 months, the season seemed to fly by.

"Tennis is so fun! In the middle of the season, we have matches almost everyday. It is like mayhem for a month, and before you know it the season is over," said Lexi Jo Alm, sophomore.

"The longer I've been playing, the more I discover how fun it is. Everyday, I learn something new about my game and how to improve it," said Rachel Arndt, junior.

The JV tennis girls worked really hard to improve their skills and win as many matches as possible. The season was marked with a lot of success as the girls won almost all of their matches.

9/20/17

Madi Gipperich, junior, returns the ball with a forhand. Gipperich won her match against Nerinx. s on the team for her third year.



9/20/17

Annie Davidson, sophomore, prepares for Villa's serve. This was Davidson's fourth match of the season. "Tennis is my favorite sport. The team spends so much time together and our friendships last even after the season ends," says Davidson.



9/20/17

Allison Eichenlaub, junior, prepares for Nerinx's serve. Eichenlaub's doubles partners for the second year was **Ashley Moellenhoff**, junior. They played well and won their game 8-6.



9/23/17

Caylin Doehring, freshman, lunges for the ball in her match against Incarnate Word Academy. Doehring fought to win this match in miserable 90 degree heat. Doehring was new this year and made a great asset to the team.





9/24/17
Ellie Jones, eighth grade, gets ready to hit the ball across the court. Jones enjoyed playing tennis because she doesn't worry about anything when playing.



9/24/17
Sarah Cahill, eighth grade, takes a hit, on a hot Saturday morning. Cahill had played tennis in 7th grade as well. Cahill had a strong back hand swing that helped the team throughout the season.



9/24/17
Kate Wessels, Margret McDaniel, and Kate Harper, seventh grade, sit and wait for their matches. Middle schoolers had to sit and wait for their name to be called to play a match. In the meantime they would sit, chat, and eat snacks.

BANANAS AND BAGELS

"Bananas and bagels became our team joke because we always had them at our Saturday matches,"
-Kate Wessels, seventh grade.



9/24/17
Annika Pollack, seventh grade, hands tennis balls to her opponent. In all middle school sports students are taught to have good sportsmanship, that's one of the many reasons Pollack enjoyed playing.



9/24/17
Abby Seiss, seventh grade, gets ready to start her match against Villa. Matches were played against multiple schools at once at one location. Seiss loved playing tennis and meeting new people her first year at WCA.

9/9/17

Chris George, junior, dribbles the ball towards the opposing goal. George was a defender but still managed to score one goal.



9/9/17

Joey Keane, junior, prepares to kick the ball back to his teammates. Keane suffered from many injuries throughout the season, but always found a way to bounce back.



9/9/17

Danny Sacco, sophomore, looks down the field to pass to a teammate. Danny was the youngest of the Sacco brothers on the varsity team. Even as an underclassman, he earned a large amount of playing time.



8/26/17

Nathan Laughlin, junior, juggles the ball. Laughlin previously played defense, but stepped up to play midfield this season. This gave him the opportunity to get assists and score goals.

KEEPER CHAOS

8/26/17 The varsity soccer team was up 2-1 with just minutes left on the clock. Starting goalie, Joey Keane, junior, was relentless in keeping Priory from scoring. On a particular play, Keane jumped to catch the ball with aggressive effort. A Priory player simultaneously jumped to try and head the ball, causing a full on collision. Both Keane and the opponent came down hard in tremendous pain.

They laid on the ground for several minutes while trainers and coaches rushed to their sides. The opponent suffered from a broken nose while Joey had a chipped tooth and possibly a mild concussion. Eventually both players were helped off the field.

The Cats had to scramble to come up with a new plan since the typical back-up goalie, Ricky Johnson, senior, wasn't at the game. Coach Legters decided to

have Trent Tarantino suit up. This came as a surprise to some, but Tarantino was the best option for the team's current situation.

"They put Trent in goal because he has good reflexes and is quick, even though he never practices goalie," said Thomas Arndt, junior. As Keane ran laps around the field to try and shake off his injuries, Tarantino stood bravely in goal. He played a total of 5 minutes but allowed 1 goal, tying the score 2-2.

Soon after, Keane was back in the goalie position as if nothing had happened. "When I did get back in the game...The crowd really supported me and just knowing that I was okay was a good feeling," said Keane. He helped to keep the score tied for the duration of the regular time.

The Cats were eventually sent into overtime where they lost 3-2.



Kurt "With a C" Weinberg

Kurt Weinberg was given the nickname "Kurt with a C" by his entire team. "It started in a group chat a year or two ago and it just stuck. It was a little annoying at first, but I've gotten used to it and it is almost strange if I see someone spell it with a K," said Weinberg.



Chase Lottmann

Chase Lottmann made a statement during the first half of the season by wearing a bold fashion accessory. "I wore a headband because my hair was really long and it got in my face. I got tired of keeping it out of my face, so I decided it's time to cut it. But, at times, I miss it. I don't wear the headband now and I think it looks a lot better," said Lottmann.



Frankie Sacco

Frankie Sacco's younger brother, Danny, was on the varsity team with him this season. "It is very competitive between us because we aren't only competing against our opponent, but we are competing to see who is the better Sacco on the field," said Frankie.



8/26/17
Patrick Claus, junior, sprints after a loose ball. Claus always made his presence known on the field and served as a vocal leader for the team.



9/9/17
Liam Lloyd, freshman, hustles down the field towards the opposing goal. Lloyd was the only freshman on varsity. His speed set him apart from the other underclassmen.

9/5/17
Luke Linam and **Thomas Arndt**, juniors, goof off before playing. Linam was one of the key scorers on the team, while Arndt consistently played scrappy defense.

9/5/17
Nathan Scharr, senior, runs past the defenders. Scharr typically played midfield.



9/18/17

In the midst of a demanding game, **Luke Engelmeyer**, sophomore, jogs back to the bench after blocking a shot from Parkway North.



10/25/17

Gus Wilkerson, freshman, clashes with Ladue defender. He quickly broke through to score a goal. Tying up the game 1-1.



10/30/17

Kylan Davis, sophomore, dribbles the ball down the field. Davis helped the team greatly and pulled the team through the season.



8/23/17

Mark Stump, freshman, kicks the ball down the field. "Time stopped when we played John Burroughs. It was a tough match but we pulled through to tie it up," said Stump

9/15/17
Luke Laughlin, freshman, drives the ball down the field. This was Laughlin's first year on the team. "At Westminster you play with your friends and play for an amazing coach who has your best interest in mind and who cares about your character on and off the field," said Laughlin.



8/26/17
 Even through losses the boys join together. Despite defeat they were always looking towards the future. "Every loss is kind of a struggle, I mean losing is never fun. But we come back stronger every time. All we can do is forget about the past and look forward to more challenging games", **Aidan Kline**, freshman.

A KICK FORWARD

9/1/17 The 2017 boys' junior varsity soccer season was an overall success, but there were some particularly memorable moments in time that are bound to stick with the players for years to come.

The JV players bonded on and off the field, resulting in a tight connection during games. Colin Davitt, junior, had a procedure in September, but his teammates were extremely supportive when he came back.

"During my first game playing without my appendix, I scored a goal against Windsor and the team was really enthusiastic about it," said Davitt, "It was a proud moment."

The JV and Freshmen teams bonded throughout the season and the underclassmen benefitted from the advice of the more experienced ones.

"A big win was when we dominated MICDS 5-0 because we hadn't won in a while, so the team was hyped," said Joshua Stratton, freshman. The JV cats also pulled through together for impressive results.

"Tieing Ladue was a great moment for the team because we were expected to lose," said Will Mason, sophomore. Having such great dedication and support contributed to successful season, while also giving each of the players proud moments and memories to look back on in the years to come.



#7
BEN VAN ZEE

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 GAMES

9
 WINS

5
 LOSSES



8/29/17
Lucas Bak, junior, hustles down the field in a fierce game against Kirkwood. Lucas was a vital member to the Westminster soccer team. He transferred here from Korea in 8th grade.



10/18/17
Harrison Lawrence, junior, hydrates at game against Parkway North. It was a 93 degree day, so it was important for the boys to stay refreshed. Harrison got a lot of his talent on the field from his dad's skillful coaching.

300 REASONS WHY

9/11/17 Most sporting events and games can seem minuscule in the long run, as there are plenty of games throughout the season, but for the Varsity Field Hockey their game against U-City was of utmost importance.

The team was up against an old rival: U-City, and the dirty game they played last year, was still fresh in their minds.

"They were one of our main rivals last season in both the regular and postseason games. We had lost to them three times in that season, all of which were by one goal and a few debatable calls by the ref," said Haley Schmer, senior.

Although they were facing a tough opponent, the girls also rallied together for an even bigger cause.

"The game against U-City was much more than just a tough game, it was Coach Schmer's 300th field hockey win in her career," said Hannah Sturr, junior. Although the girls were nervous coming into the game, they all pulled it together and truly put it all out on the field for their coach.

"There was a universal confidence that we could and would win this game and without a doubt at the beginning of the game we all played our hardest," said Schmer.

Their hard work ultimately paid off as everyone was able to contribute to a 3-1 victory against U-City, the first in Wildcat field hockey.

"I am so grateful for the way we were able to work together and play selflessly, and Coach Schmer has influenced this a lot. We were all so honored to play a part in her 300th win and were so happy for her," said Madeline Kugler, senior.

At the end of the game, all the players radiated pure happiness to contribute to something even greater than them and the daughter of the coach felt the same way. "I was so proud of my mom after that game, and it was so special that I had the chance as a senior to help her reach this amazing accomplishment. She was so happy and everyone on the team was ecstatic for her, it really brought us all together because we knew she truly deserved it," said Schmer.

9/11/17

Coach Schmer and **Haley Schmer**, senior, hug after winning Coach Schmer's 300th game of coaching. "I was so proud of my mom after that game, and it was so special that I had the chance as a senior to help her reach this amazing accomplishment," said Schmer.



7/11/17

Sophie Clement, junior, side swipes the ball from her opponent. "I'll always remember that one practice, when we played field hockey baseball on the softball field," said Clement.



7/16/17

Hayley Fizer, junior sends the ball flying during practice shots. "It's awesome to see how much the field hockey program is growing and how far our hard work has taken us as we went from being ranked 26th in state last year, to 10th this year," said Fizer.



7/19/17

Jenna Galakatos, senior, air dribbles the ball down the field. "I learned air dribbling at the beginning of last season, but I didn't start actually using it until this season since I wanted to use it in games," said Galakatos.

9/11/17

Haley Schmer, senior, dumps a Gatorade cooler on her mom and coach Nancy Schmer. After the buzzer rang, all the players swarmed Coach Schmer and surprised her with an icy, cold Gatorade bath.



10/16/17 Taylor Siebenman, senior, inserts the ball during a corner using their special, secret stick with all their plays. The Varsity won 2-0 in their last game of the season against Lutheran North.

10/17/17 Meredith Grass, junior, swings at a field hockey ball during practice when they played a mix of Field Hockey and Softball. Grass also served the team as Varsity goalie in the season.

10/16/17 Grace Clement, freshman, dribbles the ball up the field from the defensive side. Clement was the only freshman this season on Varsity, but fit in quickly with her superb stick skills and strong hits.

“MY FAVORITE PART OF THE GAMES WERE LOOKING OVER AND SEEING THE CLEMENT’S DOG, COOPY, SITTING ON THE SIDELINES WEARING OUR JERSEY,”

-Dani Renaud, senior.

PERFECT TIMING

9/19/17 Field hockey is a fairly new sport for Westminster, in their fourth season,

This year's JV field hockey team dominated the field. The long hard practices in the heat may not have been worth it to some, but for these girls it's all about the team. "The girls make otherwise boring practices fun," said Abrielle Dana, sophomore. The team had a pretty successful season with a 4-3 record with some big wins against Villa and Pattonville.

Although sometimes games seemed to be slow with the constant whistles, the games could be very fast paced. In their game against Clayton, the score was 0-0 with 4 minutes left in the game. JV starting goalie, Sabrina Granata, sophomore, refused to let Clayton score. Defender, Noelle Burkey, junior, retrieved the ball with 2 minutes and 30 seconds left on the clock. Burkey dribbled past the fairly physical Clayton forward. With only 2 minutes left on the clock Burkey hit the ball as hard as she could to get the ball down the field to the forward Jaela Ginger, sophomore. Ginger weaved in and out of the Clayton defense.

"I knew there wasn't much time on the clock and I had to get the ball in the net somehow," said Ginger.

Ginger was at Clayton's circle when the ball was hit and rolled quickly past the Clayton goalie, and the Wildcats cheered for their well deserved victory.



9/19/17

Jaela Ginger, sophomore, looks to pass to her teammate in a game against Clayton. Ginger has played field hockey for Westminster since 7th grade and continues to grow and improve with her team. Ginger played mid field for the JV field hockey team.



9/19/17

Bridget Sullivan, sophomore, moves the ball down the field and attempts to score for the wildcats. Sullivan played with the JV team this year but also subbed for the freshman team. She has played field hockey for all of her middle school and high school years.



9/21/17
Ellie Callier, freshman, takes the ball down the field during the teams game against Villa. The team tied the game 1-1.



9/19/17
Elle Pierson, sophomore, runs after the ball to pass the ball to her teammate. The freshman team played a tournament with 3 games in one day.

9/19/17
Abby Richards, junior, blocks the ball from getting past her. She played defense for the team this year. This was her first year at WCA and loved being on the team this year.



9/22/17
Brooke Regeon, freshman, moves the ball with her stick in order to cross the ball across the field. She joined the team in the middle of the season to be with her friends. She played wing midfield this year in her first year playing field hockey.

9/22/17
Emma Ungles, freshman, cheers her team on from the bench because she does not have enough practices to play. She joined the team mid-way through the season.

9/21/17
Gigi Mahley, sophomore, takes her mouth guard out of her mouth while running of the field for a sub. Mahley played swing for the C and JV teams

9/19/17
Abrielle Dana, sophomore, dribbles the ball down the field. Dana scored against Clayton. The team won the game against 4-0.

SABRINA GRANATA | GOALIE



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nickname:

"SABIF"



8/19/17
William Deboer, seventh grade, dribbles down the field after taking the ball from the opponent. Deboer assisted a goal with a spin move.

ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS

8/12/17 Starting off their season with a bang, the eighth grade boys soccer team won their second game against Whitfield 11-1. Many players felt the game dragged along because every five minutes a goal was scored. "A highlight in my season was when we won 11-1 against Whitfield and I scored six of the 11 goals," said Cooper Edgecombe, eighth grade.

Many of the defenders made their own fun during the game. "I was goalie, we almost the whole time played rock, paper, scissors," said Jackson Lawrence, eighth grade. Spending their time playing a different game than the one held on the field, the students created their own type of tournament with their hands. Daniel Stengel, eighth grade, speaks of his experience in the backfield. "I beat Jackson in rock, paper, scissors," said Stengel.

There were many excitements during a game of many successes. "I loved the Whitfield game, I beat Josh 2-1 in rock, paper, scissors." said Daniel Shultz, eighth grade. The cats beat Whitfield. "I assisted goal that my teammate headed in," said Matt Buchanan, eighth grade.



8/12/17
Evan Jordan, seventh grade, cracks his knuckles and prepares for a hard ball in goal. During this game, Jordan only let one goal be scored on him.



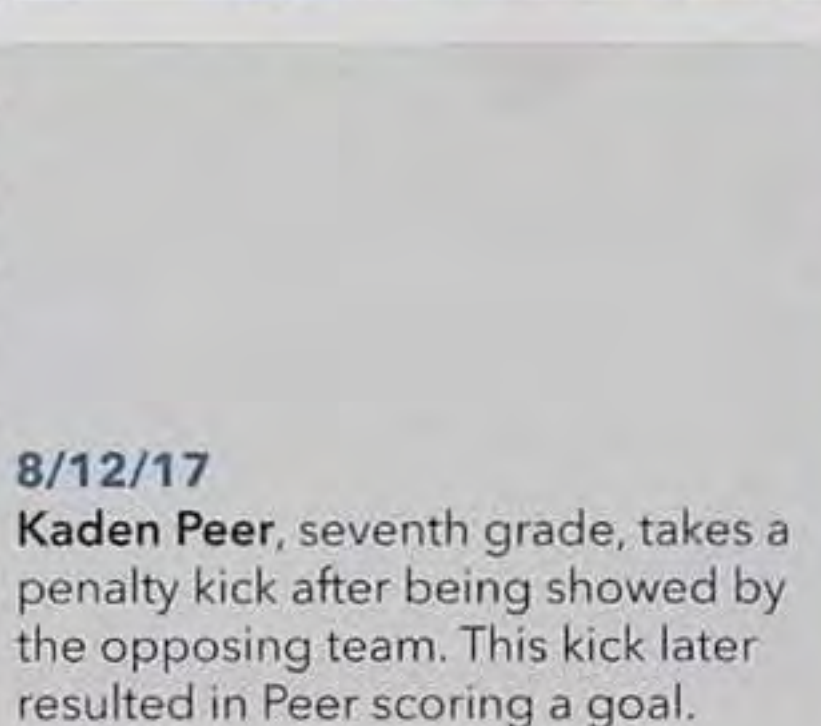
8/19/17
Brynn Whitley, seventh grade, jogs off after a long run. Whitley had stayed on the field for 10 minutes, during this time two goals were scored by the Cats.



8/12/17
Tyler Hott, seventh grade, hustles down the field after juking out his opponent. Hott scored 2 goals during the Chaminade game using his footwork to gain points.



8/12/17
James Distaso-Hutchins, and **Samuel Herrera**, seventh grade, gather with their coach to watch the game. Distaso-Hutchins scored 3 goals during the Chaminade game making their score at half time 4-1, Westminster.



8/12/17
Kaden Peer, seventh grade, takes a penalty kick after being showed by the opposing team. This kick later resulted in Peer scoring a goal.





9/21/17
KK Pruett, eighth grade, receives a pass from Ashley Gordon while playing against her own team during a corner drill before a game against Edwardsville.



9/21/17
Sanaa Glasper, seventh grade, races towards the ball against Edwardsville in order to keep the ball moving along the field in the beginning of their second game of the season.



9/7/17
Mae St. John, seventh grade, rushed towards the goal before facing the Liberty goalie in a corner during the first half of the game.

9/21/17
Libby Wessels, seventh grade, warms up with the 8th grade team before joining them in their own game after she finished a game with her own team just minutes before.



9/21/17
Margaret McDaniel, seventh grade, heads toward the goal in the final 3 minutes of the 1st half where she passes an assist to Mae St. John who shoots at the goal.



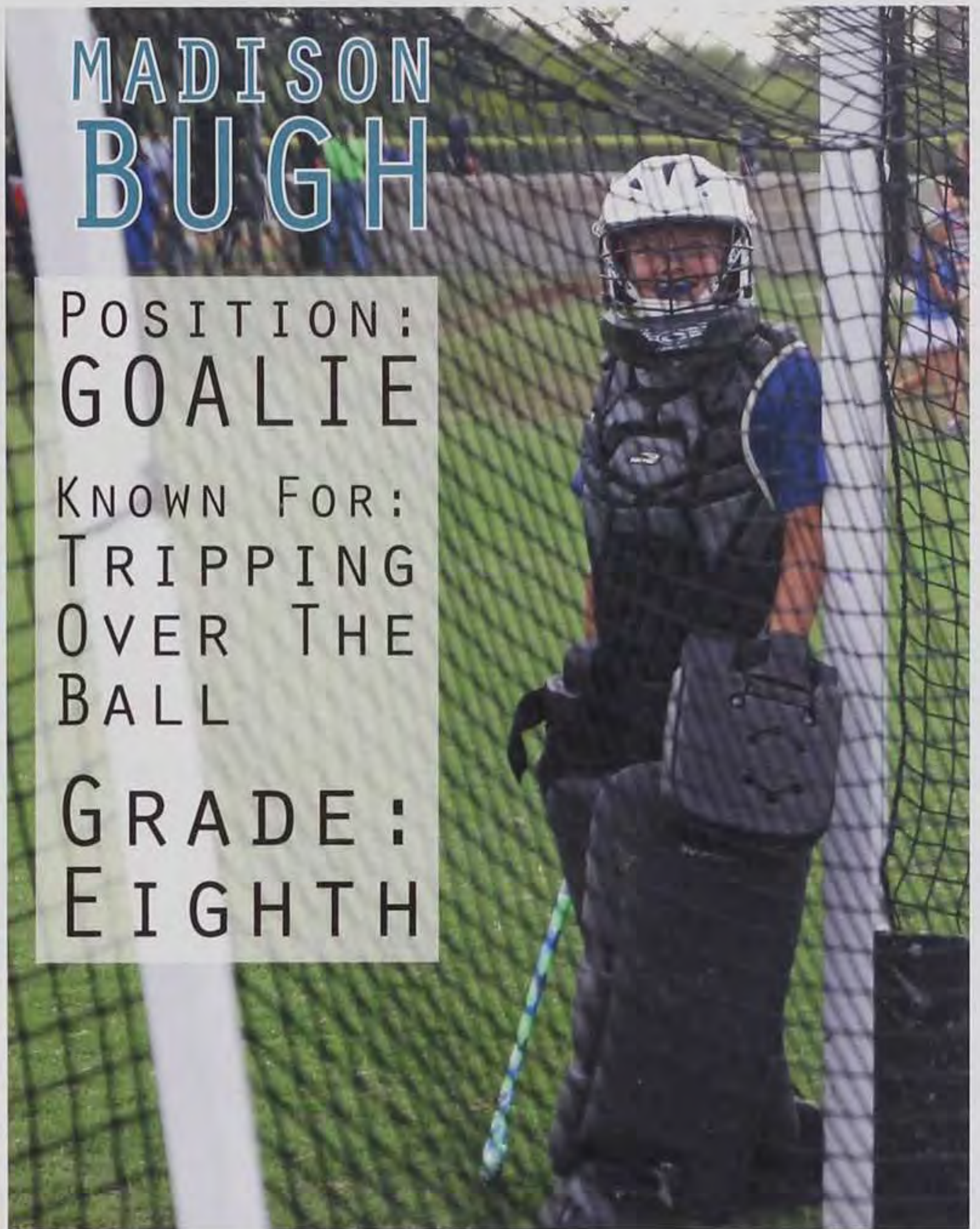
9/6/17
Katie Huang, eighth grade, practices her air dribbling in the 7th grade burroughs game warm ups.

MADISON BUGH

POSITION:
GOALIE

KNOWN FOR:
TRIPPING
OVER THE
BALL

GRADE:
EIGHTH



“MADISON JUST SINGS AND YELLS DURING OUR GAMES... BUT IF I GOT A DIME FOR EVERY TIME MADISON TRIPS OVER A BALL...”

-Ashley Gordon, eighth grade.

9/9/17

Atlin Hall, junior, runs the ball down the field. Hall was the starting running-back until he suffered an injury during the Lutheran North game. Hall had a total of three touchdowns this season.



10/6/17

Chad Briden, senior, looks to pass the ball to a fellow teammate. "Going from a mostly passing offense last year to a mostly running offense this season was a change for me," said Briden.



10/14/17

Caleb Layton, senior, runs down the field during the Borgia game. "Our focus changed after the Lutheran North game and we were determined to beat JBS," said Layton



9/9/17

Luke Vasel, senior, prepares to snap the ball. "The most difficult thing this season was having to adjust to the new offensive plays," said Vasel.



9/9/17

Lane Davis, sophomore, **Zach Brasier**, junior, and **Levi Alldredge**, senior, run during kickoff. Defense had an amazing game, only allowing 20 points scored by John Burroughs.



9/16/17

Isaac Johnston, junior, blocks his Lutheran South opponent. "My favorite game was MICDS. Even though we lost it was so loud and we had great support from the fans," said Johnston.

DOWN TO THE 4TH QUARTER

10/7/17 The rain was pouring down. Neither team seemed to be able to get the ball into the endzone. The wildcats brought Andrew Kempen, junior, onto the field to kick a 40 yard field goal. "I knew he would be able to get the job done and get us points onto the board," said Zion Thompson, junior.

There was 8:53 left on the clock. It was the fourth quarter and the score was tied 0-0 against Christian High School. Kempen runs onto the field at the 40 yard line in hopes to kick a field goal to put the cats with a 3-0 lead.

1:03 left on the clock and CHS had the ball. The cats defense lines up with determination to not let them score. CHS snaps the ball back. Levi Alldredge, senior, breaks through the defensive line and tackles the QB. The CHS QB throws the ball in hopes of reaching one of his teammates but instead finds defensive end John Fregene, junior. "I don't really remember how I got the ball. I looked down and it was in my hands," said Fregene. Fregene sprinted 48 yards into the endzone. TOUCHDOWN! Cats win 10-0.



9/23/17 L.B. Battle, senior, runs the ball down the field. Battle became the starting running back during the Christian High game.



9/28/17

Michael Thoenen, senior, **John Fregene**, junior, and **Charlie McCracken**, senior, line up for a punt return. They are a huge aspect to both the offensive and defensive line.



10/14/17

Denver Parker, freshman, carries the ball down the field during a game against Borgia. Parker was the only freshman on varsity this year. Parker had three touchdowns this season.

4 SECOND PLAYS... JERRAM ADAMS, JUNIOR, RUNS OVER JOHN BURROUGHS OPPONENT. ADAMS HAD THE FIRST TOUCHDOWN OF THE GAME AND THE WILDCATS DEFEATED JBS 51-20. "IT WAS AWESOME PLAYING STARTING WIDE RECEIVER THIS YEAR ESPECIALLY WITH GREAT RECEIVERS TO MY SIDE AND A GREAT QB," SAID ADAMS.



9/9/17



9/9/17

Jeremiah Thompson, senior, runs the ball down the field after receiving a pass. Thompson had five touchdowns this season. "After getting injured in the JBS game I was worried about not being able to come back," said Thompson

9/23/17

Jordan Coleman, eighth grade, carries the ball down the endline, before scoring the touchdown. This was the first of many touchdowns for Coleman.



MS TEAM

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WINS

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LOSS

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PLAYERS



9/23/17 Nick Ford, eighth grade, grabs some water during a time out. Ford clocked a lot of minutes throughout the season.



9/23/17 LJ Minner, eighth grade, runs off the field after a play. Minner was a key play maker throughout the season.

TIME OUT

9/23/17 Football is known to be a long and grueling sport, with four 15 minute long quarters. Time almost never stops and is constantly winding down, but several middle school football players disagree. Depending on the time and the score, time seemed to stop or slow down to the players, who waited with anticipation for the buzzer to sound off.

"At the end of the game, if it's close, time feels like it stops," said Kole Feeney, eighth grade.

"During our last game time definitely slows down, because after our last game, our football season is over," said Ben Broadhurst, eighth grade. Despite the 100 minutes total each player played, all of them agreed that time flew by or stopped.



9/23/17
Kole Feeney, eighth grade, marks his player during the first half. Feeney, was fast and quick on the field.



9/23/17
Sam Vestal, eighth grade, gets ready to tackle his opponent. Vestal was a power house on defense during the season.



9/23/17
Nolen Jones, eighth grade, cools down at half time. Even though the game was early, the heat was in the high 90s.



9/23/17
Jordan Coleman, eighth grade, pushes off defender to score a touchdown. Coleman was the leading scorer with three touchdowns.

JV TEAM

5
WINS

3
LOSSES

31
PLAYERS



9/27/17

Emily Penner, junior, passes the ball to the setter. The back row players in volleyball received some of the hardest shots from the front row hitters of their opponents. The team won this match against Afton in three sets.



9/27/17

Emma Gustafson, junior, out of system sets to the outside hitter. She played libero on the team, so she only played in the back row. This was Gustafson's second year on varsity.



9/27/17

Rylie Koester, senior, serves the ball into the court. As a second year Westminster student, Koester, could only be involved in the volleyball program for two years. Despite this, she had a great season and got a total of 138 digs.

Y	3.34	1995	SOFTBALL	3.34	1999	DANCE
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	3.17	1995	B. CROSS COUNTRY	3.95	2000	DANCE
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	3.30	1996	G. VOLLEYBALL	3.72	2000	DANC
	3.22	1996	G. SWIMMING	3.55	2002	DANC
Y	3.10	1996	CROSS COUNTRY	3.66	2002	DANC



9/27/17

Avery Engelmeyer, senior, serves the ball. After being involved in the volleyball program for four years, she shared about her experience. "The time flies by so fast. It feels like yesterday I was a new freshman that didn't know anyone. I've enjoyed getting to know so many incredible girls over these past four years and I wouldn't trade it for the world," said Engelmeyer.



9/27/17

Madeline Williams, senior, serves the ball to her opponent. "I'm so sad that this is my last season on the volleyball team. I have made such good friends with all the girls and it feels like yesterday when we started as freshmen. The best part is all of the seniors this year have stuck together through each and every season and they have been such a blessing," said Williams.

9/27/17

The team gathers before they take on their opponent at Afton. The girls would commonly come into this group before heading back onto the court during a time-out or between games. When breaking out of this huddle, the girls would typically yell a cheer or specific word that would motivate them that game.



HANGING BY THE NET

9/27/17 The varsity girls volleyball team started with a bit of a let-down this year by losing their first five games.

The team struggled to end the matches by losing very close games by just two points. Therefore, their practices started to drag on and on. Some might say, time was doing everything but flying. The girls were "hanging by a thread" and watching the clock to see when practice would end. It was not because they weren't having fun, but instead because the practice was exhausting and required putting in hard work.

"We worked hard everyday to improve our athletic ability and mental preparation. There were close games because volleyball is a point for point sport, and the most consistent team always wins," said Sarah Elizabeth Williams, junior.

The drills the girls had to do were also exhausting especially one called Co-Op. "It's a tough drill and if we don't beat our previous score, we have to run 3 lines in 30 seconds," said Heidi Hightower, sophomore.

Although it seemed like the practices might never end, the girls hung in there all season.

HEIDI HIGHTOWER | OUTSIDE HITTER

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ATTACKS

KILLS

BLOCKS



9/27/17

Jordan Haeusser, senior, awaits the coming serve. Haeusser was the setter for the team for 2 years. "This season has been bitter-sweet because it is my last. Having four years with the volleyball program has allowed me to form close bonds with great girls. I am so thankful for the opportunity I have had to get to play on such a close team and I am excited to end my volleyball career on such a high note," said Haeusser.



9/27/17

Taylor Andrasko and Madeline Williams, seniors, are in ready position to receive the ball. The girls had to be ready for the toughest, hardest serves. This preparation caused them to win many of their games later in the season.

9/15/17

The team rallies together after a point for their team. They continually encouraged each other, even when losing.



9/15/17

10/3/17

Katie Hobaugh and Maggie Dolan, sophomores, block the ball. This was a close game against MICDS.



10/3/17

Kate Johnson serves the ball. Johnson has been practicing her serves daily to prepare for games like these.



NO TIME ON THE CLOCK

9/15/17 Volleyball was an intense and popular sport at Westminster. Take it from Katie Hobaugh's, sophomore, perspective. In volleyball there was no time on the clock. The game ended when the first team got to 25 points and Hobaugh thinks it was beneficial.

"I think time on a scoreboard would distract us from working our hardest, always looking to see how much time is left", said Hobaugh.

Normally in sports, when there is no time on the clock, players are out of opportunities to score which may result in losing a game. However, in volleyball, no time on the clock is beneficial. The players worked their hardest to use the unlimited time to their advantage. They worked hard in practice and in games.

"We have one drill called co-op which is when we play out an initiated ball until it hits the floor. It allows us to practice game like situations and how we can improve certain skills and takes up a lot of practice time," said Hobaugh. Volleyball was unlike most sports due to having an unlimited amount of time on the clock. Ironically, it allowed for time to fly the players are focused on their skills and not the clock.

8/23/17

Arista Hampton, freshman, serves to the Incarnate Word freshman team. Hampton played both front row and back row.



8/23/17

Hannah Skrobonja, freshman, subs in for **Kara Galakatos**, freshman. Skrobonja played libero the whole season.



8/23/17

Emma Volding, freshman, gets ready to switch spots with **Marissa Barnes**, freshman. Volding was a key member of the freshman team.



"I DO LOOK FORWARD TO GOING TO VOLLEYBALL EVERYDAY. SOMETIMES IT IS WHAT GETS ME THROUGH THE DAY. TIME GOES BY FAST WHEN I PLAY VOLLEYBALL SINCE IT'S SO FUN!"

-Katie Hobaugh, Sophomore



8/23/17

Kate Orrick, freshman, sets the ball to one of her hitters. Orrick was the only setter on the freshman team. She ran a 5-1 and was able to spread out the team's offense effectively.

JV TEAM

10
PLAYERS

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MATCHES

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LOSSES



9/15/17

Hailey Adair, sophomore, is ready in serve receive. Adair played libero while Avery Burkemper was injured. Her team relied on her for her support in the back row.



10/3/17

Macy Lottmann, sophomore, serves the ball. This was Lottmann's first year on JV. "I have been playing volleyball for four years and I love it," said Lottmann.



10/3/17

Grace Skiljan, sophomore, serves the ball to the other team. "My favorite part of the afternoon is Volleyball practice," said Skiljan.



9/5/17
Connor Evans, senior, dives in the pool to start the 100 free in a meet against Oakville. Evans was a team captain this year. "I try to clear my mind of everything possible," said Evans, "Every distraction is gone."

39
 SWIMMERS

18
 MEETS

12
 WINS

6
 LOSSES



9/5/17
Max Meland, freshman, and **Jak Patterson**, senior, take a break from while waiting for their events. Meland swam a variety of events and Patterson swam the 100 breast.



9/5/17
Caleb Terschak, junior, rests and reflects after swimming the 500 free. "It's a long race, and you have a lot of stuff in your mind," said Tershak. "The team's always there to support me."

A MATTER OF SECONDS

9/5/17 Whether it be from the four seconds spent in the air during a dive, or the five and a half minutes in the 500 free, there's one thing that swimmers and divers can both agree on: swimming events are pretty short. In the pool, however, seconds can seem like hours, and swimming is a mental challenge as much as it is a physical challenge. There's a small period of time before the race where swimmers collect their thoughts.

"I always think, 'Act like this is my last race, and give it all you got,'" said Jesse Parham, senior. "Control your breathing and control your pace."

Other swimmers, like Connor Evans, senior, clear their mind completely.

"The only thing I'm listening for is that starter saying, 'Take your mark,' and then the beep," said Evans.

During the race, swimmers' minds go as fast as their pace. "When I come up for a breath, I notice where everyone else is, and it makes me swim faster," said Parham.

"As I get tired, I think, 'I've only got a 50 left, I've only got a 25 left. Push yourself. Push yourself,'" said Evans.

Out of the pool, the swim team's mindset is always reflective. "Once I see the score, I go back through the dive," said Chris Kirby, senior. Kirby was one of three divers this season. "I remember what I felt like during the dive, so I can figure out what I did wrong and what I can improve on."

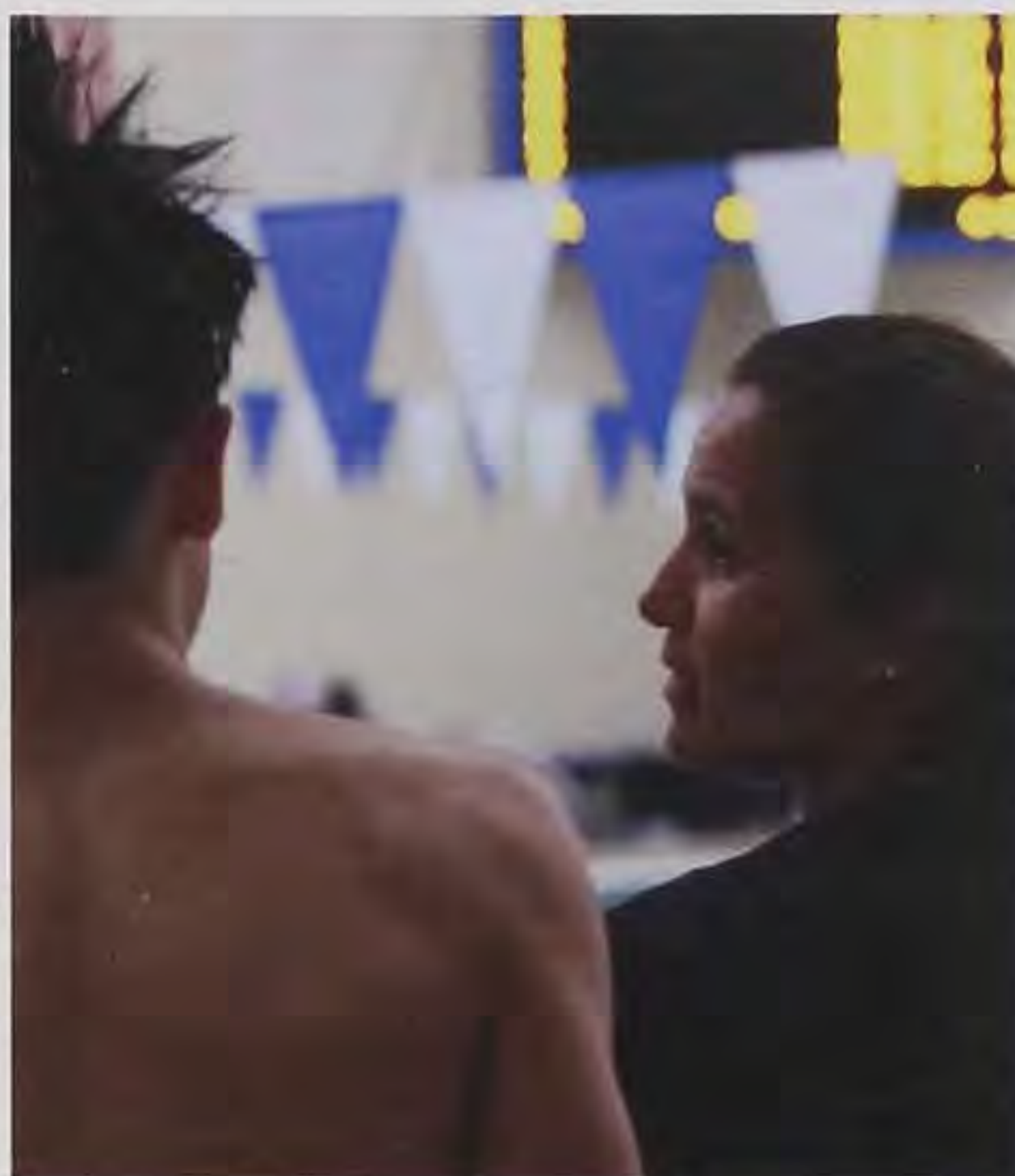
CALEB TERSCHAK | 500 FREE

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LAPS

PERSONAL RECORD



9/5/17 Coach Kempen talks to a swimmer about strategy after a race. Despite being a tough coach, Kempen offered lots of encouragement to the swimmers.



9/14/17 Nolan Irby, freshman, extends his arms for a front dive straight. The dive had a rating of 1.6.



9/14/17 Chris Kirby, senior, tucks in his knees during a gainer. "I don't think. If I think, I end up smacking something," said Kirby.



9/5/17 Jesse Parham, senior, takes a breath and boosts off the wall during the 100 fly. "Unless it's a meet winning race, I normally don't celebrate a whole lot," said Parham. He swam five events that consisted of short frees and flies.

"TAKE A VERY DEEP BREATH."

-Connor Evans, senior

9/21/17

Kylie Robertson,

seventh grade, runs down the sideline before her game to receive and give out many "good luck"s before the start of the game. The team was excited when they saw that the entire Freshmen and JV Volleyball team took time out of practice to come cheer them on during the entire game.



9/21/17

Tatum Osmon, eighth grade, and **Lily Evans**, seventh grade, high five **Kate Dempsey**, eighth grade, as she comes onto the court. The cats won the game this match against a home schooled team.



9/21/17

Lily Evans, seventh grade, waits for her partner to return the ball. She enjoyed playing on the team as one of their middles. They played a home schooled team and were able to pull away with another successful win.



9/21/17

After successfully completing a long rally, all six players on the court make a small huddle to congratulate and encourage each other.



9/21/17

Emma Fairchild, seventh grade, practices during warmup. Fairchild was a consistent scorer this season. Her favorite game of the season was when they played their first home

FITS AND STARTS

9/13/17 With only 25 points in a match it was hard to gain a huge lead and maintain it for the entire game. Each point started with one serve for the opposing team to return. As the ball flew over the net it was the other team's responsibility to deliver a good pass for the next return.

"A point usually lasts about 30 seconds, but sometimes they will last longer to about 1 minute," said Kate Dempsey, eighth grade.

Each whistle blow signals a point start or a point stop in a rally.

"During a long rally you start feeling a little stressed, but when the point is finally over everybody is so excited and swarms the court," said Brooke Highmark, eighth grade.

The 7th grade A team was undefeated this year, and no team scored more than 10 points against them.

During a game against John Burroughs the 7th grade B team lost all three matches, but that didn't stop them from trying harder and holding their own. Both Middle School Volleyball teams had not been intimidated by the time left in the game, but had instead focused on earning more points, and kept persevering through.

making the **GAME** work

1:00	timeout	6:00	warm-up
DOWN TO THE MINUTE			
0:08	serve	0:45	rally
DOWN TO THE SECOND			
25 points			
ALL ADDING UP			



9/25/17
Ian Henderson, eighth grade, swims the back-stroking at the teams first meet. He swam in one of the first races and gave the team energy.



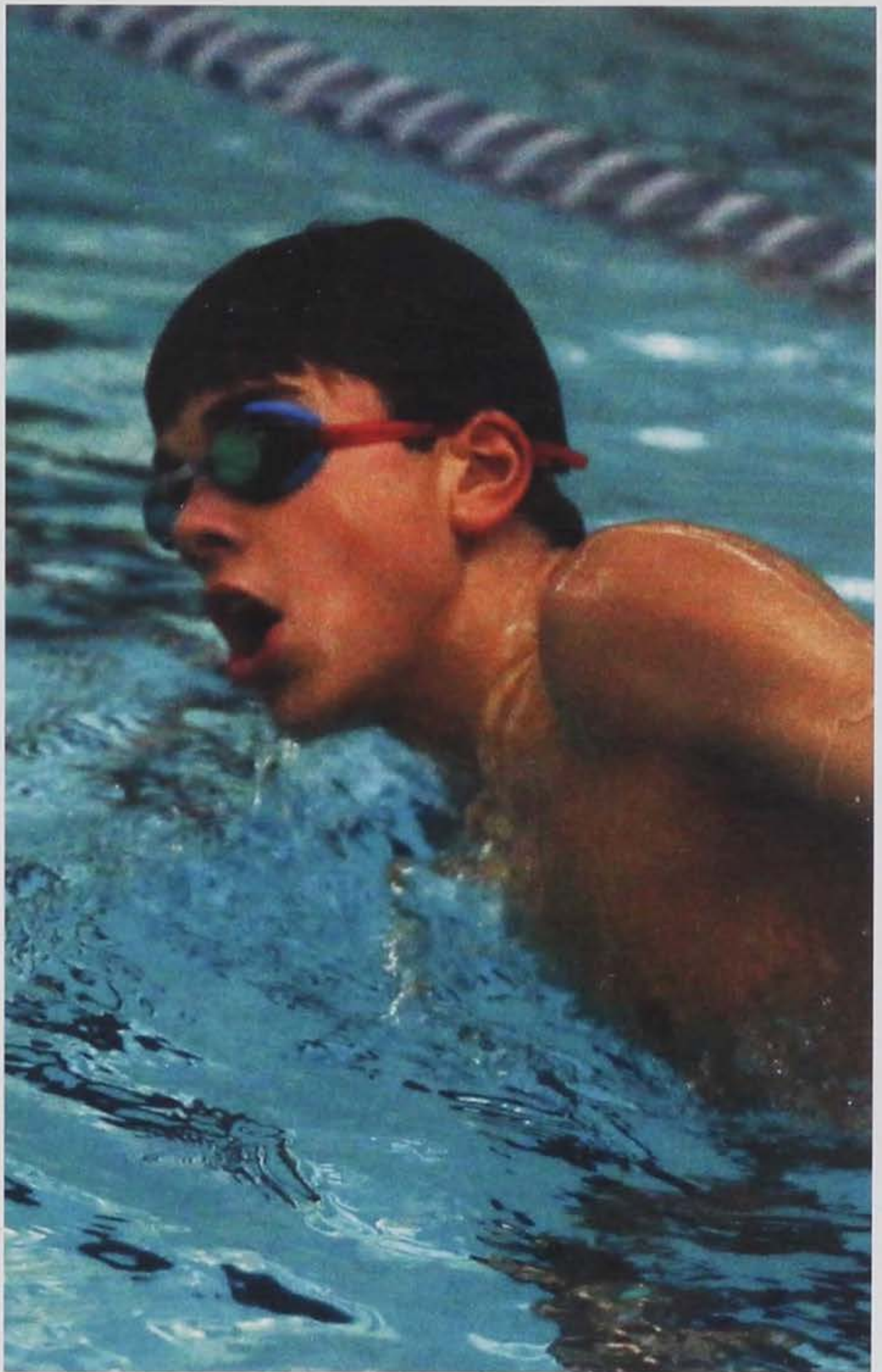
9/25/17
Ahren Muehleisen, seventh grade, swims the freestyle in the teams first swim meet. It was a hard fought race. Though, the race was for fun the swim team still tried their hardest.



9/15/17
RJ Walker, eighth grade rests after doing the breast-stroke. Walker was preparing for his first meet on Monday.



9/21/17
At the end of each practice the team worked on their diving technique. This helped their diving technique and heled form chemistry with the team.



Will Richards, eighth grade, takes a breath during freestyle in practice. Richards likes swimming because he can exercise his whole body and not just one part.

LUKE BURKEY | FREESTYLE



MEETS

PRACTICES

SWIMMERS

SEASONS



8/29/17

Lily Lackey, senior, engages in a fun putt-off with coach Bradley in order to improve her skills before the upcoming match. She, along with her fellow teammates, practiced five days a week on average. A normal practice consisted of putting, chipping, and hitting from the range.

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GOLFERS

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DRIVING IT HOME

8/29/17 Lily Lackey, senior, had been an estimator Varsity swing golfer for all four years of her high school career. She enjoyed the hard times and the proud wins in years past where they have taken home state titles and district championships.

Freshman year seemed like only yesterday to Lackey. "I was super excited but also really nervous to meet my teammates and prove myself to the coaches," said Lackey. This didn't last for long however, as the older girls on the team jumped in to introduce themselves and make her feel welcomed.

As she looked back she remembered specifically Olivia Holt and Amanda Ahlbrand who graduated in May 2017 and who were both

varsity golfers. "It's weird to think how I looked up to them as leaders of the group, and that now I'm in their position," said Lackey.

She also remembered recently when a teammate hosted a golf party at their house. The team enjoyed some leisurely putting and chipping in the miniature golf course they had in the backyard. "That was a really good bonding time where we all grew closer. I hope that as a senior on the team I can encourage more of these bonding times throughout the year because I think those moments are what's important to the team," said Lackey.

As Lackey finished out her Senior year, it was clear that some of her fondest memories and best friends had been made playing golf.



9/25/17

Abby Nall (Left) and **Macie Daniels** (Right), seniors, just found out they qualified for districts. Nall even went on to qualify for state. Both enjoyed that day, despite the heat. "I've done golf for four years and it's never been this hot!" said Daniels.

9/25/17

Bridgette Grimm, senior, starts off the 7th hole of districts. Grimm was injured for the majority of the year, however she still was held as a valued player as she was asked to play in districts.

PUTT PUTT GOOSE

In golf there are many different types of terrain and landscapes, each unique to its own course. This includes all kinds of trees, lakes, rivers and... animals.

At the beginning of the year, Coach Bradley announced that upon hitting or startling a goose, (on accident!) they would then receive a plush goose to keep as a souvenir of sorts. Immediately a score was kept of who had startled a goose - some people more than once. Lily Lackey, one of the repeat offenders, divulged, "Geese are seen on a ton of golf courses, and of course sometimes they get in the way. Normally they're far off, and even though nobody means to, the golf balls can land in the middle of the flock!" Not many sports can claim to have unexpected run-ins with wildlife. "It's a great, unique way, for us all (golfers to bond and take the stress off the match or practice, ya know?," said Alyssa Cannon, senior.

Morgan McKee,
freshman



9/25/17

Chandler Estes, junior, begins the 8th hole of districts with a strong swing. Estes had played for three years. This was her second year on varsity.



9/25/17

Alyssa Cannon, senior, shows off her strong swing in the last hole of districts. Cannon had been on the golf team for four years. "Golf is a unique sport, because you don't notice the time going by when you're in the zone," said Cannon.

RACE AGAINST THE CLOCK



9/14/17

Isabella Franco, sophomore, keeps a steady pace on her way to the finish line. She placed third out of 179 runners. "The best feeling is when you finish a race and know you ran as hard as you can," said Franco.



9/30/17

David Montgomery, senior, makes sure to give the glory to God before starting one of his last races on the WCA cross country team. "Pointing to God is something I do before every race, it reminds me why I run," said Montgomery.

WHEN I AM FINISHING A RACE I PUSH MY SELF AS HARD AS I PHYSICALLY CAN BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT TO ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT IMPROVING MY TIME DOESN'T JUST BENEFIT ME, BUT THE WHOLE TEAM.

-Kathryn Kramer, senior



9/14/17

Ava Hollmann, sophomore, enters the home stretch towards the finish line. She finished in second place. This was Hollman's second year on the team.

9/14/17

The girls varsity cross country team surrounded senior captain **Kathryn Kramer** as she displayed their first place trophy at Spanish Lake, where they got their second consecutive meet of the season, the Sullivan Invitational. With them is their manager, **Hallie Hull**, senior.



9/14/17

Amanda Espy, junior, is in the middle of her first meet on the WCA cross country team. Espy played volleyball for two years before she decided to try cross country this year. She went on to place fifth in her first meet.

9/19/17 In cross country, if the time flies it could be a good or a bad thing. For runners, it's a race against the clock, they are hoping that time will fly in their favor. On the other hand, constantly trying to beat your personal record is no easy feat. If time is flying and you haven't caught up, it can be detrimental to your finish.

However, captain Kathryn Kramer, senior, was familiar with the endurance cross country requires, and realized that the season had seemed to have flown by faster than the races.

"My time on the team has felt both long and short. The season will feel like it is never ending, but once it is over I miss it more than ever and as if it was only a week long," said Kramer.

Along with her, David Montgomery, senior, watched the team evolve: "The team has changed a ton since I first started. My freshman year we were a coed team. Now the teams are split apart, but I feel we are stronger and closer than ever," said Montgomery.

This season, the teams each ended on great accomplishments, but some had to accept that this was the last time they would all be running together.

"Time definitely flies during high school and even more in sports. When I look back now as a senior I feel like I am still the tiny freshman who started a sport and had no idea what she was getting herself into," said Kramer.

Throughout each team's achievements this year, one thing became clear: While time may fly, these runners have mastered the ability to fly faster.



A. J. LLOYD

1ST PLACE
AT BORDER WARS

16:27
FOR A 5K



9/23/17

Blake Elder, senior, heads toward the finish line with his lucky headband atop his head. "I wore it for every race this season and it helped me shatter previous personal records," said Elder.



9/30/17

Brendan Grbcich, senior, runs during the mens race. This was Grbcich's fourth year on the team.



9/28/17

The "Fantastic Four" consisting of **Matthias Jowdy**, junior, **Blake Elder**, **Xander Smith**, and **Blake Andrews**, seniors, are known for consistently posting similar times and their bright pink shorts at



9/15/17

Dani Mabry, junior, Reese Earleywine, sophomore, and Nicole Mabry, freshman, show good sportsmanship after a game. On this particular day, it was a close game, but Parkway Central won.

12

PLAYERS

24

GAMES

8

WINS

15

LOSSES

TAKING THE TIME

10/5/17 It was the last game of the year, and the last game of districts. Every last second counted, especially for seniors.

The explosion of noise coming from the dugout was definitely enough to keep up the Softball team's adrenaline. In a game that big and memorable it could have been hard to focus, but the team did great at keeping their heads in the game.

"Walking on the field, there's a little bit of nervousness but you really have nothing to lose. Walking off the field you kind of have a moment of realization that this was the last game and you're not going to have this experience again. I'm definitely going to miss playing WCA softball," said Erin

King, senior.

Understandably it was a bittersweet time for everyone. The players on the team took pride in each and every second of their games, whether or not they won.

"By the last game I wasn't really all that nervous because everyone was having so much fun. Our last game had to be our best and even though we didn't win, we couldn't have gone out in a better way! Their pitcher was pretty good, but we battled hard and played great defense. I was not necessarily sad after the game because our team felt pride in how we played, but I was sad that softball was over for me!" said Samantha Huber, senior.

9/15/17

Dani Mabry, junior, begins this game with some great pitches. This pitch ended up causing a player at bat to strike out. Mabry was the regular pitcher and always brought her A game on the field with her.

“IN THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON WE WE’RE ALL PRETTY CLOSE BUT BY THE END WE GREW CLOSER BECAUSE WE HAD A LOT OF ADVERSITY THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE SEASON WITH INJURIES AND BEING SHORT ON PLAYERS, BUT WE PERSEVERED THROUGH IT,”

-Deanne Pfyl, senior

9/20/17

Reese Earleywine, sophomore, steps in as catcher for a little while during a game against St. Charles High School.

9/15/17

Maddie Volding, senior, gets ready in the moment to snatch up the softball before Parkway Central’s player can make it to first base.



9/15/17

Reese Earleywine, sophomore, holds back her bat in preparation for the softball to make its way towards her. When she finally swung at the ball she scored a run for the team and was given many hugs and high fives by her teammates.



9/21/17
Addie Draper, seventh grade, reaches out to tag her teammate while playing capture-the-flag. The cross country team played many games throughout the season to incorporate running in a fun way.



9/29/17
Reagan Beachy, seventh grade, finishes a lap on the track after running around the entire school. She liked the freedom of running and playing games with her teammates after school.



9/21/17
Samantha Lee, seventh grade, laughs with her teammates while waiting to play a game at practice. Playing games allowed the cross country team to take a break from running and have fun with their classmates. While still working hard, practices were great opportunities for the runners to catch up after school.

NO GAMES? NO PROBLEM!

10/19/17 Competition is a big part of sports, and every practice is meant to prepare the athletes for the competition to come in games or meets. However, what if there aren't many meets? Is the time in practice worth it? This was the case for the middle school cross country team. For them, practices were mainly about connecting and making memories as a team after a long day of school.

The cross country team both suffered and bonded together in the practices they had multiple times per week. They did many drills and activities to improve as runners such as laps around the school, push-ups and hills. "My least favorite part of practices was doing hills because they are killers for the legs," said Jack Chelew, seventh grade.

However, the cross country runners were rewarded for their hard work with fun games at the end of many practices. Games such as capture the flag, follow the leader, and doing yoga for Addie Draper's birthday were some of the runners' favorites. "When we play capture the flag, everyone just gets happier. It involved speed and running, so we are still getting our workouts in, but there is a joyful and fun vibe that doesn't happen very often in cross country practices," said Sage Schulte, eighth grade. The relationships and memories made during practice and the few amounts of meet made this season one to remember.

"SOME DAYS AT PRACTICE FEEL INCREDIBLY SHORT AND OTHERS UN-BEARABLY LONG, BUT I ALWAYS FIND MYSELF WANTING MORE."

Sage Schulte, eighth grade.



TOP 5 SOFTBALL MOMENTS

1. DUMPING WATER ON THEIR HEADS

2. STRECHING AS A TEAM WITH SOMEONE AS A DRILL SERGEANT

3. PLAYING A SCRIMMAGE AGAINST EACH OTHER

4. HITTING GROUND BALLS

5. MADI VOTAW, SEVENTH GRADE, CHOKING ON WATER



9/16/17
Annika Pollack, seventh grade, prepares to swing at a pitch. Pollack had to overcome her fear by working hard and hitting the ball this season. "The hardest part of softball is conquering your fears of being afraid of the ball," said Pollack.



9/16/17
Megan Fuller, seventh grade, laughs with her teammates from the outfield, waiting to catch an incoming ball. Laughing and joking around are what made practices fun for middle school softball. Even though they did not have any games, they used the time that they had in practice for bonding and joking around.

9/16/17

Madi Votaw, seventh grade, has ball in hand, ready to practice throwing to her partner. Votaw hoped to improve on her hitting, which in her mind is the hardest part of softball. "I look forward to getting to meet new people this season," said Votaw.





WILDCAT CARNIVAL

10/07/17 Westminster's Wildcat Weekend is one of the best weekends of the year. To kick the weekend off, there was a pep rally to recognize all of the fall athletes at the end of the school day on Friday. Later that was the inaugural "Westminsters Got Talent" show, where many WCA students came together to showcase their unique talents.

"It was fun to see people you wouldn't expect putting themselves out there," said Chase Lottmann, senior.

Saturday consisted of the Westminster Alumni soccer game, shopping, and many fun booths and games at the annual carnival. Usually the booths are out on the plaza, but this year, the weather didn't want to cooperate. This caused the student leadership team to work all morning making everything perfect and moving everything inside to make carnival work. "Everyone on the student leadership team was super willing to help and we were able to get it set up pretty quickly," said Haley Schmer, senior.

The main event of the day was the huge varsity football game against rival school, Christian High School. Although it was an overcast, rainy day, the celebration went on just the same. The loyal blue crew bundled up and sat in the rain to cheer on the Cats.



10/07/17 Maggie Ellis, sophomore, cheers on the Cats with the Varsity cheer team. The cheerleaders wore pink bows and had pink poms for breast cancer awareness month.



10/07/17 A group of dedicated freshman in Blue Crew rally for the Wildcats. Despite the rainy game, Blue Crew stayed and supported the football team.



10/07/17 Alec Bequette and Hayley Fizer, juniors, ran the French booth. They had decorations which consisted of the Eiffel Tower and Arc D'Triumph.

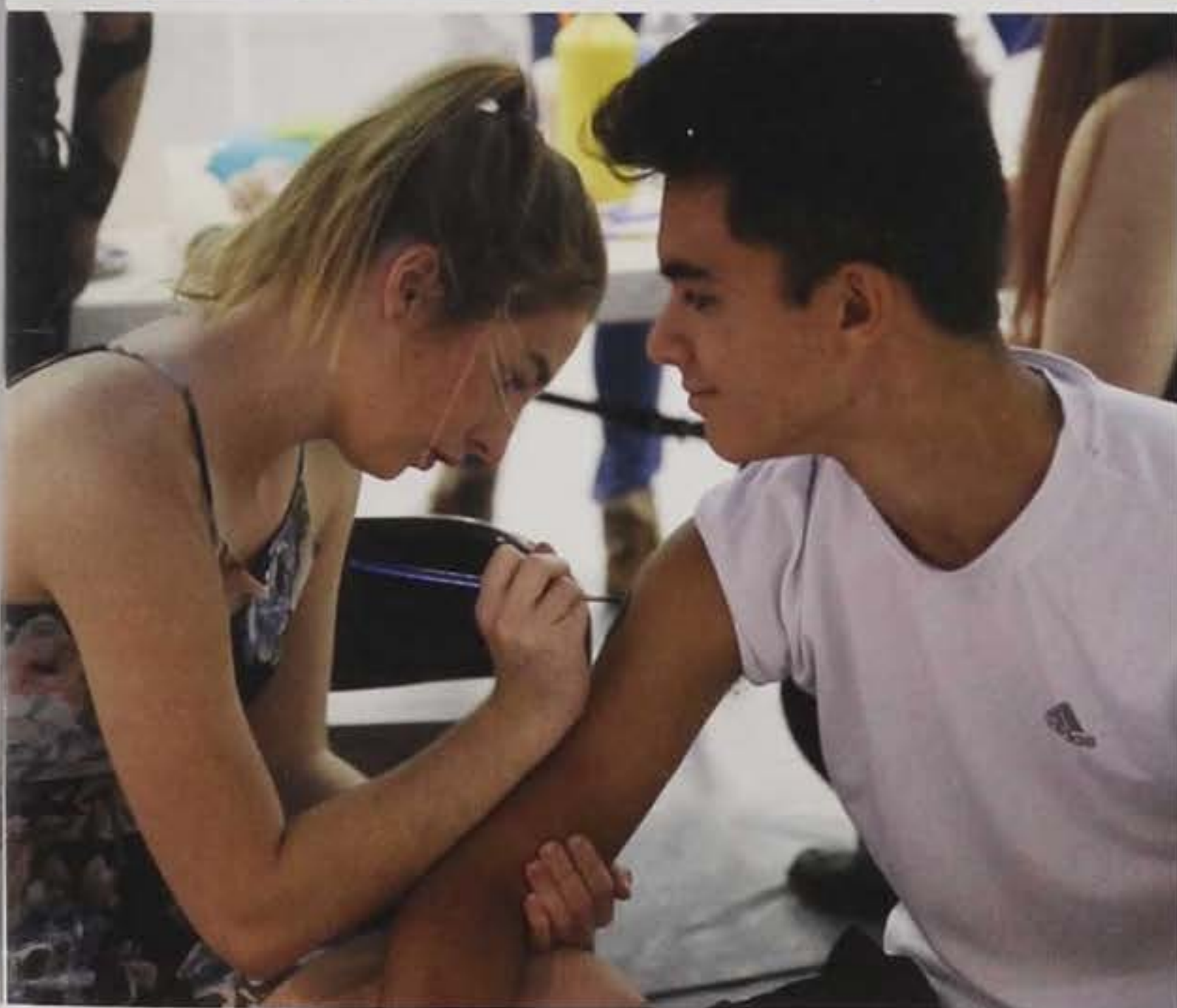


10/07/17 Pamela Mueller, junior, and Max Nelson, sophomore, help with the French booth.



10/07/2017

Anna Bohlmann, Mollee Trost, Bridgette Grimm, Elizabeth Meeks, Kathryn Kramer and Haley Schmer, seniors, walk around and enjoy the food, and entertainment that carnival has to offer.



10/07/17

Grace Gevers, junior, paints on Devon Deverger's, junior, arm at the face painting booth. Gevers, an art club member, helped raise money for this club at their creative booth.



10/07/17

Jessica Wilson, Natalie Brown and Sean Webb, seniors, run the drama club booth this year at carnival. This was intended to raise money for a TV in the green room so the cast members can watch the play and know exactly when to go on. "It was a lot of fun running this booth because not only were we raising money, but we also had a bunch of costumes and got to dress up in fun outfits with everyone who came to the booth," said Wilson.



10/28/17
Caroline Hinrichs, senior, holds the ball as she decides which teammate to pass it to. As the senior quarterback, Hinrichs had to make many tough decisions of where to pass the ball that could cost her team the whole game.

10/28/17
Patrick Claus, Chloe Thomas, and Jack Smith, juniors, do push ups after the juniors score a touchdown. The amount of pushups they did was based off the score the juniors had. The senior parents participated in a similar action by doing jumping jacks.



10/28/17
Molly Andersen, junior, runs with the ball after catching it from the center.



10/28/17
Kelly Bradley, senior, runs to be open for her teammate to pass her the ball.



10/28/17
Bri Harris, junior, sprints with the ball down the field. As the game progressed, the tension rose.



135
 PLAYERS

60
 MINUTES

9
 PRACTICES

4
 POINT
 DIFFERENCE

43 DEGREES & STILL HEATED

10/28/17 The Westminster commu- petition.

nity came out to witness an annual event in the forty-three degree weather--Powderpuff flag football.

In the two years prior, the juniors had won this game, so the rivalry and

ension could not be more real head-

ing into the game. The entire game

was neck-and-neck as many thought

the juniors would continue the reign

of winning with a 28-24 score at half-

time. However, just as the juniors were

about to make their victory lap a few

minutes early, Emily Stoner, senior,

made a major play for the seniors and

put them back into the heated com-

"I saw that the junior's quarterback was going to throw the ball and not

make a run. I was like, 'this is it, you have to catch this.' And I did!" said

Stoner.

As a result of this the seniors scored

and with only 23 seconds left on the

clock, no one knew who would take

the title. The juniors were drawing up

brand new plans in efforts to keep

the winning streak alive, but nothing

could stop the seniors. The champi-

ons of the 2017 powderpuff game

were the seniors after clinching the

title at the very last seconds.



10/28/17 Samantha Huber, senior, runs with the ball down the field. After she caught the ball from the quarterback, Huber ran the ball in an attempt to score a touchdown.



10/28/17 Madeline Williams, senior, moves to catch the ball from her teammate. Both teams played many different players throughout the entire game to include a variety of people.



10/28/17 Katelynn Graham, junior, makes a pass to a teammate. After catching it from the quarterback, Graham decided who to pass it to.



10/28/17 Morgan Sickels, junior, pulls off the flag of Sarah Shoemaker, senior while she runs to the end zone. "Powderpuff was down to the wire," said Shoemaker. This proved to be very true as the game came down to the very last seconds.



10/28/17 Allison Eichenlaub, junior, hikes the ball to the quarterback. The junior team rotated their center multiple times throughout the game, while the seniors kept theirs the same the whole time.

10/28/17 Alexis Turner, senior, gets set on the line before the beginning of the play. As the game progressed on, the tension between the two teams rose dramatically and the girls played with much competitiveness.



10/28/17 Alayna Barthelma, junior, catches the ball from the center. Barthelma rotated in the quarterback position throughout the game.



9/7/17
Keaton Greiwe, junior, lays through the windshield of a car. Griewe was later covered with a sheet in the demonstration.

PREPARING FOR IMPACT

9/7/17 The junior class gathered together in the Westminster parking lot, anxious to witness the scene of a car accident illustrating potential effects of texting while driving.

Jerram Adams, Keaton Greiwe, Isaac Johnston, Blaise Matheny, Jimmy Obertop, and Thomas Schultz, juniors, played the roles of the people in the accident. Mrs. Kempen arrived on the scene and played the role of a frightened mother, which was an extremely normal thing to see in an accident involving high schoolers.

Police cars, an ambulance, a fire truck, and even a helicopter arrived on the scene, portraying what would actually happen in a situation like this. The tragic accident was made to be extremely realistic and extremely emotional.

"It was a surprisingly realistic experience that gave me a good reminder of how dangerous distracted driving is and I have become a more focused driver because of it," said Johnston.

By witnessing this distracted driving scene, it allowed students to see what could happen to their friends, or even themselves. Life flies by, but one can never know when their time may end. This was an unforgettable experience designed to force students to think twice before answering a text because it can ultimately affect another person's life, as well as their own.

ACTORS

- Jerram Adams
- Keaton Greiwe
- Isaac Johnston
- Marjan Kempen
- Blaise Matheny
- Jimmy Obertop
- Thomas Shultz



9/7/17
Isaac Johnston, junior, plays the role of the drunk driver that caused the accident. The police officers handcuffed him and escorted him into the cop car.

9/7/17
Jerram Adams, junior, stands watching his friend get put into the cop car. The police officer gathered information from him, as he was in the back seat of the car.



9/7/17
Jimmy Obertop, junior, was the driver of the other car involved in the accident. His role showed that even though he was sober, his life was changed forever. He was put on a stretcher and rolled into a helicopter.



9/7/17
Blaise Matheny, junior, plays the role of one of the people who passed away from the drunk driving accident. The fire fighters covered him with a sheet as a sign that he was dead.

9/7/17
Marjan Kempen played the role of the worried and frightened mother of the boys. This was a surreal moment for her which brought up many emotions.



10/6/17
Lance Johnson and **Emery Iven**, sophomores, sing a sweet love song. This duet won over the audience not only with their quality performance, but also with the fact that they performed as a couple. This seemed to be enough for them to tie for third and take home a prize of various gift cards, and free drinks at Paw Print.



10/6/17
Izzy Cunningham and **Evie Cunningham**, sophomores, perform an acoustic version of "Drive By" by Halsey. The crowd loved their performance and they got third place. "It was a really great experience to put myself out there and to have so many teachers and students supporting my sister and I in the process," said Izzy Cunningham.



10/6/17
Kayla Hayes, senior, helps start off the night with her dance routine as one of the first acts. Hayes performance had the crowd on their feet when she was finished. "I really enjoyed being able to participate and show off my skills!" said Hayes.

10/6/17
Kaitlyn Rigdon, senior, takes tap dancing to a whole new level, as she glams it up with her sparkly pink costume and taps to a beat-boxing track. "I loved getting to show everyone another style of dance they had never seen before and I was excited to show my talent and that Westminster has talent!" said Rigdon.

10/6/17
Vaughan Goff, freshman, keeps the judges and the audience on their toes as he magically pulls dice out of a seemingly empty box. For his act, he played off the theme of making something out of nothing. In addition to his dice trick he also included pulling a roughly ten foot long straw out of a small paper bag.



