

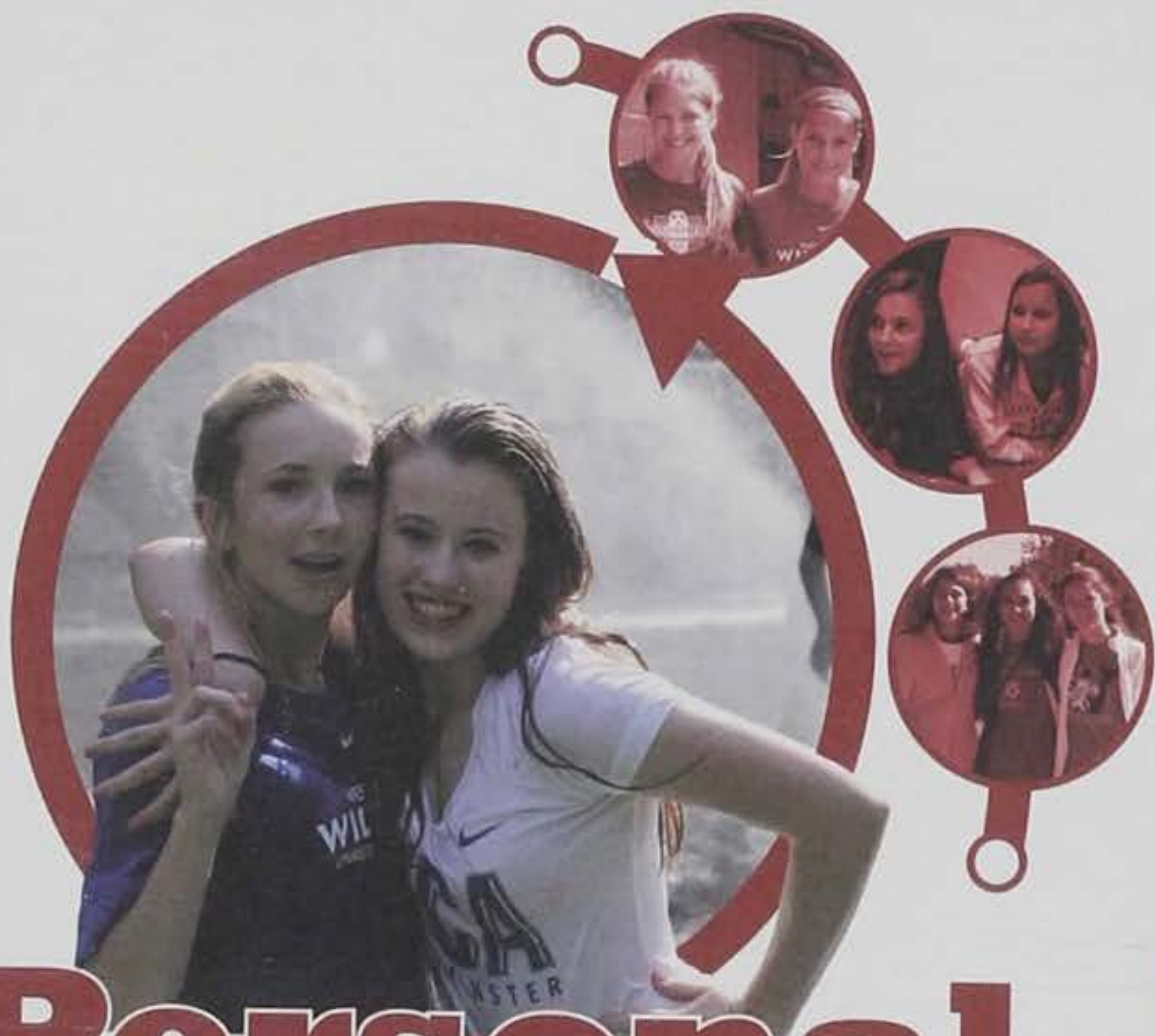


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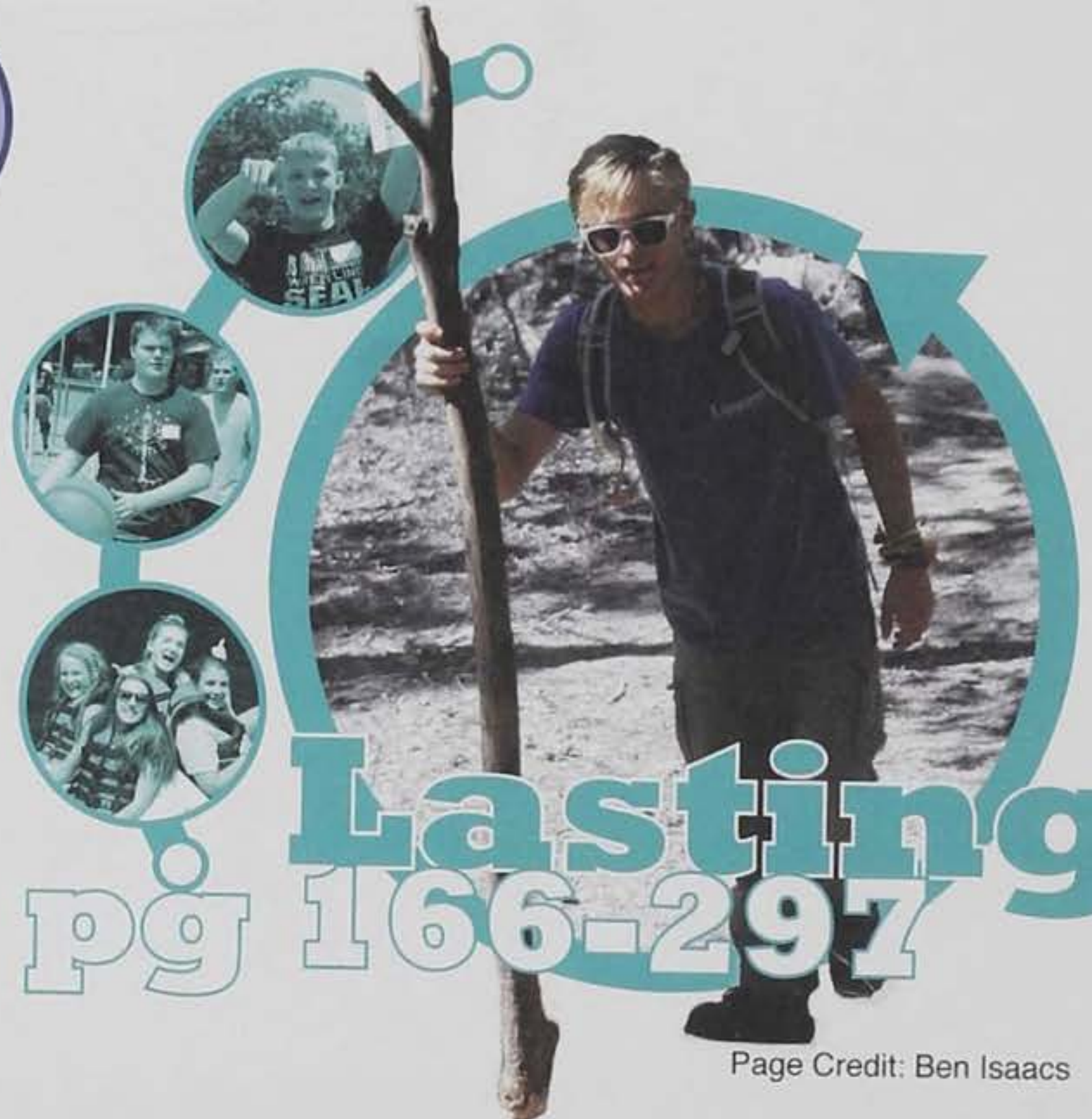
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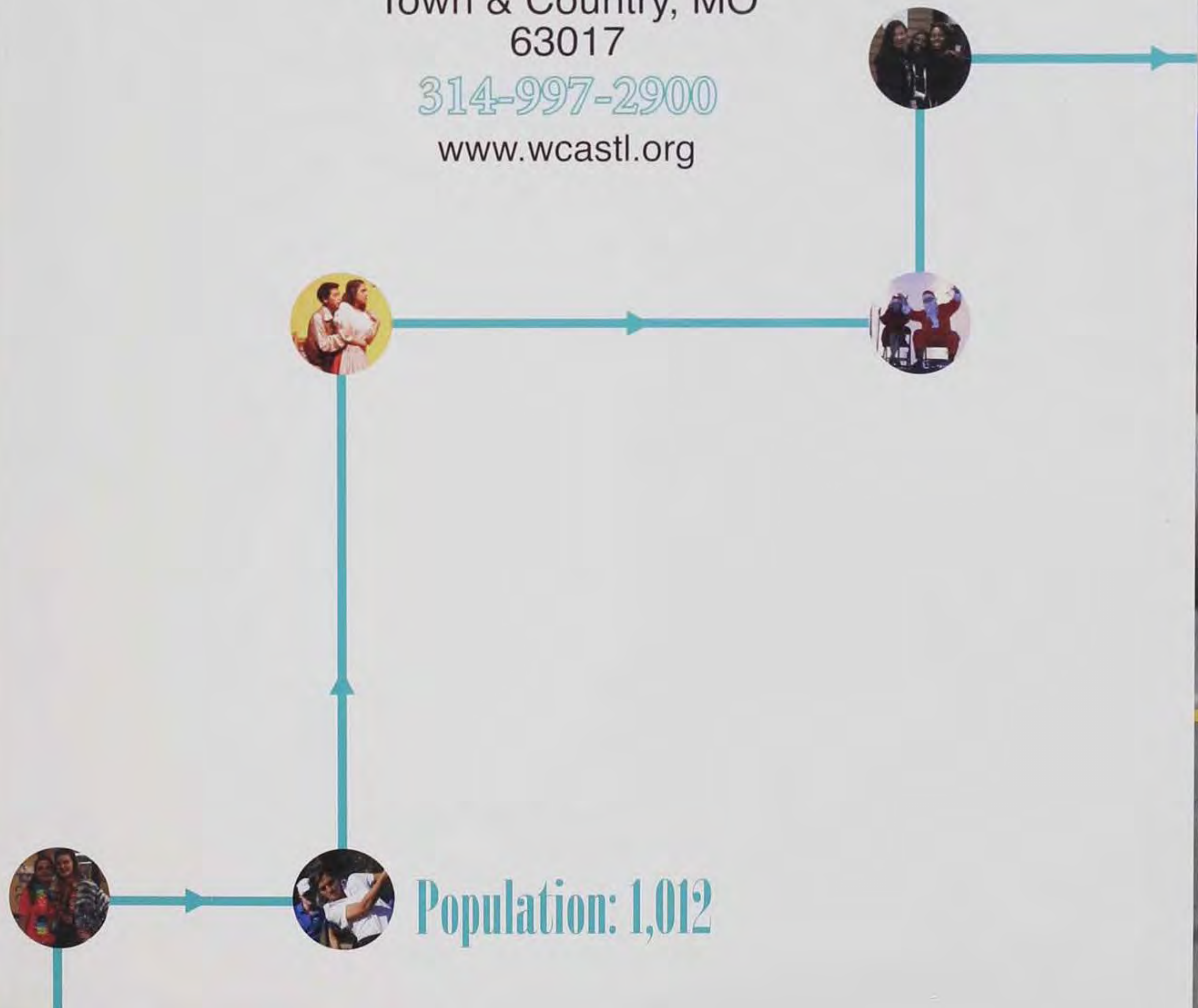
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# Our INTERACTIONS

at Westminster were summed up as

**Personal, Competitive,  
Diligent, and  
Lasting.**

We **INTERACTED**

through **Competition**

whether it was in sports,

between grades, or with

each other. **Competition**

kept us working towards a

**Common Goal**

with others, and it allowed us to

**INTERACT**

in a more intense environment

that led to a **Rewarding  
Result**



**Kelly Schwartz**, history teacher, and **Claire Nichols**, senior, face off in a game of jousting at Carnival. "I joust-ed my seventh grade brother (Mark Brugner). It's fun for sibling rivalries, but it's a lot harder than it looks. I still won though" said Brooke-Ellen Brugner, senior.



The personal  
**INTERACTIONS**  
formed within the Westminster  
community kept us **connected.**

We took  
**INTERACTIONS**  
outside of the classroom

to a more  
**Personal  
Environment.**

These  
**relationships**  
turned into  
**Lasting  
INTERACTIONS.**

These  
**connections**

went beyond high school and this  
school year.





Kirsten Davis, Callie McDonald, Hannah Sabadell, Jayla Malloyd, Julie Griesedieck, Olivia Holt, Christina Mason, and Jillian Klein celebrate after the juniors defeated the seniors in the powderpuff game over Wildcat Weekend.



Ally Drooger, sophomore and Lucy Kehr, Izzy Hauptfear, and Gracie Adams, seniors make their entrance with into the Arena with the field hockey team on pride night.



The sum of our  
**INTERACTIONS**

was seen in our

**Diligence** in the  
classroom.

in our school was something  
that allowed us to work and

**INTERACT**  
**together.**

This brought students  
together with **one**  
**another** and  
their authority figures.

**Classroom**

**INTERACTIONS**  
**united students** of all grades.

## In loving memory of our brother in Christ

# J.D. Wiese



JD and I were great friends. We first met on swim team and talked almost everyday since. When we would talk, he liked to make the conversations meaningful. He would turn little talks about a class into deep a conversation about the teacher. Our talks would range anywhere from sports to religion. JD strengthened my faith in the Lord by talking to me about things he has heard about Jesus that challenged him, then he would strive to find an answer. I remember when he told me about a devotion that irritated him because he had a question about it that couldn't be answered. It irritated him not because he was an easily-irritated guy, but because he just wanted to find the truth. JD really demonstrated what it looks like to be Christian through these attributes. - Jesse Parham, sophomore



JD is a hard person to describe. He had too many positive qualities about him. I first met him before school started at a bowling party- I knew he was different then. Throughout the semester we went through a rough patch, but we remained friends til' the very end. JD pushed me to my limits in sports and academics and further so. He was an incredible guy with an incredible heart. At the end of semester one, JD came up to me and told me that we (the new kids) had made it. Describing him in past tense is hard to do as he still remains with all of us now and forever will. We really did make it. - Jack Patterson, sophomore



I was very good friends with him and could talk to him about almost anything knowing I could trust him. We could have really deep intellectual talks that I couldn't have with other kids in my grade. And he also just was fun to be around and loved to have fun himself. He was special because he was kind to everyone. No matter what person you go up to, they could not think of one negative thing to say. He was a light for God and showed how you can love for him everyday. He invited Jesse Parham and I to a Cardinals game earlier this year. I had a football game so I told him I couldn't make it because I didn't want to make him late. He texted me back saying to come to his house after my game and then we could go. We ended up getting there in the 3rd inning and it was a great night. He could have easily gone without me but he was very considerate. I think he made a big impact on our school because he became friends with so many people in such a short amount of time. Everyone felt loved by him. - Chad Briden, sophomore



JD Wiese was the most thoughtful, kind and humble friend that I have ever had. He was always smiling in a sweet, gentle way that was contagious. He approached life with a positive and excited attitude. Though he was talented in amazing ways, he never forgot who gave him his talents and always gave all the glory to God with every accomplishment. JD was always genuinely interested in what others had to say in class discussions. He was always watching and listening to those around him before he spoke. JD was polite to everyone he met and this made everyone he met feel special. He had an amazing ability to see the good in people. The way he would look at me always made me feel like I could be a better person. JD was not afraid to be unique because he that his identity was not in earthly things such as sports or grades. Instead, he knew that his identity was solely in who he was as a follower and Son of God. This was evident in the way he lived his life. Thank you JD, for teaching me so many things and we will see you again soon! - Emily Stoner, sophomore

## 15 Years

A decade and a half, a mere fifteen years,  
And now he is gone. What remains are our tears.  
We weep for we miss him and his smile so kind.  
This brand of joy is so hard to find.

But in those few years he packed it all in  
Loving his Savior, his ultimate win.  
Whether sports or school he gave it his all,  
Faithful to the One who gave him His call.

Fifteen years of a life fully lived,  
Fifteen years of love fully given,  
Fifteen years of fighting the fight,  
Serving his Lord and shining the light.

John David's life goes on in very real ways,  
Shining through family like a bright, sunny day.  
The love and the life that flowed freely through him  
Overflowed like a river in both family and friends.

And because of his Savior his soul it goes on  
Although many on earth may consider him gone.  
His life, his full life, is being lived out right now,  
In the presence of Jesus where we will all bow.

Imagine him swimming toward celestial shores,  
With strong swimmer's arms like two mighty oars.  
Imagine him making his way down gold streets.  
As he approaches God's throne his heart skips a beat.

The crowds of heaven they stand and applaud,  
Both angels and saints, the servants of God.  
They clap with the thunder to bring Jesus glory  
Because this young man lived his part in God's story.

Then King Jesus whispers a truth in his ears.  
He can barely hear it through all the loud cheers,  
"You have won the race that I called you to run.  
Although it was short, it was truly 'well done.'"

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Fifteen years of love fully given,  
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Serving his Lord and shining the light.

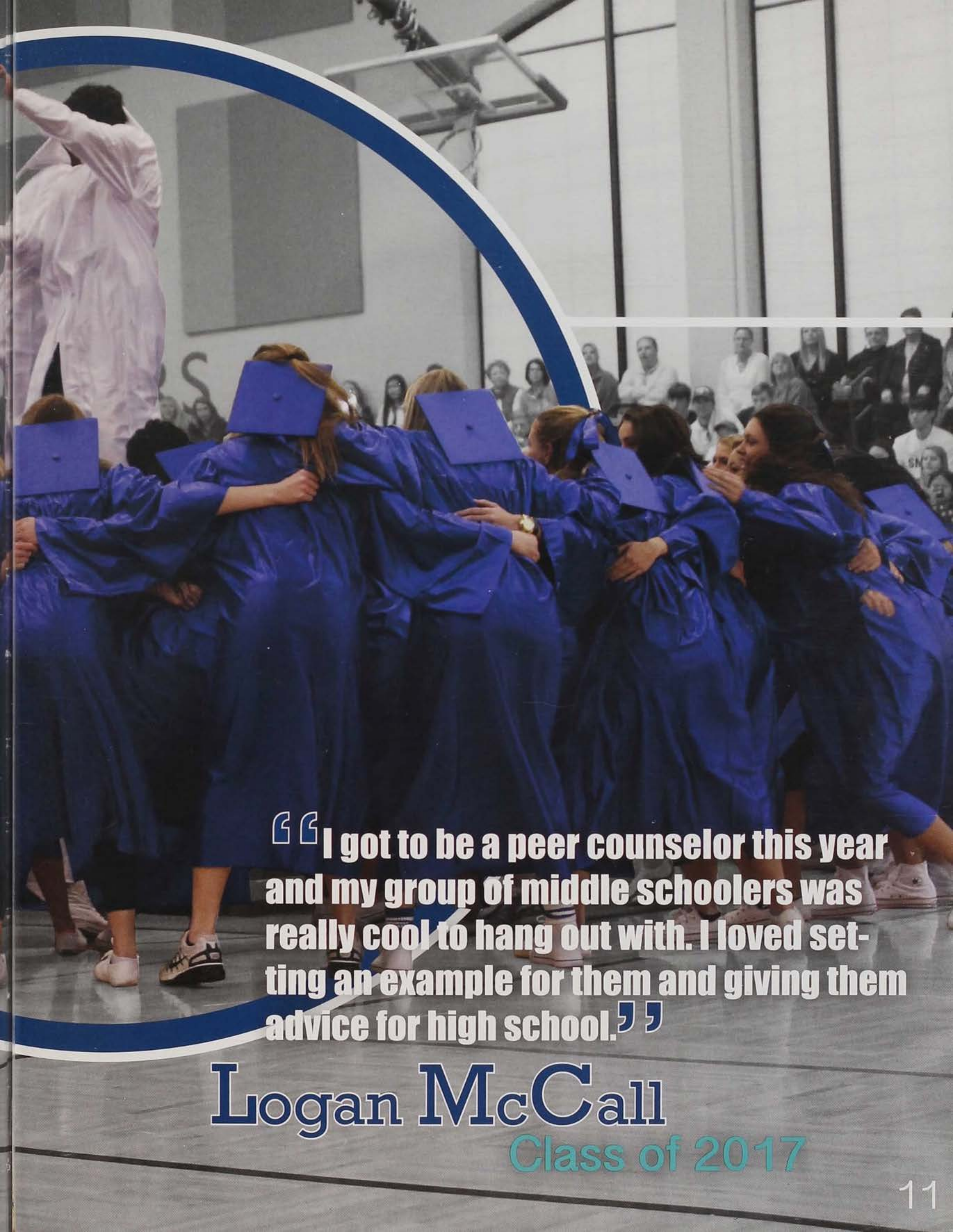
In memory of John David from Greg Stier

“ I coached the dance team for their face-off with the cheerleaders. Although we were not victorious, it was so much fun to work with the girls.”

**Alex Kempen**  
Class of 2017

“ I really enjoyed lipsync this year because it seemed like our whole class got closer. I loved spending time with my friends outside of school and winning was a plus.”

**Lindsey Faulkner**  
Class of 2017



**“ I got to be a peer counselor this year and my group of middle schoolers was really cool to hang out with. I loved setting an example for them and giving them advice for high school.”**

**Logan McCall**

**Class of 2017**



# Spirit Week Days 1 and 2:

## Games Ultimate Chicken

It is always exciting for students when new games get introduced for Spirit Week. This year was no different when the Spirit Club decided to try out a new game to see exactly just how it would work with students. This time they decided to have students play "Ultimate Cabbage", They did not play with a cabbage, however, but with a stuffed animal instead.

The rules to this game were fairly simple considering the game was just ultimate frisbee minus the frisbee. Instead, the participants tossed around a stuffed chicken. However the Spirit Club did not come up with the idea of the game as easily as it seemed, "We started off wanting to do it with an actual cabbage but it fell apart so we decided to use a stuffed animal instead, we definitely want to do it again next year but make it a lot bigger, make it almost more like a tournament," said Erin Galaktos, junior.

The biggest shock came when the sophomore class beat the juniors and seniors winning the whole game for their grade. The sophomores showed that they could very quickly take to the game, showing just how impressive their "Ultimate Cabbage" skills were.



**Alaina Randazzo**, senior, shows off her disco ball outfit for decades day. Randazzo blasted music throughout the hallways on Tuesday through a speaker she carried around with her.



**Megan Wibbenmeyer**, senior, channels her aloha spirit as a palm tree for Hawaiian Day. Wibbenmeyer ended up winning the "spirit stick" for Monday.



**Jordan Hartmann**, senior, and **Sydney Driscoll**, junior, pose as "Lilo and Stitch" for Monday. They are one of the many duos that dressed up in a costume involving more than just one person.



**Blaise Matheny**, freshmen, controls **Jack Canfield**, freshmen, in a game of "Hungry Hungry Hippos". This Spirit Week game was based off of the popular children's game.



**Michael Thoenen**, sophomore, darts across the waving a purple flag to represent the sophomore class. This year more and more classes began to make class flags to show spirit.



**Logan McCall**, senior, tosses the stuffed chicken during their match against the sophomores. Although the match was close throughout, the sophomores ended up taking the gold for the game.



**Betsy Bailey**, sophomore, and **Abby Nall**, sophomore, pose for a picture while in Biblical Ethics class. Bailey dressed up as an older Rams football player.

**Weston Schad**, junior, tosses the stuffed chicken to **Dyllan Conway**, junior, during Ultimate Cabbage. The sophomores played the juniors and won which advanced them to play the seniors after that.

**Izzy Clawson**, and **Anna Johnson**, sophomores, walk into the spirit week assembly piggy-back style. Tuesday's dress up theme was "Decades Day".

**Alexis Turner**, sophomore



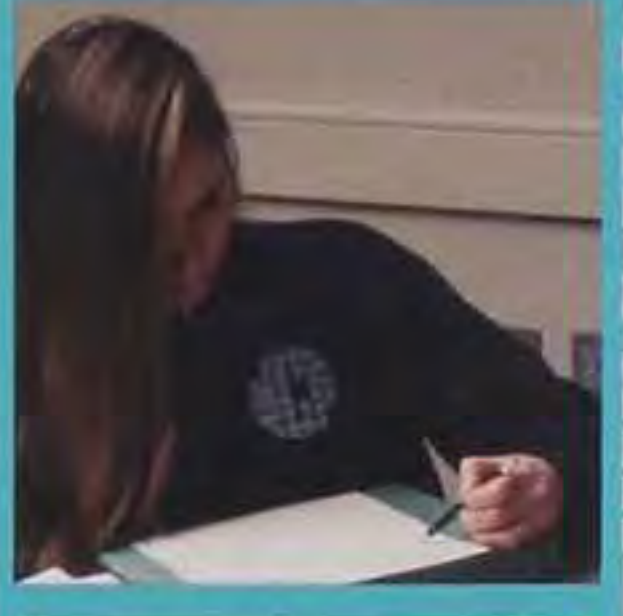
**Tom Graham**, senior



**Reed Grimm**, seventh grade



**Bethany Holden**, sophomore



**Anna Huynh**, senior



**Erin King**, sophomore



**Sydney Hawkins**, eighth grade



**Minjoo Kim**, senior

Some of our Summ

## The Year of the Upset

In a shocking upset, the junior class of 2017, notorious for being apathetic toward spirit week, went on to win first place in Blue Man Stomp. To even greater shock, the sophomore class of 2018 took second place, leaving the senior class of 2016 with third. A valiant performance from the seventh and eighth grade classes of 2021 & 2020 secured them fourth place. Which left the freshman class of 2019 with last place because they did not perform.

The juniors' remix of "the Pink Panther" and "Lip Gloss" featuring both the wildcat mascots was one to remember. They got the entirety of the junior class on their feet to join in the performance by dancing. "We felt so accomplished to win because we worked very hard this year making it our goal to win," said Alayna Marusiodis, junior.

The sophomores did a fun take on the beloved study tool, Kahoot, by playing the catchy theme music that plays while students take the quizzes made by their teachers. In this version, students answered questions like 'Do sophomores slay?' and 'Are we finite and fallen?'

The seniors performance was a rendition of the song 'I'm Blue'. With dancing characters in blue morph suits and a catchy pop tune, the seniors performed their routine.

Finally both of the middle school classes came together for their song. They got dressed to the nines to help create the illusion of being spies.

## Spirit Week Day 3: Blue Man Stomp



Allison Thoenen and Christian McGhee, juniors



**Alayna Marusiodis**, junior, gets the crowd hyped for the performance. "I'm very proud of each one of my team members and the hard work everyone put in to make our blue man stomp great," said Marusiodis.



Ben Isaacs, senior



Nikki Breneman, sophomore, displays one of the question from their quiz to the crowd. The sophomore class shouted back answers to their classmates.



David Kerckhoff, junior



Patrick Chambers, eighth grade, jams to the rhythm of the music. They made a pipe with interlocking parts that doubled as horn of sorts and a percussion instrument.



Emily Zell, sophomore



Haley Weinberg, senior, plays a make-shift flute. She played the melody to Justin Bieber's top hit "What Do You Mean". The crowd cheered her on.

Tyler Culleton, eighth grade

Max Radloff, eighth grade, helps set up the pipe for his performance. The eighth and seventh grade worked together on blue man. Their performance was riveting story of a spy.



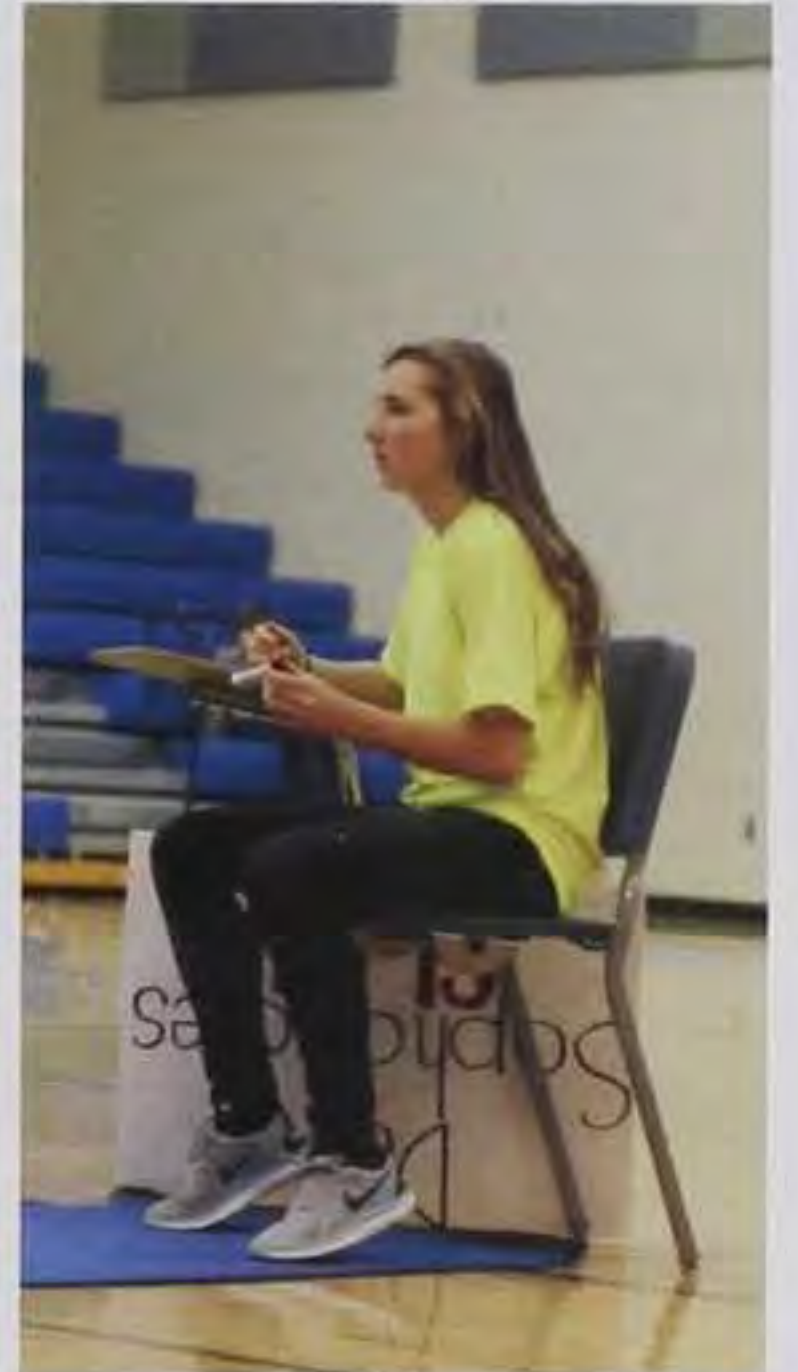
Josh Theus, junior, dabs for the crowd during the Blue Man performance. The juniors, unlike other grades, incorporated a lot of dance. They got their whole grade to participate by stomping and clapping along while dancing.



Caleb Curry, senior, plays a part of the percussion for the performance. Curry wore a go-pro during the performance to record all of it up close.



Deanne Pfyf, sophomore, poses as a student taking a Kahoot quiz. She also helped her grade by the flashing the signs with answers on them.



## Best Dressed: Class Color Day



Alex Lawrence, junior, presents his class with the spirit stick. Lawrence went and bought an all pink suit for class color day. He was awarded with the stick as a part of a new WCA spirit week tradition. At lunch, students were encouraged to enter the competition and the Spirit Club picked a winner for the day. The winner was later announced at the assembly.

**Xander Smith**, sophomore, dances to a mix of "Bob the Builder" and "Barney." "My favorite part was going to practices, seeing friends and working hard to do a good job. In the end it all paid off when we performed and got 3rd place because of our hard work and good coaches," said Smith.

**Blase Bell**, senior, is lifted up by his fellow class mates to make it look like he is floating. "This year I knew I had to do it because it was my senior year," said Bell.

Bottom: **Caleb Moellenhoff** and **Isaiah Tucker**, seventh, dance in the seventh grade boys poms routine on community night. They rounded up their "cattle" and rode their houses into fifth place.

Middle: **John Pottebaum**, senior, acts as the strongest man in the circus theme boys poms. The senior boys finally got the win they had tried so hard for. "For the first time in my life, I felt a pure sense of existential bliss," said Potterbaum after winning.

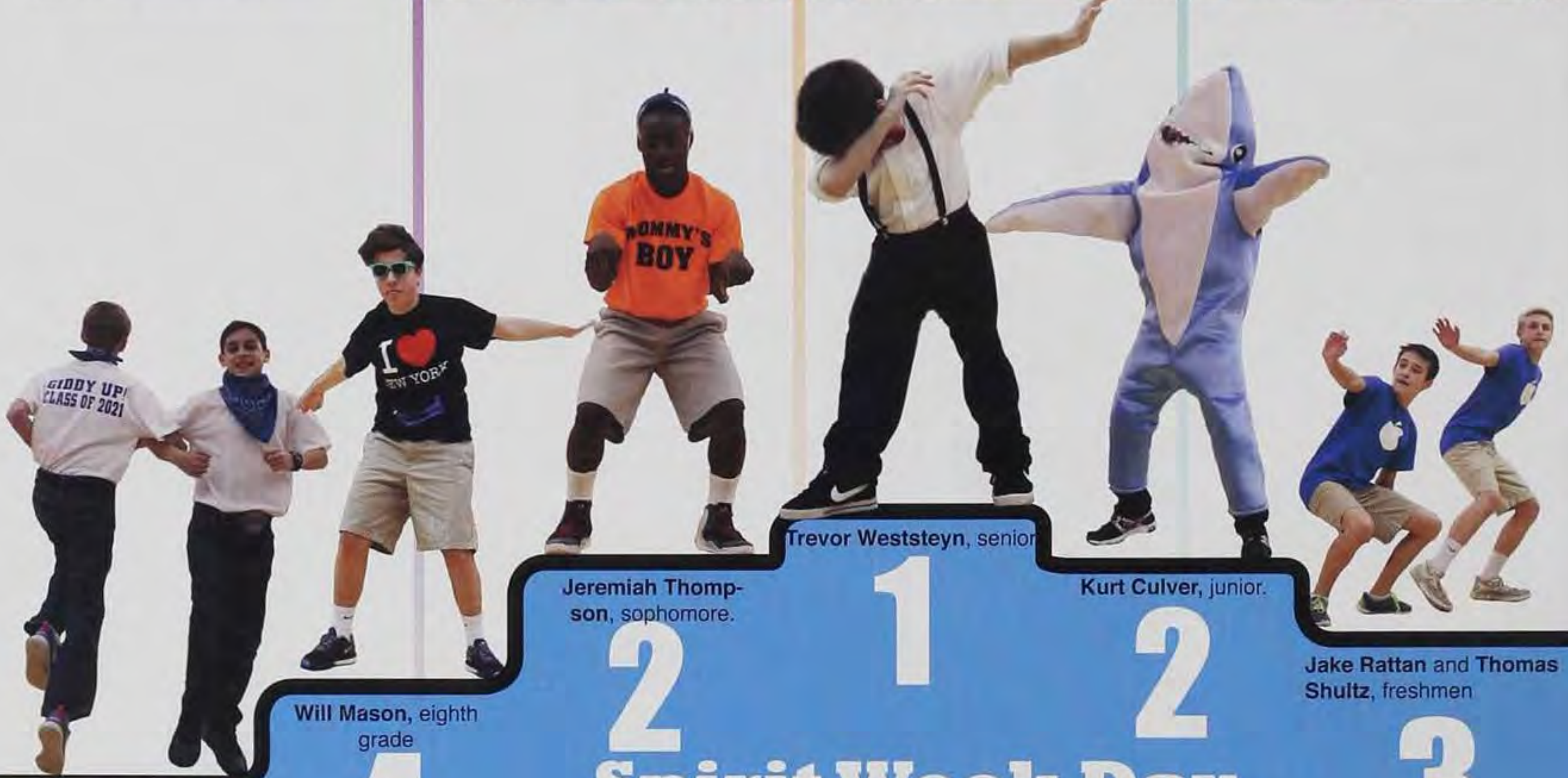


**Aiden Davitt** and **Clayton Perona**, eighth grade, start their boys poms dance acting as New York tourists on a class trip. "My favorite part of boys poms was the time with friends, dancing, and the snacks," said Davitt.

**Teddy Bacon**, junior, participates in the juniors boys poms, which earned second place. "It's pretty fun when you get the right guys doing it, but the main reason I did it was because Elli Jo threatened me to or she would end our snapchat streak," said Bacon.

Sophomore boys poms danced to a mash-up of children's song and pop culture songs, ending the dance with Barney's *I Love You, You Love Me*. The dance was directed by **Mollee Trost** and **Anna Bohlmann**. "We wanted to use the Little Einstein remix," said Trost.

Below: Eighth grade boys poms, the tourists, danced to a mash-up of songs, on being Taylor Swift's "Welcome to New York." "My favorite part of boys poms was our performance in the gymnasium, because we messed up but we had tons of fun anyway," said **Will Mason**, eighth grader.



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Spirit Week Day  
4: Boys Poms

**5** Carter Hickel and Aidan Kline, seventh

**4** Will Mason, eighth grade

**2** Jeremiah Thompson, sophomore.

**1** Trevor Weststeyn, senior

**2** Kurt Culver, junior.

**3** Jake Rattan and Thomas Shultz, freshmen

# New and Never Before

This year in Westminster Christian Academy's spirit week the boys poms competition was tough. Every grade had original ideas for themes that had never before been done. This made the performances even more exciting to watch for the students. No one had any idea which grade would get that first place win.

The seventh graders performed a western routine that got the crowd pumped up. They had songs like "Cotton Eyed Joe" and "Roundtable Rival." The eighth graders proved to be small but mighty and performed as New York Tourists traveling the city with Siri as their guide and danced to Taylor Swift's "Welcome to New York."

The ninth graders, despite technical difficulties in their performance, danced to songs that all had to do with phones and technology, since their grade was the first to have mandatory iPads. One of their songs was "Call Me Maybe" by Carly Rae Jepsen. The sophomores made the crowd laugh with their childish dance that included songs that were childhood favorites, like the Little Einstein's theme song and Barney's "I Love You, You Love Me."

The juniors were lifeguards that even endured a shark attack at one point in the routine. The iconic Jaws song was incorporated in there. And finally the seniors wrapped up the show with a circus theme that pulled out all the stops. They had a juggler, strong man, and clowns. They preformed to "Afro Circus/ I Like to move It" from Madagascar 3.



**Brittany Johnson**, sophomore, holds up the spirit stick as winner of the zoo day costume contest. Johnson made her own stingray costume. Her costume "was a last minute decision," that she came up with on the fly.



**Warren Smith** and **Chris Knerr**, spirit week hosts and teachers. They dressed up as two of the four teletubbies as one of their many charades. The two dressed up as Dutch children, baseball coaches, and many other random people.



**Ben Moore**, senior, performs his last boys poms routine along side many of his senior class mates. Moore was standing in the middles of the "circus ring" on platforms during this part of the performance.



**Mark Stump**, seventh, whips before he nae-naes. This year most of the routines incorporated the whip, nae-nae, and the dab. The seventh grade rodeo came in fifth place with the help from Taylor Dorsey.



**Aidan Penberthy** and **Tyler Culleton**, seventh, preform a roller coaster for one of their dance moves. As New York tourists, the boys were guided around New York by Siri; they were shown the Wildcat Statue of Liberty and their final destination, the home of the Wildcats.



**Josh Berglar**, junior, tuts while performing along side his classmates. "I do boys poms because it is an incredible group activity, getting to see us put together something out of nothing is just so great! And I simply love dancing," said Berglar.

**Kurt Weinberg** and **Blake Elder** drag **Luke Heintz**, sophomores in a V-shape for others to jump over. "Hearing them announce us getting second place," said Weinberg, although they tied with the Juniors.

**Zion Thompson**, freshman, dances to "Call Me Maybe" and many other songs, during community night. The boys let out of sigh of relief that night because their music played the whole way through without cutting out like it had during their day performance.

**Will Mueller**, seventh, strikes a muscle pose before dabbing. The seventh grade came in fifth place with their cowboys theme performance.

**Trevor Neuse**, freshman, keeps dancing even though the music stopped. "My favorite part was performing because the music went out and we still kept going which was cool," said Neuse.



**FRESHMEN**

**3RD PLACE**



Kaler Terry, freshman.



Dani Mabry, freshman.



Maggie Hackman, freshman.

**SOPHOMORES**

**4TH PLACE**



Luke Heintz, sophomore.



Kayla Hayes, sophomore.



Maggie Kurop and Betsy Bailey, sophomores.

**SEVENTH GRADE**

**5TH PLACE**



Marissa Barnes, seventh grade



Izzy Cancila and Carolina Claus, seventh grade



Grace Andrews, seventh grade

**EIGHTH GRADE**

**6TH PLACE**



Tori Jessie, eighth grade



Ella Polski and Grace Dempsey, eighth grade



Lily Duda, eighth grade

**Best Dressed!**  
**Blue & White Day**  
**Nick Glanvill, senior**



# JUNIORS SECOND PLACE

Emma Hackman, junior.



Tori Greiwe, junior.

## Spirit Week Day 5: Lipsync



Abby Charles, junior.

This Spirit Week, the junior class showed the school something it has never seen before: a hip-hop lip sync. This challenging and unorthodox dance, however, was done to the tune of 'It's a Hardknock Life.'

The junior leader, Abby Charles, wanted to create a more memorable and edgy lip sync to propel the class forward.

"I knew we needed an edge to put us on top for Lip Sync as juniors. Every year, grades have done typical Disney and musical theater numbers. Hip hop is my favorite style of dance, so I thought, 'why not shake things up a bit?' I wanted something entertaining, fun, challenging for the girls involved and exciting for the audience to watch. And thus! Hip hop Annie was born!" said Charles, junior.

Their creativity paid off, as the junior class placed second.

# SENIORS FIRST PLACE

Regardless of how edgy the juniors made their lip sync, the seniors' moving performance lead them to victory.

The seniors gave it their all, seeing as it was their last chance to win.

"This year was so emotional for me because I had been looking forward to that moment finally hearing your grade called as the winners of lip sync for so long. I couldn't believe it had finally come. We put so much hard work into the performance and it was all worth it!" said Katherine Galvin, senior.

Galvin performed as Sharpay, and noted how the use of a High School Musical song was especially fitting.

"The song obviously could not have been more perfect singing about the high school memories that last forever," said Galvin.

For the class of 2016, Lip Sync had been a long journey, but they were finally rewarded for all of their hard work.



**Aaron Cook**, senior, looks for the open shot during the Varsity Basketball game versus John Burroughs. This was the third year in a row the Wildcats faced Burroughs for the Spirit Night game.



During half-time, the Blue Crew mimics Florida State's chant in order to rally the crowd before the game started again. The Blue Crew was led by John Pottebaum and Nick Glanvill, seniors.



The Class of 2016 was no stranger to success during Spirit Week. They never placed below fourth during their time at Westminster, but this aptitude in winning events did not always pay off for the senior class. During the 2015 Spirit Week, the then Junior class lost to the seniors by a margin of only 49 points.

"After putting in all the work with the hopes of beating the class of 2015, it was our year to pull the upset. We had beat them every year since seventh grade. After everything that happened last year it was heartbreaking to lose" said Nick Ebel, senior.

This loss to the seniors would normally have been a typical end to a Spirit Week, but to the Class of 2016, the loss was tragic.

This year, however, the senior class de-

**Zach Hughes**, senior, **Cliff Degroot**, junior and **Nick Cacciarelli**, senior





# NIGHT

cided that this would be their Spirit Week to show the Westminster community who really ruled the school. Destroying the competition in nearly every game and event, the senior class had little to worry about going into the Friday night assembly.

"Friday night was really exciting. It was the moment I felt like our class came together. There was so much unity when we put our arms on each other's shoulders and ran to get the trophy. It felt victorious to finally win." said Mary Grace Barber, senior.

Finally able to hold the trophy and claim a spot for their own, the Class of 2016 was able to forget their past losses and have their name engraved forever on the bottom right of the prize they waited so long to collect.



Nick Ebel, Trevor Weststeyn, Gannon McWard, Nick Cacciarelli, Hailee Klein, and Azaria Foster, seniors, prepare to hear their name called as the winners of Spirit Week.



The seniors celebrate around the Spirit Trophy after they are announced the winners. The seniors came in second for two years before finally winning the week.



Azaria Foster, Taylor Montgomery, Sofie Harjoe, Tommy Regan, and Alissa Dwyer, seniors.



**Morgan Braiser and Alyson McKie**, senior take advantage of the free time during the leadership retreat. There were more seniors on the trip than any other grade.

# Leadership Retreat

## Year After Year

Year after year, the leadership retreat brought together the Westminster students from all different grades. These students left behind their summers for a weekend away with their friends to learn how to be a leader in the community. Morgan Brasier, senior, shared her experience at her last leadership retreat. "This is the first year that I only spent one night at the leadership retreat, but it was also the best year because more of my friends were there, and that made it a lot more fun. This is also the first year that I tried all the lake stuff, the blob was a lot less scary than I thought and I did it so many times because it was so fun and exciting," said Brasier.

When the seniors left behind the leadership retreat and the up and coming freshmen took their place, all the leaders of the school got together to enjoy the outdoors with swimming, playing outside, and team building exercises. The leaders heard a speech from Dr. David Schall and got into small groups to discuss how they can help the WCA community. The students came back to school ready to lead in whatever way they were called.



**Andrew Montgomery**, senior and **Will Wetzel**, junior hold up their group number for the retreat. Wetzel started as a PC this year leading his eighth graders through their last year of middle school.



**Ethan Davitt**, junior ziplines across the lake and back flips into the water, showing his fellow leaders how it's done. Davitt was on the Student Leadership Team his junior year.



**Connor Dolan**, junior

**Josh Berglar**, junior

**Sarah Ragsdale**, senior

**JT Fuller**, junior

"I had a lot of fun hanging out with all of the other leaders, especially the guys. Cooper, and Austin and I had a lot of fun blobbing people and playing volleyball. I am really looking forward to going back this year and spending time with everyone who goes." said **Jimmy Thomas**, junior

## Some of our Sum



Nicole Xie,  
sophomore



Alexandra Yeager,  
sophomore



Jaeyon Kim,  
eighth grade



Max Weiss,  
junior



Jack Wittenauer,  
eighth grade



Lucy Wood,  
eighth grade





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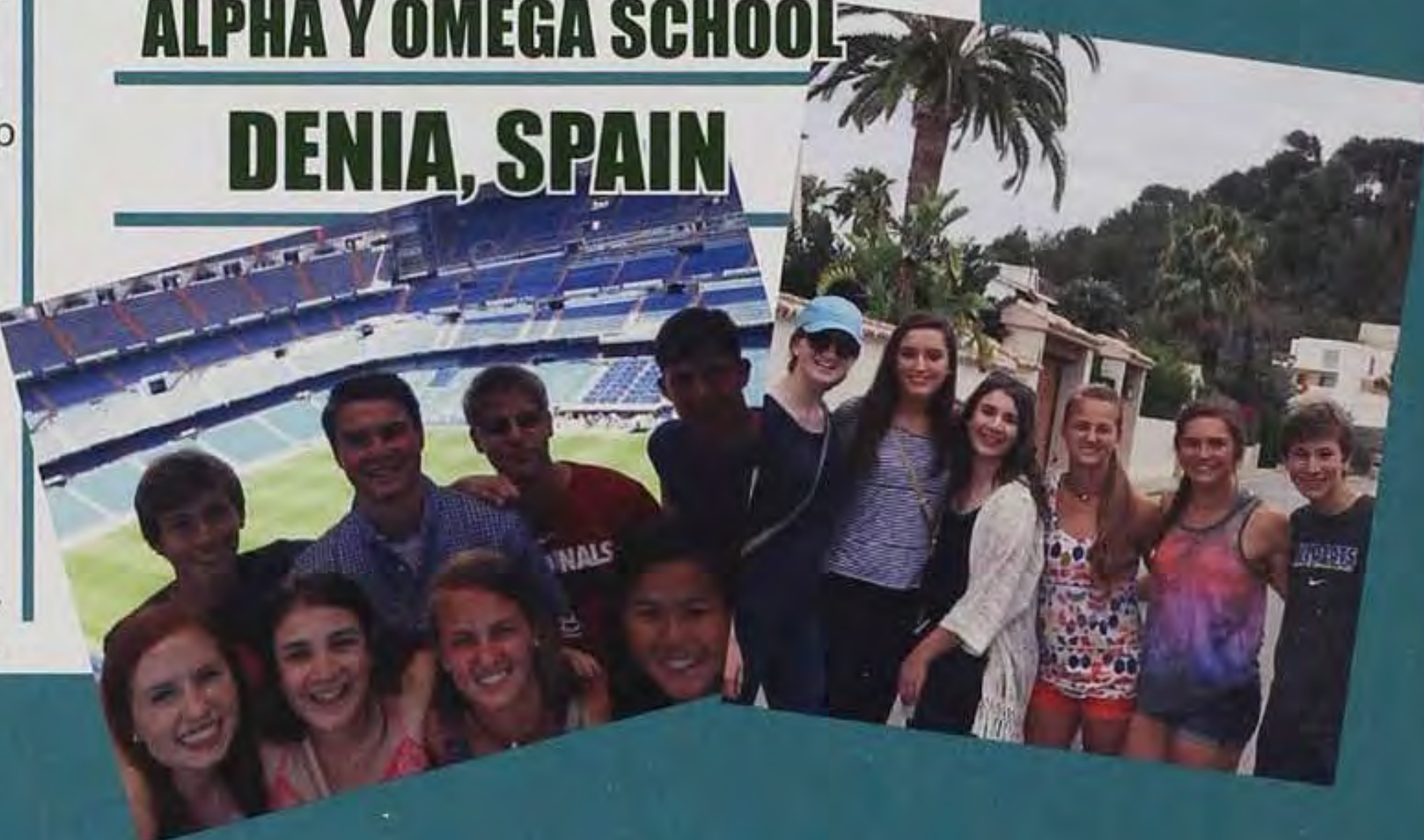
"One of the most memorable days [in Spain] was the first day of classes. Earlier that Monday, the pastor of the church showed us around the beautiful campus including the prayer garden which had these trees with seeds that looked like beans hanging from the branches, we couldn't remember what they were called, but we thought he said they were "Arribas."

He explained that these trees were eaten during Biblical times, but only when they were ripe. Unfortunately, they were not ripe at the time we were there and the pastor warned us that we would get sick if we ate them. Of course, we were all curious about them so that night a group of us decided to try them out.

On the count of three, we bit a piece out of them and then spit them out and sprinted towards our dorms for water because they were the most disgusting things we had ever eaten and caused our mouths to go numb. We all bonded over this experience and we called ourselves the "Arribas" for the rest of the trip."

*Lauren Ramos*  
senior

## ALPHA Y OMEGA SCHOOL DENIA, SPAIN



THE DAKOTA-SUMMER SEMINAR FR-S-P IN-FRANCE-SOUTH



**SOUTH DAKOTA**

"My favorite memory is after the first day of primitive hiking. We all got to explore around the area we were camping in and some of us hiked up this huge mountainish-hill thing and it was so pretty because there was a sunset."

**LUCY KEHR, SENIOR**

**FRANCE**

"One of the best memories from that trip was visiting a Swedish ice cream shop at nearly ten o'clock at night after we had been sightseeing all day. It was pouring down rain, but Sam Terrana convinced the rest of us (including Mr. Barrs and Ms. DeVries) to go find an ice cream shop. It was worth braving the weather—once we arrived, each of us bought some kind of dessert and shared our experiences during the Summer Seminar with everyone. Turns out, Mr. Barrs has great dating advice."

**HANNAH VITIELLO, SENIOR**





"I originally liked the part of Cinderella because she's not really your typical Disney princess. She really struggles with the idea of 'happily ever after'," said **Kristin Pogue**, junior.

## Into the Woods

### Funny Stories and Long Nights

During the final week leading up to the production of *Into the Woods*, the cast had to stay until at least 10 P.M. every night to perfect each scene. "I loved being in the musical even though I got horribly sick and was not really sleeping" said Josh Theus, junior. Along with having to memorize each line and perform each song, the cast made sure to establish relationships with each other. "I loved being in the musical and being surrounded by people who are passionate and care about the same things you do, it really sets you up for a successful production" said Natalie Brown, sophomore. Brown was not the only member who was able to gain relationships with other cast members. "I was able to build so many relationships and grow as not only a performer but a person" said Allison Broadhurst, freshman.

"Due to the fact that the wig was in two pieces, at the end of each night I would walk around the theatre yelling, 'Who has my hair?' Definitely something I'd never thought I'd say" said Emily Zell, sophomore, who played Rapunzel. Cinderella's evil stepmother, who was played by Natalie Brown, sophomore, had many stories and memories of her own by the end of the production. "My favorite scene to act in was when I got to cut off the stepsisters' toes and ankles to make their feet fit into the glass slippers. It was so funny to hear the audience's reactions," said Brown, sophomore.



**Vikki MacKoul**, junior, plays Jack's Mom in the *Into the Woods* musical on November 18th. MacKoul's character had to sell the family cow for money to buy food, since the cow would not produce milk.



**Tom Southwell**, junior, plays the mysterious man in the musical dress rehearsal on November 18th. Southwell showed up in the musical at mysterious time and simply watched the other characters on stage.



Emily Zell, sophomore



Mark Geisz and Ty Jones, freshmen



Sean Webb, sophomore

Joel Johnson, senior



Chris Lee, junior and Sydney Thomas, senior

### Some of our Sum



Daphne Washington, eighth grade



Sydney Walker, junior



Jonathan Walsh, seventh grade



Colton Walper, eighth grade



Lane Davis, eighth grade



Lincoln Chimento, seventh grade



Markus Cicka, sophomore



David Cha, junior



Mackenzie Coleman, eighth grade



Jack Bystrom, eighth grade



Molly Andersen, freshman



Mason Andrasko, eighth grade



**Klarissa Sheffield**, senior, sings a song in the Into the Woods musical. Sheffield played the roll of the evil witch. She was the one who caused the frenzy to begin with.



Little Red Riding Hood, played by **Allison Broadhurst**, freshman, dances with the Wolf played by Jake McKie, junior. "I didn't really care what part I got, as long as I was able to be part of the amazing production," said Broadhurst, freshman.

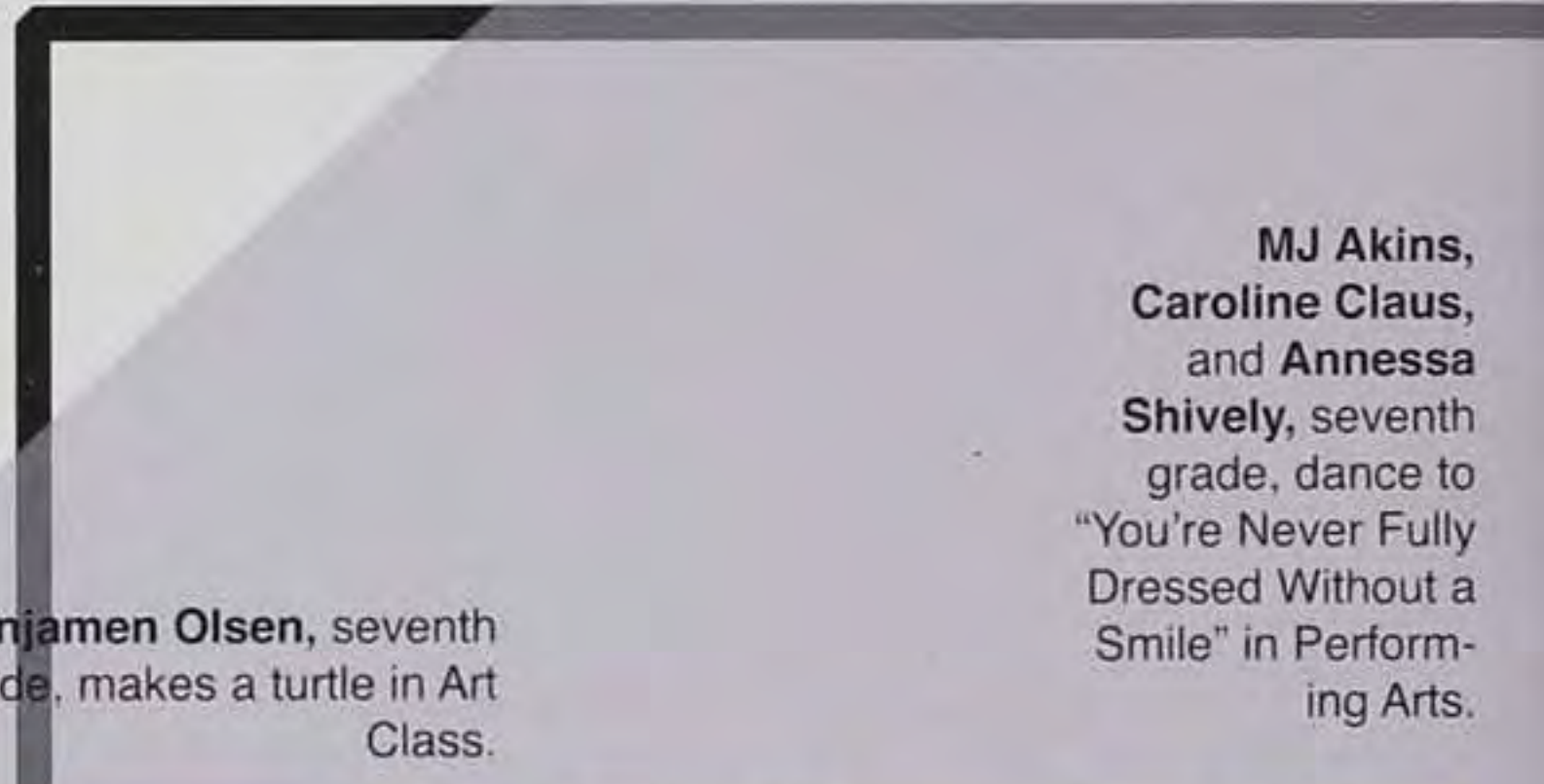


**Josh Theus** and **Jake McKie**, juniors, sing the song Agony. Into the Woods was Theus first musical at Westminster. Theus said, "My favorite scene was when I sang Agony with Jack McKie by far because it showed a different side of my character," said Theus.

# Middle School Arts



**Kirk Briden**, seventh grade, plays charades in drama class. Many students enjoyed drama because they got to have fun with their friends and express themselves.



**MJ Akins, Caroline Claus, and Annessa Shively**, seventh grade, dance to "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile" in Performing Arts.

**Benjamin Olsen**, seventh grade, makes a turtle in Art Class.



**Hugh Muschany**, seventh grade.



**Denver Parker and Bryce Oliver**, seventh grade, play the saxophone in band class. Many students learned to play a new instrument in class this year.

## Words from Alice

The junior production of the annual Westminster play was an adaptation of *Alice in Wonderland*. The lead, Alice, was portrayed by Hannah Stevenson, eighth grade. She had been taking drama classes for many years at *Dayspring School of the Arts*, which made her perfect for the starring role.

"I actually haven't been in any Westminster productions yet (besides tiny things like my English class' performance of *Romeo and Juliet*.), [but] I will be in *Alice in Wonderland* as Alice and am super excited!" said Stevenson. She felt especially grateful towards her teachers, "People like Mr. Butz, Mrs. Eichelberger, and Mr. Shwamb are so talented and it's awesome to learn from them and have them at Westminster," said Stevenson.



**Abby Sickels**, seventh grade, makes a piece of pottery in her art class. Her favorite type of art was drawing and she loved to hang out with her friends in art class.



**Emilee Burney**, seventh grade

**Brock Daniels**, seventh grade

**Macey Lottmann**, eighth grade



**Helen Meals and Mackenzie Clark**, seventh grade, **Lauren Stoner**, senior

Some of our Sum

## Character Change

**Jesse Charles**, junior, **Abby Cockerham**, sophomore, and **Tyson Jones**, freshman all play as overly excited children at a birthday party. The mother planning the party was very disapproving of their excitement and wanted the kids to act like proper children.



The Dining Room, Westminster's fall play, required much of the cast and crew. Abby Cockerham, sophomore, had to go from a sophisticated working woman to an immature child within a few short scenes. "It was definitely challenging having to change into so many characters, but you got used to it. My favorite character to play was at the end of the first scene, I was an old lady with dementia. It was hard, but really special to be able to play," said Sarah Nolting, junior. Nolting had to play a total of seven different characters throughout the play.

