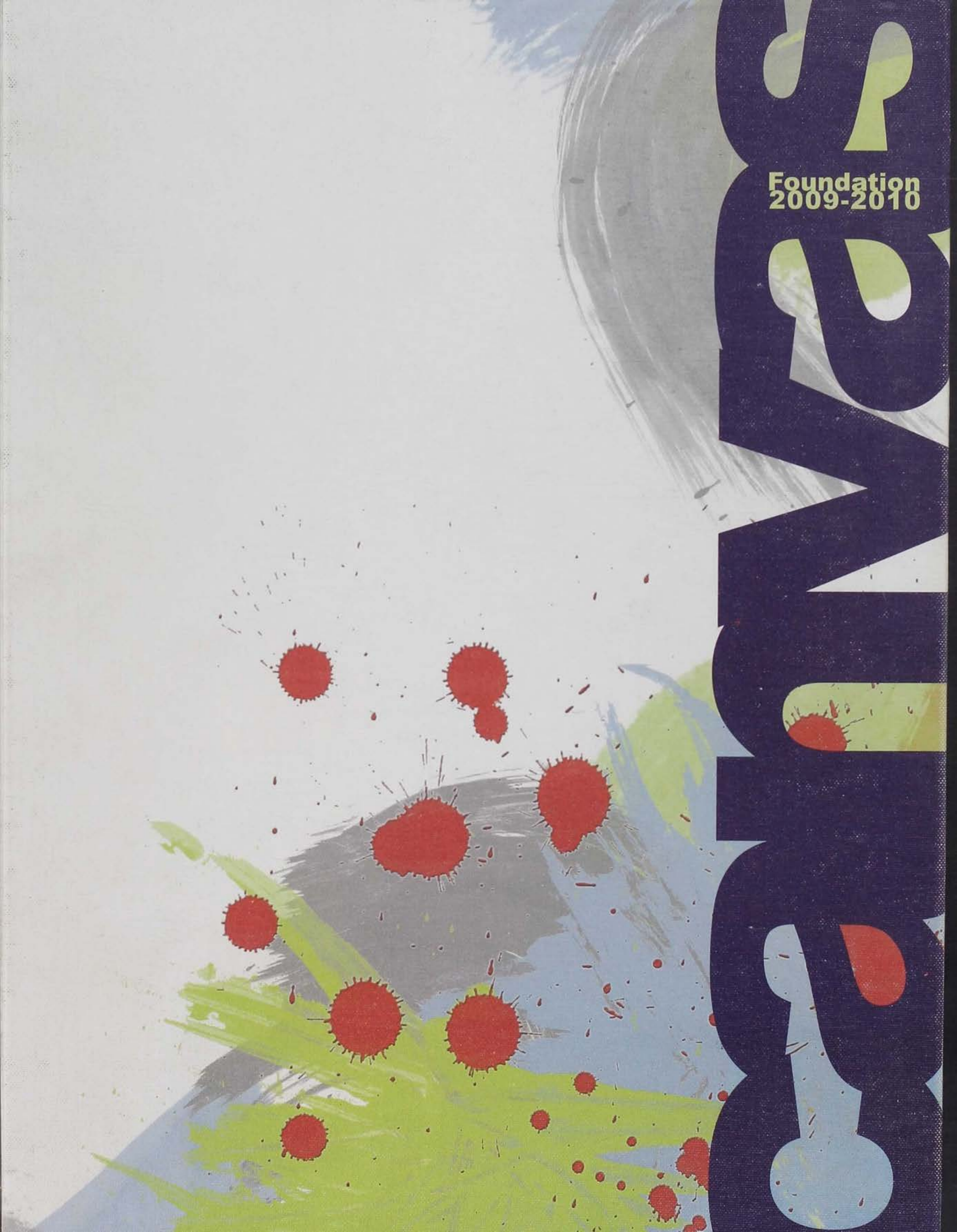


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Using meticulous detail and
spending tremendous amounts of time
perfecting an expression of one's self is
the pursuit of an artist.

Yet everyday, we also express ourselves
through our actions.

Although we may not spend hours
painting to perfection,

we are the artists of our lives,
dictating the impact we have on our surroundings.

What we are **inspired**
to learn directs the actions that we
execute as we go along.

In our community, we **reveal**
what we have learned and
make a **mark** on the world.

On the morning of the leadership retreat, Katherine Smith, senior, does a devotional before breakfast. Smith attended the leadership retreat as the senior class service chair. "It was nice to wake up early and spend time alone with God," said Smith.



Alyssa Dosmann, seventh grade, studies during seventh hour world geography.

WVAAS

...the place where we reveal what we are inspired to execute



Andrew Eichenlaub, seventh grade, runs through the line of seniors at the beginning of the PC retreat.



Welcoming the parents to IGNite, Amber Terschak and Kaitlin Chapell, freshmen, serve as ambassadors during the night.



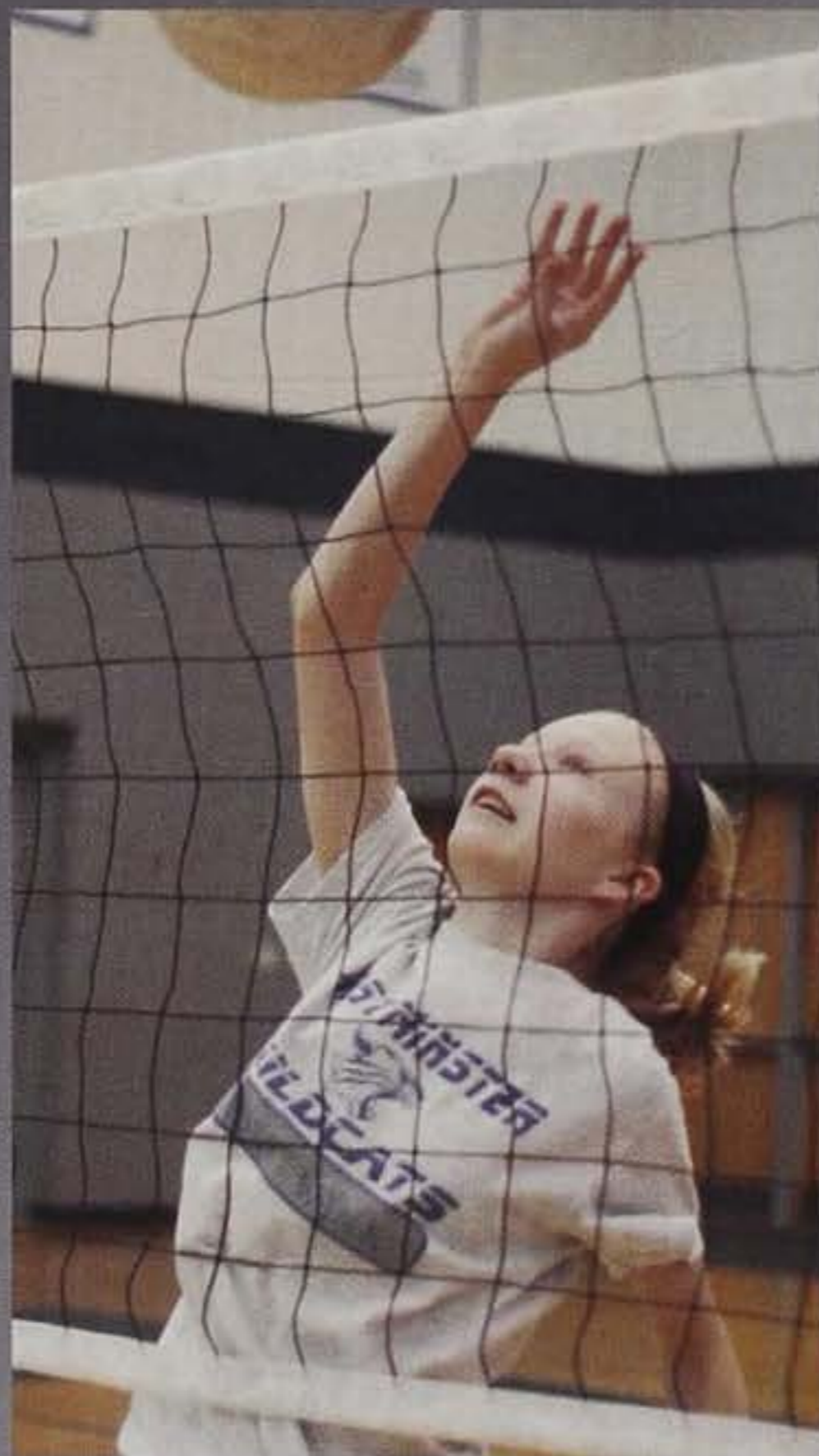
During PE class, David Thomas, sophomore, plays volleyball on the tennis courts.



Kathryn Langley, junior, plays foosball during the leadership retreat.



Jeremy Hall, sophomore, blocks St. Mary's player Nick King during a JV game. During the game, David Rohlfing, sophomore, kicked a field goal during the second quarter. This was the teams first win, with a 3-0 score.



Robert Rasche, eighth grade, breaks through a tackle during practice.

Fighting over the ball, Benjamin Huffman and Kyle Cline, eighth grade, scrimmage during soccer practice.

In volleyball practice, Mary Wynn, eighth grade, spikes the ball over the net.

Jordan Leib, senior, talks with Kristopher Freeman, senior, during the warm ups before the swim meet. Freeman was the only diver on the team and has been diving since he was eleven.

Jordan Klein, junior, swings at a ball during the game against Ursuline Academy. Klein played shortstop and enjoyed it "because there is a lot of area to cover and I'm the back up for the left side of the field," said Klein.





After spending 336 hours finishing her work of art, Lauren Dille, senior, still expressed her joy in completing Oden, her clay otter, a year after beginning it.



Lauren Dille, senior

Although most people do not work three hours a day for two weeks finishing a project,

each of us spends time completing our projects for Architectural Design or Biblical Ethics,

whether we agonize over every detail or throw something together the night before.

With our attempts to create, we grow and learn how to apply our new-found knowledge in our lives.

Some take the task of being an artist in the community literally, like April Johnston, senior, who attends art lessons three times a week.

Johnston enjoys learning how to improve her art and has discovered that

“ art is a process of making something that has certain qualities of beauty and truth that reflect our Creator. ”



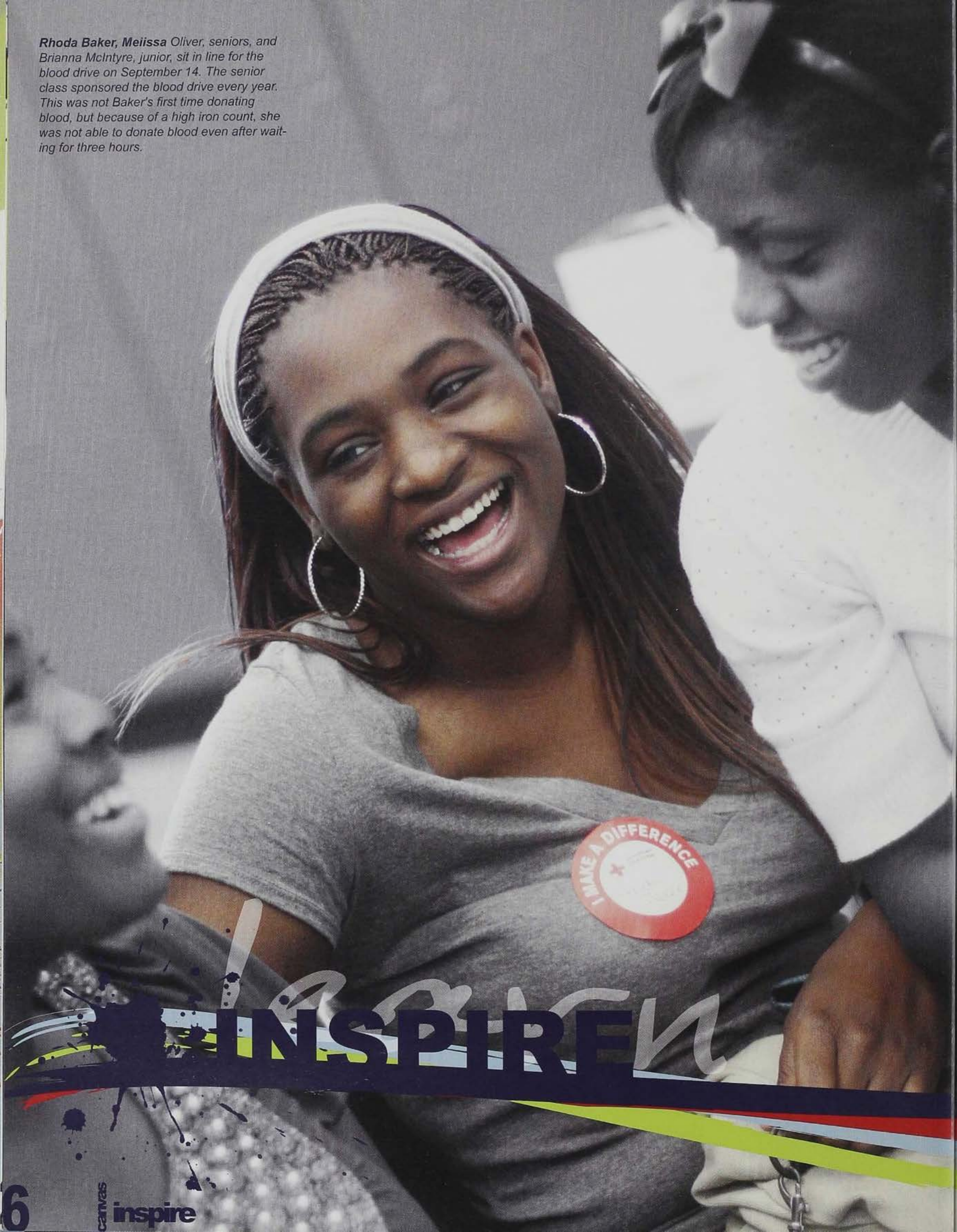
April Johnston, senior

Not only in art, but in every aspect of our lives we can...

INSPIRE ourselves to grow
EXECUTE what we seek to understand
REVEAL what we do



Rhoda Baker, Melissa Oliver, seniors, and Brianna McIntyre, junior, sit in line for the blood drive on September 14. The senior class sponsored the blood drive every year. This was not Baker's first time donating blood, but because of a high iron count, she was not able to donate blood even after waiting for three hours.



INSPIRE



Michael Weston and Nathan Estock, seventh grade



Jordan Harvey, seventh grade



Brennan Wehner, eighth grade



Jonathan Kinney, eighth grade



Alexa Harvey and Grace Linton, freshmen



Avery Anderson, sophomore



Micah Theus and Ian Farmer, juniors

You've been sitting in your room for the past two hours, staring **blankly** at the English notebook in front of you, trying to **compose** the perfect thesis for your **final** essay of the **semester**.

After checking Facebook, texting your best friend, and taking multiple snack breaks,

you're finally **out of distractions**.

All of sudden, your favorite **song** comes on, and **it hits you**.

You've finally **realized** that one **idea** that you've been waiting to think of,

and it's making your pen **scrawl** words across the page faster than a computer could type them.

That **spark** of inspiration is different for everyone, whether it's a song, a role model, a quote...the list goes on.

It's a moment of **revelation** that triggers a **thought** in your mind, forcing your creative juices to **flow**.

Samuel Heyl, senior, spent much of his **time** at Westminster playing the **piano** in the art hallway before and after school.

While he **learned** to play multiple **popular** tunes by **ear**, he also wrote his own **original** songs.

But **how** does someone get **inspired** to do such things?

“God is my **inspiration** [when I write songs]. I wrote one called **Maria**, and it's a **realistic** fiction about someone's **struggles**,” said Heyl.

“But **someone** who inspires me when it comes to **life** in general is Patrick Henry.”

During **chapel** on September 30, Heyl discussed Henry and how he was an **inspiration** to him because of all the **obstacles** he has overcome.

In **spite** of being born without eyes and the **ability** to extend his arms and legs, Henry has **become** a **skilled** pianist, trumpeter and singer.

Here at **Westminster**,

we **learn** about all different topics that can

inspire us in our day-to-day **life**.

Rebecca Lambert, junior, plays carpet ball. This game involved strategy and was a way students spent their free time. Besides playing games, Lambert learned leadership skills. "I learned to be a leader and how we can make a difference at school throughout the year," Lambert said.

Laura Kaup, junior, swings on the playground at the leadership retreat. Kaup was a small group leader as well as a member of STUCO. While on the retreat, the students had the chance to play games with one another. "The activities I liked were the group activities with everyone who was on STUCO. We played a lot of games that helped us get to know one another better," said Kaup.

Bianca Elliott, senior, launches into the air after someone blobs her. "A good amount of the students went on the blob," said Susie Pike, STUCO sponsor. The students had free time the Thursday they arrived and the following day.



LOCATION: HIGH HILL
CHRISTIAN CAMP

DATE: AUGUST 6-7

DISTANCE FROM WCA:
61.7 MILES

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 153

PURPOSE: TO TALK ABOUT
PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING
SCHOOL YEAR

WHO WENT? STUCO, PC'S,
OFFICERS, AMBASSADORS,
AND CLASS LEADERS



1st IMPRESSIONS

As students waited for the first chapel to begin at Leadership Retreat, high expectations and excitement filled the room. Some wondered if the chapel band would resemble the old group from the past year or if new aspects would be introduced. Many parts of the Chapel Band surprised those who went on the leadership retreat. Kaitlin Chapell, freshman, was impressed by the new band. "I noticed the chapel band had fun with each other and they all enjoy what they did on stage" said Chapell. Being one of the first to see the Chapel Band perform, Laura Kaup said that they were extremely good compared to last year, and she was surprised to see that the band pulled in some new instruments such as the saxophone and trumpet. Katherine Fleissner, senior, enjoyed the STUCO retreat and said, "I liked having the chance to get to know people from other classes." When asked about the chapel band she said, "The band this year is so far the best I have ever heard during all my time here at Westminster. I liked how they pulled in more instruments like the banjo, trumpet and saxophone, along with more singers, improved the band." Many students from the leadership retreat had the chance to see the band at firsthand and most students were impressed when they first heard the band perform. The band consisted of four singers, three guitarists, one trumpet player, one saxophone player, a violinist, a bassist, a pianist and drummer. The leadership retreat was held from August 6-7 at High Hill Christian Camp; it was a time for students, who served in various leadership groups to get together, bond, and plan for the new school year.



Michael Becker, freshman, plays checkers during the leadership retreat. Becker was the freshman class president. Although Becker had not planned on running for office, his teacher suggested that he should; Becker considered the option and later went on to win the election

Brett Baumgartner, junior, helps unload the buses once the students arrive at the camp site. Three buses were used to transport the students. In addition, the chapel band went in a separate van.



David Alexander, senior, reads his Bible during the devotion time at the Leadership Retreat. At the retreat, students were involved in devotionals and worship time. Reverend Luke Davis was the speaker on the retreat and talked about how every little thing a person does matters and God uses unlikely people in unlikely situations.



Carolyn Bonacquisti, senior, sings along with Steven Hughes, sophomore, at the Leadership Retreat. The Chapel Band performed the night students arrived at High Hill Christian Camp and the following morning. Joshua Flori, junior and one of the guitarist and banjo player said, "The band grew in size from seven band members to eleven."



Brennen Hehner, eighth grade, enjoys his breakfast along with a conversation with his grandparents. The breakfast consisted of food items such as muffins, biscuits, bagels, as well as coffee and juices. For the past several years the Ambassadors have provided breakfast that morning.



Charles Maurer, eighth grade, looks over the breakfast items available during Grandparents Day. The commons was filled with tables, flowers, banners, and other decorations during the Grandparents Day celebration. The ambassadors, as well as some of the faculty, decorated the commons to try and welcome all of the grandparents.



Picking up trash left over after the provided breakfast, Taylor Deves, freshman, balances some plates and cups. The ambassadors helped serve the grandparents during that event. Along with picking up the trash afterwards, they also helped by serving food to each table.



Cole Hoskins, seventh grade, talks with other middle school students in the commons before breakfast. The meal was provided before the assembly in order to foster a sense of community between the students and their grandparents.



Abby Nixon, eighth grade, and her grandparents, think over some of the trivia questions that were given in the new gym. These questions really tested the memory of these grandparents because they were about life when they were young.



While thinking about the next question, Austin Port, seventh grade, sits with his grandfather during the trivia portion of Grandparents Day. Port, along with all the other middle school students, enjoyed entertainment provided by many of the middle school teachers.



Evona Franceschelli, junior, takes her tray of biscuits to one of the grandparents. The ambassadors were responsible for serving the grandparents and the middle school students during the event.

BACK IN MY DAY...

World Wars, cheap gas, walking 2 miles in the snow uphill to and from school. These are just a few of the stories one might hear around each of the tables during Grandparents Day at Westminster. This special day for the middle school provided an opportunity for middle school students to spend some quality time with their grandparents. This included trivia, breakfast, a little talent show from the teachers, as well as some intriguing stories relating to each grandparents past while around the tables in the commons.

"I had two of my grandparents come and we all loved the trivia part of Grandparents Day," said Christopher Doll, seventh grade.

After breakfast, all the grandparents and their grandkids were seated in the new gym. There they were faced with a barrage of questions asking what life was like back when the grandparents had been young. Many of the students were left clueless about many of the flashbacks, but the grandparents managed to dig up many of their old memories to answer the perplexing questions.

The Talent show was also quite a treat although this part of the day appealed more to the middle school students than to the grandparents. Last year, Dale Beachy, eighth grade math teacher, had managed to throw himself into the school pool. This year the teachers managed to stay dry, but the excitement never waned. From trying to kick grapes into a mouth, to making animal noises, the lineup of "talents" this year never left a dull moment. This year's Grandparents Day was one for the history books.



Michael Becker, freshman, plays the saxophone during the Westminster varsity football game. As a member of the jazz band at school, Becker was required to attend seven football or basketball games. The pep band performed for the first time at Wildcat Pride Night on Oct. 16.

During the variety show, Hannah Geisz, seventh grade, sings "Popular" from the musical "Wicked." "I've thought about entertaining at elderly homes [when I get older]. I want to be a physical therapist, and I could entertain them at the same time," said Geisz.



Nicole Hoban, senior, stands with fellow seniors during the first half of the football game. At halftime, Westminster's varsity football team was ahead by seven points. Although the second half was scoreless for Westminster, the defense held MICDS to one touchdown.

Ross Munroe, freshman, stands on the sidelines at the WCA vs. MICDS football game. With a score of 14-13, the varsity Wildcats won the game. The last time MICDS lost in a regular season football game was two years earlier, when Westminster beat them.




Volunteering for the sophomore class, Margaret Moore, sophomore, paints a mustache on her brother, James Moore, junior. The face painting booth raised the most money for the sophomore class.



Dancing to the tune of Michael Jackson's "Remember the Time," Richard Mansfield, senior, performs at the Variety Show. Mansfield was also a member of Breakdown St. Louis, a program supporting abstinence through drama and dancing.



Megan Hahs, sophomore, paints a butterfly on a child's at the face paint booth in the commons. Hahs, a new student from California, worked at the booth for a one hour shift and charged one dollar for a small painting and three dollars for a whole face painting.




Marissa Harjoe, sophomore, devours a chocolate cream pie at the mid-day pie eating contest in the new gym. Harjoe was convinced to participate in the contest by a friend. "It was kind of gross and frozen. I don't even like pie," said Harjoe. Her strategy was to simply "chew and swallow."

UNDER COVER SUCCESS

On a typical Saturday afternoon during the annual Wildcat Weekend, students would expect the chilled October wind to be blowing against their face as they moseyed from booth to booth in the rear WCA parking lot. This year, however, the STUCO Carnival took place in the New Gym. "Mrs. Pike made the final call [that said we were going to have the carnival indoors]. We were afraid of bad weather," said Grace Johnson, senior and president of Student Council, "Tons of people still came, though. This was one of our best turn-outs ever."

Although they had to make small sacrifices like cancelling the dog show, STUCO still raised money from their pig roast, duck pond game, water booth, and bean bag toss. "As a whole, [WCA] made more money than ever- about \$13,000. STUCO made less money than we have years past, but, luckily, we didn't make that much less. We won't have to sacrifice anything when it comes to buying stuff for Christmas Banquet or Spring Event," said Rebecca Lambert, junior and Student Council treasurer.

Another benefit they had from this was being able to arrive later to set up on the morning of the carnival. Typically, every STUCO member was required to arrive at school at 7am to assemble tents, organize cash boxes, and put out decorations in preparation for that day's festivities. But this time, they did not have to start setting up until 9:30am. "It was nice to be able to sleep in a little later with such a long day ahead of us, anyway," said Johnson. So whether it be the money they made or the sleep they saved, STUCO certainly gained from their decision to keep their carnival inside.



Matthew Goebel, seventh grade, cheers over the ITSOG victory for their class during eighth hour world geography. Over 38,742 items were collected for the benefit of the needy in St. Louis, Kenyans in need of water, and Ugandan students in Gulu. The seventh grade donated 12,299 items to the total.

7th grade in the spirit of giving

Loud cheers echoed throughout the seventh grade hallway during eighth hour on November 13. The seventh grade class had just won ITSOG. All the grades competed to see who could donate the most items, even though there was no prize available to the class who won the overall donation tally.

All students had to bring in specific items on different days, such as school supplies on Wednesday and food on Monday. The Westminster community served over twenty different organizations in the St. Louis area. Among these were Boys and Girls Town, Circle of Concern, Guys for Life, Haven of Grace, Lydia's House, Mexico Medical Mission, Refuge of Nations, Ronald McDonald House, Sunshine Ministries, The Freedom School, Thrive, and the Wildlife Center of Missouri. However, some donations also

went beyond the United States. These organizations were World Impact, Kenya Water Project, and the Gulu Senior Secondary School in Gulu, Uganda.

Besides the usual baby food and 64-packs of crayons, students also donated old WCA T-shirts and gently used shoes to these two African countries. The shirts were donated to the Gulu Senior Secondary School.

The shoes were donated to the Kenya Water project. African women have to walk miles to get their water, and then walk all the way back home. Most of the time the water was not even clean. What's more, these African mothers usually go the whole way without shoes or anything to protect their feet. Money donated to the Kenya Water project went to building wells, but the women still need protection for their feet.

2047
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 and toys

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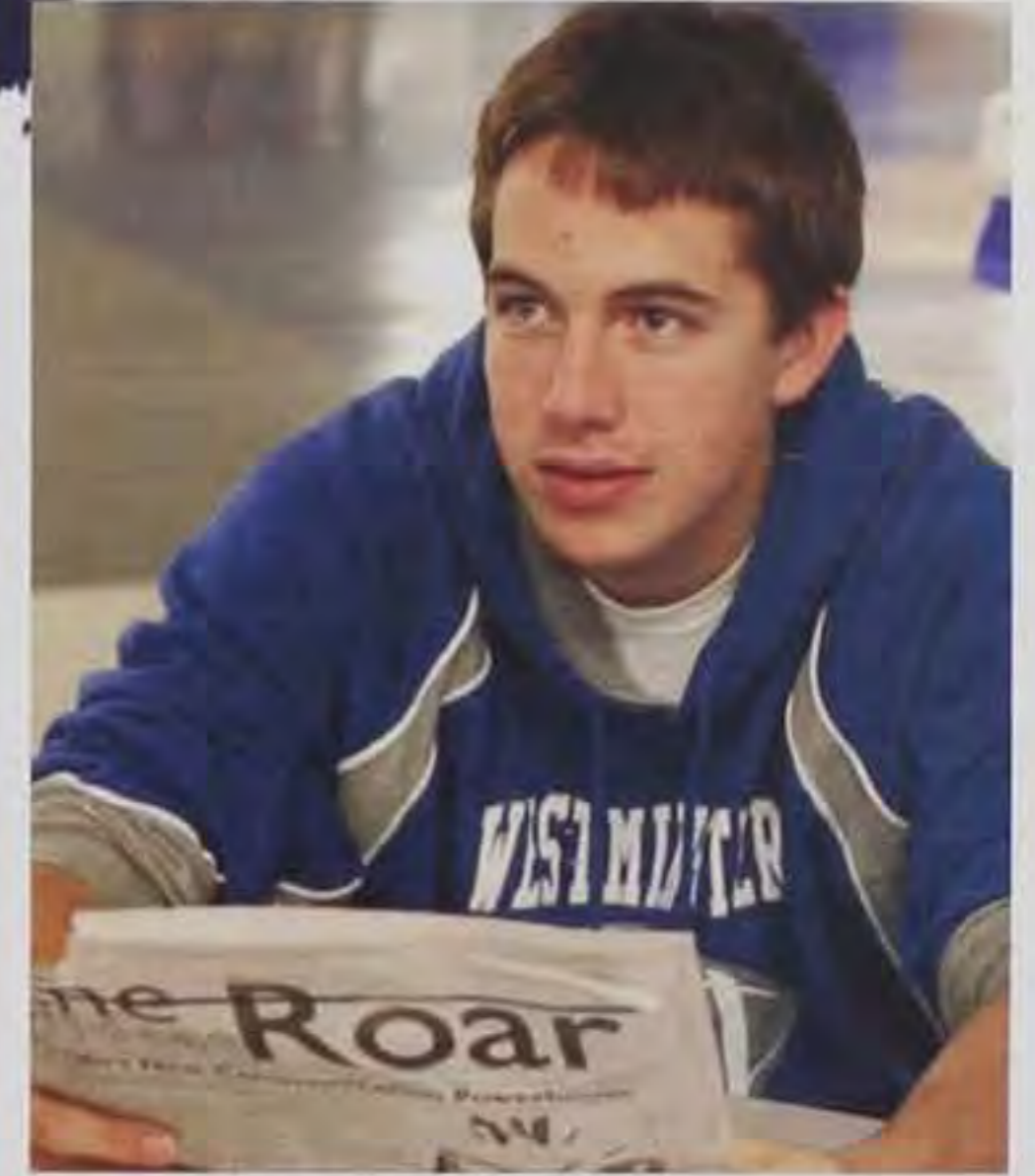
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 donated during
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Zachary Schopp, junior, carries boxes of ITSOG donations to a truck waiting outside the commons. Schopp had a study hall that period, so he helped load the trucks up every day.

Stephen Fitzgerald, junior, listens to the daily totals on Thursday, Nov. 12. The juniors came in fourth place that day, with an overall total of fourth place as well by the end of the week.



OVERALL SCORES:
 7th grade:
1st Place
 8th grade:
3rd Place
 Freshmen:
2nd Place
 Sophomores:
5th Place
 Juniors:
4th Place
 Seniors:
6th place



Nathan Scott and Reed Schick, seventh grade, congratulate each other on the classes' victory. Carley Brown, seventh grade, said, "I thought it was cool how both kids and parents were excited about donations. My family went out and bought some items just for ITSOG so all of us [siblings] could donate. All those donations really helped people."



David Becker, seventh grade, shows off his muscles as scores were read. The seventh grade donated the most items not only overall, but each day they had the largest totals.

Madison Burke, senior, and Susan Brown, Student Services administrator, discuss the totals for that day's donations, which were school supplies, with an agent from the Freedom school.

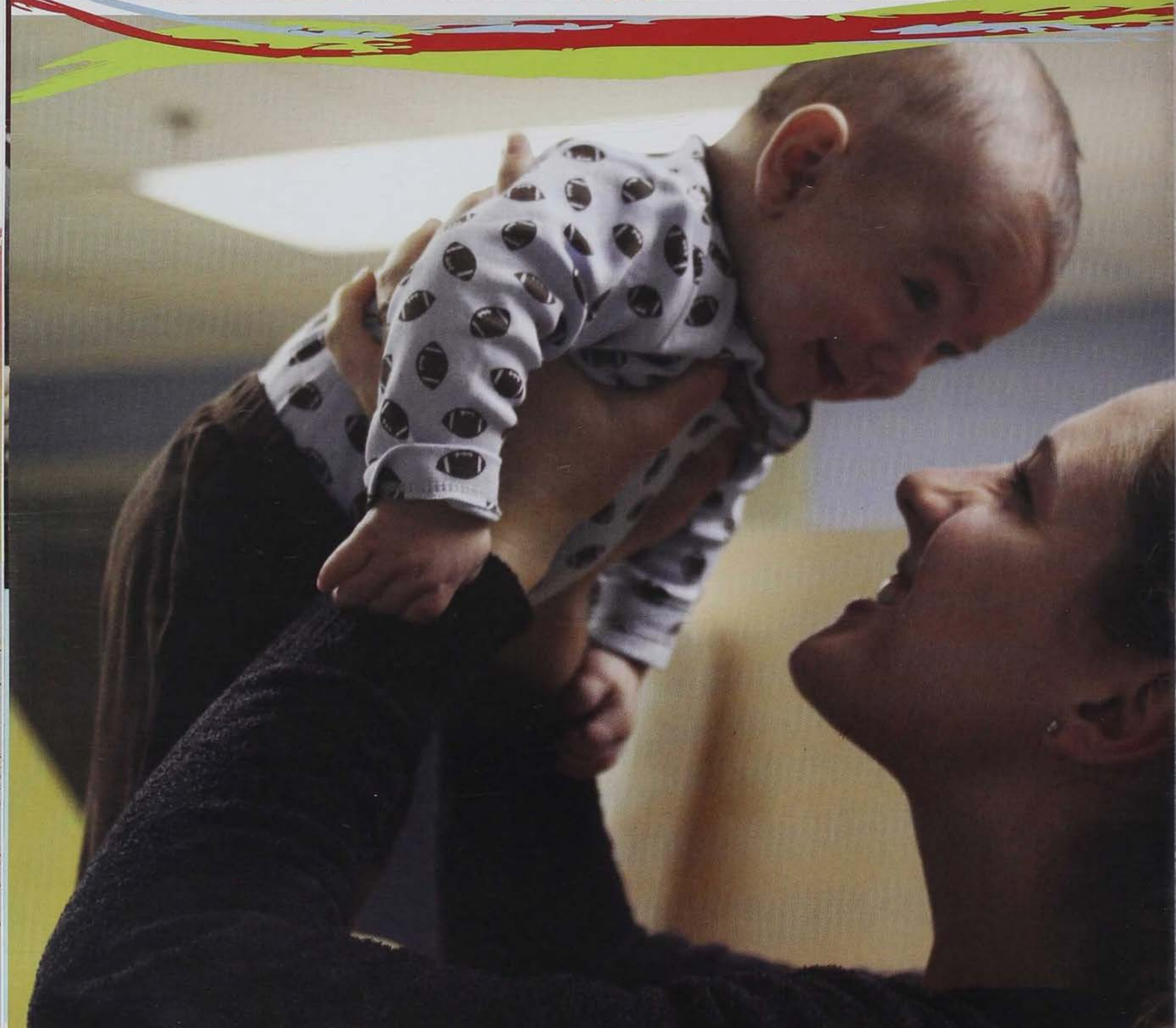
Richard Copeland, senior, works in Mrs. Johnson's fifth grade class at Kirk Day School. He helped kids with assignments as well as helped the teacher with any tasks she gave him.



At Kirk Day School, William McKenna, senior, volunteers as a teacher's aid. He was one of sixteen students that chose Kirk Day School as their place of service. McKenna worked in Mrs. Fryeling's Kindergarten classroom. A typical day at Kirk Day School involved helping the kids with projects and monitoring snack time.



Justine Schaper, senior, copies papers at Kirk of the Hills Christian Day School. "My day usually consisted of making copies of tests, handouts, and newsletters for my teacher," said Schaper. Senior service was new to Schaper because it was her first year at Westminster. Schaper moved to St. Louis from Ohio.





John Ross, senior, works at Kirk of the Hills as a teacher's assistant. "I helped the kids learn words on flash cards, and I also helped them learn how to read," said Ross. Ross also helped children with little projects such as learning how to spell.

Haley Kane, senior, organizes the math curriculum in Mrs. McClellan's third grade class. "I am a teacher's aid and help with grading assignments organizing and making copies for her," said Kane. Some seniors served in elementary schools in the area.

Molly Anderson, senior, holds a little girl who attends the Strictly Pediatrics day care. This Faith In Action organization had kids that ranged from newborns to five-year-olds. Anderson was one of four students that were chosen to work at Strictly Pediatrics for their Senior Service.

PEOPLE PLEASERS

For twenty-three years, Senior Service has been required as part of the curriculum in order to graduate from Westminster. The goal of Faith In Action, or Senior Service, each year was to show the importance of students helping others in the world outside of school. Through all these years, there had been many organizations that students had not chosen to volunteer at which students had decided to be involved in this year. Madison Burke, senior, chose to work at the American Heart Association. Burke said, "I knew a lot of people there and I thought it was cool." She helped as a media communication volunteer and also did public speaking for the organization. Making packets for presentations, organizing stock rooms, and adding Twitter updates for their account were some of the tasks that Burke was given. "I want to major in communications. Even though I am working in the background right now it is cool to observe," said Burke. Working with kids was also a popular choice for senior service. Nicholas Howard, senior, worked at First E-Free Kidz Connection. Howard said, "I did Kidz Connection when I was younger so that's how I chose this organization." A typical day would be alphabetizing binders, setting up snacks for the kids, and stacking envelopes. "It's really relaxing working there. I really enjoy it," said Howard. Other seniors, like Michael Scott, chose to work in a medical setting. In this environment, students were able to help the sick or elderly. Scott said, "I mostly do little stuff like fill patients' water bottles or bring down binders with medical records." Although most of the seniors worked at organizations that have participated in FIA in earlier years, students like Burke, Howard, and Scott were able to attend different and new organizations.



John Kehr, senior, plays with a little boy through his FIA organization. Kehr worked along with four others at Strictly Pediatrics for his Senior Service. One of Kehr's responsibilities was to entertain the babies.

Sarah Hughes, senior, plays with a baby at her Senior Service, Strictly Pediatrics. Hughes had been babysitting since she was eleven. She planned to study pediatric nursing in college.

Brandon Terlouw, sophomore makes his next move. Terlouw competed in the teacher versus student chess match on November 23 in the commons after school. Terlouw's opponent was Craig Dunham, upper school Bible teacher.



MATH academics and clubs

When reading the announcements, it was common to come across proclamations of victory by the basketball, baseball, or volleyball teams. One team which did not receive as much ink, however, was the chess team. Nonetheless, Westminster's chess team had a nearly undefeated season. The team managed to stay undefeated throughout all of the first semester and the first several weeks of the second semester. "We did great, we even managed to get several trophies at the state chess tournament." said Levi Marshall, freshman.

The chess club met nearly every Tuesday after school, and in several weeks the team would practice more than once. The varsity chess

Wined Up:

- Board # 1 Austin Gantner
- Board # 2 Daniel Nixon
- Board # 3 Susan Horak
- Board # 4 Evan Miller

team participated in seven tournaments where they reaped the rewards of their dedication and practice. "We went about 4 chess tournaments this year, including the state tournament." said Marshall

The team competed against De Smet, John Burroughs, Vianney, Ladue, Parkway South, Valley Park and Washington High School. The j.v. and varsity teams also had their own tournaments held in the Commons of Westminster. For example, students and teachers gathered on November 23 for the teacher vs. student chess meet. Although the meet was fun, it also served to provide team members with an opportunity to prepare for upcoming tournaments against other schools.

Playing with a pink chess set, Susan Horak senior battles April Johnston, senior, in an all-girls match. Horak along with Johnston were the only two girls on the chess team. Johnston was not an official member, but her father, Thomas Johnston, history teacher, was the chess coach.



Robert Davidson, eighth grade, competes against Andy Kerckhoff, middle school English teacher, at the faculty vs. student chess match. Davidson was one of only two middle school students on the chess team. He was a part of the junior varsity team that placed first at state last year.



Aaron Miller, sophomore, solves a math equation on the white board. Aaron Miller was a part of the math club, that met every Thursday after school. Davis Haas, upper school math teacher lead the meeting each week. Haas brought chips, cookies, and soda every week to their meeting for the students to enjoy.



Ellen Wenning and William Egan, freshmen, work on a worksheet in geometry. The group assignments were something that Rex Janssen, geometry teacher, did frequently during block days.



Austin Gantner, senior, contemplates his next move during an after school chess meet. Gantner and Susan Horak, senior competed for the top spot for weeks.



Evan Miller, sophomore, watches David Haas, math club sponsor, go through AMC scores on the board. Miller competed in the American Math Competition. Miller was in the math club and chess club.



Leah Janssen, freshman

James Young, sophomore

April Johnston, senior

Danielle Dykstra, sophomore

Jessica Johnson, freshman, ponders over calculations during a physics lab on volume and water displacement.



John Dohr and Nathan Cherian, freshmen, work together on a physics lab. The lab topic was velocity and speed, and the pair measured the time it took to run up and down the stairs.

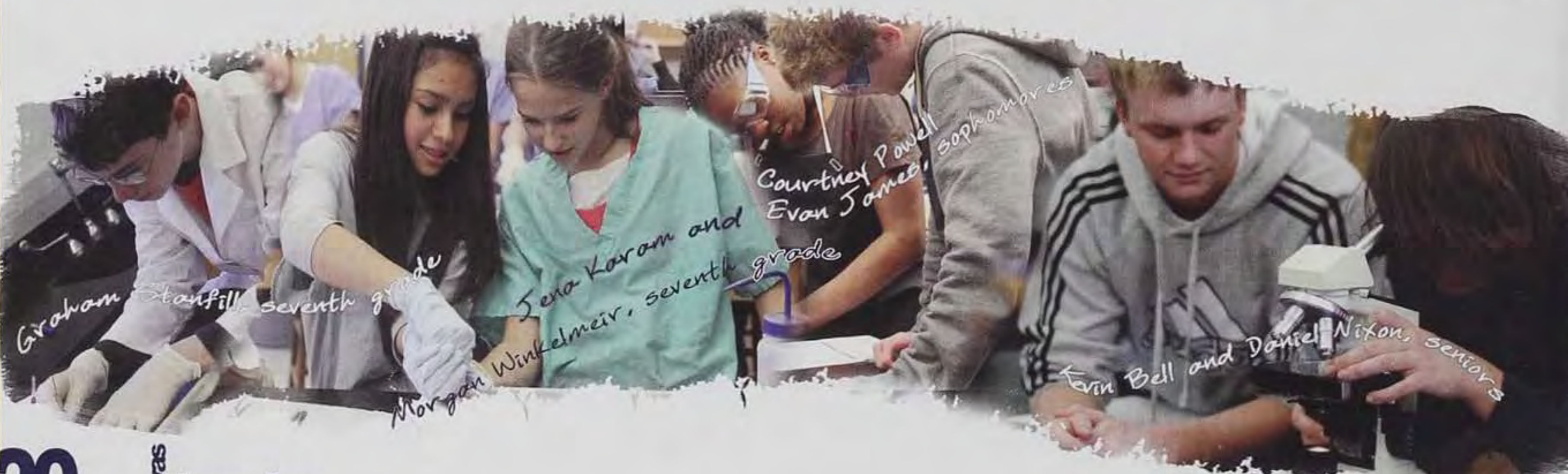


labs

Ellie Huffman and Blake Armstrong, sophomores, work together on a chemistry lab in Mallory Scholton, science teacher's, class. Scolton was a new teacher who taught chemistry and biology.



Julian Adams, seventh grade, dissects a frog in Steven Bradley, science teacher's, class. The class got into small groups and worked together to dissect a frog.



Graham Stanfill, seventh grade

Morgan Winkelmeir, seventh grade

Jena Karam and Evan James, sophomores

Courtney Powell, sophomore

Karin Bell and Daniel Nixon, seniors



Jazlyn Green, Janie Hughes, and Megan Johnson, seventh grade, dissect a frog in Steve Bradley, science teacher's, class. "I can always find some kids that have an interest and become fascinated with the anatomy and getting to see what's inside," said Elizabeth DeRousse, science and math teacher.

SCIENCE *academics*

In 2006, an amendment was added to the Missouri Constitution called the "Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative." While it legalized stem cell research and therapies consistent with federal law, it also banned human cloning. The issue of cloning was discussed among the regular and honors biology courses, and some similar opinions on the controversy emerged.

"You have to ask questions like, 'Would a clone be considered a real person?' or 'Is it ethical to grow clones, kill them off, and use the body parts to save lives?' It's a touchy subject because there are so many issues involved," said Marci Penning, junior.

In her honors biology class taught by Dr. Andrea Wilcox, Penning and her classmates learned about the ethical, legal, and social issues that cloning could lead to.

One of her conclusions was that human cloning is dangerous because "by enhancing clones, people may try to create the perfect race, which would be a similar scenario with what Hitler was trying to do."

While some students noted the issues that would ensue if a human clone were made, others touched on the dangers there would be in the cloning process. "It took tons of trials to actually clone Dolly the Sheep. Imagine the lives that would be lost in the trials it took to clone a human," said Lauren Sulewski, junior.

"Anytime you do an experiment on a human, as opposed to dogs, cats, sheep, or any other kind of animal, you have a special set of things to consider because man, unlike animals, is *Imago Dei*. In the image of God," said Dr. Andrew Shaw, science chair.



Zackary Lokey, freshman



Micah Theus, junior



Christine Bosch, freshman



Laura Brands, sophomore



Andrew Moisson, senior, eats his lunch before a Friday Literary Rogues meeting begins and reads over his poem. Students brought lunches to the meetings, which started ten minutes into lunch.

ENGLISH *academics and clubs*

Every other Friday at lunch, a group of students interested in expanding their literary skills and sharing their own work met in Dr. Timothy Gibson, English teacher's, room. When Rogues were asked to define the club they responded with a haiku: "Be an originator/Not a bland imitator/Be bold, go Rogue!" The members of the club decided that this would be the answer that they would give whenever asked about the club.

"I enjoy the free atmosphere. You feel welcome, and it's just a place to express yourself without being judged," said Tiffany Thompson, junior and secretary of the club. The members



Corbin Shelton, junior



Nick O'Neal, senior



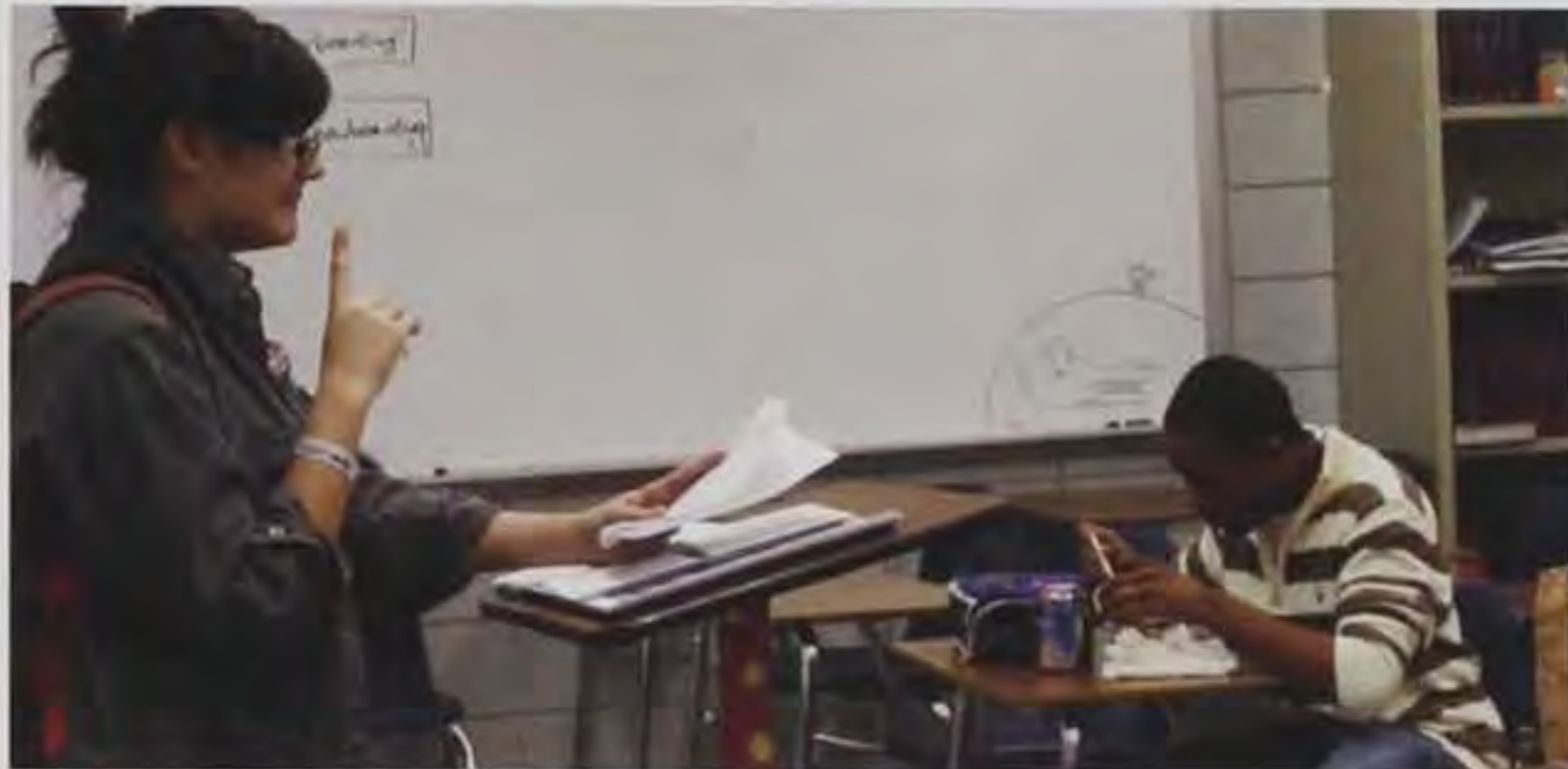
Matthew Baldwin, junior



Hayden Lewis, senior

agreed that Gibson encouraged creativity and expression, creating a safe atmosphere. Zachary Hanson, senior, founded the club in 2008. The mission of the club was to seek and promote students developing their creative voices.

Gibson gave each member various opportunities to participate in poetry competitions throughout the year and also share their literary works. He also showed the members different kinds of poetry and how to write them. At the next meeting, anyone who had written one of the new types of poems discussed was free to share it with the rest of the class.



From top left to bottom right: **Zachary Hanson, senior**, converses with Dr. Gibson before a Friday Literary Rogue's lunch meeting. **Timothy Gibson, English teacher**, welcomes everyone to the first literary rogues meeting of the year. He explained the goals and hopes of the club, and explained this year T-shirt design, drawn behind him. **Harrison Hinrichs, junior**, listens as Kate Kindbom, college and career counselor, tells his English class about their upcoming field trip to Washington University. **Grace Smith, senior**, reads a poem during a literary rogues meeting. Students were encouraged to read a poem every week. Some students even read one or two poems they had written. **Jacob Mohler, math teacher**, listens to a student recite a poem. Gibson encouraged other teachers to come support the students creative expression. **Shane Moylan and Zachary Schopp, juniors**, discuss the upcoming field trip to Washington University and the cash prize involved. The student with the best question during the field trip got the money. **Laughing, Tiffany Hennings, sophomore**, enjoys a poem read by a fellow classmate. When a member was initiated the student had to read a poem in front of the club. **Olivia Atkinson, senior**, takes a drink as she listens to poetry. They also planned who would bring food and drinks to the poetry slam, an event held by literary rogues. It was on February 25 and was the first poetry slam in Westminster history held by the club.



french club
spanish club
latin club

Rebecca Gee and Sabrina Hammond, juniors, eat pizza at the Latin club kickoff pool party. Gee was the president of the Latin club and oversaw the planning of parties and the booth at Carnival.

Mia Seagraves, senior, and **Sheridan Hentrich, junior**, listen to ideas for the French club t-shirt during a meeting. The members voted to use the Eiffel Tower as their T-shirt design.

Sarah DeVries, French teacher, and **Audrey Knight, senior**, set up their Carnival booth early in the morning. Even though Carnival was indoors, the French club raised \$206.40 by selling chocolate, muffins, and hot cocoa in the commons. The proceeds went to the Kim family, who were missionaries in France.

Anne Rebbe, freshman, eats Cheese Balls at the Latin club swim party kick-off in early August. As well as snacking, members of the club watched movies and played games.

Madalyn Elliott, senior, waits for her turn during a game of charades at Florence Lewis, Latin teacher's, house after the meal.



Audrey Knight, senior
Jessica Owens, sophomore
and Sheridan Hentrich, junior
FRENCH CLUB

Anne Rebbe and Kaylie Duker, freshmen
LATIN CLUB

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LATIN CLUB

Rachel Becker, Adrienne Kaup, and Brittany Zee-Cheng, sophomores, work on their pronunciation and vocabulary in the language lab during their Spanish 3 class. "We use the computers at random times, like on block days or whenever Mrs. Dudley [Upper School Spanish teacher] wants us to. It really helps me understand all of the Spanish vocabulary and words, too," said Becker.



FOREIGN LANGUAGES

academics and clubs

It was the last year of the toga parties and hosting chariot races on the football field, and the last year of anything Latin. At the end of May, Latin ceased to be a foreign language offered as a class at Westminster.

The reasons for deciding to take Latin out of the curriculum included the fact that there were not enough students signed up to take Latin as there had been in the past. According to the administration, Latin did not fit the curriculum anymore. Florence Lewis, Upper School Latin teacher, said, "Since many students I know struggle with language development, spelling, sentence construction and articulate expression, Latin would do nothing but help them. Plus, so many careers need an understanding of Latin, such as the medical and legal professions. I am sad that it is no longer an official class."

Even though Latin was known as a "dead language", it was used much more during the school day than anyone realized, even those not taking the Latin class. English speakers use Latin everyday, since so many words are rooted in that language. French and Spanish gained much of their vocabularies from Latin, as well.

The Latin club made the most of their last official year at Westminster with toga parties, chariot races, and skating at Brentwood Ice Rink in early December. However, it was not the last year for a Latin class; Westminster would offer it as a "pull-out" class taught by Mrs. Lewis, just as some other students took foreign language courses online during their study hall. Rebecca Gee, junior, and president of the Latin club, said, "I'm not sure if we'll have the Latin club next year, but I'm glad that Mrs. Lewis is still offering the class in the library."

Joseph Burzinski, junior, reclines against the wall in AP U.S. History class. During class they held a debate whether imperialism was a good idea for America. Howard Warren, teacher of the class, was helping to prepare his students for an upcoming test.



HISTORY *academias and clubs*

This year Westminster had to bid adieu to a beloved teacher, faculty member, and friend. Sophomore teacher Robert Vass retired because of increasing vision problems. Students of his, both current and past, were impacted by his departure and recognized his ability as a teacher to convey information effectively. "We did a lot of plays and projects in groups to learn the material, and it worked really well," said Kristen O'Leary, sophomore. Vass' unique teaching style was appreciated by students and missed upon his exit from Westminster.

Chris Knerr, who taught sophomore history alongside him, reflected on his memories of Vass. "Mr. Vass was one of the most committed people on the Westminster faculty. He was a man who loved to be at school teaching and enjoying his time with the sophomores. The Westminster faculty was not only sad to be saying goodbye to

him, we were also sad for him that he had to be leaving the job he cherished so dearly." Not only were the faculty members and students losing a devoted teacher, they were also saying goodbye to someone who provided comic relief inside and out of the classroom. "Not everyone knew this, but Mr. Vass was a very funny man. He had a very dry and quirky sense of humor that would sometimes make his jokes even more enjoyable. He loved to laugh and just have a good time," said Knerr.

Vass' somewhat sudden departure left both students and teachers wondering who would take on the workload that he carried during his time at Westminster. One class was delegated to Knerr; one to Sarah Keeton, English teacher; and Timothy Holley, history teacher took over two. Howard Warren, history teacher, became coach of Scholar Bowl, and a permanent substitute was hired to help Keeton handle her new, fuller schedule.



Marshall Dickerson, sophomore.



Briana Jennrich, freshman.



Eloise Bettlach, and Della Woodward, freshmen.



Joseph Collins, sophomore.



From top left to bottom right: **Daniel Chae, senior**, goes over his Political Science notes. Chae was in Unit 6 for the state competition and remained there for the national competition as well. **Grace Johnson, Jacob Dahl, and Leah Younkin, seniors**, wait for the judges' feedback during the state Political Science competition in Columbia, MO. Johnson, Dahl, and Younkin researched Congress and the President for Unit 4. For the national competition, Dahl moved to Unit 5. **Alexis Harvey and Summer Smith, freshmen**, make a speech about Greek mythology with the rest of their group in front of the class during third hour Ancient History with Thomas Johnston. The groups talked into a recording microphone that Thomas Johnston set up. He later loaded the speeches onto the internet so students could listen. **Brooke Siebenman, junior**, listens to Howard Warren, AP U.S. History teacher. Most of the class focused on discussion and preparation for the AP test in April. **Patrick Farmer and Ross Munroe, freshmen**, research in the library about a Greek myth. The students created their own groups, which focused on one particular myth. Groups had one block period day to research and rehearse the story they had chosen. **Nicholas Ramos, Zachariah Hampton, Brian Yeager, and Caleb Winter, sophomores**, watch Chris Knerr smash a watermelon during a Western Civilization lesson. Chris Knerr demonstrated the illustration to help describe the Des Cartes theory. **Julia Guzdial, freshman**, pays attention in seventh hour Ancient History. All freshmen were required to take a semester of Ancient History.





Top left to bottom right: **Spinning around Ashley Johnson** and Audrey Dodds, eighth grade, sing during the first chapel of the year. Carolyn Bonacquisti, senior and chapel band singer, said, "It's hard to pick my favorite song to sing, but it is probably 'Mighty To Save.'" **Elizabeth Nester, junior**, and Aaron Krumsieg, senior, sit during one of their Tuesday Student Spiritual Life Team lunch meetings. The SSLT helped contact speakers to speak in various chapels. Nester and Krumsieg were part of the original five students to start the club. **Zachary Hanson, senior**, listens to Reverend Luke Davis, chaplain, speak about the upcoming chapel. The Student Spiritual Life Team was a new leadership organization in 2009-10.

Reverend Luke Davis, chaplain, speaks at the Student Spiritual Life Team Meeting on January 26. The SSLT helped Davis think of ideas for Christmas, Easter, and Black History Month chapels. It was Reverend Davis' idea to get the SSLT started, and he had a major role in getting the club off the ground.



Eric Rideout, freshman, listens to his iPod during New Testament Survey. Craig Dunham, Bible teacher, let the students listen to their iPods only during this particular class because he was teaching about using discernment with music.



Steffano Chavez, junior, and Marissa Harjoe, sophomore, collaborate on a worksheet in Biblical Ethics. Ethics was a class that could either be taken as a sophomore or a junior, depending on the student's personal preference. Both Craig Dunham, Larry Hughes, and Reverend Luke Davis taught Biblical Ethics.



Megan Sexton, eighth grade

Joshua Ortiz and Scott Thompson, freshmen

Daria Vonderohr, eighth grade

Kaitlin Chapell, freshman

Holly Sumner, Laura Tarantino, Anna Dieckgraefe, freshmen, Michelle Gilbert, Spanish teacher, Jonathan Pannkuk, Lucas Silkey, and Thomas Osterholt, freshmen, sing during the first day of school chapel. Sumner looked forward to getting to worship with her classmates.



BIBLICAL academics and clubs

Westminster started a new club for the students that gave more students the opportunity to be active in the school. This new club, called the Student Spiritual Life Team or SSLT, was led by Reverend Luke Davis, chaplain.

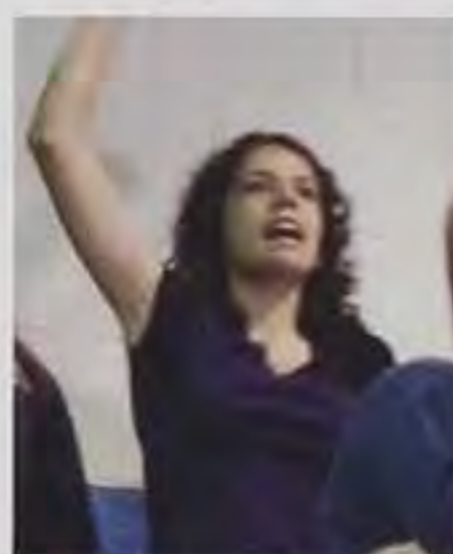
"The SSLT was to provide the venue for the students to have a say in chapel, and pray for the other students in the school. Next year we are even planning to have student-to-student mentoring. This year, the SSLT was considerably small compared to the other various clubs and groups at Westminster," said Davis

The Student Spiritual Life Team consisted of Elizabeth Nester, junior, Aaron Krumsieg, Daniel Alexander, Bianca Elliott, and Zachary Hanson, seniors. They assisted Davis as he prepared his chapel

speeches and gave him ideas to help him relate to the students. Likewise, the SSLT gave ideas for this year's chapel themes, as well as next year's themes.

Additionally, the SSLT prayed for each student at the school. Each week they would randomly select a handful of Westminster students and teachers and prayed for their week, and what the students and teachers would accomplish throughout the year. The selected students received a small note in their locker saying they had been prayed for and to have a wonderful week.

Clubs may start small, but the SSLT made plans to increase in number the next year and become a more prominent in the school.



Violet Kouzes, freshman



Glen Calvin, sophomore



Daniel Alexander, senior



Dongjae Lee, freshman

Nathan Estock, seventh grade, helps build a roof for one of the houses of the "To Kill A Mockingbird" set. Hannah Geisz, seventh grade, joined the set-club because "My grandpa was a carpenter and that's how I know a lot about building sets."



ARTS

academics & clubs

Elizabeth Korb and Ana Tanner, seniors, started the set club during their freshman year. Before its formation, the job of making sets fell to the Drama Club, Mr. Tiemier, moms and any students who volunteered to help.

Having seen an opportunity to get involved and provide a service that Westminster needed, Korb and Tanner created the Set Club. Prior to plays the club met every day after school for two hours. During this time, members built, painted, and decorated the sets.

"This year we tried getting more people to join, which was a success," said Sarah Yousef, freshman.

This growth was partly due to the fact that middle school students were welcome to join. About three weeks of work went into "Arsenic and the Old Lace," and the set

for "To Kill a Mockingbird" took much longer. Although the play was not performed until January set club members started working in October to prepare it in time. However, the effort paid off when club members were able to "go to the show and see six months of work finally up on the stage as its own character," said Elizabeth Korb, senior.

Sometimes the club members had late nights to complete the sets for the plays and the musical. Four late nights went into completing the TKAM set, which included three houses with working doors, a tree, and a courthouse scene. To some club members, late nights were the most enjoyable part of Set Club.

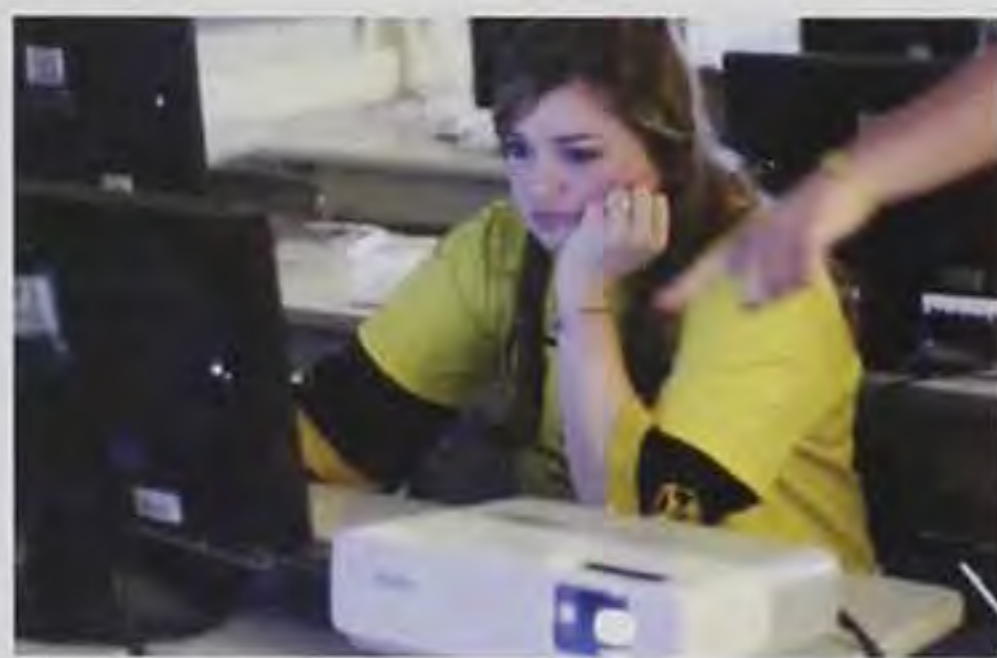
"Mr. Dickerson makes really good food, which makes the late nights fun," said Holly Sumner, freshman.



Sarah Yousef, Briana Jennrich, Holly Sumner, freshmen, Joshua Sumner, seventh grade, Patrick Farmer, freshman, Elizabeth Korb, Ana Tanner, seniors, Front row, Hannah Geisz, Harrison Farmer, seventh graders; Amber Draper, freshman



From top left to bottom right:
Holly Sumner, freshman, drills wood for the roof of a house that was part of the set of "To Kill a Mockingbird." This was Sumner's third year on set club. Her younger brother Joshua Sumner, seventh grade, was also in set club. "It's common to be in set club and have a sibling in there too," said Sumner.
Elizabeth Korb, senior, directs a set club meeting. Korb cofounded the set-club alongside Ana Tanner, senior, during their freshman year.
Emily Paulk, junior, participates in a digital graphics club meeting during lunch. Digital graphics club started three years ago. The club, run by president Ashley Lokey, junior, was in charge of using digital art software to create anything for the school. "We are in charge of posters, tickets and brochures for drama, and basketball leaflets for the athletic department. We do as much as possible to help the school," said Paulk.
Justine Doiron, sophomore, plays Mayella Ewell in the play, "To Kill a Mockingbird." She was one of the presidents along with Sam Bowman, senior, of drama-club. This was her second year on drama club. "I love how people who would never become friends somehow bond over something as small as improv or a play," said Doiron.
Briana Jennrich, freshman, and Harrison Farmer, seventh grade, watch "My Fair Lady" at a set club party to prepare for construction of the set for this year's musical
Patrick Farmer, freshman, plays ping-pong at a set club party. The set club hosted a set party to watch "My Fair Lady" in order to get ideas for possible set backgrounds.





Lauren Sexton, junior, listens to Emily Roig during the morning worship on Friday. Even though it was Spirit Week, students still met for morning worship.



Ashley Lokey, junior, supports the varsity hockey team on January 5. Lokey attended morning worship every Friday. "I loved morning worship because I loved being able to worship with my friends. It was one of my highlights of the week," Lokey said.

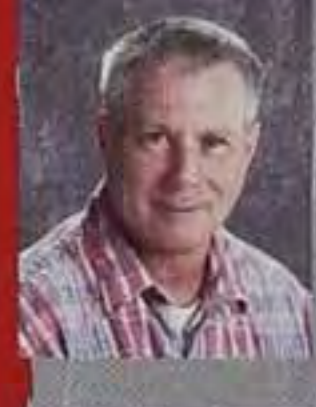


Emily Roig, Spanish teacher, leads worship Friday morning on January 22. "The reason I'm teaching Spanish at WCA is all God. I just took a leap of faith in applying to teach here," said Roig.



Elizabeth Linhoff and Austin Brown, sophomores, measure substances in order to convert their weight into molar mass. They both had Mallory Scholten for chemistry, who was new to Westminster this year.

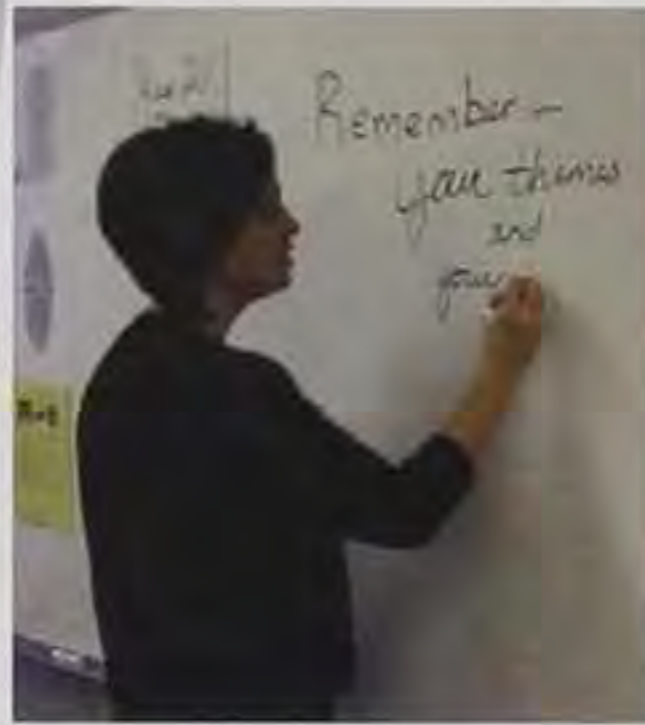
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- Kim Bruhn
- Sherry Buis
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- Brian Eubank
- Dani Butler
- Doug Butte
- Pamela Bye
- Carlson Carleton
- Douglas Colman
- Laura Copeland
- Monique Cusumano
- Luke Davis
- Sharon DeGrihan
- Elizabeth DeRousse
- Sarah DeVries
- John Dickerson
- Emily Dierking
- Kim Doyle
- Jean Dudley
- Craig Dunham
- Kathryn Eichelberger
- Brian Eichholz
- Lucy Erdman
- Traci Eversitt
- Jim Farmer
- Mike Ford
- Todd Fuller
- Timothy Gibson
- Michelle Gilbert
- Eileen Goebel
- L.B. Graham
- Lauren Graham
- Karen Groves
- David Haas





Bright AND early

Every Friday morning, students gathered into Daniel Legters, Spanish teacher's, room for worship in place of morning devotions. The classes of Timothy Holley, history teacher, Emily Roig, Spanish teacher, and Eric Bain and Anne Westhoff, physical education teachers, crammed into the room and sang three praise songs. Emily Roig, a former Westminster student, led the worship time along with Matthew Sugg, junior, on the drums. This was the first year Roig taught in the United States after teaching English at an orphanage in the Dominican Republic. "This summer, when I was planning for my Spanish classes, I knew I wanted to have Friday morning worship for devotion time because I love music, I love making music, and I especially love worshipping the Lord through music," said Roig. During her time as a student at Westminster, Roig participated in the chapel band and had permission from several of her first hour teachers to lead devotions during her high school years.



Writing a reminder on the board, Laura Pettay came halfway through the year to take over for former English teacher, Bob Vass. Before coming to Westminster, Pettay taught in North Carolina and then attended graduate school. "The faculty and students are nice and helpful. I like it here so far; the school has a nice feel to it," Pettay said.

Mallory Scholten, chemistry and biology teacher, watches Alexis Grasse and Tinaira Tieucl, sophomores, calculate molar mass during fourth hour chemistry. "This is my first year teaching and overall teaching is a good experience," Scholten said.

Emily Dierking, art teacher, helps students, Erinn Flowers, junior, and Adrienne Boyd, senior, construct an art project during the class, sculpture ceramics. Dierking taught at University City High school for a year before coming for Westminster. "I like Westminster a lot and the kids seem enthusiastic about art," Dierking said.

After teaching four years of English before coming to Westminster, Daniel Burke, freshmen English teacher, prepares for his next lesson during planning period. "I enjoy teaching at Westminster. It's hard teaching at your old high school but also rewarding," Burke said.

Sarah DeVries, Joan Dudley, upper school foreign language teachers, and **Martha Peters,** librarian, eat lunch in the foreign language lab. "We eat in here so we don't have to talk about sports or politics," said **Michelle Gilbert,** Spanish teacher. Those who spent their lunch periods in the foreign language labs started to refer to it as the party room.



Laura Pettay, upper school English teacher, talks with **Karen Munoz,** junior, during lunch. Many English teachers spent their lunch periods sitting in their rooms having meetings with students. "Sometimes we go to the teachers' lounge, normally we grade papers," said **Ann Heyse,** freshmen English teacher.



When the bell rang each day for lunch, most students jumped out of their desks and headed downstairs for the thirty minute break from the tedious school day. Students were not the only ones who looked forward to this momentary break; faculty had similar views of lunch time.

LUNCH BREAK

Cory Snyder, registrar and physics teacher, spent most of his lunch periods standing outside of the main offices and watching for students wandering the hallways. "I guard the hallways against evil. Just kidding, I just make sure nothing bad happens," said Snyder.

While some teachers ate in the teachers lounge, there were others who preferred to remain in the classroom. "If you don't want to talk about sports or politics, don't sit in the teachers lounge. That's what we've learned," said **Emily Dierking,** art teacher. "We've had astronaut ice cream, and we have birthday parties," said **Michelle Gilbert,** Spanish teacher. No matter where they were, teachers took advantage of their lunch breaks.



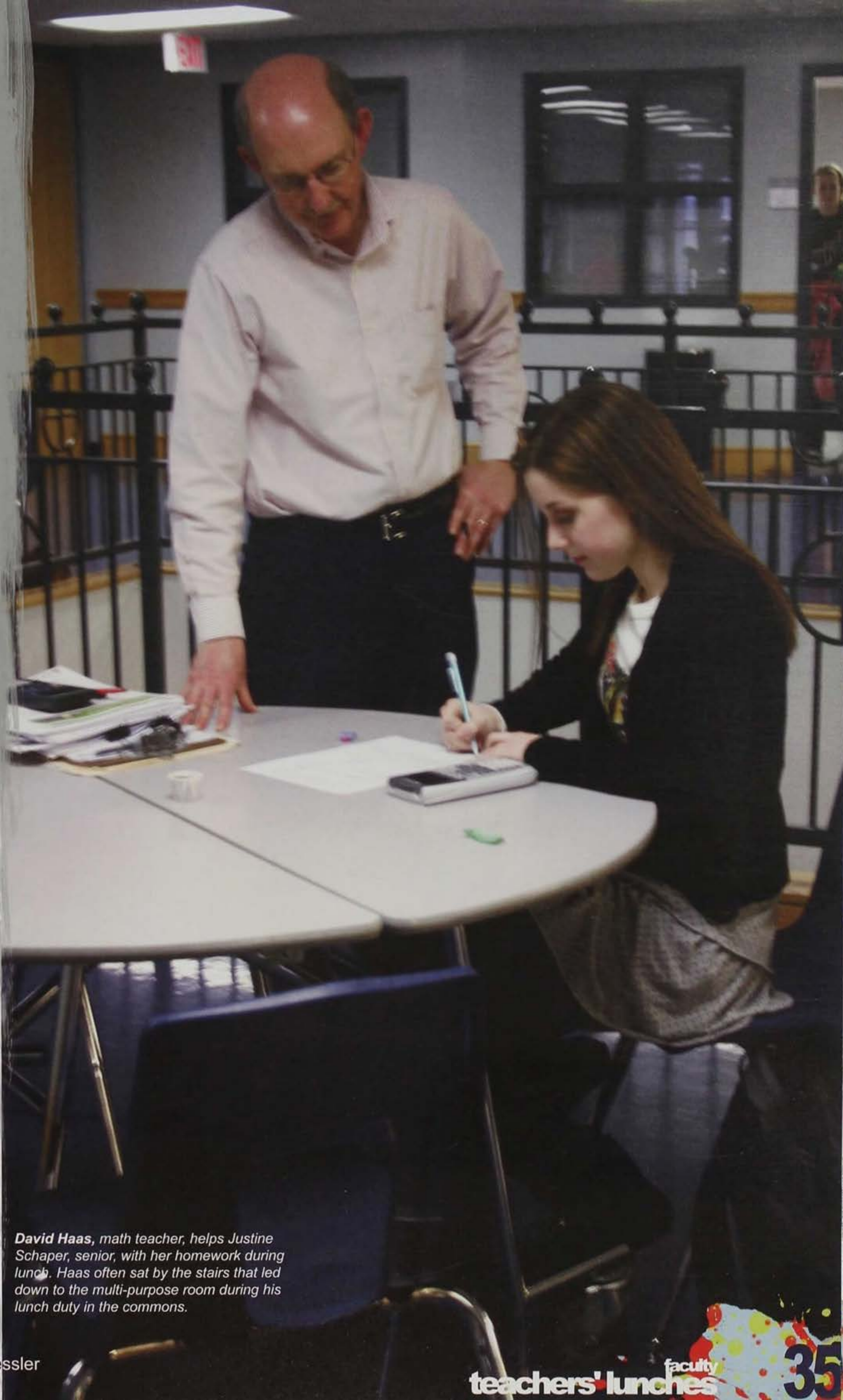
Rex Janssen, geometry teacher, **Brian Burkey,** New Testament teacher, **Howard Warren,** history teacher, and **Warren Smith,** biology teacher, eat lunch in the faculty lounge. "I usually stand outside the library and interact with students and colleagues, and if I have something in my hand I'll throw it at someone," said Smith.

Cory Snyder, physics teacher and registrar, monitors the upper school hallway during lunch. Part of his job was to make sure that students were not wandering the halls during lunch.



- Steven Hall
- Timothy Hall
- Lisa Harding
- Sarah Peterson
- Tori Havel
- Nicky Hensley
- Ann Heyse
- Scott Holley
- Timothy Huey
- Larry Hughes
- Harry Hyndman
- Rex Janssen
- Mark Jennings
- David Johnson
- Jill Johnson
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- Thomas Johnston
- Hugh Jones
- Kathleen Kangan
- Abigail Karsten
- Sara Keeton
- Kent Kehr
- Jill Keith
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- Aaron Layton
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- Eddie Mohler
- Rebecca Mendis
- Alan Miller
- Diane Miller
- Kenneth Mitchell
- Jacob Morley
- Tim Muehleisen
- Nick Nichols
- Allison Pautler
- Christopher Pederson
- J.D. Pogue





David Haas, math teacher, helps Justine Schaper, senior, with her homework during lunch. Haas often sat by the stairs that led down to the multi-purpose room during his lunch duty in the commons.

WE ARE WORLD

After an earthquake hit Haiti, the school newspaper staff decided to devote an entire paper to issues that affect people's lives that didn't get talked about much or were not well known. This was an attempt to go beyond the awareness that was raised through ITSOG and the Invisible Children Campaign.

ITSOG, which stood for "In The Spirit Of Giving," was held yearly. Each day, students brought items for a certain organization or need, such as toiletries, cleaning supplies, or children's toys. To encourage participation, there was a competitive aspect to the week, and the class who donated the most each day was designated the "winner." This year, the seventh grade surged into winning position for most of the week, and the senior class was close behind.

The Invisible Children Campaign raised over ten thousand dollars, and all the money was sent to Uganda to build schools and other necessary institutions that were destroyed by the internal war. Westminster students purchased new sweatshirts, sweatpants, and T-shirts, and donated spare change to raise the funds.

"I really liked the clothes, and I bought a green sweatshirt," said Jessica Wyrzynski, freshman. "Not only did I get to help them once, but every time someone asks me what it means, I get to spread awareness for their cause!"

Westminster also instituted a new tradition for Invisible Children. Ann Heyse, freshman English teacher, collected used T-shirts with WCA logos and sent them over to clothe the poor and needy. She said, "It's important that we help those who are in need. It's an easy way to give clothes, and connect in some way!"

Danielle Pfyl, senior, laughs with her friends during the WCA Invisible Children chapel. She helped to raise money by selling clothes designed by the Contemporary World Affairs class. Jenny Thompson, class of 2009, speaks at the Invisible Children chapel about her trip to Uganda. She was chosen to represent Westminster the summer after her graduation.

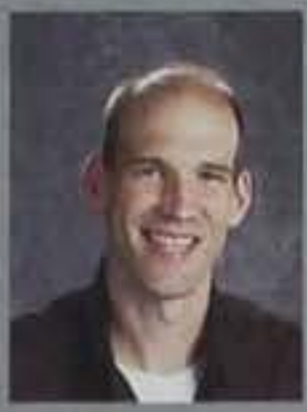


Jacob O'Brien, Melissa Oliver, Michael Ferrara, Brett Park, seniors, and Jacqueline Rea, Cindy Blanchard, Tinaira Tieuel, sophomores, confer in the commons after the Invisible Children Chapel. Some students like Oliver sported the Invisible Children outerwear designed by the Contemporary World Affairs class.

- Martha Peters
- Susan Pike
- Judy Powell
- Colin Rowland
- Pamela Reed
- Betty Richardson
- Emily Robt
- Debra Ruth
- Spencer Savory
- Dave Schall
- Malloy Schollen
- Alan Schwandt
- Helen Scott
- Jeremy Scott
- James Scott
- Mark Sall
- Andrew Shaw
- Jeff Shultz
- Warren Smith
- Cozy Snyder
- Nathan Talley
- Donald Tiermeyer
- Amy Turner
- Richard Van Gild
- Rebecca Van Valkenberg
- Deana Vandegriff
- Nate VanderWal
- Robert Voss
- Scott Vonder Bruegge
- Craig Walseth
- Howard Warren
- Kate Wernberg
- Joshua West
- Anne Westhoff
- Andrea Wilcox
- Anya Wilson
- Paula Williams
- Sandra Winchester
- Elizabeth Woodall
- Cynthia Zavaaglia



William McKenna, and Blake Andersen, seniors, explain to WCA the Invisible Children information. They were active members in promoting the cause.



Catherine Horseman, senior, watches the speaker at the Invisible Children chapel. She was part of Ken Boesch's Contemporary World Affairs class that helped raise the money for the organization.

Sarah Clark, senior, supports her fellow World Contemporary Affairs classmates during their school-wide presentation. All seniors in Contemporary World Affairs bought an item of Invisible Children clothing to support and promote their cause.

During the week of ITSOG, Stephen Lillenberg, junior, gave his time to sort through all the donations. He also helped count all of the merchandise.



Selah Chappeau, sophomore, attempts to drive around Kaylie Duke, freshman, while playing during a Blue and White Night game. This was Chappeau's third year of playing basketball. "I love being on a team with friends and working with other people," said Chappeau.

Julian Adams
Lauren Alldredge
Grace Arias
Elisabeth Bacon
William Barry
Olivia Bauer
Courtney Beat
David Becker



Joshua Behm
Sarah Betz
Andrea Biermann
Erina Biermann
Madilynn Blum
Brendan Bognar
Samuel Breittgam
Trent Briden



Carley Brown
Emily Broyles
Carson Burke
Grace Burzinski
Brendan Camahan
Jacob Chimento
Callie Christen
Kayla Clay



BLUE AND WHITE PENNING

At Blue and White Night on Nov. 20, the varsity women's basketball team split up and scrimmaged each other. The Penning sisters, Marci, junior, and Kelly, senior, both played on the varsity team. At this event they were forced to play against each other instead of playing together.

"I find that I play harder against her than anyone else. It's not a conscience thing. It's not like I don't try against other opponents, I just care more about beating her because she's my sister," said Marci. Kelly said that "it's more fun for the crowd to watch sisters play." Both girls admitted that playing against each other is not like playing against other opponents. "It's not like losing a regular game, because you are losing to your teammates. That has bothered me in previous years, but this year it was fun, and I looked at it as a way for us to push each other," said Kelly. They were always there to push each other to be better athletes. "I don't feel intimidated by her because I'm used to it. I think that she helps me focus more and challenges me," said Marci. "So far the season is going well. I think once our team dynamic clicks in, we will do really well because we have so much potential," said Kelly.

The women's basketball team all agreed that both sisters played very well together. "They feed off each other, and they challenge each other to work harder. They also joke around a lot at practice with each other. They're just really fun to play with," said Suzanne Weston, senior.



Jessica Wydrzynski, freshman, hangs out with her friends at one of the Blue and White celebrations. "I like the team spirit, and I go with friends because it's more fun that way," said Wydrzynski.

Jeremy Blanchard, freshman, shoots the ball at Blue and White Night on Dec 17. A member of the JV basketball team, Blanchard had played basketball since fifth grade.



Katherine Haxel, senior, performs a pom routine during the half-time of the varsity men's Blue and White game. The dance team performs at every men's varsity basketball home game. This was the dance team's first performance of the season.



Brianna DeGroot, freshman, cheers with the JV cheer squad during Westminster's Pride Night. The cheerleaders also performed a dance routine that night.



Jabri Boyd, freshman, dribbles down the court looking for an open teammate. Boyd played on the varsity women's basketball team the entire season.



Brittany Hawkins, sophomore, performs for the crowd during the half-time of the freshmen and JV men's basketball game. This was Hawkins' first year cheering for the Wildcats.



*Justin Creighton
Bryan Curtis
Joshua Degroot*



*Christopher Doll
Alyssa Dosmann
Lillian Duell
Alexander Ebel*

Deck the Halls with ugly sweaters

The week before finals brought Christmas Banquet drama, finals preparation, and ugly Christmas sweaters.

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, the seniors continued the tradition introduced by the class of 2008-2009 by wearing a wide variety of Christmas sweaters, Christmas shirts, and Christmas bows. The requirements were that the articles of clothing needed to not only be related to Christmas, but also as tacky as possible. Seniors rose to the occasion by adorning themselves in sweaters featuring things such as cats playing with ornaments, huge snowmen or reindeer. Some students also sported Christmas clothing with bells, glitter or lights.

The next day, the juniors followed suit with their own Christmas sweater day. As the week ended and finals started, the sweaters went back into storage in preparation for next year's "week of ugly sweaters."

Rebecca Waller and Laura Brands, sophomores, display their tacky Christmas sweaters on Friday, Dec. 11. "I did not feel weird wearing the sweater as long as I was around my friends because some of them had one on too," said Brands.



Julie Sharp and Shaylynn Weststeyn, seniors, and Elizabeth Nester, junior, sing with the Chamber Choir on Dec. 8. Nester, along with some other choir members, chose to wear hats instead of sweaters, in order to follow the Christmas theme.

Benjamin Arndt, senior, and Margaret Johnson, junior, carol with the Chamber Choir on December 8 before its concert. The choir agreed that they would all wear tacky Christmas-themed clothing as they sang Christmas songs before the band and choir Christmasfest concert at Missouri Baptist University.



Amanda Ebert
Andrew Eichenlaub
Rebecca Eis
Baxter Estes
Nathan Estock
Anna Evans
Michael Failoni
Harrison Farmer



Sarah Jane Fiala
Ethan Finn
Megan Galvin
Hannah Geisz
Joshua Gembala
Hannah Gilmore
Matthew Goebel
Trevon Gooch



Jazlyn Green
Anna Hagan
Mary Kathryn Hancock
Allison Handler
John Hardin
Jordan Harvey
Brittany Hayes
Mary Heyl





Seniors celebrate "Senior Christmas Sweater Day" during lunch in the commons. Some seniors went all out wearing bows and Christmas-themed jewelry along with their sweaters. Sarah Hughes, senior, was the student credited for carrying the tradition on.



Bailey Hiatt



Steven Howell
Janie Hughes



Megan Johnson
Jena Karam
Joshua Keane
Amon Kehr

WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR SWEATER?

"It was in a pile of things that my mom was going to give away"
-Audrey Knight, senior.

"It's my mom's. I found it in her closet"
-Alexandria Calhoon, sophomore



Benjamin Huffman, eighth grade, climbs over rocks on a field trip to Elephant Rocks State Park on Sept. 4. The eighth grade class spent the entire day with their junior peer counselor group and climbed on the large rocks. "Elephant rocks was our favorite field trip," said Abby Nixon, Alyson Nichols, and Steven Gierse, eighth grade.

Alexander Kessel
 Juhyae Kim
 Taylor King
 Ashton Kratky
 Christian Linhoff
 Lucas Matheny
 Steven Matzig
 Megan McDaniel



Sarah McFarland
 Christian Meeks
 Thomas Meyer
 Parker Mitchem
 Alexandra Montgomery
 Caleb Mundorf
 Joel Perkins
 Samuel Peterman



Ciarra Peters
 Austin Port
 David Pruitt
 Tierra Reese
 Amelia Reeves
 Michael Richardson
 Rachel Ritter
 Karagen Rogers



After the field trip to Elephant Rocks, Laura Smith, eighth grade, gets off the bus and heads to the soccer field to play until the end of the school day. Madeline Ottsen, eighth grade, talks with her friends during lunch while on the field trip. During the trip, Tim Muehleisen, US history teacher, prepared the lunch for the students during their field trip.



Before the speaker at Saint Louis University begins talking, the seventh grade students talk and joke around with each other. Brendan Carnahan, Allison Handler, and Sarah Betz, seventh grade, pay attention to a speaker at SLU who was sharing facts about the human heart.



Rebecca Ross
Hannah Ruckman



Bryan Sanders
James Schick



Elizabeth Schmidt
Emma Schoch
Dean Schreiber

Wild experiences

Every year, the eighth grade class takes a field trip to the Saint Louis Zoo in Forest Park. Many experiences happened when the eighth graders explored the Zoo and learned new facts about the animals. In addition, they shared funny memories with their classmates, and they enjoyed many laughs while they observed the habitats and habits of many animals.

"A really funny thing happened when me and my friend were by the hippos. They came over close to us and started making weird noises," said Alyson Nichols, eighth grade "It was really funny to listen to." Along with the funny noises by the animals, there were other stories that went on at the Zoo. "My friends and I got lost at the Zoo when we went. It was right before the buses were going to leave and we couldn't find our way to it. I thought we were going to be left," said Steven Gierse, eighth grade. "There was a haunted house at the Zoo when we were there. It was a lot of fun to scare the people in it," said Ann Schlafly, eighth grade. Along with their memories, the students had the opportunity to observe the animals and their habitats.