WESTMINSTER'S GOT TALENT



10/6/17

Zach Leeker, seventh grade, accepts the first place trophy. Leekers control of voice and ability to project were two of the main qualities that allowed him to take home the grand prize. "Westminsters Got Talent is a really cool opportunity to get to know people and put yourself out there. I can't wait for next year!" said Leeker.

10/6/17

Elena Brown, senior, tap dances to "Good Morning" from Singing in the Rain. She tapped with Ella Polski, sophomore, both of whom wore 20's style dresses with their black tap shoes. "It was really fun to revisit a type of dance I had done a lot as a kid by being able to perform it in the show with Ella," said Brown.



10/6/17 The lights dimmed, the crowded bleachers and shuffling feet fell silent. "Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Westminster's Got Talent!"

One of the most anticipated highlights of Carnival weekend, the arena was packed with people eager to see their family and friends perform. With Mrs. Pfuetze, Mr. Schwamb, and Mrs. Vogel as judges, the night was off to a hilarious start. After every three or four acts, the contestants would come back onto the stage and have the judges give their opinion and provide a little comic relief for the audience.

The whole talent show lasted two hours, although many felt as though it went by in a flash. "Everything from the lighting and hosts to the performers themselves was really high quality and engaging!", said Sophie Moser, senior. Everyone agreed that the talent show was a fantastic way to blast off carnival weekend.

3

PLAYS

21

ACTORS

19

CHARACTERS

1

SHOW



9/30/17

Kyle Farrel, junior, plays George Spelvin in *The Actor's Nightmare* who is a man that is pushed on stage, and does not have any idea what play he is in. Kyle also shared a role in *The Freeway* as the postman.

"I had half the amount of time to practice in my two one acts as the others because I was double cast. It was difficult and frustrating at first, but I adapted and it all worked out fine," said Farrel.

THREE IN ONE

9/30/17 The One Acts performance was surely something different to experience for students. Having three plays in just one show sounded like a difficult task for the actors.

"It creates a different style production for the audience to enjoy. They get to experience three different plays with distinct tones. Being a part of the Collection One Acts is just as enjoyable as a regular full length show. The only real difference is the amount of rehearsal time is shortened, but the effort and necessary focus stay the same," said Cole Hintz, junior.

Then when asked if it felt like time flew by during the process of putting on her performance, Micah Gooch, senior, who played Dame Ellen Terry said,

"Yes because I feel that the performance was so soon. It seemed by the time we were prepared for it, it was time for the show. I'm still amazed at how fast we pulled it off. The days felt like seconds," said Gooch.

The Fall One Acts production was very unique and a great new way to encourage students to get involved in the arts. Some of its actors have already been in productions in the past, but many new talents have also come to the surface because of the various varieties of the three plays.



9/30/17

Anna Hassler, junior, plays Maude Peterson in *The Freeway*, who is an elderly woman who has lived in her home for "over 50 years." She did an excellent job at bringing her character's emotions to life as she wept at the news that she would have to leave her home she had shared with her late husband. The scene brought tears to many eyes.



9/30/17

Sean Webb and **Amani Holmes**, seniors, play the postman and Lena Johnson in *The Freeway*. They chatted about the freeway that is kicking people out of their homes and Mrs. Johnson still said she is not moving.



9/30/17

Hanna Eisenbath, senior, played Mrs. Hale, and **Alyssa Pritchett**, freshman, played Mrs. Peters in the mystery *Trifles*. While examining a piece of a quilt that the supposed murderer, Mrs. Wright, had been working on, they look towards her chair. The women sit in quiet fear because they know what really happened.



8/23/17

Megan Roche, freshman, eagerly waits to eat her pancake she caught out of the air. She caught 3 pancakes out of the air on her first try.



9/1/17

Caroline Claus, freshman, prepares to catch a frisbee. Claus had been at WCA since seventh grade, but still thought the retreat was a great way to meet new people.

9/1/17

Vaughan Goff, freshman, relaxes in the hammocks at the freshman retreat. People enjoyed relaxing by the lake and coloring during this activity. Another popular thing to do was to flip over the hammocks.



8/23/17

Elias Hyatt, Adam Zell, Matthew Burgess, and Isaiah Thompson, freshmen, eat breakfast with the freshman class. They had the options of pancakes, sausage, and orange juice.



9/1/17

Sophie Clifton and Anna Minichiello, freshmen, head to an activity at the Freshmen Retreat. "The coloring was so relaxing," said Minichiello.



FIRST TIMES

9/1/17 The new students of the class of 2021 started their freshman year in August of 2017. The new class members were little siblings of other Westminster students, food network stars, hockey players, videographers, and a whole bunch of scared souls. Students recall how they were overwhelmed and intimidated by new surroundings and new people. Some came in knowing the whole grade and others not even a soul. Students were ready for new opportunities Westminster had to offer.

Many of the new incoming students did not receive what they expected from Westminster. Most certainly believe that Westminster is better than they expected. When the school year started they feel as if they were welcomed with open arms. Those who came in scared and feeling alone were surrounded by new amazing friends by the end of the week.

The class of 2021 certainly did not have the best reputation when entering high school at Westminster. Incomers and teachers expected wild and crazy kids who were cliquey and self-centered. When the new year started many people received or entered a class they had not really been prepared for. A class with, yes of course those couple of kids, but many smiling faces going into the new school year feeling the same as their new classmates, scared and intimidated by new surroundings. Ready for a fresh start, to erase their middle school selves and become someone new.

The class of 2021 certainly is not the most loved class at Westminster, but they are always waiting with open arms to any new incomers. It is also full of good, smiling faces only hidden by the classes reputation. If you push past the cover of the freshman class and really look inside you will find a class full of smiling faces, who are only hidden by the past actions of their classmates.



9/1/17
Rebecca Do, Ellie Callier, and Marty Briner, freshmen, and Marjan Kempen hang out at the swimming pool during their second activity on the freshmen retreat. The swimming pool was a very popular place to go on the Freshman Retreat. Many people ended up jumping in the pool without their swimsuits on.



9/1/17
Emilee Burney, freshman, hangs out in a tree after lunch at the freshmen retreat. "I met many new freshmen at the retreat and really enjoyed spending time with all of my new friends during lunch and our activities," said Burney.

"WE MAY NOT BE PROFESSIONAL CHEFS, BUT WE ALL GOT A CHANCE TO LAUGH AND POST ON OUR SNAPCHAT STORIES DURING OUTDOOR COOKING"

-Olivia Bauer, freshman

9/1/17
Jack Powers and Matthew Kinney, freshmen, play gaga ball during the freshmen retreat. Each freshman got to choose six activities throughout the day.

11/14/17

Madison Tucker and **Jaela Ginger**, sophomores, form an assembly line in order to unload the buses full of food from the ITSOG collection.



11/14/17

Michala Crooks, eighth grade, tosses a box of diapers to an upper classman. Crooks is a part of middle school leadership and delivering the items was a great service opportunity.

11/6/17

Isaac Niekamp, eighth grade, collects a bag of groceries for his grade's table, the Monday of ITSOG. Niekamp organized the food and diapers into groups to help the counting process to be easier.



11/14/17

Noah Coomes, freshman, and **Rachel Strothkamp**, senior, unload the diapers from the bus to the diaper bank. The diapers were given to families who are not as fortunate.

5,701

MONDAY

2,243

TUESDAY

14,937

WEDNESDAY

4,409

THURSDAY

6,035

FRIDAY



11/9/17

Kinsley Lawrence and **Will Mason**, sophomores, work together to organize the school supplies for Thursday's ITSOG collection. They were both on the Student Activities Leadership Team.



11/6/17

Molly Andersen, junior, drops off her donations for the Monday of ITSOG. Andersen graciously donated every-day of ITSOG.

GOAL - 27,000 ITEMS
TOTAL - 33,324 ITEMS

11/14/17

Hanna Ottsen, sophomore and Sarah Cahill, eighth grader, work to unload and pass boxes full of diapers for The Diaper Bank. Middle and Highschoolers alike in leadership worked hard delivering all the goods to various charities.



GIVING GRATITUDE

11/6-10/17

Every year, Westminster faculty and families spend a week donating goods of all kinds to give back to the St. Louis community. Kids and faculty bring in food, toys, sleepwear, school supplies, and baby supplies on various days throughout the week. This year, our community gathered a total of 33,324 items! This number exceeded our goal by over 6,000 items. "Through ITSOG, we are able to change lives through sacrificing our money and time. It is an amazing opportunity for Westminster to come together and make a difference. It is one of my favorite times every year!" said Lily Duda, sophomore. ITSOG welcomes joy to the Westminster community. "ITSOG brings a sense of community and love to Westminster. It shifts people's focus away from receiving and towards giving," said Sabrina Granata, sophomore.



11/10/17 Alayna Barthalmass, junior, works to separate winter wear from pajamas on the final day of ITSOG.



11/6/17 Elle Pierson, sophomore, unloads canned goods to kick off the week of ITSOG. On Monday, there were a total of 5,701 items collected.



ACADEMICS

2/27/18

Jacob Moyer and Nancy Morcos, sophomores, throw sheets of paper up in the air in Mr. Knerr's Western Civilization class. Through the destruction, Mr. Knerr taught his students that man's natural instinct was towards destruction.





2/28/18

Dawson Gaitan, senior, signs a customer's name on a coffee cup. "I think that Pawprint is successful. I believe that people can have their favorite drinks in the morning before going to first hour and it doesn't even take long for us to make your drinks," said Gaitan, senior.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

2/28/18 Pawprint Coffee Shop, located in the Grand Entry, was at first an idea, then a dream, and then a reality for students this school year. "In the summer, there were a lot of meetings that we had to attend. During the meetings, we learned how to make certain drinks and we were informed how Pawprint was going to be run," said Chloe Kellom, junior. Students had to invest a lot of time and effort into the business when it first started out to get it going.

"I had to come during early mornings to work. I also spent my study halls here mixing up drinks even though I had homework to do," said Jessica Wilson, senior. Although the newly opened business required a lot of work and energy, it has been paying off with the constant stream of customers every morning.

"We usually have a couple regular customers that come in during the mornings and order the same thing. It's fun because I've been able to get to know some of the students better, especially the middle schoolers," said Kayla Hayes, senior. Pawprint has succeeded in its unique menu with a variety of options and drinks students can select from.

"It was Mr. Horn's idea for the drinks menu. We do a vote of what we want to sell and provide our customers with. We also talk to students and faculty about our drinks. Their favorites usually include coffee related drinks," said Dawson Gaitan, senior. As a result of Pawprint's success, a dream was able to become a reality and students were able to gain the valuable experience of running a business in the halls of Westminster.

10

WORKERS

6

FLAVORS

32

DRINKS

2

HOURS EVERYDAY

6/18
Campbell
theibe and
Anna Niekamp,
seventh grade,
grab coffee in the
morning before
class. "I usually
get an iced vanilla
latte at Pawprint.
Drinking coffee
in the morning
helps me focus
during school
and the prices
are pretty
reasonable," said
theibe.



2/28/18
Kayla Hayes,
senior, serves
up iced mochas
in the Pawprint
Coffee shop. She
learned how to
serve drinks and
use the machines
during the span
of a week.

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-Matthew Thoenen, junior



3/6/18
Grace Johler,
junior, holds her
latte. "This was
my first time
getting coffee
here and I loved
my drink. I felt
good helping
the business
program and it's
nice how it's so
convenient," said
Johler.



3/25/17
Luke Heintz, senior, uses a caramel pump to
drizzle sauce on a drink. "A lot of our products
come from Kaldi's, but what sets us apart from
them is the fact that everyone here personally
knows each other. We know the customer's
names and they know ours and that makes us
very different from other coffee shops," said
Heintz.



2/28/18
Matthew Thoenen and Chloe Kellom, juniors,
snap a selfie while working at Pawprint. "I had
a lot of fun making drinks for customers with my
classmates. We had a lot of regular customers
and most people ordered Java Chip Frappes.
Frappes are always a good choice," said
Thoenen.



8/25/17
Alyssa Cannon, senior, wraps a Pawprint logo
around a cup of coffee. The coffee shop was open
every morning at 7:15am and closed during first
hour usually at 8:45 am. Student workers usually
had to arrive at school early to prepare and set
up shop for the day.



2/20/18

Jake Rattan, junior, and **Avery Engelmeyer**, senior, speak during a live broadcast of WCA Today. Although it did not appear this way, they always stood in front of a green-screen while the script-roller moved the script for them.



2/20/18

Lauren Bohlmann, sophomore, adjusts the volume of the microphones of the speakers. There was a lot of work that went into the broadcast behind the camera.

2/20/18

Natalie Brown, senior, adjusts the camera as the show progresses. Her job was crucial to the show, as the camera always needed to be on the faces of the speakers, and they are broadcasting live.

STORY TIME

2/20/18 Stories. Our year was made up of several stories. But who's telling and documenting the stories? Westminster's journalism program offers many options for students to storytell including, newspaper, yearbook, Sporting WCA, and broadcast. Although their final product was what everyone always saw, there was much time, effort, and work that went into producing the final product. "When people watch our show, it's easy to forget the complexity of the process," said Haley Counts, senior. As a part of the broadcast team, Counts and the team not only had speakers and a camera crew, but there was also a producer and someone controlling sound and video. At times it could be hard to cover a story, but it all came together in the end and the final product was very rewarding. "When I see the reactions of people to the different stories and shows we put on, it really makes everything worth it," said Natalie Brown, senior. Journalism also provided experience for those wanting to go into that field of study where they can learn how to best storytell. "It is something I want to do for the rest of my life as a director, so getting this experience now has made it all worth it," said Counts.



2/26/18 Bridgette Grimm and Ashley Peterman, seniors, make adjustments to the layout of the upcoming issue of the ROAR. As more stories are written, adjustments have to be made to make the best stories be featured.



2/26/18 Preston Willis, senior, presents a new idea for how to organize the ROAR. Willis has more influence in the way the ROAR is planned and executed.

"EVERY ASPECT
OF THE CLASS
IS REPRESENTED
IN A SHOW AND
EVERYONE PLAYS
A ROLE."

-Michael Pritchett, junior

2/20/18 Ty Jones, junior, rolls the script for the speakers during the broadcast. His job was extremely important to the production as the speakers do not memorize their lines and need someone to adjust the script throughout the show.



2/26/18 Jordan Hauesser, Carter McCall, and Luke Heintz, seniors, evaluate a spread for Sporting WCA. These students highlighted specific athletes that stood out on their teams along with a summary of all the teams' progress.



3/7/18
Katelynn Graham, junior, glazes her creation in ceramics class. She then painted it with a few pastel paints.

2/12/18
Darrel Van Order, seventh grade, concentrates and paints something for his MS Art class.



3/8/18
Elena Frogge and **Bethany Holden**, seniors, laugh while they work hard and focuses on her drawings during their AP Studio Art class.

3/7/18
Savanna Steffens, senior, sketches a few ideas before she begins molding her clay in ceramics class.





3/8/18

Hilary Hightower, senior, composes a large painting of a beautiful landscape somewhere in nature. She took a lot of time to get every brush stroke exactly right, and it showed.

NORTH EVERY SECOND

3/14/18 For some, art was a class that you have to take, but for others it was the best part of their day. It was a time for students to relax and create something that they could feel proud of.

"I do art for fun because it's usually very relaxing. At home, I don't have to worry about what time it is or homework, so I just sit down and draw whatever I feel like," said JT Crowe, freshman.

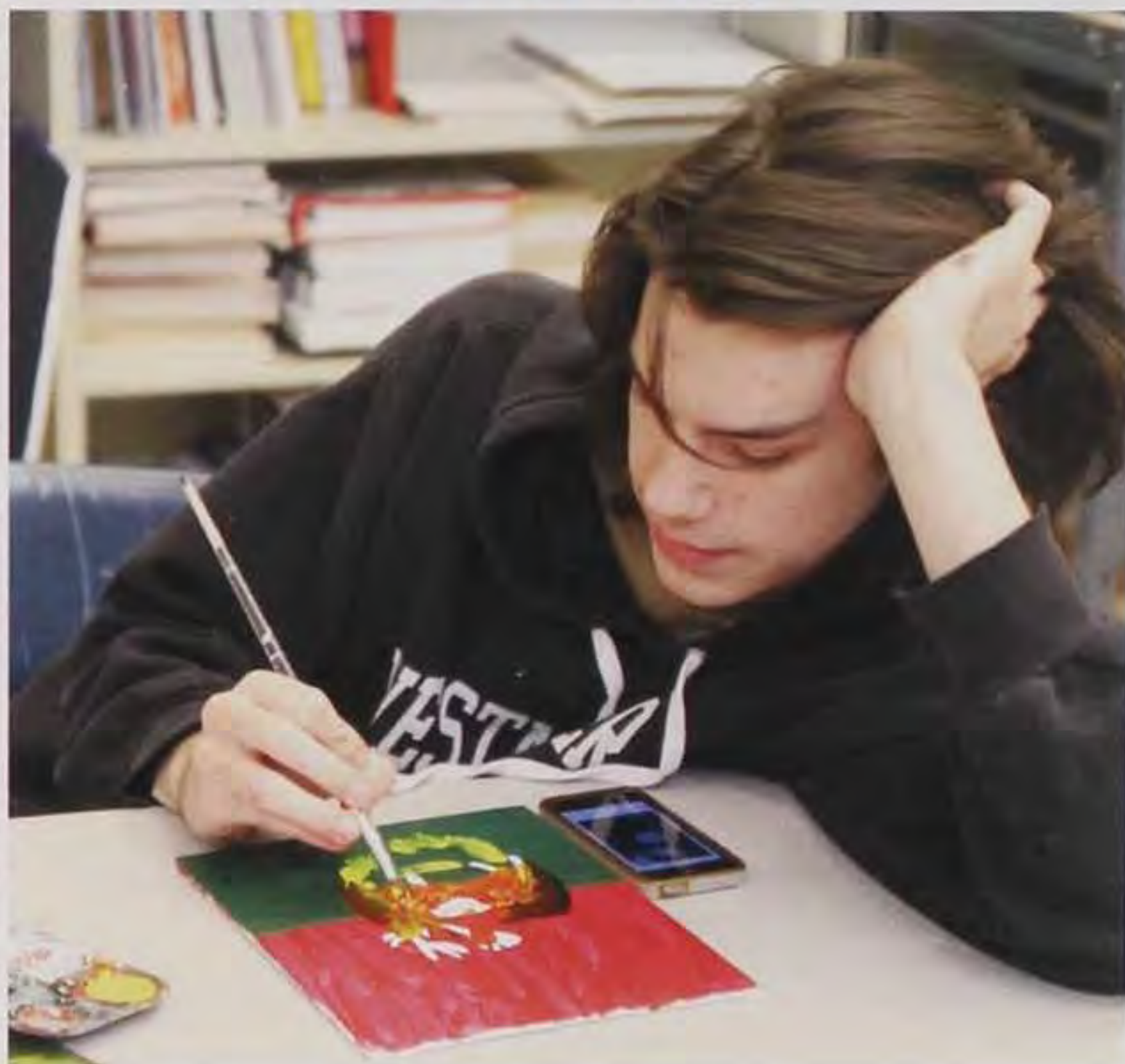
The time it took to finish a piece could range from a few minutes to a few months of concentration.

"If I'm doing ultra realism (ie the piece looks real) then it can take 15+ hours of compiled work, whereas if I'm doing a loose interpretation it can take as little as 15 minutes; it simply depends on what type of art I'm doing," said Anna Johnson, senior.

Johnson loved taking classes with Miss Martin, a professional portrait artist outside of school. Art was definitely a skill, hobby, or job that took true dedication no matter what. That was why seeing so many artists who were willing to spend their time on projects both for school and for enjoyment was hopefully very inspiring to others.

"ART IS MY FAVORITE CLASS OF THE DAY BECAUSE IT'S A CLASS WHERE YOU CAN LET ALL YOUR IDEAS FLOW. I CAN EXPRESS MYSELF THROUGH MY PAINTINGS IN WAYS I NEVER THOUGHT I COULD."

-Paige Wibbenmeyer, junior.



3/8/18

Mikey LeVar, senior, paints one of the many pieces of art he has created during his AP Studio Art class. On this block day, he was working on a group of 5 paintings.



1/15/18
Emily Zell and **Natalie Brown**, seniors, share their fourth year of being in concert choir together as sopranos. "Choir has been such a highlight of my high school experience. Coming together with your classmates to bring a beautiful piece of music to life is such a profound experience and a memory I will always cherish," said Zell.

2/21/18
Nick Moten, freshman, practices his saxophone for an upcoming concert. "This was my second year in band, and I decided to play the same instrument because I realized I liked it in eighth grade," said Moten. He plans to continue playing through the rest of his time at Westminster because of his level of improvement and the friends he has made.



2/21/18
Daniel Herrera, sophomore, rehearses his unique instrument of the xylophone. Herrera played different types of percussion instruments throughout the school year, including the drums and piano. Herrera also plays the guitar, so he has a wide range of musical talent. This skill benefits both him as a musician and the band as a whole due to

4 SEASONAL CONCERTS

10 IMPROV SHOWS

4 DRAMA CLASSES



1/15/18
Chase Mayfield, junior, practices a song for the spring concert with his fellow basses. "I've been in choir since freshman year. Even though I didn't have any friends in it at first, I met people quickly and really liked the overall experience of singing in a choir and working with Mr. Schwamb," said Mayfield.

YOU DON'T KNOW ELMO

1/15/18 Westminster is known throughout the St. Louis area for having an incredible performing arts department, and the hard work of all students involved in choir, drama, band and improv results in stellar performances throughout the school year.

One unique aspect of the performing arts program was the very skilled and creative improv team. They perform in the black box theatre on Friday nights for students, teachers, family and outside friends.

"We split into two teams, blue and white, and play different games against each other. The winner is determined by a clap-o-meter, so whichever team's performance gets the most applause wins," said Sean Webb, senior.

The enthusiasm also has a great impact on how well the actors perform and effects their ability to come up with creative ideas in the heat of the moment. At one of the improv nights this year, Kyle Farrell, junior, was playing a game of charades that involved him having to guess the item his teammates were silently acting out. The object was a Tickle-Me Elmo, but Farrell had never heard of this, so the game went on for a long time before they finally had to call it. After he confessed his oblivion to the beloved childhood toy, his parents bought him one for his next birthday. Soon after, the Tickle-Me Elmo became the improv team's mascot.

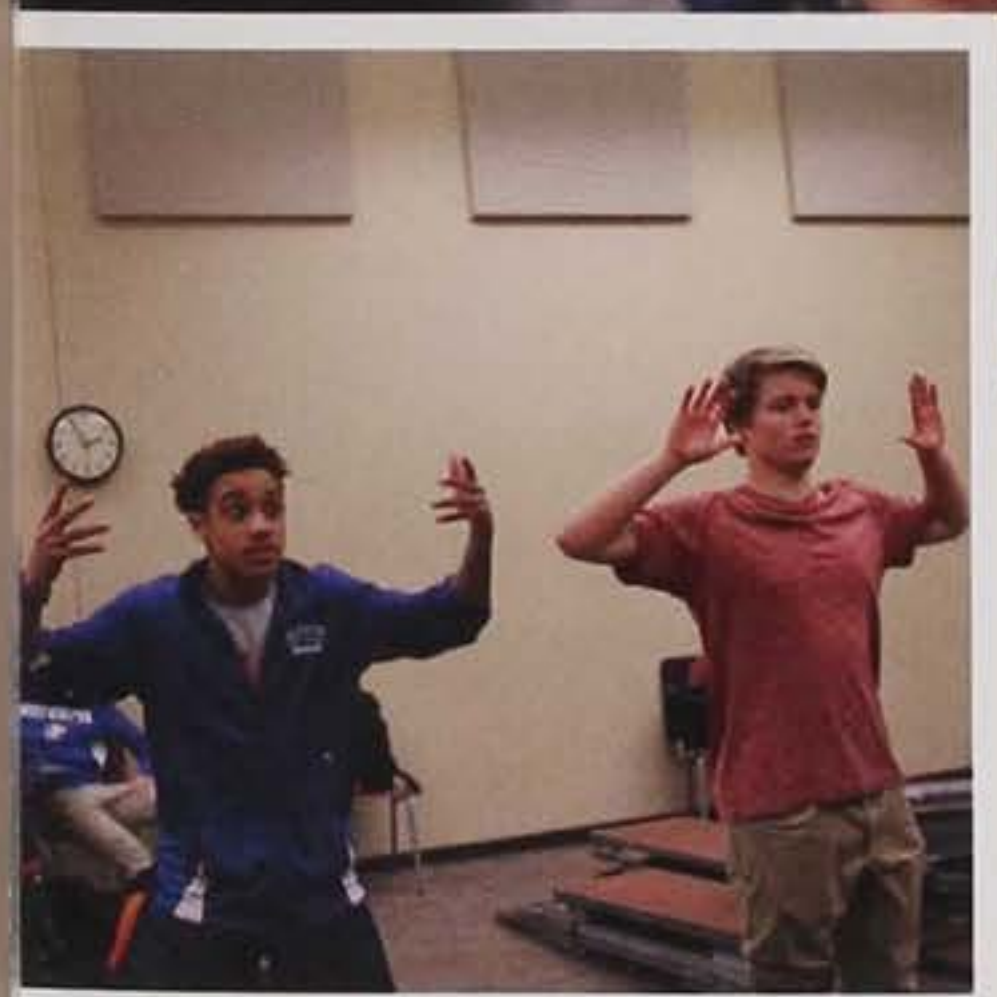
"The best part about being on the team is that you never know what is about to happen, and making an audience laugh is a great feeling," said Jonathan Mette, senior. Mette jumped off the stage into the audience at one of the shows. His acting choices always kept the audience engaged. Moments like these last in the talented performers' memories for a lifetime, and all of them will fondly recall the moments they were lost in time under the bright lights in front of a delighted audience.

2/23/18
Hanna Eisenbath and **Sean Webb**, seniors, act out a scene with the theme of the new movie "Black Panther" with teammate **Jake Rattan**, junior. This game was called "Follow the Leaver" and the white team ended up winning due to the levels of clapping from the audience.



2/23/18

Tyson Jones, junior, represents the white team by taking on the comical role of a lunch lady. "I love improv because everything that happens is so unexpected, and the group of people makes everything so much more fun," said Jones.



2/14/18

A.J. Lloyd, senior, displays a very expressive facial expression during a Drama 1 class alongside his friend Chase Lottmann, senior. These two have participated in multiple performance groups for WCA such as musicals and drama performances.



2/21/18
Zach Dantuono, freshman, listens to Mr. Burkey's lecture while taking diligent notes on his iPad. Many students preferred to take notes electronically.



2/21/18
Matthew Kinney, freshman, listens in on his Bible Class. "Essentials of the Christian Faith." This class provided students a knowledge of God and the Bible.



3/13/18
Angelina Spencer, eighth grade, joins the middle school Bible class in a Kahoot to prepare for their upcoming test.

"BIBLICAL ETHICS HELPS TEENS LEARN ABOUT DIFFICULT AND UNCOMFORTABLE TOPICS."

-Jessie Kunkel, junior



2/21/18
Rabbi Davis, sophomore/junior Bible teacher, uses his knowledge of the Bible and his faith to inspire and inform his students.

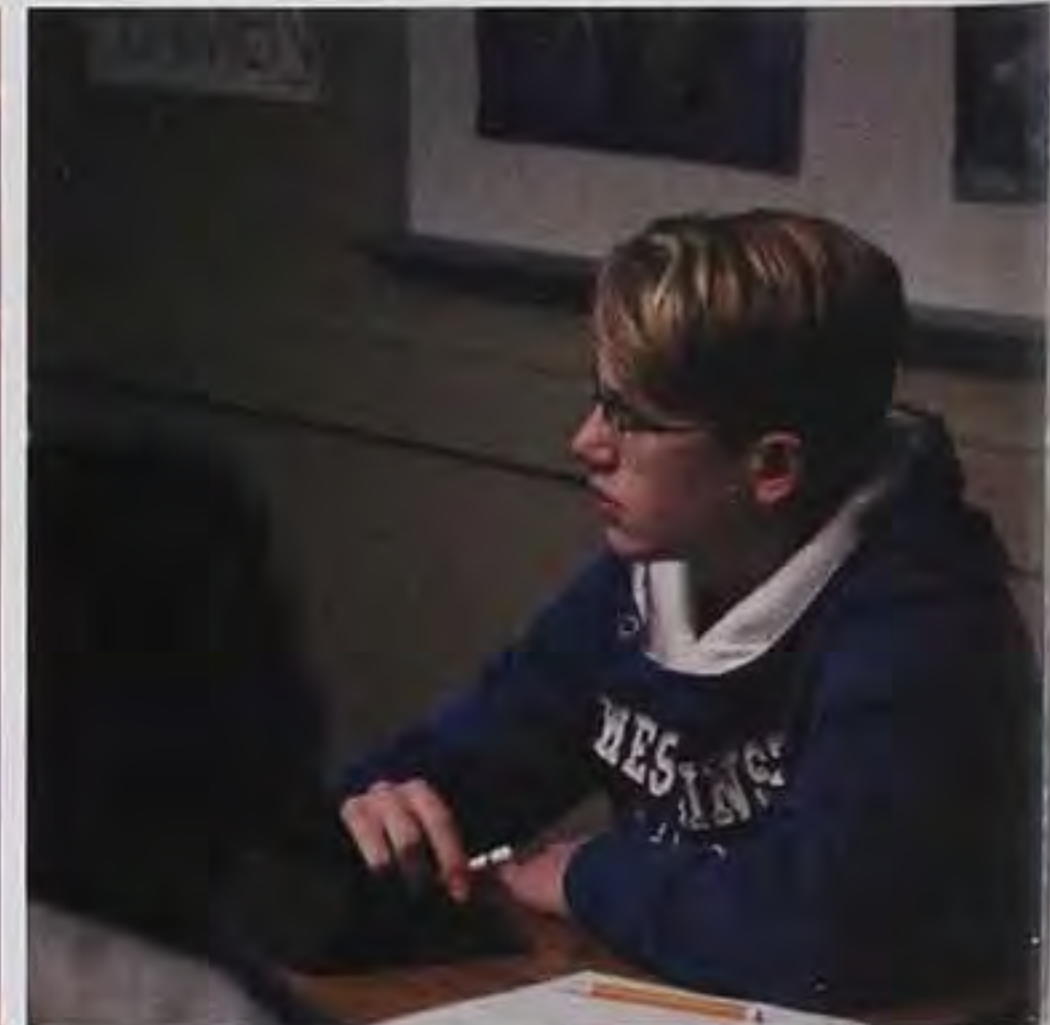
2/21/18
Owen Minichello, freshman, takes notes during his Bible class. He preferred to take notes on the paper worksheets that are provided by the teacher, rather than the electronic notes.



3/13/18
Jackson Selk, freshman, engages in group work in their "Essentials of the Christian Faith" freshman Bible class. They took time to complete their group projects that would be shared with the class.



2/21/18
JT Crowe, freshman, listens intently to his teacher while gaining knowledge of the Bible. The Bible teachers gave the students note sheets so they could organize the information they are learning.



GROWING IN FAITH

3/13/18

Savvy Duncan, eighth grade, loves learning more about God and the Bible in her middle school Bible class. They focused on understanding the overall story of Christ and having a strong relationship with Him. They did this by spending time in the word of God and reviewing important stories in the Bible that teach us a lesson today.



3/13/18 Bible classes at Westminster allowed students to learn and grow in their faith with Christ, while engaging in fun activities with the class. There were a variety of Bible courses including Biblical Ethics taught by Larry Hughes and Rabbi Davis.

"Right now in Bible we just finished our unit on alcohol and drugs. It was an interesting unit because it allowed the class to be informed about the dangerous uses of both idols. Throughout the year we are covering all ten commandments and right now we are #3 (Thou shall not take the Lord's name in vain)," said Jessie Kunkel, junior. Kunkel was in Rabbi Davis's Biblical Ethics class.

"My favorite thing that we have done so far this year is this thing called the Labyrinth. Rabbi put a 5x5 square out of tape on the floor, and we had to work together as a team to complete a list of patterns created by Rabbi," said Kunkel.

There were other Bible classes available at Westminster such as Essentials of the Christian Faith taught by Brian Burey specifically to the freshman class. Each Bible class focused on something different whether that be ethics, worldviews, or just the basics. Westminster allowed students to grow through these classes and learn more about our Creator.



3/13/18

Ashley Lytle, freshman, works on individual work during her Bible class: "Essentials of the Christian Faith." The class did a variety of different projects and individual work to help express the key aspects of having faith.



2/22/18
Reid St. John, junior, opens his book to a specific page when discussing in Book Club.



1/29/18
Lauryn Rhodes, Katelyn Jeong, Emery Iven, Ava Cella, and Avery Burkemper, sophomores, pose for a picture during English class.



3/8/18
Peter Gatch, freshman, looks through a book while participating in Essay Bootcamp.



2/15/18
Aaron Kampmeier and Reid St. John, juniors, pose with cake for a quick snack during English class.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

1/31/18 In English, many times students are pushed out of their comfort zone and encouraged to do things that they may not be used to. In Mrs. Conrad's eighth grade English class, students were told to perform a short version of the play Romeo and Juliet... in front of their classmates. "It takes a while to speak with some expression and to get comfortable speaking in front of the class," said Nick Ford, eighth grade. Even though it might have been difficult, students gained experience from overcoming their fears of speaking in front of people.

From tragic plays like Romeo and Juliet to modern day books like Boy's Life, students explored different genres of literature. In Book Club, led by Mr. Burke, students explored a nostalgic novel about a boy and his own journey. Overall, students enjoyed Book Club because of the different genres of books and the insightful discussions that follow. English covers not only fun plays, but explores thoughtful novels.



1/31/18
Nick Ford, Matt Buchanan, and Spencer Counts, eighth grade, read Romeo and Juliet in English class.

3/8/18
Davis Worley and Teddy Peirick, sophomores, discuss useful tips and tricks for writing.



"I TOOK AP LIT BECAUSE I LIKE READING BETTER THAN WRITING AND I WAS ALSO EXCITED TO HAVE MR. GALL AS MY TEACHER."

-Grace Gundlach, senior



3/8/18
Kirk Briden and Matthew Kinney, freshman, take notes during Essay Bootcamp. The two of them worked on their essays by reading books and annotating.



9/2/17
Isabella Francois and Hannah Stevenson, sophomores, set up a display for Book Fest. Both students enjoy reading and writing.

MAKIN' HISTORY



2/8/18
Bridget James and Carly James, juniors, show off their heavy APUSH textbooks.



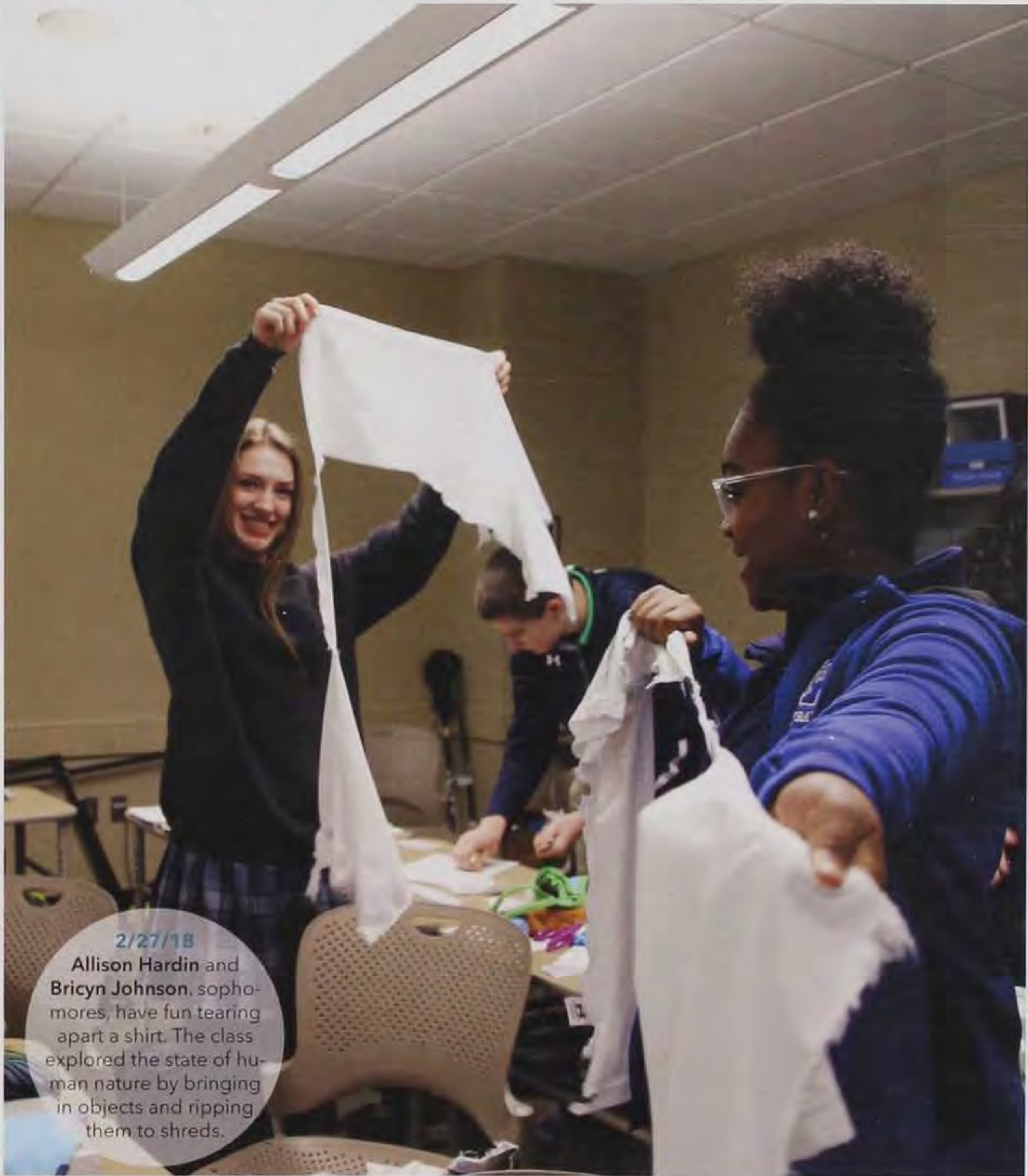
2/27/18
Hannah Stevenson, Alyssa Legters, and Ava Bidner, sophomores, watch Mr. Knerr in Western Civilization.



2/14/18
Zach Cancila, junior, poses with his candy bag during the Valentine's Day party in Mr. Warrens class.



3/8/18
Alicia Hu, sophomore, takes a break from reading her history book.



2/27/18
Allison Hardin and Bricyn Johnson, sophomores, have fun tearing apart a shirt. The class explored the state of human nature by bringing in objects and ripping them to shreds.

2/27/18 What if a teacher allowed students to do whatever they want with objects in a classroom? In Western Civilization, taught by Chris Knerr, for a whole class period students were able to bring in objects from their homes and go crazy. Stuffing, plastic, styrofoam, and paper were thrown across the classroom, torn apart by the eager students. Although it might have seemed like a pointless activity, the students learned a lesson about philosophies and the importance of a system of order in society. "Destroying things in class reduced our cynicism and critiques about the boys in the book we're reading, Lord of The Flies," said Alyssa Legters, sophomore. This is not the first kind of incident that is involved with Mr. Knerr's class, often students found themselves outside, participating in all kinds of crazy activities. "One time, he made my class make 'Ornaments of Hope' for a school of kids in Africa, and then we realized halfway through the class period that the whole thing was just a demonstration of child labor in the Industrial Revolution," said Ava Bidner, sophomore. At the end of the day, each activity somehow tied into a lesson, teaching the students information while having a fun time.

ESPAÑOL

2/26/18

Señor Legters poses with his second hour Spanish 2 class. Señor is famous in his class for asking, "Are you tense?"



2/21/18
Colin Davitt, junior, goofos off in Dra. Dudley's Spanish 3 honors class.



2/21/18
Robert Walker, eighth grade, reads his textbook. This was his first year taking French.



2/21/18
Caleb Adams, eighth grade, practices speaking French in his class to another teammate.

SPEAKING WITH SEÑOR

2/21/18 Many students at Westminster took the required two years for a specific language and didn't look to take more than that. However, there were those special students that loved a language and wanted to keep perusing it in hopes of mastering it and maybe visiting somewhere that actually speaks it.

For Claire Sanden it's a different reason to keep perusing Spanish. Claire Sanden had Señor Legters her sophomore year and is hoping to having again her senior year.

"The only way I will take Spanish 4 is if I have Señor," said Sanden. Señor was the only reason Sanden kept up with Spanish for three years and was hoping to have Señor for her fourth high school year at Westminster. This one incident shows the importance of student to teacher relationships at Westminster. Sanden liked taking Spanish, but Señor makes it even more enjoyable.



2/21/18
Doctora. Dudley holds her beloved llama statue. This was not the only llama thing Doctora owns, as llamas are her second favorite animal (after cats).



2/21/18
Anna Fregene, eighth grade, listens in French class. This year was her first year taking a language.



2/21/18
Ava Hollman, sophomore, does a listening activity in Dudley's Spanish 3 class. This was Hollmans second year taking Spanish.



2/21/18
Alyssa Legters, sophomore, listens to an audio recording in Dra. Dudley's class. Legters was tested on reading, writing, listening, and speaking in Spanish 3 Honors this year.



2/21/18
Annie Davidson, sophomore, **Kayla Lui**, senior, and **Kelcie Patrick**, sophomore, pose in front of the Spanish flag in Señor Legters' classroom.



2/21/18
Samuel Wardenburg, eighth grade, speaks French in Ms. Devries' class. Many middle schoolers chose to take a language in order to start out in level 2 in high school.

1/17/18

AJ Lloyd, senior, mounts an aperture assembly on a Vernier track. Lloyd and several other seniors took AP physics this year.

WHY?

10/7/17 AP physics, AP biology, and AP chemistry are considered some of the toughest classes in Westminster. Anyone taking one of these classes is almost guaranteed to lose several hours of sleep studying for tests and doing pages upon pages of homework. However, some seniors have taken up the challenge and took all three over the course of their junior and senior years.

So the question has to be asked: Why?

For some, like Michael Thoenen, science had been just a matter of preference.

"I like science, and if my options were to either take a science class or an art class, I would take a science class," said Thoenen, senior.

He took six STEM classes over his high school career, and was juggling both AP physics with Dr. Shaw and AP biology with Dr. Winchester.

For others, like Hayden Shively, taking science classes was part of the bigger picture.

"I want to do it for a living, so I might as well take all the classes possible," said Shively, senior.

He took eight total STEM classes and is a four-year veteran in Westminster's robotics team.

Still others, like Blake Andrews, took science classes for the community.

"I took honors chem, and I really liked it. So I moved on to AP chem, and the people who take those kind of classes are people who really want to be at school. They usually have a better attitude and are usually friendlier towards others," said Andrews, senior.

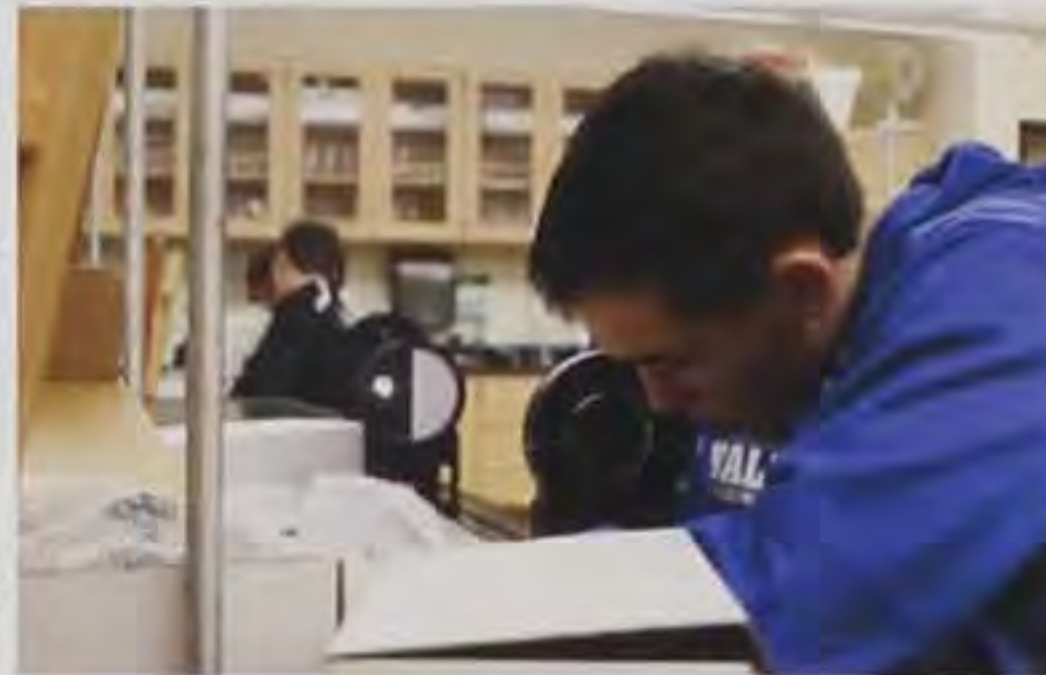
The environment around STEM is one that's very inclusive, and I also like the subject matter. I felt like my high school experience was more positive once I took harder, more challenging classes."

Whatever the reason, AP science students and STEM majors certainly have the most grit and determination out of all of the students in Westminster. Their hopes for college and beyond are ambitious: Thoenen and Shively plan to major in engineering, and Andrews's future is still up in the air.

"Maybe I'll become a university professor and do research on the side, or work for a chemical company," said Andrews.



1/17/18 Isabella Francois, sophomore, sets down an Erlenmeyer flask. Francois and a couple dozen other sophomores took honors chemistry with Dr. Shaw this year.



1/17/18 Ricky Johnson, senior, adjusts an apparatus during a lab. AP physics were studying light and optics during the lab.



1/11/18 Blake Andrews and Michael Thoenen, seniors, take a break during a passing period. "Civil engineers suck," said Thoenen.



1/17/18 Jacob Moyer, sophomore, picks up a flask during an honors chem lab.



1/17/18 Layton Perona, Daniel Johnson, and Dylan Wells, sophomores, clean off a pH probe.



1/17/18 Izzy Cunningham, sophomore, tests the pH of an unknown liquid in an honors chem lab.



1/17/18 Daniel Wang and Andy Chen, seniors, take a look at their data in an AP physics lab. "STEM stuff is always useful to know," said Wang. "You never know when you might use it."

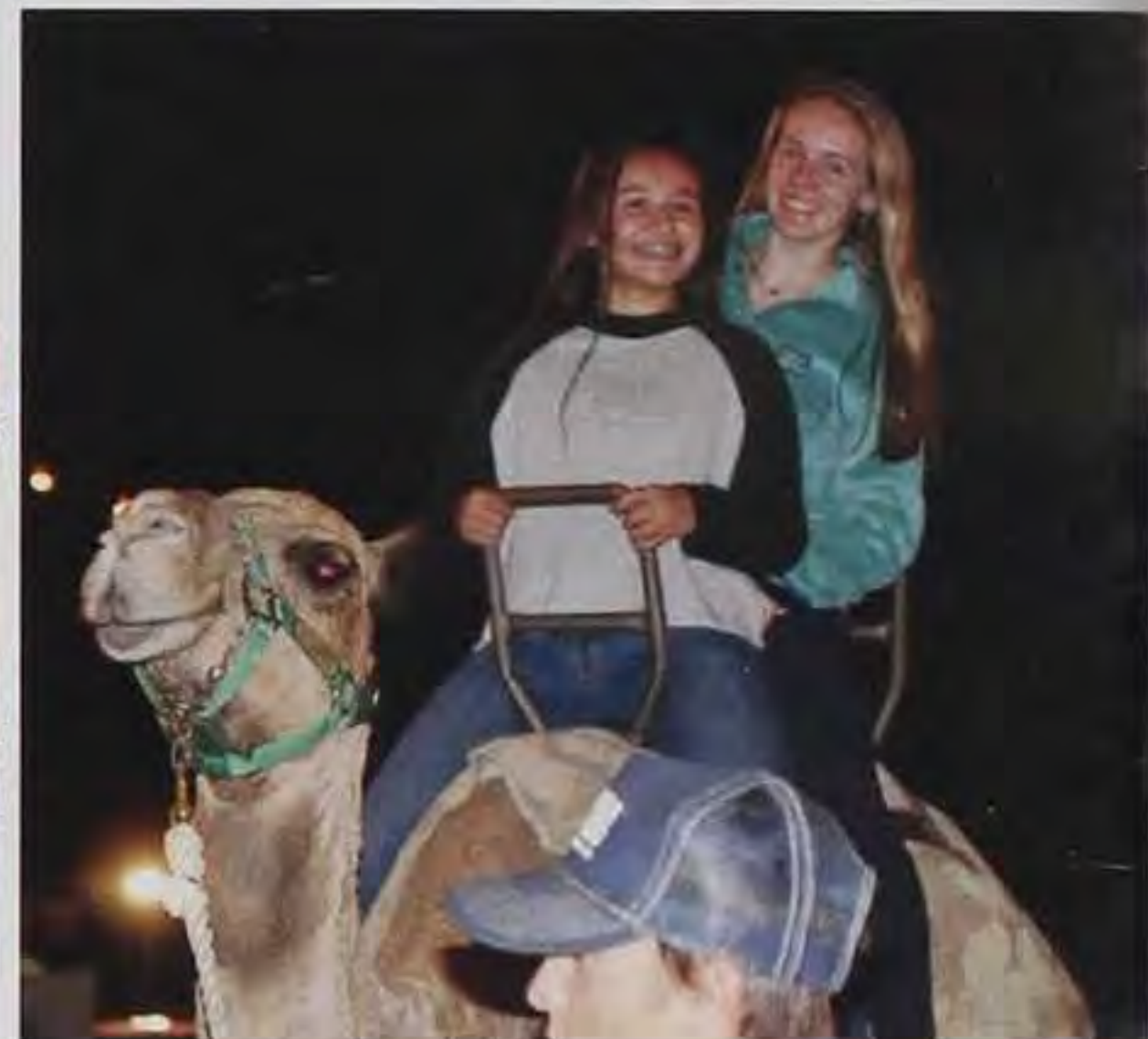
1/13/18

Lance Johnson, sophomore, sings and puts on many performances for outside school events and inside school events with his band bleach. The band put on a performance at Blueberry Hill and the Shack. They produced many albums and they have a song called "Elizabeth" on iTunes.



10/2/18

Maggie Dolan and **Kate Johnson**, sophomores, met on the plaza after school for yummy treats provided by the class moms. The moms bought in an assortment of treats to mix up an otherwise ordinary day.



9/18/17

Grace Skiljan, **Abby Stewart**, and **Maddie Grega**, sophomores, enjoy doughnuts before the school day begins. Donuts on the Plaza, a parent coordinated event, brought all types of sophomores to gather on the bleachers and enjoy the sweet breakfast.

11/10/17

Nikki Breneman, senior, places a flag into the ground. Students and faculty helped decorate Westminster with flags on Veterans Day.

10/13/17

Hope Burkey and **Macey Lottmann**, sophomores, take a ride on a camel during a sophomore grade event at Eckert's Farm. The grade enjoyed camel rides, a haunted hayride, and s'mores around a bonfire.

2/2/18

Jonah Zell, seventh grade, shakes maracas as accompaniment to the surprise Mariachi band during spirit week. The band traveled from class to class as a surprise, serenading teachers and dancing with students.



2/14/18

Daniel Wang, **Hayden Shivley**, **Matthew Moore**, **Amie Lee**, **Ricky Johnson**, and **Francie Akins** seniors, celebrate their achievement of Nation Merit Scholar Finalists. After perfecting their score on the PSAT, the semi-finalists wrote an application essay trying to become a National Merit Scholar.





2/2/18
Kayla Colley, junior, dances with one of the band members, Juan. Juan went around with the Mariachi band and would take students out of their seats and dance with them.

MOMENT BY MOMENT

2/12/18 Everyday life at Westminster could grow boring. The same old same old made time seem as though it was inching by too slowly. Therefore the things that were the most unexpected in life was what kept students from drowning in the blue sea.

Even something as simple as a fire drill that knocked off ten minutes of class could be eventful. Without any snow days WCA students relied on small things like that. Westminster had a few surprises but the school's favorite was the mariachi band. Dr. Holly hired the Mariachi band from Rossellitas to shake up the lives of WCA students. The band went through most classes and played favorites while taking students to participate and dance with them. The band really helped to make class interesting and was a great way to end Spirit Week.

However, the mariachi band was not the only out of the ordinary thing that happened this year. There were sport signings, pancake days, bands playing, food trucks, fun grade bonding, and much more. The food trucks this year consisted of Kat's Closet, an awesome clothing truck. There were also many delicious food companies such as, Sia's Shaved Ice, Slice of Italy Pizza, and many more. Students watched multiple events/games happening at the school while eating this food. Overall, these tiny events caused time to really go by.



2/2/18
Keke Duan, senior, shakes a maraca. Duan enjoyed the Mariachi band going from class to class.



2/2/18
Natalie Ford, sophomore, cheers during the surprise Mariachi band visit on the final day of spirit week this year. Ford laughed as her classmate Luci Hilbolt danced with one of the band members.

10/7/17

Cody Smith, sophomore, plays a game of chess during Carnival. The chess club's booth made for a perfect form of entertainment during this year's rainy carnival weekend.



PEOPLE & CLUBS



9/9/17

Alyssa Adams, Ashley Peterman, and Haley Schmer, seniors, cheer on the football team. The theme was Hawaiian. The senior girls were front and center cheering on their friends in the football game.



8/25/17

Isabella Francois, and Katie Hobaugh, sophomores, Maggie Kehr, and Caroline Megown, juniors, show their support at the football game. The blue crew stands were filled with students dressed from head to toe in red, white, and blue.



3/13/18

Jesse Parham, L.B. Battle, Drew Dempsey, and Xander Smith, seniors, attend the hockey championship game at Scottrade Center. The boys were among the hundreds of students who made up a sea of blue. "It was so much fun getting to watch a hockey game at Scottrade for the second time," said Parham.



WE'VE GOT SPIRIT

3/2/18 Each sporting event at Westminster brings a different element to the school. Saturday afternoon, even some Friday night, football games were an amazing start to the school year and allowed students to reconnect with their friends. Basketball games were a great time to come together with your classmates and cheer on the basketball teams during Spirit Week.

A sport that blue crew students have gained a love for over the recent years had been hockey. This year their games were primarily played at St. Peters Rec Plex, which was a farther drive for most students. However, the longer drive did not stop students from going and supporting the hockey team.

On one of the biggest games of the season, the blue crew stands were packed with students wearing their favorite

jerseys. "It gave us even more motivation to win," said Levi Wright, senior. Usually, seniors lead the blue crew stands. However, this game was led by Harrison Lawrence, junior. "We wanted him to get the opportunity to start leading some of the games before he would become the new leader next year," said Luke Heintz, senior. While the wildcats lost the game, the blue crew fans stayed filled during the mini game and sudden death. The blue crew fans stayed loyal until the very end of the game. "Their presence really helped us pull off the win," said Wright.

Eleven days later an even bigger group of Westminster students filled the stands at Scottrade Center. "It was unbelievable how many people came out to the game. I looked up and all I could see were blue sweatshirts," said Wright.



8/25/17

Sydney Johnson and Kelly Bradley, seniors, are decked out in red, white, and blue. The seniors were always front row cheering on their friends during the football games.



9/28/17

Rachel Byars and Katie Myers, seniors, are dressed head to toe in black. Both senior girls were at the majority of the football games and even made many appearances to the basketball and hockey games.



3/2/18

David Montgomery and Chase Lottmann, seniors, attend the Wickenheiser Championship game. "I love going to all the games and being apart of the environment. It's a lot of fun to be in the blue crew and participate in the random chants," said Chase Lottmann, senior.



9/9/17

Brooke Lang, Ally Drooger, and Maggie Kurop, seniors, hold up signs for the football players. They spent the night before making signs for their friends. "We wanted to show our support for our friends on the football team," said Lang.



3/25/17
Megan Roche, Kaitlyn Stilt, and Kourtney Moten, freshman, take a break from watching the football game to take a picture.



9/9/17
Thomas Lauer and Alex Token, seniors, wait in anticipation for the cheerleaders to throw blue crew shirts out into the stands during a football game.



3/13/18
A group of juniors and seniors at the Scottrade Center watch their classmates take on Marquette high school in the Wickenheiser Cup Championship. "It was super cool to watch the hockey team become back to back champions," said Caleb Layton, senior.

BEHIND THE SCENES



2/28/18
Nicole Xie, senior, and **Sydney Moore**, sophomore, work in the sound booth above the theater, operate the lights in sound before an all girls chapel.

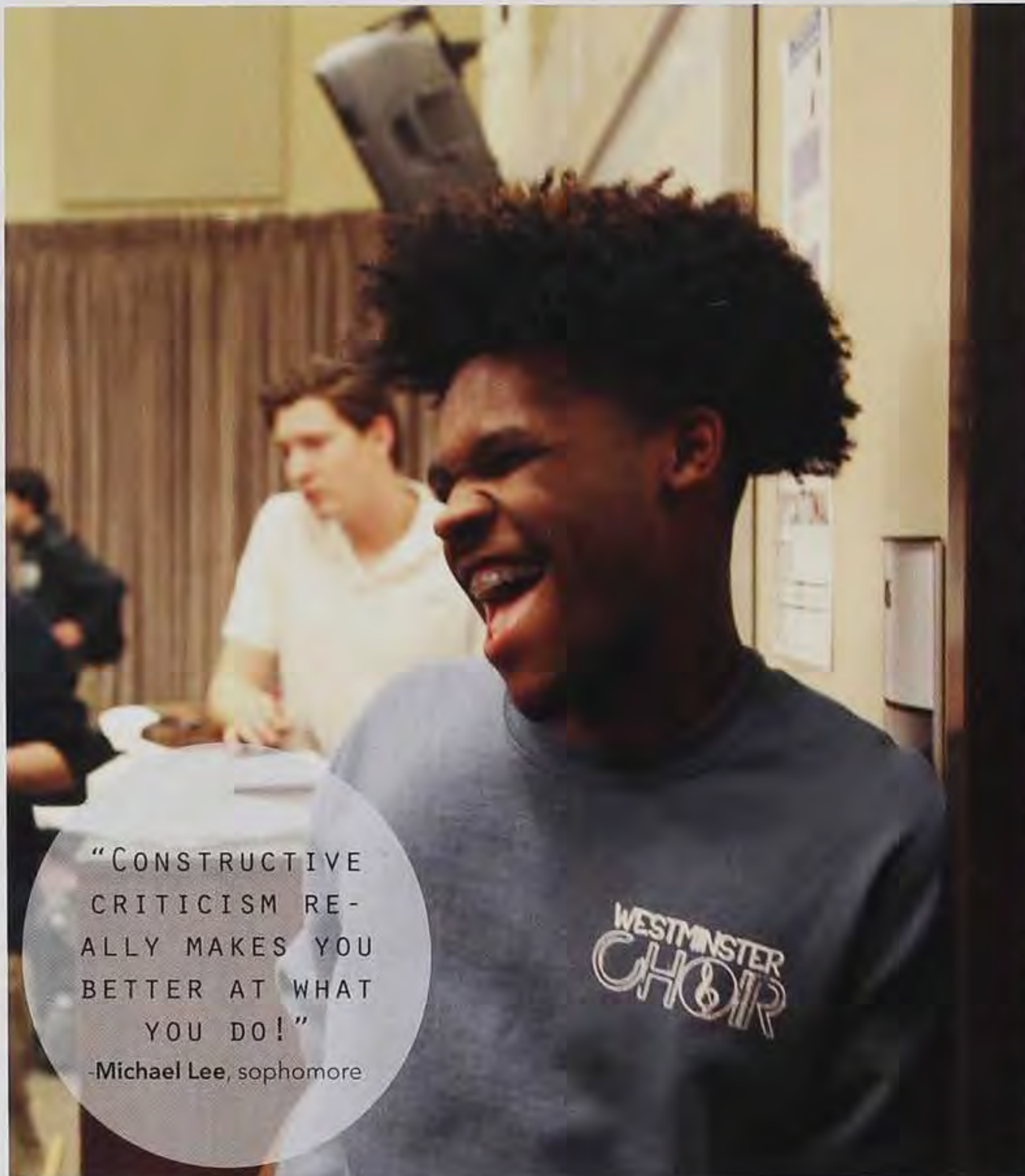
2/21/18 Chapel, Spirit Week, Choir Concerts, really anything at Westminster that requires lights or a microphone, AV Club was the magic behind it all. The AV club was quite active in the Westminster community. They were the hard working kids behind everything we love at WCA. Without them we would not hear the music in Chapel or see the actors in Westminster's performances.



1/1/18
Adam Zell, freshman, works on a couple last adjustments as kids start entering the arena for chapel.



1/1/18
Sage Schulte, eighth grade, adjusts the camera's angles minutes before the start of chapel.



"CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM REALLY MAKES YOU BETTER AT WHAT YOU DO!"

-Michael Lee, sophomore

1/16/18 Drama Club was all about coming together as a community for kids at Westminster to express their theatrical talents. Before the auditions for every musical, Drama Club hosts an audition workshop to help mentor those who are new to theatre and Westminster musicals.

The workshops were usually a success, and students benefited from going to them and working to improve their skills such as singing, dancing, and reading lines.

Michael Lee, sophomore, had been in Drama Club all of his high school career. Lee went to the workshop and ended up with one of the biggest roles in the musical, *The Wiz*.

"The Drama Club workshops are so helpful," said Lee. "Getting feedback from my friends is so important. Constructive criticism really makes you better at what you do!"



1/16/18
Abby Johler, eighth grade, is eager to learn at the audition workshop. This was the first drama workshop she had ever attended, so she didn't know what exactly to expect. "I had so much fun! I really learned a lot about auditioning," said Johler.



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 Jack Chelew
 Anica Cherian
 Sam Christen
 Lucy Christian
 Elizabeth Clawson
 Julia Coleman
 Tyler Collison
 Henry Counts
 Lizzy Crowe
 Brysan Davis
 Will DeBoer
 Sarah DeClue
 James DiStaso-Hutchins
 Addie Draper
 Isabel Draper
 Haley Drooger
 Alex Ebling
 Reagan Engel
 Christina English
 Lily Evans
 Sam Evans
 Emma Fairchild
 Maegan Fleming
 Nathan Fox
 Will French
 Megan Fuller
 Drew Gingerich
 Sanaa Glasper
 Alyssa Greco
 Olivia Greenlee
 Ben Gustafson
 Crawford Hall
 Ever Grae Hall
 Kate Harper
 Sam Herrera
 Ava Hornburg
 Tyler Hott
 Taniya Jessie
 Mike Johnson
 Evan Jordan
 Hannah Kendrick
 Hannah Kennedy
 Nyah Kim
 Jordan LaGrone
 Samantha Lee
 Zach Leeker
 Anna Grace Likes
 Allie Lytle
 Jimmy MacDonald
 Jack Maher
 Kaitlyn Mann
 Lucy Marsh
 Julia Martin
 Margaret McDaniel
 Max Mentel
 Arden Menzel
 Emma Mohler
 Ahren Muehleisen
 Carolann Muschick
 Anna Niekamp*



3/16/18

Rachel Arndt, junior, and **Grace Gundlach**, senior, pose in front of a game they were in charge of. There were 6 stations in the arena and 10 booths set up for the kids in the gym.

11/14/17

Jaela Ginger and **Madison Tucker**, sophomores, pass the ITSOG supplies into the bus to help the companies we raised the items for. Both on Service team, the two girls, along with others, helped plan and coordinate with many businesses to help as many people as possible.



1/29/18

Caroline Megown and **Harrison Lawrence**, juniors, prepare for the first day of games and fun during spirit week with **Sabrina Granata**, sophomore. The spirit team provided new games and new hosts to this year's spirit week.

12/8/17

Aaron Kampmeier, junior, lays down the table setting for the Christmas Banquet. Activities worked many hours creating the ideas, posters, setting, decor, and much more to make the event run smoothly.

THE TRIUPLE UMBRELLA

11/14/17 As the rain drops off the tips of the umbrella, it spreads into the increasingly large puddle of potential. The Westminster Leadership Team has changed and hopes to change others differently from now on. Structured as an umbrella with 3 ways of serving our community, the Student Leadership team not only works with the school but other companies in the St Louis area.

Service team, a tip of the umbrella, begins their year of leading with ITSOG, a school wide event to help provide for others in the St. Louis community. Zoe Lintner, freshman, a new member to the team, said, "We put a lot of hard work into ITSOG and it really payed off. It was amazing to see the school involved so involved in helping the community". Working closely with Nurses for newborns service team travels to the cite of the action. After ITSOG was complete, 33,324 items were collected, a record-breaking amount. Each day the items would go to a different set of companies, leading to helping those all over the community.

Spirit team prepares all year for the big event, Spirit Week. "It's a great way to get students together and pour into our community," said Lucy Wood, sophomore. 16 students helped create the most exciting week in the school year. New games like plunger racing, themed days like "swinter", and much more was all created by the spirit team.

Activities team works on many events throughout the year including, Freshman Retreat, Carnival, Christmas Banquet, Special Olympics, and Junior Senior Banquet. The team is separated into the four grades and breaks down the events to get things done faster. With only the 20 minutes of Wednesday advisory to plan and work, the team starts far before the event to make sure everything is perfect. Lily Duda, sophomore, explained the way they broke down Christmas Banquet.

"Breaking up the event helps get it all done. There was the video group, the food group, the decorations committee and a couple more. All of the committees worked together for setting up and taking down so we moved pretty fast as a team," said Duda. The Student Leadership Team, although with separate jobs, helps build our school by the activities and help we give to our community.



Jamie Obertop
 Lulu Olszewski
 Holden Orrick
 Ella Ortals
 Kenneth Patrick
 Matt Patterson
 Kaden Peer
 Elizabeth Pepmueller
 Anagi Pieris
 Annika Pollack
 Kyle Price
 Caroline Rahal
 Kylie Robertson
 Carly Roche
 Jenaye Ross
 Elisabeth Saltmiras
 Grant Sawyer
 Campbell Scheibe
 Sara Schloss
 Brandon Schoen
 Sabrina Schultz
 Tim Shoemaker
 Abbey Siburt
 Abby Siess
 Lauren Sowers
 Mae St. John
 Avery Stanfill
 Greg Strauss
 Gia Thomas
 Libby Thuro
 Shelby Truitt
 Derrell Van Order
 Madi Votaw
 Brynley Wall
 Will Wang
 Sophia Weiss
 BJ Wesley
 Kate Wessels
 Libby Wessels
 Brynn Whitley
 Jordan Williams
 Kobi Williams
 Annie Wood
 Jonah Zell
 Rosa Hargrove

3/16/18
 Ian Burke, English teacher, poses with Izzy Cancila, freshman, as they prepare their booth for the Special Olympics.



11/14/17
 Becca Chimento, freshman, throws a roll of toilet paper to the people outside the bus. Working alongside service team, activities gives a helping hand to the ITSOG businesses and helps bring in the items the people in our community need.



11/14/17
 Rachel Strothkamp and Haley Schmer, seniors, prepare to catch a box tossed by Noah Coomes, freshman. The leadership teams worked together to carry boxes of items from ITSOG.



3/16/18
 Isabella Francois, sophomore, rolls from booth to booth during set up for Special Olympics.

HONOR AND APPRECIATION



1/3/18

Nina Bacon and Lea Despotis, sophomores, Madeline Williams and Madeline Kugler, seniors, welcome the veterans with love to the St. Louis airport from their honor's flight. "It was really special for them to be a part of the honor flight, these men have left a legacy that we are privileged to honor," said Williams.



1/18/18

Lea Despotis, sophomore, hosts the club's meeting during Thursday's lunch. Despotis was the club's president, so she often pitched ideas on how to serve the veterans to other club members.

"WE SERVE THEM
BECAUSE THEY
SERVED FOR US"

-Dr. Gall

1/18/18 Most people did not fully understand what the First Responders Club was when they see it in the announcements. First Responders was a club that honored veterans and appreciated first responders for their service.

It started in November 2017, with Lea Despotis, sophomore, leading the club and Dr. Jeff Gall as the sponsor. Every Thursday they would meet during lunch. The club started growing very quickly as they had fifteen members at one meeting.

During the meetings, the members planned ways to show appreciation to veterans and would often go to events with veterans to honor them. One event they attended was for veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. They frequently made cookies, care packages, and notes to show their gratitude. The club also went to the airport to welcome veterans from the honor flight to St. Louis.

The First Responders club was definitely a special club to Westminster. The club reflected how God would want Christians to honor those who serve us. The students in the First Responders club were actively showing appreciation to others and were constantly putting smiles on many veterans faces.



3/3/18

Nina Bacon and Lea Despotis, sophomores, greeted the veterans at the St. Louis airport. "It was so heart warming to see the veteran's faces coming off the plane," said Bacon.