Another challenge that came along with playing multiple characters was the quick costume changes. "The most challenging thing was probably the quick costume changes. But it was tons of fun to challenge myself and develop a character in a ten minute scene, it definitely made me a better actress," said Morgan Henry, senior. Henry played a total of eight characters making her have to change costumes many times throughout the play. Henry also talked about how she got to revisit old memories by playing the character Carolyn. "Carolyn, the hotheaded preteen was probably my favorite character, because I acted the same way when I was twelve. It was great to revisit the stage of my life and be grateful that I'm more mature," said Henry.

**Olivia Strange**, freshman plays a disapproving mother who didn't want her daughter to dance and fought loud and hard with her young daughter, her daughter was played by **Morgan Henry**, senior.



**Raphaella Zavaglia**, freshman

**Davis Worley**, eighth grade

**Genevieve Cunningham**, eighth grade

**Josette DeVilliers**, seventh grade

**Caleb Curry**, senior and **Olivia Strange**, farmhouses, play as two parents. It is later found out that they were both unfaithful to their spouses with one another.



**Emilee Burney**, seventh grade

**Caira Butler** and **Azaria Foster**, seniors

**Maggie Ellis**, eighth grade

**Ella Graham**, freshman

## Some of our Sum

In the play, **Abby Cockerham**, sophomore is a workaholic who was married to **Ryan Davis**, senior who was a psychiatrist set on old traditions. One of his pet peeves was her working on the dinning room table.



**Sarah Nolting**, junior plays as the nanny to two wealthy children in the play, *The Dinning room*. **Jake Rattan**, freshman plays as one of the wealthy children, who loved his nanny dearly.



**Morgan Henry**, senior, plays as a real estate agent and shows the potential of a house to **Caleb Curry**, senior.



**Cole Hintz**, freshman, acts as the wealthy disapproving father who was extremely strict with his two children and seemed absent in their life.

# ITSOG



## IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

**Erin Galakatos**, junior, walks into school after donating her items she brought in for ITSOG that day. She wore bunny slippers the rest of the day in reward for bringing in donations.

### WHAT IS ITSOG?

ITSOG stands for In The Spirit Of Giving. Westminster dedicates one week of the year to give to Happiness Now, Weekend On Wheels, Loaves and Fishes, Mission St. Louis, Whole Kids Outreach, One Heart Ministries, Freedom School, Thrive, St. Louis Diaper Bank, and Pipes International. Each day, there are different items that the students must bring in, and if they do bring in the correct items, the student is allowed to wear any pair of shoes they desire. To make it more competitive, each class competed to bring in the most items, and if they win, the whole class got to dress down the next day in reward.

The Leadership Team delivers the collected items to St. Louis Diaper Bank after school on Thursday.



### The Joy in Generosity

In 2015, the items that were needed were: canned foods, teen toys, winter clothes, pajamas, baby items, and school supplies. WCA was more than successful in collecting the items needed for ITSOG. They collected over 22,000 items benefitting people in St. Louis, rural Missouri, and the Dominican Republic.

The students got to experience how it felt so give to those who desperately need it. "The most touching part of the week is when we deliver the items and see the look on the faces of the people who benefit from our collection. They are often overwhelmed with the generosity of our community," said assistant dean of students, Susie Brown. She explained the pure joy of ITSOG. ITSOG is a privilege and heart-changer for the whole Westminster community.

**Jenna Galakatos**, sophomore, steps up and participates in ITSOG to help her grade out, hoping to be able to wear pajamas the next day.



**Rachel Berry**, senior, brings in toddler clothes and pull ups for day 4. She was more than happy to donate for those in need and knew it would make their day.





## DAY 2: TEEN TOYS

**Blake Elder**, sophomore, brings in more than enough games to donate for the second day. He also contributes a bag with sport equipment in it, which were donated to the little boys in the Dominican republic so they are able to play baseball.

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## DAY 1: CANNED FOODS

**Colin Davitt**, freshman, organizes the canned food for the first day of ITSOG.



**Katie Hobaugh**, eighth grade



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## DAY 3: WINTER CLOTHES AND PAJAMAS

**Graci Barron**, junior, folds winter pajamas and organizes the donations into groups. Day three was very successful and we managed to reach our goal for winter clothes and pajamas.



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## DAY 4: BABY DAY

To help out with ITSOG, **Libby Thomas**, eighth grade, organizes the pull ups and baby items for day four. After school, these items were donated to St. Louis Diaper Bank and they were beyond grateful for our generosity and creativity as we managed to get such amazing results from a high school.



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## DAY 5: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

**Alex Lawrence**, junior, brings in as much school supplies as he can hold, hoping that the kids we donated to appreciate the new supplies they receive.



**Faith Wickham**, sophomore, holds up her donation for the ITSOG. Faith donated a bouncy ball and some sports equipment for day 2, teen toys.



“Memorable”

Olivia Blatz, freshman

“Festive”

Hannah Brown, junior



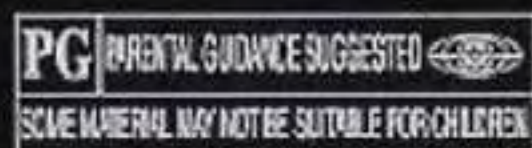
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## Making Memories

Christmas Banquet was a significant event in the Westminster community being one of two formals for the students. Although many students loved the red and white balloons during the dinner and the after-party following, they also remembered the interactions they had at the event.

Mary Grace Fellows, freshman, shared that the occasion meant forming relationships and bonding with other students through all the enjoyment: "I didn't have anyone to sit with at CB so I asked this one girl that I knew and we both needed a table, so we found a bunch of other people together that also needed someone. We had the best night, especially at the after party! Now, we are all best friends and I am so thankful. I also learned how to dance! (Kind of)," said Fellows.

"I loved walking into the grand entry and seeing everyone all dressed up and mingling among each other. I also love how every girl gets the chance to feel like they truly are gorgeous, and they are a part of a great community like Westminster," said Allison Eichenlaub, freshman.



**Jada Ferguson**, sophomore, sings along with her close friends **Joi Malloyd**, senior, and **Jayla Malloyd**, junior during the Christmas performance.

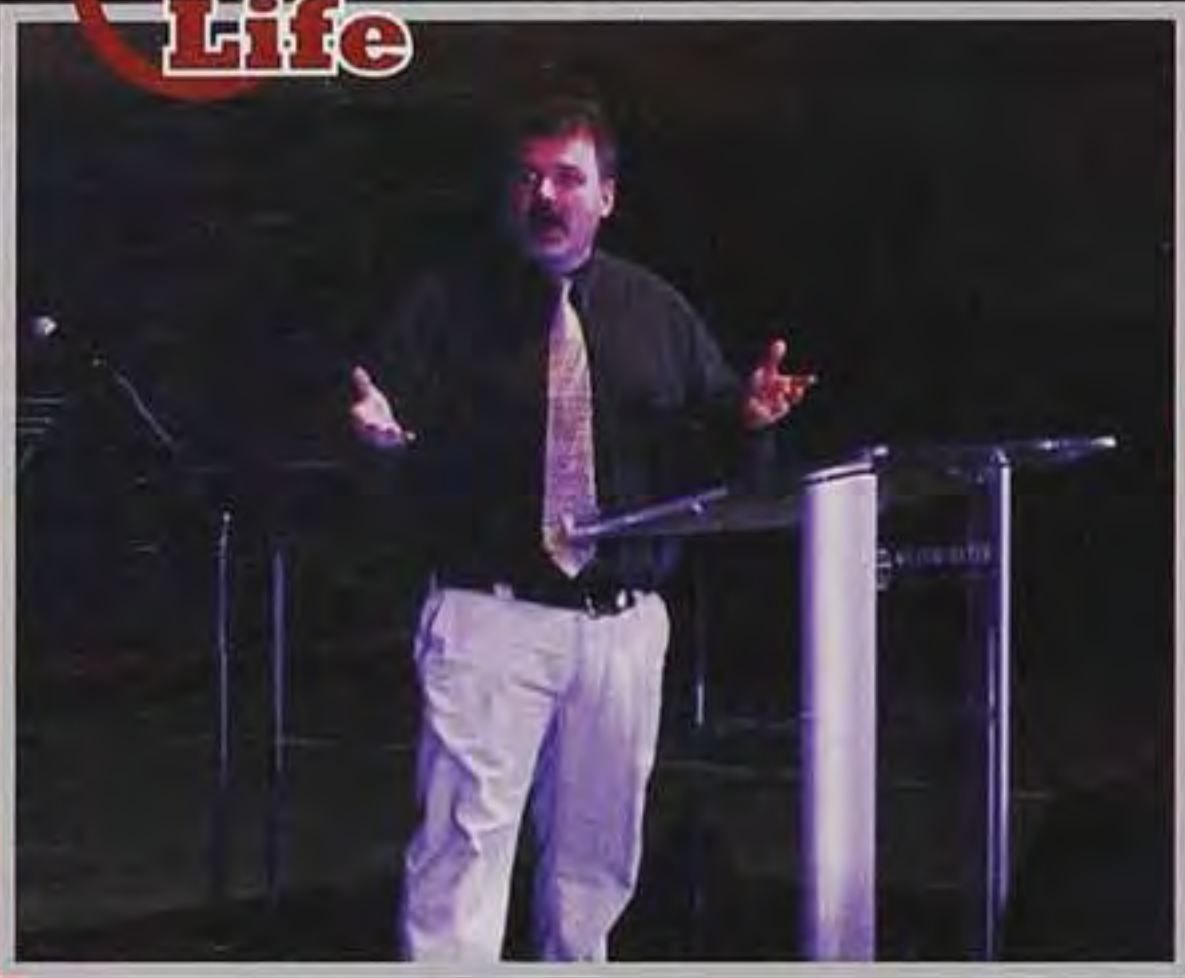


**Director's Take:**  
 "I'd have actual dancing be allowed. It was a cool experience but it felt kind of stiff." -**Kurt Culver**, junior



(Left to Right)  
**Micah Lewis** and **Lily Lackey**, sophomores  
**John Pottebaum**, senior, and **Abby Charles**, junior  
**Carmen Verbeke**, junior, and **Dylan Baile**, senior  
**Maddie Mercer** and **Lexie Dark**, juniors  
**Lucy Kehr**, senior, and **Emily Stoner**, sophomore





**Luke Davis**, ethics teacher, shares his experience with storytelling. Davis explained the ways students can become their own storytellers and show how they can bring people to Christ.



**Mark Jennings**, custodian, and **John Perkins**, alumnus answers questions on a panel. Both men talked about their relationship with the Lord and what made them choose their career path.



Guest speaker, **Molly Lewis**, answers questions on a panel. Lewis is a CPA at Ernst and Young.



**Mike Bertucci**, middle school bible teacher, is one part of the team of people who run chapel. "He relays all the info to students that the administrators, Mr. Schall, Mr. DeJong, and Mrs. Brown give about chapel. He acts as a head planner, spiritual advisor, and go between for chapel leadership team" said Joi Malloy, senior.





Juniors and seniors sing worship songs led by the chapel band.



Ben Isaacs, senior, and Klarissa Sheffield, junior, performing in Chapel.



The choir leading chapel along side of the chapel band. The choir shared their skills by singing a song in latin.

## Some of the Sum



Jesse Esparza-Burr, junior    Sydney Driscoll, junior    Chris George, freshman    Grace Gevers, freshman    Jacob Giacobelli, sophomore



Micah Gooch, sophomore    Brendan Gordon, eighth grade    William Gore, freshman    Katelynn Graham, freshman    Stephen Gross, sophomore

## Some of our Sum



Isabel Guariglia, senior    Emma Hackman, junior    Maggie Hackman, freshman    Jaxon Halsey, freshman    Alexine Hanson, freshman



Jonathan Nyenhuis, junior, plays the cello. This was his second time playing in chapel, but "the first time the mic was off so no one actually heard," said Nyenhuis.



Kristen Pogue, junior, regularly sings in chapel. In this chapel, she was joined by the choir.

# Chapel

## New Beginnings

The chapel made new changes to improve the worship experience for the 2016 series of chapel. The AV team worked on a new lighting system to shine on the singers.

"The new lighting system has been nice. There has been no kinks yet. It has been working swimmingly and it has been great" said Kate Hassler, junior.

The Chapel team tried to get the students involved in the conversation. Chapel had many amazing speakers that taught students about their relationship with God. Anne DeRousse, middle school math teacher, talked about loving those in the community.

Chapel also had many guest speakers like Michelle Higgins. She spoke about how Christians needed to know the truth about themselves and others.

"The Chapel team has had a lot more influence this year in how chapel is run. We cooperate with administration to decide what needs to be said and what will be the most effective way to get the message across. The settings changed, what chapel looks like changed, and who runs it changed. There is definitely more opportunity for every student to get involved with open panels and more chill settings," said Joi Malloyd, senior.



State Semifinals  
November 21, 2015

## Some of our Sum



**Allison Hardin,**  
eighth grade



**Clayton Guzdial,**  
sophomore



**Katherine Hassler,**  
junior



**Chloe Hauptfear,**  
freshman



**Kayla Hayes,**  
sophomore



**Hannah Heintz,**  
senior



**Luke Heintz,**  
sophomore



**Max Heise,**  
senior



**Olivia Henderson,**  
junior



**Chris Heyl,**  
senior



**Hannah Hickel,**  
sophomore



**Benjamin Hicks,**  
eighth grade



**Joey Hobough,**  
senior



**William Holt,**  
seventh grade



**Evan Howse,**  
freshman



**Kami Howse,**  
eighth grade



**Olivia Hunsicker,**  
eighth grade



**Michael Kolb,**  
sophomore



**James Kouzes,**  
senior



**Ashley Kyriakos,**  
sophomore

## Blue Crew Die-hard Fans

Westminster's Blue Crew took on a whole new role this year when it came to school spirit. With major advertisements, tailgates, and themes there was a tremendous amount of students attending sporting events.

This was the first year the Blue Crew became a legitimate club, and therefore they had much more freedom. They started planning more events like tailgates and carnival booths. Also, becoming a club, they were given a sponsor that gave them a budget to work with and allows them to plan school-wide themes.

One of the main contributors to that was the senior leadership. With strong leadership, kids were encouraged to go to more games and cheer loud for their team. "People follow strong senior leadership and who are passionate about football and basketball games, its easy for others to follow," said senior Blue Crew President, Nick Glanvill.

Also, with the addition of themes, more kids showed up to the games to participate in the themes with their friends. "I think more people show up to the games when there are fun themes because they want to dress up crazy with their friends. Its a good way to get the study body to come together," said Elizabeth Bowman, senior.

The WCA Blue Crew truly blossomed in the past year with their new identity as a club, wacky themes, and passion for sports and school spirit.

Pink Out  
October 3, 2015



State Quarterfinals  
November 14, 2015



Festus High School  
August 21, 2015

@WCABlueCrew

It was a pleasure cheering you guys on all season long. Lots of great memories! Thanks for showing us a good time @wcacoachcoleman

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Boys basketball plays tonight at Priory 7pm. We need @WCABlueCrew to show up with a large crowd to support our guys! GO CATS!


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Awesome job by @WCABlueCrew tonight!

**Luke Fiala,** freshman, slides into second base. The kids played a game of kickball, and instead of normal bases, they used slip and slides.



Freshmen **Brie Adams, Jordan Shaw, Caroline Davis, Hannah Park, Jessie Kunkel, and Hannah Rose** take a dip in the pool to cool off from a hot day at the park. Each girl gave their funniest faces.



Josh Berglar, junior

Reese Earleywine, eighth grade

Mark West, eighth grade

Jake Kyriakos, eighth grade

Carsyn Beachy, eighth grade

Matthew Thoenen, freshman

Katherine Bauer, eighth grade

## **FUN IN THE SUN**

### Eighth Grade and Freshman Peer Counseling Groups

Eighth Grade and Freshman Peer Counseling group enjoyed a beautiful day outside of school, bonding with each of their peer counseling groups. The eighth grade headed south to the city, and spent a day at the City Museum, while the freshman spent the day at a park.

Spending the day spinning on tops, sliding down slides, crawling through tunnels, swinging on ropes and climbing to new heights, the eighth grade students further connected individually with their PC group and leader. "I had a lot of fun at the city museum. It was cool to hang out with the entire eighth grade outside of school, and get to know each other a little more. The comfortable and fun outing made it easy for me to open up," said Mark West, eighth grade.

Sliding down slip and slides, playing kickball, cooling off in the pool, and playing games is what the freshman enjoyed doing on their freshman retreat at a nearby park. Jordan Shaw, freshman, states, "Out of all the retreats I have been on, the freshman retreat probably was the best. We got to get outside and have a bunch of fun. My favorite part was playing charades and being able to act out what I was. My group members were not very good guessers."

Both groups of students were able to better connect with those in their grades, and to spend time with their group leaders who served as an influence to them. "It is nice to have a group leader that is older, because they can tell us what life is like after eighth grade," said Jake Kyriakos, eighth grade.

**Senior Service:** Every year, WCA seniors are sent out to interact with the St. Louis community and to serve.

## Malori Skrobonja 2016

“ I worked at Garden Villas Nursing Home and I love hearing the elderly’s stories and taking in some of their wisdom. And, it doesn’t actually smell as bad as people say it does. ”

## Amanda Skeeters 2016

“ I worked at 5 Acres Animal Shelter where I did a lot of dirty work like feeding the animals, cleaning cages, and making sure the dogs had a safe place to stay. One thing I learned was that the small things are rewarding. And even if the work isn’t glamorous at first, stick with it. ”

## Ben Saltmiras 2016

“ At Spoede Elementary, we taught the kids how to build robots. We build lego robots with motors and sensors. I taught them how to program and helped them with a drag and drop interface. ”

## Megan Wibbenmeyer 2016

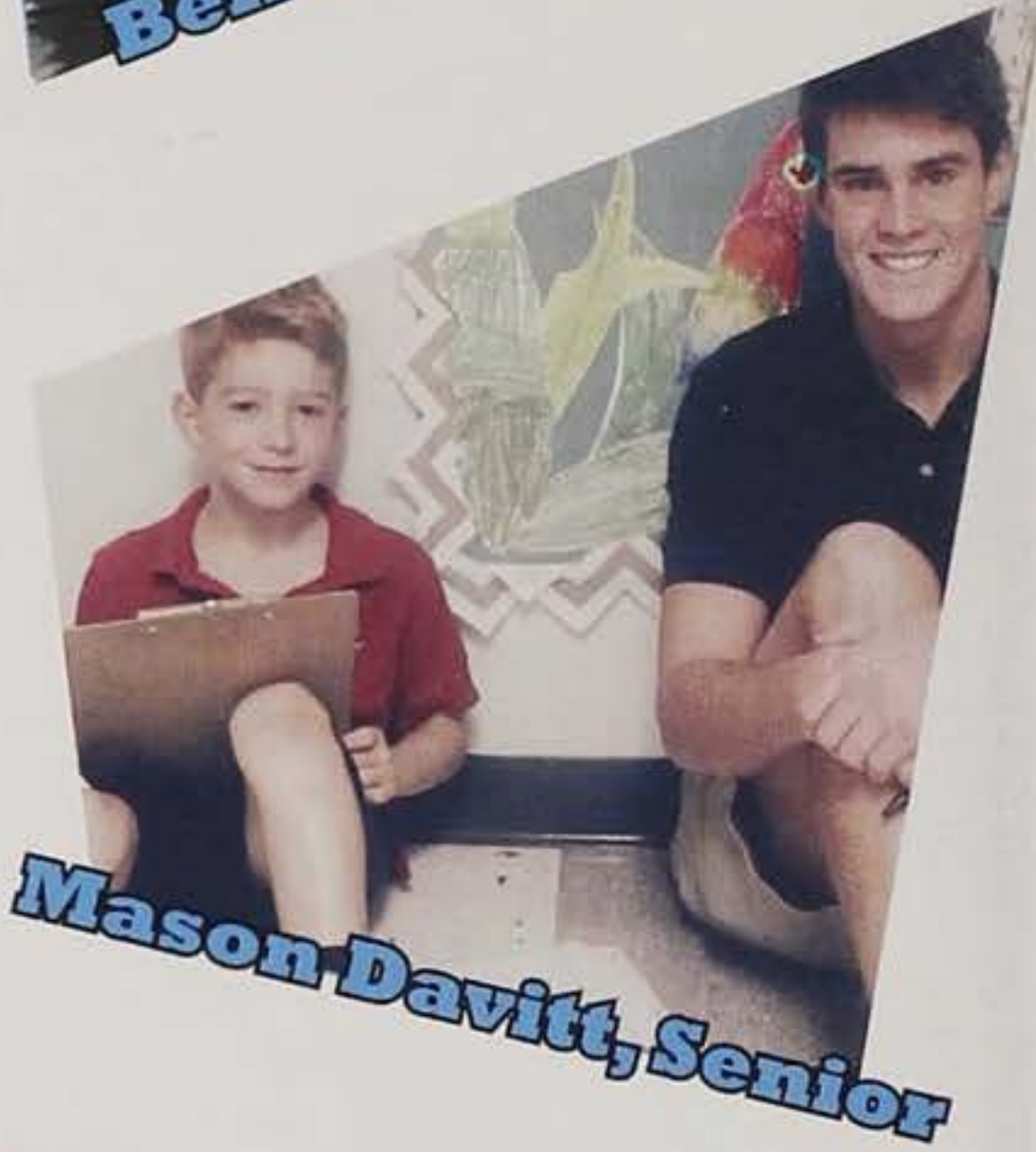
“ My senior service was at Camellite Childhood development where we played with 2-4 year old kids. My favorite part was seeing how joyful the kids were and how they found enjoyment in even the simplest things. ”



Caleb Buffa, Senior



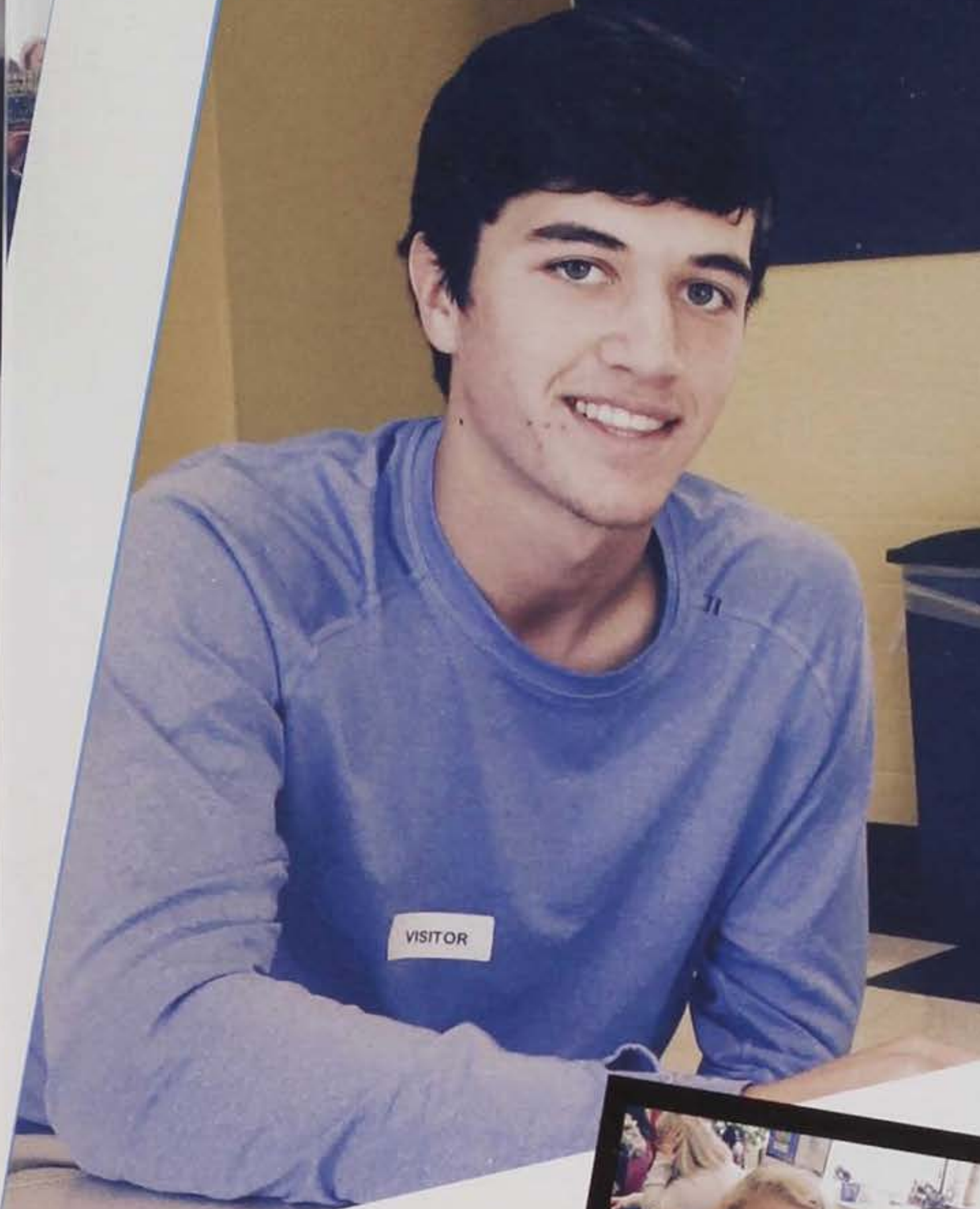
Ben Isaacs, Senior



Mason Davitt, Senior

# Senior Service

Evan Johnson, senior, helps a little girl at Spoede Elementary with her school work. "I really enjoy seeing the different ways people learn. It is really interesting and cool to be able to help kids with Math, Reading, and Science" said Evan Johnson. Evan was an assistant teacher at Spoede and his job consisted of helping kids one-on-one.



**Sofie Harjoe**  
Senior

**Ben Sems**  
Senior



**Joel Johnson**  
Senior



**Nick Ebel**  
Senior



**Bethany Stone**, junior, looks for an open pass while, **Lauren Bauer**, sophomore **Abby Charles**, junior, and **Kyrah Booker**, sophomore either guard her or give her options. Stone along with the Cheer team, won the game 4-3.



**Hannah Fiala**, **Sinclaire Davis**, **Gracie Nye**, and **Lauren Stoner**, seniors celebrate Davis' last performance on VDT. Fiala, Nye, and Stoner made signs with Davis' face to cheer on their friend.



**Kaitlyn Rigdon**, sophomore, shoots a three during the basketball game. VDT only had one basket the whole game.



**Maggi Eachus** and **Lindsey Falkner**, seniors



**Drew Dempsey**, sophomore



**Caira Butler**, senior



**Clara Gruneisen**, and **Sophie Dunlap** senior



The Varsity Cheer team prepares for their game against VDT in a huddle before playing. The Cheer team performed at the assembly, and this was the last time they performed during the year.



**Patrick Andrews** and **Jack Canfield**, freshmen, go crazy as the Cheer team makes a basket to take the lead. It was this basket that won the game for the cheer team.


## Winter Pep Rally Role Reversal

A winter sports pep rally? What's that? The Westminster student body had never before experienced such an assembly in the school's history, and they almost didn't experience it at all. After an unexpected snow day, the assembly was pushed back two weeks. Most winter sports had already finished their seasons and spring sports were in full swing, but that didn't stop the school from throwing a great rally.


Full of classic activities, the beginning of the assembly consisted of dancing and cheering from the different grades. Aaron Layton, head of diversity at Westminster, played the part of MC at the assembly.

The main event of the assembly was the basketball game between the Varsity Dance Team and the Varsity Cheer team. Different than their usual job, the teams actually got to play as the crowd cheered them on. "No one really knew what they were doing so we all had to work together as a team! It got really aggressive really fast. That made the game much more exciting and intense though!" said senior on VDT, Julia Harre

After two three-minute halves, the Cheer team pulled away with the win in a staggering 4-3 win over the Varsity Dance team. Although not a high-scoring game, the basketball game will surely be a tradition for years to come.



**Avery Engelmeyer** and **Carter McCall**, sophomores, cheer on the Varsity Dance Team during the Winter Pep Rally. This was the last performance of the Varsity Dance Team for the 2016 year.



**Logan Sells**, junior, holds up his "DAB" sign during the basketball game between VDT and the Cheer team. The basketball game was the main event of the pep rally.

### Some of our Sum



**Hannah Skrobonja**, seventh grade

**Malori Skrobonja**, senior

**Kendra Slater**, senior

**Abby Stratman**, senior

**Isaiah Tucker**, seventh

**Alexis Tuggle**, junior



## Bible Studies

### Called to Lead

The 2015-2016 year was the start of something new for some freshman girls. Hattie Means and Amanda Espy, freshmen, decided to put their heads together and create a bible study just for their grade's girls. They wanted a way for the girls to grow closer not only in their relationships with each other, but with God too.

Each week, on Wednesday mornings, the group of girls met in Miss Janssen's classroom at 7:10 and they started off each day talking to each other about God's word. "We thought this would be a great thing to do heading into high school as an encouragement to others that they are

really encouraging to see how many other girls desire to have a strong relationship with God and hear how He is working in their lives" said, Amanda. To give each meeting a little something to look forward to, Hattie and Amanda provided donuts for the group to enjoy.

Every week the girls talked about a different topic like serving others, respecting themselves, and living through the glory of God. "We kind of just pick whatever we feel like talking about that week, and find scripture and topics to go along with what's on our hearts at the time. We also like to ask the girls on their input of what they want to talk about that week." said Hattie.



**Rachel Arndt and Madi Gipperich**, freshmen, attend the bible study almost every week, and love going. They enjoy how it brings the grade of girls closer, while studying God's Word.



**Lauren Fleming and Claire Sanden**, freshman, participates in the group discussion by writing down lyrics to a song that stood out to her.



**Maggie Hackman, Kiley McKee, and Alayna Barthelmass**, freshmen, listen to their classmates sharing their thoughts and opinions about the topic of the week. The girls love how they can be themselves and worship with all of their friends.



## Festival of Nations

### A World of Fun

One sunny weekend in August, the Festival of Nations was a big hit this year for kids at Westminster. The festival was in Tower Grove park and is an annual multicultural celebration. Admission was free and anyone who wanted to could go join the fun. With over 40 ethnic food booths, arts and crafts, music, dancing, and more, everyone was sure to find something they enjoyed. With the attendance this year at over 140,000 visitors, The Festival of Nations quickly became St. Louis' largest multicultural festival. It was a time to learn more about other cultures and try new things. The festival allowed people to experience diversity outside of their everyday lives.



Paige Stanfill, Hannah Haguewood, Maddy Challenger, and MaryKate Kopsky attended the Festival of Nations this Fall. They enjoyed food, fun, and friends.



While enjoying cultural cuisine, **Jack Rahal**, sophomore, walks around the park with some friends, experiencing the festival.



**Hannah Haguewood**, junior, gets a henna tattoo at the festival. Henna is a cultural piece of art, that is almost like a temporary tattoo.



**Audrey O'Neill**, senior, and **Sarah DeVries**, French teacher enjoy the beautiful day while socializing with each other. The weekend was perfect for a day of fun in the park.



**Morgan Henry**, senior, looks around the festival searching for the best type of cultural food.



Noelle Burkey, Cali Williams, and Tierra Allen, freshmen, hold up the valentines they made for residents of a retirement facility. They wrote uplifting notes to encourage those who do not get many visitors.



Ann Borchelt, freshman, poses with some volunteers at a Feed my Starving Children fund raising meeting. "I was reminded that we can all have an impact on big issues around the world, even if it is just by giving a few dollars," said Borchelt.



Cali Williams, Noelle Burkey, and Tierra Allen, freshmen, meet the people that received their valentines. They took them to Delmar Gardens to bring joy to the residents there.

"We give this assignment after we have talked about the church and what it means to be a Christian involved in the body of Christ," said Brian Burkey, freshman Bible teacher. "While it would be great if students built orphanages in countries across the world, this assignment is supposed to be finding simple ways to minister and bless others in the places God has put us."

## Service Projects

### Service through Sacrifice

While mission trips are one way to honor the Lord, students did His work right here in their own community as well. The freshmen Bible teachers wanted to stress this with their agents of redemption project which required students to complete a service project or a small act of kindness.

One student who saw this project as an opportunity to really help people was Kennedy Kittner, freshman. "Instead of getting presents for my birthday, I wanted to collect birthday money to give to a youth group called K-Life," said Kittner. "They have this house where we go, and I wanted to help them because the people who go there don't get paid. I really love that place, and I wanted to do something nice for them."

Another student who went above and beyond in her project was Dani Mabry, freshman, who chose to use this as an opportunity to raise money for an organization that helps fight against human trafficking.

"I did a raffle, and I raised money in every class," said Mabry.

"I pulled a name out of the people who donated, and whoever got their name pulled out got a no homework pass." Mabry thought this incentive would make students excited about donating to her cause, and she really took this project to heart as a way to help those in need.

One last student who genuinely wanted to help others through her Bible project was Alayna Barthlemass who hand-wrote an encouraging note to put in the locker of every girl in the freshmen class. "The girls in our grade are all really great, and I just wanted to encourage them to have a great day," said Barthlemass, freshman. All in all, the freshmen students were shown through this project that service can come in many different forms and that opportunities to help others are everywhere.

Alec Bequette, freshman, Sarah Shoemaker and Rebekah Warren, sophomores, Sophia Trentham, Molly Anderson, Chandler Estes, Olivia Demetry, and Morgan Sickels, freshmen, threw a Valentines party with the Spanish club for kids at the trailer park in the Chesterfield Valley. They all had a great time playing games with the children and watching them have a good time.



Hannah Park and Amanda Berry, freshmen, make blankets for their Bible project. Along with a group of friends, they made a total of four blankets to donate.



Emily Penner, freshman, ties a blanket for her Bible project. She donated the blankets to Thrive, an organization that fights against abortion and provides aid for women to keep their babies.



Joshua Jones, freshman, puts the finishing touches on his blanket. Jones and his friends met at school on the day off on President's Day in order to work together on their project.





# Pride Night

## Wait, The Juniors Won?

Seniors vs. juniors. That age old rivalry, which always resulted in one outcome: a senior win. With the moms tearing up and nostalgia running deep, the seniors always seemed to pull through for a victory to commemorate an end of their era.

The junior class had other plans. Kirsten Davis, junior, helped the class of 2017 reach its victory. "It was a fun experience because we didn't really expect to win," said Davis. "We usually don't win in a lot of things, so it was fun to finally win at something." Davis led the team by scoring an impressive four touchdowns that launched the juniors into first place.

However, there weren't hard feelings on the senior end. The girls were simply happy to be able to play the game one last time. "It was nice to be able to join with all of the senior girls and to all come together as a team," said Caira Butler, senior.

The Powder Puff game certainly defied some stereotypes and gave the juniors some bragging rights. However, win or lose, both teams were able to become closer with each other and have a successful Powder Puff game.

## Some of our Sum

 Noah Adair, eighth grade	 Molly Anderson, freshman	 Blake Andrews, sophomore	 Hannah Beckman, junior	 Blaise Bell, senior	 Morgan Brasier, senior
 Josh Broyles, eighth grade	 Matthew Burgess, seventh grade	 Jacob Byerley, eighth grade	 Andy Chen, sophomore	 Emma Cockrum, senior	 Campbell Coffee, senior



**McKenna Montgomery,**  
senior



**Natalie Bunton,**  
junior

The junior girls huddle together before the Powder Puff game. The juniors practiced for hours before the big game.



**Valerie Winkler**, junior, is flying during Wildcat Weekend. Winkler was a main flyer for the Varsity Cheer Squad.



**Elaine Clifton**, senior



**Christina Mason**, junior



**Abbi Barron**, junior, prepares to throw the football down the field. Abbi was the quarterback for the juniors.



During community night, juniors **Bethany Stone** and **Erica Ridenhour**, and senior, **Alyssa Freiner**, are thrown up during a cheer stunt. The three cheered for the fall sports teams' successes during the pep rally.



**Caroline Hinrichs**, sophomore, and **Hattie Means** freshman



A group of the seniors tried to huddle around the football and walk it down to the endzone. Unfortunately for the seniors, this strategy did not work.



**Elisabeth Harding** and **Brittney Tucker** hug after the senior's first touchdown. Harding caught the ball giving the seniors a short-lived lead.



**Maggie Moore**, math teacher and senior **Tessa Copeland** announce the oreo game during community night. The game was a success and riled up the crowds.

**Final  
Score:  
28-42**



Seniors **Tommy Regan** and **Avery Drury** face off in the oreo challenge. **Ciarra Hampton**, senior, was the judge for the game.



The Varsity Dance Team performs their Pom's dance for the community night crowd. This poms routine went on to win second at state later on in the year.

# WILDCAT WEEKEND: CARNIVAL AND VARIETY SHOW



Los chicos estan preparando los tacos, or in English, seniors **Annie Backs** and **Luke Schroeder** along with sophomore **Kayla Greene** prepare tacos to sell during this years carnival for the Spanish club.



These two super smash bros, juniors **Kurt Culver** and **Will Sutter** battle it out at this year's Anime and Manga Club booth in which students pay to compete in the Super Mario Smash Bros video Game.

## Running a Carnival is a Circus

No pun intended but running Carnival was a literal circus. Time, effort, nicknames, and walkie-talkies were crucial to create a successful carnival, and the newly developed Student Leadership Team took the reigns to develop the "Fall Festival" themed carnival.

After having depended on the Student Council and Class Officers in years past, the responsibility of having carnival run smoothly fell solely on the smaller, merged Student Leadership Team. Everything from set-up to manning booths to tear down was done by the leadership team. Known on the walkie-talkies as Red Leader, senior, Clara Gruneisen was in charge. "It was challenging to have to wield out jobs to different people and make sure everything was going well but the team really came together to help me out" said Gruneisen.

Not only did the team have to deal with responsibilities of setting up and tearing down, they were in charge of all the money that was made during Carnival, and also making sure each booth had the adequate bills to continue doing business. "This was the first year they had one student in charge of all the money during carnival and it became difficult at times. By the end, I was having to walk around with pockets full of money trading large bills to booths for ones." said codename: Alpha One, senior, Nathan Duke.

Among these 40 or so kids, they were able to pull off one of the best Carnivals in school history as they managed to raise enough money to fund the rest of the school events for the 2016 school year. Head of student leadership team Susie Brown said of the carnival, "This was hands down one of the most successful and well run Carnivals the school has ever had."



Sophomores **Kathryn Kramer**, **Maggie Kurop**, and **Brooke Lang** man the Ted Drew's booth during the football game. These girls fought hard to sell despite the cold weather.



There is nothing like having the whole squad on point. This freshmen crew threw up the ones as they show the world that they are simply too cool every-one. "We are sick," said freshman **Thomas Arndt** (aka Matty B).





Freshman exchange student **Stella Skorobogach** breaks it down during her performance.



Showing his impressive DJ skills, senior **Clayton Voges** performed a musical extravaganza consisting of techno elements and piano.



Senior **Avery Iven** provides the audience with a beautiful acoustic cover of Vance Joy's Riptide.

## YOUR VARIETY SHOW WINNERS...



Singing When You Believe from The Prince of Egypt, senior **Klarissa Sheffield** and sophomore **Jessica Wilson** show off their incredible talent.



## 2 \$WAG 4 U!! Seniors **Alyson McKie** and **Morgan Brasier** won with their performance of **Lip Gloss** by **Lil Mama**. Needless to say, it was "Poppin!"



Doing Flight of the Bumblebee, senior **Rebecca Liu** shows her craft that she has worked to perfect from a young age.



8th grader **Patrick Chambers** shows off his violin skills during the show. He was accompanied by other violinists in an impressive trio.



Senior **Anna Huynh** sings and plays piano at the same time during the show.



7th grader **Kirk Briden** had ice running through his veins on stage as he performed Let It Go from the Disney movie Frozen on his piano. (LEFT). Playing his violin, freshman **Joshua Jones** utilized his gift during his solo (RIGHT).

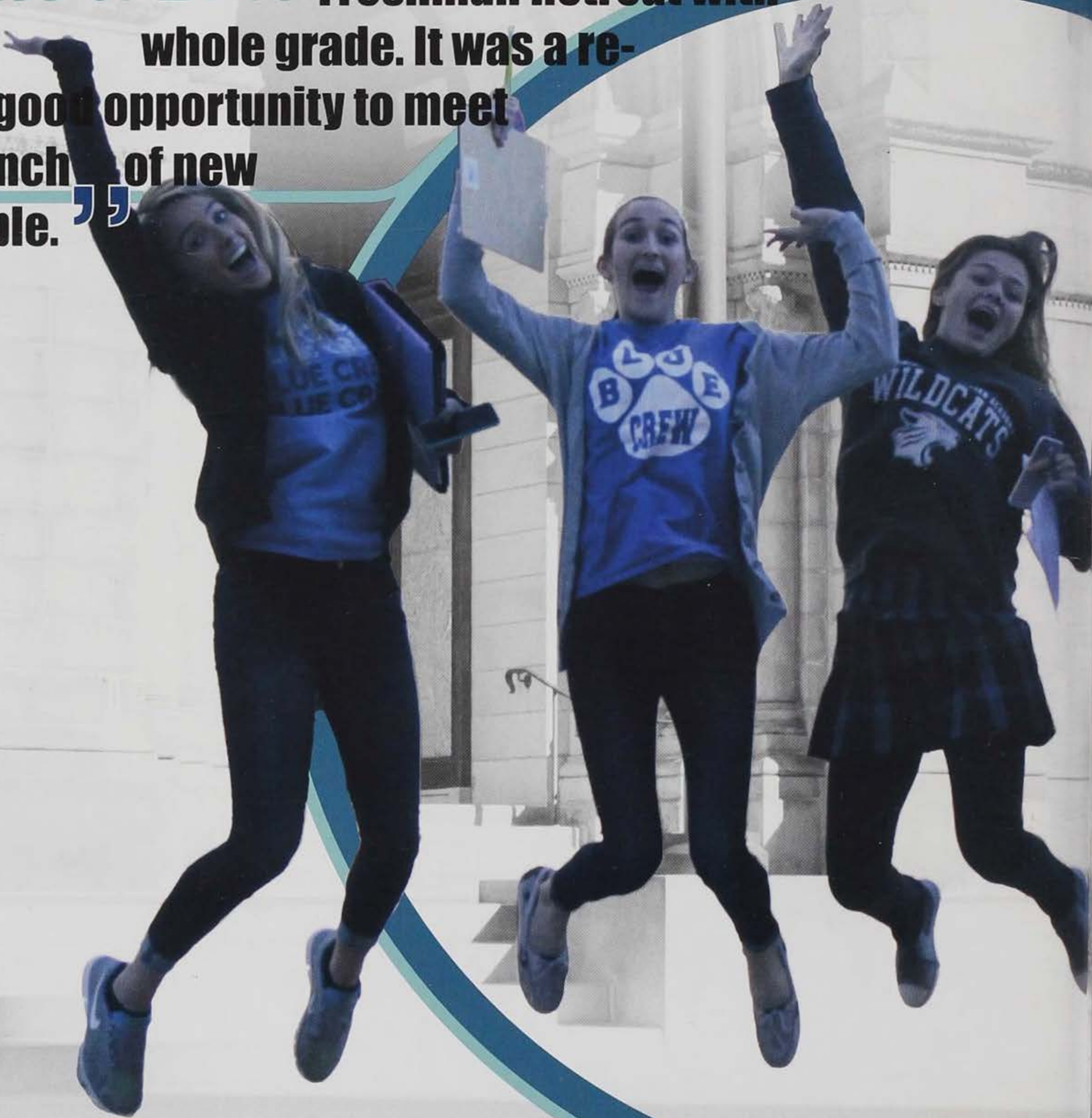


Embracing her inner Frank Sinatra, freshman **Kennedy Kittner** belts an impressive rendition of Fly Me to the Moon. (RIGHT).



# Abby Lowe Class of 2019

“At the beginning of the year, we were able to go on the Freshman Retreat with our whole grade. It was a really good opportunity to meet a bunch of new people.”



# Ashley Moellenhoff

Class of 2019

“ The classes are so much more of a community and the environment is more relaxed. I really enjoyed being able to form relationships with people in my classes as we studied together ”

“ My favorite day of the year was the first day of freshman year. It was so different being in high school and I will never forget how new and exciting it was ”

# Lexie Kratky

Class of 2019

Avery Engelmeyer, Betsy Bailey, Sydney Johnson, Brittany Johnson, and Grace Gundlach, sophomores, jump in the air for a picture in front of Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

# Amanda Ahlbrand

Class of 2017

“ I really enjoyed the varying projects I was able to complete in my art classes this year. It is such a refreshing break in my day and the teachers are so much fun to be around.”

# Ashley

Class of 2019

## Moellenhoff

“ There is such a diverse mix of people and many different grades represented in every elective class. I really enjoyed meeting different people in my art classes this year.”



  
**WESTMINSTER**  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**Adeline Jowdy**, Seventh grade, shapes and molds her clay for an art project. Using special tools, art classes made many different fun projects.

# Nicole Schneider

## Class of 2017

“Being involved in a club at Westminster has opened so many different doors and interesting opportunities for me. I greatly appreciate the experience and hope to continue to use what I have learned through the rest of my life.”

# Chloe Thomas

## Class of 2019

“Football games are fun because everyone comes together as a community. You get to see people you know play games, and it’s a great way to get to know people better. Being involved and going to games has really helped me enjoy school more.”

Willie Canfield, senior, participates in the blue crew section of the football game on November 20, 2015.

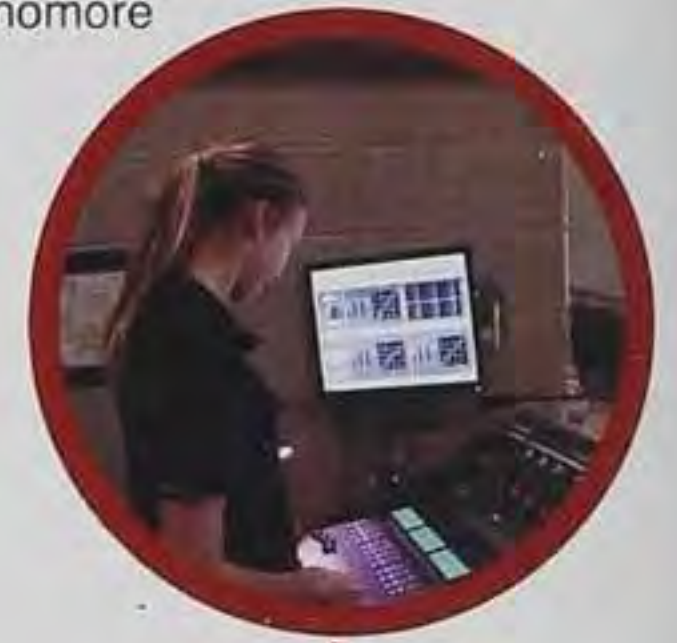


# Academics & Clubs & Seventh Grade

A.J. Ackerburg  
Joshua Adamson  
MJ Akins  
Charlie Allen  
Zach Allen  
Sam Anderson



Haley Counts,  
sophomore



Grace Andrews  
Marissa Barnes  
Olivia Bauer  
Kirk Briden  
Marty Briner  
D'Andre Brinker



Chris Kirby,  
sophomore



Jacob Brown  
Zoe Brown  
Mark Brugner  
Matthew Burgess  
Emilee Burney  
Ryan Bystrom



Jake McKie,  
junior



Kevin Caccamo  
Ellie Callier  
Izzy Cancila  
Nicole Chelew  
Austin Chen  
Becca Chimento



Lincoln Chimento  
Mackenzie Clark  
Caroline Claus  
Adam Clements  
Sophia Clifton  
Hailey Colley



Noah Coomes  
Brock Daniels  
Zachary Dantuono  
Grace Dark  
Mia Davis  
Josette DeVillers



Troy Dorsey  
Adam Ebling  
Samuel Fiala  
Luc Fuller  
Ian Gilbert  
Clara Goebel



Dear Westminster,

Please walk on the right side of the hallway. Don't stop and huddle in the middle. Keep traffic flowing. Don't be afraid to join in on the fun! Don't be afraid to be yourself. Let your light shine!

From,  
Kathryn Kramer, sophomore.



**Erin King**, sophomore, paints a board yellow and brown for the winter plan. "I love art and creating pieces on a large scale seemed like an interesting challenge," said King. King also participated in the making of the set in The Dinning Hall.



# For Stage and Screen

## -AV and Set Club-

"AV may seem 'too nerdy' for a lot of people, but honestly, I think all types of people would enjoy this club!" said Anna Bohlmann, sophomore.

Time and effort may be essential to AV club, but many students in the club said it's their favorite thing to do.

"Everyone is really friendly, and any chance I get to talk to them is a blast," said Michael Thoenen, sophomore. Not only were new friendships developed with other AV members, but friendships were made with those in the musicals too.

"I love working the musicals because it is a great way to meet new people," said Haley Counts, sophomore. Haley wasn't the only person who said she loved working the musicals.

"My favorite thing about AV club is when we did the *Into the Woods* musical because you are able to be apart of the production without actually being in the production," said Nikki Breneman, sophomore.

Along with allowing students to meet many new people AV club offered a great outlet for students who enjoyed film and production.

"I love making movies and I want to have a career in film when I'm older," said Anna Bohlman, sophomore.

Coming in as a freshman, Josh Theus, junior, was interested in all things technology and loved seeing young students in AV succeed with their technology skills.

"My favorite thing to have seen throughout the year has been watching younger members grow and develop in their technical knowledge and grow personally," said Theus.

AV club helped those who love film and production, gain more experience for future projects. AV club was more than just a club. It was a group of people coming together to not only learn and enjoy what they love to do, but also to gain new friendships.



**Paige Wibbenmeyer**, freshman, constructs part of the set for *Into the Woods*. Her favorite set she has worked on was *Into the Woods*. "I love being able to build anything for any play and then going and actually seeing the actors use what we got to build," said Wibbenmeyer.



**Michael Luedders**, sophomore, begins to paint a board for *The Dinning Hall*. This was his second musical set he worked on this year. He created part of the set for *Into the Woods*.



**Nichole Romich**, senior, participates in the set club on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. After all sets were made in for *The Dinning Hall*, Romich spent one Tuesday afternoon cleaning up all props.



# CO +STUCO SLT

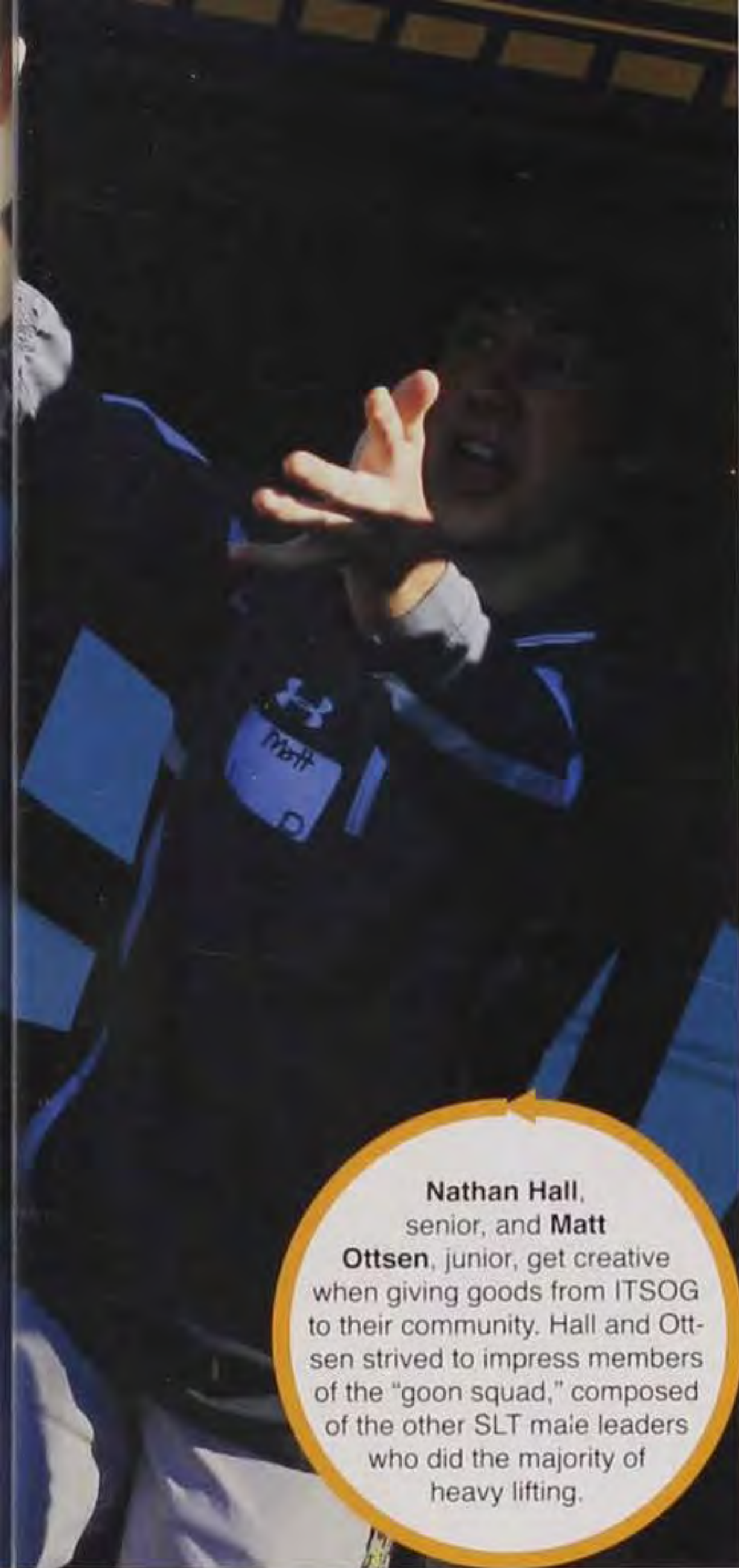
## -Student Leadership Team-

Class Officers+STUCO=Student Leadership Team. In the past, Westminster always organized events like Carnival, Christmas Banquet, and Junior Senior Banquet through two leadership groups. But this year, Mrs. Brown and the administration brought the Class Officers and Student Council together to form one super team. "Until last year, the leadership structure had been the same for many years. The student body has more than doubled and it was time to look at what we do and how we do it. The Student Leadership Team is a multi-grade level group of students who work together to build community and practice hands on leadership in the planning and executing of school-wide activities," said Mrs. Brown, administrator. "It's been exciting to see the grades working together, taking ownership of the all of the details. This group does an amazing job of serving their classmates and the entire WCA community!"

This new style of leadership turned into a new way of doing events. This year, ITSOG raised tons of goods to give to the St. Louis community. Westminster donated food, baby supplies, toys, clothes and lots of other things to organizations like the Freedom School, Loaves and Fishes, and Thrive. In the past, the Student Leadership Team usually just collected these goods and put them in a truck and that's all she wrote. But this year, the SLTs got the opportunity hand deliver the goods to these organizations on a special "in school" field trip. "I think that a trip like that really opens our eyes to a world outside of WCA. We get to finally put a face with a name to give the ITSOG supplies to. It helped us to be selfless and make a difference in our community" said Nathan Hall, senior. This trip and a successful CB, Carnival, and Spring Event mark the first year of the Student Leadership Team.

**Sarah Broyles**, junior, takes a drink after helping the rest of the student leadership team unload boxes. Broyles helped plan the senior retreat held at Lake Williamson.





**Nathan Hall**, senior, and **Matt Ottsen**, junior, get creative when giving goods from ITSOG to their community. Hall and Ottsen strived to impress members of the "goon squad," composed of the other SLT male leaders who did the majority of heavy lifting.



Kyle Graham  
Winter Gray  
Luisa Grbcich  
Katrina Greene  
Jack Greenlee

Reed Grimm  
Ryan Gross  
Arista Hampton  
Jackson Harris  
Carter Hickel

Amiya Holmes  
William Holt  
Nolan Irby  
Landen Johnson  
Genesis Jones

Adeline Jowdy  
Nate Kern  
Matthew Kinney  
Aidan Kline  
Maxwell Kraemer

Luke Laughlin  
Nicholas Lee  
Liam Lloyd  
Ashley Lytle  
Logan Mann

Daniel Martin  
Ian McKie  
Helen Meals  
Caroline Mentel  
Anna Minichiello

Owen Minichiello  
Caleb Moellenhoff  
Abigail Moeller  
Cullen Moore  
Ja'Cobe Moore

Joseph Mueller  
Hugh Muschany  
Kristen Nyenhuis  
Bryce Oliver  
Benjamin Olsen

Jessica Orange  
Katharyn Orrick

**Maggie Dolan** and **Jake Broyles**, eighth grade, load diapers at the SLT ITSOG field trip. On this field trip, the high school SLT and middle school leadership came together to help the community.



**Jarrett Hardy**, junior  
**Mason Kugler**, eighth grade  
**Caroline Kyriakos**, sophomore  
**Minsok Lee**, senior  
**Samantha Lombardo**, junior



Some of our Sum

# Academics & Clubs

## & Seventh Grade

Veronica Ortiz  
Patrick Park  
Denver Parker  
Jalen Payne  
John Powers  
Colin Ring



Avery Rosenberg  
Tioni Saddler  
Jacob Scharr  
Noah Scheueter  
Jackson Schmersahl  
Jackson Selk



Annessa Shively  
Allie Shreves  
Abby Sickels  
Miles Sims  
Hannah Skrobonja  
Andrew Smith



Brett St. John  
Joy Stevens  
Samuel Stillman  
David Stoner  
Joshua Stratton  
Jack Straub



Mark Stump  
Michael Sturm  
Brandon Swenson  
Alex Tarlas  
Isaiah Thompson  
Isaiah Tucker



Hayden Turley  
Jonathan Walsh  
Zachary Watson  
Gracie Wessels  
Jack Whited  
August Wilkerson



Amelia Williamson  
Cole Willyard  
Matteo Zavaglia  
Adam Zell



David Braton, sophomore



Carter Hickel, seventh grade



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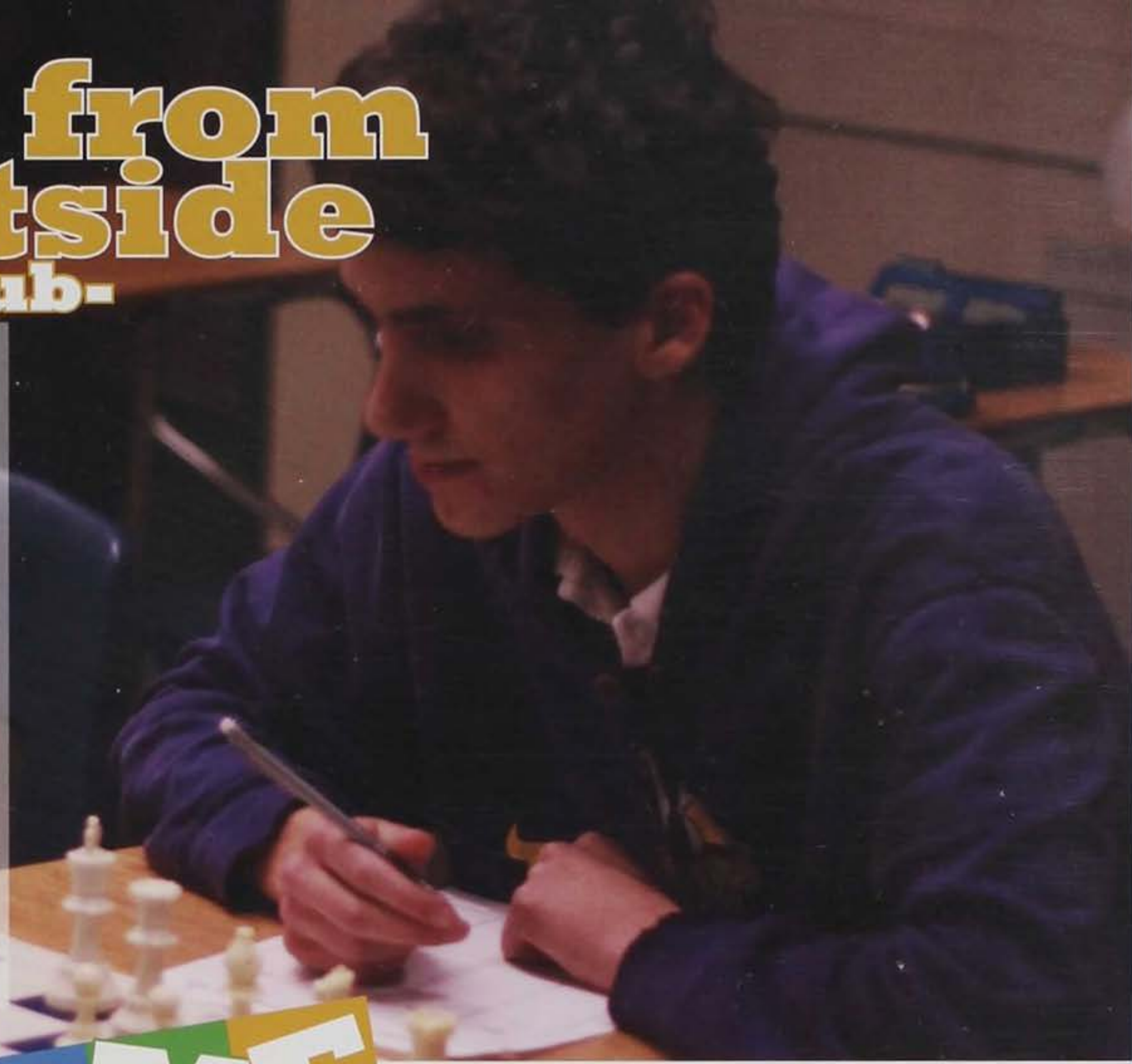
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C H E S S

# Advice from the Outside

## -Chess Club-

For the chess team, it was an ideal season. Westminster chess was in the top of the league with a nearly perfect season. However, there was still opportunity for improvement on their game. Chess expert, Paul Mecham, visited Westminster for a special training session for anyone who wanted to improve their chess game. He focused on middle and endgame strategies. Mecham brought more than 25 years of experience in teaching private lessons and after school programs.