"It was really fun watching the snakes. I used to have a pet snake, but he didn't have a name because I found him," said Justice Bartlett, eighth grade. "It was interesting to watch the workers feed it a mouse," said Bartlett. "My favorite animal to observe were the gorillas because they were chasing each other. It was funny to watch," said Zachary Shikles, eighth grade. "I got to observe a cheetah," said Ashley Johnson, eighth grade. "I watched it jump off a really high rock onto a tree. It was cool to see how far and high it could go," said Johnson.

Along with many memories, the students still learned about the animals. "It was fun to go to the zoo with your friends," said Abby Nixon, eighth grade.



During the trip to Elephant Rocks, Tyler Catlett, eighth grade, climbs with his junior peer counselor group.



Justin Creighton, seventh grade, plays with his little brother in order to calm him down. Creighton was the oldest of four brothers, which provided him the opportunity to help his parents out by watching over them periodically. "If I don't have any plans on the weekends I am usually babysitting my brothers," said Creighton

Nathan Scott
Lucille Sell
Luke Shields
Carl Simakoff
Andrew Southwell
Graham Stanfill
Angelina Steck
Faith Stevens



William Straub
Stephanie Strothkamp
Kevin Stump
Emily Sulewski
Joshua Sumner
Blake Sutphen
Christine Talent
Amber Terlouw



Sydney Thomas
Jacob Waller
Armeon Watson
Blake Weaver
Corey Weinberg
Michael Weston
Ashlyn Wiggins
David Williams



FRIENDS LAUGHTER NO SCHOOL

Weekends were the couple of days that students at Westminster could relax during that week. It was the only time that they did not have to sit in class all day and listen to their teachers. For many students, the weekend was meant for rest and relaxation. Elisha Logan, senior, and his family attended a church called Abundant Life Fellowship every Sunday. It was a time spent to talk with friends and family. This day of the week was very important to their family as well as the time spent after church, either going out to lunch with the family or relaxing at home.

For others, the weekend was a great time to spend exercising by playing on sports teams. Alyssa Dosmann, seventh grade, played on Westminster's basketball team during the winter. Not only would she and her teammates play basketball, they were also able to pick up lunch at the local subway restaurant and bond with each other before or after games. Going out to lunch or to shop was something Melinda Oliver, freshman, and Melissa Oliver, senior, did during the weekends. Bubble Tea, in the loop, was a great place to hang out and enjoy a snack.

Justin Creighton, seventh grade, hung out with his brothers and helped his parents watch his four younger siblings over the weekend. Babysitting was a common activity for Creighton if he did not have any other plans. Luke Shields, Eric Shaffer, Josh Keane and Michael Weston, seventh grade, all went to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church. After the service, during the winter months, they would engage in snow ball fights or sled down the hills outside the church. When the weather was a bit nicer, they would play a quick game of football in the church parking lot.

"It is awesome that my friends go to the same church because I can play with them while I'm waiting for my parents," said Weston. Reed Montgomery, eighth grade, also attended Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church and would invite friends over to play Call of Duty after church. Video games were a common activity among middle school boys over the weekend. These two days of the week became a valuable part of many student's lives at Westminster.

Melissa Oliver, senior, and Melinda Oliver, freshman, share a snack with each other at a local restaurant called Bubble Tea. This quaint restaurant was located in the Saint Louis loop, which served as a hangout for students to shop, eat, and watch movies. "We love the loop. We come here almost every time we don't have school because it is a great place to chill," said Melinda.



Elisha Logan, senior, talks with a friend following Sunday Youth Group at his church, Abundant Life Fellowship.



Luke Shields, seventh grade, has a snow ball fight with his friends after church. Reed Montgomery, eighth grade, plays Call of Duty with his friend Michael Weston, seventh grade, after a church group lunch.



The seventh grade basketball team has their first game of the year. Middle school girls would play basketball games at Clayton High school's Stuber Gym throughout the entire day.



*Saenea Williams
Erika Wilson*



*Morgan Winkelmeir
Richard Worley*



*Brendan Yeager
Lara Yeast
Jake Zakovec*

Hannah Nothum, senior, works on her watercolor final. Nothum believed that Westminster needed a cooking class "because so many students need to know how to cook before college. Plus it would be fun, and it's practical. Lots of WCA's practical arts classes focus on technology, which is good, but what about basic living needs?" said Nothum.



Jessica Owens, sophomore, eats lunch in the commons. Owens participated in drama and choir classes outside of WCA. "I wish we had Musical Theater [in high school]; it sounds really fun and would really help me with my chorus and drama activities," said Owens.



a classified idea

In 1989, Westminster offered Home Economics, Interior Design, Foods, Clothing, and Life Skills, all taught by Susan Pike, current Life Skills teacher. However, twenty years later, none of these classes, with the exception of Life Skills, still existed. Many students expressed a desire to take a Home Economics or "shop" class, saying that their parents had taken it in high school or that they needed to learn how to cook and repair things before living on their own.

As well as more diverse extracurricular classes, some students wanted more sports. Hannah Nothum, senior, wanted to be able to play field hockey but could not because Westminster did not offer it as a girls' sport. "MICDS has it, so does Villa and all those other schools. Why not Westminster? Westminster already has so many sports that it probably wouldn't make a difference to add one more. It would offer more competition against MICDS and Villa," said Nothum.

Knowing how to repair clothing, cook dishes other than toast and eggs, make good decisions, and repair home essentials when they break down can be handy even in high school as well. Learning these skills gave high school students the ability to do more for themselves instead of relying on their parents for everything. Despite the fact that these classes were no longer on the curriculum, Westminster still offered many unique electives, as well as a wide array of sports and clubs after school.

The middle school curriculum offered several new encore classes in the 2009-2010 school year, including Musical Theater I and II. In the past, students would have had to take both Drama and Chorus to get the equivalent of Musical Theater in one semester.

However, Dr. Scott Holley, academic dean, said of the reasoning behind the lack of Shop and Home Economics: "The Shop and Home Economics classrooms had been located where the Commons are now, and back then we needed more classroom areas. So, I guess it boils down to a lack of facilities and just not enough interest. We might bring it back when we move to the Maryville campus."



During Spirit Week, Kathleen Talent, junior, videotapes the activities for the annual video as a member of the audiovisual club. "I'd like more in-depth art classes or classes about psychology. People like to see the way the mind works, and psychology plays into classes like Life Skills and Biblical Ethics," said Talent.

Zachariah Hampton, sophomore, performs in the step routine for his grade during spirit week. "I would add a sports class on the main three sports: football, baseball, and basketball. We would study things like the stats and history of the sports," said Hampton.

Jennifer Albertson
Bradley Almus
Brennen Almus
Julia Alpert
Kayla Armstrong
Michael Backs
Catherine Bakewell
Jenny Baldwin



Justice Bartlett
Emily Baum
Beau Beattie
Sarah Becker
Tristan Becker
Derek Bell
Austin Benefield
Shane Benes



Melissa Blackwell
Tyler Burns
Elise Burton
Jeffrey Camp
Annabeth Canfield
Edward Canfield
Andrew Cannon
Tyler Catlett





William Egan, freshman, checks out his friend's schedule to see if they have any classes together. Regardless of which semester it was, classes were always more interesting with friends. "If the class is boring or really hard, yeah, it definitely helps me to have good friends in there. It makes it so much more fun and easier than going it alone. I actually learn more too," said Egan.



*Kyle Cline
Andrew Colgrove
Robert Davidson*



*Eichel Davis
Micah Degler
Madison Deves
Audrey Dodds*



*McKinzie Duesenberg
Daniel Dwyer
Anna Eichelberger
Collin Einertson
Grayson Everhardt*

Declassified A WCA WISH LIST

Girls' Field Hockey
[Less violent than rugby]

Expanded Life Skills Classes
[foods, home ec, shop, design]

Musical Theater
[for the upper school]

Larger Fine Arts Curriculum
[Beyond paints and pastels]

Erica Baker, senior, squeezes a provided stress ball. While having her blood pressure taken, stopping her circulation, squeezing the stress ball helped to make the vein visible for the nurse to insert the needle. "I want to make a good impact and I feel that you should be able to give body and soul to a cause because there are so many people that need it. And in the grand scheme of things it's a very small sacrifice," said Baker.



Elevating his arm, Blake Andersen, senior, applies pressure in order to stop the bleeding. Even though this was Anderson's first year to give blood, he plans on giving more blood in the future. All donors received a free T-shirt from American Red Cross.



Thomas Egan, senior, has his blood drawn on September 15. This was Egan's second time to give blood, and it took a total of 20 minutes to complete a "double red cell" donation. "I've got the blood, and other people need it," said Egan.



Together, we can save lives

Similar to previous years, Westminster students had the opportunity of being able to give blood at school instead of having to travel elsewhere to donate to the Red Cross. Out of the 38 people who had signed up for the blood drive, eight were not able to donate their blood because of a low iron levels or because they did not meet the weight requirement of 110 pounds and the height requirements for donors under the age of 19. This year was the first year that Westminster purchased pizza for the donors in order to help motivate students to sign up and follow through with their donation.

While pizza gave an incentive to donate blood, another incentive was the fact that the American Red Cross came to Westminster instead of requiring the students to travel to other facilities to have their blood drawn.

"I have a routine of going to the hospital after the minimum break between to donate my blood, but its harder for students to donate because of school and sports," said David Haas, math teacher.

However, the school realized that while it was more convenient for teachers to donate on their own time, it was easier and more appealing for students to be able to donate during school.

Corey Falkner
Gregory Fleissner
Aaron Geesey
Andrew George
Steven Gierse
Khiley Giles
Emma Glasgow
Kelly Goebel



Morgan Grimm
Sheldon Gruender
Abigail Gustafson
Kayla Hampton
Olivia Harre
Mihaela Hasting
Anastacia Hathaway
Delaney Haynes



Brennan Hehner
Mitchell Henry
Hannah Hickman
Caleb Hicks
Johnathan Hinrichs
Jensen Holt
Cole Hoskins
Clayton Hubler



Although the needle and fear of passing out made her nervous, Erinn Flowers, junior, reclines while giving blood. Flowers was one of 23 first time donors.



Alexandra Bond helps apply pressure to Micah Mills, seniors, arm at the place where the needle will be inserted. Both Mills and Bond gave blood at the Red-Cross blood drive.



Jacob Huelskoetter
Benjamin Huffman
Edward Jackson



Se Ryeon Jin
Ashley Johnson
Catherine Johnson
Ashley Jones



Jennifer Jurgenson
Leigh Kaup
Matthew Kimberling
John Kimbrough
Jonathan Kinney



Taylor Deves, freshman, William Pierson, junior, Connor Sullivan, sophomore, and Benjamin Mitchell, freshman, sing karaoke during Spanish class the Monday before finals. Usually, teachers gave study halls. Michelle Gilbert, Spanish teacher, offered a different activity.

*Jackson David Klein
Kailynn Kneibert
Morgan Koetting
Caleb Krumsieg
Anna Kuiper
Christian Lindgren
Morgan Loynd
Kendall MacDonald*



*Mitchel Maglione
Charles Maurer
Chad Maxey
Kristine Maxey
Ashley McConkey
Elissa McCracken
Esther McGowan
Chloe McQuillan*



*Morgan Mechelke
Christopher Meeks
Bailey Merkel
Michael Montgomery
Caroline Moore
Jared Muenks
Theodore Muschany
Alyson Nichols*



Steven Bradley, middle school science teacher, explains a lab during science class. In another class he taught, called Science Blast, students were given opportunities to use explosives during experimentation.



Timothy Holley, history teacher, tosses the morning announcements into the waste bucket. This was a tradition that first hour held every morning.

Behind Open Doors

What kept students' lives from becoming monotonous and dry during the school year? The answer was actually found inside the classroom.

"Mr. Holley has a tradition where everyday he tries to make a basket with the announcements over his shoulder [into the trash can]. He finally made his first basket and he promised us that we wouldn't have class that day, but instead he brought us breakfast," said Evona Franceschelli, junior.

Other experiences gave the day a little laugh. "One time we were working on a commercial and every time we were about to finish this guy kept jumping in front of the camera," said Ethan Finn, seventh grade. While some experiences were not as out of the ordinary, they still had lingering affects.

"He accidentally hit Sang-A with a broom"

Even regular class experiences were a break from the daily routine. "In science blast class with Mr. Bradley, we did a bunch of explosive experiments, and it was pretty fun," said Baxter Estes, seventh grade.

Other times teachers slipped up, which provided memories that lasted the students entire year. One day Chris Knerr, history teacher, pretended like the classroom was a factory. "When Mr. Knerr was doing his children working in the factory assembly line, he did not mean to, but he accidentally hit Sang-A with a broom and thought he was going to be fired," said Brett Cotner, junior.

No matter what the classroom happening, it was clear that the out of the ordinary experiences were what got students through the year.



Avonna Nienhuis
Abby Nixon
Joshua Nkonge



Maren Osterholt
Madeline Ottsen
Wesley Park
Julia Peistrup



Taylor Pfeifer
Emma Pohlman
Austin Raines
Travis Ralls
Robert Rasche



Ethan Finn, seventh grade, enjoys hands on projects given to him in classes like making commercials. These projects kept class interesting especially when mess ups happened. As when his classmate kept "jumping in front of the camera"



"In geography we went on Garage Band and got to play around," said Lara Yeast, seventh grade. Garage Band was an application where the students got to experiment with different instruments on the computers.



Michelle Bonacquisti, freshman, fills out the packet that corresponded with the behavior that caused her detention. The punishment for being late to class was filling out a questionnaire that specifically talked about respecting the teacher.

Andrea Reed
Rachel Rogers
Nicholas Rosen
Scott Rupprecht
Brendan Sabadell
Ann Schlafly
Michael Scott
Sydney Seabaugh



Megan Sexton
Eric Shaffer
Rebekah Sharp
Matthew Sheehan
Zachary Shikles
Morgan Siebenman
Abigail Smith
Jordan Smith



Laura Smith
Ryan Smith
Samuel Snapp
Hannah Stipanovich
Maya Taylor
Naira Tilson
Miles Tucker
Lauren Vanek



Caught

RED Handed



Rebecca Nixon, freshman, sits through her first conduct. Nixon did not have a single pink slip on her record. "I can't do much about it, things happen," said Nixon.

The bell rang, signaling the end of the day. Along every hallway, students poured out of classrooms, chatted to their friends, and prepared to go home. But one student was not so lucky. For her, the ringing of the final bell meant she faced a conduct detention: 60 minutes of sitting in a classroom with nothing to do but stare at the posters that adorned the surrounding walls. In some cases, the reason for the conduct was well deserved, but in other cases, debates arose over whether or not the punishment fit the crime.

Rebecca Nixon, freshman, and several other girls in her class received a conduct for being a few minutes late to class. "We had to fill out this white packet with questions about how to respect the teacher," said Nixon.



"I GOT A CONDUCT FOR BEING 3 MINUTES LATE TO CLASS. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT I COULD GET A CONDUCT FOR BEING ONLY A FEW MINUTES LATE," SAID EMILY ORF, FRESHMAN

"I AM COMPLETELY INNOCENT. I WAS TALKING IN CLASS TO MY FRIENDS. I DO NOT THINK THAT IS A HUGE DEAL," SAID TAYLOR COLE, FRESHMAN



*Daria Vonderahe
Anna Waddell*



*Kristin Walker
Jordan Weber
Victoria Weldon
Brandt Wieberg*



*Andrea Williams
Demetris Williams
Haley Woolbright
Mary Wynn
Nicholas Zintel*



Jacob Kinsinger, junior, texts during biology class while his teacher, Warren Smith, is distracted. As stated in the Westminster Student/Parent Handbook, texting in class was a Type B misconduct and Kinsinger could receive a one-hour detention. Students were given two possible dates to serve their detention.

Andrew Hillemeier, sophomore, plays the violin for the string orchestra at the October eighth Fall Festival choir and band concert. Hillemeier had played the violin for nine years, and earned a solo in "Czardas," one of the orchestra's fall performance pieces.



EXECUTE



Derek Bell, eighth grade



Nicole Schuessler, junior



Jason Hahs, freshman



Gordon Younkin, sophomore



Shane Moylan, junior



Lauren Dille, senior



Jacob Dahl, senior

As white and red uniforms flew from one end of the court to the other, the varsity basketball team was beating the Parkway Central Colts by six.

Zachary Schopp, junior, and Michael Ferrara, senior, were dressed up in costumes, leading the unusually-large-for-a-Tuesday-night Blue Crew in cheers.

In the heat of a play, Luke Kuiper, junior, was fouled, which gave the Wildcats a chance to substitute in a few players, one of which was John Dohr, freshman.

Kuiper took his shots and the intensity continued.

During the next Westminster possession, a wild overhead pass was thrown, barely missing the fingertips of multiple Colts and Cats.

Just as the ball was about to bounce out of bounds, Dohr reached out his hands, grabbed and threw the ball back to one of his teammates in one seamless movement.

He stumbled out of bounds and through the cheerleaders, but he saved the ball.

One or two "Yeah, Jack!"s were screamed from the crowd, and the Blue Crew clapped briefly as play continued.

He didn't have the most points, blocks, or assists that game, but because of his perfect execution in one play, he was a 5-second hero.

"I had to go through about eight years of select soccer and eight years of select basketball as well as this last summer I had to go to two basketball camps, open gym, and soccer camps [to get where I am today]," said Dohr.

As athletics became more competitive at Westminster, freshmen athletes on varsity sports teams became a rarity.

However, due to his hard work in the off seasons, Dohr was able to prove himself at tryouts and make both the varsity basketball and varsity soccer squads.

If we seek excellence in our practice, we can execute with precision and reap rewards during the test.



BEYOND THE STAGE

Beyond the stage of the little theatre, Westminster's actors participated in many organizations outside of the Westminster Drama Department. Andrew Gordon, sophomore, was enrolled in an acting agency where he was able to audition for commercials and movie parts. He also was an extra in a movie called *Logan*, which came out in theaters in May 2010.

"I have been acting since I was very young, but I was in my first real, real play in second grade. So you could say I have been acting since the second grade," said Gordon.

Mallory Alpert, senior, was in seven plays during her time at Westminster. Outside of school, she participated in skits for her church. "My grandpa inspires me to act because he is always performing," said Alpert.

Margaret Johnson, junior, has done shows and classes with various organizations such as dayspring, COCA, and Stages, and he has been in one professional opera at Opera Theatre of St. Louis.

"Opera Theatre is great because it is a very professional environment," said Johnson.



Margaret Johnson, junior, puts a cigarette to her lips while playing Dr. Helga Einstein in the fall play. "I've been acting since I was forced to play Nancy in Oliver in the sixth grade. Nancy and Oliver were the only two roles and I got Nancy. But it turns out I was kind of good at it and have been doing it ever since," said Johnson.



Shelby Massot, senior, plays Martha Brewster in the first fall play, "Arsenic and the Old Lace." Massot played Mavis in "The Tooth Hurts," and Mrs. Dubose in "To Kill a Mockingbird." "I love to act because it is how I discovered myself," said Massot.

Forrest Hughes, senior, discovers that a dead body is hidden in the chest. Hughes played Mortimer Brewster in the fall play, "Arsenic and the Old Lace." "You can be different people on stage, and be people you could never dream of being. In 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' I played a lawyer and I felt like a lawyer," said Hughes.



Mallory Alpert, senior, plays Scout in the winter play, "To Kill a Mockingbird." In the first fall play, "Arsenic and the Old Lace," she played Aunt Abbie. In the second fall play, "The Bald Soprano," she was cast as Mrs. Smith.



Sheridan Hentrich, junior, **Haley Kane, senior**, **Anne Rebbe**, and **Christina Sittser, freshmen**, play extras in "To Kill a Mocking Bird." **Drew Glide-well, senior**, plays Mr. Cunningham in the winter play.



Grace Smith, senior, plays the role of the narrator, Miss Maudie, in the winter play. "It's fun to be in someone else's shoes that you would never have experiences in any other situation," said Smith.



Ian Farmer, junior, acts the part of Officer Brophy in the first fall play, "Arsenic and the Old Lace." In "To Kill a Mockingbird," Farmer played the role of Dill. He had been in a total of four plays and two musicals at Westminster by the time he finished his junior year.



Jocelyn Sheffield and **Andrew Gordon**, sophomores, play Calpernia and Jem in the winter play, "To Kill a Mockingbird." This was Sheffield's first time being in a Westminster play. Gordon took the role of Officer O'Hara in the first fall play, "Arsenic and the Old Lace," and Mr. Martin in the second fall play, "The Bald Soprano."



Andria Graeler, sophomore, uses a cup on blue buckets during her blue man stomp. Graeler has played the drums since fifth grade and also participated in blue man stomp in the previous year. The sophomores final practice lasted six hours, and even though they did not perform on Friday night, they "are planning on improving next year," said Graeler.



BUCKET-HAT AFFAIR

During spirit week, the seniors continued a tradition that has carried on for years. The performance of this tradition was not judged nor was participated in by every grade. However, this ritual was just as much of an icon for spirit week as lip sync or boys poms. It was the daily parade of seniors that graced the presence of the underclassmen each day at the start of spirit week festivities.

However, on Wednesday before the performances of blue man stomp, the seniors made a grander entrance than usual. With buckets on their heads, they walked in silence in remembrance of Mitchell Anderson, a former classmate who passed on June 16. Danielle Pfyl, senior, gave an explanation to the student body as to why they were wearing buckets, and she said that in their class blue man performance last year, Anderson wore a bucket on his head and proceeded to play each and every beat without removing it. While the concept of playing blinded by a bucket was Anderson's idea, he also had many more contributions to the 2010 class's routine.

"He was the leader, the main dude. He came up with all the beats and organized it," said Jacob Dwyer, senior and fellow blue man drummer. Since he had such a large part in the event, the other senior participants could see a difference without him.

"It was weird [doing blue man without Mitch], and it was hard because he had so many ideas. [The experience of playing without him] is hard to describe," said Dwyer.

Bethany Leibovich, Danielle Pfyl, Michael Koebbe, seniors



Maxwell Lindstrom, sophomore



Samuel Reeves, sophomore

Samuel Snapp, eighth grade, and Kevin Stump, seventh grade, race around the gym and eventually through the commons. The competitors went in heats of two, in order to prevent collisions. Daniel Keith, junior, won the tricycle race.



Jared Dare, senior, stands in the senior crowd during the first assembly of Spirit Week. At the beginning of each assembly the MCs, Scott Holley, Academic Dean, and son Tim Holley, history teacher, went around to the different grades. Each grade responded by yelling or screaming to make their presence known.



Joshua DeGroot, Nathan Estock and Joshua Sumner, seventh grade, answer questions from the AV crew for the Spirit Week video. After every event, the AV crew gathered participants of the game in order to get feedback on the game.



James Myers, Nathan Benefield, Michael Ferrara, Matthew Schwartz, and Forrest Hughes, seniors, enter the gym with buckets on their heads to honor Mitchell Anderson and his family. The entire senior class wore buckets as they entered the gym to show support and to remember Anderson's role in blue man stomp in 2009 since he passed away the summer before his senior year.



Erina Biermann, seventh grade, cheers in the bleachers during tug-of-war on class color day. Beginning with the seniors, every class chose their color, and the seventh grade decided on purple.



Kathleen Hunt, senior, takes a picture of friends while waiting for results of the new competition, Step. Tuesday was pun day, and Hunt, along with friend Jamie Zimmer, dressed as "hold your horses."



Jacob Buffa, sophomore, stands in the sophomore bleachers while watching the new Spirit Week game called The Floor Is Lava. The game involved six girls and six guys who moved across the gym using only three carpet squares. The senior class took first place.



Tuesday, in order to pass time while the judges decided the winner of the step competition, Drew Pfyl, freshman, competes in a dance off. The judge was James Marsh, headmaster, and the winner of the dance off won a pizza.



Stephanie Strothkamp, Saenea Williams, Grace Burzinski and Andrea Biermann, seventh grade, prepare to play "the floor is lava". During lunch periods, classes practiced the new games in order to be as prepared as possible for the real race.

Kevin Bell, senior, points to his class as he leaps over the backs of Forrest Hughes, Thomas Porter and Blake Anderson, seniors. The routine, choreographed by Laurel Dicus, Melissa Oliver and Leisha Ritter, seniors was awarded first place. The theme was schoolboys and bullies.



SERIOUS SETBACKS

On Thursday afternoon, students filed into the New Gym and packed into the bleachers, full of excitement to see the boys of Westminster perform their poms routines. However, when the ninth grade Boys Poms walked onto the floor, it quickly became evident that not every dancer was a boy. Earlier that day, the freshman Boys Poms leaders learned that one of the boys was unable to perform. Ellen Wenning, freshman and leader of Boys Poms, spoke with the administration and received permission to dance in his place. Although there was a deduction, the group was pleased that they were able to perform minus one member.

In addition to this setback, the ninth grade Boys Poms also encountered problems with their music. As part of the relatively new guidelines on music selection, the students leading Boys Poms were required to search for appropriate music which would be allowed in the routines. Precautions were taken to ensure that classes abided by the music selection rules, which meant that music had to be turned in well in advance so that the songs could be reviewed and approved. Despite these measures, the ninth grade Boys Poms was disqualified due to inappropriate lyrics in one of the songs in their mix. Although the portion to which the boys danced was clean, the song as a whole was deemed unacceptable.

Despite these difficulties, the freshmen enjoyed themselves on Thursday. "They had a good time performing the routine for the school," said Wenning.





Samuel Heyl, senior, walks with a banner for the senior lip sync. The theme was "rock through the ages" and each banner was decorated to represent a different decade. Heyl carried the 70's banner while seniors danced to "Stayin' Alive."

Addison Williams and Andreae Bradley, sophomore, enjoy the Spirit Week festivities. Spirit Week was five days, but students prepared for two weeks before performances.

Dancing Thursday afternoon. James Hoekzema, freshman, tries to rescue a fellow alien from an autopsy. The theme of the freshman boy's poms was alien abduction and rescue mission. Due to inappropriate lyrics, the freshmen were disqualified.

Steven Fitzgerald, junior, moves in a robotic fashion. The junior boys pom's theme was transformers. At first, the wrong music was played but they allowed the boys to start over. Even with the glitch, the juniors got second place and performed on Friday night.

Kevin O'Leary and David Rohlfling, sophomores, chat at a Spirit Week assembly. Every class was five minutes shorter in order to have a 45 minute assembly at the end of each day.

Harrison Farmer, seventh grade, completes the seventh grade boys poms routine by jumping into the middle splits. The move was unexpected and resulted in the seventh grade exploding in applause.



Sadie Stipanovich, freshman, prepares for a round of sumo wrestling. The game was new to Spirit Week this year. To compete, each contestant needed an exercise ball and a sheet to tie around themselves. The goal was to knock the other person down or to force them out of the ring.

David Rasche, senior, takes pictures during an afternoon assembly. Rasche was the photographer for the newspaper staff. The newspaper staff had cameras every day in order to capture Spirit Week moments. Rasche was on newspaper staff for all four years of high school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

William Hughes, freshman, plays the cup game with fellow freshmen girls before playing his instrument in blue man stomp. The junior class won first place with the theme "Rocky."

Sydney Thomas, seventh grade, finishes the "we got spirit" cheer. The seventh grade chose purple for their class color. Juniors, freshmen, and the seventh grade tied for first place for dress-ups on class color day.

Violet Kouzes, freshman, records Blue Man Stomp from the stands. The grades were easily distinguishable on class color day. The freshman sported Elmo on their red class color shirts.



Kelly Goebel, Megan Sexton, Julia Alpert, Jensen Holt and Hannah Hickman, eighth grade, perform a dance move mimicking a roller coaster from High School Musical Three. The dance was choreographed by Hannah Hickman and Jensen Holt, eighth grade, with help from Kathryn Eichelbeger, middle school learning center teacher.



Justin Probst, junior, anticipates the lip sync scores. "It's a Hard Knock Life," from the musical Annie was the junior's theme and they were awarded second place which allowed them to perform at the Friday night basketball game.



Grace Johnson, senior, holds on as Zachary Dorton, senior, pulls during the chariot race. The senior class strategically chose those who had participated in past years and were experienced racers.



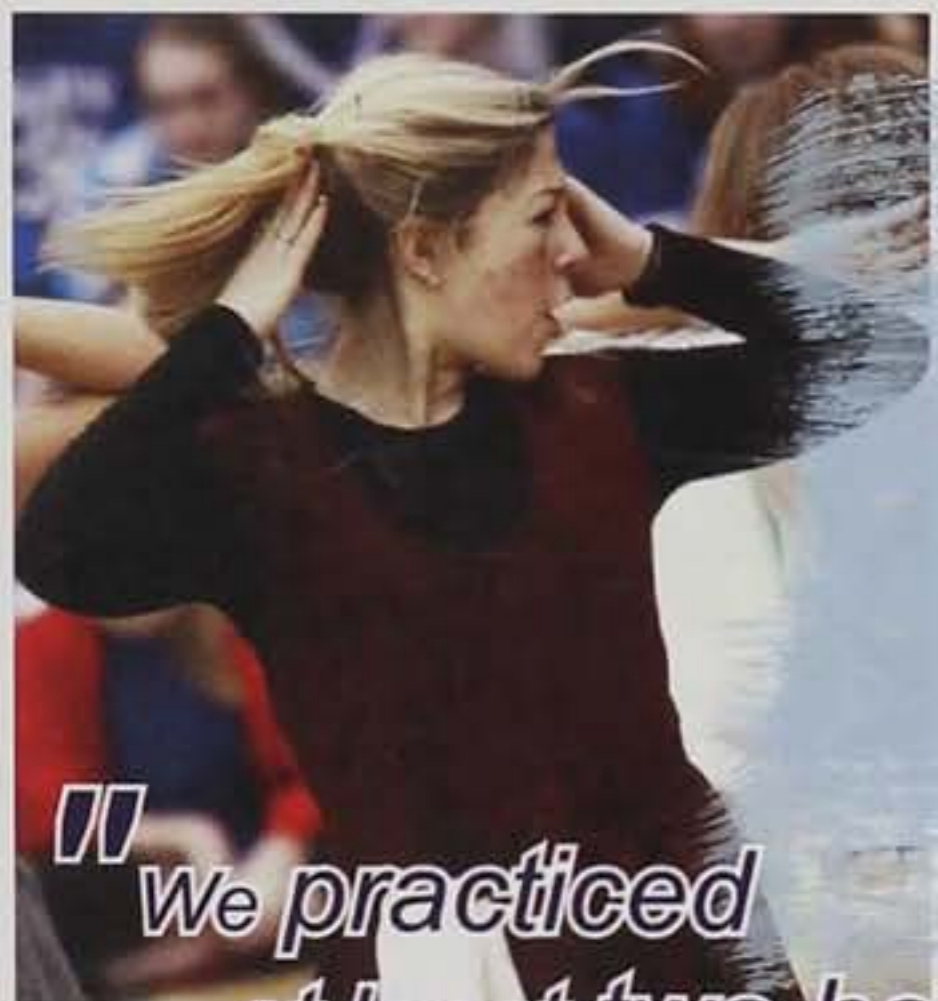
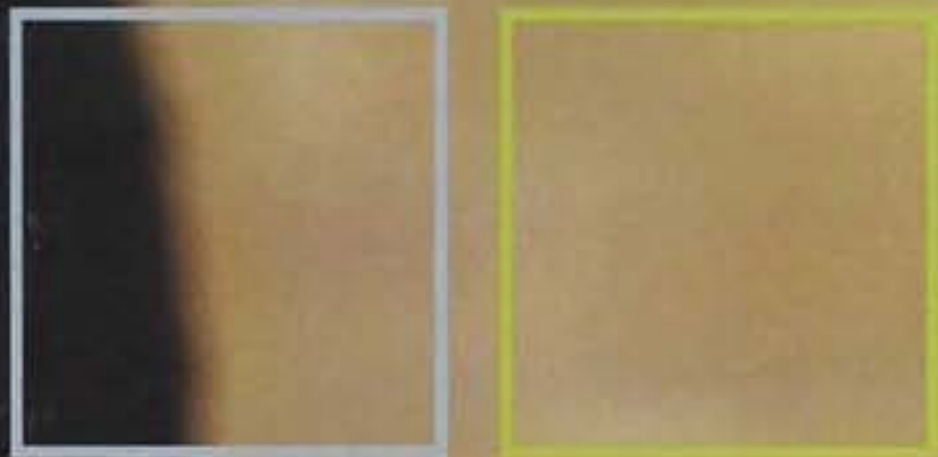
Entering the new gym, Jamie Zimmer, senior, flaunts her "masquerade day" costume. Zimmer, along with friend Katelyn Haverstick, dressed as her mother, Susan Haverstick, school nurse. The senior class came away with first place in dress-ups on Monday.

Sitting on benches outside of the commons on a windy, rainy, and cold afternoon in January, students found themselves serenaded by snatches of "High School Musical" issuing from the adjacent classroom of Pamela Bye, eighth grade English teacher. Due to limited gym space, this was where the eighth grade lip sync practiced every day, despite tight quarters. However, this practice space was not the only thing which made the eighth grade lip sync unique.

Although most eighth grade classes chose to merely learn a routine choreographed by parents and teachers, this year's eighth grade class took the burden of choreography upon themselves. Jensen Holt and Hannah Hickman, eighth grade, took the initiative to put together the routine and teach it to their fellow lip sync participants. "It was fun with other students teaching. I thought there might be drama, but there wasn't," said Annabeth Canfield, eighth grade.

Holt and Hickman also did not hesitate to pack their routine with difficult moves. "They were really good teachers, but some of the moves were hard... especially the roller coaster," said Elissa McCracken, eighth grade. However, the challenge paid off with a respectable third place finish for the eighth grade. "I was happy to get third place. It would have been nice to place higher, especially because we finished in third last year too, but we couldn't upstage the juniors or seniors," said Delaney Haynes, eighth grade, who played the part of Gabriella.

Donning seventies apparel, Thomas Porter, senior, performs as the lead in "Stayin' Alive" during the senior lip sync. For the second year in a row the class of 2010 placed first in both lip sync and boys poms.



Class	Lip Sync	Boys' Poms	Halls	Total	Place
12	400	400	488	2353	1st
11	350	350	404	2119	2nd
10	275	300	417	1807	3rd
9	225	200	359	1429	5th
8	300	250	350	1460	4th
7	250	275	417	1542	6th

"We practiced at least two hours a night and sometimes even had to change location.

It was extremely time consuming."

-Corbin Shelton, junior

Lauren Dille, senior, holds a slug in the Hoh Rainforest. This was the first year for summer seminar to travel to Washington. Students began the trip in Forks, Washington and worked their way down the Pacific Coast.



A group of the Washington summer seminar students stand on a log in Crescent Lake, Oregon. After looking at the scenery, Ann Heyse, freshman English teacher, taught a core lesson about beauty and asked for students to give examples of where they have experienced beauty in their lives.



WAIT? WHAT?

Hiking, biking, exploring caves, camping, white water rafting, and kayaking. Studying math, vocabulary memorization, biology flashcards, and taking history notes. At first glance, there is nothing in common between these seemingly opposite activities. But a group of forty students this summer received school credit for spending ten days living out of tents and learning about "Shalom" and "Beauty."

Staying in the Badlands a few nights and then moving to the mountains, the South Dakota trip biked there for three days.

"The scenery was spectacular, even though my thighs were burning," said Suzanne Weston, senior.



Although the trip was full of physical activities, the group was given a core lesson by each teacher about their specialty subject. From history to biology, the students learned about how God has His hand in every area of life.

The trip to Washington was the first attempt to travel to the West Coast with a second group of summer seminar students. While they still received core lessons, the focus was on finding beauty in the world. Since it was the first attempt at a new summer seminar trip, the group of seniors acted as guinea pigs for the teachers. One incident included getting lost on the way back from exploring the Ape Caves, near Mount St. Helens, and gliding down a mountain with the gas gauge on empty.

"None of us had cell phone service and so we had to coast thirty miles until we found a gas station. When we got there we were so excited that we had a party," said Christina Dohr, senior.

Another almost fateful turn of events happened during the hike down from a viewpoint of Mount Rainier. As the group traveled back down, they came across two frightened women stuck in the middle of a slippery, snow covered path that dropped off the side of the mountain. As the students watched the women struggle, fear spread through the group.

"I was freaking out a little, but when Mr. Holley casually jogged out to help the women I knew it was no big deal," said Taylor Brandt, senior.

Tim Holley, History teacher, eventually escorted the women to safety and helped the students cross the snowy path.

Both trips experienced different scenery and a different central lesson, but all forty students received class credit and asked the question, "Wait, what! I get class credit for this?"



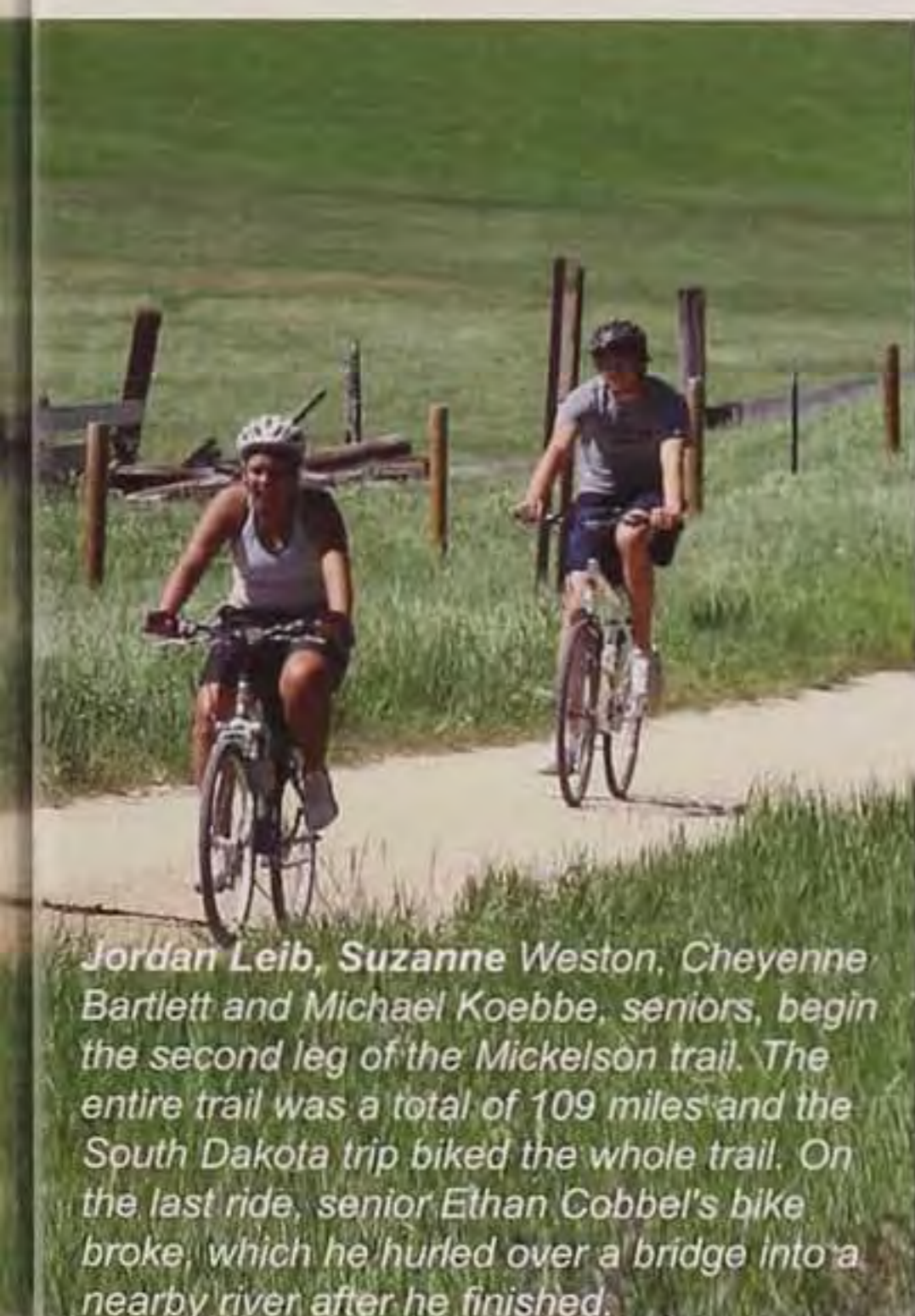
John Ross, Erik Johnson, and Andrew Adrian, seniors, examine a reading given out by Craig Dunham, bible teacher, on the peak of Mt. Harney. Harney Peak is the highest point east of the Rockies and it took the group about an hour to reach the summit.



Jacob Grimes, John Bergman and Ethan Cobbel, seniors, return from climbing the hill across the river where they watched the sunset. The group pulled off the White River near Pierre, South Dakota, in the evening to eat Salmon and set up camp.



Hiking in the Badlands, the entire group of girls on the South Dakota trip stop to rest. The group also explored the sandy precipice's of the Badlands. After the hike, students jumped in a pond near the campsite to cool off.



Jordan Leib, Suzanne Weston, Cheyenne Bartlett and Michael Koebbe, seniors, begin the second leg of the Mickelson trail. The entire trail was a total of 109 miles and the South Dakota trip biked the whole trail. On the last ride, senior Ethan Cobbel's bike broke, which he hurled over a bridge into a nearby river after he finished.



Jordan Montgomery, senior, watches as Warren Smith, Biology teacher, talks about the tube feet on starfish at a tidal pool in Washington. The group spent a few hours exploring the tidal pools and swimming in the Pacific Ocean, and then had a biology core lesson on the beach.



Forrest Hughes, senior, watches the sun rise at the top of a mountain. Hughes and several other students woke up at 4:45 in the morning to hike along with Tim Holley, history teacher. The mountain was located off of the Deschutes River, where students camped during a three day float trip in Oregon.

Staying in Saint Malo, a walled-in beach city, Laurel Dicus and Katherine Haxel, seniors, gaze at the water. During the touring week, each trip member went to English classes to answer questions. "They were shocked that we could drive," said Haxel, because the driving age is 18 in France. "The main things [the French students] wanted to know was if we had a car and a boyfriend and what our favorite T.V. show was," said Dicus.

Using a lighter to melt the string onto the hair, a street vendor in El Parque de Retiro seals Sarah Johnson's, senior, hair wrap. "Then a police officer came and we had to make up this whole story because it is illegal to set up shop and privately sell things without a public permit. I ended up having to pay her at a cafe," said Johnson.



Kelly Penning, April Johnston, seniors, and **Brianna McIntyre, junior,** show off the fans they purchased from a street vendor next to El Cathedral de Toledo. Eleven Westminster upperclassmen, Taylor Wilmering, class of 20009, Daniel Legters, Spanish teacher, and Debbie Legters traveled to Spain from June 14-28.

Touring the city of Saint Malo in France, Maggee Kane, junior, Laurel Dicus, senior, Marci Penning, junior, and Katherine Haxel and Mia Seagraves, seniors, eat ice cream bought from a street vendor.



Katherine Haxel, Laurel Dicus, seniors, Marci Penning, and Maggee Kane, juniors, jump in front of the Palace of Versailles. Haxel, Dicus, Penning, and Kane, along with Mia Seagraves, senior, and Sarah DeVries, French teacher, traveled to France from June 2-16. One week was spent touring cities of France, including Versailles, Paris, and Saint Malo.



After her host mother, Carmen, suffered unexpected heart problems, April Johnston, senior, visits her in the hospital during Johnston's family stay in Beniajan. Each day, Johnston and her host sister, Almudena, spent time with Carmen, talking through Spanish cookbooks and a scrapbook describing Johnston's life in St. Louis.



Gordon Younkin, sophomore, and **Susan Horak, senior,** lean against the wall of El Escorial outside of Madrid, Spain. "I really liked trying new foods in Spain," said Younkin. At his host family's home, he tried rabbit. "It wasn't that bad, but I pretty much had to eat it. In Spain, if you don't eat everything they give you, they think you are sick."

On a cliff overlooking the city of Toledo, the girls from the summer trip to Spain have their picture taken. The touring week of Spain before host stays was composed of three nights in Madrid, two nights in Sevilla, and one night in Granada. "I really liked the artwork; I loved the modern art museum, Reina Sofia," said Lucy Wynn, sophomore. "I got to see Picasso, and I thought that was really cool."



Espera ¿QUE?

"I don't laugh *that* much!" said Laurel Dicus, senior. Her French host parents always joked about how much Dicus laughed, but in reality, not all of the fits of laughter were caused by Dicus' personality. Whenever she did not understand the foreign language flowing from her host parents' mouths, Dicus merely smiled, laughed, or resorted to fabricating words. Thrown into a home fully fluent in either Spanish or French, Westminster students spent a week emerged in their studied language, racking their brains for old vocab and verb tenses for everyday conversation.



Katherine Krause, senior, with host mother and sister.

"I had to have them repeat a lot, and sometimes my host sister just pulled out an electronic translator," said Katherine Krause, senior.

"I was shocked by how different it was [speaking and hearing Spanish] in Spain than here at WCA. The accent played a part in that too," said April Johnston, senior.

Although all students had completed at least two years of Spanish at Westminster, they soon faced the fact that the dialect they knew differed from that spoken in Spain. Westminster students learned Mexican-Spanish while any English spoken by their host families was British-English. If Johnston could not understand a phrase, "We would go over it a ton. And I brought a dictionary in my purse on the trip, never thinking I would use it, but it ended up being used often or in the center of the table just in case. It became a joke within my family."

However, most host siblings spoke some English. Dicus became close friends with her host sister, and "when you're close friends, you want to talk fast. So, we pulled out the English sometimes," said Dicus. Nevertheless, host parents and the culture surrounding the students ensured that the students flew home with a higher comprehension of the language.



Bryn McKie, sophomore, investigates the present she just unwrapped, a My Little Pony, on stage. Many students got to open presents as part of the entertainment.



Ian Farmer, junior, passes out Christmas ornaments during the banquet. The ornaments served as a method for selecting which students from each table were chosen to open a gift.



Lauren Thoenen, freshman, reads a text while curling her hair before the banquet. Like many girls, Thoenen spent a couple of hours before CB getting ready with friends Melissa Kingma, Bria Baumgartner, and Lauren Mansfield, freshmen.



Melissa Kingma and Bria Baumgartner, freshmen, apply the finishing touches to their makeup before leaving home for the banquet. Their group of friends gathered at freshman Lauren Mansfield's house to get ready together.




Anna Gaffney and Kaylee Trost, freshmen, listen to their friend's story during dinner at Christmas Banquet. Many students enjoyed a parent-sponsored dance after the banquet. "[The dance] was a blast," said Gaffney, reflecting on her first Christmas Banquet.



Playing "Christmas in the Air," a piece he wrote himself, Samuel Heyl, senior, entertains Christmas Banquet guests. People throughout the school knew Heyl for his piano proficiency, as many days after school he would fill the halls of the art wing with melodies from the piano.



Seung-Been Lee and Yi-re Kim, seniors, enjoy the Banquet entertainment. Lee and Kim enjoyed the company of Audrey Knight, April Johnston, Haley Kane, Elizabeth Korb, Kevin Goldfarb, and Catherine Sinclair at their table at the banquet.



Megan Rasche and Rachel Becker, sophomores, capture a moment during dinner at Christmas Banquet. Rasche and Becker arrived at the banquet in a party bus with twenty-two of their friends. "We blasted the music and were really crazy," said Rasche.

YEAR AFTER YEAR

From preparation to photos to food to dancing, Westminster's Christmas Banquet was always a highlight for upper school students. Every year on the night after finals have concluded, students gathered to celebrate the end of the semester by having fun together. Some aspects of Westminster's Christmas Banquet remain constant from year to year. There are other features, however, that are unique to each banquet.

This year's Christmas Banquet welcomed guests at the Marriott St. Louis Airport. As students entered, they had the opportunity to have photos taken with Santa and two of his elves, Forrest Hughes, senior, and Margaret Johnson, junior, who dressed up like Buddy and Jovie from the movie "Elf." Later, a number of the students were invited onstage to open Christmas packages; the gifts ranged from a shaving kit to toy ponies to a pair of Grinch boxers.

Two seniors, Blake Andersen and Samuel Heyl, shared their musical gifts with the group through songs they wrote themselves. Both Heyl and Andersen played the piano, and Andersen sang along to his song.

The night concluded with a student-made video, placing various students and teachers on the "nice list" or the "naughty list" based on their actions. The film crew even captured Susie Brown, Assistant to the Dean, stealing cookies, Snickers bars, and Jolly Ranchers from Upper School Administrative Assistant Betty Richardson.

As has been the tradition for many years, the parents sponsored a dance after the banquet. Students enjoyed dancing and singing as a DJ played the latest tunes. Overall, students looked forward to and thoroughly enjoy the Academy's Christmas banquet. "It's just a relief to be done and go out and have a fun night," said Morgan Nixon, sophomore.

Jared Muenks, eighth grade, focuses on a driving game. "My favorite part [of the Christmas party] was the food, and the games were pretty fun," said Muenks. Many different types of pizza were served, including a dessert pizza.

Joshua Behm, seventh grade, tries to find the million dollar case in the "Deal or No Deal" simulation. The game was similar to the television show because the competitor had to pick which case he or she thought the "million dollars" was in.



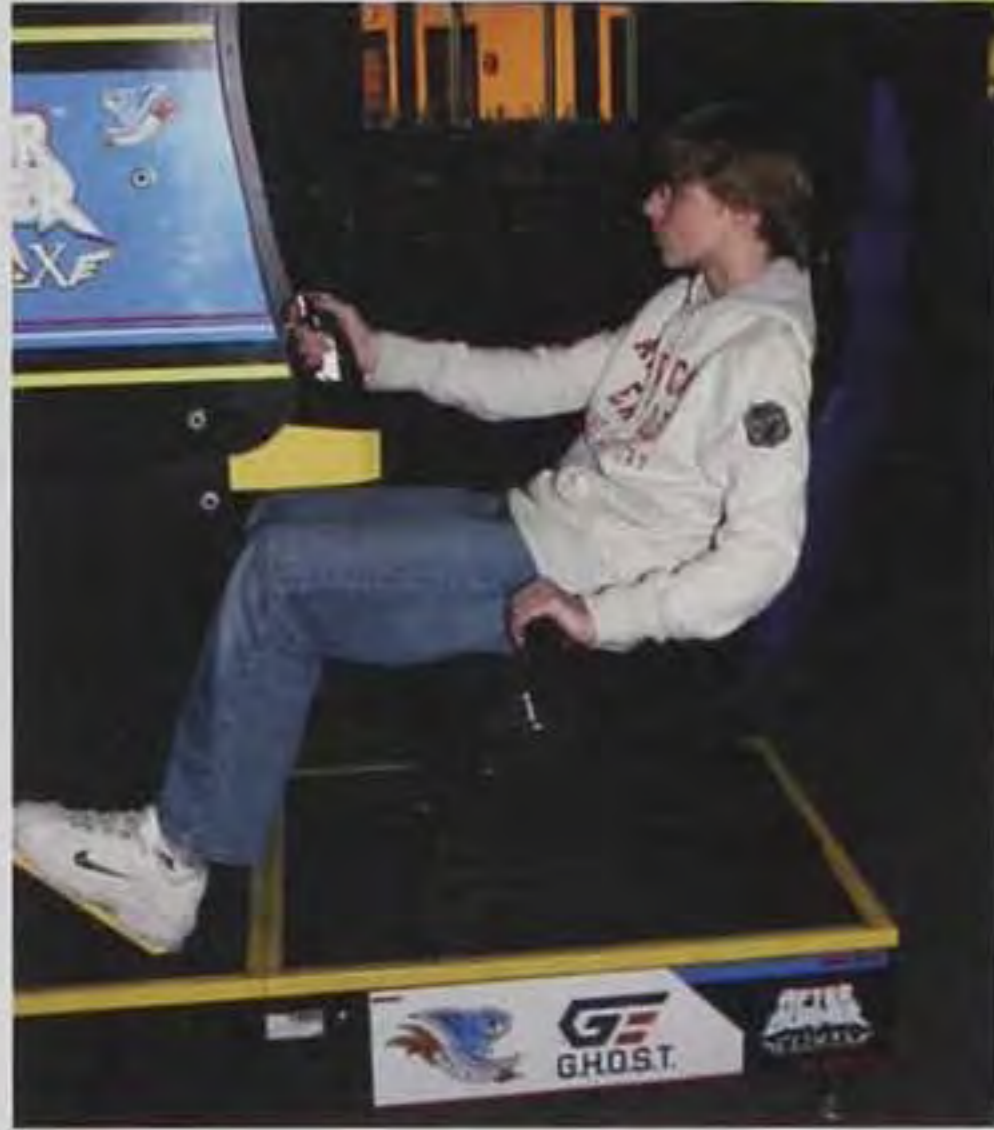
Jordan Weber and Bekah Sharp watch as **Mihaela Hasting, eighth grade,** moves with the steps of the Dance Revolution Super Nova arcade game.

As she maneuvers her bumper car, Laura Smith, eighth grade, crashes into her classmates. "[The bumper cars] were funny. Everyone was spinning around in circles and slamming into each other. It was tight," said **Jared Muenks, eighth grade.**

Sydney Seabaugh, Olivia Harre, Jordan Weber, Ann Schafley, and Madeline Ottsen, eighth grade, take a ride on a virtual rollercoaster. "I liked [the Christmas party] better this year. There was so much to do, and we got to be there for a really long time," said Harre.



Alexander Kessel, seventh grade, simulates flying an airplane on the "After Burner: Climax" game. "[A different idea] would definitely be welcome, but I would enjoy doing the same thing for [the middle school Christmas party] next year," said Kessel.



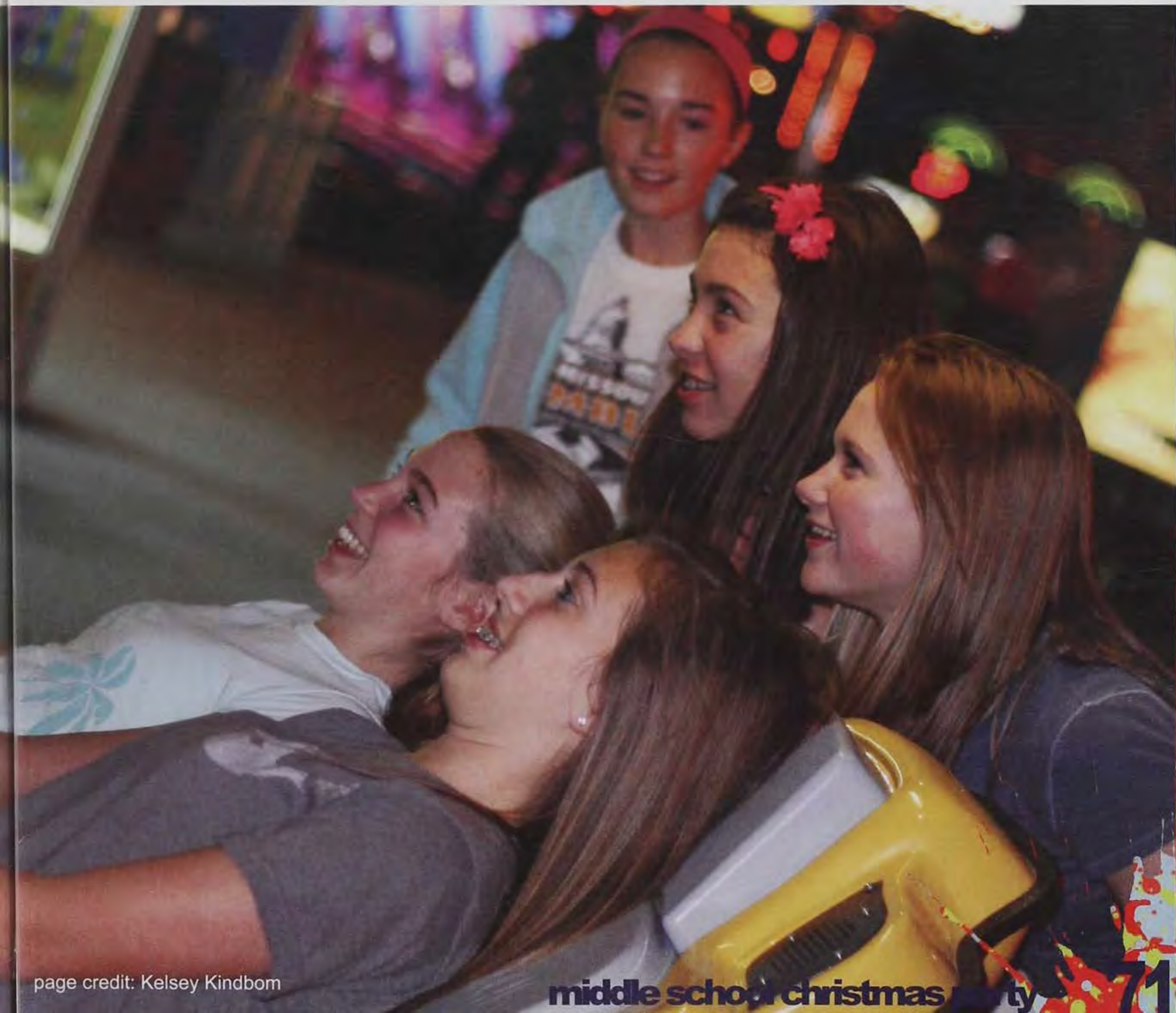
BETTER THAN BOWLING

Over the past five years, the middle school holiday celebrations have changed dramatically. The winter of 2008 marked the transition from a formal Christmas banquet to a more casual hang out time during the school day.

However, this year started a new tradition. A lock-in was held on December 3 at The Incredible Pizza Company where the middle school students played arcade games and hung out from 10:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the next morning. Most of current seventh and eighth graders enjoyed the event, but former Westminster middle schoolers had their own opinions.

"Their [party] was ten times better than our's. I'm so jealous that they got to spend the whole night out and then get off school the next day when we just got to go bowling for, like, two hours," said Megan Tilley, freshman.

Although the event had been planned before the school year started, the original idea was given by last year's students. "We really liked the idea because it was something different, fun, and unique. Initially, there were some concerns [about how it would all play out], but there was definitely a positive overall reaction," said Susan Hall, middle school leadership sponsor.





Sarah Eis, junior, dances during Spring Event in the Old Gym on March 5. "It had been about 11 years since we'd had line dancing at Westminster for our turnabout," said Susie Pike, STUCO sponsor and life skills teacher.



Before the dancing starts, Samuel Bezjack, sophomore, waits by the food table mingling with his friends. "I really enjoyed posing like a statue at the beginning," said Bezjack.



Learning to line dance, Lucy Egan and Kevin Bell, seniors, watch the caller. Egan asked Bell to the Spring Event and picked out their matching outfits. "We went to Kohls and searched the clearance rack for matching shirts," said Egan.



Matthew Autry, senior, listens as the caller teaches a new line dance. Autry came alone but "had a good time," said Autry. There were about 90 students that attended Spring Event.



Learning to line dance, Jessica Owens, sophomore, pays attention to the instructor. "The line dancing was a lot of fun to learn," said Owens.



BRINGING BACK THE BARN

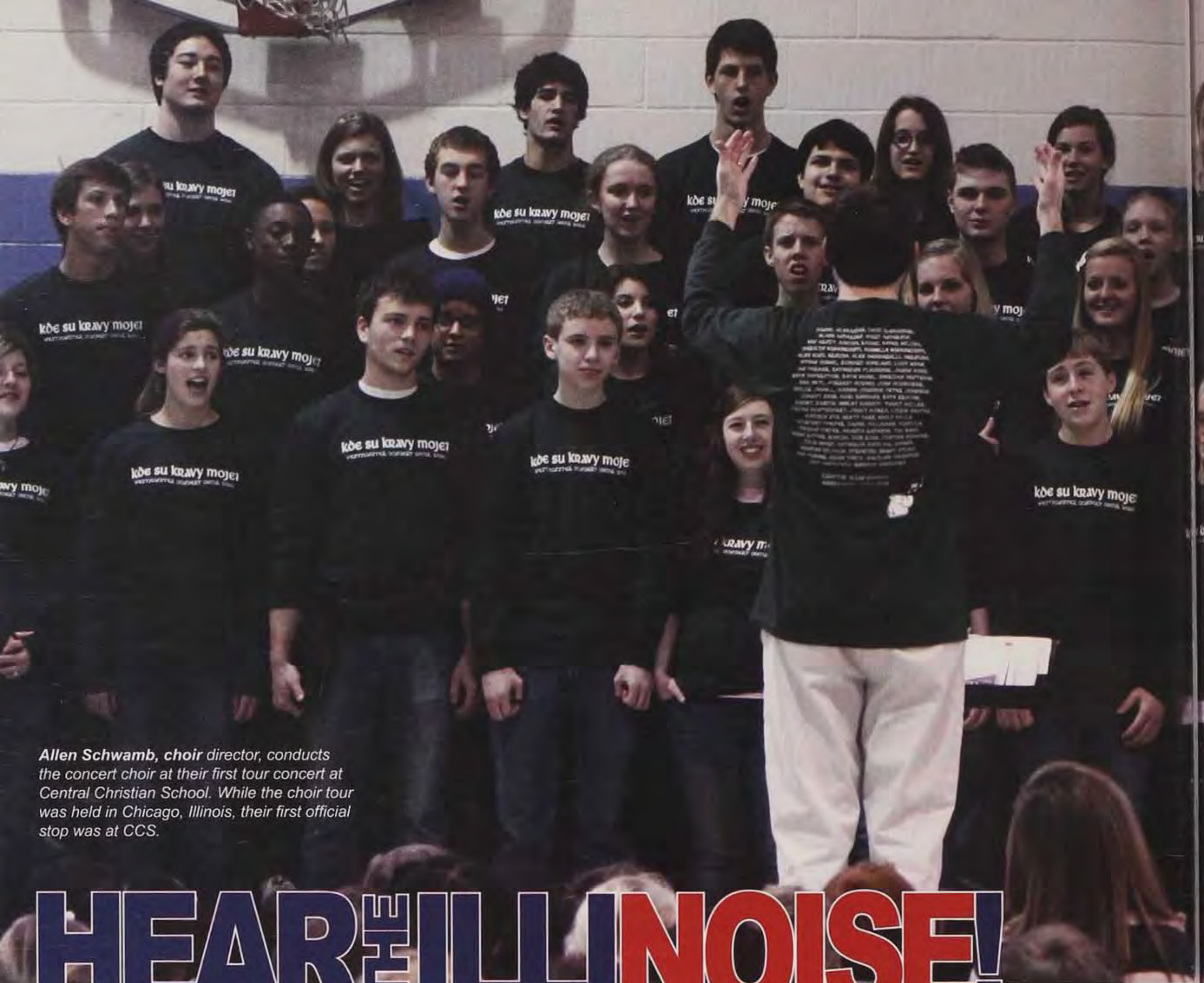
Many students in high school had heard of the Spring Event, but few knew how it came about. "Turnabout used to be an annual event held at a farm. It was during the fall and was the big event that students attended," said Susie Pike, life skills teacher. "The last time we had it was in 1999. It was a tradition! Everyone looked forward to it, but it eventually died out after students graduated," said Pike.

Even though the sadie hawkins dance died out, STUCO decided to bring it back during the 09-10 school year. "The previous year we had brainstormed and decided to do the academy awards instead of line dancing, but then the next year we approached it as western and decided to do it," said Grace Johnson, senior and president of STUCO.

Many of the students who attended the Spring Event enjoyed the dancing. "The caller made the night. He didn't just make it fun, but taught the people new line dances they had never done," said Pike. When asked if the Spring Event was worth it, Pike said that everyone enjoyed it. "It's a no brainer. We had a ball!"



Looking at his date, Nicholas Norman, sophomore, gets ready to dance with his partner, Stephanie Lieber, sophomore. "I really liked Spring Event because it was something different and outside of my comfort zone, so I really got to know people," said Lieber.



Allen Schwamb, choir director, conducts the concert choir at their first tour concert at Central Christian School. While the choir tour was held in Chicago, Illinois, their first official stop was at CCS.

HEAR THE ILLINOISE!

For the second time in 4 years, the Windy City was the destination of the Concert and Chamber Choirs on tour from March 11-14.

A four part harmony version of "Happy Birthday," composed by Allen Schwamb, choir director, quickly became the most sung song of the long weekend. Instead of using the lyrics, "oh happy birthday," the choir inserted "thanks for the pizza" into the unique rhythm as a form of gratitude to the waiters at Gino's pizza on Thursday night.

Yelling "is it anyone's birthday?" from the auditorium of Timothy Christian School, where the choirs participated in an exchange, the students looked for another opportunity to sing one of their favorites. Fortunately, it was a soloist's birthday from Timothy Christian on March 12, along with Rachel Bates, junior.

On Friday morning, the choirs walked from the Days Inn to Sunrise Assisted Living to perform a concert of all the pieces they had studied thus far. Getting ready to finish the morning with a group picture and goodbyes, students took their final chance to ask the caregivers if it happened to be anyone's birthday. After a few moments of waiting, an employee in the dining room pointed out that Claire's, a resident, birthday was that Saturday. "Happy Birthday" was once again pulled out, with an encore performance following.

"I thought it was a unique and fun song that our choir would do, and it just made the tour that much more fun," said Micah Theus, junior. Finally, as to not skip a day, the choir tour finished off the Sunday drive home using the "Happy Birthday" song to sing "thanks for the bus ride" to weekend-long driver Vince.



Jessica George, senior, plays a musical piece during a neighborhood meeting in the spring.



Blake Andersen, senior, poses for a picture with a Blue Man Group performer. Blue Man is a group of drummers who use a combination of instruments, comedy, and technology to produce a theatrical show. On the Saturday of tour, concert choir went to see the 4 o'clock performance before eating out at the Rainforest Cafe and Ed Debevic's.



Inyoung Jang, sophomore, plays the cello in the Westminster Orchestra during the choir and band concert. "I like orchestra because you don't have to sit at a desk. It's a good break in the middle of the school day," said Jessica George, senior.



Avery Anderson, sophomore, and Daniel Pollmann, freshman, sing at the Choir concert in December 8. "My favorite song that we sing is 'Seal Lullaby'. All of our voices blend really well together," said Anderson.



Robert Tague, junior, plays the trumpet during the Christmas concert. One of the songs performed was "The Christmas Song" which was student-directed by Aaron Krumsieg, senior. "Aaron is so good and because he wants to pursue music as a career, the next step was to direct a piece," said Michael Becker, freshman.



Only having played the clarinet for 4 months, Jenny Baldwin, eighth grade, performs at the Christmas choir and band concert. Baldwin decided to join middle school band because "music is my passion and I want to pursue it in high school. I thought it would be a great group experience sight-reading and playing together."

Kathryn Boesch, freshman, sings with the Mixed Choir. The Mixed Choir met seventh hour for first semester. "It is really laid back and I liked it when we sang and then journaled about it," said Boesch.

Justin Henry, freshman, plays the bass with the pep band. The pep band played for the Spirit Week game on Friday night, February 5.



Samuel Bowman, senior, points into the crowd during a Friday night performance. During each of improv's shows, a student who had been in the class for at least a semester acted as host. Bowman was the host during this week, meaning that he received suggestions from the crowd, told each team the games they were playing, and gave cues for Mrs. Voice to run the clapometer.



Zachariah Hampton, sophomore, and **Shelby Massot, senior,** act as the audience while some second semester improv students perform a musical during class. Although the first semester class only consisted of eight students, second semester contained fourteen, meaning that not everybody could participate in class each day.



Abigail Clark, junior, watches while **Steven Hughes, sophomore,** portrays the evil side of **Andrew Gordon, junior.**

DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION

As the lights dimmed and a gentle hum of whispering spectators filled the air, Westminster's improv team filed quietly onto the stage and prepared to open their show. With a burst of song and a flash of bright light, the students were revealed to be kneeling around Andrew Gordon, sophomore, who was holding a stuffed animal aloft and lip syncing along to a song from the Lion King.

This was not the first time that improv's opening involved dancing and singing. Nearly every performance was preceded by a dance or song of some sort, despite the fact that most other improv groups in Westminster's history had merely put on skits for their openings. The first semester improv class performed the "evolution of dance" one week, which was fashioned off of the talent show act of Forrest Hughes and Thomas Porter, seniors. The two, who were a part of the improv class, taught their classmates the dance, which spanned different dance moves from the ages. Another opening featured a parody of the song "Favorite Things" from "The Sound of Music."

The first semester improv class also incorporated dance and song outside of strictly opening performances. To raise extra profits to donate to Refuge of Nations, the class put on a musical. Whereas usually improv shows consisted of many short games, the musical was over an hour and a half of continuous improv called "long form." Although some classes had attempted performing musicals previously and had failed, first semester's class welcomed the challenge and met it.

"The
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-Mallory Alpert, senior



While participating in a practice musical during class, John Hancock and Zachariah Hampton, sophomores, pretend to adore a magical pen. About half of the class was given the name of a fake musical and had to craft a plot which included random outbursts of song. This day, the musical was titled "Figaro and the Magical Pen." Although they were difficult, many students enjoyed practicing musicals. "It's just so cool to see everything comes together in long form," said Shelby Massot, senior.



Daniel Moore, junior, feigns writing with a magical pen. Moore took improv all year, which provided him with a chance to form deeper relationships with his classmates.



Benjamin Arndt, senior, sings passionately to his fellow improv students. As a member of Concert and Chamber Choirs, Arndt was an asset to the class when they performed musicals or played games involving song.



Paul Schmidt, senior, acts out the part of a mute policeman. Although this relieved him of the burden of speaking or singing during this practice, he was also forced to make more elaborate and forceful gestures to compensate for his lack of voice.

SrHi Blastoff

Paintball, Mission Impossible, the Spider swing and roasting s'mores were several activities that members of the SrHi youth group, of Kirk of the Hills, did during their annual trip, Blastoff.

Blastoff received its name because it was a "kickoff" to both the school year and youth group. On the weekend of Nov. 6-8, the youth group drove an hour and a half to Whispering Winds Bible camp. This year, the SrHi added a new activity: paintball. Around half of the youth group played paintball, while others hung around the rest of the Saturday afternoon.

"Paintballing was outrageously fun. It was the best part about Blastoff," said Lauren Dille, senior. During the game, the youth leader, Michael Hall, was crawling on his stomach with a paintball gun in his hand while Luke Kuiper, junior, ran around wearing only shorts and a wife beater. The teams were split randomly, and the game resulted in a tie.

A group of students play signs while they wait for the leaders to hide the flags for "Mission Impossible." Signs was a game the Senior High youth group played every time there was an event. The objective of the game was to determine who had the sign while it was being passed around the circle. The senior girls show their intensity before starting Mission Impossible. The girls ended with a victory after finding two of the most valuable flags, a towel and a boxing glove. Everyone gets together at the end of Blastoff to take the annual picture for the Kirk of the Hills church bulletin.



The Spider

"The most wicked, awesome swing I have ever seen in my life. It can hold about 20 people and can spin really fast."
-Caroline Thompson, sophomore

"Its a spinning swing."
-Olivia Girgis, junior

"Its a merry-go round swing."
-Addison Williams, sophomore

The sophomore class prepares for the mission impossible night game by dressing all in black and putting on face paint. "The night game was probably my favorite part of Blastoff," said Addison Williams, sophomore. During the game, the SrHi youth leader ran around in a full body gorilla suit, scaring any teams that came too close to him.



Jonah Anderson
Abigail Andres
Nathaniel Arnold
Sarah Barker
Dominic Barresi
John Barry
Bria Baumgartner
Alexander Beard



Michael Becker
Bryce Bell
Natalie Bell
Bailey Benes
Eloise Bettlach
Emily Bick
Jeremy Blanchard
Kathryn Boesch



Erin Bognar
Michelle Bonacquisti
Christine Bosch
Jabri Boyd
Travis Brandt
Robert Breneman
Parker Briden
Keegan Brown



Olivia Girgis, Julia Wiens and Rebecca Canfield, juniors, jump off a picnic table during Blastoff. "The best part about Blastoff is definitely the fact that you don't have to worry about anything for one weekend," said Girgis.



Timothy Burgess
Christopher Cacciarelli
William Campbell
Samuel Canfield



Kaitlin Chapell
Valerie Chavez
Nathan Cherian
Taylor Cole
Ryan Conaghan
Brooke Cusumano



Julia Davis
Steven Davis
Brianna DeGroot
Taylor Deves
Anna Dieckgraefe
John Dohr
Amber Draper

Emily Sherman, senior, sprints down field hoping to advance the senior team. Sherman played as a middle line backer for defence and for offense played running back and receiver. It was Sherman's second year participating in powder puff. "If there was a powder puff league, I would do it," said Sherman.



Madison Drury
Michael Dudley
Kaylie Duke
Robert Dykhouse
Jeremy Ebert
William Egan
Brandon Estock
Emilee Evetts



Patrick Farmer
Brian Fellows
Taylor Freiner
Anna Gaffney
Jesse Gruneisen
Eunna Gu
Julia Guzdial
Jason Hahs



Matthew Hall
Lauren Hance
Janay Hardy
David Hartmann
Annie Hartwig
Alexis Harvey
Elizabeth Heame
Justin Henry



WHERE'S THE RESPECT?

At 5:30, the surrounding crowd grew silent as the moment they had been waiting for finally arrived. Amid the tense silence, the junior and senior teams took the field and lined up in preparation for the first play of the annual powder puff game.

The referee gave the signal, and the game began. Kaylee Rosen, junior, scored the first goal of the game by intercepting a pass thrown by the senior quarterback, Rebecca Zandstra. This put the juniors ahead by 6 points.

Unwilling to concede defeat, the seniors fought back by scoring twice, which brought the score to 15-6. However, the juniors regained the lead when Marci Penning and Kaylee Rosen both scored, bringing the point totals to 22-15. In the final stretch of the game, the seniors had possession of the ball and drove down the field. Before they could score, however, the juniors stopped them on the one yard line, and the game ended with the seniors a mere three feet away from victory.

The final score was 22-15, making this the second year in a row that the juniors had prevailed over the seniors to win powder puff.



Cheyenne Bartlett, senior, snaps the ball. Bartlett played center as she did her junior year. Bartlett's favorite part of powder puff was "running the plays, and celebrating with our coaches when we did them perfectly, and having the guys be proud of us."

The night before the game, the juniors had one more two and a half hour practice. "We tackled a dummy one practice, it helped us get the feel of the game," said Lauren Sulewski, junior.



Rachel Raines, junior, tries to gain traction on the muddy ground. Raines was the junior team's corner back. **Sarah Clark, senior,** reads the play card before the start of the next play. Clark was one of the receivers for quarterback, Rebecca Zandstra, senior. "I liked how we got to work with people during practices that we don't really talk to," said Zandstra.



During the final few seconds, the juniors cheer on their teammates. "I felt very accomplished with my team, because there was a lot of hard work that went into it," said Alexandra Smith, junior. This was the second year in a row that the junior class powder puff team beat the senior team.



Emily Heyl
Jacob Hicks
James Hinrichs
James Hoekzema



Emily Horak
William Hughes
Joseph Isaacs
Leah Janssen
Briana Jennrich
Jessica Johnson



Lucas Johnson
Jacob Keane
Christopher Kehr
Shelby Kehr
Ryan Kelly
Zachary Kessel
Melissa Kingma

Rebecca Harding, junior, checks the bathroom mirror to see if her eye makeup is smudged. "It seems like girls take forever in the bathroom, but really they're just standing in front of the mirror," said Peter Williams, junior.



Grant Koby
Violet Kouzes
Dongjae Lee
Gayeong Lee
Sarah Levenhagen
Bennett Lewis
Grace Linton
Zackary Lokey



Benjamin Lovell
Lauren Mansfield
Levi Marshall
Katie Matheny
Sierra Mathews
Alex McClellan
Mark McFarland
Courtney McGhee



Benjamin Mitchell
Emily Mitchell
Hannah Mitchell
Cole Montgomery
Tomorrow Mundy
Ross Munroe
Rebecca Nixon
Drake Norman



THE GIRL CODE

[GUYS' THOUGHTS]

"Make sure you look perfect before leaving the bathroom."

-Peter Williams, junior

"They have conversations from across the room without really even talking."

-Carl Simakoff, seventh grade

"If you're mad at someone, never come and say why you're really mad; be very cryptic about it."

-William Serber, junior

"Girls always twirl and play with each others' hair...every single second."

-Nicholas Rosen, eighth grade



After school, Kyle Finn, senior, and his brother, Ethan Finn, seventh grade, play video games in their basement. "I think most girls don't play video games because they are generally marketed towards guys, and most girls are put off by the violence," said Kyle.

CODE BREAKERS

It's easy to see the differences between guys and girls. While a girl might spend hours on her hair and outfit, a guy might sit in front of a TV screen for the same amount of time playing Halo 3. These distinctions have gradually become a certain guidebook for each gender. The question is, do the opposite genders know what these rules are?

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND ON YOUR HAIR?

1 HOUR

-Karen Munoz, junior

5 MINUTES

-Steven Bosch, sophomore

10 MINUTES

-Gilbert Garrison, junior

5 SECONDS

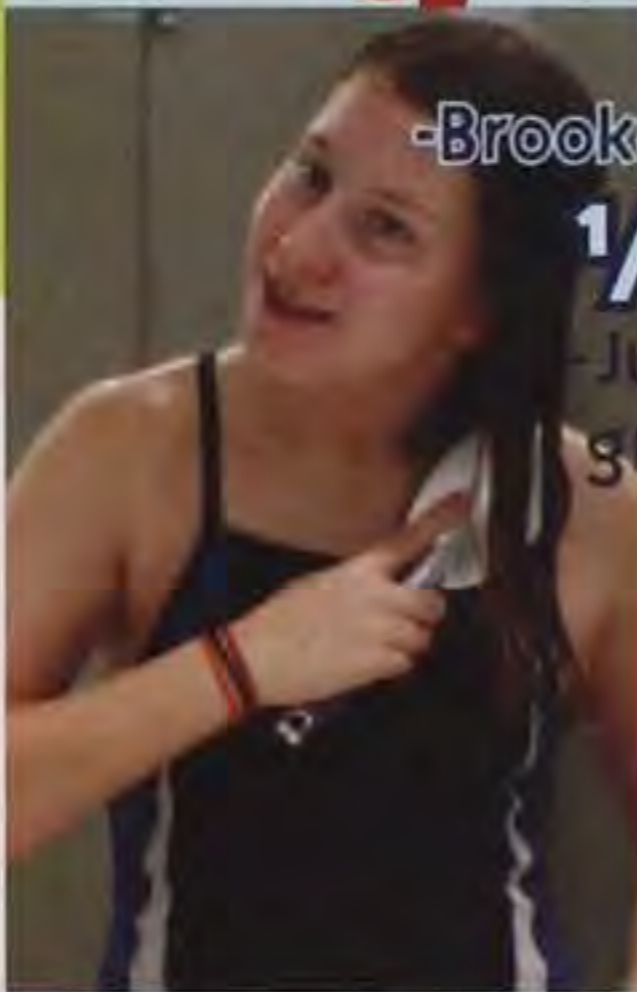
-Michael Evetts, senior

15 MINUTES

-Brooke Yeager, freshman

1/2 HOUR

-Julia Peistrup, eighth grade



After swim practice, Aimee Farquhar, sophomore, brushes her hair. "Personally, I think hair is overrated. People who spend a lot of time on their hair care too much about their appearance," said Farquhar.

THE GUY CODE

[GIRLS' THOUGHTS]

"Never go out with your best friend's sister."

-Ashlyn Wiggins, seventh grade

"They just don't show any emotions or feelings in front of each other."

-Rebecca Harding, junior

"Don't hit a girl."

-Sarah Becker, eighth grade

"If there's food, eat it."

-Sarah Dieckgraefe, senior

"Guy friends before your girlfriend."

-Sarah Davis, junior

"Video games."

-Rebecca Canfield, junior



While sitting in the library, Victoria Urban plays with Christina Grayson, junior's, hair. "I play with my friends' hair all the time, especially in Bible," said Grayson. "It makes their hair softer anyway. It's sort of like petting a cat."



Michael Nothum
Cobem Nye
Morgan O'Brien
Melinda Oliver
Emily Orf

Joshua Ortiz
Thomas Osterholt
Jonathan Pannkuk
Mitchell Penning
Drew Pfl
Daniel Pollmann

Matthew Powers
Anne Rebbe
Joseph Riddering
Nicholas Ridenhour
Eric Rideout
Emilie Schroeder

Jacob Boyer, junior uses the rolling cart to push Jacob Appelbaum, junior, around after helping to unload ITSOG supplies into the agencies' vans. Susan Brown, Assistant to the Deans, put them to work, and when they were finished, rewarded the students a little time off.



Amanda Scott
Michael Seifert
Samuel Sherman
Lucas Silkey
Christina Sittser
Megan Smith
Summer Smith
Mary Snapp



Brenden Solomon
John Eric Steiner
Sadie Stipanovich
Hannah Stone
Ellie Straub
Holly Sumner
Ian Sutherland
Edward Sutphen



Sarah Tague
Laura Tarantino
Brendan Terbrock
Amber Terschak
Nina Thampy
Nathan Theus
Lauren Thoener
Christian Thompson



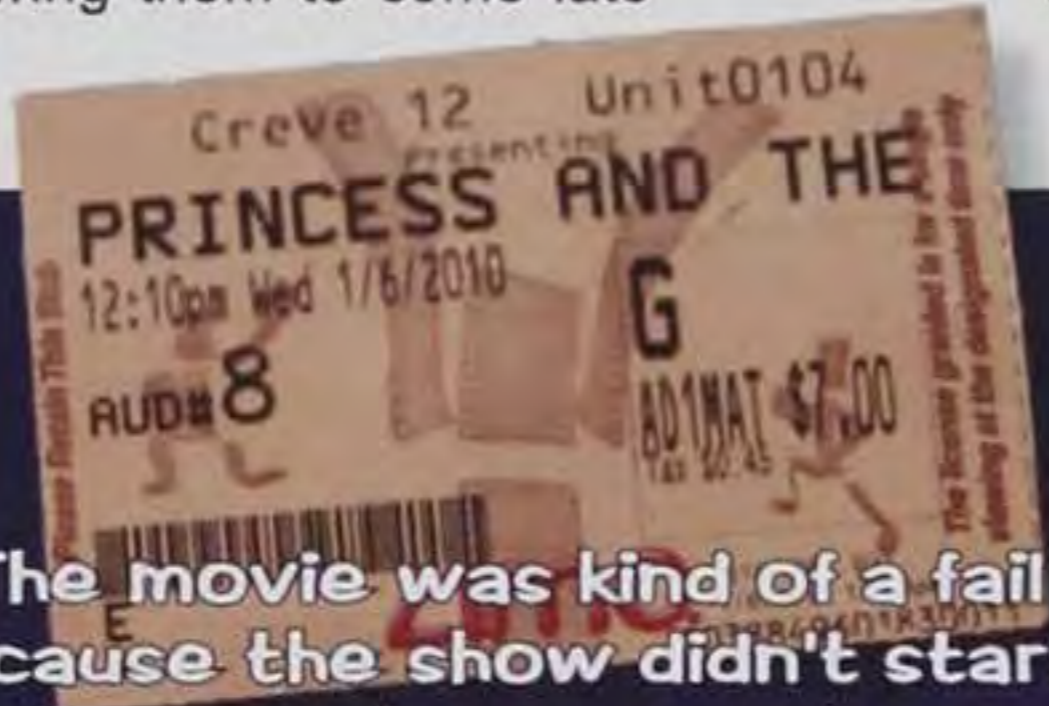
No Longer for **STUDYING**

"Junior/senior privilege is great, you get to socialize and study at the same time, and best of all you aren't stuck in a classroom," said Chelsea McConkey, junior.

As lower-classmen rose to enjoying the commons or library during studyhall, seniors were allowed even more freedom, as they had the choice to leave campus. Seniors whose study halls were adjacent to the lunch period were permitted to stay off campus during that time as well. Additionally, first and seventh hour study halls shortened the amount of time seniors spent at school by allowing them to come late or leave early.

Where to?

- Qdoba
- the mall
- home
- a movie
- anywhere else but here



"The movie was kind of a fail because the show didn't start early enough, so we only saw half of the movie," said Katherine Fleissner, senior.

April Johnston, Marta Roberts, and Sarah Fleming, seniors, take a short nap in the stairwell, giving themselves a mental break. All three had fifth hour study hall, which allowed them the opportunity to leave campus for lunch.



Sarah Davis, junior, reviews a vocabulary lesson for the week while listening to her iPod. One benefit of junior/senior privilege was listening to iPods, which helped some students, including Davis, concentrate.



Collin Henry, junior, explains a homework problem to Lauren Sulewski, junior. Junior privilege gave students the opportunity to collaborate, something they would not be able to do in a study hall classroom.

Cameron Smith, junior, plays in the snow with fellow classmates during his junior privilege. "My favorite part of junior privilege is having a break from the day," said Smith.



Scott Thompson
Megan Tilley
Kaylee Trost
Davis Vanderslice



Austin Walker
Paris Watson
Joseph Welker
Ellen Wenning
Zachary Wibbenmeyer
Timothy Wilcox



Olivia Willis
Eric Witherspoon
Della Woodward
Jessica Wydrzynski
Brooke Yeager
Sarah Yousef
James Zandstra



During fourth hour study hall, Daniel Chae, senior, catches up on some sleep. Even though Chae had senior privilege and could leave campus, he chose instead to "take a break from Poli Sci homework and just sleep."

Avery Anderson
Dylan Andres
Blake Armstrong
Yoon Ho Bae
Samuel Barrientos
Rachel Becker
Brynn Benes
Megan Betz



Samuel Bezjak
Cindy Blanchard
Jerica Blanchard
Taylor Bookout
Jonathan Bopp
Steven Bosch
Andreae Bradley
Laura Brands

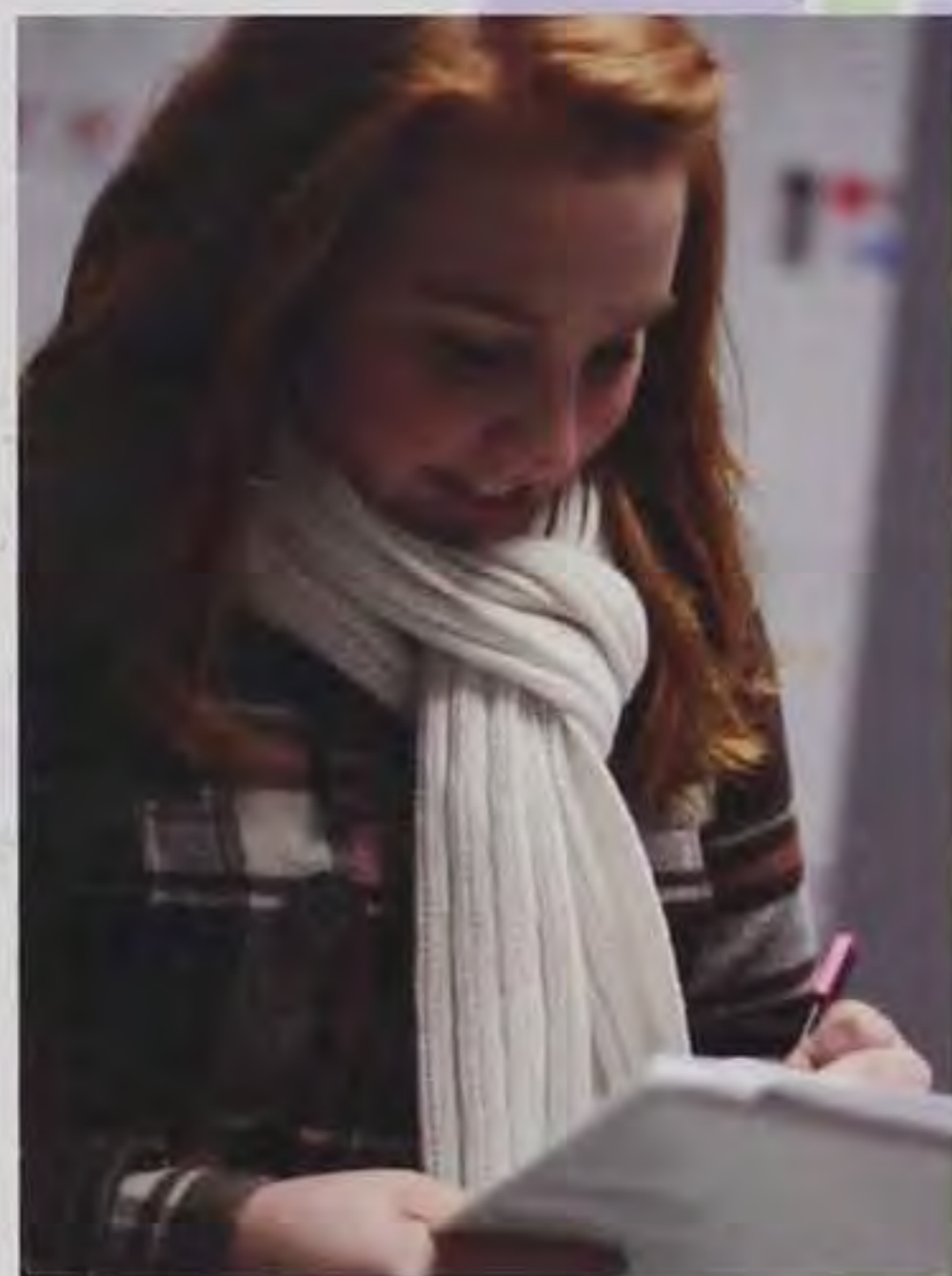


Austin Brown
Matthew Brugner
Jacob Buffa
Taylor Burch
Landon Burke
Alexandria Calhoon
Glen Calvin
Chloe Camahan



"One time Mr. Vass caught me sleeping during a movie and woke me up to tell me I needed to pay attention."