3/1/18

Sarah Elizabeth Williams, junior, and Lea Despotis, sophomore, make posters for the veterans. "Veterans club is a great way to honor not just those who have fought for us in battle, but all of the outstanding men and women who served in our nation's armed forces," said Williams.





Caleb Adams
 Ahmad Alexander
 Katie Allen
 Meghan Allen
 Josh K Anderson
 Joshua E Anderson
 Nathan Bahnak
 Nalini Bailey
 Jack Baker
 Luke Beachy
 Miranda Bellamy
 Ryan Benes
 Luke Bequette
 Ava Berutti
 Corinne Boerner
 Lauren Borchelt
 Nate Bowman
 Tanner Brand
 Ben Broadhurst
 Caleb Bross
 Jacob Brown
 Matt Buchanan
 Madison Bugh
 Clayton Bull
 Owen Burkemper
 Luke Burkey
 Kaitlyn Butler
 Sarah Cahill
 Abbie Cannon
 Landen Cella
 Dymond Clay
 Jordan Coleman
 Spencer Counts
 Michala Crooks
 Kate Dempsey
 Olivia Diedrich
 Madison Doehring
 Gus Duda
 Savvy Duncan
 Lauren Dunn
 Cooper Edgecombe
 Ava Elias
 Kirk Ellis
 Ashley Enger
 Kole Feeney
 Grace Fentress
 Nick Ford
 Shane Ford
 Anna Fregene
 Peyton French
 Victoria Fuller
 Ian Funk
 Stewart Geisz
 Nicholas George
 Bella Gibeaut
 Aleem Glass
 Macy Goodwin
 Ashley Gordon
 Ethan Gronek
 Matthew Heintz
 Ian Henderson
 Brooke Highmark
 Rob Hines
 Katie Huang
 Jonathon Hyatt
 Ella Jeong
 Abby Jöhler
 Ellie Johnson
 Luke Johnston
 Ellie Jones
 Jordan Jones
 Nolan Jones

12/5/17

Dani Mabry, junior, Isabella Francois, sophomore, and Sophia Mabry, freshman, gather with baby Titus to watch some cartoons during the FCA Christmas party.



12/5/17

Cole Coffee and Campbell Coffee, juniors, swing on the ropes as they eat delicious s'mores.



12/05/17

Hattie Means and Dani Mabry, juniors, and Jordan Haeusser, senior, enjoy s'mores together on a Tuesday night. These three girls were faithful members of FCA. Each of them were always giving out new ideas for ways to make the club grow even more.

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

12/5/17 As the years pass by, FCA has continued to grow together and become more like a family rather than just a school club. The group especially grew with new WCA members such as Titus Petke. Baby Petke and his parents became faithful members of the group.

Each Tuesday, athletes from various sports gathered at a members house to talk, eat, and enjoy the company of one another. Food was always provided at every meeting because nothing got athletes more excited than good food and some sweet deserts. Not only did they have the chance to share stories with one another about anything, but many of the members looked forward to spending time outside of school with people that they love.

Being stuck in the walls of WCA for eight hours a day did not always allow students to engage in conversations as they please. These meetings gave students the chance to learn something they did not know about the people that surround them every single day. Each year, FCA continues to improve from the year before in the short months they have together. With everyone taking on a task and discovering new ideas, the club has been able to advance quickly as a favorite for the athletes of Westminster.



"I JUST WANT TO APPRECIATE BABY PETKE'S STYLISH FCA APPAREL. HE'S THE CUTEST."

-Hattie Means, junior





Jackson Keane
 Evan Kohn
 Reid Kresko
 Izzy Kusman
 Charlotte Rose Lackey
 Mary Lauer
 Casen Lawrence
 Jackson Lawrence
 Lucas Lawson
 Caleb Legters
 Jack Lemp
 Adeline Leonard
 Isaac Lindley
 Maggie Lindstrom
 Jackson Loehr
 Anna Lojka
 Adam Lyles
 Ella Martin
 Payton Mathews
 Xavier May
 Jake McConkey
 Rachel McCoy
 Dennis McDaniel
 Connor McMillin
 McKenna Milberg
 Colin Milburn
 Larry Minner
 Madison Moeller
 Peyton Moore
 Morgan Morici
 Sarah Moyer
 Sara Cate Murray
 Arden Neuse
 Isaac Niekamp
 Carter Olszweski
 Tatum Osmon
 Harry Ottsen
 Jacob Park
 Brandon Parker
 Carson Pautz
 Kennedy Pearson
 Marisa Penner
 Kharis Perona
 Mila Pires
 JRod Polski
 Caroline Porterfield
 Hailey Pritchett
 KK Pruett
 Katie Reid
 Will Richards
 Calvin Ritzema
 Kendall Sadler
 Emma Sadorf
 Jasmine Sapa
 Jacob Schloss
 Sage Schulte
 Layla Selk
 Daniel Shultz
 Miriam Smith
 Angelina Spencer
 Hunter Stegmann
 Daniel Stengel
 Avery Surber
 Davis Terry
 Abbie Terschak
 Evie Theodorou
 Caleb Thompson
 Izzy Trost
 Sam Vestal
 Jack Villa
 RJ Walker
 Sam Wardenburg
 Sterling Webb
 Lily Wendell
 Emile Williams
 Alex Wittenauer
 Jack Wooldridge

2/21/18

Jackson Loehr, eighth grade, works hard on his drawing. He was drawing a picture inspired by an artists' work that he found online. He used his iPad to look at the picture and has had a great time in art club this year.



2/21/18

Emily Penner, junior, looks down at her iPad trying to find the perfect inspiration for her next piece. Finding artwork from other artists online was very popular in art club and a great way to get inspiration.



2/21/18

Grace Gevers, junior, paints a lovely picture that she has been working on each meeting. She enjoyed going to art club and made many beautiful pieces of artwork.

TIME TO RELAX

2/21/18 One day a week for one hour, students worked hard to create amazing artwork. The students come in and sit down right away to start working on their composition. Art club was a time for the students to express their creative ideas and a time to relax and just enjoy painting and drawing.

The members had fun laughing and talking to one another while also doing something they love. As the time flies by, the artists do not and take their time making sure they include each detail. In art club, the members learned about famous artists from the past and used past artists artwork as inspiration for their own compositions.

They still used past artists to help and guide them. In every meeting the artists decided if they would continue working on a project that they had been working on for a long time, or start a new piece.

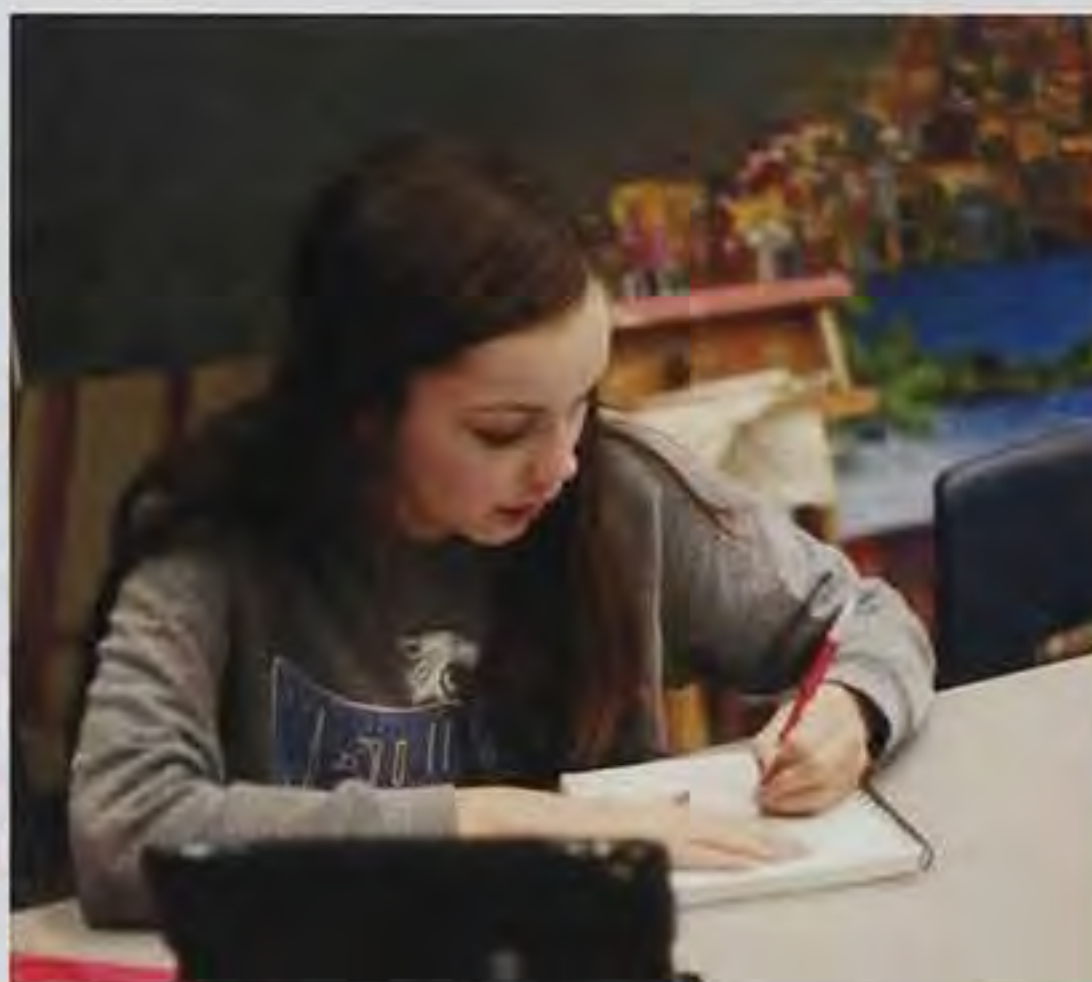
"ART CLUB IS A GREAT TIME TO RELAX AND JUST BE ABLE TO DRAW AND PAINT AT THE END OF A LONG SCHOOL DAY. I'VE LEARNED A LOT AND IT'S REALLY FUN!"

-Moorea Atkins, freshman



2/21/18

Jacob Moyer, sophomore, and **Jordan Vitiello**, junior, listen intently to new ideas about art club. Art club was a great time to talk to friends and enjoy something after school that can be done with peers.



2/21/18

Sarah Moyer, eighth grade, starts drawing right as the meeting starts. She was very dedicated in her artwork and always payed attention to each detail. Her and her friends always had fun sitting at the same table together.



2/21/18

Abby Johler, eighth grade, talks to her friends at her table and asks for their input on her drawing. She had fun attending art club with her friends and enjoyed drawing and creating new artwork.



*A J Ackeburg
 Joshua Adamson
 MJ Akins
 Charlie Allen
 Zach Allen
 Sam Anderson
 Grace Andrews
 Moorea Atkins
 Marissa Barnes
 Olivia Bauer
 Kirk Briden
 Marty Briner
 Jacob Brown
 Mark Brugner
 Matthew Burgess
 Emilee Burney
 Kevin Caccamo
 Ellie Callier
 Izzy Cancila
 Nicole Chelew
 Austin Chen
 Becca Chimento
 Lincoln Chimento
 Caroline Claus
 Kathleen Clay
 Grace Clement
 Adam Clements
 Sophia Clifton
 Luke Coco
 Hailey Colley
 Noah Coomes
 JT Crowe
 Zachary Dantuono
 Gracie Dark
 Ayla Davis
 Josette de Villiers
 Evan Diedrich
 Rebecca Do
 Caylin Doehring
 Troy Dorsey
 Adam Ebling
 Jack Freeman
 Hunter Freiner
 Luc Fuller
 Kara Galakatos
 Peter Gatch
 Ian Gilbert
 Vaughan Goff
 Kyle Graham
 Dominic Grasse
 Winter Gray
 Luisa Grbcich
 Jack Greenlee
 Reed Grimm
 Ryan Gross
 Arista Hampton
 Evan Harris
 Jackson Harris
 Luke Hasselbring
 Carter Hickel
 William Holt
 Justice Hunt
 Elias Hyatt
 Nolan Irby
 Landen Johnson
 Aje' Jones
 Libby Kimberling
 Matthew Kinney
 Aidan Kline
 Flynn Klinge
 Max Kraemer
 Katherine Kurop*

FUN IN THE SUN

9/23/17 After a long week, most students go home to rest and relax in the comfort of their warm homes. There are a few students, however, who are dropping their bags off in the back of pickups for a weekend of adventure. "I love going on adventure club because I love hanging with my friends and getting to bond with new people," said Allison Eichenlaub, junior.

The first night, after setting up the tents, a fire was started and everybody gathered around to play the ukulele and strum the guitar. "I guess I just always like things that are spontaneous, and everybody liked and latched onto the idea of playing and singing. I liked that it wasn't just two or three of us, it seemed like everybody was joining in," said Mr. Dejong. Soon people broke out the hotdogs and hamburgers, hungry after a long day. "I really enjoyed bonding with people and teachers that I wouldn't have know otherwise," said Caroline Megown, junior. After a long night, everybody crashed in their tents to get some rest for a day full of excitement and adventure of the upcoming day.



9/23/17 Hunter Kramer, sophomore, enjoys the view of the lake after a shady hike in the woods. Kramer carpooled with Jesse Parham and others up to the camping sight last afternoon.

Students got an early start the next morning, ready for a day of hiking and hanging out at the lake. "Even though I hurt my toe previous to the trip, it didn't stop me from loving the scenery on the hike," said Anna Johnson, senior. After a short 3 mile hike in the heat, everyone was ready to cool off and eat lunch next to the lake. After a few hours of relaxation, everybody piled up into the vans for a two hour car ride back to school.



9/23/17 Matthew Thoenen and Allison Eichenlaub, juniors, cool off in the lake on a trip. "At the end of the hike there was a lake some of us decided to go in since it was so hot out. While we were out there with our feet in the water Alison 'took a dip' straight into the water. Fun times," said Thoenen.

3
WEEKS OF PREP

4
TRIPS A YEAR

2
DAYS OF CAMPING

6
YEARS RUNNING



9/23/17 Ashley Moellenhoff, junior, relaxes in the shade of a tree while enjoying her lunch. Everyone enjoyed relaxing by the lake an playing in the water after a hot and exhausting hike.



9/23/17 Lily Coln, junior, leads the hike in the morning. The hike was through woods, filled with lots of beautiful trees and blooming autumn bushes.



Luke Laughlin
 Lian Lee
 Nicholas Lee
 Drew Liddle
 Zoe Lintner
 Liam Lloyd
 Ashley Lytle
 Nicole Mabry
 Logan Mann
 Daniel Martin
 Will Maune
 Clayton Mayfield
 Henry McCracken
 Morgan McKee
 Ian McKie
 Declan McLaughlin
 Max Meland
 Emily Melaragno
 Caroline Mentel
 Anna Minichiello
 Owen Minichiello
 Caleb Moellenhoff
 Abigail Moeller
 Cullen Moore
 Ja'Cobe Moore
 Kourtney Moten
 Nicholas Moten
 Will Mueller
 TJ Mulholland
 Hugh Muschany
 Seth Noel
 Elizabeth Nolting
 Joshua Norman
 Kristin Nyenhuis
 Margo O'Meara
 Jessica Orange
 Kate Orrick
 Veronica Ortiz
 Patrick Park
 Denver Parker
 Jalen Payne
 Jacob Pederson
 Teddy Peirick
 Jack Powers
 Jordan Preis
 Gwyn Raleigh
 Brooke Regeon
 Colin Ring
 Megan Roche
 Avery Rosenberg
 Tioni Saddler
 Noah Schlueter
 Michael Schneider
 Jackson Selk
 Annessa Shively
 Allie Shreves
 Abby Sickels
 Hannah Skrobjonja
 Andrew Smith
 Emma Smith
 Brett St. John
 Joy Stevens
 Sam Parker Stillman
 Kaitlyn Stilt
 Joshua Stratton
 Jack Straub
 Caroline Strauss
 Mark Stump
 Michael Sturm
 Brandon Swenson
 Jack Thomas
 Isaiah Thompson

CHECK-MATES



2/28/18

Matthew McKinnis, senior, thinks through his options for his next move in a game against one of his fellow WCA Chess Club members. McKinnis has been a part of the club for a majority of his time at Westminster.

"CHESS CLUB HAS TAUGHT ME THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPETITION AND HOW TO ACTIVELY THINK AHEAD. IT HAS PROVIDED ME THE CHANCE TO LEARN FROM UPPERCLASSMEN AS WELL AS BECOME FRIENDS WITH THEM. I THINK THAT CHESS IS WAY MORE FUN THAN PEOPLE THINK IT IS AND I ENJOY GETTING TO PLAY EVERY WEEK,"

-Jordan LaGrone, seventh grade

2/28/18

Sam Anderson, freshman, looks to make his next move in a game against his senior opponent. He has quickly proven himself to be a fierce competitor on the chess board and often makes complex moves that ultimately work to his benefit. "I never let myself feel pressured by time. Instead, I continue to focus on the game before me and use ration and logic to plan my moves," said Anderson.



2/28/18

Mr. Haas, the faculty advisor of the Chess Club, works with members of the club in making a smart next move. He has been the advisor for a number of years and enjoys helping students hone their skills within the game.



2/28/18

Sam Anderson, freshman, **Matthew McKinnis**, senior, **Jordan LaGrone**, seventh grade, and **David Braton**, senior, go head to head within their club to hone their skills right before a big Saturday competition. By playing each other, the competitors can offer advice to fellow members.



2/28/18

Jordan LaGrone, seventh grade, and **David Braton**, senior, prove that age is no factor when it comes to a close chess match. Chess club formed friendships across all grades at WCA while providing a great place for healthy competition between upper and underclassmen. "Every time I go I have a great time and it's something I look forward to every week," said Braton.





Isaiah Tucker
 Hayden Turley
 Emma Ungles
 Benjamin Van Zee
 Emma Volding
 Jon Walsh
 Madison Washington
 Zach Watson
 Gracie Wessels
 Braden White
 Joseph White
 Gus Wilkerson
 Amelia Williamson
 Cole Willyard
 Michael Wall
 Tim Was
 Grace Yost
 Matteo Zavaglia
 Adam Zell
 Lincoln Hargrove
 Jack Lee

BEYOND THE BOOKS

2/22/18

Ava Bidner and Hannah Stevenson, sophomores, take part in an intellectual discussion during their weekly Thursday lunch meetings.



2/22/18 This club was more than just your typical book club. Comprised of students from across the spectrum of grades, the Bookfest Club delved beyond just discussing different books.

Reid St. John, junior, has been in the club for three years and said, "My favorite part is definitely the conversation. We often dive into really deep topics apart from the book we are currently reading. We go on so many tangents it's not even funny! But, it's usually the tangents that are the most fun."

Morgan Sickels, junior, added that the club held personal impact, "To me the club is a chance to talk freely about anything. It's a place for engaging, philosophical conversation and then also random unrelated topics."

Hannah Stevenson, sophomore, agreed when she said, "The club has brought me and many others so much joy. It means so much to me because it seems like reading as a whole is going extinct and I feel like it gives us all a bit of hope when we can talk to each other passionately about the joy we find in reading."



2/22/18

Hannah Brown, junior, reads an excerpt from Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* as the club discusses its central theme.



2/22/18

Reid St. John, junior, discusses how the book *Boy's Life* is applicable in today's society and culture.



2/22/18

Sydney Moore, sophomore, passes out the next book that the club will be reading and discussing for that week.



2/22/18

Jacob Sturm, junior, participates in a lively socratic-like conversation about how literature impacts our worldviews.



IT'S ALL HISTORY

12/2/17 The history club takes students and puts them in the past, allowing them to envision previous lives and events and relate them to present day problems and phenomena through experiences. Club members learn all types of history from the history of wars to foods from different cultures to how bowling came to be.

"With this opportunity, you can fit small pieces of history into the big picture to gain a deeper understanding of the world in the real world not just at school," said Erin King, senior. King, one of the leaders this year, encouraged others to participate in history club to learn how to improve the world today and promised enriching meetings along with a lot of snacks.



1/10/18 "I experience history as if it's a big movie for me. I feel as if I've lived more than a hundred lives by reading the histories of those who have existed in the past," said **Amie Lee**, senior. Lee was one of the leaders of history club this year.



1/12/18 **Sam Song**, senior, talks to Mr. Boesch before a history club meeting. The club was planning to go see the movie "Darkest Hour" in theaters as their first meeting of the new year.

MOVIE MADNESS



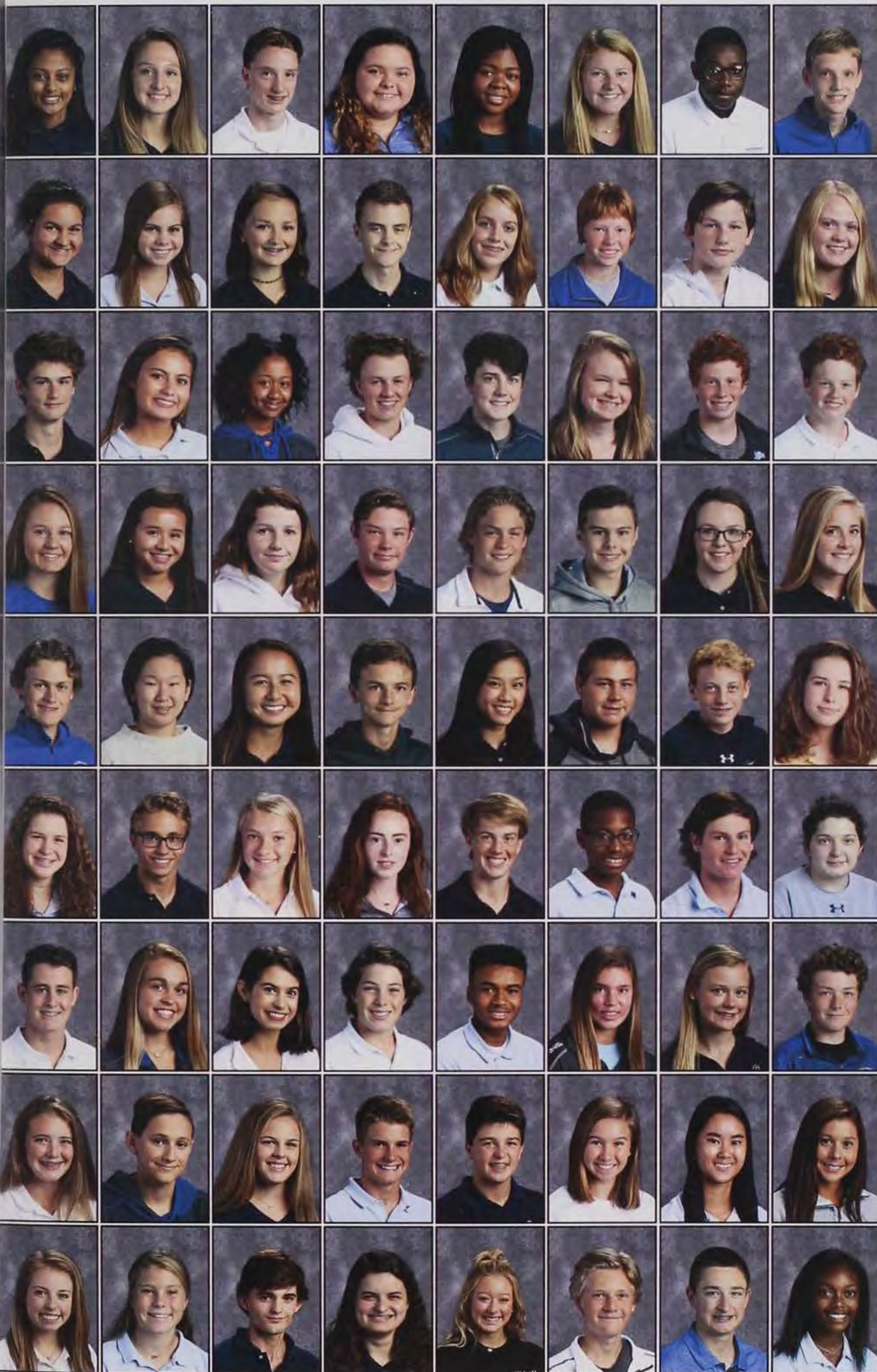
12/14/17 **D'Naija Ammons** and **Jenaye Ross**, seventh grade, hang out and watch a movie after school. With a few choices, the students chose to watch "Elf" as their final film before Christmas break.

12/14/17 **BJ Wesley**, --seventh grade, enjoys pizza and snacks at the last movie club meeting of the year. The club meeting offered a break from studying for finals for its' members.

TOP MOVIE CLUB FILMS

1. ELF
2. STAR TREK INTO DARKNESS
3. THE DARK KNIGHT
4. E.T.
5. STAR TREK (2009 VERSION)





Lydia Abebe
 Hayley Adair
 Noah Adair
 Shelby Adkisson
 Anu Akinyede
 Lexi Jo Alm
 Bennie Anderson
 Mason Andrasko
 Elena Angelin
 MacKenzie Axford
 Nina Bacon
 Peter Barton
 Katherine Bauer
 Carsyn Beachy
 Zach Benes
 Ava Bidner
 J D Blaylock
 Lauren Bohlmann
 Cheyenne Bowden
 Tommy Briner
 David Brown
 Sarah Brown
 Jake Broyles
 Josh Broyles
 Avery Burkemper
 Hope Burkey
 Chloe Burnham
 Jacob Byerley
 Jack Bystrom
 Thomas Caccamo
 Hannah Carter
 Ava Cella
 Patrick Chambers
 Olivia Cheng
 Josie Christen
 Graham Clawson
 Ruth Connelly
 Caelleb Crutcher
 Matthew Culligan
 Evie Cunningham
 Izzy Cunningham
 Alex Daiber
 Abrielle Danna
 Annie Davidson
 Toby Davidson
 Kylan Davis
 Lane Davis
 Lindsay Davis
 Aiden Davitt
 Grace Dempsey
 Lea Despotis
 Eli Diedrich
 Miles Dix
 Maggie Dolan
 Lily Duda
 Pierce Dunne
 Reese Earleywine
 Dylan Elias
 Maggie Ellis
 Hayden Engel
 Luke Engelmeyer
 Ella Fiala
 Scout Fleming
 Kyleigh Ford
 Natalie Ford
 Isabella Francois
 Justin Fuller
 Katherine Gaitan
 Lauren Gates
 Matthew George
 Pearson Georges
 Jaela Ginger



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Hannah Carter, sophomore, Blows bubbles with her athlete. All Sophomores made sure the athletes had the time of their lives even if they couldn't participate in everything

A DAY TO REMEMBER

3/16/18 Westminster sophomores and leadership got the chance to host and help out with the Special Olympics. This was a day for kids with disabilities who don't have the chance participate in certain athletics to do so.

This day took Westminster leadership months to plan to make sure it was perfect for the kids who attended. About 150 athletes from the St.Louis area attended. All 3 of the Westminster gyms were filled with stations with anywhere from bowling to coloring.

"Even though they couldn't always communicate with us directly you could tell by their facial expressions how excited and happy they were, it was a good feeling seeing them smile and having a good time. It definitely made everyone's day being with them and seeing their happiness," said Will Mason, sophomore. March 16 was definitely a day to remember not only for the students but the athletes as well.

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Tommy Briner, sophomore, **Chloe Hauptfear**, junior, Let there athlete pick a prize from the prize bucket. Westminster had prizes at each station to make sure all kids felt like a winner



3/16/18

Brock Malcom, sophomore, helps his athlete in tic-tac-toe. All sophomores got paired with an athlete to spend the entire day with.



3/16/18

Cody Smith, sophomore, plays a fish catching game with his athlete. This was one of the many 14 stations athletes had to choose from.



3/16/18

Camryn McMurry, sophomore, helps out her athlete during the Special Olympics McMurry and her buddy got to spend the whole day playing games and having fun.



3/16/18

Morgan Mckee, freshman, and **Ashley Lipe**, sophomore, paint with there athlete at the painting station. Mckee was one of the few freshmen that got to participate in the Special Olympics.



3/16/18

Claire Summers, sophomore, helps her athlete pick out bean bags during a station. All sophomores made sure all athletes got the help they needed to make the day enjoyable





Brendan Gordon
 Sabrina Granata
 Reagan Grass
 Trent Grass
 Madison Grega
 Caroline Guempel
 Nick Gustavison
 Joshua Hanson
 Allison Hardin
 Henry Hartshorn
 Brayden Haug
 Grace Hemmer
 Journee Henry
 Daniel Herrera
 Ben Hicks
 Taylor Highmark
 Heidi D. Hightower
 Luci Hilboldt
 Katie Hobaugh
 Ava Hollmann
 Sydney Hott
 Alicia Hu
 Emery Iven
 Katelyn Jeong
 Tori Jessie
 Bricyn Johnson
 Charlie Johnson
 Daniel Johnson
 Kate Johnson
 Lance Johnson
 Arthur Jordan
 Henry Jung
 Riley Kilgore
 Allie Kluttz
 Caroline Kopsky
 Hunter Kramer
 Mason Kugler
 Jake Kyriakos
 Sebastian Lacassie
 Kinsley Lawrence
 Michael Lee
 Alyssa Legters
 Mike Lemp
 Teagan LeVar
 Molly Li
 Ashley Lipe
 Macey Lottmann
 Ashley MacDonald
 Gigi Mahley
 Brock Malcom
 Jack Martin
 Will Mason
 Camryn McMurry
 Riley Merrifield
 Jordan Mette
 Emilee Mitchell
 Jaeda Moore
 Sydney Moore
 Nancy Morcos
 Jacob Moyer
 Sophia Mullen
 Max Nelson
 Brennan Orf
 Hanna Ottsen
 Ben Parres
 Karsten Patrick
 Kelcie Patrick
 Kyleigh Peer
 Aidan Penberthy
 Clayton Perona
 Elle Pierson
 Ella Polski

A MOMENT IN TIME

11/8/17 Photography was a way to capture a moment in time, to find the extraordinary within the ordinary. This year's photography club did just that by bringing students together to help further their skills, help each other get comfortable with a camera, and share their creative ability to take photos. Most importantly, photography club was a way for students to share their love for photography with one another.

"I love capturing photos because I see beauty in so many ways and love to find different ways to appreciate and capture them, and photography club was a great way for me to do that," said Rylie Koester, senior.

The club ventured out to many St. Louis attractions such as the arch, the botanical gardens, and the butterfly house for their outings this year.

"On a typical outing, the 5 of us get in the car and go to a place that we decided on together. When we were out we had so much fun laughing, taking pictures, and getting to know each other," said Hannah Carter, sophomore.

"My favorite part of photography club was meeting new people and learning new things about my camera," said Natalie Ford, sophomore.



11/8/17 Ryan Timpone, and Rylie Koester, senior, Natalie Ford, and Hannah Carter, sophomore, take a quick break from taking pictures at their outing to forest park. Along with forest park the club has also been to the botanical gardens, the zoo, and the butterfly house.



10/12/17 Hannah Carter, and Natalie Ford, sophomore, pose with pumpkins at the club's outing to the pumpkin patch. This outing focused on how to focus on specific objects, such as pumpkins.



9/20/17 Savanna Steffens, senior, smiles for a picture by the lake at Creve Coeur Park at one of the outings. Savanna is a very talented artist and dancer, and this year she added photography to her abilities by joining the club.



9/31/17 Ryan Timpone, senior, models for a picture at the St. Louis Graffiti Wall. Ryan was the club president, he organized the club's meetings, and picked the locations for their outings.



11/8/17 Melinda Blum, senior, stops and smiles while reading a sign at forest park. This was Blum's first year in the club and she was said to have been a great photographer and picked up the skill very quickly.



Alyssa Pritchett
 Max Radloff
 Grace Rahal
 Lauryn Rhodes
 Anna Rockwood
 Esten Ronning
 Ethan Rush
 Danny Sacco
 Sophia Sacco
 Josh Scheibe
 Koby Schmer
 Grace Skiljan
 Cody Smith
 Victoria Smith
 Nick Steck
 Hannah Stevenson
 Abby D. Stewart
 Ethan Storer
 Katie Stout
 Ben Straub
 Bridget Sullivan
 Claire Summers
 Libby Thomas
 Charis Thompson
 Madison Tucker
 Rebecca Vasef
 Brayden Wall
 Isabel Warner
 Daphne Washington
 Dylan Wells
 Mark West
 Jack Wittenauer
 Lucy Wood
 Davis Worley
 Jenny Xia
 Coco Yu
 Jay Zhang
 Luke Zhang
 Lauren Zone
 Mia Hargrove

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 SOMEPLACE DOWN-
 TOWN LIKE THE
 ZOO OR CHEROKEE
 STREET OR SOME-
 WHERE CLOSE BY
 SCHOOL LIKE THE
 BUTTERFLY HOUSE
 TO TAKE PIC-
 TURES.

-Natalie Ford, sophomore



9/20/17
 Anna Gierhart, Ryan Timpone, and Savanna Steffens, senior, smile for a picture at Creve Coeur Park during one of the club's fall outings. Most of the outings focused on landscape photography and portrait photography.



9/31/17
 Anna Gierhart, senior, flashes a smile at the St. Louis Graffiti Wall. The graffiti wall has many fun and colorful designs making this a perfect spot of picture taking.

HELPING OTHERS

2/28/18 Westminster had many great leaders who desired to welcome everyone and help make perspective students/parents and present students happy. After an encounter with an ambassador or PC leader one feels as though they're meant to be at Westminster just because it reassures them that there are amazing people at WCA.

While they both help the Westminster community they're also very different. Ambassadors focus on greeting possible students and really showing Westminster's charm. PC's focus on guiding seventh and eighth graders through the rough years of middle school. They help young kids feel more confident by having parties such as a luau, valentines day, and Christmas party.

Beyond that all PC groups donated over 1,000 items in clothing, toys, toiletries, and school supplies to Operation Christmas child. This helped many children have a very Merry Christmas.



12/13/17
Lauren Dunn, Mary Lauer, Ella Martin, and Tatum Osmon, eighth grade, bond by testing out a human pyramid. The girls have become great friends since joining the group.



9/8/17
The boy PC groups race while challenging another group. **Patrick Andrews**, junior, was being encouraged/yelled at by **Landon Bauer** seventh grade.



9/8/17
Elizabeth Clawson and Mike Johnson, seventh grade, shoot hoops at the PC retreat. This retreat featured competitions against other PCs.

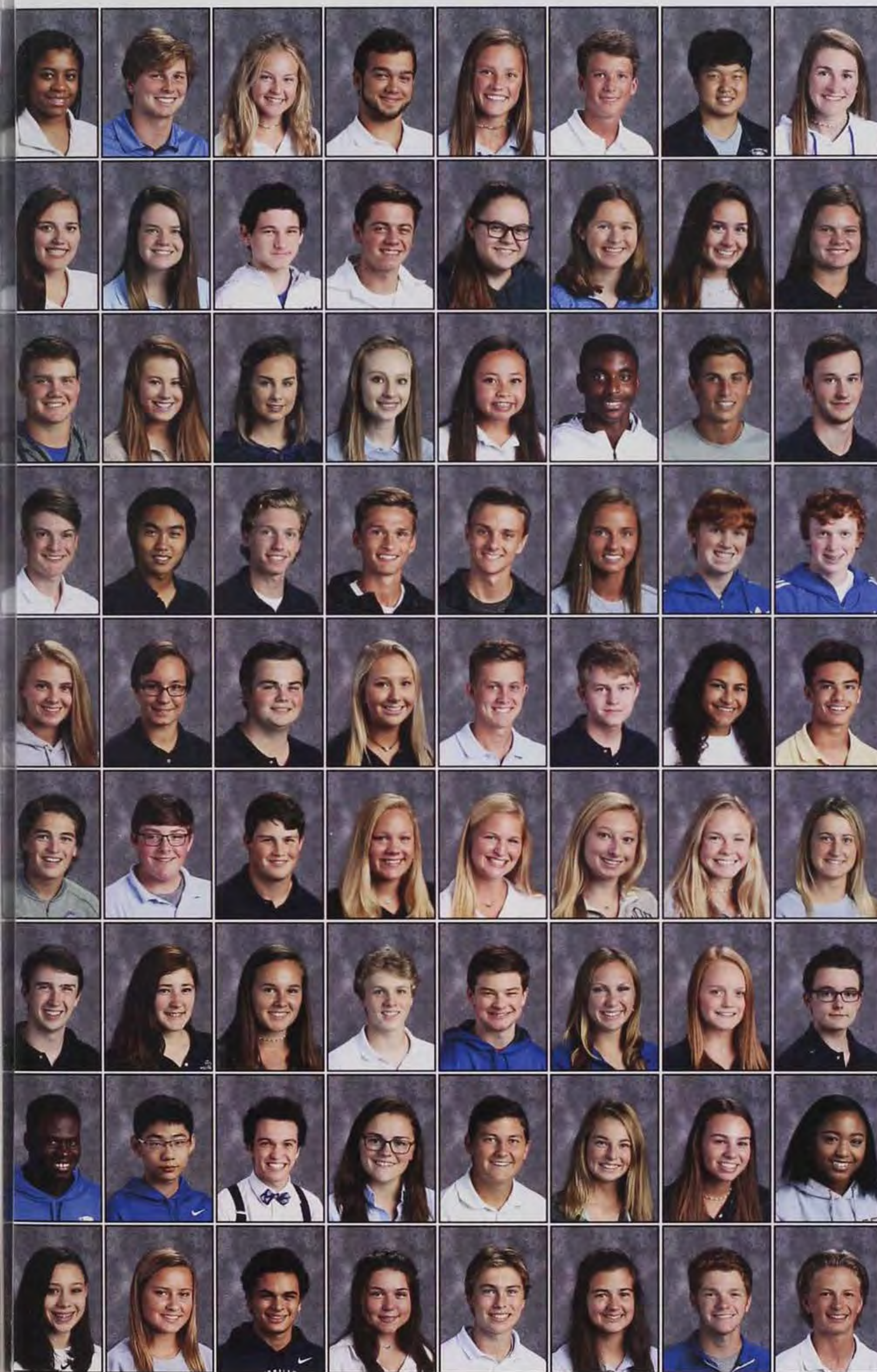


10/8/17
Ambassadors **Gracie Wessels** and **Isaiah Thompson**, freshmen, eagerly await the arrival of potential Westminster students. Their warm smiles make perspective students feel welcome and drawn to the school. Ambassadors play a huge part in helping people feel comfortable at a new school.



11/21/17

PC groups get together outside of the Tuesday morning meetings, that are filled with donuts and laughter. **Emma Gustafson** and **Amanda Berry**, juniors, planned a cupcake making party for their girls. "This really helped us bond and come together more as a group," said Berry.



Brie Adams
 Jerram Adams
 Molly Andersen
 Patrick Andrews
 Rachel Arndt
 Thomas Arndt
 Lucas Bak
 Alayna Barthelmass
 Sarah Becker
 Lauren Bell
 Sean Benes
 Alec Bequette
 Abigail Berglar
 Amanda Berry
 Olivia Blatz
 Ann Borchelt
 Zach Brasier
 Allison Broadhurst
 Clair Bross
 Hannah Brown
 Noelle Burkey
 Maxwell Burns
 Zach Cancila
 Jack Canfield
 Gabe Caradonna
 Alex Chen
 Collin Clark
 Patrick Claus
 Jack Clement
 Sophie Clement
 Campbell Coffee
 Cole Coffee
 Kayla Colley
 Lilly Coln
 Alex Cross
 Caroline Davis
 Colin Davitt
 Luke DeGroot
 Olivia Demetry
 Devon Deverger
 Austin Disper
 Erich Dodge
 Kyle Dolan
 Payton Dunn
 Allison Eichenlaub
 Amanda Enger
 Amanda Espy
 Chandler Estes
 Kyle Farrell
 Mary Grace Fellows
 Emily Fentress
 Luke Fiala
 Trevor Fish
 Hayley Fizer
 Lauren Fleming
 Daniel Fox
 John Fregene
 Steve Gao
 Mark Geisz
 Catie George
 Chris George
 Grace Gevers
 Madi Gipperich
 Alyssa Glass
 Mia Goff
 Emma Gore
 Will Gore
 Katelynn Graham
 Spencer Graham
 Meredith Grass
 Keaton Greiwe
 Zach Gross



9/22/17
Ian McKie and Cole Willyard, freshmen, play Jenga during the club fair. Gaming club has been around for three years.

TEA TIME

9/22/17 Many students at Westminster spend their time after school playing scrabble with one of the language teachers at our school, Peter Barrs. Everyone Monday from 3 to 4 students meet in the 9th and 10th grade commons. "This is my first year in the club and Scrabble and Tea is the only peaceful part of my week," said Matteo Zavaglia, freshman.

Another member of the club let us in on his secret to winning the game. "When playing Scrabble against Mr. Barrs, it's pretty unlikely that you'll win to begin with. However, as far as strategy goes, the best way to earn the highest amount of points is to play words directly adjacent to words already on the board. This way you can get the points for, say, 4 or 5 small words instead of 1 or 2 medium-length words," said David McMullan.

Scrabble and Tea was game of strategy, by placing the right word lengths with certain letters that guarantee you maximum points. One of the other keys to playing the game is being able to find uncommon words that land you lots of points. As with everything in life, practice makes perfect, and it takes time to be very good at Scrabble and Tea. Many of the students are new to the game of Scrabble when they join but by the time they graduate they have learned a new skill.



1/6/18
Reid St. John, junior, plays Uno after school with some of his friends. Gaming Club met on Fridays in the 11/12 grade commons.



1/6/18
Jacob Moyer, sophomore, plays a card game during the first gaming club meeting of the New Year. Moyer tried to make it to all of the gaming club meetings this year.



1/6/18
Elias Hyatt, Joshua Adamson, Isaiah Tucker, and Emilee Burney, freshman, play a card game during Gaming Club our first week back to school.



1/6/18
Peyton French, eighth grade, and David Braton, senior, play Uno with a group of people who are all in Gaming Club.



9/22/17
Matteo Zavaglia, freshman, plays scrabble with his friends during the club fair. "Scrabble and Tea is the most peaceful part of my week, and it is great for me to start off my week with serenity," said Zavaglia.



1/9/18
David McMullan, junior and **Peter Barrs** try to find words with the letters they have.



9/22/17
Ian Gilbert, freshman, plays scrabble during the club fair. The club fair allowed people to join clubs.



9/22/17
 Some members of the Scrabble and Tea club meet during lunch. The game is filled with strategy and mathematics.



1/9/18
 People in the club enjoy sipping a cup of tea while playing a calm game of scrabble after their long Monday.



Emma Gustafson
 Maggie Hackman
 Atlin Hall
 Jaxon Halsey
 Jovana Hampton
 Bri Harris
 Anna Hassler
 Chloe Haupfear
 Sam Haupfear
 Cole Hintz
 Tom Isaacs
 Bridget James
 Carley James
 Blake Jewell
 Grace Johler
 Isaac Johnston
 George Jones
 Joshua Jones
 Ty Jones
 Matthias Jowdy
 Emma Kaiping
 Aaron Kampmeier
 Kazu Kanda
 Isaac Kaup
 Joey Keane
 Maggiekehr
 Chloe Kellom
 Andrew Kempen
 Kristen Keys
 Kennedy Kittner
 Trey Klein
 Lexie Kratky
 Jessie Kunkel
 Nathan Laughlin
 Harrison Lawrence
 Kalei Layton
 Will Leonard
 Luke Linam
 Jerry Liu
 Oscar Liu
 Abby Lowe
 Lauren Lucas
 Dani Mabry
 Blaise Matheny
 Chase Mayfield
 Kiley McKee
 Neeve McMillin
 David McMullan
 Cole McWard
 Hattie Means
 Caroline Megown
 Sarah Melaragno
 Keenan Miller
 Adrianna Minner
 Ashley Moellenhoff
 Davis Moore
 Pamela Mueller
 Kingsley Murray
 Jessica Norman
 Jimmy Obertop
 Grant Osmon
 Hannah Park
 Jack Patterson
 Emily Penner
 Michael Pritchett
 Jack Provin
 Dave Ragsdale
 Jake Rattan
 Nicholas Reeve
 Jeremy Regeon
 Sisi Ren
 Abby Richards

TEAM WORK

1/10/18 The Robotics team this year was filled with people with great ideas which created a robot capable of doing very well in the upcoming competitions. On the Robotics team there were different groups who were responsible for working on different parts of the robot. The executive chief of the team this year was Jack Rahal, senior. He was on the robotics team last year but this year he had much more responsibility being in charge of the entire team.

One of the groups being the graphic design team works on making shirts and designing certain logo for the robot. Zach Cancila, junior was part of the graphic design team and he worked on designing the shirts with all of the logos of their sponsors." said Cancila.

Another team was business and they were in charge of sponsorships, marketing and communications. Nancy Morcos, sophomore, was part of the business team. "I'm a business team leader, I specifically handle Sponsorship, communications, and marketing. I was on the team last year but this year I am in charge of more people, sometimes it stressful but most of the time our team gets along," said Morcos.

The team was filled with a lot of different groups who all came together and perform as a team when in a competition.



1/10/18
Miles Washington and **Jacob Sturm** juniors, re-wire an old robots' pneumatics to keep it up to date. This was a training exercise as he was learning the system for the first time.



1/10/18
Sam Dare, senior, works on making plans for the robot. With so many people on the team it was important to have time management.



1/13/18
Christopher Faust, senior, works on making final adjustments on the robot before the team heads to competition. The team made it to the national competition this year.



1/10/18
Amanda Berry, junior, makes a quality assurance check on a swerve module that the subteam had just finished repairing in the pit. "Our team structure allows students to develop not only in technical abilities but also in leadership and communication skills and self-confidence," said Berry.



1/10/18
Nathan Walsh, senior, goofos off at a robotics practice run in the gym.



1/13/18
Jack Rahal, senior, observes a bolt that is about to be placed in the robot. Rahal was the executive chief of this years robot.



1/10/18
Ethan Storer, sophomore, works on building the base structure for the robot. It was important for the base to be durable so the robot could function.



*Olive Robson
 Julia Rockwood
 Hannah Rose
 Alexa Rosenberg
 Rachel Rothrock
 Hannah Rupprecht
 Claire Sanden
 Joe Schroeder
 Evan Seabaugh
 Jordan Shaw
 Thomas Shultz
 Morgan Sickels
 Jack Smith
 Joe Southwell
 Reid St. John
 Abigail Staats
 Olivia Strange
 Jacob Sturm
 Hannah Sturr
 Blake Swenson
 Kevin Tang
 Kaler Terry
 Caleb Terschak
 Matthew Thoenen
 Chloe Thomas
 Griffin Thomas
 Zion Thompson
 Michael Tran
 Sophia Trentham
 Levi Tucker
 Will Vestal
 Jordan Vitiello
 Miles Washington
 Maggie Wessels
 Paige Wibbenmeyer
 Sarah-Elizabeth Williams
 Madison Wilson
 Ian Woodard
 Kyra Wu
 Raphaella Zavaglia*

PLANTING SEEDS



10/7/17 S.E.E.D. Club, or Students Educating Each other about Diversity Club, was a club that met once every other week for the whole year. At meetings, students came together to talk about important societal issues and topics going on in the world around them.

"S.E.E.D. Club was a great way to get plugged into the WCA community," said **Aje Jones**, freshman.



10/7/17 **Hailey Pritchett**, eighth grade, throws darts at the S.E.E.D. Club Balloon board at their Carnival booth to raise money for the meetings and events that S.E.E.D. Club hosts. "It felt great to participate!" said Pritchett.



10/7/17 **Jessica Wilson**, senior, raises money for S.E.E.D. Club at Carnival. She played over and over because everyone wins the game every time!



3/15/18 The students in medical club went over a procedure on what to do if a patient breaks their arm. They started off by wetting the cloth by soaking the wrap in water. The cloth then got wrapped around the patient's arm to help assist and heal the injury. After wrapping the injury and soaking out the water, the procedure was completed.

Every Wednesday mornings, long before school starts, the chapel band was heard practicing in the Arena. The band practiced for whatever songs or concert they would perform during chapel. The band practiced singing, instrument playing, and mostly concerts that will be performed in chapel.

3/15/18
Maggie Kurop, senior, wets the wrap for the splint she will apply. She did this so that the wrap would stick and dry on the patient's arm. It took several rolls of wrap for her to successfully apply the full splint.



3/15/18
Heidi Hightower, sophomore, poses while being wrapped in the splint by **Avery Engelmeyer**, senior. She had to hold her arm in this position for the majority of the procedure.



4/5/18
Caroline Hinrichs, senior, and **Elle Pierson**, sophomore, practice the song "Good, Good Father" before school for chapel. Both girls sang and Hinrichs played the keyboards during chapel.



3/21/18
Jessica Wilson, senior, and **Michael Lee**, sophomore, and the rest of the chapel band practice before school for their chapel performance. The group would meet before school every Wednesday to practice.



3/15/18
Mia Goff, junior, assists by holding the splint in place for the rest of the group to wrap the splint. Dr. Arveson, taught the club that after the splint was wrapped the process was finished and the patient was ready to return home.



Karen Aaberg
 Glenn Adams
 Amy Andersen
 Rosemary Anderson
 Julia Bagby
 Peter Barrs
 Laura Berry
 Mike Bertucci

Claire Birchenough
 Ken Boesch
 Bogey
 Katie Boggs
 Evelyn Bowman
 Karen Bowman
 Jenny Boylan
 Steve Bradley

Joy Breneman
 Kevin Brown
 Ssie Brown
 Sherry Buis
 Dan Burke
 Brian Burkey
 Dain Butler
 Jim Butz

Kristin Conrad
 Hannah Corwin
 Bryndyn Crutcher
 Kable Cunningham
 Luke Davis
 Mike Decker
 Matt DeJong
 Anne DeRousse

Christina Deverger
 Sarah DeVries
 Emily Dierking
 Joan Dudley
 Verbeana Edwards
 Kathy Eichelberger
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 Lucy Erdman

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 Eric Gargrave
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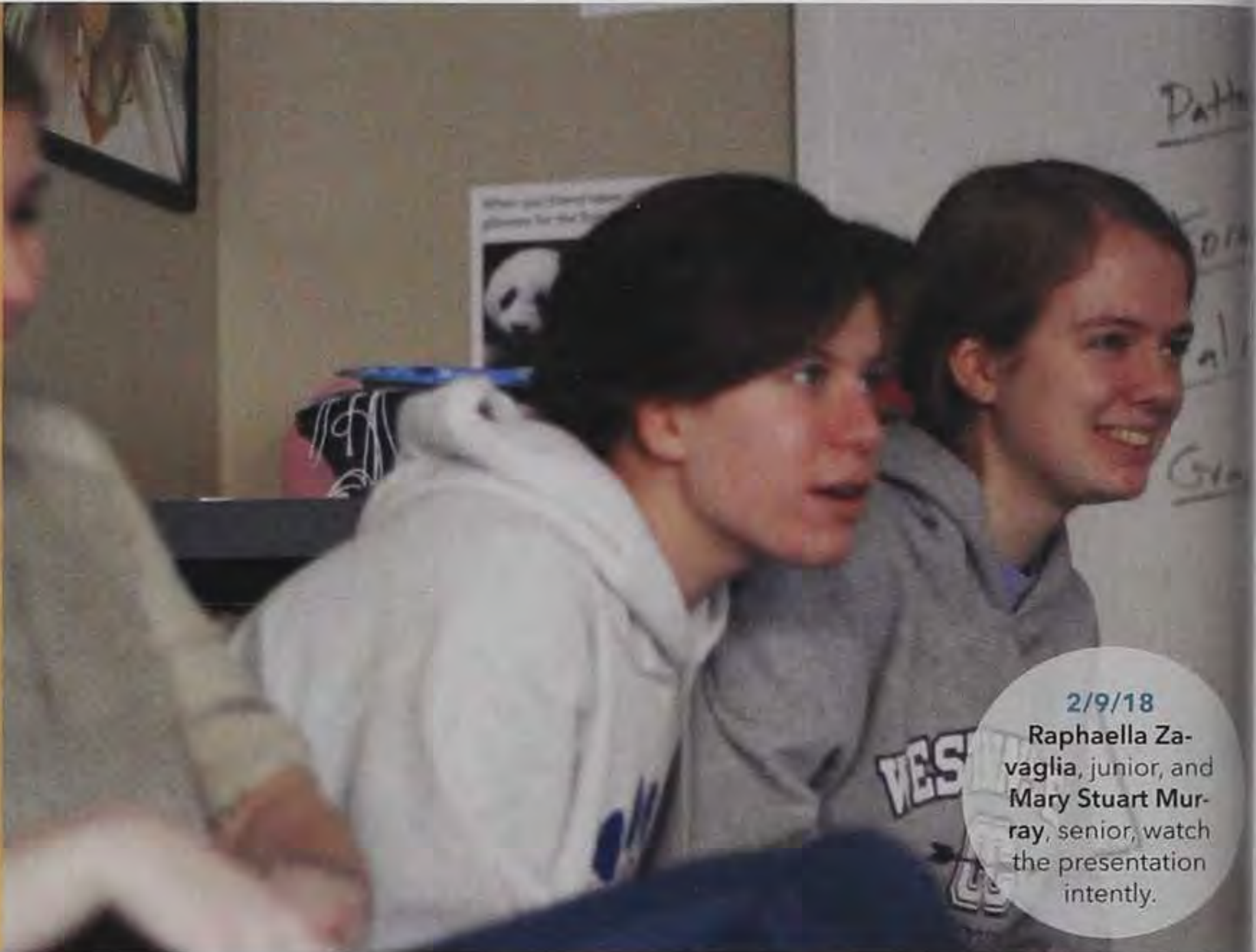
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 Nile Heefner
 Nicky Hensley

Keith Herring
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 Scott Holley
 Jonathan Horn
 Melissa Horton
 Rene Howse
 Larry Hughes
 Martha Hyland

Stacy Isaacs
 Rex Janssen
 James Jennings
 David Johnson
 Abby Karsten
 Ivan Kawaler
 Jill Keith
 Marjan Kempen

OUT OF THIS WORLD

2/9/18 Inkling club was a new club this year, and was truly out of this world, both literally and metaphorically. The love these students had for the fantasy books and movies was so crazy that itself is out of this world. Most of the books they read and movies they watched physically took place out of this world. "It's a bunch of really kind and interesting people coming together to talk about the fantasy worlds they love, without a care for what other people think," said Mary Stuart Murray, senior. Murray was the club leader and started this club herself with the help of Mr. Murphy. "It's a celebration of how each of us are created to love what we love by God," said Murray. Inkling club was a fantastic place to let your love for the fantasy world be expressed.



2/9/18
Raphaella Zavgaglia, junior, and Mary Stuart Murray, senior, watch the presentation intently.

2/9/18
Mr. Murphy, presents about the Chronicles of Narnia. This was one of her favorite fiction books.



2/9/18
Kelcie Patrick, sophomore, and Lauren Willis, senior, listen intently as Mr. Murphy describes the outline for the day. They were avid members of the club and loved the chance to have fun after school.



2/9/18
Students snack on some Turkish Delight. Turkish delight was a dish eaten in The Chronicles of Narnia and represents the book/movie.



2/9/18
Sarah Becker and Jessica Norman, juniors, goof off before the club presentations begin. Both girls each deeply enjoyed the friendships they built after school in this club.

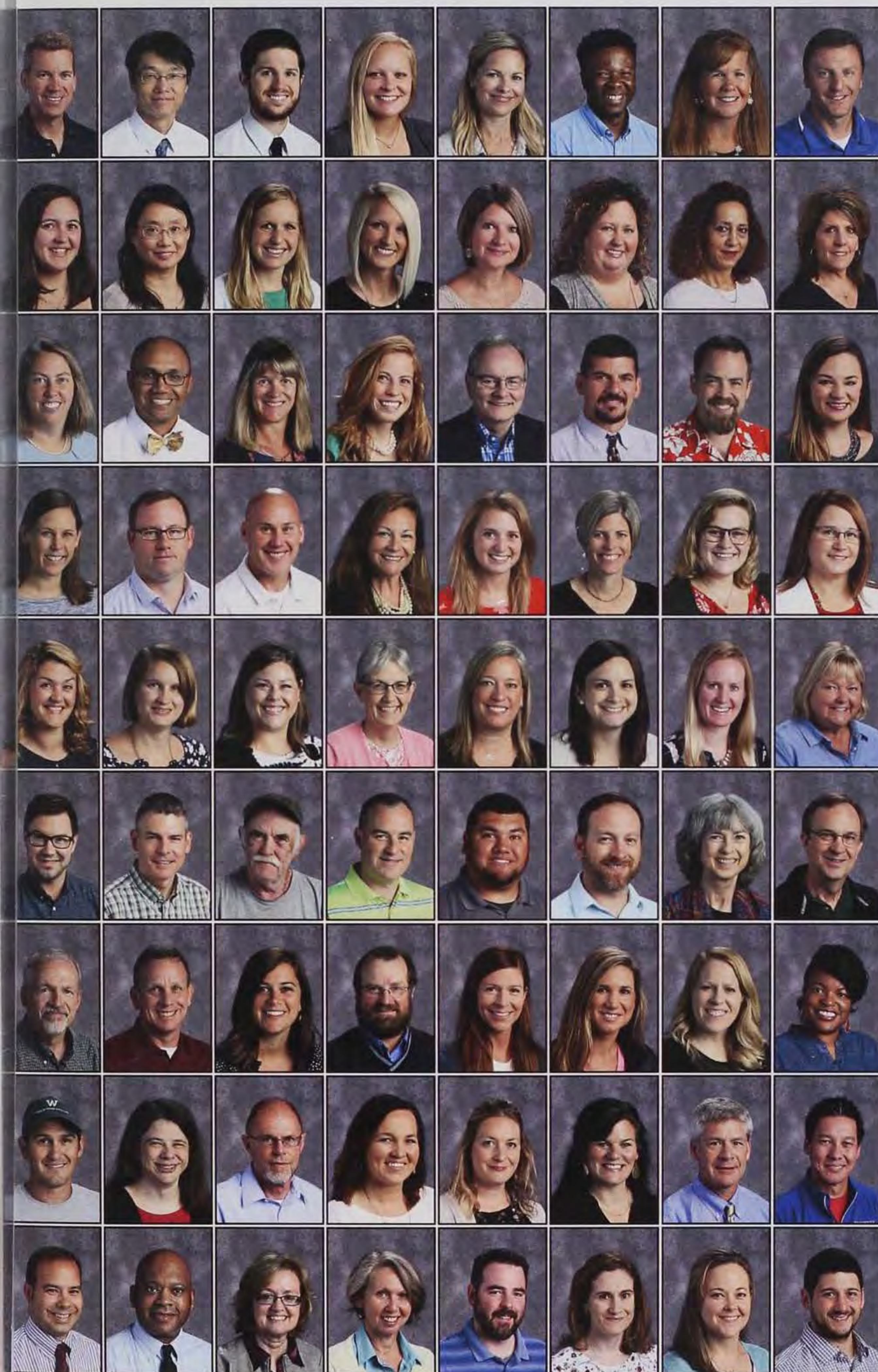


"I CAN SEE GOD IN THE JOY EACH MEMBER HAS FOR THE BOOKS AND MOVIES HE HAS INSPIRED HIS CHILDREN TO CREATE."



2/9/18
Mary Stuart Murray, senior, leads the club in a discussion about one of her favorite movie and books, The Chronicles of Narnia.

-Mary Stuart Murray, senior



Andy Kerckhoff
 Han Kim
 Kyle Klunick
 Jamie Kuhn
 Angela Lauer
 Aaron Layton
 Debra Legters
 Juan Legters

Kaitlin Lehde
 Ming Li
 Kyla Lum
 Heather Marsee
 Debra Massot
 Karin Mcgrath
 Georgina Meeks
 Diane Miller

Michelle Milligan
 Jacob Mohler
 Cara Moore
 Margaret Moore
 Barrett Mosbacher
 Tim Muehleisen
 Robert Murphy
 Taylor Orr

Allison Pautler
 Christopher Pederson
 JD Perona
 Mollie Pfuetze
 Olivia Pierson
 Karen Pollack
 Maddie Prentis
 Nancy Provin

Genevieve Ralston
 Jennifer Ritzema
 Carrie Roberts
 Julie Roberts
 Jenny Rockwood
 Amy Roff
 Mallory Rohlfing
 Lisa Rupprecht

Joel Ruprecht
 John Sarra
 Spencer Savory
 David Schall
 Gregory Schoenberg
 Allen Schwamb
 Helen Scott
 Mark Sell

Andrew Shaw
 Jeffrey Shultz
 Lauren Simpson
 Warren Smith
 Amy St John
 Anne Sullivan
 Heidi Theis
 Karen Thompson

Kevin Todd
 Deana Vandegriff
 Richard Van Gilst
 Jennifer Vermeer
 Alyssa Vikesland
 Elizabeth Vogel
 Scott Vonder Bruegge
 Craig Walseth

Howard Warren
 Ricky Webb
 Lori West
 Lisa Westrich
 Jason Wilkins
 Sandy Winchester
 Elizabeth Woodall
 Jacob Yousef



WINTER

1/4/18

Brittany Johnson, Kathryn Kramer, Jenna Galakatos, Katie Myers, and Hailey Kittelson, seniors, take a break during warm-ups for their swim meet along with Payton Dunn and Lauren Bell, juniors, and Grace Skiljan, sophomore.





12/8/17

Westminster's favorite couple, "Lemmery," gave a very memorable performance for the school at the banquet. **Lance Johnson** and **Emery Iven**, sophomores, shared an unforgettable night at their second CB.



12/8/17

Trey Klein, **Olivia Blatz**, **Abby Lowe** and **Keenan Miller**, juniors, wait their turn to get in line for the buffet dinner. "The food this year was actually the best it's been so far, but the dessert is always the best" said Miller. Lots of preparation went into determining the details of the banquet, especially the decorations and dinner options for the special night.



12/8/17

Sarah Preusser, **Dani Renaud**, and **Alyssa Preusser**, seniors, take advantage of the beautiful grand entry decor before the dinner began. "The night was fun because I was able to spend it with my friends, and we all enjoyed every moment of our last CB," said R

11/8/17
 Mason Eichenlaub and
 Ashley Moellenhoff,
 seniors, smile brightly right
 before eating their dinner.
 "We've gone to CB togeth-
 er every year, and each
 year it's been more fun,"
 said Eichenlaub.



11/8/17
 Andrew Tipton, Mollie
 Ottsen, Kathryn Kramer,
 and Clayton Guzdial,
 seniors, pose together at
 Ottsen's house prior to the
 banquet. "A couple police
 officers at the after party
 wanted to get a picture of
 us with our dates because
 our suits were so cool,"
 said Ottsen.



STARRY NIGHT TO REMEMBER

11/8/17 Upper school students anxiously looked forward to the annual Christmas Banquet and the excitement that came with it. It has become traditional at Westminster for guys to "propose" to girls in creative ways, from appearing on their doorsteps with posters to decorating the car of the girl they want to ask. Since Westminster does not have a homecoming or prom, CB was the only time students are able to ask others to be their date and formally dress up besides Junior Senior Banquet. Many girls put lots of thought into choosing the perfect dress, shoes, hair, and makeup. The theme of the banquet is chosen by the Student Leadership Team and changes every year, this year being a "Starry Night" theme. The long tables were decorated with every branch, candles and ornaments, with lights everywhere to resemble the stars. The entertainment for the night was successful in receiving lots of laughs and applause. Many smiles were captured throughout the night because of the fun and warm memories that were made despite the freezing weather outside.



11/19/17
 Caroline Claus and Sam Parker Stillman, freshmen, display a creative poster in anticipation for their first CB. "I thought it would be funny to dress completely like Jesus," said Stillman.



11/26/17
 Sophia Mullen, sophomore, poses with her edible poster after being asked to the banquet by Brennan Orf, sophomore. "I was surprised when my parents said someone was at the door, but as soon as I saw a bunch of Reese's, I was not really excited," said Mullen.



11/26/17
 Olivia Blatz, junior, holds her flowers while, Trey Klein, junior, shows off his clever proposal. "I'm really glad we went together because we had a lot of fun and were able to sit with our other close friends," said Blatz.



11/28/17
 Tom Isaacs and Olive Robson, juniors, pose in front of Robson's gift wrapped car after a stellar CB proposal. "I was actually really surprised and started laughing when I came outside to my parking spot," said Robson.



9/16/17

Ella Polski, sophomore, and **Anna Hassler**, junior, share a moment on stage while rehearsing *Anne Frank*. "Being in this play has given me a great appreciation for my life and the opportunities I've been given. I think we all learned to be grateful for what we have, because it could all be taken away in an instant," said Hassler.



9/16/17

Natalie Brown, senior, played the role of Mrs. Van Daan in the play *Anne Frank*. Her expertise in acting and performing on the stage brought some humor and wit into the storyline. She had intense conversations with the character of **Hanna Eisenbath**, senior.



"I GOT TO SPEND TIME GROWING AS AN ACTOR WITH SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS."

-Hanna Eisenbath, senior



9/16/17

During the play, many of the scenes consisted of gathering together and discussing new bits of information and news that the characters had gathered.



9/16/17

Ella Polski, sophomore, **Jake Rattan** and **Anna Hassler**, juniors, share a moment on stage together. "Being in this play has given me an appreciation for my life and the opportunities I've been given," said Hassler.



9/16/2017

"I enjoyed the amazing cast, we all bonded a lot and had good chemistry on stage," said **Olivia Summers**, junior.

ANNE FRANK(S)

9/15/17 Although many of the plays that Westminster puts on are fun and fictional, occasionally a historical and educational play is thrown into the mix. This year the play based on the diary of Anne Frank captivated and informed the audience about the horrors of living under the Nazi regime. The young Jewish girl Anne, was played by both Ella Polski, sophomore and Elena Brown, senior. Both girls had different and unique experiences with the play, while putting in the time and effort into perfecting their roles. "I tended to lean more towards the younger, excitable, a bit more annoying Anne," said Polski. "Elena played more towards the depth and intelligence of Anne," said Brown. Both girls captured the life of Anne in different ways, each putting on a different side of Anne for the audience. "I tried to make Anne come to life in my own way by connecting certain characteristics of hers with that of my own," said Brown. The time and commitment that both girls put into the play showed through the performances that left the audience in suspense, waiting for what came next.



9/16/17

During the play of Anne Frank, **Ella Polski**, sophomore, and **Elena Brown**, senior, were able to grow closer and become good friends by sharing the lead role. "I am so grateful that I got to play Anne with my other half and I wouldn't change that for anything," said Brown.

9/15/17

Hanna Eisenbath, **Natalie Brown**, seniors, **Tyson Jones**, **Jake Rattan**, **Anna Hassler**, **Kyle Farrell**, juniors, and **Ella Polski**, sophomore, gather around a table in a scene during the play.





1/19/18
 "Lip sync practices bring me closer to my friends but also give me the opportunity to talk to people I don't see day to day," said **Ashley Moellenhoff**, junior, with **Chloe Thomas**, junior.



1/18/18
 "It was fun just messing around with the boys, but we had to actually start working hard in the last few practices to make it good," said **Brock Malcom**, sophomore.



1/18/18
 "Even though we lost every year before, I still wanted to do lip sync because I have fun practicing with my friends," said **Scout Fleming**, sophomore.



1/18/18
Allison Broadhurst, junior, flexes with **Joey Keane**, junior. Broadhurst was one of the leaders for the "Love Connection" themed Boys Poms performance.



1/18/18
Margo O'Meara, freshman, learns a new dance move at lip sync practice. The weeks leading up to Spirit Week are busy as students still have sports and homework.

SPIRIT ~~WEEK~~ MONTH

1/18/18 The last week of January steals all of the attention as Spirit Week takes place, and the endless hours of dance boot camps and preparations of the previous weeks leading up to it are quickly forgotten. The anticipation of Spirit Weeks fills the whole month of January as students give up a lot in order to perfect their routines. The Big Events practices take up valuable time students would otherwise use for sleeping or studying.



1/16/18
 "I didn't really know what I was doing most of the time, but I got it eventually," said **Allison Hardin**, sophomore. The sophomore class choreographed their dance to a mixture of songs to tell the story of the Wizard of Oz.



1/18/18
Izzy Cancila, **Brooke Regeon**, **Kara Galakatos** and **Zoe Lintner**, freshmen, goof off during lip sync practice. The freshman class danced to music from Hairspray for their first year choreographing on their own.



1/24/18
Emily Penner, junior, paints a piece of the junior art board. The junior class chose to showcase the Botanical Gardens with flowers, trees, bridges and more for this year's St. Louis landmarks theme.



1/18/18
 A group of sophomore girls stops to take a picture during lip sync practice. The sophomore class was clearly putting in hard work because they blew everyone away with their final routine.



1/24/18
Raphaella Zavaglia, junior, concentrates on painting the junior art board. Art board requires students to work together for the month of January on one giant project. The juniors tied with the seniors for first place.