"We looked at general strategies and going over what moves people were making and what we should have been doing differently to improve our chess game. He taught us about the specific ideas of reviewing the games and seeing what to improve upon." said Joey Albertson, senior.



# GAME CLUB

Game Club was a new edition to Westminster this year. The members met once a month, and they stayed until 5:30 p.m. playing different board and card games. The club had about 10-15 people who attended on a regular basis, enjoying playing games and each other.



Kurt Culver, junior, Matthew McKinnis, Sophomore, David Braton, sophomore, Jake McKie, junior. Game Club brings students together, after school, to enjoy playing board games.

Jake "Big" McKie

# Inspired to Dream

-Literary Rogues-

# READ

“Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities”, said journalist Gloria Steinem. In high school, creativity was typically shown through classes such as art, writing, or music. At Westminster, students chose to take imagination a step beyond the classroom by founding a society where authors and artists could experience the dreams of one another through literature.

Literary Rogues, a club created for passionate students, was intended to provide a comfortable environment where young readers and writers can share their work and discuss their creations. For many members of the society, creativity through writing was taken to the next level. For example, committed member and president Erin LeVar, senior, worked on creating a story for the November Novel month.

LeVar attended meetings regularly, where she shared pieces of her book with the other members. “Literary Rogues provides a creative outlet where students can share, comment on, and add to each other’s work”, says LeVar. Erin LeVar also said that the club was a place where she could receive helpful criticism and feedback on her work.

Claire Birchenough, English teacher and sponsor of Literary Rogues, guided students such as LeVar in stepping outside of the box when it came to their writing, and she took joy in watching them grow in the process: “Witnessing students crafting and exploring the power of their own words is the whole reason I do what I do...I dream that one of our writers will go on to become the next great American author. When that dream comes true, I’ll celebrate, not because of some delusion that I had any role in his or her success, but because I was allowed to witness that student’s process”, said Birchenough.

With the help of a teacher who put her faith in every member and peers that encouraged each other’s work, the students of the Literary Rogues society were provided with a safe and comfortable environment where they became inspired to create dreams of their own.



**Tessa Copeland** @ your library  
senior



**Katelyn Davidson**, junior, receives feedback from the other Literary Rogues members. Davidson wrote a short story for a class, which she shared during a meeting. Other students also read their stories.



**Mary Grace Barber**, senior, discusses a piece of writing in a meeting. Students shared their favorite poems and were asked why they liked them. Some of these poems were used as inspiration for their own work.

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# -SEED Club-



Emily Zell, sophomore, shares her thoughts during a meeting. During club gatherings, members talked about topics from racial tensions to gay rights movements.



A few of the students in SEED club at the Festival of Nations, a celebration of culture through food, dance, and more. In past years, Westminster's students have gone to the festival.



The SEED club members meet before school to talk. Twice a month, the club's students and staff came together for discussion.



Hayley Adair  
Noah Adair  
Shelby Adkisson  
Anuoluwai Akinyede  
Lexi Jo Alm  
Bennie Anderson

Mason Andrasko  
Elena Angelin  
Mackenzie Axford  
Nina Bacon  
Peter Barton  
Katherine Bauer

Carsyn Beachy  
Zachary Benes  
Ava Bidner  
Lauren Bohlmann  
Cheyenne Bowden  
David Brown

Sarah Brown  
Jake Broyles  
Josh Broyles  
Hope Burkey  
Chloe Burnham  
Jacob Byerley

Jack Bystrom  
Ava Cella  
Patrick Chambers  
Josie Christen  
Jelani Christmas  
Graham Clawson

Mackenzie Coleman  
Kelly Coyne  
Tyler Culleton  
Genevieve Cunningham  
Isabel Cunningham  
Toby Davidson

Kylan Davis  
Lane Davis  
Lindsay Davis  
Aiden Davitt  
Grace Dempsey  
Maggie Dolan

Lily Duda  
Pierce Dunne  
Reese Earleywine  
Maggie Ellis  
Hayden Engel  
Lucas Engelmeyer



SEED club students and teachers attend a diversity conference at MICDS.

# Academics & Clubs

## & Eighth Grade

John Ferguson  
Elliot Fiala  
Scout Fleming  
Natalie Ford  
Isabella Francois  
Justin Fuller



Katherine Gaitan  
Lauren Gates  
Matthew George  
Pearson Georges  
Jaela Ginger  
Brendan Gordon



Allison Hardin  
Ethan Hare  
Henry Hartshorn  
Sydney Hawkins  
Lyndsey Heckel  
Journee Henry



Benjamin Hicks  
Taylor Highmark  
Katherine Hobaugh  
Ava Hollmann  
Sydney Hott  
Kami Howse



Alicia Hu  
Olivia Hunsicker  
Tori Jessie  
Bricyn Johnson  
Daniel Johnson  
Kathryn Johnson



Lance Johnson  
Simon Jones  
Arthur Jordan  
Henry Jung  
Riley Kilgore  
Jaeyon Kim



Caroline Kopsky  
Hunter Kramer  
Mason Kugler  
Jake Kyriakos  
Kinsley Lawrence  
Michael Lee



Alyssa Legters  
Macey Lottmann  
Ashley MacDonald  
Gigi Mahley  
Jackson Martin  
Will Mason



# SPIRIT CLUB



Working on putting together the newest Spirit Week game, Spirit Club leader and senior, **Connor Hafenrichter** is determined to make the week as fun for everyone as possible. Hafenrichter invested countless hours into this event over the past six years.



Sophomore **Kathryn Kramer** tests out the scooters for Hungry Hungry Hippo where the objective is to use the laundry basket to corral as many balloons as possible. This was the Spirit Week debut of this rendition of the game created by Spirit Club.



Juniors **Christina Mason, Savannah Matthews, and Erin Galakatos** enjoy a laugh while indulging in their lunch during one of their final pre-spirit week meetings. Spirit Club's goal is to plan all year for Spirit Week in order that it runs smoothly and is fun for everyone.



# Talking the Pillars Deeper

-FCA-

In a school where the 10 Pillars draped the walls of the arena and where coaches were hired not only on their ability to win games but also on their ability to live out their faith in the way they approached their job, why was it necessary to have an FCA club that seemingly had a redundant purpose?

The first point students made when backing up FCA's purpose was that "it is an escape from the stress of school and gives us the chance to have fun and fellowship on a Tuesday night," said freshman Colin Davitt. Students expressed their appreciation for a simple outlet from the anxiety that school, sports, and a social life caused on a day to day basis. Aside from the social aspect, each week a meal was provided whether it be Chik-Fil-A, pizza, or some type of pasta brought in by a parent.


"I love FCA, but free food is also pretty great," said Meegan Williams, senior. FCA was an outlet for students to have a break early on in the week where they can eat, hang out, and learn.

But on a deeper level FCA provided a level of teaching and shared experiences that coaches and pillars might not have been able to give students.

"FCA starts much more relatable conversations because you're talking to other kids who are going through the same types of situations as I am," said Emma Gustafson, freshman.

Topics this year ranged from God's will to integrity to respecting teammates and each lesson was designed to stimulate conversations amongst the people in attendance. But the bottomline was that students seemed to prefer sharing their experiences and learning from other students rather than adults.

"I find it easier to understand kids who are actually close to my age," said Jordan Haeusser, sophomore.



A group of sophomore students look on after the games have finished up and the lesson has begun. Anywhere from 20 to 60 students show up on any given Tuesday night to partake in the fellowship and the learning that goes on.




Freshman **Hannah Sturr** and **Emma Gore** play Hands alongside senior **Zach Hughes**, senior, at FCA. Hands is a crowd favorite at FCA and it commonly chosen to be the warmup game before the lesson.



Senior leader **Meegan Williams** joins in the fun along with Juniors **Jayla Malloyd** and **Kirsten Davis**. A big part of FCA is not just the lesson but also the aspect of fellowship and fun is very important amongst this gang.



Conversing around the table, (from left to right) sophomore **Dominic Cusumano**, freshman **Trevor Neuse** and **Isaac Johnston**, sophomore **Chad Briden**, and junior **Kirsten Davis** sit eating the provided meal. The five students are regulars at FCA and continue to come back because of the "fellowship and the food," said Briden.



Getting into his zone, sophomore **Carter McCall** and sophomore **Madeline Williams** take part in a classic FCA game.



The French club got together to watch the French comedy, "Le Petit Nicolas." The movie was shown with subtitles so everyone could watch and understand.

# Locally Global

## -Spanish and French Clubs-

**Ian Gilbert**, seventh grade, receives help from Señora Gilbert while putting tissue on his piñata. The Spanish club decorated and filled pinatas for the ESL children.



**Anna Huynh** and **Elyse Blatz**, seniors, watch Le Petit Nicolas. They enjoyed the French comedy and popcorn.



"French club celebrates diversity and a culture that is both similar and different from the American culture. This what I like, because I like to get to know the global community that I am a part of. The French club is full of people who celebrate cultural diversity, and it is always great to get together with these people." said Erin LeVar, senior.

The world has so many different cultures. French club allowed these differences to be explored and celebrated by students. Not only did students learn about different countries' cultures, but they got to know different people within Westminster.

"Some of us take French, and some of us do not. We all are together as a group based on what we like and what we appreciate in the world, and so we in turn like and appreciate each other for this point of common interest," said LeVar.

The French club created a positive environment for those in French class and even those who are less familiar with the language to learn about a different language and culture.

"I would recommend it to non-French speakers as well—we rarely have an activity that is all in French. For example, we recently watched the film Le Petit Nicolas with English subtitles," said Hannah Vitiello, senior. Even if some students did not know any French, they could still participate and learn about the culture, in this case, their movies. French club bring different people together to bond over a different culture and language.

Hayden Turley,  
seventh grade



Isaac McGee  
Camryn McMurry  
Jordan Mette  
Emilee Mitchell  
Jaeda Moore  
Sydney Moore



Nancy Morcos  
Sophia Mullen  
Hanna Ottsen  
Benjamin Parres  
Aidan Penberthy  
Clayton Perona



Ella Polski  
Alyssa Pritchett  
Max Radloff  
Grace Rahal  
Anna Rockwood  
Ethan Rush

Josh Berglar,  
junior



Josh Scheibe  
Koby Schmer  
Rebekah Sems  
Nicholas Steck  
Hannah Stevenson  
Ethan Storer



Katerina Stout  
Benjamin Straub  
Bridget Sullivan  
Maxwell Tabor  
Libby Thomas  
Charis Thompson

Michelle  
Morley, junior



Madison Tucker  
Brayden Wall  
Colton Walpert  
Ian Warren  
Daphne Washington  
Dylan Wells



Mark West  
Jack Wittenauer  
Lucy Wood  
Davis Worley  
Lauren Zone

Annie Backs, senior



Joshua Adamson, seventh grade



# Academics & Clubs & Freshmen

Audrey Abbonizio  
Gabrielle Adams  
Jerram Adams  
Tierra Allen  
Molly Andersen  
Patrick Andrews



Rachel Arndt  
Thomas Arndt  
Hanseong Bak  
Alayna Barthelmass  
Sarah Becker  
Lauren Bell



Sean Benes  
Alec Bequette  
Abigail Berglar  
Amanda Berry  
Drew Bingham  
Olivia Blatz



Ann Borchelt  
Zachary Brasier  
Allison Broadhurst  
Clair Bross  
Hannah Brown  
Noelle Burkey



Maxwell Burns  
Zach Cancila  
Jack Canfield  
Alex Chen  
Collin Clark  
Patrick Claus



Campbell Coffee  
Cole Coffee  
Kayla Colley  
Lily Coln  
Kayonni Coplen  
Alexander Cross



Caroline Davis  
Colin Davitt  
Luke DeGroot  
Olivia Demetry  
Devon Derverger  
Austin Disper



Erich Dodge  
Kyle Dolan  
Payton Dunn  
Allison Eichenlaub  
Amanda Enger  
Amanda Espy




## ART CLUB



Juniors **Emma Winter**, **Rebecca Park**, and **Rebekah Lai** take their art skills and create the polar-themed art board that was displayed during spirit week. Each of the girls spent many afternoons pomping and painting, placing 4th overall. "I had fun doing art board! It was a great experience to do some art outside of class, and participate with everyone else," said Lai.

“Art Club this year has been a lot more relational than that of past years. Our ability to work together and teach each other through our art processes has helped us be more willing to work together on the art board this spirit week. We were able to come together and create a good thing. - Molly Cook, junior”

The 5th hour Improv class takes a test in a peculiar way. Rather than sitting at a desk and writing by hand, the class electronically submits their unique answers by text message.



# IMPROV-A-GANZA

## -WCA Improv Team-

Improvisation was a unique form of theatrical art in which everything is made up. It was guaranteed that the same performance will not be seen again.

Improvisation was spontaneous and entertaining, and you will never see anything like it until you see the way Westminster students Improv. Caleb Curry, senior, stated "When I am in Improv class, I am not identified by the name Caleb. I could be a Duke from some foreign country, or a chimney sweep. The point is that in Improv, you become all of these different characters and you have to sell it to the audience in order for it to be funny. My main goal in Improv class and on the stage is to make people laugh. When someone laughs at my impersonations, it let's me know that I am doing a good job."

The WCA Improv team was made of many parts, each one unique to its own. To stand out, they each created a unique stage name that suits their personality. "I think the funniest name we have seen is "Caleb 'Spicy Chicken' Curry, or "John 'Dont Smoke' Pottebaum," said Alyson McKie and Morgan Braiser, seniors.

The WCA Improv got very little mention against growing sports and plays, but they were a huge part of the Westminster culture. They made the atmosphere a little better with their impressions and jokes.



**Josh Berglar**, junior joins **Caleb Curry**, senior, in a skit in which a man encounters a store clerk that gives him the wrong order.



Hannah Haguewood, junior

# Nature Enthusiast, Adventure Extremist -Adventure Club-

**ad-venture** *noun*-an unusual and exiting, typically hazardous, experience or activity.

Adventure Club was full of many of these activities, creating extraordinary memories. From JT Fuller trying to cook the meat for dinner and then being told he was never allowed to cook again, to Charlie Wu falling in the cold water, making everyone else want to join in. From Emily Kessel spending the night in her hammock during a massive thunderstorm, to spending the night in tents during freezing temperatures, all the way to Tiffany Johnson toasting her bread over the smoky fire on a stick.

Adventure club allowed for students to get away for a weekend and experience things with their friends they wouldn't normally be able to experience. It allowed them to get away from the hustle and bustle of the world and slow down and enjoy creation and time with friends.

"It's a nice break from the everyday. I find it enjoyable and relaxing to be in nature," said Tiffany Johnson, junior. "Adventure club has been some of the best memories from my high school career so far," said Emily Jo Barker, junior.

Adventure Club was packed full of crazy memories and experiences this year. "My favorite memory is when the oven caught fire and Mrs. Birchenough kept pouring water on it trying to put it out," said Emily Kessel, junior. It's memories and times like these that students will never forget and can always look back on many years from now.



Chris Kirby, sophomore, sits in the shut-ins at Johnson Shut-ins during the club's winter camp out in November.



Kaitlin Terschak senior, Tiffany Johnson, junior, and Brittany Johnson, sophomore sit around the camp fire eating the famous pasta the club always makes for dinner on camp outs. All three girls have been on all the trips throughout the past year.



Charlie Wu, sophomore, slides down a small waterfall during the trip to Castor Shut-ins. Wu was the first one to fall in the water making others want to join him in the cold water.



Chandler Estes  
 Mitchell Farmer  
 Kyle Farrell  
 Mary Grace Fellows  
 Emily Fentress  
 Luke Fiala

Trevor Fish  
 Hayley Fizer  
 Lauren Fleming  
 Daniel Fox  
 John Fregene  
 Serafina Gabriele

Mark Geisz  
 Catie George  
 Chris George  
 Grace Gevers  
 Madi Gipperich  
 Alyssa Glass

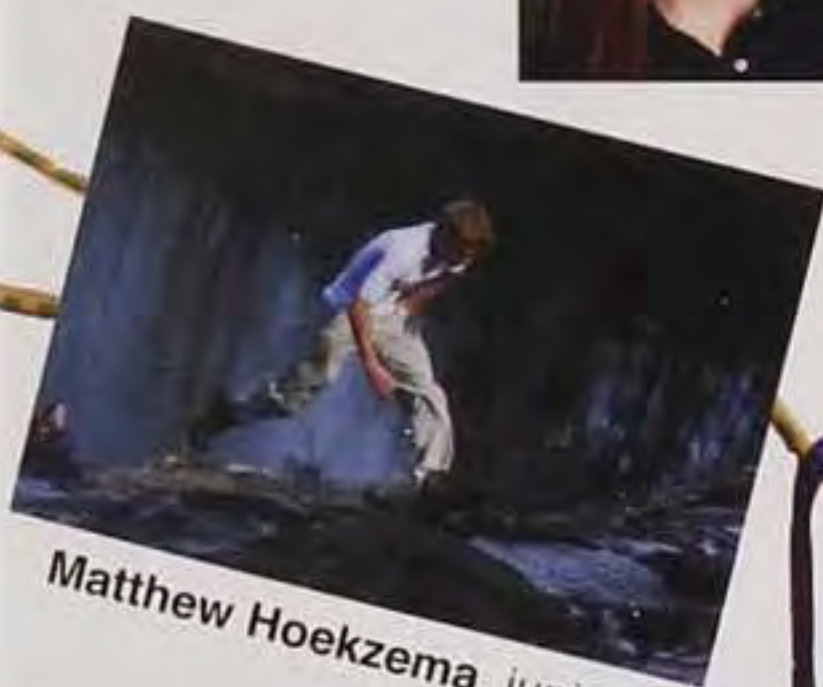
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 Emma Gore  
 William Gore  
 Ella Graham  
 Katelynn Graham  
 Spencer Graham

Keaton Greiwe  
 Zach Gross  
 Emma Gustafson  
 Maggie Hackman  
 Atlin Hall  
 Jaxon Halsey

Jovana Hampton  
 Alexine Hanson  
 Briah Harris  
 Anna Hassler  
 Chloe Haupfear  
 Sam Haupfear

Cole Hintz  
 Evan Howse  
 Thomas Isaacs  
 Bridget James  
 Carley James  
 Blake Jewell

Grace Johler  
 Sophie Johnson  
 Isaac Johnston  
 George Jones  
 Joshua Jones  
 Ty Jones



Matthew Hoekzema, junior



Allison Thoenen, junior



Tiffany Johnson, junior



Paris Hubler, junior

# Academics & Clubs

## & Freshmen

Matthias Jowdy  
Emma Kaiping  
Aaron Kampmeier  
Isaac Kaup  
Joey Keane  
Margaret Kehr



Chloe Kellum  
Andrew Kempen  
Kristen Keys  
Kennedy Kittner  
Trey Klein  
Lexie Kratky



Jessie Kunkel  
Nathan Laughlin  
Harrison Lawrence  
Kalei Layton  
Will Leonard  
Luke Linam



Abigail Lowe  
Lauren Lucas  
Sawyer Ludwig  
Danielle Mabry  
Blaise Matheny  
Chase Mayfield



Kiley McKee  
Neeve McMillin  
David McMullan  
Cole Mcward  
Hattie Means  
Caroline Megown



Sarah Melaragno  
Ian Metcalf  
Joey Migliazzo  
Keenan Miller  
Ashley Moellenhoff  
Davis Moore



Conor Morley  
Joshua Morton  
Trevor Neuse  
Abby Nixon  
Jessica Norman  
Jimmy Obertop



Emma Olsen  
Grant Osmon  
Hannah Park  
Jack Patterson  
Emily Penner  
Michael Pritchett



Dan Burke, English teacher



Hallie Hull, sophomore



Hannah Haguewood, junior



Chelsea Caplinger, junior





**Peter Barrs**, modern language teacher and head of Scrabble and Tea, prepares different kinds of tea for his students. Barrs teaches both Spanish and French, and spends his time after school leading his students in games and fun.



## Words With Friends

**Luke Vasel**, sophomore



**Allison Thoenen**, junior

Scrabble and Tea was a Westminster Club that had been around for 2 years. Led by Peter Barrs, French and Spanish teacher, it was a place where students could get together after school and enjoy tea and games in good company.

Allison Thoenen, junior, a captain of Scrabble and Tea, let us in on her secrets and strategies of her favorite game. Thoenen says, "You don't ever want to play the first word, because you usually will not have enough tiles to play a big word and get the double word at the end. Try to get really small points at the beginning, by going second or third and make sure you put your tiles on higher numbers, even if it's a short word."

Allison also shared why she first went to Scrabble and Tea. Thoenen says, "I like that I have something to look forward to on a Monday, because let's face it, Mondays are hard for everyone. It's just so nice to be able to go after school and hang out with friends who enjoy the same things I do, it really helps me get through my day."

Kayla Hawkins, sophomore, says, "Originally I went because there were cookies there and I like cookies, but then when I got to know the people who go I started going for the people. Although I first went for other reasons, I did begin to enjoy the game and I like to play competitively with the other kids who go," Although Hawkins initially went for the free food, she eventually found herself drawn to the game and the friendships she found there.

# ANIME AND MANGA CLUB

## Watch it!

**I**t all started with a brave junior, Kurt Culver, who became interested in starting an Anime and Manga Club at Westminster. At first the club was not approved, but then a member of the faculty, Robert Murphy, math teacher, became highly interested in sponsoring the group.

"After Kurt approached me, I called for a preliminary meeting to see how many people would be interested. I was shocked at how many people were there. When we called out first real meeting, it was about 20 people! We've had as high as 30. We have had kids from other schools and home-schoolers who come, just for the chance to hang out with other people like themselves," said Murphy.

Anime and Manga, although not a mainstream film genre, became a hit at Westminster. While some people may have thought Anime and Manga Club was just movie watching, it became a lot more than that to Murphy and the students.

"I love my anime club students because they not only sit through two hours movies with subtitles, but they engage with a foreign culture and revel in the chance to get an outsider's perspective on their own," said Murphy. The students also engaged in discussions every other week and had some of the best times in Anime club.

"Anime and Manga Club gives us an environment where we can be ourselves in a way that we could never be during school hours. We're free to be as obnoxious and ridiculous as our little hearts desire during our meetings," said Amanda Skeeters, senior.

Anime and Manga Club became a lot more than watching foreign films for the members. It had become a place where they could not only learn about other cultures, but also be themselves.



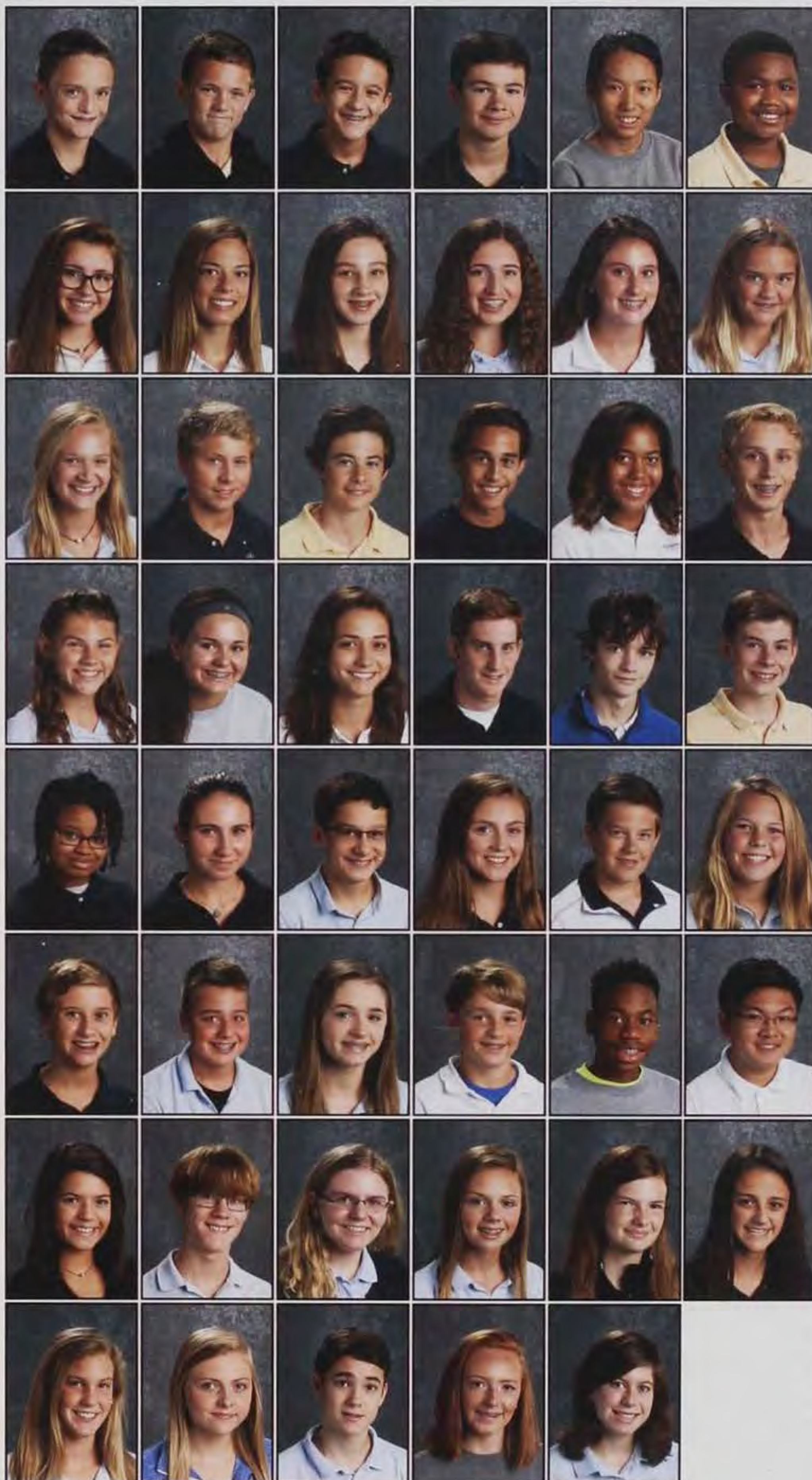
**KURT CULVER, JUNIOR**



**Sarah Geisz**, junior, intently watches a Japanese animation film. Geisz attends Anime and Manga Club regularly.



**Jake McKie**, junior, eats popcorn and watches a movie. "I love the loose atmosphere at the club We all crack jokes and eat popcorn and enjoy each other's company" said McKie. Jake intends to continue to be a part of club in his senior year.



Jack Provin  
David Ragsdale  
Jacob Rattan  
Nicholas Reeve  
Sisi Ren  
Cam Robinson

Olive Robson  
Julia Rockwood  
Hannah Rose  
Alexa Rosenberg  
Rachel Rothrock  
Hannah Rupprecht

Claire Sanden  
Joseph Schroeder  
Evan Seabaugh  
Nathaniel Sems  
Jordan Shaw  
Thomas Shultz

Morgan Sickels  
Alexandra Sigman  
Stella Skorobogach  
Jack Smith  
Joe Southwell  
Reid St. John

Abigail Staats  
Olivia Strange  
Jacob Sturm  
Hannah Sturr  
Blake Swenson  
Kaler Terry

Caleb Terschak  
Matthew Thoenen  
Chloe Thomas  
Griffin Thomas  
Zion Thompson  
Michael Tran

Sophia Trentham  
Levi Tucker  
Jordan Vitiello  
Maggie Wessels  
Paige Wibbenmeyer  
Cali Williams

Sarah-Elizabeth Williams  
Madison Wilson  
Ian Woodard  
Natalie Wurm  
Raphaella Zavaglia

Robert  
Murphy, math teacher,  
watches a film with his  
eldest daughter, Eleanor. Elea-  
nor occasionally comes to meet-  
ings. Mr. Murphy explains that his  
favorite part of the club is: "The  
cross-culturalism. I grew up  
overseas and coming back to  
America has been hard  
sometimes."

# Academics & Clubs

## & Sophomores

Alyssa Adams  
Francie Akins  
Levi Alldredge  
Luke Allen  
Taylor Andrasko  
Blake Andrews



Betsy Bailey  
L.B. Battle  
Lauren Bauer  
Erik Bergman  
Lexi Berra  
Justin Blakey



Melinda Blum  
Anna Bohlmann  
Kyrah Booker  
Natalie Bowman  
Kelly Bradley  
David Braton



Nikki Breneman  
Chad Briden  
Daniel Brown  
Natalie Brown  
Rachel Byars  
Alyssa Cannon



Andy Chen  
Markus Cicka  
Izzy Clawson  
Abby Cockerham  
Haley Counts  
Dominic Cusumano



Macie Daniels  
Samuel Dare  
Sydney Dark  
Drew Dempsey  
Allison Drooger  
Keke Duan



Hanna Eisenbath  
Blake Elder  
Avery Engelmeyer  
Connor Evans  
Christopher Faust  
Jada Ferguson



Emma Fiala  
Jerrica Flakes  
Elena Frogge  
Dawson Gaitan  
Jenna Galakatos  
Parker Gelber



## The History of History Club

Four score and seven years ago, the founding fathers of History Club (Neil Sutherland and Caleb Curry) decided it was time to share their interest in history with all Westminster students. "We wanted to create it in order to explore other topics of history that many people aren't aware of or familiar with," said Caleb Curry.

With the help of Adam Barbee, history teacher, what was originally just a dream turned into reality when History Club first started. Although Sutherland and Curry were both seniors, they hope that History Club continues: "We've had a lot of success in it, and hopefully history club can grow more and more." said Sutherland.



# Actions Speak Louder Than Words



Valerie Winkler, Junior



Sign Language Club



Rachel Farrell, Junior

## -Sign Language Club-

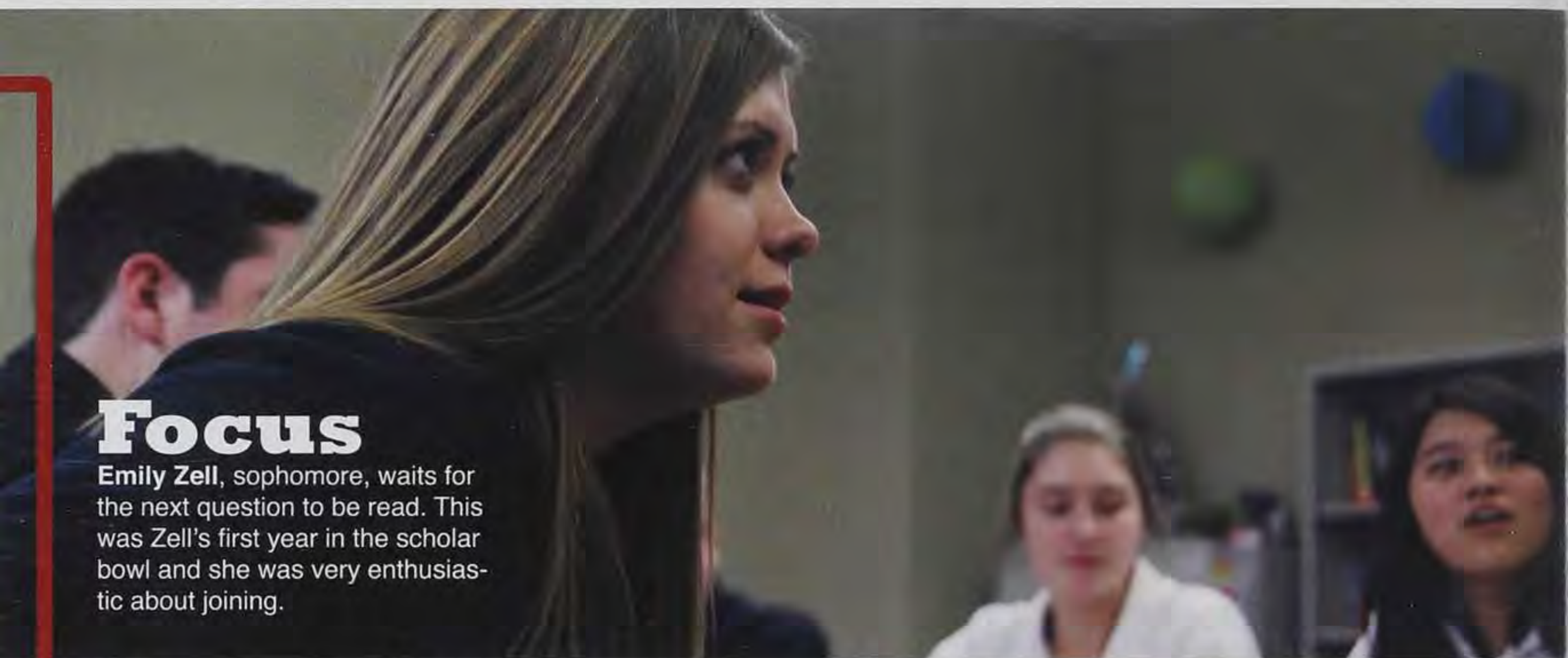
Alyssa Despotis had a passion for sign language since her days at St. Paul's Lutheran School. However, once she came to Westminster, Alyssa found it harder to continue learning the language she loved. Despotis decided to take matters into her own hands and formed Westminster's very first Sign Language Club during her sophomore year. "After entering high school, it became harder and harder to keep up with sign language as I did not know anyone who spoke. I decided to create sign language club to share with others my love for the language. Sign language is such a beautiful and expressive language and I wanted others to experience the joy of learning such a unique language," said Alyssa.

Despotis' passion and enthusiasm for sign language spread throughout the entire Westminster community. Sign Language Club meetings had anywhere from twenty to forty participants that joined Alyssa in learning various signs and songs. "My favorite part of sign language is the members. I am really thankful for the member's enthusiasm for trying a new and unique language." Alyssa's devotion attracted many people to this club. "I wanted to join this club because I know Alyssa and how passionate she is about sign language," said MaryKate Kopsky.

# Competitive Clubs

**FEATURED**

**-Science and Engineering Club/ Scholar Bowl-**



## Focus

Emily Zell, sophomore, waits for the next question to be read. This was Zell's first year in the scholar bowl and she was very enthusiastic about joining.

Although two types of clubs, competitive and noncompetitive, were very popular at Westminster, they attracted two distinctly different groups of people. While both required a certain level of commitment, there were many aspects to a competitive club that made it very different from a noncompetitive club.

"In competitive clubs, I think all the members feel a greater sense of unity after each match or competition whether or not they win or lose," said Amie Lee, sophomore, a member of the scholar bowl, when asked to describe how the atmosphere in a competitive club differed from a noncompetitive club.

The competitive aspect also required a greater level of commitment and time investment from the club members. There is much more of a team aspect to clubs that compete and have to work together in order to succeed. Preparing and practicing for competitions was just as important as practicing for a sport to prepare for future games. The amount of practice and preparation was vital to the success of the team.

The scholar bowl and engineering club both met once a week to practice or prepare for their upcoming competitions. Although there was a clear level of focus and intensity, the members still said that they had a lot of fun interacting with their team.

"Through the Scholar Bowl, I was able to meet very interesting people, and it became a place of joy," said Amie Lee, sophomore.



Erin King, Amie Lee, and Caroline Hinrichs, sophomores, wait for the next trivia question to be read during practice for their upcoming competition. Erin King, sophomore, said, "I like competing with my friends." Erin participated in Scholar Bowl at her old school as well.



Christopher Faust, sophomore, gathers some materials to begin building. This was the second year Faust participated in the science and engineering club.



Joey Albertson, senior, teaches Joshua Adamson, seventh grade, how to cut a piece of metal. This was the first year Joshua participated in the science and engineering club.



Jake McKie, junior, and Charlie Wu, sophomore, answer the trivia and wait in anticipation to hear if their answer is correct. This was McKie's second year on the Scholar Bowl team and Wu's first.



**Caroline Hinrichs,**  
sophomore



**Joshua Adamson,**  
seventh grade



**Andrew Van Horn,**  
junior



Jacob Giacobelli  
Anna Gierhart  
Emma Gion  
Micah Gooch  
Jake Graham  
Kevin Graham

Brendan Grbcich  
Madison Greco  
Kayla Greene  
Bridgette Grimm  
Stephen Gross  
Grace Gundlach

Clayton Guzdial  
Jordan Haeusser  
Kayla Hawkins  
Kayla Hayes  
Luke Heintz  
Hannah Hickel

Hilary Hightower  
Caroline Hinrichs  
Bethany Holden  
Alexander Hollmann  
Amani Holmes  
Samantha Huber

Hallie Hull  
Anna Johnson  
Brittany Johnson  
Richard Johnson  
Sydney Johnson  
Justin Kapfer

Somin Kim  
Erin King  
Christopher Kirby  
Hailey Kittelson  
Michael Kolb  
Kathryn Kramer

Madeline Kugler  
Maggie Kurop  
Ji Eun Kwak  
Ashley Kyriakos  
Caroline Kyriakos  
Lily Lackey

Brooke Lang  
Thomas Lauer  
Grant LaValle  
Caleb Layton  
Marissa Lee  
Amie Lee

# Academics & Clubs

## & Sophomores

Kimi Lehr  
Michael LeVar  
Micah Lewis  
Alexa Lindgren  
A.J. Lloyd  
Chase Lottmann



Michael Luedders  
Emily Lytle  
Carter McCall  
Matthew McKinnis  
Georgia McQuillan  
Elizabeth Meeks



Jonathan Mette  
Victoria Meuret  
George Meyer  
David Montgomery  
Logan Montgomery  
Matthew Moore



Sophia Moser  
Katie Myers  
Haley Myles  
Abby Nall  
Samuel Nichols  
Isabella Ortiz



Mollie Ottsen  
Jesse Parham  
Evan Parres  
Brooke Patterson  
Jak Patterson  
Sarah Peirick



Chloe Peistrup  
Paige Penberthy  
Ashley Peterman  
Deanne Pfyl  
Rachel Potter  
Alyssa Preusser



Sarah Preusser  
Graham Pruett  
Amelia Quinn  
Whitney Radloff  
John Rahal  
Sydney Rasch



Hannah Redmond  
Dani Renaud  
Kaitlyn Rigdon  
Lily Rohlifing  
Abigail Ruckman  
Frank Sacco



MaryKate Kopsky and Alyssa Despotis, juniors



Jonathan Nyenhuis, junior



Natalie Bunton, junior



Kristen Pogue and Alyssa Shikles, juniors, explain the history of corn bread. The junior class, after reading *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* by Harriet Jacobs, do a project exploring the lasting effects of slavery in society. Pogue and Shikles demonstrated how they made corn bread and how it was a result of the minimal food wages slaves were given.

# Out With the Old, In With the New

## -English-

Just like working on a paper, teachers have to make continuous revisions to the curriculum. This year the sophomore English teachers decided the literature of western civilization needed a revamp.

"This year we decided to focus more on the redemption story than heroes," said Molly Arvesen, teacher.

For summer reading in place of *The Death of King Arthur* by Thomas Malory, the students were given a choice of *Emma* by Jane Austen, *The Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens, or *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas along with the required reading of *Till We have Faces* by C.S. Lewis.

For the regular classes, they added in *The Tempest* and *The Corsican Brothers*, but removed *Macbeth*. For honors they added *Cry the Beloved Country*.

"We made these changes because we found that the best conversations with students came from wrestling through the text to determine if it was redeemable and how that can take place," said Arvesen.

This year, since Lit. of Western Civ is focusing on the redemption story, the take away was to understand how this applied to them.

"Most of all, I hope my students understand that they will never be too far gone to be redeemed," said Arvesen.

The literature of western civilization class showed the students how to find value in the mistakes they made.



Zach Nall, junior dishes out peach cobbler with ice to his classmates. Nall and his project partner Natalie Bunton, used Bunton's Grandma's cobbler recipe. The pair explained that since many slaves weren't given much food this dessert is mostly compiled of the scrap food supplies.



Katelyn Davidson and Casey Moslein, juniors present the class with apple pot pie. Moslein and Davidson also made gumbo for the class. Gumbo is a stew that originated from Louisiana made with stock, okra, meat, celery, onions, and a lot of spices.



Alex Lawrence, junior enjoys the macaroni and cheese brought in by his classmates. The mac and cheese was made by junior, Cate Hoogstraten.





7TH



**Serafina Gabriele**, freshman, independently works on an assignment during class. This year, the freshmen focused on current events and conflicts happening all over the world.



**Mia Goff**, freshman, gets ahead on her work by using the given time in to complete her homework. The class had lots of free time to catch up on work, and lighten the work load.

8TH



**Andy Kerkhoff**, seventh grade, Global Studies



**Jennifer Ritzema**, eighth grade history, **Madison Tucker**, **Anna Rockwood**, eighth grade



**Sophia Mullen**, eighth grade, explains to the class a historic fact about the subject they were learning. The eighth grade focused more on topics in the past, and why they happened.

9TH



**Adam Barbee**, freshman History



**Parker Gelber**, **Natalie Bowman**, and **Lauren Bauer**, sophomores

10TH

# Back in Time - History

A lot can change within a year. With the new freshmen transitioning from middle school to high school, it was a big change for them. One thing that really stood out to the freshmen was the new teaching styles and ways of learning that was introduced to them.

One class that was a big change for them this year was History. "I didn't know what to expect going into high school classes. I was a little nervous and worried it would be really hard, but with guidance from teachers and help from classmates, I caught on to the flow of things and I felt comfortable in no time", says freshman, Olivia Demetry.

The freshmen who took this class had to step up and take responsibility for themselves to make sure they got everything done, since they had more freedom in the classroom.

"We had a lot more time in the class to

work on independent things rather than group work, which was nice at times but hard to get used to," says Zach Cancila, freshman. Zach and his friend's favorite part about History class this year was the teachers and how they did everything they could to make the class more enjoyable for everyone.

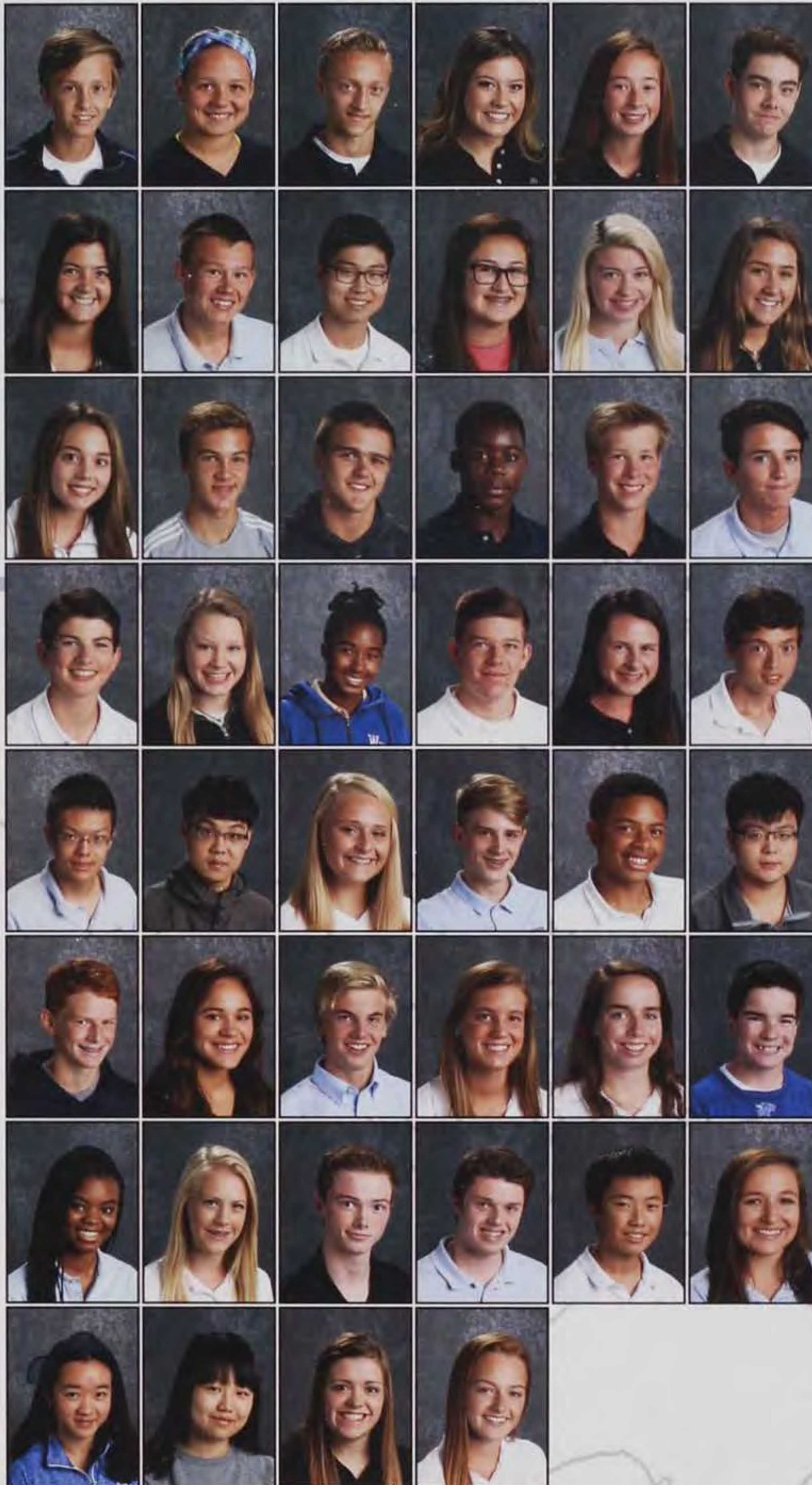
"We had great teachers who made the lessons interesting and taught us good life morals that would go along with what was being taught, I liked how we learned about current events that we can understand and relate to, rather than what happened in the past, like we did last year," Erich Dodge, freshman.

With all of the changes the freshmen had to make stepping up into high school, history class was not one of their concerns once they got the hang of it. With growing up comes more responsibilities, but when you keep an open mind and a positive attitude it comes easier than you would think.

Amani Holmes, sophomore,  
Hannah Brown, junior



11TH



Nathan Scharr  
Haley Schmer  
Hayden Shively  
Tylar Shockley  
Sarah Shoemaker  
Colin Shreves

Taylor Siebenman  
Xander Smith  
Moon Jung Song  
Christine Steck  
Savanna Steffens  
Emily Stoner

Rachel Strothkamp  
Trent Tarantino  
Michael Thoenen  
Jeremiah Thompson  
Andrew Tipton  
Ryan Timpone

Alex Token  
Mollee Trost  
Alexis Turner  
Luke Vasel  
Maddie Volding  
Nathan Walsh

Daniel Wang  
Zitong Wang  
Rebekah Warren  
Donovan Washburn  
Sean Webb  
Yilong Wei

Kurt Weinberg  
Faith Wickham  
JD Wiese  
Madeline Williams  
Lauren Willis  
Preston Willis

Jessica Wilson  
Chloe Wimpfheimer  
Austin Wolfe  
Levi Wright  
Charlie Wu  
Olivia Wuestner

Nicole Xie  
Xiao Yi  
Emily Zell  
Ashley Zone

# Academics & Clubs & Juniors

Amanda Ahlbrand  
Elli Jo Alm  
Griffin Andersen  
Eli Avery  
Teddy Bacon  
Emily Jo Barker



ISAIAH THOMPSON  
SEVENTH

Abbi Barron  
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Blake Barthelmas  
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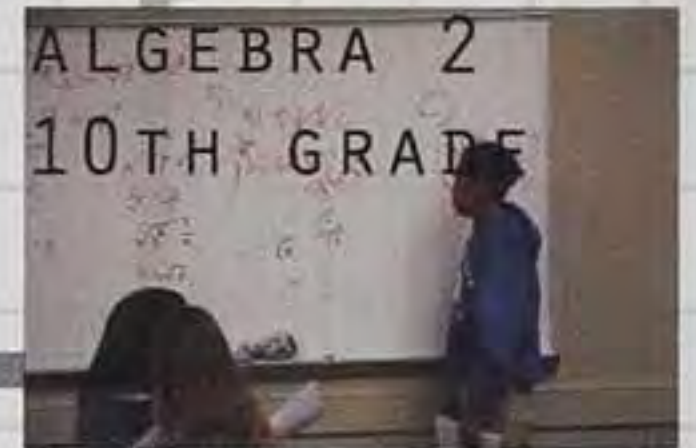


MARY GRACE FELLOWS  
FRESHMAN

Caroline Brands  
Hannah Brown  
Sarah Broyles  
Eyrice Brunk  
Natalie Bunton  
Natalie Butler



Nicholas Callier  
Chelsea Caplinger  
Dong Yoon Cha  
Maddy Challenger  
Abby Charles  
Jesse Charles



A.J. LLOYD, SOPHOMORE

Lucas Chimento  
Dyllan Conway  
Molly Cook  
Noah Cordray  
Kurt Culver  
Lexie Dark



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Alyssa Despotis  
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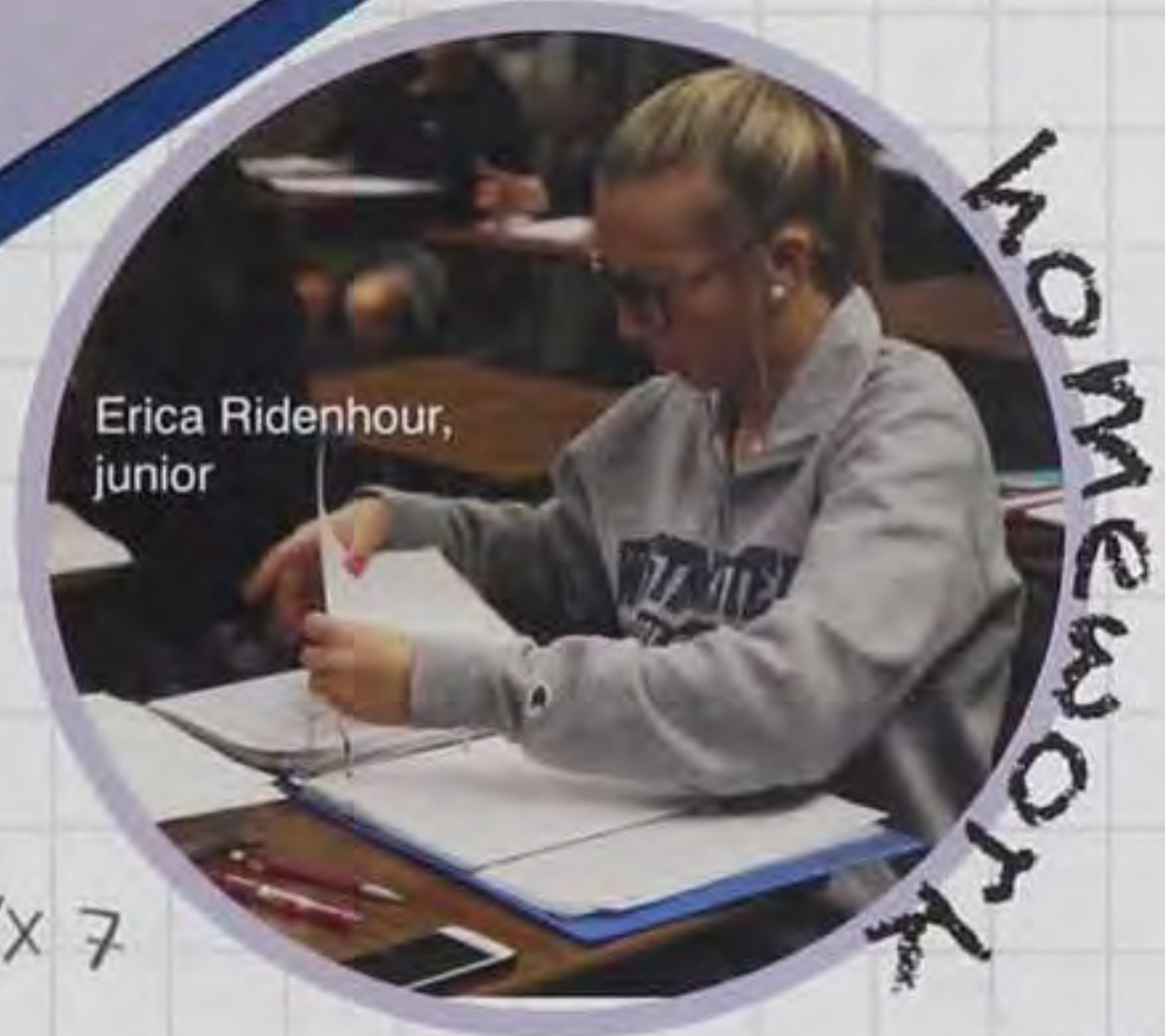
# TEACHERS + STUDENTS

- BAD ATTITUDES

Projects  
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# MATH

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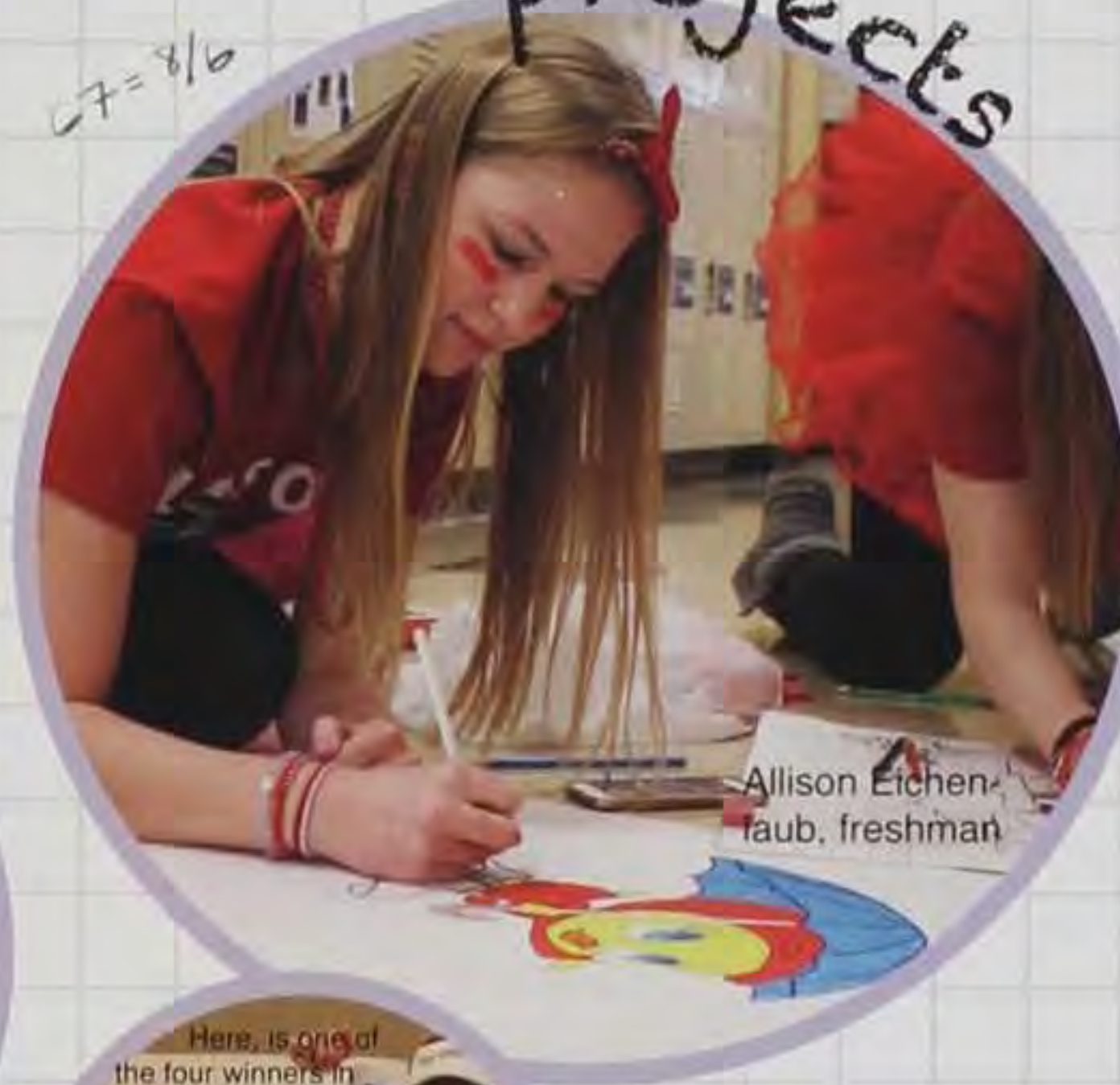
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$256000 / 32x$

projects

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## SpongeBob and a Mindset

Math was known to be one of the hardest subjects in school. Everyone dreaded the 45 minute period of math. But Hattie Means, freshman, had discovered the key to keeping a good, steady, and happy mind set in math class.

"I just have to remind myself when I get frustrated, that I'm so blessed to be at a school where they have a math program dedicated to learning just like this one."

We all get it, homework is hard and stressful, but with special techniques and positive outlooks it can be completed with a smile! Harrison Lawrence, freshman, felt the daily heat of homework each night but, he kept a positive mindset throughout the year. "In the end you'll have learned more than you expected, it's actually kinda worth it, but definitely not my favorite 30 minutes of the day," said Harrison, freshman.

During spirit week, it's a tradition for the ninth grade students in geometry to draw a cartoon, logo, character, or animal of their choice on a graphed posterboard. They must line up the grid of their picture to their poster board and draw it by scale.

"I drew spongebob. I liked it because it was different than just a regular school test and I learned how to put my work inside of class into something outside of school." said Abby Lowe, freshman, about the poster project in geometry. Abby also thought it was pretty cool to take time out of the class and talk with friends, while drawing to scale, something she had never done before.

students



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# Taking the Classroom Outside of School

**-Art-**

**Isaac Kaup**, freshman, works on creating an outline for his color wheel. Isaac took art survey, the beginning art class at Westminster, which introduces the fundamentals to students.

**Reid St. John**, seventh grade, works on his clay sculpture. The middle school art class incorporated many different types of art to allow the students to find their favorite style.



Freshman **Blaise Matheny** uses a spotlight to make measurements for his color wheel.

**Gabby James**, junior



**Erin LeVar**, senior



After working on hours of homework, most students did nothing but leisurely watch Netflix. However, a couple of passionate students devoted countless hours of their free time to make something beautiful.

Creating a piece of artwork that isn't assigned by a teacher was a way for students to take a break from their demanding schedule. "It's a good stress relief and it's pretty relaxing," said senior Nichole Romich.