-Christina Grayson, junior



"I draw fashion designs."
-Emilie Schroeder, freshman



B O R E D G A M E S D

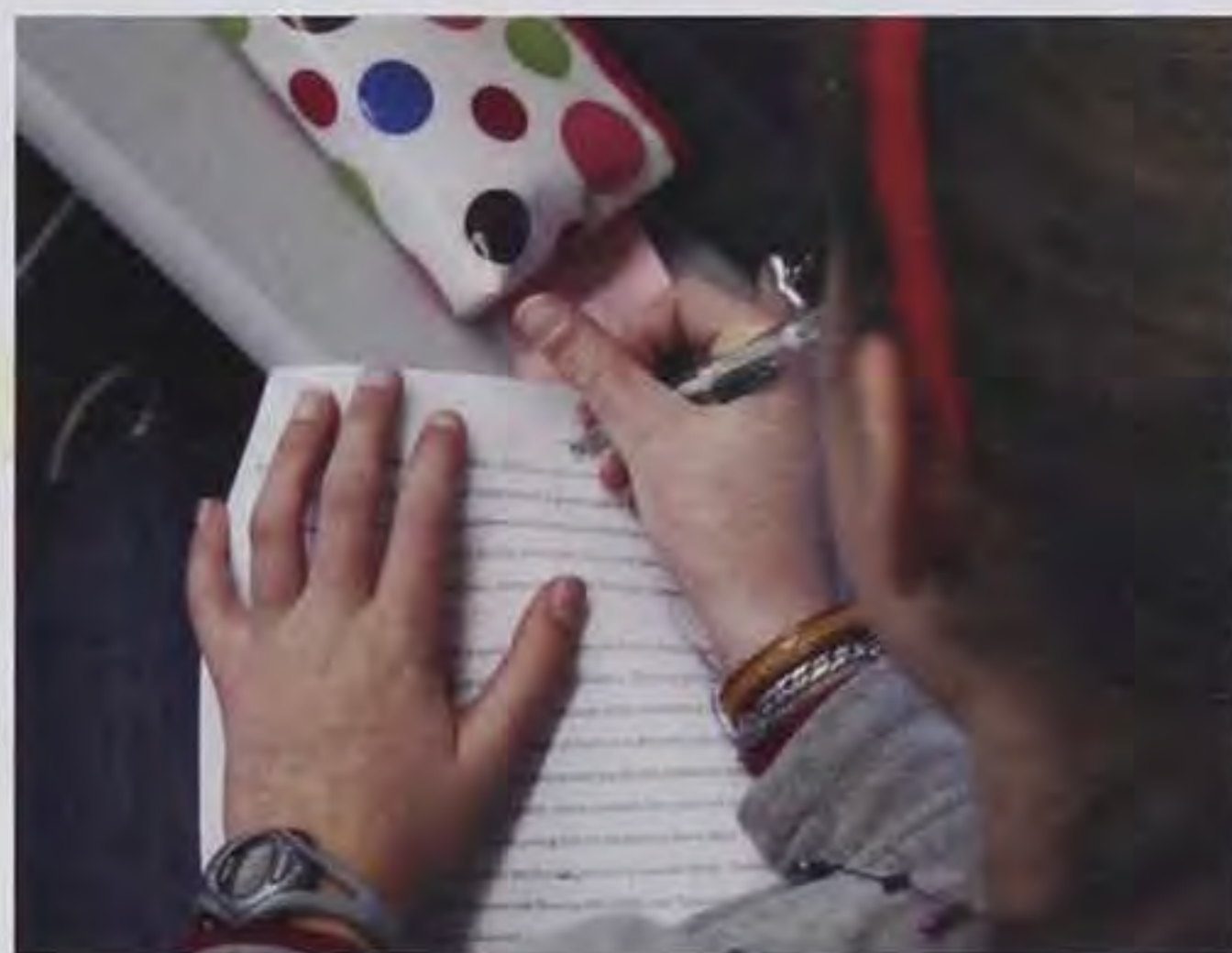
Ninety-five minutes was a long time to sit still in one class.

On block days when class periods were longer students sometimes found themselves struggling to find ways to stay occupied. Many students used different techniques to stay awake or entertain themselves during the classes which could not hold their attention. The range of techniques varied from playing with small reptiles such as a fish or turtles to the most common form of entertainment: doodling.

Some teachers did not care when students doodled in their classes because it was less distracting than other methods and far better than sleeping. Zachary Hanson, senior, stayed semi-focused by drawing whatever the teacher was talking about. It helps him understand what the teacher was saying in his own way: "I usually sketch and make whatever the teacher says into a joke," said Hanson. For Hanson, doodling was a constructive method of staying awake in class.



"I text people outside of school during class."
-Thomas Egan, senior



"Doodle on my paper or talk to my friends."
-Madison Drury, freshman



"I write music lyrics usually for my band, 'Walk the Earth.'"
-Chandler Hiatt, sophomore



Selah Chappeau
Cameron Clay
Joseph Collins
Erin Cox



Austen Crim
Keith Degler
Marshall Dickerson
Justine Doiron
Peter Duell



Elizabeth Duesenberg
Margaret Duffy
Danielle Dykstra
Connor Einertson
Harold Ellis
Danielle Evans

Tomorrow Mundy, freshman, listens while Sharon Degnan, teacher, explains her view on diversity at Westminster. Tomorrow participated in diversity lunches, sharing her opinion as a minority.



Daniel Alexander, senior, blocks against a Parkway Central player. Daniel was also involved in many other school activities, including the Spiritual Life Club.



It was commonly known that Westminster was somewhat diverse. There was a 17.6% diversity rate in 2010-11. Craig Walseth, middle school counselor, and Aaron Layton, middle school teacher, came up with the idea of diversity lunches with the intent that the voices and ideas or minority students would have a greater chance of being heard.

Students of unique ethnic background and teachers with the desire to learn met up in the athletic conference room. Eric Rideout, freshman, said "It's where we go and explain to teachers what a Westminster day is like, from our point of view. We talk to them about things like, comments we get from our peers, or the little things we notice, or different oddities we encounter day to day."

Students outside of these lunches also had opinions on the pros and cons of being in the minority.

"Often times, teachers can put students on the spot without realizing it, or intending too," said Tiffany Thompson, junior. "For example, if we talk about slavery in a history class, and I'm the only African-American student there, everyone automatically looks at me and expects me to spout fountains of truth about the subject. It's almost like just because I'm African-American, I lived back then, too!"

Rhoda Baker, senior, said, "In Westminster, it's really great because most of my peers are welcoming, but people still can be ignorant about the whole minority issue, even when they don't realize it."

Through these lunches, the openness to share from the students, and the conscious effort of their teachers and peers, Westminster Christian Academy not only grew more diverse in numbers but in a sense of community as well.

Christian Thompson, freshman, talks to Annie Hartwig, freshman, during a class officers meeting. Christian Thompson, freshman, said, "Being a part of the minority of Westminster is certainly a challenge, but defiantly not anything to complain about!"



Amber Draper, freshman, plays the violin during orchestra class. During a Thursday morning faculty meeting, Davis participated in a panel discussion that talked about cultural diversity.

Aimee Farquhar
Connor Fleming
Anna Franceschelli
Wesley Froeschner
Alexander Frogge
Katherine Ganninger
Gregory Gannon
Rachael Gantner



Samantha Giltner
Brian Goldfarb
Andrew Gordon
Andria Graeler
Alexis Grasse
Henry Griesedieck
Ramya Gruneisen
Martha Guariglia



Brandon Hafenrichter
Megan Hahs
Jeremy Hall
Laura Hammann
Zachariah Hampton
John Hancock
Olivia Handler
Marissa Harjoe



Students, teachers, and family members in the WCA community watch the varsity mens basketball game against Parkway Central. The team won the game that night.



Diversity

SPEAKING



Rachel Hart
Brittany Hawkins
Ryan Haxel
Karlee Heinemann



Tiffany Hennings
Andrew Hillemeier
Hannah Hoekzema
Jessica Holt
Ellie Huffman



John Hughes
Steven Hughes
Evan James
Inyoung Jang
Caleb Janssen
Peter Johnson

Decorating cookies, Rachel Yu, junior makes cookies for her soccer sweeties, John Hunsicker and Timothy Miller, juniors. "Guys should definitely bring stuff for girls. It's unlikely though," said Yu.



Adrienne Kaup
Robert Kinsinger
Melissa Knappenberger
Louis Kohrs
Rebecca Krause
Jihoon Lee
Kelsey Leib
Abigail Leibovich



Stephanie Lieber
Maxwell Lindstrom
Elizabeth Linhoff
Emmanuel Logan
Brendin Loveland
Alexander Loynd
Jerett Maass
Kinsey Martin



Michael Matheny
Margaret Mauze
Bryn McKie
Jeffrey Meyers
Aaron Miller
Evan Miller
Max Miller
Spencer Moergen



Rachel Raines, junior, cheers during the men's varsity basketball game on Jan. 5. On the day of a basketball game, the cheerleaders put food in the boy's lockers.



Elizabeth Simakoff, junior, places cookies in Ryan Haxel, sophomore's, locker since she is a cheerleader. "I don't think [sweet hearts] are sexist. I think they are just a fun way to get everyone involved in the sports programs. I don't think I personally would want to get something a guy baked for me because I would be a little scared of what was in it, unless their mom baked it," said Simakoff.



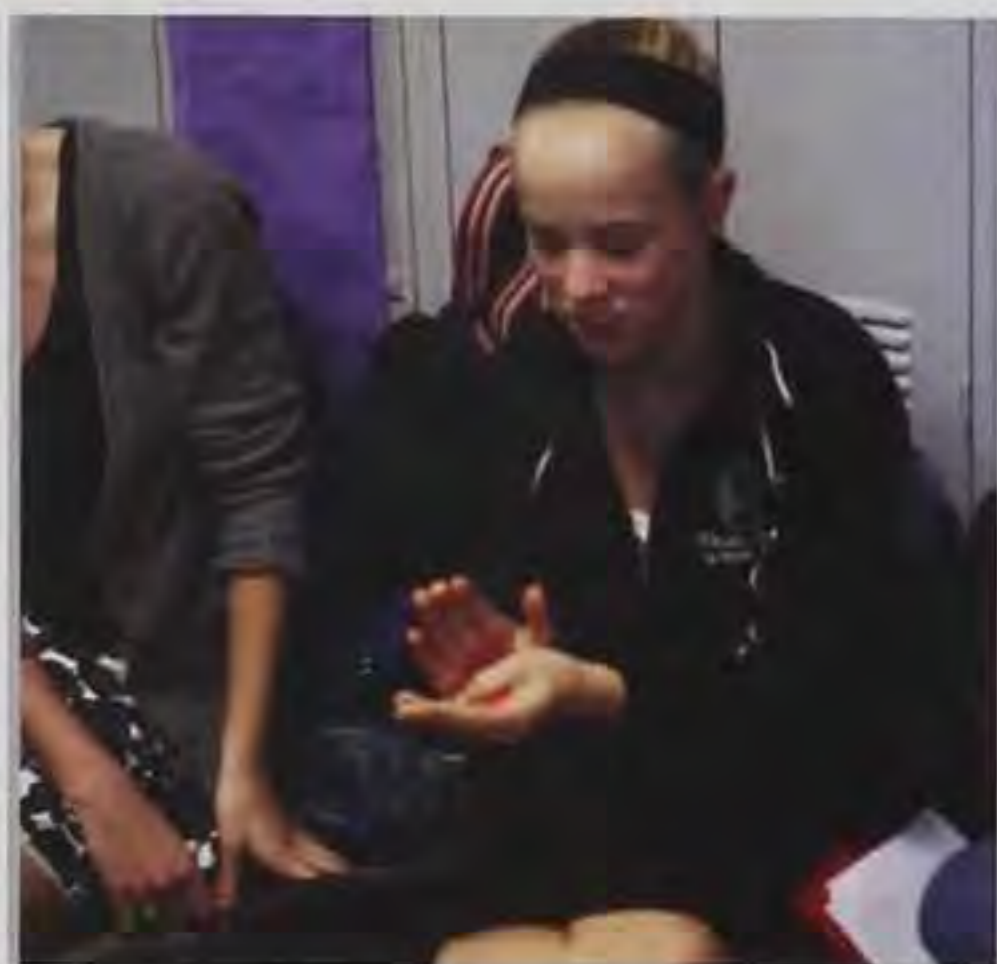
SWEETHEARTS BRING SWEETS

Cookies, brownies, cake and cupcakes were several things that girls volunteered to make for the boys who participated in a sport. Throughout the year, girls took charge of making sweetheart groups for boys' sports teams. However, a debate arose over whether or not boys should return the favor and bake treats for female athletes.

The idea of having boys bake for girls seemed like a good idea to some and not so much to others. Erinn Flowers, junior, liked the idea of guys forming their own sweetheart groups. "I think if girls take the time out to bake for the guys, that guys should definitely step up their game and bake something for the girls. Of course, guys should limit it to store bought items because it would be more trustable," said Flowers.

Landon Chard, senior, agreed with having a guys sport sweet heart group. "I think guys should do it for girls. We tried to do Lacrosse Lads and hockey hunks," said Chard. Even though some believe boys should form sport sweetheart groups for the girls, some feel opposed to the idea. Unlike some, Sarah Davis, junior, believed that the lack of treat-giving on the boys' part was not due to sexism.

"It's not sexist because the girls are volunteering to bake for the guys...I really don't know any guys that really know how to bake," said Davis.



Leah Gruneisen, junior, plays a game during small groups. "I think [guy sweethearts] would be a good idea. I don't know if I would trust eating what they baked. But it's the thought that counts, so whatever they can bring would be enough," said Gruneisen.

GIRLS' GROUPS

- 1 Soccer Sweeties
- 2 Hockey Hunnies
- 3 Tennis Racquettes
- 4 Baseball Babes



Taylor Wiggins, junior, cheers on her hockey hunnie, Andy Munoz, sophomore, at the varsity hockey game on Jan. 9. The hockey game was against Ladue and WCA earned a victory.



Margaret Moore
Seth Mundorf
Andres Munoz
Maegan Nelson



Morgan Nixon
Nicholas Norman
Kevin O'Leary
Kristen O'Leary
Sean O'Neill



Forrest Obenhaus
Jun Young Oh
Jessica Owens
Sunha Park
Devin Payne
Rachel Porter

PLAN of ATTACK

Chelsea McConkey, junior, studies for a Biology test. After studying, when she could no longer think straight, McConkey would take a short break before returning to her studies.



Preparation consisted of many aspects some of which varied from one test taker to another. What kind and how much preparation was up to the individual.

It was not uncommon for students at Westminster to spend three hours studying for just one test. "Some subjects I don't study for tests but for History, Bible, and Science I read over my notes and try to really understand the information," said Madison Deves, eighth grade. Deves focused on the subjects that require more memory information. Those subjects were more difficult for her to study which required more preparation time. She maintained the same study habits throughout the year which allowed her to develop a personal method of test preparation.

"When I figured out the right way for me to study it helped me a ton. I waste less time and learn the information quicker," Deves. This method of studying helped Deves plan out an attack and conquer the test. This allowed her to obtain the grade of her potential. Each student had to find their own plan of attack for studying.



William Pierson, junior, and Connor Sullivan, sophomore, study together for a Spanish I test. Both agreed that studying together helped them remember the material. Also, talking to each other in Spanish helped cement the words in their minds.



Lacey Call, junior, makes note cards to study for her Algebra II quiz. The note card repetition helped her recall the material.



Aubrey Dosmann, junior, makes a list of all her Spanish vocabulary, helping her remember the words. The repetition of writing the words out was used as a memory device.

Courtney Powell
Anthony Pritchett
Amanda Radasch
Graham Ralls
Nicholas Ramos
Megan Rasche
Jacqueline Rea
Samuel Reeves



Steven Richardson
Noah Roberts
Rebecca Rogers
David Rohlfing
Jonathan Roth
Aurianna Salem-Turvold
Grant Shaffer
Jocelyn Sheffield



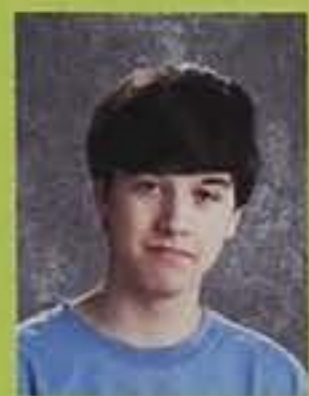
Madeleine Smith
Jesse Sneed
Brent Stump
Connor Sullivan
Timothy Svoboda
Brandon Terlouw
David Thomas
Caroline Thompson



Emilee Evetts, freshman, studies with a tutor for the geometry final. Studying at least a week before, Evetts felt prepared for the math final. While Evetts began preparing a week before, some students felt that pulling an all-nighter the night before was the way to study.



Tinaira Tieuel
 Luke Turner
 Kevin Vande Kamp
 Davis Vermillion



Isaac Wachsmuth
 Rebecca Waller
 Becky Weiss
 Addison Williams
 Dalton Williams



Caleb Winter
 Lucy Wynn
 B.J. Yeager
 James Young
 Gordon Younkin
 Brittany Zee-Cheng

Collin Henry and Andrew Beck, juniors, huddle close to the television at Benjamin Stratton, junior's house, trying to shoot each other in Call of Duty on November 14. Beck was the winner of the multiplayer match-up.



Ryan Allee
Jacob Appelbaum
Andalee Arndt
Soo-Heon Baik
Abby Bakersmith
Matthew Baldwin
Rachel Bates
Lauren Baum



Brett Baumgartner
Andrew Beck
Abigail Becker
Anna Becker
Bennett Bell
Schaeffer Bell
Haley Bergman
Haley Bettlach



Elizabeth Blackwell
Jacob Boyer
Cameron Brouk
Joseph Burzinski
Lacey Call
Rebecca Canfield
Angela Cannady
Daniel Cannon



MODERN GAMING

November 9, 2009 was a monumental day for many high school boys. This was the release date of Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2, a game that was highly anticipated by many. "I couldn't wait for Modern Warfare 2 to come out so I had to get it the night it came out," said Brett Cotner, junior.

A majority of the boys that owned an Xbox 360 bought the game within the first week. Some waited up until midnight, wanting to be among the first few to own the game. Spencer Seabaugh, junior, and Cotner stood in line for an hour waiting for the game. "Modern Warfare 1 was such a big deal and was also Game of the Year in 2007, so its sequel was a big deal ever since they announced its release," said Seabaugh.

Another reason for its popularity was the deal that GameStop, a gaming store, gave to its customers. Normally, the game cost \$60, but with a trade in of two old games, the cost went down to \$20. "I wasn't going to buy the game because of the price. But then I heard that there was this awesome deal at GameStop, so I got it. I couldn't ignore the hype and the great buy," said Justin Probst, junior.

One problem that some ran into was the 'M' rating of the game. In order to buy 'M' rated games, one had to be at least 17. Most boys got around it by having their parents buy the game for them. However, some got creative in their ways to get the game. "I had to buy the game for my boyfriend because he wasn't 17 yet. I can't believe how big of a deal it is for these guys," said Emily Mitchell, junior.

Bryan Willey, senior, plays Call of Duty. Willey was known for his Call of Duty skills in the first Modern Warfare, and said he was excited for the sequel to come out. Modern Warfare 2 sold seven million copies on the first day it was released, shattering the previous record held by Grand Theft Auto IV.



Matthew Schwartz, senior, shoots at his opponent in Call of Duty. Schwartz also attended Tim Reed's, senior, party for the Call of Duty tournament on Nov. 13. Schwartz and other attendees set up eight big screen televisions so they could play on their own screens.



Shane Benes, Brennan Hehner, and Collin Einertson, eighth grade, discuss the new game. Einertson brought it into school to show Benes the new weapons that were added to the next chapter of Modern Warfare.

Jamison Stanton and Benjamin Stratton, juniors, stare at the television in preparation for the game. They all played at Stratton's house on Nov. 14. Stratton set up one 42 inch and one 60 inch wide television for his party.



Andre Cataldo
Deanne Chae
Steffano Chavez



Sung Min Cho
Danielle Cicka
Abigail Clark
Kelsy Cline
Brett Cotner



Nathaniel Cox
Ruth Cross
Sarah Davis
Lauren DeRousse
Aubrey Dosmann
Cooper Dunlap



Karlton Smith and Chloe Martinez, seniors, giggle in the library while working on a project for L.B. Graham, worldviews teacher. The couple started dating in sophomore year of high school. "We like never fight. I hear about other couples fighting and having stupid arguments, but we never do," said Smith.

Henry Eicher
Sarah Eis
Daniel Everett
David Everett
Ian Farmer
Brittany Fellows
Abigail Finn
Steven Fitzgerald



Joshua Flori
Erinn Flowers
Evona Franceschelli
Gilbert Garrison
Kayla Gebhardt
Rebecca Gee
Olivia Girgis
Maria Gjordeni



Christina Grayson
Leah Gruneisen
Erin Guthrie
Sarah Hall
Steven Hall
Sabrina Hammond
Rebecca Harding
Hayden Harper



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Dating was a right of passage for high school and middle school students alike. It meant being associated with another person and being mature enough to handle that person's feelings. However, there were some key differences between middle school and high school dating. From the length of the relationship to the way couples spent their time, middle school and high school dating differed.

"It's different when you can drive and your parents don't have to cart you around," said Chloe Martinez, senior.

"In middle school you date to have a boyfriend, high school is more serious," said Megan Betz, sophomore.

"The average high school relationship lasts three months or more. Middle school is more like three weeks," said Anna Becker, junior.

"In high school you're older, so it's probably more mature," said Taylor King, freshman.

While at the drinking fountain, Forrest Obenhaus and Megan Betz, sophomores, stop to chat. "Everything's funny in our relationship," said Betz, when she commented on how unusual their relationship is. "I am always talking. I kind of over-talk, and he never talks."



Abby Nixon, eighth grade, waits for her boyfriend, John Raines, eighth grade, to get his books after school. The couple started dating in August.



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Anna Becker and Connor Zielonko, juniors, study during lunch. Becker and Zielonko started going out sophomore year right after Christmas Banquet. Zielonko asked Becker out via text message.

Taylor King and David Becker, seventh grade, hang out in the commons during eighth period. "We have been going out for about two or three months," said King.



Collin Henry
Sheridan Hentrich
Chandler Hiatt
Katherine Hickman



Harrison Hinrichs
Taylor Hoskins
John Hunsicker
Jane Im
Margaret Johnson



Maggee Kane
Laura Kaup
Daniel Keith
Bomin Kim
Sin-Ae Kim

It was not uncommon to hear about addictions to cigarettes, drugs or alcohol, but how about caffeine? Caffeine drinks were found in an ample amount of varieties, and each student had his or her own personal preference of caffeine source. Many students relied on caffeine to get them through the school day. But there were also some students who could not have caffeine at all.

Sarah Johnson, senior, was a caffeine addict.

Unfortunately, in spring of 2009, her doctor told her she was not allowed to drink caffeine anymore due to the effects on her health. After a while, she could live without having caffeine and started to drink it again. It helped her cope with the amount of school work she had to accomplish: "For every 3 hours of sleep I should have gotten, I add an extra shot," said Johnson.

William Nichols, senior, went to Starbucks so frequently that the cashiers knew him by name. Every once in a while they gave him a free drink. Sometimes, Nichols brought drinks to school for others to brighten their morning and to make them more awake for the day.

Besides expensive coffee drinks, other students found caffeine in the form of energy drinks. When asked, "Do you need caffeine to get through the school day?" Andrew Wu, senior, replied, "no, I need it to get through life." Wu could be seen nearly everyday with an energy drink in hand.

Coach Westoff's Words of Wisdom

Too much caffeine can be dangerous because your body starts to depend on it. Also, energy drinks are high in sugar calories and while they may work for a short time, there is a crash afterwards.

Kathryn Langley, Junior, received Starbucks frappuccino as a Christmas present. She carried them around school drinking them whenever she needed. As a member of the swim team, Langley needed to have energy daily.



Ruth Cross, junior, works on breaking her caffeine addiction by drinking water during her fourth hour study hall. On an average day, Cross drank coffee in the morning and a soda every afternoon. "Whenever I don't drink caffeine, I feel really tired," said Cross.



Sarah Johnson, senior, drinks a Caramel Macchiato in AP Political Science. Johnson drank caffeine daily in order to cope with her busy life. She added a shot of espresso for every three hours of sleep she should have gotten. On this particular day, Johnson had three shots due to her night of no sleep working on a paper.

Kelsey Kindbom
Jacob Kinsinger
Jordan Klein
Mari Knehans
Luke Kuiper
Rebecca Lambert
Kathryn Langley
Stephen Lillenberg



Ashley Lokey
Anthony Marr
Chelsea McConkey
Matthew McDaniel
Brianna McIntyre
Andrew Menzel
Elizabeth Miller
Timothy Miller



Alec Mitchell
Emily Mitchell
Daniel Moore
James Moore
Shane Moylan
Karen Munoz
Elizabeth Nester
Chris Palmer



Andrew Wu, senior, takes Jolt to his class. He drank caffeine on a daily basis. His favorite energy drink is a tie between Bawls and Jolt, though he will drink whatever he can get his hands on to get his caffeine fill.



Drink	Caffeine in ml
Jolt 12oz	71.2
Red Bull 12oz	80
Diet Coke 12oz	45.6
Starbucks Coffee Frappo 8oz	83
Grande Starbucks coffee 16oz	320



Sang-A Park
Emily Paulk
Marci Penning
William Pierson



Justin Probst
Rachel Raines
Danielle Roberts
Michael Rojewski
Kaylee Rosen



Christine Schlafly
Kori Schlitt
Zachary Schopp
Luke Schroeder
Nichole Schuessler

TO THE FULLEST



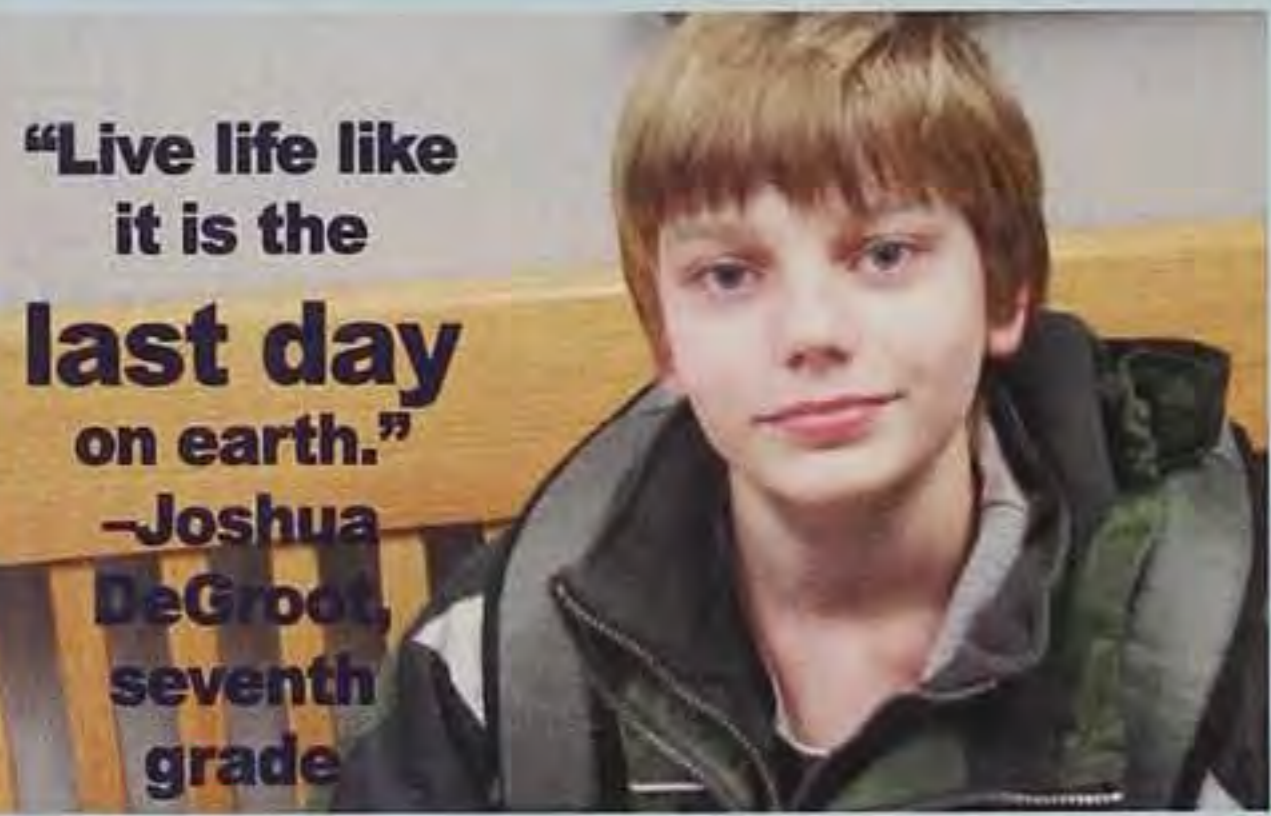
"I live to the best of my ability and I'm not afraid to sacrifice myself to give everything that I've got."
-James Schick, seventh grade

What does it mean to live life to the fullest? Many students at Westminster lived their lives every day and never asked themselves what this question meant.

When asked what it meant to them to "live life the to fullest," students responded very differently. Some expressed the joy they found in sports and the opportunity to participate in athletics. Others said that being with their friends was the best way to live their lives to the fullest.

Eloise Bettlach, freshman, held this opinion. She said, "To me, living life to the fullest means to spend as much time with my friends as possible and to just hang out with them and have a lot of fun."

Della Woodward also stressed the value of friendships in her life. She said, "I love hanging out with my friends. That is the best way to live life to the fullest."



"Live life like it is the last day on earth."
-Joshua DeGroot, seventh grade



"Spending time with my friends is very important to me"
-William [Name], senior



"Giving everything an opportunity to become something good."
-Rebecca Canfield, junior

Spencer Seabaugh
 William Serber
 Lauren Sexton
 Corbin Shelton
 John Shields
 Brooke Siebenman
 Elizabeth Simakoff
 Peter Sippel



Nicholas Skrainka
 Nathan Smallwood
 Alexandra Smith
 Cameron Smith
 Kira Stewart
 Benjamin Stratton
 Matthew Sugg
 Lauren Sulewski



Robert Tague
 Kathleen Talent
 Nathan Terschak
 Jennifer Tetrake
 Micah Theus
 Tiffany Thompson
 Victoria Urban
 Drew Waeckerle



**"I work
really
hard and I
make sure
that I do
my best
in
every
aspect of
life."**

**-Carl
Simakoff,
seventh
grade**



*Jordan Weaver
Katia Weir
Margaret Wenberg*



*Morgan West
Nathan Wheeler
Paul Wheeler
Julia Wiens
Taylor Wiggins*



*Peter Williams
Brittany Wilson
Emily Wilson
Hannah Worrell
Rachel Yu
Connor Zielonko*

Nathaniel Cox, junior, plays against Howard Warren, U.S. History teacher, in the faculty-student chess match on Tuesday, October 27. Cox had played chess for over ten years after learning from his father. "I just play it in my free time," said Cox, because he participated in school plays and no longer could fully commit to chess club.



of a
REVEAL



Morgan Micholke, eighth grade



Jensen Holt, eighth grade



Sean O'Neill, sophomore, and William Serber, junior



Zachary Kessel, freshman



John Barry, freshman



Katie Matheny, freshman



Ana Tanner, senior

Auditions were held. A cast list was posted.
 Sets were painted. Costumes were sewn.
 Dress rehearsals took place. Tickets were sold.
 The curtain opened.
 Lines were recited.
 The lights dimmed for the last time,
 and a brief silence swept across the room.

Then, the crowd erupted with cheering and applause.

As Mallory Alpert took her final bow as the lead role of Scout,
 she smiled to herself
 knowing that the countless hours
 she took out of her schedule memorizing lines
 were well spent.

The members of the set club high fived each other
 because the play wouldn't have been as successful
 without their labor-intensive set and on-stage props.

Ian Farmer, junior, and Ben Arndt, senior, members of the AV club,
 wiped their brows with relief, as the lights and sound system
 worked without a hitch.

They were finally able to reveal the fruits of their hard work,
 and everyone involved could see that each minute dedicated
 to making this play absolutely perfect was worth it.

When it came to all aspects of theater life,
 Ashley Lokey, junior, knew the system.

In the past year,
 Lokey acted in two of the one act plays and the winter play,
 "To Kill a Mockingbird."

As the Digital Graphic Arts club president,
 she was in charge of all the printed items for the play,
 which required her to meet with the director
 months in advance to start planning what it would look like.

If she wasn't in the play,
 Lokey was serving refreshments,
 selling tickets, helping with costumes,
 and doing anything else she could
 to make the actors more comfortable.

She said that one of the most amazing parts of doing a play
 is right after the last curtain closes.

“ There's nothing like the relief of
 when a play is finally over
 and you can relax ...

It's one of the best experiences you can ever have,
 purely because of the stress relief factor, ”
 said Lokey.

In order to reveal your potential, you must do the simple,
 extraordinarily.



Danielle Cicka, junior, looks at Lucy Knerr, Chris Knerr, history teacher's daughter, while at Covenant Church on Dec. 5. Wee Wildcats was a service project where students watched and played with the teacher's children, giving the teachers time to relax during the holiday season.

NHHS

National Honor Society

The sound of laughter filled the air as little children played in the gym of Covenant Church on a Saturday morning in December.

"I wasn't so excited to get up early in the morning because I was expecting rowdy kids who demanded food. But when I got there, it was nothing like that and I ended up having a lot of fun," said Margaret Moore, sophomore.

Moore, along with numerous other Westminster students, volunteered her Saturday morning to watch teachers' children at Wee Wildcats. The volunteers gave teachers and their spouses time to relax and get last minute Christmas shopping done before the onset of the hectic holiday season.



Steven Bosch, sophomore

"I love children, so it felt really good to do something to help the teachers and play with the kids. I'm a kid at heart, so it was awesome being able to act like a kid," said Madeleine Smith, sophomore.

For the duration of the morning, the students played in the gym, participated in arts and crafts, and watched children in the nursery.

"My favorite part was rolling around on scooters with the kids," said Smith. Student volunteers also looked forward to meeting the kids that their teachers had told them about. "It's really awesome getting to know the teachers better by watching their kids," said Moore. "It was a really fun job," said Smith.

Refuge of Nations

SPIRIT CLUB



Summer Smith, freshman, plays duck, duck goose with a little girl at Refuge of Nations on February 17.

During a lunch meeting for the spirit club, Landon Chard, senior, rolls on top of the tables to test out the tricycles. During the actual tricycle race, sophomores came in first.

Playing with beads, Caroline Moore, eighth grade, plays with Henry Talley, Nathan Talley's son, in the nursery. Caroline participated in Wee Wildcats with her older sister and mother.

Playing foosball at Refuge of Nations, Jerett Maass, sophomore, participates with some of his class mates to help entertain some little children on Wednesday, February 17.

Lucy Wynn, sophomore, plays with the teachers' children for NHS service hours during Wee Wildcats.

Alexandria Calhoon, sophomore, and Lacinta Chard, senior, eat pizza and dance on the tables during a spirit club meeting. Calhoon was the spirit chair for the sophomore class and Chard was the spirit chair of the senior class.



Rebecca Rogers, sophomore
REFUGE OF NATIONS

Jacob Mohler, NHS advisor,
and Deanne Chae, junior
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Victoria Urban, junior

Mary Snapp, freshman
REFUGE OF NATIONS

SWAT

Students Working Against Tobacco

GO Green Club

SWAT members turn to show the logo on the back of their shirts which said SWAT backwards.

Taylor Deves, freshman, attends FCA for the first time, held at Hannah Worrell's, junior, house. Deves offered to read the passage relating to the message.

John Steiner, freshman, enjoys his Arby's dinner and playing games with friends, while waiting for FCA to begin.

Olivia Handler and Megan Betz, sophomores, picked up the recycled paper in every upper school class room. "We want to make a difference and recycling is a small but powerful way to make a difference," said Handler and Betz.

The SWAT members gather around during a meeting and try their shirts on for size. SWAT members wanted a shirt that supported their outreaches.

Rebecca Harding, junior, and Brooke Cusumano, freshman, attend a SWAT lunch meeting. The topic of discussion was the busy schedule ahead that included certain teams of members speaking at elementary schools.

Angela Cannady, junior, eats her lunch during a SWAT meeting. She volunteered to attend the next outreach event at a small elementary school.



Christine Schlafly, junior
SWAT

Mark McFarland, freshman
FCA

Grant Koby, freshman
FCA

Rachael Gantner, sophomore
FCA

Mitchell Penning, freshman
FCA



John Kehr, senior, warms up his guitar after a week of not being played. Although Kehr was home sick that Monday, he came for FCA worship and played a few songs before he went home for the night.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes **FCA**

Every Monday night at seven o'clock, the Worrells and Kehrs opened their home to Westminster students who gathered for Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meetings. Students met to socialize, worship, hold devotions, and read scripture together. "Being able to meet like this every week is such a privilege. I'm so thankful that I am surrounded with people that will build me up in my walk with God," said Shaylynn Weststeyn, senior.

FCA challenged Christian athletes to interact with other students who held the same values. The weekly meetings provided a way for the athletes to connect with one another outside of the field or court. One night in particular, the FCA students had a devotion about being a true champion for Christ. When asked the question, "Is your mind and heart what drives you on the



Jacob Hicks, freshman



John Bergman, senior



Zachary Dorton, senior



William Campbell, freshman

field?" Many replied that if one's heart was not driving them, then there was no way their mind could truly be in it as well. Their answers spurred more discussion about the roles of the heart and mind in the world of athletics. The students came to the conclusion that the heart drives the mind. "Knowing that God is on my side gives me strength to overcome any battle of the mind," said Taylor Deves, freshman.

One student found a verse to support this idea: "But the Lord said to Samuel, Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." This passage, found in 1 Samuel 16:7, expressed students' opinions regarding the strength of the mind heart.

Andres Munoz, sophomore, plays guitar during chapel. He was the chapel band's lead guitarist and added quick picking to the band's sound. "I love the song *Break Free*. I get to go crazy on a solo and just love playing the guitar" said Munoz.



CHAPEL *band*

Vologda, Russia is a town where numerous orphans and children roam the streets without any resources to provide for themselves. However, an organization named the Comfort Foundation helped fund efforts to feed and clothe such children.

In order to raise funds, this foundation held an event at the Lodge on October 3. Before members of the Comfort Foundation took the stage to share their experiences, Westminster's chapel band led the group in worship. They played songs like *Break Free*, *Take It All*, and *In Christ Alone*. Matthew Baldwin, junior, liked playing for a crowd which was not composed solely of middle and high school students.

"It was an awesome time playing with a group of older people, yet singing joyful, upbeat songs and them getting really into it," said Baldwin.



Catherine Sinclair, senior



Matthew Baldwin, junior



Joshua Flori, junior

Before the concert, however, the chapel band got a taste of what it was like to be a band on the road. "We got to pack up all of our things and just take a road trip to the Lodge. It was fun because we got to load and unload Matt Sugg's monster drum set and kind of get the traveling ambiance that many chapel bands never get to enjoy," said Steven Hughes, sophomore.

However, for Andres Munoz, sophomore, the chance to play in a more open area and better-sounding atmosphere was what he relished. "It was really nice to finally get to play in a place where everything sounded nice and the acoustics were great," said Munoz.

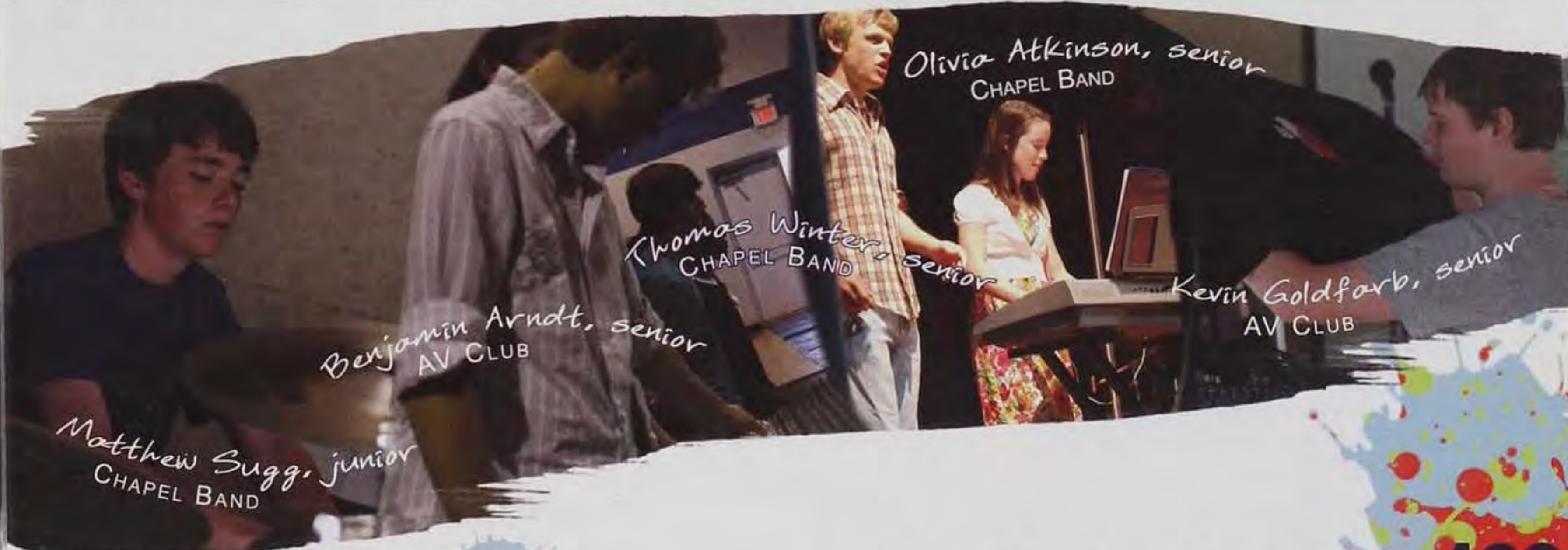
In the end, the chapel band was loudly applauded for helping Comfort Foundation earn money for the orphan workers. "It was a great time. I'm happy we got to help," said Baldwin.

AV

Audio-Visual Club



From top left to bottom right: **Joshua Flori, junior**, plays the bass at the benefit concert for the Comfort Foundation on October 3. **Steven Hughes, sophomore**, leads the student body in a worship song. "I love playing in a band with these people. Everyone is really cool and we're developing close relationships. In addition to being fabulous musicians, they're all super committed to making chapel a worshipful experience," said Hughes. **Austin Gantner, senior**, and Brandon Estock, freshman, work the camera during Spirit Week. **Jacob Dahl, senior**, harmonizes with the other singers during the first chapel of the year. This year was Dahl's first year on chapel band. **Nick O'Neal, senior**, moves the camera rig during the balloon stomp on the Monday of Spirit Week. The AV Club was responsible for filming and producing a DVD of all Spirit Week events. **Aaron Krumsieg, senior**, plays the trumpet for the song, "Those Who Trust". He was still able to play the trumpet in chapel after dislocating his shoulder in the Ostrich Race during Spirit Week.



Matthew Sugg, junior
CHAPEL BAND

Benjamin Arndt, senior
AV CLUB

Thomas Winter, senior
CHAPEL BAND

Olivia Atkinson, senior
CHAPEL BAND

Kevin Goldfarb, senior
AV CLUB

Junior Peer Counselors

PCU



Andrew Cannon, eighth grade

Halley Woolbright, eighth grade

Morgan Mechelke, eighth grade

Eric Levanhagen, Senior

Marta Robert's Fabulous Five
SENIOR PEER COUNSELING GROUP



Christina Dohr, senior, and her group of seventh graders, known as Dohr's Dudettes, pose at the end of their P.C. cheer at the retreat. The retreat was held at Blue Bird Park at the beginning of the school year so that the Peer Counselors could get to know their group.



From left to right: **Morgan Koetting, Megan Sexton, and Jenny Baldwin, eighth grade**, play on a tire swing during the eighth grade retreat. The eighth grade class went to Elephant rocks along with their Peer Counselors for the P.C. retreat.



Kelsey Kindbom, junior, Catherine Bakewell, and Jenny Baldwin, eighth grade, meet for their weekly P.C. meetings on Wednesday morning. Their group name was Kelsey's Kool Karate Kats but then it changed to Kelsey's Kind-Bombs.



Bryan Curtis, Joshua Sumner, Jordan Harvey, and Richard Worley, seventh grade, celebrate after performing their cheer at the P.C. retreat. Their group name was Thomas' Troopers.



Alexander Ebel, seventh grade, exits the bus by running through a tunnel of Peer Counselors. The P.C. retreat was the first activity that the seventh grade students did with their Peer Counselors. Ebel was in John Kehr, senior's, P.C. group.

PC Senior Peer Counselors

Walking through the commons on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, students saw a rather different view than they would on any other day of the week. On those days, at about 7:20, handfulls of middle school students were scattered across the commons accompanied by a select few upperclassmen. These juniors and seniors were students who had applied and been chosen to become peer counselors. Through weekly meetings, these students were given the opportunity to mentor and become close with a group of middle school students.

The peer counselors' job was to bond with their group over laughs, prayer, and snacks.

"P.C. groups are really fun and we get to eat snacks every time," said Kaylay Clay, seventh grade.

Not only did students enjoy the food served during meetings, they also savored the conversation between friends.

"During our meetings we talk about what we did over the weekend," said Hannah Ruckman, seventh grade.



Ashley Jones, eighth grade



Anna Evans, seventh grade



Lucille Sell, seventh grade

But the fun was not confined to the Westminster commons.

During the first few weeks of school, the entire seventh and eighth grade classes went on their P.C. retreats. The eighth graders went to elephant rocks, and the seventh graders went to Blue Bird Park. Here they got to get to know their Peer Counselor along with the other kids in their group.

"The P.C. retreat was kickin'! I had so much fun," said Emily Sulewski, seventh grade. Some of the activities that went on were relay races, two-hand-touch football, cat tails, and even a water balloon fight.

"The P.C. retreat was a good way to have fun and interact with my group," said Marta Roberts, senior.

Roberts also spent time with her group by playing games like Apples to Apples and going bowling. Mal-lory Alpert, senior, used the group meetings on Tuesday mornings to do things such as decorate Christmas cookies and talk about boys. "My group is not too crazy but they are not too quiet either," said Alpert.



Elizabeth Duesenberg and Nicholas Ramos, sophomores, direct a parent during Upper School Ignite. Ambassadors were required to serve in six events each year. There were thirteen ambassadors total.

STUCO

Student Council

Whether at Carnival, Christmas Banquet, Spring Event, JSB, or Spirit Week, Westminster students were offered plenty of opportunities to enjoy themselves outside of the classrooms. Oftentimes, these activities that students took for granted were the result of hard work on the part of student leaders.

"Being a member of student leadership, I now see how much it affects the WCA community positively. I never knew we did this much," said Ashley Lokey, junior.

WCA students were able to apply for a variety of leadership positions, including STUCO (student council) class officers, and student ambassadors. However, they were only permitted to hold one position per year. This restriction prevented students from becoming too in-



Landon Burke, sophomore, and Cooper Dunlap, junior, hang out at the leadership retreat. Burke was a member of STUCO and Dunlap was the junior class president.

involved to carry out their duties.

The students in leadership helped with making choices that most students did not consider. For example, class officers talked about how to fix problems in each grade, STUCO planned many of the school wide events, and student ambassadors welcomed new students to the Westminster community. Students knew that when applying for these spots, they were committing to a responsibility, and the school year of 2009-2010 brought student leaders who took their role of improving the student body seriously.

"It's fun being on leadership, but it also means you have to work harder and your time matters because of the extra work," said Timothy Burgess, freshman.

Ambassadors



From Top Left to Bottom Right: **Annie Hartwig and Natalie Bell**, freshmen, cheer on the freshman girls during Tug-of-War. Hartwig was a neighborhood leader for the 2009-2010 school year. **Shelby Kehr and Bennett Lewis**, freshmen, practice Geometry in their class. They were dressed up for Masquerade Day, as a princess and storm trooper respectively. Lewis was a neighborhood leader for the freshmen boys. **Timothy Miller, Matthew McDaniel, and Steven Hall**, juniors, relax before the evening leadership meeting. The trip was three days before the school year started. **Taylor Deves and Summer Smith**, freshmen, engage a family friend as ambassadors at Middle School Ignite. It was held on August 27. **A group of sophomore students** discuss how to improve class events during the upcoming year. **Mark McFarland, Timothy Burgess, Matthew Hall, and Alexander Beard**, freshmen, get their grade pumped up for Spirit Week. Burgess was a student council member. **Drake Norman, Sierra Mathews, Nathaniel Arnold, and Joseph Isaacs**, freshmen, talk during their Physics class. Norman was a class officer and Mathews was a small group leader.



Class

OFFICERS

Leisha Ritter, Molly Anderson, John Bergman, Emily Sherman, Laurd Dicus, seniors
Haley Bergman, junior
LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Andrew Menzel, junior
JUNIOR PEER COUNSELOR

William Serber, junior
AMBASSADOR

Evona Franceschetti, junior
AMBASSADOR

THE POSERS

The women's cross country team was able to participate in a program that improved running technique. The program mimicked natural running. It was called the Pose method because each time a girl lifted her foot up to her body, it hit the same pose each time. "It was like making different running poses each time," said Laura Tarantino, freshman. The Pose method improved runner's race time and decreased injuries. The improvement in the runner's position decreased the chances of becoming injured. "The goal is to use the gravity most efficiently with less effort," said Jennifer Meyers. Triathlete Doug and Jennifer Meyer, parents of Thomas Meyer, seventh grade, taught this method. They have their own business, TriSmart, in which they improved technique for swimmers, bikers, and runners. The Myers, joined the girls and boys teams regularly for practice and came to meets. Each Wednesday they coached part of the team for 30 minutes on good running technique. They did this by starting off with stretching, practicing the specific posing method, and finally finished off practice with a typical run. The team referred to this style of training as the "Posers."



What is your favorite color to wear when you run?



Abigail Clark, junior, struggles to run at Queeny Park, despite her shin splints. "They tightened up so fast, but I completed the race so that I wouldn't disappoint the team," said Clark.



Lucy Wynn, sophomore, Amanda Bettlach, senior, Ramya Gruneisen, sophomore, and Rebecca Harner, senior, gather together after the meet at Principia to show off how muddy they are.

Amanda Bettlach, senior, runs the 3.1-mile race during the Forest Park meet. Bettlach had run cross country since her junior year, and her favorite part of being on the team was "being able to be very social while running," said Bettlach.



At the Queeny Park meet, Julie Sharp, senior, runs with 27 other schools. Her favorite workout was the progression run, which was 5-7 miles running at a moderate speed and 2-3 miles running hard. "The first part lets me relax and loosen up and the second part is a big confidence booster," said Sharp.



Leah Janssen, freshman, runs to the finish line during the meet at Principia. This was Janssen's first year of running cross country. Janssen ran a time of 28:43 minutes. "Because it was muddy I slipped a lot, but never fell. I almost fell into the woods once," said Janssen.

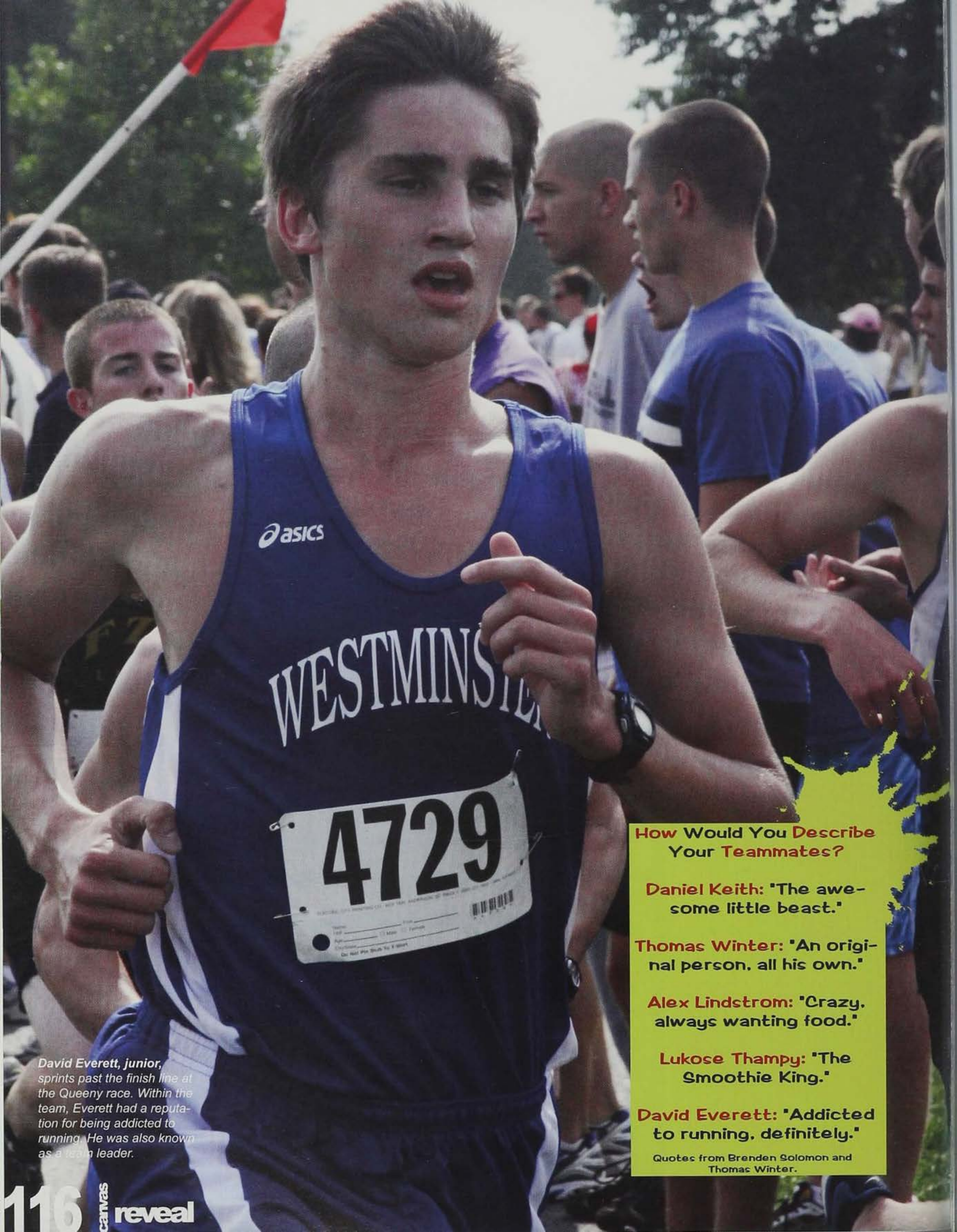


On October 2, Rebecca Harner, senior, sprints in the last leg of the race at the Forest Park meet. Before each meet Harner ate dry toast and water for carbs and energy. Harner had run cross country since her freshman year.

The team holds up their back plank before practicing the pose method. Every practice the team stretched together for 20-30 minutes.



In her second meet, Laura Tarantino, freshman, runs at Forrest Park with a time of 22:26 minutes. "My favorite part was that the meet wasn't hot or hilly," said Tarantino. Tarantino became the first freshman since Julie Sharp, senior, to make it to the state meet their first year of high school.



David Everett, junior, sprints past the finish line at the Queeny race. Within the team, Everett had a reputation for being addicted to running. He was also known as a team leader.

How Would You Describe Your Teammates?

Daniel Keith: "The awesome little beast."

Thomas Winter: "An original person, all his own."

Alex Lindstrom: "Crazy, always wanting food."

Lukose Thampy: "The Smoothie King."

David Everett: "Addicted to running, definitely."

Quotes from Brenden Solomon and Thomas Winter.

Peter Duell, sophomore, runs past the finish line. "He has a great sense of humor" said Brenden Solomon, freshman. "He also never shows any pain. He is a great inspiration."

Thomas Winter, senior, paces himself to get to the finish line. He started running cross-country because of a friend's influence, but later developed a love for running.



BOND & BEYONCÉ

The men of the Westminster cross country team not only focused on getting ahead at their meets, but also spent their time enjoying the sport that they loved. Throughout the season, they went to restaurants and sat on cars. Brenden Solomon, freshman, explained another story.

"Once, we went to Daniel Keith's tree house after a practice. We were just playing around, like normal high school guys tend to do. However, at one point, I just burst out singing 'Halo' by Beyoncé Knowles. Of course, everyone else had to join in. Oddly, through singing 'Standing in the light of your halo,' we became better friends and teammates, which translated into better races." When the teammates were closer as a team, they were able to depend on each other during competitions, and they became more comfortable around each other outside of the cross country environment.

The adventures continued throughout the season. Thomas Winter said, "Once, we had been practicing by racing each other, and ran too hard. Afterwards we were extremely thirsty. In desperation, we went up to a random house and asked the man there for a drink from his hose. He obliged, and asked us which school we were from. Once he found out we were from Westminster, he casually mentioned he was a parent of an MICDS student! We still wave to him every time we pass by, though."



Daniel Keith, junior, runs at the Queeny Park race on Oct. 2. Keith was known for great running posture. He was also a source of encouragement to his teammates.



Brenden Solomon, freshman, competes at Queeny Park. Though he was new, his "lighthearted and happy spirit" made him "essential to the team," said teammate Thomas Winter, senior.

Daniel Everett, David Everett, and Daniel Keith, juniors, compete together in the October race at Queeny park. They trained for the race using seven mile succession runs.

Robert Dykhouse, freshman, sprints downhill in the Queeny Park race. He started the season playing soccer, but later switched to cross country.



SEIFERT TO SWIMS FOR STATE

Wild cheering rang through the air as the Westminster swim team faced Oakville High School on September 17. On opposite sides of the pool, Westminster swimmers yelled excitedly as Michael Seifert, freshman, became the school's first men's state swimming qualifier in 18 years. His performance in the water also contributed to the Wildcats' close two-point victory over Oakville High School. In fact, Seifert not only qualified in the 100 yard butterfly and lowered the school record from both 1990 and 2008, he also met one of his foremost goals for this year.

"I'm really excited about going to state. It was one of the goals I had set for myself this year, and it happened a lot earlier than I expected it would. In fact, I didn't know if it would happen this year or next," said Seifert.

As a swimmer, Seifert set goals for himself that were both long-term and short-term. He made a point to meet them before the end of the swimming season, especially if the goal pertained to breaking records of his own or qualifying for any kinds of championships, such as the state competition on November 13. Over the course of the season, the swim team set six total records and qualified one member for state.



Michael Seifert, freshman, competes in the butterfly event during the Ladue Invitational. Seifert was one of eight freshmen on the varsity team.



Taking a break, Matthew Sugg, junior, prepares to don his flippers while the freshmen on the team listen to coach Kent Kehr. During the season, Kehr took videos of each swimmer and showed them their weak and strong spots to help them improve their times.



Christopher Kehr, freshman, swims the 100 yard butterfly during the October first home meet vs. Missouri Military Academy, which Westminster won. In addition to swimming the butterfly during meets, Kehr also competed in the 200 and 500 yard freestyle.



Surfacing after his dive into the pool, Thomas Porter, senior, takes a breath while he does the breastroke. Thomas Egan, senior, was team captain along with Porter. On the swim team, Porter competed in most of the breastroke events. In addition, he also commentated on the diving events during home meets.



Brett Baumgartner, junior, keeps track of Nathan Terschak's, junior, 500 yard freestyle during the home meet versus Oakville. Those who were not competing in the freestyle event would keep tally of the number of laps that the other had completed.

just for the **RECORD...**

200 FREESTYLE RELAY:

Nathan Terschak and James Moore,
juniors
Erik Johnson and Thomas Egan,
seniors

400 FREESTYLE RELAY:

Nathan Terschak and James
Moore, juniors
Thomas Egan, seniors
Michael Seifert, freshman

100 BUTTERFLY:
Michael Seifert, freshman

100 BREASTROKE:
Michael Seifert

500 FREESTYLE:
Nathan Terschak

200 MEDLEY RELAY:
Nathan Terschak, junior
Thomas Porter and Thomas Egan,
seniors
Michael Seifert, freshman



Kristopher Freeman, senior, dives during the October first meet against Missouri Military Academy. Freeman was the only diver on the team, but he also swam backstroke in almost every meet.

Elizabeth Blackwell, junior, prepares to return the ball into her opponents court during a match against John Burroughs on September 11. She played both on varsity and as the number one spot on j.v. Blackwell began playing tennis for Westminster freshman year.



During the last match of the season, Annie Hartwig, freshman, concentrates on hitting a volley. Before the match, the team celebrated the end of another year of tennis with cookie cake, cheese balls, and plenty of gatorade. Westminster lost the last match against Ladue High School with a team score of 3-7.



After returning a serve against a Ladue player, Emily Horak, freshman, follows through with her forehand. Horak began playing tennis the previous year but participated in various camps over the summer of 2009. For the majority of the season, Horak played doubles with her partner Sarah Barker, freshman.



GET ON YOUR HORSE

All players have their off days. Even in professional tennis matches, angry words or noises can be heard mumbled by the players at the loss of a point. Therefore, it was no surprise that Westminster's j.v. girls tennis team came up with their own saying to show frustration. Emily Horak, freshman, first thought of the phrase "get on your horse" during tryouts in August. Horak said, "It's like get your head in the game, except better...more original." Madison Drury, freshman, said, "Whenever someone messes up or is just having an off day, we'll tell them to get on their horse." The saying caught on and each girl came up with a name for her own "horse." These names ranged from freshmen Emilie Schroeder's Rootbeer to Mary Snapp's Ginger Peachy. Morgan Nixon, sophomore, said, "The girls named my horse Mortgage because I have way to many nicknames, and they just wanted to confuse me more with another one." Although unconventional, the phrase "get on your horse" became a way to draw the team together. It served to uplifted the spirits of the players, and spread a smile after a loss. This silly idea became a big part in the 2009 girls j.v. tennis season.



Emilie Schroeder, freshman, volleys a ball while playing in a match with her doubles partner, Emily Heyl, freshman. The two girls often played together, confusing their opponents. "It was funny, a lot of times the people we were playing would snicker when they heard our names, since we both have the same name," said Schroeder.



Morgan Nixon, sophomore, returns a serve against Ursuline in the first match of the season. She later went on to win with an 8-0 set score. Morgan played number one singles against Ursuline's top j.v. player.



During a Friday afternoon match against John Burroughs, Sarah Barker, freshman, gets ready to volley an incoming ball. Her mother has been the coach of the j.v. girls tennis team for the past 2 years. "I like it actually, we have a really good relationship already, so it's fun," said Barker.



THE PREGAME SHOW

Sarah Levenhagen, freshman, wrings out her shirt after soaking it in ice cold water. This became a pre-match tradition for her during the tennis season. "I learned it at Lacrosse camp. It helps to keep me cool during matches because on really hot days you get sweaty anyway."

Madison Drury, freshman, follows through with a serve during a match on Friday, September 11. The j.v. team lost to John Burroughs with a final score of 2-7. Drury began playing tennis in seventh grade at Westminster.



THE GREATEST MAN THAT EVER LIVED

There is a first time for everything. Christine Schlafly and Lauren DeRousse were the first tennis players from Westminster to ever win state! There were mixed feelings within the Westminster crowd as soon as they won. Schlafly and DeRousse ran to each other immediately and were hugging and jumping up and down. Mr. DeRousse shed a few tears and describes the experience as "surreal". All the Westminster students went crazy with excitement.

State was held on the weekend of Oct. 23 in Springfield, Missouri. They beat Visitation 6-2, 7-6, 6-4 in the last match. None of the four matches they played were easy. Mr. Talley said, "Along the way, they had to take out top teams from around the state. 1st round, they beat a formerly undefeated doubles team who had a record of 22-0. Then they played a flawless match against another powerhouse pairing from Pembroke Hill before defeating a John Burroughs team in the semi-finals."

The team of Schlafly and DeRousse worked hard over the summer and by the time fall came around they were more fit and ready to begin the season. Mrs. DeRousse said one thing that improved from last year was their maturity. They were able to listen to and use coach Talley's advice more than they ever have. Mr. Talley claims they, "...were poised, graceful and confident in every round, carrying themselves like true Champions and representing our school, and consequently, the name of Christ, with dignity and honor."

One inspiration for the team was a song by Weezer named, "The Greatest Man that Ever Lived." Schlafly explains, "Weezer definitely helped us through it in the hard matches. The music made us so pumped and ready to be the greatest men who ever lived." They would go crazy to the song when they coach Talley played it in his car. Even though the girls are not necessarily the "greatest men ever," they definitely will go down in Westminster history.



Senior Captains, Amanda Wiele and Jordan Montgomery, congratulate each other after their match at the Parkway West Doubles Tournament. Although they lost, Wiele and Montgomery participated in the top tier of the tournament. Wiele was captain for her junior and senior years. Bethany Leibovich, senior, hits the ball. Her favorite part about varsity tennis was match days: "Snacks are probably why I like match days so much." Leibovich played her second year on varsity and because the team only lost one senior from the 2008 season, they were able to "grow closer as a team." Olivia Handler, sophomore, returns a forehand shot. Handler played varsity and junior varsity tennis her freshman year. This year, she played full time varsity doubles with Leibovich. Ashley Segrave, senior, and Megan Betz, sophomore, play doubles together at the Parkway West Tournament. Segrave, senior, described Betz as "my little sunshine."

Caroline Thompson, sophomore, hits the ball in a match. Although the team lost all fifteen matches, Thompson was the closest to winning her match. She eventually lost in a third set tiebreaker.



WHAT'S YOUR SECRET?

THE TEAM ANSWERS ABOUT THEIR FAVORITE BRAND OF DEODORANT

"SECRET, BECAUSE IT'S MADE FOR WOMEN."

-AMANDA WIELE

"DOVE 1/4 POWDER ROLL ON BECAUSE IT DOESN'T CAKE UP."

-ASHLEY SEGRAVE

"I'VE WORN DEODORANT LIKE ONCE. IT'S TOO MUCH OF A HASSLE."

-CHRISTINE SCHLAFLY

"SECRET, ALWAYS, BECAUSE IT SMELLS WICKED AWESOME."

-CAROLINE THOMPSON



Lauren DeRousse, junior, serves to her St. Joe opponent in number two singles. DeRousse and Schlafly qualified for the state tournament with a second place finish in districts. Districts were held on the weekend of October 22-24.

Katherine Haxel, senior, lines up her putt at the Angel Classic Golf Tournament. This was Haxel's first year of playing golf competitively. Her dad is a golf pro, so golf has been something her family has done together.



Maggee Kane, junior, warms up before starting the first hole. Kane decided to play golf with her friend this year. "I like golfing with friends because it's less pressure and more enjoyable," said Kane.



Warming up at the Kirkwood Golf Center, Brooke Cusumano, freshman, gets ready for practice. The Westminster golf team had practice every day after school in Kirkwood. Cusumano played varsity golf as a freshman and helped contribute to many victories.



Swinging at the first hole, Emily Orf, freshman participates at in her first Westminster golf tournament. "I was really nervous before my first match. As the game went on, I was starting to warm up to it. I still did really bad, but I had a lot of fun," said Orf.



Lining up her putt at the seventh hole, Margaret Mauze, sophomore, concentrates during her game. Mauze has been playing golf for two years. "It is a mental sport, you have to be mentally strong. You can't give up," said Mauze.



FATHER DAUGHTER

Kristin Kilpatrick had been swinging a golf club since she was three. Her father, Mike Kilpatrick, was a golf pro at Spencer T. Olin, a golf course in Illinois, and was one of the reasons Kristin was as good as she was her senior year. He was not only her father but also a coach and constant supporter. Playing golf was an activity the whole Kilpatrick family enjoyed.

"It's fun because golf is one of the things that brings our family together," said Kristin.

Kristin went to state for the past four years and placed in the top 5 for the first three years. This year she placed third overall and helped her team place third in state. One of the most challenging parts of golf for Kilpatrick was how "one day you can go out and play and play terrible, and the next day you can play great. I have learned patience and perseverance." Some of Kilpatrick's favorite parts of golf were meeting new friends and watching herself as she got better.

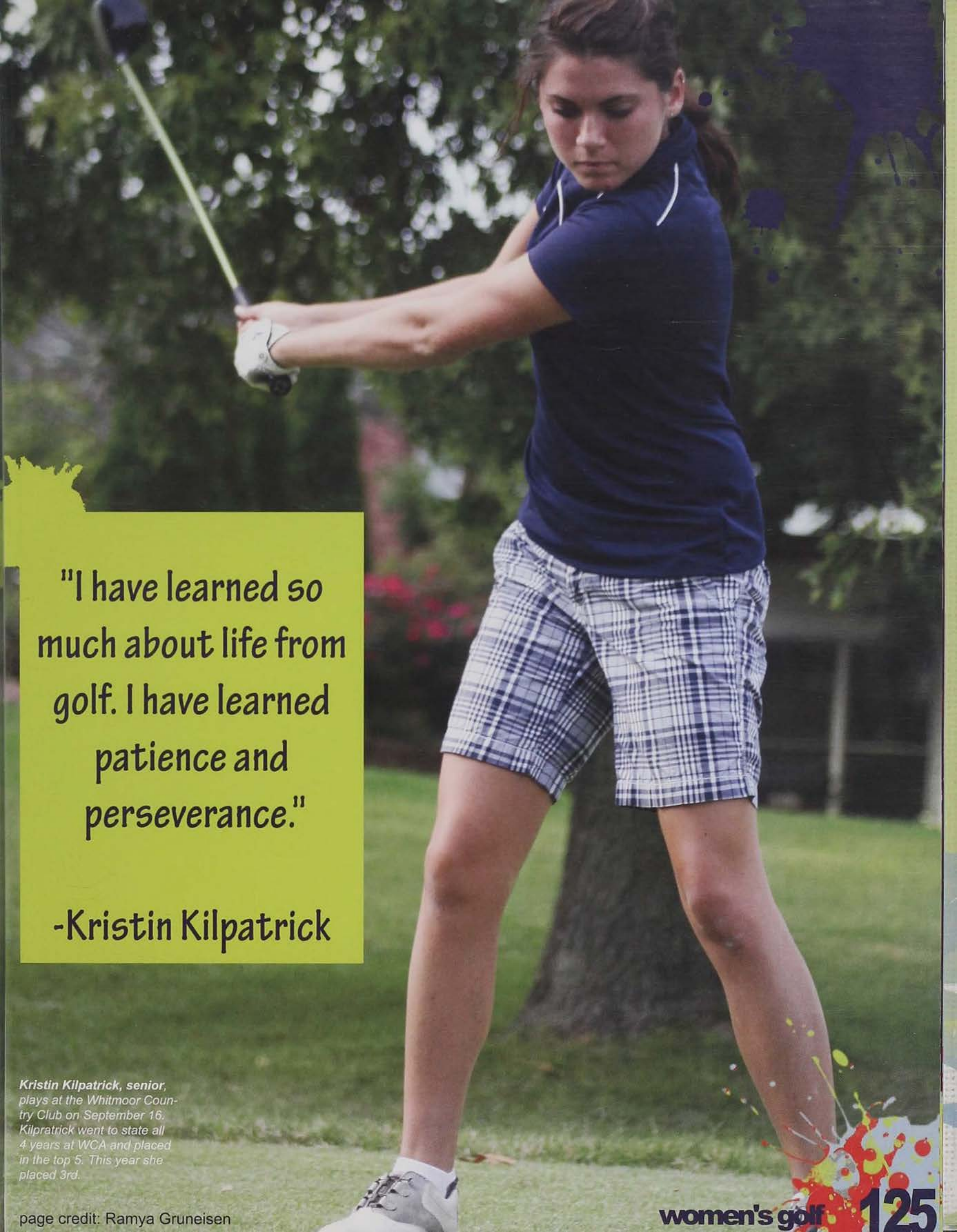
Her coach, Steve Bradley said, "Kristin is a tireless worker. This year is Kilpatrick's last year of playing for the Westminster Wildcats. I have enjoyed watching her get better throughout the years. She is the best golfer I have ever had and we will never replace her."

Lauren Hance, freshman, takes her final putt at the hole. "I've been playing golf for three years. Everyone who watches me play doesn't believe me, but it's true. I have worked very hard. I am proud of what I accomplished this year," said Hance.



After putting at the eighth hole, Hillary Franz, senior, carries her bag to the next hole. Franz had played golf on the Westminster varsity team for four years.





"I have learned so much about life from golf. I have learned patience and perseverance."

-Kristin Kilpatrick

Kristin Kilpatrick, senior, plays at the Whitmoor Country Club on September 16. Kilpatrick went to state all 4 years at WCA and placed in the top 5. This year she placed 3rd.



Shaylynn Weststeyn, senior, pitches a strike right down the center, in a mid season game against Visitation.



Suzanne Weston, senior, steps to the plate for her first hit of the season against the Ursuline Academy pitcher. Weston was one of three senior captains and played for the varsity team all four years of high school.

Jocelyn Sheffield, sophomore, makes the catch after a line drive to far right field, leading the Lady Wildcats into the next inning. The varsity softball team lost their first district game against John F. Kennedy High School with a score of 0 to 1.



Ellie Huffman, sophomore, catches a strike from pitcher Shaylynn Weststeyn, senior. Later that game, Huffman caught the winning strike against Bishop DuBourg, which ended the game with a score of 25-16. "That game as a team we were hitting really well, and obviously it was reflected in the score" said Huffman.

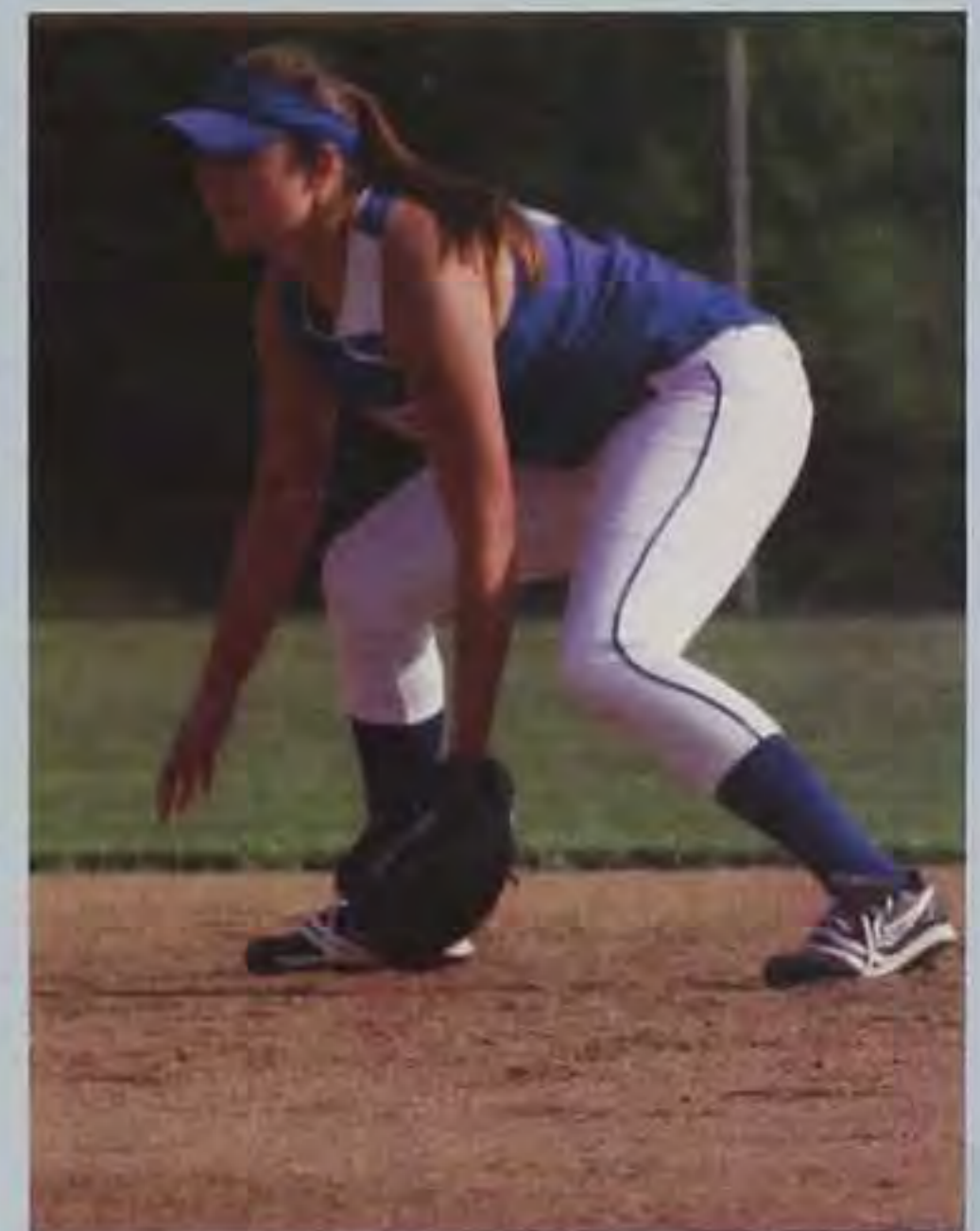
Hannah Worrell, junior, takes a ball in the 7th inning. Worrell then hit a line drive to the right fielder, which brought the Lady Wildcats closer to the team's 7-5 victory against Principia.

MAJOR LEAGUE ADVANTAGE

Todd Worrell was not just a coach; he was a former major league baseball player, and many saw him as the Wildcat "major league" advantage. Coach Worrell had great insight, experience, and advice to bring the Lady Wildcats in every position of the field. As well as his exemplary coaching abilities, he brought a well rounded character, dedication, success and a genuine love for the game. He had remained a strong support of Christian athletics and used his passion for the game and passion for God to develop a strong team.

"Coach Worrell is extremely knowledgeable and I appreciate all of his advice because he helps me grow to become a smarter, tougher pitcher," said Shaylynn Weststeyn, senior. He had tips on how to bat, throw, catch, and interact as a team. He knew every aspect of the game well. Hannah Worrell, junior and daughter of Coach Worrell, said, "He definitely knows what he's doing."

Even though Coach Worrell had his own style and way of doing things, he did not try to mold the players to play just like himself. Weststeyn said, "I learned how to pitch a certain way, and Coach Worrell helps my pitching, he doesn't change it." Players said Coach helped them in every situation. When pitching, he pointed out the type of swing the batter has and suggested ways to pitch the ball for the best outcome. Weststeyn said, "He has insight and advice to give no matter what the situation."



Jordan Klein, junior, gets in position at short-stop and prepares for the next batter. Klein stopped everything within her range in a mid-season game against Fort Zumwalt West.



TODD WORRELL
STRIKE OUTS- 190
WALKS- 67
SAVES- 200
MPH- 97

BACK IN THE DAY



Taylor Pfeifer, eighth grade, serves during a team scrimmage. Pfeifer had been playing volleyball since she was three. Pfeifer was following her sisters' Kaitlyn and Courtney, footsteps, both of whom played varsity volleyball.

NEW COACH NEW RULES

It is the peak of the season and your coach gets injured. What happens next? This is the exact question the eighth grade volleyball team was faced with when they found out that their coach, Eric Bain, had torn his Achilles tendon and could no longer coach the team.

"On Saturday mornings a few boys and I get together and play basketball. While trying to dribble towards the basket my Achilles tendon ruptured. I had to have Mr. Holley take me to the emergency room where they confirmed my injuries," said Bain.

The team was disappointed he could no longer coach them. "He was a great coach. Through lectures and all, he was great," said Andrea Reed, eighth grade. This injury required a permanent substitute: the freshman volleyball coach, Tammy Kuiper. The team anticipated her arrival and was pleasantly surprised by her energetic attitude. "I like our sub Coach Kuiper a lot, but she was a big change and getting used to her as a coach was hard," said Mary Wynn, eighth grade.

WHAT YOU NEVER NEW ABOUT:

Megan Johnson

Grade-7th

Position- Setter

Favorite Serve-Overhand

Years Played-3

Jersey Number-12



Hannah Stipanovich, eighth grade, practices passing the ball during a game. During the season, the eighth grade team received a lesson from varsity player Kira Stewart, junior. Stewart taught the team how to properly pass the ball.



Anna Kuiper, eighth grade, passes the ball during a match against Green Park Lutheran on September 17. New to Westminster, she quickly adapted to volleyball because her mom was the coach of the Freshman team. Her main position was setter.



McKinzie Duesenberg, eighth grade, passes the ball during a team scrimmage. "Scrimmaging gives me a lot of practice and really prepares me for the actual game," said Duesenberg. On September 12 they defeated their first opponent, Whitfield, 3-0.



Olivia Bauer, seventh grade, gets ready to serve the ball. "My favorite part of the games was being able to play with my friends," said Bauer. The team beat Christian High School 2-0.

Lauren Vanek, eighth grade, gets ready for a play. Once the ball was served, each pulled the other in different directions so they could get to their positions quickly. The team played Green Park Lutheran and won 2-0.

JOJV '09

This year's j.v. volleyball team had no ordinary lineup. Usually, a j.v. team contains mostly sophomores, some freshmen, and a couple juniors. But this year, due to an overflow in junior talent and a lack of varsity spots, there were six juniors on the junior varsity team. "Our slogan this year is Juniors on junior varsity '09. Or JOJV for short," said Kaylee Rosen, junior.

With many older players on the squad, the underclassmen on the team received valuable experience. Freshman on j.v., like Megan Smith, enjoyed all the benefits that come with having an older squad. "I find that playing with the juniors, who have a ton of talent, has elevated my game immensely. It's something I would not have on a normal j.v. team," said Smith.

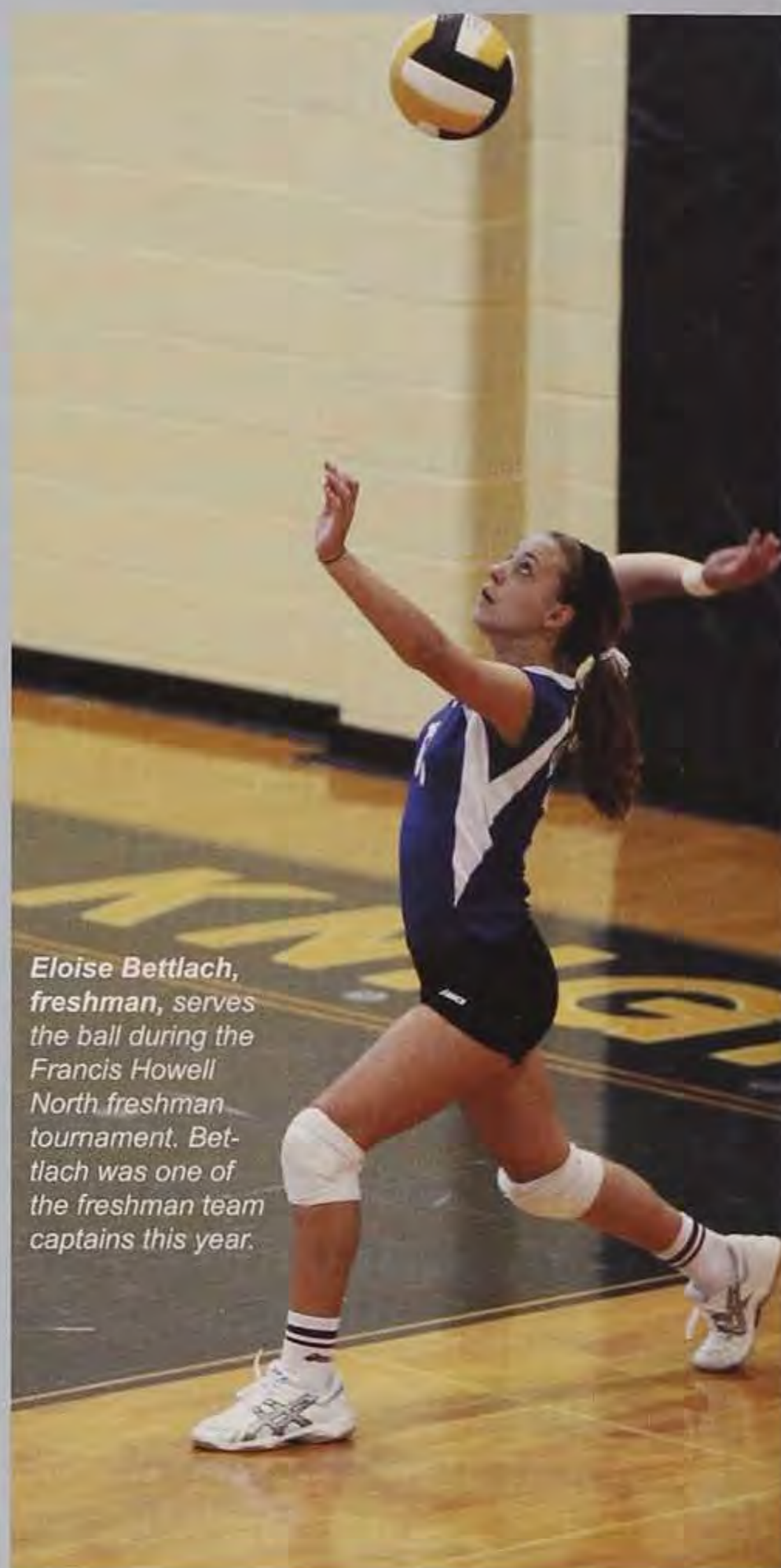
The girls on the freshman team were also benefited by having the juniors on j.v. "These girls are really enjoyable. They're teaching us how to be competitive and are just like our big sisters," said Eloise Bettlach, freshman.

As for the juniors, their three-year-old team experience has paid off. "It's nice playing with girls that know what you're thinking. We have such a great team connection," said Rebecca Canfield, junior.

PLAYER BIO



NAME: KAYLEE ROSEN
POSITION: OUTSIDE HITTER
FAVORITE GAME OF THE SEASON: THE WHOLE LUTHERAN SAINT CHARLES TOURNAMENT
MOST MEMORABLE TEAM MOMENT: NOT DROPPING A GAME IN THE LUTHERAN TOURNEY.
A WORD FROM A TEAM MATE: "SHE IS A GREAT LEADER, SHE IS ALWAYS ENCOURAGING US AND JUST MAKES THE GAME FUN." - KAYLA GEBHARDT



Eloise Bettlach, freshman, serves the ball during the Francis Howell North freshman tournament. Bettlach was one of the freshman team captains this year.



Mari Knehans, junior, stretches out to save the ball against Whitfield on Sept. 12 at the Lutheran Saint Charles j.v. Tournament. Knehans received tournament MVP.



The j.v. team huddles together for a timeout against Lindberg on September 4. The coach would use timeouts to help regroup and refocus.



Karlee Heinemann, sophomore, sets the ball during warm-ups against Metro East on September 12. Heinemann was one of two middle hitters this year.