"OUR BOYS POMS WON LAST YEAR, SO WE HAD TO KEEP UP OUR REPUTATION. WE JUST REALLY WANTED TO BEAT THE JUNIORS."

-Blake Elder, senior



1/31/18

"I joined art board because they needed more people and were rushed for time, but I'm glad I was able to get involved in some way and create something great," said **Anu Akinyede**, sophomore.

1/24/18

Angelina Spencer, eighth grade, constructs a piece of the middle school art board. The seventh and eighth grade classes combined their talents to create one masterpiece this year.



1/16/18

"I wanted to do something big as a leader instead of complaining that we lost every year. It was really fun seeing everyone's face light up when they got the dance," said **Tori Jessie**, sophomore.



1/17/18

Luci Hilboldt, sophomore, practices her signature trick for the sophomore's lip sync. The tenth grade took advantage of all their class's dancers to add cool stunts and moves to the dance.

1/24/18

Mikey LeVar, senior, works on the senior art board. They added many realistic animals to portray the different exhibits at the St. Louis Zoo.

GAMES ON

1/31/18 The crowd was roaring, especially the wild blue section of seniors rallying on their fellow classmate. Logan Montgomery, senior, stands in the middle of the arena, blocking the noise out to focus on this one moment. There was just one shot. One chance and that's it. The chances of getting a half court shot in one try is so rare, but nonetheless the crowd roars in hope of him making it. Montgomery walked up to the line and effortlessly tossed the ball toward the hoop. The room went silent as all eyes followed the orange ball traveling across the gym. It felt like time froze. The long moment of silence and stillness snapped back into action when the ball went in the hoop. Everyone was shocked, amazed, and flabbergasted. Immediately, like a stampede, the senior section rushed towards Logan to cheer on their classmate. The senior section was a blanket of smiles from ear to ear. Within seconds, there was a huge dogpile of kids on the floor, covering Montgomery in amazement.



"IT WAS PRETTY EXCITING. I WASN'T EXPECTING MUCH SO WHEN IT WENT IN I WAS PRETTY PUMPED."

-Logan Montgomery, senior



1/30/18
Abby Sickels, freshman, laughing her way to the finish line during the chariot races.



1/31/18
Kurt Weinberg, senior, passionately cheering at the beginning of the assembly. Weinberg participating in many games and boys poms.



1/31/18
Kyrah Booker, senior, plunging her way across the gym. Booker was one of six seniors to participate in this game.



1/30/18
Amanda Espy, and **Mary Grace Fellows**, juniors, move across the floor



1/31/18
Kelly Bradley and **Alex Token**, seniors, decked out for Swinter Day.



1/31/18
Keenan Miller, junior, leaping his way to the next mat during the floor is



1/31/18
Levi Wright, senior, poses for a selfie in the middle of tug of war.



1/30/18

Drew Dempsey, Clayton Guzdial, Evan Parres, Kevin Graham and Michael Kolb, seniors, cheer on their classmate, Logan Montgomery after he made the half court shot. The senior boys formed a huge dogpile in the middle of the gym floor in a rage of excitement.



1/31/18

Allison Hardin, sophomore, helps her team win tug of war.



1/31/18

David Montgomery, senior, glides to the finish line using just plungers.



1/31/18

Gia Thomas, seventh grade, rides the mattress during mattress surfing. Her classmates tried to get across the gym the quickest.



1/30/18

Keke Duan, senior, gets pulled across the gym during the chariot



1/31/18

Jordan Williams, seventh grade, takes the half court shot.



1/31/18

Dominic Cusumano, seniors, cheer on his classmates.



1/30/18

Anna Fregene, eighth grade, anchors her team during tug of war.



2/1/18

Jordan Shaw, junior, carries around an ET dole for space day and treats it like her own baby. She loved the movie and being able to dress up with it was a fun and different thing to do at school.



1/31/18

Sophia Mullen, Jack Bystrom, and Ben Straub, sophomores, dress up for western day. "Being able to dress up during spirit week gives an awesome break from the normal sea of blue," said Bystrom.



1/31/18

Notorious for her exotic spirit week outfits **Caroline Megown**, junior, won the spirit stick on western day for her ranch dressing outfit. Her creative and artsy ideas was a perfect representation of her personality.



1/29/18

Spirit week spirit even carries over into sports. **Libby Thomas and Lily Duda**, sophomores, wore their class color to a swim practice. The pride students felt for their class gets shown in the clothes they wear.

2/1/18

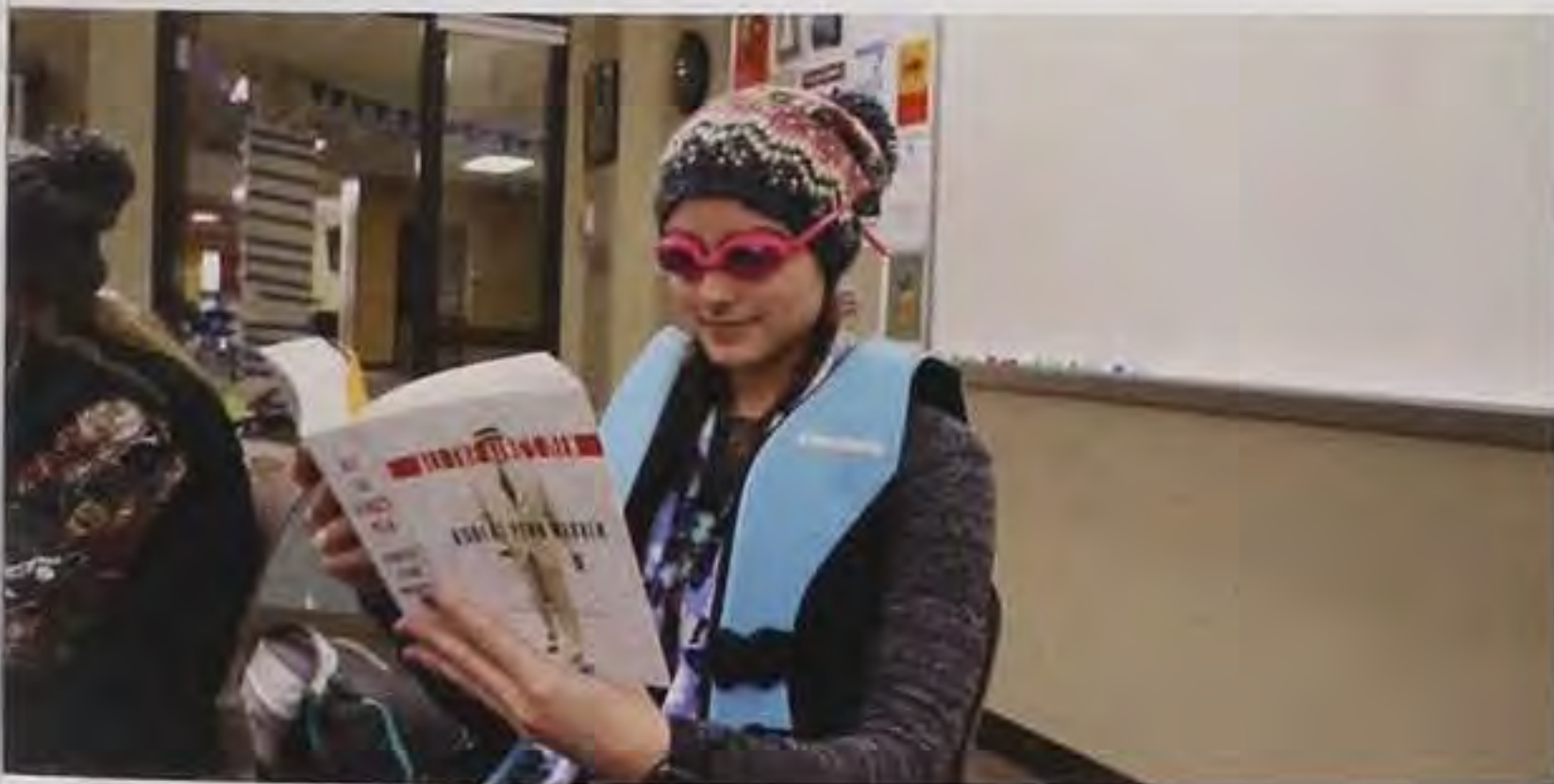
Noelle Burkey and Laure Bell, juniors, are simply out of this world as they dressed up as the solar system with their friends. The costumes were hand made and really shows their artistic ability they don't get to show day to day.

WHO WORE IT BEST?

1/29-2/2/18 Throughout time clothes have been used as a way for people to express themselves. With Westminster's strict dress code and uniforms, students rarely get an opportunity to show their personalities through clothing. However, during spirit week it is a time where students think of the craziest most personal outfits that fit their personalities to a T. If it is not dressing up it's showing school spirit in outrageous ways. Students compete all week to make the festivities the best experience of everyone's high school careers. The first day of spirit week was class color day and Mary Fellows, junior, won the spirit stick for her amazing blow up pink dinosaur. The second day was swinter where students were challenged to wear their best summer and winter clothes. Issiah Thompson, freshman, won for his creative swinter combo. The third day was western day and boy did the wild west come out! Caroline Megown, junior, won for her ranch costume. The fourth day was a favorite space day and the space buns and glitter sure came out. Blaise Matheny, junior, won for his impeccable R2D2 costume made from a trash can and spray paint. Last but certainly not least was blue and white day, a Westminster tradition. Steven Gross, senior, won for his savy all blue suit.

"SPIRIT WEEK BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN EVERYONE. BEING ABLE TO COMPETE AND DRESS UP TOGETHER BRINGS US TOGETHER AS A SCHOOL."

-Sophia Mullen, sophomore



1/30/18 **Grace Gundlach**, senior, chills out in class while keeping it warm on swinter day. Swinter was probably the hardest way to express yourself through clothes yet kids somehow showed their fun summer and winter outfits.



1/31/18 **Jessie Kunkel**, junior, competed in many competitions such as lip sync and various games.



1/29/18 **Francie Akins** and **Bridgette Grimm**, seniors, show their goofy side with big blue blow ups. The girls final spirit week was a sentimental one and dressing up in these silly outfits really made their last one a fun one.



1/31/18 **Michael Lee**, sophomore, shows his awesome fashion sense that normally is hard to express with the typical WCA uniform.



2/1/18 **Emma Gion**, senior, shows her love of Milky Ways through her themed costume on space day.

5
DAYS

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GAMES

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COMPETITIONS

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WINNER

STUNTIN'

2/2/18 Choreographing a dance suited specifically for guys is no doubt challenging, but incorporating stunts in that routine and mastering them is a feat in and of itself. Stunts, thrilling yet dangerous, were often taught early on to ensure the boys felt safe and confident in doing them.

"The freshmen started learning the stunts the first day and it took 10 tries to get the stunt where two of the boys flipped off each other's backs," said Becca Chimento, freshman. Often times, the leaders had to repeatedly run the stunts so the boys could successfully do them.

"We ran through them over and over but it was hard because there was always people missing and focus tends to be limited," said Allison Broadhurst, junior. Although stunts were hard to learn, once mastered, they caught the audience's eye and excited the crowd.

"It took about three practices per stunts for the boys to perfect them, but I'm glad that this year we used stunts that were challenging. We made sure to use elements that no one has ever seen in any boys poms routine and I think we achieved that goal," said Mollee Trost, senior.



"IT'S BITTERSWEET TO THINK THAT THIS WAS MY LAST BOYS POMS, BUT IT ONLY MADE ME WANT TO GO ALL OUT. I MADE SURE THE REST OF THE SCHOOL REMEMBERED OUR DANCE."

-Sean Webb, senior



2/1/18
Koby Schmer, Daniel Johnson, and Brennan Orf, sophomores, prepare to lift Johnson in the air for a stunt. They raised him up and caught him in a trust fall.



2/1/18
Keenan Miller, junior, waves to the crowd right after landing a stunt. For the stunt, he was propelled by two other guys into the air. He landed on the beat drop of the song.



2/1/18
Noah Schlueter, and Luke Laughlin, freshmen, swipe their shoulders during their routine. The freshmen threw their baseball caps in the air after the performance.



2/2/18
Marcus Cicka, and Chase Lottmann, seniors, assist **Caleb Layton**, senior, during a backflip. "It was exhilarating to do the stunts," said Lottmann.



2/1/18
Cooper Edgecombe, eighth grade, leads his line and swipes his arm to the right side. The eighth grade used a collection of remixes to grab a 4th place win.



2/1/18
Zach Leeker, seventh grade, clutches his baseball cap and sings into the microphone. He sang the opening part of their song and also made history, being the first one to sing during boys poms.



2/1/18
Colin Davitt, junior, jumps during his dance. "enjoyed shooting hoops before and after boy poms practice. It was also fun to just talk and hang out with the boys and coach," said Davitt.



2/2/18
Chase Lottmann, Carter McCall, and Luke Heintz, seniors, lean forward during their routine. The senior boys shocked the crowd with a stunt featuring five boys in a row doing the worm in the air.



2/1/18
Mike Linam, Matthias Jowdy, Colin Davitt, and Chris George, seniors execute the intricate hand choreography. My favorite part of the song was when it said "fizzle like a fire meat!" said Jowdy.



2/1/18
Max Nelson, Nick Gustavison, Koby Schmer, and Henry Jung, sophomores, perform a pyramid. They danced to a James Bond theme with "Special Units 2020" on the backs of their shirts.



2/1/18
Gus Duda, Jackson Keane, Jacob McConkey, and Jackson Lawrence, 8th graders, whip back and forth in a pyramid. The 8th graders pulled off a Superman theme, unbuttoning their collared shirts to reveal Superman shirts at the end of the performance.



2/1/18
Kaden Peer, seventh grade, carefully walks on the top of his friend's backs. Two other classmates assisted Peer for this stunt and it was the first stunt of their routine.



2/1/18
Ja'Cobe Moore, Sam Parker Stillman, Mark Brugner, Andrew Smith, and Jon Walsh, freshmen, huddle together during their routine. They played along with a baseball theme, donning Cardinals shirts and Cubs shirts.

2/2/18

Connor Evans, senior, dips, Savanna Steffens, senior. Evans was one of seven male participants in the senior class lip sync.

THE SHOW GOES ON

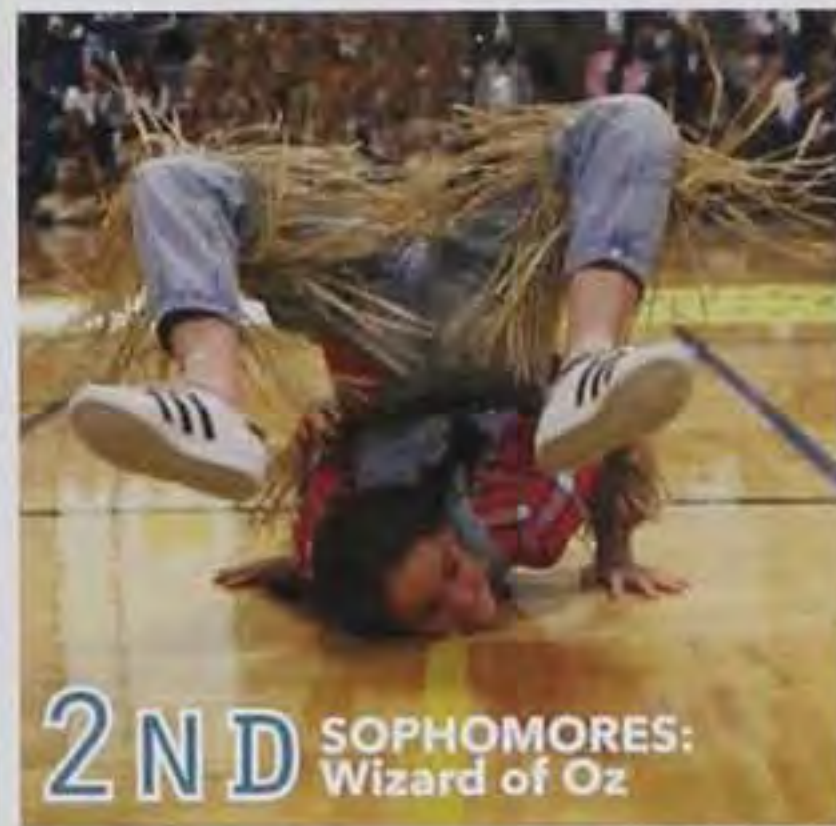
2/4/18 Countless hours of work outside of school were put into each grade's lip sync performances, which made the final results even sweeter for the participants. The senior class performed their take on songs from the movie, *The Greatest Showman*. They dazzled the audience with over 90 performers and flashy costumes. At the end of the day, the senior class walked away with a lip sync victory under their belts. However, they received more than bragging rights after the competition. Bridgette Grimm, senior, posted a video of the senior class lip sync on Twitter. The tweet exploded when she tagged the stars of

The Greatest Showman in her tweet. Grimm managed to rack up over 32,000 views on the video, after she received an unexpected surprise. Pop culture icon and starring actress in the movie, Zendaya, liked Grimm's tweet. Zendaya has over 12 million followers on Twitter, which caused Grimm's tweet to gain popularity. "When she noticed it, it showed how much all of our hard work paid off...I think we all felt pretty honored," said Sydney Johnson, senior. While the senior class did not expect to go viral, the outpouring of support from social media was icing on the cake for their first place win.



1ST SENIORS:
Greatest Showman

2/2/18
Rachel Strothkamp, senior, shows off her jazz hands. The senior costumes included black skirts that added a layer of drama to their production.



2ND SOPHOMORES:
Wizard of Oz



3RD EIGHTH GRADE:
Trolls

2/2/18
Luci Hilboldt, sophomore, contorts herself in an impressive stunt. Hilboldt played the role of the scarecrow and kept the crowd engaged with both her acting and dancing.

2/2/18
Kharis Perona, eighth grade, had a solo in the vibrant troll themed lip sync. Her class incorporated many colorful scarves and group hugs into their performance.



4TH JUNIORS:
Pitch Perfect

2/2/18
Alyssa Glass, junior, acts in her sassy solo. Being a cheerleader helped Glass effortlessly execute stunts throughout the *Pitch Perfect* performance.



5TH FRESHMEN:
Hairspray

2/2/18
Olivia Bauer, freshman, flexes in the front row. As a member of VDT, Bauer was a standout performer in this jazz performance.



6TH SEVENTH GRADE:
Lion King

2/2/18
Emma Mohler and **Anna Niekamp**, seventh grade, lift up **Elizabeth Crow**, seventh grade. They surprised the school with a combination of hip hop remixes from *The Lion King*.



2/2/18
Maegan Fleming, seventh grade, waits for the music to start. Fleming was dressed as Zazu, the bird character in *The Lion King*.

2/2/18
Michael Lee, sophomore, celebrates at the end of his performance on Friday night. Lee's acting abilities helped him in playing the role of the Tin Man.

“LIP SYNC WAS SO EXCITING AND AN AMAZING JOURNEY TO BE ON. FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS [WE] HAVE LOST, BUT THIS YEAR WE WORKED REALLY HARD AND PUT TOGETHER A BEAUTIFUL LIP SYNC!”

-Michael Lee, sophomore



EXPECT THE EXPECTED

2/3/18 Every year on the Friday night of spirit week students of all grades pack the stands to watch the boys basketball team. Cheer and Dance perform along with the top two placing performances for lip sync and boys poms. After the performances, students gather together anticipating the results. Each grade hopes that it will be their year and they will conquer the competition. The juniors believed that this was the year they would pull off the upset. However, it always ends the same. Seniors in first and juniors second and so on in grade order. This year like every other was no different. People are beginning to wonder if upsets are even possible.

After last year's spirit week, the seniors were not at all threatened by the competition. The seniors' confidence showed in all the competitions throughout the week and at the end of the week they took the much deserved trophy. Although the basketball team did not win the game against one of their main rivals, John Borroughs, the energy in the arena was overwhelming as each grade gathered together to celebrate the end of Spirit Week.

Before the final point totals for each grade was announced the places of the final big event, that was often overlooked, was announced. The Art Board this year was some tough competition and the final placement showed the stiff competition. Just like what is expected the seniors won the art board, but by surprise to almost everyone in the crowd, the junior class tied the seniors for first place meaning the rival classes shared the title.

Lastly, the announcement that everyone was waiting for. The classes seemed to know who would be in first at the end of the week because the seniors had won every big event this year, but the sophomores were tough competition in the games this year and threatened the juniors for second place. Even though there was a lot of hard fought battles this year, the final placements seemed to go just as expected with the scoring of Spirit Week in the same order as the grade levels.



2/3/18 **Carter McCall** and **Kathryn Kramer**, seniors lead their class to victory as the spirit leaders for the senior class. "We all put in so much work and effort. Winning was especially rewarding and overall such a good way to end my last spirit week at the academy," said Kramer.



2/3/18 **Luke Heintz** and **Carter McCall**, seniors, hold their classmates while **Anna Bohlmann**, senior prepares to jump over them. "One of our stunts could not perform Friday night so the guys threw me in all the stunts at the last minute. It was really stressful but it paid off and I'm really proud of them!" said Bohlmann.



2/3/18
The senior class waits in anticipation to grab their Spirit Week trophy. The seniors were predicted to win.



2/3/18
Rylie Koester, senior, takes her classmates' hands as they preform for the last time.

2/3/18
Luke Linam, junior, holds his ground on defense.

2/3/18
Jerram Adams, junior, warms up his layups before the game.



2/3/18
Blake Elder, senior, preforms his last boys poms routine. This was the seniors second year winning boys poms.

2/3/18
Caroline Claus, freshman, throws beads into the crowd.

"I THINK OUR FRESHMAN INTRO WAS PRETTY ICONIC WITH THE MUSIC NOT WORKING AND THE DEATH DROP AT THE END."



-Anna Minichello
Freshman



2/3/18
Lucy Hilbolt, sophomore, rocks her scarecrow costume in the sophomores' Wizard of Oz lipsync.



2/3/18
Emma Gion, senior, and Maggie Ellis, sophomore, salute



2/3/18
Elena Brown, senior, finishes her last performance strong.



2/3/18
Ashley Macdonald, sophomore, shows off her flexibility during VDT's half time routine. This was the teams' first time preforming their hip hop routine.



2/3/18
Joey Keane, junior, dances to "Let me Love you" by Neo for the third bachelor in their Love Connection theme.



2/3/18
Lauren Bohlmann, sophomore, finishes their routine with a heartfelt dance to "Home Sweet Home"



2/22/17
 Westminster's Jazz Band comes up to perform on Night Of The Arts. The band is made up of **Patrick Chambers, Mason Andrasko, Ethan Storer, Bennie Anderson, and Max Radloff**, sophmores. The Jazz band did a fantastic job playing a tribute to St. Louis-inspired jazz.

INSIGHTS FOR TODAY'S INFLUENCERS

"JOHN WRIGHT IS A VERY WISE AND GODLY MAN AND IT WAS GREAT TO HEAR HIM SPEAK AND TEACH TO ALL OF US THERE AT NIGHT OF THE ARTS."

-**Michael Lee**, sophomore



2/22/18
Mr. Aaron Layton, director of diversity at WCA, interviews **Dr. John Wright**, a long time researcher of St. Louis City neighborhoods and famous influencer's who come out of St. Louis City neighborhoods. Dr. Wright has written two books on these subjects, and was thrilled to sit down for an interview on Night Of The Arts. "It's important that we learn the history of St. Louis and East St. Lois. With this knowledge, we can better understand where we come from and we can come to know the history of the community and the city that we live in," said Layton.

2/18
 sica Wilson, Caroline Hinrichs, Natalie Brown, seniors, and Chloe Kelom,
 or perform at Night of the Arts. Westminster's all-female quartet, Femme
 e has been performing for three yearss together. "I love this group. It's
 n a good thing that we can come together in community to sing with
 another!" said Brown.



2/22/18
 Chloe Kellom, junior, sings and praises with her church's worship group
 to open up Performance Night. "It was an awesome experience for me
 because I was praising God with people I know, and I think that was really
 cool," said Kellom.



2/22/18 A lot of preparation went into Night Of The Arts, and the work clearly payed off. The night was filled with music, discussion, community, culture, worshipping God, and celebrating one another. The night was kicked off with eating a soul food dinner as a community.

Afterwards, everyone moved into the auditorium, where Michael Lee, sophomore, spoke and introduced the guest speaker, Dr. John Wright. Mr. Layton interviewed him and they spoke about St. Louis City and the history of many of the neighborhoods here.

After they spoke and taught as a community, Koby Schmer, sophomore, came up on the stage and played a Chuck Berry song as a tribute to St. Louis-influenced jazz music on the Electric Guitar.

Westminster's jazz band came up and played phenomenally for the audience.

To conclude the program, Femme Forte, Westminster's quartet, led the congregation in the singing of the "Negro National Anthem," an old worship song with deep historical roots in our community. The event went very smoothly and was very beautiful. Clearly, lots of effort and practice went into pulling this night off, and it truly was a fantastic event to attend.



2/22/18
 Michael Lee, sophomore, introduces the speaker and interviewee of the night, John Wright. "It was a privilege for me that I was asked to introduce him. Dr. John Wright is a very wise and Godly man and it was great to hear him speak and teach to all of us there at Night Of The Arts."



2/22/18
 Koby Schmer, sophomore, plays a tribute to Chuck Berry, one of the most famous musicians to come out of St. Louis City. Berry passed away in 2017, so the choosing of a song that he wrote seemed very fitting for the evening. Schmer played the song "Run, Rudolph, Run" on his electric guitar and the crowd was thrilled to hear him play.



1/13/18

Stewart Geisz, eighth grade, tells the heart of River City, Iowa about the "TROUBLE" in their town. Pitching his boys band idea, Harold Hill encourages the young children to join his band.

IT STARTS WITH A DREAM

1/13/18 Everyone has their own dream. Some want to be dancers, teachers, or doctors. Professor Harold Hill, the traveling salesman, wanted to be the leader of a Boys Band... or so he said. In the musical, *Music Man Jr.*, Professor Hill attempts to deceive the small town River City, Iowa to give him money so he may teach the children music and form them into an amazing band. The actors, when asked what their dreams were, like how Professor Hill had a dream, they had varying responses. Cole Heintz, junior, was a stage manager for the grand musical helping the younger students with their props and cues. "I would like to be an actor and I believe being a manager will help me understand the other side of putting on plays and understand how I can work along with them well in the future," said Heintz. Although most of the actors in *Music Man* were middle school a select few of them were high schoolers picked because of their excellent voices. "I would like to be a pediatrician, being in this play has helped me work with younger kids and understanding how they process things," said Luke Laughlin, freshman.

Later in the play, Professor Harold Hill falls in love with the local music teacher and commits to try to teach the young children something about music. Kaitlyn Butler, eighth grade, wants to teach also. Butler would like to be a missionary in Spain and teach science to young children. "I feel that *Music Man* helped me with my public speaking skills and talking different than I usually do. I also got to work with younger kids including a couple of elementary school students so that also prepared me for Spain," said Butler. Students across our community are beginning their journey to their dreams. As Professor Harold Hill would say, "You pile up enough tomorrows, and you'll find you are left with nothing but a lot of empty yesterdays. I don't know about you, but I'd like to make today worth remembering."



3/18
McKie, Patrick Park, Carter Hickel, Luke Laughlin, Sam Parker Stillman, freshmen, begin the show singing on a train. Cole Hintz, junior, joins them while singing about their jobs as traveling salesmen.



1/12/18
Patrick Park and Ian Gilbert, freshmen, sing in harmony a song to the ladies of the town. Xaiver May and Ian Henderson, eighth, join them as part of The River City Quartet.



3/18
Rebecca Berkmeier, seventh grade, joins her friends in prayer while Professor Harold Hill sings about starting a boys band. The children grew excited hoping they could join the band.



3/18
Alexson Maher, seventh grade, makes a speech to his friends for the Fourth of July celebrations. His wife, Eulalie McKeecknie Shinn, takes the full attention of the crowd dancing and singing in fluent Native American.



12/18
A Berutti, eighth grade, dreamily sings, wishing for "someone" to love. She secretly wishes for Harold Hill to be the upstanding person everyone thinks he is.



1/13/18
Kharis Perona, eighth grade, explains the mysterious Ms. Paroo with her followers in song.

“THE HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE KIDS THAT HELPED WERE REALLY ENCOURAGING AND HELPED ME LOVE THEATRE EVEN MORE.”
-Kharis Perona, eighth grade



2/23/18

Evan Parres, senior, stays focused during his ping pong match. Parres was a tough competitor, and although he did not win the title, he was a strong presence in the singles bracket.



2/23/18

(right) Caroline Megown, junior, and her spanish teacher, Dan Legters, show their game faces during the warm up time in the ping pong tournament.



2/23/18

(far right) Charlie Wu, senior, can't stop smiling while he is playing. Wu, an experienced ping pong player, competed in the singles bracket for the tournament. Wu took home the title of the ping pong singles champion as he won all of his matches.



12/14/17

(left) Luke Burkey, eighth grader, serves against his opponent during a match. Burkey was among several middle school students competing in the first ever Westminster ping pong tournament. With a variety of students, the tournament was a success.



2/23/18

Ashley Moellerhoff and Alliso Eichenlaub, juniors, celebrate after winning a game in the tournament. They competed in the doubles bracket after school on Friday. Although they didn't win they obviously had a good time.

12/14/17
 Heintz and
 Elder, se-
 ns, run towards
 balls at the
 t of the game.



12/14/17
 Nathan Scharr, Jesse
 Parham, Xander Smith, Lily
 Rohlfling, Trent Tarantino,
 Drew Dempsey, Christine
 Steck, seniors, and Grace
 Dempsey, sophomore,
 pose for a picture in
 between their games. This
 year the team decided to
 call their team name the
 "super 8" because there
 were eight of them and
 they wanted to win.

DUCK, DIP, DIVE

12/14/17 This year for Westminster's annual dodgeball tournament winners were once again the teacher team, but the team that stood out the most this year was the "Braisercats" that consisted of a group of juniors. The Braisercats had two managers but that's not only how they prepared for this year's tournament. Chris George, junior, said that the point of winning is for bragging rights and being Westminster's dodgeball champions. The "Braisercats" came up with their team months in advance and even planned on practicing so they could come out with a win. The boys on the team made a joke that they wanted to go to SkyZone and practice. Even though the Braisercats prepared for so long, they did not come out with the win, the teacher team did. The teachers were not as prepared as the "Braisercats" but came out with the win two years in a row.



12/14/17
 Luke Linam, Collin Clark, Alayna Barthelmass,
 Kiley McKee, Dani Mabry, Zach Braiser, and
 Chris George, juniors, played on the team
 called "the Braisercats". This year the team had
 two managers Harrison Lawrence, and Nathan
 Laughlin, juniors.

12/14/17
 Leonard,
 or, played on
 cross country
 dodgeball team
 year. This was
 Leonard's first
 e playing in
 dodgeball
 nament.



12/14/17
 Jimmy Obertop blocks a ball thrown by Levi
 Alldredge. This year Obertop played for the
 "Traitors". Alldredge played for the "Backstab-
 bers".

12/14/17 Lau-
 Lucas, and
 Melaragno,
 iors, played
 the something
 m. "I played
 ecause the
 m needed two
 ls," said Lucas.



12/14/17
 David Montgom-
 ery, senior, gets
 ready to throw a
 ball. Montgomery
 played in the
 tournament to
 win this year. The
 teacher team
 dominated his
 team though.

FINAL SHOT

2/20/18 It was a year full of ups and downs. Every game of the girl's basketball season mattered because it set an attitude for the team. Win or lose they stuck together.

"Our first game we played Marquette and they've always been a tough opponent for us and we really wanted to beat them this year, but unfortunately we didn't end up winning and it was a tough loss for our team." said Claire Sanden, junior. This loss worked to push the Varsity girls forward.

"My favorite highlight from this year has to be moving on to the semi finals of districts for the first time in years. I would say this year's basketball season was a tough but fun one because we lacked a bench and had a few injuries from some players that set us back a little.

With us being so small, in both numbers and height, I feel that getting that particular win was a big deal for us." said Brie Adams, junior.

As the only senior on the Girl's Varsity Basketball team, Jordan Haeusser, senior, could not believe her time on the court was almost up.

"I am sad that it's my last year, but I've been playing for 8 year a now so it's not like I haven't gotten a lot of time to play. I love this team so I'm really sad to be leaving them. To think that this is my last time ever playing a game in the Arena at Westminster is crazy, because I'm so used to being out there." said Haeusser. Her teammates will definitely miss the 2 hours spent practicing with her after school every day.

12/6/17
Brie Adams, junior, warms up with her fellow teammates only a few minutes before a game.



11/21/17
Kristen Keys, junior, leaps high into the air to beat the player from Marquette once the referee tosses the ball up.



"THIS SEASON HAS FLOWN BY. USUALLY BASKETBALL FEELS SO LONG AND DRAWN OUT, I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS SEASON IS ALREADY OVER."

-Jordan Haeusser, senior



11/21/17
Jordan Haeusser, senior, dribbles the basketball all the way down the court. She was able to get to the hoop when she passed it to one of her teammates who then took a shot and scored.

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12/6/17
The whole Varsity team stands with a few swings from JV for the national anthem to play.



11/21/17
Kiley McKee, junior, prepares to shoot a free throw after a foul on the opposing team. McKee was a standout player all season.

12/6/17
Carsyn Beachy, sophomore, guards her opponent from MICDS. Beachy was a quick and scrappy player for the team.

12/6/17

Caroline Strauss, freshman, shoots a quick free throw shot after a foul was called. This was Strauss' first year on the Westminster basketball team. She enjoyed every single minute.



1/30/18

Kinsley Lawrence, sophomore, takes the ball across the baseline and goes up for the shot. The team defeated their opponent, Clayton.



9/21/17

Madison Washington, freshman, races down the court guarding an opponent.



1/30/18

Jessie Kunkel, junior, has the neatest bag on the JV basketball team this year. She made sure to clean out her bag everyday so that she has all of her basketball stuff for games and practices.



CLEANEST BAG



12/6/17

Nicole Mabry, freshman, uses her strong defense skills against MICDS. MICDS had a very strong team but Westminster defense came in handy throughout the game.



12/6/17

Marty Briner, freshman, gets ready for a jump ball in a game against MICDS. Briner's height was extremely helpful with jump balls at the beginning of games.



1/30/18

Annessa Shively, freshman, has the messiest and least organized bag on the team. Some of the things kept in her bag are her inhaler, socks, headbands, knee pads, and a lot of earrings that she forgot to take out.

MESSIEST BAG



1/18/18
Hailey Pritchett, and Olivia Diedrich, eighth grade, play one-on-one during practice.



1/18/18
Katie Allen, and Reilly Brophy, eighth grade, scrimmage. Brophy had joined the team mid-season.



1/18/18
Caroline Porterfield, eighth grade, practices her offense skills as she dribbles down the court during a drill

1/9/18

Mae St. John, seventh grade, uses her amazing aggressive skills in a game against Living Word Christian. St. John often played shooting guard for the seventh grade team.

LEADING THE TEAM

1/21/17 Middle School sports at Westminster are not always the best teams in the league, but the sports are a great way for new players to learn more about the game and also a fun opportunity for experienced players better their teammates, improve their own skills, but also practice leadership qualities.

On the seventh grade team, Rosa Hargrove tried out for the team, but had never played before. "I went out for basketball this year because I was looking for something fun to do instead of contact. Also, I came midway through the 1st semester so I was looking for a way to connect with some more people," said Hargrove. The eighth grade basketball was full of girls with a lot of energy. Although the team had not won a game yet, they never fail to enjoy their time on the court and with their teammates. "Sometimes it can be tiring to practice right after school everyday but I always end up having a good time and improving my game," said Madison Bugh, eighth grade. The team started of with 11 players, but at the start of second semester another player joined. Reilly Brophy transferred schools at semester and decided to join the basketball team. Brophy was one of the guards on the team this year and enjoyed getting to know all of the other payers.

"I have loved being on the basketball team this year because I have met so many people and I have found some great friends." said Brophy. Brophy was an essential player for the team this year, she leads the team with her talents but also with encouragement towards the other players. Brophy played basketball most of her life, but really enjoyed helping others improve.



1/10/18
Julia Coleman, seventh grade, goes up for a layup.



1/9/18
Kylie Robertson, seventh grade, goes in for a steal during a game against Whitfield.

1/10/18
Jordan Williams, seventh grade, uses her defense skills against Whitfield.



1/9/18
Libby Wessels, seventh grade, runs down the court after a quick steal from Living World Christian. Wessels was one of the teams point guards.

2/2/18

Levi Alldredge, senior, runs out on the court at the start of the most energetic game of the season against John Burroughs on the Friday night of Spirit Week. Alldredge started as a power forward this varsity season.



STAR SENIORS

BRENNAN ORF, #15

POSITION:
CENTER

AVERAGED
10 POINTS
PER GAME



Alex
Token
#2



L.B.
Battle
#11



Logan
Montgomery
#22



Dominic
Cusumano
#14



Jeremiah
Thompson
#4



Levi
Alldredge
#23

Chad
Briden
#5



110% 24/7

11/16/18 The boys varsity basketball team had proved themselves to be fierce competitors this year with big wins over Lutheran South, Parkway West, and CDS. Many games had come down to the wire, requiring the team to give it their all until the last second of the game.

In a game against Principia, it all came down to the clock. With only a few minutes, the Wildcats were able to pull ahead and clinch the game 59-55. With a determined attitude and energetic student section, the boys gave a valiant effort until the last second.

"It was a really great game, and as a senior I have been enjoying every moment out on the court and this was a memorable night," said Dominic Cusumano, senior.

"One of my favorite parts of the season has been seeing how we have grown as a team and learned to work together to create a team that works really well together," said Alex Token, senior. The varsity team continued to have a very successful season.



2/2/18 **Isaac Johnston**, junior, looks to pass to a teammate in an game against John Burroughs that the Wildcats ultimately lost. Johnston played center for the varsity team and had played a crucial role on the team during his high school basketball career so far.

1/16/18 **Luke Jewell**, junior was the point guard for the varsity team and had made great improvement from last year to earn his spot. Jewell's work ethic definitely showed on the court. "I'm always trying to see how I can become a better player," said Jewell.



11/16/17 **Chad Briden**, senior, makes his way down the court with the ball as he looks to shoot. This was one of Briden's last games on the basketball team due to a shoulder injury that placed him on the bench for the rest of the season.



2/2/18 "Playing on the varsity team has been great and one of his favorite parts of high school so far," **Jerram Adams**, junior. His teammates expressed that he was one of the best and most hard working players on the team. He averaged eleven points this season starting as a small forward.



1/16/17 **Luke Linam**, junior, grabs the rebound and looks to pass or shoot in a tight game against Priory. This was his second year on varsity basketball as a point guard. He averaged about seven points a game.

2/2/18 **Dominic Cusumano**, senior, makes his way down the court with the ball. As a senior captain, many of the players looked to him for leadership on and off the court.



1/16/17 **Alex Token**, senior, sinks a free throw against Saint Louis Priory School. Although the team ultimately lost the game, Token brought his usual high intensity until the last second and kept cool under the monumental pressure during this extremely close game.

1/8/18

Drew Liddle, freshman, gets passed a defender on the other team and dribbles the ball all the way down the court. He had been playing hard this season, and loves the sport.



1/8/18

Caleb Moellenhoff, freshman, dribbles down the court trying to get passed a player from St. John Vianney. The freshman team ended up beating them by 10 with a final score of 36-26.



1/23/18

Jackson Selk, freshman, shoots the ball giving the freshman a lead in the game against Vianney. Selk had been a dedicated player this year on the freshman team and was known for not being afraid to shoot.



“I HAVE ENJOYED PLAYING BASKETBALL THIS YEAR WITH ALL OF THEM AND EVERY TIME I STEP ON THE COURT I ALWAYS REMEMBER TO DO IT FOR THE BOYS!”

-Teddy Peirick, freshman



1/8/18

Dominic Grasse, freshman, tries to shoot the ball, but barely misses the basket in a game against Vianney. He was a key player on the team and had been playing basketball since he was young.



10/3/17

Brayden Haug, sophomore, is in ready positions as he studies where the ball moves. Haug was a new student at Westminster and was a great addition to the JV team.



10/3/17

Trey Klein, junior, patiently awaits his opponents next move. Klein stole the ball from this opponent shortly after, dribbling it down the court.



10/3/17

Ben Straub, sophomore, takes the first of two free throws early in a game against Ladue. The Cats were down 3-0 when Straub was fouled and stepped to the line.

JV TEAM

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1/23/18

Zach Benes, sophomore, focuses hard on his free throw. As a reward for his hard work, he made the free throw earning the team another point.



11/23/18
Mason
Andrasko,
sophomore,
attempts
to pass the
ball to a
teammate.
Andrasko
is a hard
worker and
they went
for the shot.



1/23/18
Zach Benes,
and Eli Die-
rich, sopho-
mores,
patiently
watch the
game. They
waited to
join in the
game to
help their
team.



SHOOT YOUR SHOT

11/10/17 One of the most important things in life is to shoot your shot.

To shoot your shot means to go for whatever your goal is through hard work and determination. JV and Freshman basketball certainly have been shooting their shots both literally and metaphorically. During intense practices, the players hearts pound and sweat rolls down their forehead as the drills continue. However, hard practices do not stop JV player Mason Andrasko, sophomore. He shoots his shot during practice and in games. He tells us that even though practices are two and a half hours long, they went by fast when they do the lay-up drill because he enjoyed those and they are constantly moving since it is fast paced.

"I enjoy basketball practice, it is fun to come to after school," said Andrasko. He had been playing since he was three and a half years old, yet time in basketball still seems to fly by for when doing the sport he loves.

The JV team had been working extremely hard this season, win or lose. They continued to shoot their shot, and go for their goal of honoring God and playing hard. T

his year the Freshman team had gone through some losses, but that did not stopped their motivation to get better. Their record this season was 4 wins and about 10 losses. Though there were many challenges during this season, there were still times they surprised themselves with a win through determination and teamwork.

11/30/17

Charlie McCracken, senior, celebrates a victory over a Parkway West wrestler. "Coach Muehleisen taught me life skills that I'm gonna use for the rest of my life," said McCracken.



END OF AN ERA

11/16/18 It was the quarterfinals at state, and Charlie McCracken, senior, was staring down what was his hardest opponent in his wrestling career. He was facing off against a wrestler who caught and pinned him down earlier that same year. A couple of minutes later, McCracken walked off the mat, victorious.

"I beat him 10-3. I just took him down a couple times and let him up, and just beat the tar out of him," said McCracken. "It was a changing moment because I was able to wrestle free, and I was able to wrestle without the pressure of, 'Oh, I need to win state.'"

McCracken eventually placed third at state, and he wouldn't do it without the Muehleisens, a father-son coaching duo that decided to hang up the towel at the end of the season. They left behind a legacy of being two of the best coaches in Westminster history.

"I was coming off of Kirkwood, where the coach's mentality was, 'You have to win,' and you're a piece of meat, and you're nothing," said McCracken. "With Coach Muehleisen, he taught me how to wrestle free, and become a better man. I do take honor in being their last match ever."

"Both of them have pushed me, while I'm wrestling when I'm training with Grandpa Muehleisen. He really has a way of making you keep running. He finds ways to push you. He knows you've got more left in the tank," said Patrick Andrews, junior. What set the Muehleisens apart as coaches was how invested they were in their wrestlers. "Coach Muehleisen makes sure we have good character and being a good Christian as well as being a good wrestler," said Andrews.

McCracken, who will be heading out to college next year, has high hopes for an uncertain future in Westminster wrestling. "For any wrestler, Coach Muehleisen is the best, and so is Grandpa. This new coach is gonna come in, and I hope he's gonna be top notch, like them," said McCracken.



11/30/17
Mike Lemp, sophomore, attempts to take down an opponent during a meet at Parkway West.



1/17/18
Coach Muehleisen, Grandpa Muehleisen, and Kirk Briden, freshman, observe a match as a Westminster wrestler gets taken down. It was the last season for both Muehleisen's as the coaches of the Westminster wrestling team.

CHARLIE MCCRACKEN | SENIOR

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WIN-LOSS
RECORD



1/17/18
Davis Worley, sophomore, glances at the clock as he pins down an opponent during a meet against Hannibal.



12/1/17
Patrick Andrews, junior, gets ready to start a round against an opponent as he gets in referee's stance.



1/17/18
Hayden Turley, freshman, tries to keep an opponent on the mat as a referee checks if his shoulders are on the ground.

1/23/18

James Distaso-Hutchins, seventh grade, restraining and keeping his opponent down. He won this match against his opponent from Priory, beating him 2 out of the 3 rounds.



S W E E P I N G T H R O U G H

1/23/18 During the MICDS Tournament the middle schoolers went sweeping through the competition, but one stand out was James Distaso-Hutchins, seventh grade. Winning every match he competed in, Distaso-Hutchins breezed through the first match winning 3-0 the second match though he had

“WRESTLING HELPS ME MAKE NEW FRIENDS WHICH MAKES ME A BETTER PERSON.”

-Aleem Glass, eighth grade

more of a match.

He started off the match getting very physical from the start. He then put his arms around his opponent and got into a struggle trying to put his opponent on the ground, but eventually pinned him down. During the second round his opponent put up a much better fight evening the score one to one. During the third round the match got much more intense during the matches deciding round. He started off again getting physical from the start. Distaso-Hutchins took his opponent down and put him in a choke hold on the ground to win the match.



1/23/18

Mike Johnson, eighth grade, ends the round by trying to keep his opponent on the ground. He finishes off the round wrapping his opponent and wins the match.



11/28/17

Evan Kohn, eighth grade, is going head to head with his coach during practice. Kohn prepped for his first match of the season in a couple weeks.



11/28/17

Nolan Jones, eighth grade, giving his all against his coach still getting prepped for his first match in January.



11/28/17

Tyler Collison, seventh grade, amazes his teammates when he saves the ball from going out, and turns and sets himself up for the perfect 3-point shot.

DRILLS FOR SUCCESS

11/28/17 Middle school sports are important at WCA because the seventh and eighth grade use this time to try different sports so that when high school comes they will be properly trained.

Many chose to go out for multiple sports since they are allowed to participate in two sports each season. They knew that they will not have that opportunity to play multiple sports in one season while they are in high school. Some of the boys chose to play basketball because they have love for the sport and they hope to get on Varsity while they are in high school. Knowing that they have a desire to continue to play for years, the coaches planned different drills and games that prepare them for the speed of the game when they are in high school. They understood that the game will be faster as they get older and will require more energy, so the coaches made sure they were giving them all of the materials they need to make a team once they become freshman.

Practice was essential for the team, and everyday the boys came in with a mission and they gave each practice their all so that they could learn something new that will help them become a better player and a better teammate.

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"IF YOU WANT TO BE GOOD AT SOMETHING, THEN YOU HAVE TO WORK HARD."

Kobi Williams, seventh grade



9/8/18

Kaden Peer, seventh grade, gives all that he can to intercept the pass coming in from the opposing team. He successfully caught the ball and set his teammates up for a perfect opportunity to score.



1/13/18

BJ Wesley, seventh grade, jumps over the block to shoot a three pointer to put the boys ahead on the scoreboard. The team played well Saturday afternoon as they all worked together as one to bring the best success.



9/8/18

Ben Gustafson, seventh grade, receives the ball from another teammate and looks for another open player to pass to. This game was an exciting one for the team because they were able to win their first game with a score of 33-35.

1/4/18

Lily Duda, sophomore, swims butterfly in the swim meet against Lutheran North and Notre Dame. This was Duda's first year swimming.



1/4/18

Katie Myers, senior, swims backstroke during the 200 IM. Myers specialty this season was the 200 IM and 100 butterfly race. "I can't believe it's been 4 years with such amazing teammates and coaches always encouraging me," said Myers.



HOW THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED

2/15/18 Every year the swim team spends all season preparing for the state meet. Every practice and meet is one step closer to their last meet of the season. Some are very lucky to meet the flat time qualification, however, there have always been some swimmers who don't make it to state.

In years past, this would be devastating for some. To work hard all season and not make it to state because you were a few seconds off. Well, this year the rules were changed. Some swimmers made the automatic times in some events, while others made the consideration times. If a swimmer met the flat time to qualify for state then they automatically went to state. If a swimmer didn't quite make the flat time but were close to it then they would be put into the consideration group. "If you made the consideration time and not all 32 spots were filled in the race, then they would start filling in the spots with the fastest consideration times," said Jenna Galakatos, senior.

Many swimmers were happy to be included in the consideration time. Lauren Bell, junior, was just one of the swimmers to make it to state based on their consideration time. "I really like the new state system. It lets fast swimmers swim at state when before they weren't able to," said Bell.



1/10/18

O' MEARA '21

MARGO O' MEARA, FRESHMAN, DIVES DURING THE MEET AGAINST NOTRE DAME FROM CAPE GIRARDEAU. IN HER FIRST YEAR ON THE VARSITY DIVE TEAM SHE COMPLETED AN UNDEFEATED SEASON, WON THE METRO LEAGUE CONFERENCE, WON THE STATE DIVING TITLE, AND SET A RECORD AT THE COMO MEET EARLIER THIS SEASON.



1/4/18
Hailey Kittleson, senior, swims the butterfly. This was Kittleson's fourth year on the team. "These past four years have flown by and I'm going to miss it so much," said Kittleson.



1/18
Gail Richards, junior, swims backstroke. The swim team beat Lutheran North and Notre Dame in this meet. This was Richards first year on the team.



1/17/18
Lauren Zone, sophomore, swims dives in during warm up. The swim team swam against Incarnate Word.



2/7/18
Camryn McMurry, sophomore, swims butterfly during the conference meet at MICDS. This was McMurry's second year on the team.



2/7/18
Grace Wessels, freshman, swims breaststroke during the conference meet at MICDS.



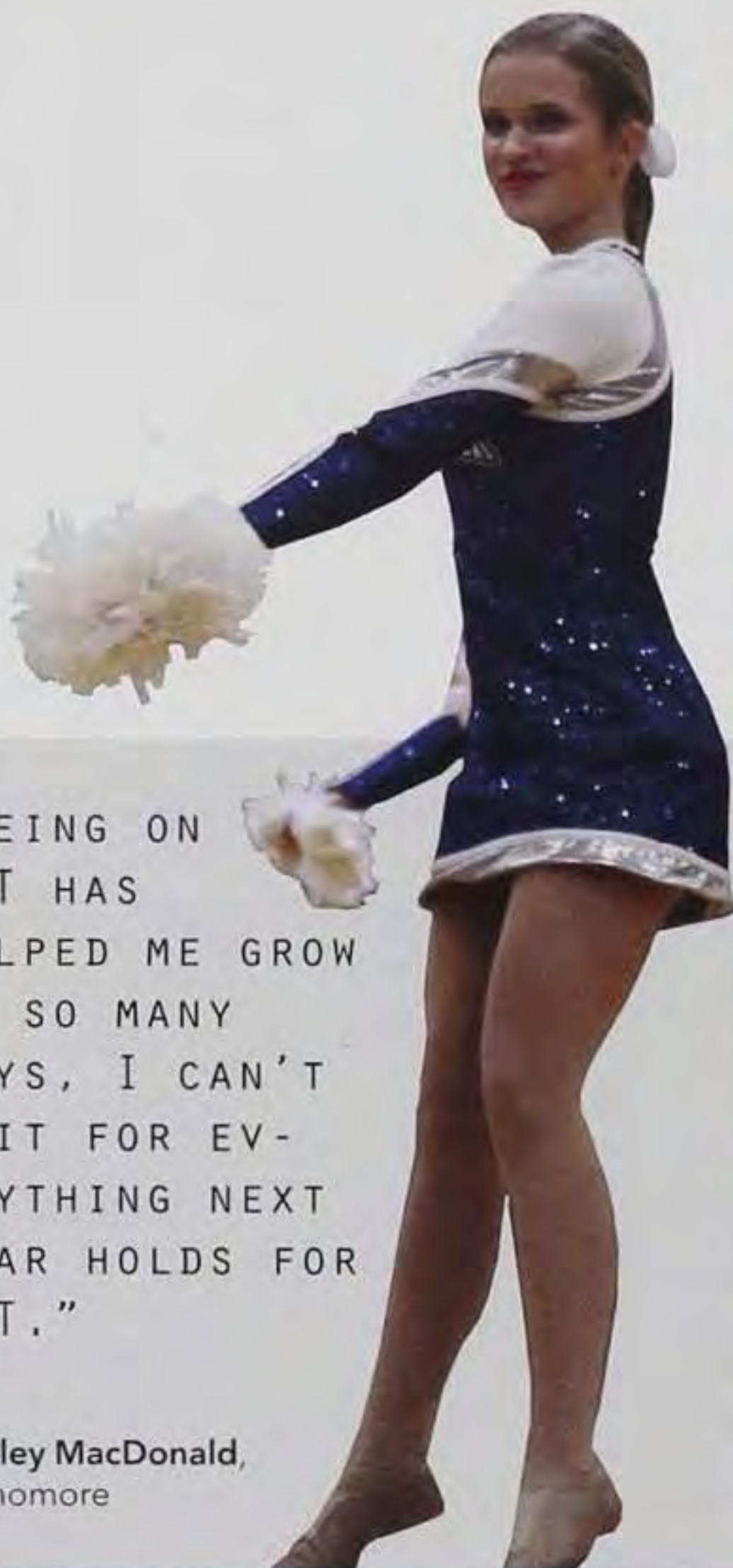
2/2/18
Maggie Hackman, junior, performs at halftime; showing off the many hours of work her and her teammates have put into the performance. The VDT's performance on one of the biggest nights of the year, pride night, was a huge hit with blue crew and the rest of the crowd attending.



2/1/18
Daphne Washington, sophomore, prepares for the upcoming turning disk in the VDT's complex routine. "The varsity dance team at Westminster is an amazing group of talented hard-working girls. The sisterhood that has developed within the team is unreal and it's just a great experience to be apart of," said Washington.

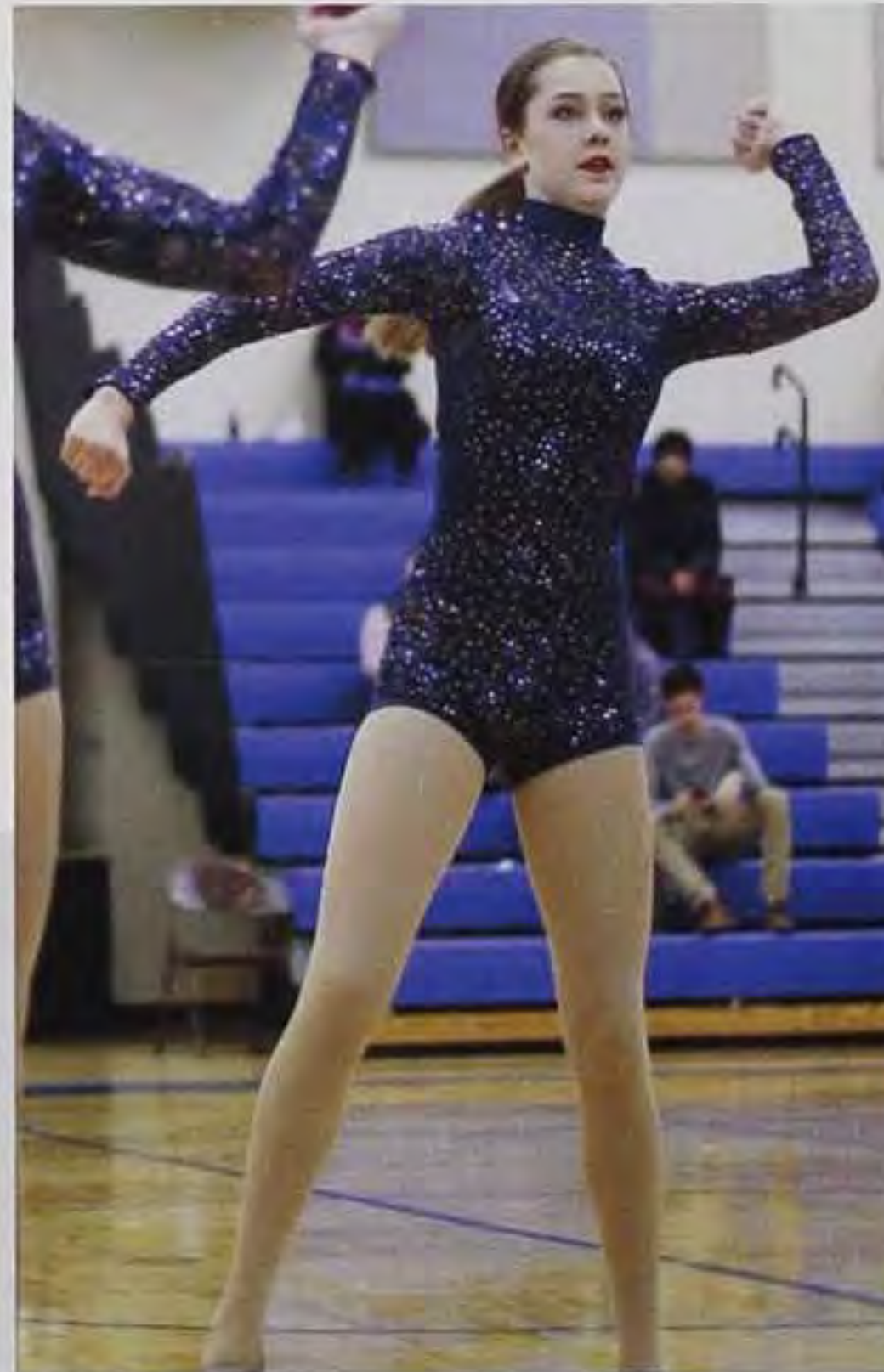


12/14/17
Anna Bohlmann, senior, salutes as a part of the VDT's Christmas performance. As a senior the last Christmas performance has significant emotional impact. "VDT has been the best decision I've made in high school because it brought me my best friends. It is definitely super stressful at times, but I would not trade for the wonderland I know I'll miss it so much next year," said Bohlmann.



"BEING ON VDT HAS HELPED ME GROW IN SO MANY WAYS, I CAN'T WAIT FOR EVERYTHING NEXT YEAR HOLDS FOR VDT."

-Ashley MacDonald, sophomore



2/1/18
Olivia Bauer, freshman, performs during her first year on VDT. "VDT made a big difference for me when it came to transitioning into high school. I began to get close with girls on the team over the summer before the school year started, which made the start of freshman year more fun and less stressful."



2/2/18
Elizabeth Meeks, senior, awes the crowd in one of the final moves of the preference. Meeks has been on the dance team for several years, after much previous dance experience.

14/17

Lee Trost, senior, leads the Christmas performance front and center. Lee was one of the two captains of VDT. Trost has participated in over 10 performances during her time at Westminster.



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Alynn Rigdon, senior, prepares to lead out one of the first performances of the year. Rigdon has been on VDT for the last four years. "Being a senior on VDT has truly been an honor. I will miss these girls very much and the relationships we have developed," said Rigdon.

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Courtney Moten, freshman, performs at half-time of the home night game. Moten is the only freshman on the team. "My experience performing at pride night was the most nervous I have ever been in my life, but definitely the most fun. The energy in the room was amazing. Dancing is the most exhilarating thing I have ever done," said Moten.



DANCING IN THE RAIN

10/7/17 Carnival is one of the highlights of the Westminster year, and that is no exception for the Varsity Dance Team. Carnival is one of VDT's biggest dance numbers every year, but this year, however, there was an unexpected twist.

Before the game the team got dressed in their full Adidas white tees, black leggings and high ponytails. After a full face of makeup and a few last words of encouragement, the team took on carnival. They walked around viewing the numerous booths, preparing themselves mentally for their upcoming show. A few minutes before halftime everybody gathered up to head outside, except there was one problem- it was pouring.

However, this only stopped VDT for a moment as they waited under the awning until the last possible minute and then ran straight onto the field to perform, embracing the pelting rain. By the end of the performance everyone was completely soaked. Turf was stuck to everybody clothes, and hair was drenched.

This didn't kill the mood though, all the girls sprinted off the field and into the safety of the school right after the dance ended, laughing and excited at the success of their performance despite the rain.

They finished out carnival by setting up a booth in the back of the cafe selling s'mores. A few were definitely eaten by the VDT team themselves, but the rest went to help buy new pom uniforms.

10/6/18

VDT performs a synchronized calypso, one of their many talented dance moves. This dance was performed in front of the entire school for the yearly pep rally, celebrating all the sports teams.



FLYING HIGH

9/9/17
Sophie Clifton, freshman, chants during a Westminster football game in the heat of September. Clifton was one of four flyers on the team.



9/9/17
Amanda Enger, junior, and **Emilee Mitchell**, sophomore, chant on the sidelines of Saturday's game against John Borroughs school.



6/8/17
 The entire team poses outside of the IU arena during cheer camp in June. The girls spent one week bonding and training to prepare for the school year.

2/15/18
Sarah Melaragno, junior, goes to hit her pose during the performance at half time of the basketball game on Senior Night. Melaragno joined the team half-way through the season this year as a junior.



9/9/17
Sophia Mullen, sophomore, cheers on Westminster football from the sidelines. Mullen has cheered for the past 4 years for school as well as done competitive hip hop for 11 years.



10/6/17
Hannah Rupprecht, junior, poses during the middle of their performance. Rupprecht is a junior and enjoys being part of the cheer team.

CAPTAINS

LAUREN BAUER



LEADING LAST

- Senior
 - Has cheered 7 years
 - Will not cheer in college
- "This year has definitely seemed by far the shortest cheer season ever. As a captain, I choreograph the routines, lead practices, and try to be an example of leadership for the team. It's crazy to think I won't be cheering anymore."

FOR THE TIME

- Senior
 - Has cheered 6 years
 - Plans to manage the cheer team in college
- "Most practices seem to fly by because we are so focused on working on a specific stunt sequence. Being a captain has made this season go by even quicker than other years in my mind because I am constantly planning the next routine."

EMMA GION





10/14/17

Grace Rahal sophomore, cheers for WCA football in their game versus St. Borgia School. Rahal has been cheering for about 10 years. She was a flyer as well as a base.



1/6/17

Jeremy Rosenberg, freshman, performs at a Pep Assembly on Friday. Rosenberg also cheered for the middle school cheer and dance team.



10/6/17

Victoria Smith, sophomore, is stunted during their performance in the assembly for fall sports. This was Smith's second year cheering for Westminster.

1/18/18 As the 2017-2018 school year came in with a bang so did the Varsity Cheer Team. This year, the girls consolidated JV with Varsity to form one team. This team represents the school and now represents all high school grades.

"I find cheer to be a really fun and intense sport where you always need to trust your teammates as well as yourself," said Grace Rahal. This team now unifies the school and overall strengthens our Westminster pride. This year, the new team dynamic has called for new team traditions and activities. Varsity Cheer has participated in the community by cheering and supporting athletes at events such as the Special Olympics.

As well as service activities, the team has also taken a large amount of time this year to bond. The team has participated in many activities such as having sleepovers, going out to dinner, and getting ready for games together. This made them the ultimate mascots and supporters of the school.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



1/22/18
Ellie Johnson, Ella Martin, eighth grade, and Jamie Obertop, seventh grade, practice in the black box theater to prepare for their performance.



1/22/18
Ellie Johnson, eighth grade, enjoys being a part of the middle school dance team and puts in hard work during practices.



1/22/18
Ella Martin, eighth grade, joins the team in practicing their dance for the big performance at the middle school basketball game.



2/6/18
 The middle school cheer team supports the WCA middle school basketball team by encouraging them with their spirit. They devote their time and effort to bring their best attitudes to the games.

1/22/18 The middle school cheer and dance teams participate in cheering for the middle school boys basketball game during the winter season. They practice and learn their dances each week to prepare for their halftime performances during the middle school basketball games. They bring a lively spirit and a positive attitude to every game. They love cheering and dancing in middle school because it will prepare them for the more competitive teams in the upper school VDT and varsity cheer team. These hard-working girls definitely contribute to the eighth grade boys winning streak and amazing record with their energy and positivity.

1/20/18 Even though they only had 2-3 meets each year the middle school girls swim team was an amazingly strong and fast group of girls. Going to practice 2-4 times a week, the girls worked hard from the first to last second of practice swimming laps and every once in awhile adding a game into their practices. Trying their best and pushing through each drill and trying to make the best out of each situation.

One thing every girl on the team had in common is looking up to their coach, Coach Kempen. The girls loved their coach. Coach Kempen set an example for each of the girls, she gives them an example on how to live their own lives. The girls have created a bond with their coach and each other over the swimming season, preparing themselves for high school swimming. The team stayed strong and consistent through the whole season and every one of them was excited for swimming in the years to come.

1 . . . 2 . . . 3 . . . DIVE!



1/20/18
Madison Doehring, eighth grade, practices her breaststroke in the final laps of an after school practice.



1/20/18
Madison Terschak, eighth grade, practices her turn in her freestyle as the other girls in her lane swim.

1/20/18
Allie Lytle, seventh grade, finishes up her lap and prepares to swim backstroke as her final lap of the day.



1/4/18
Kate Wessels, seventh grade, sets up her dive during diving drills at the start of practice.



1/20/18
Madison Doehring, eighth grade, gets on the block before starting off her diving drill during practice.



1/20/18
Abbey Siburt, seventh grade, listens as her coach assigns the next and final set of laps for the day.

12/18/17

Jack Thomas, freshman, carries the puck down the ice, in attempt to score. The cats had a strong offense this season that allowed them to score goals and win games.



12/18/17

Andrew Tipton, senior, waits for a shot on goal. Tipton was a team captain this season and was said to be a great leader, and a great player with lots of skill.



12/18/17

Cole McWard, junior, calls for a pass during a game. McWard was a leading scorer and a major contributor to the team. McWard also plays hockey for the AAA blues and the U17 USA team.

ICE ICE BABY

2/9/18 The hockey season is long and grueling with twenty-one season games and then added tournament games. The hockey boys, however, pulled through this year in round one of the Wickenheiser Cup Quarterfinals. The cats defeated Parkway South 6-4 in front of one of the biggest blue crew crowds all season.

Levi Wright, senior, scored one goal leaving the score 3-1 at the end of the first quarter. Wright then contributed another goal, along with Cole Mcward, junior, well into the second quarter, making the score 4-3. George Jones, junior, made countless saves in the 3rd period allowing the team to make their stride. Still short behind Parkway South, Michael Woll, freshman, scored tying the game 4-4 with 6 minutes left on the clock.

"I felt at that point when Michael tied up the score, we could win the whole thing and that we could come together making a comeback, that was one of the most exciting games of my whole hockey career" said Jeremy Regeon, junior. Then with one minute left on the clock, Wright scored the game-winning goal making the final score 6-4, sending the cats on to game two of quarterfinals.

A few games later they hoisted the trophy as champs.



12/18/17
Michael Woll, freshman, and Andrew Tipton, senior, set up for the puck drop. The cats overall did very well with these gaining lots of possessions.



12/18/17
Levi Wright, senior, Blake Swenson, junior, and Dylan Wells, sophomore, all watch from the bench. Players and sometimes former players would sit on the bench to support the team.



2/9/18/17
Tom Hauptfear, junior, watches the game from his post. Hauptfear was the team's starting goalie providing the Wildcats with multiple shutouts. Hauptfear was a big contributor to the team's overall success.