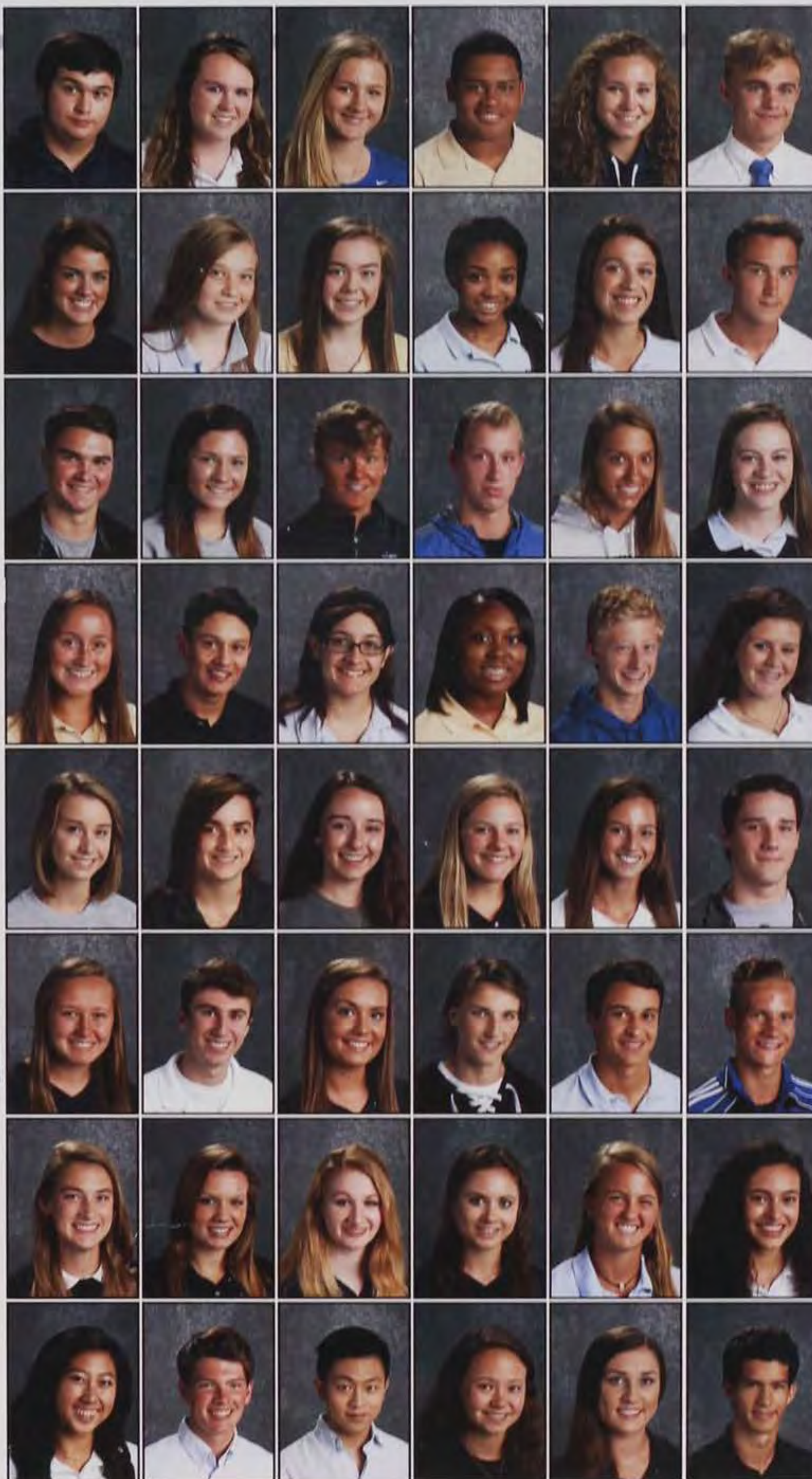
For junior Gabby James, whose favorite style is to draw portraits, being involved in art is a family business. "My mom is an artist, so her work really inspired me. She always encouraged me to use my imagination," said James.

Senior Erin LeVar, who always carried her sketchbook with her, believed that creating something beautiful is liberating and allows her to express herself. "When I see something that's beautiful I want to try and recreate it for myself. I can make something that I want to share with someone else that I might not see, so it's an expression of me," said LeVar.

These students constantly went above and beyond to find ways to bring art class to their homes.



Allie Shreves, seventh grade



Jesse Esparza-Burr  
Rachel Farrell  
Lily Fiala  
Zion Ford  
Taylor French  
Jonathan Fuller

Erin Galakatos  
Sarah Geisz  
Holly Gilmore  
Kelsey Ginger  
Sofia Granata  
Clayton Grass

Austin Greene  
Victoria Greiwe  
Chase Griesedieck  
Edward Griesedieck  
Julie Griesedieck  
Emma Hackman

Hannah Haguewood  
Jarrett Hardy  
Katherine Hassler  
Olivia Henderson  
Matthew Hoekzema  
Olivia Holt

Cate Hoogstraten  
Paris Hubler  
Gabrielle James  
Tiffany Johnson  
Alivia Johnston  
Bradley Jones

Hallie Kaiping  
Dean Karanas  
Sidney Keane  
Jason Kelly  
Alexander Kempen  
David Kerckhoff

Emily Kessel  
Jillian Klein  
Paige Klein  
Madi Koetting  
MaryKate Kopsky  
Andrea Lacassie

Rebekah Lai  
Alex Lawrence  
Chris Lee  
Brooke Lemp  
Samantha Lombardo  
Andrew Looby



Brie Adams, freshman

# Academics & Clubs & Juniors

Hannah Lovell  
Lauren Lowe  
Callie MacDonald  
Victoria MacKoul  
Jayla Malloyd  
Alayna Marusiodis



Christina Mason  
Savannah Matthews  
Christian McGhee  
Jackson McKie  
Harold Medler  
Madeline Mercer



Jordan Merkel  
Anna Mitchell  
Jacob Mitchell  
Tomas Mitchem  
Casey Moeslein  
Christopher Moore



Cooper Moore  
Michelle Morley  
Thomas Morton  
Caitlin Mundorf  
Zach Nall  
Kalista Nelson



Sarah Nolting  
Jonathan Nyenhuis  
Morayo Ladejola  
-Oginni  
Matt Ottsen  
Rebecca Park  
Julie Park



Jonny Parker  
Maxwell Peng  
Luke Peters  
Isaac Pleus  
Kristen Pogue  
Josh Pottebaum



Blake Potter  
Kyrstin Pritchett  
Brian Re  
Jacob Reeve  
Erica Ridenhour  
Hailey Rupprecht



Hannah Sabadell  
Weston Schad  
Nicole Schneider  
Benjamin Schuler  
Logan Sells  
Elisabeth Sems



Lacey Rapp and McKenna Montgomery, seniors



Elyse Blatz and Anna Huynh, seniors



Nick Ebel, Mason Davitt, Sam Hunsicker, Timmy Sell, Joey Albertson, and Myles Bakewell, seniors, stand in front of the Mosque. At the mosque, a lady spoke about the Islam faith, and what their beliefs are. The student visited the mosque before they visited the Hindu Temple.



# Trading Places

-Bible-



Tessa Copeland and Tommy Regan, seniors, sit by each other on the bus. Tessa and Tommy posed for about five different pictures on the bus, but most of them were silly poses. They rode together on the way to the Mosque, which is the first place the seniors went.



Davis Haeusser and Brennan Murphy, seniors, ride on the bus together leaving Westminster. The cameras were not allowed inside, so many pictures were captured on bus rides. There was an all guys bus that was totally full each place the students went.



Maggie Dare, Sabrina Bingham, Celia Avery, and Bekah Westrich, seniors, wait for the bus to leave for the mosque. They rode by each other on each bus ride to and from the Mosque and Temple.

On December 7, the senior worldviews classes visited the Mosque and the Hindu Temple. First, they went to the Mosque and listened to a lady talk about the Islamic faith. "It was not super formative. She did not teach us very much; she just bashed Christianity," said Ryan Davis, senior.

The Mosque had no decor in their place of worship except for a dome and a large chandelier, which was the opposite of the temple's decor. "There was nothing decorative in the building except for the chandelier in the middle of the room," said Gabby Sicard, senior.

After the Mosque, the classes went to the temple and listened to a speaker who converted from Presbyterian Christianity to Hinduism. "I liked the temple a lot better because I did not know a lot about Hinduism, so his talk was interesting. I would go back to that place for a field trip again if I could," said Aaron Dillmon, senior.

The Hindu Temple had hand-carved decorations on the outside of the temple and throughout the inside. "It was very different and creative, but I was disturbed by the statues," said Davis. The classes observed what the Islamic and Hindu people do to worship and the difference in religions.



Hindu Temple

# Make-up and Break-up -Drama-

Many students at Westminster took Drama 1 as an elective for a semester. Those who strived to extend their excellence in dramatic arts moved on to Drama 2. Some of the appeal in this class, were the opportunities that arose from this course. For example, students got to learn how makeup artists do stage makeup in the theatre. This experience was very exciting for some students who needed a break in the normal school day routine.

"You get to come to class and paint your face for an hour during the day. Who wouldn't want to do that?" said Anna Hassler, freshman. Students got the chance to create an array of different people and creatures with their new acquired skills. The students had the opportunity to transform their face into many different creatures: from a skeleton, to a bloody zombie, to a colorful bird.

"The choices are endless," said Nick Frogge, senior. The other appeal to the class was the transition it allowed to other areas of the dramatic arts.

"I took this class because I want to do improv in the future and Drama 2 is required for that class. Also, my older brother took it and had a blast so I wanted to try it for myself," said Mitchell Farmer, freshman. Drama 2 opened many doors for those involved in the dramatic arts who desired to go further in their acting careers.

**Hannah Park**, freshman, works on making her lips appear to have two layers amidst her dark zombie look. She said, "I really enjoy this class and can't wait to move on to more drama classes in the future."



**Emma Winter**, junior, paints her face like a skeleton during her fourth hour drama class. Her and her classmates go to the theater dressing rooms every class period to work on their stage makeup skills.



**Vikki MacKoul**, junior, paints abstract designs on a white background during her Drama 2 class period. "I really enjoy this class because it is so fun to become someone different every day you come in. I also am interested in other drama classes in the future," she said about her desire to take this class.



**Lauren Bauer**, sophomore, paints a mask over her white features for her stage makeup look. She used makeup artist paints to complete colorful look.



**Sophie Moser**, junior, creates a sunrise effect with the colors on her face and added a scaring element around her mouth. "I took this class because I love to do makeup and wanted to further my talents in stage makeup," she said.



Michael Shaw  
Rebekah Shields  
Alyssa Shikles  
Maia Sims  
Julia Snodgrass

Thomas Southwell  
Paige Stanfill  
Josh Steiner  
Devan Stewart  
Zachary Stinehagen

Garrett Stoecker  
Bethany Stone  
Benjamin Sullivan  
Nick Suter  
William Sutter

Sara Swan  
Anna Tallman  
Josh Theus  
Allison Thoenen  
Jimmy Thomas

Lucas Thuro  
Madelyn Trost  
Alexis Tuggle  
Jennifer Urban  
Andrew Van Horn

Joshua Vander Velde  
Carmen Verbeke  
Alena Vermillion  
Sydney Walker  
Steve Webb

Max Weiss  
Will Wetzel  
Mackenzie Wieberg  
Camryn Williams  
Valerie Winkler

Emma Winter  
Moiria Wright  
Bryce Xie  
Alexandra Yeager  
Katherine Yenser

Charles Zone

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Erin Albright  
Rosemary Anderson  
Lisa Appelbaum  
Molly Arvesen  
Adam Barbee



Peter Barrs  
Kyla Basnett  
Carol Becker  
Mary Becker  
Alicia Bequette  
Laura Berry



Mike Bertucci  
Claire Birchenough  
Ken Boesch  
Katie Boggs  
Evelyn Bowman  
Karen Bowman



Steve Bradley  
Luke Breems  
Joy Breneman  
Noah Brink  
Susie Brown  
Sherry Buis



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Michelle Burke  
Brian Burkey  
Dani Butler  
Gina Butterfield  
Jim Butz



Lindsay Carlile  
Doug Coleman  
Ben Collison  
Laura Copeland  
Hannah Corwin  
Kable Cunningham



Monique Cusumano  
Luke Davis  
Mike Decker  
Matt DeJong  
Anne DeRousse  
Christina DeVerger



"I liked how I was able to learn more about the business world and the essentials because I want to go into business in the future" Said **Chloé Kellom**, freshman.



**Brandon Beat** and **Jayla Malloyd** pose with **Marjan Kempen**, hub advisor, in the Academic Hub. Beat and Malloyd hosted "Mama Kempen's Donut Diner" for their donut-selling project.

Selling  
Donuts  
with  
Intro  
to  
Business



**Levi Wright**, sophomore, holds a beach ball outside his donut stand. His group had a hawaiian-themed project to sell as many donuts as possible.



"Getting to interact with kids from all over the school is a lot more fun than just sitting in a classroom" says **Betsy Bailey**, sophomore. Bailey's favorite part of the semester was selling donuts.



Dominic Cusumano, sophomore, films a segment for a WCA Roar Broadcast with Zach Hughes, John Pottebaum, seniors, and Andrew Van Horn, junior. Making broadcast videos was a more creative news outlet for the students.

# THE ROAR



Cate Hoogstraten, junior, looks at some proofs for an edition of *The Roar*. "I like Newspaper because it really forces you into the real business world. Working with other students and people out side the classroom is as close to real business as it gets," said Hoogstraten.

## Business is Roaring -Business and Communications-

Each month, every Westminster student opened their locker to find a new copy of Westminster's student newspaper, *The Wildcat Roar*. Everyone knew what *The Roar* was, and that somehow it came from a group of students somewhere in the school. What most people did not know, however, was who these people were, and what kind of work they were doing to get *The Roar* out to the students every month.

The newspaper staff made up one of the most realistic business projects in the school. The students on the staff worked hard every month to interview students, research current events, contact companies interested in marketing, take pictures, and write stories that would interest any Westminster student.

"The most stressful part of newspaper is the 1-2 weeks before *The Roar* goes to the printer. When that time comes it is a huge relief to get the newspaper finished. It feels really good to pass out copies of *The Roar* and see all our hard work come together," said Bridgette Grimm, sophomore.



**John Yin**, senior, helps **Andy Chen**, sophomore, practice writing characters. The pair used special calligraphy pens and mats that allow more ease with each stroke. All it takes is a dab of water and each student can learn every Chinese stroke.

## Uniting the Nations -Chinese Club-

As an extension of Chinese class, Ming Li, Chinese teacher, started an after school Chinese Club. Students from all grades came to learn about Chinese culture and basic phrases from the language. They practiced writing characters, made Chinese cuisine, and learned about Chinese history.

"[Chinese club] is like diving into a pool of foreign language. You learn so much about the culture and Chinese calligraphy," said Emily Kessel, junior.

For some students, it's a way to get to know other students. "It's interesting to get to know some of the foreign exchange students that come to help," said Alena Vermillion, junior.

"When I came to the U.S., I found that I benefitted a lot from exposure to the American culture, a culture which was vastly different from the culture I knew and grew up in. Through living here after living in China my whole life, I learned to develop an open-mindedness that I had never possessed before. By starting the Chinese Club, I hope to encourage similar experiences in Westminster students," Li said.

"My primary goal for the Chinese Club is to develop in Westminster students a knowledge of and appreciation for a different culture; through this, I hope to give students the tools to bridge the gaps between the various groups of people living together in our communities today by developing understanding and empathy," Li said.

Chinese club was more than just a place to learn about Chinese culture, but also a place to connect.

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**Ming Li**, teacher, demonstrates to the students how to use the calligraphy pens. Li has been a teacher at Westminster for three years. "The primary focus of the Chinese Club is learning about and experiencing Chinese culture; this is different from a Chinese class, where the focus is more language oriented," said Li.



**John Yin**, senior, perfects his character writing skill. Yin is one of the few students who help the Chinese classes on Thursday mornings as his senior service. "This club is for anyone interested in or curious about learning more about Chinese culture and the Chinese language outside of a class setting. Any Westminster student is encouraged to join," said Mrs. Li.





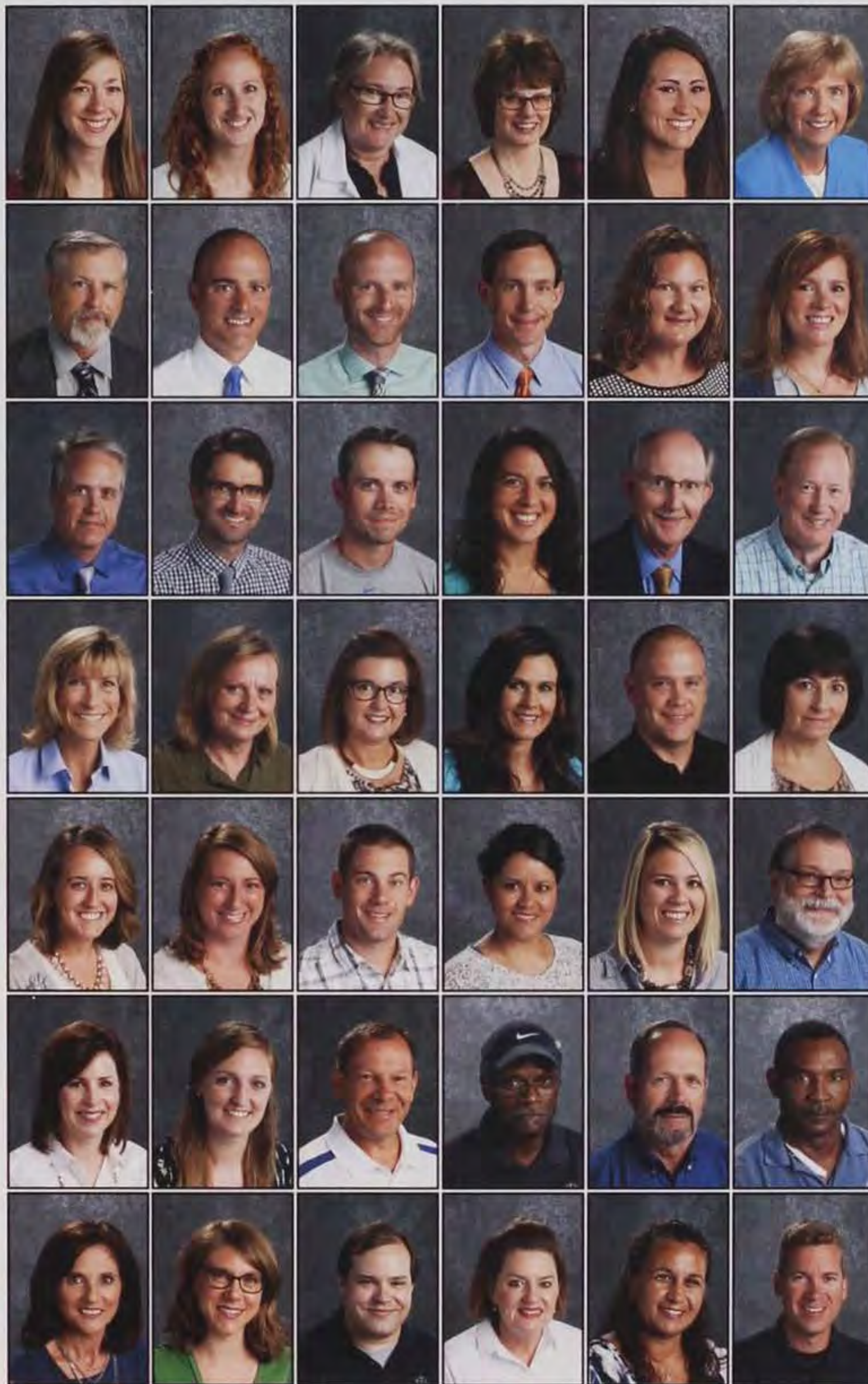
**Aaron Wei**, sophomore watches the new year video. Chinese club was discussing the Chinese new year. They celebrated by trying an assortment of Chinese candy.



**Cam Robinson** and **Michael Tran**, freshman, talk with Mrs. Li about the Chinese fish candy. The pair found the candy to be an interesting experience.



**Daisy Luo**, senior



Sarah DeVries  
Emily Dierking  
Joan Dudley  
Kathy Eichelberger  
Rachel Endel  
Lucy Erdman

Jim Farmer  
Todd Fuller  
Micah Gall  
Eric Gargrave  
Kelly Gilbert  
Lara Goeke

L.B. Graham  
Nick Gray  
Daniel Gruhn  
Chrissy Guerra  
David Haas  
Tim Hall

Lisa Harding  
Sue Haverstick  
Teri Haxel  
Codi Heefner  
Nile Heefner  
Nicky Hensley

Emily Hill  
Carolyn Holt  
Jonathan Horn  
Melissa Horton  
Rene Howse  
Larry Hughes

Stacy Isaacs  
Kristin Janssen  
Rex Janssen  
Jimmie Jeffery  
Mark Jennings  
David Johnson

Peggy Johnson  
Abby Karsten  
Ivan Kawaler  
Jill Keith  
Marjan Kempen  
Andy Kerckhoff



**Ming Li**, teacher



**Emily Kessel**, junior

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Aaron Layton  
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Kaitlin Lehde  
Ming Li  
Heather Marsee  
Debby Massot



Gina Meeks  
Shelley Milligan  
Jacob Mohler  
Maggie Moore  
Tim Muehleisen  
Robert Murphy



Sheriden Newlin  
Taylor Orr  
Erica Osborne  
Allison Pautler  
Chris Pederson  
JD Perona



Jeanine Peters  
Dan Petke  
Karen Pollack  
Carla Powell  
Nancy Provin  
Emily Reed



Chris Reynolds  
Amy Rhodes  
Jennifer Ritzema  
Julie Roberts  
Jenny Rockwood  
Mallory Rohlfing



Jennifer Roig  
Lisa Rupprecht  
John Sarra  
Spencer Savory  
Dave Schall  
Greg Schoenberg



Ashley Zone, sophomore



Peter Barton, eighth grade



Deanne Pfyf, sophomore



Keaton Greiwe, freshman

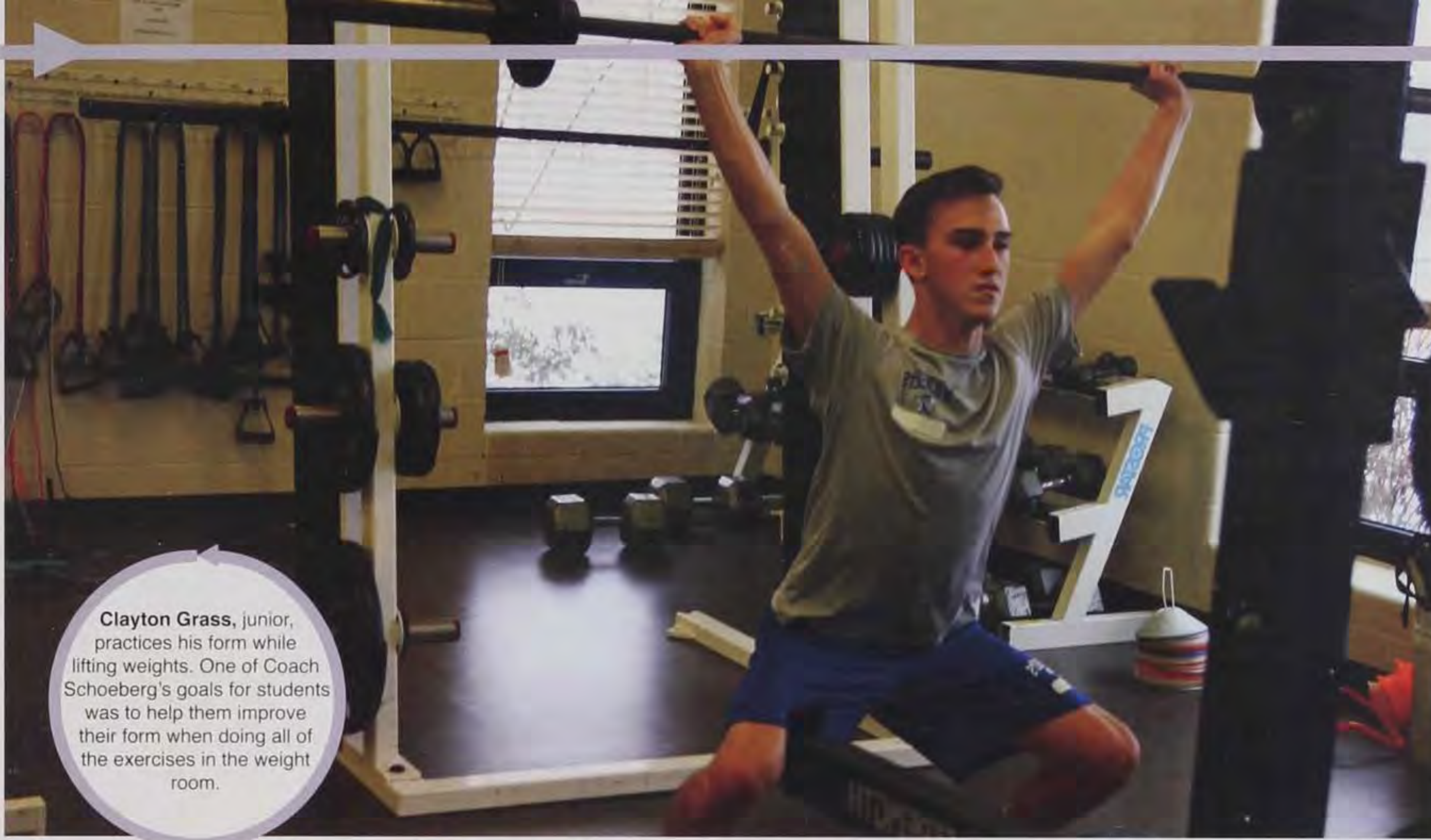
"I really like getting stronger and making myself better. It gives me endorphins and keeps me healthy."  
-Avery Iven, senior



MaryKate Kopsky, junior

"I've taken it multiple times because it keeps me toned, and working out breaks up the long days of sitting in class, stressing out."  
-Emily Kessel, junior





**Clayton Grass**, junior, practices his form while lifting weights. One of Coach Schoenberg's goals for students was to help them improve their form when doing all of the exercises in the weight room.

# From Student to Successor

-PE-

This year the P.E. department experienced many changes as Coach Schoenberg took over Coach Schall's job in the weight room. Schoenberg started out as a student of Schall when he was a student at Westminster in high school. "I was able to be on both sides of it. I was able to be coached by him and also come back and watch him coach from the other side and learn from him. I was able to take over his position, so it was kind of a full circle type of role," said Greg Schoenberg, weight room coach.

Schoenberg mentioned that he had large shoes to fill as he took on the role that his mentor has possessed. "He subbed for us a few times, and I think that helped the transition. They're both really good coaches," said Avery Iven, senior, who took a strength and conditioning class last year and currently participates in morning weight lifting.

Schoenberg had also been helping in the weight room and coaching for awhile, so that make it easier for him to assume this new role. "The year before I took over the position I spent a lot of time coaching, and I was a full time sub. This helped me to be able to get a good grasp on the way that he taught, so I was able to mimic a lot of that and see some things that I wanted to tweak," said Schoenberg. He went on to add that he liked the way Schall had run the program and planned to keep it mainly the same.

All in all, both men are excellent coaches, and while the program will miss Coach Schall's leadership, it will also benefit from a new perspective and all that Coach Schoenberg has to



**Maggie Kehr**, freshman, helps her partner, **Emma Gore**, freshman, to lift weights in strength and conditioning class. The students all had partners to watch their form and help them to improve their skills.



**Coach Sullivan** talks to her female fitness class about the importance of their heart rate. In addition to doing workouts and playing fun fitness games, the course also focused on teaching girls to live a healthy life.



**Ian Woodard** and **Cole Hintz**, freshmen, lift weights in their strength and conditioning. Coach Schoenberg mentioned that one of his favorite parts of coaching is seeing students improve throughout the semester.



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#include <title>
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int main ()
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{
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std::cout << "A New Kind of Language  
Class";
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}
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**-STEM-**

**Ben Schuler, Jonathan Nyenhuis, and a very blurry Jason Kelly, juniors, work on coding. Though the semester had just started, the students got a hang of C++ quickly.**



**Jake Graham, sophomore.**



**Joshua Vander Velde, junior.**

In order to graduate, students were required to take a language credit, so by the time they leave Westminster, most students had a decent grasp on Spanish, French, or Chinese. The C++ class was a semester long technology credit that focused on the computer programming language. Regardless of what projects the students created, the point of the class was to learn how to use C++.

"It is the hardest computer language that you can learn, so if you learn C++ you figure out most of the others," said Jack Bauer, junior.

Like learning one romance language helped with understanding all the others, C++ enabled students to approach unfamiliar programming languages with relative understanding. Yet C++ presented its own unique set of obstacles.

"Learning C++ required you to think in a logical manner like a computer, including learning a syntax that the computer can understand," said Jonathan Nyenhuis, junior.

Even though the classes challenged the students, especially those with no previous programming knowledge, they still loved it.

"It's a really good class," said Josh Vander Velde, junior.

Though slightly intimidating, the C++ class proved to be worth the work.



**Blake Potter, junior.**

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... for unsigned long long = 18446744073709551615
...
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the distance can only be [ 1.17549e+33 to 9.22337e32 ]
...
variable occupies bytes of memory.
... for a double variable is [ 1.222507e+308 to 1.79769e+308 ]
...
manager is 0
... long double = 1.79769e+308
... long double = 1.222507e+308
...
key to continue . . .
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//d
//Print out info for a int
int a = 11;
cout << "a = " << a << endl;
cout << "sizeof(a) = " << sizeof(a) << endl;
cout << "minimum int = " << INT_MIN << endl;
cout << "maximum int = " << INT_MAX << endl;

cout << endl;

//e
//Print out info for a long
long hello = 9;
cout << "hello = " << hello << endl;
cout << "It uses " << sizeof(hello) << " bytes of memory." << endl;
cout << "The range for a long variable is [ " << LONG_MIN << " ; " << LONG_MAX << " ]"
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“Binary is a set of zeros and ones (also known as on and off) that the computer reads. When you code the code is “transferred” to assembly language, machine language, then finally to binary, so the computer knows what to do,” said Jack Bauer, junior.



Allen Schwamb  
 Sara Schwamb  
 Kelley Schwartz  
 Helen Scott  
 Janet Sell  
 Lucy Sell

Mark Sell  
 Andrew Shaw  
 Jeff Shultz  
 Lauren Simpson  
 Cory Snyder  
 Amy St. John

Tom Stoner  
 Annie Sullivan  
 Heidi Thies  
 Jason Thompson  
 Karen Thompson  
 Kevin Todd

Kristi Trembl  
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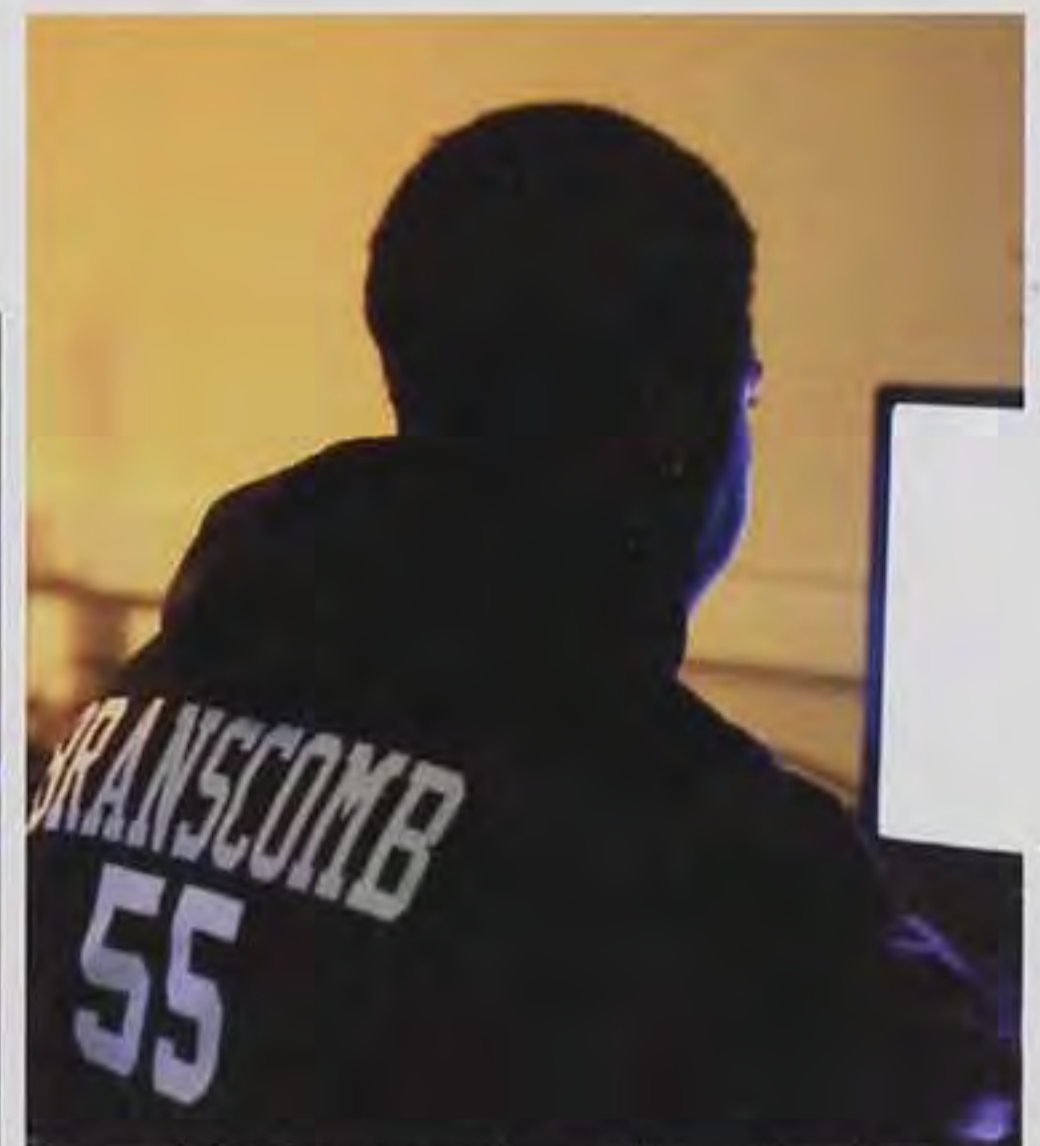
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 Ashley Woodall  
 Todd Zell  
 Rebecca Zylstra



**Daniel Wang**, sophomore, focuses on his coding. “I think that computer programming is really cool because you get to make the computer do things that you normally can’t,” said Wang, sophomore.



**Ben Schuler**, junior, works diligently on a project. “It’s an experience of trail and error. Learning the very intricate workings of a computer is a very interesting subject,” said Schuler.



**Jeremiah Branscomb**, senior, writes the code for the computer to convert the temperature in Fahrenheit to the temperature in Celsius.

# Our INTERACTIONS

can be summed up by the way we

**Compete** with each other.

**A**ttitudes on and off the  
field or court show our

**Christian Character**

amidst a

**Competitive Environment.**

**David Kerckhoff**, junior, looks down the field during a varsity soccer game Sept. 10 against Timberland. Kerckhoff was the only third year junior on varsity.



Exhibiting **respect** for coaches, other players, and officials were vital to the display of good sportsmanship.

## Competition

at WCA was encompassed by the ten pillars of athletics. Athletics allowed a group of students to **work together as a team** to accomplish a common goal.

**Cliff DeGroot**  
Class of 2017

**“ I appreciate the way our coaches are invested in us and want us to be better and work harder. ”**

**Izzy Clawson**, sophomore, swings at the ball during a Varsity softball game. Clawson played center field and batted lead off most of the games.



We  
**INTERACT** together,  
united under  
a common ambition.

The sum of our  
**INTERACTIONS**  
is identified through competition.

**Elisabeth Sems**

**Class of 2017**

“ I love that we can openly share our faith and encourage each other in it. The environment for school sports is so different than most club teams.”

**Kyrstin Pritchett**

**Class of 2017**

“ Our coaches get to incorporate their faith into the way they coach and lead us. I have learned so much by watching them live out their faith in a competitive environment.”





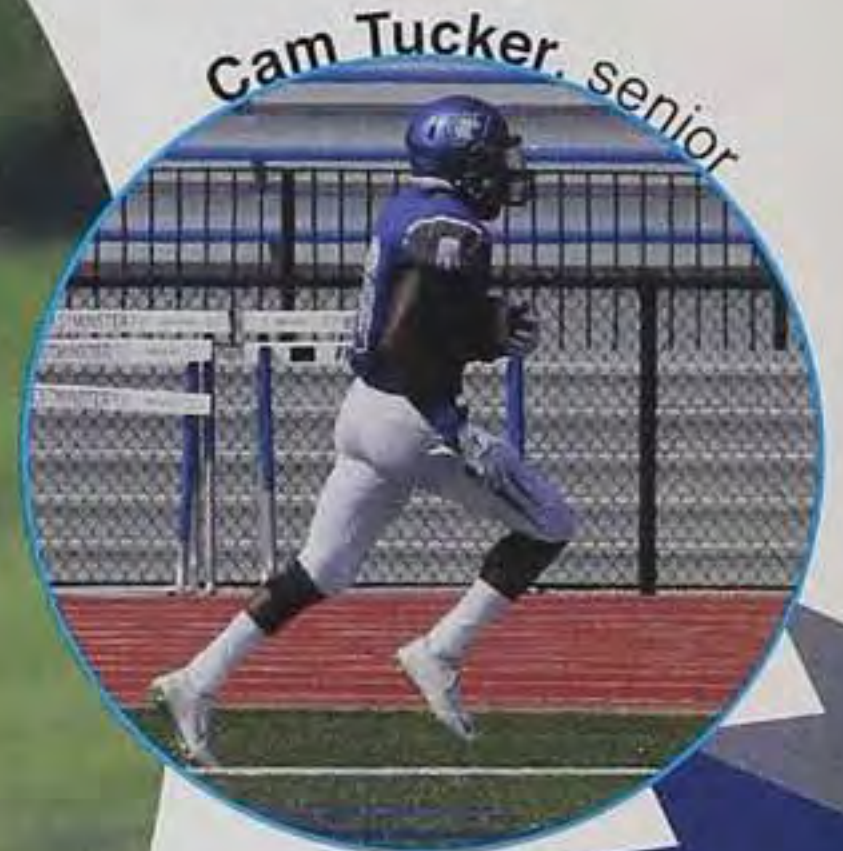
**Kelly Bradley**, sophomore, gets in an early season workout for the girl's JV soccer team in the spring.



**Evan Johnson**, senior, hands the ball off to the all time leading rusher in Westminster football history, **Steve Webb**, junior, in a game versus Lutheran North.



Casey Hinds, senior



Cam Tucker, senior



Austin Greene, junior

@WCAyourbook

@brennanmurphy: @LukeHDavis had informed me that I broke the school record for most negative receiving yards in a game #blessed #minus7

@wcafootball: Conference champs! Congrats to our guys on a big win over Burroughs today. #7-0

@chadbriden: great angle of the run out @joshpottebaum5



After another big play from the defensive secondary, land shark **Josh Pottebaum**, junior celebrates with his teammates.



## Varsity Football

### Lucky Number 7

For the 2015 Westminster football team, 7 was a special number.

The Westminster football program was trending up. This year's senior class was the winningest class in Westminster football history, with two district championships under their belts. All this success and the tradition of winning that formed was great, but there was one thing this senior class had never been able to do: beat John Burroughs.

Going into this year's clash, the stakes were high. Both teams were undefeated at 6-0 with a Metro Conference Championship on the line.

"Winning the Burroughs game is a goal for us every year. We knew that this game would be a good checkpoint to see where we were as a team," said **Mason Davitt**, senior.

After preparing for this game like it was the super bowl, it was time to take the field and play the game. After making a defensive stand on Burroughs first drive, the Wildcats stormed down the field and struck with a 42 yard receiver to receiver touchdown pass from Dyllan Conway to Logan Sells. "I just got the ball and launched that mug" said **Dyllan Conway**, junior. Conway punched in another score in the third quarter, breaking several tackles on his way to the end zone. Zach Hughes and Connor Hafenrichter also got in on the scoring party.

The Wildcat defense was stellar. They held Burroughs running back Jake Bain to under 100 yards and kept him to no gain or negative yardage on 8 of his 15 carries. Brennan Murphy and Patrick Jung both had sacks and Nick Ebel had a key interception to seal the victory for the Cats.

By all the happy tears and post game locker room dancing, any viewer could tell how much this victory meant to the varsity football team. The Westminster football class of 2016 beat Burroughs for the first time and add this big win to their legacy.

"It was the biggest game of my high school career It was a great win and it was so much fun to get that big win with my brothers," said **Drew Melaragno**, senior.

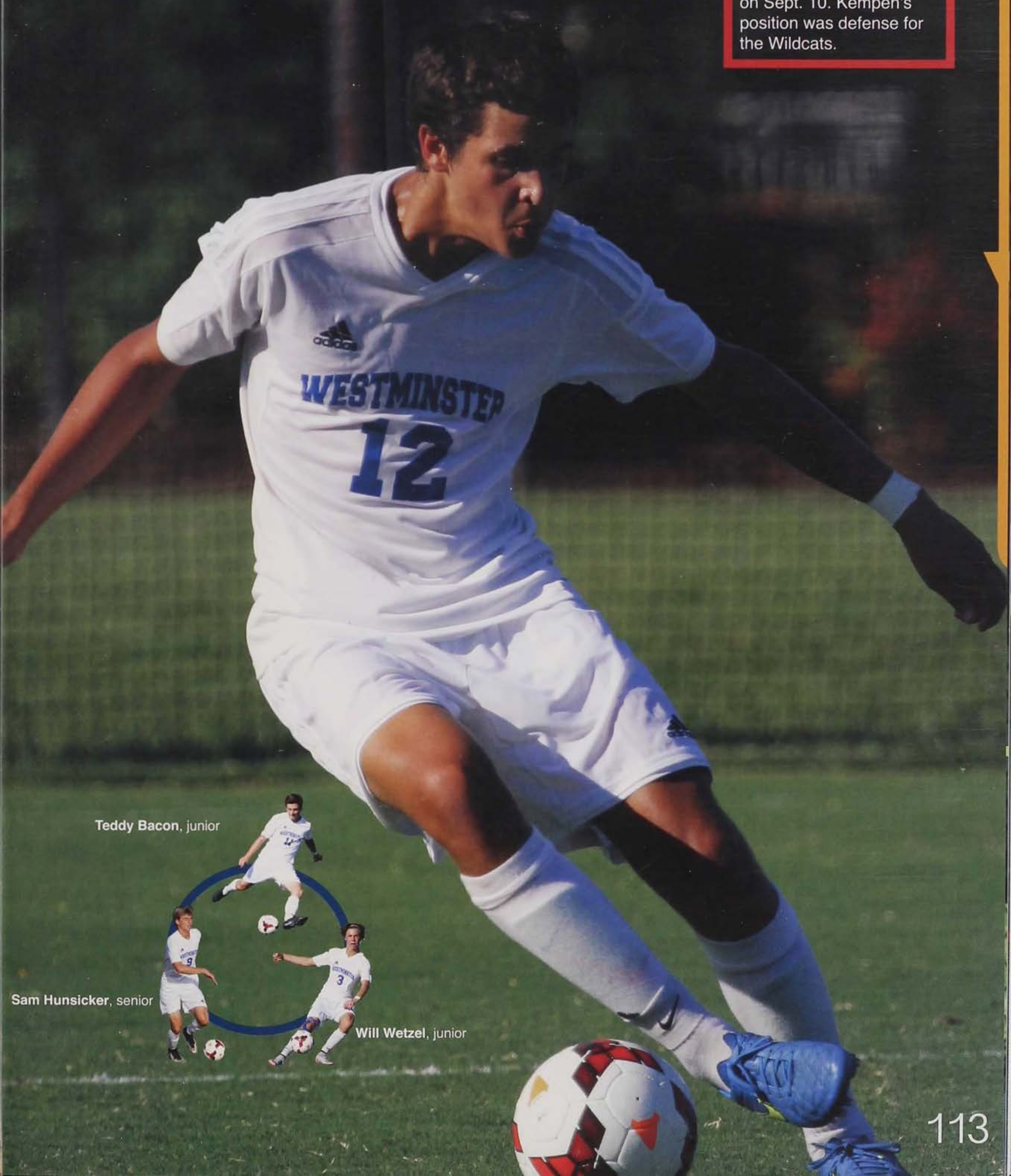
The Wildcats ended a seven year drought, beating John Burroughs for the first time since 2007 to advance their record to 7-0 and claim their first ever Metro League Championship.

"I intercepted the ball, and I was just thinking: don't fumble, don't fumble, don't fumble" said **Nick Ebel**, senior.





**Alex Kempen**, junior, takes the ball during a game against Timberland on Sept. 10. Kempen's position was defense for the Wildcats.



**Teddy Bacon**, junior



**Sam Hunsicker**, senior



**Will Wetzel**, junior



Emily Stevenson, senior, said, "Our team was very united this year. We had a lot of fun whether it was cheering for our teammates when matches were close or throwing ice cream at one another."



Sarah Ragsdale, senior, said "I love the support of the team and how it is like a family. Even if you're the last one playing, and its dark outside, you know there will be people cheering you on."



Tessa Copeland, senior, said, "The season ended up being really great and even though we didn't win many matches at the beginning, we finished off the season really well."



Hannah Grace Smith, senior, said, "This was my first year on varsity and I didn't really know what to expect since I hadn't played at that level before, but it ended up being really great."



Margo Koby, senior, said "I didn't expect to become such good friends with people you rarely talk to or don't even know."



Competitive

# Women's Varsity Tennis

## Hustle, Hit, and Never Quit

The Women's Varsity Tennis team fought their way through the Metro League Tournament and ended their season on a good note. The lady cats placed overall 4th in the tournament, but had individual victories.

Caroline Hinrichs, sophomore, placed first in the singles flight 4. Hinrichs described the win as "momentous", because it was down to the last swing. "My opponent was hungry for the win, but I proved that I wanted it more. I remained focused and gave it my all," said Hinrichs. Hinrichs went on to place third alongside Hattie Means, freshman, in singles double flight 2, but she was still proud of her achievement.

Emily Stevenson, senior, recalled winning 11-9 in a 3 set tie-breaker against the number 2 player in the state from Villa during the tournament.

"This win advanced our team to the district championship. We played tough and fought hard all down the lineup. Immediately after match point, everyone stormed the court and went crazy!" said Stevenson.

The lady Cats were sad to see their season come to an end. "Every time I see Coach Barbee in the hallways, I get a little sad. It was such a good season, but it was too short. I knew that it would be the last time that I would play for the Westminster tennis program, but it didn't hit me until the season ended," said Tessa Copeland, senior.



Katelyn Davidson, junior



Caroline Hinrichs, sophomore



Maggie Kurop, sophomore



Hannah Sabadell, junior, said, "I am proud to be a part of a wonderful group of girls."



Julie Griesdieck, junior, said, "I'm sad to see the season come to an end."



Mollie Ottsen, sophomore, said, "It was my first year on Varsity, and it took some getting used to."



Hattie Means, freshman, said, "Being on varsity as a freshman is a big achievement."

## Varsity Highlights Metro League Tournament

### Singles Flights

**1st Place:** Caroline Hinrichs (Flight 4), Hattie Means (Flight 5).

**2nd Place:** Emily Stevenson (Flight 1)

**3rd Place:** Julie Griesdieck (Flight 8)

**4th Place:** Tessa Copeland (Flight 6), Katelyn Davidson (Flight 7).

### Doubles Flights

**3rd Place:** Hattie Means and Caroline Hinrichs (Flight 2).

Katelyn Davidson and Mollie Ottsen (Flight 4).

Julie Griesdieck and Hannah Sabadell (Flight 5).

**4th Place:** Emily Stevenson and Sarah Ragsdale (Flight 1). Maggie Kurop and Hannah Grace Smith (Flight 6).

## Westminster's finest: Class of 2016



Tessa Copeland Senior



Margo Koby Senior



Emily Stevenson Senior



Sarah Ragsdale Senior



Hannah Grace Smith Senior



The varsity tennis team celebrates senior night at a match against Villa Duchesne. Although they lost by one match, the girls were still encouraged, and smiles remained on their faces.



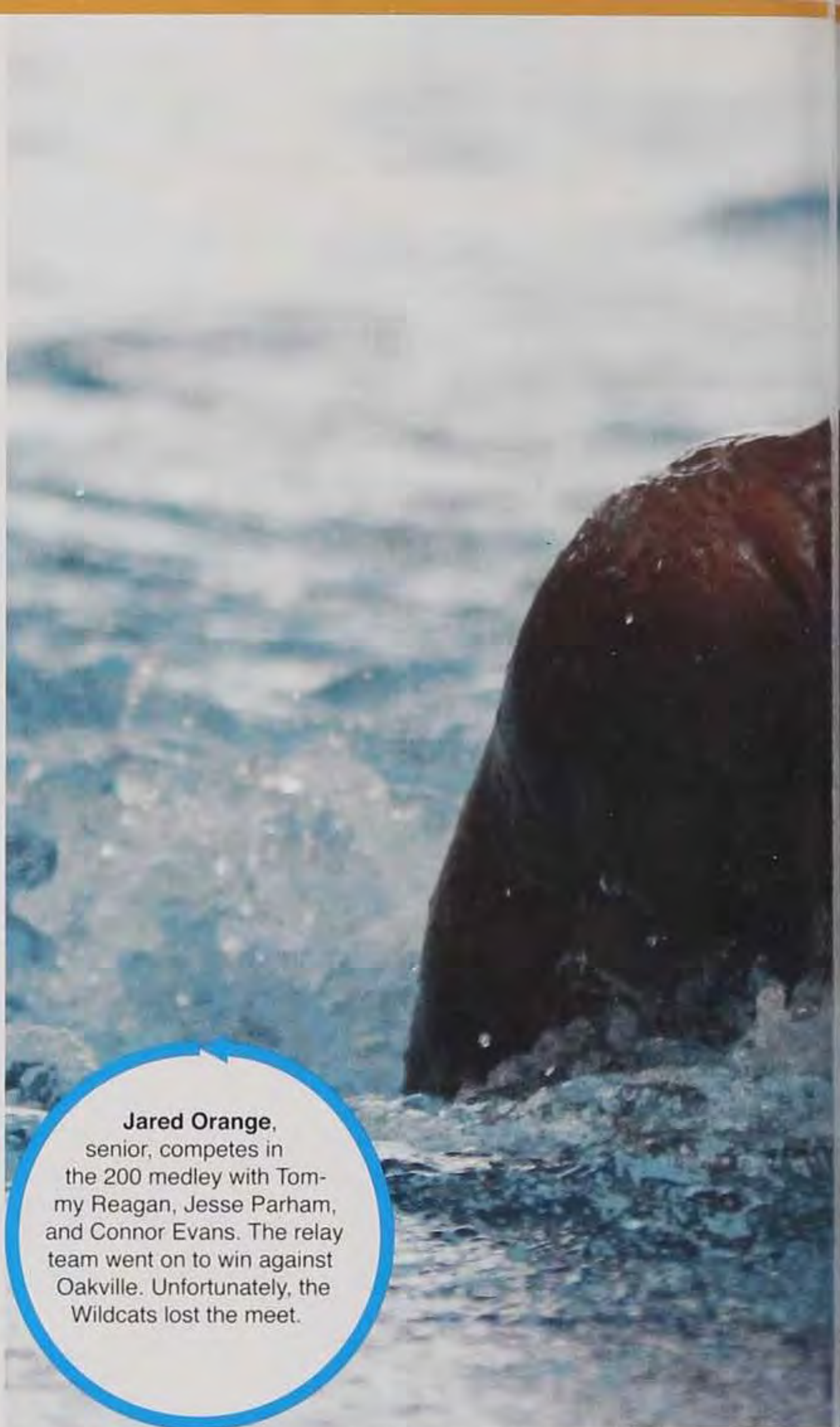
Harrison Greer, senior



Tommy Reagan, senior



Nick Frogge, senior



**Jared Orange**, senior, competes in the 200 medley with Tommy Reagan, Jesse Parham, and Connor Evans. The relay team went on to win against Oakville. Unfortunately, the Wildcats lost the meet.



**Caleb Terschak**, freshman, participates in a relay doing the butterfly stroke. Terschak and his teammates swam hard in an attempt to clutch first place for the Wildcats.



**Nicholas Reeve**, freshman, swims against Oakville on September 8. The boys swam a good race, but ultimately they came up 5 points short. So the Wildcats took a strong second place.

## Senior Night

1st Place 200 Medley Relay: Tommy Regan, JD Wiese, Jesse Parham, and Connor Evans

1st place 200 Free Relay: Connor Evans, Matthew Moore, Jesse Parham and JD Wiese

1st Place 400 Free Relay: Jesse Parham, Connor Evans, Caleb Terschak, and Tommy Regan

Individual Winners: Caleb Terschak 200 and 500 Free, JD Wiese 200 M and 100 Breaststroke, Harrison Greer 50 free, Jesse Parham 100 Fly, Connor Evans 100 Fr, Tommy Regan 100 Back, and Chris Kirby, diving





## Men's Varsity Swim and Dive

### Bringing YouTube To Life

All it took to learn how to dive was a computer, a pool, and a little bit of determination. This year the men's varsity swim team had two divers, who despite not having a coach until two weeks into the season, were insistent on learning new dives. Chris Kirby, sophomore, and JT Fuller, junior, worked together to perfect their dives.

"It's really interesting," said Fuller. "Because there are some days when we want to learn something new, so we go on YouTube. We see things and think 'oh I can do that'. Since we teach ourselves, we just go out there and see what happens."

Unlike, JT Fuller, Kirby had been diving for two years.

"For me, I prefer to self-teach from YouTube. With Coach Connie it's different and I'm adapting to it, but tutorials are really nice," said Kirby.

While using tutorials was a great tool, nothing could beat having someone to help perfect dives.

"She goes back over technique from dives we learned from tutorials," said Kirby.

Diving was a lot of work but time together with a coach and YouTube, the men's diving team was bound to be great.

Junior, **JT Fuller**, executes a backward tuck dive. He was new to the dive team this year.



Sophomore, **Chris Kirby**, does a pike dive into the pool. Despite the team's loss against John Burroughs, Kirby finished first in the diving portion of the meet.



## Intimidation Factor

Stunning new uniforms, intimidating scowls, and countless screaming fans. The WCA field hockey team looked upon their opponents as they waltzed onto the field. The Wildcats were about to face the best-of-the-best in field hockey competition, MICDS. As a first year varsity member, Maggi Eachus, senior, said, "we knew it was going to be a challenging game. We are used to people scoring on us and MICDS is one of the best". The girls knew that this game was going to be tough.

Within the first minute of the game the MICDS offense broke away towards the goal. Suddenly, the referee blew his whistle, halting the play. The Westminster defense stopped abruptly but the MICDS offense pressed on. The star forward for MICDS wound up, took a shot, and nailed it in the bottom right corner of the goal. "It's good" shouted the referee. The ref claimed that the shot was good before the whistle was blown. Westminster varsity looked on in shock as MICDS celebrated down the field.

This was the start to a game that ended in a score of 0-7. Sophie Dunlap, senior, said "our coach drives us to never give up in games that we know are going to be hard. Especially during the game against MICDS we were really frustrated but I was so proud of us in the end because we put up a good fight".



**Haley Schmer**, sophomore

**Hailey Rupprecht**, junior

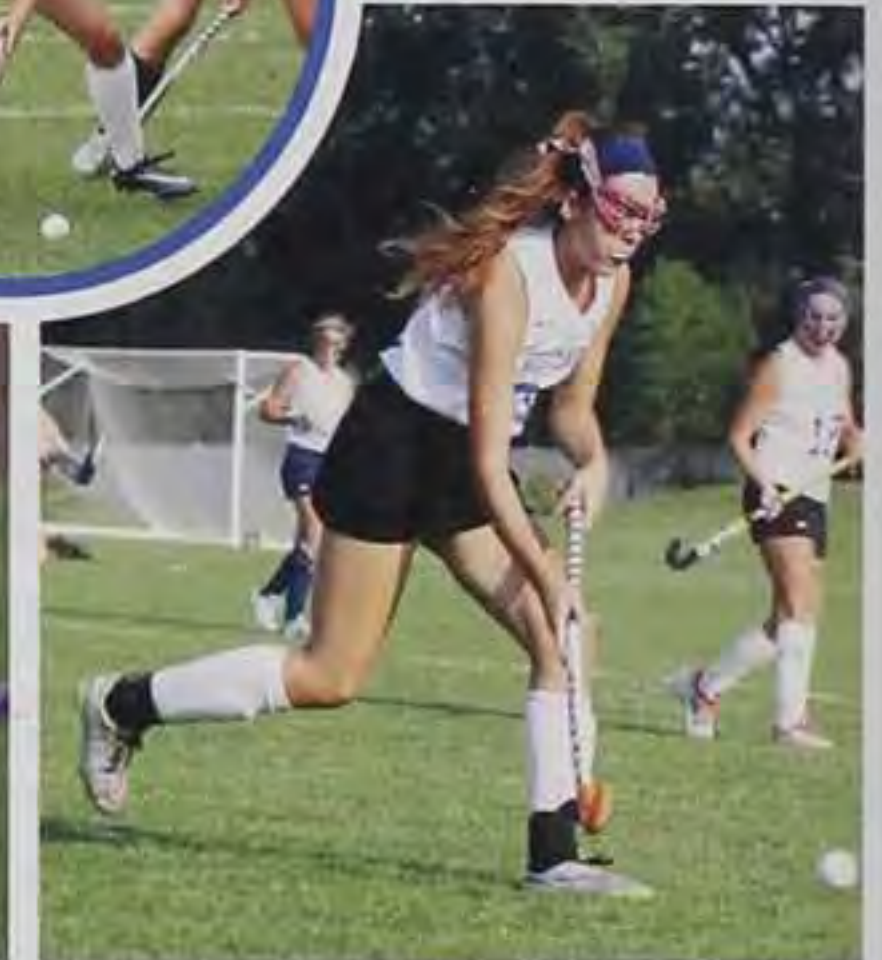
**Rebekah Warren** (right), sophomore, runs alongside **Alyssa Shikles** (left), junior at a home game.



**Taylor Siebenman**, sophomore, plays an aggressive forward position for the team.



**Gracie Adams**, senior, calls out for ball during a game versus Oakville. Gracie was one of two captains for the varsity team.



**Callie MacDonald**, junior, plays offense against Parkway West.

**Lucy Kehr**, senior, takes off on a breakaway. This is Lucy's second year playing field hockey. She was one of the captains of the varsity field hockey team.



**Sophie Dunlap**, senior, played defense and midfield.




# Varsity Field Hockey



Avery Drury, senior, takes off after a corner. "Avery is a great team leader and always makes sure the team is communicating on the field" said Lucy Kehr, senior.

"Field hockey has allowed me to form so many new relationships. We always have such a fun time with one another and have bonded as a team," said Sofie Harjoe, senior.





Tweets

“@wcafieldhockey gets their first W! Big 5-0 win over Brentwood. @KEHRazy w/ hat trick to lead team! Great team effort! @wcasports #congrats”  
-@wcalax

“Another W for field hockey... JV beats Clayton 2-1. #awildcatsweep”  
-@wcafieldhockey

“Love my FHockey girls so much. Couldnt be more porud of what we’ve acomplished this far #firstyear-varsity”  
-@izzyBELLringing



Maggi Eachus and Lindsey Faulkner, seniors, walk to the bench during half time. Maggie played the position of goalie and Lindsey played defense.

# Varsity Volleyball

## Success from Within



Meegan Williams, senior



Amelia Quinn, sophomore



Avery Engelmeyer, sophomore

**Avery Engelmeyer**, sophomore, sets **Madeline Williams**, sophomore, a slide. This season was Engelmeyer's first year setting. Also, she was a left handed setter which is rare in



**Amelia Quinn**, sophomore, watches the server on the other team. Amelia played back row for the outside hitter. Amelia played left back defense for the team and dug a lot of tips in the middle of the court.



**Erin Galakatos**, junior, waits for the other team to serve. The passers called out the seams before each serve and established the type of serve the opponent had.



Swinging at the ball, **Meegan Williams**, senior, runs a slide off of a free ball. "My favorite hit is a slide because it's quick," said Williams. Meegan got kills swinging line when she hit a slide.



Standing at the net, **Elisabeth Sems**, junior, tracks her setter. The front row was expected to find their hitter on the other team and track her.

Without challenges and accountability, it is hard to be successful. Tim Hall, assistant coach, started off the season with a challenge. He gave the varsity volleyball team a challenge to obey Ephesians 4:29 and live it out daily.

"The verse helped us relationally because we held each other accountable. We were more connected on the court because it helped us get closer as a team," said Meegan Williams, senior.

Hall also gave the girls a piece of paper with the verse on it. He challenged them to move the paper every Monday, so it would not get trite or unread. Before every Monday practice, the coaches held the team accountable for moving their verse around.

On the court, Ephesians 4:29 was a helpful verse to remind the team that constructive criticism and encouragement is more successful. The success of this challenge was shown in the game against Rosati-Kain.

"We started the game with a lack of energy, skill, and positive encouragement," said Williams. In the second set, the team held each other accountable for lack of encouragement on the court. "After we lost, we realized we needed each other as a team to pick each other up," said Sydney Bowden, junior. Because the team held one another accountable, they played with positivity and encouragement.

"The verse helped us with the last two games because we did not point fingers or talk about each other on the sideline. We came together in the middle of the court each point and said encouraging words," said Amelia Quinn. The varsity volleyball team took the second and third sets and won the game.

After winning the point, seniors, **Macy Catlett**, **Meegan Williams**, and **Lane Penberthy** along with junior, **Erin Galakatos** and sophomore, **Avery Engelmeyer** cheered in the game against Incarnate Word. This game was senior night for the team. They lost in two, but in the second game, the score was 31-29.