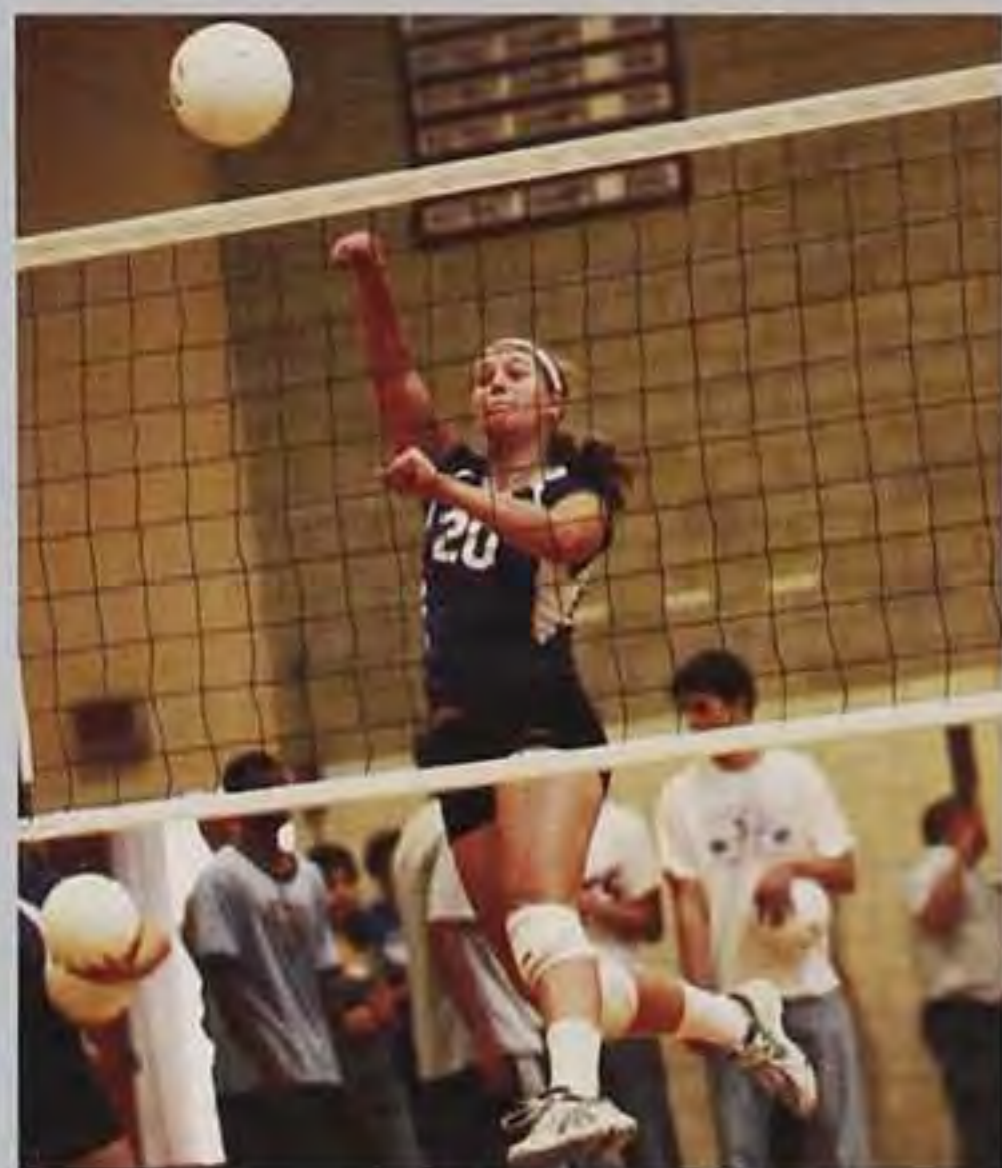
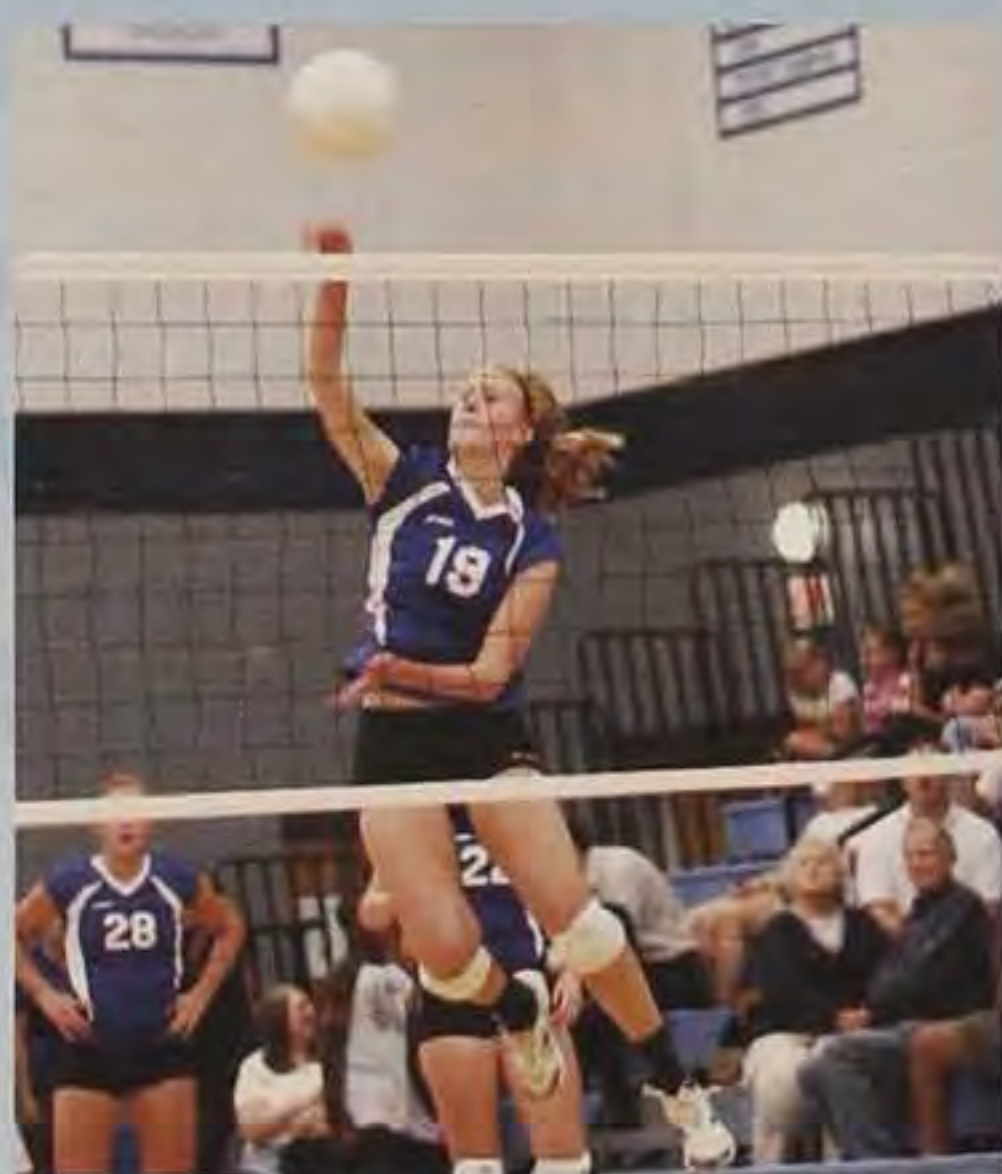
Kaylee Rosen, junior, jump serves the ball against Principia on September 21. Rosen was one of the two captains on j.v. this year.



Kayla Gebhardt, junior, serves the ball at Villa Duschene on September 22. "She is the team's utility player. She's played everything except Middle and Libero this year," said Kelsey Kindbom, junior.

Kelly Penning, senior, wakes Erin Bognar, freshman, on the morning of August 20 to start Bognar's freshman initiation. Penning jumped on the bed while the rest of the team yelled to wake her up. The team then dressed Bognar in wacky clothing which included a bee costume, pink hula skirt and a bonnet.

During pre-game warm up, Sarah Hall, junior, practices spiking the ball. Hall's father, Tim Hall, was the assistant coach of the volleyball team while, Heather Kea served as head coach.



Reaching up to spike the ball, Christina Dohr, senior, warms up before the match. The team reenacts real points in order to better prepare themselves for the game ahead. Rotations are made during these warm ups so they are ready on all sides of the court.

FRSTZFOUR

Just like any Thursday morning, Erin Bognar was asleep in her bed. However, unlike a normal Thursday, the varsity volleyball team was rolling up the Bognar driveway. The team crept into Erin's room in silence. Then, without warning, Kelly Penning, senior, bounded onto the bed and upon Erin's still body. With wide eyes, Erin bolted upright and screamed, meeting the grinning faces of her team.

"I was sleeping and they came to my house. A couple of them jumped on me. I was freaked out!" said Bognar. After they woke up Erin, the team dressed her in outrageous clothes and took her out to breakfast.

This was the first year since 2004 that there had been a freshman on varsity. After four seasons without a freshman, the team was excited to finally hold a freshman initiation.

However, initiation was not without its flukes. "It's hard the day we chose because the seniors were gone, and we could have embarrassed her [Erin] a little more," said Sarah Hall, junior. Additionally The seniors had senior service that morning, and the team had to kidnap Erin extra early so that the Seniors could participate.

Besides the obvious fun, there were other benefits to the freshman initiation. "It was the first time our whole team was all together outside of volleyball practices... our team bonded really well," said Kira Stewart, junior, "Freshman initiation is important for team bonding."

Freshman as well as the seniors took pleasure in this tradition. "It was actually really fun," said Bognar after the fact.



Kira Stewart, junior, and Kristen O'Leary, sophomore, warm up before the game. The varsity volleyball team used different routines to get ready for each game. These routines included practicing a variety of hits and passes.

The varsity volleyball team begins the freshman initiation. After the team dressed up Erin Bognar, freshman, they took her out to breakfast.

The team also paraded Bognar around school showing off her fashion. Sarah Hughes, senior, receives a ball during the September 22 game against Villa Duchesne. Her ninth year playing volleyball, Hughes was one of the four captains of the team. The other three captains included Kelly Penning, senior, and Kira Stewart and Sarah Hall, juniors.

Right before the volleyball team's first game, Christina Dohr, senior pumps up the team. Another way the team got energized for a game was running through the empty halls of Westminster chanting a song. They would also play "Eye Contact" and "The Ya Game" to rouse the spirits of the team.

"KATE IS A BEAST AND REALLY ENCOURAGING, HARD-WORKING AND TALENTED. SHE IS QUICK TO NOTICE WHEN SOMETHING IS WRONG AND ENCOURAGES US TO DO BETTER."

-COURTNEY PFEIFER

Katherine Krause, senior, hits the ball during pre-game warm up routines at the game against Villa Duchesne on Sept. 22. Krause's teammates called her an all around good player. When they needed someone to depend on, they went to Krause.

Miles Tucker, eighth grade, weaves the ball past his MICDS opponent. Miles played a forward and a half-back throughout the season. "He had a knack of going towards the net, when we lost balls, he put them back into the net," said Josh West, coach and eighth grade science teacher.



The eighth grade team huddles at halftime. The team was winning 3-0 before halftime started. They continued to score three more goals throughout the rest of the game.

Kyle Cline-Forward



"I play soccer because that's what I've always loved. I grew up playing and have never stopped. I love being on a team."
 -Kyle Cline, eighth grade

Were you nervous going into middle school tryouts? A little bit, each tryout is different. You have a general idea what is going to happen but you never know for sure.

How is middle school soccer different than elementary school soccer?

You have to be more aware of your surroundings, you have to go to go to the ball harder and make smart passes.

Theodore Muschany, eighth grade, practices with his teammates before the game. Muschany was the goalie for the eighth grade team and blocked every kick that came his way at the MICDS game. The team won 6-0 against MICDS.



David Williams, seventh grade, prepares to take a corner kick towards the center of the goal. The team won the game against Immanuel Lutheran with a final score of 8-1.



WHAT COMES NEXT

Most kids do not know what their future has in store for them, but occasionally there are a few who do. A select few middle school soccer players had future plans for their soccer careers after high school.

"I would love to continue playing soccer. Playing in college is just another goal I have," said Corey Falkner, eighth grade.

For some, these ambitions involved leaving the country to continue their soccer careers. Brendan Yeager, seventh grade, dreamed about playing soccer on an international team.

"I want to go to Europe to play, and to be a missionary, and just to play at a high level," said Yeager. Having been on missionary trips before, he wanted to combine the fun he had both on the field and in missions.

"I went to Mexico three years ago. We played soccer there and had a lot of fun," said Yeager.



James Schick, seventh grade, dribbles the ball away from his Chaminade opponent. The seventh grade team lost 6-7 against Chaminade.

Andrew Colgrove, eighth grade, throws in the ball towards his teammates. "He has a mean left foot. He does real well beating defenders and getting serves across the box to his teammates that are crashing in," said Josh West, coach.

Michael Backs, eighth grade, prepares to kick the ball to his teammates during the MICDS game. Backs played center halfback. "He knows the game pretty well, he is a good ball handler and directing the ball on the field," said Josh West, coach.

Dongjae Lee, freshman, dribbles around a defender in the game against MICDS. This year was Lee's first year at Westminster and enjoyed getting to know other players on the team. Lee moved to America from Korea and had played soccer most of his life before joining the Westminster team.



CROSSCULTURAL SOCCER

The j.v. soccer team was internationally diverse with four Korean students playing for Westminster. Travis Brandt, freshman, enjoyed having international students on the team.

"It's always a party in the back of the bus with them. I have tried to speak Korean; maybe I will be fluent by the end of the season," said Brandt.

In fact, many of the Korean boys speak English very well. Occasionally, they will purposely speak Korean around the other American boys just for fun. Jihoon Lee, sophomore, moved from Seoul, South Korea to America a little over a year ago. When describing the difference between Korean and American soccer, Lee said, "Soccer is much bigger in Korea, but here in America it is more systematic. In Korea, there is no varsity or j.v. because Koreans are not as competitive as Americans."

Jun young Oh, sophomore, moved from Korea to America about a month before the school year started. Soccer has always been Jun young Oh's hobby. His mentality, when going into a game, was to be focused and play hard.

Warren Smith, coach of the j.v. squad commented about the four Korean boys, "It's fun, but I wonder if the things I say are being understood; if it's getting through. I ask for certain words or phrases in Korean, so that I can yell those words from the bench during the game."



Bennett Lewis, freshman, saves the ball during the game against St. Mary's. Even though the j.v. team lost, Lewis saved many goals against the offense. "He is big and strong and has potential to become an outstanding goal keeper," said Warren Smith, coach.



Jun young Oh, sophomore, dribbles past a St. Pius defender. The game was j.v.'s second game of the season and the result was a 2-0 win. Although Lee was not born in Korea, he could still speak the Korean language.



Running past a defender, Brent Stump, sophomore, prepares to pass the ball down the field. Stump played outside defender for the team this season.

**I sometimes speak Korean to mess around with the Americans.
- Jihoon Lee**



Launching himself in front of the defender, Timothy Burgess, freshman, takes possession of the ball. Burgess was the captain of the j.v. squad along with Graham Ralls, sophomore. Both boys were chosen as captains because the coach decided they had shown good leadership during the games.



Nathaniel Arnold, freshman, attempts to steal the ball away from a St. Mary's offensive player. Arnold played forward. "He is pretty aggressive and is constantly chasing the ball; he never slows down or walks," said Warren Smith, coach.



Graham Ralls, sophomore, attempts to pass the goalie during the game against St. Mary's. Ralls had been playing since he was eight years old. When Ralls was asked about the most memorable part about the j.v. team, he said, "Probably the practices with all the guys and Coach Smith making jokes."

A NEW ON THINGS TAKE

The whistle blew, signaling the start of the first half. This was the final game in districts for the varsity Wildcats. In order to get there, the team had automatically won the first district game because of a forfeit. In addition, the team had beaten Priory, for the third time in the season. "I was kind of nervous going into the final district game, but I felt compelled to do really well. I wanted to win and help the seniors succeed," said John Dohr, freshmen. Along with Dohr, many other team members were nervous. Even though he was nervous, "I thought we had a good chance of winning," said Anthony Pritchett, sophomore. "I was nervous, but I had confidence in my team," said Ethan Cobbel. Even though the varsity team had some nerves, they did not let it affect their playing. The first half started and the teams were pretty evenly matched. "The pressure that was put on [my team] made us play well," said Matthew Hudnut, senior and captain.

The first half ended with a score of 0-0, but that score didn't last for long. Two minutes into the second half, Hudnut crossed a low ball into the box and Connor Hunsicker, senior and captain, tapped the ball into the goal. "I was overjoyed all at once," said Ethan Cobbel, senior, after the goal was scored. However, that was not the last goal for Hunsicker. Continuing into the second half, Hunsicker scored three goals in the final district game, earning a hat trick. The final goal of the district game was scored by Hudnut after he sprinted down the field and beat a defender. The game ended with a score of 4-0. This was the first time in Westminster history that the varsity soccer team had ever won district! "Our team worked great up top. Connor finished, Jake made good runs, and Hudnut was an animal," said Pritchett. "We played really well. We shut down all the best players," said Jacob Applebaum, junior. The wildcats continued on to quarterfinals, but lost a tough game against St. Dominic High School.

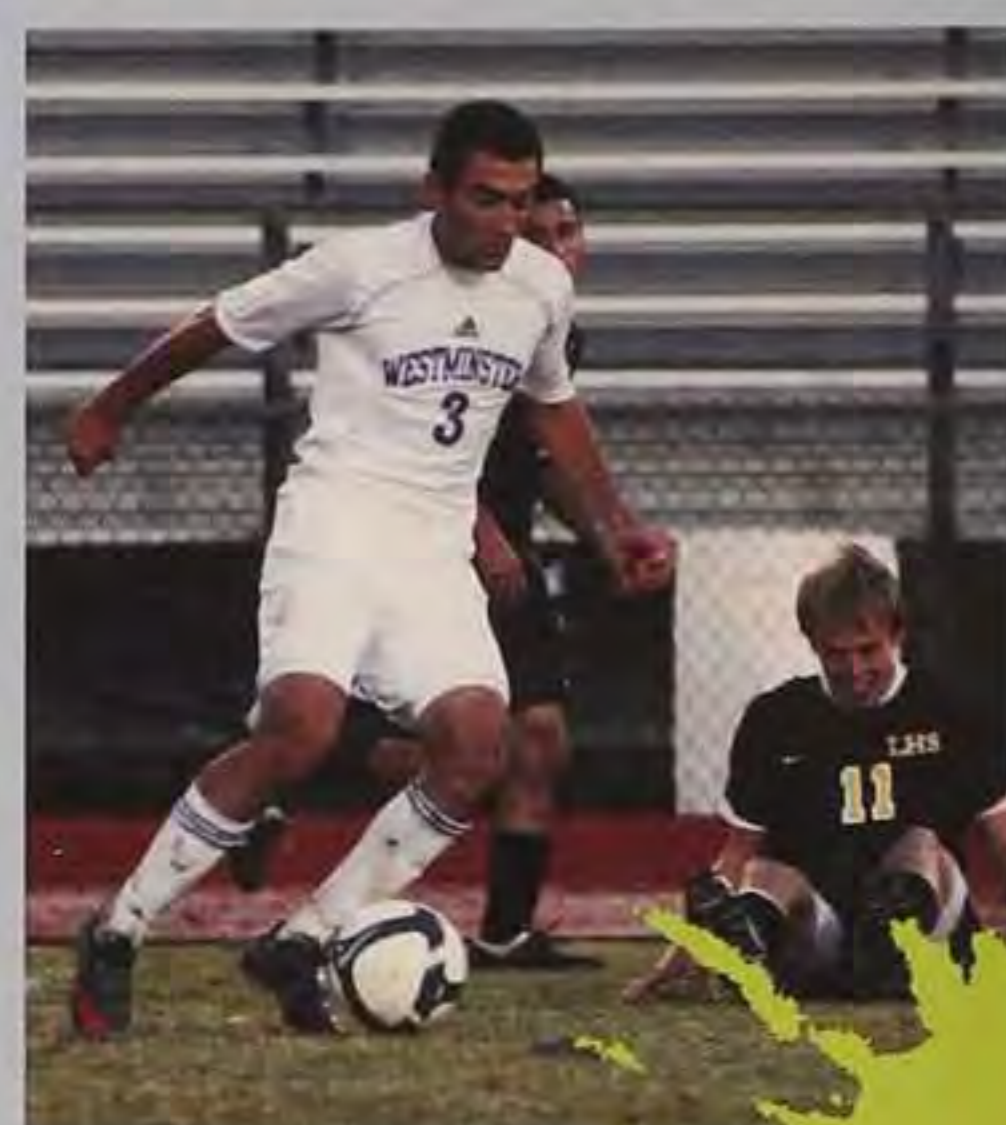
Matthew Hudnut, senior, passes the ball up the field to the forwards in a game against Priory. The Wildcats played Priory twice beating them both times 4-0.



Timothy Miller, junior, defends an O'Fallen Christian player at a home game on October 21. Miller had played defence on varsity for three years.



Protecting the ball, Jacob Grimes, senior, moves up the field around two defensive players from Lafayette. In the game, the Wildcats lost 0-4.



During a home game against O'Fallon Christian High School, Curtis Stump, senior, moves the ball up the field. Stump has been on varsity soccer for two years. Stump played center defender on the varsity team.



Crossing the ball to the forwards, Anthony Pritchett, sophomore, plays a home game against MICDS. The one goal in the game was scored by Matthew Hudnut, senior.



During the game against O'Fallen Christian High School, John Ross, senior, dribbles the ball around his opponent. The Wildcats beat O'Fallen 8-0.



Ethan Cobbel, senior, crosses the ball to Connor Hunsicker, senior, who takes a shot, during the game against Priory. The Wildcats played Priory twice and beat them with a score of 4-0 both games. In the second game against Priory, Hunsicker broke the school record of number of goals scored during a season.



30 SECONDS WITH... JACOB GRIMES

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

SHRIMP

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ICE CREAM?

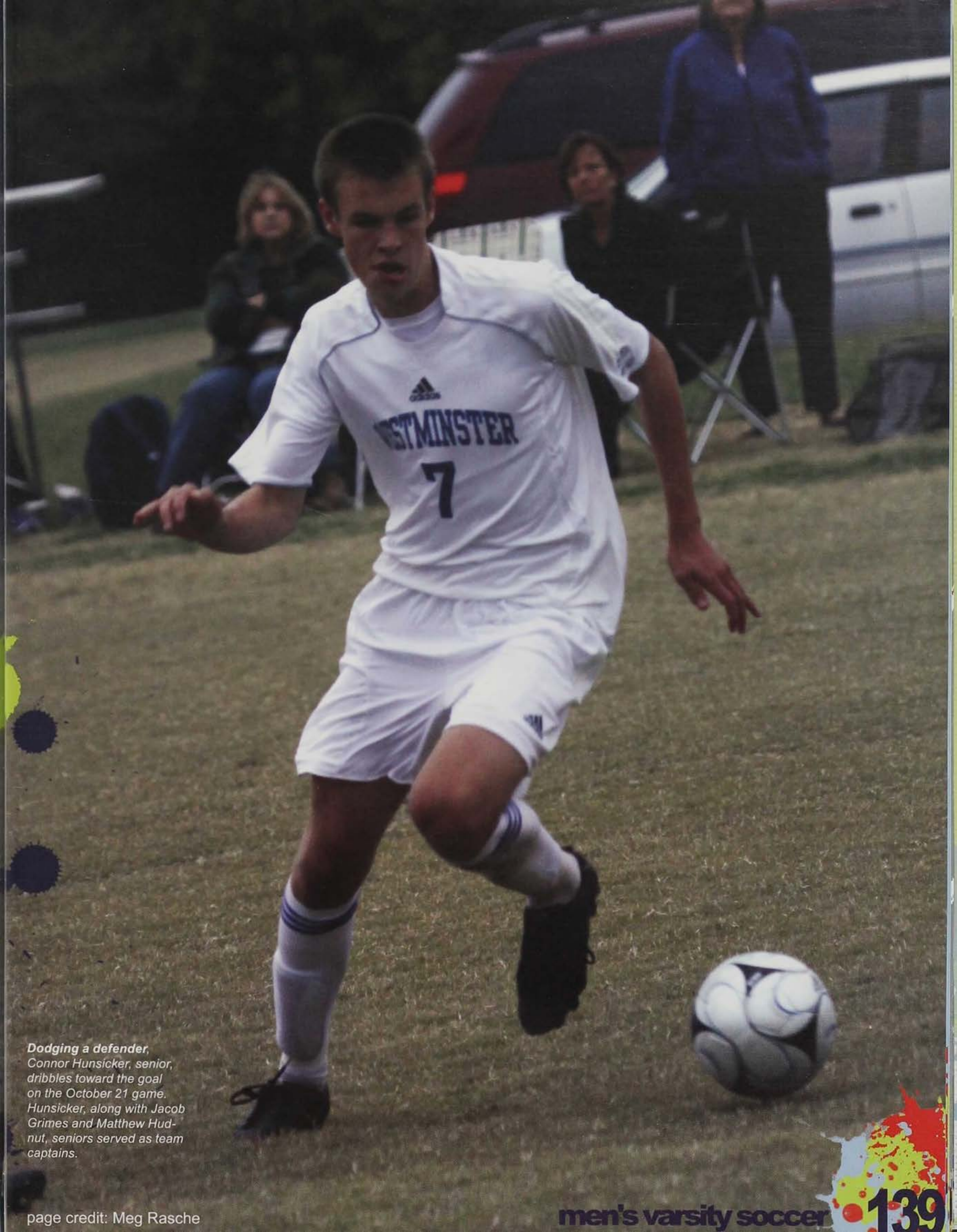
STRAWBERRY

HOW LONG HAVE YOU PLAYED SOCCER?

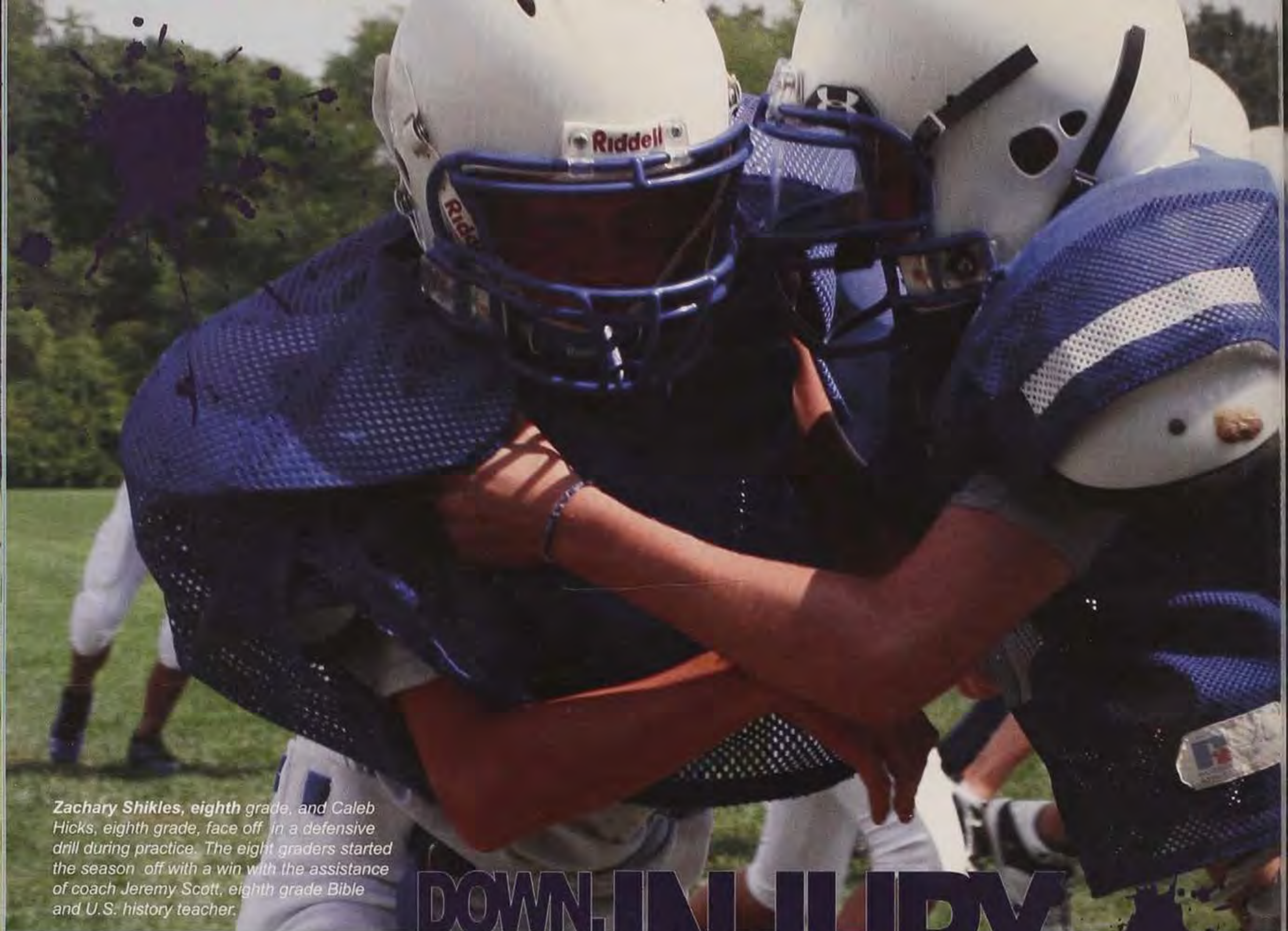
13 YEARS

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?

FIGHT CLUB



Dodging a defender, Connor Hunsicker, senior, dribbles toward the goal on the October 21 game. Hunsicker, along with Jacob Grimes and Matthew Hudnut, seniors served as team captains.



Zachary Shikles, eighth grade, and Caleb Hicks, eighth grade, face off in a defensive drill during practice. The eighth graders started the season off with a win with the assistance of coach Jeremy Scott, eighth grade Bible and U.S. history teacher.

DOWN, SET, INJURY

Broken bones, torn ACLs, and concussions are all devastating injuries. Within both the eighth grade and seventh grade boys' football teams, several team members received injuries that prevented them from playing.

Edward Canfield, eighth grade, broke his wrist at the start of the season. Even though he was not able to play in the games, he continued to practice with the team. Will Berry, seventh grade, dislocated his wrist on the PC retreat and was told he was out for the rest of the season. His teammate, Blake Weaver, suffered a concussion prior to their first game and was not able to play.

"I was so mad that I couldn't play in our first couple games," said Weaver, seventh grade. Weaver was out for more than three weeks until he could start to play again. At the start of the season, Steve Bradley, coach, tried to teach players the proper techniques of tackling to avoid any serious injuries other than the few bumps and bruises that come with the game of football. However, these inconveniences did not hinder the players from soaking in all that the coaches had to say. Weaver, although he could not participate in all of the drills during practice, continued to listen to the coaches from the sideline. Even though many players were injured and could have been disheartened, they stayed positive and impressed Coach Bradley.

"This year we have a great group of kids to work with. They are very hard working and play with passion," said Bradley. The team got off to a robust start beating Bishop DuBourg 44 to 7. Since middle school football was the building block of the Westminster upper school football teams, they were taught the basics of football early on. By teaching them the importance of perseverance through injury, they would be well equipped for the rest of their football career.



John Kimbrough, eighth grade, waits on the line of scrimmage for a defensive drill. Kimbrough played on offense for the team. The eighth grade team practiced the last two periods of the day.

Trevon Gooch, seventh grade, tackles his opponent from Vianney Middle School on October 3. Gooch played both defense and offense on his team.

Sprinting down the sideline, Michael Failoni, seventh grade, outruns his Vianney opponent. This was their first home game of the season. Westminster won 22 to 26.



Pre-Game Fuel

"I eat sandwiches with any type of meat before games."

- Blake Weaver

"Once I got sick because I ate frosted flakes before a game. Now my mom makes me a fried egg on toast."

- Trent Briden

"I eat eggs before games."

- Michael Weston



Edward Canfield, eighth grade, lines up for defensive drills at practice despite an injury. Middle school athletes practiced during their gym class in order to allow the varsity and junior varsity teams to practice after school.

Caleb Krumsieg, eighth grade, practices his defensive skills during a warm-up drill. Although this year was Krumsieg's first on the team, he played defensive end and offensive guard. The middle school football teams played a total of 8 games during their season.



Cobern Nye, freshman, runs past the linemen at the Lutheran North game. The freshman lost by a score of 14 to 16. Nye also played with the varsity football team as well as the freshman and junior varsity team.

LONGER STRONGER FASTER

Sweat poured down their flushed faces. The sweltering sun beat down on their skin, even through their jerseys and all the padding. These were the infamous two-a-days.

"Two-a-days were where we had two, two hour practices a day. It's really hard, like a practice, but twice a day," said Jeremy Blanchard, freshman. Little did the incoming freshman know, but these were their practices. Two-a-days were different from anything they had ever experienced. After practices, the injured players would have to ice, and get ready for the next half of their two-a-day practice.

"Two-a-days are intense. We do a lot of running. It's pretty hard overall," said Joshua Ortiz, freshman. The transition from aspiring high school athlete to actually being a high school athlete was hard-hitting and quite a shock to the incoming freshman.

"High school football is really intense, not only for the obvious physically reason, but also the mental aspect of football is intense," said Ortiz. From the practices being longer, to the thought of playing against upperclassmen, the freshman were shocked with the change from middle school sports. It was an abrupt awakening to the unexpected freshman, but nevertheless, they endured throughout the season.

"High school football is quite different from middle school. High school is a lot tougher, longer, and harder than middle school," said John Eric Steiner, freshman.

NICK-NAMES



MR. H
STEVEN
DAVIS

FUDGE'UMS

CAMERON
CLAY



JEANS

JONATHAN
ROTH



Noah Roberts, sophomore, tackles the Priory ball carrier at the game on August 31. This was the team's first game of the season. The team lost of 0 to 18.

Quarterback Mark McFarland, freshman, waits for the snap during the Lutheran North game September 7. The team lost 14 to 16. There were several leg and ankle injuries for Lutheran North.



Davis Vermillion, sophomore, carries the ball down the field at the game against St. Mary's. The junior varsity team won against St. Mary's by a field goal, and ended the game with a score of 3 to 0.



Joshua Ortiz, freshman, starts off the game with a kick to the Lutheran North. Ortiz played on the j.v. team as well as the freshman. The team lost by a score of 14 to 16.



William Campbell, freshman, tackles the St. Genevieve quarterback. The score at half time was 10 to 42. The team had a come back in the second half, but still lost with the score of 22 to 42.



Michael Scott, senior, accepts the football from Davis Vermillion, sophomore. The j.v. Wildcats played the St. Mary's Dragons and won the game by the score of 3 to 0.



Eric Levenhagen, senior, gains yardage for the Wildcats in the game against Lutheran North. It did not take long for the players to become covered in mud due to the wet field and earlier rain. Despite the sobby field and wet weather, they pulled out a 14-0 win.

John Bergman, senior, stops for a water break during the Saturday game against Lutheran North. It rained throughout the day, leaving the field and players sopping and muddy. Bergman was at the top of the lineup this season.

Ryan Allee, junior, resists a tackle against Lutheran North in a home game. "I feel like we can win a lot of games and be competitors [this season]," said Allee. This was proved in the final score of 14-0.

Alexander Cacciarelli, senior, makes a play against Bishop DeBourg. The game ended with a win for the Wildcats with a score of 30-0.



Zachary Dorton, senior, hands off the ball to Ryan Allee, junior, at the home game against Lutheran North. The game was played under a near-constant cover of clouds and rain. "It depends on the team. If they are known for speed, [the rain] really slows them down. But we are a power team, so [the rain] doesn't really affect us," said Joseph Burzinski, junior.



Cooper Dunlap, junior, pursues the Bishop DuBourg running-back. The game was played at home, and each player wore this season's new jerseys. "The style now is to have tighter jerseys. It makes it harder for teams to tackle and block us, since they can't hold our jerseys," said Dunlap.

THE SEASON 2 HISTORICAL EVENTS

"Play like a competitor." That was the mantra of the varsity football team in the 2009 season.

The team started out with a 0-14 loss to Priory, but quickly turned it around, making history with a 21-7 win against Borgia, a first for the Wildcats. "Every player on the field wanted this win so bad. Last year, we were winning at the half but let it slip away. This year we competed for all four quarters, and came out with a good win over a good team," said Ryan Allee, junior. "The feeling of the win was just great."

The Wildcats stepped up the competition this season with tougher, more intense practices, to go with their new mantra giving them the extra boost they needed to win. "That game was so well played in every part. It was a definite team effort," said David Thomas, sophomore.

After they won against Borgia the varsity football team went on to make history, yet again with a win against MICDS, the number one team this season. The score was a close 14-13, but the Wildcats ultimately pulled out a win, the first win against MICDS in three years. The game lasted for three hours, and was played on Saturday, October 18 during the Westminster STUCO Carnival. It was the last home game of the season, and the win took them to districts.

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TRUE OR FALSE

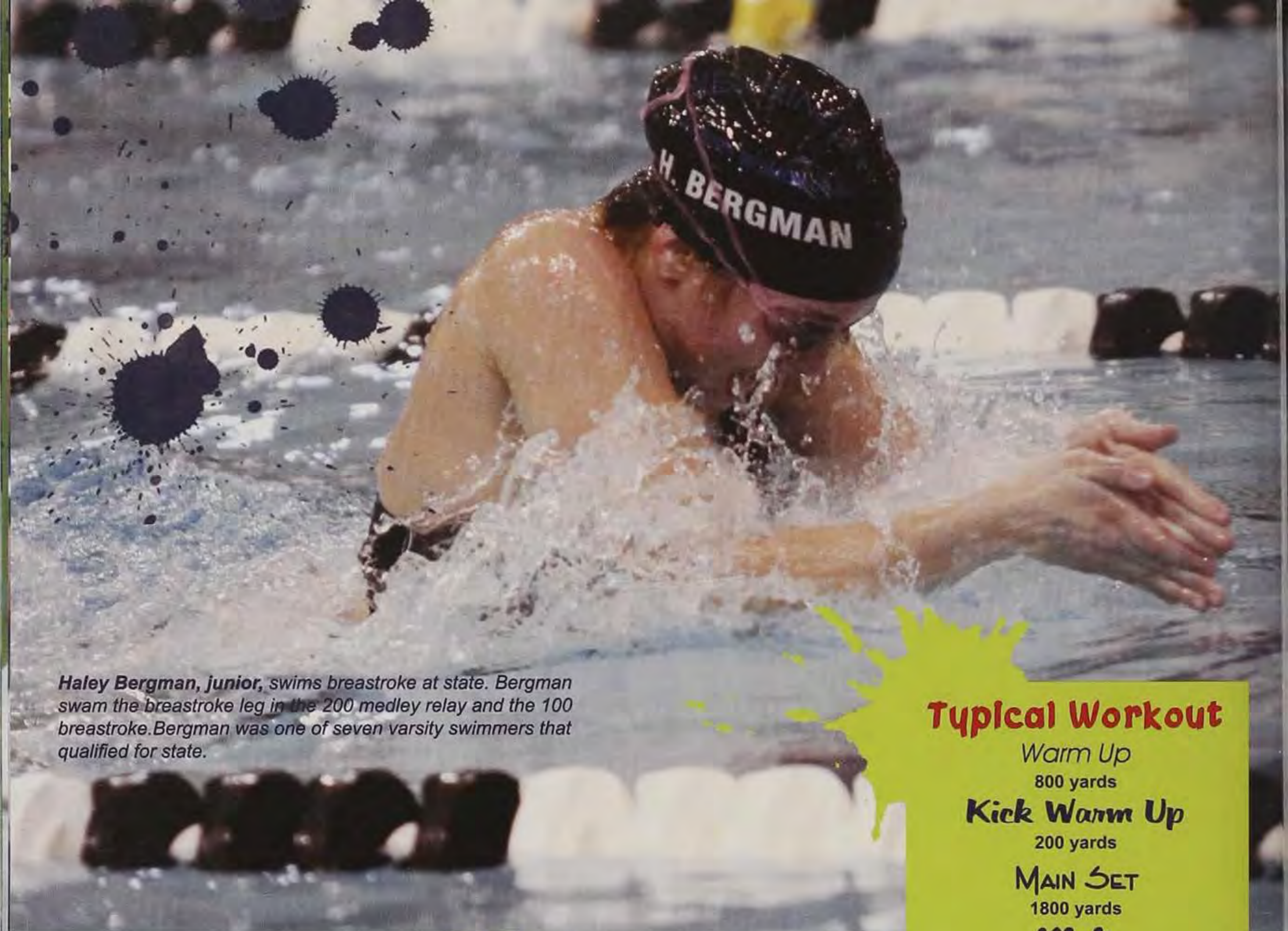
Jersey Mishap? Why were they so tight?

The size of the football team's jerseys raised some questions this year. Rumors circulated this year about the new form-fitting look:

FALSE "I heard that they got two different jerseys, one to play in and one to wear at school," said Andalee Arndt, junior.

TRUE "I heard that it's because they were getting fouled, people were pulling on their jerseys before. So they got tighter ones," said Elizabeth Miller, junior.

FALSE "I just heard that Zack Dorton ordered the wrong sizes," said Jordan Weaver, junior.



Haley Bergman, junior, swims breaststroke at state. Bergman swam the breaststroke leg in the 200 medley relay and the 100 breaststroke. Bergman was one of seven varsity swimmers that qualified for state.

Typical Workout

Warm Up
800 yards

Kick Warm Up
200 yards

MAIN SET
1800 yards

Kick
400 yards

+ Sprint
300 yards

TOTAL
35,000 yards
1.99 miles



BUOY THE BACKSTROKING RODENT

Cries of, "Coach, help!" rang from the end of lane three. Not knowing what the source of the outcry was, Kent Kehr, varsity swim team coach, scurried to the other end of the pool to find Lucy Egan, senior, scooping a tiny mouse out of the shallow end of the swimming pool. Coach Kehr used his McDonalds cup to pick up the rodent, joked with the team that the mouse was swimming better backstroke than they were, and told the swimmers to continue practicing. While the team kept swimming, Coach Kehr was concerned that the mouse was cold and wrapped him in a blanket.

The next day was time trials for the 500 yard swim. Though most people dreaded swimming the 500, coach gave the team a special motivator by announcing the new team mascot. Coach Kehr had kept the mouse, given it a proper cage, food, a wheel and also a name: "Fredrick Buoy III." Emily Sherman, senior, was not fond of the rodent.

"Everyone thought he was cute but he's disgusting. Maybe it's just me but I don't really want a rodent swimming with me at practice." Others who did not discover Buoy in their lane had a different opinion,

"I love Buoy! He unified the team!" said Adrienne Boyd, senior.

Over Christmas break, Buoy escaped during a morning swim practice. The swim team was sad to see their mascot leave and also scared to realize that he might show up in the pool again. Sure enough, the next day, screams erupted from lane three once again. This time, the mouse was found treading water in the deep end of the pool. Buoy was recaptured and returned to his home, but the mascot promptly escaped a second time and did not return for the rest of the season. Coach Kehr believed that Buoy ran around his office for a while, but he was never captured. Even though the mascot was gone, the legend of the backstroking rodent lived on in the memories of the swimmers.

Margaret Moore, sophomore, listens to Kent Kehr, coach of men's and women's varsity swim team, before the home tri-meet against MICDS and Lutheran South. **Rebecca Krause, sophomore,** swims freestyle in a 200 yard relay at state. The relay team of Shay Weststeyn, Rebecca Krause, Katherine Fleissner, Rebecca Zandstra placed 10th in the state finals.



Sarah Barker, freshman, dives during a tri-meet against Jackson and Cape Notre Dame. It was Barker's first year on the team and she was one of Westminsters two divers. **Hannah Worrell, junior,** counts to three before the team yells, "Wildcats!" Westminster had eleven of their fifteen meets at home.



Katherine Fleissner, senior, swims freestyle at state. State was held at the St. Peters Rec-Plex. Fleissner qualified for state individually for the first time in four years on the team. She qualified with a time of 26.08 seconds in the 50 yard freestyle. **Before practice, Eunna Gu, freshman,** does 15 push-ups. Before swimming, the team did dryland workouts. Dryland consisted of 100 crunches and 15 push-ups.

Rebecca Zandstra, senior, swims a 50 yard freestyle at the state meet. Zandstra finished ninth overall in the event. It was Zandstra's fourth year on the team and she was captain along with Molly Anderson and Katherine Fleissner, seniors.



WE ARE ATHLETES

Cheerleaders sometimes go unnoticed as athletes in a school, but not only do they energize the crowd, they also are very athletic themselves. "We are constantly perfecting our jumps and stunts. We always have to make sure they look awesome," said, jv team captain, Tiffany Hennings, sophomore.

Both Varsity and jv teams practiced hard to perfect all their routines, stunts, and jumps. Their practices always started with a warm-up, to get their muscles ready and stretched out. "We always have to warm up before we practice or perform. We warm up by doing a dance to the "Joyful Noise", we do this before every single practice," said Lauren Baum, junior.

Their hard work during the summer paid off. The jv team and Varsity went to a cheerleading camp in August. This helped them get to know each other, and get ready for the school year. "We had so much fun at camp this year. The jv team got the "most improved squad" award, which is amazing," said Hennings.

They all said they love being cheerleaders and being able to pump up the crowd. "I love cheerleading because I love to perform, and it helps me to be more outgoing in school. I completely live for the energy and excitement," said Baum. Hennings said, "I love to get the crowd energized, and stunting is so much fun. But the feeling once we nail a routine is the most amazing feeling ever." They all love to energize and get the crowd excited to see their Westminster Wildcats play basketball and football.



Claire Unnerstall, senior, cheers along the sidelines. Unnerstall and the squad were cheering for the varsity basketball players as they played against Parkway Central on Jan 5.



Emily Wilson, junior, cheers for Westminster at a home game. This was Wilson's first year cheering for Westminster. The jv team won the Most Improved Squad award at their summer camp.



Christian Davis, senior, lifts her flyer into an extension. Davis and the varsity cheer squad cheered at the varsity basketball game on December 7. Davis had cheered on the squad for four years.



Tiffany Hennings, sophomore, cheers along the sidelines at the Westminster Football game against St. Mary's. Hennings had cheered for Westminster one year and was elected to be the jv captain.

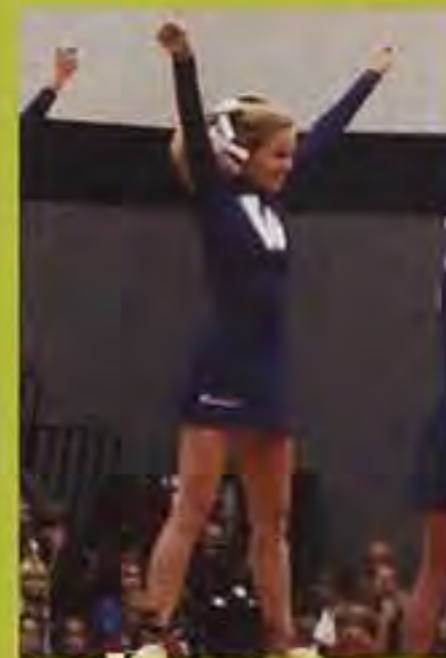
Madison Burke, senior, cheers at a Varsity Football game on September 9. Burke cheered at Westminster for four years. The Varsity Cheer squad made Burke captain for this year's squad.



STUNT BOOK

EXTENSION

A stunt where the arms of each base are completely extended above their heads.



PREP

A stunt where both bases keep their arms between their chest and neck.



PYRAMID

Multiple mounts or a group of stunts where each stunt is placed next to each other.





The varsity cheer squad performs at the Blue and White Night. Kelli Kane was the varsity cheer coach this year. She helped the squad perfect their cheers and dances.

The varsity dance team finishes their performance of their holiday dance. They dressed up in Christmas apparel for two performances during the season.

Rachel Porter, sophomore, begins a turn in the team's Christmas dance. This was Porter's first year on the varsity dance team.

Leisha Ritter, senior, performs in the hip-hop routine during half-time at the Spirit Week basketball game, a game celebrated for the annual revealing of the team's hip-hop routine.

Elizabeth Blackwell, junior, practices moves with an advanced choreographer, who assisted the team in creating a routine.

Hillary Franz, senior, practices during Christmas Break. Franz was a part of the varsity dance team during her freshman year as well as her senior year.



VDT

Inside Jokes

"All through the year we write down our favorite quotes and inside jokes, and then on the night of the last competition we copy them all into our own 'Happy Shirts,'" said Leisha Ritter, senior.

"Madison Nye always tells us 'I DARE you to do facials.' It is totally motivating," said Kelsy Cline, junior.

"We call Grace Linton 'Jonas' because she is completely obsessed and in love with those brothers," said Madison Nye, senior



Madison Nye, senior

The varsity dance team performs their spirit week routine at the annual Friday spirit night. The team started practicing for this dance



SOME THING SOME THING NEW

The Varsity Dance team this year added quite a few new things. There were new members, like Grace Linton, freshman, and Rachel Porter, sophomore mixing with the six seniors already on the squad.

"All of us really became a team once the season started. Because of all the new members, most people might think it would be hard to bond. But once the seniors stepped up and became leaders, our team did really well," said Kelsy Cline, junior. There were also new routines created by the captain and co-captains that graced the floors of WCA. Brand new costumes for the Spirit Week and Christmas performances were revealed. Despite all their new additions, the dance team created quite a few memories.

"We were all excited to place third at the Lindbergh Invitational on December 4th. We competed against all these huge schools, like Parkway West and Pattonville, so it was pretty exciting to get as far as we did," said Leisha Ritter, senior. The team performed their pom routine at the invitational. They also favored their Christmas routine. "We created that routine at our dance camp, and couldn't wait to perform it for the basketball guys. It was crazy because we dressed up in Santa hats and bows!" said Cline.



Kelsy Cline, junior, high kicks during a special Christmas performance. The dance team performed on Dec. 8 at the men's varsity basketball game. Cline was co-captain of the varsity dance team.

DANCERS

A rush of students flooded the halls after the last bell of the day rang. It was Thursday, and a herd of middle school girls with bags rushed towards the bus waiting outside. The bus transferred the seventh and eighth grade middle school cheer and dance teams to the Town and Country campus where practice started at 3:30 sharp.

Although most of the weekly practices occurred at the Town and Country campus, "occasionally [practices] are still in the eighth grade hallway," said Emma Pohlman, eighth grade. In years past, all of the practices took place in the halls of the middle school, which was large enough to accommodate the team's needs. This season however, there was a surplus of girls that even the coaches, Katrina Dalbey and Melenie Broyles, did not expect.

"This is the biggest group of girls the coaches have ever had," said Pohlman.

"We have so many great new girls this year," said Andrea Reed, eighth grade. One of the benefits to having such a large number of participants was that "we always are laughing and helping each other with our weaknesses," said Pohlman.

The middle school cheer and dance team gave the seventh and eighth grade girls a chance to interact with each other. Because the teams combined during some parts of practice, all the middle school dancers, whether seventh or eighth grade, were able to develop their skills together. With both cheer and dance, the girls were given the opportunity to expand their horizons and experience different activities. This prepared them for the decision of whether or not they would continue to dance in high school. "My friends and I have considered [trying out for upper school cheer or dance], but nobody for sure is set," said Reed.



Stephanie Strothkamp, Morgan Winkelmeir, Tierra Raese, Lucille Sell, Ashlyn Wiggins, Madilynn Blum, Saenea Williams, Rebecca Ross, and Kayla Clay, seventh grade, perform Tuesday January 11. The seventh grade boy's basketball game was against Principia. The team cheered and danced for both A and B teams.



Megan Sexton, Rebekah Sharp, and Se Ryeon Jin, eighth grade, perform the half-time routine. The team had two different routines, a pom and also a hip-hop dance. Melenie Broyles, cheer coach, helps set up the stunt with flyer Karagen Rogers, eighth grade. "My favorite part would have to be the stunting. It is so fun being lifted and thrown around in the air," said Andrea Reed, seventh grade. The eighth grade cheer and dance team finishes their routine during half time at the basketball game. The team practiced their routines at Town and Country Campus every afternoon. Sarah McFarland and Emily Broyles, seventh grade, carefully watch and hold their teammate in a stunt. The team had two different costumes to wear while they performed.



NUMBER GAME

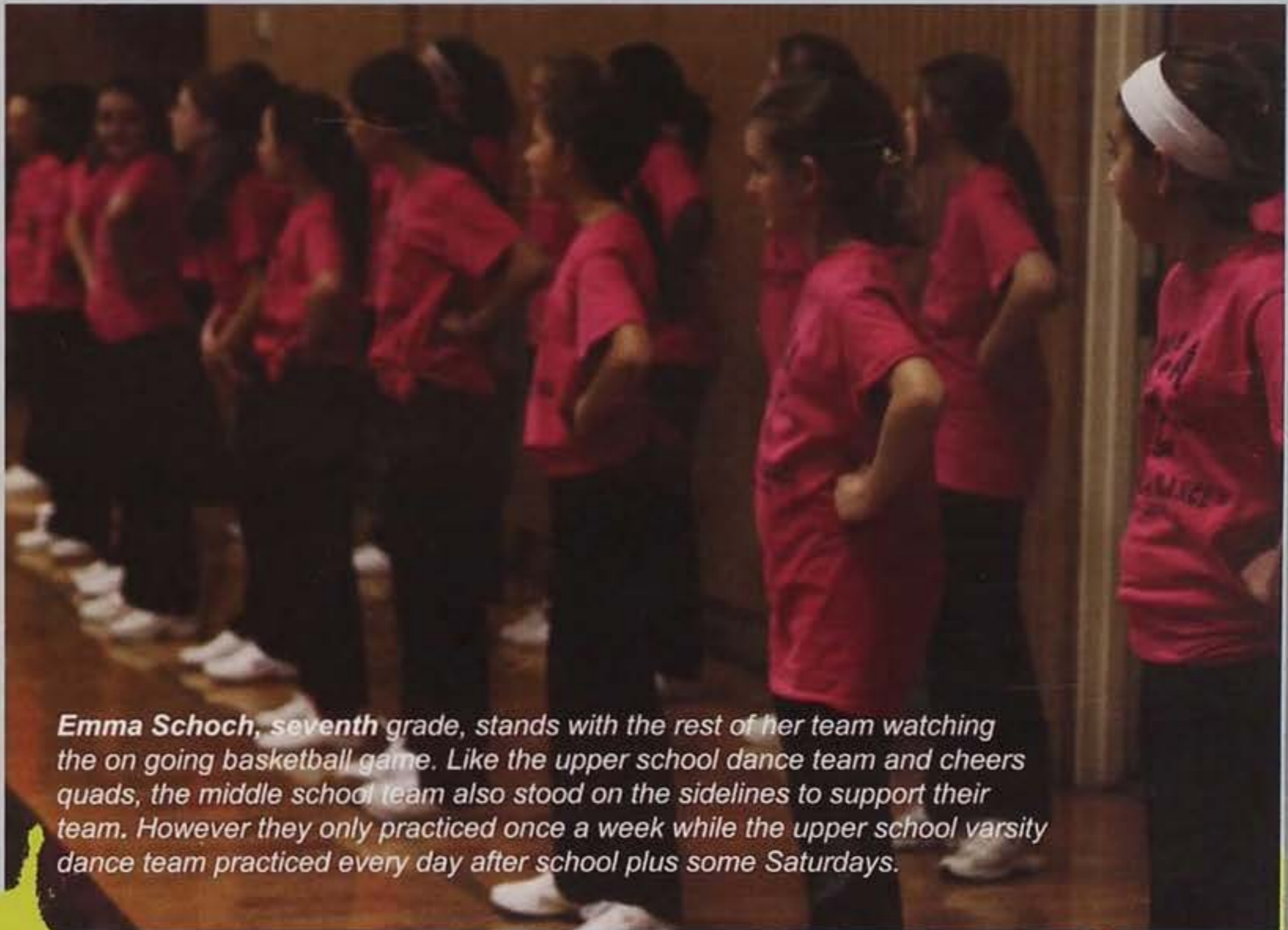
The middle school cheer and dance team had a significantly higher number of students on the team than upper school teams combined.

29 GIRLS ON SEVENTH GRADE CHEER AND DANCE
20 GIRLS ON EIGHTH GRADE CHEER AND DANCE

UPPER SCHOOL GIRLS ON UPPER SCHOOL VARSITY DANCE TEAM
UPPER SCHOOL GIRLS ON UPPER SCHOOL JV AND VARSITY CHEER

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MIDDLE SCHOOL



Emma Schoch, seventh grade, stands with the rest of her team watching the on going basketball game. Like the upper school dance team and cheers quads, the middle school team also stood on the sidelines to support their team. However they only practiced once a week while the upper school varsity dance team practiced every day after school plus some Saturdays.

Zachary Shikles, eighth grade, attempts to get out of his opponent's lock during the January 12 home tournament at Westminster.

**By the POUNDS:
Lightest to Heaviest**

62
Nathan Estock,
seventh grade

185
Nicholas Zintel,
eighth grade

78
Jeffrey Camp, eighth
grade

265
Justin Creighton,
seventh grade

7th and 8th grade wrestlers weren't much lighter than the Upper School wrestlers despite their age.

Robert Davidson, eighth grade, pins an opponent from John Burroughs during the January 12 home tournament at Westminster. **Caleb Mundorf, seventh grade,** prepares to make his next move against his John Burroughs' opponent.



Christian Lindgren and Mitchel Maglione, eighth grade, wait for their turn to compete against the John Burroughs wrestlers. If someone was not competing, he sat on the sidelines and cheered his teammates on until it was his turn.



Justin Creighton, seventh grade, pins down his opponent from MICDS. Creighton was the biggest wrestler in the seventh grade.



TECHNIQUE & TACKLES

"Most of the seventh graders have never wrestled before, so we focus on technique and mastering the basics. Then, in eighth grade, we continue to focus on technique, as well as learning more new moves," said Tim Muehleisen, eighth grade history teacher and wrestling coach. The eighth graders learned how to wrestle more like high schoolers, practicing how to stay in the "circle" when tackled, along with other moves.

J.D. Perona was the seventh grade wrestling coach, since Muehleisen had the responsibility of presiding over the upper school team as well as coaching 8th grade and teaching all day. There were two seventh grade teams which met during different days due to their schedule rotations. On Tuesdays and Fridays, the larger team met during 5th and 6th hour encore periods. The smaller team met on Mondays and Wednesdays during the same encore periods. However, the eighth grade schedule was slightly different. They met every day during their 7th and 8th period encore classes, except for Thursdays since the middle school did not have their afternoon encore classes due to late start mornings.

If there was a meet after school, both grades always competed in the event. They were able to put their classroom instruction to use, and the eighth graders often wrestled the seventh graders during breaks in the tournaments to hone their skills. Doing so gave the seventh grade participants experience and the eighth grade boys an opportunity to develop their own wrestling technique and strategies.



Nathan Estock, seventh grade, holds down an opponent from Whitfield during the February 16 tournament. **Zachary Shikles, eighth grade,** headlocks another boy from Whitfield at the January 12 meet. Before everyone wrestled each other, they shook hands and waited for the timer to start counting down. When someone had been pinned for three seconds, a winner was declared for the match.



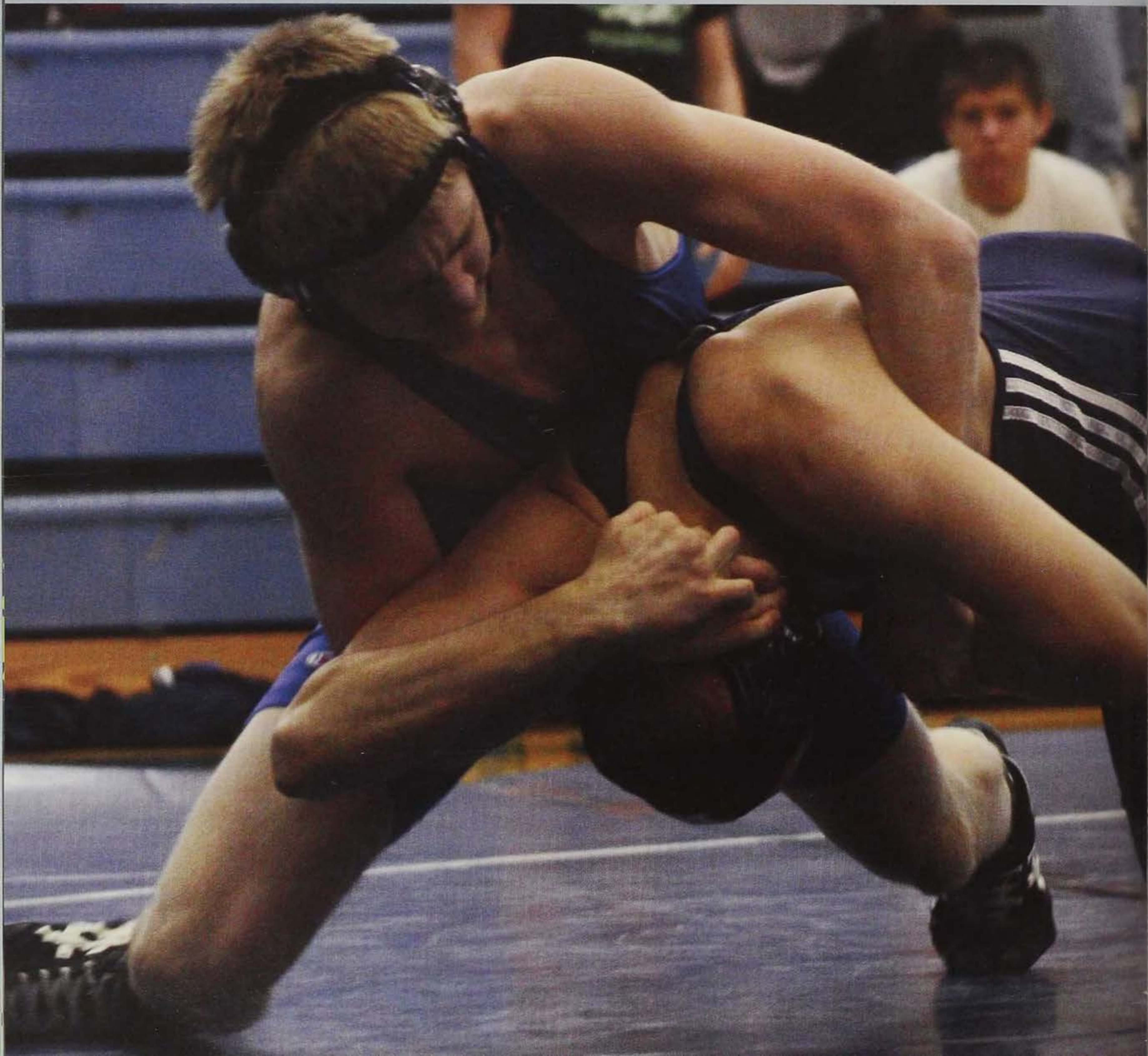
Nicholas Zintel, eighth grade, catches his breath after winning a round during the January 12 meet at Westminster.

PRAC-TICE IS PER-FECT

Looking into the gym on a typical winter afternoon, a student would find basketball players running drills, shooting hoops, and scrimmaging. Meanwhile, a floor below, the wrestlers spent their afternoons lifting weights, practicing against one another, and pushing each other past the point of endurance. After school, the wrestlers met in the multi-purpose room for two hours of grueling practice. Their coach, Tim Muelheisen, middle school history teacher, expected his wrestlers to give 100% during practice.

"We start with warm up, then learn new skills, drill, wrestle live, conditioning, pushups, and talk," said Scott Thompson, freshman. During practices, players wrestled with teammates who were close in weight so that they could gain experience which would help them perform well in meets.

Mitchell Penning, freshman, holds his opponent down during the DeSmet and Berkley match. Westminster came out of the event winning every match but one.



**2009-2010 SEASON
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(JV and Varsity)**

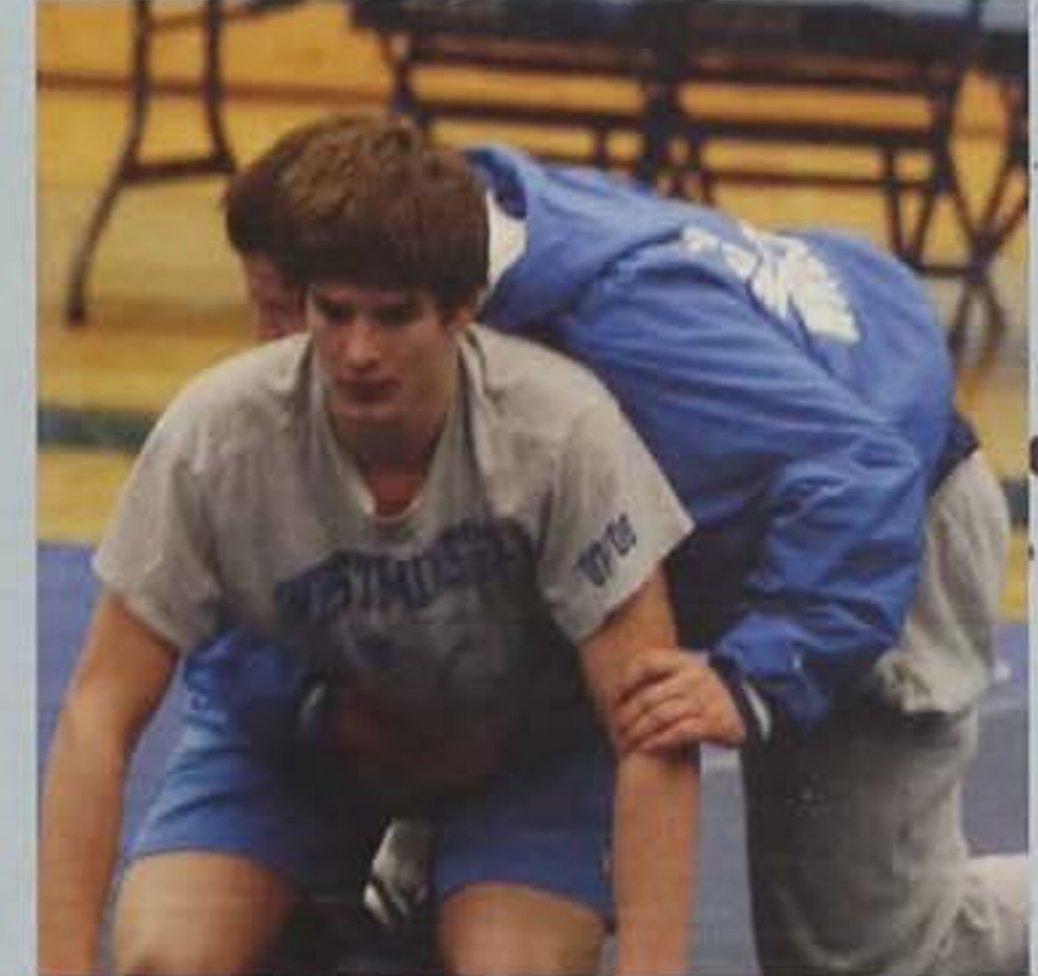
5 WINS

7 LOSSES

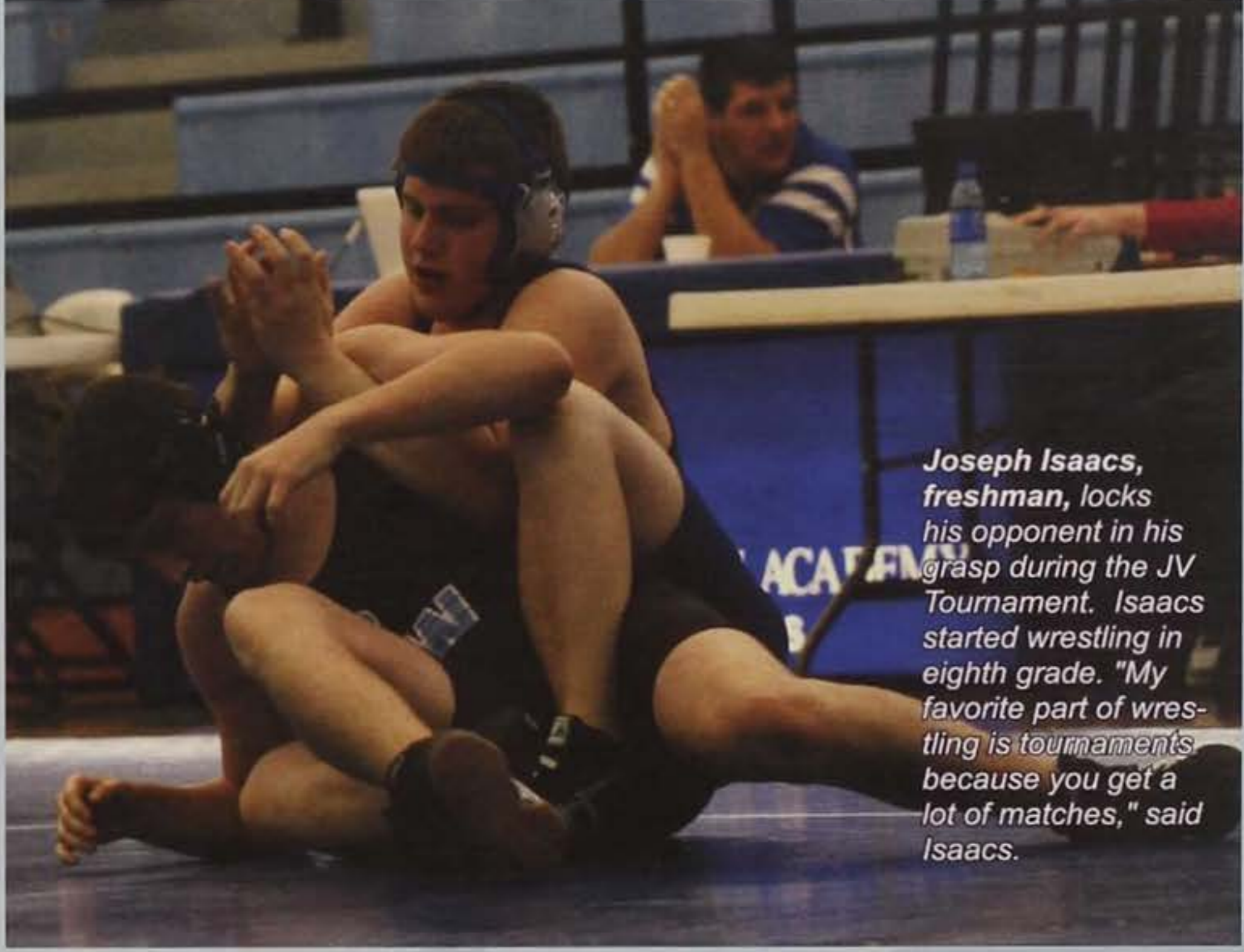
Scott Thompson, freshman, starts the match in the neutral position. Seventh grade was Thompson's first year wrestling. "The best way to describe wrestling," said Thompson, "is a love hate relationship."



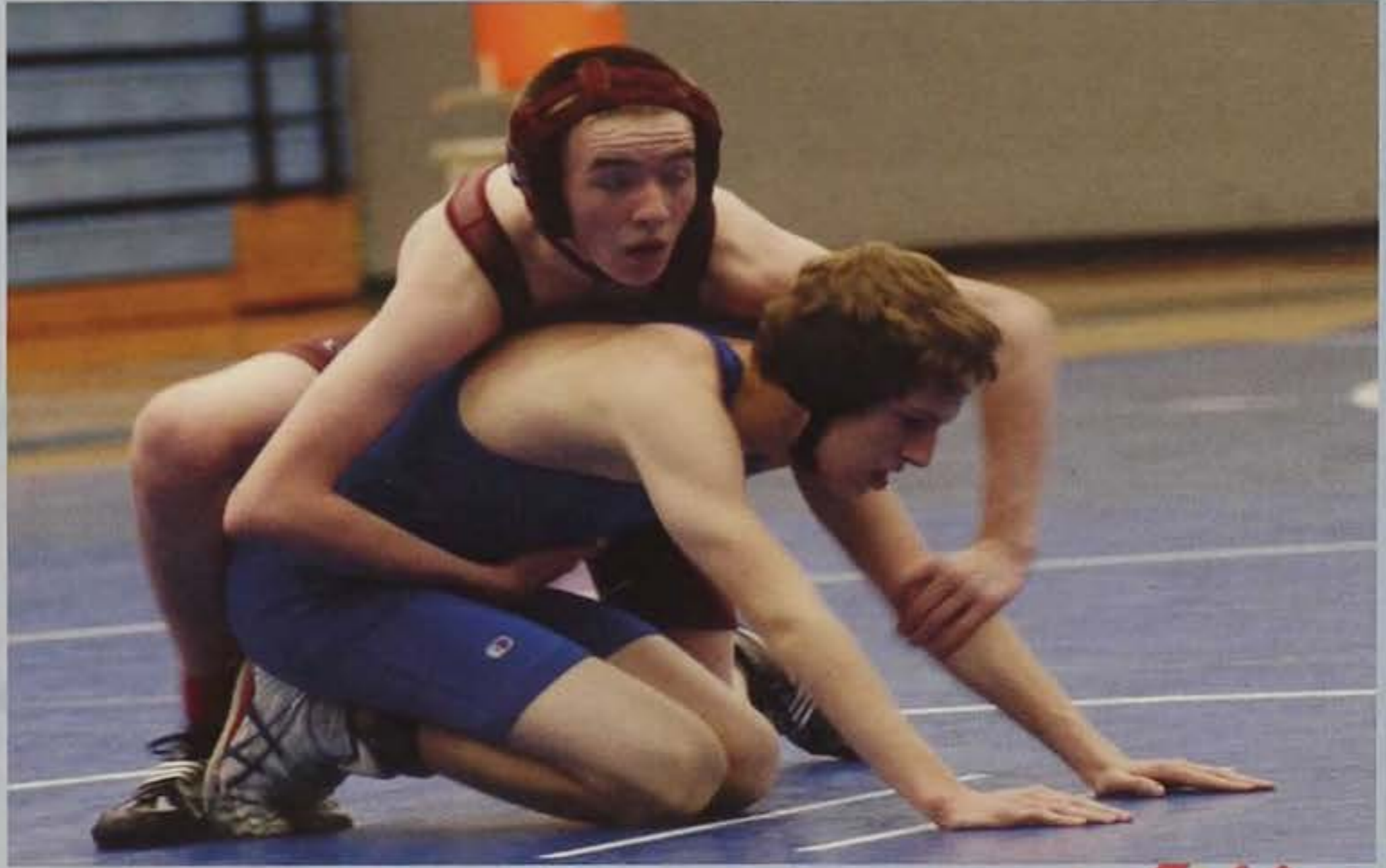
During the team warm-ups of the DeSmet/Berkley match, **Brendin Loveland, sophomore,** runs through moves with teammate **Christopher Cacciarelli, freshman.**



Max Miller, sophomore, attempts to pin his opponent during the JV Tournament on January 30. Miller started wrestling in the seventh grade. "The hardest part of wrestling is going to practice each day," said Miller.

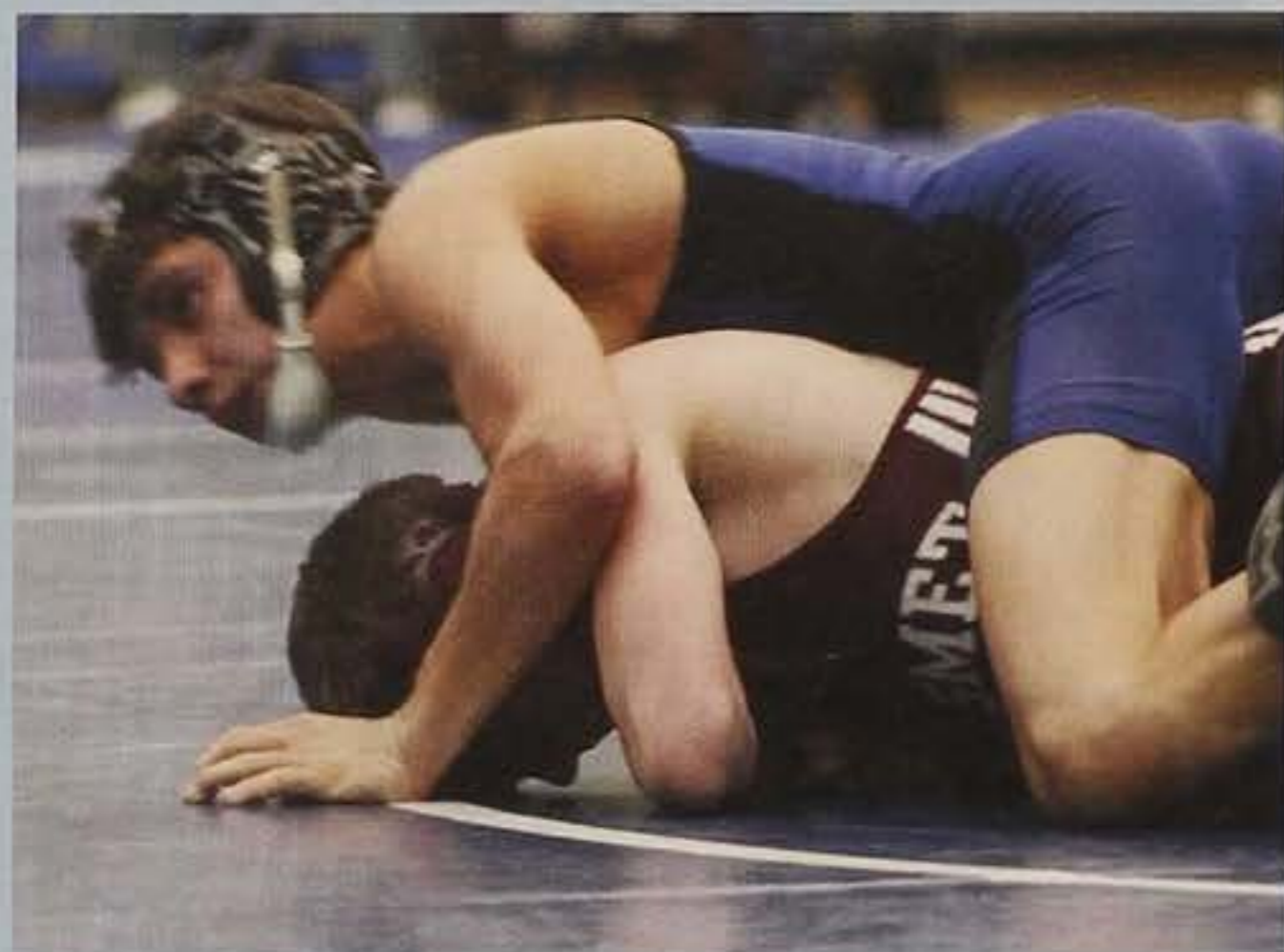


Joseph Isaacs, freshman, locks his opponent in his grasp during the JV Tournament. Isaacs started wrestling in eighth grade. "My favorite part of wrestling is tournaments because you get a lot of matches," said Isaacs.



Samuel Sherman, freshman, starts with his opponent from DeSmet. Sherman won his match during the home event. The team came out in sixth place during the tournament.

Micah Mills, senior, pins his opponent during a match against DeSmet. Mills won his district match, which placed him at a state competition held at Mizzou.



140
Brian Yeager, sophomore

130 Richard Ross, senior
Micah Mills, senior **125**

112 Michael Nothum, freshman
Joseph Welker, freshman **103**

145 Ferrest Obenhaus, sophomore
Dominic Barressi, freshman **119**

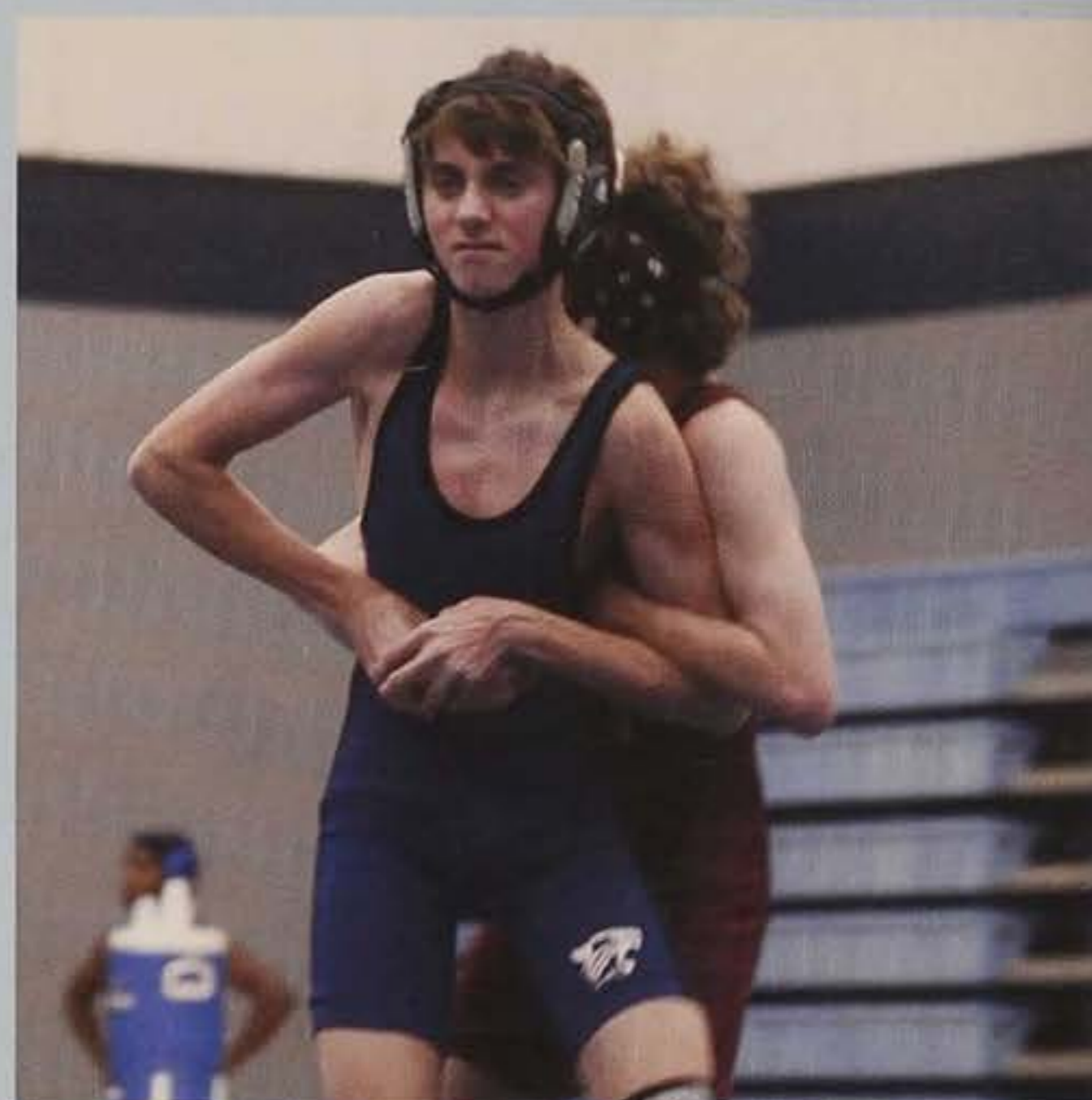
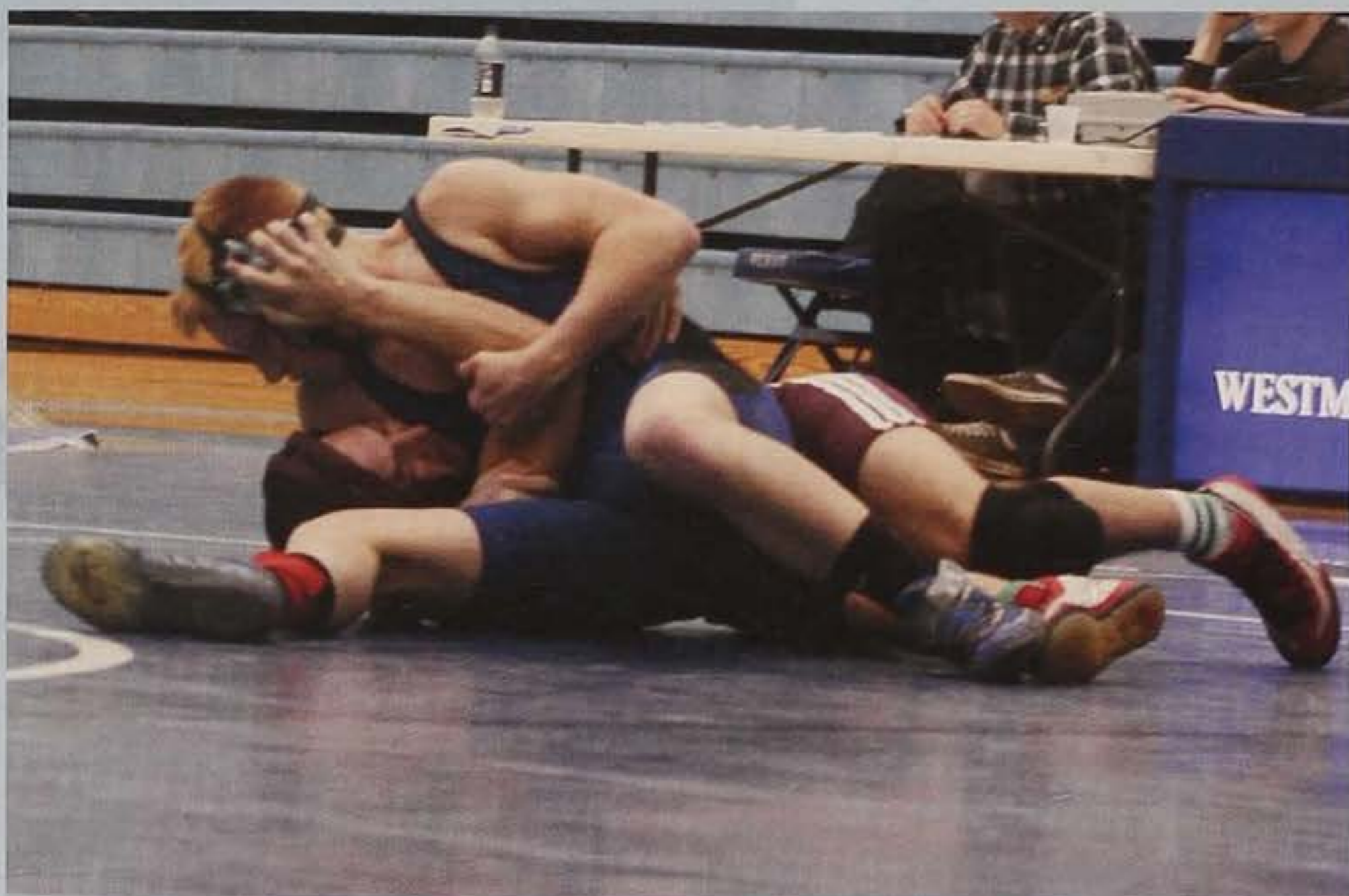
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Brett Park, senior
Drew Waeckerle, junior **152**

215 Matthew Piazza, senior
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Bennett Lewis, sophomore
Alexander Caccarelli, senior

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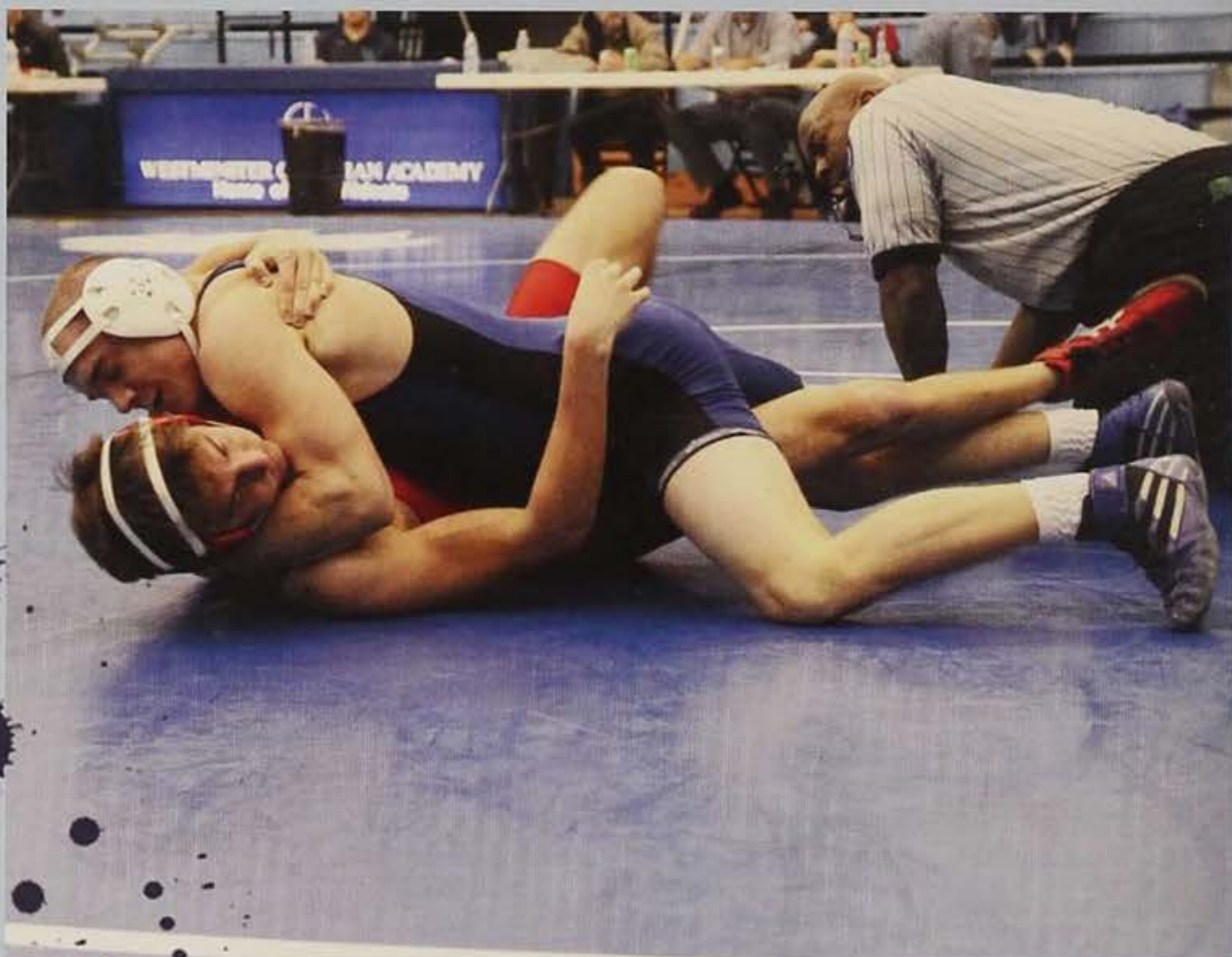
WEIGHT CLASS



Brian Yeager, sophomore, wrestles against an opponent from DeSmet.

Joseph Welker, freshman, does a stand-up move to escape his opponent's hold during a match against DeSmet. When a wrestler completes this move and escapes he is awarded a point.

Drew Waeckerle, senior, pins his opponent to the ground during a home tournament. "I really love the team and the coach- just the bond that the whole team has with the coach because we really only have one coach so we are all really close," said Waeckerle.