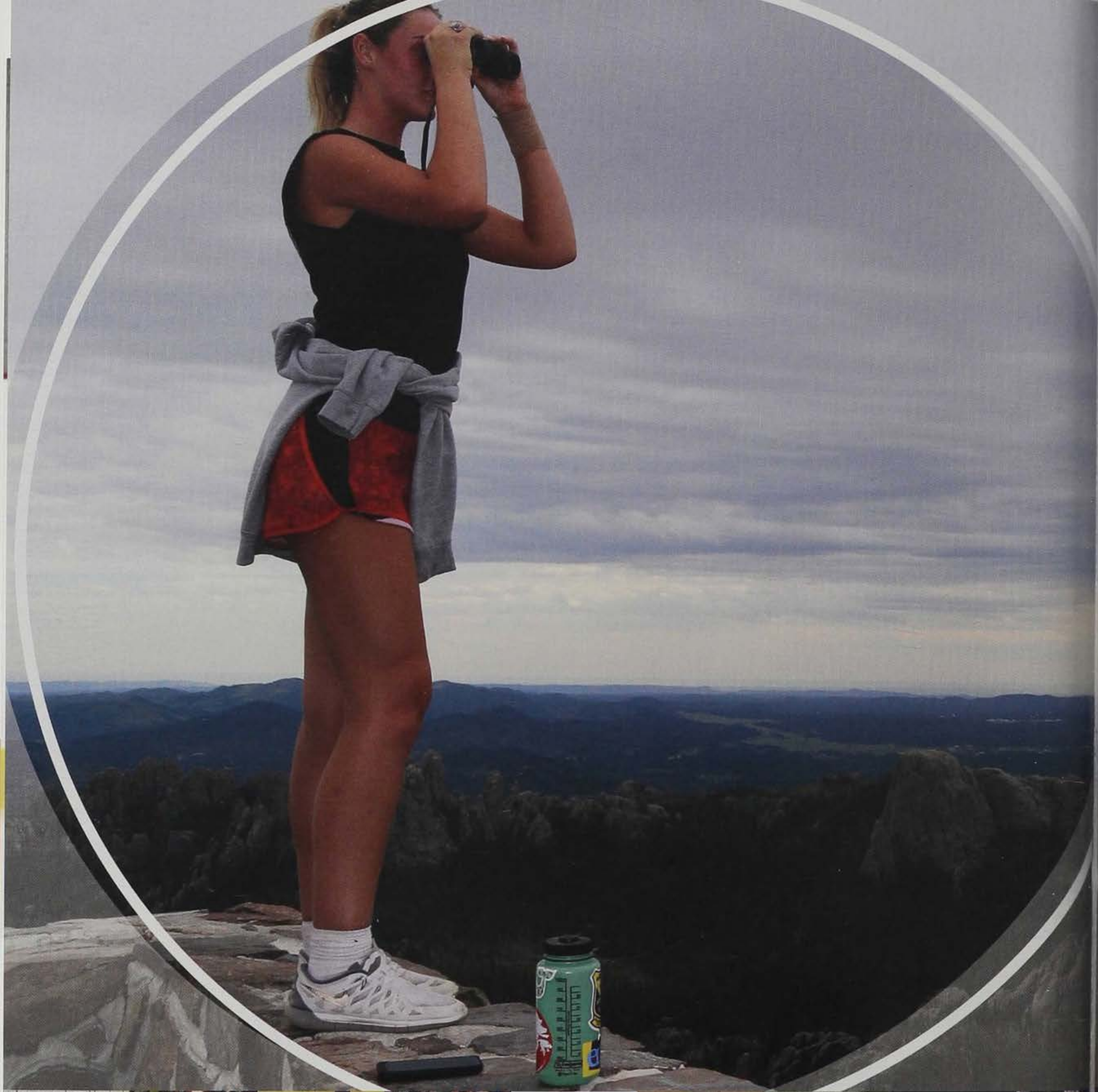
12/18/17
Dylan Wells, sophomore, goes in for a check to get rid of his defender. Wells was also a major part of team's overall chemistry, and was said to be a great teammate.

21
GAMES

9
WINS

8
LOSSES

4
TIES



SENIORS

10/6/17

Hilary Hightower, senior, looks over the horizon at Harney Peak, the highest point in South Dakota. Hightower and 32 other seniors went to South Dakota for Summer Seminar.



CRINGE-WORTHY ♥ CRUSHES ♥

As seniors are near an end to their time at Westminster, they are able to look back on all the memories they have made. From school dances to big football games, most of the memories are reminders of all the fun times they have had during middle school and high school... until they remember that awkward relationship they had in 8th grade. The yearbook staff is proud to present to you the most cringe-worthy crushes from the class of 2018.



2014
Bridgette Grimm and Chad Briden, seniors, had a fling in 8th grade. "I never even told him I liked him, it kind of just happened... we weren't official or anything," said Grimm. The crush did not last into high school, but Briden and Grimm remain friends their senior year.



2013
Georgia McQuillan and Levi Alldredge, seniors, were the "it" couple in seventh grade. The two never officially dated, as most middle school students do not. "This picture was basically the only time we hung out... our 'relationship' lasted about a week," said McQuillan.



2015
Frankie Sacco and Madeline Kugler, seniors, were one of the longest lasting couples during their freshman year. According to Sacco and Kugler, the relationship was a cringey one. "We went on dates with his parents," said Kugler. Kugler added that she still laughs about the cringey crush now.



2014
Drew Dempsey and Emily Stoner, seniors, were crushing during their 8th grade year at Westminster. The couple never took any pictures together, but posted photos of each other for "Women Crush Wednesday" and "Man Crush Monday". That is a deep relationship right there.



ALYSSA ADAMS

It has been an amazing four years here at The Academy and I owe that to all the people I met along the way. Westminster, I will forever be grateful for everything that has come from being here, so thank you. Mom, Brian, Dad, and Becky thank you for your constant support and love, I would not have made it without you. Paige and Sam you two keep my life interesting. Babies even though you can't read I am so happy you came into my life. Finally, my friends, you all have made high school everything I could have hoped and gotten me through everything. I love you so much. It's been a good run guys. Alyssa/ Thumb



FRANCIE AKINS

Four years ago, I didn't even know Westminster existed, but I sure am glad I'm here. To my friends, you guys deserve an award for putting up with my extroverted self. I love you all. Mom and Dad, sorry I never did the dishes, but thanks for loving me anyway. I appreciate you so much, even though I don't always show it. MJ, keep the house under control for me. I'll miss you and our constant bickering more than you know. Patrick and Jenna, you're the funniest human beings on the planet. Please don't ever grow up. Foundation staff, if this actually gets printed, we must have done something right. Aloha!





LEVI ALLDREDGE

Dear Mom and Dad, I cannot thank you both enough for everything you have done for me. You both mean so much to me. Sis, you are the best sister I could ask for! To all my teachers, thank you for all you have done. To the boys, thanks for all the memories.



LUKE ALLEN



TAYLOR ANDRASKO

Mom and Dad, thank you for all you have done for me. You have shaped me into the person I am today. You have encouraged me and supported me through everything. Thank you for all the opportunities you have set in front of me. Mason, thank you for supporting me and always being by my side. I am so thankful for the wonderful experience and friends I have made at Westminster. WCA will always be special to me. Lastly, thank you most of all to God. I would be nowhere without the lessons he has taught me and the blessings he has given me!



BLAKE ANDREWS

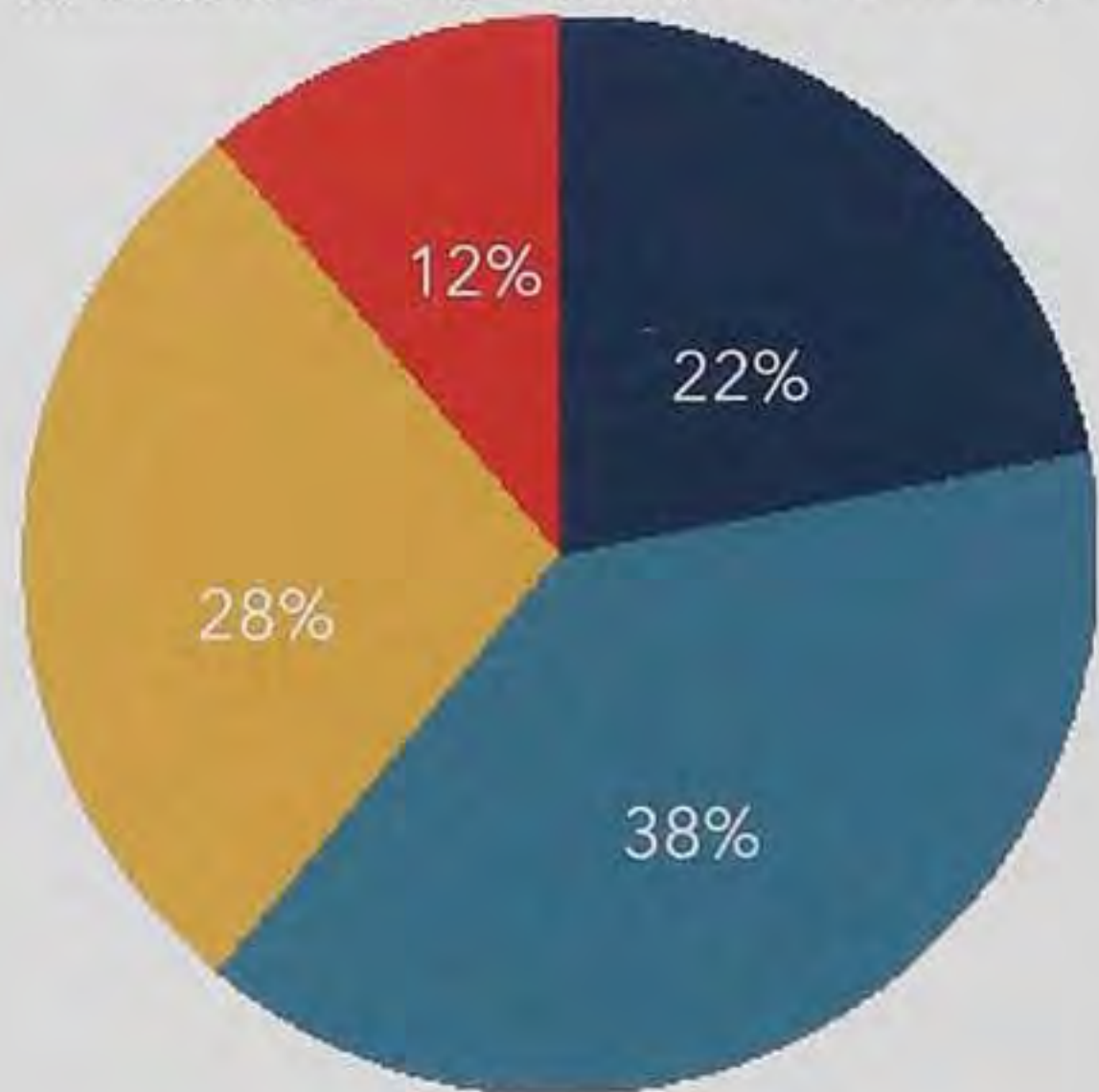


Throughout my time at Westminster, I have learned to be a good student, athlete, friend, and follower of Christ. My teachers and fellow students have taught me valuable lessons that will serve me well way beyond the walls of Westminster wherever life may take me. To my Cross Country Team: thanks for always putting forth your best effort and for always laying everything on the line. I hope the JV team picks up right where we left off. To my Calc BC Class: Try not to think too hard in college, we already learned all the hard stuff. To my AP Lang Class: Thanks for not failing miserably for being the first class ever taught.



WHAT SHOULD DIE AFTER THIS YEAR?

We asked 50 students what they think needs to go:



- Socks n' Chocs
- "Oof"
- Sleeveless Sweatshirts
- TBH

As new years come and go, trends come and go as well. As seniors are generally seen as the most mature of all the high schoolers at WCA, we've asked them what trends should be tossed in preparation for the next year. Here are their inputs:



11/6/17
Jeremian Thompson, senior, thinks "the word 'oof' should die. What does it mean?" said Thompson. **Journee Henry**, sophomore, disagrees and uses the word avidly.




11/6/17
Deanne Pfyl, senior, thinks Socks n' Chacos "look bad on everyone." **Ella Polski**, sophomore, disagrees. "I love my Socks. Even more than other shoes," said Polski.



11/27/17
Paige Penberthy, senior, doesn't understand the concept of sleeveless shirts. "They are dumb and you get cold wearing them," said Penberthy.



11/11/17
Mary Stuart Murray, senior, thinks the TBH app is "dumb." But **Hailey Adair**, sophomore, likes to use it to see what people think of her.




MADISON BABER-GRECO

Words cannot begin to describe how blessed I am for the opportunity to attend Westminster. My years here have been filled with memories and relationships that will last a lifetime. Thank you to my family and friends for making it such an incredible experience. Mom, thank you for being the most incredible role model I could ask for. Most importantly, thank you God for always providing and carrying me through life, you are too good to me. So excited for this next stage of life! I will forever cherish my years at WCA.
1 Peter 5:6-7

BETSY BAILEY

Every year for the past five years I've read these and thought about how long it would be until I got here. Well, here we are! I'm so thankful for all of the wonderful friends who have filled my life with so much joy and adventure! Ok it's fine that we're going our separate ways but I love you all. And boy am I oh so thankful for my family that can handle all my sass. Without your love and support I would be haggard 24-7. Seriously can't believe how fast these years have been! I would not be the person I am today without Westminster and its community. Thank you, Westminster! You will be missed. BEST! Prov 16:9





L. B. BATTLE



LAUREN BAUER



Going through four years of high school with my friends and family has been incredible. Having them as a support system has been important to me and I can't thank them enough for that. The laughs, late night drives, and spontaneous runs to Andy's will be missed. I am so lucky to have found such amazing and encouraging friends and being blessed with the greatest family. Dad, Logan, and Landon, I love you all so much and you are the greatest guys in my life. You people keep me laughing everyday, especially Dad when he tries to act like he's fluent in Spanish. But, if I'm being honest, my dogs will be missed the most. Love you Snickers and Twix.



ERIK BERGMAN

Wow! These last six years have gone by faster than seven years would have. To everyone who has helped me along the way, thanks. I've learned a great deal from the lessons you all have taught me. My classmates and I are off to accomplish great things, and this school and its teachers are the big reason why. So, all I have left to say is that not even the sky is the limit! Approach the future by giving 110 percent. And why not toss in "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush"? Now it's time for our next chapter, and it's going to be great.



LEXI BERRA



Here is to the people that got me through high school. Mom and Paul thank you for encouraging me and supporting me in everything I do. You both have loved me unconditionally, and I strive to be like both of you every day. Friends, thank you for giving me an unimaginable amount of wonderful memories to take with me into the future. We have had amazing and difficult times in high school but I wouldn't trade them for the world. Lord, thank you for blessing me with the people in my life and remaining constant in this unsteady world "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" Hebrews 13:4.



FRIENDS SINCE...

Friendships that have lasted the test of time

2002

Emily Fentress and Lauren Bell, juniors, met during their preschool years at Kirk Day School. "We bonded over the fire truck on the little playground at Kirk," said Fentress.



EMILY & LAUREN | EST. 2002



ALLISON & ASHLEY | EST. 2005

2005

Allison Eichenlaub and Ashley Moellenhoff, juniors, met at Twin Oaks. "In 6th grade we started hanging out and became weird friends from then on out," said Eichenlaub.

2004

Caroline Claus and Annessa Shively, freshmen, "...first met when we were probably 1 or 2... but we didn't really become friends until preschool," said Shively.



CAROLINE & ANNESSA | EST. 2004



PATRICK & THOMAS | EST. 2006

2006

Patrick Claus and Thomas Arndt, juniors, met at St. Paul's and didn't become friends until first grade. "He was the nook in half day kindergarten and I was in full day," said Arndt.



ANNA BOHLMANN

Mom and dad, thank you for all the sacrifices you've made for me. You guys are my rock and constantly overwhelm me with love and motivation. I owe everything to you. Kitty, thank you for being a ray of sunshine in my life. Never stop being your bright, happy self!! Lo, what am I going to do without you next year? If I could take you to college with me, I would in a heartbeat. You are my best friend and the most encouraging, loving sister someone could ask for. Mollee and Elizabeth, thank you for filling my life with so many unforgettable memories. I love you both with my whole heart. Here's to the end



KYRAH BOOKER

God, thank you for blessing me with a wonderful family and an amazing group of friends that helped get me through high school! Mom and Dad, thanks for affording me with a Christian foundation and a great education. Mom, you provided me with guidance, support, and love. You taught me how to be an independent woman and care for others. Dad, you exemplified wisdom, patience, and understanding. Friends, thanks for always being a shoulder to cry on. I will miss our spontaneous adventures, the never ending laughters, and crazy memories. Thanks to my whole village for your love and support. One door is closing and I'm trusting God to guide me through the next one. I love you all!



JUSTIN BLAKEY

The five years I have spent at Westminster were the best of my life. God, thank you for leading me here. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for all of the sacrifices you have made for me. They will never be forgotten. Coach Decker, Coach Pederson, and Coach Herring, thank you for pushing me to be the best person and athlete I can be. To my brothers on the football team, thank you for giving me my favorite high school memories. Dr. Shaw, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. [unclear], thank you for instilling in me a love of learning that I will never lose.



MELINDA BLUM

I would like to thank my friends, family and teachers I've had over the years for helping me discover my interests and passions and forming me into the person I am today.

Sincerely,
The Fling Queen



KELLY BRADLEY

Mom and Dad thank you for all the support you have given me throughout my years at Westminster, you both are great blessings in my life. Ryan, you're the best brother out there. To my girls thanks for all the fun memories I will never forget them. G, thanks for laughs and hilarious moments of the past years. Syd, thanks for always being by my side through everything. Every girl needs a best friend like you. Alex there's never a dull moment around you. You are such a blessing in my life. And thank you to all my teachers who have shaped me into the student I am today.



DAVID BRATON

I want to thank my brothers, my sisters, my grandparents, my mom and dad, my aunts and uncles, my cousins; and especially God for helping me stay sane through AP Chemistry. I can't thank them enough, except my brothers and sisters; they don't exist.



A TABLE BY THE WINDOW

9/14/17 After school on a brisk Thursday, six trucks rolled into the plaza: Taste-D-Burgers, Global Quesadilla, Sarah's Cake Stop, Slice of the Hill, Sia's, and Kat's Closet. It was a great time for students to unwind after a day of classes and practices.

9/14/17
Lauryn Rhodes, Anu Akinyede, Katie Stout, and Lucy Wood, sophomores, wait in front of Sarah's Cake Stop.



9/14/17
Ethan Storer, sophomore, thinks about what he'll order at the Taste-D-Burger truck.



9/14/17
Matthias Jowdy, junior, pays for Sia's italian ice.



9/14/17
Blake Elder and Blake Andrews, seniors, enjoy a scoop of italian ice.



9/14/17
Caroline Megown, junior, pays for her nachos at The Global Quesadilla Company.



9/14/17
Taylor Siebenman and Lexi Berra, seniors, look at the menu at Sia's.



NIKKI BRENEMAN

Thank you, God, for putting amazing people in my life and blessing me with the love and support I needed to survive high school. To my parents, who I can never thank enough, I want you to know that I will always look up to you both as my role models. Mom, you will forever be my best friend. Brothers, I've literally had people tell me to shut up about how much I love you guys! To my girls, thank you for laughing and crying (S/O to The Notebook) with me since day one. Alec, thanks for making Senior year my best one yet. I don't know what the future holds, but I know who forever holds my future.



CHAD BRIDEN

Thank you, God, for your continued work and and love in my life. Thank you to the Westminster teachers for constant support and Godly instruction. Mom, I love you more than you know and couldn't have made it through highschool without you. Dad, you're one of my best friends and supporters and a great golf partner. Parker, Trent, and Kirkie, you all are my best friends and I can't wait for the rest of my life with you guys. Westminster sports coaches, you have had a major impact on me, both in sports and as a man. To my friends, these years have been unforgettable and I will cherish the memories with you all! Thank you Westminster!



DANIEL BROWN

I am definitely blessed to go to such an amazing school for the past 4 years. Westminster has certainly prepared me to take on whatever college throws at me, academically and spiritually. Mom, there is no way I would have made it without the love and kindness you showed me every day. Dad, although you often pressure me, I became a harder worker because of it. David and Jacob, you've given me lots of trouble, but I'll miss you both. Finally, Jessica, there's no one I would have rather spent the last two years with and I can't wait for many more. Thank you everyone for making my high school experience unforgettable.



ELENA BROWN

My high school experience has been quite an adventure. I am so thankful that God lead me to Westminster after all the crazy moves and big transitions in my life. My time at Westminster has been the best two years of my high school career. I will be forever grateful for the friends I've made, the plays and musicals I've been a part of, and the teachers who inspired me to be my best.



ATALIE BROWN

At Westminster, I uncovered my passions, hopes, and dreams. I want to thank my teachers, directors, and counselors who have made my entire high school career influential and productive. The Lord has wanted me close friends here at Westminster who have been my rock in times of trouble and continue to be a blessing in my life. I want to especially thank the Westminster Theatre department. My directors and colleagues have helped me grow and shape my talent into the artist I am today and I am able to follow my dreams of being on stage because of them. And last but certainly not least, Mom and Dad, thank you, I love you. I am ready for the next phase in my life, and the future is extremely bright.



RACHEL BYARS

Mom and Dad, thank you for the support and love you have shown me. Thank you for caring for me more than I can put into words. I don't say it enough. Erin, thank you for always cheering me on and being there for me. Your loyalty and selflessness as a sister are qualities I really admire in you. To my friends, thank you for making high school unforgettable. The amazing memories and endless laughs are things I will cherish forever and I honestly don't know what I'm going to do without you guys next year. High school has been a time of growing and learning and I could not have done it without my family and friends.



FNL



9/28/17

Carter McCall, senior, holds **Luke Heintz**, senior, on his shoulders. McCall and Heintz were the blue crew leaders this year. "I'm going to miss pumping up the crowd and leading the roller coaster. I love Saturday afternoon games, but there's something different about Friday night lights," said Heintz. Heintz wasn't the only person who enjoyed going to the football games on Friday, and even one game on a Thursday night. "My favorite part about F.N.L. is the fact that the stands are always packed and everyone is there," said **Jordan Haeusser**, senior.



8/18/17
Anna Johnson, **Haley Counts**, **Sarah Shoemaker**, seniors, **Abrielle Danna**, and **Kyleigh Peer**, sophomores, cheer on the wildcats. "F.N.L. was a great way to catch up with everyone outside of school and a fun start to my senior year," said Counts.



8/18/17
Neeve McMillin, **Sarah Melaragno**, **Abby Lowe**, and **Sophie Clement**, juniors, support the wildcats during their first game of the season. The blue crew was dressed from head to toe in white.



9/28/17
Christine Steck, **Isabella Ortiz**, and **Faith Wickham**, seniors, sit with **Amanda Espy**, junior, during the MICDS game. "F.N.L. games have been so fun to go to with my friends and I'm going to miss those nights so much," said Steck.



MARKUS CICKA

Thank you Jesus for a wonderful family that has always been so supportive. Thank you for Your guidance. Mom, thank you for molding me and helping me whenever I needed it. Dad, thank you for your lame humor and your support. Danielle, you are the greatest sister. I know I can always count on you. I look forward to wearing a white coat one day with you in medical school. I won't forget Westminster and the great friends that I have. To my closest friends, the nights out with The Sting will never be forgotten! Thanks for all the fun times at Westminster.



ISABELLE CLAWSON

Thank you to all my friends and family who have supported me throughout high school. Thanks to my grandparents for always helping me with my crazy projects. Thank you to my parents for their undying support and tolerance of my nonsense especially during finals and AP week. Thank you to my brothers for not caring about my grades or accomplishments, but just caring about me. Thank you to my coaches and teammates for the laughs and stress reliefs that sports gave me. I couldn't have made it through high school without each and every one of y'all.



ALYSSA CANNON

How blessed I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard. Thank you to my friends for always having my back. Thank you to my baby sis for keeping me on my toes. Thank you to my parents for all the sacrifices you've made for me and for all your prayers. More specifically I would like to thank my mom. You held my hand for many years, supported me through joys and tears, and though I'm grown and almost on my own, my heart will always be tied to home. Love you, Alyssa.



ANDY CHEN

Westminster is a place that makes me realize how blessed I am. I appreciate my friends, teachers, and family for giving me such wonderful experience. I hope everyone cherishes the present and enjoys what they have now. Again, thanks, Westminster.



ABBY COCKERHAM

While doing theatre at Westminster for the past five years, I've learned that even while playing a character, I often speak for myself through lyrics and lines. So, I'm going to do that now and share a few quotes from shows I am honored to have been a part of during my years here:

"They're so happy, they don't know how miserable they are." -Fiddler on the Roof

"When I am in trouble, eating is the only thing that consoles me... At the present moment I am eating muffins because I am unhappy. Besides, I am particularly fond of muffins." -The Importance of Being Earnest

"Be ready for the journey." -Into the Woods

"To all of us." -The Dining Room



HALEY COUNTS

As put by Alison Dilaurentis, "this feels like the end of something." Yes, I quoted my favorite TV show, and yes, it is the end of my high school career. I want to thank my family for helping me become the person I am today and for pushing me to be the best I can be. To my friends, thank you for all the memories and support. You guys made my high school experience one to remember. Thank you to my lacrosse family for the constant laughs and finally, to my broadcast team, I can't wait to see where you take WCA Today in the coming years. It's been real, Westminster. Thank you for five years I will never forget.



MORE THAN A CLASS

Teachers are people students respect, look up to, and most students are able to recall a teacher that impacted them not only as a student but as a person. These special bonds are formed in and outside of the classroom and when students leave their classrooms at the end of the year, they leave not only with new information but with a special friendship with their former teacher.



11/29/17
Andrew Tipton, senior, smiles with his 12th grade Spanish teacher: Señor Legters. "Señor will always ask me questions in Spanish but I never understand so I answer Si every time. But overall his class has been my favorite since we're always doing Kahoots," said Tipton.



12/4/17
Alyssa Pressuer, senior, poses with her 12th grade math teacher: Mr. Mohler. "Mohler has consistently reminded me of why he wants us to learn and he has given me a greater appreciation for the importance of learning," said Pressuer.



12/14/17
Harrison Lawrence, **Madi Gipperich**, juniors, and **Lily Duda**, sophomores, sit in their usual seats with their Business teacher: Mr. Bertucci. "He's left an impact on all of us and I'll never forget his Supreme headband," said Gipperich.

12/4/17
Sarah Pressuer, senior, smiles with her 11th grade History teacher: Dr. Gall. "What I love about Dr. Gall is that he always goes out of his way to say hi to his students and even students who aren't his!" said Pressuer.



12/5/17
Emily Stoner, senior, holds her 10th grade English teacher Mrs. Arvesen's baby boy. "I loved her class and I worked really hard in it because I wanted to succeed since I liked her so much," said Stoner.



DOMINIC CUSUMANO

Mom and Dad, you couldn't have done it any better. Your endless love, support, and wisdom has put me on the path to success. Brooke and Alex, you've been the best older siblings I could ask for. Lee, George, Chad, Parker, Alex, Luke, 02, EB, Zeus and more, it's been an amazing ride and high school was just the start of our friendships. I wouldn't go back and change a single thing. WCA, you've given me more than enough amazing teachers and some of the best and most enjoyable sports team I will ever be apart of. No matter where I go, Westminster will always be my home. Go Sycamores!



MACIE DANIELS

"Keep on, Keepin' on"



SAM DARE

I would like to thank God for all of the lessons He taught me throughout high school. Without my parents and my amazing sister Maggie, I could not have flourished as I have. I send much love to all three of you. Mom and Dad, thank you for showing me what Christian values look like. Maggie, many thanks for all the strange memories and the fun times we will always share. I thank Westminster and the many people who have been good to me, and I'm so happy I was able to attend. Between the gracious teachers and extracurricular leaders, I was given plenty of wisdom and knowledge, and I am well prepared for my next chapter.



SYDNEY DARK

To Mom and Dad, thank you so much for the opportunity to go to Westminster and for supporting me and guiding me through all my decisions and loving me unconditionally. Thank you for the example you guys have set for me in life and my relationship with Christ. Lexie, You have always been there and I can't thank you enough for all you have done for me. I'm very lost without you. Thanks for keeping me on track, Lom. Grace, you always have my back no matter what. Thank you for always encouraging and challenging me. I love you both. To my friends- I have been beyond blessed with with great friends friends in and out of school, I wouldn't have made it here without you guys. Your love and support means the world to me, and I can't thank you guys enough. My high school experience is something I wouldn't change any part of; God has blessed me so much and everyone in my life has shaped me into who I am today. Thank you for the memories!



DREW DEMPSEY

Dad, Mom, Grace, Kate, Emma, I can not thank you guys enough for all that you have done for me. Thank you for sacrificing all that you have. I have created so many memories through the years with you guys: pirates of the Caribbean, watching funny videos, "Harry" from Home Alone, and many more. I love hanging with you guys and going on the trips we have: Colorado, The Bahamas, and Texas. Thank you guys for going early to sporting events so that we can try and get autographs and for going to my sporting events without complaining. I can't wait to see what God has in store for me and for you guys! Love you guys, Drew



ALLY DROOGER

God, thank you for all the blessings you have given me in my life. Mom, you have made such a big impact on my life and I don't know what I'd do without you! Dad, thank you for always being there for me when I needed it. I love you both so much! Blaise, thank you for being such an amazing guy in my life and thank you for being my best friend, I love you! To all of my girls, you are the best friends a girl can have. The friends you all have coming in college are extremely lucky to be blessed to have you as friends! I love you all so much, thank you for making my high school time enjoyable!



BLAKE ELDER

Mom and Dad, thanks for supporting me through the years and always pushing me to be the best person I can be. I wouldn't be where I am today without you guys. My time at Westminster has honestly been the best experience of my life. It seems that each year was better than the last. Evan, AJ, Will, David, Jake, Matthias, Trent, Walsh, Xan, Grb, and Blake, even though not everyone is running right now, I want you guys to know how much I appreciate you guys and the Cross Country/Track team. The lessons I've learned and the bonds I've made through distance running will never be forgotten. Seniors, "Catch you guys on the flippity flip" [sc/ig @blakin_bits](#)



AVERY ENGELMEYER

I am forever grateful of how I have grown over the years at WCA. I have been truly shaped by my parents, teachers, and peers. Thank you to my parents who have taught me to believe in myself and shoot for the stars. I can never repay you for the unconditional love and support you've shown me. Thank you to all the amazing teachers who have incorporated God into every aspect of learning. I am so grateful for the sport of volleyball these past four years for teaching me so many life lessons like persistence, dedication, and playing for the glory of God. It has brought me so many true friendships that I will forever cherish.



CONNOR EVANS

"Life is a journey to be experienced, not a problem to be solved." -- Pooh, Winnie the Pooh



CHRISTOPHER FAUST

What I will remember most about Westminster is the amazing educational opportunity I was given. There have been many amazing teachers who have touched my life and for them I am forever grateful. Mom and Dad, I am the person I am today because of your love, continuous support, inspiration and guidance. James and Mary Kate, I love you both and I am thankful for all of the fun experiences we have shared as siblings. Robotics Team, I am grateful for being part of the WCA Robotics family and have thoroughly enjoyed our years of building together. I am overwhelmed by the gift of time and talent that the mentors gave to our team. Real friendships are timeless.

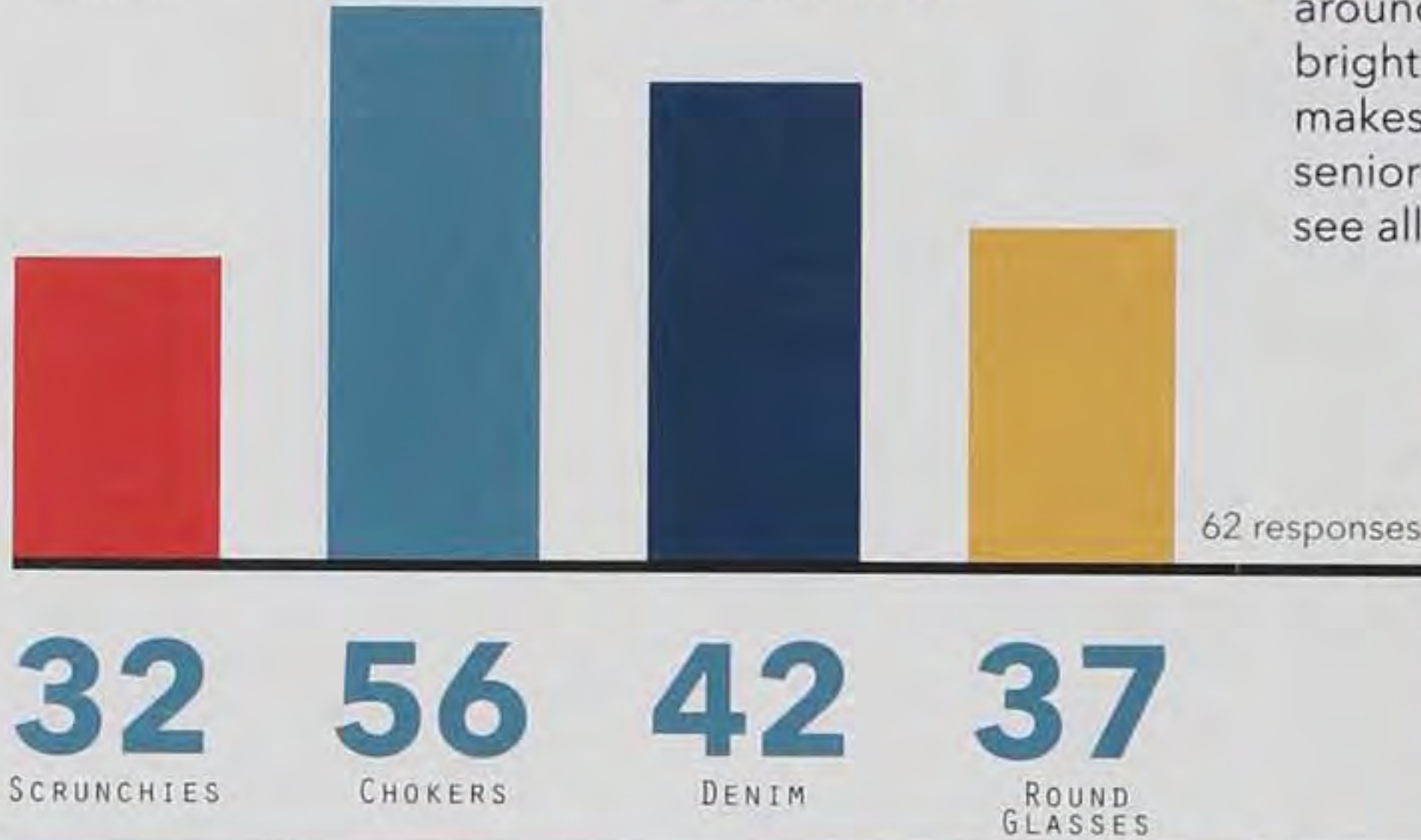


1/16/18
Scrunchies have made a huge comeback over the years. For some students they are practically a daily essential. "I wear scrunchies every day!" said **Elizabeth Nolting**, freshman.



THE 90'S ARE BACK

10/26/17 Seniors this year are officially the last grade in high school to be born in the 90's. However, many students were still too young at the time to appreciate the many trends in clothing and hairstyles that the decade had to offer. "I didn't know any of these were 90s trends," said Katherine Bauer, sophomore. Many people agree that history repeats itself, even in the smallest ways. The way these clothing trends circle around through the years works in a similar way. "I am hoping bright colors like in the 80's will make a comeback again. It makes me sad wearing black all the time." said Brooke Lang, senior. Some students, like Lang, are excited and can't wait to see all of the trends that could come back.



1/23/18
Chokers are the most notably popular of the trends. "I love to wear them a lot because they don't get in the way like regular necklaces!" said **Abby Johler**, eighth grade.

JERRICA FLAKES

I will like to thank God the the amazing opportunity he has given me to be at Westminster. He has truly blessed me with teachers that care for my success. I have dealt with many ups and downs in classes and I know that they never gave up on me. I will also thank God for all my supportive friends and family who have been there for my good days and my bad days. They have shaped me to the woman I am today, and they encouraged me throughout my journey. I love my friends and family so much and I wish we did not have to part, but I know they we will do good things that will improve our world.

ELENA FROGGE

Westminster has given me so many opportunities to meet new friends and grow stronger. I first thank Caitlin, who I go on constant adventures with, and Nick and Alex, who have helped me open up and develop my weird personality. Also my parents for providing everything for me and encouraging me through my many struggles. I thank all the amazing people I've grown to love over the years like Caroline, Ashley, Bethany, Alyssa, Hannah, and plenty more. I love all of you so much, it would have been incredibly difficult to make it without you all. And finally my teachers have made a world of difference. I thank Mr. Hughes, Mrs. Birchenough, and of course, Mr. Sarra. Romans 5:3-5

DAWSON GAITAN

Thank you mom and dad for your never ending guidance, love and care; shaping me into the young man I am today. I am humbled by the gift of education at Westminster Christian Academy. Thank you Heavenly Father for your grace and mercy—I know you will be with me always as I continue onward in life growing in your word and truths. To my teachers, thank you for encouraging me, even though it was hard at times. I am blessed in abundance. While God only knows where I will go from here, whatever He has in mind for me, it is well with my soul.



JENNA GALAKATOS

Wow, it's already been four years! I'm so grateful to have spent them at this amazing school! Thank you to my field hockey, swimming, and lacrosse coaches, for fueling my competitive spirit and teaching me lifelong lessons. Thank you to my friends, for supporting me no matter what and being there through the highs and lows. Thank you Matt, Kelly, Erin, Kara, and John, for messing around with me and keeping the group chat hilarious! Thank you mom and dad, for working so hard for this crazy family and loving us unconditionally. Thank you God, for placing such amazing people and opportunities in my life that I will cherish forever. I couldn't have asked for a better high school experience!



PARKER GELBER

Mom and Dad, thank you for everything you have done and continue to do. You two mean the world to me and have encouraged me in everything my entire life. Megan, Katelyn, and Mattison, thank you for all the memories. Whether it be midnight food runs, business meetings, or date ideas, you three have always been there. Lastly, to my brothers and best friends, we have grown up together for the past four years and you have shaped me into who I am today. Thank you for everything. - Parker



JACOB GIACOPELLI

I officially made it through the whole school year; what a relief! Westminster is the best school for students with learning disabilities and thankfully, I was one of the students who received the help I needed to succeed. I have years of good memories at WCA and will miss the friends I hang out with every day as well as the many teachers that have helped me get through all of the tests, quizzes, and homework. All of us are preparing to face the world; we must remember that God is with us wherever we go. I am thankful to God and my family for sending me to WCA and for all their support.



IF THE SHOE FITS

ALEEM GLASS
eighth grade **35 PAIRS**

FAVORITES:
TIMBERLANDS,
JORDAN 12'S,
JORDAN 8'S,
CHELSY BOOTS



"I STARTED TO COLLECT THEM BECAUSE THAT'S SOMETHING I KNEW I COULD BE KNOWN FOR: MY SHOES."

-Aleem Glass, eighth grade



FAVORITES:
KYRIE 3S

LUKE JOHNSTON
eighth grade

12 PAIRS



MACKENZIE AXFORD
freshman **30 PAIRS**

FAVORITE:
HEELS



ANNA GIERHART

I owe everything to God who has made me who I am. I cannot wait to see the plans you have for my future. Mom and Dad- What a blessed girl I am to be able to call you my best friends. You have stood by me and supported me through my best and worst times and I couldn't be more grateful. Our countless memories and adventures together are so special to me and I am eternally blessed. Mimi & Pappaw- Your love and support over the years means the world to me. I am so blessed for you. Bella- You're a girl's best friend. Thanks for all the snuggles. To my family- I love you more than I love dolphins.



EMMA GION

In three words I can sum up everything I've learned: It goes on. In my six years here there were days I wasn't sure I would survive it. There were however more days that I thought to myself "I am so lucky to be here and to have the friends I do." To my friends, I love you, you have left a permanent mark on my heart. Aaron, thank you for pushing me to think deeper and for making me laugh. To my parents, you have supported and loved me through everything, you showed me what it meant to live as a Godly person while I grew into a woman. Thank You! Don't count the days, make the days count.



MICAH GOOCH

First and foremost, I want to thank God. He is the reason that I am here. He has blessed me in more ways than I could have ever imagined. I want to thank my beautiful strong mother. I cannot thank you enough for always being there for me and giving me unconditional love. You are my rock. To the rest of my family, thanks for your love and support. I love you all so much. Friends, thanks for the laughs, cries, memories and making the past six years a blast! I'll miss you guys. I want to thank all of my teachers for challenging me and making me a better person. God bless you all.

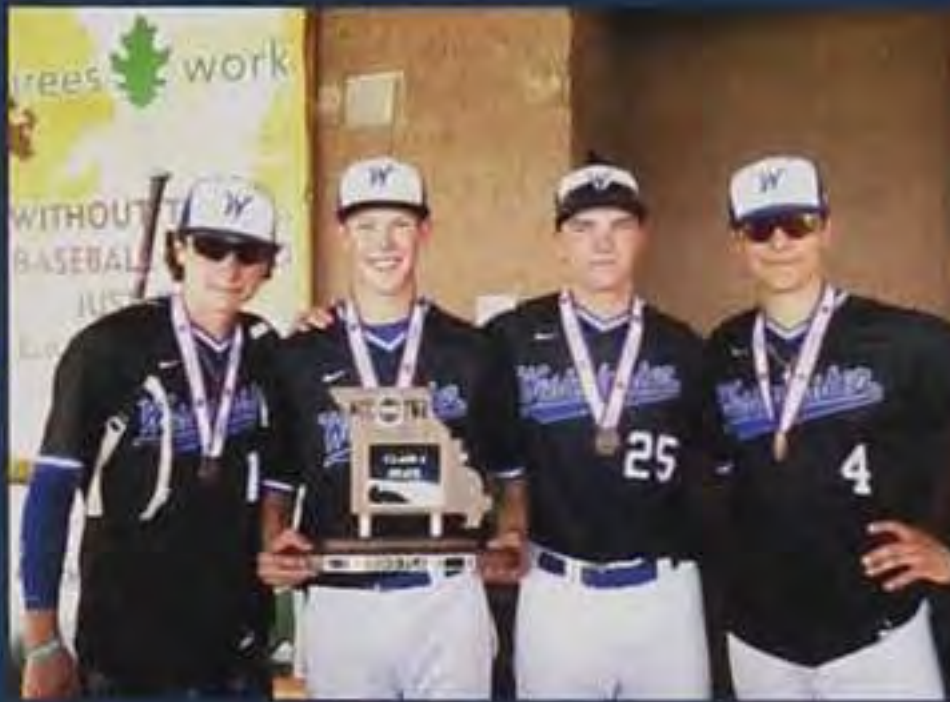


JAKE GRAHAM



KEVIN GRAHAM

First, I would like to thank God for allowing me to attend Westminster. Second, I would like to thank my parents for supporting me along the way. Thank you to everyone who made these last four years so great.



BRENDAN GRBCICH

Yo im a crazy lady~ Nathan Walsh



IF YOU COULD CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT WCA...

When asked what they would change about Westminster, the students had many different ideas. One of the most popular answers was: "No more uniforms," said Ben Broadhurst, eighth grade. Others complained about the expensive lunches: "I would want there to be free food," said James Macdonald, eighth grade. The upperclassmen had different and often more humorous responses to the question. "WCA should lower the football budget and raise the cross country budget because we're obviously better," said Blake Elder, senior. Becca Chimento, freshman, wished to change the policies on WOW Wednesdays. The students at WCA have differing opinions on how to make this school even better.



9/24/17
Ben Broadhurst, eighth grade, wishes there would be no more school uniforms at WCA.



9/1/17
Becca Chimento, freshman, wishes to change WOW Wednesdays so that everything will be more genuine and less "perfect."



9/23/17
Blake Elder, senior, wants to raise the budget for the cross country team.

BRIDGETTE GRIMM

Mom and Dad, thank you for loving me, putting up with my sassiness, and giving me the opportunity to experience so many amazing places over the last 18 years. Morgan, you are the best sister and ski buddy a girl could have, War Eagle! Reed, good luck with Mark and Julie for the next three years. Everybody do the flop. Friends, I couldn't have survived high school without you all. Our memories are unforgettable. Teachers, I am blessed to have been taught by such selfless and loving people. Newspaper staff, do not forget how valuable your voice is. Class of 2018, you rock! I am excited to see where God's plan leads us all in the coming years. Proverbs 19:21



STEPHEN GROSS

After 4 amazing years at Westminster, I will miss all the friends, teachers, and experiences that I have been a part of. Coming to this school changed my heart forever. When I started WCA, I wasn't excited to come to a new school, however I thought wrong, and now I'm thankful. I'm thankful for all that the school has offered me. I'm thankful for my coaches for bringing me to the swim team. I'm thankful for the acquaintances and friends that I have met, and I'm thankful for my family for guiding me to happiness. I will always remember the great memories I had here at Westminster Christian Academy. Psalm 107:8.



GRACE GUNDLACH

To my parents, I can't even begin to thank you for your endless encouragement, love, and support in all of my endeavors (no matter how crazy they are). Thank you for always helping me to see the bigger picture and leading me to Christ. To my sisters, thank you for all of the belly laughs and movie marathons. I love you guys like crazy!! To my best friends, thank you for always sticking by my side and being down for anything. I am so thankful for all of our adventures. Westminster, thank you for the best four years of my life so far, I will never forget the memories I made or the people I met.



CLAYTON GUZDIAL

I want to thank God for all the opportunities and blessings he put in my life. Mom and Dad I thank you for always having my back, supporting me in everything I do. Westminster has impacted my life with the relationships I've made. To my teachers and coaches, thank you for influencing and building a foundation of knowledge to succeed in life. To my friends, thank you for being there for me and giving good times and laughs. I will treasure my memories at WCA for my entire life.



JORDAN HAEUSSER

Wow. Can't believe high school is over. Mom, thanks for being my rock. Without you I couldn't have been the person I am today. Dad, thanks for always seeing what's best for me, even if I didn't see it at first. You've impelled me to be a better person, and I'm beyond blessed. To my coaches and teachers at Westminster, thanks for always believing in me. To my teammates, thank you for always pushing me to be the best on and off the court/field. To my sours, wenches, and Burger, thanks for the memories that will last lifetimes. I love y'all. To all my youngins, don't worry, I'll be right down the road #mobap. Love, Jo. James 3:30.



KAYLA HAYES

God, thank you for your countless blessings and guidance over these past six years. I am forever grateful for the loving friends and family he has surrounded me with. Mom and Dad, thank your love and support over the years. I love and appreciate everything you do for me. Brittany, thank you for being an amazing big sister. Even though I annoy you all the time, just know it is because I love you. To all my friends, thank you for all of the love and laughter you have given me these years. I truly could not have survived high school without you guys.





10/30/17

Teddy Pierick, freshman

- A. Ran into a metal trash can and had to get 18 stitches
- B. Put a hole in his neighbor's wall with a broom
- C. Kissed a camel



10/25/17

Casen Lawrence, eighth grade

- A. Has lived in 4 states
- B. Broke his foot at a pumpkin patch
- C. Has never had braces.



10/27/17

Robert Murphy, math teacher

- A. Was in a grunge band
- B. Has been to all seven continents
- C. Dated a Russian model



11/17/17

Lily Lackey, senior

- A. Loves the cold
- B. Is always stealing friends food
- C. Is always cold

TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE

The Westminster community can tell a lie, but how good are you at detecting it? Students in all grades were asked the same question, "What are your two truths and a lie?"

Pierick: A, Lawrence: C, Murphy: B, Lackey: A



LUKE HEINTZ

Wow. What a blessing Westminster has been to me these past six years. This place has helped me grow in faith, learn new things, and make relationships I will have the rest of my life. Mom and Dad, thank you for the guidance and wisdom you gave me. Matthew and Hannah, thank you for always keeping me on my toes. Grandpa W, thank you for supporting me always. To all my coaches and teachers, thanks for instilling hard work and dedication into my life. Burger, Parker, George, Dom, Lee, 02, and all my other guys, thank you for helping make these past six years the best years. I will forever miss everyday life and people at WCA. See ya WA!!



HANNAH HICKEL

Life at WCA has been an incredible roller coaster, one I'll never forget. Dad- I miss you everyday and I can't wait to see you again. Mom- Thanks for taking care of us so faithfully and being our taxi service 24/7. Carter and Elizabeth- you are the best, and most annoying, siblings I could ever have, but no matter how far apart we are, I love you and will always be here for you. Friends- thanks for making my experience at WCA incredible (and pretty entertaining) and being there for me no matter what. I know I can turn to you for anything and I hope that will never change. Thanks WCA for a memorable, unforgettable, faith-filled experience!



HILARY HIGHTOWER



Attending Westminster for the past 5 years has been a wonderful privilege that has deepened my faith and understanding of who I am as a person. Teachers and staff are to thank for challenging me to wrestle with different ideas and concepts that are outside of my comfort level. My peers have also significantly contributed to my development by supporting and encouraging me to be my best. Most importantly, my family is the best influence I will ever have. From being raised Catholic and having an unending dedication to success, my parents have instilled a multitude of values that will carry with me for the rest of my life. Thank you to everyone who helped me be me.



CAROLINE HINRICHS



Mom and Dad- Thank you for sacrificing so much to let me come to this wonderful school. Your support for my spiritual, academic, and athletic life has kept me strong and determined throughout the years. James and Kathryn- Thanks for coming to matches, concerts, and various school events, your presences in my personal and school life gave me a confidence that I will keep with me forever. Friends- I can't believe we have to say goodbye, but I know you'll all go on to do great things. Tennis squad- You guys have been such an important part of my life all my years at Westminster. Stay strong next year and #EatTheBeef



BETHANY HOLDEN



Thank you to my parents who work endlessly to give me every opportunity to succeed in life. To Caroline, I could not have asked for a better sister to grow up with, no one will understand me quite like you. To Jesse, I love you more than words can express and I will forever carry our memories with me. And to Ashley, Caroline, Elena, Hannah, Alyssa, Jerrica, Lauren, and my countless other friends, you shaped me to be who I am today. This by no means captures the essence of my Westminster career but I'm starting to cry and have almost reached 120 words so I guess it's goodbye WCA, until next time. P.S Hello John Sarra.



ALEC HOLLMANN



I don't know where to begin. God has blessed me with so much over my life, and I believe his work has only just begun. To my family: Mom, thank you for working tirelessly for what I definitely do not deserve. Dad, thank you for teaching me discipline and setting an example of what it means to be a man of God. Ava, thank you for being the light on the darkest of days. I hope I can give to you what all of you have given to me. To my friends: You all motivated me to be the best person I could possibly be. I know God has spectacular plans for all of you. God bless you all!



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



7/31/17
 Nathan Laughlin, Alex Chen, Matthias Jowdy, and Colin Davitt, juniors, stand in front of their work site where they moved 4,000 cement blocks for a church in the village in Cildulcun, Mexico.

7/31/17 Over the summer, a group of junior boys went to Cildulcun, Mexico for a mission trip with Covenant Presbyterian Church. Their work on the trip consisted of two building sites: one at the church in the village, and one at the seminary in the village. At both sites they moved rocks, carried cinder blocks, and constructed support columns out of concrete. In addition to building, the juniors helped at Vacation Bible School. The juniors helped the kids put together crafts and played games with them.



AMANI HOLMES
 Thank you God for guiding me through my highschool experience and showing me your abounding grace. To my Mom, thank you so much for love and support. You have pushed me to challenge myself. Your unconditional love has encouraged me to love myself and others. To my sisters, I love yall so much!! I am going to miss yall so much! To my friends, I love you and will miss you as we part ways. Thanks to everyone who has supported me through this journey! Love y'all!
 Amani Holmes



SAMANTHA HUBER
 "You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So... get on your way!" -- Dr. Seuss, Oh, The Places You'll Go!
 I cannot express in 120 words all the gratitude and credit that belongs to God, my family, and my friends. Mom and Dad you were always there for me whether it was homework, being at games, or just loving me. To all my friends I will never forget that I am blueberry gimpy, Erin's little chicken, Samuel, and the Russian spy. Romans 8:28- "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."



HALLIE HULL

Family, thanks for sacrificially loving, guiding and caring for me so well. Who knows where I'd be without you. Lex, thanks for your kindness, spontaneity and enthusiasm for life. Faith, thanks for appreciating my jokes, making me laugh and being my better. Ray, thanks for loving, advising, and looking out for me. Kathryn, thanks for being unintentionally hilarious and picking me back up when I'm down (literally). Cross country, thanks for loving, supporting and encouraging me so well. It's been real. POTS, you're the worst. But thanks for teaching me a ton and deepening my gratitude/appreciation for being able to once again see and spend time with these awesome people that I love every day. Isaiah 40:28-31 #dontletpotswin



ANNA JOHNSON

Mom, thanks for always being there for me. Dad, thanks for your genuine interest in what I do. Grace, Peter, Julia, Daniel, Lily, and Ruth, thanks for being the best siblings I could ask for. Friends, thanks for all the memories. Nikki, thanks for helping me through the hard times and laughing with me in the good ones. WCA and teachers, thanks for an outstanding education. Mrs. Simpson, thanks for your wisdom and guidance in my life. Mr. Murphy, thanks for helping me realize my true passion for math. And while I look forward to the next chapter in my life, I won't forget all the incredible moments I've had these past five years.



BRITTANY JOHNSON

First off, I want to say thank you to my parents for giving me the opportunity to go to Westminster and for all of the fun we have together. Tiffany, I know you will not get a yearbook, but you're my best friend and you are awesome! Mike, I'll miss our dance parties and early morning jam sessions. Hold down the fort while I'm gone. Friends, thank you for all of the memories we have. I love spending time with you guys, whether it's in Spain or Oregon, on the sports field or in the classroom! I'll never forget you guys! See you soon!



RICKY JOHNSON

To my teachers, thank you for giving me the tools to succeed. To my friends, thank you for giving me the inspiration to succeed. To my sister, thank you for giving me the confidence to succeed. To my parents, thank you for giving me the moral foundation to succeed. To my God, thank you for everything else.



ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Each year, groups of boys and girls alike band together to road trip far and wide. Nothing beats the memories of those made during long car rides. Distances vary, and nowadays many students don't seem to obtain the strength to endure the hours in the car. More and more students opt for plane trips to exotic destinations. However, many still toughen up and push through the pain ultimately making the trip all the more memorable. Although 2-14 hours crammed in a car can seem rough, our students seem to ride in luxury. Many pack food, drinks, and entertainment in order to bear the trip. They blast good tunes and enjoy each other's company.



7/22/17

Caroline Davis, junior enjoys a trip with her friends to The Lake of the Ozarks. "Halfway there we (**Allison Broadhurt, Kaler Terry, Lauren Lucas**) ran over a nail and popped our tire. Our two hour trip ended up being closer to six," said Davis.

9/2/17

Ella Fiala, spent her Labor Day weekend in Chicago. "**Kinsley Lawrence, Libby Thomas, Lily Duda**, and I traveled to Chicago... for a girls weekend. We jammed out all the way there and it made the five hour trip seem short," said Fiala.



TO DRIVE OR FLY



Out of **30** students grades 7-12
Fly: **18**
Drive: **12**



SYDNEY JOHNSON

I'm so thankful that God blessed me with an incredible support team of family & friends. They have continued to believe in me and push me to be the best person I can be. Pops, thank you for being my best friend & role model. Momma, thank you for your unconditional love, support and guidance. My siblings, thanks for offering me constant advice. My girls, Thank you for being the best friends I could've asked for:) Mags & Boog, thanks for always being by my side. G, We've made it 16 years & I can't wait for many more. Kellandra, thanks for being my other half, and for understanding me better than I understand myself. Thanks Westminster for making highschool an unforgettable experience.



SAM JUN

SOMIN KIM



ERIN KING



"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she laughs without fear of the future."
- Proverbs 31:25
When I first came to Westminster as a freshman, it was a new adventure which could have been filled with anxiety but I was welcomed by amazing new friends and warm-hearted teachers. As I say goodbye to Westminster, I am grateful for my time here but I am ready and excited for a new adventure.



CHRIS KIRBY



I first want to start off by thanking everyone who made Westminster possible. The amazing opportunities that have happened during my time at Westminster will make it unforgettable. Thank you Nana and Papa, Adam and Laura, and thank you, my family. To my fellow classmates, one decision does not define you. Life goes on. Move forward and don't look back. The future is ours. Take hold of it. As Aristotle once said, "he who overcomes his fear is truly free." I also believe that he once said, Thank God, High School is over.



HAILEY KITTELSON



Mom and Dad, thank you for your unconditional love and support. You guys have pushed me to be the best I can be. You both mean the world to me and I will miss you so much next year. Kaitlin, thank you for being my biggest role model and always being there for me. You are my best friend and I'm so thankful to have you as a sister. Friends- I have loved spending these past four years together. I will never forget the memories. Thanks for all the laughs and for sticking by my side. Can't wait to see what God has planned for you. I'm so grateful for my time spent at Westminster.



COLD WEATHER STREAK



1/22/18
JRod Polski, Alex Wittenauer, Joshua E. Anderson, Kole Feeney, and Owen Burkemper, eighth grade, frequently hang out and eat lunch outside.

1/22/18 St. Louis experienced extremely low temperatures for a shockingly long period of time. While many schools were closed due to the windchill staying firmly below zero, Westminster students reluctantly made their way to school, although bundled head to toe in hats, gloves, sweatshirts, coats, and even a few blankets. Thanks to the unpredictable St. Louis weather, the temperature took a drastic change on January 22, when the weather was very pleasant and in the sixties. Although this was a nice change, students knew it would not last long, so they spent time outside while they could. Middle school students chose to eat lunch and play outdoors again, and upper school students did not have to run quite as quickly to their cars after school in order to prevent getting frostbite. Sure enough, the beautiful day flew by only to result in the very next day having a high temperature of 35.

1/22/18

Kate Wessels, Haley Drooger, Allie Lytle, Ever Grae Hall, and Kate Bohlmann, seventh grade, enjoy their time outside to get away from the noisy lunchroom. "As soon as the weather gets warmer, me and my friends eat outside under the umbrellas," said Bohlmann.



1/22/18

Kirk Ellis, Clayton Bull, Spencer Counts, Ethan Gronek, Connor McMillin, Lucas Lawson, and Evan Kohn, eighth grade, soak in the sun at middle school lunch. "Eating lunch outside is way better because we can get up and do whatever we want," said McMillin.

RYLIE KOESTER

I am so blessed to be able to graduate from Westminster with so many incredible people in my life. Mom and Dad, thank you for being the best role models I could ask for. Your compassion and confidence in me inspire me to be a better person everyday. Jon, I couldn't imagine a better big brother growing up. Thank you for being so easy to look up to. To my friends, thank you for making life interesting and always keeping me laughing. I can't thank Westminster enough for cultivating my faith and guiding me in my journey with God. Class of 2018, thank you for all of the memories.



MICHAEL KOLB

Thank you mom and dad for putting up with me and shaping me into the man I am today. You both have supported me throughout the years and I truly appreciate that even if I never show it. David and Connor you both have led a great path for me to follow. Keaton who's been with me since day one and somehow we never manage to get on each other's nerves. All my friends I cannot replace the great memories and relationships I've made throughout the last four years. Time flies so take every chance you get!



KATHRYN KRAMER

Mom and Dad, thank you so much for continually supporting and believing in me. Hunter, thanks for being the best little brother and constantly picking on me and making me tougher. Westminster, thank you for all the privileges that I have been apart of during my time here and thank you for bringing me so many amazing friends. Cross Country, thank you for bringing me such an incredible group of girls and loving me the way you did. Shout-out to the dudes, who are always down for an adventure, to the girls who mean so much to me, and to the guys who were cool when girls weren't.



MADELINE KUGLER

I'm so thankful for these past four years at Westminster and the people who made them unforgettable. Mom, thank you for showing me unconditional love and teaching me everything I know. Someday I hope that I can be half of the strong Christian woman you are. Dad, thank you for pushing me to try my hardest at whatever I do. Mason, I know you say you won't miss me, but I sure will miss you. To my closest friends, I don't know how I would have made it without you. Thanks for teaching me not to take life too seriously and always putting a smile on my face, through the good and the bad. To Westminster, you will be missed!



MAGGIE KUROP

Above all, thank you God for all the amazing blessings in my life, especially Westminster. Mom and Dad, I can never express how grateful I am for your endless love, wisdom, and support. Mom, you have been my rock and I hope to be half the person you are someday. Dad, you have taught me so much, all while never failing to make me laugh. KK, thanks for being my best friend and doing life with me. I can't wait to see what God has planned for you. My teachers, coaches, and tennis team, thank you for making me who I am today. And to my crazy, incredible friends, you have given me such beautiful, hilarious memories that I will never forget. I love you wenchies. Here's to the best five years I could ever ask for.



KELLY KWAK

First, I'd like to thank Westminster for making my four years of high school life in the United States excellent and for the great memories of having homework, tests, and quizzes. I really enjoyed them. :) Thank you mom, dad, and host family for all the support. Also, thank you Google, Wikipedia, and SparkNotes for making this possible. Now, I am ready to be free from Westminster and continue my studying career in College. God, please hold me tight in your hand! "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." (Proverbs 16:9) Amen.



PICTURE THIS

Every year in the world of social media, a new online trend seems to catch the attention of social media users worldwide. This year, the new viral trend was an app that allowed users to edit photos to their heart's content and post them to their profile. VSCO was in many ways an online portfolio, where users can post private pictures to their account as well as view other people's posted images. It involves the sharing of memories and 'artsy' pictures, which was the main reason so many people across the world have taken an interest in the app.



@morganmckee @mjakins

5/25/17 Morgan Mckee and MJ Akins, freshmen, pose on the trampoline for a VSCO-worthy picture. "I think it's fun to see the parts of people's lives that make them happy. VSCO is a way for people to show the parts of their lives they don't want to post on other social media," Mckee says.



@bridgetjames @carleyjames

8/5/17 Bridget James and Carley James, juniors, ride their bikes around. Bridget uses VSCO because of the laid-back environment of the app, whereas more popular apps like Instagram feel like competition.

6/27/17

Emery Iven, sophomore, poses in Santa Fe, New Mexico. "I use VSCO because I love photography and editing pictures...I like showing others pictures and people I enjoy," said Iven. She usually posted pictures from places she's been and people she hangs out with.



@emeryiven

6/7/17

Zach Cancila, junior, sits on a park bench in Spain. "All of the photos that don't make it to Instagram I put on my VSCO," said Cancila. Although not as many boys use VSCO as often as girls do, "guys use VSCO for the lol's," said Cancila.



@cancila



ASHLEY KYRIAKOS

Words cannot begin to describe how blessed I've been to have so many amazing people in my life. First of all, thank you, Mom and Dad, for always supporting me and pushing me to be the best person I can be. I don't know where I would be without you guys. I will never be able to thank you enough for all that you have done for me. Caroline and Jake, thank you for being the best siblings I could ask for. We may not always get along but I will always love you both no matter what. And to all my friends, thank you for putting up with me for so long. I love you all so much!



LILY LACKEY

I would like to thank my parents and Mrs. Kerckhoff for their support all these years.





BROOKE LANG

My four years at Westminster have truly been the most incredible years of my life. Mom, thank you for being my absolute best friend; you are my rock and always give the best advice. Dad, thank you for being the craziest, most loving person I know. You have taught me so much and never fail to make me laugh until I cry. Taylor, thank you for being the best role model and for occasionally beating me up. You've made me tough. Teachers, thank you for pushing me and believing in me. Lastly, my Burger family, thank you for the endless memories and for putting up with me all through high school; I love you all so much. Proverbs 31:25.



GRANT LAVALLE

Mom and Dad: Thank you for being my role models through out my life. You guys have taught me how to come out of negative situations with my head high. Thank you for always being there for me and helping me through high school. Im blessed to have you guys as parents. You guys are a true blessing.



THOMAS LAUER

I just want to thank everyone in my life who has helped me along the way through my high school experience. I want to thank my parents for their persistence in pushing me to do my best. I want to thank the teachers and staff for everything they did for me. I was, and continue to be unbelievably blessed. Although I enjoyed my time at WCA I am looking forward for the next chapter in my life. Always be positive, never fear the unknown, and be kind to everyone.

"To see the world, things dangerous to come to, to see behind walls, to draw closer, to find each other and to feel, that is the purpose of life" -Life Magazine

CALEB LAYTON

Thank you God for the six years at WCA it's truly been a blessing. Thank you Mom and Dad for having my back through the good and bad and pushing me to be the best I can be in sports and in school. Best friends thanks for all the late night FaceTimes and listening to all my rants you know who you are. Thank you teachers and coaches for teaching me that hard work is good and that you can accomplish anything if you put your mind to it. Westminster has really helped me become a better student, athlete and friend and I truly believe I am ready for college next year because of Westminster.



WCA TAKES ON HOCO



10/07/17
Jesse Parham and Drew Dempsey, seniors, went to Lafayette's homecoming with their dates Angelica Galvann and Kendall Sills. "My favorite part was dancing at the after party," said Dempsey.



10/14/17
Amanda Enger, junior, went to Lutheran South's homecoming. Her date, Patrick Meyers, came to WCA during lunch and asked her with a poster.



10/14/17
Grace Gundlach, Trent Tarantino, and Lily Rohlfing, seniors, went to Parkway West's homecoming. Tarantino and Rohlfing got two Parkway West student tickets that weren't going so that they could go with their



9/31/17
Sarah Melaragno, junior, and her date Joe Dickson at Desmet's homecoming. Melaragno's date asked her to homecoming over text.

10/07/17
Jessica Santoso, senior, went to Lafayette's homecoming with her friends Ashley Wier and Kendra Hackman. Santoso used to go to Lafayette, so she has many friends there.



9/31/17
Bridget Sullivan, Anna Rockwood and Riley Merrifield, sophomores went to Desmet's homecoming. "The highlight of my night was dancing to old songs with some of my best friends," said Rockwood.



AMIE LEE

Firstly, I cannot have made it this far in life without my beloved family in Korea and especially the weekly calls I made to my brother who has never failed to brighten my day. Secondly, I am thankful for my host family, and everyone who was blessed to be a part of our family. Along with my family, the friends who have walked by my side are people whom I will treasure forever. Finally, I must thank all of my teachers who have inspired in countless ways. In the lyrical words of my favorite music artists, let us live in the most beautiful moment of life and remember that morning will come again because no darkness or season is eternal.



KIMI LEHR

I think you have a lot to learn in life. The society around us is always changing. I think that we need to understand that in order to learn in grow. If you are reading this because you know of my name or because your bored I want you to know; people say high school is the best years of your life but don't count out the middle school/ elementary school, no one told you that your coworkers could be your best friends, and no one told you that when you're life is really really rough that you CAN do it and make it through the tough times.



MIKEY LEVAR

Thank you to my parents for making it possible and thank you to my friends for making it fun.



MICAH LEWIS

These past 6 years at Westminster have flown by and have been a blast thanks to family, friends, and most importantly God. I would like to thank God for opening the door for me to attend such an amazing school with excellent teachers. I would also like to thank my wonderful parents for sending me to Westminster where I could learn more about God, strengthen my relationship with Him, and receive a quality education for college. Although the time at Westminster has come to an end for the seniors, the memories will live on. I will miss seeing my friends, peers, and my favorite teachers. I hope that we can see each other again soon. Thank you Westminster!



ALEXA LINDGREN

I would like to thank my family for always supporting and loving me through everything. I would also like to thank my mom for always being there to help, listen, care for me, and also never losing hope in me. Thank my sister Lauren for being my role model and always there to listen and help me through my problems and giving me hope, My brother Christian for teaching me to always be myself and not give up and to do what I love and follow my dreams, And my dad for giving me the opportunities I have had, supporting me and helping me see logical things in life.



KAYLA LIU



SELINA LUO

Heavenly father, thank you for giving me such good experience in WCA. Looking back at the life here for two years, I have been glad that I have had such a meaningful campus life. Thanks for all the teachers and friends who care about me and support me all the time. I've never regret coming to WCA. I believe that this is not an end and parting. Instead, this is just a beginning of my life and I will look forward to a meet all of you in a better way. Thank you for always be with me and give me good advice. I love you so much and I'll never forget all of you guys.



EMILY LYTLE

First of all, I can't believe that my four years at Westminster are coming to an end. I would like to thank my parents, who have taught me how to work hard, glorify God, and experience everything my life has to offer. And for Ashley and Allie, I can't believe how blessed I am to be your big sister and continue to see you both grow up more everyday. Next, to Burger and all of my friends, I couldn't have become the person I am today without all of you. I am forever grateful for all the memories we have made together throughout these four years, and I will never forget my time here at Westminster.



CARTER MCCALL

I have enjoyed (mostly) every second of my 5 years at WCA, and I have many people to thank for that: first of which is The Creator. He has guided me through all of my failures and blessed me immensely. Mom and Dad, the sacrifices you have made for me are unreal. I don't express my thankfulness enough, I love you two and will miss you. Logan, Thank you for giving me a high standard to live up to, can't wait to dominate together next year. To my friends, we did a pretty good job of leaving our mark on WCA, I hope we will see each other as much as possible even after graduation.



CHARLIE MCCRACKEN

Thank you mom and dad for everything you've done for me from staying up late helping with homework to motivating me on and off the field and mat. I appreciate everything you do, and I love you both so much! I would also like to thank Coach Muehleisen for helping me and always listening to me. You have made me a better person and wrestler. It's a shame I only had 2 years at WCA! It's been great!



CUR "FEW"

"I missed my curfew once because the Steak and Shake chef didn't want to make anymore shakes, and the waitress decided to tell us that after an hour had already gone by," said Hannah Sturr, junior. Students at any school have a specific time that they need to be home at night. These curfews vary widely depending on the day or the students' parents.

"I ASKED MY DAD WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I MISSED CURFEW AND HE JUST SAID 'DON'T MISS CURFEW' AND I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE WORRIED FOR MY LIFE."