## Pregame Rituals:

- Locker room jamming
- Headbands
- Throwing Goldfish
- Praying
- Forgetting speakers

**Sydney Bowden**, junior, passes the ball to her setter. Sydney played some back row, but her main position was front row.



**Macy Catlett, Lane Penberthy, and Meegan Williams**, seniors, stand with their parents on senior night. The girls played together for all four seasons. Their favorite memory together was Springfield each year.

In serve receive, **Hilary Hightower**, sophomore passes the ball. Hilary only serve received in one rotation. Hightower also played outside this year, which she had never done before.



**Lane Penberthy**, senior, sets the ball to her right side hitter. Penberthy played setter since her freshman year for the volleyball program.



**Madeline Williams**, sophomore, goes up to hit the ball. Williams played middle some of her freshmen year as well. Madeline most commonly hit a three height set.



Xander Smith, sophomore, and Ben Moore, senior, race at the meet in Memphis. Their coach made them wear pink shorts for this meet, so they could be more easily picked out from the other runners.



Emily Adkisson, senior, runs up a hill towards the end of her race. The girls and boys teams raced separately, so they cheered on the other team as they were running.



Sterling Burton, senior, and George Meyer, sophomore, race in the Forest Park meet. "This was one of our most exciting meets because our team worked together, cheered each other on, and we placed really high," said Ben Moore, senior.

Andrew Murray, senior, leads the Westminster team at their meet in Memphis, Tennessee. The varsity boys placed third with most of the runners beating their personal best times.



# Cross Country

## Passion through Pain

Running is a form of torture to most high school students. But for some brave souls that chose to tackle cross country, it was a form of pure joy and excitement. "The sport's not for everyone," said Josh Berglar, junior. "Nobody else really does it, so it's a lot different from everything else," said Kathryn Kramer, sophomore.

However, those on the cross country team were all passionate about what they did and genuinely loved to run. "Despite the tiredness and the pain, it's really freeing," said Berglar. "Whenever you're running, you can think about anything, and for me it's actually really relaxing."

Another quality that was evident in every member of the team was a sense of commitment. "It's all about commitment and getting into a cycle," said Berglar. He mentioned that it took a regular routine of running for one to be able to compete. "Our team works really hard in practices and that is what has gotten us to where we are," said Ben Moore, senior.

For a runner the feeling they got when they raced was like nothing else. While many did not understand it, the cross country team exhibited a love for the sport and for the feeling they got when they ran.



Kathryn Kramer, sophomore, and Kaylah Meredith, senior, race in their district meet at Principia. This was a more difficult race as the campus is fairly hilly.

**Jack Andrews**, senior, turns a corner in his race. This was at the meet in Memphis where the team enjoyed not only a good race but also much time for team bonding.



Jonathan Mette, sophomore



Evan Parres, sophomore



Jake Graham, sophomore



Dear Westminster,

Thank you for supporting us and helping the team go along. Thank you for recognizing us as a team. Thank you for helping us move from districts into state. We hope that this year you help us as well as we get through districts in conference. I just want to say thank you for helping us throughout the years.

Sincerely,  
Neil Sutherland



**Taylor Dorsey**, senior, steps up to the plate. Dorsey led her team as a captain this past season. When asked how she leads the team she responded, "I just go out there and play with intensity and show everyone what a serious softball player looks like. I encourage the team and pump them up before games."



**Brooke Lemp**, junior.



**Deanne Pfyl**, sophomore.





**Megan Wibbenmeyer**, senior, runs out a single. Megan enjoyed her last year of high school softball. "I love softball because it's all teamwork and your really depend and love your teammates," said Wibbenmeyer.

**Annie Backs**, senior, gets into position to catch a hit. Annie shared that she had played softball since she was four. "It definitely has been one of the highlights of my life!" said Backs



**Keely Sweet**, senior, throws a pitch in a game against Ladue. Keely was a captain in her senior year. "The best part of the season was developing deep and lasting relationships with all the girls on the team. We all got along really well and it was a very special team and season," said Sweet.

## Fun Facts

1. Anyone who is not a pitcher or a catcher is referred to as a "peasant" on the field.
2. Everyone on the team calls Deanne Pyfl, sophomore, "shrimp".
3. They all yell 'softball' at random times.

## Varsity Softball

Never Let the Fear of Striking Out Keep You from Playing the Game

The girls stepped onto the field, with high hopes but walked off defeated. On Oct. 1 the Wildcats fell to Cor Jesu in one of their last regular season games. Ending the game with a score of 3-11 many people would feel defeated, but not the Westminster Softball Team.

Annie Backs, Taylor Dorsey, Keely Sweet, and Megan Wibbenmeyer, seniors got hits along with Maddie Volding and Rachel Strothkamp, sophomores. Deanne Pyfl, sophomore, added an RBI, and Keely Sweet, senior, also had eleven strikeouts. Even though the girls team did not win they did have many hits and plays to be proud of.

Senior, Taylor Dorsey, one of the three captains of the team explained, "I love testing my skills. Softball is a test between you and the ball. So in a tough game I love to learn how to push through and fight for the game." Another one of the captains: Annie Backs, senior, also added, "In our games it really is a time where we get to give it our all on the field and work hard. All of which we couldn't of learned to do without going through some losses."

The Varsity Softball Team didn't let their losses knock them off their feet, instead they let it shape them. This was reflected through their many wins this year having a, 11-6 record.

**Maddie Volding**, sophomore, catches a ground ball at third base. Maddie was the third baseman for the varsity team. She expressed her appreciation for the team, "I love softball because of my awesome teammates and coaches!"



# Varsity Golf

Back at it

**McKenna Montgomery**, senior, hits the ball in the match against Incarnate Word Academy. Montgomery took the District and Sectionals title this year before heading to the state tournament.

The Girls varsity golf team was up to their old tricks during the District Tournament at Aberdeen Golf Club. Westminster was put up against a couple of huge public schools in St. Louis including Marquette, Lafayette, and Eureka yet they still managed to come out on top.

The team recorded their second best team score of a 323 while Marquette was at a safe distance behind with a 332. Senior, McKenna Montgomery, earned the individual District title with a one under par of 71.

"I just wanted to come out and have a good last district. I was just trying to kind of have fun and relax. I had a goal of winning or being in the top five, so I met my goal", said Montgomery.

Montgomery's only adversary for the individual title was her own teammate! Taylor French, junior, also added to the team's victory with a 76, just five strokes behind Montgomery. Mary Kate Kopsky, junior, played well with a 105 along with Macie Daniels, sophomore, who shot an 87 and freshman, Allie Sigmon, with an 89.

"McKenna and I shot our personal best scores in the District tournament which was really awesome. Allie [Sigmon] also played really well as a freshman. Districts is always a lot of pressure because you want to do well for your team and she was a good sport," said French.

Both the old and new talent contributed to the golf team's success this year. Whether it was a match or on a larger scale at the District tournament.



**Taylor French**, junior, approaches a long putt. French advanced to the District and Sectional tournament as a junior.



**Mary Kate Kopsky**, junior, plays her first year on the golf team. "Being new to the team, I didn't really know what to expect. But golf has pushed me to do my personal best because of the individual aspect of the sport."



Sophomore, **Abby Nall**, chips onto the green in the match against Ursuline at Westborough Country Club. Nall was a varsity cheerleader and a varsity golfer. Both were fall sports but Nall traded off practices during the week.



**Macie Daniels**, sophomore, tees off in the match against Incarnate Word Academy. "Macie was a really consistent player on the team this year. She worked hard over the summer and it showed through her performance", said McKenna Montgomery, senior.



**Allie Sigmon**, freshman, was a great addition to the golf program this year and was crucial for the Lady Cats to take the district title shooting a low score of 89.



The girl's Golf team celebrated the end of their season by having a pizza party and playing mini put put at Family Golf!



An opposing team member tries to catch **John Ferguson**, seventh grade, but Ferguson evades them. He caught the pass from his teammate and ran down the field for a touch-down.



**Jack Greenlee**, seventh grade, catches the ball and carries the ball down the field. This was Jack's first year playing football for Westminister, he plans to keep playing throughout 8th grade and possibly high school.



**Jack Straub**, seventh grade, tackles his opponent during a game at Westminister. The opposing team was close to scoring on this play, but was stopped by the Wildcat defense.

# Middle School Football

## Perseverance is Key

Playing football is fun and exciting when everything is going your way. But how do the Westminister Wildcats handle it when they are down and the team is losing?

Henry Jung, an eighth grade football player, recalled a game against Rogers Middle School. "We had a ton of penalties called against us, but the other team didn't. We had to keep playing our best, even when the calls didn't go our way," said Jung.

During a game against MICDS, Isaac McGee, eighth grade, used the losing score as a motivation to push harder. "Players encourage one another and push each other to as far as they can go," said Gee.



"Our goal spiritually for this group is that they understand that they grow in gratitude for the opportunity to play, and understand that they are loved in the midst of mistakes. That the outcome is less important than the fight when meeting adversity. Physically, we want the kids to know the fundamentals of the game and be able to handily beat the team that played the first game of the season." - Matt Drochelmann, coach

Number 57, **Noah Coomes** seventh grade, starts off the game with a kick-off, sending the ball flying to the other end of the field. Coomes kicked and punted for the Wildcats.



**Luc Fuller**, seventh grade



**Kirk Briden** seventh grade



**Caleb**

**Layton**, sophomore, leads the JV Wildcats on to the field for the WCA-MICDS game.



## JV Football

### Every Second Counts

When someone thought about the Wildcats' biggest rivals, MICDS was one school that came to mind. The WCA-MICDS JV football game was one of the first few Westminster games of 2015. The cats were determined to beat MICDS and keep up their perfect record.

On Sept. 11, 2015, at 4:15 p.m. sharp, the Wildcats and Rams took the field, already sweating under the hot sun and the pressure of the game that was about to begin. To play football, "You have to be mentally and physically tough... There are a lot of teams out there who don't like playing us because we are such a strong team," said Luke Vassel sophomore. The Wildcats only hoped the Rams were one of those teams.

The Cats were ahead of the Rams until MICDS came back in the third quarter. The fourth quarter started, and the Wildcats needed one more touchdown to beat MICDS. The minutes ticked by, and not long before the clock ran out, Atlin Hall, freshman, was able to make it to the end zone. That last touchdown secured a very close 29-28 win for Westminster. The JV Wildcats went 9-0 this season.



**Atlin Hall**, freshman

**Sam Nichols**, sophomore



**Chad Briden**, sophomore



**Zion Thompson**, freshman, pushes off a player in a JV home game. The Festus game was the first game for the JV Cats, and first win. The team started off the season strong with a final score of 21-15.



Heading towards the end zone, **Levi Alldredge**, sophomore, makes his way past a Priority player. Alldredge's touchdown helped secure a solid 34-12 win for the Wildcats.



Dear Westminster,

It felt really cool to be undefeated this season. And for everyone who wants to play football next year, if you want to be successful, the best thing you can do is really push your teammates.

From,

Kyle Dolan  
Freshman

# Middle School Soccer

## Win Some, Lose Some

Sweat dripped down the faces of 15 eighth graders as they stepped onto the green fields of Bayless Middle School. Nerves were high as the team stared down the opposition. This was the team's second game of the season. Even though the team had just come off of a win against John Burroughs, the Wildcats struggled and lost, 1-0.

The team was given a second chance when they had an opportunity to play Bayless one more time. "Losing kind of makes you want to win more and make less mistakes," said Graham Clawson.

The boys were determined to win, but once again, fell short and lost 5-1. "They just kept scoring and we couldn't get anything started on offense," said Henry Hartshorn.

Despite two defeats, the team responded in an uncommon way: "We always aspire towards being good sports, even if we are losing or the refs are making calls we don't agree with," said Hartshorn. Daniel Johnson also commented on the team's goal, "I think that when we play to the best of our abilities and be good sports then we honor Christ."

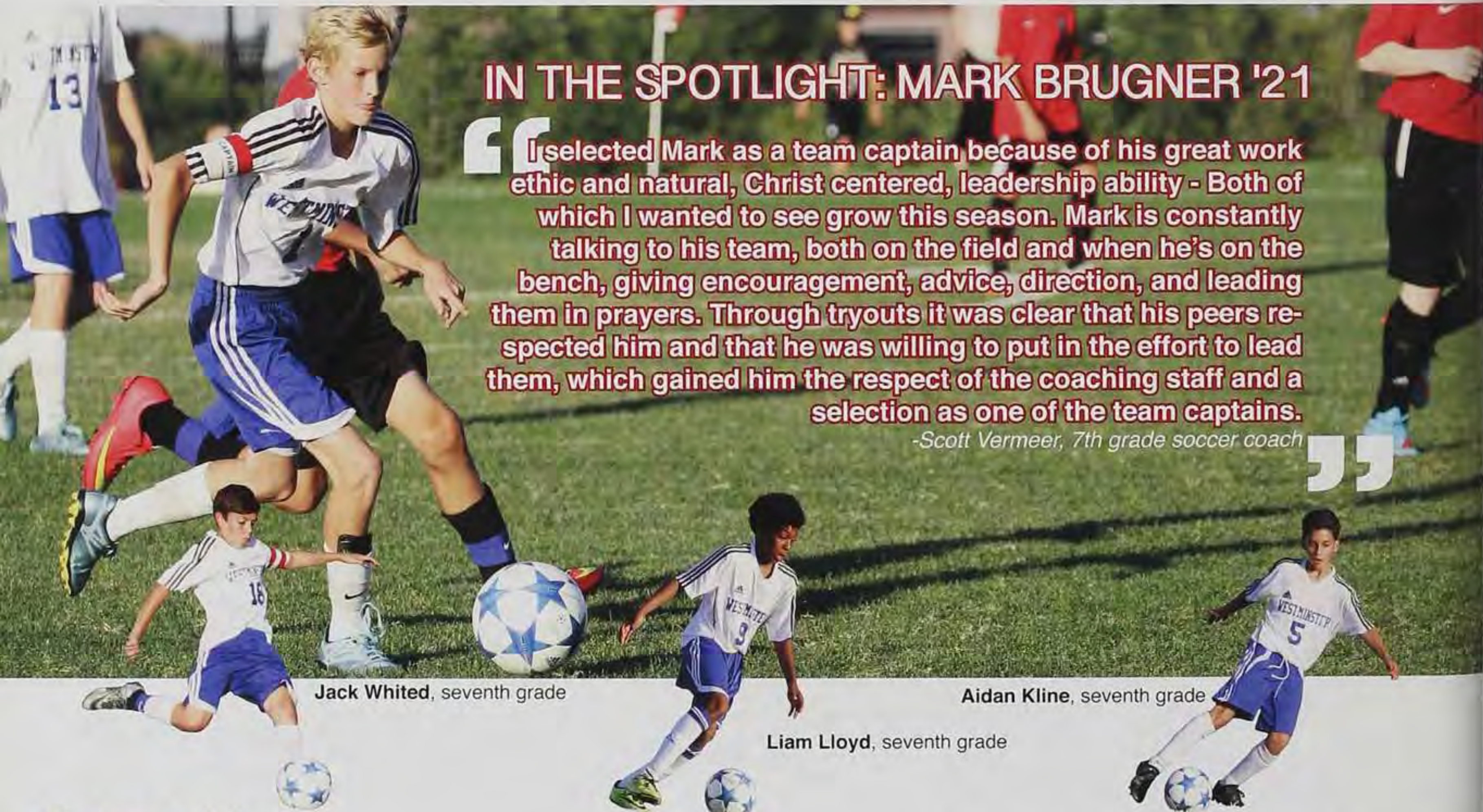
**Graham Clawson**, eighth grade, jumps up and knees the ball. Clawson was a wing mid for the eighth grade team. This position runs up and down the field so he played both offense and defense.



**Henry Hartshorn**, eighth grade, sprints after the ball to keep it from going out of bounds. He was able to force the other team to kick it out and bring it back into the Wildcat's possession.



**Pierce Dunne**, eighth grade, takes a goal kick. Dunne was the goalie. He managed to get the ball to the forwards to start an offensive play.



### IN THE SPOTLIGHT: MARK BRUGNER '21

**I selected Mark as a team captain because of his great work ethic and natural, Christ centered, leadership ability - Both of which I wanted to see grow this season. Mark is constantly talking to his team, both on the field and when he's on the bench, giving encouragement, advice, direction, and leading them in prayers. Through tryouts it was clear that his peers respected him and that he was willing to put in the effort to lead them, which gained him the respect of the coaching staff and a selection as one of the team captains.**

*-Scott Vermeer, 7th grade soccer coach*

**Jack Whited**, seventh grade

**Aidan Kline**, seventh grade

**Liam Lloyd**, seventh grade

# JV and Freshman Soccer

During halftime of their game against Parkway North, Coach Schall addresses the freshman team. The Cats were in control the entire game as they went on to beat the Vikings 3-0.



## New Coach. New Philosophy.

A crucial element of an extraordinary team is camaraderie. A group that can band together and fight for a common goal is essential to a winning team. This camaraderie was made a priority by the JV Soccer team from the first time the guys touched a ball this fall. Because of this common goal, the Wildcats opened up their year on fire going 6-0-2 through their first 8 games.

"I believe one of our keys to success is that most of us have played together for three years previously, so I believe that helps with our team chemistry. Along with the chemistry, there was a very strong freshman class that has helped us tremendously," said sophomore Chase Lottmann. This team has created an atmosphere rooted in a combination of intensity and fun.

"To be honest, there have been too many hilarious memories to count. We have countless inside jokes. We are constantly laughing and having a good time, and I believe that the lightness of our team keeps us loose before games," explained freshman Thomas Arndt.



Sophomores A.J. Lloynd, Graham McDowell, Trent Tarantino, along with Freshmen Nathan Laughlin and Zach Cancilla celebrate after a goal in their match with Lutheran South. The JV team went on to win the game by a score of 2-1.



Sophomore, **Hayden Schively** drives a ball forward in the first half of the game against Priory. Hayden also assisted from the back in this hard fought battle with the Rebels.



In their game against Priory, sophomore, **Chase Lottmann** runs down an errant through-ball. The JV Cats went on to tie Priory on their soil due in part to Chase's stellar defending

# Middle School

## Tennis

### One Team, Many Parts

"In tennis, it's just you, the ball, and your opponent," says Josie Christen, an eighth grader on the Westminster tennis team. Tennis is known as an individual sport. Everything relies on one player to win or lose the match, but everything each individual player does can help or hurt their team as a whole.

Eighth grader, Grace Dempsey, played team sports basketball and lacrosse as well as tennis. She had to completely rely on her teammates in these sports. But, tennis stood apart. Dempsey contrasted the sports saying, "While playing tennis, you play individually on the court, and it's up to you to make points, or win. During a match, you rely on yourself to make decisions, and it's kind of a one-on-one game. But, you all practice as a team. While you play on different courts and against different opponents, you all act as one team." While the players relied on themselves to play well and try to win, they were simultaneously playing together in a collaborative effort to defeat the other school.

Lexi Jo Alm, an eighth grader, also swam and played soccer for Westminster. She compared the two saying swimming and tennis are similar because they are both individual, "but soccer is completely a team thing. You have to rely more on each other to do well, while in tennis it's kind of on you. But, in a way it's similar because all you do is for the good of the team," said Alm.

All of the work they put into each game helped their team in the end. If they won or lost, it did not just affect them. Each win contributes to the team's chance to win as a whole. Everything they did mattered for the team. Even though their matches were separate, they ultimately all added up to a collaborative win.



**Amelia Williamson**, seventh grade, hits a forehand. She received fourth place.



**Riley Kilgore**, eighth grade, reaches over her head to hit the ball. She helped cheer her team on at their Principia match.



**Mackenzie Axford**, eighth grade



**Kinsley Lawrence**, eighth grade

**Grace Dark**, seventh grade, runs to save the ball. She received fifth place in the match.



Seventh grader, **Hailey Colley**, hits a backhand over the net. She received seventh place in this match overall.



Eighth grader, **Sydney Hott**, stands ready for the ball. She achieved second place.



**Ella Fiala**, eighth grader, serves the ball to her opponent. She placed third overall.





# JV Tennis

## Helping Others First

For JV tennis, being a team went beyond playing on the court. They also spent practice time together making blankets for Project Linus. Project Linus was a nonprofit organization that had people make blankets for critically ill children. Then they take the blankets and hand them out at the Children's hospital.

Chelsea Caplinger, junior said, "We all got together with middle school, JV and varsity tennis to bond and make blankets together instead of practicing. We make the blankets and then take them to different Children's hospitals in the area. We don't want to just buy the blankets so they know someone was thinking about them."

Project Linus wants to provide security and warmth for the children that might be struggling with illness or from a traumatizing event.

"This is the first year we made blankets, but this will become an annual project. Each girl was given a partner and each pair made two blankets. In the end, we made around 50 blankets," said Jesse Charles, junior.

While other teams may be practicing, the Westminster tennis teams spent time helping others.



**Sydney Johnson**, sophomore, prepares to receive the ball from her opponent in the Metro League tournament.

**Hannah Haguewood**, junior, serves the ball to her opponents. The tennis team played in the Metro League at Westminster.



**Maddie Challenger**, junior, runs to return a serve. Challenger's doubles partner is Chelsea Caplinger, junior. The teams played against a rival team, Visitation.



**Hannah Brown**, junior, warms up before their match against Visitation. Brown and her doubles partner, **Elli Jo Alm**, junior, were volleying with their opponents before the match.



**Emily Fentress**, freshman



**Somin Kim**, sophomore



**Caroline Holden**, senior

Project Linus

50 blankets made

# Fall Sports Middle-School Volleyball



**Grace Andrews**, seventh grade, reaches for a low ball over the net. Andrews and the seventh grade white team scrimmaged the blue team before the season kicked off. They showed the skills they had been practicing to both their parents and coaches.



## We Do Not Quit

A team who withstands injuries, lack mental strength, and are in close competition are bound to fall apart. While some sports teams crumble from pressure, the girls on Westminster's middle school volleyball team strive to withstand all obstacles and never give up.

Throughout the fall season, the seventh and eighth grade girls of diverse skill levels and experience played volleyball with a huge passion for the game, a drive to improve, and an intensity that matched their desire to be the best they can be. With their drive to do great things in both practice and games, the teams share one mental attitude: "We do not quit".

After asking the girls for any advice they would give to younger volleyball players, there were multiple answers that proved that the Westminster middle school girls' volleyball teams do not give up: "Never ever ever give up on yourself. Never think you can't improve or be good enough... Never think low of yourself. Have confidence. Make the team", stated Allison Hardin, eighth grade.

"I play all my games in honor of the Lord to honor the talents he has given me," said-Bricyn Johnson, eighth grade. The girls not only played to get better, but they played for God, who blessed them with their abilities. With the mental outlook of "We do not quit because of Christ", the middle school volleyball girls look to do great things with their skills," said Johnson.

**Arista Hampton**, seventh grade



**Amelia Williamson**, seventh grade



**Genesis Jones**, seventh grade



Dear Westminster,  
Work as hard as you can. If you mess up in a game, do not get down or else you will keep making mistakes, and you will bring your team down with you.  
From,  
Izzy Cunningham,  
Eighth grade



**Marissa Barnes**, seventh grade, motivates the team with her attitude, and she shares her outlook on games: "...and if we don't win, we at least walk away knowing we tried our best".



**Kate Orrick**, seventh grade, shows her sportmanship after the Westminster-Clayton game. The white team lost in a tough 2-1 match, "Sometimes it can be hard. We just know that one mistake isn't the whole game, unless we make it that. We encourage each other after every play, no matter if it was a good play or a bad one", said Orrick.



**Taylor Highmark**, eighth grade, prepares for a simple ball played to her. Highmark shared that younger players should "work on the basics and build off of that".

# Freshman and JV Volleyball

Bump it, Set it, Spike it.



Running onto the court to take their positions during the finale match of their tournament the freshman volleyball team hoped to bring out a win against Lutheran South. After winning the first match, but not the second they went into the third match giving all they could. They tried their hardest to win their tournament, but in the end lost.

They went into the game prepared to play their toughest competition, Lutheran South. Falling short of a few points in the third match the freshman volleyball team took second place in their tournament. "We gave our all, but lost and took second," said Allison Eichenlaub, freshman.

Even though they took second place, they never gave up. After the tournament against Lutheran South they went into each game excited to play and ready to win. Losing to Lutheran South made them want to win even more. They grew closer together, and were excited to play every game.



**Samantha Huber**, sophomore, serves the ball. The cats won 2 out of their 3 matches against Notre Dame bringing home the win. "I experience great joy knowing that all the hard work the team has put in has paid off." Huber said.

**JV  
Wins/Losses  
14/4**



**Freshmen  
Wins/Losses  
8/7**



**Alison Eichenlaub**, freshman, gathers her team during their game against Lutheran North. "As a captain, I need to help my team get motivated and ready to win," Eichenlaub said. After putting up a hard fight in three sets, the freshman volleyball team came out with the win.

**Emma Gustafson**, freshman



**Tierra Allen**, freshman



**Paige Penberthy**, sophomore



**Jordan Haeusser**, sophomore, hits the ball across the net. With this play, she helped the JV Volleyball team win their game.

# JV FIELD HOCKEY

JV Field Hockey had their first win of the season this year, scoring 3-0 against Oakville. For this group of girls, the word "team" had more meaning than to most. Morgan Sickles, freshman, said that the girls on this team were more like a family. Their game was a shut out, meaning the goalie stopped every shot from going in. But Alayna Marusiodis, junior, tells us they could not have done it without their team's sense of community and encouragement, "We don't judge each other if one of us makes a mistake, and we always cheer for each other no matter what, you can actually hear us from a mile away cheering one another on."

This team was not only supportive of each other on the field, but also in school and in classes. "We always look out for each other", said Molly Cook, junior. Field hockey, although a competitive sport, it is important for the team to enjoy their time together and support each other throughout school and during games.

The team was a mixture of ages and grades, but all of the girls are able to support each other and make friendships through the team. Hallie Kaiping, Junior, scored the first goal in this heated match against Oakville, "I would not have been able to score the goal without the team helping me," said Kaiping, "we actually surprised ourselves with how well we work together."



**Madeline Kugler**, sophomore, plays her second year of field hockey at Westminster. Kugler hopes to make varsity later on in high school, and continue playing Field Hockey.



**Morgan Sickles** freshman



**Kyras Booker** sophomore

Dear Westminster,

Field Hockey should be acknowledged more as a sport. Field Hockey is never included in the announcements, and although the support from parents and family is important, it would be great to have support from the Blue Crew, especially at games. I would also like to thank Westminster for starting this program. I would have never thought to try Field Hockey if the sport was not introduced at Westminster. I'm thankful that there is another fall sport for girls that school and middle is both high school.



Alayna Marusiodis, junior



**Francie Akins**, sophomore, assists JV's first win of the season. Francie played Field Hockey her freshman year and continues to play on JV, hoping to make Varsity her junior year.



**Hallie Kaiping**, junior, says, "That was the first game everyone played in so we didn't know how well we would work together, but our passing was good and we all did really well." Kaiping scores the first goal in the Field Hockey's game against Oakville, contributing one goal to their first win of the season.

**Lexi Berra**, sophomore, battles against Oakville, assisting Kaiping with her first goal.



**Whitney Radloff**, sophomore, plays her first year of field hockey on JV, assisting her team with their first win.



# MS Field Hockey

## Stickin' With It

For the first time in Westminster history, middle school field hockey has made an appearance in the yearbook. Although this year was technically the second year that there had been a middle school field hockey team, they have never before appeared in the yearbook. Since last year, the size of the middle school field hockey team has increased drastically with more middle schoolers wanting to give field hockey a try.

With one season already under their belts, the team had high hopes for this season. The team had an exciting first win their third game with a 6-0 shutout against Edwardsville. "Not only was our third game exciting because it was our first win, but also because we scored our first goals!" said Bridget Sullivan, 8th grade, and one of the scorers of the game.

Many of the players that were completely new to field hockey this year commented on how much they now love the sport and want to pursue it throughout high school. Aside from a passionate love of the game, the players also said they have a very strong bond with one another.

"They are such a positive, energetic group of girls... we are always laughing!" said Corrine Murphy, coach, when asked to describe the heart of the middle school field hockey team. With a new field hockey program well and under way, it will be interesting to see which players decide to stick with it in the future.

**Gracie Wessels**, seventh grade, takes the ball down the field in an attempt to pass to one of her teammates. Wessels played mostly forward and midfield during the season. This was Gracie's first year playing field hockey.



Dear Westminster,  
 "You are only in high school once, so get on your feet and make this happen. Don't be so negative; be more positive. This will go faster than you expect. Don't try to rush through high school because once it's over you will miss it, so take in the good ole days now while you can."

From,  
 Faith Wickham,  
 Sophomore



**Gigi Mahley**, eighth grade



**Chloe Burnham**, eighth grade

**Jaela Ginger**, eighth grade, passes the ball down the field to one of her teammates. This was her first year playing field hockey, and she played midfield.



**Jelani Christmas**, eighth grade, skillfully works to keep the defender away from the ball. The team battled hard against their tough competitor, John Burroughs and kept their competitors on their feet.



**Bridget Sullivan**, eighth grade, sweeps the ball past the defenders in an effort to cross the ball to the other side of the field. She played midfield during the season, and she has played field hockey for over two years.



## MS CrossCountry

It's All Up to You...

Self motivation is the key to running a good race. "You decide if you are going to walk, run, or push hard to do your very best. There's no one else out there with you telling you what to do. It's all up to you," said Isabella Francois, eighth grade.

The team was a combination of seventh and eighth graders, and they trained hard together all season, pushing each other to the limit.

"We get to know each other and bond a lot while we're running during practices," said Hayden Turley, seventh grade.

Leading up to the first meet against Chaminate, the team trained hard at every practice in order to do their very best at the meet. They fought hard, but unfortunately didn't quite make it to the finish line first.

"We did really good, considering it was our first time, but hopefully we will do better the next time," said Caleb Moellenhoff, seventh grade. Caleb finished fourth overall at his first race as a middle schooler, and will work hard to break the tape one day.



Giving it all she's got, **Isabella Francois**, eighth grade, pushes herself to improve her previous time. This year was Isabella's second year on the cross country team, and loved it even more than last. She's improved a lot, and never stopped getting better.



**Daniel Martin**, seventh grade

**Logan Mann**, seventh grade



**Hannah Stevenson**, eighth grade

## MS Swim

Dear Westminster,

Middle School swimming is the best. I am so proud of my team so far in the season, and all the dedication they've put into improving. This group of seventh and eighth graders have worked extremely hard and I am proud of every single one of them. Though swimming is an individual sport, all of the kids have really worked together as a team, and bonded through out the season. The practices and meets are especially fun to see how the swimmers encourage each other and lift each other up. The team has not only bettered their times, but they have also improved their technique which is a big part of swimming. I am so proud of their effort they put into each practice and how dedicated they are to the sport. My goal for the team at the beginning of the season was for each and every one of them to do their best both in and out of water, and they defiantly accomplished that!

Sincerely,  
Coach Kempen



Working hard to make it to the finish line, **Cole Willyard**, seventh grade, swims freestyle. The team only had a few meets to show off their skills, but when they had one, they did better than they expected. With hard work and dedication, the whole team grew closer as friends, teammates, and athletes.





**Catie George**, freshman, drives the ball to finish the match against Visitation with a 41. George made great progress throughout the season, always improving upon her last match's score.



**Chandler Estes**, sophomore puts on the green at Family Golf. When asked about her team, she responded, "We had each other to pick each other up."



Sophomore **Bridgette Grimm** watches her ball carry across the course against Visitation. Grimm shot a 40 on the team's 149-195 win on September 21.

# JV Golf

## Competing Against Yourself

Cardinals against Cubs. Westminster against MICDS. Age old rivalries are built upon history and fueled by competition.

However, as exemplified in this year's JV golf team, rivalries do not always have to be between teams. "I like that I'm really playing against myself, and that each time you go out you're trying to improve from your last time." Chandler Estes, freshman, recalled when asked about her experience of the JV golf team.

Always attempting to beat yourself is a different mindset, as it requires a lot of mental toughness yet can be very rewarding. "You can look back on your progress and really be proud." said Casey Moeslein, junior said looking back at her achievements this season.

The team who began the season with scores in the mid forties, ended their season with numerous girls shooting in the thirties. The success is not only tangible, but encourages the team that they can in fact beat themselves.



**Casey Moeslein**, junior, finishes through on her swing at the match against Visitation. Casey was a swing player and played for both JV and Varsity.

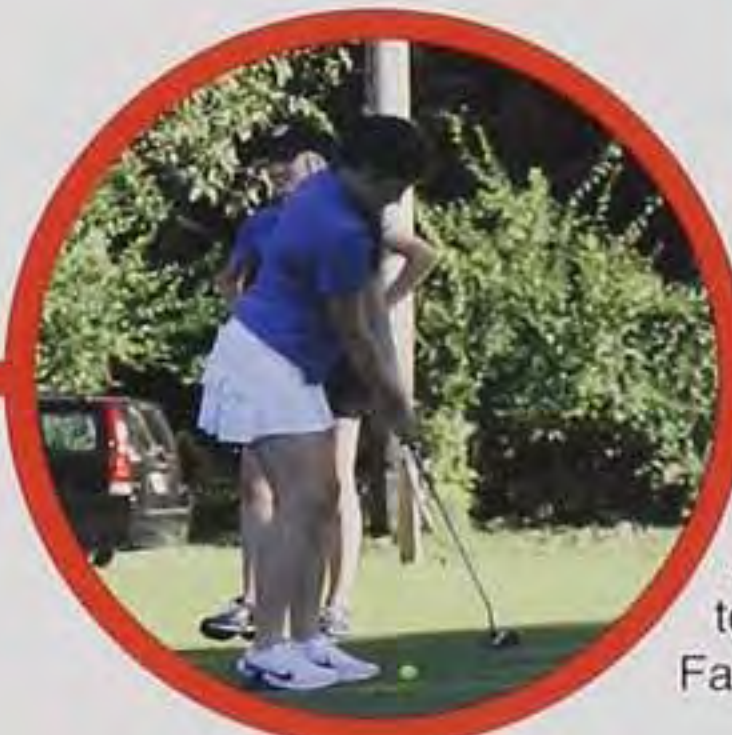


**Amanda Ahlbrand**, junior



**Sofia Granata**, junior

**Overall Record**  
**6-1-1**



Junior **Olivia Holt** squares up to the ball at their home course: Family Golf.

# #IDG

## I Don't Get Tired



**Jordan Hawkins**, senior, dunks the ball forcefully through the basket. Jordan played 2 years of Varsity Ball and was a shutdown defender for the Wildcats.



Steve Webb  
Junior

@23swebb

We bleed, sweat, cry together! We are more than a team and more than friends. We are brothers! Im going to miss them



Aaron Cook  
Senior

### Varsity Basketball Tournament Champions

Every year the Varsity basketball team scores some baskets. Every year the team has a few star players. Every year the team makes the road trip to play in the Washington tournament and stays near WCA to play the MICDS tournament. But this year was different. This year the Wildcats took the Championship trophy from both tournaments.

In Washington, the Cats rolled into the championship game and squared off against the Francis Howell Central Spartans. Behind 25 points from, junior, Steve Webb and 21 points from fellow junior, Cliff Degroot, the Wildcats took the title by a score of 70-63.

"It was great to win the tournament and definitely boosted our confidence moving forward in the season," said Drew Melaragno, senior.

In the MICDS tournament, the Wildcats battled the Francis Howell Vikings in a epic championship battle. Despite the tallest Westminster player being 6 inches shorter than Howell's biggest, the team was able to pull out the W. Led by the electrifying senior Aaron Cook's 33 points, the Cats stormed past Howell. The highlight of the game came when Cook crossed up his man and put the poor Howell defender on a poster with a thunderous jam. This 60-53 victory was Westminster's first MICDS Championship in school history.



@SportingWCA

Aaron Cook drops 46 to help Westminster handle Metro League Rival Priory @wcacoachcoleman



Nick Cacciarelli Senior



Cliff Degroot Junior

@cliffdegroot5

2-0... See you next year

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2016



@ncacc\_3 Don't know how to lose we so used to winnin'

Instagram



Westminster Wildcats

@PrepHoopsMO

2017 G @cliffdegroot5 of Westminster had 35 points, including nine 3 pointers in a 60-48 win over Priory





**McKenna Montgomery**, senior, plays shooting guard for the lady cats this season. Montgomery signed to play basketball at Union College next year. Montgomery also made the 1000 point mark in her basketball career this season.



**Margaret Koby**, senior, looks for a pass in the game against Burroughs. Westminster lost the game 44-55, but fought hard to the last buzzer.



**Natalie Bunton**, junior, was point guard for the team this year. This was Bunton's second year at the varsity level and she was a starter in every game.



**Taylor French**, junior, was a first year varsity player. French made multiple baskets during the game against Burroughs.



**Kiley McKee**, freshman, dribbles the ball down the court to try and score on the Bombers. However, "the game against Principia was my favorite memory, we all really came together during that game," said McKee.



Westminster calls a time out in the last quarter of the game against the Bombers. There was little time left on the clock, and the team was looking for a way to pull out a win.

## Women's Varsity Basketball

### Stepping Out in OT

With at least two freshman starting in the Varsity basketball games each week and only two seniors on the team, it was fair to say that the Westminster varsity women's basketball team was a young team, and this year was full of building new relationships and new players.

"We've had to learn how to work together more because the team is so young, and a lot of the older girls have been playing together for a long time so the team has had to adjust to the new freshman players. The girls are really fun though, and the team is full of encouragement this year," said Taylor French, sophomore. Although the team only won a few games this season, they built up a team to be ready for the coming years.

One of the most exciting games of the girls' season was on Friday, Feb 1. Facing Principia the girls were down by 20 points at the half, but then Westminster not only came back tying the game, they came back on top.

With 56 short seconds left on the clock, Principia came back and scored a 3 pointer at the buzzer tying the game, causing the game to go into overtime. With a lay up tying the game once again, there was a second overtime. "It was the most intense game I have ever played and the most I have ever wanted to win," said Alivia Johnston, junior.

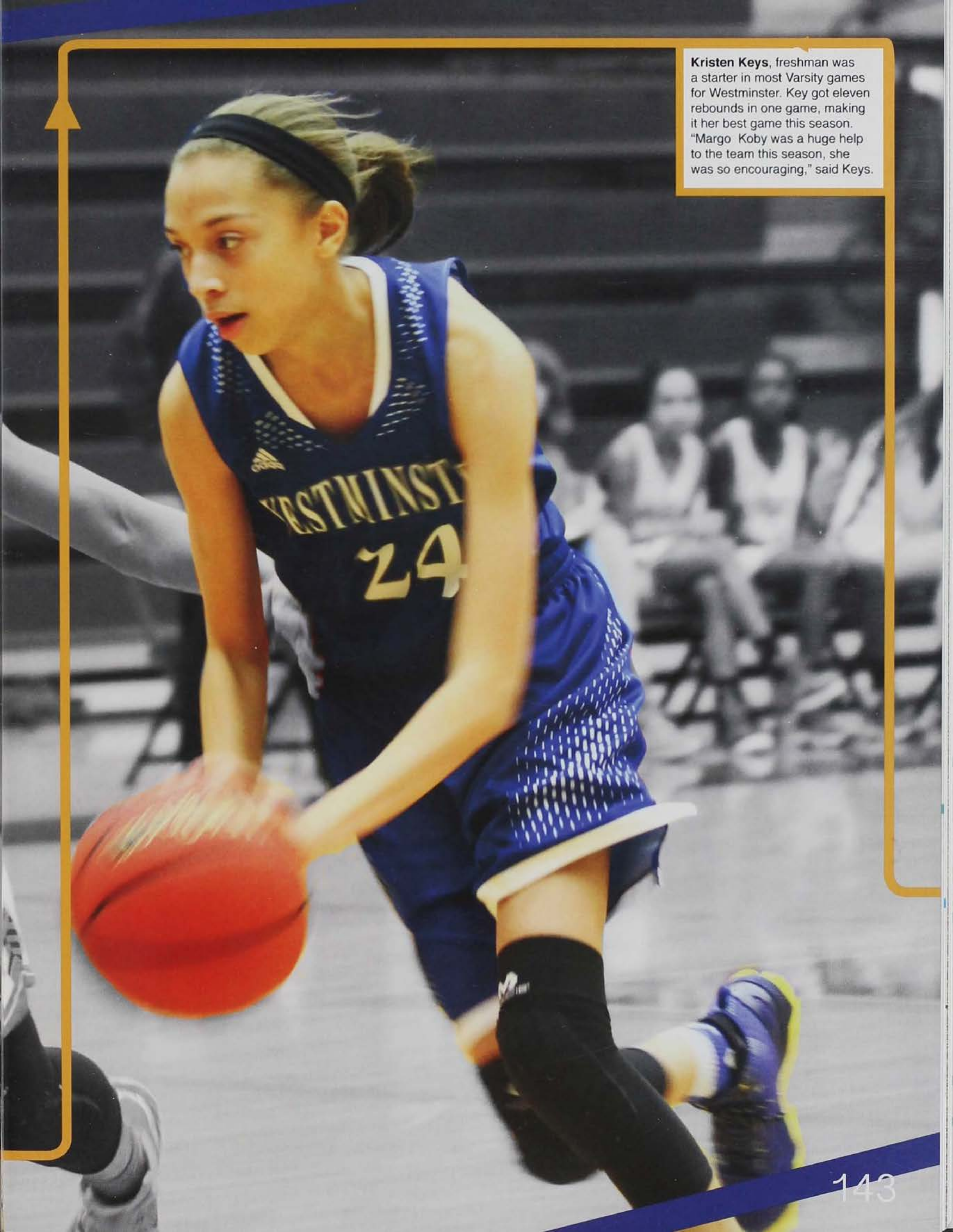
With four girls fouling out, the "girls really had to step up," continued Johnston. Unfortunately, the girls couldn't pull out a win against Principia, but its fair to say it was an unforgettable game for the team.

**Alivia Johnston**, junior, stays open for a pass. The girls played against Francis Howell at home, the theme was America night.



**Claire Sanden**, freshman waits for a pass from Bunton hoping to make a basket against Francis Howell on America Night at Westminster.





**Kristen Keys**, freshman was a starter in most Varsity games for Westminster. Key got eleven rebounds in one game, making it her best game this season. "Margo Koby was a huge help to the team this season, she was so encouraging," said Keys.

**Emily Stoner**, sophomore, swims fly in Westminster's meet against Notre Dame and Lutheran North. "I intend to swim all four years," said Stoner. She enjoyed this year with her team and experiencing her first conference win.



**Lauren Massot**, senior, swims backstroke in the medley relay. Masot place 8th in state for back stroke. She has gone to state every year of her high school career.



**Avery Iven**, senior, dives in the meet against St. Joe. Iven broke the 6-dive record held by Sarah Barker class of 2013. Iven also went to state this year and placed 19th.



**Lilly Coln**, freshman, swim butterfly in the 200 medley relay in the meet on January 7, 2016 against Notre Dame and Lutheran North. The wildcats won the meet 148- 45-



**Lauren Bell and Maggie Kehr**, freshman make tie blankets for the service project.



**Brittany Johnson, Katie Meyers, Sara Boylan, Kaitlin Tershack, Carmen Verbeke, Avery Iven, Mackenzie Wieberg, Payton Dunn, Lauren Massot**, the 2016 state team.



Emily Jo Barker, junior, Emily Stoner, sophomore, Lucy Kehr, senior, MaryKate Kopsky, junior, Alyssa Adams, sophomore, Hailey Kittelson, sophomore, Noelle Burkey, freshman all wear shirts at conference in order to remember former student, JD Wiese. "A man offered to make them for us so of course we agreed. Our chant for the meet was 'make it count for JD,'" said Kehr.

**Lane 4**

has the best synchronized swim and dance routine out there.

**Lane 6**

always got their running starts in warm-ups.

**Lane 7**

has the best mascot.

**Lane 8**

domin8s.



Left to right: Clara Gruneisen, Kaitlin Terschak, Mary Grace Barber, and Lauren Massot, seniors celebrate winning the conference meet, for the first time ever. Many of the girls on the team swam their best times of the season at conference and some even qualified for state.

# Varsity Women's Swim

## The First in Westminster History

This year the Westminster Varsity Girl's Swim Team accomplished something that had never been done in all of Westminster history. The team won in conference, and were ecstatic with the results. The team could not have made it as far as they did without hard work, but they also had a lot of fun as well.

Lucy Kehr, senior, reflected on some of her favorite memories from swim team stating, "The best memory was definitely conference this year. There was so much screaming and cheering and I couldn't even think about anything except for how much I loved this team."

"My ears rang for the next hour," added senior, Izzy Haupfear.

The reason why Westminster's conference win was so important and special to the team was due to who they beat: MICDS and Burroughs. The girls and coaches were beyond proud of beating two of Westminster's biggest rivals.

Clara Gruneisen, Izzy Haupfear, and Lucy Kehr, seniors, all agreed in saying, "It's the most amazing team ever. Our coaches always taught us how to play for each other and God and not our own selfish ambitions."

The swim lanes at practice were more than just lanes to the girls, they were family. And they agree in saying that they were glad to win and lose with family by their sides.



**Jak Patterson**, Chris Kirby, sophomores, swim team manager. Patterson was a swimmer manger along with **Harrison Greer**, senior, Chris Kirby, sophore and **Caleb Terschak**, freshman.



**Payton Dunn**, freshman, chills in the pool while watching High School Musical 3. The girls had a movie night and made blankets to be doented to children in hopstials around the St. Louis area. Dunn was one of several swimmer to go to state.



“Cheerleading has broken me out of my shell, and has allowed me to do things I never thought I could before. I love to cheer so much, and I’m sad that it will be my last year doing it,” said **Alyssa Freiner**, senior.



**Lauren Bauer and Abby Nail**, sophomores, give support during the opening kickoff of the varsity football game.



The varsity cheer team adds life to the crowd at the annual spirit week boys basketball game against John Burroughs. The blue crew cheers along with them, and they encouraged our Cats to victory.

## Varsity Cheerleading Building a Program

The Varsity Cheerleading team was the backbone of team spirit at Westminster. Whether it was scorching heat, heavy rain, deep snow, or brutal wind, the ladies always were in attendance.

There was popular belief among individuals that cheerleading was not to be considered a sport, but the determined mental mindsets these ladies had to put themselves in before performing for a large crowd was just what an average football or basketball player would do. They had to have precision to make a pyramid, and they had to get that back handspring just right, all while having smiles on their faces.

The ladies showed passion for what they did, and their attitudes reflect among those who they cheer on, the blue crew. The two combined created the ultimate encouragement a player could have, and led the Cats to numerous victories.

"This was a very exciting year for our program. After many years of planning, we were finally able to add a third cheerleading team - the Blue & White squad. This squad is essential for the cheerleading program," said Jennifer Marsh, head coach.

"As we grow, it gives student athletes the opportunity to build a strong foundation of cheer skills that will better both individual athletes as well as the entire program. We have seen so much improvement on this team and look forward to this success rippling to all squads."



Even in the heat, **Samantha Davidson, junior**, shows her support for Wildcat football in their opening games. The Cheerleaders cheered in not only the heat, but the snow as the football team kept advancing.

**Erica Ridenhour, Junior**



Varsity cheer celebrates after the Cats intercept the football and run down the field to make a touchdown.



## WE ❤️ OUR SENIORS



Senior cheerleaders played a vital role in this program. Not only did the seniors set the tone and the work ethic, but most importantly, they set an example. While some seniors were able to lead in a leadership role, others seniors led by following. This year, our seniors did an incredible job leading and following - leading their teammates, but following each other. This team was blessed with some extremely talented and hard working seniors. They did so much behind the scenes - no one will ever know the sacrifice they have put towards this sport. Coach Jen, Coach Ali, Coach Carrie and Coach Kalie were humbled to know these amazing girls.

Pictured: Seniors, **Elaine Clifton, Alyssa Freiner, and Hannah Groce**

# WCA

Senior, **Sinclair Davis**, goes hard in this fierce hip hop routine. Hip Hop is constantly a crowd favorite with its intense beats and hard hitting moves. Westminster students look forward to Blue and White night where the dance team debuts the routine.

# VDT

Junior, **Holly Gilmore**, poses before the beginning of the team's jazz routine. The routine placed second in both St. Charles and Lindbergh competitions, a first for the squad.



**Abby Charles**, junior, works her facials during this year's pride night routine. Facials were a key to performance in order for the routine to come to life.

# HA!

Embracing the tribal, jungle theme, **Julia Harre**, senior, nails her move for the Spirit Night crowd. The hip hop routine placed first in St. Charles for the first time in program history.







# VARSITY-DANCE-TEAM

## Start of Something New

This could have been the start of something new for the varsity dance team. The 2015-2016 school year opened doors for the team in which they learned and performed 5 different routines: team, jazz, pom, hip hop, and neon. A year filled with obstacles and challenges was overcome by numerous bright spots and fresh opportunities for the squad.

First, the team recorded their best performances in several local competitions in the program's history. At the Lindbergh competition the team's jazz routine placed second while the pom routine won the class 3 division.

Similarly in the St. Charles competition, the team took the cake by slaying the field with their killer hip hop routine while the jazz routine stayed consistent and placed second again.

Second, the seniors were provided the chance to go out on top this year at the state competition although heavy underdogs considering they moved up from class 2 to class 3 two years ago. The dance team failed to place the last two years at state due to the

quality of other teams in their class; teams that compete at nationals yearly have maintained prominence at the class 3 level.

But this year VDT wanted to stir the pot. The team took the crown in hip hop and placed second in pom resulting in an overall third place finish. "State was bomb! The fact that we did as well as we did against such incredible competition was the best feeling in the world. Not to mention we beat Kearney in hip hop so we got some revenge for the football season," said Sinclair Davis senior.

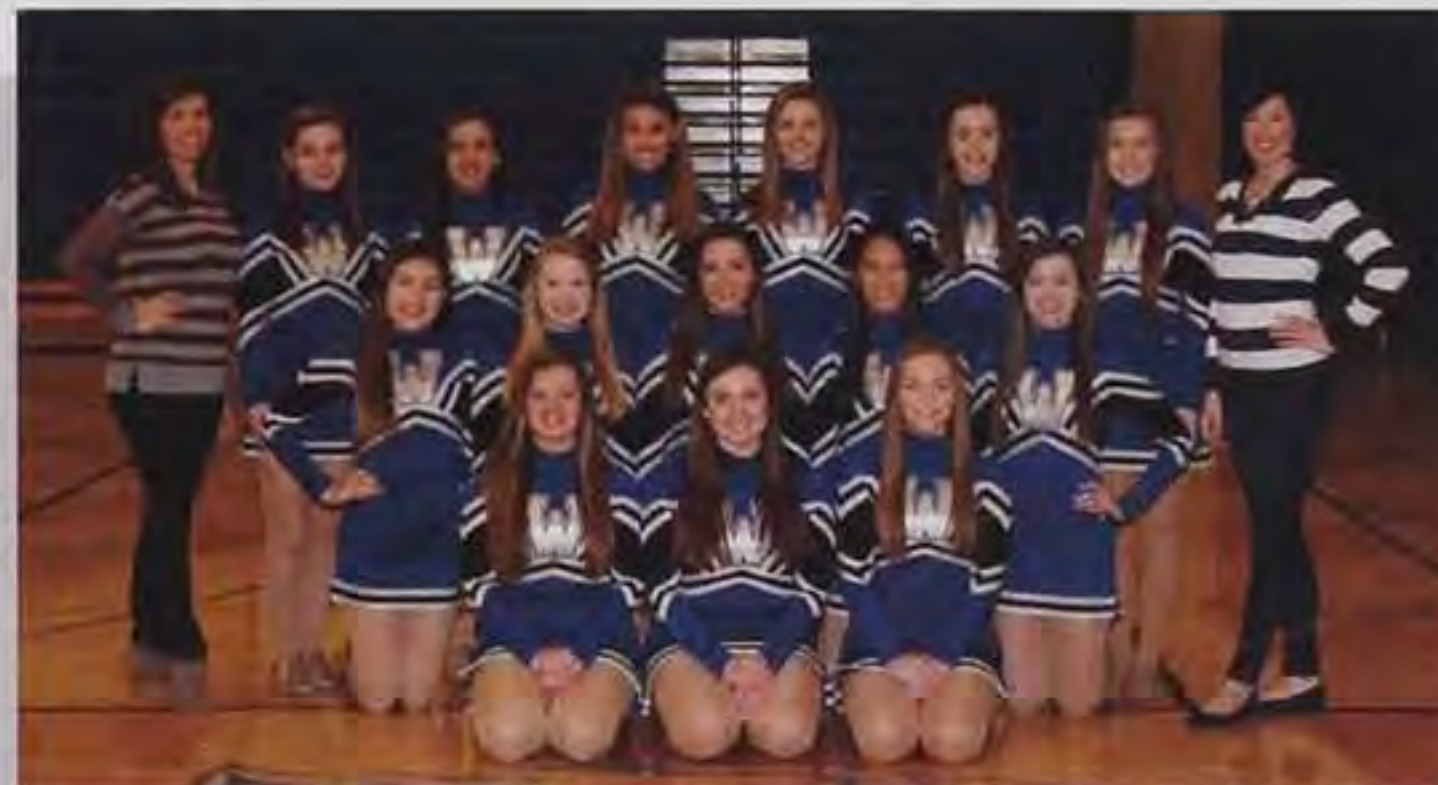
Finally, this year was filled with new chances for the team to shine including a blacklight, neon, Beyonce performance during a marketing promotional neon night. Also, the team was featured in a Black History Month showcase where they helped accent the beauty of a culture through dance.

"Neon night was honestly one of my favorite memories of the year. Having the lights off and the Blue Crew so into it made it so much fun," said Morgan Barr, senior.

The team graduated 5 seniors this year but will retain the rest as they head into the 2016-2017 school year.



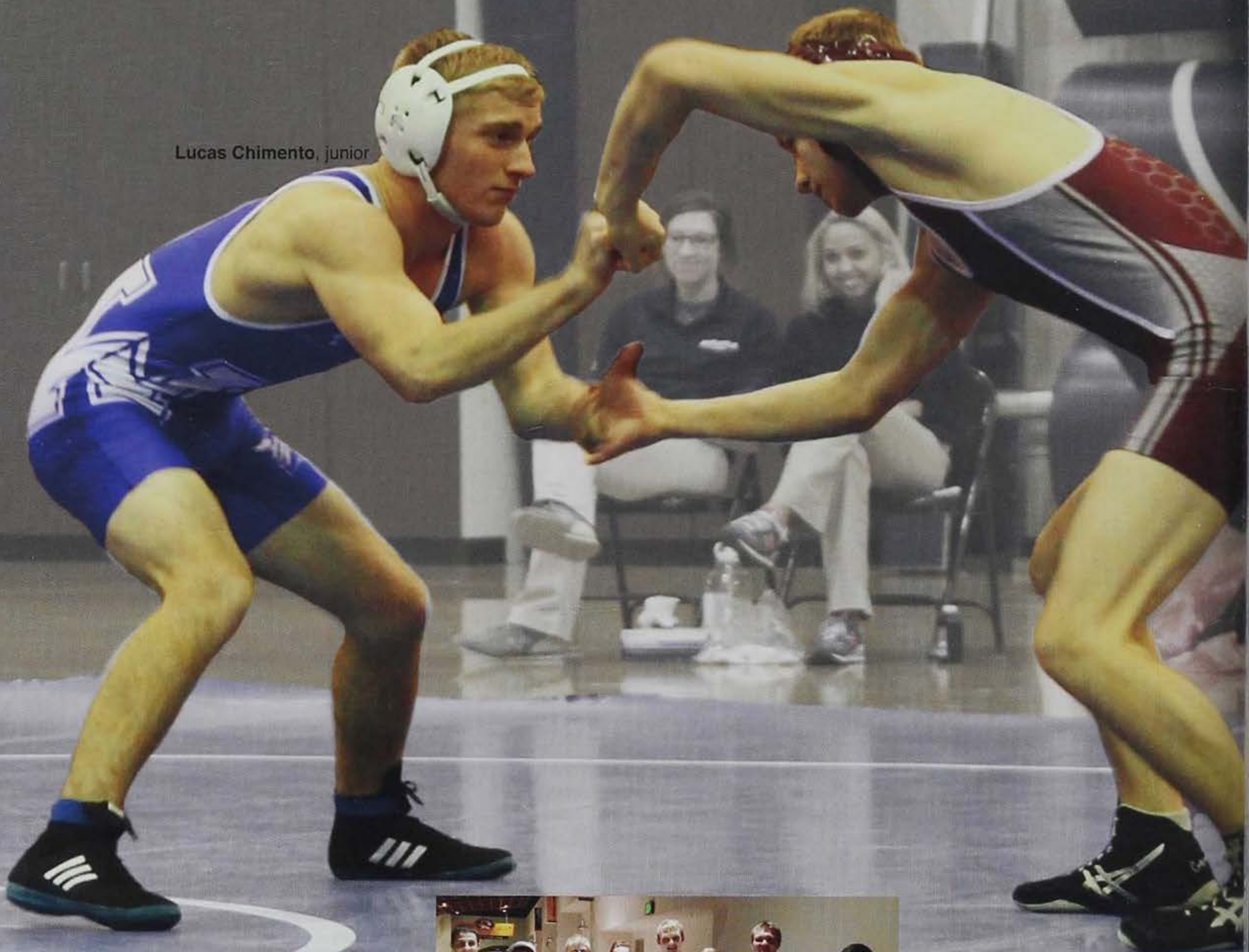
With arms outstretched, **Anna Bohlmann**, sophomore, gracefully glides across the floor. Bohlmann not only killed it on the dance floor but also in the AV Club where she was a large contributor. VDT was full of students engaged in multiple activities.



Rocking her poms, **Mollie Trost**, sophomore, flashes a smile to the crowd. Trost brought a new element of talent to the team this year when she recovered from a back injury and learned to tumble immediately after.

# Varsity Wrestling

Lucas Chimento, junior



Sam Terrana, senior, Garrett Stoecker, junior, Miles Hehner, senior, Blake Potter, junior, Alex Hopkins, senior, Lucas Chimento, junior, Myles Bakewell, senior, Chaila Dix, senior, and Jesse Parham, sophomore, take a picture after state. They all went to support Alex while he wrestled. Dix had managed the team for one year.  
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**Alex Hopkins**, senior walks across the floor at Mizzou Arena. Hopkins had an undefeated season and was the state champion for the 170 lb class. Photo credit: Bryan Hopkins



**Will Leonard**, freshman, wrestles in a meet. The winter season was Will's first season ever wrestling. He participated in varsity meets and one JV meet.



**Myles Bakewell**, senior, spars with a coach at practice after school. Bakewell had been on the wrestling team all four years and wrestled in the 285 lb weight class.



**Blake Potter**, junior, wrestles against a teammate in practice. In practice, Tim Muehleisen, head coach, had the boys work against each other to practice moves for the meets. Potter had wrestled on the team for three years.

## The Ups and Downs of State

Fighting for state tournament appearance, Sam Terrana, senior, wrestled through multiple injuries. After eleven shoulder dislocations, Sam wrestled through pain and won districts this season and qualified for state. In his second round of state, he hurt his shoulder again and lost.

Alex Hopkins, senior, had his first undefeated season. He went 35-0 and earned his first state title. He wrestled in the 170 pound class. The state meet took place in Columbia, Missouri at the Mizzou Arena.

Jesse Parham, sophomore, was another Westminster wrestler to qualify for state. He competed at the Mizzou arena as well, but got knocked out of the competition early.

Westminster wrestling had a strong group of seniors who added a lot of talent to the team, based on results. They pushed each other for their positive results all season.



**Sam Terrana** and **Alex Hopkins**, seniors, pose for a picture together. They have wrestled together for all four years. They pushed each other to do better each practice, and they both qualified for state. Photo Credit: Tony Terrana



**Matthew Thoenen**, freshman, wrestles against **Preston Willis**, sophomore. They were warming up for practice together. Tim Muhleisen, head coach, told the team what to do, and they would put each other through their paces.



**Gannon McWard**, senior



**Jason Kelly**, junior



**Jake Schroeder**, senior

Dear Westminster,  
 Thanks for making my high school years fantastic. Thank you to the teachers for challenging me and helping me become a better student and person. Big thanks to the hockey team and especially my teammates for making the winter season exciting and enjoyable.

Sincerely,  
 Jake Schroeder



**Bradley Jones**, junior, prepares for the face off. Earlier in the season Jones was out with a bad head injury. He came back after a month of rest, ready to play.



**Nicholas Callier**, junior, faces off with his DeSmet opponent. During the season, Callier scored 2 goals and had 4 assists.