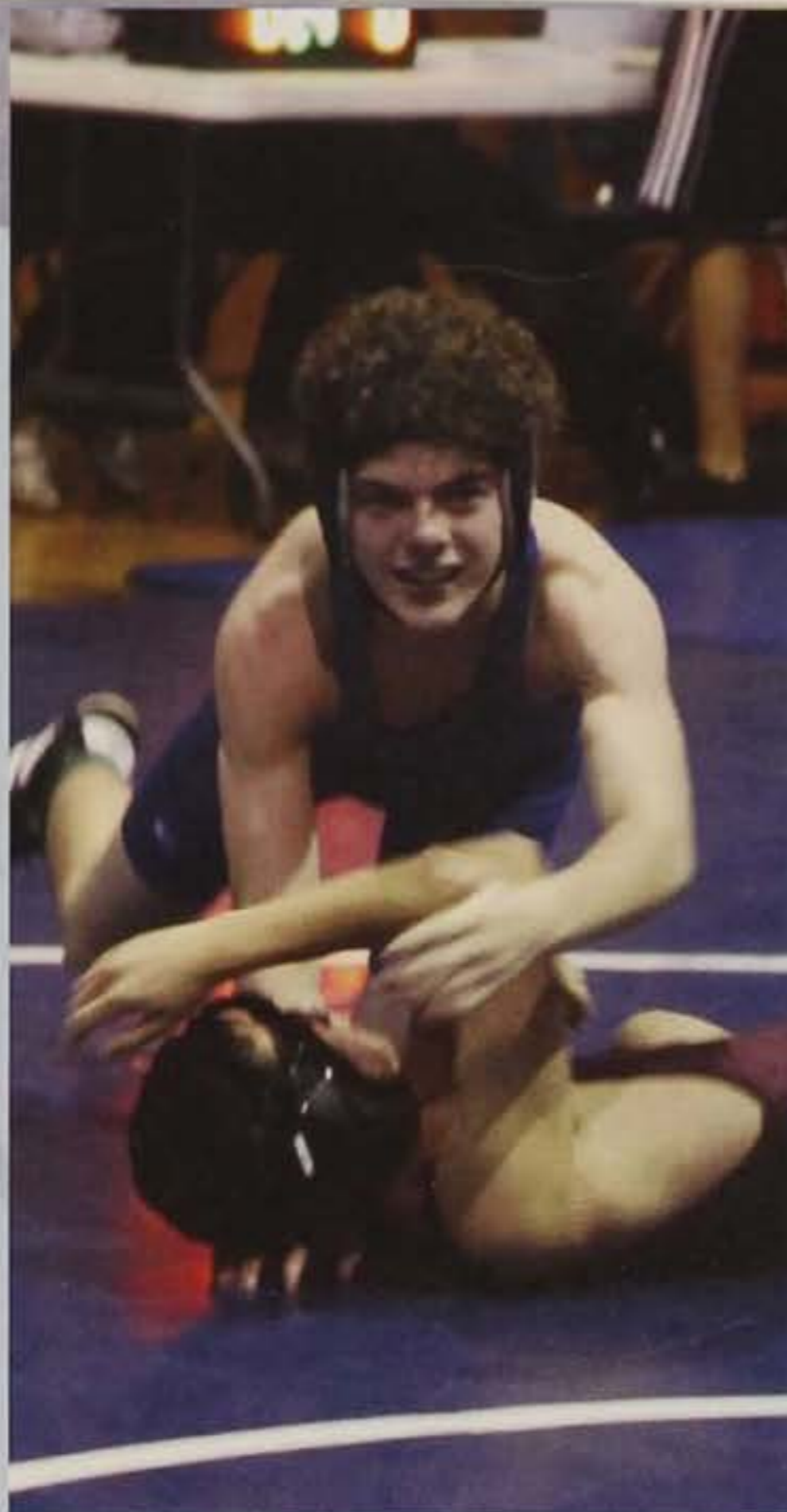


Richard Ross, senior, faces off with his opponent from Berkley during a home match on January 14. "The best part of wrestling is how it develops character. It is more than just winning and losing," said Ross.

A STATELY MANNER

Going into a season every athlete hopes for a personal best and an overall record-setting season. Every practice and training session is designed to push an athlete toward a win. Coach Tim Muehleisen, middle school history teacher, was no exception.

Muehleisen worked his wrestlers into a place at state. Six of the varsity wrestlers went to state, three of which earned medals. These boys included Richard Ross, senior, who earned the second state medal of his career. Ross took sixth place in the 140 bracket. Brett Park, senior, took sixth in the heavyweight bracket, and Matthew Piazza, senior, won his second medal with a fourth place finish in the tournament. Micah Mills, senior, and Alexander Cacciarelli, senior, also competed at the state level.



Forrest Obenhaus, sophomore, does a barbed wire move against his Oakville opponent. Obenhaus was attempting to score back points from his opponent.

Dominic Barresi, freshman, takes down his opponent from DeSmet. Barresi began wrestling for Westminster in eighth grade. Barresi was one of the freshmen that started each varsity match.



Brendan Terbrock, freshman, skates backwards while defending his zone. Terbrock ended the season with 17 goals and 10 assists.

C TEAM = ICE TIME

With the desire for ice time as great as it was two hockey teams, including a C-team were able to don Westminster sweaters. The C-team consisted of students in seventh through ninth grade and was coached by David Cascella, the assistant coach on the varsity team. The team had 16 scheduled games against other high schools in the area. Unlike the varsity, the C-team didn't have a scheduled practice for itself. The high school students that played on the C-team practiced with varsity on Mondays and Thursdays. In addition, many players on the team played on club teams as well as on the school team.

Andrew Everett, senior and varsity hockey player, played on the C-team his eighth grade year when the varsity and the C-team practiced together daily. "It was fun because I got a lot of ice time and the lower level of competition made it easier to score and have fun on C-team. It helped develop the skills I use today to compete on a varsity level," said Everett. This year, the C-team played bigger schools and higher level competition than before, meaning that players received valuable experience even though they were not a part of the varsity team.

The C-team mixed the right amount of fun and competition for young hockey players and prepared them for potentially playing on the varsity team. "It gives the guys who don't get to play, or get little playing time on varsity, a chance to be on the ice and get valuable in-game experience," said Everett.



Lucas Matheny, seventh grade, skates onto the ice to begin the second period. Matheny contributed 6 points and 6 assists to the team throughout the season.

The C hockey Team skates to the bench after the first quarter of the game. The hockey season started during November and ended in February.



Katie Matheny, freshman, faces-off during a game against Duchesne. Matheny also played varsity hockey for Westminster with her older brother, Michael, sophomore. Matheny was the first girl to score a goal in a Westminster varsity hockey game. Matheny scored 13 goals and made 9 assists.



William Campbell, freshman, skates after the puck during the game on January 26. The game took place at the Lindenwood Ice Arena in Wentzville.



Ryan Conaghan, freshman, anticipates a pass. Conaghan was one of the two freshmen who moved up to play with the varsity.



Brendan Carnahan, seventh grade, waits for a pass from a teammate at the game against Duchesne. This was Carnahan's first year playing hockey for the C team.

pre game meal...

Lucas Matheny- fruit. I stay away from anything unhealthy.

Thomas Meyer- pasta.

Steven Howell- anything high in carbs, no milk and nothing sweet.

Brendan Carnahan- I like scrambled eggs.



Andrew Everett, senior, advances toward the goal during the game against MICDS. Everett played on varsity for four years and played hockey since he was four years old. "I hope to be playing hockey in college. I want to play club hockey at Bemidji State University," said Everett.

PRE GAME TACTICS

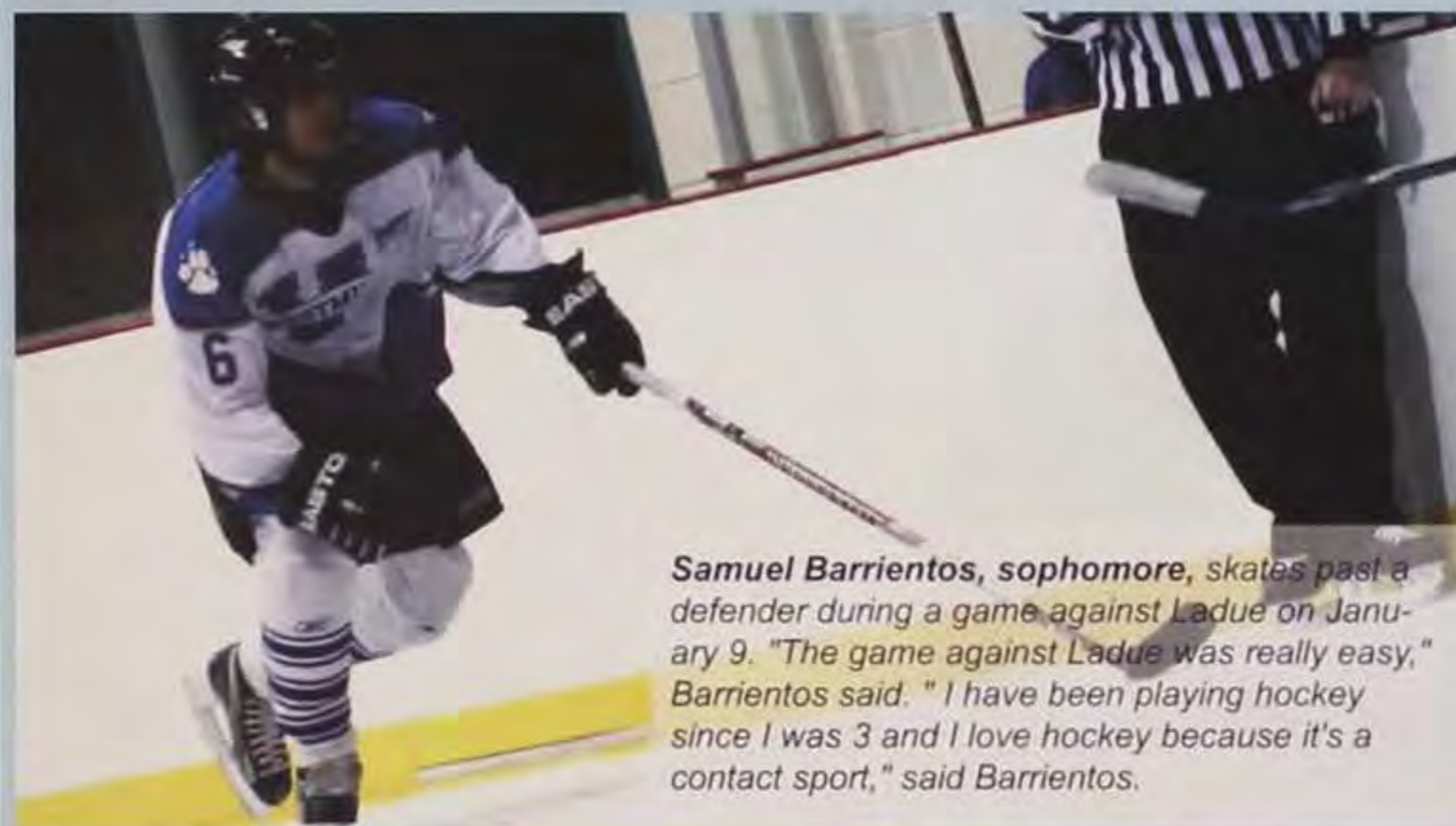
Before every game, hockey players prepared both mentally and physically. "I eat a good meal about two hours before the game, typically pasta or something like that. I then get to the rink an hour before the game. I usually tape my stick away from everyone else and just focus on the game," said Andrew Everett, senior.

Others enjoyed grabbing a snack before a game and resting up. "I have an obsession with Smoothie King so I usually get that before my games," said Katie Matheny, freshman.

Besides eating, some athletes listened to music. "Before games, I usually listen to music that won't make me fall asleep," said Andres Munoz, sophomore. For some players, preparation varied from game to game. "It really depends what type of mood I'm in. If I'm in the mood I'll put my headphones in, take a run, stretch and do some sprints. If I'm not in the mood, I'll just show up, eat some food and play," said Brendan Terbrock, freshman.



Blake Armstrong, sophomore, receives the puck during the Ft. Zumwalt game. "My favorite part about hockey is scoring goals and hitting kids," said Armstrong. Armstrong contributed fifteen goals and ten assists throughout the season.



Samuel Barrientos, sophomore, skates past a defender during a game against Ladue on January 9. "The game against Ladue was really easy," Barrientos said. "I have been playing hockey since I was 3 and I love hockey because it's a contact sport," said Barrientos.

Nathan #13 Smallwood
Goals: 25
Assists: 16
Total Points: 41
Fact: Smallwood was the only junior on varsity



Michael Matheny, sophomore, defends the puck from the MICDS defender. Matheny and his sister, Katie, freshman, played on select hockey teams. Katie Matheny played on Pittsburgh, which was an all girls hockey team. "Playing boys hockey is definitely a lot different than playing girls hockey, but I don't mind it at all. It will help me to become a better player," said Katie.



Playing forward, Ryan Conaghan, freshman, looks for an open pass. Conaghan began playing hockey when he was four years old. "I love the speed and the contact in hockey," said Conaghan.



Taylor Bookout, sophomore, tries to skate past Ladue defender, Jordan Harris. "I started learning how to skate when I was about 6 and I've played hockey on select teams since I was about 10. Hockey has always been my favorite sport because it is fast paced and a contact sport, and I just love playing hockey in general," said Bookout.



Brendan Terbrock, freshman, waits for the puck during the Ft. Zumwalt North game on January 19. "I get bored with almost any sport besides hockey because it is constantly in a fast, intense pace," said Terbrock.

Jumping on her right foot, Kelly Goebel, eighth grade, hops over the line in a drill during practice. "One of our team jokes is whenever Mr. West wears a yellow shirt we make fun of him and call him a stick of butter," said Goebel.



WE'RE FAMILY

This year's middle school 8th grade basketball A team had a season where many memories were created. Everyday the team was able to hang out with their friends and practice the sport they loved. Everyday, the team worked to create a sense of strong team unity. They had a bond with their coach that made the time together fly by.

"We've grown up together playing sports and hanging out at each others houses. When we had an extra hard practice we all tried to make it more fun so that we can all get through it," said Sydney Seabaugh, eighth grade. Everyone on the team said that making jokes and playing in the games was the best part of basketball.

Running through a new play, Kayla Armstrong, eighth grade, starts the drill as point guard. "The thing I enjoy most about basketball is being able to learn sweet new moves to be able to own someone," said Armstrong.



At halftime of a seventh grade game Rebecca Ross, Hannah Ruckman, Kayla Clay, Mary Kathryn Hancock, Sarah Betz, Allison Handler, Mary Heyl, Megan Galvin, Megan Johnson, Alexandra Montgomery, Faith Stevens, and Coach Pritchett huddle together to talk about their performance so far during the game.



On the morning of January 9, Megan Johnson, seventh grade, dribbles past her Whitfield defender. The Wildcats won by a score of 26-12.



Sydney Seabaugh, eighth grade, works to improve her time for a line drill. "My favorite drill is the weave because it's the most enjoyable," said Seabaugh.



Faith Stevens, Allison Handler, Alexandra Montgomery, and Megan Galvin, seventh grade, sit on the bench, waiting for their turn to enter the game. Because basketball is played with only five players the substitutions were often, in order to allow all eleven teammates playing time.



Faith Stevens, seventh grade, dribbles with her dominant right hand against a Whitfield defender. "My favorite part about the game is the defense because I love being able to get the rebounds and steal the ball from the other team. It's really fun being able to get out your frustration through it." said Stevens.

Helping Those Who Cannot Help Themselves:
Hannah Stipanovich, Kayla Armstrong, and Anna Kuiper, 8th grade, decided to help Haiti instead of going to basketball practice by selling donated hot chocolate from Starbucks Coffee and Dierberg's cookies and popcorn. From 3-5 p.m. they made over \$800.

Kaylie Duke, freshman, passes over her opponent during the Blue and White game. "It was good to play against our own team before we played any regular games," said Duke. The j.v. team split up into two teams and played against each other.

Alexis Harvey, freshman, reaches in for a steal against her opponent from Lutheran South. Harvey played a guard position. The j.v. girls defeated the Lancers by a score of 47 to 8.



Jacqueline Rea, sophomore, goes up for a shot during the Blue and White game on November 20. This was the first chance all season the teams had to play in a real game. "It's better playing against your teammates than a real team for your first game" said Rea.



Brittany Hawkins, sophomore, passes the ball off to one of her teammates in their game against Lutheran South. Hawkins was the point guard on the j.v. team. She occasionally stayed after her j.v. games and helped out the varsity team.



Courtney McGhee, freshman, goes up for a lay-up in the game against John Burroughs. The j.v. team beat their opponents 54 to 9. This increased their winning streak to six games.

FIGHT OF THE FINISH

Hearts began to race and adrenaline rushed as the Westminster j.v. girls' basketball team battled against the McCluer North Stars. Three minutes remained on the clock, but it felt like an eternity to the exhausted, sweaty players out on the court.

The score went back and forth the entire game and each team fought to win. The Wildcats needed to get the ball back any way possible. "Never have I ever heard Coach Scholten scream 'foul her' so many times in a row," said Kaylie Duke, freshman.

Down by two, the lady Wildcats needed a steal to get the ball back down the court for one last shot to tie the game. With less than a minute left on the clock, Westminster kept their defense tight to prevent McCluer from gaining any more points. Tension grew as the crowd held their breath, hoping that the Westminster Wildcats would get the ball back in time for one last shot. Overwhelmed with the pressure of the tough defense played by the Wildcats, McCluer north threw the ball away, providing Westminster with a chance to even the score.

Nine seconds remained on the clock, and the coach yelled for a time out over the roaring of the fans. The team huddled, drawing out details of how to shoot the basket that would catch them up with the opposite team. The play was formed, and the determined Wildcats stepped back out onto the court to finish the game strong.

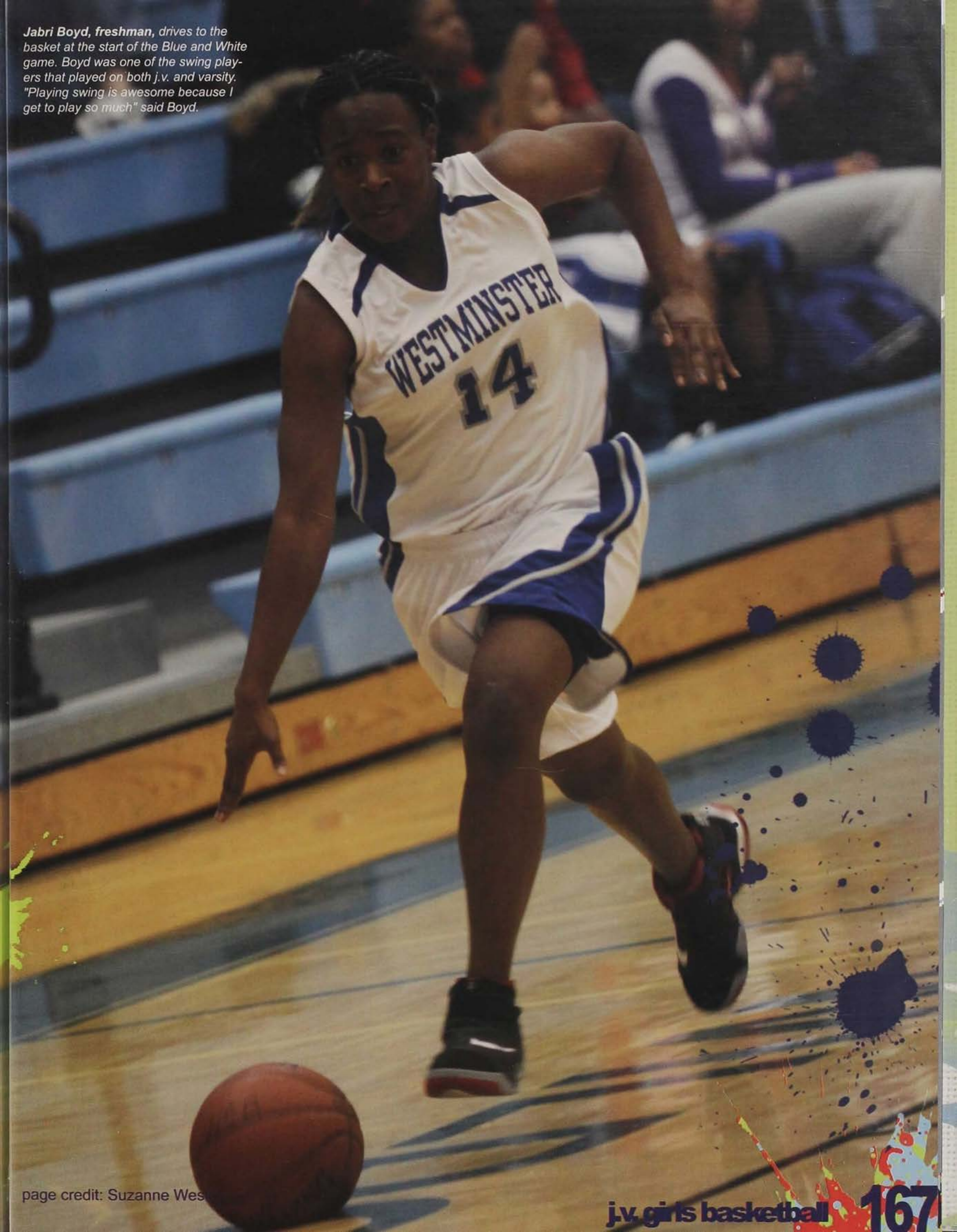
The lady Wildcats passed the ball around, hoping to find a hole in the defense, but the McCluer North defense was too strong for Westminster. Despite the team's effort, they could not penetrate the defense set up by North. The clock ticked down to zero, and the hard fought battle was all over. The final score was 33 to 30.

THE 11TH COMMANDMENT:

"THOU SHALT NOT DRIBBLE ONCE."

-COACH SCHOLTEN

Jabri Boyd, freshman, drives to the basket at the start of the Blue and White game. Boyd was one of the swing players that played on both j.v. and varsity. "Playing swing is awesome because I get to play so much" said Boyd.





Katelyn Haverstick, senior, drives down the court in the Blue and White game on November 20. Instead of varsity playing j.v. during this game, varsity split up into two teams and played each other. Haverstick was on the blue team and helped lead her team to a two point victory.

Courtney Powell, sophomore, looks for a pass in a game against Lutheran South on January 21. Powell led the team with 15 points and 6 steals.

Katelyn Haverstick, senior, goes up for a shot in a game against Visitation. Haverstick served as a captain along with Kelly Penning, senior, and Jordan Klein, junior.

After the Lutheran South Lancers turn over the ball, Brooke Cusumano, freshman, retrieves it. Cusumano started the season on the j.v. team as a swing player. Then, due to some players leaving, she became a full time varsity player as a point guard.



Where the team likes to go before the game:

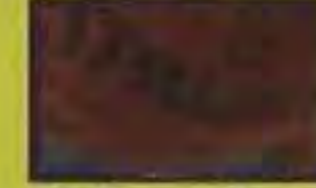
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Brooke Cusumano's House

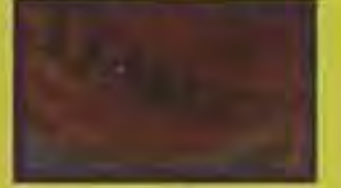


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BACK IN THE DAY

The Saturday after the women's varsity basketball team participated in the McDonald's tournament at Parkway West, Coach Blackwell and Coach Westhoff decided to take a different approach to practice. The coaches said it was a "middle school practice" where they would spend an entire afternoon working on the fundamentals of basketball. They practiced stationary passing, dribbling, and shooting, and to their delight, the team also got out of intense running.

"We ran like we did in middle school; it was so easy!" said Jabri Boyd, freshman.

As the afternoon progressed, the team also got to participate in the fun things which compose a typical middle school practice. This included a variety of games and drills. One game they played was "King of the Court." During this game each player grabbed a ball and stood inside the three point line. Once the game started, the goal of the game was to knock the ball out of the other players' hands and make the ball leave the three point line. The game got close to the end, and only Maggee Kane, junior, and Katelyn Haverstick, senior, were left. As the team cheered for their teammates, Kane knocked the ball out of Haverstick's hand, earning the title of "King of the Court."

Although no other practice would be so basic, the lady Cats were glad that they got an opportunity to go back over the fundamentals one more time because it meant less running and more fun.

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After stealing the ball, Erin Bogнар, freshman, drives to the basket in a game vs. Lutheran South. Bogнар made varsity as a freshman and was the only freshman to be on the team full time for the whole season. "Being on the team is great, because they try to bully me and it never works. It is also really fun and funny," said Bogнар.

Marci Penning, junior, attempts to block a shot from Lauren Sulewski, junior, during the Blue and White game. Because they represented two of the taller girls on the team, they were matched up against each other. Throughout the season, Sulewski suffered from two concussions and was out for a total of three and a half weeks.



Austin Benefield, eighth grade, eyes his opponents waiting for that precise moment where he can make his move. He pushed past his opponents, where he made a lay up which tied the score 15-15. Basketball practice allowed him to perfect his lay up skills, which added confidence and intensity.

Tristan Becker, eighth grade, directed his attention off his opponent and onto his team members at the home game against Parkway Central. Becker was on the eighth grade b-team.



Looking for an open team member, John Raines, eighth grade, passes the ball. Raines played in the home game against Parkway Central.



Blake Weaver, seventh grade, makes a lay up during a game against Chaminade. The team beat Chaminade by 17 points with a final score of 49-32.

MORE THAN PRACTICE

As they moved down the court, the seventh and eighth grade men's basketball teams inched closer and closer to the basket. Standing nearby, Doug Coleman, coach and health teacher, patiently waited in position. The moment a player went for the lay-up or shot, he whipped through the air and attempted to block or cover them. Although Coleman couldn't participate in the games, his goal was to simulate an opponent in the way. When Coleman added more pressure and intensity to the practices, games became no sweat as the team was sufficiently prepared to perform.

"[At practice,] I make situations they will face in a game more challenging by applying pressure," said Coleman. Other methods he used to challenge the team were running, drilling, and scrimmaging. "The practices really prepared us for games, especially when we scrimmaged each other," said Brennan Hehner, eighth grade.

However, Nathan Vander Wal, coach and science teacher, focused less on putting pressure on the team and more on perfecting fundamental skills and playing tough.

"When the guys play tough, it creates confidence, and confidence in a team is unbeatable," said Vander Wal. Since the coaches focused on creating practices that challenged the teams as much as or more than the games would, the boys were able to play to the best of their abilities.



Jackson David Klein, eighth grade, was given a perfect set up after a pick, where he made a corner shot. Using his shooting form, that he perfects in practice, he not only makes this shots now but continued to make more during the season.



The eighth grade b-team watched the final quarter of the game, a few waited subbing for a team member. They patiently awaited the moment of the swap to run in where they tried to score the winning point.

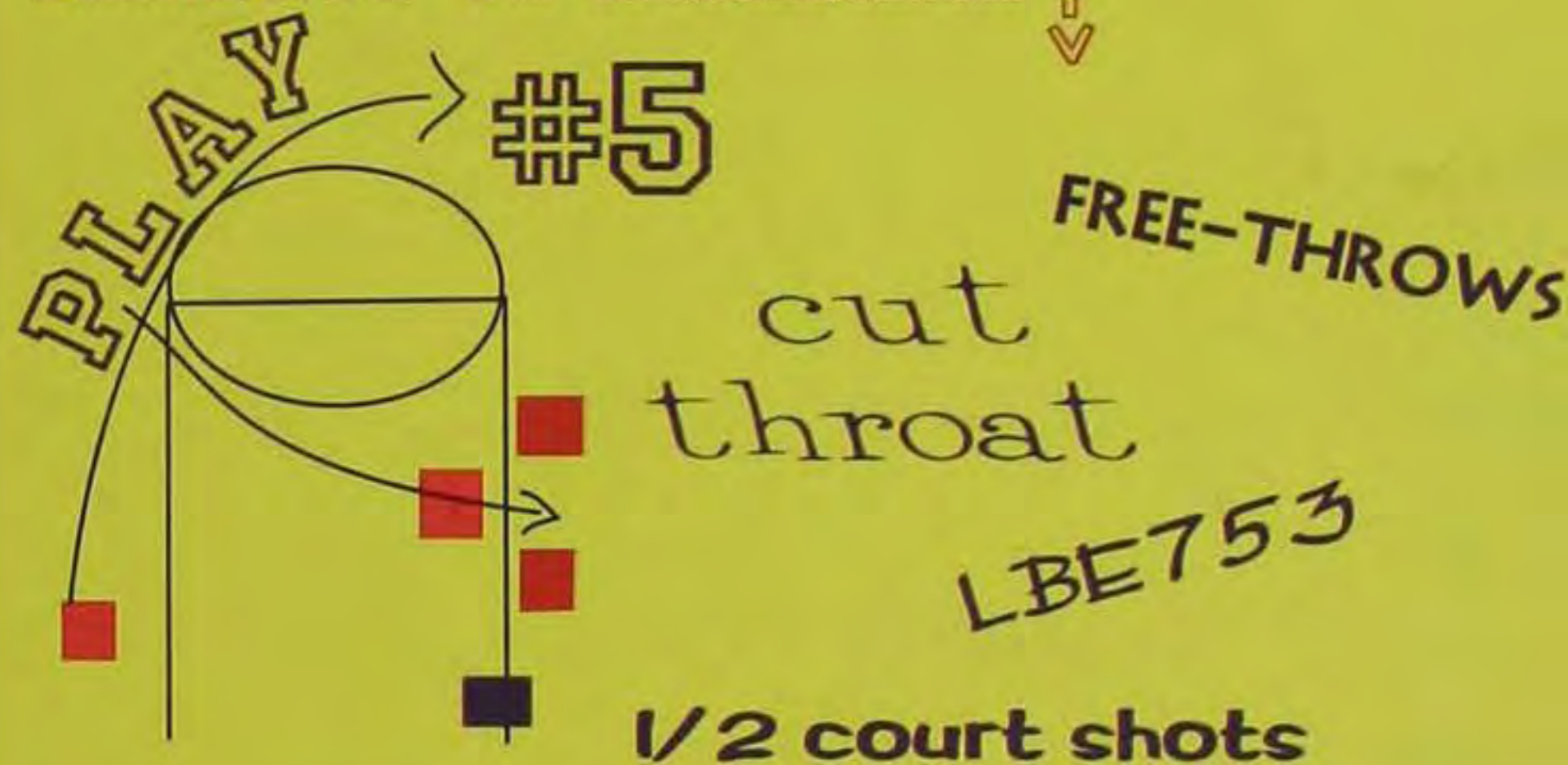


Matthew Sheehan, eighth grade, had his opponent boxed in with ease. Due to the 1-1 drills during practice he learned how to play better in situations where his team members were busy guarding other opponents.



Chad Maxey, eighth grade, calls to his teammate for the pass. Chad worked on getting open which allowed him to make more shots.

MOMENTS TO REMEMBER--



Watching the j.v. home game against Parkway West, David Hartmann, Michael Dudley, Jonah Anderson, and Drake Norman, freshmen, sit on the student's bleachers.



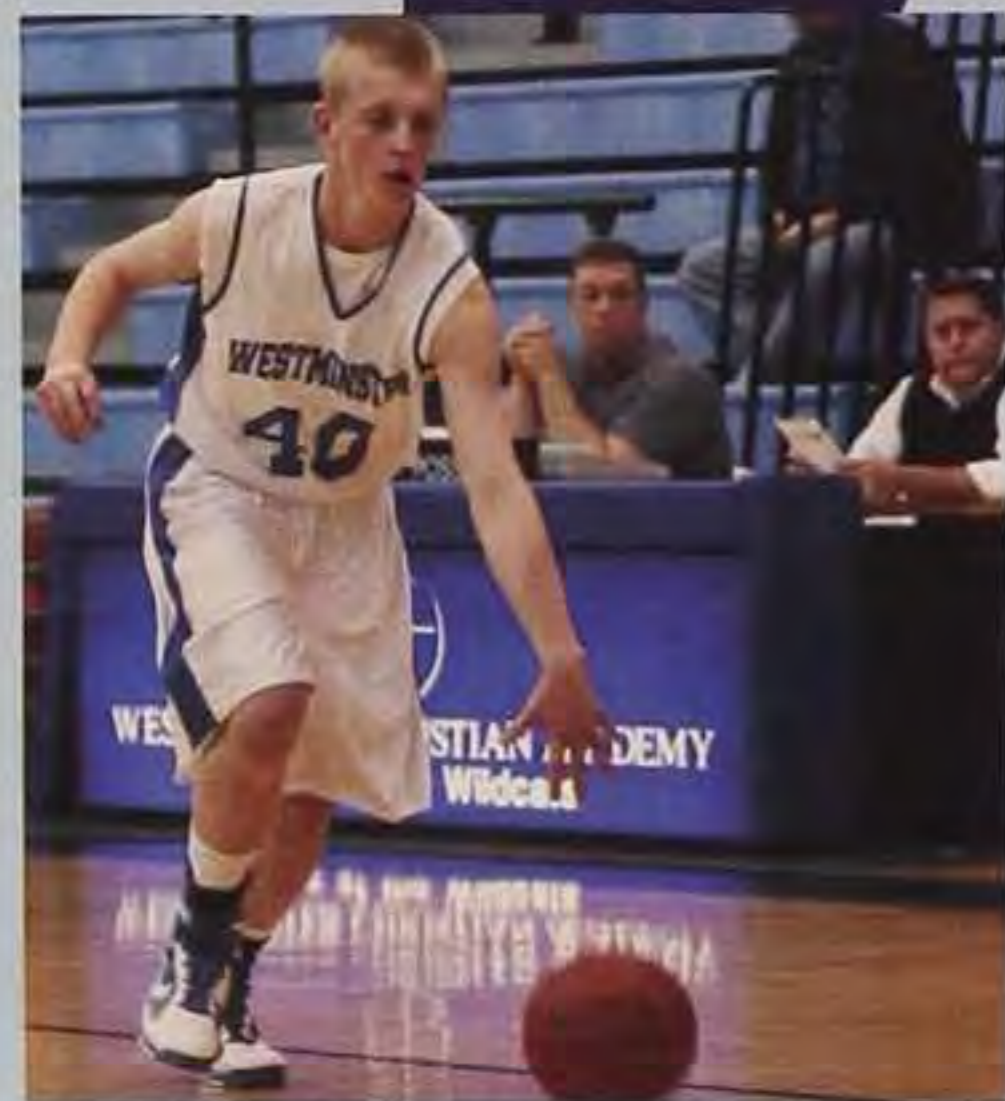
Matthew Hall, freshman, warms up before the home game against Parkway West.



Henry Griesedieck, sophomore, looks to pass the ball to his teammates at a home game against St. Charles.



Cutting into the hoop, John Barry, freshman, prepares to score at the home game against St. Dominic. Barry was one of three freshmen that made the j.v. team.



Warming up before the home game against Parkway West High School, Benjamin Lovell, freshman, dribbles down the court to practice his lay-ups. Looking for a pass, Emmanuel Logan, sophomore, plays in a game against St. Dominic. Nicholas Norman, sophomore, goes up for a shot during the game against St. Charles High School. At this game, the Cats went into over time, but ended up losing by one point with a score of 42-43.

A CALL

Wins were scarce in the beginning of the men's j.v. basketball season, but one game that stuck out to the boys was their win against Lutheran North High School.

"I liked the game because we played well. There was a lot of energy, and we really worked well together," said Grant Shaffer, sophomore. Nicholas Norman, sophomore and j.v. team captain, scored 17 points in this away game, which largely contributed to the final score of 53-22.

"They were strong at driving to the hoop, so our team wouldn't let them drive in. We forced them to take three pointers when we were on defense. On offense, we were patient and waited for a shot," said Chris Griesedieck, sophomore.

However, Lutheran North was not the first team the Cats had defeated. Their first win at Duchesne was a much closer match up, with a score of 33-30. "It came down to the last few points," said John Barry, freshman. Griesedieck contributed to the score by shooting two three pointers during the game.

"It was back and forth defensively. We boxed out and got the rebounds though," said Griesedieck.

"Our team worked hard to win," said Connor Einertson, sophomore.

Why the Jersey NUMBER?

"Because I want to get that many points in a game,"

12

-Chris Griesedieck, sophomore

"I've been number 15 all my life. Tim Tebow [college football player] is my role model, and that is his number,"

15

-Drake Norman, freshman

"I've worn this number for 8 years,"

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-Grant Shaffer, sophomore

"It's the most biblical number,"

40

-Benjamin Lovell, freshmen

Cutting into the basket, Dylan Andres, sophomore, takes a shot during the game against St. Dominic. "It was our first game, but I think our team has the potential to do well," said Connor Einerstein, sophomore.



John Hunsicker, junior, fakes a player from Saint Dominic off the ball. Hunsicker came in for important minutes in that game when Alex Cusumano, senior, fouled out.



Alex Cusumano, senior, moves for a lay-up against Saint Charles High School. Cusumano had 17 points and 2 steals that night. The Cats won 67-57.



John Dohr, freshman, and **Luke Kuiper, junior,** do a lay-up drill to warm up before the Blue and White game. Kuiper, coming off the bench, helped the team by contributing a mix of post play and three pointers.



Richard Copeland, senior, uses a crossover dribble on a Saint Charles guard. "I use my moves to get free from defenders. I think my favorite move is the hesitation dribble. Second favorite has to be the onside move" said Copeland.



Anthony Thompson, senior, goes up for a lay-up against Matt Harrellson from Saint Charles High School on December 7. Thompson scored 32 points that night.



W LEGENDARY

5401 Lucas and Hunt Road. To most, this place was merely known as Lutheran North High School. But to the men's varsity basketball team, this was home to one of the few gyms in Saint Louis where the team had never won. However, on January 8, the Wildcats came into a game with Lutheran North fully prepared to take on the Crusaders, who had just defeated Jennings 50-39.

Before the game, Coach Bain gave the team additional motivation to beat North. "We have the ability to beat this team if we play our game. When we play within our game, we can give whoever we're playing a run for their money. We need to make history and accomplish something that we have never done in my Westminister's men's basketball career," said Bain. After the team prevailed over their opponents, Bain explained that part of the reason for the victory was that Westminister "had everything to gain by beating them. They had nothing to lose by beating us. We had the motivation to win. They didn't."

Luke Kuiper, junior, believed that it was the effort put forth in practice that pushed them over the edge. "I think that during that week in practice, we banded together and pushed harder than normal in practice so we could make history. It was important for us to beat North at North this year," said Kuiper.

However, Richard Copeland, senior, thought that beating North meant that the varsity boys' team would put in the Westminister history books. "By beating North at North, we'd make history and put our names up there with the Westminister alumni greats like Andy Wiele, Ben Davis, Banks Estridge, and Garen Lafser. We'd become legendary," said Copeland.

Throughout the season, the team carried this win in their heads to remind them that they could beat anyone if they played hard enough within their game.



Freshman Phenom

John Eric Steiner Stats:
Points Per Game : 8.3
Rebounds Per Game : 6.0
Free throw Percentage : 75.5% (47/62)
Total Season Points: 207

"It's fun being on varsity as a freshman. It's a whole lot faster, but I love playing with this team." - John Eric Steiner, freshman.

"He is the future of Westminister basketball." - Richard Copeland, senior.

Daniel Alexander, senior, leaps over several Saint Charles players to score a bucket. Alexander was a defensive force in the paint all year with a season total of 70 blocks. He also was the teams second leading scorer with 225 points through the whole season.





Andrew Arbik

Adrian



Thank you, mom and dad for caring enough about me to send me to Westminster so that I could receive a great education. To all the friends I have made, thanks for being my friends. Mr. Mohler, thanks for being one of the teachers that had an "out of the box" way of teaching, which made learning so much better. To all of you reading this just listen to the words of wisdom from Mother Mary "Let it Be" (The Beatles)



Jennifer Rose Lee

Alexander

God, Mommy, Dad, G-mama, Craigy-poo, Toni, Stevie, Jordan, Rebekah, Rebecca, Amibeth, and all my other home skillet biscuit cakes: Thank you so much for always being there for me, and putting up with my craziness! I Love You!!!! Jennifer

"I believe in pink. I believe that laughing is the best calorie burner... I believe in being strong when everything seems to be going wrong. I believe that happy girls are the prettiest girls. I believe that tomorrow is another day, and I believe in miracles." -Audrey Hepburn

"One time when there was no one at Subway, so my boss made me clean the walls," said Hayley Bettlach, junior.

FIRST JOBS

At some point in life, every person will have experienced it: the pressure of a first job. A new job often involves new experiences, as many students discovered.

"My first job was at a Retreat place, said Rachel Hart, sophomore. "One day a drunk guy asked if I was a celebrity. It was so awkward."

Even in new situations, students learned how to adapt to the working world.

"My first job was as a lifeguard at Hurricane Harbor. One day this large man decided to go down the slide, but the raft got stuck. We had to deflate the raft to get the man off the slide!" said Alyssa Wallach, senior.

Other Westminster students also underwent the unique and sometimes challenging experiences which accompany a new job.



"I went to work, as a lifeguard, and it was freezing outside. My boss said I wouldn't have to get in the water so I could keep my sweats and sweat shirt on. While I was working, this little kid decided he wanted to go off the diving board, so I asked his mom if he could swim. She said he could, and the boy jumped off the board. He started to drown and I was forced to jump in the freezing water to save him," said Andrew Menzel, junior.



"My mom hired me to work in the yard. I got 20 dollars an hour to get rid of the weeds," said Cameron Brouk, junior.

"I work at the Kirkwood baseball fields concession stands. People come up and ask the types of candy you have, and then they end up ordering popcorn after you've listed everything. It's so frustrating," said Danielle Pfyl, senior.





David Jordan Alexander



I can't imagine what my life would look like without the support of my loving family, Break-Down team, and friends. God has lavishly blessed me with all of your encouragement and love! Mom, you always said that I could do anything that I wanted to do if I set my mind to it. Dad, you've loved me and supported everything that I've had a passion for. Both of you guys are awesome! Your passion for Christ and desire to live for him has kindled the fire within my soul to change the world for Christ. I'd also like to thank my entire BreakDown family for their true love and friendship. You guys truly are world changers!



Daniel Jordan Alexander



To God thank you so much for saving my life in these years. And also to my parents; thank you Mom for allowing me to experience real growth and learning, in life. I love you, you're awesome. And to Dad, thank you so much for being the hardest working person I know, and for making everything work. To my brothers I thank you for being there and walking through struggles with me and to Jackie thank you for teaching me that not to be affected by crying. To my BreakDown family, I love you all. And to everyone at WCA I encourage you to be real in Christ; don't miss the blessing He has for you!



Mallory Mckenzie Alpert



Wildcats, Blue and White, Football games, Beating MICDS, Dangerous Mallory parties, Onion game, CB, JSB, Spring Events, Elvis, Muffins, Italian Dinner, Sunshine, Rocket with S's, McDonald's, TPing, Youth Group, Social Wednesdays: now spell it backwards, Rapping, Pterodactyl, Mallory's Munchkins, Mal's Pals, Miguel o Marta, M.S. Dance Team, NHD, Codenames for Boys, HRC, Escalator, Swing Dancing, Cool Nerds, 3%, Improv, Sweater vest Fridays, The Buick, Open House, That's Sketch, Loins!, Lip sync, Tree house, Muerta lentamente, etc. Thank you, dear friends at Westminster, for loving this dork and for teaching me that everyone has value and potential. Thank you my beloved teachers, classmates and family for your guidance and encouragement. At least we had some laughs along the way. Rom. 8:37-39



Blake Donald Andersen



Wow. God has really blessed me. Through the struggles and trials I have had some incredible mentors. Mom, thank you for always being so rooted in your faith and helping me stay rooted in mine. Dad, thank you for being my role model on how to be a great husband and a godly father. Brynne, I consider you as my best friend. I'm so glad we've gotten to that point. Friends at school, you guys really have accepted me for who I am and I'm really glad that I met all of you. Forrest, my comrade, I hope that we will continue to consume the English with lightning bolts from our eyes and fireballs from... Finally, I wouldn't be where I am now if it wasn't for my Lord and Savior. Revelation 21:4.

Lillian Duell, seventh grade, slides down the stair railing to the lower level. As she attempted to climb over the railing one day, Duell's knee got stuck and it twisted. "I was partly laughing. Then I felt the pain after a few seconds." Duell's leg suffered two bruises and muscle pain, making it difficult to walk.



ELEVATED PAIN

When the elevator broke down for a whole week, virtually everyone on crutches or in a wheelchair panicked. How would they get to the commons or to AP Physics class? They couldn't walk down the stairs or even, in the case of James Young, sophomore, hobble down a ramp. Due to a fall down the stairs at his own home, Young fractured both of his ankles. Unfortunately, this meant he was out for the whole wrestling season in addition to being confined to a wheelchair for a month.

After several MRIs, Young's injury was revealed to be less severe than the doctors had originally believed.

"I was glad that it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be, but I still can't do wrestling. I wasn't really planning on signing up for it anyway, but it could have been an option. On the bright side, I have tons more free time now," said Young of his diagnosis. Even though he was able to walk again before the December finals, Young decided not to do any sports-related activities until golf season.

(ouch...)

Joseph Burzinski, junior, peruses his vocabulary book before English class. Burzinski tore his ACL during a football game in late November and had to have surgery. Because he had to wear a knee brace and could not sit in a desk, Cindy Zavaglia, American Literature teacher, allowed him to sit in her throne during class.



James Young, sophomore, laughs at a friend's joke during lunchtime. When Young was wheelchair-bound, he had to use the elevator and have friends push him around if his arms got tired from wheeling all day.

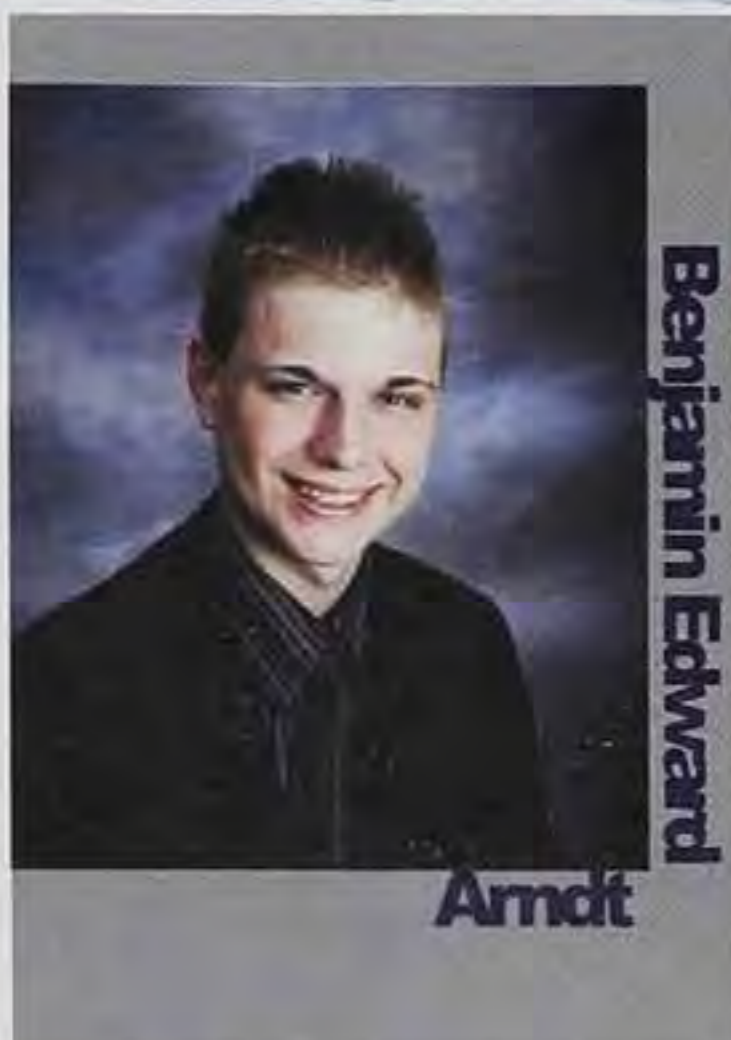


Molly Reeder

Anderson



God, my everything, everything for you. Mom and Daddy, you sacrificed everything for me. Thank you for the forgiveness, laughter, and advice. Alex, I want to be like you. Thanks for setting a great example. Jonah, I want you to want to be like me. Thanks for putting up with me. Madison, my twin, made for each other. Jordan my lifelong, together since birth. Leisha, my S, stopplayingfootsieoverthere. You make my day every day! Suzanne, my sister, I'm sticking with you like the cream-filling fat. Shermey, my bestie, you are my lovely heifer. DASH, you made my year. J, I get your weirdness. Jimbo, you're my brother. Micah, you know me. "The language of friendship is not words but meanings"—Thoureau.



Benjamin Edward

Arndt



First, I want to thank my Lord Jesus Christ, for always being my shelter from this crazy storm we call life. Next, I want to thank my parents and sister for never giving up on me. Also my Mawmaw and Pawpaw, you have helped me through many struggles and battles. Schwamb, thank you for supporting me through my entire high school journey. Cori, thank you for helping me through the past few years; I wouldn't have made it without your constant love and support. I can't wait to see where our future takes us. Catherine, you have truly taught me what it means to be a servant of God; you have an amazing heart, mind, and voice! I love you all dearly!



Nicholas Andrew

Arnold



First off, I'd like to thank God for always being there for me. To my parents, thanks for all the love and support these past six years. Mom, you've never stopped loving me, and Dad, you've been a great role model. Nate, stay awesome. You're the best little brother I could've asked for and I'll miss you next year. Alex, I've always looked up to you. Thanks for all your help throughout the years. To all my friends and the soccer guys, you're incredible. Thanks for all the good times and memories. I wouldn't have made it these past six years without you. Everyone, it's been a great ride.



Olivia Ruth

Atkinson



Rachael Marie

Aucker



It started out as a feeling, which then grew into a hope. Doc Auck and Slammer, thanks for raising me. You are the best units in the universe. Erin, you're my most favorite sister, and Nate, you're nonsensical and great. Sarah, it has been ten years; loved every minute. Adrienne, my liege, you are too bizarre for words. Emily, I wish wish one of us had been a man; we are perfect for each other. BeCa and David, thanks for investing in my life, and I don't care what people say; I like you guys. Hayden, Laurel, Leah, Taylor, you are wonderful friends. I'll come back when you call me, no need to say goodbye.



Matthew Ryan Dibble

Autry



There are several things I am thankful for. Dad, your teachings on responsibility and your "give it your all" attitude has helped me become the person I am. Mom, your kindness and healing hand has been with me for as long as I can remember. Lisa, sometimes I wonder why our family is broken, but out of it came one of the greatest blessings I have ever known. Jonathan, you are my brother and one of my best friends. Emilee and Bubba, I hope I have helped you grow as much as you have helped me grow. Friends: my brotha from anotha motha! Gotta go! It's T.B. time. Lord, You've always been there through the best and the worst of times.



Baker

Erica Joy



First and foremost I would like to thank God for guiding me through my high school years and providing a constant source of support; I would also like to thank my sisters, for providing me with wisdom and adversity that helped me grow as a person. Thank you mom and dad, for supporting me through thick and thin; thank you little brother, for illuminating my world with your energy; thank you Lulu, for never judging, always loving. Lastly, my M.I.C.D.S. friends, thank you for providing me with the greatest memories I know so far. Thanks Westminster, its been real.



Baker

Rhoda Faith



Jeremiah 29:11-"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Thank you God for bringing me to WCA, a safe place where I have made lasting relationships with teachers, students and you. You know what is best. Much love goes to my mother who has been a great mom/dad to me. She is my everything. To the L.C and E.L.C. thanks for molding me into the woman God has called me to be. All the teachers are truly a gift from God. High school would not have been what it was without my school friends, church family, and my Breakdown family. It's been a long journey so far and its not over yet. But yet I know God has my path planned for me and I can't wait for the trip. Love you lots class of 2010.



Bartlett

Cheyenne July



It's by the grace of God I've made it this far. Thank you Mom. Without you I wouldn't be who I am. I love you and miss you everyday. You are my inspiration. Dad, I know you're my biggest fan. Thank you for giving me a better life than I could've ever dreamed of. Sandy & Jack I'm so glad you've come into my life. Justice, you're my best friend. You mean more to me than anything and I would give up the world for you. Danielle-Bert and Ernie. Sarah-Rough times but friends are forever. Catie-Powdered donuts...you always remember...so thank you. Hill-Sleep buddies for life. Amanda- Best conversations I've ever had. Ashley- Words can't described us. Mads- Our nights are unforgettable.

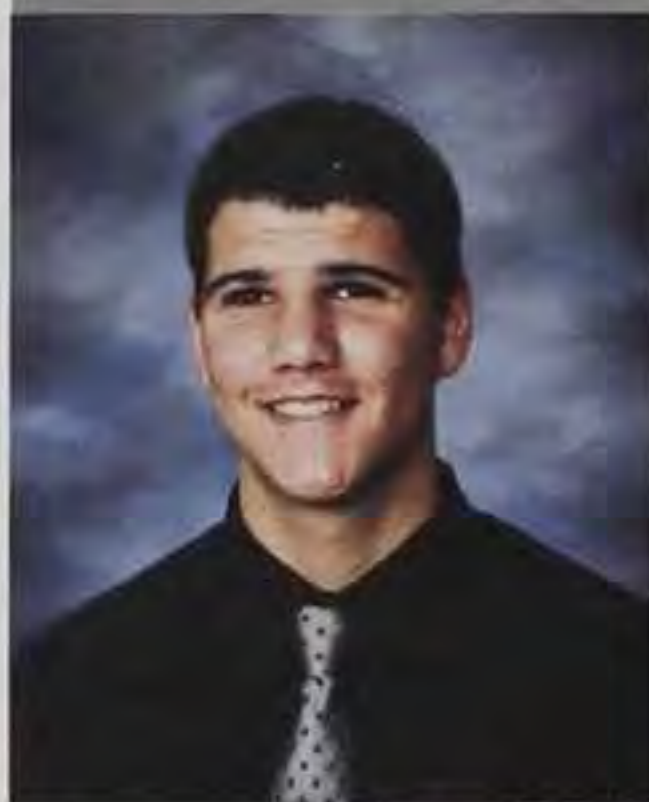


Bell

Kevin William



God, thanks for everything that you have given me. I am nothing without you. Mom and Dad, thank you for all the sacrifices that you have made for me- I love you. Derek, Nick, and Lauren- You all bring me joy, stay strong in the Lord. Alex, Luke, Rasche, and Aaron- Thank you for being there for me. You have all influenced me tremendously. Golf Team- These past four years have gone by so quickly. I will never forget them. Coach Bain and Dr. Gibson- Thank you for making my faith stronger. Matthew 28: 19-20.



Benefield

Nathan Richard



God, thanks for life and all of its beauty! Mom and Dad, I love you! Thanks: for always being there through the good and bad times, for loving me when it's hard, and for raising me up to be the man I am today. Brandon and Austin, I love you two. It's amazing sharing life with you guys. You keep life fun; don't change! Efree friends, you're incredible! High school wouldn't have been the same without you. Thanks for teaching me what it means to be a Christian. Friends, thanks for being fun and crazy. Dr. Gibson, thanks for caring and encouraging me strive for excellence. Westminster, thanks for an unforgettable experience. Class of 2010, best of wishes!



Bergman

John Carl



Thanks to everyone at Westminster for making high school fun. Dad, thanks for always being there for me and Mom, you have taught me so much about life, I love both of you. Haley and Anna, thanks for the support and remember to have lots of fun when I am gone. Thanks for all the support from my relatives. From room 113 to mega tent to team bonding, the memories have been great. Mike, thanks for being a good friend. Smallwood and Ryan, you guys are great. Dick, Jake, Zach, Alex, Brett, Cus, Lev, and Max, great times. To all the girls, thanks for fun memories. And finally, thanks to all the coaches who helped me throughout high school.

Your Friends & My Friends

February 4, 2004 marked the launching of the social networking site, Facebook. Since then the site grew in popularity by the millions.

High school students across America used Facebook to stay in touch with their friends, but they were not the only ones. As the site changed so did the people who use it. At first, parents who had a Facebook account used it for the soul purpose of checking up on their kids. Then parents and grandparents had Facebook so they could keep in touch with their friends, and not only their kids.

While the group of people who used Facebook became more diverse, the method for accessing the website changed as well. More and more people were able to use iphones and cell phones to log into Facebook.

"My mom asked me to make her a Facebook and at first I was very hesitant. I don't think I will ever accept her friend request."
-Rebecca Nixon, freshman



"My Mom has a Facebook and it is kinda weird because she can read all the drama that goes on if someone writes on my wall about it."
-Anna Eichelberger, eighth grade

"My Grandma has a Facebook. I don't write on her wall or anything because I don't think she knows how to write back."
-Megan Tilley, freshman





Amanda Marie

Bettlach



First I want to thank my parents for putting up with me for all these years. And to my baby sisters thanks for always being there for me and being the special crazies that you are. I know I'll miss you guys at school next year. Then to all of my friends I don't think I could live without you. You guys make my world a much more interesting place! Lastly to my puppy for always making me smile. It's time for me to say goodbye to Westminster.



Carolyn Marie

Bonacquisti



I cannot believe I'm finally graduating. I'm going to miss you so much. Shelby-I'm so glad that we became close friends this year. I could have never gotten through things without you. Andria-thank you so much for the laughs. You always know how to make me smile. Bee-never stop being sweet. Taylor-you are my best friend, you have changed my life. I hope that we always stay close. Kouba-you will always be my brother. Chapel Band-keep being amazing. Shell Bell-I love you so much and carry on the Bono name. Mom and Dad-thank you so much for giving me this opportunity. Goodbye everyone. I love you!



Alexandra Lorraine

Bond



Mom and Dad, Thank you. I love you, and despite what I say, I'll miss you. Sammy and Beaseknees, you're both great Godly examples. I love you. Taylor and Madison, it's been fun at school together, You're like brother and sister. Other Family- I love you. Claire, Kristin, Mads, Nicole, Alyssa: you've gotten me through senior year. Love you guys. C+D+A=LOVE, SB '08, love you two. Ana, Catherine, Julie- Lovers in Japan: Good times, Bad times, love them all and love you all. Caleb, you are my best friend. I love you always. Kenny: Come fly with me. Gibby, Mr. Holley, Mr. Hughes, Schwamby- Thanks for everything. Thanks anyone who made me who I am now. Praise Jesus, I'm done.



Samuel David

Bowman



Over all the years at Westminster my life has been touched by many people, teachers and peers alike. Thanks Mr. Hughes, Knerr, Gibson, you three always inspired me to do better. Mrs. Klemm and Scott, thank you for teaching me how to be a better actor, I can't wait to see how it holds up in college. To all my Summer Seminararians, when you're climbing atop a glacier, and lacking vitamins, don't forget to bump it. My Improv buddies, you guys rock, and I can't wait to see how all you non-seniors will do next year. Finally, my family, you guys shaped my life and are the best people I know, thank you.

WEIGHING IN...

Unlike in middle school, most high school students had to carry their backpacks throughout the day in order to arrive to class on time with all of their books. Whether it was a Jansport, North Face, or Vera Bradley bag, backpacks tended to weigh more than most students expected. "[Mine is] very heavy. When you walk it feels like you're being pulled back like you're going to trip," said Lauren Baum, junior. The students weighed in to see just how much they carried around.

21.6 lbs



27.2 lbs

Bria Baumgartner, freshman, leans to counter the weight of her backpack. "It gets really heavy because I put everything in my bag except for about one binder and one book. It gets really hard to carry because my back will start to hurt really bad too," said Baumgartner.



28.0 lbs



In the commons, Harold Ellis, sophomore, carries his 28 pound backpack. "I try not go to into the halls since they are crowded and hard to get around. So I carry all of my books around in it so that I don't have to go to my locker," said Ellis.



Della Woodward, freshman, lugs around her Under Armour backpack. "It breaks my back every time and bothers me so much. I hate my backpack because one of the zippers and the water bottle holder broke so I can't carry anything in it," said Woodward.



Adrienne Jeanelle
Boyd



It's crazy to think that six years ago I was starting at a brand new school. Even crazier is the friends I've made since. Rachael, my Bweege, you should learn how to control your burps. Sarah, take it easy on the carrots; you might end up like Orangie. Emily, you'll make a great wife and mother some day. Eggheads, it's been fun. Mom and Dad, thanks for parenting me. You did your job so well, or at least I think I turned out okay. Chris, thanks for introducing me to Harry Potter. Steph, sorry I poked you in the eyes. BeCa and David, I'll always be the Lord of Catan. Hayden, Taylor, Laurel, and Leah, I like you a lot.



Taylor John
Brandt



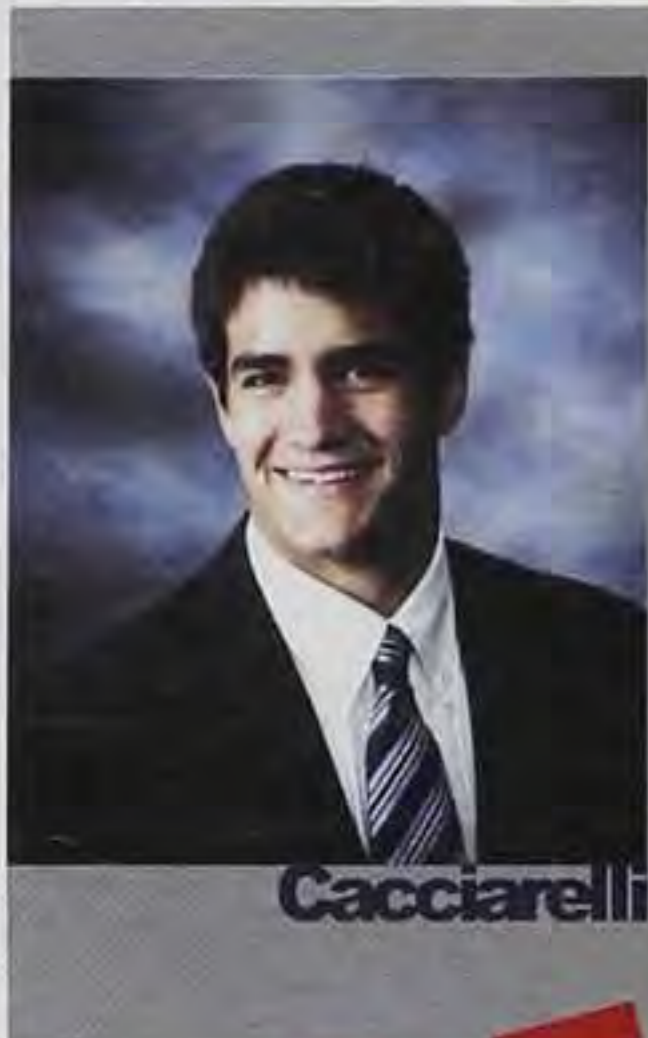
To my parents, if it wasn't for you, I probably wouldn't be the man I am today. I love you both very much and I am very thankful to have such loving parents. To my brother Travis, I am very blessed to have you as a brother. My life would've been boring without you around. I am going to miss you buddy. To everyone who has helped me, I am thankful for all you have done. To my Savior, You have truly blessed me in my life. Finally, to all my friends, I will miss you all very much. Don't EVER forget who your friends are. And above all, keep God #1 in your hearts. Viva la Class of 2010.



Madison Shari
Burke



God-You are amazing; Mom-you are such an inspiration and I appreciate all you have done for me; Dad-thanks for always supporting me no matter what; Landon and Carson- you are both so talented and I'm lucky to have such great brothers; Kristin- I don't think I could have survived high school without our friendship; Claire- whether it's about cheerleading, boys, or new clothes, you're always great to talk to; Brittany- the word "sister" pretty much describes it, we've had so much fun!; Corbin- I love my baby cousin so much! We have been through so much together and I'll always be here for you. WCA- remember that Westminister is a blessing and appreciate what you have been given.



Alexander Richard
Cacciarelli



Finally leaving makes me realize just how much I love Westminister. My mom and dad have helped me realize just how fortunate I am, and the gifts I have been given. Coach Snyder, you have probably been one of the best influences in my life. The time you've spent teaching me to be a leader and improving time as a person means so much. Brett, we have been best friends for six years. Thanks for the food. You're welcome for the rides. Mike, the greatest friend an Italian could ask for. Want some Fritos? To ZZ: HEEEEEEY BUDDY! Berg- We got through practice together. Kristin- you have changed my life. I have learned so much from you, thank you. Psalms 46:1

I Survived SWINE '09

Walking down the Westminister hallways, it was nearly impossible to not hear about the sickness of the season: Swine Flu. It first hit major US news in April, but did not affect anyone in WCA until very early October. "I got the Swine Flu and was really surprised. The doctor called me, and while my mother was freaking out, I was just like, oh cool, Swine Flu," said Elizabeth Hearne, freshman.

Just like in the rest of the country, Swine Flu became an epidemic for the students of WCA. Twenty seven percent of middle school students missed school in October from symptoms including fever, sore throat, body aches, upset stomachs, and coughing. However, Westminister was able to keep its doors open.

Because of the widespread illness, Catherine Sinclair, senior, came up with an idea. "One day I was talking to friends about Swine Flu, and we came up with the phrase 'Swine 09.' I decided that phrase would go great on a T-shirt! I just remember from my Swine Flu experience how I felt like a part of pop-culture, and thought it would be a tongue-in-cheek way to celebrate all those who dealt with the sickness," said Sinclair.

"I remember being in the Red Zone, rushed to the emergency room. It was scary at first, because I'd only heard of Swine Flu as an epidemic. However, I got better in about two weeks," said Christian Lindgren, eighth grade.

"I only had Swine Flu for one week, but at that point it was so new they didn't have any medicine for it. Let's just say, it wasn't fun," said Stephanie Strothkamp, seventh grade.

Mary Snapp, Joshua Ortiz, and Cobern Nye, freshmen, receive H1N1 shots in the trainers office. On December third, the school gave swine flu shots to all students who signed up. These students received the shot, complimentary food and drink, and a few minutes free from class.



Catherine Sinclair, senior designed and sold these t-shirts to recognize those who dealt with Swine '09.



Chae

Daniel Hyo-Joon



Lord, thank you for your superfluous, undying love. The countless blessings that you have bestowed upon me have left me utterly captivated and I am forever grateful. Nothing is possible without you. Mom and Dad, thank you for your love, support, and patience. Your sacrifices mean a lot. Deanne, finish strong and never forget the laughter. All the memories shared within the Academy will never leave. It only feels like yesterday that I first entered the halls and soon I hope to always strive for my Lord. As this journey ends, so another begins. College here I come!



Chard

Lacinta Maria



Westminster, it felt like forever, but it was over in a heart beat. I never dreamed the end would come, but I would like to thank those who got me through all those crazy days. To my family who has been there for me since the beginning, and to my friends, Kate, Christina, and Courtney, I do not know what I would have done without you. And to all, I would like to leave you with this advice, dream as if you'll live forever, and live as if you'll die tomorrow. Do not wish high school away, because it will end sooner than you think. Follow your heart remember Proverbs 3:5-6. I will love you always and forever.



Clark

Landon Isaiah



Props to Andrew, Sarah, Hannah, and Goldfarb for getting me through the hardships of Westminster. I would also like to thank coaches Jean Evans and John Powell for their time and work. I hope the volleyball program continues to be successful. Win state!



Clark

Sarah Celeste



Mom, I always can depend on you for great talks and unconditional love. Garbear, you have helped me succeed in places I never thought I could and pushed me to do what I love. You are the person in my life that has impacted me the most. I love you both. Morgan- Thanks for all the advice and being such a great role model Tim- annoying but I love you. Catie- Milwaukee, boxed things. Hillary- Naples, RockinJ, Chey- basement, codes. Mandar-panda, massagers. B-taped hair, summer09. Blair- always depend on you to make things awkward, pierced ears. Boys- never failed to make life interesting. Jake- Even though you ignored me on my birthday I still couldn't have asked for a better best friend. Thanks for always giving me a shoulder to lean on (no compassion needed).!

Taylor Cole, Elizabeth Hearne, and Grace Linton, freshmen, talk in the hallway after school. Cole loved to watch Dora, Spongebob, Little Bill, and Handy Manny. "I love those shows, because they are so colorful and fun to interact with," said Cole.



"They are always so clean and entertaining and fun to watch. You feel so **stupid** and so cool while you watch them."

-Kinsey Martin, sophomore.

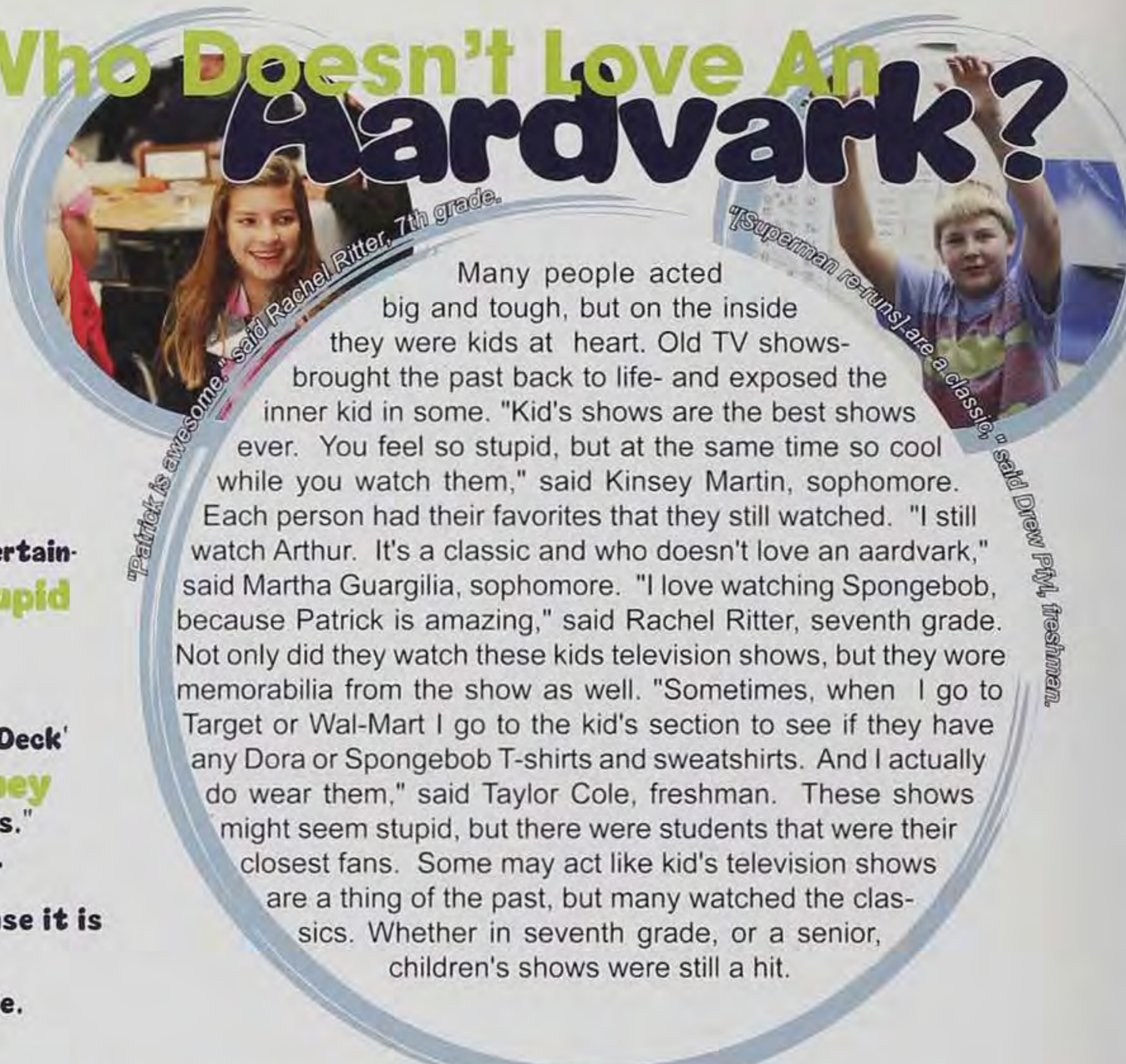
"I love to watch 'Suite Life on Deck' and 'Hannah Montana.' I like the **Disney** channel because they have good actors."

-Emily Broyles, seventh grade.

"I like 'Suite Life on Deck' because it is **hilarious** and fun to watch."

-Karagen Rogers, seventh grade.

Who Doesn't Love An Aardvark?



"Patrick is awesome," said Rachel Ritter, 7th grade.

"Superman re-runs are a classic," said Drew Pyl, freshman.

Many people acted big and tough, but on the inside they were kids at heart. Old TV shows brought the past back to life- and exposed the inner kid in some. "Kid's shows are the best shows ever. You feel so stupid, but at the same time so cool while you watch them," said Kinsey Martin, sophomore. Each person had their favorites that they still watched. "I still watch Arthur. It's a classic and who doesn't love an aardvark," said Martha Guargilia, sophomore. "I love watching Spongebob, because Patrick is amazing," said Rachel Ritter, seventh grade. Not only did they watch these kids television shows, but they wore memorabilia from the show as well. "Sometimes, when I go to Target or Wal-Mart I go to the kid's section to see if they have any Dora or Spongebob T-shirts and sweatshirts. And I actually do wear them," said Taylor Cole, freshman. These shows might seem stupid, but there were students that were their closest fans. Some may act like kid's television shows are a thing of the past, but many watched the classics. Whether in seventh grade, or a senior, children's shows were still a hit.



Ethan Douglas

Cobbel



God is good and I thank Him for all that He has given even though I don't deserve it. God has given me friends, family, and a school that complete my life. I'd be lost without you, Hud, Koebbe, Obi, Jack, J.D., Curtis, and the boys (you know who you are): I thank you for the fun, crazy times, laughs, and jokes that we shared. I'll never forget them. Mom, Dule, and Dad, you three have made the greatest tricycle for my life. Even though I don't understand your magnitude and value, I love you. God, you have given me a great senior year and WCA experience that has changed my life forever, I thank you. I hope this isn't the last time seeing all of you.



Richard Anthony

Copeland III



Mom, Dad, I can never repay the countless sacrifices you've made to get me where I am today. I love you. Tessa, you keep me smiling. Stay out of trouble. Coach Coleman, I can never forget your constant loyalty and support. You've helped me stay strong. Jordan, never in a million years has a greater lab partner ever lived. Amanda, for 6 years now, I have never been friendless. You've been there since day one. Koebbe, I may forget the language, but never the times we had in Spanish that brought us together. Ferrara, thanks for being my hype man. Gibson, you are a great example of the strong Christian man I strive to be. Proverbs 4:11-12



Alex John

Cusumano



The years at Westminster have been long and memorable. Through my basketball, golf, soccer, and fantasy football guys, it has been a great experience. Nothing is better than a run at a State Championship with my golf buds... and Burkey, of course. Poker Nights! My basketball guys, it is always a challenge. Leave it all on the court. Coach Bain, it has been a pleasure playing for you, even through the rough times. Hillary, you could not be a better girlfriend to me. Mom and Dad, I am blessed and honored to be your son. Brooke, you will have twice as many Varsity letters as me. Dom, you're the coolest, smartest, and most athletic 11 year-old I know.



Jacob August

Dahl



Mom and Dad, thanks for always pushing me to get better at everything that I do and for all the amazing ski trips. Emma, my lovely sister, thanks for keeping life interesting with your amazing talents. Every time you extend the length of your arms my life gets just a little better. J Cubed, it's been awesome. Jason, just quit trying to beat Joe up. It's NEVER going to happen. Amanda, I've never had more fun complaining. Katherine, Karen, Sarah, Claire, I couldn't have asked for a better group of friends. I mean we built a tree house! Thanks for an extra senior year! Lunch table guys, every day was an experience. Thanks for always being there.



Jared Patrick

Dare



I would just like to take this opportunity to thank my parents, my friends, my teachers, and mostly God, for making my time at Westminster a good experience and a fun time in my life.



Christian Nicole

Davis



Thanks God for blessing me with a great senior year and a fulfilling life. Thanks Momma for being my Everything. At my lowest point I know I have You. Thanks Daddy for exposing me to my passion to act and my fashion sense. You do your best to provide for me and I appreciate it. Thanks to my entire family for supporting me in everything I do. T.D. girls: We've had some crazy times and I love you. Lunch crew: We made it! You all made a huge impact on my life that I'll never forget. Cheerleaders/Kellie: I loved being your captain and you're all so talented. Cheers to ground-up libs and toe touches! Everyone: I'm eternally grateful. Philippians 4:13



Laurel Page

Dicus



Lord, thank you for calling me your own and granting me grace. Dad, thanks for your continual love, even when it's unappreciated. Mom, words aren't enough. Thanks for sacrificing so much. You'll always be my best friend. Hayden, your selflessness is inspiring. I'm looking forward to the white picket fences. Katie, you're amazing. Thanks for taking care of me halfway across the world, and at home. Leah, I'm so fortunate we experienced life together. Leisha, from BD to BP, I'm truly glad we were in it together. Kathleen thanks for being a great friend since 5th grade. Lunch table: You are all beautiful; thanks for the laughs. Jenna and Gibson, thanks for pouring your wisdom onto me. 2nd Corinthians 12:9.



Sarah Elizabeth Dieckgraefe

Dieckgraefe



Wow high school has been great. I wouldn't have gotten to where I am now without my family's support and guidance. Thank you so much Mom, Dad, Kate and Anna. Andrew, you might as well be included with my family. John, aliens DO exist. Landon, you're tall... Hannah, you owe me money for all the food you ate. Goldfarb, all your political talks where I completely tuned you out were very memorable. Nicole, we need a game-plan ready before we hang out. Alyssa, anenana and gator rides, enough said. Baylee, valentine, you got me through so much, caffeinated mints were a bad idea. Thanks for being my second family, Everetts. I appreciate all for your prayers and love, thank you.



Lauren Michelle Dile

Dile



Mom, Dad, you two have to be the single best parents in the world. You've taught me so much these past 18 years that I will carry with me always. Thank you for teaching me about God's love that persists even in the midst of my seemingly perpetual sin. Your endless encouragement for my art has shaped my future in bigger ways than I had ever imagined. Kristen, thank you for teaching me to love more like you do. Shannon, you are the best other-half-of-my-brain I could ever ask for. And my infinitely awesome friends: I love and appreciate you more than I could ever express in an appropriate manner. You have made these challenging years the best of my life and I thank God for you all.



Christina Bernhard Dohr

Dohr



This is way too small of a space to say all I feel in my heart. My Savior- I Stand with arms high and heart abandoned... Dad- thanks for showing me the value of hard work and the power of laughter. Mom- can't thank you enough for always being there and showing me what true faith looks like. I wouldn't be who I am today without either of you. Jack (lo mein!)- Thanks for all the memories and laughs; you will always be my best friend. Sarah- your friendship has meant the world to me. Sisterhood- a chord of FOUR strands is not easily broken. DASH- keep it real, girls. PC girls- you're all beautiful! Vball and soccer ladies- you will be missed. Teachers- thanks for your genuine care. To everyone unmentioned- I am so thankful for your influence on my life. Thanks for six great years, Westminster! My time here will never be forgotten. To Christ be the glory! Bump it!



Zachary William

Dorton



First, I want to thank everyone who supported and believed in me. Mom, Dad- thank you for all that you have done. Mike (Fenton) you have been my boy since day 1, and I'm very grateful for you. Sleepovers, T-Bell, quoting movies, Pep, Dave, too many memories to list. Thanks! Brett (Sir), the rumors? Catch, JB, thanks for being my go-to-guys and great friends. Bain great talks; you have really defined me as a person. Shay, I am very fortunate to have gotten to know you. Thanks for keeping me in line. Football guys it has been a really fun year. Keep beating MICDS!! And continue the winning tradition. WCA, thanks for everything.



Jacob Joseph

Dwyer



Mom and dad, thank you so much for everything you have done for me. You have helped me in countless ways and you have always been there for me. I can't tell you how much I appreciate everything you've done. Also, to everyone else in my life that has helped me get where I am now, thank you for all of your support.

While YOU WERE GONE...

"So I was making macaroni and cheese when I was babysitting some family friends, and I set the baby on the floor with some toys so I could make dinner. I finished making the dinner and I smelled something really gross. I looked to see if the dog had an accident. Then I picked up the baby and the dog had pooped all over his face. He was sitting there eating dog poop. I cleaned him off and everything ended up being okay. I was really nervous and worried that the parents would be really mad, but they weren't."

~ Martha Gaurgilia, sophomore

"I was babysitting my neighbors that have this little boy and I was watching him for the whole night. The parents left and we played for a little bit and then I put him to bed and locked his door because that's what the parents told me to do. Then I went down stairs and a couple minutes later I hear all this pounding, knocking, and banging. So I go upstairs and unlock his door... and he's standing there without anything on. He had pooped all over his floor and hid his clothes and diapers. I wanted to laugh and cry at the same time. I was so mad! I asked him where the diapers were but he pretended he didn't know. It took me an hour to clean it up and find his diaper. That was the worst babysitting job ever!"

~ Margaret Mauze, sophomore

"I was babysitting my neighbors' kids, and we were outside playing a scooter racing game. The girl named Lucy lost at the game and got really mad and ran into the backyard. I went back there and couldn't find her anywhere. There were two other kids so I had to put them in a stroller and started looking for her. It was 10 minutes of freaking out! Then the neighbors called and said that Lucy was in their backyard. I went over there and got her. It was pretty frustrating."

~ Laura Hammann, sophomore





Lucy Margaret

Egan



Mom and Papa, I cannot describe what your love, laughs, and encouragement have meant to me. Thank you so much for everything that you have given me... I love you! Will, you are sweet, hilarious, and quirky. Dawson, you are thoughtful, affectionate, and fun-loving. Ward, you have played an important role in shaping me into who I am today, and I consider you to be one of my best friends. To my friends, thank you for loving me, encouraging me, making me laugh, supporting me, and impacting me. I love you all more than you can know. "I will extol the Lord at all times, his praise will always be on my lips"—Psalm 34:1.



Thomas Hayward

Egan



Mom, Papa, thank you for the support and love you have given me all these years. I love you guys SO much. I can't explain how thankful I am for you sending me to WCA. Will, Sam, Turner, I couldn't have asked for better friends. I've had loads of fun the past couple years and I don't want to leave you guys! I'm going to miss you guys so much at college! Jamie, thank you so much for being a part of my life. You're an awesome girlfriend and an even better friend. T-Port, I love you! It's been awesome being a captain with you this year. And to the lunch table, you guys are amazing! You've been great friends.



Bianca Simone

Elliott



First, I want to thank God for the end of this journey and the beginning of a new chapter. Mom and Ron, thank you so much for loving me and showing me the path for the past eighteen years. Mama and Papa thank you for being there and loving me and being incredible role models. To my family thank you for being my village. To my learning center friends thanks & love you. Gibson, thank you! J. George, Katie, Kathleen, Mari, Kris, and Kristen what can I say thanks for all the fun lunch dates. Coach! thank you for all of the support through the years. It was a long, hard road thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I love you all!



Madalyn Nicole

Elliott



To my family: even though I do not always show it, I love you guys a lot. Mom and Dad you are both amazing. No matter what the circumstance, you always love and support me. You have taught me so much about living. I am well prepared to enter the next chapters of my life as I go to college. I am expecting you both to come and visit me. Melissa you are the world's best sister. Thanks for always being there for me. To my friends, you guys are awesome...don't change. Rebecca, you have made lunchtime fun. Amibeth, Katherine, Haley, and Abby, you are all the best. Swimming would not have been the same without you.

Accidents - and tickets - happen.



"16 days after my 16th birthday I got a speeding ticket for going 16 over."

-Daniel Moore, junior

"I was on my way to the Variety Show after dropping my brother off and a woman was going way too fast behind me. She ended up crashing into the back of my bumper and I had to pay to get it fixed."

-Blair Rallo, senior



"It was about 1:30 in the morning, and I was trying to get home on time [1:00], so I was going 80 in a 60. The police pulled me over, but only gave me a ticket for going 70."

-Andrew Waeckerle, junior

Accidents & Tickets



Andrew John
Everett



It has been challenging, but I finally made it. Thanks to everyone who helped me along the way. Mom and Dad, I know I haven't been the easiest kid to handle, but you did a great job. Thanks for pushing me to be the best that I could. Dan and Dave, I'm very proud of everything you guys have accomplished. Keep on giving it your all. John, you're a better friend than you could ever imagine. Landon, Kevin and Sarah, you have all helped me enjoy my time here at WCA. To anyone who is struggling, remember that God is faithful.



Michael Scott Allen
Evetts



Thank you family for supporting me and always encouraging me. Thank you friends for always being there for me. I've learned a lot from WCA and will always reflect on what they teach and practice. Special thanks to: Emilee, who is always so nice to me even when I'm grumpy in the morning going to school. Master Padawan, you always cheer me up. And to everyone else who has been a friend to me. I've had some ups and downs, but overall my past six years have been nice. Good luck future WCA students!



Michael Anthony Ferrara



Pops- my best man. Thanks for being there. Mom- thanks for putting up with my eccentricities. Love you. Rach-I love you even when I don't act like it. John-you're like a brother to me. I know you love my music. ZZ-I enjoy our talks. I'll finally admit that your car is cool. Bret-the charts... Thanks for putting up with my Asian jokes. Cacciarellie-get your own Frito's, Koebee-Litchfield, skinny jeans, and freak outs. Ob-I love your stories. Goeyman-IT'S ALIVE!!! Dick-our future is educational raps. Richard-remember me at the top. Rybear-the baseball team is yours. Parker- Love you bro. Coose-let me be your caddy. Girls-it's been fun. In John Mayer's words, it's time to "put the car in drive and leave it all behind." One love.



Kyle Matthew Finn



I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all those who made my life special these past years. To Mom and Dad- You guys are the greatest. You've kept me going when I was ready to give up and I love you both very much. Abby and Ethan- You two mean the world to me. I will always treasure the wonderful times we've shared together. Mia- You're Scary. Tay- No, you still can't have a new sword. Zach- Thanks for making me the second most outrageously dressed guy in the group. Drew- May the Beard forever remain Bronze. Freshman Buddy- Keep it cool. Kate- You're still scary. And to all my other friends, it's been wonderful. So long, everyone!

HOME SWEET HOME

On October 19, two Guatemalan students, Nicole Jacobs and Diego Rodreguez, traversed the halls of Westminster for the first time and joined the ranks of the other 15 international students who call the Academy home. When asked why she wanted to come to America for two months, Jacobs said, "I wanted to have a new cultural experience." Rodreguez, who stayed with the Younkin family for the duration of his time in St. Louis, said, "I like learning about new cultures, and improving my English, and making new friends."



Sang-a Park, junior, studies in the library after school. This was his fourth year at Westminster. He was originally from Seoul, South Korea, and attended the Guva-Cheon school before coming to America. "The Korean school is harder and the first and third week of every month we have school on Saturdays," said Park.



Yi-re Kim, senior, has been at Westminster since her seventh grade year. She lives with the Johnston family. "This is my fifth year living with them, I see them as my family. I did not speak English, but I started to become fluent three years later," said Kim. Before coming to Westminster, she attended the Gumi school in Korea for elementary and middle school.



Inyoung Jang, also known as Martha, has been attending Westminster for two years now. She lives with the Haas family. "I went to school in Philadelphia for six months before I came to school here," Jang said.



During small groups Sin-ae Kim grabs a snack made by her small group leader. Before coming to Westminster, Kim lived in Gwangju, South Korea. She has only been to America two times; her first was in Virginia where she found out about Westminster.



Katherine Marguerite
Fleissner



To my family, thanks for the monopoly, movie and Chinese food nights. I love you! Greg, you are an excellent brother; growing up with you has been awesome. To Bella, my puppy, I don't why I love you so much, but I do. Christina, I can't wait to start a radio jingle business with you. Kate, thanks for all the cereal and for introducing me to MyScene. Heidi, can I come visit you in your New York penthouse someday? To Coach Kehr and the swim team, thanks for making swimming one of my favorite high school experiences. Finally, thank you to all of my teachers and friends who have greatly shaped my life during my time at Westminster.



Sarah Jane
Fleming



Dear high school, I'm glad we have met. Through the thick and thin of our four year relationship, you have taught me who I am. But I needed much guidance along the way. My parents supported me in every way. Laura was always there when life took a toll for the worse; Amy, a brilliant inspiration. You might have put me to death if it weren't for BeCa and David who helped me in ways indescribable. Rachael, understood me even when I didn't speak logically; beep beep. Adrienne, always made my gloomy days better. Emily, the wise one, kept me under control. Taylor, Hayden, Leah and Laurel made life worth living. But the time has come. Goodbye high school.



Hillary Lauren
Franz



Mom-thanks for always pushing to reach my goals. Cozy couch Dad- thanks for helping and encouraging me to become a better golfer. Baby jokes. Billy- couldn't ask for a better brother. Spanking spoon forever. Catie- Gun club, 27, Chesterfield 2020. You'll always be my best friend. Alex- We've been through a lot you are an amazing boyfriend. Madison, elbow rests, pairs, and Nicole, endless adventures. Amanda- We stole the show at all middle school parties. Enough said. Bethany- poopoo pants for life. Blair- Bean. Sarah- Naples and I hit your car with Catie's car and never told you. Sowwy. Brooke- I leave my room to you. Margaret- Get some. Susan and John Horseman- You're my second family. Digger. Coco.