-Rachel Rothrock, Junior



11/28/17
Campbell Coffee and Cole Coffee, juniors, enjoy some smores while FCA ends. FCA makes sure to get out at 8:30 in order to respect all curfews and give students an early end for an early school day the next day.



9/15/17
Hannah Sturr, junior, and Noelle Burkey, junior, take a late night drive on a Friday night. Late night drives were a common activity after a stressful school week.



10/31/17
Alexa Rosenberg, junior, twirls around a sparkler with her friends on Halloween. Rosenberg and her friends had to cut the evening short in order to make school night curfew.

30 STUDENT CURFEWS AT WCA

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MATTHEW MCKINNIS

To begin, I would like to thank my family for they were there for me from my first struggles til now. To Westminster, I must express my gratitude for providing such an extraordinary education and for providing me with a means to a prosperous future. To my friends, I thank each of thee for enabling and challenging me through our companionship. And to everyone, strive to remember the cultural mandate and never forget that, "For our battle is not against flesh and blood but, against the rulers, against the principalities, against the powers of this present darkness, against the forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Ephesians 6:12



GEORGIA MCQUILLAN

It's crazy to see these last 6 years at Westminster come to an end. I'm beyond thankful for the amazing community Westminster has provided me with and the lasting mark it's had on my walk with Christ. Mom, thank you for putting up with me and always having my back. Dad, thank you for providing me with so many opportunities and always pushing me to be my best. Chloe, your not only my sister but my best friend that I will always look up to. Wenches, Thank you for the amazing memories and I can't wait to see where these next years take us. Stay wild, WCA
-Gmoney Honey



ELIZABETH MEEKS

God, you blessed me with incredible family and friends. Thank you mom for being a great role model, my life would be nowhere near as great without you, I love you. Memaw and Pepaw, thank you for the math lessons and long car rides to dance classes. Christian and Celia, thank you for always being there for me with late night ice cream runs. Mollee and Anna, God knows I couldn't have survived high school without you. Thanks for the unforgettable memories, you both have incredible futures awaiting you. "Squad GC," thank you for being my best friends, probably wasn't easy. I love you all more than anyone. God you blessed me with an unforgettable high school career, thank you.



JONATHAN METTE

I would like to thank those who have been influential in my journey at WCA. Simpson, Hall, and Gall you showed confidence in my potential to grow and mature and your friendship has blessed me. Birchenough, you have held me to a higher standard and in return have grown my expression as both a writer and an artist. Hughes, for your guidance and wisdom. Mohler, for teaching the fundamentals of life rather than math. Schwamb for being like a brother to me. Mr. Butz, instead of having all the answers, you asked questions that have changed the outlook of my life, yet always with love. You have all made me a better Christian, a better artist, and a better man.



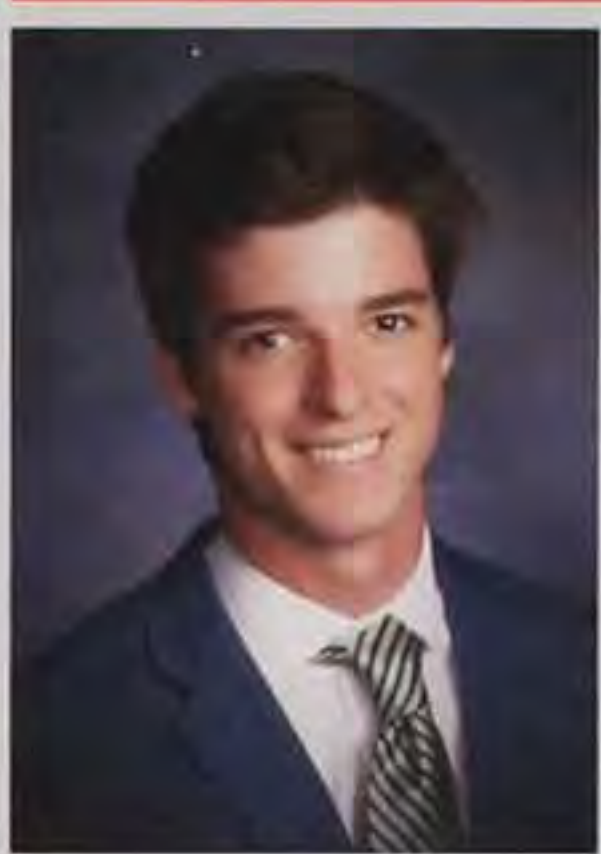
GEORGE MEYER

My last six years couldn't have gone by faster. I'd like to thank my parents for always pushing me to get the grades necessary to be successful. Also, I'd like to thank my friends and teammates for making my years at Westminster a time to remember. As I get ready for the next chapter in my life I know I will never forget the lessons I learned from my teachers and friendships. Next stop Tuscaloosa! Roll Tide!



DAVID MONTGOMERY

First, I want to thank God for all of the blessings that he has given me throughout my life. I would also like to thank my family for always being there for me. I am grateful for all of the important life lessons that you guys have taught me. Your love and encouragement has been tremendous and I will always be thankful for that. Thanks to all of my teachers and coaches at WCA. You have really made an impact in my life. To all my teammates and friends, thanks for all of the memories and fun times. My whole high school experience will help guide me as I start the next chapter in my life.





11/9/17

Ashley Gordon, eighth grade, had a severe concussion after slipping and hitting her head on a doorknob. "It affects my everyday activities because I couldn't do any of them. For the first week I couldn't walk straight, I couldn't remember the date, or the year, and I couldn't even lay in my room with the blinds open. I was so sensitive to light and sound that even the car rides hurt my head," said Gordon.

A BUMP IN THE ROAD

When playing a sport or doing a fun activity injuries are bound to happen. They can be devastating and be a big obstacle in your life. Injuries can be painful and change the way you do everyday things. Throughout students lives mistakes happen and it can cost you. Students this year had to sit out of tryouts for their sport because of an injury and also had to miss a lot of school and tests because of doctor appointments. Injuries this year at school have ranged from a foot being sprained, to a slip on the slick pool deck resulting in the ER rushing to the school and putting the swimmer on a stretcher. It is hard to overcome an injury, but students come back better than ever after them; it's just a small bump in the road.

"MY KNEE CAP WAS COMPLETELY SEVERED AND UNTIL THE SURGERY I DIDN'T LET IT STOP ME. I CONTINUED DANCE AND PLAYED LACROSSE AND EVEN WENT TO SOUTH DAKOTA."



10/25/17

Megan Roche, freshman, was in a wheelchair after an accident at camp. "I was playing a game called super foods. Well lets just say I ran under the ball and got knocked onto my stomach. Within a moment a large women jumped to push the ball into the air but sadly as she was coming down from the air, her legs landed on my lower back," said Roche.

- Brooke Lang, Senior



11/14/17

Maddie Grega, sophomore, was rushed to the ER one day during swim practice. "Before swim practice I was going to the locker rooms with my friend, Abigail Stewart, to get my water bottle. I was walking into the swim locker rooms from the pool entrance, and as I was turning I slipped backwards hitting my elbow and wrist but it didn't hurt but there was a huge bump that looked like my bone had popped out on my elbow of my left arm. The school called the ambulance so and I was rushed to the ER with my swimsuit, cap, and goggles still on," said Grega.



LOGAN MONTGOMERY

First, I want to thank God for all of the blessings that he has given me throughout my life. I would also like to thank my family for always being there for me. I am grateful for all of the important life lessons that you guys have taught me. Your love and encouragement has been tremendous and I will always be thankful for that. Thanks to all of my teachers and coaches at WCA. You have really made an impact in my life. To all my teammates and friends, thanks for all of the memories and fun times. My whole high school experience will help guide me as I start the next chapter in my life.



MATTHEW MOORE



SOPHIE MOSER

There's no way to put the last four years of my life into a couple words, but wow, it's been a good time. God, you are merciful. Mom, thank you for constantly having my back and loving me well. Dad, thank you for pushing me to be a stronger, better version of myself. Clara, By, Ab, Bess, & Em - you guys make my heart happy. I love you guys. Alexa and Chloe- here's to all the football games and the good times when I cried from laughing so hard. Westminster, it's been real. I've been blessed with amazing teachers and a supportive community and I couldn't be more thankful for my time at this school.



MARY STUART MURRAY



KATIE MYERS

Thank you Westminster for an unforgettable four years! Mom and Dad, thank you for being the best role models and for loving me unconditionally. Maddie and Claire, thank you for always helping me with my makeup and all the girly stuff I know nothing about. Your love and patience amazes me. Friends, I cannot thank you enough for the loud laughs, late night talks, and crazy adventures. Kat, I am so happy I shadowed you in 8th grade and continued to grow closer to you. Brooke, YEAH we made it! Every girl deserves a best friend like you. Above all, I thank God for placing all these people and experiences in my life, they will never be forgotten!



HALEY MYLES

These past six years have been quite a journey. I would not have encountered so many amazing opportunities and unforgettable memories here without the support of my family. Thank you mom and dad for the wisdom you have imparted to me and the anchors you have been for me no matter the circumstance. Thank you Lemella for being not only a great big sister, but a best friend I can always depend on. I will cherish my time at Westminster always, and I am so excited to see what the future holds!



FOLLOWING FAMILY FOOTSTEPS

Whether or not their brothers and sister influenced their decisions, several seniors have chosen to attend the same college as their siblings next year.



Harding University
Carter McCall, senior, will not only be at the same university as his brother, Logan McCall ('16), but they will also be on the same baseball team. "At first I didn't want to be in his shadow, but now I'm excited. I think we will make each other better," said McCall.




University of Minnesota
Ashley Peterman, senior's, choice to attend the University of Minnesota was partially based off the fact that her brother, Sam Peterman ('15) also goes there. "I don't even know if I would have considered applying to Minnesota if Sam didn't go there," said Peterman.



University of Missouri
Abby Ruckman, senior, is eager to be at the same place as her sister, Hannah Ruckman ('15). "Having my sister there will be awesome because I know I will always have someone I can go to, which is really important to have in college," said Ruckman.





University of Alabama
George Meyer, senior, would have applied to Alabama despite his older brother Thomas Meyer ('15) already attending there. They will be at the University of Alabama for one year together. "I think it is definitely a benefit, though," said Meyer.



ABBY NALL


First, I would like to thank my parents for always encouraging and supporting me throughout my high school career. Second, I would like to thank my teachers for always pushing me academically to make me the best student I can be and preparing me for my future. Lastly, I would like to thank my friends for helping me get through these past four years and making so many great memories. Even though I will definitely try to forget high school, I will never forget you guys.





SAM NICHOLS

"I have been forced to do many things I don't enjoy- like write things down and talking to people"
 -Ron Swanson



ISABELLA ORTIZ

To my mom and dad, thank you for all the sacrifices you guys have made for me to be where I am today. It hasn't been easy but you guys always make it work. I love you guys so much. To Vero and Josh, thank you for being the best siblings out there. You guys annoy me but at the end of the day you guys are and always will be my homies. To my friends, thank you for all the memories, it's been so much fun. You guys will always hold a special place in my heart. I'll miss you all so much next year but I can't wait to see where God takes us.



MOLLIE OTTSEN

Mom and Dad, I cannot thank you enough for your love, wisdom and support through every up and down in these past 18 years. You have raised me so well and given me a strong foundation in Christ for my future. Maddie, Matt, Hanna and Harry; you are my best buds, and I can always count on you all to make me laugh. To my other best friends, high school has been a real journey for all of us, but I wouldn't trade it for the world. I love you guys to death. Thank you Westminster for the past 6 years. It has truly been unforgettable.



JESSE PARHAM



EVAN PARRES

"Looking forward to what the future holds. Thanks for everything Mom and Dad!"



THE BIG 16

Turning 16 is one of the most celebrated birthday milestones today. It symbolizes both maturity and a little bit of freedom. For many people especially girls, their 16th birthday is an opportunity to throw a special party, a Sweet 16, to celebrate their coming of age. For others, this important birthday is simply a chance to get their license and hang out with their close friends and family.

10/14/17

Friends of **Ava Cella**, sophomore, threw her a surprise party with lots of food, a cute place to take pictures, and other activities including a petting zoo and pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey. "The best part was the decorations and my friends surprising me. I was shocked. I didn't expect it all," said Cella.



9/29/17

Lea Despotis, sophomore, threw a large private party at the Ritz Carlton for many of her friends with elaborate decorations and sweet treats. "I enjoyed bonding with my friends and dressing up for a very special and wonderful evening that I will never forget," said Despotis with **Caroline Kopsky**, sophomore.



8/11/17

Lauren Bohlmann, sophomore, took a couple friends including **Lauren Zone** and **Sophia Mullen**, sophomores, on a party bus around to famous St. Louis landmarks after having dinner at a fancy restaurant downtown. "My favorite part of the party was simply just being able to celebrate with my closest friends," said Bohlmann.



10/22/17

Jacob Moyer, sophomore, enjoyed a relaxed night in and celebrated with his family. "I didn't get my license on my birthday because I was super lazy getting my permit and still have to wait," said Moyer. However, his family made him his favorite meal and a special dessert, and they opened presents together to make it a night to remember.



BROOKE PATTERSON

Thank you so much, Mom and Dad, for the endless love, support, and encouragement. Mom, thank you for being my rock and always believing in me. Dad, thank you for pushing me to be the best I can be. Jack, thanks for keeping life interesting. Chunk, STC to Westminster has been quite a journey, thank you so much for sticking by me through it all! Can't imagine doing it without a best friend like you. To the dudes, I love you guys and will never forget all the memories and fun times. I have cherished these past 4 years and will miss you guys so much.



JAK PATTERSON



SARAH PEIRICK

I would like to give thanks to my heavenly Father for all he has blessed me with. I am so lucky to have been placed in such a prestigious Christian school that helped guide me through highschool and helped keep me on a religious path. To my family thank you for always supporting me and believing in me. Thanks for keeping me safe and keeping a smile on my face. To all my teachers that help me grow as a student and as a young lady I appreciate your guidance. I love you all so much I will miss you more than anything. To my friends I love you and I will never forget you.



CHLOE PEISTRUP

Mom, You have taught me what it means to be a strong and independent woman. You have been my best friend for 18 years. Julia, You have shown me what it means to grow and become mature. You have been the best blessing I could ask for.



PAIGE PENBERTHY

I'd like to say thank you so much to not only God but to Jesus for getting me through these past four years. Mom, Dad, you have no idea how grateful I am for everything you do for me. I'm so blessed to have such hard working, funny, and kind parents. Lane and Aidan, the times I've shared with you at school have been instrumental in shaping who I am, and I love you both. To my ride or dies, since day 1 of freshman year, I'm so grateful for your friendship. I don't know what I'll do without you. The bonds I've made over these past 4 years I won't forget. You guys are alright ig. Peace.



ASHLEY PETERMAN

Six years at Westminster is a long time. I'm going to miss WCA sports and taking the field with all my friends every year. Thank you to my family for always supporting me: a special shoutout to you dad for doing my honors chemistry homework, and to Sam for editing every single one of my papers. Thanks to my friends for being there with me through it all and eating lots of sushi and Andys. Don't miss me too much while I'm at college, mom!



STRANGERS OR BEST FRIENDS?



Growing up, kids are taught to never talk to strangers. However, the age of social media has made it easy for people to make friends with people they've never met. Some Westminster students have made new friends Snapchat or Instagram before ever meeting in person. "We met through a childhood friend, she goes to MICDS and she had added me on snap and we went from sending streaks, to having like 3 hour long conversations and talking everyday and now we are best friends and we try to hang out often" said Jessica Orange, freshman. Talking to people from neighboring schools like John Burroughs, MICDS, Viz, etc. is not that rare in today's generation because of mutual friends and social media. Although talking to strangers can be dangerous, sometimes the friendships are worth it.



9/1/17
Jessica Orange, freshman, and her friend from MICDS. Orange and her new friend hang out all the time since they first met in person.



10/13/17
 "She added me from a group story on snapchat, we started talking and we finally met at a CBC football game" said **Marissa Barnes**, freshman



9/28/17
 "We just started talking on snapchat and facetimeing and eventually we met in person" said **Denver Parker**, freshman

DEANNE PFYL

Thank you to my family for supporting me in everything I do. I know that you will always be there for me no matter the where my life takes me. Mom, you're my biggest support and I look up to you. Thank you to my friends who have made my high school experience so much fun. Thank you to the teachers who have impacted my life in unimaginable ways. Lastly, thank you to God for giving me the opportunity to go to such an amazing school where I can express my love for him freely. "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you" Psalm 32:8



RACHEL POTTER

I am extremely thankful for the amazing life that God has blessed me with. I thank God for my wonderful family and friends. Mom and Dad, you inspire me to have a heart for others and work as hard as I can to glorify God. Thank you so much for making me the person I am today. Blake, you are my best friend and I love having a brother who is just as weird and fun as I am- Love you Bud! Lastly, to my best friends, Sydney, Lauren, Thumb, and Ashley, thank you for making high school the best 4 years of my life and sticking with me through it all. I love you all so much.





ALYSSA PREUSSER

Mom and Dad thank you for how hard you have worked to allow me to go here. God thank you for the many blessings and opportunities you have given me while at Westminster. This school is a true blessing and I will forever be grateful. Jesus has shown me throughout the years at Westminster that life is going to have its ups and downs but when you put your faith in Jesus he will carry you through. I have made a lot of great friends and memories throughout my 4 years here and I wouldn't trade it anything. I have truly been blessed by the love of Jesus and I can't wait to see what he has in store.



SARAH PREUSSER

Dear Mom and Dad, I can't thank you guys enough. Thank you for always being right by my side, pushing me to be the best that I can be, and loving me unconditionally. Thank for all the sacrifices that you make each day just so I can go to Westminster. Most of all I thank you for keeping Christ at the center of our family and really showing how to live my life out as a Christian. Without you guys I would be lost. Love you guys so much!



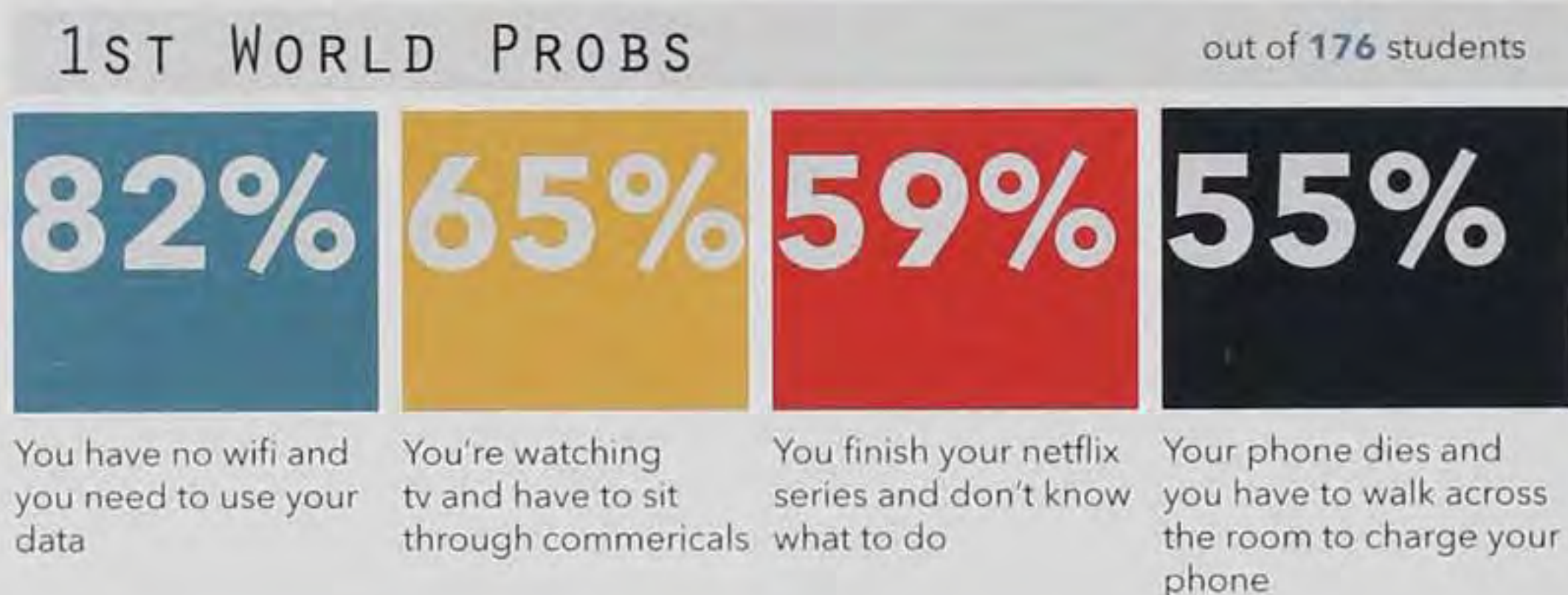
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JACK RAHAL

I HATE IT WHEN...

Everyone complains, but not about the big issues like global warming, but about the small things like no wifi. Most of the time the little things are the ones that get on everyone's nerves the most. "I hate it when my phone dies and my charger is across the room, because I'm so comfortable and I don't want to move," said Alexa Rosenberg, junior. "The worst is when you finish your netflix series and you can't find another show that is as good as the first," said Jordan Shaw, junior. Everyone has their fair share of first world problems, and nothing annoys a preteen more than the barista giving them a venti instead of a tall.



10/20/17 Morgan Sickels, junior, becomes most annoyed when she has no wifi and when she runs out of



10/20/17 "I hate it when I have no wifi because then I can't answer my snaps or post on my spam," said Caroline Megown, junior.

SYDNEY RASCH

Mom and dad, I cannot thank you enough for the never ending support through not only my high school years, but my life. You have set me up to succeed to my greatest ability. Your love for me is shown every day. Sis, I'm going to be lost without you. I know you are my #1 supporter no matter what and I love you. I'll miss you like crazy, but won't be too far. Daisy, I hope you do okay with Riss- you will be missed the most. To my WCA friends: thanks for making the last four years the most memorable times. I'll never forget the days and nights together. I love everyone one of you.



HANNAH REDMOND

Thank you Westminster community for being such a blessing for the past four years. All the friends and teachers that have been put into my life have shaped, changed, and molded me in Christ. Thank you to all my loving friends! Thanks Tyler for being such an inspiration for me and for being someone who I can look up to with all your hard work and dedication. And most of all thank you to my amazing parents for being devoted in love and support throughout my life, I am truly blessed to have a family like you.



DANI RENAUD

Mom and Dad, I cannot thank you enough for your unconditional love and encouragement. You have shown me what it truly means to effortlessly support someone. My siblings, thank you for pushing me to be the best that I can be. My friends, you've made my high school experience one I will never forget. I am so thankful for each one of you. My flocks, thank you for the constant laughs and inside jokes. Arvesen and Birch thank you for your continuous love and wisdom. God, thank you for the opportunity to attend such a wonderful school with wonderful people. I will forever cherish the past six years at Westminster. Class of 2018, thanks for the memories.



KAITLYN RIGDON

Westminster Christian Academy, I thank God for the opportunity to have walked these halls for the last four years, for the friends I have made, for the education I have received and for the teachers who have taught me so unselfishly.

Thank You!



LILY ROHLFING

I would like to thank God for giving me such an incredible community like Westminster. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to go to such an amazing place everyday. Mom and Dad, I couldn't have done this without you. Thank you for your endless support and loving me no matter what. A huge thanks to my sisters, Paige and Audrey, for being my biggest fans and favorite people to talk to. To all my best friends, thank you for all the nights by the fire, late night food runs, and unforgettable adventures- it's been real. I love you all immensely and can't wait to see what your futures hold. Thanks everyone, I love you all.
Lily Rohlfling



ABBY RUCKMAN

It's crazy to see how God has shown Himself through these past four years of growth and maturity. I've been strengthened through many trials and overcoming events at the Academy. Mom, thanks for the love and honesty you have shown me. I wouldn't be as independent and strong without you. Dennis, thanks for the constant laughter and providing me with everything I've ever needed. Hannah, I will always look up to you and be proud to call you my sister. Wenches and Burger family, you've been the highlight of my high school. My babies, I wouldn't have peaked without you. I am beyond blessed to have known your inspiring community, Westminster. Much love, Mama Racks.
Jeremiah 29:11



HOW ORGANIZED ARE YOU?

What time do you wake up every morning for school?

- A. 6 am sharp, 5 days a week
- B. 7:00, but I always hit snooze
- C. 10 minutes before school starts

How clean is your room?

- A. Perfectly tidy
- B. I can make my way around
- C. I don't even know where my bed is right now

Do you keep a daily planner or calendar?

- A. Of course, it has all my activities and assignments
- B. Yes, but I barely use it
- C. Uh, no...

What do your class notes look like?

- A. Color coded and divided by each class
- B. They're all in a binder somewhere
- C. What notes??

You just found out an important test date.

- What do you do with it?**
- A. Write it down in my planner and add a reminder on my phone
 - B. Write it on my hand
 - C. Forget until the day of the test

What is your locker stocked with?

- A. All the essentials, decorations and books
- B. Nothing
- C. A black hole of papers

If you got mostly A's:
PRACTICALLY A PRO
Like **Elizabeth Meeks**, senior, you know what you're doing when it comes to organization. Keep up the good work!



If you got mostly B's:
MESS MANAGER
Like **Grace Johler**, junior, you're not the most organized, but somehow you manage to keep it all together. You're almost there!



If you got mostly C's:
CLUTTER BUG
Like **Matthew Thoenen**, junior, you struggle to keep your life organized. Don't freak out, but you may want to get some help.




FRANKIE SACCO

Most importantly, I would like to thank my mom, dad, brother, and sister. They have been there with me through my whole life, my worst and best. With their support I was able to succeed, I could not have been to where I am today without them. Thank you guys, you mean the world to me. Love you.



JESSICA SANTOSO

There are really so many people that God has blessed with that I cannot thank enough. Mom, you are the most amazing mom anyone could ever ask for. Your love and support has carried me through the best and the worst times. Also, thanks for making my lunch, I really appreciate it. Dad, there is so much about you I strive to be, and thank you for always being there for me and encouraging me to do be the best person I could be. Ian, thank you for always making me laugh and for being really squishy. Lastly, Daniel, thank you for being the most incredible boyfriend and support system. I love you all so much!





NATHAN SCHARR

Thanks Westminster for the unforgettable memories. I feel prepared for what is next in life. I have formed so many close relationships with friends, coaches, and teachers over these past 5 years. My experiences with the players on the soccer team was the best. Mom and Dad thank you for supporting me over these past years through thick and thin. Jake, thanks for being a great brother and always putting a smile on my face. I don't know what I would do without my incredible family and this fantastic school.



ALEX SCHENBERG



HALEY SCHMER

First, thank you God for providing me with some of the best people and experiences these past four years of high school! Thank you mom, for being the best coach, friend, and parent to me through everything. Dad, thank you for always being my biggest fan and being my rock no matter what life throws my way. Koby, thank you for the endless laughs and car rides home from school. To my teammates, thanks for always loving me and pushing me to be the best I can be. Lastly, Burger, thanks for the fun times we've had. The love and support you all have shown me is something that I will cherish forever, and I'll miss you all so much!



HAYDEN SHIVELY

It seems like freshman year was yesterday, but despite high school's apparent brevity I have had some amazing experiences. Throughout that time, Westminster has allowed me to learn, grow, and thrive. I am extremely grateful to all my teachers and friends, without whom I never could have come this far. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for supporting me through the highs and lows and for teaching me the importance of Christ. As I look toward college, I only hope that I remain rooted in Him, and in memories of the past four years.



MAKING THEIR MARK

Multiple students have strived to create an awesome channel on Youtube. Many have succeeded such as Caroline Davis, junior, with her Youtube channel "21makeupaddictions" with over 1000 subscribers. She also has an Instagram with 20k followers. Another WCA student involved in the youtube community is Luc Fuller, freshman, with over 400 followers watching his gaming videos. By doing youtube, these students are putting themselves out there and making their mark.



Luc Fuller
418 subscribers

This is **Luc Fullers** art on youtube. He has been doing youtube since **2015** and decided to start to pass time on the weekends. With this passion he has been able to put himself out there and further develop a sense of confidence.



"DOING MAKEUP IS MY PASSION, I LOVE DOING IT AND SEEING ALL THE POSITIVE AND UPLIFTING FEEDBACK."

-Caroline Davis, junior



11/19/2017

Caroline Davis, junior, does fun looks on her channel that express her love for makeup. She puts up different halloween looks on her channel when the time comes around and also has a passion for Christmas looks. "We start decorating for Christmas November 1st at my house," said Davis. That type of a Christmas spirit is apparent on her channel.

SARAH SHOEMAKER

Thank you WCA for a great four years. Thank you God for the opportunity to attend such an amazing school. Thank you mom and dad for always supporting me and loving me. Thank you Tim and Katie for never ceasing to make me laugh. To all my friends, thank you for all the fun times. To my teammates, thanks for all the unforgettable memories. It has been a blessing to play alongside all of you. Thank you to my teachers and coaches for your guidance and encouragement. Thank you plaid skirt for staying with me these four years. You've held up well.



TAYLOR SIEBENMAN

Mom you taught me how to be a strong independent woman. Dad your ability to connect with anyone never ceases to amaze me. Thank you for putting up with just me in the house! Teddy, Brooke, and Morgan you all have been inspirations in my life and I promise to make you proud! Maverick, you're my best friend and I couldn't imagine life without you. Field Hockey team, we played our hearts out and I never would have thought we would make it so far. A big thank you to all my friends for putting up with my antics and making the past six years filled with fun and adventure! I love you all and here's to college!



XANDER SMITH

I want to thank the many people that God has put into my life that have been an inspiration to me, have challenged me, and have helped me live out my faith: youth leaders, close friends, road trip neighbors and amazing teachers. A huge thank you to my parents, my sisters Abigail and Hannah Grace and my brother Andrew, who have put up with me for the last eighteen years, have loved me, and taught me so many things. While it has been a blessing to be able to go to Westminster, it has not been without its challenges. But God does not give us times of hardship without assurance and hope, he uses it to grow us and strengthen us.



CHRISTINE STECK

Thank you God for blessing me with amazing family and friends. To my family, I love ya'll so much and will miss home more than you know. Thank you mom and dad for supporting me and for always pushing me to work my hardest. Nick, thank you for always being a caring not so little brother and for always showing me the latest memes. Ang, thank you for being a great role model and for giving me advice even when I don't ask for it. To my friends, I can never thank ya'll enough for always having my back through everything. I'll miss ya'll so much and I am so blessed to have every one of you in my life.



SAVANNA STEFFENS

I would like to thank my mom for making me go here. I might regret saying this later, but mom, you were right. Thank you mom for always supporting me and giving me so many opportunities. To my fellow classmates, I cannot wait to see where you all go with your lives. To Mr. Sarra, I looked forward to your class everyday for all of my sophomore, junior, and senior years. You're a cool dude. To Mrs. Birchenough, keep teaching what you are teaching. You have changed my perspective on the world and you are truly making an impact on our generation. And to my french friends, I will forever miss our trip to France, je t'aime biens.



EMILY STONER

First, I would like to thank my parents and my siblings for being the best family out there and encouraging me all through high school. I would like to thank the teachers, Mrs. Arvesen, Dr. Gall, Coach Kempen, Coach Kehr, Ms. Pierson and so many others who have made such a huge impact on my life. I know I could never have gotten to this point without you all. To all the other seniors: I love our class and am so thankful for all the friends I have made over the years. I can't wait to see where the rest of life takes us. Love, Emily



"YOU"NIQUE

"WHAT MAKES US ALL UNIQUE IS THE WAY WE THINK. WE COULD ALL DRESS THE SAME, AND COMPETE IN SAME SPORTS, BUT THE WAY OUR MINDS THINK IS WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE. WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT UPBRINGINGS AND MORAL VALUES THAT SEPARATE US FROM ONE ANOTHER."

-Alex Schenberg, senior



11/3/17

Justin Fuller, sophomore wears his fur jacket on a dress down day. "I embrace being a little weird and love to try random new things," said Fuller.



11/14/17

Pictures taken by Alex Schenberg, senior, portray the energy at the events. "As a nightlife photographer, I can come into school the next morning talking about what happened the night before at a concert, club, or event" said Schenberg.



8/5/17

Alex Schenberg, senior is a nightlife photographer travels around the world taking pictures of concerts, clubs, or other events. He stays up until 2 in the morning running around a nightclub trying to get the perfect pictures.



RACHEL STROTHKAMP

Over the past six years at Westminster, I have come to realize that God has blessed me with some amazing friends and family. Mom and Dad, thank you for loving me unconditionally and for supporting me and guiding me whenever I needed you. Steph, thank you for being the best sister ever and helping me figure out life. To my cross country team and second family, I love you all more than words can describe. Thank you for accepting me and loving me for who I am. To my friends, thank you for never failing to make me die laughing. I couldn't have survived high school without you. Westminster, thanks for making these last six years unforgettable.



TRENT TARANTINO

High School has come and gone, but I am glad to say that my time at Westminster has been more than a blessing. I couldn't have asked for a better faith based atmosphere. Mom and Dad- thanks for always cheering me on, but also pushing me to become the best man I can be. Laura and Alysse- thanks for being incredible siblings that I can always look up to. Furthermore, whether it's making movies or going to taco bell at 2 am, thanks to all of the people that made my high school career truly unforgettable. This may be goodbye for now, but I can't wait to see all of you in the future.



MICHAEL THOENEN

There is no way I could have finished high school with some help. Without God, my natural tendency to do stupid things probably would have gotten me expelled or killed. Without my family, I would have no one behind me to support, love, and entertain me at home. Without my teachers, how could I have accrued all of the information they have bestowed upon me? And finally, without my friends, I would have no one to spend time with on the weekends, no one to goof-off with in class, no one to go on late-night adventures with, and no one to experience high school together with. To my friends, family, teachers, and the Lord: THANK YOU!



JEREMIAH THOMPSON

To my family. Mom, dad, and Makiya, I want to thank you guys for everything you have done for me. The amount of time you guys have spent at my games, practices, and other major events just shows me how much you really love and care for me. I couldn't imagine what my life would be like without all of you there to support me through thick and thin. And most importantly, I want to thank God for providing me the excellent opportunity to attend Westminster for four years. I am thankful for all the people from WCA, who have come into my life and have helped me grow as a young man and also as a Christian.



RYAN TIMPONE

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood... I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference" - Robert Frost
To my supporters and loved ones, thank you. To my opponents and challengers, thank you more. God, thank You most.



ANDREW TIPTON

First of all I would like to thank God for all that he has done for me and bringing me to Westminster. Westminster was an awesome fit for me. I would like to thank my lacrosse coaches and hockey coaches, especially the Canfields. My friends were always great and supported me through my time here. I would also like to thank my awesome teachers that I was fortunate to have. Out of all of those teachers I would like to specifically thank Mr. Bame for teaching me graphic design, leading a men's group and being a positive role model in my high school years. Lastly, I would like to thank my family and my parents.



A LITTLE EXTRA CASH

Some Westminster students decide to spend their free time working for some extra money. Students explained where they work and why they chose to work there.



JERSEY MIKE'S

BOUNCE U

11/13/17

"I Like working at Jersey Mike's. Making sandwiches is fun, but it is a lot more cleaning than I expected," said **Erich Dodge**, junior.

10/29/17

"I work at BounceU which is a birthday party place for kids. I chose this job because I love kids and it seemed really fun compared to jobs with clothes or food. My favorite part of the job is that every party I host is different, so it doesn't get boring and celebrating birthdays is always fun," said **Jessica Santosa**, senior, with **Daniel Brown**, senior.

ALEX TOKEN

I want to thank God, my parents, all the teachers, coaches and friends that have helped me along the way. Mom and Dad, you push me to be the best version of myself while still showering me with love. Ryan and Allison, thanks for always being there and making me laugh. I will never forget some of the stuff we have done together. I am thankful for the boys, you know who you are. The amount of fun we've had together over the years has been unforgettable. Thanks to Kelly for always being there for me. You're awesome. These years have been the best years of my life and Westminster has prepared me for whatever may come my way.



MOLLEE TROST

These past four years have flown by fast, and I am thankful for every second of them! Mom and dad, thank you for always encouraging me through everything and loving me unconditionally. I truly don't deserve you guys. Kaylee, thank you for always being there for me even when you live five hours away. I can always count on you to make me laugh. Anna and Beth, I'm going to miss you crazy people so much. I don't know how I'm going to do life without you guys. Squad, I love you guys so much and will miss all our fun memories. Lastly, thank you Lord for blessing me with such an amazing high school experience!



MADDIE VOLDING



Thank you, Jesus, for loving me, guiding me, and growing me the past 4 years of high school. Mom and Dad, thank you for supporting me in everything I have been involved in, and for giving me the opportunity to go to such an amazing school. Emma and Sophie, thanks for being the best sisters and for never failing to make me laugh. Coaches and teammates, thank you for making me a better athlete and for pushing me to be the best that I can be. Teachers, thank you for being incredible mentors and for encouraging me both academically and spiritually. I am so grateful for Westminster and my past 4 years here. I can't wait to see what the next chapter holds!



NATHAN WALSH



Six short years later... Thank you God and the people in my life that have shaped me as much as I've shaped them. To my family who supported me the whole way, my friends ranging from acquaintances to the ones that knew everything about me, my teachers for showing endless patience and doing way more than just their jobs, and my coaches who pushed me further than I once thought I could go, thank you. My advice would be: Don't live shallowly, do your work well, grow your faith and relationships and live life joyfully.



ALEXIS TURNER



A wise sponge once said, "It's not about winning! It's about fun!" I may not have won at high school at times but, I certainly did have fun. I'd like to thank God, my friends and my family for that. God, for blessing me with such amazing opportunities, my friends for always being there and my family for supporting me. I'd also like to thank the teachers and coaches for teaching me, even when I seemed like I wasn't listening, though I probably wasn't, you still dealt with me. Thank you again and, "Goodbye everyone. I'll remember you all in therapy." (Plankton) Oh and remember, "The best time to wear a striped sweater... is all the time." (Spongebob).



LUKE VASEL



First, I praise God for giving me the opportunity to go to this amazing school. Second, I cannot thank my parents enough for all the support they have provided for me! Thanks to my great sister who waited for me after every practice. I love you guys! Thanks to all my friends who were great examples to me. I will miss y'all a lot and I hope the best for each and everyone of you. Lastly, thank you to all the teachers for providing me with great education and life lessons. This high school has been a blessing and I cannot thank everyone enough!



PREDICTING THE FUTURE...

2030



CHARLIE

11/17/17

"There will be changes like no uniform, there will be a homecoming, and the iPads will be updated," said **Charlie Johnson**, sophomore.



JT

11/10/17

"I think the leaders of the school will be more laid back to attract more people," said **JT Crowe**, freshman.



PETER

11/27/17

"The technology will be improved a lot," said **Peter Gatch**, freshman.



CHRIS WANG



DANIEL WANG

18 years has gone by so fast! Mom, thanks for your support during my hardest times. I know it was difficult for you too, but you stayed strong for me. Dad, thanks for the advice you've given me. You guided me during a time when I felt lost, and helped me find out who I am. And Grace, thanks for being a great sister. I'll miss our daily banter, but maybe we can have it over text? I'd also like to thank my teachers and classmates at Westminster for their support and encouragement. It's been a great past few years. Finally, I'd like to thank google for helping me with homework. I'll see you again in college.



REBEKAH WARREN

om and Dad, thank you for always supporting me and pushing me to be the best I can be. I would not be who I am today without you. Ian and Will, thank you for the wrestling matches, movie nights, and constant laughter. You two have also contributed significantly to my wonderful high school years. Griffin, thank you for being by my side the past three years and supporting me every step of the way. You are an amazing man of character and I'm so lucky to have known you. Friends, thank you for all the amazing memories. I will miss you more than you know. Lastly, thank you Westminster for all of these amazing blessings and people.



SEAN WEBB

Though high school is fairly difficult, it could easily be some of the best years of your life. High school is where you start to figure yourself out as a teen going into your young adult years. You learn about the people you like to be around and interest; If you enjoy sports or performing arts (hint: myself). Personally I wouldn't have "found myself" if I didn't have my parents and brothers, my best friend, my drama crew, and God himself. To think I'm leaving the place that shaped me as a person is scary, but I know I'll stay in touch with all my friends. Like said in High School Musical, "Once a Wildcat always a Wildcat."



AARON WEI



KURT WEINBERG

Thank you God for placing me at Westminster. I could not have asked to be surrounded by a better community. Mom and Dad- thank you for always being my biggest fans. Corey and Haley- I cannot imagine better siblings' shoes to fill. Snooze, Han, Poly, T, Lil, Tay-lor, Burka, Chay, EB, Daaannii, and Kermit- you guys really make this place great every day. Thank you for laughing at my Office jokes, tolerating my bad impersonations, and always spelling my name incorrectly. You all help me to look not only for my own interests, but for the interests of everyone. I cannot wait to see where guys end up, and I will catch you all on the flippity-flip.



DROWNING IN DEBT

Being a senior can get really expensive really fast. This is the one thing every senior can agree on. Gone are the days of being chauffeured around town by your parents. Gone are the times of having food appear for you at your word (paid for and delivered to you by your parents, of course). Instead, you find yourself swiping your already negative card at Qdoba fifteen minutes before your fourth hour class starts - and shoot, you've already been late five times. Let's be honest, we've all been there. After taking a poll of the senior class we found that there's a wide variety of expenses, but two clearly stood out: gas money and food.



IT'S A NEVER ENDING CYCLE: I SPEND GAS MONEY TO GET TO WORK. I WORK TO MAKE GAS MONEY. I WORK TO MAKE MONEY TO GO OUT WITH FRIENDS YET I CAN'T GO OUT BECAUSE I'M WORKING! IT FEELS REDUNDANT, BUT I SEE NO WAY OUT.

-Nikki Breneman, senior

11/3/17
Nikki Breneman, senior, holds a to-go tray of soft drinks. Breneman frequently takes trips to McDonald's and other fast food chains.

GAS MONEY	\$\$\$\$\$
FOOD	\$\$\$\$
COLLEGE APPLICATION FEES	\$\$\$
NIGHTS OUT	\$\$



FAITH WICKHAM

I can't thank my parents enough for all the help. Thank you for pushing me to be the best I can be. Always encouraging me to try harder. Friends, thank you for all the fun moments like jamming in the car and laughing for hours. I wish the best for you guys. Grace, thank you for being the best big sister a girl could ask for. You made me laugh when I needed it the most and have been very supportive.



MADELINE WILLIAMS

I have been so blessed during these last four years of high school! Mom and Dad I am so thankful for all you've done! I could not ask for better role models and I am truly grateful for your support through everything. Meegan and Sarah-Elizabeth thanks for being the best sisters! You always keep me laughing and I am so happy that I got to play all four years of high school volleyball with you! I am going to miss all my friends, and I am especially going to miss the volleyball team and our patriotic spirit!



LAUREN WILLIS

Oh man, we made it, class of 2018! The only thing I have to do now is thank everyone who helped me get here. Mom, thank you for always being ready to lend a helping hand, either at Robotics meals or staying up late with me to finish posters for Carnival. Dad, thank you for being my Uber driver when I couldn't drive myself. Preston, thank you for putting up with me during my crazy-stressful days. I'm so proud that you conquered your Senior year! Emma, Bethany, Kayla, and Abby, thank you all for being so supportive of me, each in your own way. I have loved geeking out with each of you, whether it be over Harry Potter or Steven Universe. I'd love to ramble on, but there's a word count! Mentioned or unmentioned, I am grateful to every person that I have met here. Thank you all.



PRESTON WILLIS

Westminster, It has been a great 4 years! God, thank you for blessing me. Mom and Dad, thank you for your support, wisdom, and everything you have done for me. Lauren, thank you for being my awesome sister through all of the shenanigans. Looking back I cannot thank all of the people who made my high school experience memorable. SHAKE AND BAKE!



JESSICA WILSON

There are so many people I want to thank for getting me to where I am today. I want to thank my family for their unconditional love and support throughout my life. Mom, Dad, and Erika: I cannot thank you all enough for teaching me what it means to be strong and independent. I want to thank my friends for being there for me and always having my back. Finally, I need to thank God for always reminding me that I am clothed in strength and dignity and that I can laugh without fear of the future.



CHLOE WIMPFHEIMER

Man, six years flies by- most of the time. I'm going to miss this unique community that we have at Westminster. I have sincere love and appreciation for my entire 2018 class (LETS GOOOO). Also shout out to my Mom and Dad for making this all possible and sending me to this school in the first place. I love you guys both so much and I can't imagine where I would be without you both joking around with me and guiding me in my faith. To all my friends: I love you guys so much you are my support system and I know you always have my back.





DEAR JD,

Even though we only knew you for a short time, you've had a lasting impact on our class. During your 6 months at Westminster, you showed us kindness, love, and your Christian character was clear in all of your words and actions. We all feel so thankful and blessed that God blessed us with a friend like you. The time we spent with you taught us all to love and appreciate one another, because life is precious and fleeting. The bond our class has formed is unbreakable. As we wrap up our high school careers, we want you to know that we love you, we miss you, and we hope we have made you proud.

Sincerely,
The Class of **2018**



LEVI WRIGHT

Thanks Mom and Dad for giving me the opportunity to go to Westminster, it was a lot of fun. Mom you always supported me in everything I did. Dad I could always count on you if I needed a laugh. And Syd thanks for making me not the weirdest one in the family, just kidding love you kiddo. I can't wait to see where everyone ends up but I'm out, see ya later.



CHARLIE WU

Shoutouts to Jesus



NICOLE XIE

Mom and Dad, thank you for giving me the opportunity to study in the U.S. It was truly an amazing experience. Thank you for always encouraging me and supporting me no matter when and no matter where. My little sister, thank you for coming to the world. You probably have no idea what I am saying now, but I still want to tell everyone that you are the cutest and greatest sister in the world. Thank you, Mr. Shaw and Dr. Shaw, for being my family for the past three years. You are the best host family ever! Thank you to all my teachers and friends who have helped me grow to who I am today. I'll miss here.



SUSAN YI



EMILY ZELL

My four years of high school have gone nothing like I planned, but my favorite parts were all the ones that I didn't see coming. Jesus, you are so good and sovereign, and I praise you for all the unexpected twists and turns that have and will come my way because of you. Thank for you for your unending love and faithfulness. Thank you for placing people in my path whose impact will last a lifetime. To those people, thank you each and every one of you for pointing me to Jesus in your own way. I am beyond thankful for these past years and am so excited for the ones to come. Ecclesiastes 7:10



ASHLEY ZONE

Dear mom and Dad, thank you for being the biggest blessing in my life. You both have taught me how to be a leader through Christ and how to overcome challenges the right way. I love you both so much and thank you for being amazing parents.

Lolo, thanks for being my buddy all throughout my time at wca by sticking up for me, telling me I need to be less moody and for being there for me when I'm down. Love ya lo

Char- thanks for always giving me great advice and helping me get through hard challenges. Love ya dude



LEVI ALLDREDGE

It has been our joy to watch you grow and mature before our very eyes. You have an exuberance for life and live it to the full! We appreciate your hard work ethic, honesty, generous spirit, and standing for what you believe in. Our prayer for you, Levi- Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be a man of courage; be strong. Do everything in love. We are very proud of you! (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

All our love, Mom and Dad



NIKKI BRENEMAN

Eighteen years ago, God gave us a little angel to cherish; and cherish we have. We couldn't be more proud. Our beautiful klutzy little girl is now a beautiful klutzy tender-hearted compassionate brilliant young woman. We look forward to all that your future has in store, and we'll continue to cherish life with you. Congratulations, and well done on years of hard work and success. The Lord bless you and keep you. Love Mom and Da



ELENA BROWN

"Everything's a story - You are a story - I am a story."

A Little Princess

Elena

You have blessed our lives with wonderful stories. There was seldom a time when you weren't singing, performing or carrying a book in your hand. We are so proud of the character you have become. You are a kind, generous, and pure-hearted woman. We can't wait to see God's story continue to unfold in your life.

Love, Mom and Dad



MARKUS CICKA

Markus- God has blessed us with you. You are a wonderful son. We know Jesus has great plans for you. Remember to always put Him first and He will direct your path. Proverbs 3:5-6.

All our love,

Mom + Dad + Danielle



BRIDGETTE GRIMM

Bridgette,

We have been incredibly blessed to watch you grow into the wonderful young woman you are today. We admire the manner in which you have addressed some tough challenges. Your strength of character and hard work ethic are an inspiration to many. We pray that you continue to grow in your faith and trust God's plan for your life. We love you so much and wish all the best for you in the future.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Morgan and Reed



BETHANY HOLDEN

Bethany, we are so proud of the amazing young lady you have become! What a blessing you have been in our lives! May God direct your path so that you are a blessing to everyone you meet. We love you so much!! Love, Mom and Dad.



ANNA JOHNSON

Boozer! What a joy it has been to watch you grow into a beautiful woman of true character. Your sweet smile and infectious joy are a blessing to us all! As you embark upon this next chapter in life, keep questioning, dig deep, and know what there is to know. Your God remains faithful. True knowledge is found at His feet. All of our love, always! Dad and Mom



FRANCIE AKINS

We love everything about Francie. We love the wrinkles around her eyes all the way down to her little tiny toes.



BRITTANY JOHNSON

Brittany,

We are so proud of the young woman you have turned out to be. From the beginning you have been a joy to our lives with your gentle spirit and your never ending smile. We are so excited about your future. We know that God has a master plan for you using all of your talents that He has placed inside you. Just know that you are a beautiful, athletic, and intelligent young woman who will dazzle the world with her big smile.

We love you,
Mom and Dad



AMANI HOLMES

Amani:
You've touch our hearts right from the very start. We are very thankful for the gift and calling that lies on your life and we pray nothing but Gods divine direction and protection as you move into a new chapter of your life. Congratulations! The best is yet to come!
Love you



CHLOE PEISTRUP

Chloe,
We can't believe that our adorable baby girl has grown up so fast. Your strength and perseverance has inspired us. Your loving heart and playful sense of humor bring us great joy! God's love shines through your heart. He has great plans for you. Remember to trust Him and the gifts He has given you. We are so grateful to have you as our daughter. We want you to know that our love and support will always be with you no matter where life takes you.

Love,
Mom & Dad



LEXI BERRA

Dear Lexi, Punkinheadfred, Li'l Roo,
You are my miracle from God. From the moment I found out I was pregnant to this very day, I have and will always be desperately in love with you. You are so much like your dad Kevin with your heart of gold. Your family is so proud of your accomplishments. Love Mama and family



TAYLOR SIEBENMAN

Taylor,
We are so blessed to have you as our daughter. From a rocky birth to now, you have always worked hard at becoming an exceptional leader, athlete and student. Our entire family has always had a watchful eye on you. Not because you're the youngest but because we all know you have a special destiny on this earth. Continue to seek out your destiny. We know God has a special plan for you.
Love, Mom and Dad.



CHRISTINE STECK

Cissy,

Thankful that God entrusted you in our care. It has been a joy to watch you grow and be along for the ride. You will always be the funniest person in our family, as well as the loudest. Please see if you can clean your room before you leave for college. Love you, my Texasgirl!

Love, Mom



MADDIE VOLDING

Madeline,
We are all so proud of you and your many accomplishments throughout your high school years. We are blessed beyond words and love the intelligent, confident, beautiful young woman you have become! You have such a bright future ahead- continue to look to Him for guidance. Proverbs 31:25
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Emma & Sophie



CHARLIE MCCrackEN

Dear Charlie,
We are so very proud of you! Your perseverance and determination on and off the mat is admirable. We love the energy you bring to any room you enter. You simply make things better. We cannot wait to see how the Lord uses you as you move through this next stage in life. You are an AWESOME young man! What a blessing you are to our family!!!
All our love,
Mom and Dad



LUKE HEINTZ

Luke, We are so proud of the young man you have become. We are excited to continue to watch you grow as you begin this new phase of life. You are deeply loved!

Love,

Dad, Mom, Hannah, and Matthew Heintz



KAITLYN RIGDON



KURT WEINBERG

You are a gift from God - we are so thankful and proud of you. Clever, independent, loyal, smart and so witty - we love who you are!

Love, Mom & Dad, Corey and Haley



NIKKI BRENEMAN

Nicole,
You are one of the most compassionate, intelligent, and truly genuine people we know. It's not often older brothers can look up to their younger sister, but when it comes to inner strength & wisdom you have it beyond your years. The world doesn't deserve you, and desperately needs more like you. We love you so much, and always will.

Love, Bobby & Ricky



BLAKE ANDREWS

Blake,
You have added so much fun and joy to our lives! We all love you so much and can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for you!
Love, Dad, Mom, Jack and Joe
Ephesians 3:17-19



LAUREN BAUER

WILDCATS



Lauren,

Congrats on your graduation and all you've accomplished! You are joyful, caring, smart and just plain fun to be around. We love you tons!

Dad, Mom, Logan and Landon



ASHLEY ZONE

Our dear Ashley! No words can fully express the joy you are to your family. You are a beautiful young lady and always a blessing to others around you! We love you!



DANIEL BROWN

Daniel, you "let your light so shine" in ALL you do. We are so proud of the honorable man you are becoming.

We love you,
Mom & Dad

Isaiah 40:31



RACHEL BYARS

Precious Rachel, what a privilege it is to be your parents! We are grateful beyond words that God gave you to us. Every day is better because we have you!



ERIK BERGMAN

Erik,
The years have flown by "race car fast!" It's been a daily pleasure enjoying your sharp powers of observation, dry sense of humor, and passion for sports (especially soccer). From reading to music to travel (and 25 MLB stadiums), God has gifted you with the curiosity to experience His world, and the drive to challenge yourself and have a positive effect upon it. We're proud of you. As Grandpa would cite: 2 Timothy 2:15.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Matthew



FRANCIE AKINS

Francie,

What's next? No...seriously...what's next? The number of times you've surprised & amazed us over the years has outpaced our ability to keep track. From your decision to attend Westminster and throughout the years, you've kept us amazed, entertained, humbled, dazzled, enthralled, and, of course, extremely proud. We are ever grateful for who you are, the gifts you've been given, and for the blessing we received when the Lord endowed us with the opportunity and responsibility of raising you. We can't wait to see the next chapter(s) unfold. We love you. You Rock!!

Mom & Dad
Micah 6:8



JUSTIN BLAKEY



Justin,
 We are so proud of the strong, confident, smart and faithful young man you have become and all that you have accomplished. We love you and are so proud to be your parents. We cannot wait to see what God has planned for you as you follow His path. Ephesians 3: 16-19. Love, Mom & Dad

ANNA BOHLMANN



How did we get here? Grade school ballet recitals to VDT hip hop championships.....making little movies with your friends to possessing a technical craft. Westminster has been a blessing for you and our family. You've grown into a good, smart, talented and dependable person who leads by example. No one ever needs to tell you to try harder. So proud. We look forward to the next chapter and seeing how the rest of your story unfolds.

ALYSSA CANNON

Alyssa: peacemaker, spiritual, determined, overcomer, kindhearted, noble. Excited to see how God directs your talents as you make your mark on the world! Love you, Mom, Dad & Abbie



MARKUS CICKA



Markus- Congratulations! We are so proud of the wonderful young man you have become.

Love Mom & Dad

You are going to do amazing things. Enjoy the ride!

Love you! Danielle

BLAKE ELDER

We're so proud of the man you are becoming!
You're a blessing to us! We pray you walk with the Lord all the days of your life.

Love,

Mom and Dad



JERRICA FLAKES

Jerrica,
God blessed us with you, our miracle baby, so yes you are special. The time has finally come. The years have flown by much too fast. We can not wait to see what good fortunes God has destined for your life. Being guided by God's holy spirit, we've laid the proper foundation preparing you for the life long journey ahead. Always put your trust in God first and many blessings will come your way. We are so proud of you.
Congratulations,
Love,
Mom & Dad



KELLY BRADLEY



Kelly,
We are so proud of all your hard work. You are a kind, caring, wonderful and beautiful woman. We look forward to the college journey.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Ryan



You Are	M ade in God's image	Gen 1:25
You Are	E mpowered	Phi 4:13
You Are	L ovely	Dan 12:3
You Are	I mportant	1 Pet 2:9
You Are	N ew creation	2 Cor 5:17
You Are	D esirable	Pro 22:1
You Are	A bsolutely forgiven	Psa 103:12
You Are	B eautiful	Psa 45:11
You Are	L oved	Jer 31:3
You Are	U nique	Psa 139:13
You Are	M ine	Isa 43:1



DAVID BRATON



Congratulations on graduation, we are all proud of you! Charlotte and Jim (your grandparents), Roy, Kristy, Matthew, John, Beth, Mindy, and Eli.



ANNA GIERHART

Anna
It is a joy to be your grandparents! We have watched you grow and mature into a beautiful young woman - putting your trust and confidence in Christ! We are so blessed to share all of your life's moments. We are praying for you as you set out on this new adventure of college!
All Our Love,
Mimi and Papaw



BRENDAN GRBCICH



We are forever grateful to have you in our family. As you move forward in life, always remember that we love you and will always be here for you.

CHAD BRIDEN



"Chad, Chad you make our hearts so glad!" This family refrain echoes your rare and remarkable ability to genuinely and intuitively connect with people. No surprise, your first word was "ball" and one has rested in your firm and capable grip since day one. Your exceptional poise and cheer in both difficult and happy circumstance lends strength to all. We are confident that anchored in Christ your future is certain and bright! We love you and remain your forever fans! Mom, Dad, Parker, Trent and Kirkie.



DAVID BRATON

Life isn't always rainbows. You have handled victory with humility and defeat with grace. Your parents are extremely proud. You're off to Great Places! Explore. Dream. Discover. Congratulations!



HANNAH HICKEL

"You are so loved, precious firstborn! Continue to know that you are seen, loved, and held by our sovereign God. Dad would be so proud. Love, Mom, Carter, & Elizabeth"



JAK PATTERSON



You have always been the sweetest, kindest, most loving boy - as well as full of mischief and fun!!! I love your strong, determined spirit and know that you are destined to have a beautiful life - filled with travel, knowledge, adventure, and loads of fun and joy! I wish you much happiness, Jackrabbit! Love you mucho! Mom

KYRAH BOOKER



Kyrah, I'm blessed to have such a wonderful daughter. You've added joy & enrichment to my life! My heart is overjoyed with the Kind, Youthful, Respectful, Adventurous, & Humorous young lady you have become! May God continue to guide and bless your future. I Love You, Mom



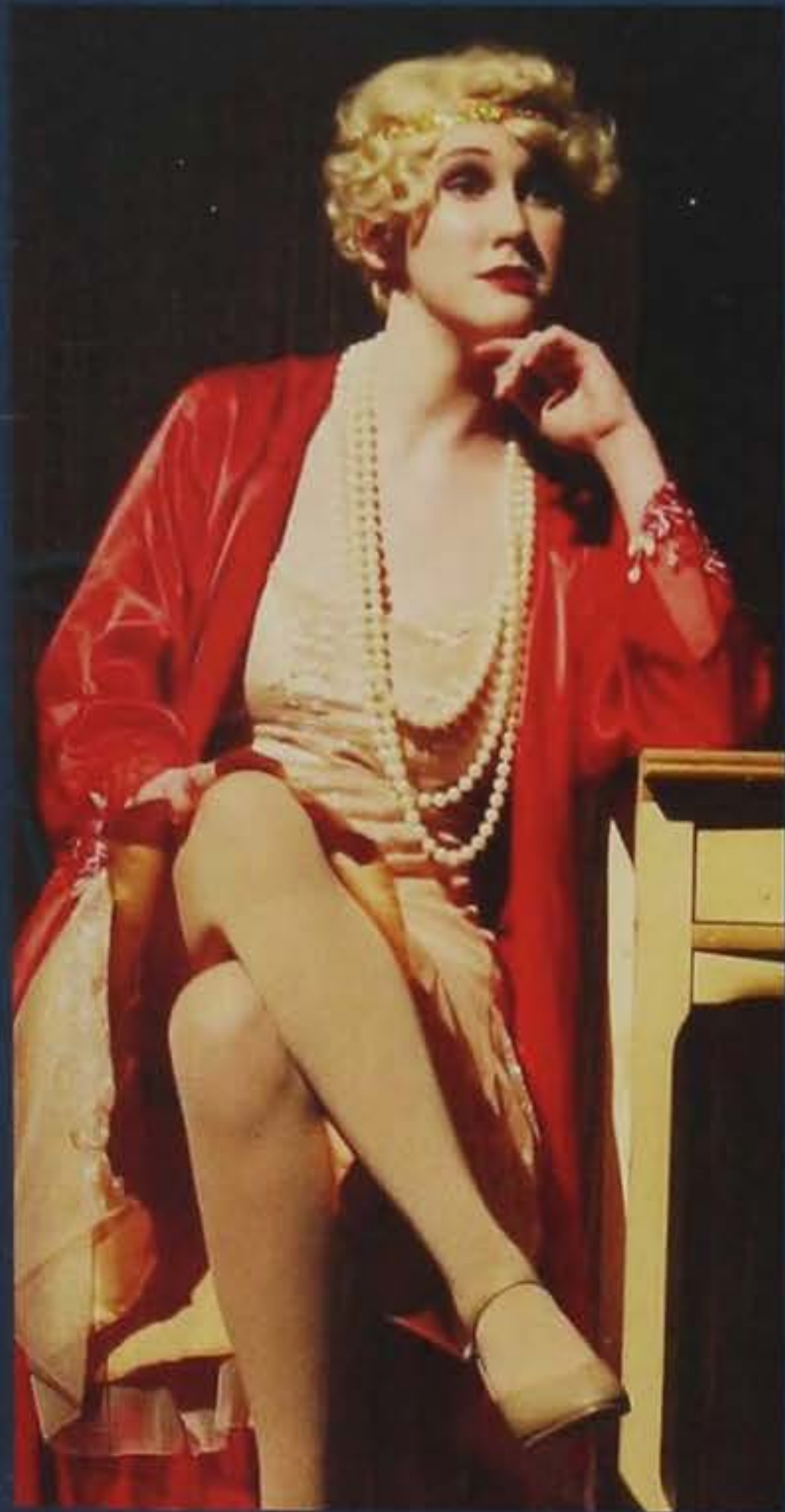


Beautiful Abby,

God blessed us and the world with you! You are the wisest, most talented and gifted daughter. Your potential is amazing and with your humble spirit, gracious attitude, and serving heart, you can and will achieve success in all you do. May you always lift up others with your intelligent and witty demeanor. May you always stay in a committed and loving relationship with Jesus Christ. May you always chase your dreams with positive actions, filled with excitement and enthusiasm to the glory of God.

As the seventh child in a family filled with love and adoration, you will always have the best friends and loved ones surrounding you. We love you and are so proud of you. Always do better in everything you do everyday as we keep our faith in our loving Lord, with whom we are and will be with now and forevermore!

Love, always and forever,
Mommy and Daddy



ALLY DROOGER

'Congratulations Allison on your graduation from Westminster! We are so proud of the beautiful, kind and caring young woman you have become. You have graced our family with your wonderful sense of humor and your loving heart. Always stay true to who you are, and continue to walk with the Lord. Love, Dad, Mom, Lauren, Haley and Hannah'



MADELINE KUGLER

Madeline,

We are continually amazed by your dedication, hard work, and perseverance in the face of adversity. You are an inspiration and a blessing to us!

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Mason



MIKEY LEVAR

Mikey, When you were born God blessed our family with the most amazing bundle of joy, creativity, humor, intelligence and talent! We have been privileged to watch your life unfold, from Banana Man to amazing young man. We're excited to see where God will take you. Be yourself, be courageous and enjoy the ride. Adventure awaits! Love, Mom & Dad



ISABELLA ORTIZ



Dear Isabella,
You are a gift from God. We love you so much and are so proud of everything you have accomplished. Keep your trust in Jesus for everything.
Psalms 23:1
Con todo nuestro amor Mami, Papi, Josh y Veronica.

MARY STUART MURRAY



"The world is indeed full of peril, and in it there are many dark places; but still there is much that is fair, and though in all lands love is now mingled with grief, it grows perhaps the greater." (JRR Tolkien) Love God and others-- keeping your identity rooted in Christ. We love you Mary Stuart!
-- Mom, Dad, Andrew, Kingsley, and Sara Cate.

KATIE MYERS



Katie,
You bring much joy and laughter to our family. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished. God has big plans for you, listen to Him always.

ABBY NALL

Abby,
We are so proud of the young woman that you have become and we look forward to what God continues to do in your life.
Love,
Mom and Dad



GRACE GUNDLACH



Grace,
"Where are you going our little one... "Turn Around" and you're going out the door..." Completing your senior year, we are so proud of the Godly young woman you have become. We have been truly blessed with His unmerited favor and gift of "Grace." Our prayer for you is that you continue your servant leadership in college and are tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude (1Peter 3:18 NLT).

So excited for all of your future adventures!

Love, Mom and Dad!



DAWSON GAITAN



I Love My Brother

he is simply amazing and i just couldnt imagine my life without him.



My Dearest Dawson:
 "For this child, I have prayed and the Lord has granted the desires of my heart." 1 Samuel 1:27
 Words cannot adequately express the joy you have brought to my life and how very proud I am of you. You are my "good and perfect gift" from the Lord. Being your mother has been one of the greatest joys I have ever experienced. I treasure the years I've been blessed to watch you grow into the fine young man you have become. You are kind, compassionate, and cherished—My cup runneth over.
 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." James 1:17
 As you begin this new chapter in life, I want you to always remember the Lord is with you, He will guide you with his righteous hand.
 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11
 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9
 I love you so much,
 Mom



Dawson,
 The day you were born, my life and the meaning of it changed forever. You are the perfect son and I thank God every day for bringing you to this world. I wish you a lifetime of blessings, success and happiness. Happy Graduation!
 I love you,
 Dad



Dawson,
 I am so proud of you and your journey. We have gone through so much over the years, but you triumphed over every obstacle that stood in your way. You never allowed the roadblocks to cause your faith to waver, and your relationship with God is something to strive for. Thank you for the years of memories and fun, and thank you for being my brother. I love you, bud!
 Love,
 Katherine

ANNA GIERHART



Our Sweet Precious Anna,
The greatest day of our life
was the day you were born
and each day since with you,
has been an even greater gift
from God! The quiet times
together, kissing hands,
breakfast in bed, sunrises,
sunsets, exploring new desti-
nations in travel, lots of con-
certs, long drives, and yes....
Dolphins! We are amazed
by the size of your heart and
the depth of your faith. You
are our greatest joy! We
have seen Our God carry
you through every bump in
the road, and remember that
He will be there to carry you
through every day in your
life! You are strong, amazing
and we adore you! We can't
wait to see how you pursue
your passions and realize
God's plan for your life. Re-
member....Phil 4:13
We love you endlessly,
Mom and Dad
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NATALIE BROWN



Natalie we are so very proud of you. The little girl who liked to sing in the driveway is all grown up. You can accomplish anything your heart desires. We love you.



LEXI BERRA

To our first grandchild who became a Scholar-Athlete and beautiful human being! Lots of black, baby hair turned to shining blond. Books are her special friends. She loves her family. Always happy and smiling.

She is an adventurous, international traveler who dares to experience the Pacific. She is also an excellent instructor in mule back riding. Vamonos!

We are so proud of our loving, kind, absolutely amazing Lexi who shines with inner beauty.

Your adoring Omi and Opi



JESSICA SANTOSO



Dear Jessica,
Congratulations!
It is another milestone in your life. As you continue your journey, please never lose your faith in God. We wish you the best!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and
Ian



STEPHEN GROSS



Stephen G :)

You are a true gift from God. Congratulations upon your graduation from WCA and for the young man God is shaping you to be. Not only are you an inspiration for those who know you, but you are a role model for our family when it comes to faith, courage and hard work. We are blessed to have you for our son and love you so very much. Can't wait to see what other great things God has in store for you.