**Connor Dolan**, junior, skates down the ice. This season Dolan accumulated 4 goals and 11 assists.



**Zach Nall**, junior, follows the puck down the ice. Nall achieved 11 goals and 5 assists during the season. The team went on to win this game against Seckman 5 to 1.

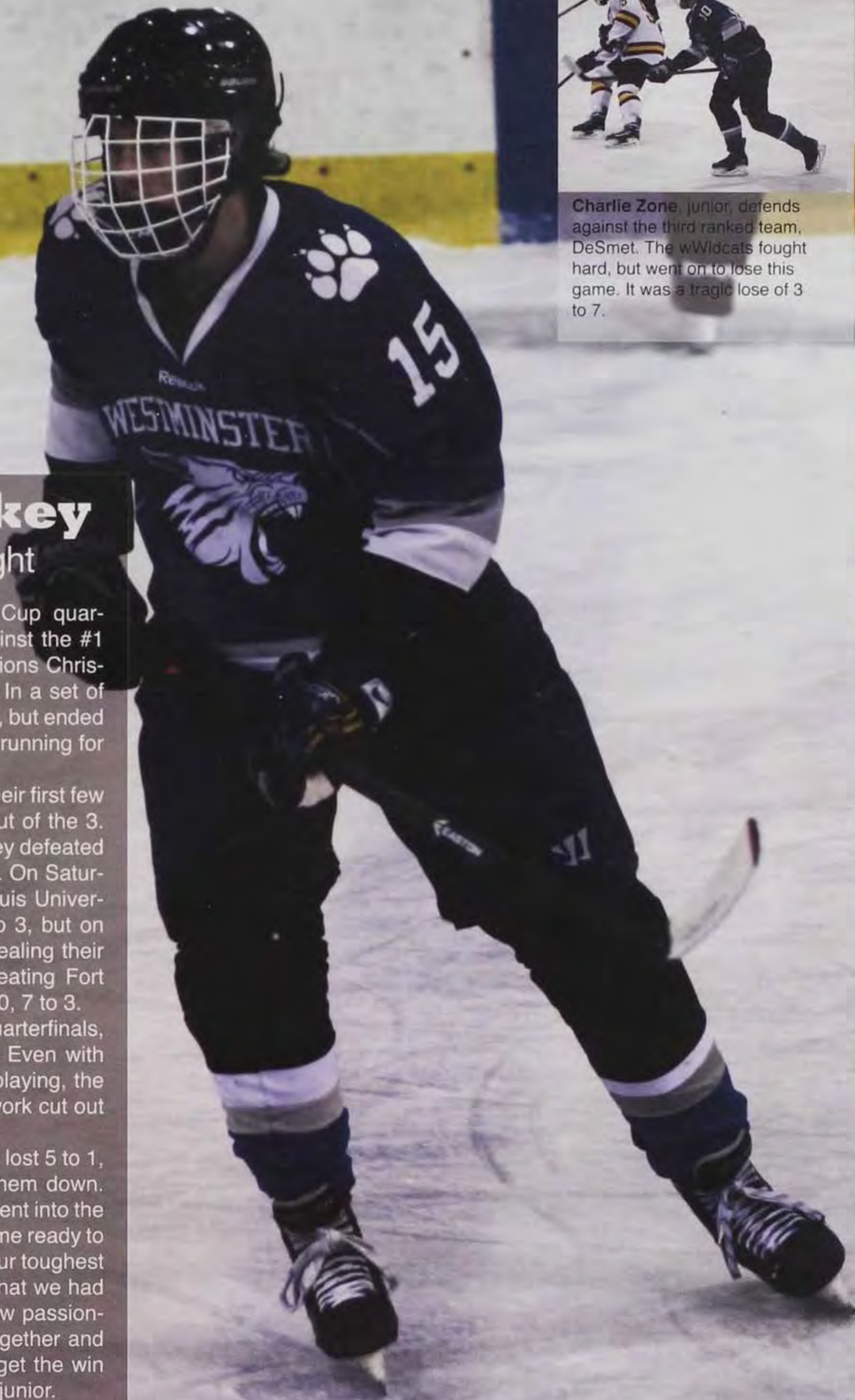


**Jack Canfield**, freshman, is ready to intercept the puck from the other team. Canfield was the second leading scorer behind his older brother with 12 goals and 10 assists this season.

**Willie Canfield**, senior awaits the puck from his teammate. Canfield was the leading scorer for the Wildcats with 25 goals and 18 assists.



**Charlie Zone**, junior, defends against the third ranked team, DeSmet. The wWildcats fought hard, but went on to lose this game. It was a tragic lose of 3 to 7.



## Varsity Hockey

### Fighting the Good Fight

This year, for the Challenge Cup quarterfinals, the Wildcats went up against the #1 ranked and defending state champions Christian Brothers College High School. In a set of two games the Wildcats fought hard, but ended up losing, knocking them out of the running for the Challenge Cup title.

The Cats started out strong in their first few games of the playoffs, winning 2 out of the 3. Starting on Friday, January 29th, they defeated Eureka, who was ranked #6, 6 to 4. On Saturday they ended up losing to St. Louis University High, the #2 ranked team, 4 to 3, but on Monday they made a comeback, sealing their spot in the quarterfinals, after defeating Fort Zumwalt East, who were ranked #10, 7 to 3.

Now that they were in the quarterfinals, the hardest part was still to come. Even with CBC's eight strongest players not playing, the varsity hockey team still had their work cut out for them.

Despite all their hard work, they lost 5 to 1, but the players didn't let that get them down. With renewed determination, they went into the second, and ultimately their last, game ready to leave it all on the ice. "Those were our toughest games of the season and the fact that we had kept the score so close showed how passionate we were. We all just banded together and played the best we could to try to get the win for our seniors," said Harry Medler, junior.

Though they weren't able to grab the win on February 11th and move onto the final game of the quarterfinals the hockey team had a great season.

**M**iddle **S**chool  
**B**oys Basketball



**Lance Johnson**, eighth grade

**Jack Martin**, eighth grade, dribbles the ball down the court looking for an open pass.



**Koby Schmer**, eighth grade, jumps up to make the shot for the WCA middle school team. He succeeded, contributing to the final score of Westminster, 44 to John Burroughs, 22.

**Motivation is Key**

Playing basketball took perseverance, but no one could have the determination to practice and keep up with the game all by themselves.

The middle school boys teams relied on their coaches, family members, teammates, and sometimes professional basketball players to keep them going throughout the season.

"Lebron James motivates me because all his dedication and hard work really does show in the end," says John Ferguson, eighth grade, as he shared his secret to playing basketball and staying motivated. Caleb Moellenhoff, seventh grade, was supported by his dad as well as his teammates, "My dad is a big part of me playing basketball, he played in high school and continues to encourage me to carry on the sport he loved," said Moellenhoff.

It was especially crucial to keep motivation throughout each and every game, because every minute counted. "Playing against Burroughs was a pretty cool game because we won by about 20 points against a team that has beat many other good basketball teams. I think we won this game because when we missed, we encouraged each other to keep shooting, despite the fact that we missed," said Landen Johnson, eighth grade. He found it most encouraging when his teammates kept him going throughout the game.

Each individual had a different way of getting through the season and staying motivated, but either way they always pulled through.

**Isaac McGee**, eighth grade, dribbles the ball down the court looking for an open pass.



**Ethan Hare**, eighth grade, gets ready to receive a pass from his teammate.

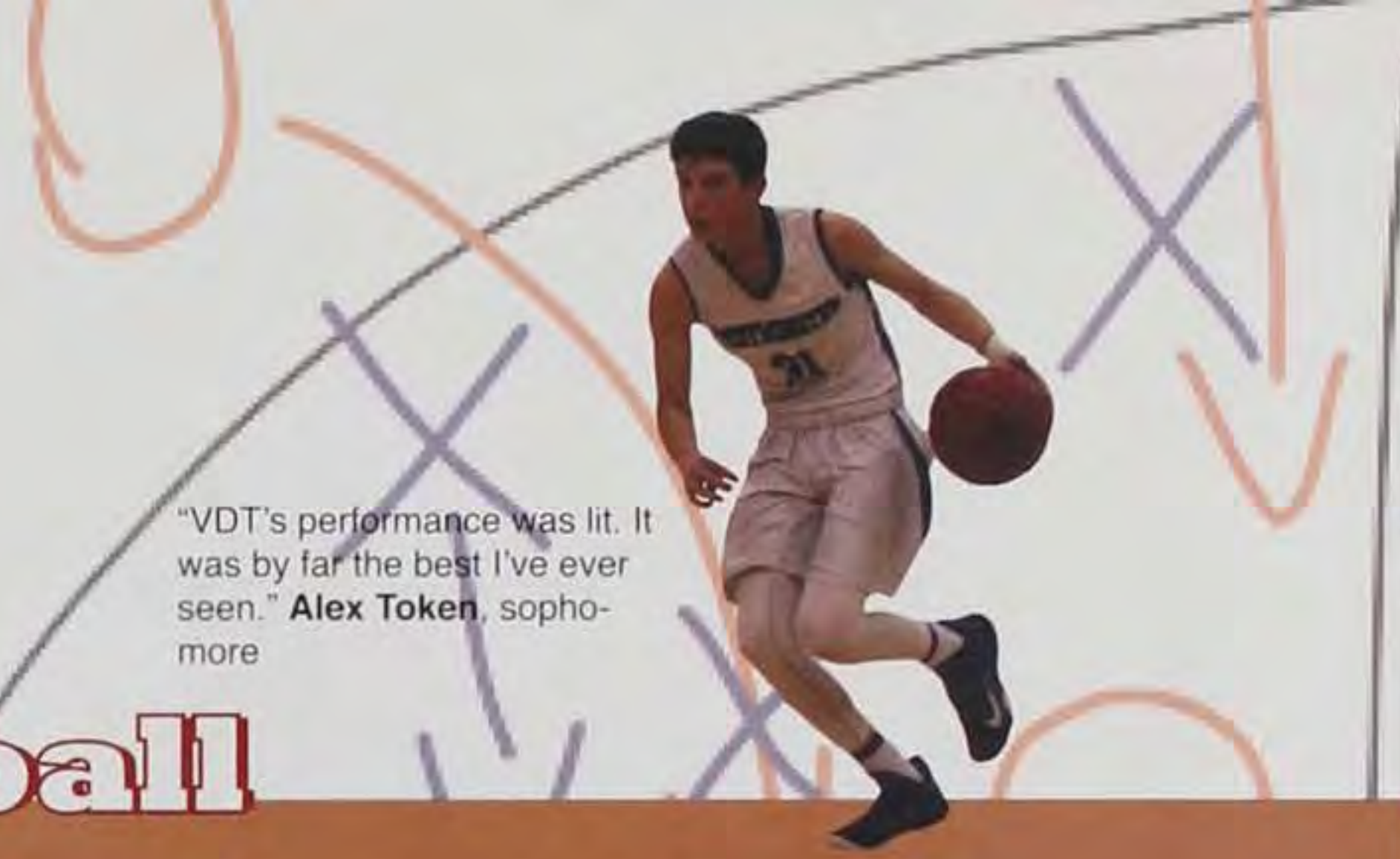


**Ben Parres**, 8th grade, runs down the court in the last minuet of the quarter, hoping for a basket. This was his second year of basketball.





Going against John Burroughs of-fense, **L.B. Battle**, sophomore, goes in for the rebound. The team was facing tough competition, but stayed with them the entire game, never giving up.



"VDT's performance was lit. It was by far the best I've ever seen." **Alex Token**, sopho-more

## JV Basketball



### Every Second Counts

It all came down to the last second. The JV boy's basketball team was in a tough position during their game on Pride Night. The bleachers were filled, and the Blue Crew giving all the had to cheer on their team. The guys were playing against John Burroughs, and they knew they were going to have a tough game ahead of them, but that didn't stop them from doing everything they could to give them some competition.

The game went into overtime at the score of 33-33, and the nerves began to kick in. With two minutes on the clock, the team came together more than they had all year at that moment, to do everything they could to come to a victory.

As the time went on, Burroughs managed to get around our defense, and score a three pointer, but that didn't stop our team from fighting. When it came down to the final seconds of the game Chad Briden, sophomore, received the ball and went for a shot.

"Coach drew up a play on the spot and I got a great opportunity with 0.3 seconds left, I tried but it rimmed out" said Briden The buzzer buzzed and the game was over, finishing with the score of 36-33, Burroughs. The team was disappointed that they didn't pull off a win for that game, but they kept their heads held high.

"We played really well, and gave it all we could. We definitely learned from this game, and are now better prepared for tough games we will face in the future," said Briden.

**Logan Montgomery**, sopho-more, follows through with his shot as he shot one of the final baskets of the game.



**Chad Briden**, sophomore, pushed through Burroughs' de-fense, going in for a shot.



**Dominic Cusumano**, sophomore, goes up for a lay up, and scores an extra point for his team. He shot around Burrough's defense the whole game.

# MS Girls Basketball

## Getting the (B) Dubs



**Lyndsey Heckel**, eighth grade, jumps for a basket at the 8 Blue game against Oakville. The wildcats won 40-10.

Playing Basketball was hard work, especially in middle school, when multiple games in one day and back-to-back games were a common occurrence. The seventh grade girls decided they needed some sort of bonding activity in between their games, so they came up with the perfect idea: Buffalo Wild Wings. "My Favorite memory from the basketball season was going to Buffalo Wild Wings with my team," said Mackenzie Clark, seventh grade.

Being able to hang out with each other off the court was something that brought the girls a lot closer and gave them more confidence as a team. "My favorite part about being on the team is getting to know the people in my grade better and being able to call them my family," said Clark, when asked what her favorite part about the team was.



**Izzy Cancila**, seventh grade

**Annessa Shively**, seventh grade

**Charis Thompson**, eighth grade, shoots a free throw at the 8 blue game against Oakville. The wildcats won the game with a final score of 42-10.



**Alyssa Pritchett**, eighth grade, makes a free throw at the game against Oakville. She was a strong member of the 8 white team, securing many points this season.



Dear Westminster,  
I will remember how being on the basketball team brought us all closer together, and we were a really special group of friends. I will remember our inside jokes, especially when one of our teammates brought in oranges before a game, and we played really well. We kept eating oranges before games for good luck.

From,  
Marty Briner





# Ram Roast

with Jordan Haeusser

The MICDS Rams have been the Westminster basketball team's rival ever since JV Coach, Amber Reynolds', years in high school. Going into the game on January 21st, the Lady Cats knew that this would be a tough game, both mentally and physically.

When asked what the team's motivation was going into the game, "Honoring God. Yeah, it's the fact that we go to Westminster Christian Academy and we are showing Christ through our actions on the court, but I also think it's more than that," said Jordan Haeusser captain,

With that mentality, the Cats took the court to face off the Rams. Both teams were evenly matched, which made the game fast paced. Seconds ticked off the clock and at the end of the game, Jada Ferguson made some crucial free throws. "WE GOT THE DUB AGAINST MICDS. 46-45!!!!" said Haeusser. "We all really wanted that win and it was amazing to achieve it." History was made that day for the Lady Cats.



**Samantha Huber**, sophomore, drives to the basket. Huber's speed gave her an opportunity for a fast break and allowed her to make a lay up.

## THE LADY CATS



Jordan Haeusser, sophomore



Taylor French, junior



Ashley Moellenhoff, freshman



Dani Mabry, freshman

## JV Girls Basketball





Keenan Miller, freshman, runs to get the ball before the other team, Principia, has the chance to steal it. When asked about his favorite game of the season, he said, "Definitely the first game because I hit a buzzer beater to win the game."



Trevor Fish, freshman

Zach Gross, freshman

## The Transition

Spencer Graham, freshman, gets ready to take a shot. Spencer had played basketball since he was in third grade.

"The main difference would be the intensity," said freshman Joey Keane when asked about the difference between middle school and high school basketball. There is a big difference between middle school and high school sports. The transition can sometimes be difficult.

"I thought the transition would be difficult but the coaches really eased us into it and made it fun. We came together as a team and played some great basketball. Our future together is bright in this program and I'm looking forward to seeing where we go," said Luke Linam, freshman.

The team made the transition smoothly and won several games in their first high school season. They finished the season 15 to 6 and won 11 of those games in a row. They went into overtime in their last game against Priory and won for an exciting finish to their last game of their first high school season.

The team runs across the court to switch from offense to defense. They played Principia and won 55-25.



Freshman, **Trey Klein**, dribbles the ball along side his teammates **Keenan Miller** and **Zach Gross**. Zach scored twelve points in one of his games against MICDS.

# Middle School Wrestling

**Hunter Kramer**, eighth grade, leaps into the air to pin down his opponent. Kramer won the match against his Chaminade opponent. This was one of several wins Kramer recorded.

## Pin it to Win it

Spending an hour a day a few times a week wrestling may not have seemed like a lot of time. The Middle School Wrestling team showed that an hour a day is all they needed to become a successful team. When in middle school the only way to get to know other people in the different grade is by playing sports.

"My favorite thing about this season was getting to know some of the seventh graders better. It was kind of hard being the biggest guy on the team because they all looked up to me in wrestling and I had to make sure I made a good example for them," said Max Radloff, eighth grade.

For many of the wrestlers it was their first year wrestling. With a short amount of time, winning came easy to most of the wrestlers. "I finished this season with a record of 15 wins and 6 losses, which, in my opinion, isn't bad for my first year." Brett St. John, seventh grade. "This year, I won all but one," said Clayton Perona, eighth grade.



Dear Westminster,  
 Going to Westminster is a privilege, but also a lot of fun. The teachers at Westminster are amazing God loving people who you should grow relationships with because they are great people. Westminster will push you to your limits, grow your relationship with God, and prepare you for the future. Remember to honor God in everything because He loves you.

From,  
 Alyssa Preusser, sophomore.



**Jake Kyriakos**, eighth grade.



**Reed Grimm**, seventh grade, wrestles against his John Burroughs opponent. He won this match on Tuesday Jan. 5, 2016.



**Jack Whited**, seventh grade, wraps his arms around his opponent. Whited nailed his opponent onto the ground to take the win on Tuesday January 5, 2016.



**Hayden Turley**, seventh grade, competes in a match on a Tuesday afternoon. This was one of many matches Turley won.



## Middle School Cheer and Dance

### Learning New Tricks

The middle school dance and cheer team had a season of learning new dance moves and bonding together. The girls performed at half-time of the boys basketball games. The dance and cheer team was combined of the seventh and eighth grade girls who were improving their cheering and dancing skills for the future.

"I've learned a lot from cheer and dance! I've learned how to do so many new dance moves and I've learned how to do cheer jumps properly. Also cheer and dance has made me become more flexible and that has helped a lot for jumps and certain dance moves" said Rebekah Sems, eighth grade.

Having the middle school combined gave more opportunity to the girls to make new friendships. These new relationships also create a bond between the team early for future years.

"I have become better friends with the eighth graders and seventh graders while we were dancing and cheering. I got to hang out with girls that I'm not always with and it is fun to talk and become better friends with them" said Sems.



**Natalie Ford**, eighth grade



**Mia Davis**, seventh grade



**Marissa Barnes**, seventh grade

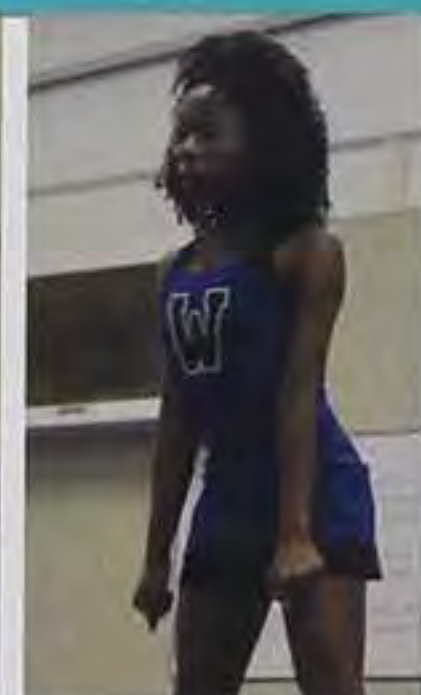


**Allie Shreves**, seventh grade

Dear Westminster,  
Thank you for a great season of cheer and dance. To my teammates, I had fun learning new dances with you all. I'm glad I was apart of cheer and dance this year.  
Sincerley,  
Allie Shreves



**Grace Rahal**, eighth grade, warms up her back flip skills before the big performance during half time.



**Tori Jessie**, eighth grade, practicing her stunts before performing at the eighth grade basketball game.

# JV Cheerleading

## Tradition:

The WCA JV cheerleaders' tradition is to pray and chant before and after each game.

Wildcats



## Pushing it to the Limit

In order to become better, athletes of all skill levels took up a level of commitment and consequence that forced them to push themselves to some limit. Many high school sports required student athletes to drive themselves mentally, physically, and emotionally. Westminster's JV cheerleaders agreed that the road was tough, but there were rewarding outcomes in the climb to the top of the pyramid.

The members of the JV cheer leading team practiced three times a week, and they cheered at home games regularly. The continuous activity was unkind to the bodies of young students, according to some of the cheerleaders.

"Physically it is harsh; Constantly telling yourself to push your limits or do things that are not natural to the human body is hard", said Olivia Blatz, freshman.

"The hardest thing about cheer is teaching your body to jump, twist, fly and tumble in a way it normally wouldn't," said Lauren Fleming, freshman.

Aside from physical limits, the female athletes expanded their mental and emotional capacity, but they did it in a good way. A past tradition of the JV cheerleading team was when the captains complimented two of the members each day, a team-bonding activity for the girls.

To Lauren Fleming, her favorite thing about the sport was "the bonds that grow with my teammates [and] new friendships I make with the girls that share a passion for the same thing I do, cheer leading," said Fleming.

"I adore the sport, the commitment, and the family that comes with it", said Blatz.



**Emma Gion, sophomore**

**Kaler Terry and Emma Olsen, freshmen,** show their school spirit with a sign. The girls both cheered at the football game against MICDS. The cheer team worked together to support the Wildcats.

Close friends **Betsy Bailey, sophomore,** and **Amanda Enger, freshman,** cheer for the team. The JV football team played Festus on a hot September day. With support from the cheerleaders, the team won 14-7.

**Olivia Blatz, Lexie Kratky, and Sarah Melaragno, freshmen,** take a break for a group shot. The three friends cheered for the JV football team against a tough opponent, MICDS.

# Middle School Swim

"The team has grown a lot closer this year, we have two more practices a week so it is a lot more intense but we all love being in the pool, and we love spending time together and with Coach Kempen."

**Lexi Jo Alm**, eighth grade



**Lexi Jo Alm**, eighth grade



**Isabella Francois**, eighth grade



**Hope Burkey**, eighth grade

## Paving the Way

Middle School swim grew in 2016 with new seventh grade girls joining the team. Swim for these girls was not only an interactive after school activity, but a way to form new friendships and bonds with students in different grades.

"I love being on the team as an eighth grader, getting to know the girls younger than me this swim season has been really fun, and it is great to know I have a whole group of girls supporting me in and out of the pool," said Lily Duda, eighth grade.

Coach Kempen led the seventh and eighth grade girls through this season, guiding them through practices and meets, preparing them for the potential of high school swim.





The team cheers on the sidelines of a JV basketball game. The Blue and White team cheered for both JV and freshman basketball during the winter season.



Bri Harris and Emma Olsen, freshmen, watch the football game, while waiting for their chance to cheer. Bri said, "My favorite part would be when I'm at a game and they win."



Emma Olsen and Kaler Terry, freshmen, stand on the sidelines of a football game. They used signs and megaphones to get the crowd excited.

## Blue and White Cheer

### First!

There's a first time for everything. This year, for the first time in the school's history, the cheer team expanded its program to three teams. Along with Varsity and Junior Varsity, the school now had a Blue and White cheer team.

The Blue and White team was primarily for incoming freshman who were starting out with cheer. The team came alongside the girls and mentored them by incorporating varsity "big sisters."

"It's for girls who are new to the squad, so they can teach us the basics," said Bri Harris freshman.

The Blue and White team also created an atmosphere that encouraged the girls to come together for a common goal.

"We all work together to have fun and to become better together," said Cali Williams, freshman. The team was also very small so it was a tight knit group of girls.



The team lifts Cali Williams, freshmen, for a stunt. Cali, one of the team's main flyers, said, "It's a lot of fun but it can also be scary."



Cali Williams, freshman



Daisy Luo, senior



Hannah Rupprecht, freshman

# Fall Sports Wrap Up



## VARSITY FOOTBALL

The varsity football team had a great season this year led by senior, **Evan Johnson**. The Wildcats advanced to the final four for the first time in the program's history. They were defeated by Kearney in the first game of the semifinals.

## VARSITY GIRS GOLF

The girl's golf team had a strong season finishing first in Districts. **McKenna Montgomery**, senior, earned her third All-State honors placing third overall. **Taylor French**, junior, also became All-State by placing 13th out of the 91 girls in the tournament.



## VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

The Westminster Cross Country team ended their season with a strong finish. The team finished third in the State Cross Country meet on the ninth of November. **Andrew Murray**, senior, earned All-State honors with a 3rd place individual finish. **Evan Parres**, sophomore, and **Jack Andrews**, senior, also earned All-State honors finishing in 20th and 27th place.

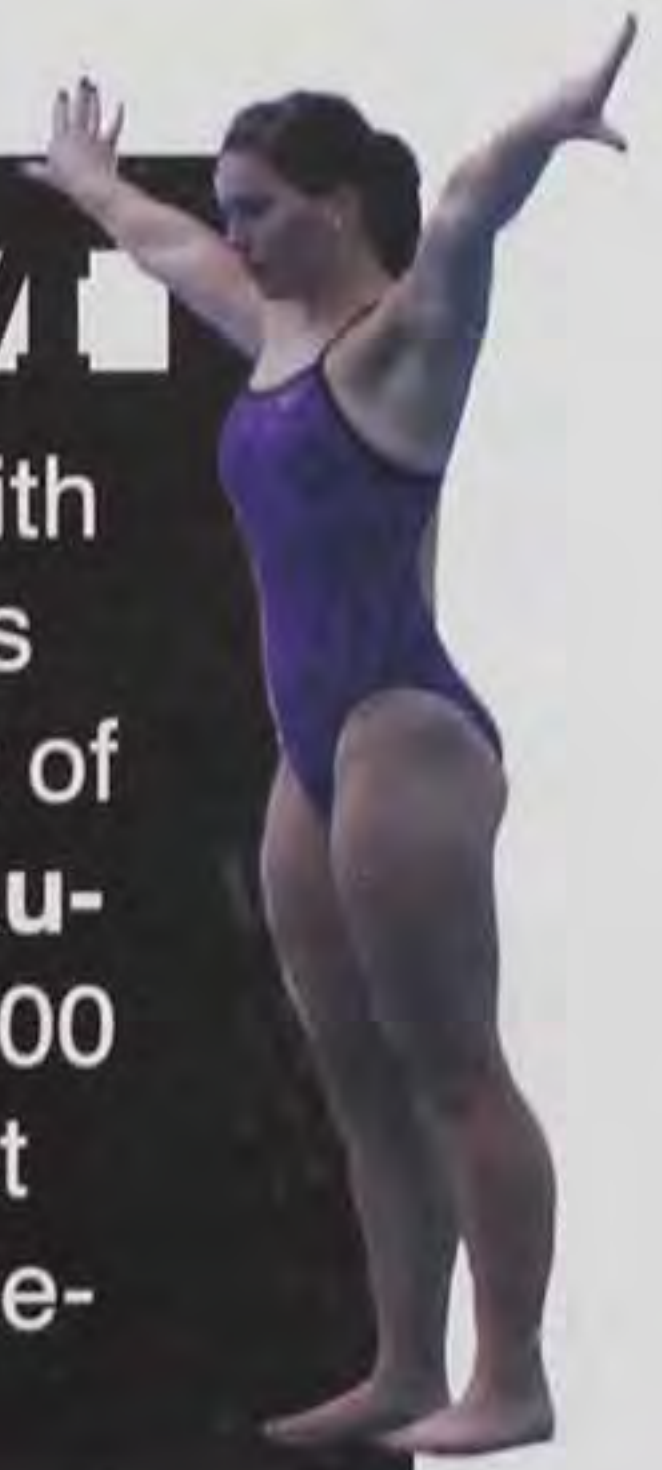




# Winter Sports Wrap Up

## ← VARSITY CHESSWIM

The swim team finished strong with a 18-1 record with a Conference championship and several swimmers qualifying for state. The team earned 22nd place out of the 82 teams that qualified for the championship. **Lauren Massot**, senior, earned All-State honors in the 100 Backstroke and the 200M and she broke the oldest school record from 1998 in the 200M. **Avery Iven**, senior, placed 19th in the state in diving.



## ↓ VARSITY DANCE →

The varsity dance team went to the state championships this year, placing 1st in hip-hop, 2nd in pom, and 3rd overall. This was the first time in the previous three years that VDT had placed in the state competition after moving up to a much harder division. **Anna Mitchell** had been a part of the varsity dance team for two years.

## ← VARSITY WRESTLING

Three Westminster wrestlers qualified for state this year. **Alex Hopkins**, senior, won the 170 pound division, ending his season undefeated. **Sam Terrana**, senior, competed through a significant injury, and **Jesse Parham**, sophomore, became a two time state qualifier.



# Azaria Foster

Class of 2016

“I will never forget when Mr. Boesch fell and hit his head during at Spirit Week during the faculty musical chairs.”

# Mary Grace Barber

Class of 2016

“Winning art board as a sophomore was one of the best moments of my high school experience!”

# Luke Schroeder

Class of 2016

“The last days of school each year are my favorite high school memories.”



From top to bottom, left to right, **Caroline Holden, Audrey O'Neill, Mary Grace Barber, Elyse Blatz, Anna Huynh, and Maggi Eachus**, seniors.

From left to right, Bekah Westrich, Celia Avery, Maggie Dare, and Sabrina Bingham, seniors.

# Jordan Hartmann

Class of 2016

“Oregon Summer Seminar was something I will never forget. I became so close to many I never talked to.”



**Ben Sems** Class of 2016

**“My favorite memory was the basketball game where I dressed as an ESPN sports announcer with some of my friends.”**

**Emily Adkisson**  
Class of 2016

**“A highlight was definitely going to the state track meet in three events my junior year.”**

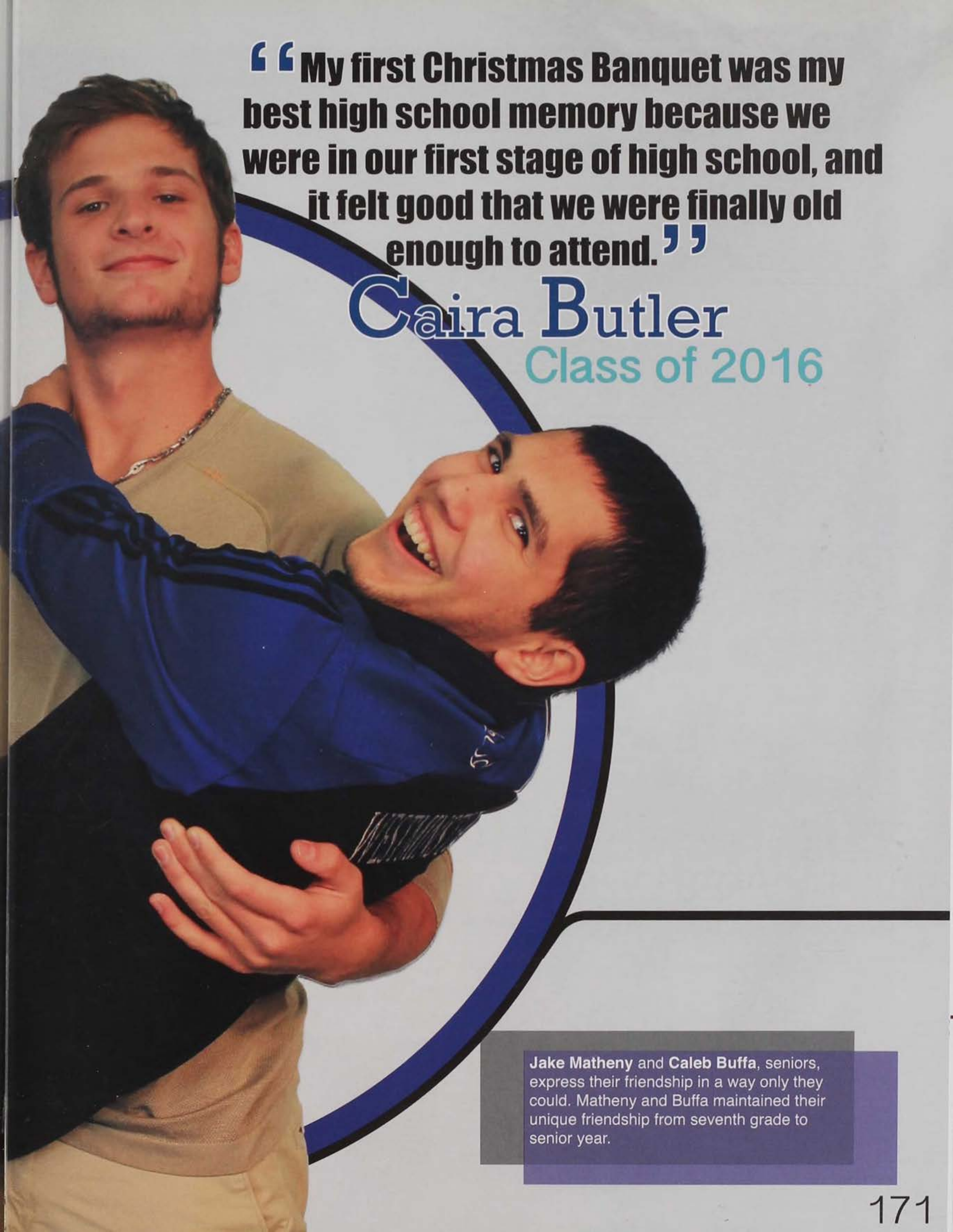
**Senior year comes with many new freedoms. The best one for me was having the opportunity to leave during study hall. It was so nice to have a break during the day. I will never forget the fun times I had with friends during the school day. ’ ’**

**Miles Hehner** Class of 2016

**“ Faith in Action has been a really cool opportunity and is definitely my favorite part of senior year. I will never forget the relationships I formed not only with the leaders at senior service but also the other Westminster students I worked with. ’ ’**

**Matthew Rush** Class of 2016





**“ My first Christmas Banquet was my best high school memory because we were in our first stage of high school, and it felt good that we were finally old enough to attend.”**

**Caira Butler**

**Class of 2016**

**Jake Matheny** and **Caleb Buffa**, seniors, express their friendship in a way only they could. Matheny and Buffa maintained their unique friendship from seventh grade to senior year.

Gracie Adams



I'm thankful to finally be writing this, but I'm also very thankful for these past four years at the academy. Mom and Dad - thank you for being my favorite people and being awesome role models. Kalie- Thanks for being the most supportive sister (and prettier) who I can always count on. Bubs- for constantly making me laugh. Trey & Keaton- even with you both away at college, you knew how to cheer me on. Emily- I could not have made it through this year without you. I love you so much. Thank you for putting up with me, laughing at everything, and most of all being the best twin ever. Don't think high school is too long, it's over before you know it. Enjoy it while you can and take advantage of it. Ephesians 1:7



Emily Adkisson



I'm so thankful for all of the wonderful people God has placed in my life and the opportunities I have been given. Mom- thank you so much for always being there for me and making life so much more fun! Dad- thank you for always being my biggest fan and becoming a part time vegetarian after all of my pestering. Davis- I can't wait to see where your life takes you next! And thank you to all of my friends and family who have put up with my strange music taste and tofu obsession for 18 years! I'm not sure where I will wander in my lifetime but I know I will always return home to those I love.



Joey Albertson



I want to thank everyone who has made my Westminster years some of my best ones: my family for supporting me all these years and also my friends who have been there for me. I especially want to thank the robotics team; you guys have been like a second family to me. I'm also thankful for all the teachers who have been there and nurtured a love of learning in me. Finally, may I never run out of thanks for God, who has always been with me. Looking back at what I am going to leave behind is hard, but when I see all the people who have walked alongside me, it is something I do with much gratitude.



“WHAT ARE THOOOOOOOSE?”



Lucy Kehr, senior, rocks a pair of white “Jesus-sandle” birkenstocks. She bought her kicks because she loved the “trendy look and comfortability” of the shoes.



Amazon.com  
\$90.00

Styling her black crocs, senior, **Sinclair Davis** seeks to bring back the crocs because of their comfortability and low key vibe. “I just saw them and thought, ‘I need those’.”



Famous Footwear  
\$30.00



## Michael Aldredge



First I would like to thank my mom and dad for being great role models and for their unconditional love. I also thank God for bringing me to this great place. I couldn't imagine being anywhere else. I would also like to thank my coaches: Coach Gall, Coach Johnson, Coach Petke and Veege. To my teammates- Thanks for making it a great experience, I couldn't have asked for a better team. Savage.



## Emily Andres



First, thank you mom for teaching me how to be strong and independent and being the best role model in the world. Love you dad. Abbey and Dylan, there aren't enough words to describe how thankful I am for you two and how close we all are, I love you both. Hannah and Elaine, thank you for the endless laughs and the great memories. Jordan Gracie and Sarah, I am so thankful for how close I've gotten to all of you. Ruckman, we have been through so much and I have no clue what I would do without you. God has blessed me with amazing friends and family. Thank you to everyone who made my high school years ones to remember.



## Jack Andrews



Wow, I feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude as I reflect on this journey. Lord, thank you for everything you teach me, please keep my heart pursuing You. Mom, I'm still not sure how you do it, the sacrifices you make daily are incredible and that will never be lost on me. Pops I'm amazed at how you exemplify what it means to be a father, I hope and pray that I'll be that kind of dad someday. Somehow I doubt things will be quiet when I'm gone, Joe and Blake you are the best brothers, I'm so thankful for the fun we share. Friends, our memories mean the world to me, you've given me a deeper appreciation for life.



"Bunnies are always in," said junior, **Erin Galakatos**. During ITSOG, Erin took advantage of the ability to wear any kind of shoe apparel that she wanted. Galakatos boldly sported the adorable slippers amongst the jesting.



Senior, **Andrew Murray** does not "want no beef boy, all I want are my gucci slippers." These leather bottomed comfort shoes were discovered in his garage when he saw the snazzy looking kicks. Soon after though he realized they were just the insides of some snow boots.



**BunnySlippers.com**  
\$25.95



**Murray's Garage**  
Priceless

**Nate Appelbaum**



Sheriffs Exit Exigently  
 Yonder Over Under  
 Gilligan's Umbrella, Yearly Singing  
 "Lakers Ate Tampa's Efficient Rays."  
 Helga Opens Presents Err  
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 Here A Visible Earth  
 Flies Up North.  
 Willem Hermitson Edited Regularly. Ever Valuing  
 Eminence, Rarely  
 Lacking It For Endings.  
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 -Nocturnal Animals Taste Everything  
 Lesen Sie nur den ersten Buchstaben jedes  
 Wortes.



**Celia Avery**



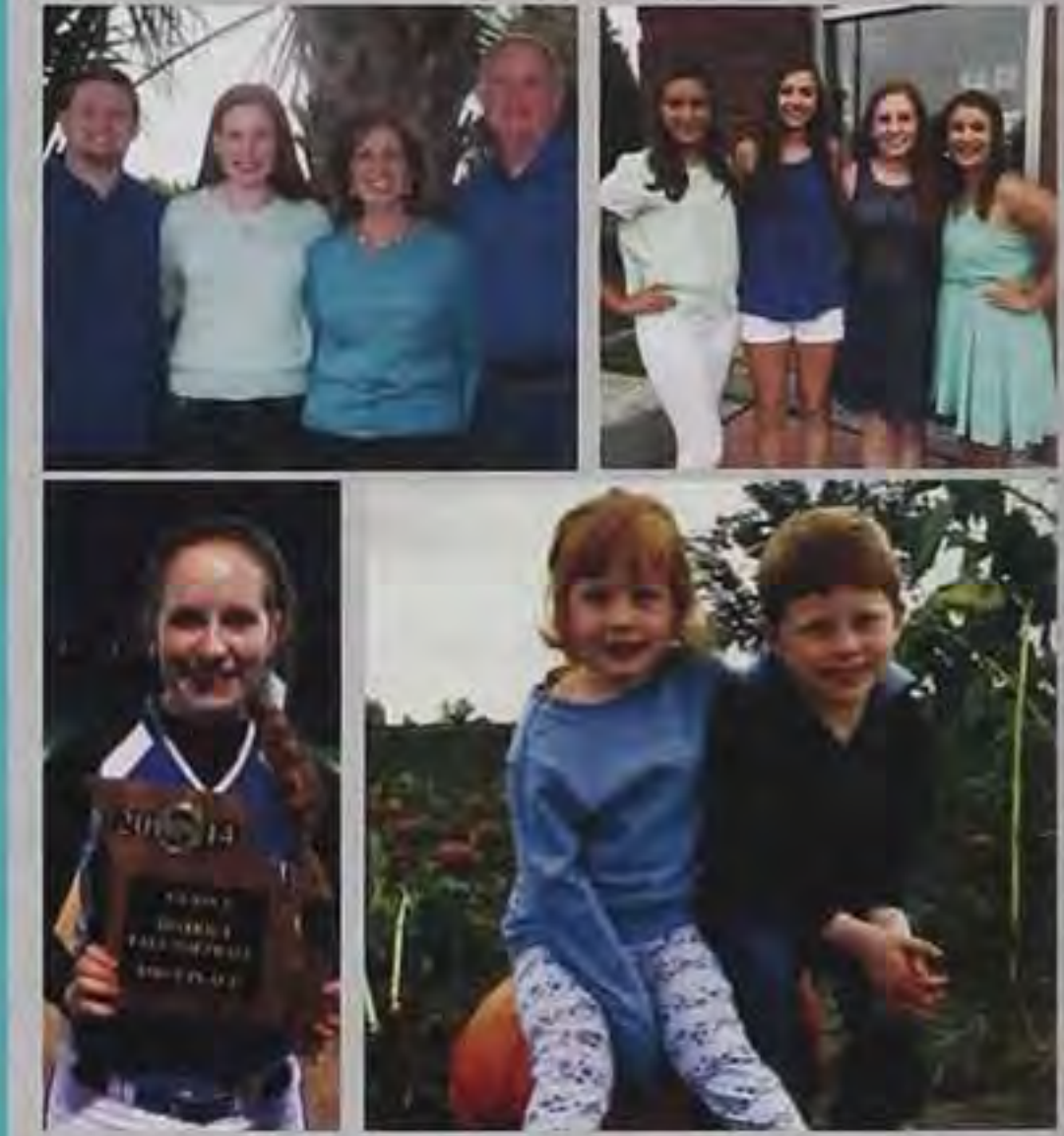
Mom and Pop, thank you for always supporting me through these past four years I don't know how I would've been able to do it without you. I would like to say thank you to Bekah, Maggie and Bri for being my best friends and helping me through everything over these past years. Thank you for putting up with my craziness and weirdness. Thank you to the Meeks family for becoming my second family and supporting me. I am so thankful for being able to come to Westminster and I would like to say thanks to all of my teachers for being great role models and mentors. I will always treasure the memories that I have made here.



**Annie Backs**



Thank you God for blessing me with a great 18 years. Mom and Dad, thank you for always supporting me and caring for me. I am so thankful to have parents like you. Michael, you are the best brother, and I am grateful for everything you have done for me. To all my friends, especially Lauren, Julia, and Kaitlyn, thank you for always being there for me. I am blessed to have such great friends, and I will never forget all the memories we have. I love you all so much. To my WCA softball team, I've enjoyed being a part of such an incredible team and some of my best memories were playing on the field with you all.



**What's Your Favorite Instagram Photo?**

Whether or not anyone admits it, everyone has a favorite Instagram photo that they've posted. It might be that the lighting is perfect or it was a good hair day, but for whatever reason it is their favorite. The arduous process of finding the perfect photo consists of finding the most artsy place, getting the perfect shot, testing filter-after-filter, sending it to everyone possible for their opinion, and lastly, stressing over the perfect quote. To say the least, it is not easy looking Instagram ready. So keep looking good and #nofilter on.

**Instagram**

izzy.cancila 2015



"Besties since day one"  
 - Izzy Cancila, seventh

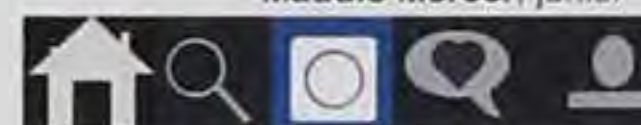


**Instagram**

maddie\_mercer 2015



"Song of Solomon 3:4 'I have found the one whom my soul loves'"  
 -Maddie Mercer, junior



**Instagram**

carolinedavis21 2015



"Freezing temperature but still eating ice cream"  
 - Caroline Davis, freshman



## Dylan Baile



I have so many people to thank. First of all I thank God for my amazing four years at Westminster. It has been such a great opportunity and not once did I take it for granted. I also want to thank my parents. Mom, Dad, you guys are truly the best. I'm not sure where I would be without you. Thank you for your continuous support. And to all of my closest friends, thank you for making it worth getting out of bed every morning, and for shaping me into who I am today.



## Myles Bakewell



Mom and Dad, thank you so much for blessing me with the chance to receive a great education and to grow as a person at Westminster. Thank you to all the Coaches and teachers that have made me into the man I am, and here is to all the friends that have made this journey a blast! Life is an adventure, and I am glad that the Lord has led mine through Westminster. I trust the Lord to continue to lead and prosper me, as in the words of Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." I know wherever I go from here, the Lord will be with me.





## Mary Grace Barber




To my wonderful parents – thank you for being my rocks and always supporting my ambitious dreams. To my teachers – thank you for pushing me to my full potential and being such Godly role models in my life. Lastly, to all my friends: I love you more than words can say. You supported me through the good times and the bad, and shaped me to be a better person and grow in my love for God and others. So here's to you, if you stuck with me until the very end.







Instagram 


 ellyblatz 2015



Elyse Blatz

the project said to illustrate, not HOW illustrate" - Elyse Blatz, senior



Instagram 


 katndavidson 2015



Katelyn Davidson  
Casey Moeslein

"TAZA"  
- Katelyn Davidson, junior



Instagram 

 annagierhart 2015





Georgia McQuillan  
Anna Gierhart


   

"Don't be fooled she's actually like 2 feet taller than me!!!"  
- Anna Gierhart, sophomore







Instagram 


 \_mai.eir 2015



Maia Sims

"I wish you would just ask."  
- Maia Sims, junior



Morgan Barr



To everyone who has been by my side throughout high school... I cannot thank you enough. Mom, thank you for your constant love and support. You have done so much for me, and I can't even begin to express my gratitude for that. VDT, thanks for being the weirdest people in WCA with me; I'll never forget our goofy jokes/memories. Lane, Lex, Tommy, and Lauren, thanks for being some of my favorite humans and having such great hearts. And to all of my sweet friends, thanks for all the love and laughter, and for making my high school experience an unforgettable one. I can't wait to see what God has in store for all of us these next few years!



Blase Bell



Sovereign Christ- Thank you for your sweet and saving grace. I am happy in You. Mommy- Thank you for being a constant rock of love. Your zealous prayer was not in vain. From the womb to now you have tenderly cared for me. You make me laugh and are my comfort. I love you. Daddy- Thank you for your unending love. You raised me to be a godly and humble man. I want to be just like you: humorous, fun, and caring. Bennett- Mi hermano, thanks for always being there. I love you. Bryce- Bice! Thanks for standing by me. I love you. Mr. Trower- thank you for your daily kindness, encouragement, and joy. Soli Deo Gloria. Grace and Peace.



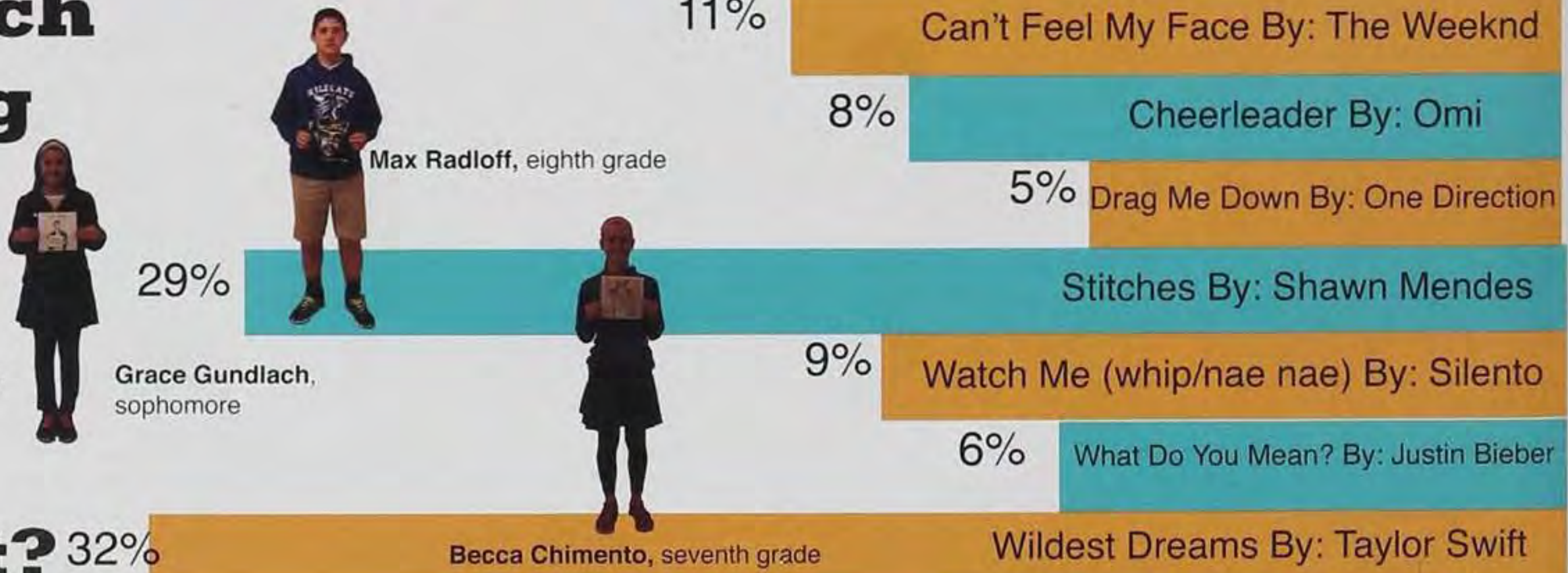
Nick Bell



I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to attend Westminster. The teachers have been great to me and I appreciate their encouragement and support. Thanks mom and dad for always being there to support me. Kevin, Derek, and Lauren, you're the best siblings a guy could ask for. Most importantly, I'd like to thank God for all His blessings.



Which Song Do You Like the Best?



## Sabrina Bingham



I'd like to give a shout out to the three bestest friends in the whole wide world: Bekah, Celia, and Maggie! I wouldn't have made it through my time at WCA without you. Whether it was dragging me screaming and crying out of my shell to the finish line sophomore year, holding me up through intense boy issues and giving me your shoulders during my parents' divorce junior year, or supporting me through the trials and troubles this year, you guys are always there for me! We'll always be sisters one through four at heart and I don't know what I'll do without you guys!

Beks, C, Mags, I love you guys to death and I always will!



## James Bissell



Feel the Bern

## Elyse Blatz



Alas, the high school career has come to an end. I think the teachers are all silently thanking the Lord that we're finally leaving. I may not have been here all of high school, but these past two years have been pretty peachy, thanks to my awesome friends that totally ignored the fact that I am a recovering Texan who is a little too passionate about her nerdy interests. I'd like to thank my friends for being awesome and putting up with me, my teachers for putting up with my hatred of mornings, and Misha Collins, who was there for me when no one else was. Also, I'd like to apologize to my family for putting up with me, especially my baby sister who had to drive to school with me every day. It's been great. Nonetheless, I salute you, Westminster, and wish you many more great years.



**Nancy Morcos and Jaeda Moore**, eighth grade, recently went to a Shawn Mendes concert. "What I like about him is not only his voice but also his personality," said Morcos. "During the concert he was always interacting with the fans, and it was like he was singing to you not just all of the other thousands of people."



**Caroline Megowan**, freshman, went to a One Direction concert this summer in Kansas City. "I am obsessed with them, and I have a lot of cardboard cutouts," said Megowan. She reflected that even though Zayn was not there, the concert was still fun.

**Paige Stanfill**, junior, went with her neighbor to the Taylor Swift concert this fall. "I like Taylor Swift because she has the best songs, and she's an awesome performer," said Stanfill.



Elizabeth Bowman



My time at Westminster has gone by unbelievably fast. I had highs and lows, but overall a very enjoyable experience. Thank you to my parents for supporting me throughout my life, constantly encouraging me and pushing me to be my best. Nora and Emily thank you for being there always, we've been through so much, even almost choking to death, but we made it! Thank you to my lacrosse family for making high school truly unforgettable, for pushing me, and letting me find myself in a sport I love. Life goes by so fast, sometimes it's easy to forget to pause and enjoy your time.



Jeremiah Branscomb



Morgan Brasier



As my so-called wonder years come to a screeching halt, I'm left with mixed emotions. I'm both nostalgic for the hallowed halls of the academy, and ready to peace out forever. High school sometimes sucks, but I'm so grateful for my wonderful friends and family who got me through. Mom, Dad and Zach, thanks for putting up with my sarcastic, crabby and sleep-deprived teenaged self. Thanks to all my friend, but especially Alyson, Kaitlyn and Avery, for keeping me sane and participating in all my shenanigans. You are all blessed human beings, never change.



# STAR WARS

The Announcement of "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," stirred up lots of excitement in the Westminster Community. So how exactly did students feel about this new movie?



"I'm very excited because I've been waiting a long time for a new Star Wars to come out, and my brother and I have been Star Wars fans for as long as I can remember."  
**Josh Morton**, freshman.

## Brooke-Ellen Brugner



Over the past six years at Westminster, I have really grown up a lot. I've made the most amazing friends, the best memories, and I've also learned how much my family loves me. To my mom and dad, thank you for teaching me how to care for other people. Thanks for pushing me to be the best I can be, and thank you for loving me no matter what. Markie, thanks for always making things fun and for your constant dancing. To Matt, thank you for being the best role model a girl could have. To my friends, thanks for sticking by my side despite my awful singing in the car. To everyone over the years—you will be cherished.



## Caleb Buffa



Thank you Mom and Dad for everything you have done for me the past four years. You have made a lot of sacrifices and I appreciate it. Thank you to my friends for giving me such great memories. It's been a great four years.

3...  
2...  
1...  
**BLAST OFF!!!**

## Sterling Burton



I don't know what the big deal is with these senior statements. Sometimes all you need is a heartfelt "I love you". Thanks for everything, Mom, Dad and Elise! Also, if the zombie apocalypse or Skynet should happen during our lifetime, Elise, you can be on my survival squad. I'll be the scout. I love you guys!

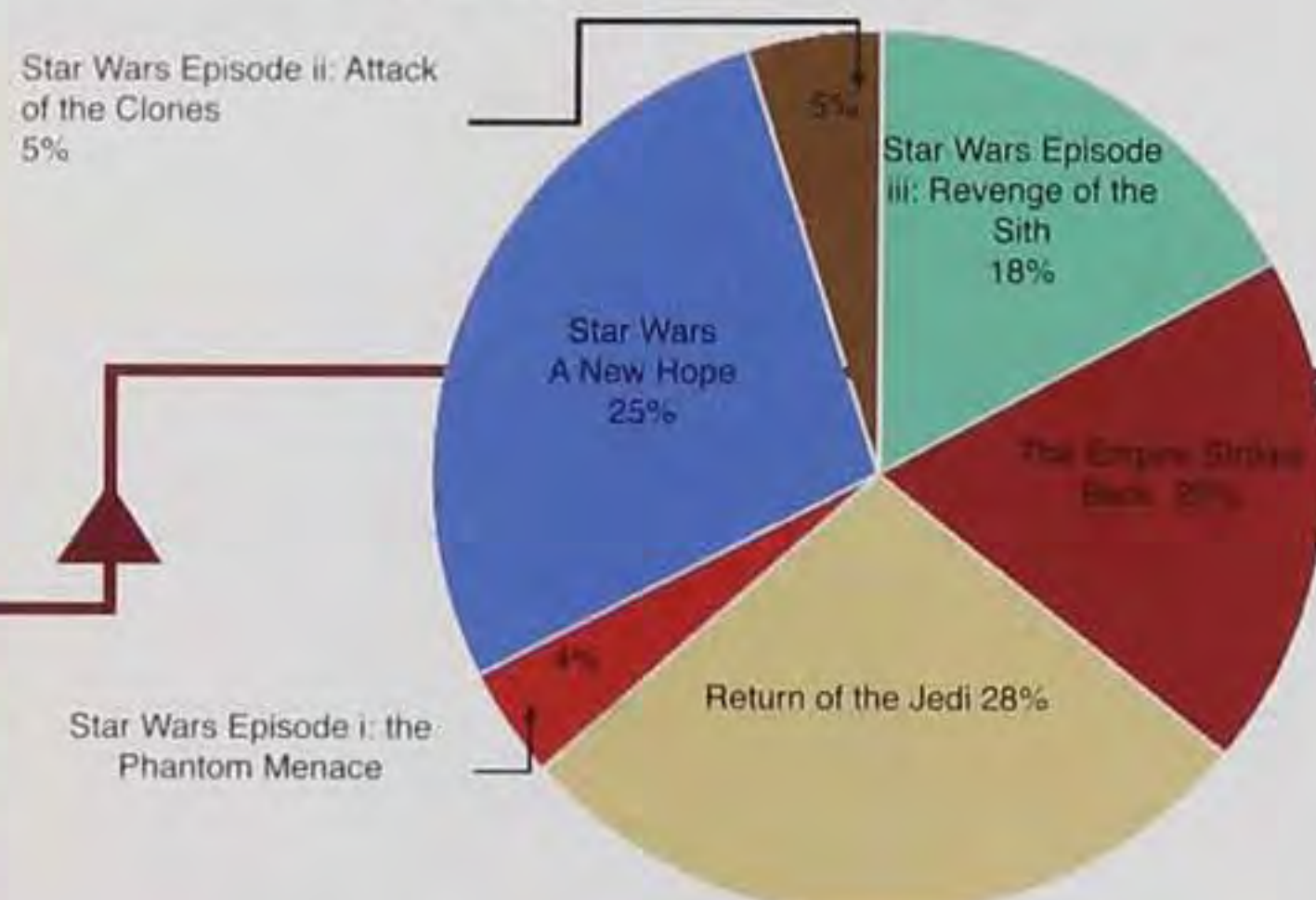


Max Radloff, 8th grade, dressed up as Darth Vader this Halloween. "I'm excited for the movie because I would watch all of the other movies as a kid and i'm not going to skip this one!"

"I am a die-hard star warrior and I have marathoned the entire saga over 15 times. It's going to be hands down the most wicked movie ever."  
Emily Kessel, Junior



## What is Westminster's favorite Star Wars movie?



**Caira Butler**



Mom- Thank you for being a major influence in my life. I look up to you and appreciate everything that you've done for me. I can always come to you for anything and you always encourage me no matter what. I'm grateful to have a mom like you. Dad- Thank you for being there when I need your advice, comfort, and love. I'm blessed to have a father that believes I can accomplish anything I set my mind to. Family- I'm blessed to have a family that I can share great memories with. You all have been a huge blessing in my life. Friends- You guys make my day better every time I see you. Thank you for great memories we've shared and more to come.



**Nick Cacciarelli**



Thank you, to Westminster for giving me an amazing high school experience. Thanks Mom and Dad for all you have done for me. I am blessed to have grown up with such amazing parents that have shown me a Godly example of how to live. Thank you to all my coaches and teachers for putting up with me and teaching me how to work hard. Thanks to all my friends and teammates, for the memories and good times. Hailee, thank you for being by my side throughout high school. Lastly, I want to thank God for all he has done for me and all he has blessed me with.



**Willie Canfield**



All Love.



"Lost is my favorite show due to the longevity of the series, and the richness of the story," said **Lexi Berra**, sophomore.

"I never knew I could be in love with the color red," said **Taylor Siebeman**, sophomore.