Kristopher James
Freeman



To my family, I first want to say that I love you and would not trade you for the world. Thank you for everything you have done for me, you stuck with me through thick and thin. To my friends... I have had so much fun the past four years; you are probably the best friends anyone could possibly have. Missy, we have been through so much together and I could not imagine high school without you and I know we will be friends forever. Oh, everyone else in my life... thank you, you made me who I am today and will continue to shape me throughout my life.

SCHOOL SLANG

A loud, popping-like sound, called a "cot," filled the hallways in the morning. Someone tripped, and a "job" quickly followed the clumsy action. These hallmarks of the this school year were repeatedly heard throughout any normal day at WCA.

Use of the word "job" began when Spencer Seabaugh, junior, sarcastically commented on one of his friend's ideas. The word caught fire and was used school-wide from that point on.

Likewise, the "cot" was started by a group of juniors who spent their mornings talking to one another and "cotting." A "cot" is executed by cupping a hand and quickly swinging it against a person's body. Both the "cot" and the "job" have since become integrated into the school's popular slang words.

Jonathan Hartwig, senior, looks out the window of the business office as he cots his belly. "At first, it wasn't so bad, but then everybody did it and it became really annoying" said Ryan Allee, junior.

Alec Mitchell, junior, cots on Bennett Bell, junior. "It's pretty normal to hear it around home. I'm pretty used to it" said Bryce Bell, freshman, when he talked about his brother's cotting.

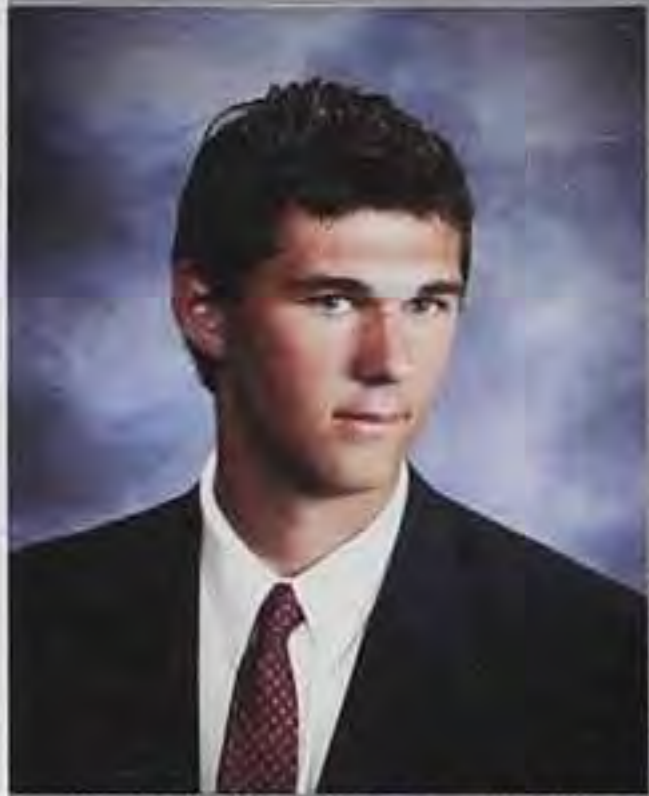


JOB

Definition: "It's a short, sarcastic comment for 'good job'. Trust me, it's not good when you get jobbed." -Alec Mitchell, junior.

Definition: "The most enjoyable noise in the world." -Bennett Bell, junior.

COT



Austin Thomas

Gantner



Mom and Dad thanks for putting me through WCA. Fellow seniors, have a great time at college and I hope to see you all again. To my friends-thanks for the good times I hope we can all keep in touch. David-thanks for always being there for me. Chess club-good times, good games, good tournaments nuf said. Sam and Menzel it's not the same without you guys. Latin, AV, and Math clubs-I am glad to have been in the club with you guys. Summer Seminar-amazing trip-GET TO THE CHOPPA!!!



Jessica Grace

George



Lord, you are forever faithful. Thanks for all the many blessings. Mom and dad, I don't know where I would be without you. You are the best, and your guidance has helped me tremendously. I love you both so much. Andrew aka "KUME"... I'm so blessed to have you as my brother; I love you with all my heart. Keep working hard; you have a bright future ahead. J Leib aka "Bebe Sniz," you have been the best friend I could have. Never forget all the funny memories we have; I love you. Kath and Simone, thanks for always being there for me and for the great times. Kayles, you are so special to me and I'll miss you. Psalm 62:1-2.



Kristen Marie

George



Ma and Daddy, thank you so much for everything: your unconditional love, care and support. You have taught me love, faith, life, and happiness. For that I am forever grateful. Kelley, you have taught me persistence and diligence. I don't know anyone who works as hard as you. You have an amazing story to tell, and I wish that one day others will be inspired by your determination. Missy, Rhoda, Brianna, Kris, Sarah, Christian, Jessica, Nick, Grace, Andrew...to all my people, when I look back on high school, you are what I will remember - endless laughing, good times and wonderful memories. Wherever your future endeavors may lead you, always remember to have faith in yourself and most importantly always have faith in God.



Drew Michael

Glidewell



God, you are my King, and I am awed by Your Majesty. Mom, thank you for your love. Dad, thanks for showing me what it means to be a man after God's own heart. Jeff, I look up to you more than you know. Marcy thanks for being there for me. You have been the best twin a twin could ask for (though it's not like you had a choice). Dr. Seffrit thanks for being a great mentor and advisor to me. Friends: thanks for all the fun memories; you have shaped me to who I am today. Remember: Slow down and notice the small things in life. Life works better that way.



Kevin Michael

Goldfarb



Parents, thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given me throughout high school. Nick, thanks for being the best friend any guy could ask for, and always being there when I need you. Andrew, I really appreciate you accepting me when I first came to Westminster and for becoming such a good friend. Catherine, thanks for all the lessons learned, running musical, and everything after. To the lunch table, thank you guys so much for being an awesome group of people that have really made Westminster enjoyable. Mr. Kim, thank you for all that you have taught me about A/V. "Life is one grand, sweet song, so start the music." - Ronald Reagan.

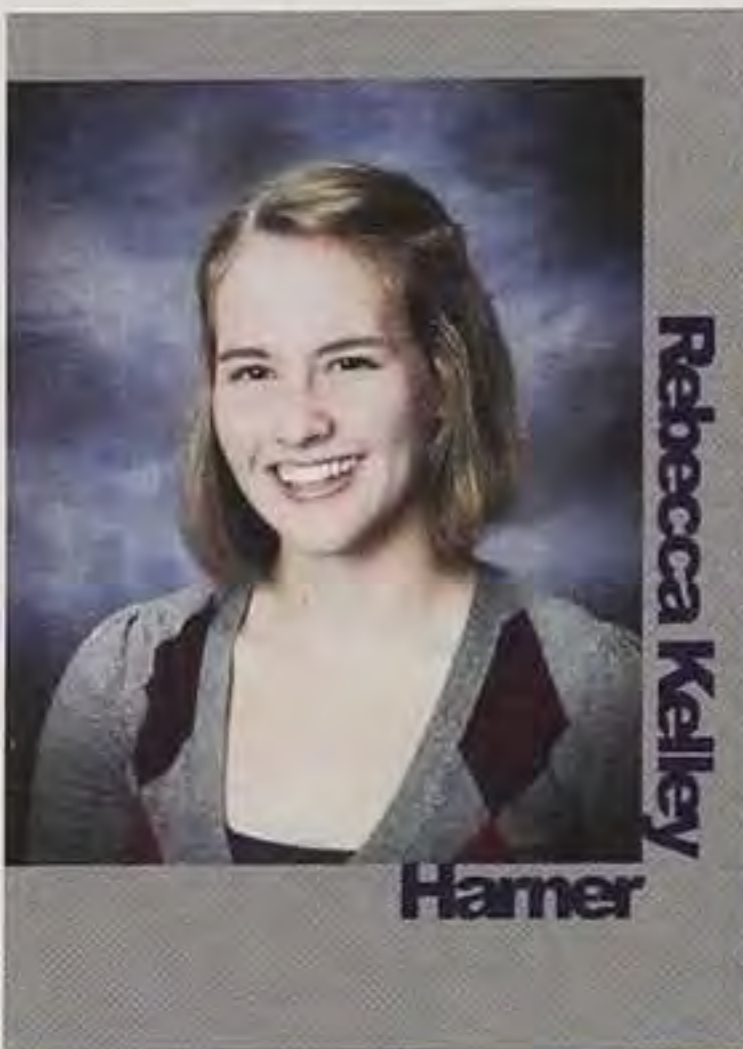


Jacob Olander

Grimes



Mom and Dad, thank you for supporting and loving me through every up and down we've had to go through. You've made me who I am today and have helped me be a better person for the future. Sarah, thanks for always being a big sister I could look up to and talk to no matter what. Joe, I'm going to miss you more than you know big guy. Sarah, you're my biffle for life. I'll always be there for you when you need to rant-which is a lot. To the Square, I'll never forget our code. Connor and Hud, the three-headed beast will never die. Mike, since 7th grade you've been a great main bro. 2010, we were legit. Jeremiah 3.



Rebecca Kelley
Hamer



Thank you God for blessing me in so many ways, even when I don't notice them. Mom and Dad-you've supported me a lot these past six years; thanks for not killing me when I procrastinated on every single thing. Suz- thanks for still associating with me even though I weird you out. Amibeth- you are super amazing, and now I'll show you my bug bite. Dille- thanks for putting up with my random attacks in the hallways. Jennifer- where have you been all my life? You make all my days brighter. Mia and Ramya- I will miss running with you guys so, so much. And all you other cross country/track folk: you're pretty cool too. Isaiah 40:31. El Fin.



Jonathan David
Hartwig



First, I'd like to thank my family. Your unconditional love has helped me in life more than you know. You have given me a sense of what it means to be a true Christian. Football team, we has a great year and I can't imagine sharing the field with better men. Smallwood, keep team bonding nights going, it turned the team into brothers. Baseball team: Florida. To my friends: the great memories I have from high school I have because of the time we spent together, I wouldn't trade them for anything. Gibson, your genuine care and dislike for mediocrity has made me a better writer and a better person, thank you.



Katelyn Beth
Haverstick



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Zachary David
Hanson



Nathan Cox, junior and Erin Cox, sophomore, talk about their days. They are often told they don't look like siblings. "Most of the time they don't believe us when we tell them [we are siblings]," said Nathan.



Haley Kane, senior, and Maggee Kane, junior, chat in the library. Most people don't know they are siblings at all. "They always ask us if we are friends [rather than siblings]," said Haley.

Along with unrelated relatives comes related opposites, those siblings that look absolutely nothing alike. There are those siblings in Westminster who most student's would not know are related at all except upon seeing their common last name.



Katherine Elizabeth Haxel



Mom and Dad, thanks for always knowing what's best for me and loving me unconditionally. I love you. Ryan, best "little" brother I could ask for...keep living as an example. Tim, you inspire me daily to speak and act in love. You are my best friend, and a true gift from God. Leisha, my sister. We've been with each other through it all. McAllister's and summer days. All of my memories with you are precious ones. Laurel, I can't thank you enough for the friendship you've blessed me with. Gros Bisoux. Madison and Jordan- SB09, concerts, never ending laughs. You two are beautiful inside and out. Thanks to my God, who I am nothing without. Psalm 89:1



Samuel Joseph Heyl



Thank you Lord for four great years at Westminster. You have been so good to me. So much thanks can go out to everyone. Coach Bain, thank you for teaching me to be the "best dad in the future". Coach Pederson, thank you for teaching me how to make better use of my time with my work. Schwamb and Jones, thank you for helping me to become a better musician. To all my friends who cannot all be mentioned right now, thank you for everything...encouragement, laughs, talks, and inspirations. You all have great gifts from God. Use them well in the future. And last to my family: Mom, Dad, Emily, Mary, Christopher; what a blessing you call have been!

separated@birth

In the minutes preceding a challenging test or in the midst of running the mile in P.E., some students wished that they had an identical twin who could complete the work on their behalf. Although Westminster's store of identical twins was limited, some students found that they bore a shocking resemblance to a fellow, non-related student. Sometimes the similarities lay in hair and eye color, while at other times, even facial features were strikingly similar. Students found that these likenesses confused fellow students and teachers alike.



Julia Weins, junior, and Chloe Carnahan, sophomore, walk down the sophomore hallway during seventh hour. Weins and Carnahan played select soccer together, and their moms and the referees have mixed them up during games.



David Pruitt and Baxter Estes, seventh graders, converse at their lockers. The pair were often told they looked alike by fellow students. "A lot of people come up to me and say, "you look like David [Pruitt]," said Estes.



Olivia Girgis and Stéphano Chavez, juniors, talk in the hallway. "Teachers keep asking me if I have a brother," laughed Girgis. "They think we look just alike, but I don't see it at all."



Nicole Prentice

Hoban



Mom and Dad, thank you for always supporting me and being there for me. I love you. Alex, I am so happy that we have become good friends. You mean more to me than you know. To my friends, I love you all! I could not have gotten through these past four years without you. Claire, we have had so many fun times together, and I can't wait for the many more that will come. Alex and Alyssa, thanks for always being there and making me laugh. You are amazing! To all my other friends, thanks for always giving me the time of my life. Lastly, I want to thank God for all he has done for me and all the wonderful opportunities he has given me. Bump it.



Susan Marie Horak

Horak



Thanks to my friends, family, and awesome little sister. So long, WCA, and thanks for all the fish.



Catherine Margaret Horseman

Horseman



Dad – your wisdom has helped me get through everything, I'll always be your Nitschke. Mom – I love you, your selflessness and unconditional love amazes me. Brothers and sister – thanks for so many laughs and tears. Amanda – fraternal legal sisters for life, Disturbia, life wouldn't be complete without your friendship. Hills – gun club, why so far from shore, Chesterfield 2020, BFF. Bethany – my tutie forever, PP Thigh. Sarah – best times ever on Kingspointe Lake Lane. Blair – Poop Deck, summer 08. Madison – Chicago '99. Chey – crying at Hacienda. Richard – you're my best friend, can't wait to complete the list. MaryJo – Chicken McSister, thank you for helping me grow as a dancer and as a person. Matt Darr – 5 times 6 is 78. Jeremiah 29:11.



Nicholas David Howard

Howard



Mom and Dad, thank you for your unfailing support. I appreciate all you give to me; you are truly remarkable parents. Amelia, you're the greatest friend I have ever had and I can't thank you enough for your incredible friendship. To Abi, Dani, and Lacey, my best friends: I cherish all the countless, unforgettable memories with you guys. You all mean the world to me, and I know we'll stay friends forever. Blair, Jess, Avery, Hacienda, and everyone I left out: I couldn't ask for better friends. You're all so special, and I'm beyond grateful for the friendship you've given me. Thank you. Give me that Becky! Love, Cougz

ONE FOR ONE

Every day, Birkenstocks, flats, Uggs, flip-flops, and tennis shoes flooded the Westminster halls. At the onset of the 2009-2010 school year, however, a new type of shoe joined their ranks: TOMS. TOMS were slip-on shoes known for their comfort and style, and students quickly fell in love with them and adopted them into their everyday footwear. Part of the success of TOMS stemmed from the great variety available to buyers.

The slip-on style was available in a rainbow of solid colors, and it was also common to see students sporting TOMS with patterns. In addition, TOMS also made boots, which some students chose in lieu of the simpler shoe. However, the style and comfort of TOMS was not the only motivating factor for many students, who also appreciated the fact that for every pair of shoes bought, a pair would be sent to a child in need.



William Egan, freshman, sits on the steps in front of the business office. Egan learned of the TOMS movement from his cousin. "He always dressed kinda weird, but one day I saw him wearing TOMS, and I liked them." Egan compared wearing TOMS to stepping on buttered lobster tails. "They're great shoes," said Egan, "but a big part of the reason I got them was to help out anyway I could."



Katherine Hickman, junior, relaxes in the commons while wearing her TOMS. She first heard about the organization when her older brother bought a pair. Hickman received them for her birthday in October. "I love them," said Hickman, "I could wear them everyday. It's a cool thing to be a part of because it's something you don't hear about often. How they just want to help these kids and show them love by giving them shoes."

THEIR MISSION

"TOMS Shoes was founded on a simple premise: With every pair you purchase, TOMS will give a pair of new shoes to a child in need. One for One. Using the purchasing power of individuals to benefit the greater good is what we're all about."



Matthew Thomas

Hudnut



First and foremost, I have to thank God for blessing me with amazing parents and friends. Mom and Dad, thank you for always being there when I needed you the most. Deuce, June, Gooley, and Meathead – thank you for always being there and creating unforgettable memories. I don't know where I would have been without you guys. Look forward to many more memories in the future. Señor – thank you for giving me the opportunities to succeed. Mr. Mohler – thank you for being an outstanding teacher, mentor, and friend. To all those unmentioned, I say thank you for shaping my life in ways that you couldn't even imagine. Much love.



Forrest Boecker

Hughes



Savior, you can move the mountains, and I give it all to you. Mom and Dad, I couldn't have done it without you. Your love and care is so abundant, it overwhelms me. Baby brother, I'd ride with you into the mists of Avalon, and Janie, you will always be the best Mario Kart player in the world. Thank you, Dr. Gibson, for all the encouragement. Thomas, Johnny, Jimmy, Blake, Maggie and a thousand more thanks for enjoying life with me every second. Shay, you've been the most amazing friend since 7th grade. To the Improv team, you guys make me laugh every day. Zach Meyer, I would be nowhere without you and Yours Truly. This world's an ugly place, but you guys have made it beautiful for me.

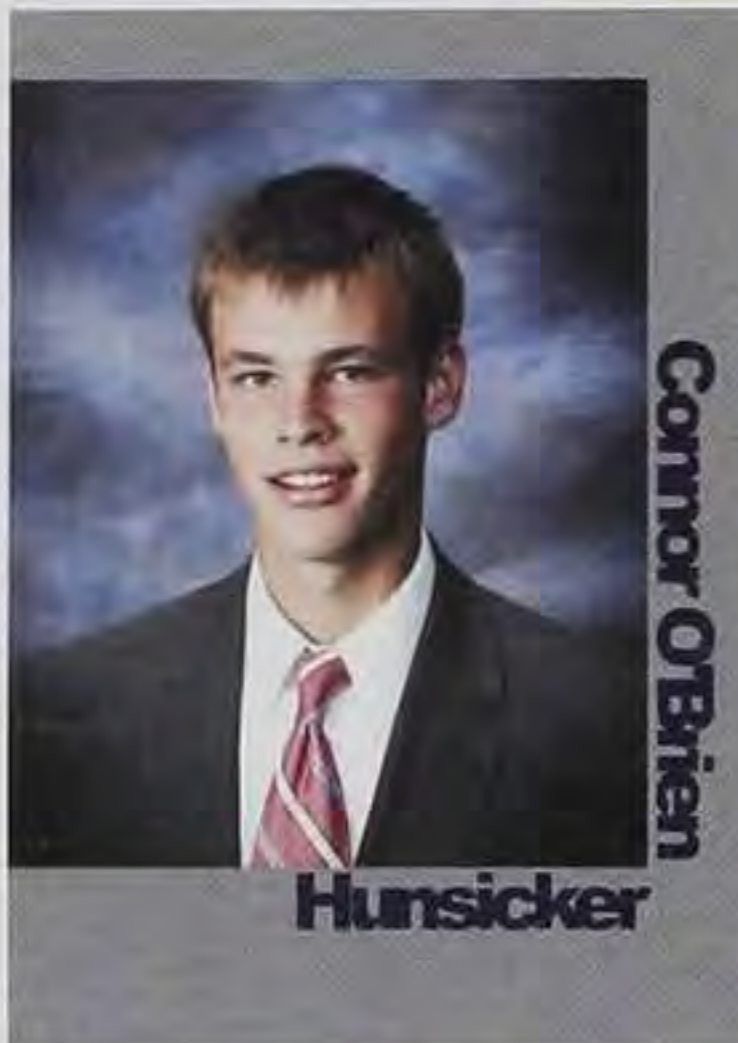


Sarah Elizabeth

Hughes



Father, thanks for Your incredible grace and undeserved blessings. May my life point to You. Mom, thanks for encouraging me to get the most out of every day. Dad, thanks for modeling consistent devotion to Christ. Tay, thanks for swing dancing with me and helping me practice patience. Zach, thanks for always entertaining me, baby bro. Nina, I'm so thankful for your ever-present encouragement and accountability. DASH, you are beautiful, talented women of God, and I can't wait to see what He does in your life. Volleyball girls, I've loved playing "for Him" with you. Teachers, you've made WCA an extraordinary experience. You've impacted my life in countless ways. PC girls, Psalm 37:4. I love you all. Philippians 1:3-6. Bump it!



Connor O'Brien

Hunsicker



Most importantly, I would like to thank God for everything He has given me and for all the opportunities He has provided me. Mom, Bruce, and Dad: I appreciate you being patient and putting up with me all these years and creating my initial relationship with Christ. Thanks to Señor and Smith, for helping me grow, both on and off the field. Shout out to the Three-Headed Monster: Studnut, you've been a loyal trust-worthy friend who I'll always be grateful for. Goody, the memories are endless, you're a great wingman and hilarious. June Bug and Meat Head: Its been real, I wish we could've hung out more in high school, but it's been a great senior year. Much Love.

SHARING THE SPOTLIGHT

When celebrities such as Eminem, John Cusack, Sean Connery, or Miley Cyrus are spotted, people pause, gawk, scream, faint, and take pictures. Although stars of such caliber were not an everyday occurrence at Westminster, some students realized that they resembled celebrities. Whether or not these look-alikes recognized the similarities, they made other students do a double-take.



In seventh grade, many people used to mistake Peter Williams, junior, as Harry Potter. Daniel Radcliffe, William's celebrity twin, resembled him the most when he wore glasses in seventh grade.



Matthew Kimberling, eighth grade, resembles the cute, outgoing character from Up, Russel. Even though his celebrity twin is not a real life character, he resembles him in various ways such as his haircut, ears, and smile.



Rebecca Weiss, sophomore, looks a lot like her celebrity twin, Ellen Paige, who is known mostly as the actress from Juno. "I really looked like her in eighth grade when I pulled my hair back like her," Weiss said.



Julia Davis, freshman, looks similar to her celebrity twin, Audrina Patridge. Patridge is a star on TV show "The Hills." "All of my friends think that I look like her, but I don't see it," Davis said.



Kathleen Danielle

Hunt



Mom and Dad, thank you for your love and guidance over the past eighteen years. Casey, Meg, and Mol, you are the best big brother and sisters I could ask for. I love you all! Jamie, I think all that can be said is...JO BROS!! I love you! Jerr and Jo, I love you both so much! High school would not have been the same without you! David, thank you for everything you have done for me over the past few years. You are the best! Love you! Lunch table, thanks for all the laughs! Coach, I never thank you enough for the support you have given me, without you I would not be where I am today.



Heidi Ann

Hunter



Mom and Dad, thanks for giving me so many opportunities through school, travel, and new experiences. You have been amazing examples in your faith and in the way you treat everyone around you. I love you! My dear friends, thanks for making me laugh, giving great hugs, and listening. Volleyball girls, I love you and remember, it's all in the plyos! Heather and Coach Hall, I have learned so much under your leadership. I am so thankful for all of the time you've invested in me and for what I've learned from you. Von, thanks for teaching me so much about leadership. I truly value and respect your advice and insight. Westminster, thanks for challenging me intellectually and spiritually. God, thanks for the amazing opportunities you've given to me in my life and my years at Westminster. "Change is inevitable, but growth is intentional" (Glenda Cloud).



Taylor Christine

Jewell

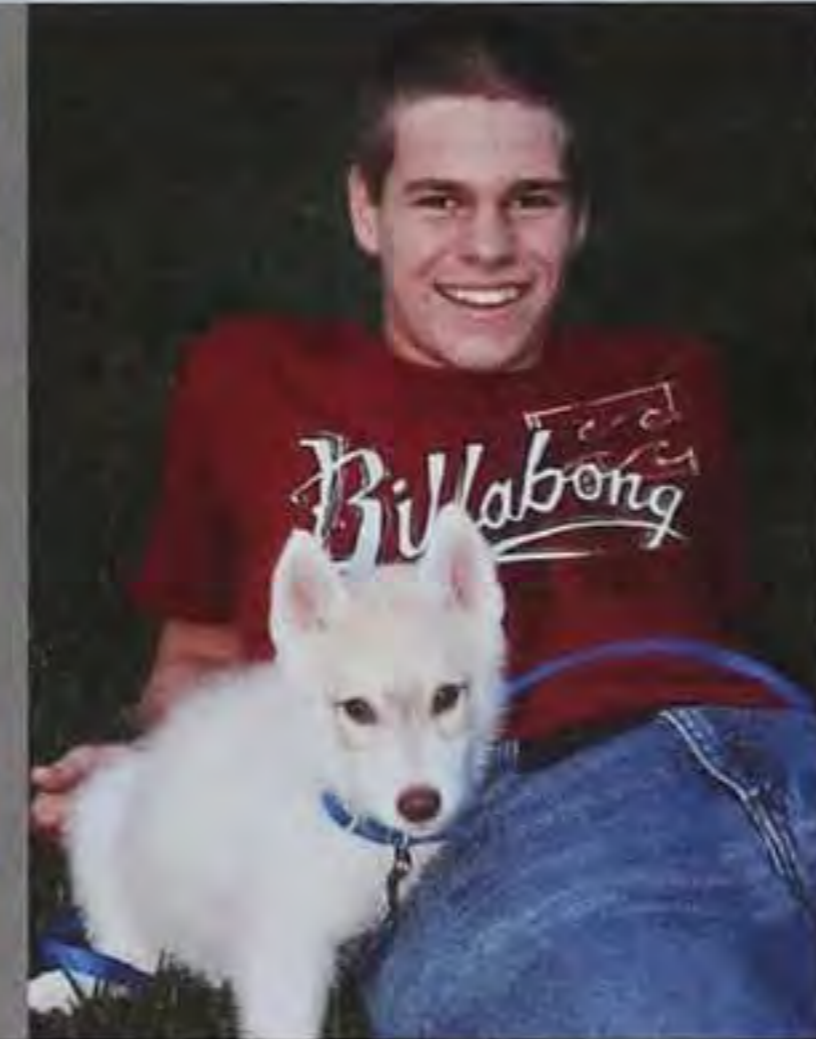


Mom and Dad, my best friends, I love you more. Nick and Blake, you guys are hilarious and I love you both. Ashley, you are amazing. You know me so well; thanks for always listening. Marta- Boh! TW—no place I'd rather be! Our chats are def fresh! Mallory- my fun little camper. Justine- silly parking lots. I'm so glad you moved here. Sarah- trees, speech, I want to be you. Hayden- love closing down Moe's. Rachael- oh crazy Brandon. Adrienne- talking in English is better! D-Group, BeCa, and David- I'm so thankful for all of you and what you have taught me. I have never laughed or cried more. You bleed love! Romans 8:38-39. He is mighty to save.



Erik David

Johnson



Mom, Dad, you are amazing parents. I am so lucky to be your son; you always believed in me and pushed me to work to my potential. Lizzy, you are an awesome sister and one of my greatest friends. Matt and Ashley, you are great people, and I am inspired every day to be as happy and loving as you. Jordan, you are an amazing girlfriend and I am so glad we have gotten to know each other so well. Andrew and David, you are my best friends; I could not have survived Westminster without you. Max, Karlton, and Chloe, you are great friends and are all unbelievable people. Grandpa, you are my greatest hero and will always remain in my heart and mind.



OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

After weeks under florescent hallway lights and classroom walls of grey and blue, some students grew reckless and yearned for the outdoors. During the school year, students sought ways to enjoy activities in the fresh air, whether through school-sponsored sports or other means.

Students spend all day inside, waiting for the seventh hour bell to sound its sweet ring. After being inside all await to take in that fresh outdoor air. All, faculty and students both, enjoy getting out after a long day of school. Keegan Brown, freshman, said, "Of course I enjoy football after a long school day. It gives me something to look forward to."

Other students received their fill of fresh air through separate means, such as TP-ing. "One time Reid, Jake, and I were TP-ing Rachel's house and when we were almost finished I saw a car coming so I yelled *car!* A couple seconds later Jacob Kinsinger yells, 'Oh my gosh I broke my leg!'" said Jacob Boyer, junior. Kinsinger had fallen and broken his leg in the midst of TP-ing Rachel Raines's house along with Boyer and Reid Keech, junior. Although the outcome of these outdoor adventures might not always end too well, memories were made no matter what the circumstance.

"I like playing football all day every day," said Blake Weaver, seventh grade.



"Outdoor experiences push me out of my comfort zone to try new things that I usually end up loving," said Jordan Leib, senior.



Grace Marie

Johnson



To the fam: Dad, Mom, Peter, Julia, Anna, Daniel, Lily, & Ruthie—you guys are da bomb! Thanks for loving and encouraging me all these years. I love you all, and I'm gonna miss you! Peter—that's the wrong word!! Your arguments never will make sense little brother, but I love you anyways! Mals—bestie, it's been almost 18 years! I love you like crazy. You've been an incredible blessing in my life. Livy—you da you da best, you da best I eva had, best I eva had! Remember, you gotta risk it to get the biscuit! I love you so much! The rest of the girls—you guys rock! I love you all! It's been fun, peace out.



Sarah Helen

Johnson



To my family, thank you for WCA and putting up with my OCDs. Rhoda, booger, love you more than words. Housechurch- crazy times. Busting out windows to Sardines in the Loop. Thanks for keeping me grounded. Lunch table- the loudest and the best at Happy Birthday. Courtney, me amor! We've come far: cheese, Havana Nights, concerts. April, my swanky fashionista. I'll never forget our reinvention in Georgia. Hold true to our resolutions. CR- Pura Vida! Mexico- It's a cultural experience! Spain- Vale. Pepe Bay Bay. ABS. Mrs. K- you got me through one of the toughest times in my life. Sra- I'll miss our crazy RON and talks. Tio Dani- Thanks for putting up with me. And last: GINGER BABY!



April Nehring

Johnston



Mom and Dad, I don't know how to thank you. I love you both and will always admire your wisdom. You are the best support group ever. I Love You! Audrey, my Frauline, you've been the most amazing friend. "thanks" isn't enough. Accio Cheetopuffs. Our friendship can be summed up in acronyms: DDR, NHD, SIP, HPPP. Sarah, travel buddy, Beautiful Phoenix: Call me, let's talk about standards. (teehee) I love you both! Teachers: Thanks, Von, for setting the bar high. Aloha! TIO: Eres el maestro más memorable en mi vida. De escuela iglesia a 5 años a España y AP5, gracias para todo que me enseñabas, los viajes, y chistes malos. 'XTABAYBYE. "And now, let us...pursue that flighty temptress, Adventure."



Haley Elizabeth Kane

Kane



To my Lord and Savior- Thank you for your unfailing faithfulness. Mom and Dad, you two are the greatest parents anyone could ask for, and I am truly blessed to have you. Thank you for loving me and always being there for me. I love you both with all my heart. Mag-gee, my best friend and sister, I love the times we spend hanging out and talking. You are a beautiful, funny girl, and I am proud of you. To all my friends, you all have made this time of my life unforgettable! Thank you for the laughs and the little things that you did. Thank you for the wonderful memories and your caring spirits. I love you all tremendously.



John Gordon Kehr

Kehr



To my loving parents: I couldn't have asked for better role models. You guys continuously pour your wisdom and love into my life and because of that I feel more prepared than ever for what lies ahead. Thanks so much! To my three sisters: You guys always brighten up my days and make me laugh. All future guys will have to go through me! I will miss you three so much! To my friends: The impact you all have made is indescribable. I loved being able to share my laughs and oddities with you all. I've known a lot of you for the majority of my lifetime, so I hope you'll keep in touch, for my sake. Bump it!



Kristin Anne Kilpatrick

Kilpatrick



Mom and Dad, thanks so much for all you have done for me. The love and support you gave me has brought me to where I am today. Lauren, I have gotten so close to you the past few years, and I miss you when you are away at college! I love your sisterly advice you give me. Madison, BESTFRIEND! I have so many memories that I will treasure forever! You know everything about me, and I could never ask for a loving best friend other than you. Claire, I love you and our crazy times. TRIO! Alex, you make me smile so much, thanks for everything. Christ my Lord and Savior, thanks for loving me unconditionally.



Kim

Yire



"Your beginnings will seem humble, so prosperous will your future be" (Job 8:7). Six years ago, I came to Westminster with this verse in my mind. Every time I fell down, people were always around to encourage me. Thanks to everyone who watched and trusted me to come this far. Mom, Dad, Mr. & Mrs. Johnston, April... every single one who I know has influenced me. Thanks and I love you all. I believe this is not the 'END', this is the 'AND'.



Knight

Audrey Claire



Mom and Dad: Thanks for listening to my rants and always being supportive of every decision I've made thus far. Adam and Evan: even though I get frustrated with you, I love you both and I wouldn't give you guys up for my life. April and Elizabeth, I could never have made it through high school without you. I cannot thank you girls enough for your friendship. And finally, thank you God for leading me through my life and all of my decisions in the future. Thank you all for making me who I am today. "It matters not what someone is born, but what they grow to be." -Albus Dumbidore



Koebbe

Michael Justin



Mom, Dad and Randy- You guys are my heroes, I admire you more than you'll ever know. Richard-I hope we're never too old to duet Blink-182. "You only live once." Ferrara, Ry-bar and Bergman- 113, Dunkin Donuts will forever remind me of you, I love you. Billy- We've been through so much together. You're a great cousin. O'Brien- You're the biggest bro I know. Never change. Parker- I will never forget you crashing the jet ski. Ethan and JD- S.S and Galena have been some of the best times of my life. Applebaum- Never grow up. Schopp- Aimee Foley. Jack- Europe 10. Kinsinger/Toolski- Keep up the curls... "Don't bide your time, cause it is almost over."



Korb

Elizabeth Leigh



Thanks be to God for my life, my family, the beautiful world He created for us, and the crazy blur that is high school! Mom and Dad, thanks for the love, encouragement, and Thursday night laughs. Samantha, you are the best sister, singer, and friend ever! Set Crew, you've made WCA beautiful with your servants' hearts. Audrey, we can still be together because we are "soup snakes!" Dille, you silly sausage, thanks for teaching me art. My Malz-A-Pal, game, set, match made in heaven! Lucy, I laugh until I cry every time I think about Santa. And magical Ana. Yes, I'm pretty sure by now that we're related. You helped me paint the world.



Kouba

Andrew Ross



Thanks to my parents, my brother and my friends for helping me through this year. It has been tough at times. Thanks to Coach VanGilst for giving me the opportunity to play Varsity baseball for these 2 years. It has been a great experience. And thank you to all of the Westminster baseball players past and present that have given me the confidence I needed. Thanks to Mr. Jones and the band for the fun times we have had on the band trips and at concerts. And last but not least, I thank God for helping through these four years. I would not have been able to make it without His help.



Krause

Katherine Elizabeth



God, thank you for bringing me to St. Louis and to Westminster. Although I didn't want to come at the time, you had a plan and knew it would be best for me. Mom and Dad, thanks for sending me to Westminster and for always loving and supporting me. Rebecca, thanks for being my little sister and keeping me up to date on everything. Andrew, you're a genius, little bro. Elle, you'll always be my daughter. Christina, Heidi, Sarah and Katherine, thanks for being there to listen, talk, pray, and be a friend to me. Friends: you bring me smiles and fits of laughter. Volleyball girls, thanks for the great times! "For Him!"

JACOB DWYER - GUITAR



DEATH MONKEYS



"There's no story behind the name," said Jacob Dwyer, senior, in answer to the question of how his band acquired the unique name "Death Monkeys." To members of the band, their name was not as important as the music they played.

Three Westminster students, Jonathan Hartwig, senior, Jacob Dwyer, senior, and Daniel Dwyer, eighth grade, started the Death Monkeys in May of 2009. Practices were held in the Dwyers' basement, usually on Tuesday nights. The goal of the band was just "to try and play whenever we can," said Hartwig. The band performed original music written by Dwyer's older brother, and they also played songs from other artists. Although the band was formed for fun, they performed at various venues, such as a church festival on the Fourth of July.



DANIEL DWYER - DRUMS



JOHN HARTWIG - BASS



Aaron Earl

Krumsieg



Four years go by fast, and I feel privileged to have had spent it with every one of you! Mom and Dad, thank you so much for everything you have taught me and done for me... I love you! Ben, Christy, and Caleb, you guys are awesome siblings and I couldn't ask for anything more. KB, 24 and chem. Rasche, Lindstrom, and Sauce, it has been fun ever since baseball at CCS. Thampy, you're awesome... its as simple as that. Tom, I'm still extremely jealous of your perfect pitch, keep it up. Twins, you guys have always been great friends! Chapel Banders, Break Free! And God, none of this would be possible without you...thank you.



Seung-Been

Lee



Wow, I've never expected my last year of high school to come this fast! There is no doubt that my mom, who had shown and guided God's grace to me, is the most thankful person right now, for she introduced me to this school, Westminster Christian Academy. You've never rushed me but supported me. You've never forced me to follow your wills but provided me the condition in which I can make my own choices. And my dad, thank you for your endless, bottomless support you've given to me from Korea. Now I understand how hard you would have struggled not to lose the purpose to support your selfish and self-centered son. You both are the best! And, thank you Lord.



Jordan Kiley

Leib



God- May I live my life to your glory. Mom, Dad- Thank you for supporting, loving and believing in me. Philippians 4:13. Kelsey, Connor- I couldn't ask for better siblings. I love you two! Jessica- Bebe, Biz, BFF. I couldn't have done it without you. Kathleen- Scuzel! Thanks for all the crazy laughs. You two mean so much to me. Erik- You are such an amazing boyfriend. Thanks for putting up with my craziness. So many laughs and memories- I love you so much. Lunch table- You guys made this year unforgettable. Thanks for always being there for me. VDT- Keep on dancing. I love you all! Knerr, Smith, Legters- Thanks for making school hilarious.



Bethany Lynn

Leibovich



Mom and dad, your love for God and for others is such an inspiration. I'm so blessed to have you guys as parents. Ab, you've seen it all. Thanks for always being there. Keep it real at the Academy. Hannah, no one gets my humor like you do. I love you bosom buddy!! Matthew, side porch. Good times. Catie, you are my tutie. Sarah, jamming in your car. RAGE! Amanda, Chevy's parking lot. Laugh out loud. Blair, spring break 09, Beefy. Hill, poopoo pants!! Chey, Summer Seminar 09... quicksand. I have learned so much from each person God has put in my life and I am so thankful to have shared such amazing memories with great people. Much love.

Q: What do you do after school?



A:

"After school I hang out with my sister."
-Courtney Pfeifer, senior

"I just go home after school and do homework."
-Scott Rupprecht, eighth grade

A:



"If there is a football game after school I usually go to that or I just go home and do homework."
-Matthew McDaniel, junior

A:



"When I get home from school I watch TV and do homework."
-Bradley Almus, eighth grade



Eric Thomas

Levenhagen



Mom and Dad- Thank you for your time, devotion, and hard work that has chiseled me into who I am today. Sarah- I am here to help you, not to bring you down. Max- You are my best friend. We have shared some great experiences together. Karlton... Dude! WCA Football- Thank you for the great season. To everyone that has supported me in my struggles throughout High School- Thank you for your wisdom and guidance. For those that I have impacted- I hope that I have had a positive effect on your life as an athlete, Christian, or friend. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14



Hayden Alexander Oliver

Lewis



My beloved family, I would like to thank you for raising me the way you have. C and B, I love you guys. Pookie and Pretty you have taught me manners, thankfulness, and given me love and many opportunities. I am thankful that you all have encouraged me to be a part of the church. Getting involved in D-groups has been the best part of my high school time. BeCa and girls, you all are wonderful and have stamped me with many memories and devotions in the past four years. Egans, thanks for Saturday mornings and Duffys, thanks for IBC. To all my sweet friends, I really have loved being at Westminster with you. I will miss you so much next year and am grateful that God has put you in my life.



Lindstrom



Alexander Christman



It has been four long years but it is over now. Thank you so much Mom and Dad for always being there for me, even when times were tough, you always came through. (Exodus 20:12) Thank you Max, Anna, and Maggie for always supporting me in my life and for all the fun times. In addition, I am grateful for all the friends I have had and how they have shaped me into being the person I am today, without you guys I do not know what could have done. Most of all thank you Lord for everything you have given to me and the family I have today.



Logan



Eisha Matthew



I most of all want to thank God, because without him I wouldn't be here today. I especially want to thank my parents for their love and support and placing me in a Christian school; sometimes I took it for granted but I really appreciate it. To Emmanuel and Anna I want to thank you for all the fun years we had together, it was great! To my Grandmother, and my uncle Randy, thank you for being there for me throughout the years, I love you all.

ENLISTING IN THE ARMY



Richard Ross, senior, planned on attending West Point once he graduated from Westminster. "I was motivated to join the Academy so I could serve my country," said Ross.



"When I was little I thought about going into the Air Force," said Matthew Piazza, senior. After graduating, Piazza planned on joining the Air Force. "I am going into the Air Force because I want to do engineering. I also want to help people and work with planes," said Piazza.

Every day, all over the country, people work to protect the lives of citizens, whether they be firefighters, police officers, or doctors. One group in particular, the United States Military, works not just inside the country, but out in the world.

"I was motivated to join the Military Academy because of my family," said Richard Ross, senior, who heard of the West Point Military Academy from his father. "When I was little, I saw myself in the Army. I used to sing fight songs on car trips, and I heard stories from my dad," said Ross. He planned to attend the Academy after graduating from Westminster. In addition to Ross, there were other Westminster students who planned to serve the country through the Military.

Rebecca Harner, senior, planned on applying for ROTC and joining the Air Force. "When I was little I grew up hearing stories about the military from my grandparents. It got me really interested in the Air Force," said Harner.

"I'm going to Annapolis because I feel like I was built for it. I have a disciplined life style," said Daniel Keith, junior. Keith heard about the Army when he was in seventh grade. "I was sitting in class and my teacher started talking about it," said Keith. "I'm interested in it because I feel called to serve others."



Loynd

Nicholas Michael Patrick



Dad & Mom – Thanks for making me who I am today. You are there for me no matter what, willing to do anything for me and help me with whatever I may need. Kip, Bren, AJ, Morgan & Gannan – You have helped me learn to be myself no matter what and to stand up for what is right. You all are there when I need you and I promise that I will be there when you need me. Dick & Obo – Thank you for all your love and support throughout my life. Most of all, Thank you to God for giving me such a great family and such amazing friends, without Him I have nothing.



Mansfield IV

Richard James



I lift praises to the Lord for the blessing that is WCA. I thank my parents for being willing to give me the kick in the pants I've needed sometimes! Lauren, I wish you luck on the rest of highly achieving high school journey. Anthony, MY DUDE! You're like a brother to me. Keep on dancing – our art is the language of gods. Sam, you were truly there for me in my lowest moment. I will never forget that. Daniel and David, I'll admit it – you all should've won that contest. Ian, have a seat. Mr. Dunham and Dr. Gibson, thank you for being my mentors throughout the years. Matt, may our Disposable Nappas be with you. BROOKLYN RAGE!



Martinez

Chloe Laine



"Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans." –John Lennon. It's hard to believe how fast the years have flown by, six years of ups and downs but, nonetheless, unforgettable experiences for which I am incredibly grateful. Mom and Dad- I cannot thank you enough for all the opportunities, support, and love you have given me. Gibson- thanks for all of the inspiration and encouragement that has gone far beyond the classroom. My amazing friends: A+C+D=LOVE stay beautiful. Kariton- thank you for everything these past few years, you're amazing. Max and Lev- too many good times. Summer Seminar-ians- Bump It... ShaShiiiiin! Everyone else... you know who you are, I love you guys. Oh and Adrienne... sorry about the butterflies.



Massot

Shelby Elizabeth



It's been real, it's been fun, it's even been really fun. I have to thank God for showing himself to me this year and letting me become comfortable in my own skin. Gibson. Carolyn- keep smiling and having blonde moments. Thanks for helping me through everything. Andria- where were you all my life? Thanks for having my back. Gibson. Bond- I already know you'll keep it real. Thanks for teaching me how to stand up for myself. Gibson. Parker, Jason, and Andrew- thanks for always making me smile. Glen- yea, that's about it. Gibson. Auri- stay your adorable self forever. Bee- my namesake. Gibson. My freshman, sophomore, and junior buds: I adore you all. Gibson.

SERVICE & SALVATION

At the beginning of the year, Westminster assigned each student in the Upper School to a small group within his or her grade. These groups met almost every Thursday during "neighborhood" time. Dr. Gibson led a small group in the junior neighborhood at school, but he also led a separate bible study out of school for a group of seniors.

Sin, service, socialization, and salvation were four themes addressed during Dr. Gibson's senior small group, which met every other Wednesday after school. "We discuss issues that I struggle with not just as a teacher, but as a person," Dr. Gibson said, regarding the spiritual aspect of the group.

Apart from discussing spiritual issues, the seniors also made a point to do an activity together at least once a month as well as participate in one service project each quarter. Some of these projects involved everyone as a group and one of them required each member to actively participate in his or her own way, such as "adopting" a child from Children's Hospital and giving them Christmas presents.

When the group arranged outings, they often attended a sports event at Westminster, went out for coffee at Bread Co, or hung out at one of the student's houses for something special, such as a bonfire in late fall.

On November 16, the group gathers at the home of J.D. Hartwig, senior. It was their fall get-together as well as the last official gathering of the semester. They celebrated by eating a meal together and then gathering around a bonfire in Hartwig's backyard.

Dr. Gibson, small group leader, discusses his weekend activities with a group member during lunch. Group members could come in Mr. Gibson's room and talk if they needed to.



Laurel Dicus, senior, chats with Chloe Martinez, senior, while they wait for dinner at J.D. Hartwig, senior's, house on Nov. 16. Apart from small talk, the group also took opportunities to discuss things one-on-one that were pertinent to the current topic the group was covering, such as sin or service.

Lukose Thampy and Timothy Reed, seniors, listen while Dr. Gibson covers their upcoming service project for the next semester, which would be their Valentine's Day project. Gibson organized these service projects so that the seniors could live out their discussion topics in a tangible way by serving others in need.



Ian Michael McGhee



Thank you, Westminster, for six great years of education. In particular, I want to acknowledge Dr. Shaw and Mr. Birchler for encouraging me. Thanks, Pops, for sharing your enthusiasm for learning and your knowledge in so many areas. All of you have taught me what it means to be a true man of science. Thank you to my family for supporting me. Thanks, Dad, for setting an example as a scientist. Mom, thanks for all your prayers through the years, and all the stir-fry and pesto. Please send food in college.
-Ian-



William John McKenna IV



I want to thank my Lord and Savior for the amazing people he has put in my life throughout this journey. Thank you to all of my friends who have made my high school experience an absolute blast. I want to thank my sister Katie for all of the great advice she has given me in good times and bad. Grandma and Grandpa, thank you for never missing a single school event. Most of all, thank you to my wonderful mom and dad. Mom, thank you for keeping me on the straight and narrow, even when it was not easy. Dad, thank you for caring so much about making sure that I receive a top-notch education.



David Josiah Meyer



First off, thank you, God for being with me every step of the way! Thanks, Mom and Dad, you're awesome, love you! Coach Bain, you're my hero, thanks for always pushing me forward! Dr. Gibson, thanks for caring and making me a better writer. Andrew, Erik, Kathleen, and all my other friends, I wouldn't have made it through high school without you guys, so, thanks, for keeping me sane. Ben, Bill, and Cooper, you guys are awesome, never stop being yourselves. To all the track guys, run fast, especially you, Peter! Thanks, WCA; it's been fun. Hebrews 10:23-24



Micah Christian Mills



God, you have always been with me Dad, you're the man I hope to be Mom, I love you and can't thank you enough Schwartz, you are hot study and buff Johnny you've been with me for thirteen years I love you my family, friends, and peers Jimmy, you're my faithful, fun-loving friend Molly, you're my amazing, beautiful girlfriend All of you I love, and as I move on, My memories remain even though I am gone You have made me the person that I am today There is so much more that I could say I look to the future, but remember the past The love that was shared is a love that will last...



Jordan Elizabeth Montgomery



I thank God for His daily blessings and guidance. Mom and Dad, thanks for loving and supporting me. Reed, Andrew, and David, thanks for putting up with me. Madison, my same, spring break was amazing, thanks for always being there. Amanda, secret friends for life and carpool buddies. Leishannana, Kumbaya, picnics on the roof with Whole Foods. Haxel-face, my mark on you for life. Suzie, talks on the trampoline. Molly, first concert and trips to Chicago. Guys, thanks for all the laughs. Richard, there were no two cuter babies, what happened? Julie and Ellie, thanks for being great influences. Westhoff-Annie, how are you? Tennis Girls, coach, and Mrs. DeRousse, state was amazing! Bump it.



Andrew Carter Moisson



Brenna Elizabeth Mourey

GIBSON'S GROUP GIVES BACK

Throughout the year, Dr. Gibson's seniors lived out the "service" aspect of their group by giving their time to four different organizations or groups, one per quarter.

Thanksgiving:

Served the homeless a meal

Christmas:

Each senior adopted a child from Children's Hospital and bought him or her a present

Valentine's Day:

Visited a nursing home and baked cookies for the residents



James William Myers

Myers



Mom and Daddio, thanks for raising, training, and disciplining me to become a Godly man. It is a process still in the making. Sisters – do I have to name you all? Ames, you are such a loving and empathizing sister – thanks for caring. Bepher, I look up to your wisdom and maturity – thanks for mentoring. K-K-K-K-Katie, who ever said Comm Dev wasn't a marketable major? Thanks for serving. Julesy Babesy Cakes, I love your joyfulness and enthusiasm – thanks for being so much fun. Micah and Matt – Virginia needs more work. Johnny – Smashcourt Tennis 3. Talley – you are the best coach. Tennis playas – you are my brothers. Christ, Savior, Lord and King, you are my all. 1 John 3:16.



William Andrew Nichols

Nichols



Mom and Dad- Thanks so much for your love and support over the years. I'm going to miss you so much next year. Friends- You mean the world to me, and really appreciate all the great times over the past six years at Westminster. Beep. We're all going our separate ways next year, but I know we'll keep close. I have had a great experience at WCA, and look forward to where God will lead me in the future.



Luke DeMarco Nienhuis

Nienhuis



Thank you to my teachers who never gave up hope in me, encouraged me to go the extra mile, and helped me make the best of things, even though my time at Westminster was not always thrilling. Thanks to my friends for good times and memories I won't forget. I could never accomplish what I did without my loving family. Thank you for your support and love. To my wonderful sisters, thank you for good advice you gave me. To my parents, everything I have done in life has been because of you. Even through bad times, you were by my side with your uncontrollable love. I love you so much. I am very blessed to be with this family.



Daniel Justin Nixon

Nixon



My years at the academy have taught me, foremost, that in all affairs, it's a healthy thing now and then to hang a question mark on the things I have long taken for granted. While accepting the wisdom others have to offer, one must remember that the unexamined life is not worth living. The individual must constantly strain against the bounds of the tribe, a lonely position; but, to conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom, and I leave these halls satisfied. I have questioned, I have learned, I have come to a better understanding, both of the world and of myself.



Hannah Marie
Nothum



Family: Thanks so much for putting up with me through school and giving me help even when I didn't want it. Landon: you always make me laugh even though we seem to make fun of each other a lot. Sarah (House#12): I had a blast in study hall, and we have had lots of laughs I can't even begin to explain. Goldfarb and Catherine: My time with you guys has been somewhat short but I must say "Great Guacamole." Andrew: Thanks for all the encouragement, you told me to keep going even when I wanted to quit. And I'm sorry for always misunderstanding you. Michael Rojo: I'm sorry; it would have never worked out anyways.



Madison Marie
Nye



Amazing Family- I can't begin to express my gratitude and love for all of you. Thank you so much for always supporting me and allowing me to follow my dreams. We have so many wonderful memories. Jordan- "My Same"; bff; thanks for your love and advice! We're perfect for each other. Leisha- Coco's always; thanks for being there and putting up with my craziness. Hillary, Catie, Amanda- 1st grade; your friendships are essential. Molly, Suzanne, Katie- You guys are amazing, xox! Boys- Thanks for always being true gentlemen. Cheyenne- Thanks for sharing your house and heart. VDT- Thanks for being my sisters! Miss Keeton, Dr. Gibson, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Heyse- Thanks for mentoring and caring about me. Imergoots- 2nd family through thick and thin.

For Michael Jackson fans, months of anticipation led up to Oct. 28, the opening date of the Michael Jackson movie, *This is It*. In the months before his death, filmmakers shot over one hundred hours of behind-the-scenes footage of Jackson preparing for his already sold-out concerts in London's O2 Arena that were supposed to take place during the summer of 2009. However, Jackson passed away on June 25, 2009. This led producers to the idea of taking the footage and making it into a virtual concert experience. Once the movie was released, the music had viewers singing and dancing along in the theater as though they were actually at the concert.

"The concert would have been phenomenal but the movie was fun too. It had my friend and I singing and dancing along in the theater," said Grace Johnson, senior. The movie brought back great memories of Jackson, but it also brought back tears as people remembered that Jackson was gone. Although Michael Jackson is gone, he left his memories, his songs, and his title: "The King of Pop."

Melinda Oliver, freshman, performs a Michael Jackson dance move during lunch, while wearing her Michael Jackson shirt. "I love Michael Jackson. I was really upset and shocked when I got the news about his death. I love all his songs but my favorite is, "They Don't Really Care," said Oliver.



Paris Watson, freshman, plays and sings to "She's Out of My Life" by Michael Jackson on the piano after school. "I like every single Michael Jackson song and I have every single one, even the ones he sings with other people." Watson remembers what she was wearing the day of his death, "Purple pants and my Jimmy Hendrix shirt."



THE SISTERS



Jacob William
O'Brien



I have been blessed enough to attend such a school as Westminster. I am thankful of this everyday. To my family, thanks for hanging in there with me, even though I wasn't always perfect. Parker, Luke, Egg head, and Koebbe, I just want to say supersmash Bros has been great and pepperfinkle. Nathan Smallwood, you are the only reason I play hockey. No lie. Coose and Mikey, team Fox is second rate. I love you, cool-kid-funny-man Zach, even though I am never revealing the meaning of pepperfinkle. To the North County boyz, you the best. Dick I love you and your house. I am excited for the future and am looking forward to college next year.



Melissa Michelle
Oliver



Mom, you've made my high school experience an ever-ending rollercoaster. I've learned so much because of you. You've always been the one to encourage me to do my best. I hope I can find the love and support you've given me at college. Melinda, our year in high school has been interesting. We've had some rough times, but through it all, I've come to realize home would be boring without you. Kris, you're my best friend. I don't know how I'm going to survive college without your sanguine lifestyle. Kristen and Rhoda, I love you both. We're the three chicas and I'll never forget that. To everyone else, it's been a blast. I love you all and I'll miss everyone.



Brett Nathaniel
Park



Mom, thanks for all the time and effort into helping me grow and mature. You have made all the good times better and the hard times endurable. Kendall- I would not trade our sibling rivalries for the world. Wes- you have been a great brother and a loyal friend. Mike, Raw has been crazy and we are still on for Wrestlemania 50. Alex, thanks for all the laughs. The past six years have been a blast. Zack and John, we all know who the dominant Madden player is and yes, Z, the rumors are true. To the football and wrestling guys- with you I have weathered the losses and shared the victories with. Keep the tradition alive.



Kelly Marie
Penning



I want to start by thanking God for always seeing me through the good and the bad. Mom, you are the strongest person I know and I am extremely grateful for you. Marci and Mitch, you guys keep life interesting, but I love you. Shay, words cannot describe the six years we have been through; I love you more than anything. Rebecca and Suzanne, I have enjoyed every minute spent with you. Leah, I cannot imagine my life without you. Volleyball and Basketball girls, you're my family. To all the teachers- Miss Keeton and Dr. Gibson- thank you for all your wisdom. To everyone else, you have made WCA an amazing experience for me, thank you. Jeremiah 29:11

WANNA BE on top?

Runways, photo shoots, and portfolios are foreign concepts for most high school students. However, some Westminster students invested their time in modeling, whether on the runway or behind the camera. Delaney Haynes, eighth grade, has modeled for seven years. Haynes began modeling because her mom took her to an agency when she was six. According to Haynes, "anyone can do it. It's more about being comfortable about yourself and having confidence."

Another student who modeled during her free time was Kristen George, senior. During a competitive fencing tournament, George was interviewed by News Channel Five. After the interview, the interviewer suggested George look into modeling at Talent Plus/Centro Models. Although George was only signed the summer of 2009, she had already participated in St. Louis Fashion Week and a Saks Fifth Avenue show.

Delaney Haynes, eighth grade, Modeled for Talent Plus and Now Talent. On average, Haynes usually had two to six jobs a month. Her favorite part about being a model was, "when they bring out the fancy outfits and jewelry."



Kelsey Leib, sophomore, poses for a headshot for John Robert Powers modeling agency. Leib had been modeling for three years for both John Robert Powers and Talent Plus Management agencies. Not only did Leib do shows, she also modeled for MagiQuest Merchandise and has been on billboards in Japan and San Antonio.



Madison Burke, senior, modeled for Talent Plus/Centro Models. This particular photo was a headshot for their internet site. Burke had modeled for them for five years. Ness sportswear catalog and Anheuser Busch's "Prevent Don't Provide" international campaign were two of Burke's jobs.



Nick Daniel

O'Neal



Courtney Catherine

Pfeifer



I would to thank God for always being there for me. I would also like to thank my parents for raising me and for the countless things they have done for me. I also would like to thank my sisters Kaitlyn and Taylor. Kaitlyn: thank you for always watching over me. I know I can always count on you to protect me. Taylor: keep up your fun-loving personality. I have learned so much at Westminster from teachers and from my friends my friends. Sarah Johnson, I love you so much, and to all of my friends, we have had so many amazing times. Volleyball girls, training with you has been the best. Westminster, I will miss you!



Danielle Efse

Ply



God has blessed me. Mom- My best friend. Thank you for always being there. Dad- You are the coolest dad I know but keep your dancing to a minimum. Drew- I'm leaving Westminster to you buddy. Thanks for practicing fire drills with me. Deanne- Thanks for all your sisterly advice. Grandpa- Thank you for pushing me to succeed. Grandma- I will never forget you. I love you. Courtney- God was a little on our side. Abby- BFF since first grade and still going strong. Chey- Westminster wouldn't be the same without you. Ice creams were delicious. Mrs. Brown- We want our plaque "VIP Princess Table." Much love lunch girls/ Chloe and Alex- Timmy the Bug. Destin 08. Mitch Anderson- Forever remembered. I miss you.



Matthew James

Piazza



Through and through it's been a great year. Thanks to all who helped make it memorable. Mom- Thanks for always helping me when I need it most and for all your hard work. Dad- Great times hunting and fishing. Thanks for being a role model. Francesca- Great advice and good job leading the way. Nick- My partner in crime, good luck in high school and beyond. To all my friends- Thanks for the grand times and being there for me. Bump it! Teachers and Coaches- You all have shaped who I am and have helped me grow. God- You know what's up. Thanks for the blessings. Shashi allaur...

Crayola Characters

Ever dreamed of having a name everyone immediately recognized?

Welcome to their world...

Unusual names have always existed. High school is a place where these names are often noticed and sometimes are made fun of. This year at WCA, many students had names with actual colors inside of them. What is it like to have your name be so vibrant? Violet Kouzes, freshman, said, "It's pretty cool to see your name on a crayon. It also doesn't hurt that the color I'm named after is drop-dead gorgeous."

Students had also taken liberty with the usage of their creative names. "At one practice, someone asked me to define my name, and I came up with 'an orangish tree sap that trapped bugs and lasted thousands of years!'" said Amber Terschack, freshman.

Of course, they also dealt with some of the jokes that accompany having a unique name. "People always refer me to Forest Gump, and I've even been called Forest Park--as a joke, I've always assumed. Because I'm quite sure I don't look much like the park," said Forrest Hughes, senior.

The only downside to having a color for name? "It's impossible to find a good nickname!" said.

Kevin Goldfarb, senior, works a booth at Carnival. Although he has a last name that could be made fun of, Goldfarb says it's not a huge deal.

Amber Terschak, freshman, hugs tennis teammates, Olivia Handler, sophomore, and Amanda Wiele, senior. She enjoyed having a more unique name and cracking jokes about it.





Thomas Finley Raymond

Porter



Family: Thank you for your love and support ... I am blessed to have you guys. Rachel: love life, stay dancing and remember... I LOVE YOU! Forrest (Harry): we're not best friends... we're Best Mates. Johnny, Pesto + you equals our friendship. Ward! We're tight like Sponge Bob and Patrick. Improv Team: You guys have given me the best Friday nights. Swim Team: 5,000 equals # of sit ups. Lunch table: whether it was movie night or a pool party, we made it memorable, love you guys. Shay, Kelly, Rebecca and Suzanne: I will miss our lunch table talks and laughs. Mrs. DeRousse: Second mother! Mohler, Gibson, Knerr, Smith and Coach: thanks for your insight and advice. Golden Stallion: I'm thinking about the game... CONTACT. Everyone else: People make things complicated but Christ makes things simple. Bump It!



Blair McBride

Rallo



Mom- You're the most amazing person I have ever known. Thank you for always being there for me. I'm going to miss you so much next year. I love you! Dad- I love you! Catie and Hillary- Summer 08. Sarah- Hillary hit your car with Catie's car. Bethany- I love liprings! Mac- We're getting married, I hope you never forget the first question that I asked your dad the first night I met him. I'm going to miss you next year! Love you. P.s. - you lost to Westminster in football... TB ER AE- I love you the most! "Be thankful for everything you have, for today is the best day of your life" - Nicholas Aaron Altken, I love you. Rest in peace.



David Paul

Rasche



First off, I would like to thank God for giving me the talent and the ability to succeed at Westminster, Mom and dad, thanks for sending me to Westminster and making me try new things. Meg and Rob- I love you both more than you can know, and thanks for putting up with my whining when I get stressed out. To Krum, Lindy, Bell, Saucy, Tom, and Thampy, thanks for all the memories we made doing all kinds of dumb stuff. School wouldn't have been the same without you all. To all the football guys, I think we proved it! It was great hanging with you. Dr. Shaw, thanks for pushing me in the sciences even when I didn't like it.



Timothy Kendall

Reed



I want to start off by thanking my generous parents. I couldn't imagine whom I would have turned out to be if I did not have you in my life. I love you both so much. I would like to thank all my friends for showing me how important it is to have strong relationships in life. I also want to thank Katie, a beautiful girl who made my high school career worth so much more than I could have possibly imagined. I look forward to all the good times that we will share in our future together. I thank Gibson for showing me it's not always about the grade. I'm truly forever thankful. 1 Timothy 4:12

Jordan Montgomery and Madison Nye, seniors, visit Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. "I went to visit this college because I want to major in musical theater," said Nye. Nye visited many other colleges like Florida State University and New York University.



Lauren Baum, junior, went to visit Truman University with her friend Emily Morse, a junior at Parkway West. Baum and Morse made a weekend trip of the visit to Truman. These girls went to a football game, and visited the campus on their trip to Truman.



PINK UNIVERSITY

While many students go on college trips every year, some are more interesting than others. Madison Nye and Jordan Montgomery, seniors, went to visit Stephens College, an all-girls school. The two visited during breast cancer awareness week, which seemed like an insignificant detail to them at the time, until they arrived on the parking lot. The school was adorned in every shade of pink: there were pink flowers, pink banners, and pink posters, all to support breast cancer awareness week. "That was not at all what we were expecting, we thought we might see some pink, but not that much. It was insane," said Nye.

Christina Dohr, senior, visited Mizzou to check out the School of Journalism. She thought it would be boring like most other college visits, but she was pleasantly surprised. "I was talking to my tour guide about where I was from. I told her I was from St. Louis and went to Westminster Christian Academy. She actually went here for middle school and high school too. It was really funny getting to talk to her," said Dohr. Dohr was able to converse with the alumna about similar experiences and spirit week.



Leisha Nicole Ritter



Mom, I've learned so much through your patience and forgiveness. Dad, you always push me to be the best person I can be. Ray, you make my life interesting. Fam, thanks for always loving me. Rabachi, Katie, my sister. You know me the best of anyone and I cherish all our memories more than you know. Jordan, my other VDT captain. What happens in choir stays in choir. Mads, we complete each other. SumSem bike rides. Molly, my S. We always understand each other. Stopplayinfootsoverthere. Laurel, Lawlei. BP09. You make me laugh. Leah, I love your joyful spirit. Boys, thanks for raising my standards. Jenna and Christi, your guidance is invaluable. VDT, kill it - love you girls! Psalm 139.



Marta Julie Roberts



Shmom and Pops you are so rockin' awesome. I love you! Johanna- my twin I love having such a cool sister like you. Sam- you're an amazing and funny big brother. Noah- car rides...I would split a kit-kat with you three anytime. Jessica- My wonderful new sister. O-Dog water balloons, raps. Gilmore Girls...Peace up! Taylor- Trail West. No Donna and dance buddy! Mallory you will be forever my sunshine with the S's written backwards. Grace- thanks for always making things fun! Lucy thanks for our chats in the hallway. Ashley- you are crazy awesome! Justine, I'm so glad I got to hang out with you this year. To my PC girls- you are fabulous ladies.



William Patrick

Rock



Mom, you are the best mom anyone could ask for I LOVE YOU! Terry and Margaret, you are my other parents LOVE YOU GUYS! Micheal- you are my brother, don't deny it love you bud. Lunch Table- YOU GUYS ARE THE BEST! Nathan- you are an awesome guy don't change. KREW! Best moments of my life. Fin N Feather, Destin, and Friends. Ryan- Best Friend, Don't throw cakes! Luke- Best Friend, Toilet Caleb- Best Friend, ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY Shelby- You are my sister, Fatty Pancake Megan- We have the best handshake ever Aimee- EEP! EEP! Jenny- We went on a date, Remember! Mitchell- Basically my dad Tony- Mentor Dave Morris- First Father Figure JAMES 4:7- My life verse.



John Spreck

Ross III



Mom and Dad, thank you so much for sending me to Westminster and sticking with me through the 6 years. Catherine and Julia, you have been the best sisters anyone could have, thank you for the support and love. Thank you Coach P and Mrs. Erdman, you have given your unconditional support to help me be the best I can in my academics. Jake O'Brien, we have had some great times that I will never forget. Soccer- thanks for the great times. Parker, Luke, and Appelbaum you three are my favorite juniors. My other friends, stay strong. From the words of Bob Marley, "Don't forget your history nor your destiny".



Richard Leith

Ross



Mom, your contributions to my life laid the foundation of my character. Dad, you have been the greatest role model in my life and have opened many doors for me. Kate and Orion, thanks for giving me the greatest memories throughout highschool. Coach and the wrestling dudes, thanks for giving me something to be part of. Lunch table plus Max, you've been my best bro's - keep it real. Catie, thanks for supporting me through the high and low points of life. Highschool has been a time filled with great experiences and as my Grandpa reminds me, "These are the days I'll remember forever.



Justine Emily

Schaper

THE PROCESS

for class of 2010

- Each student filled out an average of 5- 8 applications.
- Even though money was tight, WCA students visited more colleges across the nation.



Haley Vernard, 2007 Westminster Alumna, talks to another Samford recruiter. Vernard was a part of the Student Recruit Team at Samford, and was responsible for talking to future students about her school.



Paul Ramsey

Schmidt Jr.



What to say? Mom & Dad - thank you for the opportunities you have given me even though I am undeserving. Liz - Love you with all my heart. Improv Peeps - Keith Johnstone! Senora - Gracias! Future Dram Club Officers - don't let the club burn or my spirit will come back and haunt you! Sara, Kevin its been fun. Mr. Boesch, stay on your meds. Ashley, Ian, Mia LOVE YA! Mrs. R thanks for the Jollies. My Lord and Savior thank you for keeping me alive these past four years!! As my homeboy MLK said, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!" Se YA - Pablo



Matthew Thomas

Schwartz



Mitch- What I write here can never come close to explaining how I feel, but I'll do my best. This is to all the times we spent the night at each other's house, consuming hazardous amounts of caffeine. To all the forts and bows and arrows we made in the woods. You were an unconditional friend in every sense of the word. Mom and Dad- for the many, many sacrifices you have made for me. Kel- for looking after your bro. Jimmy and Micah- here's to surviving Virginia. Forrest and Zach- Darts, baking and cologne. Soccer team- responsible from the DP, #1 seed, and converting. And Rebecca - You're all I could ask for.



Michael James

Scott



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Atlanta, Georgia, USA - 2009



Mom and Dad- Thanks for listening and sending me to Westminster, it was one of the best decisions we've ever made. I just want to say thank you to everyone at WCA, for making me feel welcome. There are too many people to thank for everything, so I won't. To all of the friends I've made- stay in touch. I hope all of you find fulfillment in college and beyond. Lastly, I want to thank God. He is my everything, and the reason I do everything I do. I will never forget my experiences at Westminster and I will never take them for granted



Mia Irene Becker

Seagraves

WHAT ARE THEY EATING?



Bottle Prices:	
LIPTON TEAS	\$1.35
AQUA FINA	\$1.35
SORELIFE	\$2.00
DOLE PLUS	\$1.00
DOLE PLUS	\$1.75



This year the school cafeteria added colored stickers to label the foods nutritional value. They were there to help students eat a healthier and more balanced lunch.

A red sticker meant to consume with moderation.

A yellow sticker meant it had medium nutritional value. Take some but not too much.

A green sticker meant that it was healthy.



Ashley Marie

Segrave



First and foremost I want to thank you Papa for everything that you have done for me. I know how important education was to you, and I wish you could be here to see me graduate, but I know that you are watching me from heaven. Mom the time to let go has arrived, thanks for everything, love you. Katharine I'm giving you my collection of rap. Grammy AKA Confidant you're always ahead of the curve. Taylor you will always be my bestest friend forever. Nothing I say could possibly sum up what I feel towards you. Andrew, here's your shout out. Justine: we started and ended our years together. Mallory: coolest neighbor ever. Cheyenne...gotcha!



Julie Renee

Sharp



"Pressure is nothing more than the shadow of great opportunity" (Michael Johnson). To my little sister, my best friend—you are a beautiful young woman. Tarantino, you're a gem. XC girls, keep filling the good bucket: It all makes sense somewhere around mile six. "A friend is one that knows you as you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become, and still, gently allows you to grow" (Shakespeare). Catherine, you are a lifeline. Someday we will reread the books. "We know what we are but know not what we may be" (Shakespeare), and God has greater plans for us than we think. "Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed" (Proverbs 16:3).

Do you buy your lunch or bring it? Why?

I buy food because I do not have time to pack it. And sometimes the cafeteria has good food; not all the time but sometimes.

Do you like the cafeteria food?

Yes, mostly, but I never eat the Mexican food they have because it looks old and gross.

ALEXANDRIA CALHOON,

SOPHOMORE



Do you buy your lunch or bring it? Why?

Half the time. It depends on if I have time to make my own lunch in the morning.

Do you like cafeteria food? Why or why not?

Yes, but sometimes the food seems a little stale. But besides that it's good.

What are your thoughts on the stickers used to mark food?

Pointless because we don't pay attention to them anyway. So first off, why would they have red stickers? If its that unhealthy we shouldn't have it anyway. They shouldn't be feeding us red food.

How long have you been buying food from the cafeteria?

I have bought food from the cafeteria since seventh grade. I don't have time to pack a lunch. I am sick of having the same lunch every day like I did in elementary school. I like having options.

What is your favorite food to buy in the cafeteria?

I like the grilled chicken sandwich and regular fries.

JAMES YOUNG,

SOPHOMORE



BRENDEN SOLOMON,

FRESHMAN





Emily Yvonne

Sherman



My Father and my Savior, my life is not my own. I'm Yours. Dad, my role model, your wisdom and encouragement never ceases to amaze me. Mom, thanks for the constant selflessness and unfailing love. Evan, keep being good at absolutely everything. Sam, I wish I was you. Robyn, thanks for finally giving me a sister. Rach, Sarah, and Adrienne, you guys are way too cool for me. Thanks for rarely being serious. I love you more than you'll ever know. Mollz, my Bestie, I love you forever, no joke. Thanks for always being there. Leah, Laurel, Hayden, and my Twin, thanks for being so incredibly beautiful inside and out. Smith, Thank you. Von- you are really cool. Really.



Catherine Margaret

Sinclair



Mom and Dad, thanks for getting me through these four years without giving up on me. Ana, Julie, and Alex: choir kids unite! I'm so glad that music has brought us so close over the years. Kevin, I'm incredibly grateful for the chance I've had to know you deeply this year. Mr. Jones, you were an amazing teacher and musical mentor. Mr. Holley... hippies will rule the world with us someday. Mitch, you were such an inspiration and good friend. Your story will be told. Future chapel bands, remember to constantly be leading worship. Hebrews 13.8: "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever." Love God, love people!



Grace Catherine

Smith

"I was getting to where I could see the truth. Someday I'll be brave enough to speak it." - Ponyboy. Thanks to all the teachers at Westminster who have laid down the foundation of my learning. Special thanks to all my friends who have helped me get through these six years: the princess lunch table, drama kids, the misfits, and all those other drifters I stumbled upon. A very special thanks to my family, who helped me deal with everything. Robert Evans forever.

the BUNN



"I think it is really fun because it is a big community. There is external worship, everyone is raising their hands and all are like minded in worship."

-Parker Briden, freshman

"The worship is really up-beat and now-ish. The community is good and everyone is really friendly."

-Megan Hahs, sophomore

"Youth group is a great way to get involved, and I know a lot of people there. They give us a way to worship differently there."

-Nathan Benefield, senior



Karlton Henry

Smith



Mom and dad, thank you for the love and the wonderful siblings you've given me. Heather, I miss you and wish the best for you and Steve. Emily, your caring nature has been a blessing and is what makes you a great nurse. Harrison, we will be rocking the stage once I get this high school thing out of the way. Abby, you've grown up so quickly; count on me being around the next few years to see what boys think they're worthy to date you. Chloe, I couldn't ask for a better girlfriend. You've helped me become the man I am today. Mitch, your drumming inspired me and I haven't forgotten you. Summer seminarians: sha shin! College la luh!



Katherine Lynn
Smith



Lord- I am so undeserving of your love and forgiveness. I cannot imagine my life without you, I am forever changed! I love you! Mommy and Daddy- Thank you for everything, for all your love, sacrifice, encouragement, etc. I love you both immeasurably! I am blessed to call you my parents. Ryan- Thanks for being such a wonderful brother, I love you more than you know. I am blessed to have you in my life. Breakdown- I love you guys so much, it has been a blessing! Daniel, David, Rhoda- You are family to me and I love you. Thanks for everything, you have helped me grow! Friends- It has been amazing! Love you guys! WCA- Thank you! God Bless!

Sunday Night FEVER

It was Sunday night and the Activity Center was filled with a buzz of chatter. Friends greeted each other and welcomed new students before being called to order. Many Westminster students attended this youth group at E-Free. They met every Sunday night from six to nine, except when youth group had special events and the time was lengthened. Each meeting included fellowship and worship, which were followed by a message. Then the students dispersed into small groups based on grade, age, and gender. "I like the reality of who the people are there. The leaders all really want to be there and be used by God for the kids lives. They are legit," said Steven Hughes, sophomore. Community and worship were main focuses of E-Free's youth group. "I love the community there. The people are really cool and we stay in touch," said Landon Burke, sophomore.



Standing on stage, Devin Payne, Samuel Bezjak, Brandon Hafenrichter, and Steven Hughes, sophomores, receive an award for having the best small group chili. At the annual E-Free hoedown each guy small group made chili and the girls make pies. The winner of each category received a pizza party for their small group.



Andrew Glidewell, senior, watches square dance lessons. Square dancing was part of the hoedown, and everyone was invited to learn.



Curtis Michael
Stump



First and foremost I would like to thank my family for their support throughout my high school years. Mom and Dad, thank you for the opportunity to attend WCA and always be there for me, God has blessed me with parents who are and will continue to be great role models for my life. Brent, always be yourself, you're hilarious! Kevin, I will always respect you for your determination and personality, you are so talented. Mark, you have brought so much joy and excitement. Soccer Bros, we've had a lot of good weekends- I'd like to file a report to the DP- Smithsonian! You've been some of the closest friends I've ever had. To everyone else, thank you. Peace.



Tanner

Ana Isabel



Mom and Dad, thanks for everything you've done for me. I hope I've made you proud. I love you. Jonathan, you're my favorite boy in the whole world. Elizabeth, never enough words - NHD, set club, emergency phone calls - your friendship means so much. Amibeth, you are my sister - my world-travelling, movie-loving, rain-dancing sister. Catherine, my life is so much better because of you - choir tours, recording studios, The Voice is Green. Alex, your intensity has shown me that friendship comes from unexpected places. Julie, 6 years of choir's been awesome. Set-clubbers, thank you all for joining in the first place, and thanks for staying. All my other friends and teachers, you've made WCA worthwhile. To God alone be the Glory.



Thampy

Lukose Kurien



High school is over! I must admit that my heart is still attached to my high school memories, so the transition to college will be weird. Kevin and Alex, tp-ing and BWW were amazing. Rasche, I still can't believe you doubled Geyer. Sorry about NHD, by the way. Tom, you are intense. Have fun at Rolla. I hear the weekend hangout spot is nearby Wal-Mart. Aaron, thanks for keeping us all in line. Pork chops and brats this summer, Kevin? Coca-Cola, You've proven invaluable in mediating my stress levels. I could not do without thee. To my parents and siblings: thanks for the unconditional love and support you've given me throughout my life. These past four years have been great!

WHAT'S YOUR INSTRUMENT?

Westminster students expressed themselves in many ways, including by playing instruments. Peter Johnson, sophomore, liked to play music "because its a way to express yourself, it gets stuff out of your mind."



1 *Landon Burke, sophomore, plays his guitar after school. He had been playing the bass guitar for two and a half years and the saxophone for six years. "Its a wonderful way to express myself and I enjoy playing along to my favorite songs," said Burke.*

2 *Dalton Williams, sophomore, plays the bagpipes at the talent show after carnival. He had been playing the Scottish highland bagpipes for three years. "I've been taking classes with my friend at church, I started because I heard the bagpipes on a movie and wanted to learn how to play," said Williams. He was fourteen when he first began lessons.*

3 *Peter Johnson, sophomore, plays the guitar, piano, bass, drums, and he also sings. He had been playing the guitar for three years, the piano for ten, the drums for five and has been singing his whole life. He had also been on the jazz band for the past two years.*

4 *Rebecca Gee, junior, plays the piccolo in band class. She had also played the flute for seven years. Outside of school she played the piano, flute, and the piccolo.*



Arribeth Helene
Thompson



Thank you to all of my teachers who have made an impact on who I am and who I hope to be. Von- you've given me confidence and knowledge on how to be a great leader. Coach- your encouragement keeps me going. My Freshmen Boys- you make my day and are going to be great men someday. My Friends- I don't know how I could have survived without your constant encouragement and love. Tyler- thanks for being there for me. Brinker- what am I going to do without you next year? Scout- you'll always be my baby. Nana and Pops- Thanks for your love, encouragement, and support in everything I do! Mom and Dad- You're the best! I couldn't have done it without you! Thanks to everyone for your love and support. Your love has not gone unnoticed. And sum sem... "bump it!"



Anthony Scott
Thompson II



Thank you God, family, friends, and foes. Mom, I love you! Thanks for all the sacrifices you've made in order to give me a great life. Dad, if it wasn't for you I would not be able to play the game of basketball the way I do. Mawmaw and Pawpaw, you are truly the best grandparents in the world. Pawpaws, continue to keep things in order at the Glasper residence, and Mawmaw, thank you for being my second mom. The Lord has truly blessed me with loving grandparents. I've pushed through the struggle and the hardships; Haters, thanks for the motivation. I can't leave out Uncle Chris and Uncle Kenny and Aunt Mary. Thanks for treating me as your own.



Claire Elizabeth
Unnerstall



Mom, Dad and Brennen, thanks for everything you do for me. God has truly blessed me with a loving family and has surrounded me with amazing friends. Nicole: You are my sister. My weekends are complete with you, and N64 of course. Thanks for always being there for me. Madison: Cheer would not be the same without you. Thanks for pushing me through all the hard stuff. Kristin: I love our crazy adventures. Alyssa: yes, MJGA's are real. Alex: thanks for being the logical one and keeping all of us straight. Chloe: Beep Beep. To everyone on Washington summer seminar: you all are amazing people, senior year would not be the same without all of you- bump it!



J. Caleb
Unser



First of all, I would like to thank my family especially my mom for always being there for me. I am very grateful for the love and support through the years and showing me how to live a Christian life. I would also like to thank all my friends because without them I would not have been able to make it through Westminster. And lastly, thanks to all the teachers that helped me whenever I needed it. Goodbye, Westminster.

Picking a card from the pile, Kira Stewart, junior, enjoys a magic trick performed at the birthday party. Stewart was one of just a handful of other people who attended the party and was the only junior present at Rebecca Zandstra's birthday party.



EXPLODING BONFIRE

Most teenagers who dream of their sixteenth birthday imagine getting their license, obtaining their own car, and planning an extravagant birthday party. Most kids do not imagine throwing items into a bonfire and watching them explode. Morgan Nixon, sophomore, held her sweet sixteen birthday party at her grandparents house, which was located on a farm. There was a bonfire in which a group of students decided to throw a couple of things and watch how they would react.

First, Caleb Winter, sophomore, threw in a can of lighter fluid. "At first, it started shooting five foot flames and it seemed like that was going to be it. But then it just blew up and there was this huge fireball and it left me wanting more," said Winter. Feeling unsatisfied with the spectacle, Kevin Vande Kamp, sophomore, tossed a shotgun shell into the fire. "It was pretty cool. But then, it made this huge explosion and we started yelling and dancing around like crazy people," said Vande Kamp.

In addition to the bonfire, there were two horses and a llama that made a handy makeshift petting zoo. Also, many of the attendees danced the night away in Nixon's Barn. In the end, everyone went home safe with memories of an unforgettable bonfire experience.

Rachel Becker and Stephanie Lieber, sophomores, sing to a karaoke machine at Morgan Nixon's Sweet Sixteen.



Alyssa Michelle

Walach



To my family... I wouldn't be who I am without you. Mom and Dad, thanks for everything you've done and for always putting up with me. Austin, you're an amazing brother. I couldn't ask for better. Alex- Bread! Sarah - Mud + anenana = true love. Claire - YES! Nicole - FTSK roadies '09! Brenna - Tina stole my llama. Chloe - I love sweeping barns with you. Marissa - Mars! Taylor - Sprinkles and muffins, get the later tots. Caroline - My lil' bucky, I can't even begin to say how much I love you. You are the most amazing best friend I could ever ask for. 1 Corinthians 15: 57-58. Peace and love.



Kenneth Jay

Weiss



To my parents, thank you for stressing the values of education and hard work throughout my life and for providing me the opportunity to attend a school that does the same. To my sister, even though I am off to college, I will always find ways to annoy you and I will still expect you to bake me cookies every week. To my friends, if we were able to stay friends whilst I transferred to 3 different high schools; I am sure we will be friends for life. Mrs. Larash, even though I am away at college I will still find ways to be a suck up. Kerstynne, the "e" is for love. Extended.



Suzanne Marie

Weston



Mom and Dad, no words can describe how thankful I am for you and how much you have taught me over my years at Westminster. Jessica and Michael, I'm so glad I have you to do fun, crazy things with Thanks for all the memories. I love you both so much! Kelly, Shay, Zan, you make my life so much fun! I can't imagine life without you guys. Molly, Jordan, Madison, Leisha, Katie, my life would be so boring without you. We have had so many amazing memories! Johnny, Micah, Thomas, Matt, Jimmy, Tim, Forrest and Blake, I couldn't have asked for better guys to hang out with. I'm going to miss you all. Coach Woodall, you will always be someone I look up to as a strong, Christian influence. I love you all so much!



Shaylynn Niccole

Weststeyn



Mom and Dad, your endless love and supports have been so much more than I deserve. I love you. JT, thanks for always believing in me and being the best big brother and role model. Trev, you're amazing and someday I hope to be half the person you already are. God has a perfect plan for you! Kelly, best friend, you've meant more to me than you'll ever know and way more than I could ever express. Suzanne and Rebecca, I love you so much and I've never laughed more with anyone. Forrest and Johnny, you've been my closest boys and truest friends. Zack, no matter what happens, thanks for the memories. Softball girls, you've been my little sisters. And Coach Woodall, you've shown me true Christianity and I'll always be grateful.



Amanda Joy

Wiele



Christ, your grace is sufficient for me, your power made perfect in my weakness. Mom-closest friend and confidant, you continually bless me with your selfless love and support. Dad- Thanks for being the perfect model of a godly man. I adore you and your corny jokes. Brothers- best friends. Catie- fraternal twin, 1st grade, sister. Jordan- car rides, tennis, secret BFF. Richard- best friends since 7th grade, road trip, we never change. Hill, Mads, Chey, Bethany, Sarah, and Blair- thanks for the times, I love you all. Coach and tennis team- best team in WCA history. Westhoff- I want to be you. Gibson- loved our talks, Mrs. DeRousse- second mom. Von- thanks for wilderness, it changed my life.



Bryan Jeffrey

Willey

And for YOUR Sweet Sixteen?



Rebecca Weiss, sophomore, shows off her snuggie at her sweet sixteen. She took six of her friends down to Branson, MO for a weekend party at the Hilton Hotel.

"People drove through my yard and put huge tire tracks in the grass."
- David Thomas, sophomore.

"At my sweet sixteen, people burned themselves with salt and ice."
- Margaret Duffy, sophomore

"People threw me a surprise party, and I was shocked. But I was confused at first, because I saw some of my friends' cars outside the house." - Elizabeth Nester, junior.



Thomas Christian

Winter



Thank you, teachers, for responsible dedication to education. Dr. Haas, Dr. Shaw, Dr. Holley, Mr. Graham, Van Gilst, and Ms. Zavaglia, you have stood out as Christian role models to me.

Thanks to friends who have conquered the challenges of school and life standing along my side: Rasche, Thampy, Lindstrom you're awesome. Thanks Chapel Band for putting up with me. For those encumbered by WCA rigor, "Do not let schooling interfere with your education." Mom and Dad- I will miss you, but it's time for me to go. I can never thank you enough for your support and dedication to instilling discipline and Godliness in my life. To God: thank you for giving faith! "The just shall live by faith."



Andrew Su

Wu



Leah Marie Younkin



Mom and Dad- thanks for always loving me, even when I don't deserve it... I love you so much, even when I don't act like it. Morgy- you're the best big bro ever... thanks for always looking out for me. I love you so much!! Hayley (best friend)- thanks for always being there for me. I'm sooo thankful that you're my sister, best friend, and role model all in one. And we have the same sense of humor... perfect delp - sorry I'm leaving you... I will miss you so much... you always make me laugh. Friends- I love you more than anything. You mean so much to me. It's been so fun. Thanks for all the laughs and memories. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.



Rebecca Frieda Zandstra



God: thank You for Your grace and mercy. Without You I am nothing. Mom and Dad: thanks for pushing me to be the best I can be, and for the love, support, and prayers along the way. I love you both so much. Matt, Mike, James: You made me into the tough girl I am today. Kelly, Shay, Suzanne: No words can describe how truly amazing you are. You've taught me so much about who I am. I wouldn't have made it without you. Matt: After the countless memories we've had together, I could never forget these wonderful years. Thomas, Johnny, Forrest: Thanks for all your help and kindness; you always make me smile. Lane 2: Just keep swimming. Coachy: Find another Canadian for me. I love you all.



Jamie Krystine Zimmer



Mom and Dad- You have made me the person I am today and you have loved me unconditionally throughout my life. I love you! Erin and Mark- you have always been there when I need you the most. You are truly the best siblings I could ever ask for. I love you guys! Kathleen- so many great memories! Love you! Katie- we have been with each other through the good times and bad. You really know how to make me laugh. Ward- You're an amazing guy. Thank you for being there when I need someone to talk to and for always putting a smile on my face. Lunch table- Thanks for the great times, you guys are awesome!

5 ways to CELEBRATE the 31st

1. Reverse Trick or Treating

Abigail Finn, Rebecca Lambert, juniors, and the rest of their small group went "reverse trick-or-treating" on October 29. They dressed up and handed out candy to the other junior small groups. The idea came from Kate Kindbom, their teacher leader and upper school college/ career counselor.

2. Public Disturbance

A group of freshmen boys went trick or treating around a suburban neighborhood. William Egan, freshman, was dressed as a nerd, and the other boys were teasing him and playfully nudging him. "Some lady freaked out, called the cops. She didn't believe us when we told her we were joking. We finally calmed her down though, and the cops didn't end up coming," said Brian Fellows, freshman.

3. Hitchcock Movie Night

A group of senior girls celebrated Halloween at Katherine Fleissner's house. The group went trick or treating to a few houses since Susan Horak, senior, had never been. Later they watched an Alfred Hitchcock movie. "It was our way of having fun and staying safe," said Horak.