Love always,

Mom, dad, Zach, Ryan, Sean and Megan

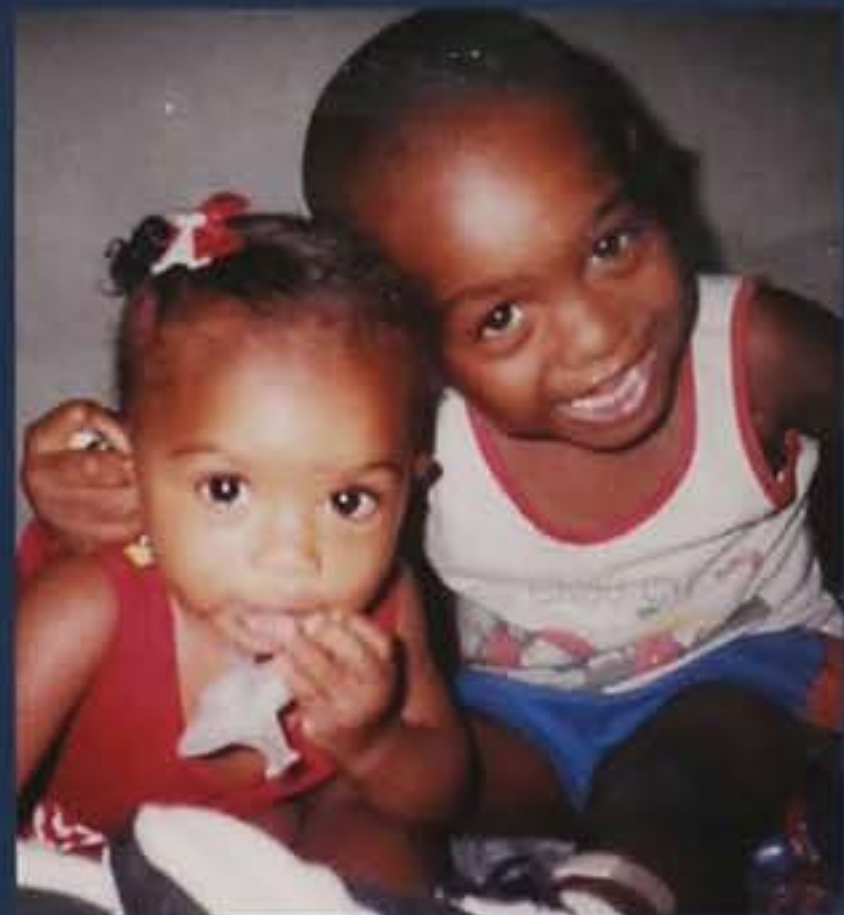
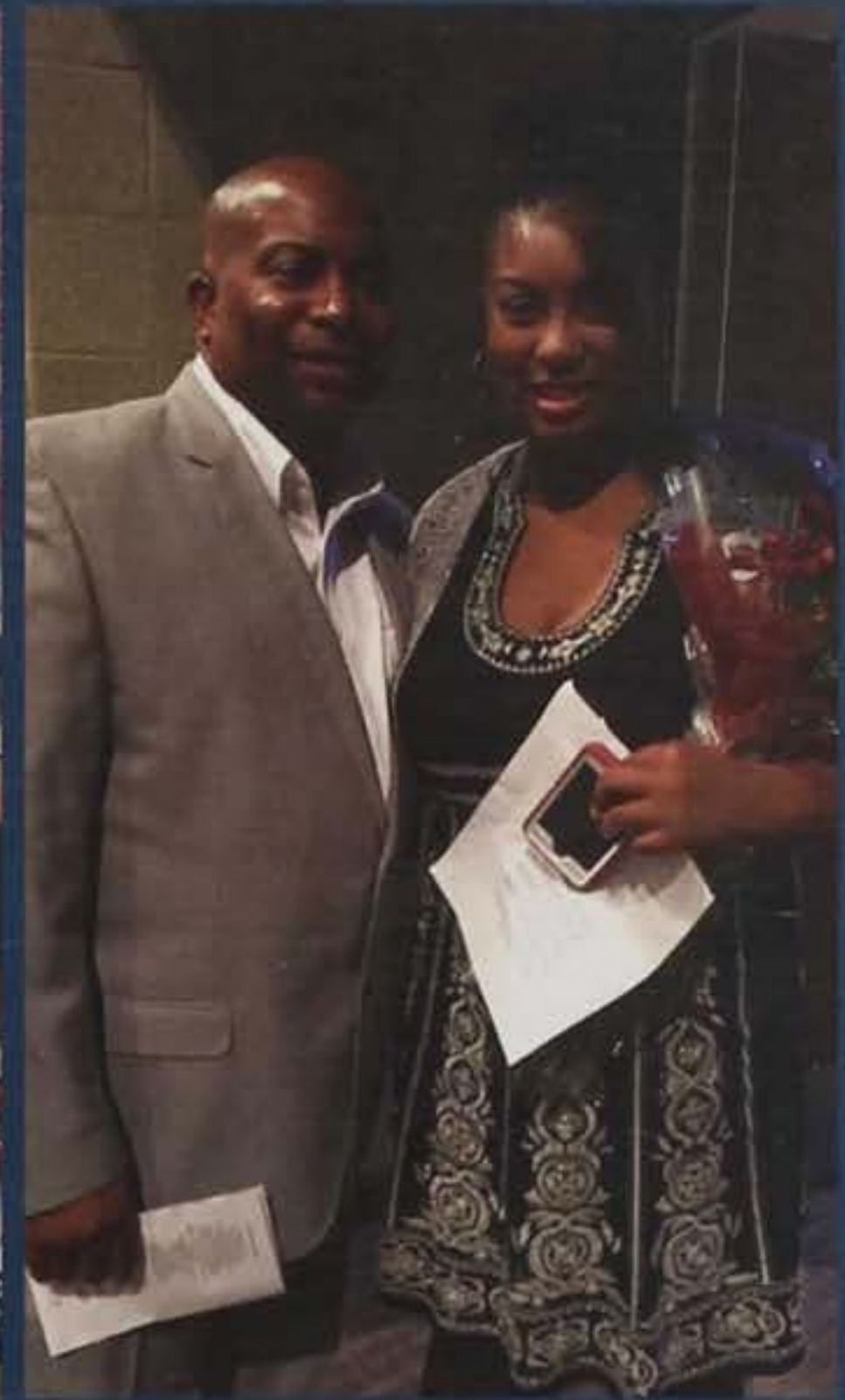


MICAH GOOCH

Micah,

We are so very proud of the amazing young women that you have become. Your compassion to help others and impressive work ethic will take you far in life. God has an awesome plan for you, so have great expectations. Always keep Jesus first "and whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him". Colossians 3:17

Love you much,
Momma, Daddy and
Trevon



KAYLA HAWKINS

Congratulations

Kayla Imani Hawkins
Proud Westminster Wildcat
2012-2017

We are so proud of you!

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Sydney, Chelsey and Caspian



HALEY COUNTS



Haley,
We are so proud of the person you have become and the passion you bring to the talents God has given you. We can't wait to see where this next chapter takes you. Follow God, follow your heart, and know you are loved! Kid, you'll move mountains... your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!
We love you so much,
Dad, Mom, Spencer, Henry, Lucky and Lester

DOMINIC CUSUMANO

Dom,
We are so very proud of you.
We love your passion. We admire your fierce perseverance.
We can't wait to see what God has in store for your future.

Love,
Dad and Mom



MACIE DANIELS

Dear Macie,
You means Gift of God and you truly are our gift from God. You are blessed with many talents, a tremendous work ethic, integrity, confidence, responsibility, thoughtfulness, discernment, adventurousness, and loyalty. We love that you know who you are and embrace your many qualities. We have loved experiencing all of your successes with you and can only imagine the greatness that your future holds.

You will go far!
We love you!

Mom, Dad, and Brock



SAM DARE

Sam,
It has been our joy to watch you grow and follow God's plan for your life. We love you and are proud of you.
Mom, Dad, and Maggie





Sydney, Syd, Squid:

You truly are a blessing to our family and so many others. You completed our family circle at a time when God knew we needed you. You are silly, witty, full of life, with lots of energy. You are a true friend to all, and have a heart of gold. You are a very special young lady. We can not wait to see what God has planned for you, because we know he truly has a plan. With your faith he will guide you along the way. We love you with all our hearts and are so proud of you!
Love,
Momma, Dad, Madison, Chad, Todd, Misha, Homer, Eloise, and Mr. Watson.



RICKY JOHNSON

"Dearest Ricky (the Big Buddy),

You have brought us joy at every age. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow from a wide-eyed boy filled with curiosity about everything, into a man with a kind heart and generous spirit. You have so many God-given talents, from academics to sports to theater. We are proud of all you have accomplished. Our greatest comfort, however, is knowing that it is your strong faith in God, and your compassion, that will serve you best as you go out into the world. We love you forever.

Always,

Mom and Dad"



SYDNEY DARK

Sydney,
What fun it has been to watch you grow into the amazing young woman that you are! Sydney, the room is simply brighter when you are in it, God's light shines in you. With a heart that is filled with kindness and compassion, you inspire! Keep that smile in your heart as your future unfolds. Thank you for providing us with endless laughter and joy!
We love you!
Dad, Mom, Lexie & Gracie



HALEY SCHMER

Haley Mahaffey Schmer

"Promise me you will always remember:
You're braver than you believe,
and stronger than you seem,
and smarter than you think."
-A.A. Milne

We love you so much.
Mom, Dad, & Koby



HAYDEN SHIVELY

Hayden,

The years have flown by, and we're amazed at your journey! From Thomas trains and the "invention room", to programming robots and developing an app, you've always had a passion for learning and challenging yourself. Never forget your Savior who provides all you have, or your proud family that loves you. God's blessings as your journey continues!

Love, Mom & Dad



DREW DEMPSEY

Drew - What a tremendous blessing it is to watch you grow over the years. You are a man of courage, strength, faith, integrity and character. You bring much joy to us and others. What a blessing you are! God has an amazing plan for your life and we can't wait to see it unfold. Continue to lean on Him in all things. We are proud of you and love you so much!

Proverbs 3:5-6

Mom, Dad, Grace, Kate & Emma



HANNA EISENBATH

Hanna,

We are blessed to have you.

We could not be more proud, watching you grow into a beautiful young lady.

We are your biggest fans.

Your Christian background will be with you in whatever path you decide to take.

Use your voice to lead the way and follow your dreams.

Love Mom, Dad & Ellen



AJ LLOYD

Number 1, Bubba, first born. You are a delight, great role model for his younger brothers, overall wonderful kid. We are grateful to God for you. You are respectful, hard-working, and fun; all qualities we admire and love. Your future is blindingly bright!

Never forget "You are the Lord's workmanship. Created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which He before ordained that you should walk in them. And before you were formed in my womb, the Lord knew you, and ordained you, and sanctified you to be a prophet unto the nations."

Love, Mom & Dad



EMILY LYTLE

Emily, we continue to love your gentle, kind spirit as you have grown into a beautiful young woman. Thank you for being an amazing leader and a positive influence and role model to your sisters. We love you!



ALYSSA ADAMS

Alyssa,
You're a joy and blessing, we are so proud of the young woman you have become. Your tender heart and spunky personality are like none other. As you embark on the great adventure God has planned for you, our hopes and prayers are simple: we hope you chase after life with a passion all your own and we pray Christ would be your center. Congratulations! Ecclesiastes 2:26/Romans 8:38-39
Love, Mom & Brian,
Dad & Becky



EMILY STONER

Moving here from Massachusetts, you have faced many challenges and we celebrate with you this accomplishment. We know that the best is yet to come!
Love you,
Mom and Dad



TRENT TARANTINO

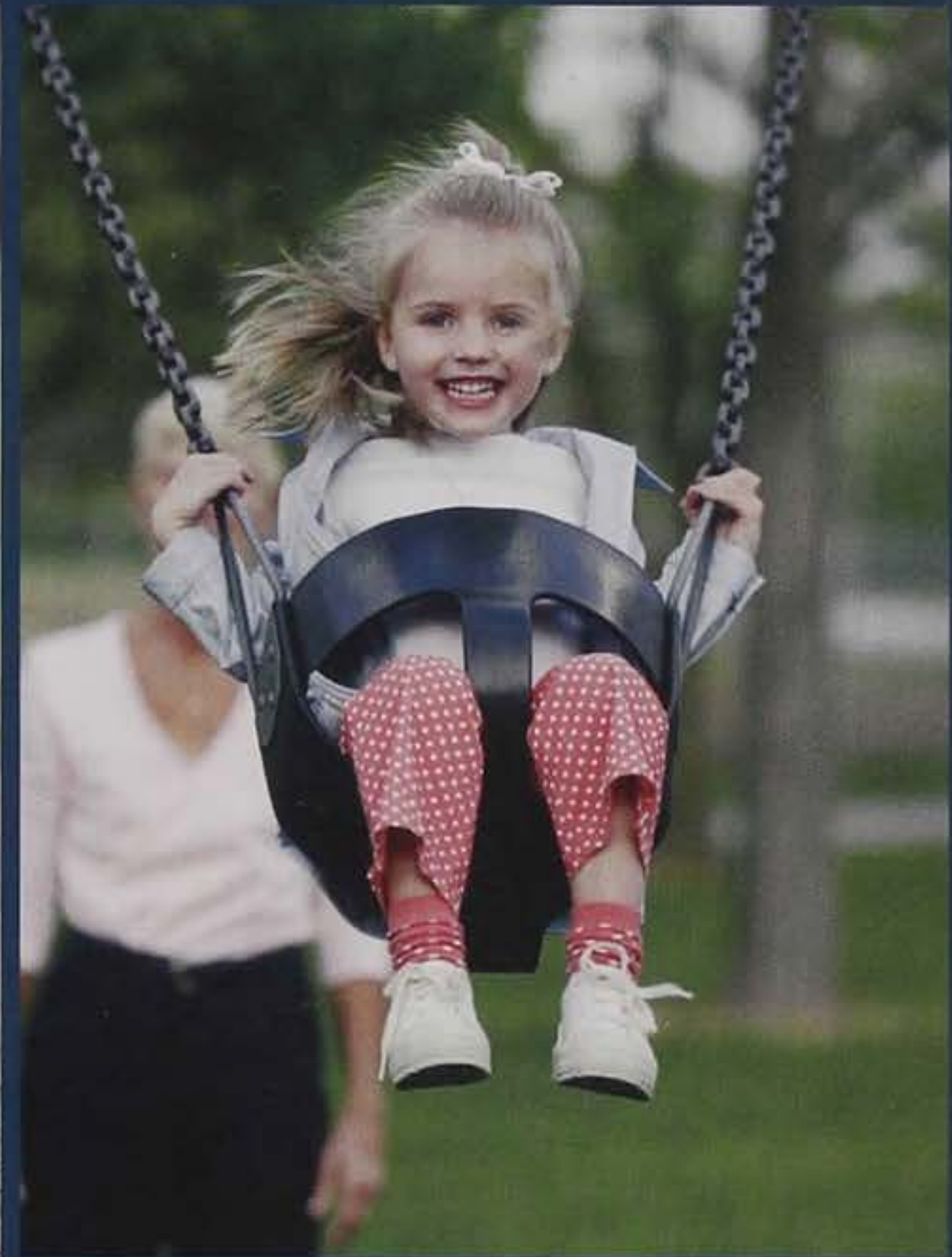
Dearest Trent,
We are so thankful for you and the joy that you have brought into our lives! Your exuberant and loving spirit is a blessing to all of us. We cannot wait to see how the Lord will lead you as you continue to follow Him. We love you so much!
Dad, Mom, Laura & Alysse



AVERY ENGELMEYER

To the girl who loves sunsets, chasing rainbows, snow cones, sunflowers, country music and Twizzlers (peel apart) – the past 18 years with you has been a God-given gift. We love your goofy-ditzy, private-reserved, humble, kind and loyal self. Keep your eyes on God and He will continue to direct your path of life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Lucas &
Blake



CONNOR EVANS

Dear Connor,
We are beyond proud of the young Christian man you have become. We love you more than words can express!
Dad, Mom, Anna and Lily



HALEY MYLES

Congratulations Haley,

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished so early in your life. These pictures remind us of what a great joy you have been for us, ever since you arrived. Thanks so much for bringing so much joy to our lives. Take that same joy with you in whatever you endeavor to do in your future life.

Love you,

Dad and Big Sis Lemella



MOLLIE OTTSEN

Mollie, time has flown from when you were a stubborn toddler to the beautiful and determined young lady you have grown to be. We are so proud of your many, many accomplishments, and we can't wait to see what God has planned next for you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Maddie, Matt, Hanna and Harry

"I can do everything through him who gives me strength."
Philippians 4:13



JENNA GALAKATOS

Jenna,

You have a heart of GOLD and will truly SHINE in everything you do in life! We are so PROUD of how beautiful you are on the inside and out. Always remember to count your immense blessings and be THANKFUL to God!

We LOVE you,

Mom, Dad, Matt, Kelly, Erin, Kara, and John



MICHAEL THOENEN

Michael,
We are so proud of you. Your joy in living and amazing attitude through every struggle are a testimony. We LOVE you. Go conquer the world!

Dad + Mom

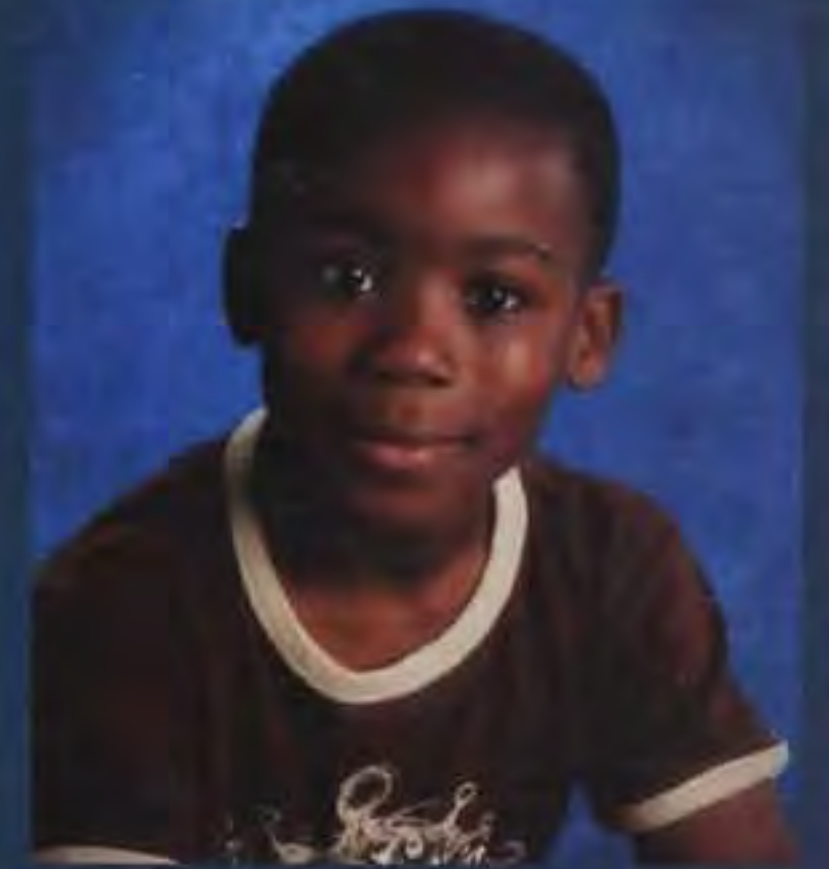


JEREMIAH THOMPSON

Jeremiah,

Integrity, respect, wisdom, that's you! Continue to allow God to use the wealth of gifts and talents He has given you, for His glory.

Love you,
Dad, Mom, and Makiya



PARKER GELBER

" Parker we are so proud of the young man you are. Dream big, Live every day with a spirit of wonder and brave resolve. The best is yet to come. We love you, Mom and Dad."



EMMA GION

Emma,
We love you so much. You are an amazing young woman with such a sweet spirit and heart. We have loved every moment of seeing you grow to where you are today - celebrating the milestones and cheering right alongside of you. We pray God continues to richly bless you as you move on to college and the life God has planned for you.
Love,
Mom and Dad



SARAH PEIRICK

Sarah Eve Peirick
We are so very proud of
the young woman you
have become. Your
steadfast love of Christ,
family and learning is
a gift. We love you and
look forward to the next
chapter in your life.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Teddy



HANNAH REDMOND

Hannah,
We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become, both inside and out. We are excited for you as you head off to college and see what the future holds for you. It is a big world out there and we look forward to watching you explore it. We love you!
Mom, Dad, and Tyler



KEVIN GRAHAM

Kevin,
You were a special kid and you are growing into a special young man. Christ was with you from the beginning and it is tremendous to see you make the choice to walk with Christ as you become a man. You have brought so much joy to our lives and we are immensely proud of you. Love
Dad, Mom and Katelynn



MADISON BABER-GRECO

We are thankful for the precious blessing you have been to us. You have persevered during challenging times, and thrived during good ones, living life to the fullest and loving others greatly. We look forward to watching you become everything God created you to be. Keep following your life verse - 1 Peter 5:6-7 - Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty Hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. We love you Princess!



BRIDGETTE GRIMM

Bridgette,
We love you so much
and are very proud of the
young woman you have
become. Your Christian
character shines in all
that you do.
Love always, Mom, Dad,
Morgan, and Reed



KAYLA HAYES

Kayla,

You are such a joy and blessing to us! We are so proud of everything you have accomplished with your time at Westminster. And, we have enjoyed watching you grow into the beautiful person that you have become. We cannot wait to see the plans that God has in store for you. Continue to follow and trust God and he will guide your path forever. We love you and are your biggest fans.

Love, Mom, Dad and Brittany.



DANI RENAUD

Dani, I know that you will be successful in whatever God leads you to do. I know that integrity, faithfulness and loyalty will be traits that will follow you through life. I know that you will exhibit responsibility and be considerate to others all your days. I know your siblings and family will continue to be your best friends. I pray that you will always hear His still small voice and that you will honor the Lord and choose obedience every day. Love, Mom

Dani, you are an amazing, hard working and caring young lady. As you take your next step in life, remember to dream big and to acknowledge God in all that you do. I love you, Dad

There's no one who compares to you. Continue to seek the Lord with all your heart. We love you, Clark! Jon, Courtney, Ethan & Louie

Dani, You are truly amazing! Stay true to yourself, push yourself out of your comfort zone, never settle - you have endless potential! Love, Jess, Bryan, Kyle, Kaylie, Caleb & Kenzie

They say you can't choose your family, only your friends. Well, if I had a choice, I'd pick you every time. Since you're my sister I guess I'm just lucky. Congrats. I'm so proud. Christine

Dani, we couldn't be more proud of who you are! We love you and are excited for what your future holds! Love, Becky, Garrett & Hudson

Dani, the world is your oyster! Love to my favorite younger Sister, Liz



CHRISTINE STECK

Christine,

You have been all smiles and full of laughter since the day you were born. You are a gift from God. You are a young woman of faith, kindness, and compassion for others, never change. We are excited to see what God has in store for you as you enter the next chapter in your life. Remember Phil 4:13 when you are weary, and never forget the "1st Song of Isaiah." I love you my Buttercup girl!

Love, Mom, Angelina, & Nick



SAVANNA STEFFENS

-My, where does the time go? Just yesterday, you were my fiercely independent baby girl, and now you've grown into a beautiful creative, still independent young lady.

I look forward to watching you dance effortlessly into your future, as only my Savanna can.

I love you and am very proud of you.



CAROLINE HINRICHS

Caroline Michele (Carol), Creative, witty, musical, athletic, hard working and tender hearted... these words describe our Sweet Caroline :) What an imaginative and curious girl you are! And we have loved watching you grow and thrive! We know that God will guide you along the best pathway for your life as you trust Jesus and put Him first. We're so glad you're our girl :)

With much love..
Dad, Mom,
Kathryn, James
and Emily



HALLIE HULL

Hallie,

Our family is so thankful for you! We love your beautiful smile, your sweet, calm spirit, and your awesome sense of humor. We are so proud of you! You have faced huge obstacles the last two years with grace and strength. You've leaned on God and He has been faithful.

You will always be our "sunny angel".

Love,
Mom, Dad, Trenton and Lauren

Isaiah 40: 21-31

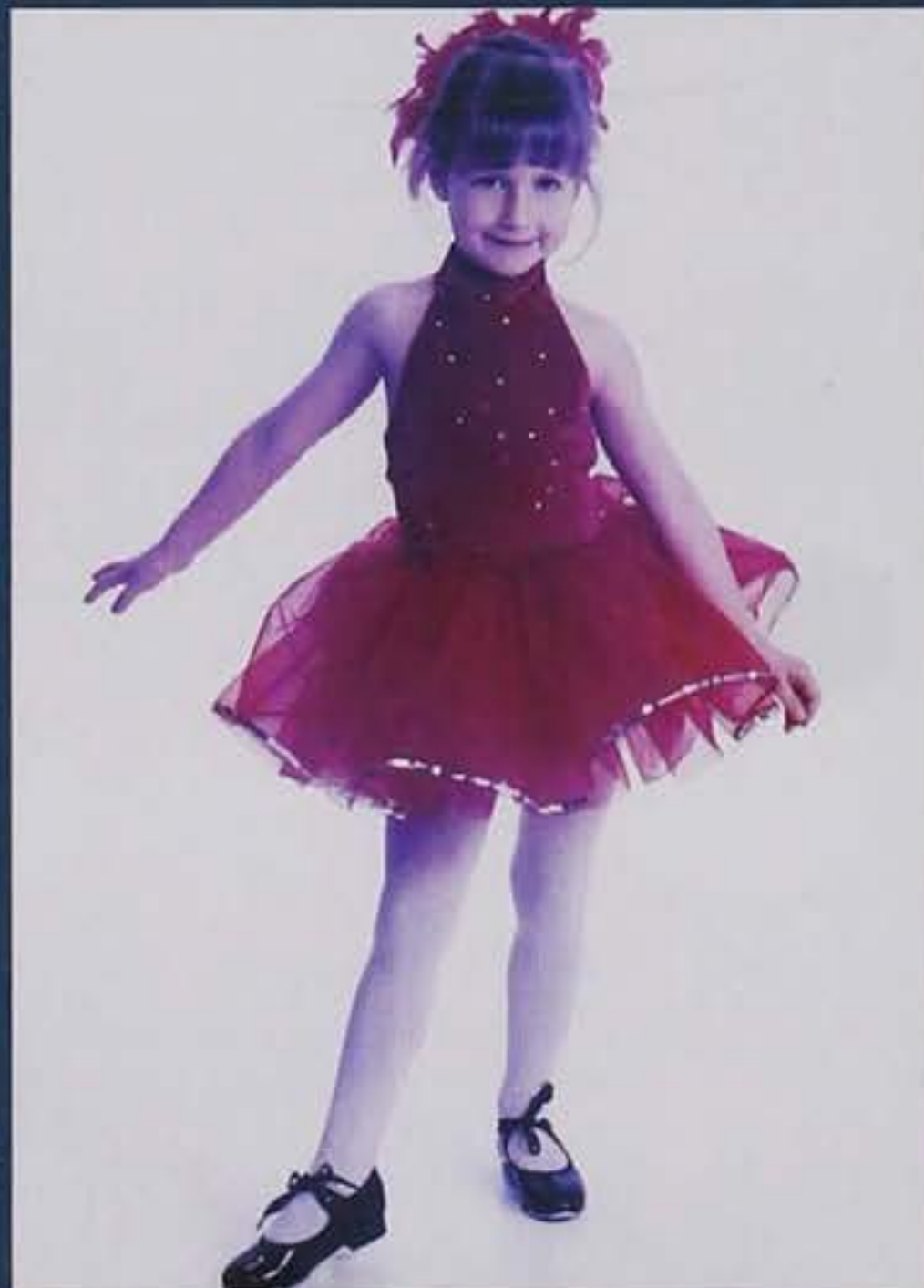


HAILEY KITTELSON

Hailey,

You are a precious gift from God! We are proud of the beautiful young Christian woman you have become. You have a heart for the Lord and for others and we pray that you serve and honor Him in all things. We love you and can't wait to see God's plan for you continue to unfold.

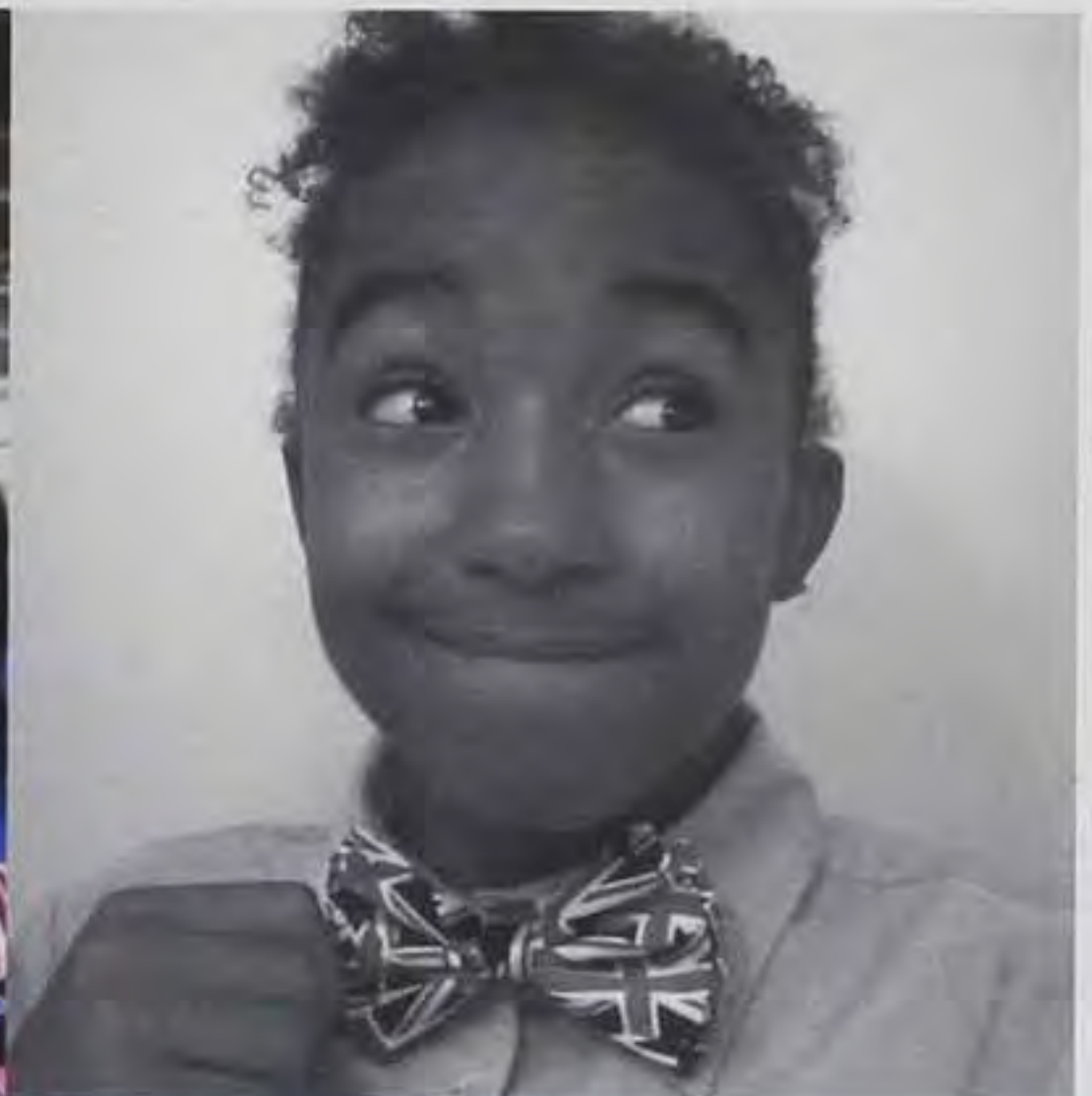
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kaitlin
Colossians 3:17



ALEXIS TURNER

Alexis,
Chasing your dreams requires Passion, Commitment and Dedication.
You have worked hard and it's time to celebrate your graduation.
You have made us very Proud!
Love Nana & Poppie

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
Isaiah 40:31
Love your Mom & Dad



JESSICA WILSON

Jessica: We cannot believe how quickly the time has passed! As you head out into the world, we want you to remember one thing -- you were meant to shine!

"We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God" -- Marianne Williamson

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Keep shining, pumpkin!

We love you!

Mom, Dad, and Erika



RYLIE KOESTER



Rylie means VALIANT. You're the bravest girl we know. "FEAR NO EVIL FOR YOU ARE WITH ME" There are so many amazing things ahead of you. Keep being brilliant!

MICHAEL KOLB

Michael,

We are truly blessed and proud of the young man you have become. You have the most kind and thoughtful heart. As you begin your next adventure, may you always follow your heart and trust in God to direct your path. Thank you for making our job as your parents so easy.

We love you,

Mom and Dad

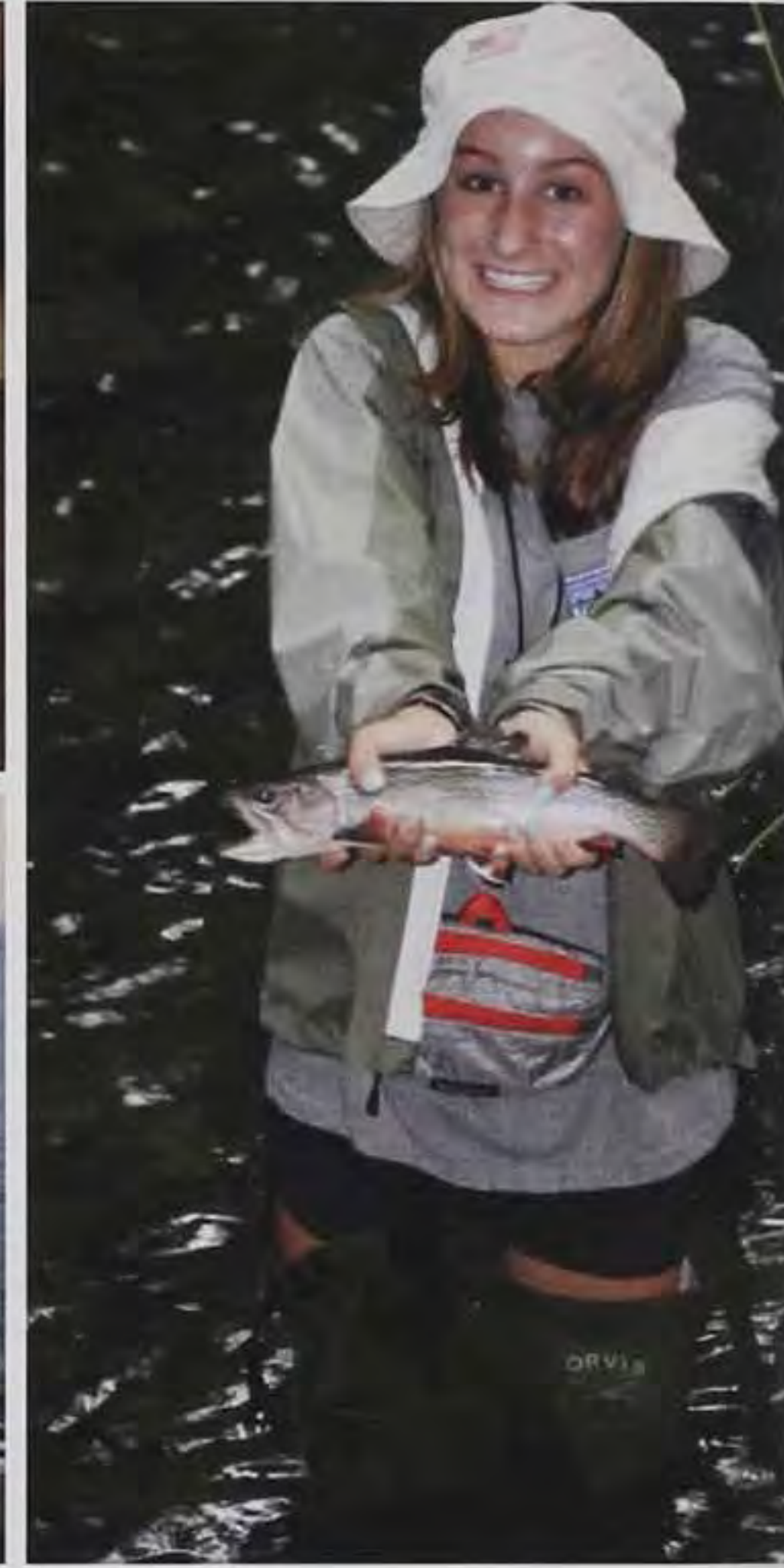


KATHRYN KRAMER

Sweet Kathryn,

God has given you zeal and passion for life. Philippians 2 is our prayer for you in your adventures ahead. We are so proud of you!

Love - Mom, Dad, Hunter and fam!



MAGGIE KUROP

Maggie - we thank God every day for the privilege of being your Mom and Dad. There has never been a day when you don't have a smile on your face, and are so full of life and infectious giggles. You brighten so many lives with your compassion, grace, and serving heart, -always helping those in need and putting others before yourself. You are beautiful inside and out, and your adventurous spirit, brilliant mind, loyalty and humility impact everyone around you. Thank you for being our sunshine. You fill our hearts with such joy, laughter, and love and we know God has so many wonderful plans for you.

We love you!
Dad, Mom and Katherine



ASHLEY KYRIAKOS

Ashley-
You fill our lives with joy, laughter & love and we've been blessed to have you in our lives. We're so proud of the beautiful woman you've become & all that you've accomplished! Jeremiah 29:11
Love - Mom, Dad, Caroline & Jake



BROOKE LANG

Brooke,
You bring so much joy to our family! You always know how to make us laugh. We love you!

Mom, Dad and Taylor

Psalm 20:4



GRANT LAVALLE

Grant,
I have been so blessed to be your Mom. Watching you play football has brought me more happiness than I could ever express. I will always be your number one fan! I cannot wait to see what the next chapter has in store for you.

Love Always,
Mom



FRANCIE, MOLLIE, DANI, WU

So you all pretty much textbooked it this go around. This year is how it is supposed to be. Time for you to come back and teach everyone filling your shoes how its done.

Have I told you Lately?

Aloha, V



Don't ever forget where you came from!



LB BATTLE

I'm so proud of you and grateful that God has a purpose and plan for your life, remember to keep God first in all you do. John 3:16 & Philipians 4:13

Love,
Mom



KIMI LEHR

Dearest Kimi,

At two you spelled your name, kimi.lehr.com. Ah-Brilliance! Yet, it is your love for life and others, and your stunning work ethic that make us proud.

Kimi, God's glory outshines daily trials. Remember who loves you and Isaiah 41:10. "Don't be afraid - I am with you. Don't look around anxiously - I am your God. I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you. I will support you with my victorious right hand."

Love,
Mom and Dad



ALEXA LINDGREN

"Alexa, You came into our life as the sweetest, fun-loving and most adorable baby girl and have grown into a beautiful, kind, and thoughtful young lady! Your passion and loyalty for family and those around you shows what an amazing daughter you are to our family. I can only imagine as you go through life how much you will continue to sparkle. We are so blessed and love you so much!

Love, Mom and Dad



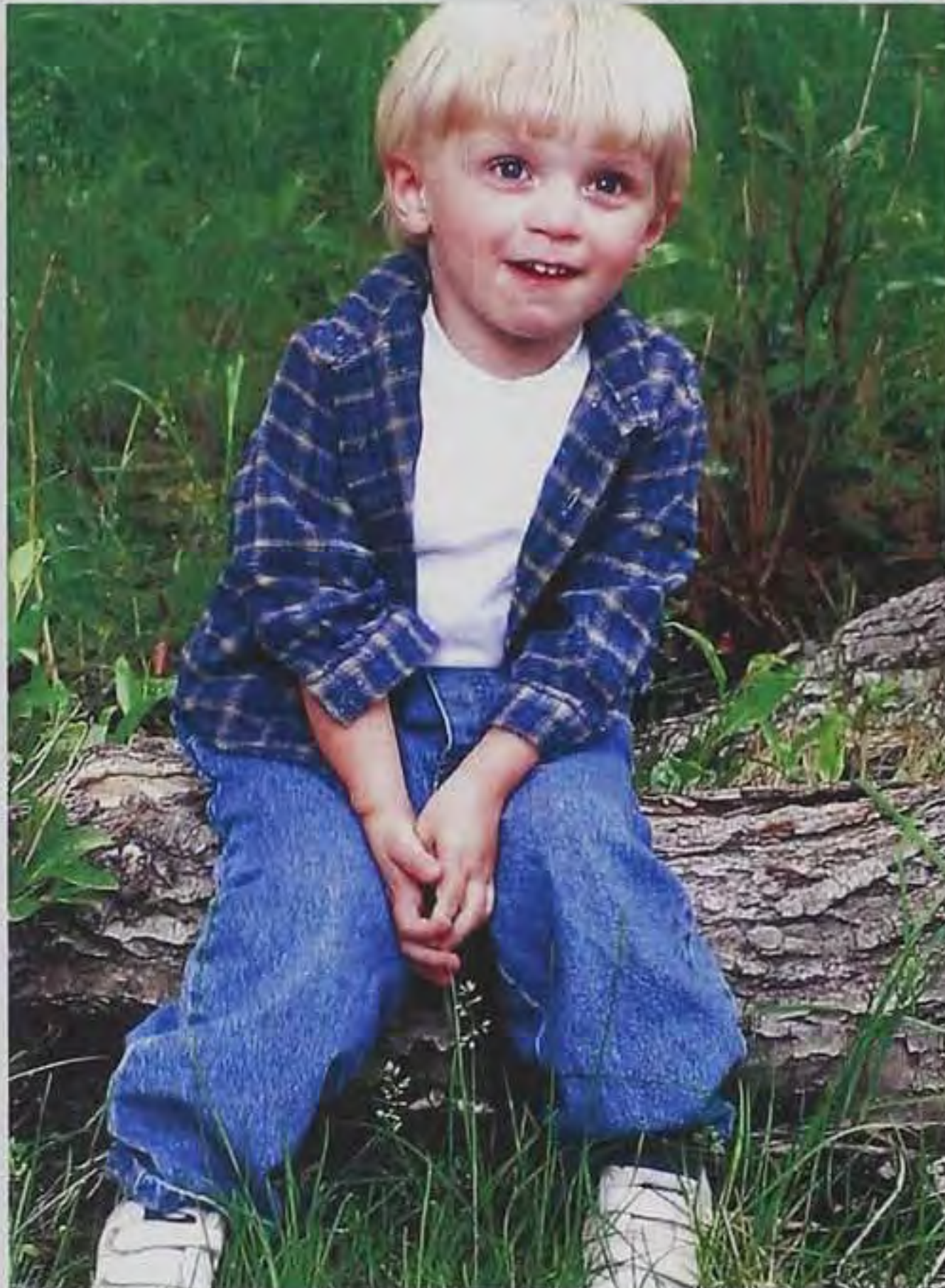
CARTER MCCALL



God has blessed you with intelligence, a quick wit, athleticism, a warm heart, and strong faith. We're excited to see how God will use you. Luke 12:48. Love, Mom, Dad, & Logan

MATTHEW MCKINNIS

What you see here in these two photos is a parent's perspective of who you are behind the confident, polished young man you have become. We have watched your sweet, wondrous and curious nature develop the maturity traits of diligence, leadership, helpfulness, trustability, confidence and a witty ability to joke and tease others. We are so proud of who you are and how you hold the Lord in your heart. Much love and as Taloola says, kisses - Mom and Dad



LOGAN MONTGOMERY

Logan,

It has been a tremendous joy to participate in your high school experience at WCA! You have become a fine young man with a strong foundation and we look forward to how God is going to further develop and use your impressive gifts and gentle spirit for good. Live boldly, seek truth and rest in God's unending grace as you venture out to find God's will and purpose for your life (Hebrews 13:20-21).

You are forever loved,
Dad, Mom, McKenna & Cheech



DAVID MONTGOMERY

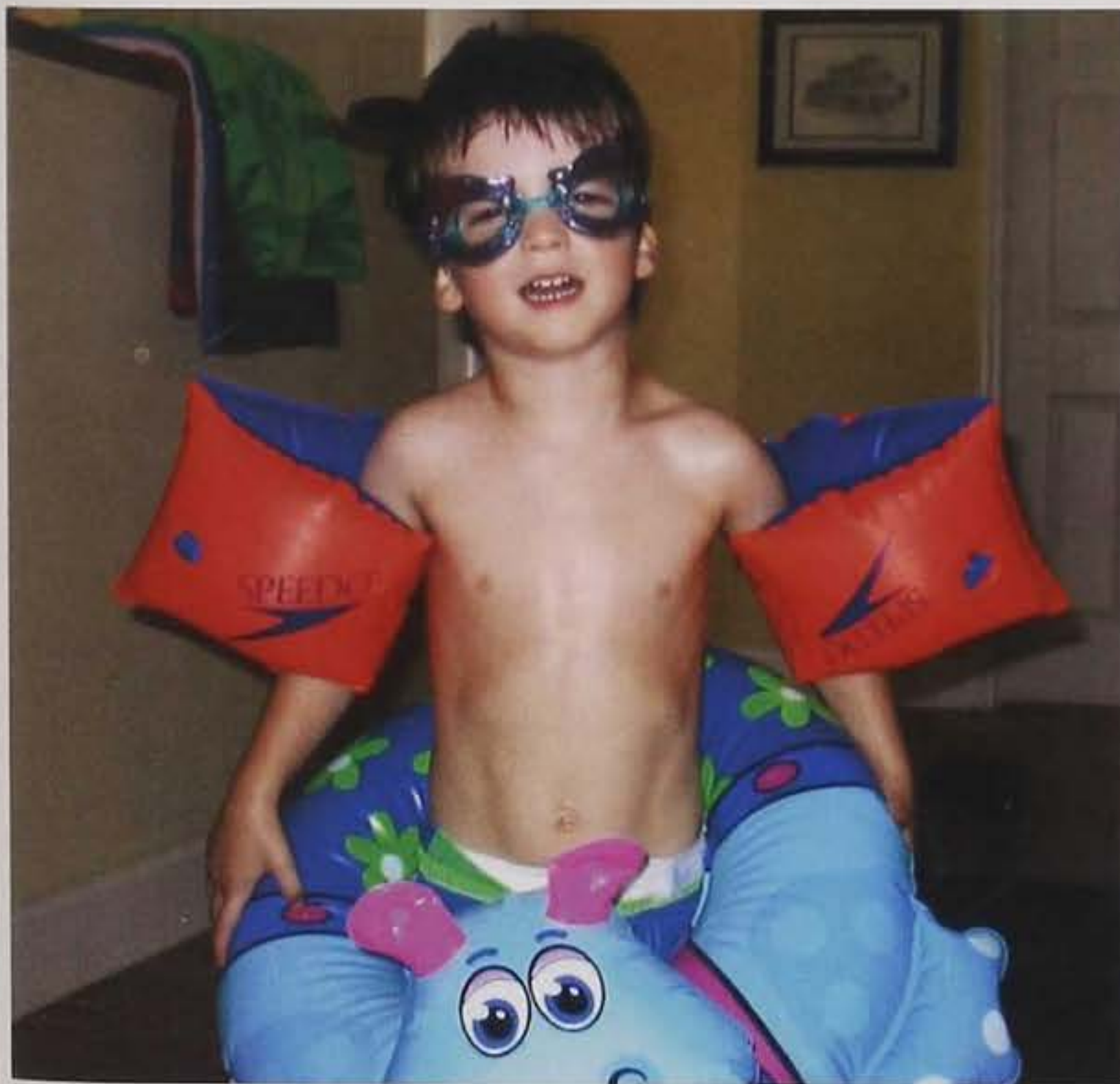
David,

Your Heavenly Father was determined to bring you into this world and we're sure glad he did. You're the spice that flavors our family with music, laughter and love—ingredients that enrich our lives.

We trust God will continue to protect and guide you as you now leave the comforts and safety of home. As you face new challenges in the world, never forget the God who saved you as a babe.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Jordan, Reed and Andrew



SOPHIE MOSER

Sophie, we are so grateful for you! You're intelligent, talented, determined and lots of fun. We'll miss you next year but can't wait to see what comes next. Prov 3:5-6

Congratulations! Love, Mom, Dad, Clara, Byron, Abbie, Bess & Emma



EVAN PARRES

Evan,
There are no words to adequately describe how proud we are of you. Congratulations on your many accomplishments, you have earned each and every one through hard work and dedication.

You are loved beyond measure.

Mom & Dad



BROOKE PATTERSON



Brooke,

We are so blessed to have you as our daughter. We are proud of all your accomplishments and the amazing young woman you have become. We love you dearly for all the joy, laughter, and love you bring to us. You have a beautiful spirit and an awesome attitude on life. Always love and honor God for he has great things planned for you! You are an amazing gift to this world!

All our love,
Dad, Mom, and Jack

CHLOE PEISTRUP

Chloe,
I'm so glad that we have only grown closer as we've gotten older. I couldn't be more proud of the woman that you're becoming and all that you've accomplished thus far. I can't wait to see what the future holds for you! I love you so much and you know I would do anything for you.
Love, Jules

Chloe,
We are so proud of the strong and beautiful young woman you've become. You have accomplished so much and amazed us with your gentle spirit and compassionate heart. We can't wait to see where God takes you next!
Love,
Mom and Dad



PAIGE PENBERTHY

You have learned to use your faith, strength, intelligence, humor and God given artistic abilities to overcome any obstacle. Those attributes will serve you well the rest of your life.

She is clothed with strength and dignity, she laughs without fear of the future.

Proverbs 31:25

We can't wait to see all of the beauty that you will bring into the world, you certainly have been a beautiful part of our family.

love you,
Mom and Dad



RACHEL POTTER

Rachel,

You are a strong, beautiful, intelligent young woman with a heart for God. You have a flare for design and a willingness to care for others. We cannot wait to see where God leads you. You are such a blessing to us!

We love you,

Dad, Mom, & Blake

Psalms 25:5

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and my hope is in you all day long



JACK RAHAL

Since the moment you took your first breath you have been making our lives better every day. We hope the blessing you are to us is returned to you in God's favor. Continue to grow in your faith and understanding of the world around you. Use those lessons to challenge yourself to be better. I cannot wait to see the journey He has planned for you. You are a bright light in the lives of many and we are so proud to call you our son and brother.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7



LILY ROHLFING

"Have some fire. Be unstoppable. Be a force of nature." - Grey's Anatomy

We are so proud and know you will light up the world! You go girl!!
Mom and Dad



LEXI BERRA

Dear Alexis, Your dad is looking down from Heaven and is so amazingly proud of you. You will do amazing things in your life.

Love Paul and Mama.



NATHAN SCHARR

Congratulations Nathan!

We love you. You make us proud. Your five years at Westminster has been a blessing to our family. You are an amazing young man and prepared for what is to come. Your future is bright and whatever is next will be just as good as what has past. You have a kind spirit, are resilient and prepared for your next journey. Thank you for being such a wonderful son, brother, and friend.

Mom, Dad, Jacob



SARAH SHOEMAKER

Sarah,

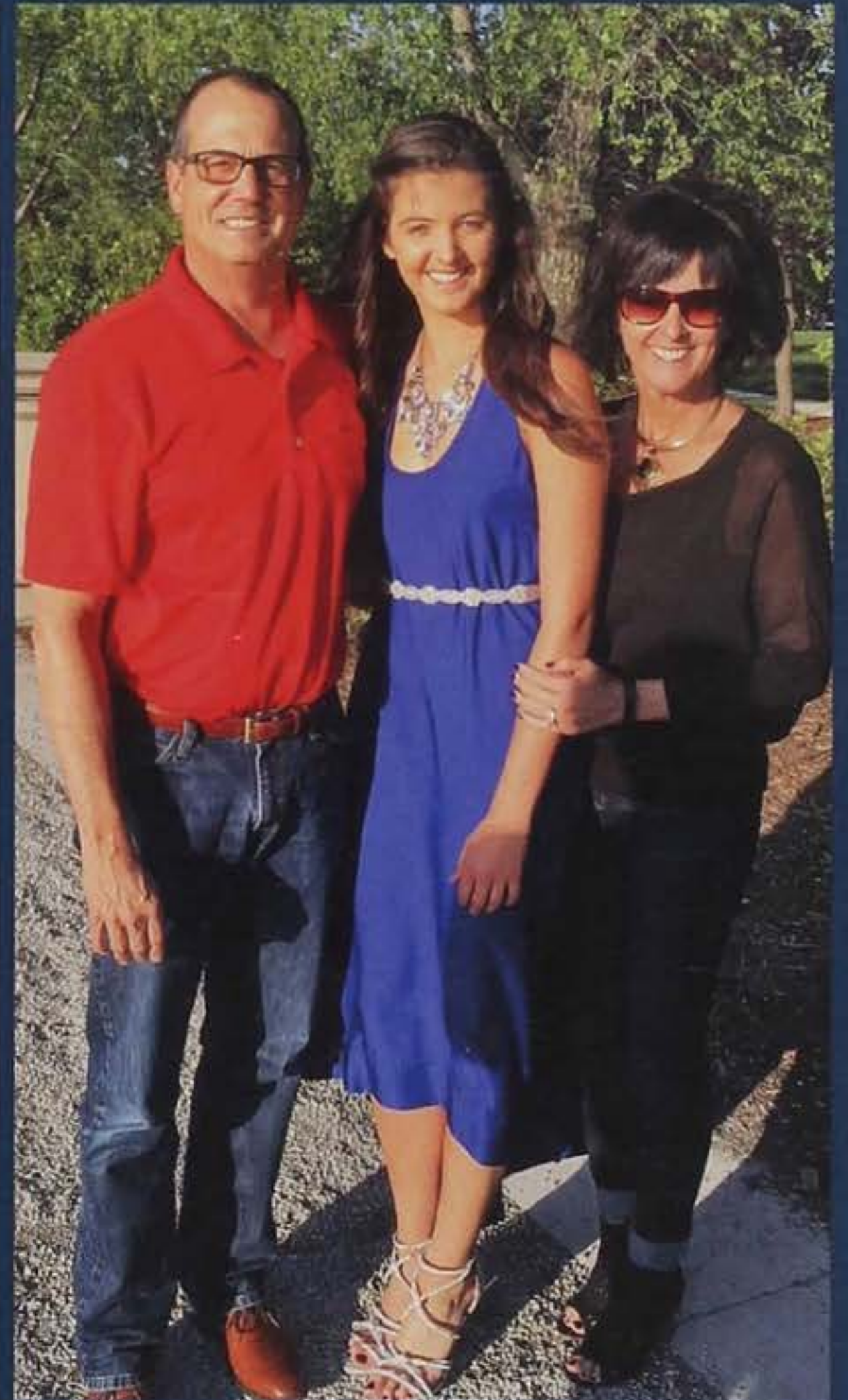
Time has flown by from your first day as a blue room bear and now your graduation from Westminster. We are very proud of the kind and caring young woman you have become and look forward to see what God has planned for you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Tim & Katie



TAYLOR SIEBENMAN

Taylor,
It was a great day for our family when God decided to keep you here with us. The world is a better place for it. Please remember Proverbs 16:3.
Love, the Sieb Family



RACHEL STROTHKAMP

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." James 1:2-4

We are blessed to have a daughter who is strong physically, emotionally and mentally, but whose strong faith in God shines above all. You have faced many trials in your still-young life and have handled each with grace, dignity, perseverance and faith. Your future is bright and we cannot wait to see where God takes you. Love, Mom and Dad



ALEX TOKEN

Alex, you have grown into such a fine young man. Thanks for keeping the journey fun and exciting. We are so proud!

Much Love, Dad, Mom, Ryan and Allison



BRIDGETTE, SAM, PRESTON, When it came time to put all of this on your shoulders you did it. Well done. The example you all set will keep us going for years. I am so thankful for your leadership and hard work. Have I told you Lately?

Aloha,
V

THE WILDCAT
ROAR

UNLIKE BEING ON YOUR PHONE, READING THIS WON'T WASTE YOUR TIME...



Some things you just can't get away from...

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CHLOE WIMPFHEIMER

Chloe (Pua)

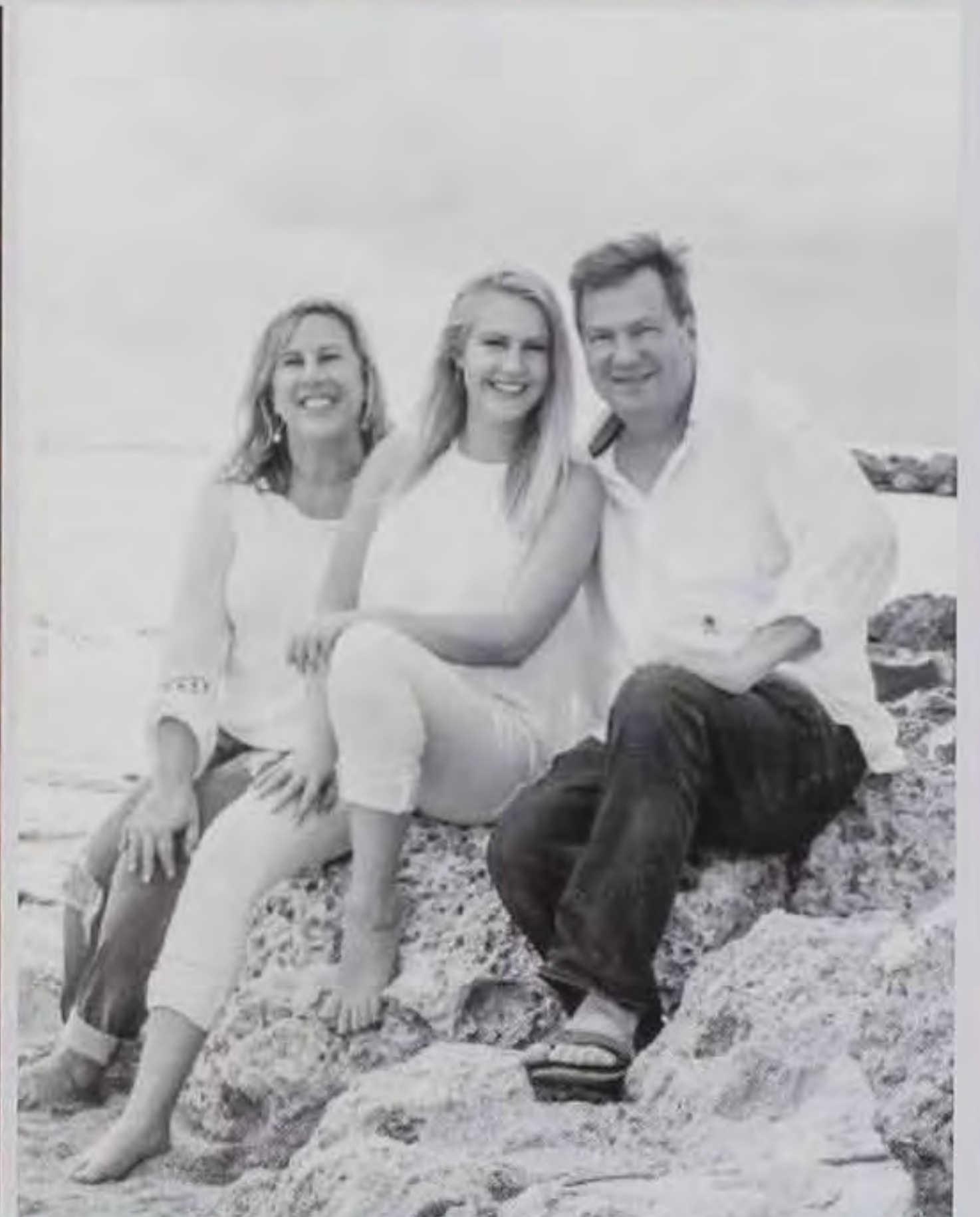
All your life, from stroller to until now, you have always been the person who lights up the room. Your engaging smile, quick wit, free spirit and interest/curiosity about all things have made you one of the most interesting and charming people. You are loyal to your friends and family. Passionate, bubbly, courageous and intense, we have watched you focus on things others might not... debate, dinosaurs, CS Lewis, fencing, tubing, travelling, ukulele, surfing, rock climbing, Agatha Christie and more.

Our house, church, and probably WCA will be so much quieter without your enthusiasm to fill the rooms!

We are so proud of your God-honoring heart, your inquisitive mind and your choices...we know you will do great things! Stay close to God and let him lead.

Love, Mom and Dad

Jeremiah 29:11-13



RYAN TIMPONE

Ryan -
We won the lottery the day you were born! We are proud of you and excited to see the path God has planned for you.

Love,
Mom & Dad



ANDREW TIPTON

Andrew, Andy, Tippy ... our awesome son who has as many interests and passions as names! It's hard to imagine not having your humor and wit in our home everyday, learning about your many hobbies with you, and enjoying long conversations. Our prayer for your life as we let you go is from Jeremiah 6:16 "This is what the Lord says. Stand at the crossroads and look: ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it."

We love you so!
Mom and Dad



MOLLEE TROST

Molldoll, you are an amazing young lady! You have brought so much joy into our lives. God has blessed you with a sweet and compassionate nature. And we look forward to seeing His plans for you unfold!
Jeremiah 29:11
Love you, Mom and Dad



NATHAN WALSH

Nathan, We have been so blessed to be your parents. We can't wait to see what amazing plans God has for you, seek Him first in all you do. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5. We are your biggest fans, and love you very much! Mom, Dad and Jon



FAITH WICKHAM

Faith,
You have a beautiful and discerning spirit. This has served you well over the years and will continue to be a blessing to you. We love you sweet girl and are very proud of you. You have the strength and aptitude to accomplish whatever you strive for. Work hard, Pray hard and let God continue to guide your path. Much Love!!!
Mom and Dad



LAUREN WILLIS

You are a gift from God. You bring joy to those around you. We are blessed to see you blossom into a beautiful young lady. Follow your heart and keep Christ at the center what you do.



PRESTON WILLIS

You are a blessing to us.
You are an amazing young man.
We are blessed to watch you grow up and
watch His treasure unfold in your life.
We love you and are so proud of you.




THOMAS LAUER

Since you were just a little guy, you have amazed and delighted us with your sweet smile and gentle spirit. It's hard to believe your time in high school is already coming to a close. Where did time go? We've loved watching you learn about your gifts and discover new interests and talents. You are your own man and we are so proud of you, Son! We pray for the Lord's hand to be on you, and that He will guide you in every step you take. Find your identity in Christ alone above all else. Trust in Him before you trust in anyone or anything. We love you so much!! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments! Psalm 112:1 Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD and whose trust is in the LORD. Jeremiah 17:7



WHAT A YEAR!





It feels like just **YESTERDAY**
we were biking through
SOUTH DAKOTA,
trying out for the **TENNIS**
TEAM, or walking up the
Grand Entry stairs for the
FIRST TIME.

How did you let
the time **PASS**
YOU BY?

What kind of
MOMENTS
made up your
year?



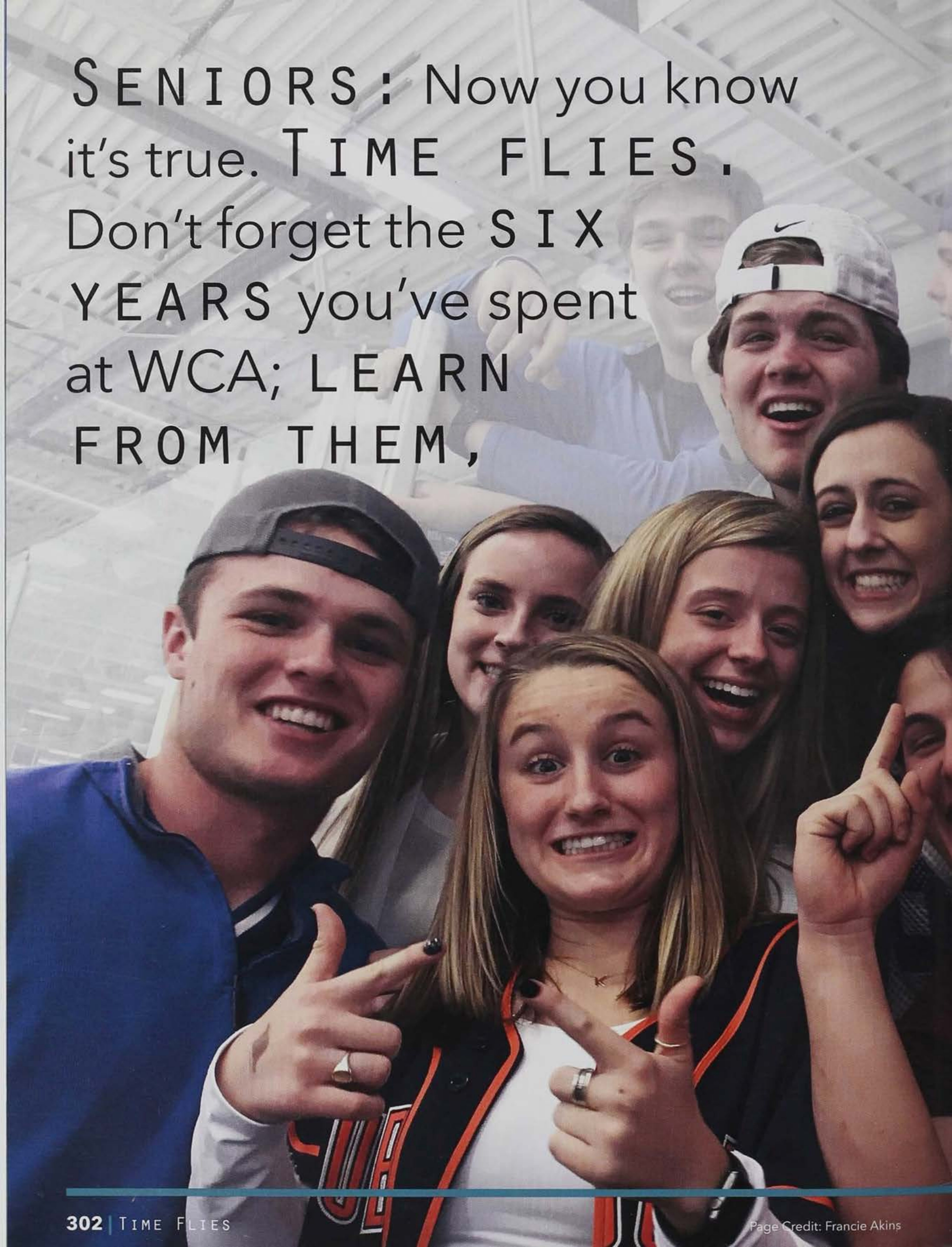
Whether it was **BEFORE**
SCHOOL in the Hub,
AFTER SCHOOL
on the soccer field, or
seeing the musical
on a **SATURDAY**
NIGHT...

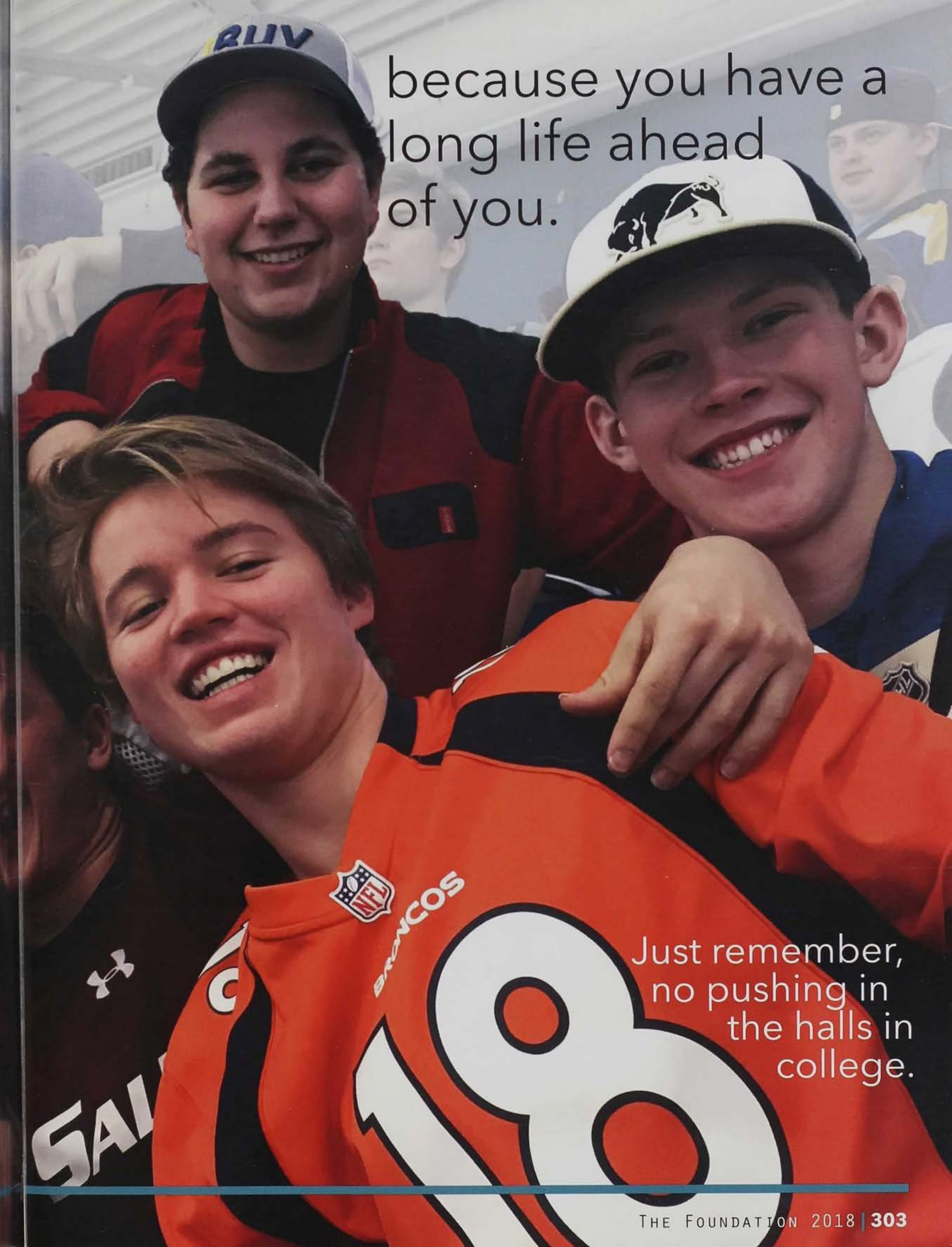


EVERY MOMENT
MATTERED.