# Netflix and Don't Talk To Me

## What Westminster Is Watching



- Grey's Anatomy**
- Friends**
- The Office**
- The Walking Dead**
- Lost**

Lasting →



## Macy Catlett



God, thanks for blessing me with many special people and memories. Dad, I'll never forget our sports practices, daddy daughter dances, and your constant encouragement. Mom, thanks for being my role model and best friend and encouraging me to be a light. Tyler, I'll always look up to you. You're the best brother there is. Mia and Gabbie, thanks for being my best friends and laughing with me about everything. Jacob, thanks for being my best friend the past six years. Soccer and volleyball teams, I'm thankful for all of the memories and inside jokes. To all of my friends, high school would not have been the same without you. You've made my high school experience one I will never forget.



## Elaine Clifton



Mom & Dad thank you for everything you have done for me throughout the years even when I didn't deserve it. Alexis, you are an amazing big sister! Simir, you make me laugh every day. I'm glad I had the honor of driving you to school my senior year. Stay weird. Σ'αγαπώ YiaYia! Your grilled cheese sandwiches are the best! Hannah & Emily, no matter where we all end up you will always be my best friends. Jordan & Gracie, thank you for the unforgettable memories! Parker, you're the best dog ever! You get cooler and cuter every day. Keep wagging. I'm excited to start my college journey. I know I couldn't have made it this far without all of you.



## Emma Cockrum



Blessing is the word that comes to my mind when thinking of my family and friends. Mom and Dad, you guys are my heroes. Dad, thanks for always supporting my dreams, and giving me wisdom on the countless number of hockey trips we spent together. Mom, thank you for teaching me what genuine love looks like and how to always cherish those around you. To the hockey boys, you guys are my family, don't ever forget that. Mal and Brit, you girls have shown me what true friendship looks like. Grace, I'm thankful to have been through this journey with you by my side. I am beyond blessed and thankful to have you guys all in my life.



"All the constant drama and crazy medical cases make it interesting. Shonda Rhymes does a good job of getting you emotionally attached to the characters and never knowing who will fall in love with who," said **Isabella Ortiz**, sophomore.



"The Office is the bomb," said **Ava Hollman**, eighth grader.



**Veronica Ortiz**, seventh grader watches Friends on her Ipad.



**Hunter Kramer**, eighth grader watches the TV show The Walking Dead.

Aaron Cook



Tessa Copeland



Caleb Curry



I have had an amazing high school experience thanks to the friends I've made along the way, the teachers who genuinely cared about me, my loving and eccentric family, and above all, God who designs all things for His purpose. Because of Westminster, I've been given so many opportunities and matured spiritually, emotionally, and mentally. And I have lifelong memories from playing tennis all four years, to giving an encore reading of my Cougars poem. Well, all things must end in their time, and while it is bitter-sweet, I feel prepared for a new chapter in my life. "Let us step into the night and pursue that flighty temptress, adventure." -Albus Dumbledore. Tessa out, wildcat nation. Mic drop.

Westminster will always be about the moments. Sometimes they were on campus when I was stressing over finals, shaking hands with the audience after performing Shakespeare, running the Variety Show backstage, recreating the assassination of Julius Caesar in History Club, or stumbling upon a bagpipe concert in the Grand Entry. Other moments were off campus: great conversations at Chick-fila, gaming after midnight on weekends, burning our notes on the last day of school. Always, it was about building my faith so that I might please God (even though I didn't always succeed). Special thanks to my parents, who made these moments possible, my Gigi, for always being there, and my many teachers and classmates who made me a better Christian.



MIZZOU

LINDENWOOD

MISSOURI STATE



VS.



"I like Mizzou because it's a big school, and they have a good journalism program," said **Morgan Barr**, senior.

## Ally Dalby



Mom- Thanks for being my best friend, being there when I need someone to talk to, and loving me no matter what. I appreciate everything you do for me and I'm so proud to call you my mom. Dad- Thanks for being my personal chef, understanding my need to be alone sometimes, your lame jokes, and your incredible patience with me. I'm so blessed to have you as a dad. Maggie-Thanks for always making me laugh and being the best little sister I could ask for. I love you so much and your love for Christ amazes me. Keep doing you little one. Thanks to my amazing teachers and friends for making these years great! Crazy how fast it goes.



## Maggie Dare



Mom and Dad, thank you for your unconditional love and support in everything I do. Sam, you're a good little brother and I will miss you next year. To my friends thank you for always being there, sharing so many fun memories and making me laugh. Thank you teachers for helping me learn and grow. Thank you God for blessing me with my wonderful family, unforgettable friends, and a great Christian education.



## Robert Davis



Thank you to my wonderful mother and father for raising me and teaching me honesty and respect. Thanks to my brother and sister. To my friends--thank you for all the good times. Many of you taught me a lot about life. I'd like to thank my brothers on the football team for battling alongside me—my best memories from high school are with you guys. To my coaches and teachers, I thank you for teaching me how to become a man. And, finally, Ronald Reagan, I thank you for teaching me the virtues of the American Dream.



"Mizzou is too close for me, and there are so many Westminster people who go there. Missouri State is a good size," said **Missy Grasse**, senior.



**VS.**



"I chose Lindewood because they have a good program for what I want to major in," said **Celia Avery**, senior.



Ryan Davis



Thanks to all my friends for tolerating me these last however many years. Thanks to my teachers who gave me knowledge and support for my future. Thanks to all the clubs who gave me something to do. Thanks to my family for letting me go to Westminster for the last 6 years. And especially thanks to God for helping me survive high school.



Sinclair Davis



Mom, thanks for shaping me into who I am. I find more of you in me each day. Thank you for showing me how to be a strong woman of God. Dad, your perseverance and love for our family is so admirable. Thanks for pushing me to be better and believing in me. Laner, thanks for the laughs and being my partner in crime. Don't get into too much trouble without me next year. VDT, the sisterhood is real and the memories are endless. Thanks for loving me so well. Keep dancing for Him. My sweet friends, you showed me what true friendship is and I am so blessed to have you in my life. Love you always.



Mason Davitt



Mom and Dad, thank you so much for providing me the opportunity to attend Westminster. You have taught me how to be a godly man and I will take everything you have taught me to college. Ethan, thanks so much for putting up with my many math questions this year. Colin and Aiden, thank you guys for wrestling with me, you're the best. Maybe someday you'll beat me. To all my friends, from carwashes and Uncle Bills to camping, I will never forget what we have done in high school. I pray that God gives me as good of friends in college.



JAKE MATHENY



Indiana University commit. Jake Matheny, made his decision to attend IU for baseball in spring of 2015. It was a tough decision for Jake once he narrowed his college choice down to 2. Ultimately, the coaches and campus drew Jake to Indiana. Matheny, a catcher, will seek to make an impact behind the plate next year in Bloomington.



KIRSTEN DAVIS



The Texas Tech Red Raider women's soccer team nabbed quite a young star when Kirsten Davis committed in the fall of her sophomore year. Kirsten has been a force to be reckoned with the WCA soccer team and looks to continue her soccer career at TTU. Davis said she fell in love with Tech because of the gorgeous campus and the coaching style of the head coach



## Aaron Dillmon



1Tim 6:12 "Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." Thank you mom and dad for sending me to a great school. I know not everyone is given such a great education and I am very grateful.



## Chaila Dix



Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for blessing me with such an amazing family. Mom and Dad, your sacrifices have granted me the opportunities that I have today, and I can't say thank you enough. Mom, you pick me up when I am feeling down, and you always encourage me to have faith even when situations are dark. Dad, you taught me to never quit, and for that you have gifted me the will to succeed. To my siblings, thank you for hanging in there and sticking by my side on the good/bad days. I know we disagree about a lot of things, but you guys always support me in the end. I would not trade you guys for the world.



## Taylor Dorsey



Westminster, it's been real. Thank you to all the teachers who have helped me grow in my faith and as a person. Dad-thank you for putting up with me for all these years and taking me to all my sporting events. Mom-You're an incredible woman, inside and out, and I'll always look up to you. Troy-Thanks for all the laughs and memories. You're awesome, don't change. To my incredible friends-I literally don't know where I'd be without you all. Thanks for all the crazy memories. You've impacted my life in so many ways. God has truly blessed me with an amazing high school experience with life-long friends. I am extremely thankful. Psalm 32:8



## AARON COOK



The Saluki basketball team grabbed guard Aaron Cook in the fall of 2015 as Cook made the choice to take his talents to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Aaron received numerous offers from Division 1 basketball programs but ultimately decided SIUC would be his future home.

## MACY CATLETT



Macy Catlett committed to University of Tennessee at Martin for volleyball in the fall. The libero decided to continue her career at UT Martin due to its proximity to home and her yearning to "be a country girl."

## Avery Drury



These past four years have been the best years of my life. I am so thankful for all the people God has placed in my life to help me grow and laugh. Mom&Dad- You have always loved and supported me, thank you! Sis- You're gorgeous and amazing at everything. Friends- Thank you for making me laugh and for putting up with me. You all make my day, everyday. Ephesians 2: 4-5 "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved."



## Nathan Duke



Mom and Dad- thank you for all the sacrifices you made to send me here. It was worth every penny and I'll always be grateful. Jordan and Kaylie- thanks for paving the way for me and for being the best brother and sister ever. Teachers- Thank you for the sacrifices you made to educate and inspire me. Jordan- In the good times and the bad you've always been my best friend and I wouldn't have had it any other way. Nick- thanks for being there for me since 7th grade. Connor- You're the wisest guy I know and a more loyal friend than I could've asked for. Nathan- Whether it was smash-playing or movie-watching, thanks for all the good times. Everyone else, I'm glad God put me in this class. Many of you have been good friends to me and I wish you the best for your future. And yes, I'm over 120 words, but I'm the Editor-in-Chief, I do what I want. 😎



## Sophie Dunlap



**For Sale:**  
 1 well used plaid skirt  
 several assorted WCA embroidered polos  
 #19 Field Hockey Jersey  
 3 STUCO t-shirts  
 multiple pairs of leggings — barely used  
 3 parking passes  
 2 wrestling manager's sweatshirts  
 a pair of beige Sperrys (chemical stain on top)  
 1 set of unused foreign language headphones  
 assorted annotated novels (great for insomnia)  
 1 notebook overflowing with CB ideas  
**To Purchase, contact 314-555-2016!**  
 The stuff is for sale, but all the great friendships, experiences, and memories...those are mine to keep.



# Around the Clock

5.20%  
Social



6.25%  
sports

John Fregene,  
freshman



"I spend most of my day eating. I'm either eating or working out, which ever one i feel like doing most that day." John Fregene, freshman

7.30 % other

Alex Cross, freshman



4.16% driving

2.18% Working

Zion Ford,  
junior



6.25% homework



Aidan Penberthy,  
8th grade

"No days off. I am always doing something, and never have a time where I have nothing to do." Spencer Graham, freshman

## Alissa Dwyer



There are many things I often look past in life and never realize how important they are to me. I am incredibly grateful for the loving and supportive family I have. Mom and Dad you've been so supportive and I really do appreciate everything you do for me. Jake, Danny, and Michael, I love you guys and honestly don't know what I'd do without you in my life. Aside from my family are my amazing friends. I love all of you so much and how much fun we've made over the years and the endless memories we've made. I am truly thankful to God for all that He's given me and will continue to be for what's yet to come.



## Maggi Eachus



In the wise words of Dewey Finn from the film School of Rock, "rocking ain't no walk in the park." Well, high school isn't a walk in the park either. Seriously, whoever said this would be the best four years of your life was delusional. It's full of homework, emotional breakdowns, and far too many tears. Yet, despite all that, there have been so many laughs and happy moments that have made it all worth it. Thank you to my family for always supporting me, and shout to my best friends who have helped me get through all of the highs and the lows. I love you snitches! You are the reason I'm alive.



## Nick Ebel



God, I am so thankful for everything you have done for me! All the people you have put in my life are truly a blessing. You have given me unbelievable gifts and talents that I've been able to use to glorify your name! Both my parents have done so much for me, both my serving me and teaching me how to become a young man. One thing I will always remember about The Academy is the friends I've made! Y'all are awesome and have influenced me in so many ways that I can't even imagine how I would've turned out without you. So, basically what I'm saying is team team is life



### 28.13% sleep

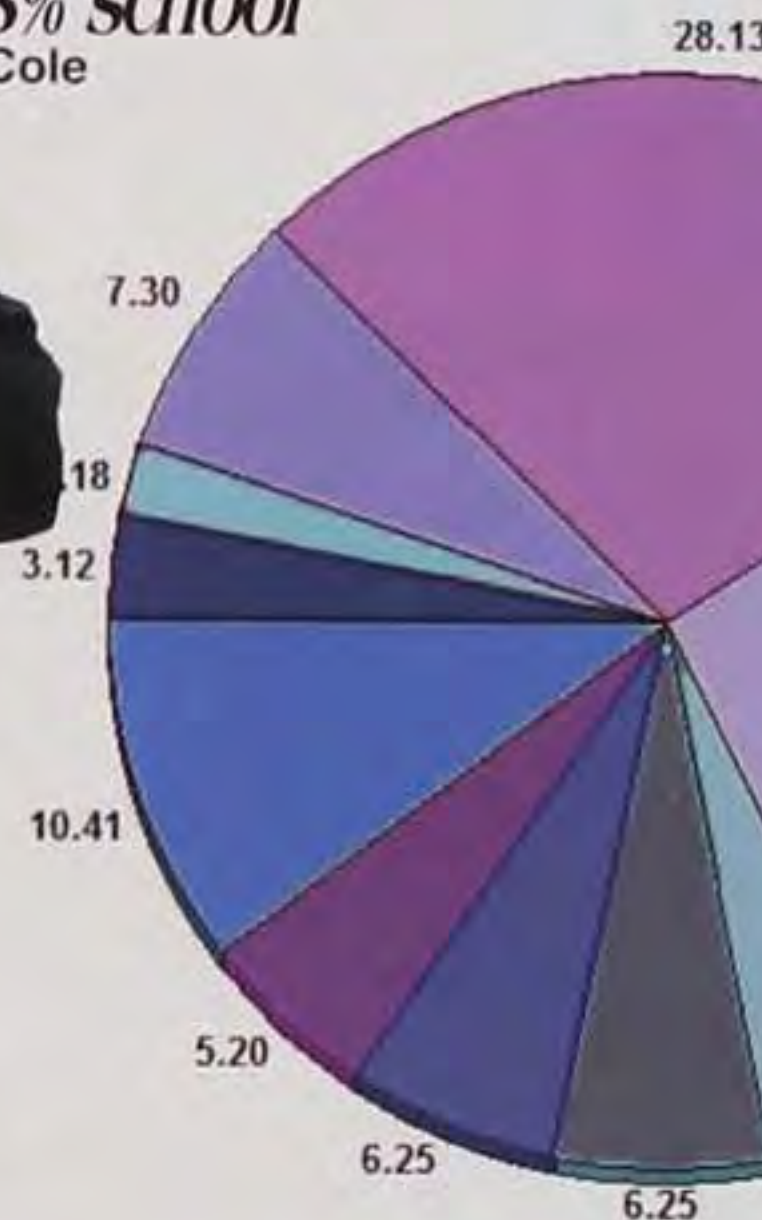
Bri Harris, freshman



Clayton Perona, eighth grade

### 27.18% school

Joshua Jones and Cole Heintz, freshman



- Sleeping
- School
- Driving
- Homework
- Sports
- Social Life/Media
- TV/Video Games
- Eating
- Working/Chores
- Other



Grace Gevers, freshman

### 1041% TV

"Netflix is life. It doesn't matter when or where, I will do everything I can to watch it." freshman Alyssa Glass



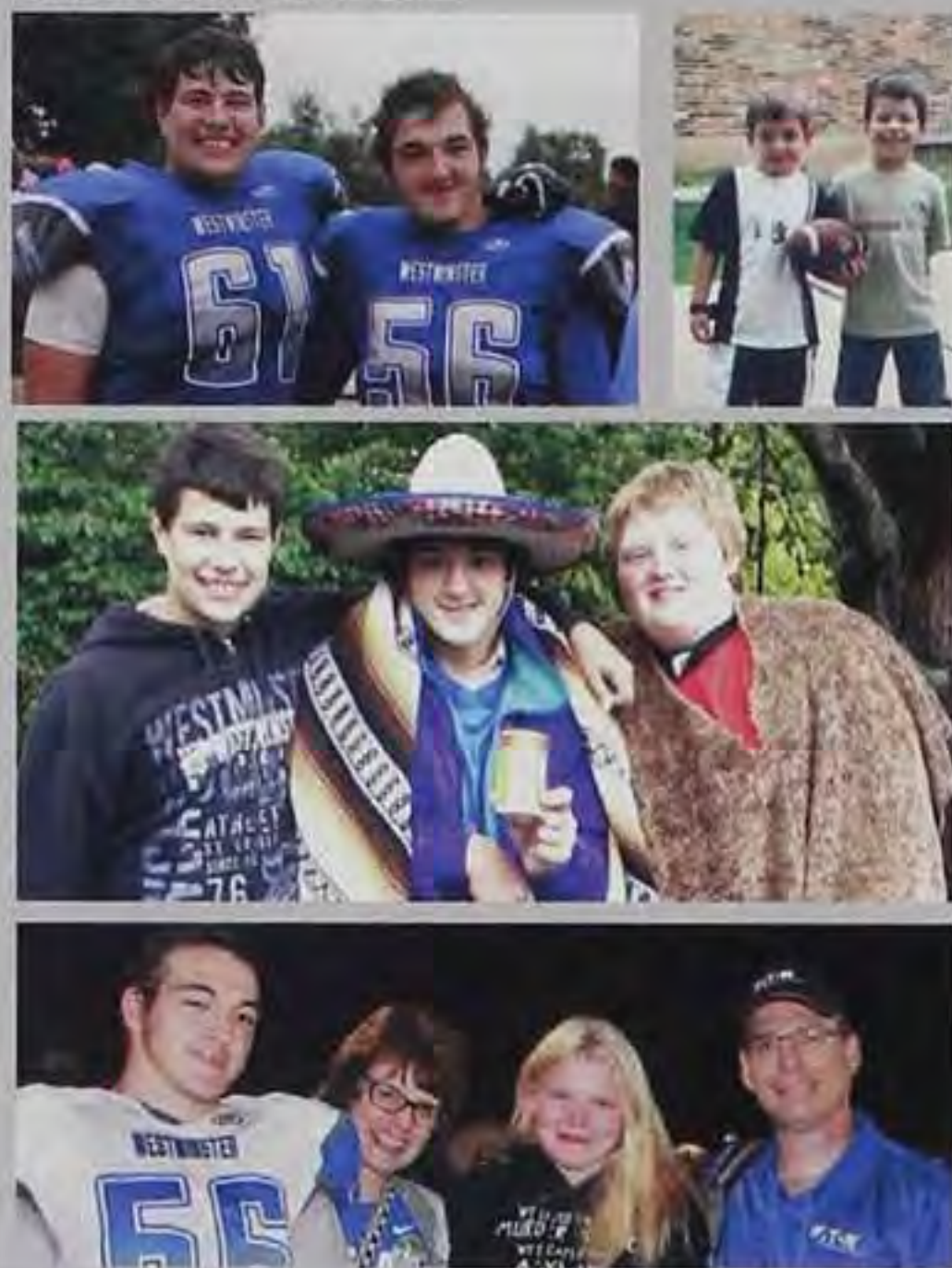
Alyssa Glass, freshman

### 3.12% eating

Andrew Eichelberger



High school has gone by fast. Westminster has helped me to overcome many challenges. Thank you Mom and Dad and sister for supporting me throughout my school years. I will always remember my football brothers and coaches and the times we had on and off the field especially Cici's pizza and the movies afterwards. Rob thank you for opening your house after the games. Chris thank you for being a great friend the last 13 years- it has been fun! Students and coaches thanks for helping me in the weight room to achieve my goals and overcome my obstacles. Finally remember to STACK DAT CHEESE!



Lexie Einertson



Mom and Dad, thank you for guiding me and teaching me that God always has a plan for me. The lessons you have taught me made me into the person I am today. Connor, thank you for harassing me but also for the hugs and "I love you lexiles." Collin, thank you for the long talks and advice you gave me; without it I may have not made it out of high school alive. Ry, thanks for being my best friend, for always being there, and for being the young man you are. 1,540 miles has got nothing on us. Lastly to all my friends: thank you for everything you guys have done for me. All of you are truly amazing, I will never forget y'all and memories we made together.



Sam Everhardt



Wow that went by fast. I feel like my mom just dropped me off in the car pool lane telling me to have a nice day and don't do anything stupid. I want to recognize the people that really helped me get through school. First, my mom, she was and is always there for me whenever I needed help on homework and always there encouraging me when I get down on myself. Second, my dad, he didn't really help me with my homework much, but he was the one that made going to high school enjoyable. Lastly, my bro Grayson, he is one of my biggest role models in life, he taught me how to act and live when times get tough and how to make something out of nothing. I also want to thank everyone that made my experience at Westminster enjoyable. "Life's a garden, you gotta dig it"



Middle School Crushes (Class of 2016)

Sofie Harjoe and Sam Hunsicker, seniors had quite the relationship back in seventh grade that unfortunately only lasted a week. There is no bad blood between them and they have remained acquaintances throughout high school.



Nick Cacciarelli and Lexie Einertson, seniors had a dramatic relationship throughout middle school. They were the talk of the grade, whether they had just had a fight or seen showing the infamous academy-dissapproved PDA they was always the talk of the town.



## Lindsey Falkner



I am grateful to God for being my rock and blessing me with so much. This experience at Westminster has been incredible, and I wouldn't be where I am without those around me. My family is my source of strength, and I can't thank them enough. Mom and dad- you inspire me everyday and have done so much for me. Corey and Alexis- thanks for supporting me and being the best brother and sister I could have asked for. I am thankful for my amazing friends and the wonderful memories you have given me throughout these years. I have grown and learned so much at WCA and am excited to see what God has in store for me next!



## Emily Feherenbacher



## Claire Fellows



Mom & Dad, Thank you for your love and support throughout my life. You both work so hard, and I'm so blessed to have you for my parents. Brittany, thank you for the advice you give. I'm proud to call you my older sister. Brian, thanks for being a middle child with me. You always know how to make me laugh and have fun. Mary, as you sit here telling me what to write for you, I know you'll be very successful in high school with your great personality, many love interests, and your awesomeness. Thank you for always being there for me. I love you all so much, and I can't wait to see what God does in all our lives! Proverbs 3:5-6



**Brooke-Ellen Brugner** and **Caleb Buffa**, seniors dated back in eighth grade and had promising relationship that came to end after. Surprisingly Brugner and Buffa were able to bury the hatchet and go to CB together sophomore year.

**Patrick Jung** and **Julia Harre**, seniors had a whirlwind romance in the eighth grade. Although it only lasted for one class period, the couple's relationship is one for the books.



Hannah Fiala



Mom and Dad you have been amazing examples throughout my life, thanks for supporting me in all that I do. Sarah- my rock, thanks for listening and cuddling. Em- thanks for the car rides and always doing my laundry. Keep the house in order when I'm gone. Elliott- not sure how my life is going to be without your hugs next year- stay wacky child. Gonna miss my best friends. To my homegirls thanks for dancing with me and always making good mems'. WCA will always hold a special place in my heart, thanks to all my teachers for teaching me what it means to live a life for Christ. All praise to the LORD. peaceout.



Azaria Foster



The past 6 years at WCA have been long, hard, dramatic, and painful, but I would not have wanted to experience those feelings anywhere else. Momma- I love you so much you're my world! I am who I am because of you! Pops- Stay forever young and keep riding motorcycles homie! Love you! Brother- Thank you so much for being the best big brother and helping me with life! Keep a smile on mom's face and bring Nero to visit me! Love you! Friends- We have been through so much and I'm grateful for it! We are also super funny and have a lot of memories! I will miss you guys! "Don't stop when you're tired, stop when you're done!"



Alyssa Freiner



Mom: thanks for being my best friend and helping me get through high school. Dad: thanks for your endless encouragement and always cheering in the stands. Hunter and Taylor: thanks for giving me weird nicknames, being my partners-in-crime, and putting up with me for 17 years. I'll miss you next year! Friends: thanks for lame jokes, late night talks, book club, and an endless supply of hugs, laughter, and advice. You all made high school special. Cheer, I'm so proud of what we've accomplished; love you all! And thank you most of all to God. I would be nowhere without the lessons He has taught me and the blessings He has given me. Colossians 3:15



What were you listening to 5 years ago?



"In third grade I was listening to *You Belong With Me* by Taylor Swift."  
-Josie Christen, eighth grade.



"*Firework* by Katy Perry."  
-Henry Hartshorn, eighth grade.

## Nick Frogge



Dad, thank you so much for constantly being a help to me whenever I am lost and I need help. Mom, all that you have done for me is greatly appreciated and never goes unnoticed, I am glad that I always have someone to talk to. Thank you to the both of you for all that you have done for me throughout the years, I would not be where I am today if it weren't for you two. Alex, thank you for being an awesome older brother to me, I have always looked up to you as an influence and you have never disappointed :D Elena, thank you for always being an awesome sister and friend to me, lets hope you can survive without me ;D Thank you to all of you for making me the person I am today, I would not be who I am if it were not for all of you! :)



## Katherine Calvin



God, thank you for blessing me with amazing people in my life who have made my high school years a truly incredible experience. Thank you for guiding me every step of the way and always holding me in your hands. Mom, thanks for your constant encouragement and unconditional love. Dad, thank you for all the great advice and never failing to make me laugh. Thank you both for setting an example of what it means to live a Godly life. Megan, you're the best sister, friend, and role model I could ever ask for. Zeke, you can't read this because you're a dog, but you're pretty great too. To my fabulous friends: thanks for all the great memories, hilarious jokes, and deep talks. I can't wait to see what God has in store for this next chapter of our lives! Philipians 4:13



## Nathan George



I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to attend Westminster. I want to first thank my mom and dad for always encouraging me to do my best and being my number one supporters. I also want to thank my brothers Nick and Chris for always being by my side. Lastly, I am so thankful for all of my friends that I have made. You guys have made high school very memorable for me. Without you, my high school experience would not have been the same. The five years I have been at Westminster have been some of the greatest of my life. I love all of you.



"In eighth grade I was probably listening to High School Musical."  
-Gabby Sicard, senior.



"In middle school I was really into *Wake me up Inside* by Evanescence."  
- Kurt Culver, junior.

Taylor Giddens



Mom and Dad - You have a significant role in my life. All my success and accomplishments are because of your support and encouragement. Even though you say I am the blessing in your life, you are the biggest blessing in mine. I am more than lucky to call you my parents. Nothing I do can ever show how grateful I am for all you have done for me. I know we may have our arguments but I know that everything you do is in my best favor, even if I do not agree in the moment. I know I do not say this nearly enough but I love you and I appreciate everything you do for me. Thank you for being a tremendous role model in my life. I can only hope that I will follow in your footsteps and make you proud. With much love, Your Favorite Daughter



Aaron Gion



High school has been real! It is kind of like a camera! Focus on what's important. Capture the good times. Develop from the negatives. If things don't work out, take another shot. My brothers, Tom and Patrick, it has been a great joy and blessing to have you guys in my life. We will be brothers forever! Together we found a way to be productive while having the greatest four years of high school ever. Mom and dad I love you guys and thanks so much for your support.



Nick Clanvill



I start this paragraph saying this is tough... Words don't do justice for how grateful I am to have everyone in my life. Mom, Dad I don't exactly know where I would be in life if it weren't for you. Dad I hope someday I can be half the man you are. I so admire your humbleness and generosity. Mom, although you have passed down the awful qualities of singing I must say, you are pretty cool. Kirsten, thank you for always being there, even in the hardest times. Friends, I hope to see you soon and good luck in your future. Sean, I miss you everyday, and never stop think of you. I love you all.



'97  
'98

The senior class was born in either 1997 or 1998. Find out their favorite 90's kid memories.



"Old-school TV shows like Full House were my favorite back in the day," said Luke Schroeder, senior.

"I remember my mom dressing me in turtlenecks and cargo shorts as a kid," said Jake Schroeder, senior.



## Tom Graham



Tackles and takedowns. These are the elements of my high school career that will stick with me for the rest of my life, so thank you to coach Snyder and coach Muehleisen for the countless hours you invested in me and my teammates. Dad, thank you for being there for me every single step of the way. When I was impossible to love you only loved me more, and when I strayed you pulled me closer and for that I will be eternally grateful. Malcolm X said, There is no better than adversity. Every defeat, every heartbreak, every loss, contains its own seed, its own lesson on how to improve your performance the next time."



## Missy Grasse



Mom&Dad, Thank you for the unconditional love and support. I don't know where I would be without you guys. Lexi, thank you for being an amazing role model for me and the best sister I could ever ask for. Dom, hold down the house for me. To all my friends, I couldn't have done it without you guys! Thanks for all the memories, I love you all!



## Harrison Greer



God, thank you for always being with me and walking with me through hard times. Mama and Dad thank you for teaching me about God, pushing me to do new things, and loving me even in my worst times. I want to thank all my friends for putting up with me and for always being there. You guys are my brothers and I will never forget you and hopefully I'll still see you after high school. Teachers, thank you for teaching me and for always being there when I needed help or didn't understand. I want to thank my coaches for being great men that taught me how to live properly. Lastly, Star Wars is the best thing ever.



Tommy Regan, senior said, "when my teachers turned on **Bill Nye the Science Guy**, it took science class to a whole new level."



Megan Wibbenmeyer, senior said, "My favorite things from the 90s were **Nintendo games** and the mini video games that doubled as a **keychain**."

"I actually enjoy the **pop music** from the 90s. It reminds me of car rides with my sister and her friends," said Gracie Nye, senior.



Hannah Groce



Mom & Dad thanks for always supporting me in everything I do. Nothing goes unnoticed. D.J., you're the coolest big brother and I'm glad it's just us 2. Elaine & Emily, I couldn't have asked for better best friends. 3 is a great number and I love you both, dot dot dot. Jordan & Gracie, you make me laugh till my stomach hurts; lets go climb some more mountains. Cheer girls, keep on catching the wave. 2016 came sooner than I thought, but I am excited to start my new journey in college. "Take care of all of your memories...for you cannot relive them." - Bob Dylan



Clara Gruneisen



To the two people who inspire me most, Mom and Dad, thank you for all the love and generosity you have shown me. Leah, Ramya, and Jesse thank you for paving the way for me and always looking out for me. To all who I have encountered during my years at Westminster I thank you for impacting me in one way or another. Without you I would not be the person I am today. And to my Savior, "Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." Psalm 25:4-5.



Isabel Gauriglia



Who knew six years could go by so fast. Through the ups and downs at Westminster there has always been people supporting me. I cannot thank my parents enough for all their loving support and my friends who cared about me through my mistakes. Lastly I want to thank God for walking with me every step of the way. There was no way I could have made it through high school without a lot of help.



Before I die, I want to...

Go to Japan

-Elena Frogge, sophomore



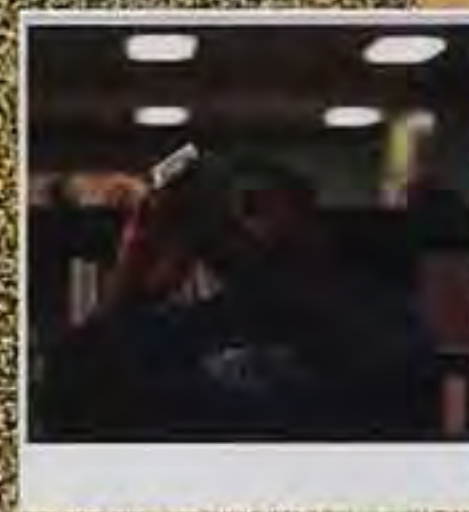
Meet Beyoncé

-Zion Ford, Junior



Get money, and make it to the majors

-Devan Stewart, Junior



## Davis Haeusser



Thanks to God, for such a wonderful family and group of friends. Honestly, I can't even imagine my life without my friends and family. Mom and Dad, you're the best. You've always been there for me and helped me strive towards my goals. Jordan, you're a great sister. You're my friend. I can't wait to see what you turn out to be. Thanks to Westminster, for being a great environment for my final two years of high school, I will never forget them. For molding me into the person I am today. Thanks to friends and our memories, along with the countless memories to come. And more thanks to God for an overall, wonderful experience that I will never forget.



## Connor Hafenrichter



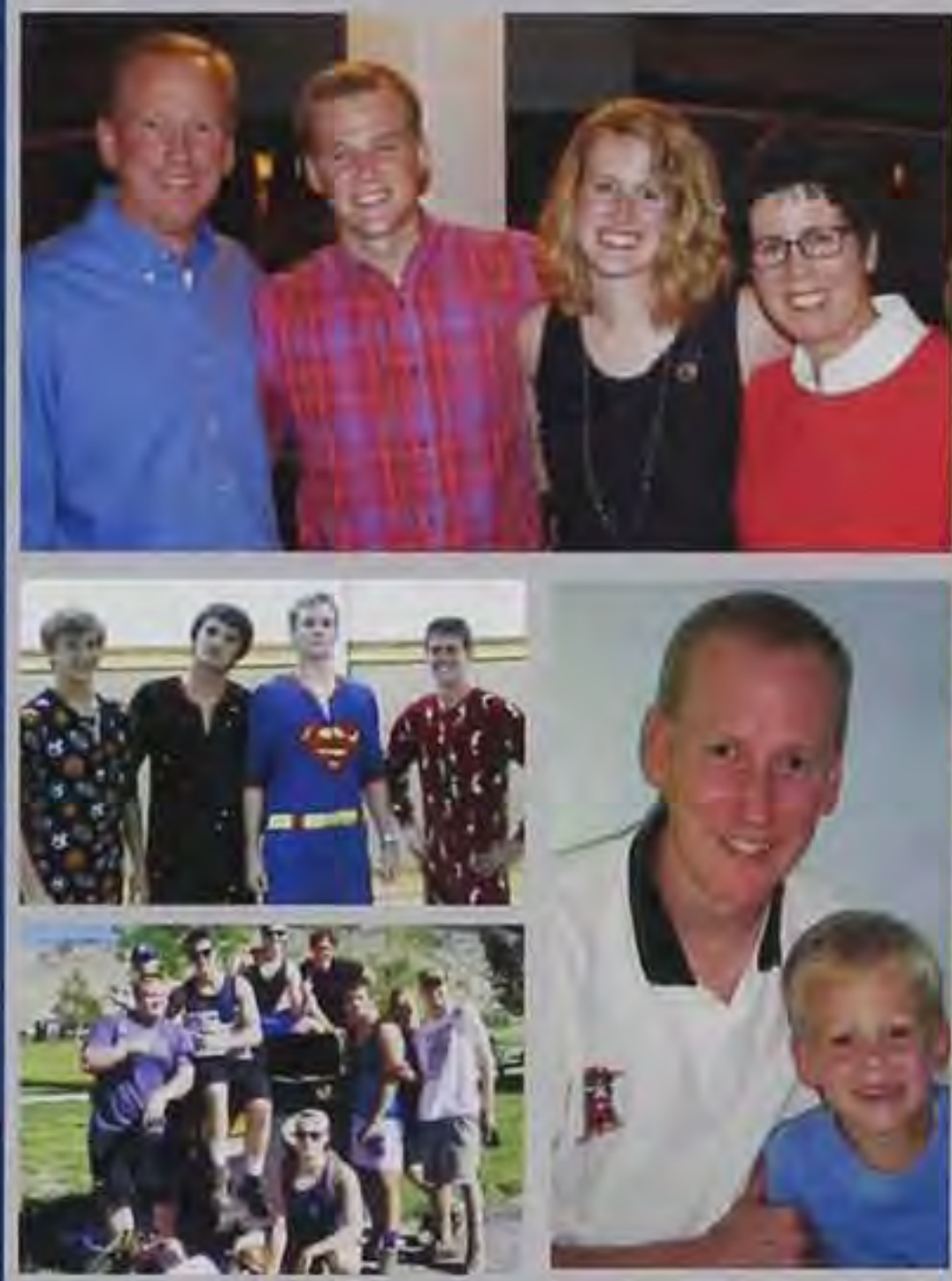
God, thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to Westminster and for loving a sinner like me. Thanks for always being there for me even when I think you're not. Mom and Dad, thanks for supporting me in everything and caring about me as much as y'all do. Brandon, thanks for being an amazing brother and paving the way for me. Westminster football, thanks to all the coaches who have invested in me. Thanks for teaching me hard work, discipline, and brotherhood. Bros, thanks for always being there for me and for all the good times. Thank you Westminster.



## Nathan Hall



Thank you, God, for allowing me the incredible opportunity to attend WCA. Mom and Dad: Thank you so much for supporting me and helping me grow. Sarah: I am so blessed that you are my sister. To my teachers: Thank you for putting up with me in the classroom and investing your time in me. Bros: High school wouldn't have been half as much fun without all of you; BroFast, FIFA, late night basketball at WCA, Summer Sem - you kept it interesting. I trust that God has amazing things in store for all of you!



Travel to London

-Paige Klein,  
Junior



Be an iron-man

-Isabella Francois,  
eighth



Go to Australia and  
talk to them in  
Australinan accents.  
-Hayley Adair,  
eighth



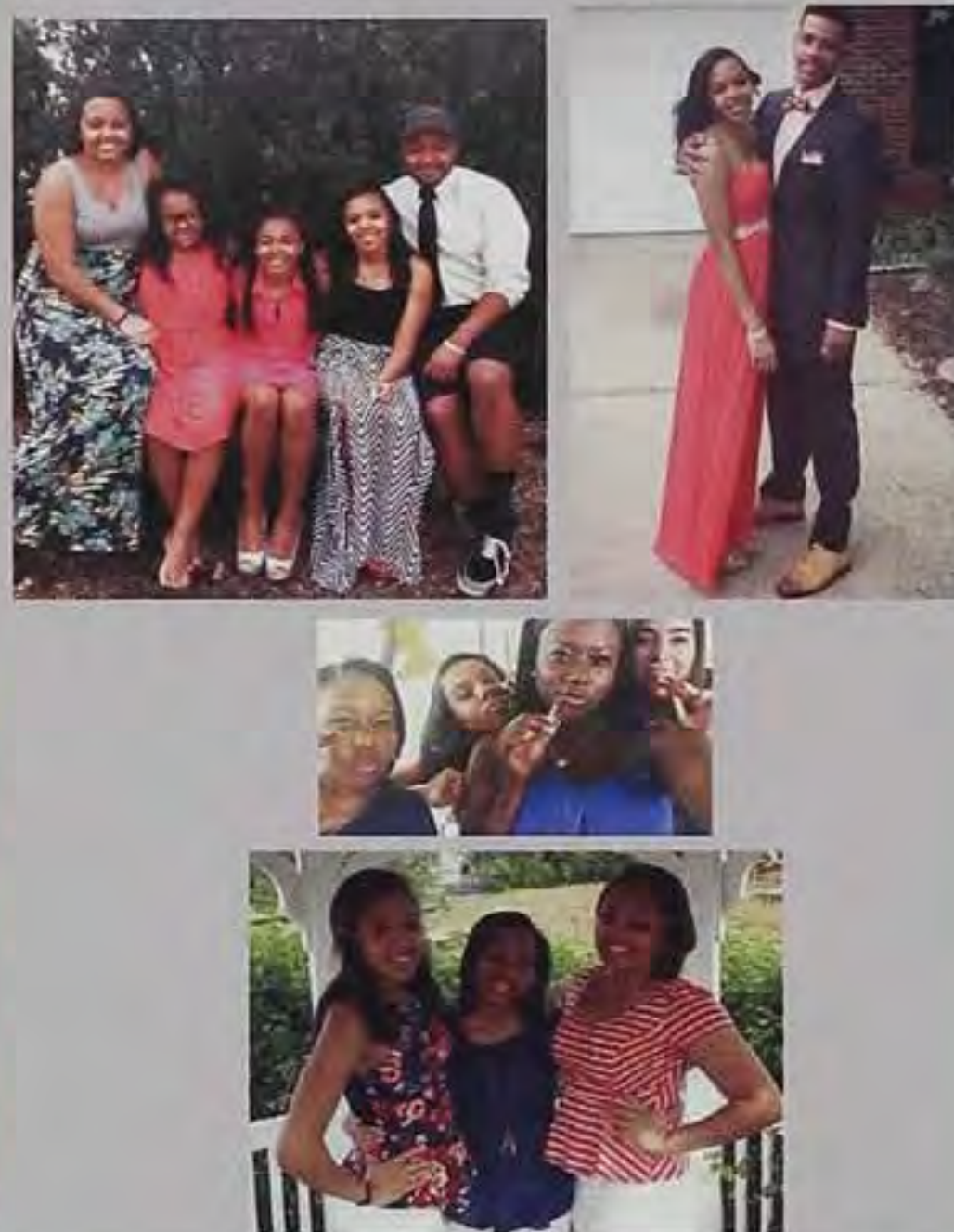
Zane Hall



Ciarra Hampton



First off I want to thank God for giving me knowledge and the ability to accomplish many things. I also want to thank my parents for all they have done for me. I appreciate all the effort you have put into my education. Thanks for always being there for me when I needed you. Zach, Kayla, Jovana, and Arista- Thanks for all the fun times and laughs. Steven-Thanks for always having my back and cheering me up. To all the teachers who have helped me throughout the years thank you. You all have impacted my life greatly! And last but not least, thank you to all my friends who have made my high school experience a memorable one.



Elisabeth Harding



Romans 1:5-7. Daddy: I will always be your little girl. Thank you for being my #1 fan and pushing me to the best version of myself. Mama: You are my best friend. I wanna be just like you when I grow up. Kaitlin and Rebecca: You were my first role models and will be my last role models. To my friends: Stay weird. Thanks for loving me through my crazies. To my God: "No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the pow'r of Christ in me."



Which One Tree Hill Character Is Your Soulmate?





## Sofie Harjoe



Mom and Dad, I can't thank you enough for being the best parents a girl could ask for. You push me to do my best everyday and I'm going to miss you guys like crazy when I'm away at college. Carmen, Marissa and Savannah, I love you guys so much. Thanks for always putting a smile on my face. To my best friends, thanks for all the memories. I couldn't have survived high school without the constant laughs, girl's nights and heart to hearts. I couldn't be more thankful for the relationships I've made throughout my years at Westminster.



## Julia Harre



Thank you Mom and Dad for always encouraging me and believing in me. I love you guys so much. Olivia, thanks for being an amazing older sister and for all of your helpful advice over the years. Annie, thanks for having my back since 8th grade, you're the best. Katherine, Lauren, and Lane you guys are my favorites and thanks for goofing around with me and accepting my weirdness. I love you guys more than chicken and that's a lot. VDT, you guys are seriously the greatest group of girls in the world. Thanks for putting up with me over the years, stay awesome, and keep up the hard work! I'll miss you all so much. Peace out Academy.



## Jordan Hartmann



Mom, thanks for teaching me so many life lessons and for being chill. You're the best mom/sister a girl could have. Dad, thanks for teaching me everything I know about good music, you rock, literally. Memaw & Pawapaw, you're the most amazing grandparents anyone could ever have and I can't thank you enough for all that you've done. VDT, never let anyone dull your sparkle (or weirdness) HEJE & Oregonians, thank you for all the laughs, memories, and adventures. High school wouldn't be the same without you guys. Stay sick as frick! Can't wait to see how far you all go in life. "and if ya don't know, now ya know" -Biggie Smalls



Izzy Hauptfear



First and foremost, thank you God for all the blessings in my life and carrying me through the years. Mom and Dad: I could not have done this without you. Thank you for your endless support and loving me no matter what. Chloe and Sam: Thank you for bringing a little more fun and excitement to my life. I know you Twinkies drive me insane, but believe me when I say I'm gonna miss seeing you two everyday. Luce, Liz, Claire, CJ, and Lacey: Thank you for your loyalty. I love you guys more than anything. It's hard to believe that the past six years has gone by this quick. I will miss the adventures. Hosea 11.



Jordan Hawkins



Firstly, I thank God for giving me great opportunities at Westminster. Mom and Dad, I appreciate the sacrifices that you have made for me throughout the years. Thanks for the support and encouraging me to do my best. To my sister, thank you for driving me crazy and motivating me to accomplish great things. Nathan, Monty, Nora, Ally, and Margo, thank you for the great memories and true friendship. Teammates, thank you for the funny practices and hilarious inside jokes. Coaches, thank you for pushing me beyond my physical capabilities and for developing me into a stronger young man. Lastly, thank you Westminster for the great education and for the terrific teachers.



Miles Hehner



Mom and Dad, Thank you for guiding me through high school despite all the ups and downs. You guys have helped show me the right path to follow. To my best friends- you know who you are- I want to thank you for putting up with me and sticking by my side no matter what. We have had some very interesting times together, but despite all of it we will remain strong friends throughout life. Thank you all for your unending support.



**In Class Jam Session**  
 What teachers play your favorite jams during class?

**Mrs. Birchnoff**

"Mrs. Birchnoff plays a mix of a lot of alternative music during class and it's really good. All her students really enjoy her music," said Maddie Koeting, junior.



**Miss Schwartz**

"Ms. Schwartz plays some pretty awesome tunes. It makes class much more enjoyable when teacher's play good music," said DJ Stewart, junior.



## Hannah Heintz



A special thanks to God for providing me such a loving and caring family. I love you Mom, Dad, Luke and Matthew. I thank God for each day that He has blessed me with you guys in my life. Thank you to Westminster for the incredible education you have provided me and to my parents for sacrificing so much for me to be here. Thanks to all of my friends that I have met along my way. I am looking forward to the next chapter of my life and all that God has in store for me.



## Max Heise



## Morgan Henry



Queen and Daddio, thank you for putting up with me for eighteen years. For as long as I can remember, you have taught me the value of hard work, family, and how to dress sharp as a tack (though I still struggle with ironing my clothes). But most importantly, you've instilled in me an unshakeable love for Jesus and, to me, that's more important than remembering to wear matching socks. I could not have grown into the person I am proud to be today without your guidance and continuous support. It's been real. Isaiah 41:10.



## Mr. Vonder Bruegge

"Von plays a lot of old school country tunes that I enjoy. It's a grand 'ole time," said **Lexie Einertson**, senior.



## Mrs. Rolphing

"Mrs. Rolphing played a lot of the music that I would normally listen to. She even had music trivia competitions on the occasional Friday," said **Jake Mitchell**, junior.



## Mr. Heifner

"Mr. Heifner plays Justin Bieber so most of the girls enjoy his classroom jams. Teachers who play good music are the best," said **Maggie Wessels**, freshman.



## Chris Heyl



Mom and Dad, thank you so much for all you have done for me. You have encouraged me when I needed encouragement and have pushed me when I needed pushing. Thank you so much for the opportunities that you have set in front of me. For the three best siblings any one could ask for, thank you. You guys are always there to support me. Finally, thank you to the one true God, for without him, I would have never made it out of high school. And for my linemen, breakfast is the best meal of the day.



## Casey Hinds



Thanks Mom and Dad for giving me the opportunity to attend Westminster and for all of your love and support. From everything inside the classroom to on the football field, thank you for believing in me. Whenever I think of high school, I will always remember my best friends Nick, Cam, and Evan, and all of the memories we've made together.



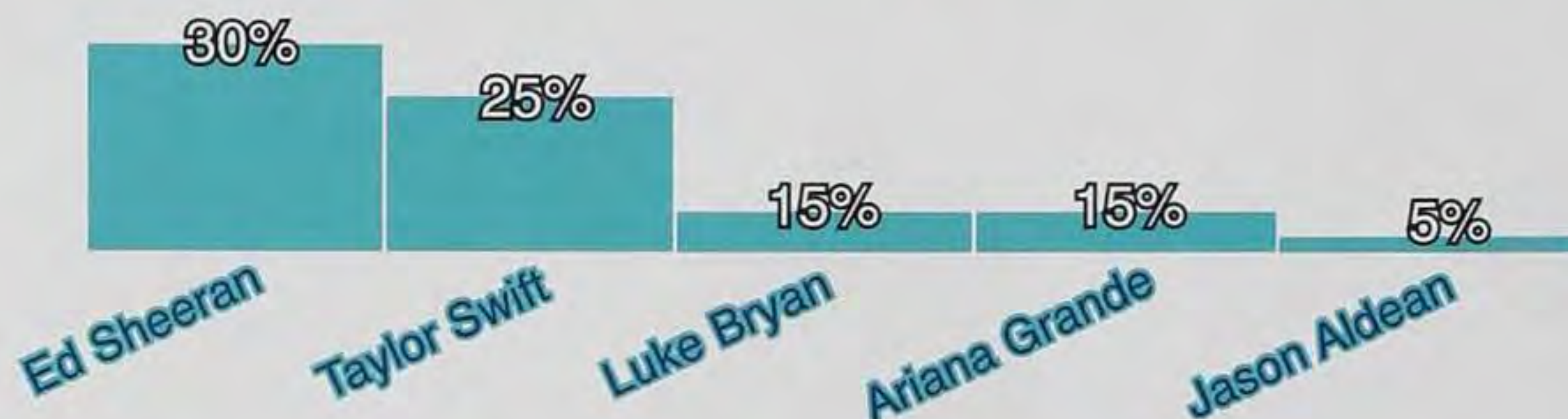
## Joey Hobaugh



This is probably the closest I'll ever get to an Oscar acceptance speech, so here it goes. First, I want to thank the Academy for providing the opportunity for these priceless memories. Next, I want to thank my family for being my rock and my biggest supporters. I don't deserve all that you sacrifice for me, and for that, I am forever grateful. But most importantly, I want to thank my friends. I thank God everyday for putting a squad in my life that has accepted me, grown with me, and shaped me into a better version of myself. I can't imagine surviving high school without having my fam as my backbone. Our friendships mean the world to me. I love you guys to the moon and back!



## Best Concert Experiences



\*taken from a survey of 25 students\*

## Caroline Holden



Mom- You're the strongest, most beautiful woman I know, and I hope that one day I can be half as amazing a person as you. You've played such an important role in my life! Thank you for everything you do for me.

Dad- Your Christ-fearing character makes you one of the wisest people I know. I don't know what I'd do without your light hearted jokes! You have done so much for me throughout my life and I'm thankful to have you as my dad.

Bethany- Everyone says that we're unusually close for siblings, and I'm so glad we are. I love how we have the exact same sense of humor. You're one of my favorite humans, so never change.



## Alex Hopkins



Mom and Dad, Thank you for all you have done for me. You have shaped me into the person I am today. To all my friends and family, whether it be making my college decision, making weight for wrestling, or pretty much anything else, you have always been there for me. To all the friends I have made here, I hope to stay in touch and I hope you are successful in college and beyond. I will always be grateful to Westminster and I will never forget the memories made here. Thank you.



## Zach Hughes



Christ--Galatians 2:20. Anyone who has asked me why I'm so happy at school, Christ changed my life. Relationships and hard questions are always worth your time. Parents, thanks for dancing and laughing and for showing me that an affectionate marriage is possible and wonderful. Everyone who has done life with me--thank you. Dearest siblings--thanks for the hard conversations and for cooking, crying, and being goofy with me; you make me love life. "If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams, and you will always look lovely" -R. Dahl. Emerging, young football guys, build the tradition. Mr. Knerr, Burke, you showed me the power of good teachers; put together first letters of the above sentences.



**Maggie Kehr**, freshman, was first row at the Ariana Grande concert along with her sister, Lucy Kehr, senior. She talked about her experience, "She sounded the exact same live as she does on the radio!"

**Jordan Hartmann**, senior, went to Hozier this summer during Loufest. Hozier was one of her favorite experiences so far. She stated, "I was afraid he wouldn't be good live but he sounds better live than on his cd." Followed by, "I would for sure go to another one of his concerts again!"



**Lucy Kehr**, senior, stated, "She has such a good range of voice, and the show was really entertaining!"



**Connor Hafenrichter** and **Nick Ebel**, seniors, decided to go to Taylor Swift a little last minute this year. Ebel explained their experience, "We ran around for an hour in the pouring rain trying to scalp tickets off from anybody possible, then finally two minutes before the concert started we found tickets! It was glorious! We sang our hearts out to every song!" Overall they both agreed their experience at Taylor Swift was awesome.



Sam Hunsicker



I want to thank God for blessing me with such an amazing high school experience, with some more than amazing people. Thank you Mom and Dad for always pushing me to be the best young man I could be and for loving me more than anyone. Joe and John thanks for being there to pave the way and show me the in's and out's of life. You guys have always supported me and been my biggest fans. Friends. What would I have done without you guys. I will never forget the memories we made. Thank you for truly making high school great.



Anna Huynh



In the words of Beyonce, "I was here". I want to thank my parents for loving and supporting me. Becky, thanks for being the sister I never had. To my Snitches, thank you for always being there for me. I love you fam. Stay Flawless. So while my high school experience may not have been a musical, at least I have these memories.



Ben Isaacs



I appreciate and thank every person that I've come close to over my years at Westminster. Friends, thank you for not killing me after making awful puns. I gotta thank my parents too, because of all the sacrifices they've made for me. God has blessed me greatly. I would also like to give credit to my main man Michael Cera, my one true inspiration. I hope that I too can some day hold as many cactuses as you. I hope I all have your support when I run for President with Danny DeVito as my VP. Lastly, an inspirational quote to release us from highschool: "Whoever's the owner of the white Sedan, you left your lights on" – Patrick Star



LOUFEST

Loufest is a yearly music festival that many people in St. Louis attend. Bands and artists all come out to Forest Park to perform for the many concert enthusiasts. Westminster students took interest in the 2015 festival, and a handful of kids were able to attend. Out of all 34 shows this year, students who attended Loufest narrowed the list down to two favorites, Ludacris, and Misterwives. A handful of students concluded that Misterwives was the best show, against the other population of students voting Ludacris.

Morgan Barr, senior, says "Misterwives was my favorite show because I had just discovered them a couple months before Loufest, and I instantly fell in love with them, and the lead singer is just such a good performer. She interacted with the crowd so much and she just got everyone really pumped, so they were definitely the best band."



Lauren Ramos, senior

## Avery Iven



Looking back, I had no reason to be a nervous "new girl". God knew exactly what he was doing when I transferred high schools. Westminster has blessed me with some of the best teachers and friends I could ask for; I'm grateful to be a part of the Class of 2016. I owe a big thanks to my family for all their love and support. Mom & Dad, thanks for being awesome parents. Em, I'm so excited for you to come to Westminster! To the rest of you that have time left at WCA--don't take a second for granted. My two years at Westminster went by way too fast, but I'm so thankful for the time I



## Evan Johnson



Mom and Dad, I cannot thank you enough for all of the guidance, love and support throughout my four years of high school. To all of my friends, thank you for the fun times and memories that I'll never forget. Lastly, but not least, I would like to thank God for all of the blessings in my life.



## Joel Johnson



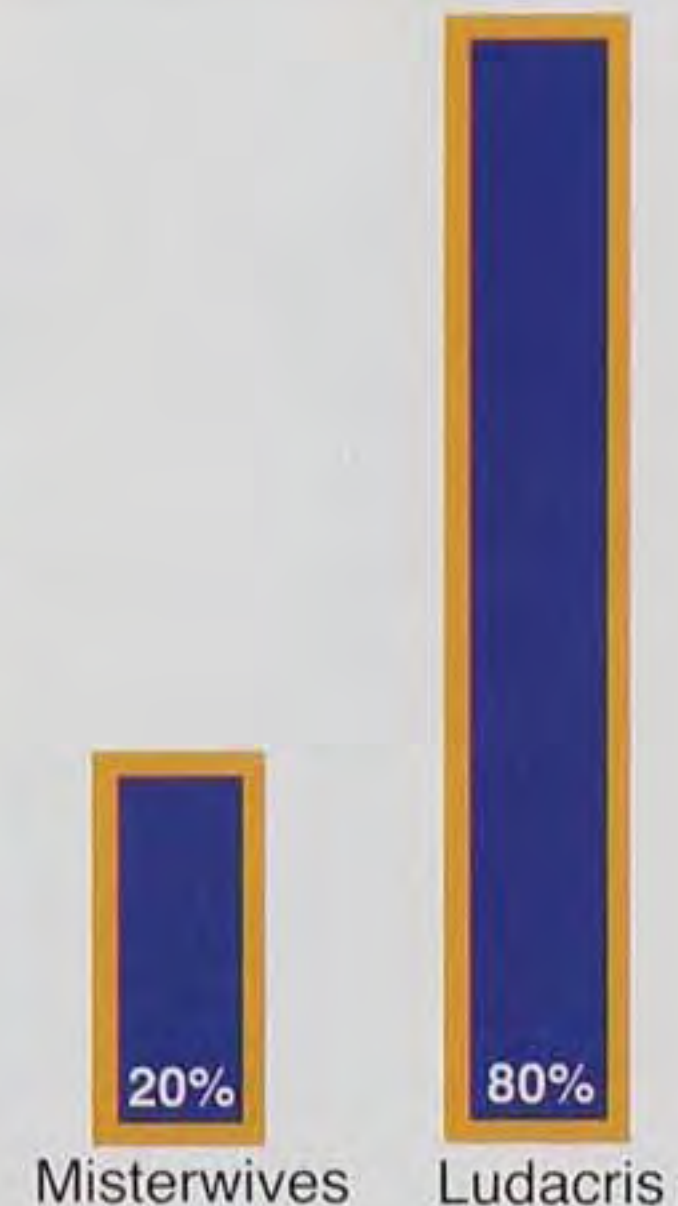
Katherine Yenzer,  
junior



Cate Hoogstraten, junior, explains why Ludacris was the best show at Loufest: "I really liked Ludacris because it was the show where it felt like people were the least awkward. Everyone was super close together so it was kind of hard to avoid other people, but it wasn't an issue because everyone was really comfortable with each other, the whole crowd was dancing and singing along to the songs. That was the best concert for meeting other people and creating bonds with people I didn't know."

## Who was better?

The majority has spoken...



## Patrick Jung



Nothing will exchange my high school experience. I made wonderful friends, got to meet with the best teachers and coaches. They helped me with my internal growth since I was a immature 8th grader. Tom and Aaron, I will never forget the time when we would just sit inside the Jack In The Box and have debates about everything eating 30 tacos. It is sad that there will be no more of that, but at least I enjoyed it A LOT. Mom and Dad, thanks for sending me here. I can tell you that I was in a quality educational institution and everything I learned here was worth it.



## Grace Keane



It's beyond difficult to sum-up thoughts about high school in 120 words, but here goes nothing. Mom & Dad- I can't thank you enough for your abundant love, constant sacrifices, and wise words. Carter- thank you for the never-ending laughs, unconditional love, and for pushing me to my best ability. Emily & Hailee- I couldn't ask for better sisters and lifelong bffs to make these years ones that we'll always look back on and smile about. Lunch table- no better people to eat too much with and share unforgettable memories with. Above all, I thank God for shaping me into the person I've become through these relationships and experiences. These four years will be ones I will never forget and always cherish.