4. Middle School Costume Party

Jordan Weber, eighth grade, held a costume party for the entire eighth grade. The party was the Friday before Halloween, and 85 people went. There was a costume contest with a prize of fifty dollars for the best one.

5. Working Fright Fest at Six Flags

Lacinta Chard, senior, worked at Six Flags for her summer job. The park closed just after Halloween, but she was able to work Halloween night for the festivities.



Andrew Adrian

Dear Andrew,

Life is amazing and you are one of the key ingredients. Two themes have continued to surface throughout your life, your ability to apply logic and your concern for what's right. Whether it was stepping in to protect those who could not protect themselves, helping others to succeed, or challenging the status quo, you have made us proud!

Remember "It's a wonderful world" and you make it even better!

We love you,
Mom and Dad



Ben Arnett

Ben, you are an answered prayer, a true joy and a blessing. God has given you great gifts and talents. May you continue to use them to bring glory to God and to fulfill His plan and purpose for your life. We love you forever and always: Mommy, Daddy and Andalee

Jer. 29:11- 'I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not calamity to give you a future and a hope.'



Daniel Alexander

Daniel Jordan, adorable, loving, gentle, quiet spirit, humble, funny, sweet, almost too easy. You have been a Joy. You love family togetherness and always knew what to say in times of struggles and frustration. God has truly loved us though you guys. He has blessed our family every step of the way. Stay strong in the Lord and stay close to him. He has great and mighty things for you in Music and Ministry. We are proud of who you are, a gentleman. Love Mom and Dad



Nick Arndt

Nick,
We are so proud of you! You are a young man of faith and integrity with talents and abilities that continue to amaze and humble us. You've faced challenges but have persevered. (Psalms 62:6) There is strength in you that God will use and passions He has yet to reveal. Trust Him and He will always see you though. We'll miss you, your humor and wry smile. Remember, we believe in you, we'll always be here for you and we love you more than words can say. (Ephesians 3:16-19)
Mom, Dad, Alex, and Nate



David Alexander

David Jordan, You were determined to be born first. You have always been strong, inquisitive, and steadfast. You watched Victors' every move and couldn't wait to do what he was doing and more. You have always wanted to be better than your subject. You were always thinking of inventions. As a child you spent a lot of time in a place of creativity, exploration, and adventure. You are an entrepreneur. Now that High School is over you can truly fly. In all your ways acknowledge Him and he will direct your path. We are proud of you.
Love Mom and Dad



Olivia Atkinson

Pookie,
Remember Williamsburg, Barney, the Watts, the Shawbe, Grace Covenant, the Leetuns, the Oltermanns, Lamplighter, Germany, Gertyl, Myrtle Beach, glunk castles, Hot Wheels, FOAM, Mrs. Murawski, fostering, Canada, Marianna, Lindsey and Matthew, Goose Poop Point, sledding, snowskiing, fishing, waterskiing, surfing, Italy, Rascal, the Chapel, worship band with Dad, Greensprings West pond, France, tutoring, God sending you to Missouri with a sister, new friends, swing dancing, Shashi-Lala and Dorothy Gish (Lillian's sister). We just adore you. Dad, Mom, and Charlotte



Mallory Apert

Mallory-

Truly you have been a beautiful treasure from God every day of your life! What an amazing gift to watch you grow from a tiny Eskimo baby to a young woman who fears the Lord. My sunshine, angel, honey cake, nut pie... The inspiration y mi corazon. God has made you just the way He wants you.

We more than love you.

Is. 40:26, 28,30, 31

Mom & Dad

P.S. Don't forget the sizzle.



John Bergman

John,

We are so thankful to God for blessing us with you. These past 18 years have flown by and we have watched you mature into such a wonderful young man. We will miss you so much next year, but we know that you are well prepared to go out and use the gifts and talents God has given you. Continue to treat others with love and kindness. We love you and are very proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad



Blake Anderson

Yesterday... a two-year-old, you wrestled Dad until he dramatically howled for mercy... threw and chased every ball... rode your bike believing it was turbo powered... ran faster, jumped higher in new tennis shoes... curled up in our laps at night to read books and say bedtime prayers...

Today... you fill our home with joy, laughter, depth, creativity and love... fill the air with the beautiful sounds of your piano and guitar compositions... you have the assurance of God's great love for you

Tomorrow... you leave the nest... touch lives of others... advance God's kingdom... and prayerfully seek and fulfill His plans for you...
We love you, Blake! Love, Mom and Dad



Amanda Bettlach

We thank God for the blessing you are to our family. Always remember, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13. We are proud of you. Bless you on your life long learning adventure. You have taught us so much more than you can ever imagine!

We love you,
Mom and Dad



Carolyn Baraquisti

Precious Carolyn, from the first joyful moments to the pride in your accomplishments we feel today, we are so thankful that our Lord gave you to us. We have enjoyed watching you grow up, hearing you sing and laughing at your escapades! Your godly character, courage, strength, goodness, and compassion amaze us! Your adult life is just beginning - we can't wait to see all God has planned for you! We will always be with you! Love, Mom, Dad, and Michelle



Alex Cusumano

Alex, our lives were changed the moment you were born. We loved every precious second of your childhood. We loved your smile, your personality and your competitive instincts. And, if it's possible, we love you more now than we did when you were born. Mark 9:23 "Everything is possible for those who believe." We know that with the talents God gave you, your future is limitless. We believe in you. With Love, Mom and Dad



Sam Bauman

Dare to dream big! Follow your passion using the talents the Lord provides. "This is the day the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it." Ps. 118:24. There have been and will be many days when this verse is hard to say. Life is like that. But press on and place your complete trust in the God of all creation. He loves you even more than we do. We are very proud of you. Mom & Dad



Jacobs Dahl

Congratulations Jake. We are both so proud of you. We have loved being a part of your many accomplishments and we are looking forward to seeing you continue to use the many gifts God has given you. "Just as it is written: Jacob I loved..." Romans 9:13 We love you to, Mom and Dad



Adrienne Boyd

Adrienne: It has been an incredible joy watching you traverse your first 18 years. Your quiet confident self assurance and faith in God coupled with your fun-loving comedic nature are just a couple of the gifts God has provided you. We are unrelenting in our love for you and look forward to you fulfilling God's plan for your future. We love you so much!! Dad, Mom, Christopher, and Stephanie Jeremiah 29:11



Christian Davis

Christian, What's in a name? Wow! God truly blessed us on Oct. 18th, when you entered the world. Your presence lights up a room and your wisdom enlightens those around you. You have been far beyond your years from birth. God has truly anointed you to do his work. Continue to follow your dreams and be the young lady God has made you to be. I am truly proud of you. Je t'aime Momma



Madison Burke

Madison, congratulations on a job well done! We are so proud of the young woman you have become, and all of your accomplishments. You are a "smart, tough, blonde" and it has been very exciting to watch God bless you. Ps 37: 4 says, "Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart." We look forward to watching the Lord bless you and answering your prayers. We all love you very much.



Sarah Dieckgraefe

Sarah, our little Texan, you are a joy! You entered this world with a gentle, caring spirit, with which you continue to live your life. It's a blessing to experience your faithfulness to God and love to others, and your priceless enthusiasm and laughter. Continue to live your life with God leading the way. We're so very proud of you and pray that your future will hold all that you hope and dream for. Love, Mom, Dad, Kate and Anna.



Richard Copeland

Richard, you have made us very proud. From the first moment we cradled you and brought you home, we've held our eyes on the future. Now the future is here and it is time for us to let you go. Even though we cannot be with you each day, know that our love and encouragement are. God has blessed you with so much talent, courage and strength; we are comforted knowing that He is with you always. Acts 1:8 Love- Mom, Dad, & Tessa



Lauren Dille

Lauren, our beloved youngest. You were born with a smile on your face and have brought us much joy. We are so proud of the faithful, principled young lady you have become, and are excited to see how He is going to use you and your gifts for His kingdom. The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Mom & Dad, Shannon & Kristen



Christina Dohr

Christina,
You are such a joy and blessing. Your ready smile and happy disposition is a source of light in our home and to all who know you. Your love of the Lord makes that light shine even brighter. It has been our great privilege to raise you and watch you use your many gifts to honor God. We are so proud of you. Stay steady on the path always. Love, Mom and Dad
P.S. I will miss you lo-mein, WHEEEEEEE, Jack



Katherine Fleissner

Katherine,
We love you very much, and are so thankful to God for blessing us with you. It's been such fun watching you grow and experience life. Our family's travels, dinners and movie nights will always be so special to us. We look forward to your discovery of God's plan for you, and pray that you will fulfill your dreams. May God continue to guide you and bless you.
Lots of Love,
Mom, Dad and Greg



Jacob Dwyer

Jake, reflecting back on you as a young child, we see the same imagination, creativity and energy we saw seventeen years ago. We loved watching you in sports and on the stage performing. You have been blessed with many gifts and talents and we are so proud of you. Your natural abilities are God's suggestions for your life's work. He is shaping and guiding you and in his perfect timing will turn your dream into a reality.
Love Mom and Dad



Hilary Franz

It was a very special day when you joined our family. You have filled our lives with such great joy and excitement. It is our pleasure to watch you grow into such a cheerful, loving, faithful and well-accomplished young woman. God has indeed blessed our family and we continue to ask that His will for your life be foremost. Ephesians 5:15-17 Love, Mom & Dad



Michael Evetts

Michael Evetts-
You have been such a blessing in our lives. We are so proud of you. In all things use wisdom and the gift of discernment that you have. Follow your dreams.
Love,
Mom & Dad



Austin Gantner

We are so proud of you and excited about your future! We have loved being with you and watching you through the years: soccer games, chess tournaments, building computers, spending time with family & friends. God is walking with you and watching over you each and every day. Let Him lead you forward and trust in Him. We have been blessed to have you as our son. Love you!
Mom & Dad



Mike Ferrara

Michael -It's hard to believe that the little boy who brought so much joy into our lives has become a man! We admire the way you live life to the fullest - whether you're on the baseball field, hanging out with your friends, or making us laugh. We're excited to see what God has in store for you as you continue your journey. We pray you follow Him always - His way is best. Remember; "be h.o.p.!"
Love, Dad, Mom and Rachel



Drew Glidewell

Our dear, tender-hearted Drew, Laughing uncontrollably, singing country songs at the top of your lungs, making new friends everywhere you go, "The Gun"... all the things that make you you. We are SO proud of your perseverance in trials, compassion for others, and sold-out heart for Jesus. God can, has, and will continue to use YOU to grow His kingdom. Romans 15:13.
We love you!
Dad and Mom



Kyle Finn

Dear Kyle,
Enjoy the power and beauty of your youth. As you do now, sing always. Wear sunscreen, be nice to your knees, eat vegetables... it is the best medical advice we have. Getting to know us as an adult will be completely different than your childhood; it is worth the effort. Love your siblings. They will be here when we are gone. Rudyard Kipling said it best:
If you can keep your head when all about you/
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can fill the unforgiving minute/ With sixty seconds' worth of distance run./ Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it./ And—which is more—you'll be a man, my son!



Kevin Giddford

We are so excited as you graduate. It seems like yesterday that you came into our life. You have exceeded our dreams and are a true blessing from God. We have watched in amazement as you grew into a smart, interesting, fun, faithful young man. We pray that you go forth and truly embrace God's purpose for you and fully live it out in your own unique style. We love you and are proud of you. Mom, Dad, Brian, Scott



Jake Grimes

Jake, you are a gift from God and we are thankful for all the joy you have brought us. Though admired for your strength and competitive spirit, you are also compassionate and always willing to help those in need. Stay close to the Lord and seek His wisdom. "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you" Psalm 32:8. We love you,
Mom, Dad, Sarah and Joe



Susan Horak

Susan, we are thankful to God for the gift of a daughter who lives life with confidence and joy and are amazed at your gifts of writing, thoughtfulness, and the love of learning. We give thanks for how the Holy Spirit has molded your heart to love righteousness. With eager anticipation we will watch as you make your mark for Christ in this world. We love you more than words could ever express.
Mom & Dad



J.D. Hartwig

J.D.,
It has been exciting to watch you grow into such an exceptional young man. God has certainly blessed us with you. You are a treasure to our family! We are so proud of your character and how you have used the gifts that the Lord has blessed you with. He has special plans for you life. Jeremiah 29:11
We love you,
Dad, Mom, Annie



Matt Hudnut

Matthew—our beloved son; a gift from God and the joy of our life. We are so very proud of you! You've matured into a man with a compassionate heart, a beautiful smile, and a great sense of humor. You have been blessed with many talents and abilities. Keep your focus on the Lord and press on toward the goal. The best is yet to come! Phil. 3:14
Love, Mom and Dad



Katie Haverstick

Our Sweet Katie "Bee",
How gracious our Lord is to have given us a wonderful daughter and sister like you! From day one, you have been a blessing! Ballgames, road trips, kitchen capers, dress-ups... so many great memories! Your enthusiasm for life, big heart and beautiful smile bring more joy than you can know! We have marveled at your perseverance in 2009 knowing it is a testimony to your faith in Christ. Continue to abide in Him and His Word... John 15:7
Love,
Mom, Dad, Bub, Sissy and Ry-man



Kathleen Hunt

Kathleen, You have matured into an incredible young lady. You are kind and tender-hearted, yet independent and self confident enough to stand up for what you believe in. You have always quietly followed your strong Christian values. We admire your work ethic and perseverance. The next phase of your life will be an exciting journey. Let God continue to guide you to the wonderful future he has planned for you.
WE LOVE YOU,
Mom and Dad



Katie Hoxel

Katie,
It has been a blessing to watch you grow into such an incredible young woman! We're so thankful for your faith and character that you exhibit each day. You've brought such joy and happiness into our lives with your sweet, kind and loving spirit. We're very proud of you and cannot wait to see what God has planned for your future! Remember that we love you and we will always be there for you.
Much love,
Mom, Dad, and Ryan



Erik Johnson

Erik, what a joy and a blessing you are to us! We could not imagine our lives without you. It has been fun to watch you grow and mature into a wonderful young man. We love your kindness, thoughtfulness, insights and sense of humor. We are excited about what your future holds for you and will always support you as you follow life's path. We love you! Mom, Dad, Matt, Lizzy, and Juno



Nicole Hoban

Nicole, you are a blessing from God. From the very first moment you have been amazing and you have blessed us in every way imaginable. You have a loving, tender spirit with an inner strength that is to be admired. Life will never be dull with you around. We feel so fortunate to have been given you by the Lord. You are going to have an awesome future and we are very proud of you. We love you. Prov. 3:5



Grace Johnson

Gracie Marie, where have the years gone? It seems only yesterday we were watching you lead your Sunday school classmates around on all fours, meowing like cats, and hearing you exclaim during dinner, "This doesn't even approach yummy!" Sweetie, you are a blessing in our lives. Seek the Lord in all you do. Trust in His ways and not your own. Daily surrender to His will and He will make your paths straight. We love you, dearly! Dad and Mom



Sarah Johnson

Sarah,
When you were born we thought you were the most beautiful baby we had ever seen! Over the years we have watched you grow into a young woman whose inner beauty equals your outer beauty! We love your talented and diverse group of friends. Most of all we are so proud of your leadership skills and your understanding and commitment to bringing the gospel to the poor. We know God has a wonderful plan for your life. Keep Him first in all you do!
Love, Mom and Dad



Alex Lindstrom

Alex:
The Lord has blessed you with knowledge, leadership, a sense of humor and wisdom. You have an incredible future ahead of you. We know that the Lord will bless what you put your mind and heart into when you pursue it with prayer. Remember God is with you everyday and He is for you, not against you—(Proverbs 3 and 4). We love you and are blessed to have you as our son!
Love Dad and Mom



Kristin Kilpatrick

Kristin,
Special K. It seems just yesterday you were dragging your 9 iron. Now you wield you clubs like an expert. Golf is just one of your talents. We have seen your ability to study and persist in classes. We have seen your compassion for people and the friendships you have formed. You will succeed in whatever you do. God has great plans for you. Remember, we are always here for you.
Love, Mom and Dad



William McKenna

Dear Willy,
You are an incredible son, terrific brother, wonderful grandson, and special nephew, cousin and friend. God blessed you with many talents, which you've used for helping family, friends and charities. You're a wonderful Christian, compassionate and loving, with a beautiful personality and awesome sense of humor. We love you so much and feel so blessed. Jesus says "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."
Love you always,
Mommy, Dad, and Katie



Yire Kim

Yire, "The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace," Numbers 6:24-26.
Love, Mom, Dad, and April



Drew Moisson

Drew, you are a blessing to behold! Your sense of humor and wit is in a class of its own and we have so enjoyed watching it develop. We feel so privileged to be your parents! You are loved more then you can imagine!
Mom, Dad, Adam and Haley



Audrey Knight

Audrey,
You have a strong moral compass and the determination to share it. We see your commitment to your studies, your drive to express your creativity and your continued pursuit to excel in a sport you love despite adversity. We know you will embrace whatever adventures await you. May the joy of the Lord be with you always. Love Dad, Mom, Adam, and Evan



Jordan Montgomery

Jordan,
You're a treasure and you've enriched our lives in ways too numerous to count. We'll certainly miss our daily dose of your dry wit, your earnest efforts to please, your proving yourself to be a loyal friend, and the sound of your voice, especially in song. Graduation from WCA is a milestone that reminds us of God's generosity. May it remind you of God's love poured out through the care of parents, pastors, teachers and friends. Be true!
Love, Mom, Dad, Reed, Andrew, David



Michael Koebbe

Mikey,
You are a great brother and a good friend. I am proud of the man you are becoming. As soon as you get over Blink 182 we'll have to go to a concert. Keep the faith.
Love, Randy - your real life "bro"



Courtney Pfeiffer

Dear Courtney,
You bring peace and joy to our family. From the time you were born, you had a smile on your face. To this day, your smile brightens our lives. Your determined and competitive spirit, compassion for others, confidence, and kindness will take you far in life. Your heart is made of gold. We know God will continue to use you to do great things in this world. Philippians 4:13.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Taylor, and Kaitlyn



Tim Reed

Tim, we are so blessed to have such a wonderful son, and we've loved watching you grow into a godly man of integrity with a loving, compassionate heart and a great sense of humor. You have brought so much joy and laughter into our lives, and we look forward to seeing God's plan unfold for your life (Jeremiah 29: 11-13). Know that we will always be here for you. We love you with all our hearts! Mom and Dad



Ashley Segrave

Ashley,
I can't begin to find the words to say how much I love you and how proud I am of the beautiful woman you have become. Even back in kindergarten with Betsy at your side I could see the SPARKLE in your eyes. Continue to keep your fun loving spirit and passion for what you believe in. My prayer for you is that God will guide you in the direction "to soar on wings like eagles." Congratulations - you did it!
I love you,
Mom



Marta Roberts

Uff Da Marta! Our joy and delight! How wonderful it is to see you grow as a faithful young woman. Through your joy and humor, concern and hard work, grace and your servant's heart you show us Jesus. May you always seek the One who calls you by name and loves you so. We can't wait to see what comes next for Miss Marta. Love you lots! :) Mom, Dad, Johanna, Sam, Jessica, Noah '10



Julie Sharp

Precious Julie! It has been a joy and adventure watching you grow. Ever since toddler-hood your eyes sparkle when you get a unique idea. You are talented, intelligent, athletic, and hardworking. You have a special heart for others, and are wonderfully outgoing and encouraging. Many have deposited much into you, and you have seized each opportunity. God has big plans for you and you will succeed at them. We love you and are very proud of you! Romans 12:6-8



Billy Rock

Billy, there's no one else like you and I am so glad God let me be your Mom. You are a sweet, sweet son, a good friend and a compassionate, self-confident young man. I believe God has great plans for you and I'm so excited to see what your future holds!! I will miss your goodnight bear hugs! Thanks for telling me every day - "I love you." I hope you know I will always "love you more".
- MOM



Curtis Stump

Curtis,
What an amazing young man you have become! We love you so much and are so incredibly proud of you. God has given you wonderful gifts, and we know He has a special plan for you. Thank you for the love you have given all of us. You are an awesome big brother. Remember God's promise, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Joshua 1:5).
Love,
Mom, Dad, Brent, Kevin and Mark.



Dick Ross

Richard,
We thank God for you; the love, the joy and fun you bring our family. From faithful boothman to beloved son and brother, you amaze us. Please know you are in our hearts, now and forever.
Richard, you were born a gentleman, what a privilege it has been to love you. Dream big. How we love you.
Mom and Dad.



Amibeth Thompson

Amibeth,
You have gone from our sweet, loving Little Girlie, to a most beautiful and precious young lady. Your gentle spirit, your loving attitude, your servant-heart, and your graciousness, make you beautiful from the inside, out. God has gifted you with many talents, and has a wonderful plan for you (Jeremiah 29:11). It will be such fun to watch it unfold as you begin this new page in your life. You are precious to us, and we love you...always!!!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Tyler, Brink and Scout



Jack Ross

Jack, You have made us very proud. From the very beginning you were active and curious and 18 fast years later have turned into a fine man, with an adventurous spirit. Throughout your life you have always faced all challenges and opportunities with great determination. We will miss you, but we know that great adventures await you. May God always be at your side.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Alyssa Wallach

With you, each day is a new adventure. Your joy for living, love of new challenges, and caring heart remind us daily of God's desire for us to glorify Him and spread His love to others. So many happy memories: trapshooting, hunting, horses, lacrosse, a different sport each season, life guarding, mission trips... "Stand firm in the Lord and give yourself fully to His work." (1 Cor. 15:58) Your dedication and service to God blesses many.
Love Mom, Dad, and Austin



Suzanne Weston

Sweet Suzanne, we are so proud of you. You bring us so much joy! We have loved watching you grow into a beautiful woman, so capable, caring, and compassionate. We'll miss you very much, but pray that God will continue to lead and guide you into a bright future. May He give great honor to you because of the way you have honored us all these years. We love you! Dad, Mom, Jessica, and Michael.



Thomas Winter

Thomas, Ever since you were born, you've had a sparkle of the Holy Spirit in your eyes and a song in your heart. Waking up singing in your crib, spontaneous heartfelt prayers – these are just some of the ways God has blessed our family through you. May our Triune God always be your strength, guide, and comfort. May His Holy Word always be your anchor in this life. We love you more than words can express. Dad & Mom



Amanda Wiele

Amanda Joy Wiele, you are joyful, beautiful, loving, wise, sweet and sincere. You have been an inspiration to us all and we are very blessed that God made you exactly as you are! Knowing that you entrust each day to God gives us comfort as we let go and send you off to a wonderful life. We love you all the way to heaven... Mom, Dad, Ben and Greg



Leah Yankin

Dearest Leah, our sunshine girl, the Lord truly smiled on our family the day you were born. Your enthusiasm and love for life are contagious, and your smile brightens our days. We are so proud of what a beautiful and godly woman you have become. The Lord has a special future for you. Remember to find your strength in the Lord and to follow him in all that you do. We love you! Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11, Mom, Dad, Morgan, Hayley, and Gordon.



Newspaper Staff

You guys make coming to work a pretty good deal. Tony, who's gonna tap people on the head now? Ashley, you proved you could do it all. Danielle, who better to hand this thing off to? I appreciate everything everyone did this year and all that you put up with from me.

Have I told you lately that I love you?

Vets,

It was only about two months into your freshman year that I began dreading this day. I've never had students stick with anything I was doing as long as you all. Odds are, we've probably spoken to each other for one of the last times. One thing you can count on regardless is that you know I love you. Don't you?

Wiele, Sherm, Rasche,
It's aloha high-school, no work till...

V

Rebecca Fandstva

Rebecca, What a wonderful gift from God! Smart, wise, fun, talented, organized, and beautiful. Such a joy to have you in our family. You are now done with High School and free to choose your path in life. Choose God's path for you and he will truly bless you. Read Jer 29:11. Continue to choose good friends who will be a positive influence, encourage you, hold you accountable, and lift you up when you are down. We love you always. Mom and Dad, ps – thanks for the bird



Staff,

People ask me sometimes if yearbook's worth the trouble. I just say "What trouble?" I love my job and I hold you guys up as a huge part of the reason. Thomas, Taylor and Hayden, you came back again and again and helped to guarantee that this staff is the one by which all others will be measured. Amibeth, I'm glad I waw this coming when you were a freshman. What else needs to be said that hasn't been said in four years. You knocked this one out of the park. They couldn't have done it without you. Neither could I.



Hail to the Chief

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Mals-

My life has been great because of you. I love you so much. I know you will accomplish great things. You're a nerd, but I love you!

-Julz & Colby

Mallory Alpert



Jeremiah 29:11 We rejoice to see how God is working out His plan in your life. To Christ be the glory! Love, Mom, Dad, Alex, & Jonah

Molly Anderson



Kevin,

We are so proud to call you our son and older brother. Keep your faith strong as you go out into the world.

Love, Mom, Dad, Derek, Nick and Lauren

Kevin Bell

Alex,

We are so blessed and thankful to have you as our daughter. It has been amazing to watch your strength, determination and perseverance. You have grown to be a beautiful, independent Christian woman. We are so very proud of you. Your faith, caring heart and smile fill us with praise and joy.

We love you always,

Mom and Dad



Alex Bond



Daniel, we are proud of the wonderful and faithful young man you have become. You are blessed with a generous heart and great sense of humor. You have brought much joy and laughter to our family. God has blessed you with awesome gifts. Always remember, He will lead you and guide you wherever you go. Jeremiah 29:11. Love Mom and Dad.

Daniel Chae



Laurel, Dancer – poet – gift from God – you are our joy! It has been a privilege to watch you grow. We can't wait to see what He has planned for your future.

Love, Mom and Dad

Laurel Dancer



Time has passed from then to now... You've grown so fast, a senior—wow. Your mom in heaven rejoices with your graduation... Her smiles and mine with heart felt congratulations.

Kris Freeman



Dear Sam,
We are sooo proud of you! God has done a mighty work in you these last four years at Westminster. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Mary, Christopher, & Emily

Sam Hevl



Dear Elisha,
It has been great having you as a big brother; we will really miss you. Thanks for all the times we shared, movies, basketball, baseball games, vacations, parks, and tours, oh and the pranks. We appreciate everything God is doing in your life, keep up the good work.

Love, Emmanuel and Anna

Praise the Lord, what a great journey this has been. As our firstborn son, you have helped us see God as a loving Father. You have blessed our lives tremendously and we are very proud of you.

Love, Mom and Dad



Elisha, we are so excited about what God has done and is continuing to do in your life. As you enter in the next phase of life, put God first and He will help you in every area. We have watched you mature into a wonderful young man, to God be the glory. We love your quiet strong spirit and appreciate your leadership in the household; We love you, Mom and Dad.

Elisha Logan



Jennifer, you have grown up before our eyes. It seems like yesterday you were a baby. We took you to the park, birthday parties, dance recitals and softball games. Now you are making plans for college and a future away. You have developed into a very bright, responsible, and beautiful young lady. We are so proud of you. You are an inspiration and a joy in our life. We hope and pray that you accomplish all your goals. And no matter what, we will always love you more than words can express.

Love,

Mom & Dad

Melvin and Donna Alexander



Jennifer Alexander

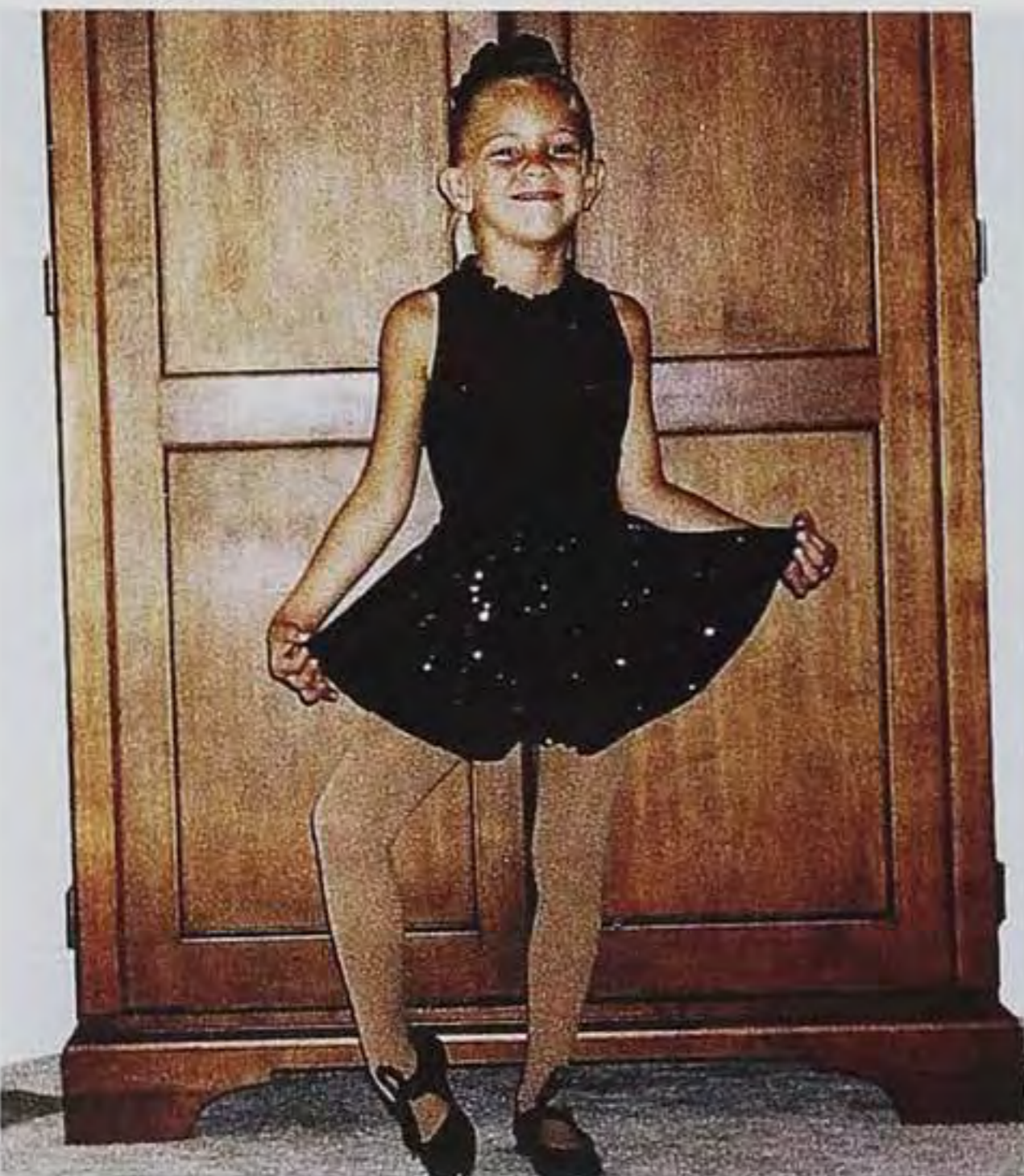


Blake, you are a gift from God
– we love you! Love, Dad and
Mom

Blakie, I can't believe you are going to college!
You are the best brother in the world. I love
you!! –Sisi

Blake Anderson

Pie,
I hope you dance.
Love,
Mom



Chevenne Bartlett



April, our favorite fashionista; 18 years of anticipated moments have quickly become cherished memories. Now we place you into the Potter's hands to complete the good work he began in you. May He guide and protect you as you journey to discover why the Mona Lisa smiles, and continue to bless others as you have blessed us. Love, Mom and Dad.

April Johnston



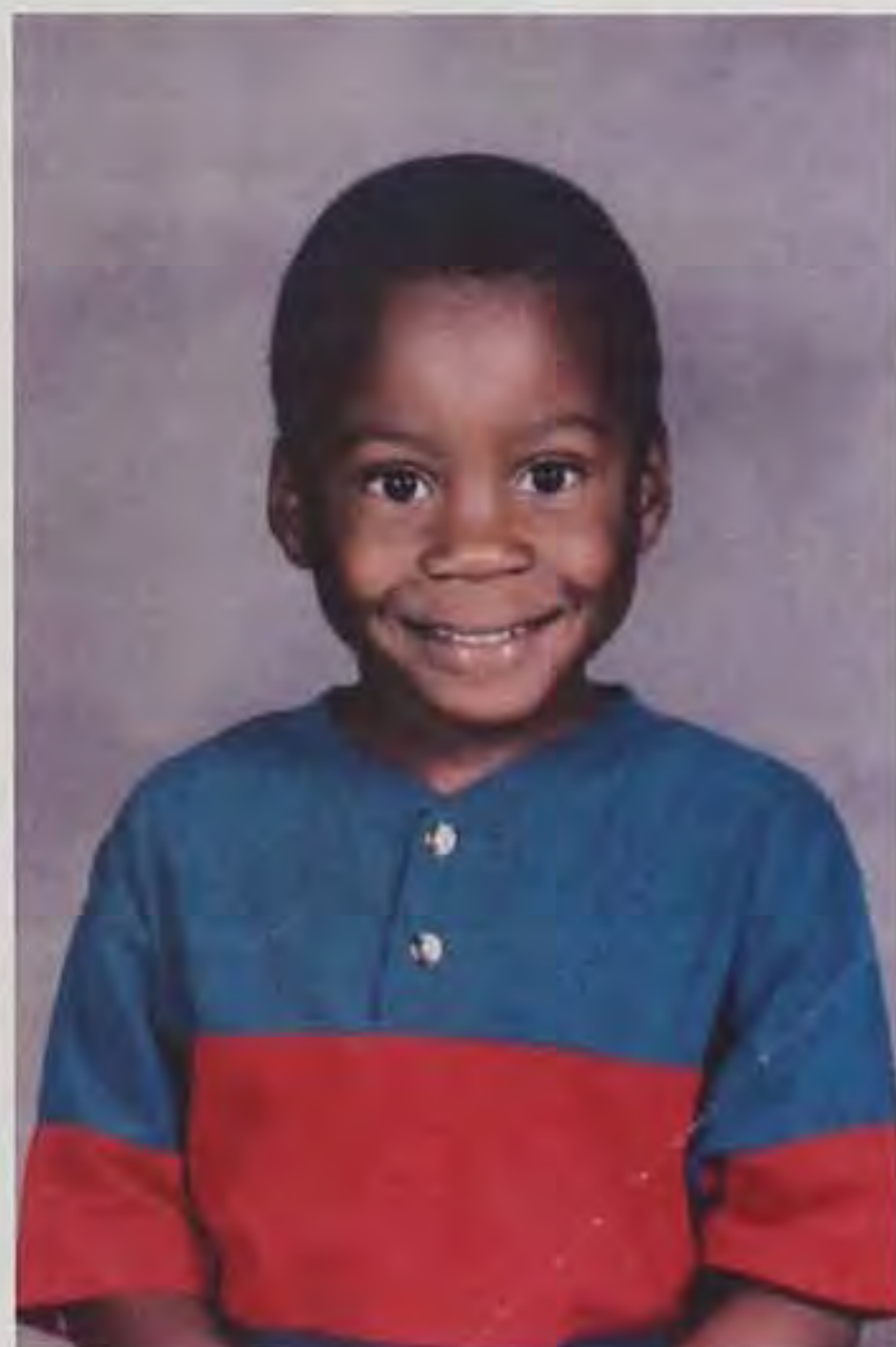
'Drew
It seems like only yesterday you began your school journey. . . .

Continue to develop the gifts God has given you. Continue to seek His purpose. Continue to aim toward the highest goals.

We are incredibly proud of you and we're excited about the beginning of this next chapter!

Love, Mom & Dad.
Jeremiah 29:10-13

Andrew Kouba



"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion..." (Phil. 1:6)

"Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Love,
Dad and Mom

Luke Nienhuis



Nick,
We love you!
Congratulations,
Mom and Dad

Nick O'Neal

Tony,
 Congratulations Tony! We are so proud of you. Since birth you have grown to be a God-fearing young man who knows the secret to a successful life: God first. It has been a joy to have played a part in your life! We know you will succeed at whatever you pursue because of your relationship with God. Have fun Tony as you move on to another phase in your life. Remember as you move into different phases of your life you might run into trials. But just remember trials only come to make you stronger. They will pass! We love you! Mom and Dad



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 2006 - 27th Grade North County Christian School National Jr. High Society



Tony Thompson



Voice of an angel, heart of gold, woman of God – congratulations on your accomplishments! Keep Christ close in life and know that we love you always! Dad, Mom, and Michelle.

Carolyn Bonacquisti



From SUPER BOY to a SUPER YOUNG MAN.

Love,
WWE Diva
"It is God who arms me with strength."
2 Samuel 22:33a

Brett Park



Thomas – The Diplomat

We are so thankful to God for you as your many gifts have begun to unfold. We had no idea that God was transforming you into the leader you are today. We marvel at your view of the world and spiritual depth. Stay on the road not taken and always trust in Him.

Love, Dad and Mom

Thomas Porter



Taylor,

You are a young man with integrity, honesty & compassion. We pray you keep God as the center of your life always.

Love you,

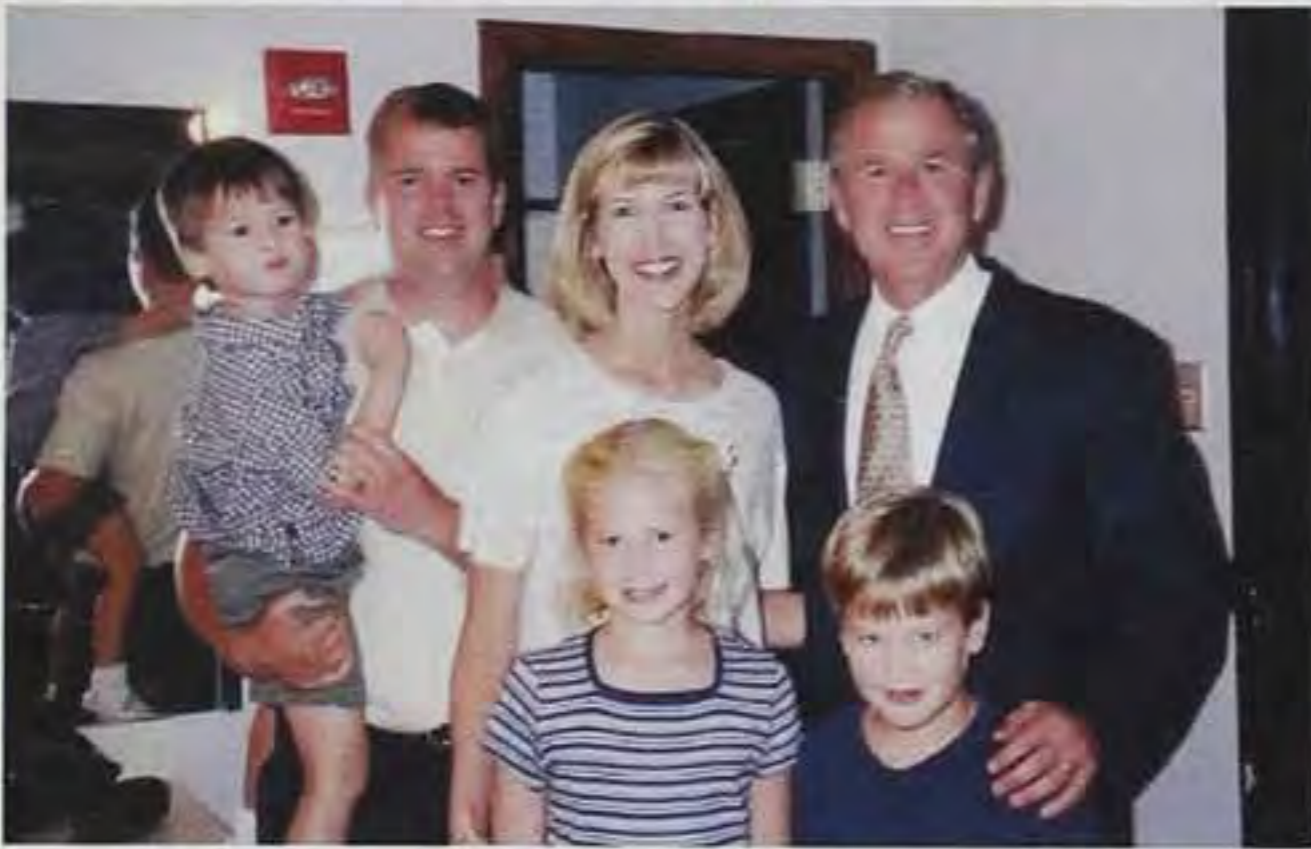
Dad, Mom, & Travis



Taylor Brandt



Madison,
 We all love you and are so proud of you.
 We are excited for your future we know the Lord has great plans for your life! (Jer 29:11). Love, Mom, Dad, Landon and Carson.



Madison Burke



Dear Alex
 We are so very proud of you and excited for what the future holds. We know the Lord has a perfect plan for your life. Always remember to remain true to yourself, learn from your mistakes, seek God's wisdom in all you do, and above all, count your blessings – they are many!
 We love you unconditionally Alex, more than you can imagine.
 Mom and Dad

Jeremiah 29:11
 Proverbs 3:3
 Psalms 46:1-3

Alex Cacciarelli



David,
We have watched you mature into a wonderful, Godly young man; now it is time to spread your wings. We have shared many joys and adventures! You are obedient, loving, kind, scholarly, and a gentleman. We are very proud of you, and pray that you continue to revere God and find true wisdom.
Love, Dad, Mom, Meg, and Rob

David Rasche



Leisha,
Your name means "joy" and that's what you've given us. We are so proud of the amazing woman you've become. God has big plans for you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Rachel
Psalm 20:4

Leisha Ritter



Emily-
You are full of joy, insight, wisdom and determination. Keep growing in God's strength. As always, He will be with you and so will we.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Emily Sherman



Grace,
Wow, one day we wake up and you are a senior! A blink, and off to college. Memorize Proverbs 35:5-6, and God will lead you on an amazing journey.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Grace Smith



Ana
 Mom's Sweet Pea,
 Dad's Little-Bits,
 you are beautiful,
 intelligent, and oh,
 so talented. Whether
 playing the piano,
 singing, painting, or
 just loving your friends,
 you're successful in
 all you do.

As you embark on
 this chapter of your
 life, we pray that
 God will continue
 to use you to glorify
 His name.
 Philippians 4:13
 All our love,
 Mom, Dad and
 Jonathan

Ana Tanner



Coach- it has been a blast swimming and helping you the past four years. You've helped me grow and mature, displaying a Christ-like attitude that can always be admired. I've enjoyed swimming the long distance events. Thank you for helping me grow.

Von- your leadership is something that can be admired. You never try to be fake or to put on a mask, but are real with everyone. Your attitude and Christ-like example is something that has motivated me to work hard and to learn from your example. Thank you for all of the life-lessons, this year and years past!

Thanks for being a great example in my life.
 Amibeth Thompson

Amibeth Thompson



Our beautiful girl, we are so proud!
 Love the Lord, pray for His will and wisdom
 and let your light shine bright!
 Deuteronomy 31:8
 All our love, Dad and Mommie

Claire Unnerstall



Shaybabe, you are an amazing person. We are so proud of the beautiful woman of God that you have become. We have enjoyed being a part of all your activities and watching you mature over the last 18 years. When you were two, you always asked to go to the beach....it has taken you awhile, but you are making it happen!
 Love, Dad and Mom

Thanks for being the best sister ever! – Trev

Hey, you're late.....meet me at the Greek! – JT

Shay Weststeyn



Congratulations Cheyenne July Bartlett!
 You are a shining star and a true gift from God. We are so very proud of you and can only imagine what the future will hold. Our prayer for you is that you continue to bloom wherever you are planted.....

Jeremiah 29:11
 For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

We Love You!
 Dad, Sandy, Justice, & Jack



Cheyenne Bartlett



Sarah, just as your name implies and evidences your beauty, you are becoming a woman of noble character. You have persevered to emerge as a young woman with heart, forthrightness and determination. You have overcome adversity with humor and hard work.

As you leave these days behind you, remember the hardships that turned to laughter, the struggles that produced victories, the tears that brought forth your greatest joys and triumphs; take them with you as reminders of life's greatest lessons of hope and courage. Use your greatest asset, resolve to guide your path. "Important principles may and must be inflexible." -Abe Lincoln (ur fav president) Don't let your values be stretched, that you would disavow the things that are most important to you. We love you so much, mom and dad. Ps. Granno would be so proud!



Sarah Clark



Ethan,
 You are our precious treasure from God, our one and only! We are so proud of you dude, in all you do. May you always walk in God's will, give grace, and love much. Are you my boy...always!
 Luvyabud,
 Mom and Randy
 Jeremiah 29:11

Ethan Cobbel



Congratulations Madalyn! You have filled our hearts with much joy, love, and excitement. We will always treasure the memories of the experiences we have had as a family. You are a true gift from God. We can't wait to see what wonderful things He has in store for you as you enter the next chapter of your life. We love you very much and will always be proud of you.

Mom, Dad, and Melissa

Madalyn Elliot

Andrew,
May these words define who you are:
Don't let the wise brag of their wisdom.
Don't let heroes brag of their exploits.
Don't let the rich brag of their riches. If
you brag, brag of this and this only: That
you understand and know me. I'm GOD,
and I act in loyal love. I do what's right
and set things right and fair and delight
in those who do the same thing. (Jer
9:23-24 MSG)—Mom and Dad



Andrew Everett

You've brought us so much joy since the first day we saw your lovely face. We're proud of your accomplishments but more importantly, your character. You're compassionate, loyal, and tender hearted. You have a servant's heart and it shows in the way you love your family, friends and those less fortunate. We can't wait to see what God is going to do as you continue your journey with Him. With all our hearts, Mom and Dad. Proverbs 3:5-6.



Jessica George



Simone Elliot

Deut. 10:12-14 What does the Lord your God require of you except to listen carefully to all he says to you, to obey for your own God the commandments I am giving you today, and to love him, and to worship him with all your heart and soul. Earth and highest heaven belong to the Lord your God. Do all that God requires from us and show mercy and forgiveness to all.

Simone, we have loved you as God loves you. It has been an honor to be your parents. It has taken a small village to raise you, and I thank all of our family whose hands and heart were on you. Congratulations! And good luck. Take on the World with God guiding you.

Love you,
Mom, Ron, and Family



Bianca Elliot



Keep doing what you're doing because it's working. You have accomplished much and are steadfast in your faith. You are a wonderful cheerleader to your class of 2010 and you are extremely loyal and supportive to your friends. You have given us so many cherished memories with your creativity, glamour and optimism. Thanks for all the fun, joy and laughter you have built into our lives each day. May God continue His work in you so that you can be a blessing to all who are fortunate enough to be in your path. We love you more than you will ever know.



Hillary Franz



J.D. what a blessing you are! We love you and appreciate you. We will always want to be with you, and enjoy supporting you. As you grew out of trading cards and then paintball and on to football and performing in a rock band we were continually amazed by you.

You are true to your friends, and have high integrity. You know the Lord and it shows in your daily actions.

We are excited for your future! Keep Matthew 6:33 in forefront. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all things will be given to you as well." We pray that you will know God's presence with every step you take, seeking Him always.

We are truly proud of you.

Love Dad, Mom, and Annie



J.D. Hartwig

Dear Rebecca,
 Not only did our sweet, bright little girl turn into a successful student, athlete, and pianist, but you were also the catalyst in the family's growing faith in Jesus Christ. We look forward to watching you grow in your faith, being a good steward of the talents you have been given, and fulfilling your goal of becoming a doctor.

You are our joy and we love you,

Mom & Dad
 Philippians 4:13



Rebecca Harner

Dearest Katelyn,
 Congratulations! We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become! Remember to trust in the Lord...Proverbs 3:5,6

We Love You,
 Mom, Dad, Bubby, Sis, Ry-man and Murphy



Katie Haverstick



Catie, Cato, Cateness. Cool! We are so proud of you; You are smart, determined and beautiful. The world is yours for the taking and we know that God has a special plan to use all the wonderful gifts He has given you. Great things await you and we'll always be there for you. May Jesus continue to open your heart and mind to what He will teach you. We love you honey.
Mom & Dad

Catie Horseman



Dear Johnny,
Things may not have looked quite right when we put you in the car seat upside down that first day...but since then we know that your eyes have looked toward heaven. God has truly blessed us with a young man that has a kind, sweet and loving heart. We are very proud of all that you've done. We can't wait to see where God will take you next. We pray daily that your life will reflect Christ's Great Ransom for you!!!
Love Mom and Dad

Johnny Kehr



Susan,
Congratulations! We are proud of you
for reaching this milestone in your life.
You are a beautiful woman, a wonderful
daughter and a fantastic big sister!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Emily



Susan Horak



Forrest,
You've brought us
countless smiles.
Take your joy to
the world! Love,
Mom, Dad, Hunt-
er, Janie

Turn to the living
God...he fills your
hearts with joy.
Acts 14:15-17



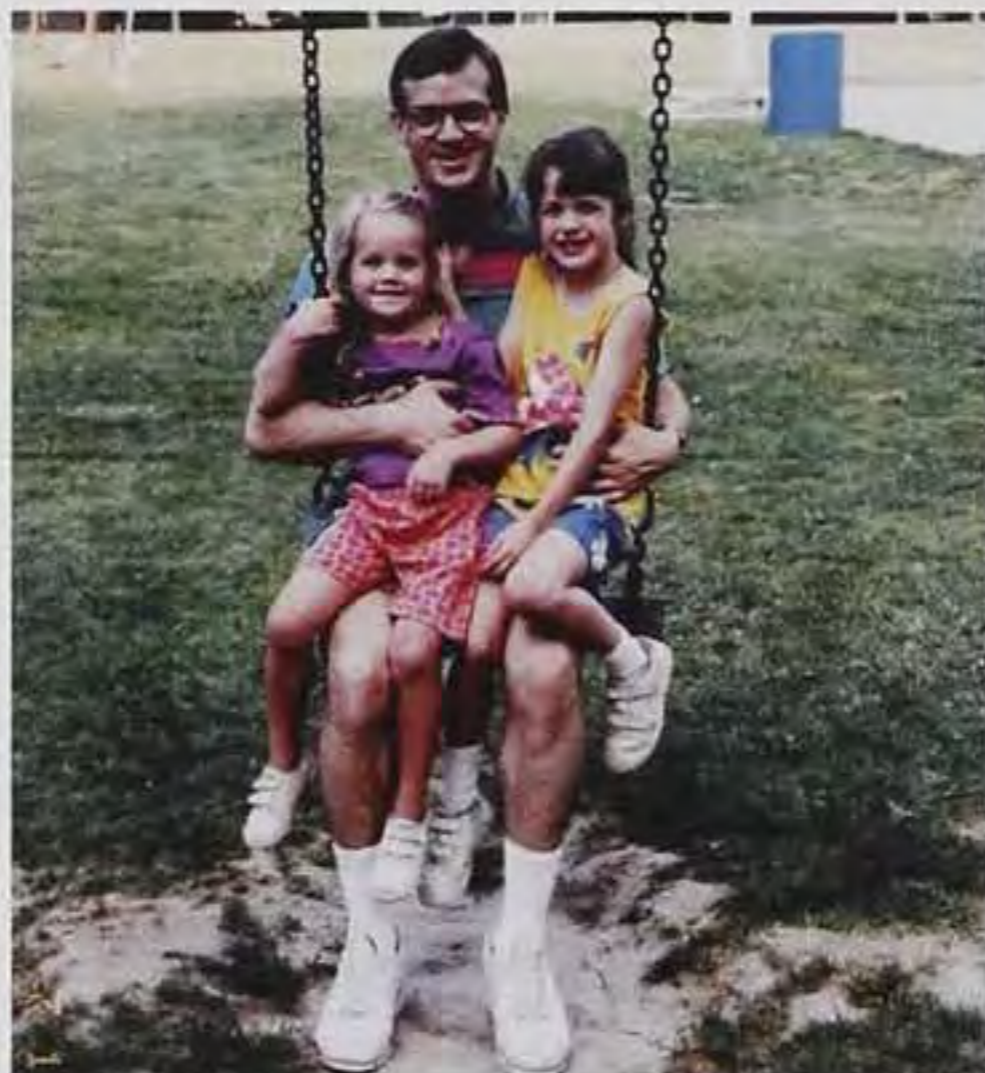
Forrest Hughes

Our "Princess" - "God's Promise",
 You bring joy to your family and to
 those around you with your beauty,
 compassion and kindness. We are so
 proud of the woman of God you've
 become- Christ clearly shines through
 you! We can't wait to see how He will
 use you in your
 future adventures.
 We pray you'll hun-
 ger for His best!
 Love, Mom, Dad,
 Taylor, Zach
 -Zeph.3:17



Sarah Hughes

Dearest Heidi,
 What joy and sunshine you bring to our family. We
 love you very much and will always be praying for
 you! Jeremiah 29:11-13
 Love,
 Mom & Dad



Heidi Hunter



Brother,
 You are the best big brother I could have asked for. Thank you so much for being there for me throughout my life and helping me to know how to escape a zombie if one happens to fall on me. I love you brother guinea pig,
 Sarah

Eric you are the finger print of God. He continues to mold you daily as He creates a masterpiece. You are a blessing to your family, friends, and community. You work intensely for the glory of God in all you do. I am blessed to be your mother to watch you grow into a caring, righteous, and passionate young man but you will always be my sweat pea.

I love you!
 Mom

Eric-
 I love you and I am very proud of you in so many ways!

Love, Dad

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. -Matthew 5:16

Eric Levenhagen



We love you for what you are, but we love you yet more for what you are going to be. We love you not so much for your realities as for your ideals. We pray for your desires that they may be great, rather than for your satisfactions, which may be so hazardously little. You are going forward toward something great. We are on the way with you, and therefore we love you, Mom and Dad.
~poem by Carl Sandburg

Hayden Lewis



Taylor,
 We love you so much and
 we are so thankful for you.
 Your contagious smile, gen-
 tle spirit, and servant's heart
 are gifts from the Father and
 we know that by His spirit
 He will continue to develop
 these and others in you. We
 wish we could always keep
 you in our home, but you will
 always be our little girl.

Love,
 Dad, Mom, and Nick

You are the best sister in the
 whole wide world! I'll give
 you 100 kisses!
 Blake

Taylor Jewell

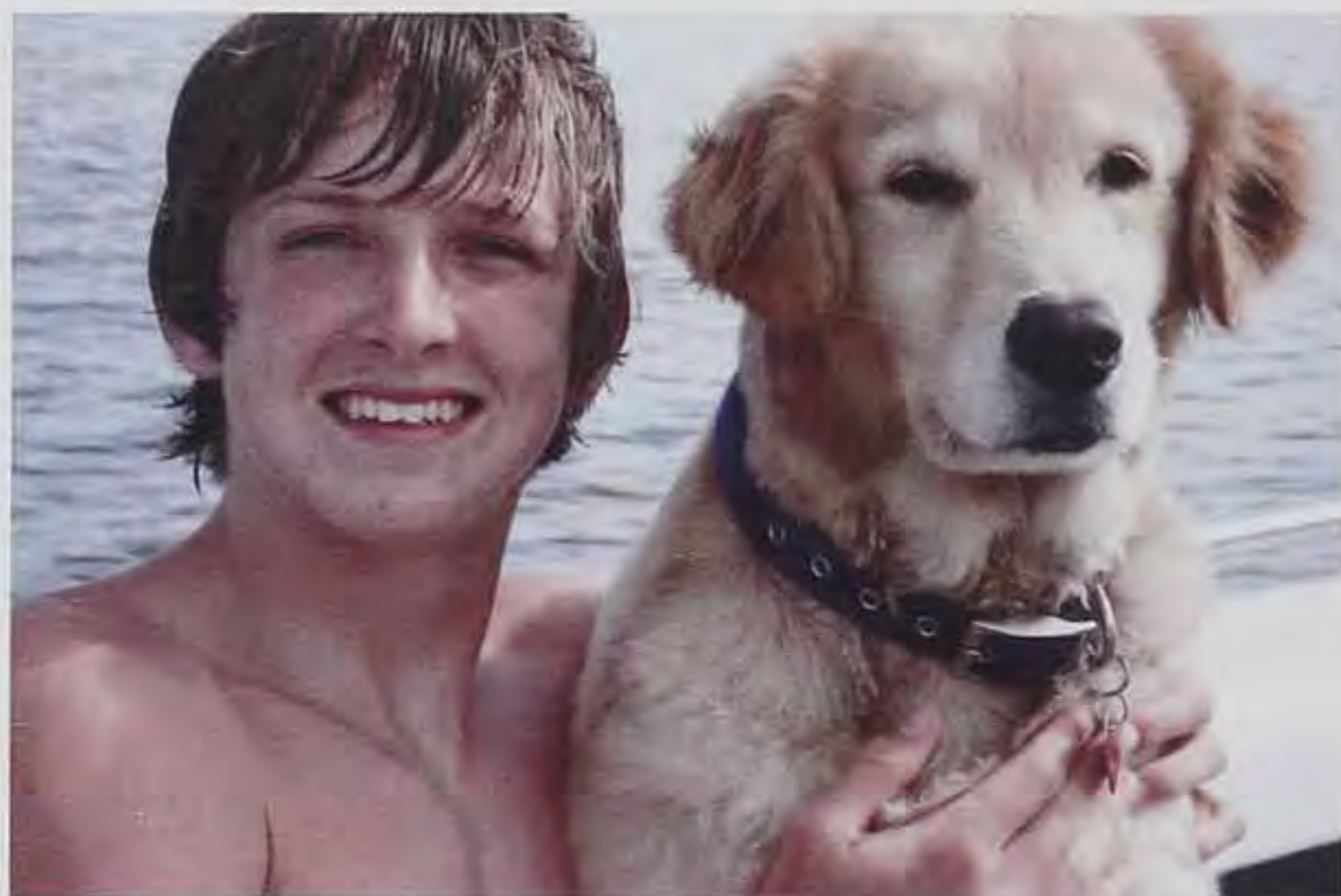


Haley –
 You are such a beautiful woman of God.
 We love you more than words can say.
 God has great plans for you!
 All our love,
 Dad, Mom, & Maggee



Haley Kane

Michael,
We are so thankful to God for you! The joy and love you have brought into our family is too much for words. Your perseverance and sense of humor stand out as your gifts and we trust God will use these for His glory. We will all miss you when you go to college, especially Mandy and "Dribble Lip" but we look to the future with joyful anticipation. We are proud of you. We love you. Dad, Mom and Randy.



Michael Koebbe

Kate,
God has shaped you into a beautiful, godly woman. We are so proud of you and your desire to serve God. We have loved watching you grow and mature through these past 5 years at Westminster. Only God knows what the future holds for you. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord you God will be with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9
Love, Mom & Dad



Kate Krause



What a blessing to us you have been since you were born on Christmas Day! It has been a joy to grow in the Lord with you and we know He will guide you with grace and truth.

As you enter the next exciting time of your life, "I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have the power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ..." Eph. 3:17-19

We love you and are so proud of you!
Dad, Mom and Maggie

Shelby Massot



You are a wonderful son and great friend. You have been a blessing and joy to our entire family for these past eighteen years. You make us proud. Hold fast to your Christian faith and walk with God the rest of your life. Love you always, Mommy

You are a fine young Christian gentleman; caring, hard-working, ambitious and steadfast. I'm proud and honored to be your father. Love, Dad

I'm so proud to call you my brother and best friend. Congratulations! Love, Katie

We love you and are proud of you as our Grandson and Godson. Love, Grama and Grampa



William McKenna

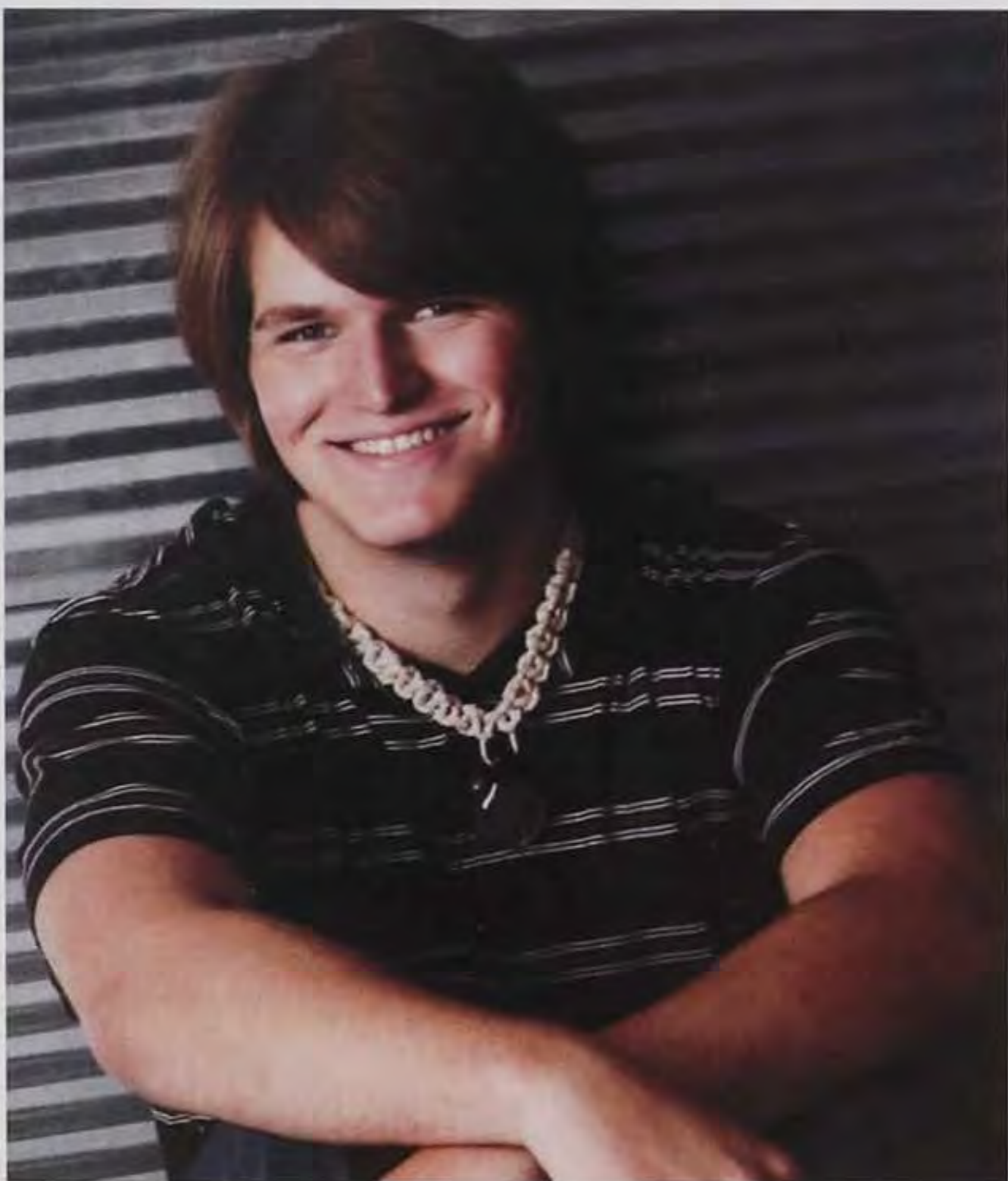


We are so proud of you, Jordy! You have been blessed with an amazing array of gifts and talents. Use them wisely to maximize your potential and to glorify God and everything else will fall into place. Philippians 4:13.

We love you always,
Mom and Dad



Jordan Leib



Nick,

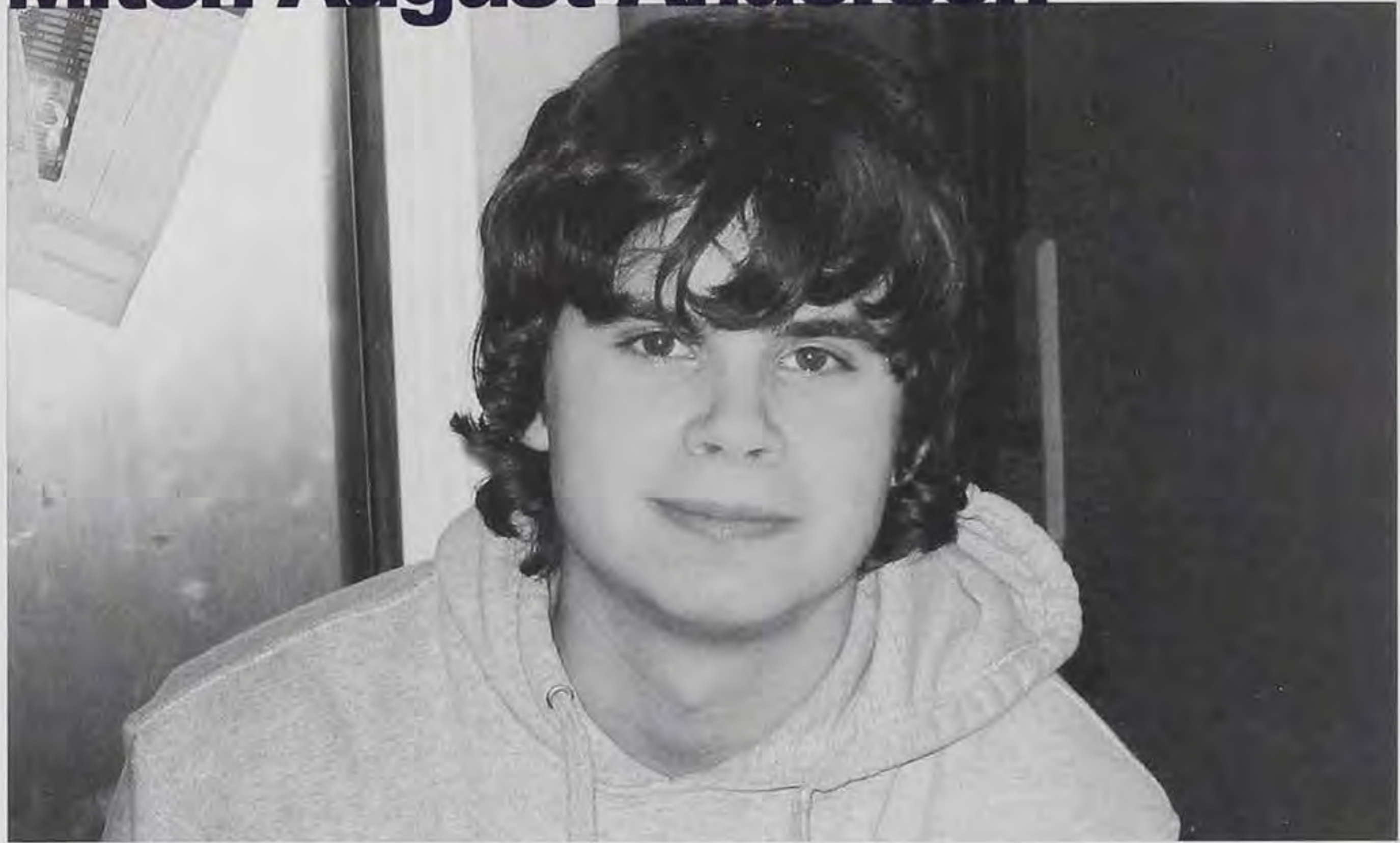
The Lord blessed us greatly when He added you to our family. You are a wonderful son and grandson, and an amazing brother; patient and kind. We are all excited to see where the future takes you and what the Lord has planned for you. Stay strong and follow the path of righteousness.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Dick, Obo & The Crew



Nick Loynd

Mitch August Anderson



August 27, 1991- June 16, 2009

Kind... Introspective... Humble... Gifted... Spiritual... Independent... Caring...
Honest... Artistic... Gentle... Strong-willed... Creative... Outdoorsman... Writer...
Patient... Gentle... Insightful... Quiet... Talented... Intelligent... Truthful... Percep-
tive... Moral... Aware... Witty... Informed... Compassionate... Ethical...
Gentleman... Determined... Artistic... Calm... Hardworking... Clever... Athletic...
Stubborn... Observant... Understanding... Sharp... Tranquil... Principled...
Humorous... Unwavering... Polite... Forgiving... Mellow... Unconditional...
Fascinating... Driven... Decisive... Soft-spoken... Smart... Peacemaker...
Layered... Perfectionist... Interesting... Curious... Intellectual... Determined...
Deep...

...also... Vulnerable... Anxious... Unsure... Nervous... Fragile... Shy...
Unconfident... Insecure... Complex... Scared... Significant...

Dad's best friend...
Mom's sweet baby...
Max's loving brother...

You weren't supposed to leave. No words can begin to express how much we miss you. We carry you in our hearts, and you are ever present in our thoughts. We'll be with you again some day... but not yet.

We love you, Mitchell.
Mom, Dad, and Max

A Stone

By Mitch Anderson

Still, as a stone

*My heart near failure, throbbing knees bending away
as the dust settles.*

*I feel my head pushing to burst
as I organize a library of thoughts,
and yet my joints stiffen, as I remain
still, like a stone.*

Am I not growing stronger by the day?

Is it true that I learn more every moment I exist?

Then why has my skin begun to rust?

*I feel my life must be something special,
something with a mighty potential;*

and yet as I lay down to rest,

at the same place, the same time,

I wonder if my feet can ever move me to a new place,

as I am covered behind a cocoon

still, like a stone.

What is this life but simply a life,

a wandering form on the slopes of the earth.

Kids in a sandbox, we can craft pretty sand castles

and trace our names with the tip of our finger;

but is there a world outside?

I sit at the edge of my bed and stare into the constant eyes

of stencils, never to make eye contact.

I marvel at the capacity of the spirit,

and yet I wonder if I could ever do more than

merely make life of better worth.

I will wait here, in my world, until

I have met with the answer that I want.

Still as a stone, I remain.



Mitch knew the answer – Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ was Lord of his life. In a moment of weakness, he lost sight of God's strength...and the mighty potential yet to unfold from his life. Mitchell's thoughts always ran deep, and he felt with his whole heart. Mitch was necessary.

From his memory, may we continually seek light in the midst of darkness and find hope in our despair. We will "craft pretty sand castles and trace our names" in the hands of time. Let us make our lives matter...to further the glory of Christ's kingdom.

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines;

even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren;

even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty,

yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!

The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer,

able to tread upon the heights.

Mitch Anderson

Chloe, Words cannot express our love for you and the pride we feel as we watch you begin the next chapter in your life. You have grown into a strong, kind, intelligent young woman ready to face the world with your beautiful smile and spunky attitude! We love you and send you off with the verse that has always been there for you, Psalm 90. Love, Mom and Dad

I will say of the LORD "He is my refuge and my fortress my God, in whom I trust" PSALM 91:2



Chloe Martinez

From Strength to Strength--
You're an
Awesome Young
Man!

Love,
Mom

"Be strong in the
Lord..."
Eph 6:10



Ian McGhee



Our Dearest Danielle,

We are so blessed to have you for our daughter. Your kindness and consideration of others is a heartwarming attribute. We are so proud of the strength and determination you have shown when the path God has chosen for you has been a rough one. Always know that you have God's love and the love of your family wherever you go now and in the future. May your Spirit-filled heart lead you to do wonderful things to glorify Him who saves you through His Grace. Always remember Grandma's motto: God first, family second, friends next and yourself last (Jeremiah 29:11).

All our love, Mom, Dad, Drew, and Deanne.

Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



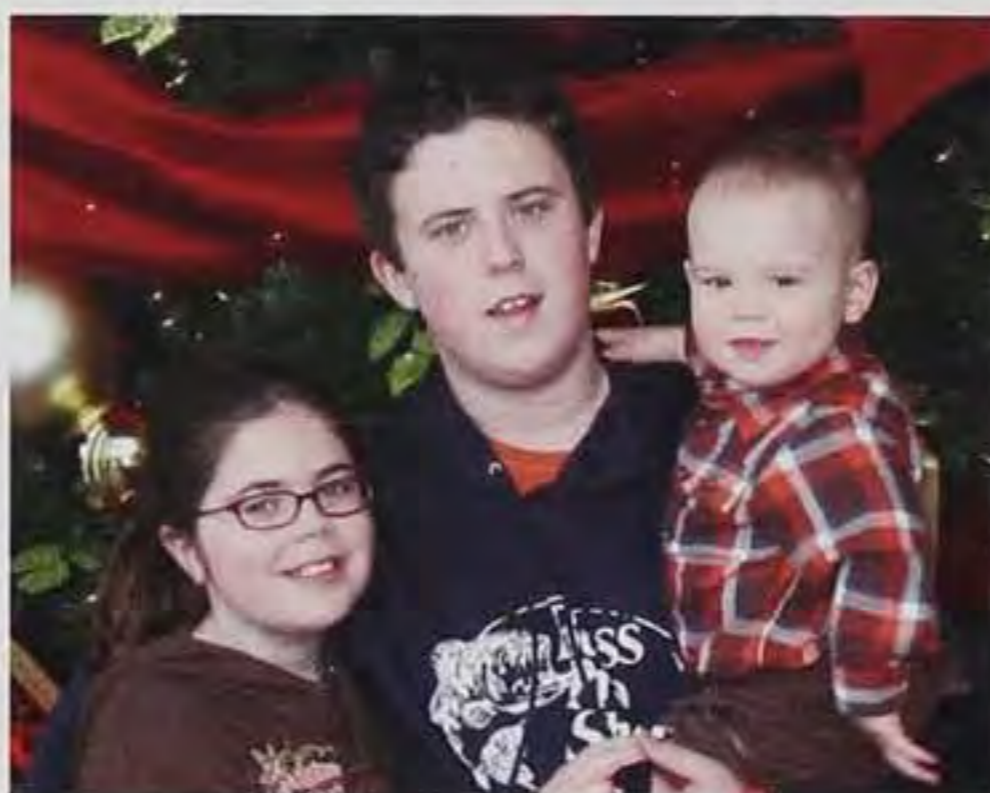
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Paul,
 From the first time we laid eyes on you at birth, we fell in love. The eyes, smile, tender heart and the calm spirit God gave you will take you far in life. We are both so proud of the maturity and growth you have shown in the past and present trials you face.

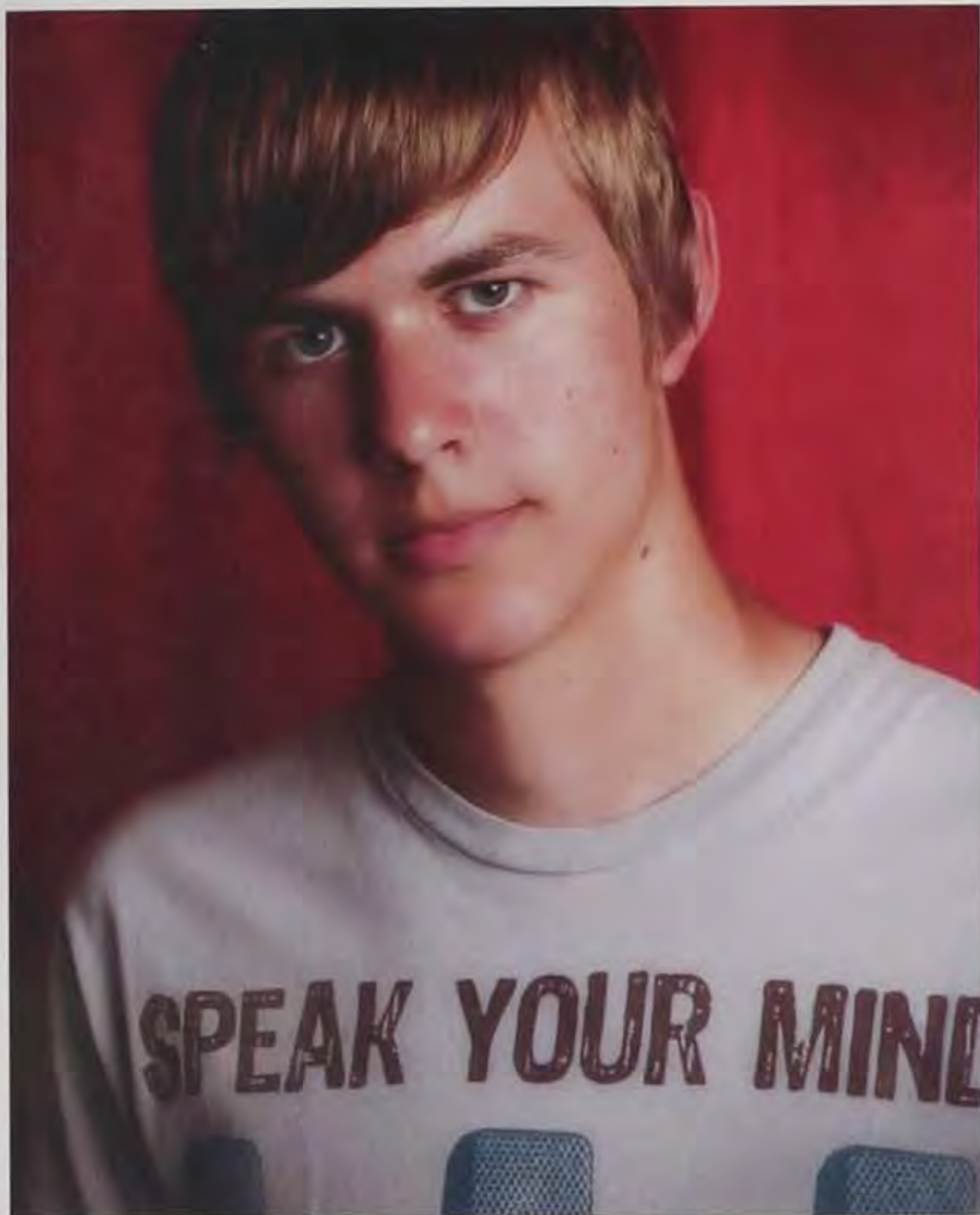
Don't forget God's promise to you, He is your salvation, your rock and stronghold. He will never leave you, disappoint or forsake you. Don't look to others for esteem or worth, they will only fail, His love for you never will. Hold on tight and follow him and although life will not be easy, your ship has the perfect Captain!

Psalm 62:6-7
 Psalm 144: 2

We Love You,
 Mom & Dad



Paul Schmidt



David,
To walk with you through your journey has been one of our greatest joys and honors. No matter what life brought us; the good, the bad, the days you wanted to quit, and those when all was perfect, we have always loved you. And ALWAYS will! We are certain that the world is a better place because you are in it and you will leave your mark in your own special way.

Love You!
Mom & Dad



David Meyer



Micah, God gave us a great gift! What a joy to watch you grow these 18 years into a strong, tenderhearted, Christian man. You're fun-loving, loyal, passionate, and determined. These gifts God will use in your life as you follow Him to college and beyond. We are proud of you, son.
Love, Mom and Dad.

Micah 6:8, "...And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."



Micah Mills

Maddy, you have been our bright and shining star ever since God gave you to us. Your zest for life has energized us.

Your passion and compassion has taught us. Your drive for excellence has impressed us. Your love for the Lord has amazed us.

"I pray that God will fill your heart with dreams and that faith gives you the courage to dare to do great things."

Love, Mom and Dad

"Draw nigh to God...James 4:8 KJV"



Madison Nye



Melissa,
I am so proud of my precious baby girl!
Mommy

No matter what anyone says about you, hermana, you're "Smooth, but not a criminal."- Michael Jackson

Love you!
Melinda



Melissa Driver





Michael Scott
Character, Truth, Knowledge, Service.
These are the special qualities that define your life. We have seen you—"grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). You have been a great example not only for your sister and brother, but for us as well.

Now you go to develop these qualities even further. Stay true to yourself, true to your ideas and true to God. We are so proud to be your Mom and Dad.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Mandy and Nathan

Michael Scott

To Our Katie Lynn,

It is such a blessing from God to have you as our amazing, beautiful daughter, and Ryan's awesome, loving sister. Over the years we have watched our precious little girl transform from a happy, smiling baby to an incredible young woman whose beauty comes from within. You are such a wonderful blessing from God and we love you more than words could ever express. To have you as our daughter has been such a sincere miracle to our lives and being witness to God's love for you, and His work through you. Watching you mature into an incredible Christ-follower has been life changing for all of our family. We have learned so much from you and your positive, selfless spirit. As you always say, "give all the glory to God" whenever you are praised or accomplish a goal, affects others with your loving, compassionate soul. You are a true source of joy to be around, we are so proud of your convictions and commitment to God to be His servant and being a positive influence to those around you. ~John 3:16~

Love,

Mommy, Daddy, and Ryan



Katie Lynn Smith



Congratulations, Jack! As you move forward in life remember "to treat each other and mankind with dignity, honor, and humor" (Colonel, 1997). WE are so proud of you and we love you.
 Mom, Dad, Catherine, and Julia.
 Jeremiah 29:11



Jack Ross



Catherine,
 We are so proud of your awesome accomplishments and of the incredible young woman whom you have become. Reach for the stars; follow your dreams – amazing tomorrows await you!



Catherine Sinclair

Congratulations Jamie!

You have brought so much joy to our family. We have been so blessed to watch you grow into such a beautiful young lady. We are so excited to share with you as God's plan unfolds for your life. Remember, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him," I Corinthians 2:9.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Mark, Erin,
Jonathon and Caroline



Jamie Zimmer

You are my son whom I dearly love. Those are not just words spoken by me, your earthly mother. They are words spoken by God, your heavenly father. I can give you words of encouragement, but He can give you His wisdom. I can listen to you share your aspirations, but He equips you with gifts and talents to attain them. I can pray for your safety when you are apart from me, but He will never leave your side.



Brian Willey



Amanda- You are the Joy of the Wiele Family!

You are so much fun. Even though you are my little sister, you've taught me a lot about how to treat others and enjoy life. -Ben

It's great to have a sister that's also my best friend. Remember to always charge it up!
-Greg

I am so thankful for how God made you. You are thoughtful, caring, loving, and giving. You truly are beautiful inside and out. Some of my favorite times in my whole life have been when we were "hanging out." Love, Dad aka the Octoberfest Rapper

Amanda Wiele

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To our God, all glory, praise, and honor.
To our sons, our pride and joy.
To our Coach, our gratitude



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7th White Volleyball: Back row, from left Allison Pautler, Emily Sulewski, Amber Terlouw, Annie Williams. Middle row, from left Bailey Hiatt, Saenea Williams, Grace Burzinski, Sarah McFarland, Erika Wilson. Front row, from left: Mary Kathryn Hancock, Angelina Steck, Juhya Kim, Anna Hagan.



7th Grade Blue Volleyball: Back row, from left: Allison Pautler, Brittany Hayes, Anna Evans, Anne Williams. Middle row, from left Lily Duell, Kayla Clay, Andrea Biermann, Taylor King, Erina Biermann. Front row, from left: Grace Arias, Karagen Rogers, Morgan Winkelmeir, Jay Green.



7th A Volleyball: Back row, from left: Janie Hughes, Lara Yeast, Allison Pautler, Ashley Woodall. Middle row, from left: Megan Johnson, Faith Stevens, Allie Handler, Carley Brown. Front row, from left: Callie Christen, Courtney Beat, Rachel Ritter.



Seventh Grade Football: Back row, from left: William Barry, Jacob Waller, Justin Creighton, Bryan Sanders, Brendan Bognar, Blake Weaver, Michael Fallon. 4th Row: Trent Briden, William Straub, David Becker, Alexander Kessel, Samuel Breitigam, Trevon Gooch. 3rd Row: Arrieon Watson, Christian Linhoff, Luke Shields, Blake Sutphen, Graham Stanfill, David Williams, Michael Weston, Jacob Chimento. 2nd Row: Thomas Meyer, Caleb Mundorf, Richard Worley, Parker Mitchem, Jordan Harvey, Andrew Eichenlaub, Joshua Keane, Brendan Yeager. Front Row: Kevin Stump, Harrison Farmer, Carl Simakoff, Matthew Goebel, Corey Weinberg, Joshua Behm, Amon Kehr, Joel Perkins.

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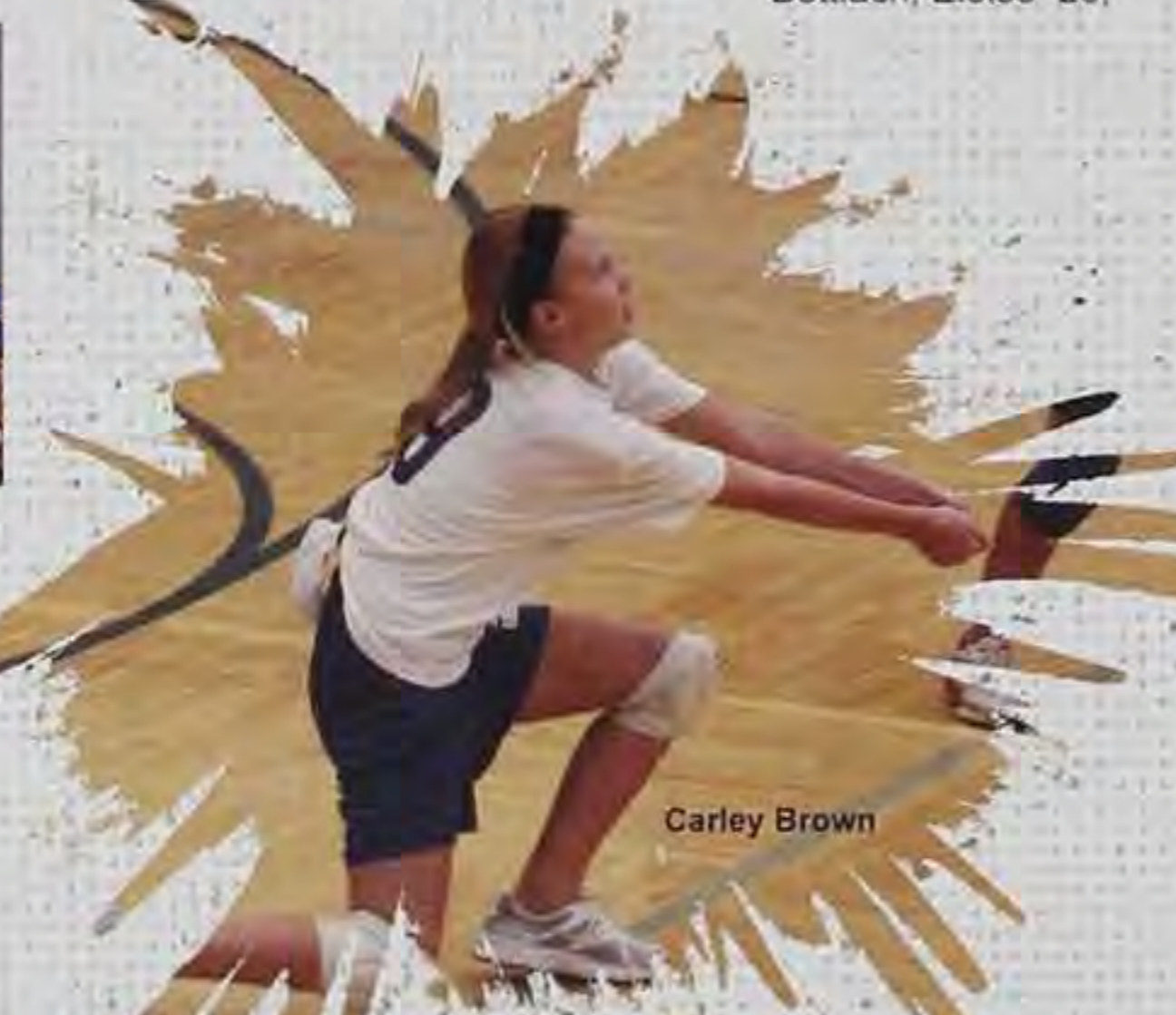
8th B Volleyball: Back row, from left: Morgan Koetting, McKinzie Duesenberg, Kailynn Kneibert, Doug Coleman. Middle row, from left: Leigh-Ann Kaup, Annie Canfield, Kayla Hampton, Julia Peistrup. Front row, from left: Megan Sexton, Anastacia Hathaway, Jenny Baldwin, Daria Vonderahe.



8th A Volleyball: Back row, from left: Eric Bain, Jensen Holt, Chloe McQuillan, Hannah Stipanovich, Tammy Kuiper. Middle row, from left: Lauren Vanek, Kendall MacDonald, Hannah Hickman, Anna Kuiper. Front row, from left: Morgan Mechelke, Mary Wynn, Taylor Pfeifer, Andrea Reed.



Eighth Grade Football: Back row, from left: Collin Einertson, Aaron Geesey, Demetris Williams, Andrew Cannon, Brennan Hehner, Edward Canfield, Wesley Park, Steven Gleise. 3rd row: Austin Benefield, Bailey Merkel, Tyler Burns, Robert Rasche, John Raines, Shane Benes, Nicholas Zintel. 2nd row: Caleb Hicks, Travis Ralls, Jacob Huelskoetter, Gregory Fleissner, Beau Beattie, John Kimbrough, Tyler Catlett, Bradley Almus. Front row: Brandt Wieberg, Samuel Snapp, Jackson David Klein, Clayton Hubler, Jared Muenks.



Carley Brown

Erika Willson

Luke Johnson and Jacob Keane

Leigh Kaup

Clayton Hubler

Melissa Chickwell

Gregory Fleissner

Jennifer Testrake

Amber Terlouw

Cole Hoskins



Eighth grade boys soccer team: back row, from left: David Schall, Joshua Nkonge, Theodore Muschany, Derek Bell, Andrew Colgrove, Joshua West. Middle row, from left: Michael Backs, Brendan Sabadell, Tristan Becker, Ben Hultman, Grayson Everhardt, Mitchel Maglione. Front row, from left: Andrew George, Kyle Gline, Miles Tucker, Corey Falkner, Nate Jackson



Freshman Girl's Volleyball: Back row, from left: Alexis Harvey, Bailey Benes, Courtney McGhee, Lauren Thoenen, Abigail Andres. Front Row: Eloise Bettlach, Natalie Bell, Della Woodward, Brooke Yeager.