We CAPTURED as
many of them
as we could.

SENIORS : Now you know
it's true. TIME FLIES .
Don't forget the SIX
YEARS you've spent
at WCA; LEARN
FROM THEM ,



A photograph of three young men smiling. The man in the foreground is wearing an orange Denver Broncos jersey with the number 18. The man behind him is wearing a red and black jacket and a white cap with 'RLIV' on it. The man to the right is wearing a blue and white jersey and a white cap with a black logo. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in a hallway.

because you have a
long life ahead
of you.

Just remember,
no pushing in
the halls in
college.

UPPER SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS



Varsity Girls Field Hockey Francie Akins, Lexi Berra, Grace Clement, Sophie Clement, Ally Drooger, Jenna Galakatos, Meredith Grass, Luci Hilboldt, Madeline Kugler, Ashley Peterman, Dani Renaud, Lily Rohlfing, Haley Schmer, Morgan Sickels, Taylor Siebenman, Hannah Sturr, Rebekah Warren

Varsity Girls Volleyball Sarah Becker, Izzy Cunningham, Evie Cunningham, Avery Engelmeyer, Emma Gustafson, Jordan Haeusser, Heidi Hightower, Hilary Hightower, Rylie Koester, Emily Penner, Sarah-Elizabeth Williams, Madeline Williams

JV/Varsity Boys Football Jerram Adams, Levi Alldredge, Bennie Anderson, Patrick Andrews, L.B. Battle, Justin Blakey, JD Blaylock, Zach Brasier, Chad Briden, Kirk Briden, Jake Broyles, Matthew Burgess, Maxwell Burns, Jacob Byerly, Noah Coomes, Caellieb Crutcher, Toby Davidson, Lane Davis, Aiden Davitt, Kyle Dolan, Hayden Engel, Jack Freeman, John Fregene, Jack Greenlee, Atlin Hall, Ben Hicks, William Holt, Isaac Johnston, AJ Jordan, Henry Jung, Andrew Kempen, Mason Kugler, Grant LaValle, Caleb Layton, Chase Mayfield, Charlie McCracken, Henry McCracken, Nick Moten, Hugh Muschany, Denver Parker, Jalen Payne, Teddy Peirick, Jack Powers, Maxwell Radloff, Noah Schuleter, Jackson Selk, Ben Straub, Jack Straub, Michael Thoenen, Jeremiah Thompson, Zion Thompson, Luke Vasel, Brayden Wall, Aaron Wei, Luke Zhang

Freshman Girls Volleyball Marissa Barnes, Rebecca Do, Kara Galakatos, Arista Hampton, Kate Orrick, Tioni Saddler, Hannah Skrobonja, Emma Volding, Amelia Williamson

Varsity Boys Soccer Erik Bergman, Patrick Claus, Chris George, Joey Keane, Luke Linam, Liam Lloyd, Chase Lottmann, Danny Sacco, Frankie Sacco, Nathan Scharr, Hayden Shively, Kurt Weinberg

JV Girls Volleyball Hayley Adair, Avery Burkemper, Maggie Dolan, Allison Hardin, Katie Hobaugh, Bricyn Johnson, Kate Johnson, Macey Lottmann, Grace Skiljan

Varsity Boys Swim and Dive Noah Adair, Joshua Adamson, Charlie Allen, Alec Bequette, Tommy Briner, Jacob Brown, Josh Broyles, Austin Chen, Adam Clements, Connor Evans, Daniel Fox, Justin Fuller, Steve Gao, Vaughan Goff, Reed Grimm, Ryan Gross, Jackson Harris, Daniel Herrera, Carter Hickel, Nolan Irby, Aaron Kampmeier, Matthew Kinney, Chris Kirby, Hunter Kramer, Sebastian Lacassie, Jerry Liu, Oscar Liu, Max Meland, Owen Minichiello, Jacob Moyer, Jesse Parham, Patrick Park, Jak Patterson, Nicholas Reeve, Reid St. John, Sam Parker Stillman, Caleb Terschak, Isaiah Tucker, Jck Wittenauer, Adam Zell

JV Boys Soccer Alex Chen, Colin Davitt, Pierce Dunne, Pearson Georges, Trent Grass, Aidan Kline, Luke Laughlin, Will Mason, Andrew Smith, Mark, Stump, Tim Wos

Varsity Girls Cross Country Lily Duda, Amanda Espy, Isabella Francois, Ava Hollmann, Kathryn Kramer, Kinsley Lawrence, Pamela Mueller, Mary Stuart Murray, Hannah Stevenson, Rachel Strothkamp, Rebecca Vasel

Varsity Girls Softball Isabelle Clawson, Reese Earleywine, Lauren Gates, Katelynn Graham, Samantha Huber, Erin King, Nicole Mabry, Dani Mabry, Deanne Pfyl, Alyssa Preusser, Whitney Radloff, Maddie Volding

JV/C Girls Field Hockey Ava Bidner, Ann Borchelt, Hope Burkey, Noelle Burkey, Chloe Burnham, Ellie Callier, Ava Cella, Kathleen Clay, Lilly Coln, Abrielle Danna, Olivia Demetry, Hayley Fizer, Jaela Ginger, Emma Gore, Sabrina Granata, Grace Jehler, Maggie Kehr, Riley Kilgore, Alyssa Legters, Gigi Mahley, Elle Pierson, Gwyn Raleigh, Abby Richards, Alexa Rosenberg, Rachel Rothrock, Abby Sickels, Bridget Sullivan, Libby Thomas



Varsity Girls Tennis Izzy Cancila, Josie Christen, Emily Fentress, Journee Henry, Caroline Hinrichs, Alicia Hu, Caroline Kopsky, Maggie Kurop, Kiley McKee, Hattie Means

Varsity Girls Basketball Brie Adams, Carsyn Beachy, Jordan Haeusser, Kristen Keys, Macey Lottmann, Dani Mabry, Kiley McKee, Claire Sanden

Varsity Boys Wrestling Patrick Andrews, Lucas Bak, Kirk Briden, Caellieb Crutcher, Mike Lemp, Henry McCracken, Charlie McCracken, TJ Mulholland, Clayton Perona, Jack Powers, Brett St. John, Mark Stump, Matthew Thoenen, Hayden Turley, Davis Worley

Varsity Girls Swim and Dive Alyssa Adams, Grace Andrews, Katherine Bauer, Sarah Becker, Lauren Bell, Kelly Bradley, Avery Burkemper, Hope Burkey, Noelle Burkey, Lilly Coln, Lily Duda, Payton Dunn, Jerrica Flakes, Isabella Francois, Jenna Galakatos, Kara Galakatos, Grace Gevers, Sabrina Granta, Madison Grega, Mia Hargrove, Grace Hemmer, Hannah Hickel, Grace Johler, Anna Johnson, Sydney Johnson, Hailey Kittelson, Caroline Kopsky, Kathryn Kramer, Lily Lackey, Amie Lee, Ashley Lytle, Camryn McMurry, Sydney Moore, Katie Myers, Jessica Norman, Margo O'Meara, Hannah Park, Kyleigh Peer, Ashley Peterman, Deanne Pfyl, Grace Rahal, Sydney Rasch, Abby Richards, Lily Rohlfing, Grace Skiljan, Abby Stewart, Emily Stoner, Libby Thomas, Gracie Wessels, Lucy Wood, Lauren Zone

JV Boys Basketball Bennie Anderson, Mason Andrasko, Zack Benes, Lane Davis, Eli Diedrich, Miles Dix, Matthew George, Brayden Haug, Arthur Jordan, Trey Klein, Jack Martin, Ben Straub

JV Girls Basketball Marty Briner, Taylor Highmark, Heidi Hightower, Sydney Hott, Jessie Kunkel, Kinsley Lawrence, Nicki Mabry, Morgan McKee, Annessa Shively, Caroline Strauss, Madison Washington

JV Girls Tennis Lexi Jo Alm, Grace Andrews, Rachel Arndt, MacKenzie Axford, Cheyenne Bowden, Hailey Colley, Gracie Dark, Annie Davidson, Grace Dempsey, Caylin Doehring, Allison Eichenlaub, Scout Fleming, Madi Gipperich, Caroline Guempel, Grace Gundlach, Sydney Johnson, Brittany Johnson, Somin Kim, Hailey Kittelson, Jessie Kunkel, Katherine Kurop, Selia Luo, Ashley Moellenhoff, Haley Myles, Brooke Patterson, Julia Rockwood, Joy Stevens, Abby Stewart, Charis Thompson, Gracie Wessels

C Boys Soccer Lucas Bak, Patrick Chambers, Graham Clawson, Alex Daiber, Kylan Davis, Luke Engelmeyer, Daniel Johnson, Nicholas Lee, Michael Schneider, Joshua Stratton, Benjamin Van Zee, Jon Walsh

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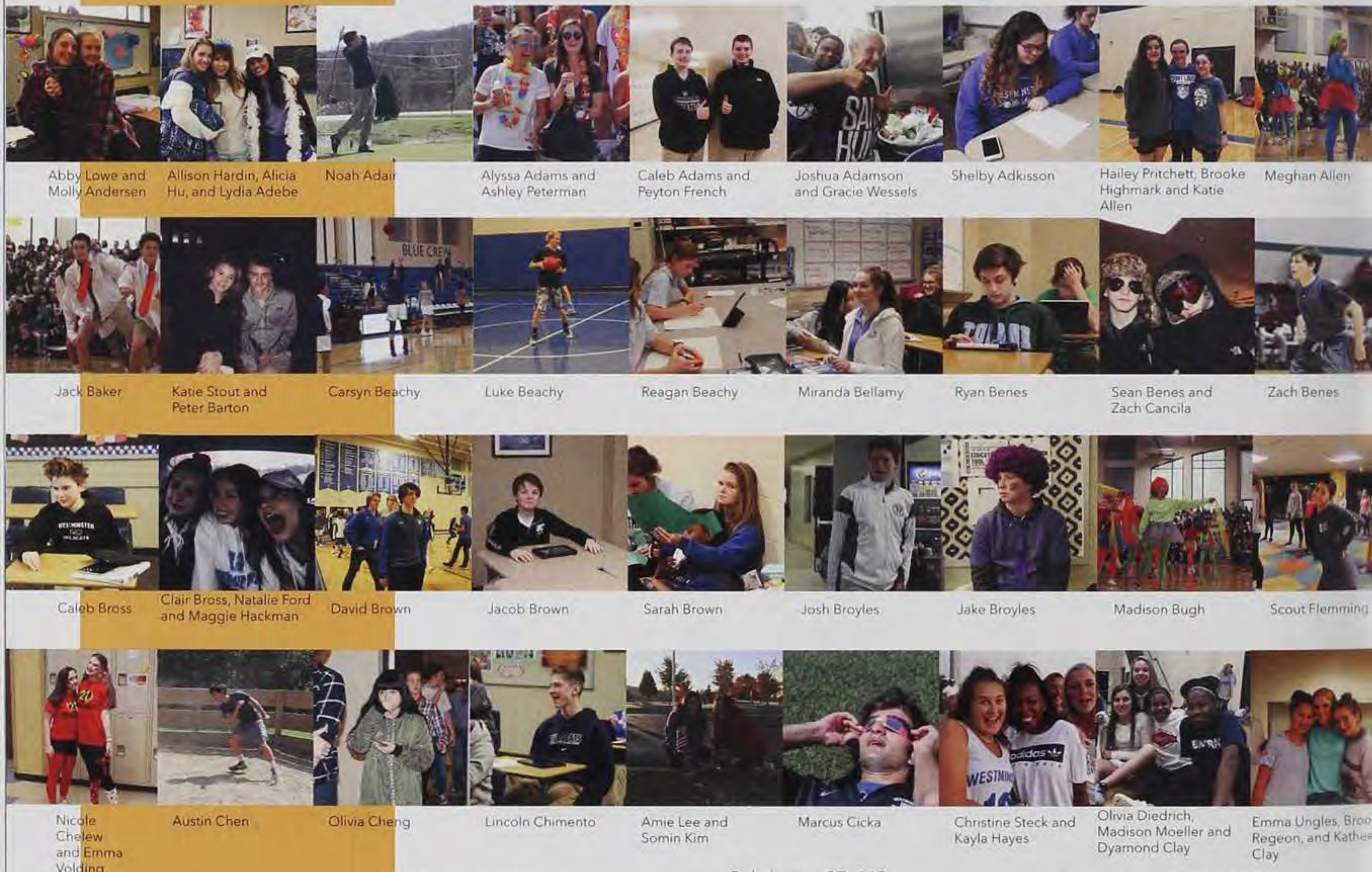
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SPRING SUPPLEMENT





SPRING

8/16/18

Caroline Kopsky and Hope Burkey, sophomores, enjoy one of the first warm days of the year. "It was fun to finally get out in the sun after a very long winter," said Kopsky.





4/4/18

Hailey Kittleson, senior, Hannah Sturr, Maggie Hackman, juniors, and Ava Bidner sophomore, face the cold weather of the early track season. This track season in particular started off with cold temperatures which causes the runners to put on extra clothes for warmth.

PLEASE TURN UP THE HEAT!

4/7/18

Kazuki Kanda, junior, wears gloves to protect himself from the cold weather.



4/10/18

David Montgomery, senior, plays tennis outside in the cold weather. Montgomery, along with the other tennis players wore jackets to keep warm.



4/4/18

Michael Lewis, senior and Gracie Wessels, freshman, keep themselves warm by wearing jackets and hats to keep warm. The runners had been battling the cold temperatures during the beginning of the track season.



4/4/18

Josie Christen, sophomore, Jenna Galakatos, Samantha Huber, Haley Counts, and Whitney Radloff, seniors, face off Ladue early in one of the first games of the season. Due to the game being so early in the season the team covered themselves with leggings and undershirts under their jerseys to be protected from the cold.



4/12/18

Tom Isaacs, junior, practices outside in the cold weather for his next golf match. Many of the golfers protected themselves from the cold spring weather by wearing jackets and small coats.



SPRING TIME?

4/11/18 When you think of spring time you normally think of warm baseball games and your windows rolled down with the music so loud you cannot hear your friend in the front seat next to you.

This year's spring time was far from that. Games were miserable to attend because the cold wind was blowing your blankets off of you. If you were brave enough to face the cold weather, you wore your winter coat and brought tons of blankets with you.

At school people normally begin to sit outside because it's sunny and warm in the months of March and April.

This year people struggled to find a table in the cafe because no one sat outside due to miserable weather.

It took until April 11 for people to start attending school sports because they wanted to be outside. It was a long time coming but spring time had officially begun.



4/12/18 Cole Coffee, Campbell Coffee, Davis Moore, Evan Seabaugh, Devon Deverger, and Will Gore, juniors, all enjoy their lunch outside on the first day of hot weather.



4/12/18 Peter Gatch and Josh Norman, freshmen, talk to each other after coming from inside to relax in the warmer weather. The temperature change brought out a lot more people to enjoy the nice temperatures.

4/12/18 Arthur Jordan, sophomore, enjoys the sunlight as he leaves school. Since the weather just had a big change many students stayed outside to spend time in the sunlight.



4/12/18 Maddie Moeller, eighth grade, plays soccer in the very warm weather. The soccer players were just now adjusting the hot weather.



4/12/18 Joe Southwell, Daniel Fox, Luke DeGroot, Micheal Pritchett, and Miles Washington, juniors, enjoy their lunch out in the sun and hot outside weather.

4/12/18 Dawson Gaitan, senior, and Jaeda Moore, sophomore, do their homework on the bleachers while appreciating the warmth the sun was bringing.



4/11/18 Jackson Selk, Teddy Peirick, Winter Gray, Noah Coomes, Will Holt, and Gwyn Raleigh, freshmen, sitting in the nice spring weather. The group also watched a lacrosse game which had more fans in the bleachers due to the hotter temperatures.



4/11/18
Sean Webb, senior, sings and dances during a solo scene. In the *Wiz*, Webb played the scarecrow and got perfectly into character.



4/4/18
Megan Roche, freshman, **Hannah Stevenson**, sophomore at rehearsal. "Being in *The Wiz* helped me get to know students from other grades than mine," said Roche.



4/4/18
Rebecca Do, freshman, Practices the cello during rehearsal. The whole performing arts and music department had their own part in *The Wiz*.



3/20/18
Kourtney Moten, freshman, performs in a flash mob to advertise for the upcoming *Wiz* performance. The *Wiz* cast worked for 3 months to prepare for the musical.



4/4/18
Josette DeVillers and **Kristin Nyenhuis**, freshmen, both play the flute.



4/4/18
Amani Holmes and **Sean Webb**, seniors, get into character for rehearsal. The *Wiz* had a variety of students from grades 7-12.



4/4/18
Michael Lee, sophomore, stands on a prop during a scene. Most props from *The Wiz* were made by Westminster set and crew.



4/11/18
Emily Zell, Kyrah Booker,
 and **Natalie Brown,** seniors,
 acted in a scene starring
 the Wicked Witch of the
 West. For all these girls, it
 was their last Westminster
 performance and they each
 did an outstanding job.



4/11/18
Micah Gooch, senior,
 did a phenomenal job in
 The Wiz. Gooch made an
 outstanding impact and
 brought a great sense of
 humor and emotion to the
 stage.



4/11/18
Jessica Wilson, senior,
 sings one of her many
 solos in the musical. Wilson
 earned the leading role of
 Dorothy and lived up to
 every expectation.

EASE ON DOWN THE ROAD

4/3/18 This year Westminster chose the very popular "The Wiz" as the 2018 musical. The Wiz took months of preparations and lots of long practices at Westminster. This group of actors worked extremely hard including 6 hour rehearsals almost everyday of the week leading up till the show.

As a fun and creative way to advertise for the show, the actors and actresses put together a flash mob for the first time ever that they performed during lunch on March 20. The Wiz crew choreographed an entire dance and scattered throughout the cafe to perform it while avoiding obstacles like tables and students.

"At first it was a little bit awkward because the cast was a little afraid to perform in front of friends. However, once we started dancing it all worked out and we got used to it. It was actually a lot of fun. Also, all the shows sold out extremely quickly and that's just a bonus," said Hannah Stevenson, sophomore.



4/11/18
Ella Polski and Hannah Stevenson, sophomores,
 step and snap to the rhythm of one of the songs in the musical.



4/11/18
Caroline Hinrichs, senior, performs as a part of the chorus during The Wiz. Hinrichs was one of the many senior who participated in The Wiz this year.



4/11/18
Michael Lee, sophomore, finishes his solo strongly. Lee played the part of the Wiz in this years musical.



4/11/18
Hanna Eisenbath, senior, enters stage with a glowing smile playing the part of Glinda the Good Witch of the North. This was Eisenbath's final performance at Westminster.



4/11/18
Chloe Kellom, junior, prepares to greet Dorothy upon arrival home to Kansas. Not only was Bogey a way to relax during rehearsals he also played Toto in The Wiz.

VIKTWA (VICTORY)

4/10/18 What's so different about this year's Women' Varsity Soccer team? There seems to be a sense of unity among the girls, but what caused this change?

The freshmen.

Who would have guessed? The girls came in very humble and adapted to the team very fast. The freshmen have really brought the team together this year, and each girl had become more well rounded and serious in the sport. The girls played some of the hardest teams in the beginning of the season such as Marquette and Viz, and the team beat both of them. "The victory was so surprising and satisfying to get back at Viz for knocking us out of districts last year," said Hanna Ottsen, sophomore.

"We were going into the game thinking that it would be super tough, and then we got to the field and connecting passes and found out that we were in the game," said Rachel Arndt, junior. According to Rachel Arndt, junior, the game against Marquette was very challenging and an even game.

"When we won the game against Marquette, we were all super happy and then we went on the bus and had a dance party," said Ottsen. "It was sooo lit." This year the girls lost 7 of their starting players, so going into the season they were very apprehensive on how the team would be.

"Tryouts were very up in the air, we didn't know how the season was going to go," said Mollie Ottsen, senior. Ottsen was one of the team captains. No one thought that the team would be as good as they are.

"Once we had our first soccer game against our biggest competition, Viz, and won, we knew that we were in for a good season," said Ottsen. The team continued to persist through the season, stronger and more united than ever.



4/12/18
Kelly Bradley, senior, runs down the field during a game. "Being a part of the WCA soccer community has taught me many things over the years. I'm going to miss soccer but I have so many good memories to look back on thanks to my team," said Bradley



4/11/18
Alexis Turner, senior, kicks the ball across the field in a game against Principia.



4/11/18
Rachel Arndt, junior, preparing to play a game against Principia. Rachel has been playing soccer since she was 4 years old.



4/11/18
Ashley Peterman, senior, has played soccer at WCA for 3 years. "Everyone is good friends and works super well together. Practice is always super fun but we also get super intense for game day," said Peterman.

4/11/18
Margo O'Meara, freshman, always has a positive attitude on and off the field.

4/11/18
Olivia Strange, junior, dribbles the ball across the field in the game against Principia.



4/11/18
Grace Clement, freshman, is one of the new girls on the team this year.

4/11/18
Mollie Ottsen, senior, is one of this year's team captains. "Its been really awesome to watch the girls not only grow as a team, but also to watch them improve on the field," said Ottsen.

4/12/18
Molly Anderson, Sarah Melaragno, juniors, and Kelly Bradley, senior have fun on the bench during a game against Parkway North.

ANNESSA SHIVELY | FORWARD



#17

Nickname:
"NESS"

4/12/18

Layla Selk, eight grade, rushes back on defense to defend the goal. The wildcats took home a win that day against crossroads middle school.



4/12/18

Maggie Dolan and Abby Stewart, sophomores, pose for a picture during warm ups. The JV and C team did not end up winning their game that day but they still worked hard and had fun, making their loss a little bit better.



4/12/18

Ellie Callier, freshman sets up for a pass to her fellow teammate. Callier was also a huge contributor to the team. Callier was very serious about her soccer career in the future and that she wants to tryout next year.





4/12/18
Maddie Moeller, eight grade, calls for ball during the first half of the game. Moeller was a very influential player providing a lot of assists and goals throughout the season.

ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY

4/12/18 Starting off the season as one, the players - no matter what team - dedicated themselves to their sport. For the first time Varsity, JV, and C-team practiced together. "For JV It's the best team dynamics I've ever seen. It really makes us feel like a family," said Ashley Moellenhoff, junior. Moellenhoff was a captain on the team, leading the JV and the sweeping C-team. JV and C-team were working together as one team to win this new season. "Lots of girls to play up on JV or help out the C team, and I think that the whole way we function as a programs very important and key to the mindset as a program," said Ava Bidner, sophomore. Bill Lawrence, New Varsity Head Coach, was helping lead the family as one.



4/12/18
Hailey Colley, freshman, gets set up to pass to a fellow teammate. Colley was said to be one of the C team's star players, along with teammate Ellie Callier.



4/12/18
Ava Bidner, sophomore, takes a corner kick for the JV team. Sometimes the JV and the C team would combine for games. This allowed them more subs and many players with different skill sets.



4/12/18
Ashley Gordon, eight grade, takes the throw in for the wildcats. Gordon was said to be a great team encourager and always had a smile on her face. Gordon and team manager, Grace Fentress, eight grader, always gave the team many good laughs during the season.



4/12/18
Ashley Lytle, freshman, takes the ball down the field for the JV/C team during their game. Lytle played JV as just a freshman. She was one of the only freshman on JV this year making it a high honor.



4/12/18
Kennedy Pearson, eight grade, waits on the offensive end for a pass from the middies. Kennedy was also a great leader for the middle school and was a very selfless player making many passes for her teammates.



4/12/18
Avery Suber, eight grade, calls for ball during the team's game again crossroads. Suber was a great leader on the field and was great in the midfield.



4/10/18
Zach Gross, junior, underhands the ball for a force out at second to end the inning.



3/22/18
Zach Brasier, junior, belts out a four-seam fastball against Parkway Central. Brasier's average fastball was around 85 mph.



3/22/18
Jack Smith, junior, dives back into first base. Smith stole first the very next pitch.



4/10/18
Jimmy Obertop, junior, celebrates an RBI-triple against Priory.



3/22/18
Kazuki Kanda, junior, squares around to bunt. He missed the bunt, but got a base hit two pitches later.



4/10/18
Alec Hollmann, senior, slides into third. Hollmann was safe by just a hair.

NO MERCY

4/10/18 After losing ten seniors, one of which is now playing in the MLB, and one of the best high school coaches in history, the baseball team was more determined than ever to have an undefeated year and exceed their ranching from last year.

The team started off their season by winning their first seven games before heading off to sunny Vero Beach where they won three of their four games. "I love the time spent on spring break because there are so many inside jokes made and its a great way to start off the season," said Carter McCall, senior.

With no time clock, a game could feel as though it could last forever if played all the way until the 9th inning. However, the baseball team rarely made it past the 6th or 7th inning. "We have won our last seven games by mercy ruling the team," said Carter McCall, senior. McCall pitched excellently against MICDS and did not allow a single run and helped the Wildcats mercy rule and win 10-0.

The team was filled with many strong hitters. On Tuesday April 10 the wildcats dominated Priory 24-1. Michael Kolb, senior, was 2 for 3 at bats. Kolb hit two grand slams allowing 8 runs scored.



4/4/18
Brennan Orf, sophomore, gets ready to field a ground out against MICDS.

4/11/18
Dominic Cusumano, senior, stares down the pitcher in a game against Priory. Cusumano hit one of the two homeruns against Priory.



1/17/18
Jaxon Halsey, junior, blows a bubble on the bench between innings.

4/10/18
Michael Kolb, senior, hits his second grand slam against Priory.



4/10/18
Joey Keane, junior, warms up in the infield between innings. Westminster mercy ruled Priory 24-1 that day.



4/10/18
Carter McCall, senior, pitches a mean slider against Priory.

3/22/18
Kevin Graham, senior, pops up a foul ball playing against Parkway Central.



3/22/18
Thomas Shultz, junior, gets ready to steal first base.



4/11/18
Clayton Guzdial, senior, makes it home after hitting a home run in a 10-0 game against Priory.



3/22/18
Blaise Matheny, junior, dives into third base for an RBI-triple against Parkway Central.

21
PLAYERS

12
WINS

1
LOSS

*as of April 11

4/5/18

Tommy Briner, sophomore, lines up at home, ready for the pitch. He was able to get on base multiple times and bring many points to the team.



SCHMER #12

KOBY SCHMER, SOPHOMORE, WARMS UP WITH THE PITCHER BEFORE THE EXCITING INNING. ALONG WITH HIS CONTRIBUTIVE CATCHING SKILLS, SCHMER DEMONSTRATED GREAT TALENT WHILE HITTING. THIS WAS UNCOMMON FOR MOST CATCHERS, BUT HE IS ABLE TO DEFY THE ODDS.

4/5/18

Luke Engelmeyer, sophomore, stands at the home plate looking for a perfect pitch to hit a line drive. He played a very important role on the team, as he was the starting third baseman.



4/5/18

Adam Ebling, freshman, makes his way to home plate, adding another run to the Wildcats against their opponent, MICDS. The team made a great comeback in this game.



GRIT AND GRACE

4/5/18 The Westminster JV Baseball team started off their season with a very exciting game against MICDS. The game started off with MICDS winning 0-4. MICDS began the first two innings very strong, but the Wildcats did not back down. The team spent time practicing and improving their batting and fielding to ensure more success on the field for their future games.

The team came back after being down 0-4 against MICDS, and just within two innings, they were able to bring their a-game and score six runs. Almost every batter was able to get on base, and soon after, they were able to get to home base and score more and more points for the team. The time flew by during the exciting few innings and the JV team was able to showcase their talent and strengths during this game,

"We've got a pretty small group of guys, but it's a really strong team. We all get along really well and since we don't have that many players, everybody plays pretty much every day which really builds up our sense of teamwork," Tommy Briner, sophomore. He goes on to talk about their theme for this year saying, "Our theme for the year is "grit and grace," which means that we play tough baseball and do the things that make up a good baseball team." The JV team focuses on winning gracefully, but also losing gracefully.



5/9/18

Nolan Jones, eighth grade, stares down the opposing team's pitcher, ready for any type of pitch to come. The eighth grade team worked a lot on their batting to prepare for the many years of baseball in the future.



5/9/18

Alex Wittenaur, eighth grade, receives a ball from first base, attempting to get the runner out. The runner was safe, but Wittenaur prevented him from sliding into home and scoring a run.



5/9/18

Jackson Keane, eighth grade, catches a fastball as the final strike, getting the batter out. The Wildcats battled hard but took a close loss against their opponents. The Wildcats had a great season overall.



5/9/18

Matt Buchanan, eighth grade, winds up to throw a pitch against their opponents, Mary Institute Country Day School. Buchanan added significant pitches for the Wildcats to control the game.



03/20/18

Haley Counts, senior, chases after the ball in the last minutes of the game. Counts had been on varsity all four years of high school. "During the game, adrenaline really kicks in. Lax is such a team sport that playing selflessly not only benefits the team, but makes the game so much more fun," said Counts.

LONG TIME COMING

3/20/18 Just as the weather started to warm up, Westminster prepared to face their arch nemesis, John Burroughs.

Westminster had yet to defeat the JBS lacrosse team until the 2018 season in March where JBS finally met their match. It was a close game, with the opposing teams switching between being one place behind. At halftime, tensions were high, and both the coaches and players realized the implications of winning the game. "We hadn't beaten them in 14 years, and we were very hopeful to be able to pull it off," said Coach Knerr. After halftime Westminster pulled ahead, with a win of 11-9. The entire team ran on afterwards to celebrate on the field.



4/4/18

Katelynn Graham, junior, defends the Westminster goal at a game against Ladue. Graham had been playing lacrosse since freshman year, and planned to play next year.



4/13/18

Josie Christen, sophomore, blocks a Kansas City player in the heat of the game. This was Christen's second year playing lacrosse, and first year on varsity.

4/13/18

Emma Gore, junior, runs towards the ball, getting ready to scoop up the ball and run it down the field. Gore swung for varsity, and hoped to play varsity next year.



4/9/18

Haley Schmer, senior, runs the ball across midfield. Schmer had been on varsity all four years of her time on lacrosse. They took home a well deserved victory against JBS.



4/9/18

Macie Daniels, defends Westminster goal in a heated match against JBS. "I love when you're in the heat of the moment. I really zone in on my position and don't notice anything else," said Daniels.



3/20/18

Whitney Radloff, senior, fights for the ball in a game against Pattonville. This was Radloff's sixth year playing in the lacrosse program. She was also a captain senior year.



3/20/18

Samantha Huber, senior, blocks Pattonville's attempt to turnover the ball. This was Huber's fourth year playing lacrosse.



4/4/18

Jenna Galakatos, senior, makes a dash for the ball right before the half-time buzzer. Galakatos had been playing on Westminster lacrosse for all four years.



3/20/18

Deanne Phyl, senior, runs the ball across the field in a home tournament defending against Pattonville. Despite the cold weather, the lacrosse team played their best, pulling off a solid victory.

CAPTAINS

DANI MABRY



- Junior
- First year as captain
- Planning on playing lacrosse for all four years
- Position: Attacker
- "I love having the opportunity to play and grow with such an amazing group of girls who love lacrosse and love each other so well."

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

- Senior
- Playing for college lacrosse MO-BAP team next fall
- "I'm super excited to play lacrosse at a higher level. If I think I'm having fun now, I can't wait until I get to Mobap and get to do what I love all year. focusing on one sport is something I've never gotten to do, so I can't wait to see how I develop as a player!"

JORDAN HAEUSSER



ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

4/11/18 One Word: Unity.

The word unity was picked for the Westminster JV lacrosse team to describe their season. This year, the JV team was made up of a mix of freshman, sophomores, and juniors. How did the girls stay unified?

"We chose unity because it describes how we all have to go work together and not just for ourselves. We have to have unity on and off of the field," said Gigi Mahley, sophomore.

Thanks to their team's strength of working together and putting in hard work, they were able to beat John Burroughs in an impressive game, the turnout being 10-5. "We didn't go in expecting to win, but we gave it our all and worked together. It was the best feeling when our work payed off," said Lucy Wood, sophomore. This was the first time in Westminster history that the JV lacrosse team beat the John Burroughs team.

"When we won we were all smiles and huddled together and celebrated. It was amazing," Izzy Cancila, freshman. Cancila was one of three freshman on the JV team.

The word unity perfectly described the JV lacrosse team who were able to celebrate making history and having fun while out on the field.



4/4/18
Katie Allen, eighth grade, practices cradling the lacrosse ball, running from one side of the field to the other as the last drill for practice of that day.



4/4/18
Kharis Perona, eighth grade, holds out her lacrosse stick, during a scrimmage, to catch the ball. Soon after running towards the goal and scoring.



4/4/18
The JV lacrosse team huddles together before their game against Cor Jesu, putting their sticks in the air to cheer.



4/4/18
Lauren Zone, Lauryn Rhodes, Jaela Ginger, and Luci Hilboldt, sophomores, huddle together in the cold of an early morning game.

4/11/18
Neeve McMillan, junior, runs across the field during a game against Cor Jesu. The Wildcats had a close game against Cor Jesu.



4/11/18
Bridget Sullivan, sophomore, cradles the ball in her stick while running down the field, hoping to score a goal to win against Cor Jesu.

3/22/18
Katie Hobaugh, sophomore, passes with a teammate during practice. Hobaugh was team captain for two years in a row, demonstrating leadership skills and encouragement.



4/11/18
Nicky Mabry, freshman, defends the Wildcats goal. This was Mabry's first year playing as a defender for JV lacrosse.

3/22/18
Reese Earlywine, sophomore, suits up to be goalie during JV practice. Reese swings between both JV and Varsity teams to play goalie.



4/4/18
Emma Sadorf, and Lauren Dunn, eighth grade, both chase after the ball on opposing teams in a scrimmage to end the practice.



4/4/18
Rachel McCoy, eighth grade, walks behind the goal to get into line for a new drill during on cold after noon practice.



4/4/18
KK Pruett and Olivia Diedrich, eighth grade, fight for the ball during a scrimmage. Pruett tried caught the ball and tried to score against Diedrich.

A LEGACY LEFT

4/4/18 Four years ago, a group of freshman and sophomore boys came together and created the first ever season of boys lacrosse. At the time, there was only two teams: JV and C team. Now, there was only one original player still on the team.

"It's been really cool to see how the program has grown since freshman year," said Andrew Tipton, senior. Tipton started off on the JV team and was a senior captain on Varsity this year.

"We started off with only two teams and barely any subs. Now we have three teams with plenty of players," said Tipton. In just four years the boy lacrosse team has grown drastically and will continue to grow.

"It's very bittersweet to be leaving after this season. However, I know I'm leaving this team in great hands with the underclassmen's dedication for the program," said Tipton.



4/4/18
Sam Hauptfear, junior, runs through a bunch of his Kirkwood opponents down the field with the ball in his stick. Hauptfear's main goal was to get the ball to the other side of the field and score a goal.

4/7/18
JD Blaylock, sophomore, defends his opponent. Blaylock played as a defense player this season.



4/4/18
Nicholas Lee, freshman, clears a ball to the other end of the field. Lee was one of the two goalies this season.



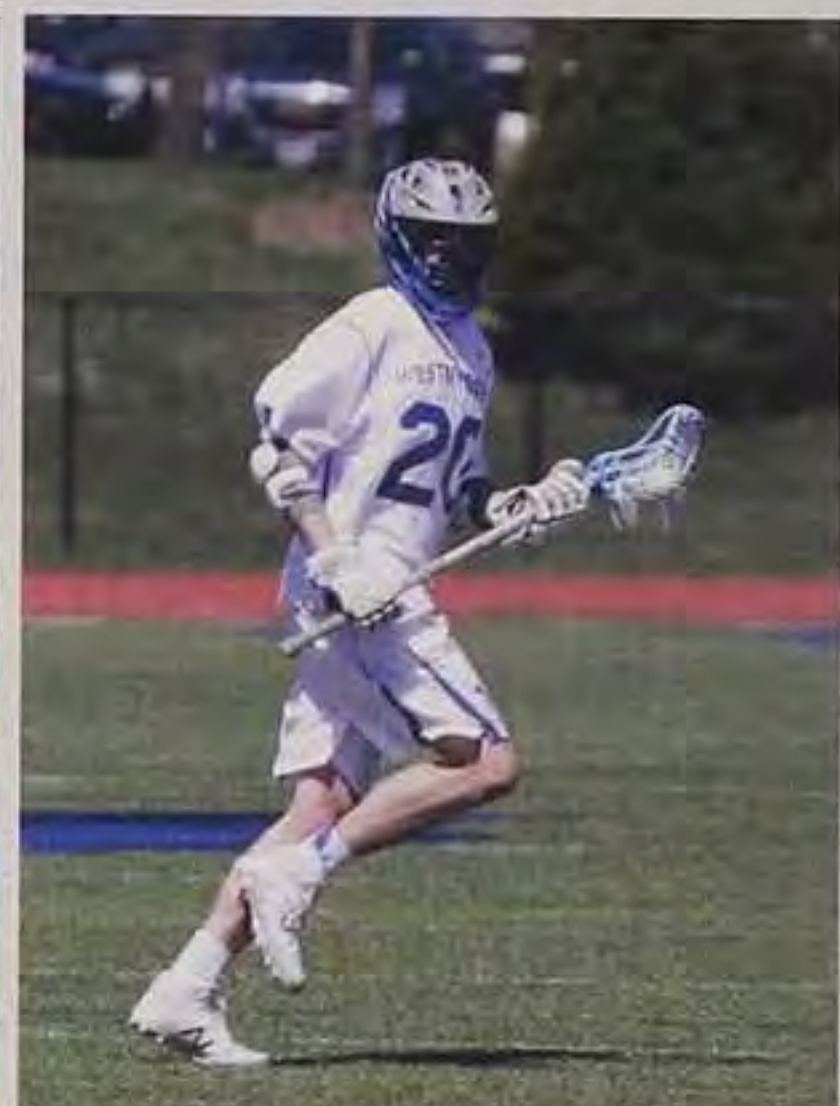
4/4/18
Noah Coomes, freshman, runs down the field to get open for his teammate to pass the ball to him.



4/7/18
Hunter Kramer, sophomore, runs down the field with the ball in his stick. Kramer was a strong defender for the team.



4/4/18
Zach Cancila, junior, looks to receive a pass from his teammate. Cancila was a defender for the varsity team.



4/7/18
Luke Fiala, junior, looks to pass the ball to a teammate father down the field. Fiala was one of the team captains this season.



4/7/18
Alex Chen, junior, runs down the field and looks for an open teammate.



4/4/18
Davis Worley, sophomore, looks to receive a pass from his teammate.



4/7/18
Keenan Miller, junior, cradles the ball in his stick as he runs across the field.

4/7/18

Austin Disper, junior, cradles the ball in his stick as he runs down the field during the game. Disper played as a midfielder in the game against Francis Howell.



STAR SENIOR ANDREW TIPTON #28



4/5/18

Teddy Peirick, freshman runs down the field to pick up the ball off the ground. This is Peirick's first year playing lacrosse and he plays defense.



4/5/18

Hunter Kramer, sophomore catches the lacrosse ball in his stick before running towards the opposing teams defenseman.



4/5/18

William Holt, freshman carries the ball in his stick as he runs down the field. The team won this game against Kirkwood 8-4.



4/5/18

Andrew Smith, freshman runs down the field with the ball and shoots, but hits the goal post.



4/5/18

Austin Chen and Noah Coomes, freshmen pass the ball back and forth as they run down the field.



4/10/18

Brandon Parker and Will Richards, eighth grade guard each other and practice for their game against John Borroughs.



4/10/18

Dylan Cacamo, seventh grade catches the ball and runs towards the goal during their game against John Borroughs.



4/5/18

Jack Straub, freshman cradles the ball in his stick as he runs down the field in their game against Kirkwood. Jack scored a goal in this game and also had two assists.

CARTER OLSZWEKI | 8TH GRADE



“I HAVE PLAYED LACROSSE FOR 3 YEARS AND IT IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE SPORTS.”

WORK HARD PLAY HARD

2/16/18 Throughout the rainy and cold spring, the boys' JV lacrosse team had a terrific season filled with dedication, the strengthening of skills and teamwork. Many of the athletes on the JV team have played lacrosse for around three years or more. Mark Brugner, freshman, had played for a total of eight years, but enjoyed being on Westminster's team because of the people and challenge to be better.

"Our team has already created a great bond that helps us on the field, too" said Brugner. He also went on to describe how one of his favorite moments in the season was when a teammate was going for a ground ball and "knocked three other players to the ground easily." Although there were struggles throughout the season such as the weather and the desire for a strong winning record, the players stayed motivated and their hard work proved to pay off.

"One of the best moments was when we beat Clayton after an hour of rain delay. It's a great feeling when we come together and dominate teams" said Noah Coomes, freshman. Each of the boys shared memories that best stuck in their minds, even if they were smaller things.

"I think one of the best parts of the season was when our coach surprised us with new matte grey helmets" said Jack Wittenauer, sophomore. All of the boys had the common goal of maintaining a winning record and doing well in the JV tournament. In order to achieve this, the athletes never failed to work together, building skills for the sake of not only themselves but the team as a whole. A team favorite when it came to wins was the victory against Kirkwood, when they won 8-4 after coming back from a very close game. The boys created a unique bond throughout the season that allowed them to encourage and challenge each other. This helped the team to not only reach its full potential but also created memorable moments for the players to look back on the season.



4/5/18
Jack Wittenauer, sophomore passes the ball to his teammate running towards the goal. This was one of the JV teams first games this season.

4/5/18
Jackson Selk, freshman runs around his defender to take a shot at the goal. Selk scored twice in the game against Kirkwood.



4/5/18
Noah Coomes, freshman keeps the ball away from his defender and then runs down the field and passes to his teammate who then shoots but misses just wide of the goal post.



4/5/18
Mark Brugner, freshman runs with the ball towards the goal and shoots on the goalie.

4/5/18
Matthew Burgess, freshman played goalie for the JV team this year. He has played goalie for 3 years.



4/5/18
Max Kraemer, freshman guards his opponent during his third game of the season. Kraemer played defense for the team this year.



4/10/18
Brandon Schoen, seventh grade runs after the ball after he passed to his teammate. The team had 10 players this year which is not enough for a full team.



4/10/18
Gus Duda, eighth grade cradles the ball in his stick as he runs behind the goal to pass to his teammate on the other side.



4/10/18
Sterling Webb, eighth grade plays goalie for the eighth grade lacrosse team. He throws the ball to his teammate after saves a potential goal.



4/10/18
Connor McMillin, eighth grade holds the ball in his stick while he looks for a teammate who is open on the field. Connor plays attack for his team this year.

3/19/18

Maxwell Burns, junior blocks a hit from the each other team. His height was an advantage against his opponents.



3/19/18

Mason Andrasko, sophomore, is one of the only underclassmen on the team. He had certainly made his mark through his skills.



3/19/18

Kyle Dolan, junior, serves the ball. "This team is one of the most fun experiences of my high school career," said Dolan.



SPIKING THE TIME AWAY

4/11/18 Time on this team flew by. The boys were a close knit group full of inside jokes and memories. The group was made up of mostly juniors but they did a really great job of integrating the entire team.

At the beginning of the season they went 10-4, so the future looks hopeful. The boys put in a lot of hard work and effort to improving the season. They contributed a lot of their success to their coaches: Mark Jennings and Bryndyn Crutcher. They helped the team advance greatly in not only the sport but in their relationships with God and their other teammates. The group pulled together to do devotions before games and various events. They have a tradition of praying and doing devotions before every games.

The teams libero was a freshman. He had specialized defense skills and wore a separate color jersey than every other person on the team so he stood out. The team had a chance to go to districts this year and they are motivated to get there. Even though time was flying by quickly with every game they are now really focused and ready to go to districts.



3/19/18

JEWELL '19

BLAKE JEWELL, JUNIOR, HAS BEEN PLAYING FOR 2 YEARS. "THE TEAM HAS GROWN MORE THAN EVERY THIS YEAR. EVERYONE IS SUPER CLOSE AND IT'S OVERALL AN AWESOME SEASON SO FAR," SAID JEWELL.



3/19/18
The team joins together before every game to pray and get pumped up. At this match against Lutheran south the team had a blue crew larger than most basketball games.



4/11/18
Patrick Chambers, sophomore, plays around before a game against Lutheran south. Joking around before games was a way for the boys to loosen up before playing.



3/19/18
Matthew Thoenen, junior, motivates the team before the match. Even when he was not on the court, he made his presence known on the bench with funny chants and cheers.



4/11/18
Jacob Moyer, sophomore, warms up his serving. Moyer was a key instrument in the teams killer serves.



3/19/18
Evan Harris, freshman, tips the ball in during warm ups. Harris was the team's libero.

LONG DAYS

4/7/18 Track and field is a sport centered around time. Most of the events themselves last only minutes at most, but sometimes the meets and practices seemed to drag on forever. For example, the meet on April 7th lasted for over nine hours with a one hour bus ride both ways. Despite the length of the meet, the whole team stayed for the entire meet to cheer on their teammates. They set up a tent to hang out in and people brought card games to pass the time. Due to the many long meets, the team had a lot of opportunities to grow close to one another in between events.

Another way the track team broke up the long meets and practices throughout the season and got to know one another was through several games and activities. For example, at the beginning of the season the team played a game led by the seniors that sent the team on a scavenger hunt for different colored markers all over campus. It was moments like this game that helped split up the long hours spent running, jumping, vaulting, and throwing at practice.

"Sometimes just running and stretching for two hours after school can get a little boring, so I'm very grateful for all the time the team spends playing games and hanging out at meets. It makes the season a lot more memorable," said Chloe Wimpfheimer, senior.



4/7/28
Gracie Wessels,
freshman, pole vaults
over a 6 foot pole.
Wessels tried pole
vaulting for the first
time this year and this
was her first meet.



3/22/18

Brendan Grbcich, senior, passes the baton of to **Zion Thompson**, junior. The relay team spent a lot of time practicing passing the baton seamlessly in order to improve on their time.

3/22/18

Kourtney Moten, freshman, starts the four by one relay during an early season meet. This was Moten's first year running track, and she proved to be a valuable asset to the team.



2/28/17

Micah Lewis, senior, warms up before practice. The track team uses dynamic warm ups to loosen their muscles before practice.



4/7/18

Pamella Mueller, junior, receives the baton during a relay. The relay was Mueller's favorite event because it offered more of team aspect than an individual race.

4/7/17

Lea Despotis, sophomore, comes around the bend of the track. She and her three teammates worked hard all season to improve their relay time.

4/7/18

Jon Walsh, freshman, finishes his relay strong. As the anchor, or final runner, Walsh played a very crucial role in each relay with his team.

SERVING IT UP

4/5/18 The seventh and eighth grade track and field team was not one to be messed with. Each and every member was there with a goal of becoming faster and having fun doing it. Once the runners heard the loud BANG! of the starting pistol, they dashed off towards the finish line. The sport could be very competitive, very early on. "I would say that the first track meet for me was a new, nerve racking experience. I knew that it was my first ever, but I still had the urge to get first in all of my events." said Evan Jordan, seventh grade. Of course, a little competition was not always a bad thing, and it can actually be healthy. "It's exciting to challenge yourself and push yourself to your limits. Especially when you see your hard work paying off. In my first season of track, I joined because it was something to do, but this season I came back and genuinely wanted to compete because I love to run with my team." said Sam Wardenburg, eighth grade.

For many runners, track and field was something they chose to do because it could be relaxing and distracting. It helped to be able to step outside of school and do something one genuinely enjoyed being a part of. "Running is something I find freedom in. In everyday life there are so many rules to follow and strict guidelines, but with running I find an escape from all of that." said Josh K. Anderson, eighth grade. When running, a person does not have to worry about anything but themselves and the finish line, and the weather. "I like track because it makes me feel healthy, it makes me feel good, and when I'm running, it feels like most of the stresses I have go away. It feels like it goes by pretty quick, unless it's freezing outside." said Shelby Truitt, seventh grade. Overall, the team did an amazing job at persevering and trying their hardest to improve.



4/17/18

Taniya Jessie, seventh grade, starts a practice race after school one day. Jessie was one of several seventh graders to run track for the first time this year. Although they didn't have many meets, this was a good way to prepare for high school.



9/19/17

Adeline Leonard, eighth grade, prepares to catch a frisbee during practice. The middle school track team often played games like this to pass the time during practice in between races.



4/17/18

Josh K. Anderson, eighth grade, plays some ultimate frisbee with his teammates during some spare time they had while waiting to take a group photo.



04/10/18

Matthew Thoenen, junior, breaks down his team huddle before practice. Even though it was only practice, giving it 100% effort will better each team member.

04/09/18

Haden Engel, sophomore, serves the ball in a match against Pattonville High School. This was Engel's second year on JV.

04/09/18

Hugh Muschany, freshman and number 23, congratulates teammate Daniel Johnson over a point against Pattonville. This was Muschany's first year playing volleyball for WCA.

9/22/17

Jacob Pederson, freshman, warms up by serving the ball in a drill. Pederson has been playing volleyball for a while and he was very skilled at it.

4/9/18

Aaron Kampmeier, junior, looks for the ball while warming up. Kampmeier enjoyed playing every position on the court.

9/22/17

Braden White, freshman, warms up before his match against Pattonville High. It was important that legs and arms were loose for volleyball players because the game moves fast.

MATTHEW THOENEN | CENTER



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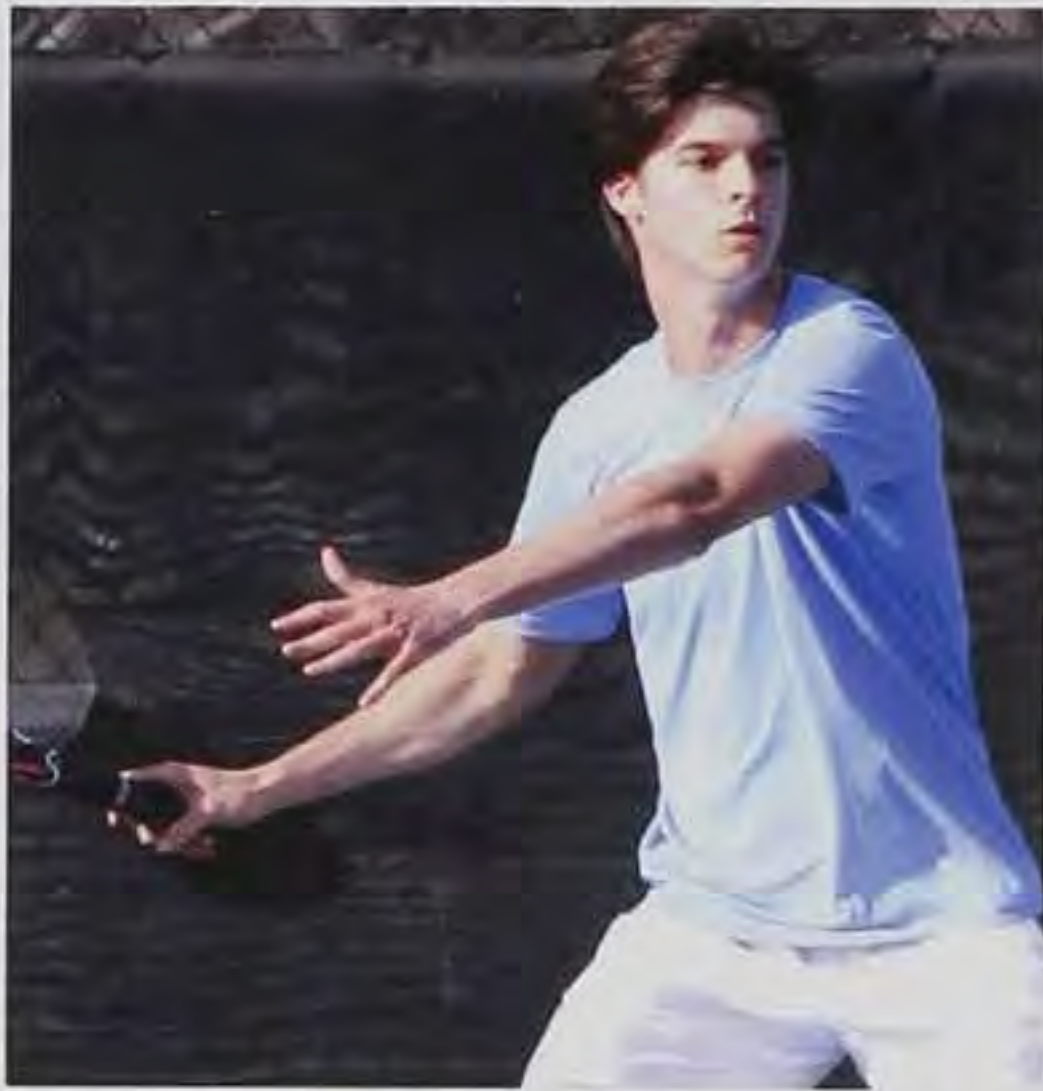
4/5/18

Erik Bergman, senior, serves the ball into the court against his opponent. Bergman played both singles and doubles as a part of the top six players on the team, and he was also a captain.



3/21/18

Seth Noel, freshman, returns a backhand from his opponent during his singles match against Marquette. Noel was the only freshman as the team and played in the top six lineup all season.



4/5/18

David Montgomery, senior, returns a forehand to win the point against his opponent. Montgomery played in the number one spot of the team which means he faced the hardest competitors from most schools, and he was also a captain.

4/5/18

Campbell Coffee, junior, hits a forehand while playing doubles. Coffee and his twin brother sometimes played as doubles partners during the season. This was Coffee's second year playing on varsity.



LET'S FACE IT



4/5/18

Cole Coffee, junior, serves the ball while playing doubles. "Tennis is one of the best things in my life besides God and my family. Tennis is a great way to have fun as well as make friends. Our team has really bonded this year, and I am glad to be a part of it," said Coffee.

4/5/18

Davis Moore, junior, completes his serve from the deuce side of the court. "It's a sport you can play for the rest of your life no matter how old you are, and there's always room for improvement," said Moore.



3/21/18

Pierce Dunne, sophomore, hits a backhand during a ten-point tie-breaker. For his first year on the team, Dunne played both singles and doubles. "I am really glad I switched to playing tennis this year because the team's atmosphere is inviting and fun. I also love the competitive nature of the sport," said Dunne.



4/5/18

Dave Ragsdale, junior, hits a forehand in a close doubles match. On this particular day, the team was playing with the motivation to beat cancer. "It was really cool how both teams played to honor a person and for one goal," said Ragsdale.



TIME TO PLAY FOR SOMETHING MORE

4/5/18 This year the men's tennis team did not just play to win. Behind their team, there was so much more than just a racket, a ball, and a match.

On April 5, the team played SLUH and dedicated the match to raising money for pediatric cancer and its awareness. The SLUH team had a current player undergoing treatment for a brain tumor while the Westminster team played in honor of one of their coach's former athletes who passed away of cancer earlier in the year.

"The match was inspirational to play for cancer. It was cool how both schools were united under a single goal to beat cancer," said Campbell Coffee.

Let's face it, cancer stinks. But, when these teams played to fight it and hit cancer right in the face of their rackets, they played for those who could not and their love of the sport was combined with their heart for cancer patients.



4/5/18
Will Vestal, junior, hits a backhand splice. "We are a team of relentless competitors all with a collective vision and commitment to success," said Vestal.

3/21/18
Joshua Jones, junior, hits a backhand slice back to his opponent during a singles match. The backhand slice is one of the more difficult shots in the game of tennis, but it can be the most effective as well.



4/5/18
Kurt Weinberg, senior, hits a forehand back to his SLUH opponent. As a third-year player on varsity, Weinberg played doubles with his partner David Ragsdale, and also served as a team captain.



4/5/18
Evan Seabaugh, shows his excitement after winning a point that determined the outcome of the match. This hand movement was a very common thing to do in tennis when winning a point since the sport is generally fairly quiet.



4/12/18

Yilong Wei, senior, gets ready for the perfect serve and sends the ball right into the box on the opponent's court. He had many great serves in his match against Lutheran North.



"I HAVE HAD A LOT OF FUN THIS YEAR PLAYING TENNIS WITH ALL OF MY TEAMMATES. I LOVE TO CHEER THEM ON AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PLAYING WELL, BUT ALSO HAVING FUN WHILE DOING IT."

-**Matthew Kinney**, freshman



3/20/18

Tyler Collison, seventh grade, runs onto the court to get the perfect swing to return the ball. Throughout practice, he did an excellent job saving and returning each ball that his teammate hit his way.



3/20/18

Dennis McDaniel, eighth grade, returns the ball to his opponent using a powerful forward hand swing. He enjoyed playing tennis this year and working on his technique.



3/20/18

Ahren Muehleisen, seventh grade, jumps high to initiate the first serve of the next point. He had been working hard to master his best serve at practice so that he can dominate his opponents.

4/12/18

Aidan Penberthy, sophomore, gets ready for the return from his opponent. In a match against Lutheran North he played his best and executed many great serves.



4/12/18

Sebastian Lacassie, sophomore, gets ready for the next point to be played. He hoped to win his upcoming matches by working hard during practices after school.



4/12/18

Ian McKie, freshman, talks with his doubles partner about their next strategy. He had been playing great this season and enjoyed playing tennis with his friends.



PATIENCE IS KEY

4/12/18 In tennis, the matches could last from ten minutes to an hour. When playing, the game could keep going and eventually could end in tie break. Because of this, the players had to learn to be patient and to focus on the game, instead of the score. The score of the match could constantly change and go back and forth between opponents, and it was extremely important to concentrate on the game to try to consistently hit the ball back.

Because there was no time limit on tennis, the duration of the game was always a mystery. The players never knew if they will be at the match for one hour after school, or multiple, ending late into the evening. But the time never affected any of the players because the coaches made the players stay until the last match was finished. They did this in order for the teammates to support one another. By doing this, it was giving the players encouragement from their friends to keep their energy level high. Especially in tennis when the match can seem to drag on, it is very easy to get tired and start to not be as consistent, but by having others there to support, it gave the players an extra boost in playing the best they can.

Throughout the season, the boys had been respectful to one another, always cheering the other one on. Especially in high school when there is so much homework and others things to do, it made it extra special that the team will stay and watch each other to the end, providing motivation to their teammates. The JV tennis team had been hardworking this season and has had some great matches.



3/20/18
Adam Lyles, eighth grade, waits to pass the ball coming from his teammate. He started the rally off with a great serve and hopes to finish the point with a perfect pass to win the point.



3/20/18
Sam Herrera, seventh grade, practices serving with other teammates to prepare for games coming up in the next month. He had great serves in previous matches.



3/20/18
Jonathan Hyatt, seventh grade, watches his serve travel to the other side of the net during practice. He was able to remain "King of the Court" for the entire practice.

1/4/18

Chad Briden, senior, and **Jack Bystrom**, sophomore, putt and chip on the fourth hole of the Creve Coeur course. "I forgot to wear my golf clothes today but I'm still playing good," said Briden.



1/4/18

Tom Isaacs, junior, drives the golf ball across the course. "I get paired up with the seniors a lot for matches and practices and we're all good friends. I'll miss them next year since I'm the only junior," said Isaacs.



#SENIOR LEADERSHIP

4/10/18 Every sports' team has had leaders who steered and supported the team during the course of the season. They contributed, encouraged and set an example for other players whether they were appointed by coaches or had simply rose up. "We had a great group of senior leaders this year. I made Chad and Logan captain because they've been on the team the longest and are the most experienced. They both contribute and lead the way during matches and I'm thankful for them," said Head Coach Brian Burkey. The seniors, both members of the golf team since freshmen year, knew how things rolled and were seasoned veterans of many courses. "My favorite course is Old Warson because it's always in good condition. It's also longer and more open than other courses," said Logan Montgomery, senior. On top of being seasoned veterans, the seniors set a good example and were good friends with the underclassmen. "I enjoy being around the seniors. They're really chill and great to talk to. They've shown me how to handle stressful situations and they give lots of encouragement," said Cole Willyard, freshman. Although the seniors leave the golf team behind, they are sure they will have made this last season count. "It's been very special to be a team captain. I've learned that there's going to be a lot of ups and downs, but those will only help when getting ready for the end of the season tournaments and state," said Chad Briden, senior.



4/13/18

MONTGOMERY '18

LOGAN MONTGOMERY, SENIOR, WAS THE VARSITY GOLF TEAM'S MAIN MAN. HE LED THE TEAM IN HIS 4 OVER PAR AVERAGE AND WAS ONE OF THE CAPTAINS. "GOLF IS A VERY MENTAL GAME AND THE ABILITY TO STAY FOCUSED UNDER PRESSURE IS IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO SUCCEED. IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO BE A CAPTAIN AND I TRY TO BE A GOOD EXAMPLE," SAID MONTGOMERY.



4/3/18
Sam Jun, senior, bends down and measures the distance to the hole. Jun would often do this when putting because it helped his accuracy and gave him a better chance at making it in.



4/3/18
Ben Parres, sophomore, takes a swing on the Meadowbrook course. It was his first year playing on the Varsity team.



4/12/18
Cole Willyard, freshman, adjusts his golf ball. "Being a freshman on the Varsity team has been great since I've gotten to meet a lot of the older guys," said Willyard.



4/3/18
Matthew George, sophomore, swings and looks into the distance to see where his ball landed. It was his first year on the Varsity team.

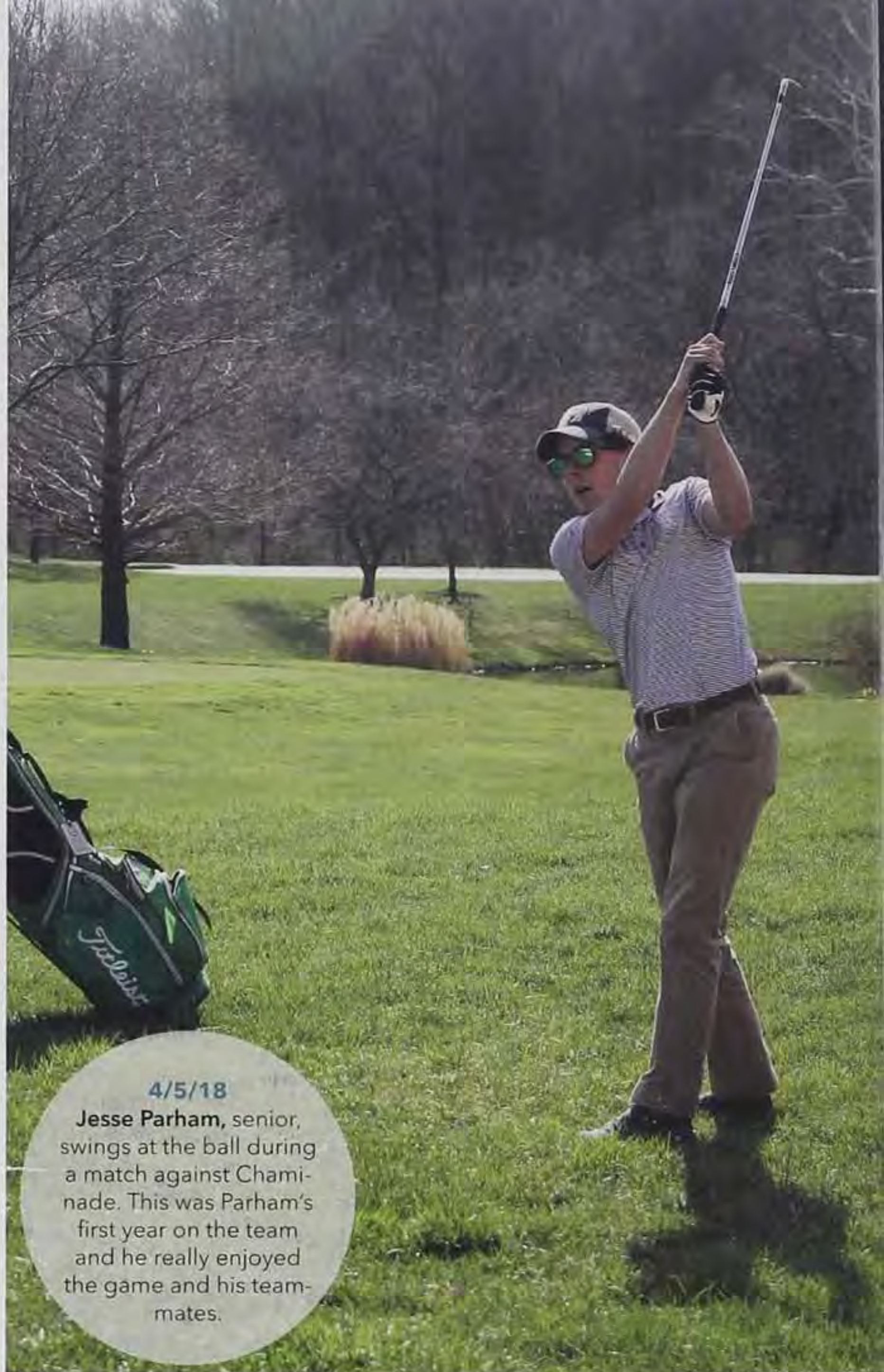


4/3/18
Lane Davis, sophomore, measures the distance of his next hole with a scope. It was Davis's second year playing on the Varsity team.

THE NEXT GENERATION

4/11/18 Feet aligned and eyes on the ball. The club was swung in the air and smacked the ball on the tiny tee, a hard hit, but not too hard for the JV and middle school golf teams. Golf was a sport that takes continual practice and allowed players to constantly improve. Moreover, it was a lifelong sport that allowed friendships to grow as much as the golf player himself does.

Although the golf teams at WCA were small, the bonds between players are all the more close, and prove to be a great asset to the teams. This year, the JV men's golf team was comprised mostly of freshman. Even though this meant the team had few returning players, it also meant that in coming years WCA will have great talent added to their golf team. "They will help me to improve on my game and become a better player overall," said Noah Adair, freshman. "All of us are friends, which is good because it makes golf more fun when you have someone to talk to and joke with on the course," Nolan Irby, freshman. One of the liveliest personalities on the team was Jesse Parham, senior that was someone the freshman look up to and always has a great attitude throughout his games. Golf truly is a sport that can bring people of all different ages together for a fun time.



4/5/18

Jesse Parham, senior, swings at the ball during a match against Chaminate. This was Parham's first year on the team and he really enjoyed the game and his teammates.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOLF



4/17/18

Kate Wessels, Haley Drooger, Abby Seiss, and Allie Lytle, seventh grade, all had interest in golf as new WCA students. "Golf was something I had never really tried before, but I ended up really enjoying it," said Haley Drooger, freshman. When asked, all four said they would consider trying out for the high school team.

4/16/18

The Middle School Golf team was already paving the way for a new group of bright, young, energetic golfers. Students from both seventh and eighth grade come out on Saturdays to hone their golf skills, have fun with friends, and spend sunny afternoons on the green. "I love playing on the weekend because it gives me something to look forward during the school week," said Haley Drooger, seventh grade. Golf was a great way for the kids to come together outside school.



4/5/18
Nolan Irby, freshman, warms up his swing before hitting the ball on the ninth hole. "As a freshman I looked forward to this season all year and so far it has been super fun," said Irby.



4/5/18
Reed Grimm, freshman, goes to drive the ball on the first hole at St. Alban's golf course. This was Grimm's first year on the golf team, however he played golf long before he entered high school.

"GOLF PRACTICES ALWAYS GO BY FAST BECAUSE I AM PLAYING WITH FRIENDS, AND TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN."

-Jesse Parham, senior



MATTHEW GEORGE

SOPHOMORE

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4/5/18
Charlie Allen, freshman, practices his putting on the green before a big match against Chaminade. "Putting the ball is one of the shots that requires the most focus," said Allen.



4/5/18
Noah Adair, freshman, goes to drive the ball on the ninth hole. As a freshman, this was Noah's first year on the team, and he has already proven himself to be a key component.



4/5/18
T.J. Mulholland, freshman, hones his putting skills on the green. One of his best skills on the green was his ability to remain completely focused during his final shots on the hole.



4/5/18
Reed Grimm, freshman, watches his ball after a great swing. He improved greatly over the season and proven to be a necessary asset to the junior varsity golf team.

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