JV Girls Volleyball: Front row, from left: Kayla Gebhardt, Megan Rasche, Karlee Heinemann, Elizabeth Miller. Middle row, from left: Rebecca Canfield, Mari Knehans, Megan Smith. Back row, from left: Coach Christian Yeager, Kelsey Kindbom, Sadie Stipanovich, Megan Tilley.



Varsity Women's Volleyball: Back row, from left: Heidi Hunter, Erin Bogner, Kelly Penning, Sarah Hall, Christina Dohr. Front row, from left: Kristen O'Leary, Kira Stewart, Sarah Hughes, Courtney Pfeifer, Katherine Krause.

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Men's Cross Country: Back Row, from left: Coach Chris Ammen, Robert Dykhouse, Daniel Everett, Brenden Solomon, Thomas Winter, David Everett, Alex Lindstrom, Coach Meyer, Coach Boesch. Middle Row, from left: Rebecca Harner, Avery Anderson, Luke Thampy, Peter Duell, Julie Sharp, Hayden Lewis, Lucy Wynn, Abbie Clark. Top Row: from left: Leah Janssen, Laura Tarantino, Katie Boesch, Amanda Bettlach, Daniel Keith, Katie Ganniger, Raimya Grunisen.



Men's Varsity Swimming: Back row, from left: Nathan Terschak, Edward Sutphen, Benjamin Mitchell, Brandon Terlouw, William Egan, Kyle Finn, Amibeth Thompson, Brian Fellows, Brett Baumgartner, James Moore, Matthew Autry, Jake Kehr. Front row, from left: Kent Kehr, Caleb Janssen, Kris Freeman, Thomas Porter, Thomas Egan.



Freshman Football: back row, from left: Mark McFarland, Joseph Isaacs, Joshua Ortiz, John Eric Steiner, John Barry, Christopher Cacciarelli, Lucas Johnson. Middle row, from left: Dominic Barresi, Scott Thompson, Cobern Bye, Keegan Brown, Samuel Sherman, Steven Davis, William Campbell. Front row, from left: Jacob Hicks, Eric Rideout, Doug Butte, Doug Coleman, Jesse Grunisen, Patrick Farmer.



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Women's Varsity Basketball: Back row, from left: Brianna McIntyre, Beth Blackwell, Anne Westhoff, Marci Penning, Kelly Penning, Mallory Scholten, Jordan Klein, Lauren Sulewski, Erin Bogner, Maggee Kane, Alexis Grasse, Jabri Boyd, Katelyn Haverstick, Suzanne Weston, Courtney Powell, Sarah Clark, Brooke Cusumano.



Freshmen Men's basketball: Back row, from left: Jason Hahs, Benjamin Lovell, Doug Coleman. Middle row, from left: Michael Dudley, Jeremy Blanchard, Jake Norman, David Hartmann. Front row, from left: Jacob Hicks, Mike Hall, Jonah Anderson.



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Haley Bettlach



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Scott Holley, Academic Dean and English teacher, congratulates Elizabeth Korb, senior, after she threw an apple pie in Luke Thampy, senior's, face. Pie Day was an annual event held on February 24 in celebration of Holley's birthday.



Cole Montgomery, freshman



Nicholas Loynd, senior



Aurianna Salem-Turvold, sophomore



Catherine Johnson, eighth grade



Alexandra Smith, junior



Timothy Wilcox, freshman

Matthew Hudnut, senior, throws the ball in to a teammate during the early November district Championship game. The Wildcats defeated Clayton High School 4-0.



Reading The Outsiders, Anne Rebbe, freshman, enjoys the warm fall weather. The novel, written by S.E. Hinton, was part of the required reading for freshmen. Ann Heyse and Daniel Burke taught the freshman English class called Freshman Expository Writing.



Elizabeth Nester, Mari Knehans, and Rachel Bates, juniors, fly around on a tire swing at a rest stop in Springfield, Illinois. The girls were part of the concert choir, which traveled to Chicago, stopping along the way at this playground made out of recycled materials.



This year...

...Students spent 35 hours weekly learning in classrooms, experimenting in the science labs, talking with friends in the commons, waiting in line for food, and singing together in chapel.

Each day this year brought a new challenge and a new **experience**. Classes **inspired** learning, which led to a new experience.

Trekking outside to **smash fruit** with the "doubt hammer" was a unique experience for Mr. Holley's Western Civilization students.

"That will be the one thing that I'll remember from this year," said Katherine Ganninger, sophomore.

inspiring lessons stood out from the daily classroom routine.

...Sometimes it was not just the class, but also the teacher.

Rebekah Sharp, eighth grade, loved Mrs. Bye's English class and the fact that "she used the word 'grizzly' a lot. It became an **inside joke** in our class."

Students also spent hours at home and school working on their projects in an attempt to bring home a good grade.

Although some students threw their project together at the last minute, Aimee Farquhar, sophomore, remembered the twelve hours she spent finishing her Biblical Ethics 10 Commandments project.

devoting time to her project paid off as she received a good **grade** for her efforts.

"It makes the time worth it for the grade I got," said Farquhar. Likewise, all of the stress and work was well spent

after **John Hughes**, sophomore, finally finished his National History Day documentary on the history of body armor.

"It's the one thing I'll remember because I spent an accumulation of **two weeks** worth of time on it," said Hughes.



William Rock, senior



Andrew Kouba, senior

Cameron Clay, sophomore, tugs his team to victory during the traditional Spirit Week tug-of-war competition. Each grade picked some of their strongest class-members for the tug team.



Melinda Oliver, freshman, yells a cheer for her friend Bailey Benes, freshman, as she lines up at the rope with her teammates in preparation for the freshman girls tug-of-war.



Connor Hunsicker, Ethan Cobbel, and Jacob Grimes, seniors, sport their costumes at a varsity men's basketball game. Hunsicker dressed up as Austin Powers, Cobbel as Batman, and Grimes as Spongebob Squarepants.



This year...

...Students also spent time outside of the classroom.

Despite staying seven hours at school, some students spent time after school hanging out with friends in the commons,

hanging out

waiting for their carpool to pick them up, joining their clubs for the first meeting, or losing their voice during Spirit Week.

What students learned in the classroom was executed in their involvement at school.

executed

The IMPROV team put on an "opening that was great because it was a huge success and so much fun to participate in because we became so comfortable with each other," said Abigail Clark, junior.

The team had spent many hours after school working on their opening scene.

...Students enjoyed shortened schedules and time out of the classroom for Spirit Week assemblies.

Although the loud noise and excitement of the gym during assembly may be the only memory for some,

loud noise

memory

for others the work and practices after school hours was what they remember.

The seventh grade boys' pomps practiced many hours after school, but Joshua Gembala, seventh grade, remembers them as fun times.

practiced

"The teachers did a good job teaching us because they made it fun," said Gembala.

With lots of practice behind them, the eighth grade lip sync was excited to perform.

perform

However, on Friday afternoon the nerves were high as lip sync was about to begin.

dancing

Dancing to "High School Musical" from *High School Musical 3*, Esther McGowan, eighth grade, was ready to perform.

"We worked really hard and thought we did really well," said McGowan.

Ryan Allee, junior, takes a handoff during a Varsity football game. The Westminster Varsity football team competed for the District title, but lost to Normandy High School



Andrew Cannon,
seventh grade



Brittany Hayes,
seventh grade



Rhoda Baker and
Kristen George,
seniors



Luke Nienhuis,
senior



Kenneth Weiss
and Daniel Nixon,
seniors



Alexander Lindstrom
and Nathan Ben-
efield, seniors



Michael Evetts,
senior



Caleb Unser, senior





Alyssa Wallach,
senior



Abigail Leibovich,
sophomore



Brittany Fellows,
junior, and Melissa
Kingma, freshman



Andre Cataldo, junior



**Abigail Andres and
Eloise Bettlach,**
freshmen



Michael Rojewski,
junior



Ian McGhee, senior

Samuel Bezjak, sophomore, beats on large, blue, plastic barrels during the sophomore class' Blue Man Stomp routine.

Celebrating their victory, Lacinta Chard, Lauren Dille, Rebecca Harner, Katherine Smith, Christina Dohr, and Heidi Hunter hold the First place Spirit Week plaque.

At the Sept. 15 game, Nicholas Arnold, senior, prepares to pass the ball as he advances down the field. The Wildcats defeated the MICDS Rams with a score of 1-0. Arnold had been playing soccer for Westminster since his freshman year.

Helping themselves to some freshly-barbecued hot dogs, Melissa Oliver and Nicholas Howard, seniors fill their plates during senior neighborhood time. Every Thursday, all upperclassmen met in small groups, as a class, or all together for community-building time.



This year...

...Outside of school, students spend their time running sprints on the soccer field, maxing out in the weight room, hanging out with friends at Starbucks, or listening to Pandora.

Remembering time away from school was documented

with photos posted on Facebook or a new video on Youtube, which revealed the times you had fun with your friends or teammates.

One particular moment in his season was very memorable to Scott Thompson, freshman, when he cheered from the muddy sidelines along with 46 teammates as Westminster football team held off MICDS from a victory in the last seconds of the game.

During Wildcat Pride Weekend, varsity football played against MICDS.

During the last few seconds the people in the crowd held their breath as the team was only one point ahead, almost the exact same scenario as the previous year.

However, this year they were able to hold the MICDS defense and ended the game with a victory for the team.

For some teams, one specific moment in the season would be the highlight of the year, but for others, it is the team that made it great.

Amanda Bettlach, senior, enjoyed "running on the road with friends," which made practices fun.

Sarah Hall, junior, had played volleyball with the same group of girls for three years. "Next year I will really miss the seniors, because we had a lot of sleepovers together," said Hall.

...Students spent time away from homework, school, and sports to spend time with friends. Hanging out with others and talking with them was important to John Hardin, eighth grade. "Those are the times that I will remember this year," said Hardin.

Likewise, the relationships that Hannah Hickman, eighth grade, had made this year important. "I got to know other people and create relationships with them. That's what made this year unique," said Hickman.

Whether it was students in the same grade or in different grades, many new relationships were created from the beginning of the year.

Chelsea McConkey, junior, enjoys the snow flurries during her seventh hour study hall. "Everytime it snows I am hoping for a snow day because I get to spend the day sledding at my friend Lauren's." said McConkey.

Just as one stroke of paint moves,
an artist one step closer to his final product,
everyday your experiences add to your evaluation of
the school year.

product

It may be the first day of school or the last day that you remember.
Or you may remember the games where you loudly
cheered the team to victory

victory

or when you waited in the freezing cold rain for your mom to
pick you up after school.

The many tedious practices to perfect lip sync
may pop into your head first,
or when you fought long and hard for the right words
in your English paper due the next day.

words

Even though there were days when you longed for
summer to come, looking back on the school year
it is evident that you were inspired to learn,

inspired

sought to execute,

execute

and revealed what you did to create

revealed

a memorable piecework of the
2009-2010 school year...

your

The Varsity Soccer team prays in a huddle following their district Victory over Clayton High School. The team ended up losing in sectionals.

Entertaining the crowd, Taylor Brandt, senior, performs in the senior lip sync routine. The seniors performed a medley of songs from each decade from the 1950s until the present entitled "Rock Through the Ages."

Madison Burke and Chloe Martinez, seniors, dressed as "gold-diggers" for spirit week's pun day, help Eric Levenhagen, senior, walk into the assembly. Levenhagen dressed as a "senior picture" and later participated in the tug-of-war with his walker.



Sarah Dieckgraefe, senior, practices her lacrosse skills after school on the field. While most sports at Westminster were available for both men and women, lacrosse was only offered for girls.

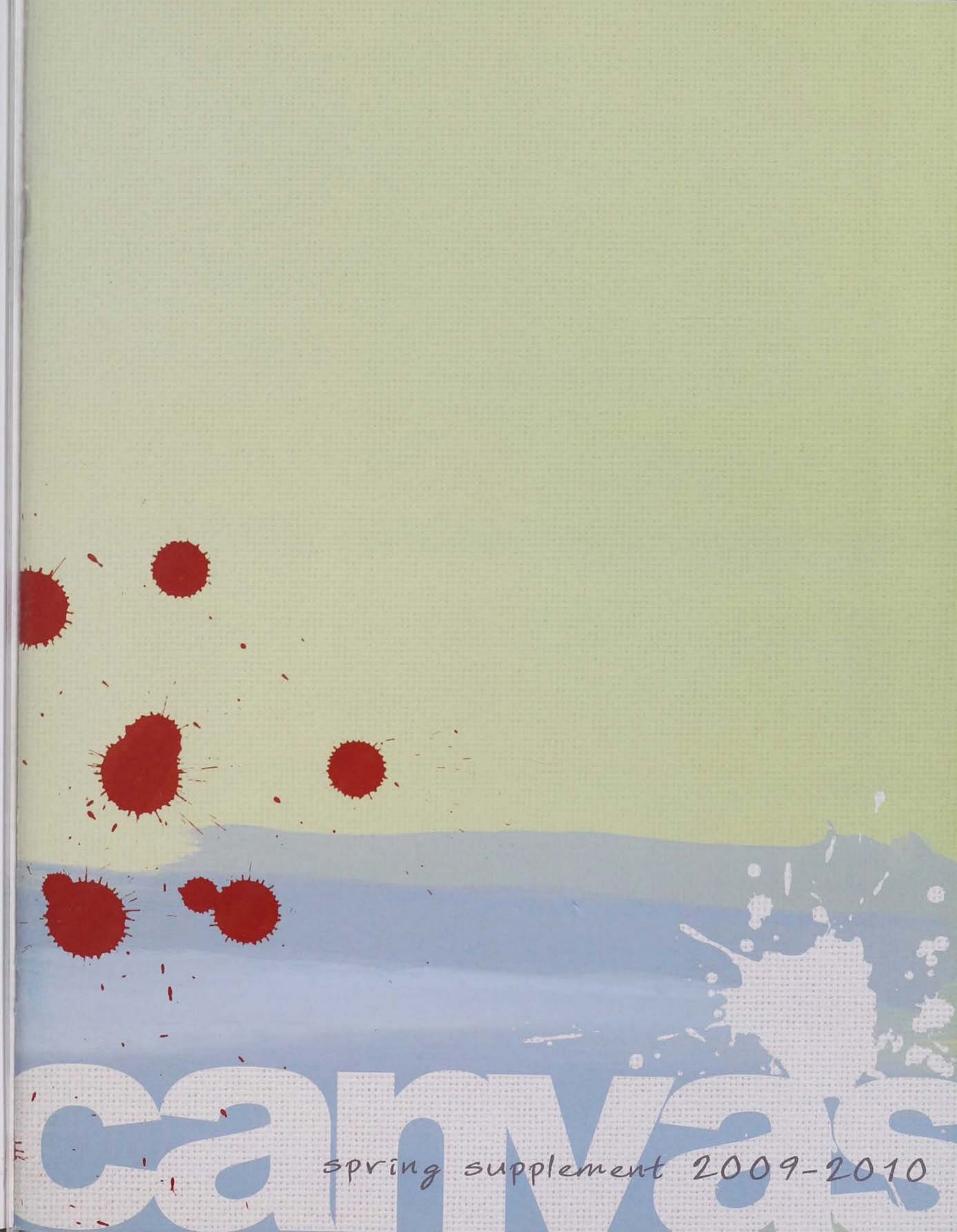
Jennifer Alexander, senior, receives her National Honor Society certificate. In order to be eligible for National Honor Society students must hold an unweighted grade point average of 3.5 or above.

YOU ARE **NO LONGER A** **CANVAS**

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Grace Arias,
seventh grade



Andreae Bradley,
sophomore



Michael Ferrara,
senior



Harrison Farmer,
seventh grade



Julie Sharp,
senior



Shelby Kehr,
freshman



Drew Waeckerle, junior, cheers at the varsity football game versus MICDS during Carnival. As a former player, Waeckerle went to watch his old teammates. The MICDS game "was the best game because I understand the feelings the team has during the rival games," and he was "happy to watch the win."

Abigail Becker, junior



Taylor Hoskins, junior



Lauren DeRousse, junior



This year...

The five minute bell rings on August 13, the first day of school.

You take a quick **glance** in your locker to make sure you didn't forget anything, and you make your way through the hall to your first class.

You may find a friend that you haven't seen the whole summer, or you may be desperately searching for your first hour classroom.

As a new freshman, Brianna DeGroot looked around the cafeteria on her first day and saw the **interactions** taking place.

“ I will always remember my **first day** of school. Lunch was fun because there were so many people interacting that I didn't know, but eventually did, ” said DeGroot.

Another freshman, Justin Henry, enjoyed the difference between middle school and high school

“ Finals and block scheduling were the two biggest differences. It was interesting, but I enjoyed getting used to the **differences**, ” said Henry.


Whether you were a new seventh grader worried about starting a new school, a freshman anxious to begin high school, or a senior counting down the days for high school to be over, we all walked the halls that day.

In those halls and throughout school, many of us were **inspired** to think for ourselves and to develop the character of who we wanted to become.

As the year progressed, we discovered new knowledge and experiences that helped us **execute** what we learned.

We **reveal** what we have learned and what we have become through our accomplishments and actions.

This is our *Canvas*.



Richard Worley, Janie Hughes, seventh grade, and Andrea Reed, eighth grade, travel between magical worlds using Uncle Andrew's magic rings. "This is my first play and it's really fun. I definitely plan to do this through high school," said Worley.

IS BETTER THAN 1

On February 22, forty middle school students arrived in the Little Theater to audition for the Spring Middle School play. Due to the large turnout and the amount of talent, the play was double casted. "This is the first time we have done a double cast for a middle school play. So many good kids auditioned, we did not want to turn them away," said Helen Scott, director. The group performed *The Magician's Nephew*, which written by C.S. Lewis and later converted into a play by Aurand Harris.

"It was such a good experience for every one who participated because more than one person got to try it out," said Andrea Reed, eighth grade. Only the roles of Aslan, Digory, and Uncle Andrew did not share their role with another student. "It was so fun because we got to have two great casts, which made learning the play easier," said Richard Worley, seventh grade.

Although having more students involved was fun for most, other students wished for a little more time in the spotlight. "I wish I would have gotten to do more than one show, but I'm glad I had someone to help me work on my part," said Janie Hughes, seventh grade. Hughes shared the role of Polly with Hannah Geiz, seventh grade, who also wished for more stage time. However, both Hughes and Geiz appreciated having someone to work with.

In the end, all the students in the play enjoyed the experience. Both newcomers and veterans to the stage were given an opportunity to nurture their acting ability. Each cast worked with the other to pull off a spectacle for the enjoyment of the audience. "Tis a party," said Trent Briden, seventh grade.



Jennifer Jerguson, eighth grade, rears from Uncle Andrew during rehearsal. Jerguson performed the part of Aunt Lettie on April 9. Jerguson and Jenny Baldwin, eighth grade, who also played Aunt Lettie, agreed that learning lines together was fun.



Helen Scott, director, applies makeup to the face of Christian Meeks, seventh grade. "I'm used to the makeup because in fifth grade I played a Grandpa, and in sixth grade I was Daniel from Daniel in the Lion's Den. The makeup makes the part more realistic," said Meeks.



Hannah Geiz and Janie Hughes, seventh grade, run through their cues. "It's good to have someone to run cues with because that's the hardest part," said Geiz.

Joshua Behm, Karagen Rogers, and Andrea Biermann, seventh grade, talk while waiting to go on stage during a rehearsal.



Harrison Farmer, seventh grade, calls Narnia into creation. After being brought to life, the group sang songs of praise to Aslan. "The harmony and melody always get mixed up, but we're getting the hang of it," said Hannah Hickman, eighth grade.



Trent Briden, seventh grade, gives a monologue about his planned travels to Narnia with Digory and Polly. "I like my evil laugh," said Briden about his role of Uncle Andrew.



Faith Stevens, seventh grade, playing the part of a rabbit, pins a clip on Anna Evans, seventh grade, who played the Silver Tree.



During rehearsal, Erika Wilson, seventh grade, poses as a rabbit watching Aslan.

Dongjae Lee, freshman, splits a cork-board into two during the upper school spring recognition assembly. Lee was one of Westminster's many South Korean exchange students.



BREAKING SILENCE

Every season, the Upper School gathers for an assembly that recognizes the achievements of Upper School students, be they academic, athletic, or otherwise. During this year's spring assembly after Dr. Sefrit handed out the awards, the students had the opportunity to enjoy a special and unusual presentation by Dongjae Lee, freshman, George Oh, sophomore, and Sang A Park, junior.

As black belt Tae Kwon Do masters, the three students demonstrated their proficiency in the sport by enacting a synchronized routine in which they broke wooden boards and performed powerful kicks. At one point, Lee and Park stood on two chairs, each holding one board with one hand. Oh, standing between the two chairs, reached up to touch the boards and confirm their height. Oh crouched and then exploded into a back flip, breaking the two boards simultaneously with his feet, and landed solidly again on his feet.

The crowd erupted in screams and shouts that filled the entire gym. "I was very nervous," said Park, speaking of his feelings before the performance, "but I was really impressed by all the applause."

Freshman Ellie Straub was astounded by the show. "I had never seen anything like that before," said Straub. The students around her were equally amazed. "Everyone was screaming, 'That was so cool!' And it was; it was the coolest thing ever," said Straub.

Brooke Cusumano, freshman, enjoyed the performance as well. "It was so cool to see them do all of their flips in the air and all these sweet tricks...to see them work together in unison...and to see them breaking the boards; I don't know how they weren't screaming in pain," said Cusumano.

After their performance at Westminster, Lee, Oh, and Park competed along with 450 participants representing all 50 states in the Indy Cup Tae Kwon Do National Championship in Indianapolis on the weekend of April 17-19. Competing in the Black Belt title, Lee won a Gold medal. Oh medaled in the competition as well, winning a gold and a silver medal. Medals weren't the only thing that Oh took home; he also received the Junior National Champion title.



Dongjae Lee, freshman kicks a board held by George Oh, sophomore, during the Upper School Recognition Assembly on April 15. After the academic and athletic awards were presented, Dr. Jim Sefrit, Head of Upper School, announced that he had a little surprise for the student body, and it turned out to be a team of three students with black belts in Tae Kwon Do.

Lauren Dille, and Matthew Hudnut, seniors, accept their awards for achievements in art and soccer, respectively, during the spring Upper School Awards Assembly.



The political science team receives recognition from Dr. Jim Sefrit, Head of Upper School, for winning the state competition and moving up to Nationals in Washington, DC. Ken Boesch, Political Science teacher's, ideal class would have 18 students, but this year, there were 21 students, making it an average size class.



Rebekkah Sharp, eighth grade, stretches during the varsity dance team clinic. The seniors on VDT held the clinic to help those trying out for the team. They demonstrated different techniques, showed them how to stretch properly, and introduced them to the varsity squad.



Kelsy Cline, junior, demonstrates the proper way to hold her arms during a jump in the varsity dance team clinic.



Hannah Stone, freshman, tries some exotic food during International Day on March 17. All the students in foreign language classes brought food from different countries and could dress up in international clothing for extra credit. Every morning someone read John 3:16 in a different language, such as Russian or Japanese. During International Week, Chapel focused on Christianity all around the world.

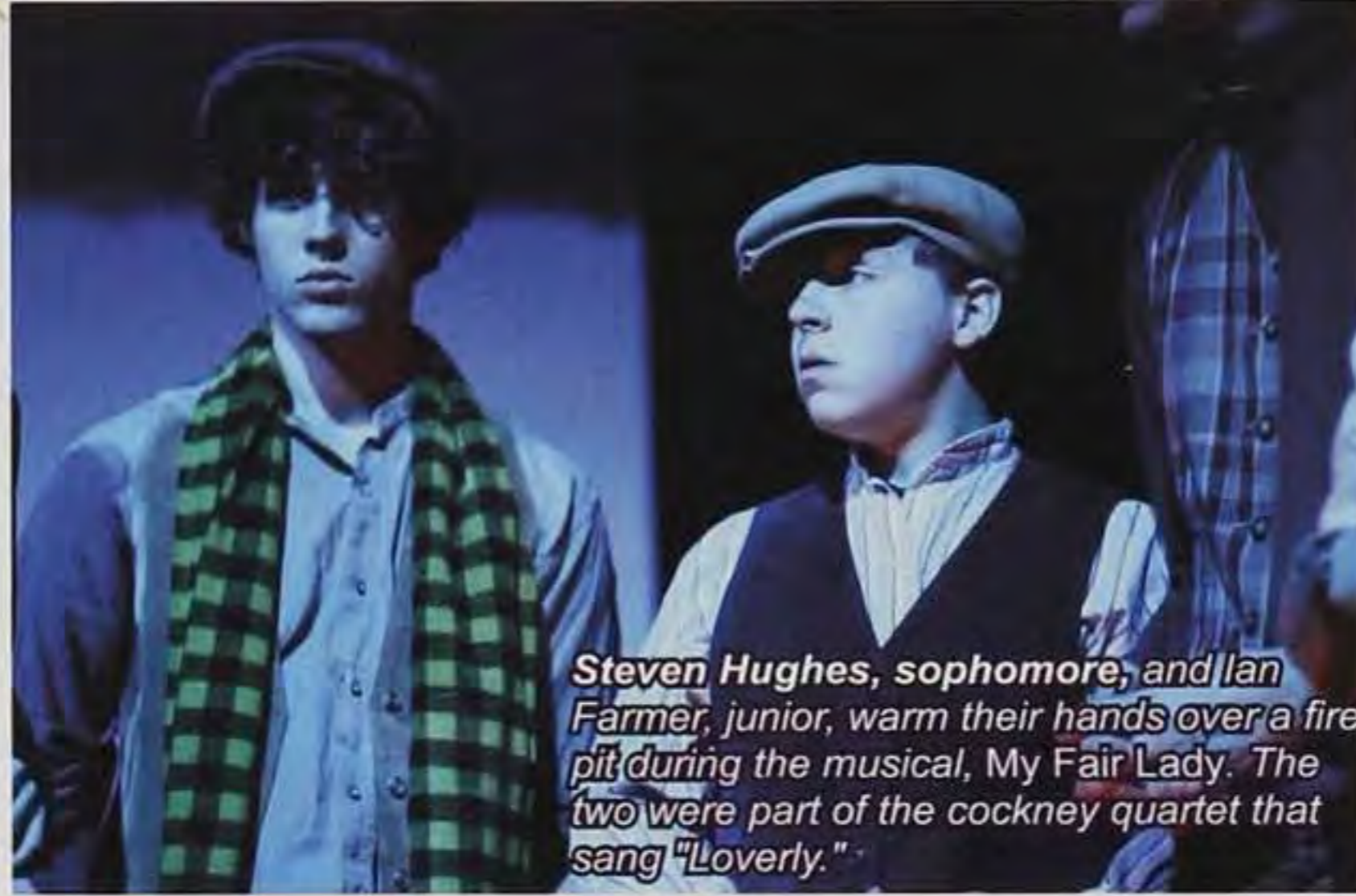
Andrew Gordon, sophomore, performs his solo in "Get Me to the Church" in a rehearsal of the spring musical, *My Fair Lady*. Gordon played the character of Harry, one of Alfred Doolittle's sidekicks.



Walking onto the stage, Gayeong Lee, freshman, carries her flute and music folder to her seat. "I've been playing for six years now, and I really enjoy playing. It is a huge stress reliever when I am stressing out, especially when I am at school," said Lee.



On Thursday night, February 26, Bianca Elliott, senior, reads her poem at the first annual Poetry Slam. The Slam was put on by the Literary Rogues Club, sponsored by Dr. Gibson.



Steven Hughes, sophomore, and Ian Farmer, junior, warm their hands over a fire pit during the musical, *My Fair Lady*. The two were part of the cockney quartet that sang "Lovely."



Sarah Levenhagen, Emily Orf, and Bria Baumgartner, freshmen, play their clarinets during a band concert. "Our most favorite song to play probably was in eighth grade, called 'Great Locomotive Chase'. We love to play more upbeat songs because they are alot more enjoyable," said Levenhagen and Baumgartner.



Katherine Haxel and Blake Andersen, seniors, practice the waltz for the Ballroom scene on Saturday, April 16 during a practice for *My Fair Lady*. That Saturday the cast moved the sets from Westminster to DeSmet for another practice.



Richard Mansfield, senior, recites his poem, in the Poetry Slam, held in the Little Theatre. Mansfield read two of his poems, entitled "A Past Lover's Plea" and "Winds of Sorrow."



Forrest Hughes, senior, sings "Get Me to the Church" along with chorus members dressed as cockney characters. Hughes played the role of Alfred Doolittle in the spring musical, My Fair Lady, which was performed May 22-24.

ON-STAGE

smackdown

A typical spring brought numerous concerts and performances to Westminster, and one of these annual traditions was the musical. "There's no particular reason as to why we do the musical in the spring, but it's when we can get theater time, since we have to rent it," said Allen Schwamb, director of the musical. The first performance of this year's musical, *My Fair Lady*, opened on the night of April 22 and showed again on the 23 and 24.

This year, however, brought a new tradition to the Wildcat community. While Grace Smith, senior and member of Westminster's Literary Rouges club, had participated in Poetry Slams at various high schools in the course of several years, she was never presented with an opportunity to perform in a such an event at her own high school. Smith mentioned the idea of a Poetry Slam to Timothy Gibson, English teacher and sponsor of Literary Rogues. Gibson loved the idea and immediately began planning the event and recruiting readers.

Despite an initial lack of sign-ups due to the business of spirit week, the slam attracted a large crowd the night of the performance. "The turnout was great. I wasn't expecting that many people, but the place was packed and the audience was really receptive. It was very intimate even though there were so many people," said Smith.

"I thought that the Poetry Slam was really interesting because a lot of times writers don't get to showcase their talents and I think that it did a really good job of showing it. My favorite poems were by the only eighth grader, Catherine Blackwell and Grace Smith," said Melinda Oliver, freshman. Nathan Talley, middle school Bible teacher, and Abigail Karsten, upper school math and French teacher, served as judges while Ann Heyse, freshman English teacher, served as a guest reader.

WHEN I GROW UP

Middle and high school could not have been more different. From classes to students to teachers, most of middle school consisted of preparing students for the skills they would need in high school. For many students, this strategy also applied to sports. In middle school, sports were part of the daily school schedule. There were far fewer games, and practices were drastically different from the extensive two hour long ones that upper school athletes went through each day after classes. However, many middle school athletes looked forward to embracing this challenge.

"I know I'll have to try harder because it is much more challenging," said Hannah Ruckman, seventh grade. Ruckman joined the seventh grade soccer team in order to grow accustomed to playing with the people who would later make it up to the high school team. Ruckman's teammate, Megan Johnson, seventh grade, also thought that high school soccer would be "a lot harder."

For some middle school students, playing in high school would mean deciding between two sports. "I play golf also so I don't know which one I would pick. I've played soccer since kindergarten. High school means more practices, more intensive, better competition," said Maren Osterholt, eighth grade. There were many benefits for Westminster's middle school athletes. Playing in middle school allowed them to practice their sport among the very people that may make up their team in the future. For many middle school students, playing their favorite sport in seventh and eighth grade would be a huge step in pursuing high school athletics.

At the first meet of the season, Rebecca Ross, seventh grade, runs the 800 meter race. The middle school track team's first meet was held at Principia. The team ran against other schools including Ladue, MICDS, and Principia.

Tierra Reese, seventh grade, watches from the bleachers. "My favorite part of track is sprinting. Before my events I think to myself 'I want to win.'"



WHERE'S THE TRACK? the track STEAM?

Kevin Stump, seventh grade, takes off running at the first track meet. He raced against students from Parkway West, MICDS, Ladue, and Priory. Unlike most sports, the track team doesn't have their own specified area to practice. Instead, the middle school team often runs to Malcolm Terrace Park or uses the track at MICDS.



Emily Broyles, seventh grade, works on turning the ball during practice. Both the seventh grade teams won their first games by scores of 4-1 and 2-1. Later in the season, the A team went on to shut out Affton with a score of 10-0.

Callie Christen and Amanda Ebert, seventh grade, practice throwing. The team played their first game at 8 o'clock on April 10. They beat Clayton 11-7.



During practice, Julia Alpert, eighth grade, swings at a pitch. The eighth grade team, coached by Doug Coleman, middle school health and P.E. teacher, competed against St. Roch.



Madeline Ottsen, eighth grade, runs toward the ball after an opponent loses control. The team played Crossroads on Monday afternoon following a jv soccer game. They lost with a final score of 3-4.

BE AHEAD OF THE CURVE

William Barry, seventh grade, runs towards the finish line. Barry ran the 4x100 meter relay and competed in the high jump and the long jump.



Benjamin Huffman, eighth grade, prepares to hit a ball during practice. He waited out two pitches and then hit a single to right field.



Joshua Sumner, seventh grade, lobs a ball to his teammate during practice. The team warmed up with light stretches and two laps around the school. "My favorite thing to do in practice is mini tennis," in which the team members played within the boundaries of the service lines.



At the starting line, Harrison Farmer, Brendan Yeager, and Kevin Stump, seventh grade, prepare to run the 800 meter race. The middle school track teams often practiced at the Malcolm Terrace Park on Mosley road, rather than on campus.

In a drill, during practice, Ethan Finn, seventh grade, runs to first base. The team worked on their endurance by running through the motions of hitting the ball and then sprinting to the bases. Finn ran track and played baseball during the spring season.

There comes a time in every coach's career where, if he's lucky, he experiences the "dream team". That is, a team that consists of quality players with promising talent. For Nathan Talley, middle school and varsity tennis coach, the promise of this loomed.

Two up-and-comers who have played local tournaments and experienced a great level of success outside of school showed promise of bringing a quality to the team that had yet to be seen in middle school boy's tennis. Derek Bell, and Reed Montgomery, eighth grade, were "probably the best eighth graders we have seen so far," said Nathan Talley, Bible teacher and tennis coach. Both of these players competed outside of school in local tournaments, which enhanced their playing ability.

"I play at Sunset and play tournaments," said Montgomery, When asked how many tournaments he had participated in during his two years of playing, he could not give a number and instead said, "I've played a bunch." Bell had also played multiple tournaments outside of school, as well as having played six days a week for Miller Tennis Academy.

"I have played about twenty tournaments, and got first in three and second in five of them." The trio went on to play at the John Bourrough's campus on April 17.

NAME OF THE GAME

There are many different manufacturers of sporting equipment, but the middle school Wildcats have a few favorites.

BABYLON

"It's really light- I have a Pro Light- so I have a little more power with my Babylon racket."

Michael Montgomery, eighth grade

ADIDAS

"The best track shoes are the ones with out spikes, like Adidas. They're more comfortable"

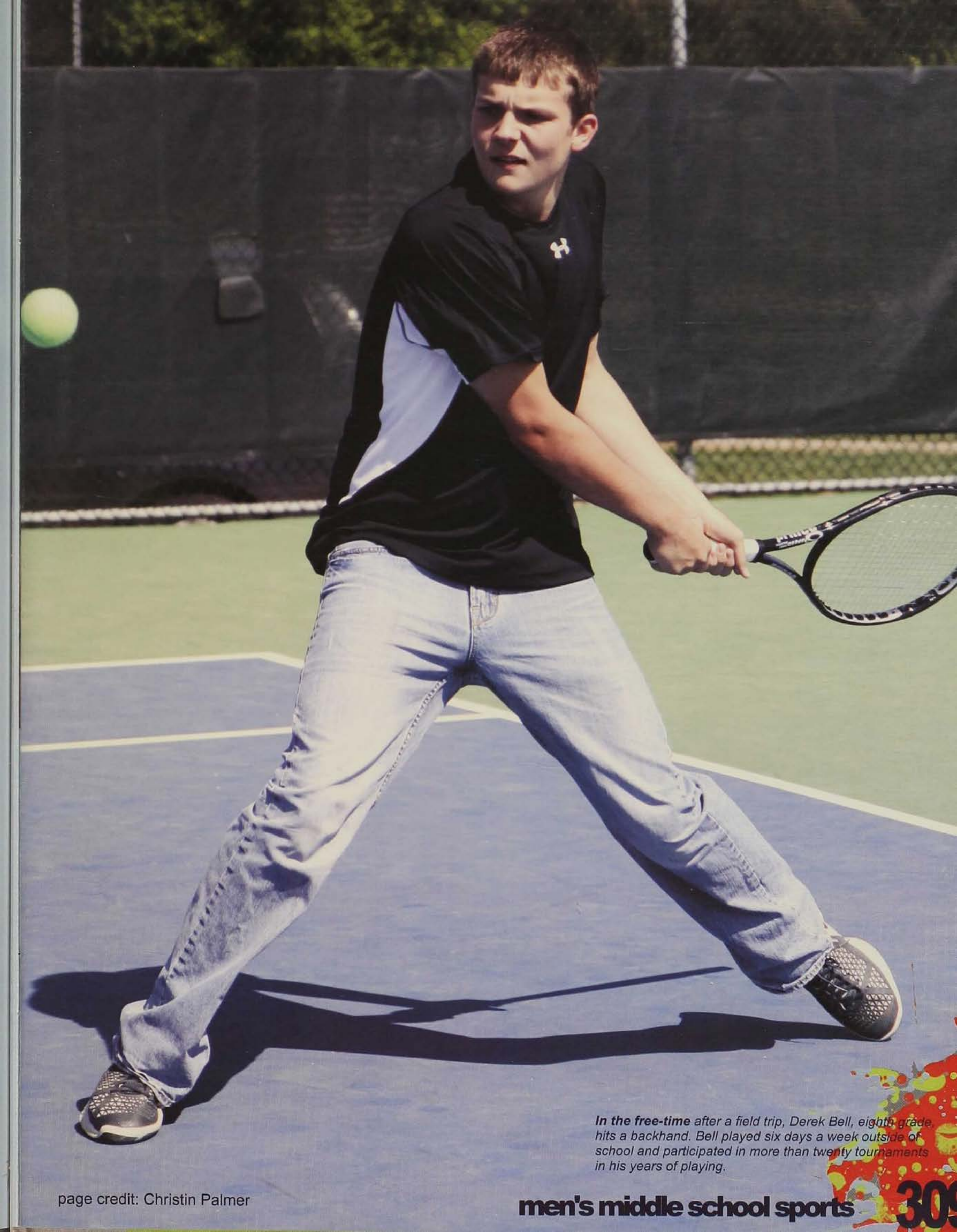
Joel Perkins, seventh grade

STEALTH

"Stealth bats are more composite and have a bigger sweet spot."

Benjamin Huffman, eighth grade





In the free-time after a field trip, Derek Bell, eighth grade, hits a backhand. Bell played six days a week outside of school and participated in more than twenty tournaments in his years of playing.

Melissa Oliver, senior, takes off from the blocks during the first meet at Clayton high school. Oliver tore her ACL when she was a sophomore. After her surgery and recovery, she ran track her junior and senior years.



... AND FIELD

When thinking of track, most people forget that it is actually called track AND field. There is more to the sport than simply running around a track. Field activities for the Westminster girls consisted of the long jump and the high jump.

The average height of an American woman is 5 foot 4 inches, but the Westminster record for long jump was almost three times that. During the first meet against Clayton, Kate Krause, senior, and Courtney Powell, sophomore, both broke the school long jump record of 15 feet 2 inches. Little did the girls know, they had already broken the record in practice. "Our coach told us the record was 15 feet 4 inches but later we found out it was only 15 feet two inches, meaning we had already beaten the record," said Krause.

Courtney Powell, sophomore, set the Westminster record and also won the event. Her jump was 15 feet 10 inches. "I knew I would probably break the record but getting a medal was still exciting," Powell said. Powell also enjoyed running the open 400 meter, which is one lap around the track.

Maggee Kane, junior, had run track ever since middle school. "At the beginning of the season they are pretty open-minded to letting us all try field activities." After many years of track, Kane found her niche in the high jump. Madalyn Elliot also preformed the high jump.

CHOCOLATE MILK GATORADE

Research suggested chocolate milk provided carbohydrates, proteins and sugars that helped athletes recover faster helping chocolate milk drinkers to go just as far, if not farther, than those who drank Gatorade.

The varsity girls track and field used this to their advantage:

"During the race I look forward to drinking chocolate milk after. One day, after a race, I did not have much time and bought two jugs of chocolate milk and drank them all in one sitting."

-Julie Sharp, senior



Katherine Krause, senior, prepares to run the 4x400 relay along with Rebecca Harner, senior, Maggee Kane, junior, and Courtney Powell, sophomore. The girls took first place in their event.



Running the third leg, Lucy Wynn, sophomore, participates in the 4x800 relay. Wynn, along with Laura Tarantino, freshman, Julie Sharp, and Amanda Bettlach, seniors, were the long distance runners of the team.

Courtney Powell, sophomore, runs the 400 meter race at MICDS. One lap around the track, the 400 meter was Powell's favorite event.



Julie Sharp, senior, and **Laura Tarantino, freshman,** race during the third meet of the season. Sharp and other long distance runners needed to drink five liters of water per day, and so "we always see distance runners in the bathroom," said Sharp.

Madalyn Elliott, senior, runs the 800 meter race against Clayton on March 31. It was the women's first track meet of the season.

RUN TO THE OCCASION

In 2009 the boy's varsity track team took their 4x800 team to state. The team consisted of Daniel and David Everett, juniors, Calvin Boesch, and Kevin Taylor. The boys got fourth place in state with a time of 8:08 minutes. Calvin and Kevin were seniors that year, so they left the 4x800 team with only the Everetts. This year, they needed two boys to step up and run the 4x800. Brenden Solomon, freshman, and Peter Duell, sophomore, were both picked to fill the empty slots. Solomon's 800 time was 2:30 and Duell's time was 2:19 at the Clayton meet this year. Solomon's time was significantly slower than the other runners in the 4x800, but they needed him to step up and run. "I felt very nervous. I wanted to do my best to run below 2:30. I didn't want to mess up my team," said Solomon.

The boys ran the race and ended up taking second place out of eleven teams with a time of 8:27, a second better than last year at the same meet. When the race was over, the Everetts ran up to Solomon and told him he ran a 2:14 for his split, 16 seconds faster than at his previous meet. Duell also improved, running a 2:11. "I was surprised because that was 16 seconds faster. I felt accomplished and I was so happy. Inside I was doing back flips. Daniel gave me a pretty good lead, my goal was to just keep it and not slow down," said Solomon. "I want to continue to get faster and faster whether it is by one second or 15."

Peter and Brenden both competed for faster 800 times as the season went on by motivating each other to improve. "I'm competitive and he pushes me. It's a friendly competition. It's a goal, something to strive for," said Peter Duell, sophomore.

Other members of the team celebrated with the improvement of their runners. "I was really excited and surprised when I figured out his time. I am really proud of him and can't wait to see what else he does this season," said teammate David Everett, junior.

Dongjae Lee, freshman, sprints the 100 meter run at the Duschene meet.

Ryan Conaghan, freshman, finishes his third lap of the two mile run at the Duschene meet. "I run track to stay in shape for hockey. I also like the competition," said Conaghan.

Nathan Cherian, freshman, pushes off the starting blocks for the boys 4x200 relay at Duschene. The relay team placed first.

Daniel Everett, junior, runs the 1600 meter race at the Washington University Invitational. The race was on March 27 and Everett took third place.

Devin Payne, sophomore, sprints to the finish during the open 800. "He ran indoor track this year for the St. Louis warriors, and that really helped him improve as a runner. He has a lot of potential," said teammate David Everett, junior.

Steffano Chavez, junior, sprints during the 4x200 meter race. This was Chavez's first year running track. "I like sprinting, I think it's easier," said Chavez.





"I like relays because it's not individual. You're running for the whole team, something bigger than yourself. I think about that when I'm out there running."

-Peter Duell, sophomore

David Meyer, senior, anchors the 4x400 meter relay. "He is a great team leader and works really hard. He is also fun to be around," said teammate David Everett, junior.

Ryan Haxel, sophomore, putts on the green at the Greenbriar Hills Country Club. Haxel shot a 37, which was two over par.

Timothy Reed, senior, does a fist pump after shooting a score of 40, which was three over par. "I have a feeling this is going to be a good year. We have great potential," said Reed.

Matthew McDaniel, junior, lines up to putt on the practice green before his match. The Westminster Wildcats played Lutheran North and defeated them by a score of 234 to 319.

Kevin Vande Kamp, sophomore, putts on the green at the eighteenth hole. The Wildcats played at the Creve Coeur Golf Course.

Alex Cusumano, senior, tees off at the eighteenth hole. Cusumano was one of the top five golfers on the varsity team.



DEFINE THE TERMS:

eagle: two strokes under par

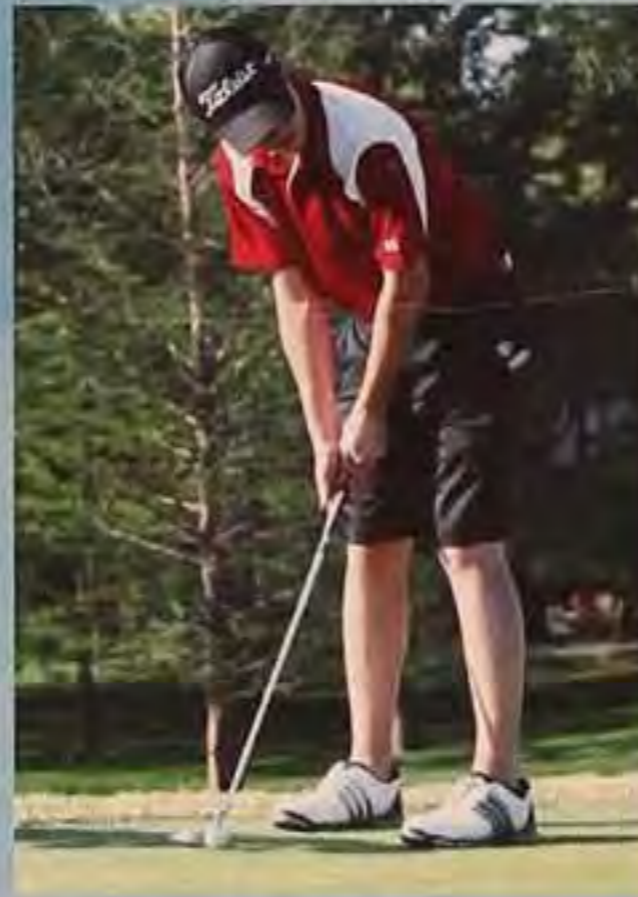
BIRDIE: one stroke under par

par: even stroke

BOGEY: one stroke over par

fairway: area between the tee and the putting green

bunker: a hole that has been filled in with sand



REVOLVING DOOR VARSITY

The terms varsity and junior varsity meant something different for the Westminster Men's Golf team. One of the big differences between the men's golf team and any other sport at Westminster was the fact that there were no secure spots on the varsity team. Each player had the opportunity to qualify for state depending on how well he did each time they had a match. This unique aspect of the golf team gave younger athletes the opportunity to play on the same level as the older golfers.

On opening day, the golf team defeated Priory with a team total of 241 to 253. The team played at Bellerive Country Club and Kevin Bell, senior, led the team with an even par of 36. Bell, a former state champion, said, "We are focused on three things right now; the Webster Cup, Districts and State." Kevin Vande Kamp, sophomore, was one of the underclassmen that was highly ranked. He was placed third on the Westminster team. "It's kind of like the swing players in other sports but we are moved up when we do well and down when we don't. It all depends on how you play," said Ryan Haxel, sophomore.

This year was different for Timothy Reed, senior. "I am very excited about the team this year because we have so much potential," said Reed. "This year is special because we could be the first Westminster team to win state."

Since there was not a set varsity team the whole year, "people were more competitive within the golf team rather than between other teams," said Reed. There were four people competing for the two spots left on varsity to qualify for state. Only the top five golfers would be able to compete in the State Championship.

Matthew Brugner, sophomore, finishes his stroke during his match against Lutheran South. The men's golf team practiced at Glen Echo, Green Briar and Westborough courses. Brugner contributed to the win against Bishop DuBourg shooting a 38, which was 2 over par.



Kevin Bell, senior, swings for the green at the eighteenth hole. Bell was ranked number one on the Westminster team and won state in 2008 as a sophomore.



Danielle Roberts, senior, attacks with the ball during the first varsity game. In women's lacrosse, the net of the lacrosse stick must not exceed a certain depth. However, men's lacrosse allows for a deeper pocket and longer shaft.

SAY IT TO MY FACE

The varsity lacrosse players made sure to play not only for themselves, but also to show the best side of Westminster, and God's love. Their new coach, Lindsay Carlile, along with the players' agreement, instituted a new rule: if you're going to talk about someone, you're going to have to say it to their face. This rule made sure that if one player had a problem with another, it was dealt with quickly, instead of evolving into just another high school drama.

The rule wasn't all about punishing wayward gossips, though. Claire Unnerstall, senior, said, "We have a great no gossiping policy! If we catch ourselves, or someone else catches us talking about someone else on the team—a good or bad comment—we have to invite that person into the conversation. That way we either stop the gossip, or the person gets encouraged by something good we were saying about them." The team stayed dedicated to their sport, and made sure to push aside the typical cattiness, gossip, and drama that often come along with an all-girl high school sport.

This policy, along with intense practices and various games, created a large number of outstanding memories from varsity lacrosse, according to Avery Anderson, sophomore. "[We had a lot of] team bonding. We had a practice one week where we talked about our "standards" or "characteristics" that we want our team to live by (like, honesty, humility, patience, perseverance, etc.) and we backed them with Bible verses."

Overall, the No Gossip Policy ended up building confidence and respect between the teammates. Hayden Lewis, senior, said "It got to the point where one girl might yell across the field 'Hey Hayden, I'm talking about you!' and you knew that it was most likely a positive comment on your game, because if not, they would have said so!"



Rebecca Krause, sophomore, steals the ball from an opposing player. Krause played the center position on the JV lacrosse team.

Laura Hammann, sophomore, and **Marissa Harjoe, junior,** defend their goal.

Nicole Hoban, senior, and **Morgan West, junior,** keep up their defensive positions on the varsity team. It was Morgan's first year playing lacrosse.

Danielle Roberts and Rebecca Harding, juniors, scrimmage during a varsity practice.



What are things about Lacrosse that most people don't know?

Alexandria Calhoon, sophomore: "It's an odd rule, but when the whistle stops in a game, the referees get really mad if you move!"

Mary Snapp, freshman: "Well, we wear men's deodorant..."

Annie Rebbe, freshman: "It's a little bit like track, because we run a lot".



Mary Snapp, freshman, goes for the ground ball. "I love lacrosse since I get to be aggressive and wear a cute skirt simultaneously!" said Snapp.

Emilie Schroeder, freshman, and **Rebecca Krause, sophomore,** play defense when blocking a shot.

Lucy Egan, senior, starts the first varsity game at the draw. Egan was varsity captain along with **Rachel Aucker, senior.** **Sarah Levenhagen, freshman,** practices on March 30. Levenhagen scored in the first eight seconds of their first game.

NEW PRACTICE TIME SAME

At 3:15 on a bright Monday afternoon, the jv girls' soccer team started their practice like nothing was different. However, starting in the soccer season of 2010, a new practice schedule had been set into place. Instead of practice going until 5:30 pm like the previous year, practices varied at ending times from 4:15 pm to 5 pm.

"Smith switched the times of practices so that each team could have the space to scrimmage or do drills full field," said Judy Pritchett, jv coach. Because of the change in practice, the jv soccer team started practice right after school ended, and the varsity soccer team started practicing later to give jv soccer time for full field drills.

Because the team never knew the exact time of practice, they found it difficult to adjust to the changing times. "It was really difficult never knowing what time practice was going to end," said Kaylie Duke, freshman. "It was really different from the year before," said Andreae Bradley, sophomore.

Even though the practice times were different, the team still got to practice all they needed to. "During practice we did a lot. We would warm up and stretch, which was lead by a captain. Then coach would get there and we would practice ball skills, do some drills, and end with a scrimmage," said Rebecca Weiss, sophomore and captain. The jv team adapted to the new practice schedule and utilized their practice time.

KEEPERS CORNER

Amanda
Radasch

YEARS PLAYED: 5 years
COST: jersey- \$30
gloves- \$130

"Being a goalie is a really big job. A lot of people can be good at soccer but it takes a certain kind of person to be good in goal."

Rebecca
Weiss

YEARS PLAYED: 6 years
TRAINING: St. Louis Goal Keeping Academy

"To be a goalie you have to have good anticipations and hand placement."



Passing the ball, Andreae Bradley, sophomore, plays forward during a team scrimmage. "Our practices were really successful and we would do a lot of drills," said Bradley.



Eloise Bettlach, freshman, settles the ball during a home games against Notre Dame. Bettlach was a center defender for her team.



After the home game against Ladue High School, with lady Wildcats high-five the opposing team. The Wildcats beat the Rams by a score of 1-0.



Natalie Bell, freshman, crosses the ball to her teammates at a home game on April 19 against Ladue High School. The lady Wildcats won their game when Andreae Bradley, sophomore, scored the only goal during the game.



Rebecca Weiss, sophomore, punts the ball to mid field during a team scrimmage at practice. Weiss was one of the three captains on the jv soccer team along with Eloise Bettlach freshman, and Amanda Radasch, sophomore.

Playing outside mid-fielder, Jessica Wydrzynski, freshman, plays in the home game against Notre Dame. The Wildcats tied this game at a score of 1-1.



Positioned at forward, Katie Matheny, freshman, plays in a game against Ladue High School. "Even though jv is mostly freshmen, I love my team," said Rebecca Weiss, sophomore.



Summer Smith, freshman, battles for the ball in a game against Visitation. As a freshmen varsity player, Smith scored 2 goals at the first game. "Being a freshmen on varsity is a lot of fun. It challenges me to step up my level of play."

Madeleine Smith, sophomore, dribbles the ball passed midfield as a defender in a game against St. Elizabeth on March 30. Smith's father is the head coach of the Varsity team.



Katelyn Haverstick, senior, moves around a player from St. Elizabeth and heads towards the goal. Later in the game, Haverstick scored her first goal of the season. Haverstick returned to the field after tearing her ACL last year during an early season game.

Brittany Zee-Chang, sophomore, competes for possession of the ball. Zee-Chang scored one goal in this game helping lead her team to a 6-0 victory.



Kristin Kilpatrick, senior, settles the ball. As a midfielder, Kilpatrick focused on getting the ball to the forwards.



Lauren DeRousse, junior, dribbles around a player. This was DeRousse's first year on varsity.



Elizabeth Blackwell, junior, goes for the ball in a game against Villa Duchesne on April 14.

TEARING IT UP

As winter sports ended and soccer began, coaches and players alike formulated opinions on what the season would look like. For coaches and players alike, winning games and having a good productive season were on the list. However, having a senior captain tear her ACL the night before tryouts was not.

Three days into tryouts Emily Sherman, senior, found that even though she was looking forward to playing during the season it did not matter because her doctor said she would not be able to play soccer for the rest of the season.

Sherman had been playing soccer since she was a freshman, and as the soccer season started, her season ended. For the other players, the season continued, and she was missed out on the field. "I feel like a part of my soccer experience is missing this year because Sherman has always been there with me," said Christina Dohr, senior.

Sherman was still a captain of the team and part of the team, by attending games and some practices. "It is frustrating being part of the team but not being able to contribute to the team on the field any way," said Sherman. Last year, Sherman played as a left outside midfielder, but this year, she could only watch from the bench. "There is no doubt that her experience and leadership would have been a valuable asset to us this season," said Dohr.

BIGGER
is Better

Total Number of Players:

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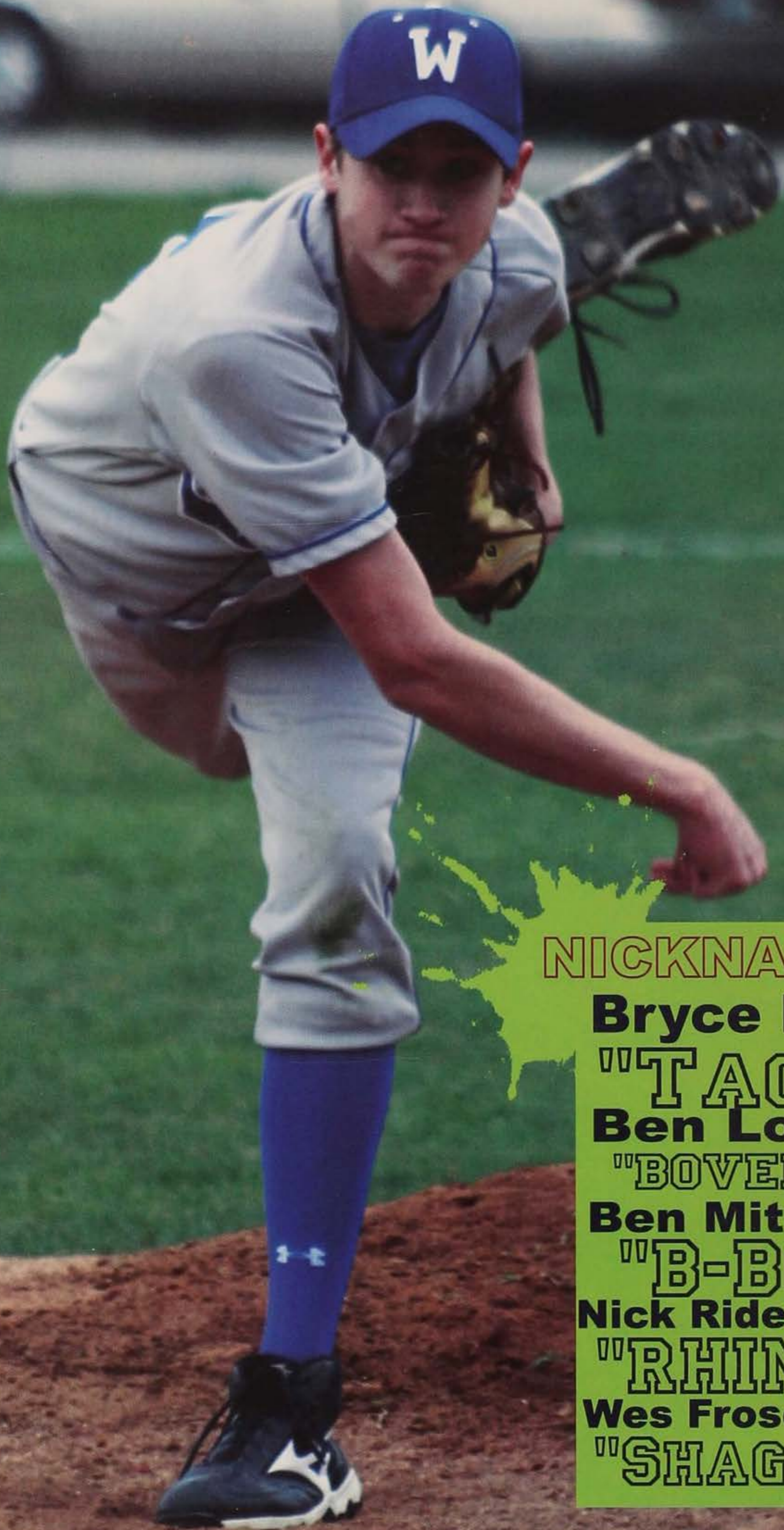
Seniors: 6 Juniors: 6

Sophomores: 8 Freshmen: 3

Number of Players Last Year: 17
(not including swing players)

Adrienne Boyd, senior, keeps the ball away from a St. Elizabeth player. "As a senior, it is really fun. We were all picked on once as underclassmen, so it feels good to finally be on top," said Boyd.





Matthews Powers, freshman, pitches the ball to the opposing Ladue hitter. In an earlier game against Orchard Farms on April 14, Powers only gave up two hits in six innings of pitching.

NICKNAMES

Bryce Bell

"TACO"

Ben Lovell

"BOVELL"

Ben Mitchell

"B-BO"

Nick Ridenhour

"RHINO"

Wes Froschner

"SHAGGY"

5th TIME'S THE CHARM

Not always does the beginning of a baseball season reflect the season as a whole. The jv Wildcats were prepared for the worst on the afternoon of April 9 as they got geared up to play the Whitfield Warriors. The team had gone 0 and 4 in their first several games of the baseball season, and the team was expecting nothing different when they played against the Warriors. But during this game the Wildcats were pleasantly surprised.

Starting out slow, the game seemed to be going nowhere fast, but nearing the third inning the Cats kicked it up a notch. During the third inning as the Warriors were up to bat, Ben Lovell, freshman threw strike after strike leaving Whitfield without a single tally.

"Ben Lovell pitched amazing, he struck out 8 out the 10 batters he faced." said Mark McFarland, freshman.

Whispers raged through the Warrior dugout as they were getting furious because Lovell was pitching the ball "faster than Whitfield had ever seen." Lovell's pitching left the warriors in a state of shock, as the Whitfield players could only manage to hit singles and doubles.

Then it was McFarland's turn to pitch, and his pitching was nothing different, which left the Warriors in the Cats dust. Together McFarland and Lovell managed to strike out 11 opposing players, and only gave up 3 runs. The Wildcat hitters on the other hand were well prepared for the opposing pitcher. Hit after hit the Wildcats managed to score. Freshman, Michael Dudley, nearly hit and out of the park which allowed the Cats to score several runs. In the end the Cats beat the Warriors 26 to 3. This helped to boost the team's morale after a rocky start. They won the several following games against Lutheran South where the pitchers Dylan Andres, sophomore and Davis Vanderslice, freshman threw a four-hitter.

The jv Wildcats also played against Orchard Farms winning 7 to 1. When the Wildcats competed against Whitfield again during the jv Invitational, the Cats managed to play their first .500 batting average game of the season. In the end the team proved that the beginning of a season does not always reflect the end of the season.



Nicholas Ridenhour, freshman, hits a single against Ladue on April 19. Ridenhour played outfielder and pitcher for the baseball team. Ridenhour was a swing player, and played on both the freshman and jv teams.



Wesly Froeschner, sophomore, swings for the low pitch. Froeschner pitched the game on April 19. In the Westminster Invitational, Froeschner hit a sacrifice bunt to contribute to the 9-6 defeat against Priroy.



Austin Brown, sophomore, walks to get the ball after throwing down his helmet.

Timothy Burgess, freshman, catches pitcher Matthew Powers, freshman. Burgess was swing player, and played both on the jv and freshman team.



Brandon Hafenrichter, sophomore, is up to bat. Hafenrichter played third base. In a previous game on April 13, the combined efforts of pitchers Hafenrichter, Michael Dudley, freshman, and Wes Froeschner, sophomore, resulted in eight strikeouts against their Whitfield opponents.



Jacob Buffa, sophomore, gets in the batter's stance. Buffa played shortstop for the jv team. In the game against Ladue, Buffa hit a single, stole second, made it to third, and then scored the only run in the 7-1 loss.



Davis Vanderslice, freshman gets in his stance to bunt. Vanderslice was a swing player for the freshmen and jv teams.

Ryan Allee, junior, warms up with pitcher Alec Mitchell, junior, before a game against Parkway North. Allee help advance the Wildcats score defeating North.



CAUGHT & ALLEE

Holding true to a long-standing tradition, the varsity Wildcats began their season over spring break in the hot sun of Florida. However, while many students who vacationed in Florida over break spent their time sunbathing and playing in the surf, the team focused instead upon baseball, competing in five games during their time there.

The team played against University High, Maret Academy, George Washington High, Central High, and Brewster Academy, and they achieved victory in each of their games. One of the contributing players was Ryan Allee, junior. During the course of their five games, Allee was at bat a total of 15 times, and 10 of those times, he hit a double, triple, or single. Historically in the game of baseball, catchers have not been characterized as strong hitters. However, even though he was the team's strongest catcher, Allee also hit well, and this was significant to the success of the team. "He had many clutch hits which helped us get more runs and win in Florida," said Alec Mitchell, junior. While Allee was not the only player who contributed strong advances in each game, his 10 for 15 showing was worthy of recognition.

As any athlete may prepare themselves for a game, Allee had a few different ways to warm up. Before each game, he took a minute to sit back and visualize past wins and strategies he used in games. After this, he tried to focus on the current opponent and what the Wildcats must do to defeat them. He also did similar things during the game to focus on the task at hand. He would analyze the pitcher's style to know how he should hit the ball, and when he reached the plate, he repeated his usual routine.

"I always do the same thing [when I go up to bat]. I slowly warm myself up and take a deep breath before I walk to the plate," said Allee. His approach to the plate hasn't changed since freshman year, and he continues to use this method during each game.

PLAYER BIO:

MICHAEL FERRARRA

POSITION: **SHORT-STOP**

YEARS PLAYED: **11 YEARS**

"IN THE PAST I'VE PLAYED OTHER POSITIONS, BUT I JUST LIKED SHORTSTOP THE BEST, AND I THINK I PLAY BEST IN THAT POSITION." -FERRARRA

Short-stop Mike Ferrara, senior, made numerous plays in the game versus Parkway North. Ferrara made the last out in the bottom of the seventh inning.



At the start of the sixth inning, John Bergman, senior, hit a single down center field. The Wildcats continued to fill the bases in the home game versus Orchard Farm.

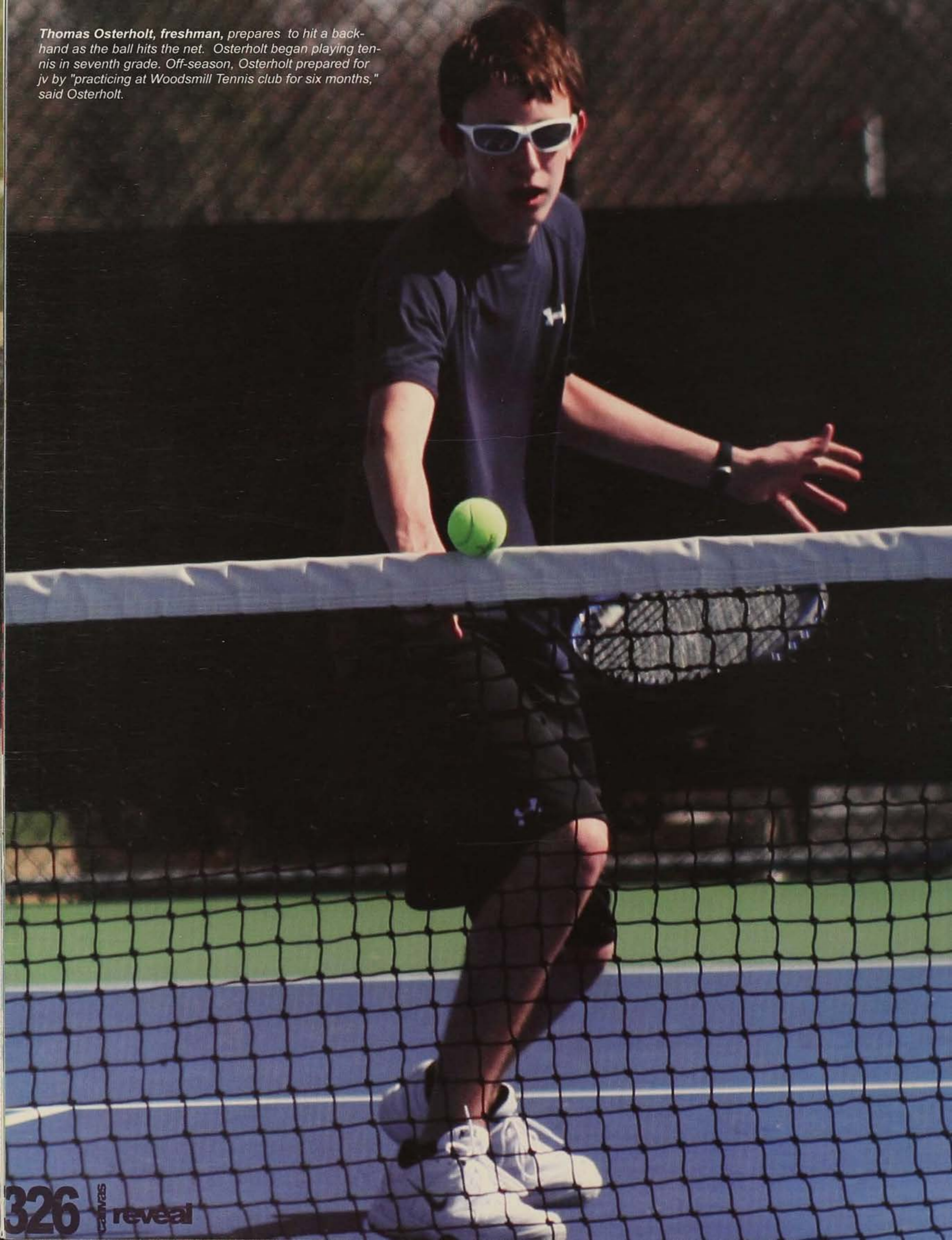
Pitcher Jacob Kinsinger, junior, opened in the game versus Parkway South. Kinsinger had numerous strike outs in the game.

Michael Koebbe, senior, had two hits during the home game versus Orchard Farm. One of his hits was a triple, that brought two runs in during the fifth inning.

Pitcher Collin Henry, junior, opened for the Wildcats iagainst Parkway North. Coach Rich Van Gilst said Henry pitched extremely well in the game. He also said his skills and techniques hadimproved from the begining of this year.

First baseman Andrew Beck, junior, loosened up between the third and fourth innings.

Thomas Osterholt, freshman, prepares to hit a backhand as the ball hits the net. Osterholt began playing tennis in seventh grade. Off-season, Osterholt prepared for jv by "practicing at Woodsmill Tennis club for six months," said Osterholt.



RUSH AND CRUSH

Every sport had their own fun and creative drills that made practices enjoyable. Incorporating a game into practice disguised the running and conditioning that many sports required. For those who did not play tennis, "Kings of the Court," "Rush and Crush," and "Around the World" were probably unfamiliar, but to a member of the jv tennis team, they were names of popular games played during practice.

"We do different drills to work on different parts of our game, including ground strokes, volleys, serves, and over-heads. Rush and Crush is one of the most fun drills," said David Rohlfing, sophomore.

This was a doubles game where the coach fed the balls to the defending team of two "kings." Three balls were fed to the attacking side: a ground stroke, a volley, and an over-head. If they won all three points, they became king.

"Kings of the Court" was another game in which a king was put on one side of the court as an opposing player attempted to win two consecutive points, crowning him the new king. "Around the World can be the most fun, especially when you're playing with only one racquet," said sophomore Drew Hillemeier.

"I expect to have a really good season, because our tennis program is one of the best," said Rohlfing.

NOW THAT'S MY KIND OF RACQUET

These are the different types of racquets that the jv team used:

HEAD MICROGEL EXTREME - DREW HILLEMAYER, SOPHOMORE

PRINCE O3 SPEEDPORT - DAVID ROHLFING, SOPHOMORE

WILSON - HUNTER HUGHES, FRESHMAN

PRINCE - TREY OSTERHOLT, FRESHMAN

N-BLADE - JAMES HINRICHS, FRESHMAN



James Hinrichs, freshman, hits the ball with his forehand, at the MICDS game on April 7. "The jv team won overall, 4-3, and Hinrichs won 8-2. "It's easy to learn, and there's a lot of thought that goes into it," said Hinrichs.



Caleb Winter, sophomore, practices after school. "I played off-season at clinics at the Miller Academy and had private lessons with [owner] Mike Miller. We have a good line up, down to the bottom of the team, and we will definitely be getting some victories."



William McKenna, senior, works on his serve during practice after school on April 1. "It's a game that's all about strategy and beating your opponent mentally and physically," said McKenna.

Parker Briden, freshman, chases down a cross court volley. Briden preferred doubles because "there [was] that camaraderie going on. You have your partner to help you when you are feeling discouraged."



Drew Hillemeier, sophomore, hits a forehand at MICDS. He has been playing tennis for 4 years. Before the season, "I played with some friends and worked on conditioning with them also," said Hillemeier.



Hunter Hughes, freshman, and **David Rohlfing, sophomore,** wait for the serve. "I've spent a lot of time by myself practicing my serve and hitting against a wall because I don't always have someone to play with," said Hughes. "I've been playing tennis my whole life with my friends and family, but on a team, since seventh grade," said Rohlfing.



Zachary Kessel, freshman, watches for his opponent's shot. He had played for four years, starting his sixth grade year. Kessel also swam off-season to prepare for spring.





Christopher Griesedieck, sophomore, returns a shot back to his Priory opponent on April 9. Griesedieck opened up the season playing singles matches.

"One of my goals is to be a better mentally tough player during close matches and not show frustration," said Griesedieck.

OFF THE RECORD

Becoming involved in training or tournaments during the off season can improve a player's ability for the upcoming season. However, preparing for the season, is often the player's choice. "Off season preparation is on each player. We all play in clinics and take lessons, and play tournaments," said Zachary Schopp, junior.

However, some players were involved in other sports, making it hard to prepare for the season. "Being a three-sport athlete, there isn't a ton of time for me to play in the off-season. However, I am able to play with a fair amount of teammates and also able to play a few tournaments here and there. The summer is the best time for me to play tennis and is usually when I improve the most," said Timothy Miller, junior. Other than Miller, some students are involved in multiple sports throughout the school year. "I just hit with teammates and play matches to help get me in shape and ready for the pressure of match play. I'm not able to play too many tournaments, except for in the summer because I play three sports," said John Hunsicker, junior.

Some take lessons throughout the year. "I do some tournaments and have lessons once a week. I also hit with friends every once in a while," said Stephen Lillenberg, junior. If it is practicing with friends, playing tournaments or taking individual lessons, every little bit helps a player improve for the upcoming season.



Don't go breakin' my...
 "I BREAK STRINGS ALL THE TIME BUT I'VE ONLY BROKEN THE ACTUAL RAQUET ONCE OR TWICE."
 -CAMERON SMITH, JUNIOR

"I HAVE ALREADY BROKEN STRINGS TWICE THIS SEASON. JOHN HUNSICKER CAN FIX THE STRINGS, SO HE STRINGS ALL OF MINE."
 -ZACHARY SCHOPP

... Racquet



During the game against Burroughs on April 19, James Myers, senior, sets up for a backhand. "Jimmy is an excellent teacher; he leads the team discussions which gets the players thinking about what he had said each time. He's very thoughtful and intelligent, as well as being a very capable player," said Nathan Talley, coach. This was Myer's fourth year playing on varsity.



Nick O'Neal, senior, lets a ball go long on April 9 against Priory. On his second set, O'Neal came out with a win with 6-0.

Serving the ball, Stephen Lillenberg, junior, plays a match against Priory. "I think the season will go really well," said Lillenberg.



Returning the ball, Timothy Miller, junior, beats his Duschense opponent on March 30. "Tennis is unique because much of the sport is physiological as opposed to physical. While you need the physical ability to win, you also need the mental to push you through when you aren't playing well," said Miller.

Cameron Smith, junior, returns the ball back to his Duchesne opponent. "I've won a good amount of tournaments. I am ranked number one in St. Louis for boys 16's," said Smith.

Connor Zielonko, junior, backhand slices the ball to his opponent on April 7. Zielonko used a Babolat Pure Drive tennis racquet throughout the season, while playing doubles. "I play doubles mostly but sometimes when we play a different format I play singles," said Zielonko.



Henry Eicher, junior, sets the ball. Even though it was Eicher's first year playing volleyball, he was chosen to be one of the team captains along with Jeffery Meyers, sophomore.



The JV volleyball team gathers around John Powell, coach, for a talk during their first game against Fort Zumwalt West. "Focus on the here and now. We can't worry about anything else, let's just get it done on the floor," said Powell.

Robert Breneman, freshman, goes to pass the ball during the game against Fort Zumwalt West. Breneman's favorite pre-game snack was Red Bull because "it gets me pumped before the game," said Breneman.

FALONE

It was March 30, the day of JV volleyball's first game, and the team was warming up with strained senses. With only twenty minutes before the game would begin, their coach was nowhere to be seen. As time wound down even closer to the start, their coach was still absent, and varsity coach John Powell had to sub in to coach. "It was really stressful to be going into the game without a coach. We really didn't know what the line-up would be or how to prepare for the game," said Henry Eicher, junior.

Jeffrey Meyers, sophomore, was the only returning player on the JV team, so he was able to lead them through their time without a coach. "It was difficult to go into a game without knowing what our game-plan was. We just didn't know what to do at all, so I tried to lead them through the warm-up as best as I could".

As the referee blew the first whistle to start the match, everyone's nerves receded, and they played the game the way they had been coached to play. "I just kind of forgot about the issues we were having and played how I had learned to. The game of volleyball is supposed to be fun, so I just kept that in mind," said Mitchell Penning, freshman. Although the team ended with a loss, they fought hard in their first high school effort. "The team did the best they could under the circumstances. I'm proud of their efforts and loved the attitude they put out there," said Powell.



Jeffrey Meyers, sophomore, goes up for a "1" set during warm-ups. This was a short, quick set that was intended to catch the opponent's defense off guard. "Ones were my favorite sets to hit to throughout the year. They're just so quick, it's awesome," said Meyers.




Going up to hit a ball, Jason Hahs, freshman, warms up before the game against Fort Zumwalt South. Hahs played club for the Missouri Thunder during the winter season. Two competitive clubs for men's volleyball in the Saint Louis area were Missouri Thunder and High Performance.



Zackary Lokey, freshman, serves the ball to Fort Zumwalt South. Lokey played right-side hitter throughout the season.

JACKED JUN



"HIS ABS ARE JUST... WOW."
-MATHAN BENEFIELD, SENIOR.

"HE HAS THE BODY OF A GREEK GOD."
-MATTHEW BALDWIN, JUNIOR

Jun Oh, sophomore, serves the ball to Fort Zumwalt West. Oh was known for his strong body.

"Hana, dul, ses..." the Korean counting numbers echoed through the gym. In order to make practice more enjoyable, they spoke in southern accents and different languages. The men's varsity volleyball team was holding a plank to increase muscle power, and this was only one of the many exercises that plyos consisted of. Planks and other routines "[built] general calf strength," said Luke Kuiper, junior. This was the first year that the boys' volleyball team did plyometric training during practice. Plyos used a variety of "jumping and quickness exercises," said Andrew Menzel, junior.

Whether this additional routine to the traditional boy's practice was a good thing or not, the overall opinion was that plyos were tough. "Sometimes its really hard and it makes me really tired," said Sang-A Park, junior. Daniel Moore, junior, agreed with Park saying that plyos were "difficult". Adding to the general sentiment, Nathan Benefield, senior, said, "I hate [plyos] while I am doing them." Gordon Younkin, sophomore, said that he did not "really mind them, but they were not super fun."

Even though the team seemed to agree that plyos were hard and horrible, they also stated that they had great results. "[Plyos] are really good for agility," said Park. Others on the team had similar comments such as Matthew Baldwin, junior, who said, "they are good for us, even though sometimes it is hard to see how it is going to help us. I trust them." Everyone agreed that in the end it would pay off. Landon Chard, senior, said that they were, "a great use of [their] time and help [them] get in shape for the season." Team aura was also increased by this exercise addition. "[Plyos] are extremely team strength building," said Moore.

Overall the team has taken in plyos, used them, and waited to see the results that their hard work was sure to bring. While they waited for this change to occur, they continued to count in Korean and talked with southern accents.

Volleyball Valentines

Courtney Pfeifer, senior, founded the Volleyball Valentines in 2010. While it was intended to be an opportunity for the players to receive support from their friends, it quickly turned into a competition. The team began to see who could get the most valentines. The winner was Daniel Moore with five valentines. Closely followed by others.

Daniel Moore: 5

Luke Kuiper: 5

Andrew Menzel: 3

Nathan Benefield: 3

Sang-A Park: 3



Luke Kuiper, junior, prepares to pass the ball. Kuiper was a middle hitter for the varsity team. Kuiper said that the team was at its best and the most fun when, "everybody's attitude is great."



Setting the ball, Jacob Dahl, senior, practices before the game versus Fort Zumwalt West. Westminster lost both the first and second game.



Landon Chard, senior, practices spiking the ball during pre-game warm ups. Each player, no matter their position on the team, practiced spiking, hitting and setting the ball.



Nathan Benefield, senior, passes with a partner. Benefield said that "scrimmaging and playing are the most fun parts of volleyball."

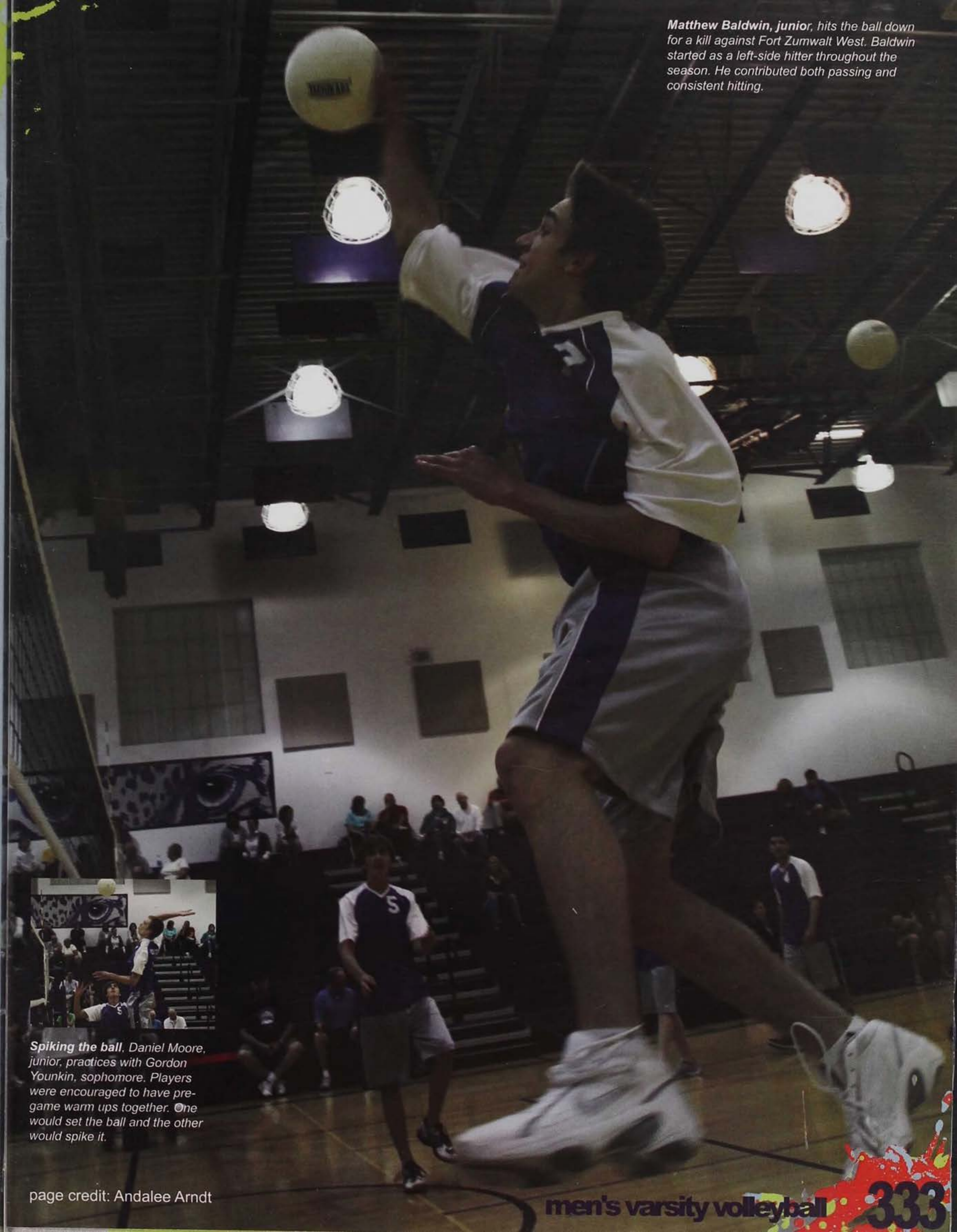


Sang-A Park, junior, hits a partner pass. The team did partner passes to make practicing more efficient.



Andrew Menzel, junior, practices spiking the ball before their first game. The game was Tuesday, March 30. The team was managed by a variety of the high school women's volleyball players, including Kelsey Kindbom, junior, and Kelly Penning, senior.

Matthew Baldwin, junior, hits the ball down for a kill against Fort Zumwalt West. Baldwin started as a left-side hitter throughout the season. He contributed both passing and consistent hitting.



Spiking the ball. Daniel Moore, junior, practices with Gordon Younkin, sophomore. Players were encouraged to have pre-game warm ups together. One would set the ball and the other would spike it.

This year...

Football beat MICDS...

Soccer went to districts...

Men's swimming went to state...

Six wrestlers went to state...

Juniors **WON** Powder-puff...

Lauren Derosse and Christine Schlafly won state tennis...

We raised money for Invisible children...

Carnival was inside... We had our first Poetry slam...

We square danced during Spring Event...

This year you...

had your first date to Christmas Banquet...

danced in the rain with friends...

went sledding on your first snow day...

watched the Olympics instead of doing homework...

crammed before your vocab quiz the next hour...

completed your National History Day project at midnight...

interacted with your classmates and teachers,
developing new relationships...

played games with friends long after midnight...

created memories that will last you a lifetime...

Mallory Alpert, senior, and Margaret Johnson, junior, look over their lines for the upcoming musical, My Fair Lady. Johnson played the part of Eliza Doolittle and Alpert played Mrs. Higgins, Professor Higgins' mother.



This year has been OUR



Dongjae Lee, freshman



Katia Weir, junior

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Maya Taylor,
grade



Casey Moore, Junior



Kristen Walker,
eighth grade



Trent Briden, eighth
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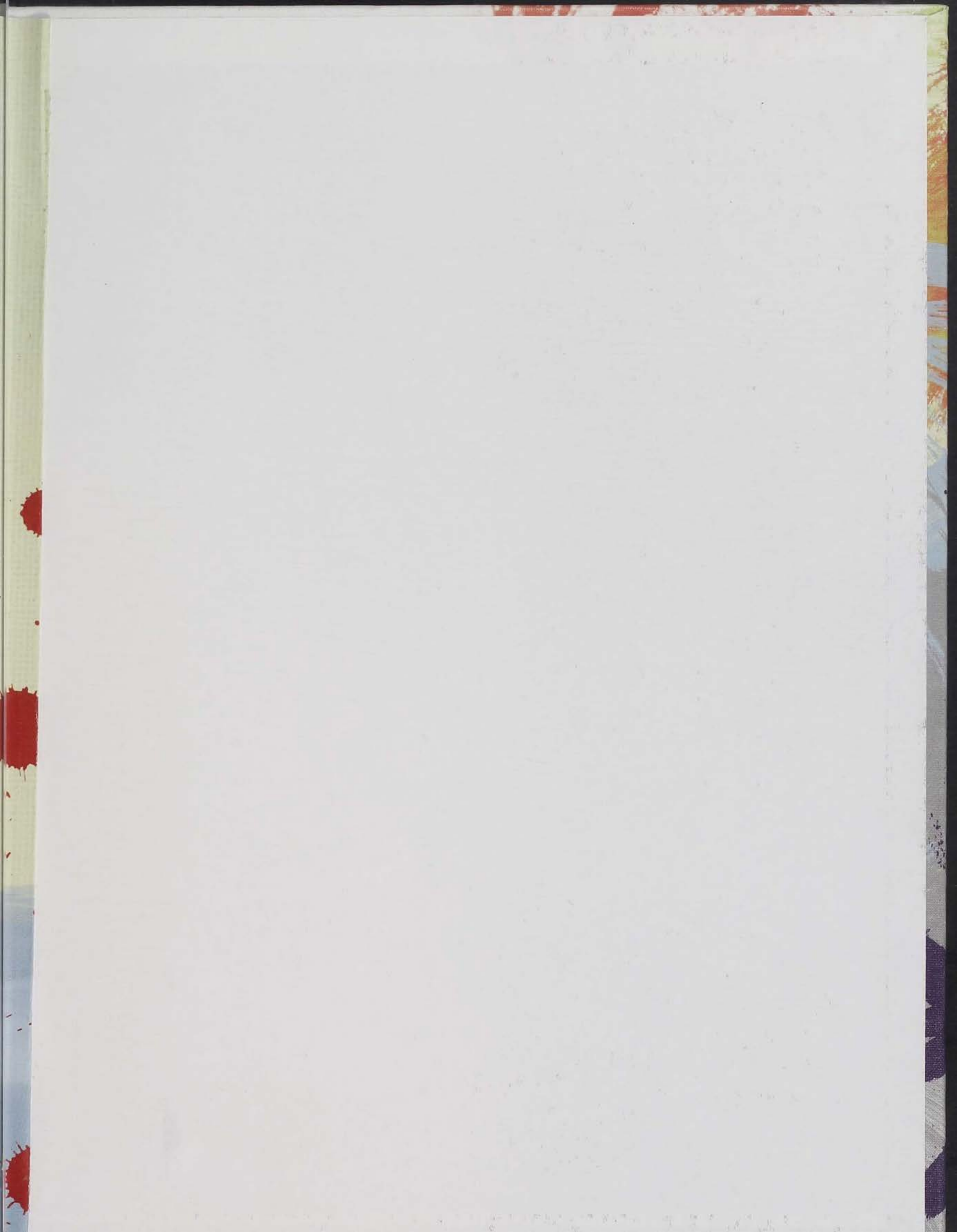
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