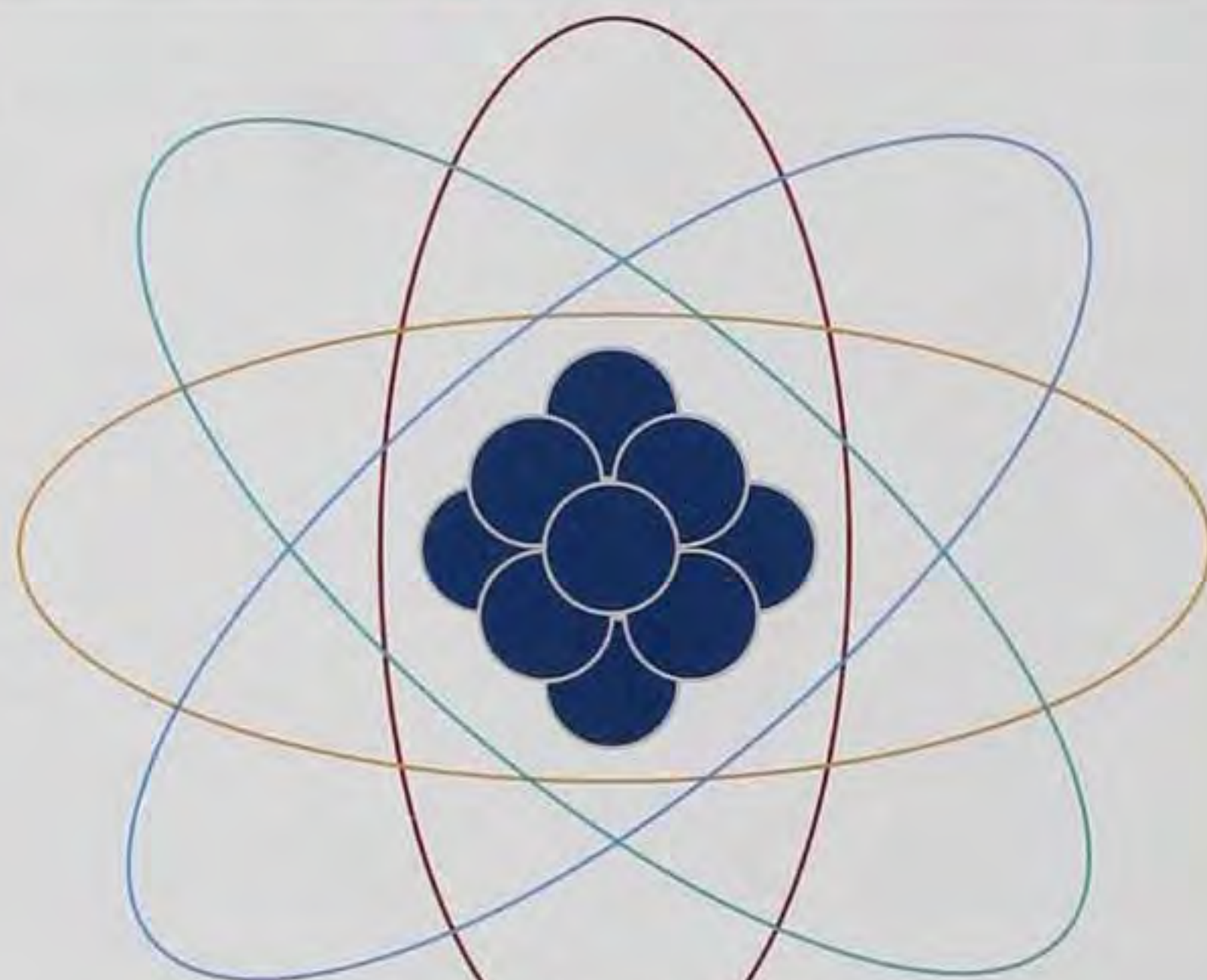
## Lucy Kehr



Mom and Dad, I couldn't have asked for better role models. Thanks for pouring your love and wisdom into my life to prepare me for what lies ahead and for showing me what a Christ-centered marriage looks like. Johnny, Rachel, Shelby, and Maggie, I seriously love all of you and feel so #blessed to have you all as my siblings. You always brighten my day, make me laugh so much, and each of you exemplify Christ-like qualities that are truly encouraging. Friends, thanks for sharing laughs and odd moments with me, and thanks for challenging me in my faith along with being some of the greatest people to walk this earth. Soar on— Isaiah 40:31.



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## Minjoo Kim



## Haley Klein



Mom and Dad- you guys are truly my rock and life won't be the same without you guys next year. I wouldn't be who I am today if it wasn't for you two. Trey- thanks for being the best friend and brother a girl could ask for. I'm so proud of the young man you're becoming and can't wait to see the amazing things you do in life. The fam- it's been real. I'll never forget the memories and adventures we've gotten ourselves into. Nick- thanks for being by my side for over 2 years now. No matter what. To everyone that has supported me these 4 years I can't thank you enough. Here's to the good times!



## Margo Koby



To my family- I can't begin to express the love and gratitude I have for each of you. Dad, you are my best friend. Mom, you are strong and loving. Grant, you are an incredible brother. To my friends- thanks for the giggles and good times; I am beyond blessed to have all of you in my life. To my basketball, tennis, and lacrosse teammates- it has been an honor competing with you over these past four years and I am going to miss you all so much. Coaches- thank you for loving me well and for pushing me to be the best person and athlete I can be. Jesus Christ changed my life, to Him be the Glory! John 3:30.



## First Takes from Sophomores

## Advice From the Experts:

Most challenging part about taking this class:

**"Realizing I'm finite and fallen."**

**"Keeping up with the concepts and homework."**

**"Getting accosted by Al Qaeda."**

**"Sig Digs"**

**3.5**

Average hours spent per homework assignment

"Collaboration is key. Check your homework with other classmates and work together. Try to get ahead and read the next chapter."  
-**Joey Albertson**, senior, 3 year veteran

"Dr. Shaw is definitely the hardest teacher I have had, but looking back he has taught me a lot about how to work hard and learn independently."  
-**Elisabeth Harding**, senior, 2 year veteran

"I would recommend that sophomores learn to collaborate with classmates and start doing homework early, not late at night."  
-**Tim Sell**, senior, 3 year veteran



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Average number of tests per month

## Sam Kottmeier



Where do I start? Mom I can not thank you for all the things you do for me. From waking up to make my lunches every morning to always giving me support that I need. Dad I still will never forget how you would show up to all my sporting events rain or shine. The support you gave me helped me so much. Thank you guys I love you all so much and can not wait to see what God has planned for me next in life.



## James Kouzes



Mom & Dad, I really love you guys, you have always been there for me when I am feeling down. You have strengthened my heart and helped pave the path to my future. I understand that college will be hard and I will have to sacrifice gaming time, but I will still push through and make you proud. Violet, you have always been my role model. We have such fun memories, especially of building forts in the house. We will always stick together because our friendship cannot be broken in any way. I am happy for your marriage to James Hoekzema, and looking forward to including him in making new memories. "May the force be with you."



## Joonsok Lee



God thank you for blessing me with such a great family. Grandma, thank you for helping me a big part of my life. Mom and dad, thank you for everything. You guys have always been there for me. Sister, thank you for helping me and Min to be the best we can be. I will never forget the support you gave me and Min the last 5 years. I love you all with my heart. I hope we all live to be the person that God wants to be. My friends will never be forgotten. I love you all. We were like blood brothers call throughout high school. My Family, thank you for always being there for me. Again thank you God for giving me a good family, good friends, and everything you gave me.



## The Morning Commute

While most students enjoy waking up fifteen minutes before seven and a quick ride to school, some have already been up for an hour. A small amount of Westminster's students have a daily commute of over forty-five minutes, and their lives are constantly revolving around the drive. "You have to know early if they want you to do something," said Grant LaValle.

Since the drive is so long, it allows the students to remain close friends with people from elementary school. "Yeah I do have a lot of friends that live in Illinois that I have known before Westminster," said Jacob Reeve. Many are constantly trying to balance their Westminster lives with their home lives.

"Gas is expensive. Try not to fall asleep while driving. Drink coffee. Try not to be late."

-Luke Schroeder

"It's kind of hard because getting to different events can be hard to find a ride."

-Emma Kaiping



Grant LaValle, sophomore

**Minsok Lee**



Thank God, I've been given amazing family and friends. Mom and Dad, thank you for being perfect role model and examples past 19 years, I could never explain to you guys how much it means to me and how much I love you guys. To my sister- Thanks to for guidance me in here past 5 years. I never forget about it. I love you. To my twin bro- Yes, You are older than me. :) Grandma- I love you so much, and You are the best. To all my Friends- I will never forget you guys. That was so good 5 year with you guys. And finally I am going to college. Feeling So Good.



**Erin LeVar**



I will be forgotten--  
 erased from the pages of  
 history that we all strive so hard to write upon.  
 The pages of here and  
 now will be yellowing with age,  
 and my little stamp will  
 hardly be seen anymore,  
 Even by those who know to look for it.

But here I was once. I graduated from Westminster Christian Academy. I've been launched into the rest of my life and all that this will entail. I will do things, and I will be someone. I will work to make the world a little better where I touch it. And if I'm not remembered in the end for it? That's really okay. Adieu, until we meet again.



**Lauren Lindgren**



After it is all said and done I cannot be more thankful. Mom, you are my best friend. Our relationship is everything I could ever want. God blessed me with you. Dad, I cannot even begin to fill your shoes when I am older. You are an inspiration and I have so much to thank you for. I hope I will always make you as proud of me as I am of you. Christian and Alexa, you have definitely made me tougher. Though you may not realize, I need you guys. To my best friends, thanks for being my "go-to's". I cannot even imagine these years without you. Thanks everyone, I love you all.



"I get up at 5:45 because I have to leave by 6:40."  
 -Marty Briner

**25 Miles Away**

**45 minute drive**



**50 Minute Drive**



Marty Briner, seventh grade

Jake Schroeder, senior

Jacob Reeve, junior

Jack Linton



I can't imagine what my life would look like if it were not for all the relationships and people in my life that have cared for me and looked out for me. To the bros, you guys have no idea how thankful I am for you all. I will miss you guys and the awesome times we had. To my family, Dad thank you for being the best role model a son could have. I'm not half the man I am today without you. Grace, you've taught me more than you know about not only surviving high school but also about my faith and relationships. Mom, you are my backbone. Thank you for always supporting me and helping me no matter what. I love you so much and truly am appreciative of everything you have done in my life.



Rebecca Liu



I want to thank God for carrying me through these past years when I couldn't have made it by myself. Mom and Dad, your support and encouragement gave me the strength I needed to finish each day. You always pushed me to do my best and accepted the outcome no matter what. Uncle Gil and Aunt Pat, I am thankful for the time you invested in me and for always being there. To all of my friends and church family, thank you for the love you generously poured out on me. Thank you Westminster for staying true to your mission. It's hard to watch this chapter of my life come to a close, but these memories will never be forgotten.



Daisy Luo



# Going Places with GoPro

Be a HERO.



## WHAT MAKES A GOPRO VIDEO COOL

- 1 "One thing that really helps the video become cooler is the perspective of where the GoPro is."  
-Griffin Thomas, freshman
- 2 "A cool GoPro video is of stuff that you don't do everyday."  
-Kathryn Kramer, sophomore
- 3 "The music is what ties the GoPro video together."  
-Payton Dunn, freshman

**BADLANDS-SOUTH DAKOTA**  
Nathan Hall, senior



**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**  
Bridgette Grimm, sophomore



**TURKS AND CAICOS**  
Caroline Megown, freshman



## Wyatt Malcom



As my time at Westminster comes to a close, I would like to thank my parents for enabling me to come to this great school and my coaches as they supported me through my journey at Westminster. I would also like to thank God for the opportunity he has given me to be educated at Westminster. Even though my story is ending at Westminster and a new path of my life is opening up, I will always remember the memories that the football team and my friends have left me with throughout high school. I love you Mom and Dad, and I will forever appreciate the sacrifices you have made for me.



## Joi Malloyd



Touched by An Angel by Maya Angelou  
 We, unaccustomed to courage  
 exiles from delight  
 live coiled in shells of loneliness  
 until love leaves its high holy temple  
 and comes into our sight  
 to liberate us into life.

Love arrives  
 and in its train come ecstasies  
 old memories of pleasure  
 ancient histories of pain.  
 Yet if we are bold,  
 love strikes away the chains of fear  
 from our souls.

We are weaned from our timidity  
 In the flush of love's light  
 we dare be brave  
 And suddenly we see  
 that love costs all we are  
 and will ever be.  
 Yet it is only love  
 which sets us free.



## Lauren Massot



To my parents, thank you for your constant support, from late nights of homework to driving me to 5am practices. I couldn't have done it without you, and I love you both so much. Though my friends have changed throughout the years, you all have impacted me in countless ways and I love and appreciate your friendship more than you can know. Girls' swim team, you all have been amazing over the past four years and I couldn't wish for a better experience! Thanks to God for the seen and unseen blessings in my life and everlasting love. "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14



**CASTOR RIVER SHUT-INS**  
 JT Fuller, junior



**COSTA RICA**  
 Kathryn Kramer, sophomore

## Jake Matheny



God, thank you for all the blessings in my life and the opportunities you have presented me with. Mom and Dad, I can't possibly thank you guys enough for all the love and support these past 18 years. You two are the best parents and role models anyone could ever ask for and I love you both. Tate, Katie, and Luke, thanks for being incredible older siblings that I could always look up to. You guys are the best. Blaise, keep working hard buddy, I can't wait to see what God does in your life. Macy, thank you for being my best friend these last 6 years. To my friends, thanks for all the support and great times. I'm gonna miss you guys.



## Logan McCall



Mom and Dad, thank you for everything. You've always loved me, cared for me, and supported me. You have made so many sacrifices for me and taught me so much, you are the best parents in the world and I love you. Carter, I love you, you've been a great brother and a great friend and I'll miss spending time with you. Thank you to all of my teachers and coaches at WCA, you have taught me so much. To all of my friends, thanks for always being there for me, and I will miss all of you along with all of the fun and laughs that we have had together. Thank you God for a great high school experience.



## Alyson McKie



I have reached the end of senior year and as it turns out, high-school is not like High School Musical at all. Although this was a disappointing fact to discover, my 6 years at Westminster have been ones that I will never forget. To my family, thank you for putting up with my bad jokes and loud singing. Mom and Dad, I am so grateful to you for helping me to grow, guiding me through my struggles and loving me unconditionally, I love you so much. Friends, you have helped me survive the good times and bad and have kept me laughing no matter what. Morgan, I wouldn't be who I am without you, Stay Swaggy. Deuces WCA.



We saw a need for sports to be covered and I got a bunch of guys together and we decided we wanted to tackle covering sports.  
-Ben Sems, senior

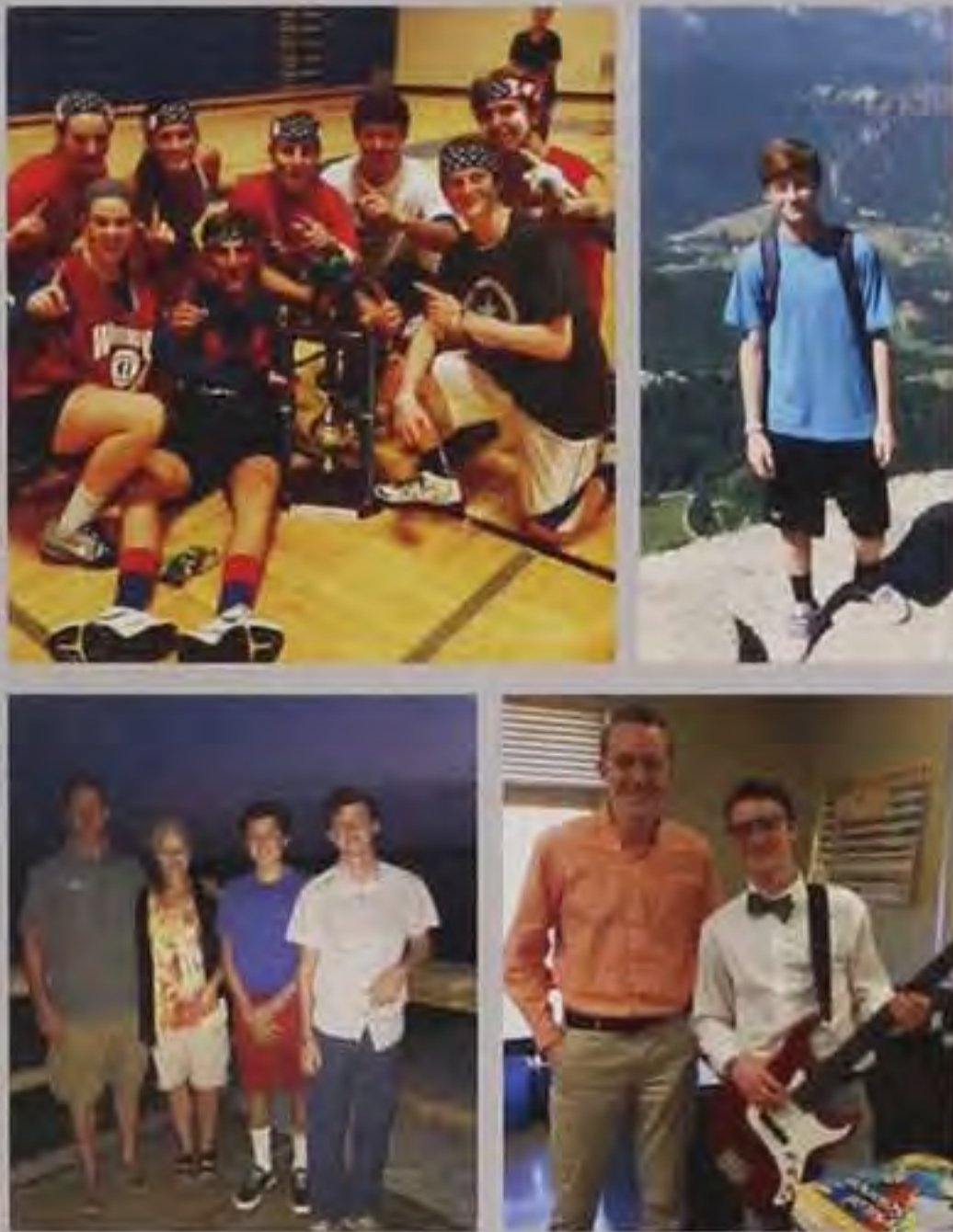
"We are recruiting for next years kids, because there's only two sophomores right now. We need to recruit for next year and give them the lay of the land. If those people put in the work and time we did it will do really well."  
-Nick Glanvill

Sporting WCA was a new section of the Wildcat Roar student newspaper created by students that covered sports through print, twitter and it's own website.

## Gannon McWard



I have been blessed with some truly amazing people in my life. Mom, Dad, Cole, I am so thankful for you guys. I love you guys and don't know what I would do without you. You've always been there for me and have sculpted me into who I am today. To my friends, I couldn't ask for more, you guys are awesome and I'll cherish all the memories we've made together. To my people at Oak Bridge, you guys are the best and have had such an impact on my life. To Coach Canfield and the hockey team, you guys have taught me so much more than just the game of hockey.



## Kaitlyn Mehlhouse



I would like to praise and thank God for providing me with the best family and friends that have helped me survive high school. Thank you Mom for always being my #1 fan. Thanks Dad for making me laugh and always putting a smile on my face. You are the best parents that I could ever hope for. Thanks to all my friends, especially Avery, Morgan, Nora, Sarah, Annie and Alyson, for staying with me through high school. Thanks for all the amazing memories. I can't imagine high school without you guys. Couldn't have done it without all of my amazing family and friends.



## Drew Melaragno



Mom and Dad thank you for sacrificing so much for me. I don't know what I would do without your constant support and love. You guys have helped me grow in my faith and I am very thankful for that. Sarah and Emily you guys have been great sisters. Although I may not always be the best at showing it, you guys mean a lot to me. I have truly cherished the jokes and the experiences we've shared together. My friends, you guys have made high school something that I have enjoyed and I am blessed to have you guys in my life. Thank you everyone who has helped me get to where I am today.



Kaylah Meredith



Dear Beautiful mommy, Thank you so much for being my first love. You have sacrificed most of your time for my well-being and never complained about any of your responsibilities. There is never a dull moment when we are together. You are always my mother but forever my friend.

Dear Taris, Thank you for taking responsibility for me and treating me as your own child! To me a step father is so much more than the average father because you chose to love me when you did not have to.

Love,  
MaKaylah



Andrew Montgomery



First, I would like to thank my mom and dad for always loving and helping me along my journey in life. My time at Westminster went by fast, but it was filled with many great memories. I'm thankful for such great teachers and coaches who have helped make my high school experience enjoyable. I will miss playing with the guys on the soccer and tennis team. To my siblings and cousins, thank you for always keeping my life entertaining and pushing me to do my best. I will also miss the friends I have made at Westminster. Thanks for all the fun times and stay sick. I look forward to what God has in store for me after Westminster.



McKenna Montgomery



God I thank you for your love that never fails and never runs out. I praise you for all of the opportunities you have given me and for always guiding me through every situation. Mom and Dad, I am so thankful for all of the time you have given and sacrifices you have made for me. I appreciate it more than you know. Logan, you are the best little brother I could have asked for. Thanks for always being quick to forgive and always rebounding for me. Thank you teachers, coaches, teammates, and friends for all of the memories we have made together, you have all been a true blessing in my life.



Secret Sport Shrines

Students at Westminster were known for being the number one sports fans, but not many people knew the amount of memorabilia they had in their rooms.



Natalie Bunton, junior, poses with her blues memorabilia. Natalie has been a blues fan since she was little. "I love the blues, and I get really into all of the games."



## Taylor Montgomery



Proverbs 31:25 "She is clothed with strength and dignity she laughs without fear of the future". Mom, congrats the hard part is over you did it. I turned out to be a pretty great person and it's all because of you. You are the most inspiring and ambitious person I know and I hope to be half the woman you are when I grow up. I appreciate everything that you have done and most of all given up for me. I promise I'm going to make you proud. I love you to the moon and back, and to all my friends I wanna thank you for the memories and good luck We finally made it, congrats class of 2016!



## Ben Moore



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Colossians 3:23. Mom, thank you for all that you have sacrificed and given to me. I love you. Dad, thank you for the love and support you have had for me. Lauren, thanks for being my best friend for my whole life and knowing how to cheer me up. Friends, thank you for all the fun times that we have shared, and hopefully many more to come. I love you all so much and can't thank you enough. You all have given me more than I could ask for and blessed me in so many ways.



## Brennan Murphy



Mom, thank you for looking out for me and going out of your way to always help me. Dad, I am glad your competitiveness has rubbed off on me. Sissy, thanks for wanting to teach me everything since I was born, I always have looked up to you and will continue to do so. Teachers, thank you for challenging me to think critically and creatively. Dr. Shaw, thank you for teaching me to truly work hard. Thank you to the Robotics mentors and especially Mrs. Harding. The team you started has truly shaped my life. Robotics team, take the opportunities you have and run with them. Coach Snyder and football coaches, thank you for pushing me. Football team- keep winning.



Sitting with his Cardinals gear, **Jack Linton**, senior, poses with his Cardinal apparel. "I think I am the biggest Cardinal fan at



**Connor Hafenrichter**, senior, sits with his Alabama gear. Connor has Alabama stuff throughout his room.



**Andrew Murray**



First and foremost, thanks to God for always being by my side and leading me to Westminster despite my doubts. Mom and Dad, thank you for driving me to sporting events and being willing to help me with many assignments that I put off until the last minute. Mary Stuart, Kingsley and Sara Cate, thanks for being the best sisters an older brother could ask for. Thanks to the Cross Country and Track teams for the great memories. Finally, I'd like to give a massive shout out to the bros, who made these last two years in high school the most memorable ones yet. Stay Gucci Westminster.



**Claire Nichols**



I am very thankful that God gave me the opportunity to go to high school at such an amazing place. I am thankful for all of the teachers here who took the time to help me prosper. XC girls, thanks for all of the laughs. Keep running fast. Nora, thanks for always being willing to spend \$50 on food with me. Ben and Ben, it has been a blessing being friends with you guys. Sam, hang in there. Only 2 years left. Mom and dad, thank you for always encouraging me and helping me in every way possible. And I want to thank Mr. Mohler, because without you I would never have passed a math class.



**Gracie Nye**



Mom, thank you for being my biggest supporter and best friend. I can't thank you enough for how much you unconditionally love me. Dad, thank you for providing for me, loving me, and supporting me. Maddie, thank you for being the best sister I could ask for and an amazing role model. Coby, thank you for always silently protecting me. Shep, don't cause too much trouble while I'm gone! B, thanks for calming me down and being a second mother. Han, my best since preschool, I love doing life with you. Sin, thanks for finishing my sentences and screaming in the car. Wheels up, tiger tails out. To the rest of my friends, I love you guys so much thanks for the constant laughter and unforgettable memories.



**Fun in the Run**

**Q&A:**

Q: What made you want to run a 5k in your free time?

A: Maddie Volding, sophomore, said, "I chose to run a 5k because it seemed like it would be a fun experience with friends."

Q: Did you enjoy it?

A: Anna Bohlmann, sophomore, said, "It was SO FUN! Definitely the best part of my summer."

Q: Was the running aspect challenging?

A: Haley Counts, sophomore, said, "The loud music and fun atmosphere made it seem like we weren't even running. It was a great time to spend with friends, and I'm looking forward to doing it next year."

## Audrey O'Neill



Well, I may not be able to perfectly express my feelings, but here goes nothing. To my friends, I love you. I feel so blessed to have spent these few years with you. To Chrissy, Juhyae, Danny, and Mike, you've only been gone for a year, but I miss you so much. Bel, thanks for putting up with me for six years and hopefully many more. To my family, thank you for supporting me through thick and thin. You've put up with me for 18 years. You deserve an award of some kind. To my teachers, especially Dr. Shaw, Mr. Vonder Bruegge, and Mlle. DeVries, thank you for all the time and effort you put into my education. I've made some amazing memories here that I will cherish forever.



## Jared Orange



God has put great people in my life. Mom and Dad: Thank-you for all the support whether it be academics, athletics, college or just life in general. Thanks for your wisdom and helping me become an organized and efficient person. Jessica: Thanks for being an awesome sister and I hope you enjoy the rest of your time at WCA. Jazz Band: Thanks for the two awesome years of jamming out and "Running with Scissors". Swimming: Thank you Coach Kehr and Coach Kempen for four years and coaching the values of a Christian athlete. Robotics: Thanks for the four years of crazy, absolute fun! I am grateful for all the experiences and the more to come in the next years.



## Lane Penberthy



Mom, Dad, Paige, and Aidan, thanks for always being there and always supporting me no matter what. I love you all so much. Julia, I love you goon! Thanks for being your dramatic and loving self. You have a beautiful heart, and I'm so blessed by you. Katherine, thank you for being the sane and levelheaded one. I love you so much! Fuzzy's and buff dip 5ever. Lauren, oh home girl, what am I going to do without you? You're so much fun to be around and you never fail to make me laugh. p.s. BB. Morgs, thanks for always being there to talk to and to brave all the late nights with me. Lex, thanks for always being there with solid advice and an adventure.



**"My favorite part about the glow run was that I got to participate in it with friends as well as enjoying the run,"**  
**said Rebekah Warren,**  
**sophomore.**



Sophomores **Maddie Volding, Haley Counts, Anna Bohlmann, Anna Johnson, Izzy Clawson, and Rebekah Warren** whip together after running the Glow Run where they were sprayed with glow in the dark powder.



Seniors **Ally Dalby, Katherine Galvin, Julia Harre, Lauren Ramos and Hannah Fiala** pose together after running the Glow Run and writing on themselves in glow-in-the-dark paint.

John Pottebaum



God blessed me immeasurably at Westminster. I'd like to first thank my family for being my rock and greatest support. To the Wolfpack, you guys were constant in the best and worst of times. My best memories were made with you guys by my side. To Sin, thank you for being my mental counselor. To those on Summer Seminar, thank you for being apart of some of the greatest weeks of my life. To the team, save a horse ride a cowboy. To Mama Brown, Mrs. Shultz, and all of my other moms, thank you for keeping me in check. To all, saturate the privilege you are given and do something extraordinary. I love Margo Koby. You stay classy Westminster.



Sarah Ragsdale



I would never have imagined being able to come to a school that would shape and give me so much. Teachers, you have guided us to truth but also cared about us as people. Friends, I am thankful that God put wonderful people in my life who have been more than I ever could have asked for. Dad and Mom, Thank You for lovingly guiding me to and supporting me through Westminster. David, it's been a joy going to the same school with such an awesome brother. "But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved." Ephesians 2:4-5



Lauren Ramos



The last six years have gone by quickly, but I couldn't have done it without my Savior, family, and friends pushing me along the way. Mom & Dad, I can't thank you enough for the opportunities and love you two have given me, I love you. Nick, you're the best brother and friend, go cats. Katherine, from geometry, Corbin, and Disney, thanks for the crazy memories. Annie, birth to graduation, we've made it. Julia, Lane, Morgan, I can't believe you guys put up with me all these years. Thanks for understanding and listening, I will forever be your Cuban. VDT, stay weird. My friends, coaches, and teachers, you have all changed my life and made high school memorable, thank you.



# Motivation to Succeed

For many students an AP class is solely seen as a way to earn college credit or to qualify for the scholars diploma. However, some people take these subjects not for any of these reasons but because they possess a genuine love of learning and are interested in that subject.

One class that really draws students like this is AP political science. This class requires a large time commitment with many essays to write in the summer and the we the people competition in the spring. "I think it's really useful to know information like this so that you're informed about what's going on in the government," said Caroline Holden, senior. "I feel like it's your job as a citizen to know that and I feel like if you want to play a part in society you have to know about that and about laws and about the constitution. I just really like being informed about that."

Additionally, there are students who take every AP class that is available to them. One such student is Alyssa Despotis, junior, who plans to have taken nine AP classes by the time she graduates. "I take a variety of AP subjects because I cannot choose a favorite subject or field," said Despotis. Since she does not know what she wants to major in yet, she decided to take all advanced classes instead of just focusing on a few subjects as most people do. "I take these classes because I enjoy the challenge that they offer," added Despotis.

So, whether it is a love for a specific subject or a general desire to learn as much as possible, AP classes are an opportunity for students like this to shine.

## Alaina Randazzo



If there's one thing I had to say about high school, its make everyday count. It'll be over before you know it. I have been so blessed to be surrounded with such amazing friends and family. Mom and dad- thank you for always continuing to support me day in and day out, I don't know what I'd do without you. You guys have really done it all for me and I cannot thank you/appreciate it enough. Mom- I don't know what I'm gonna do without your jokes everyday and dad I don't know what I'm gonna do without your day to day guidance next year. Nick- You're growing up to be a great young man and I know your going to accomplish great things. I love you so much. To all my friends- These years have been some of the best and our memories/day to day stupid jokes will never be forgotten. I'll cherish them forever, I love you guys.



## Lacey Rapp



First of all, thank you Lord for giving me my small yet amazing family. I owe everything to you Heather, except for my ability to be humble. I thank God for you everyday and you too Calli. You guys are my world and I couldn't have made it this far without the laughs, the love, and the support. I also want to thank the girls' volleyball team and the coaches for giving me a place where I can feel completely comfortable. You guys mean so much to me and I will miss you so much. Friends, you all know who you are, thank you for always having my back and keeping me positive and laughing. I love you all.



## Claire Rebbe



Thank the Lord high school is over. Thank you Mom and Dad for getting me through it. Thank you to my teachers for dealing with my tendency to express my opinions, loudly. And to my fantastic friends: thank for the memories, always paying for me, putting up with all my weird habits, and making me laugh till it hurts.



**Caroline Holden**, senior, enjoys her AP political science class and thinks it is important to understand the government in order to become a good citizen. "We're preparing for this competition where we write a paper, read it in front of some judges, and then we have to answer follow up questions about our papers," said Holden, explaining the class. "We have to know a lot of information about our paper and about other topics too, so it's going to be a lot of work preparing for that, but I think it'll be really fun," added Holden.



**Tessa Copeland**, senior, reads a book for her AP Literature class. "I am taking AP Lit because I love the subject matter. I love experiencing different worlds, worldviews, ideas, and people as well as the beauty of the words themselves," said Copeland.



**Alyssa Despotis, Valerie Winkler, and Matthew Hoekzema**, juniors, study AP chemistry together in the morning before school. This class required a lot of collaboration, and the students were continually working together to try to figure out the difficult subject.

**Tommy Regan**



A quick word of thanks and farewell to these few years I have spent building a foundation for my way of life, and the relationships that came with them. Mom, Dad I would like to thank you. I wouldn't be where I am today without your guidance and love. I have had the pleasure of getting close to a good number of really great people in the last 6 years of my life at Westminster. Thank you for the fun times. Fire Squad, thanks for the memories. 120 words isn't enough to express how much you all mean to me. Even though it will be hard to move on, I'll never forget the way these experiences have made me feel.



**Nichole Romich**



To Mom, Dad, and Jake, thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend WCA. Thank you for supporting me throughout my whole life. I would not be who I am today without you guys. To my teachers, thank you for working hard to help me succeed. To my friends, thank you for making my high school experience a great time. Specifically, to Set Club, remember to NEVER sniff the purple paint, and that you're always "good enough." Last but not least, to Bailey, thank you for being the best boyfriend I could ever ask for. You have been my best friend for the past five years, and I don't know where I would be without you.



**Matthew Rush**



Looking back over the last four years, I can't help but be amazed at the many ways in which God has blessed me at Westminster. Mom and Dad, thank you for your encouragement and support through the good times as well as the bad. You taught me to never give up and put my best foot forward in all that I do. To my friends, thanks for all the laughs we shared throughout the years. There was never a dull moment with you all. In the words of the great Ferris Bueller, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."



**MORE**

**MONOGRAMS**

**MOST MONOGRAMS**

**Emma Gustafson**, freshman, sits with just some of her monogrammed items. "I feel kind of crazy now. I never realized I had so much monogrammed stuff."



**MOST AWESOME**

**Maddie Volding**, sophomore, wears her monogram necklace. Her monogram spells MVP, as in most valuable player. This is fortunate, because she plays softball and lacrosse for Westminster.



## Ben Saltmiras



Westminster has blessed me with experiences that I would not have found at any other school. The robotics team provided me with a release for my ADHD energy, and the teachers encouraged and guided me as I grew in my understanding of the world. I would like to thank my friends, who were always there for me, and who helped me remember deadlines to save me from the wrath of Shaw. Most importantly, I grew in my faith. My relationship with God grew stronger than ever in the past few years, and it will continue to grow throughout my life. I would also like to thank my parents, who motivated and pushed me through the hard times.



## Matt Schlafly



Throughout my time at Westminster Christian Academy, I realized popularity and "The Perfect Athlete" ends with high school, whereas education, spiritual and emotional strength and being a role model for others lasts forever. My experience at the Academy taught me to cope with stress, students and teachers. To mom, dad and my six siblings, you have always challenged me to expand my horizons and shoot for the stars.



## Jake Schroeder



Mom and Dad: thank you so much for your unconditional love for me and for always supporting me and pushing me to achieve my goals. I love you both dearly. Luke: thanks for always being my wingman and partner in crime. Joe: thanks for always playing hockey with me. You're really good. Coach Canfield: thank you for showing me the value of hard work. You pushed me to the limit since the day I met you, and because of that I am a stronger man. To my friends: If you're reading this, you already know. The house has been boarded up. The doors. The windows. Everything. I'm at the Comfort Inn. Room 112. I love you.



## MOST IRONIC



## MOST UNIQUE



Sophomore, **Bridgette Grimm**, shows off her monogrammed backpack and golf sweatshirt. "In 8th grade, some friends thought it was funny when they realized my initials spelled bag. Ever since, the nickname has stuck and now a lot of people call me bag." Sadly, in monogram form, her initials spell BGA. Otherwise, she would have a bag labeled bag.



Sophomore, **Taylor Siebenman**, displays her monogrammed key chain. She got it for her birthday since she just got her license.

Luke Schroeder



Thank you to my family for always supporting me in everything I have and will do! Jake and Joe, you guys have always been there for me through thick and thin. Mom and Dad, I hope I can grow up to be the man that you have raised me to be, but I know that with your help everything is possible. To all of my friends, know that I will carry the memories I made with you with me for the rest of my life. Words can't describe how much you all mean to me. Last but definitely not least, all thanks be to God for without Him I could be nothing. 120 words is definitely not enough to describe.



Timmy Sell



Lord, thank you for the countless blessings you have given me such as my family and being able to attend WCA. To my family: thank you for always being there for me. Mom: thanks for everything you do for me everyday that I don't notice and forget about. Dad: thank you for teaching me so much everyday, especially about God and His love for me. To Olivia, Chris, and Lucy: thanks for always cheering me up and for all the fun times we've had together. To all my friends: thanks for 6 great years at WCA. To my teachers: thank you for the great influence you all had on me and for leading by Christian example. Isaiah 26:3



Benjamin Sems



Don't follow your dreams, follow my Instagram. @Benjer\_6

Vineyard Vines VS. Southern Tide:

> Rival companies are everywhere: Nike vs. Adidas, Coke vs. Pepsi, Facebook vs. Twitter. There is nothing wrong with a little competition, but one competitor must "win" ultimately. When it comes down to deciding between two companies, the result is left in the hands of the people. In the competition between two preppy clothing companies, Vineyard Vines and Southern Tide, the people of Westminster have chosen. In the fierce civil war between northern prep and southern prep, the Vineyard Vines whale gains the most votes for popularity and style, leaving the comfortable Southern Tide fish in the dust of preppy teens across America.



"I see all age groups wearing vineyard vines and southern tide, and other preppy brands", said Allie Sigman, freshman

Matt Ottsen, junior





## Klarissa Sheffield



People always tell you high school goes by quickly, but you don't believe them until it's senior year and you look back on your high school experience and realize it's time to move on to a new chapter of life. Leaving high school is bitter sweet. Although in the past four years it sometimes has felt like there have been more downs than ups, I can confidently say that my high school experience has molded me into a strong, confident young woman who is ready to conquer the world. I am so thankful God blessed me with Mom, Dad, Jeremy, Jocelyn and my friends, who have always supported me and made high school exciting and unforgettable!



## Zach Schultz



Mom & Dad, thank you for all the sacrifices you guys have made for me, and for showing me what it means to live out my faith every day. I couldn't have made it through high school without your unconditional support. Thomas & Daniel, thanks for being the best brothers I could ask for, don't miss me too much next year. Thanks to the WCA teachers and coaches for helping me learn and grow as a student and as a man of Christ. To the Wolfpack and friends, the relationships that we have formed over the years truly have made high school special, and I hope they continue to grow in the future. Coach Van Gilst, Coach Petke, and the baseball team, I will not forget the brotherhood that we had.



## Gabby Sicard



This year has been quite an experience. I have met many people in y life that have encouraged me to keep working hard. I just want to thank all my friends and family, especially my mom. You have supported me since day one. I know I know at times we do not get along, but at the end of the day, I will always love you the same. Thank you for providing me with everything I need. I love you so much. God has blessed me with all the people I have met over the years and I cannot thank Him enough.



## Which is better?

> Popularity:



> Comfort:



> Style:



Emily Stoner,  
sophomore

"I think I like vineyard vines a little more than southern tide because of the wider variety of clothing they carry" -**Madeline Kugler**, Sophomore.



Amanda Skeeters



Malori Skrobonja



Mom and dad, thank you for constantly being by my side, being supportive of me, loving me and pushing me to be the best I can. I couldn't have done any of this without you guys. I thank God everyday for the opportunities He has blessed me with and the family and friends he has given me to help me get through my everyday life and struggles I go through.



Kendra Slater



These five years at Westminster taught me a lot. I experienced my lowest and happiest points. I am figuring out who I am meant to be, transitioning chapters in my life. Dad - thank you. Thanks will never suffice all that you've sacrificed for my dreams and happiness. You have inspired me to pursue my aspirations, never will you know what you mean to me. I love you; no matter where I go or what I do, I'll always be your kiddo. Mom - You're a hard-working woman whom I undoubtedly love and thank for your unending support. I can't wait to see where this journey takes me. Cameron - thank you for being the motivation I needed. To Buffalo and back, Monkey.



Westminster Lulu Leggings

Lulu leggings - love em or leave em?

Questions and Answers

**Q:** How do you feel about the new WCA rule about wearing leggings everyday to school? Is it comfy or can you not stand them? Is it not fair for the girls to wear them, or is it for the better?

**A:** "Personally, I really don't mind the leggings and having to wear them, but the fact that we are required to wear them because of boys is strange because boys aren't distracted by girls legs. The girls who are against it are not having a problem with it because they don't want to be modest and want to be sexy, it's just because it is hot and gets uncomfortable." -Neeve McMillin, freshman



**Hannah Grace Smith**



Mom and Dad - You've been the best example of how to live selflessly. You've shown me how to work hard, glorify God, and live humbly. I'm so thankful for both of you and the sacrifices you've made for us kids. Abigail, Xander, and Andrew - All of the jokes, accents, made up words, stories, endless laughter, and so many more memories couldn't have happened if it wasn't for you guys. You're my best friends and I'll miss having you around next year. I'll also miss all of my friends that I've gotten so close to over these four years. You're all so important to me and I'm thankful for each of you.



**Stewart Snapp**



I am appreciative of the high school experience that Westminster has provided for me. I would like to thank each teacher and coach who has encouraged me. You make WCA an exceptional place. Thanks to my close friends who have made each day great. I would like to thank Mom, Dad, Mary and Sam for always being there for me. To my siblings, we have some fun memories of all being at WCA for a few years together. I look to the future and am thankful for the valuable lessons learned in high school.  
1 Corinthians 15:57



**Emily Stevenson**



Thank you God for the blessings you have given me. I pray that You will continually work in my heart and guide me in all I do. Mom and Dad, you're an amazing source of wisdom. I'm overwhelmed by the amount of love you show me. You've helped me grow in my faith and become the person I am today. Now it's my time to "shock the world." Hannah, you always make me smile. I could've never asked for a better sister. I'll miss our car rides, silly dance moves, and deep conversations. Travel buds, we've grown so close. I hope our friendship continues wherever we go. Tennis team, you've been a big part of my life. Stay rock solid.



**Neeve McMillin**, freshmen



**Q:** Do you think wearing Lulu Leggings is the "cool thing to do at WCA or does no one really care?"

**A:** "I would say that nobody really cares at WCA, partly because most of the time you can't even tell if they are Lulu or not so no one notices or points it out." -Izzy Cancila, seventh grade



**Olivia Demetry**, freshman

**Q:** Do you think it's necessary to spend so much on a pair of leggings or is it worth it because we wear them everyday at WCA?

**A:** "I think it's ok to buy a couple high end leggings if you really like them and if you wear them enough." -Kate Johnson, eighth grade

# Seniors

**Lauren Stoner**



I am so grateful for my time at Westminster. I was blessed with the opportunity to move here, meet so many great people, and make countless memories. Mom and Dad, thanks for loving me, guiding me, supporting me, and setting an example for me. Emily, David, and Jonny, you guys are the most fun, loving siblings. I love you more as you grow into great people. I am also thankful for the amazing friends I have made at Westminster and the memories I have made with them. I will never forget the memories from South Dakota Summer Seminar, Spirit Week, and fun times in the classroom.



**Abby Stratman**



I am so blessed that I had the opportunity to go to Westminster my last two years of high school. I want to thank my parents for giving me such a wonderful opportunity and for encouraging me every step of the way. High school just flew by and I cannot believe that it is already over, but I am very excited for all of the amazing things God has planned for me in the future. When one door closes another one opens. "With God all things are possible" Matthew 19:26.



**Neil Sutherland**



These past six years at WCA have been an interesting adventure with many ups and downs. My parents have been at my side for all those years helping me through all situations. So has my older brother, Ian, who has not only been a friend but a wise sage. Lastly, there are my many friends with whom I not only share great memories and also the knowledge and experience they have given to me. To all of them, I want to say thank you for being there with me.



**Nick Glanvill**  
Senior

**Ally Dalby**  
Senior



## SAY CHEESY!



Seniors ham it up for their last high school pictures

As the days went on and grew longer, seniors awaited the day that they would say goodbye to Westminster for the last time. In the mean time, their senioritis kicked in. Their last school picture day was a chance to transform into eccentric characters whose appearance was anything but normal. Personalities became either dark and twisted, hyper and jumpy, or suave and calm.

"I think that my senior ego would mirror someone like Coach Coleman. Yeah, that sounds about right," said Joel Johnson, senior.

## Keely Sweet



I would like to say thank you to my family. You guys have always been there for me and have supported me through everything. I would not have made it through high school without you. My time at Westminster has been a huge blessing.



## Alysse Tarantino



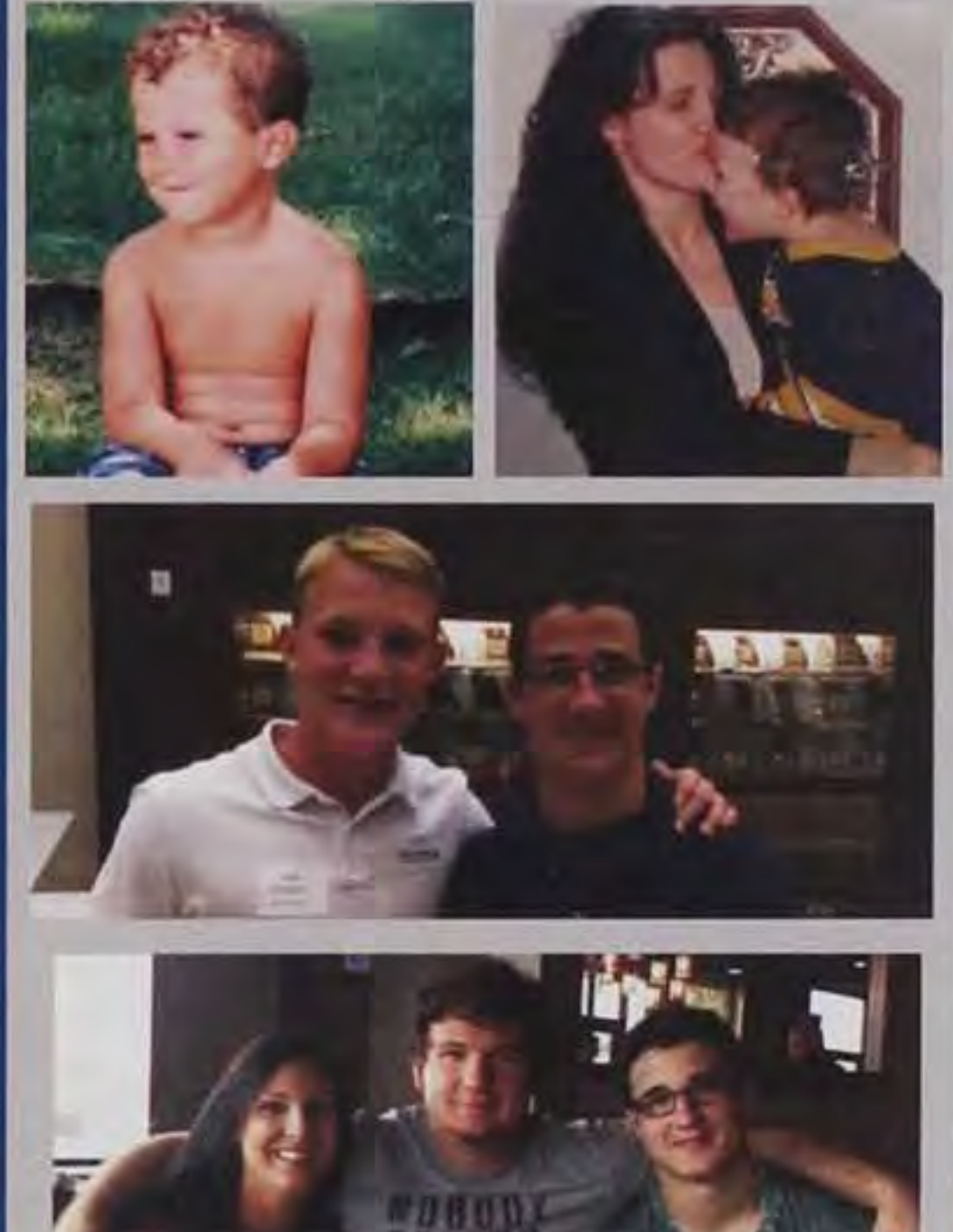
Psalm 37:4 The Lord has provided for me in His timing and used my story for His purposes throughout high school. The greatest gifts were often unexpected. I praise Him for this. I'm grateful for the people whose presence He has blessed me with. Thank you: Mom- for serving and loving me unconditionally, Dad- for reminding me how to eat an elephant and demonstrating maturity, Laura- for being a role model and listening friend, and Trent- for making me laugh and keeping me in line. Thank you to each friend, coach, and teacher who has positively impacted my life in a unique way.



## Samuel Terrana



I never expected it to end. I remember starting at WCA and wishing it would be over and now I have met teachers and people who have impacted my future. Don't let what happens around you weigh you down. You'll miss out on all the experiences the people here have to share. Everyone has an interesting story. Getting to hear them in a Christian atmosphere is something special. Enjoy everything about high school because it goes fast.



As senioritis sets in ...students morph into their senior ego



**Jordan Hartmann**  
Senior

**Joel Johanson**  
Senior



**John Pottebaum**  
Senior



**Lauren Stoner**  
Senior



**Haley Weinberg**  
Senior





## Brittney Tucker



Mom and Dad I want to say thank you for your continual support and love. Also to my whole family for always being by my side through everything. To my friends thanks for always being there and putting up with me I thank God for putting you guys in my life. To my lacrosse girls and coaches, you have made my four years at Westminster unforgettable. You have given me some amazing memories and laughs that I will always cherish.



## Cameron Tucker



Mom and Dad, thank you for all you have done for me throughout my high school career. Thanks for all the wise advice, help with schoolwork, endless encouragement, and the blessing of a great education in a Christian environment. Westminster, thank you for allowing me to build a future full of great opportunities and form tight bonds with people I've known since middle school (Nick, Casey, Joel and a bunch of other good friends.). And Miles, you know I could not leave you hanging. Thanks for all the "bro" advice you gave me to help me make it through high school! Love you Tuck!



## Ben Varghese



Jesus Christ, thank you for all the love you have shown me. Thank you for staying faithful to me in spite of all my mistakes and struggles. Thank you Mummy and Pappa for all that you have done for me. You have demonstrated and taught the importance of living a life that glorifies Christ, and that only in Him is there hope and purpose. To all my friends, thanks for the unforgettable years, and relationships that I hope last long after high school. Thanks Coach Muehleisen and all the other WCA Wrestling Coaches for teaching me perseverance and providing the privilege of being on a team.



## iPods

"I remember when I got my first nano pink iPod, I felt pretty cool, but now everyone uses their phone for music," said **Madi Koetting**, junior



## Game Cube

"I remember eating Pop Tarts and playing super Mario brothers on our Game Cube with my brothers", said **Jake Mitchell**, junior



## Game Boy

"The first night I got my DS I played all night and didn't go to sleep. I remember on this DS you could put your game boy games into the DS, so you could play both," said **Conor Morley**, freshman



Connor Vargo



Mom and Dad, thank you for supporting me and always having my back. I can't believe high school is over. I can't wait to see what this next chapter leads me to. Thank you for being the best parents.



Hannah Vitello



Of course, I must first credit God for getting me through to the next stage of my life. To my parents: thank you for being supportive of me through every trial and triumph of mine. I'll avoid using too many clichés for the sake of everyone reading this, but it's true when I say that you are the best parents I could have had. Jordan, thank you for keeping my creativity alive. And, of course, for being my lifelong closest friend/minion. Nana and Papa, thank you for sharing your wisdom and for ensuring that my life is full of fun. And in dedication to Magister Randall: arma virumque cano, et vitete diu prosperateque!



Clayton Voges



Mom and Dad, thanks for every syllable of encouragement and for helping me get through the strife of life. Hannah, thank you for teaching me patience. Cross Country, Robotics, Anime Club, S&E, and friends: thanks for bringing fun to stressful, long days. Thank you, Music Department, for your encouragement. I would have given up piano long ago; now I will enjoy playing for the rest of my life. Mr. Scott, Coach Boesch, Mrs. Birchenough, and Coach Pederson: "Oh captain, my captain," thank you for being great teachers. Mr. Mohler, thanks for a new way of thinking of the world around me. Mr. Munger, thanks for teaching me the rewards of struggling when the project seems impossible. Psalm 119:105



20 Signs you go to Westminster

1. You have **holes** in your plaid skirt- Sinclair Davis, senior



2. You get dirty looks for wearing **leggings** in public when its 80 degrees-Alaina Randazzo, senior

3. You live for turkey and **pesto panini** days in the cafe-Hailee Klein, senior

4. The smell of fresh baked **Hollyberry cookies** can turn any-day better- Emma Fiala, sophomore



5. You know the difference between ITSOG **dress down days** and blue and white days- Hannah Groce, senior

6. You dread spirit week as much as you love it because they are your favorite **memories** from high school-Lauren Stoner, senior

7. When kids from other schools talk about **Friday night** football games without knowing how angry it makes you- Azaria Foster, senior



Jillian Klein, junior Tom Isaacs, freshman



## Haley Weinberg



God has been so good to me. To all the teachers who have poured into my life and challenged me to grow, thank you. To my family, thanks for 18 years of wisdom and encouragement. Mom, you'll always be my best friend. Dad, I love you and I'm proud to be your daughter. Corey and Kurt, you're the best brothers a girl could ask for. Lightsaber fights and jump football will never get old. Blue Men, stay blue. Book Club, thanks for being there for me when Darcy is nowhere to be found. To my sisters, thanks for laughing, crying, swimming, painting, singing and dancing with me. I'm excited to see where the Lord takes us next year:)



## Carter Wells



The past four years of my life have been filled with experiences I will never forget. Mom and Dad, thank you for loving and supporting me through every obstacle. I couldn't have done any of this without you. Fisher and Dylan, there was never a dull moment with you guys around. I couldn't have asked for better brothers. Grace, I was lucky to have someone like you to share this experience with. As for guys: Tomas, you're a great tennis player, but an even better DJ. Stew, you will always be the Pizza Man. Monty, thanks for the awesome times, go take a steam. Craig, John, Butch and Chris, missed you guys around the dealership. Thank you Westminster, go Cats!



## Rebekah Westrich



Dad- Thank you for always being my rock and encouraging me in my dreams. You have taught me so much and brought me laughter with your "punny" jokes. Mom- You have always been there for me. You have been my shoulder to cry on, my friend, and my biggest fan. I couldn't have made it this far without you. Kate- You are the best big sister a girl could have. We have had a lot of laughs and adventures together and I look forward to more in the future. My friends- We have had so much fun over the years and I don't expect that to stop anytime soon. Thank you guys for always having my back.



9. You find yourself hiding from **Mrs. Brown** even if you have nothing to worry about- Sofie Harjoe, senior

8. When you see a different color other than **beige** on the walls you know something must be wrong- Erin Galakatos, senior

19. Getting stopped by strangers to talk about Westminster because the WCA **sweatshirts** are all you wear- Elyse Blatz, senior



Taylor Giddens, senior

10. You brag about having **late start** every Thursday because it is quite possibly the best thing ever- Elizabeth Bowman, senior

15. You look back on **bible classes** as times when you really grew in your faith even if they seemed like a hassle at the time- Brooke-Ellen Brugner, senior



13. Referring to the library and gym as the Academic Hub and the **Arena** because your school is just that sophisticated- Jack Bauer, junior

17. Opening a **Macbook** and finding Joel Johnson's or Veege's face on the background is nothing out of the ordinary- Missy Grasse, senior

Trevor Weststeyn



Mom and Dad, words aren't enough to express my gratitude for everything you have done for me. I can ever repay you guys. JT, Shay, and Karlton, thank you so much for taking care and always including me. Friends, thank you for hanging with me and putting up with my strange personality. Thank you basketball guys for an awesome 4 years. Thank you Improv for all the laughs. Lastly, thank you God. I know I was dealt a hand from a different deck, but thank you for that hand in the first place. Thank you for giving me so many blessings and opportunities in life despite all the hard times only You can truly understand.



Megan Wibbenmeyer



Wow it's gone by fast. Thanks WCA for teaching me all 6 years. Now let's go with the whole family stuff. Thank you mom and dad. But for real, thank you for everything, for I'd be nothing without you guys. Zach and Paige, I love you guys so much. I would not ask for any other siblings. Zach, I'm sorry you aren't photographed, just know I miss you so much and hope you are having the time of your life in college. Paige, the world is yours, so take it on. You got this, and I'm only a phone call away if you need anything. Thanks to all the friends who stuck by me, whether I met you this year or the first day of WCA. To sum up everything I just said, I thank the Lord for all these blessings. This life is great, and only through You. Help me in my unknown years to come.



Meegan Williams



I have been so blessed to be able to go to Westminster for my entire high school career. Thank you so much mom and dad for all you have done for me in my last years at home. Thanks for all the time you invest in my life. One of the best things that you did for me was take me on mission trips. I will never forget those memories, or how blessed I am to have the family that I do. Madeline and Sarah Elizabeth thank you for always being there for me and making me laugh. I am also so thankful for all the sweet friendships that I have made while at Westminster. I am going to miss everyone so much!



7th v. 12th:  
The Real Presidential Debate



**Q: If you could have one celebrity speak in chapel, who would it be?**  
"Macklemore because I really think he could give us some meanings of life and tell us what to do with ourselves," said **Gus Wilkerson**, seventh grader.



**Q: What is the meaning of life?**  
"The meaning of life is living... and doing stuff,, because God put us on this earth so that we could worship Him and He could help us," said **Hayden Turley**, seventh grader.

**Q: If you could change the leggings policy, how would you?**

"I would leave it," said **Alex Tarlas**, seventh grader.

**Q: What is the meaning of life?**

"To have, lgood grades and be athletic," said **Tarlas**.



## Steve Williams



I have been incredibly blessed. God, thank you for sending Jesus to die for me. Mom and Dad, thank you for loving me unconditionally. Mom, you have always sacrificed your time and given me every opportunity in life. Dad, you have shown me what it means to work hard and be a man of God. David, I'm so glad you're my brother and my best friend.



## Jacob Wilson



## Yue Yin



I have to say my indelible high-school years are swift enough that I can't savor it. There are no phrases that can convey my appreciations to my parents, hosts, teachers and intimate friends. Your supports and encouragements are my motivations to step forward. The flight of youth is ineluctable, but I know I'm not alone when I stand at the crossroad of life.



**Q: If you could change the leggings policy, how would you?**

"I think leggings are stupid. They're pants. Wearing them under a skirt is really uncomfortable sometimes. If I could change the leggings policy, we would just wear pajamas everyday. And everybody would have a mandatory pillow pet. Pillow pets for everybody. And there would be advisory everyday, and it would be a mandatory naptime," said **Sabrina Bingham**, senior.



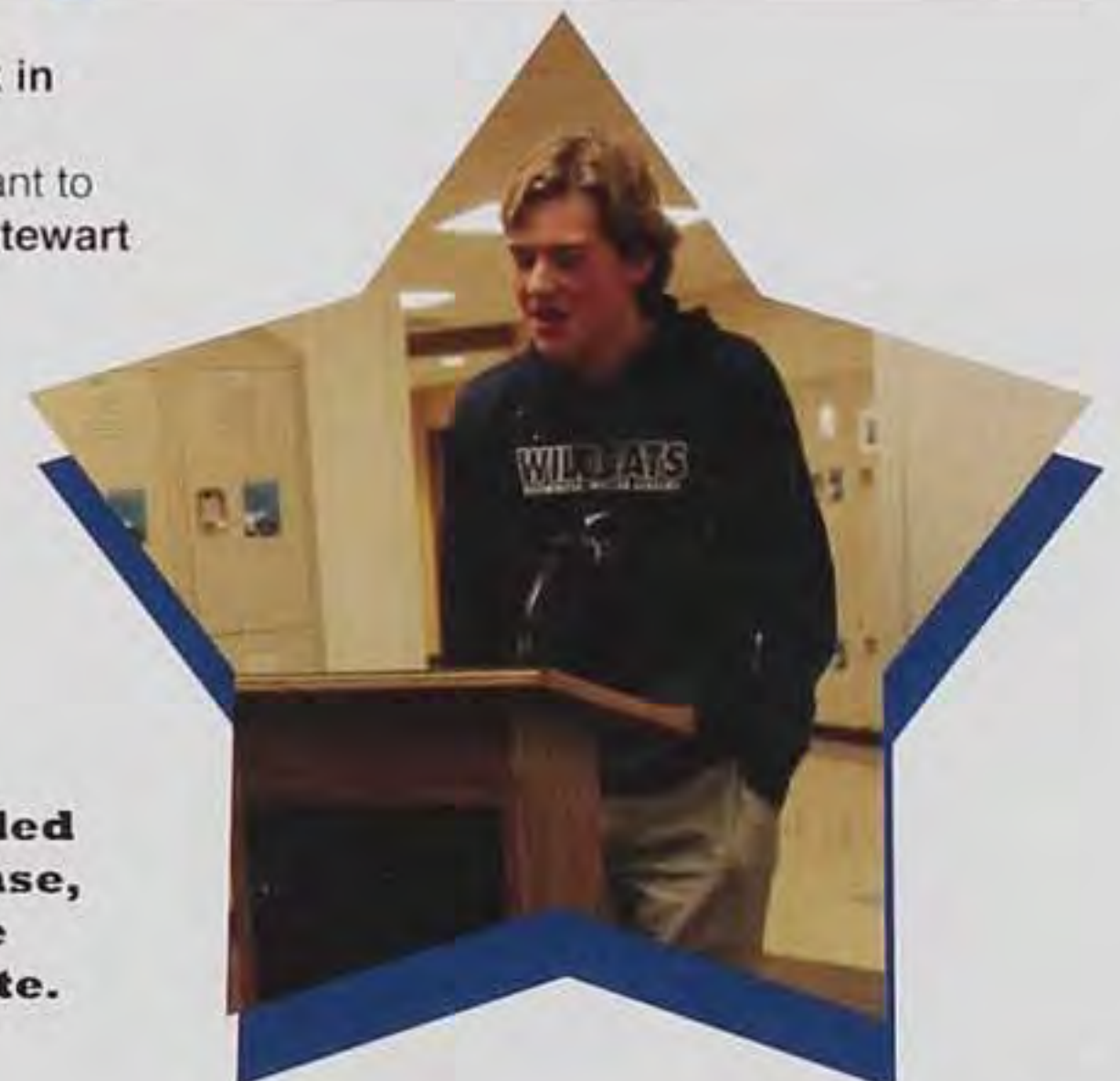
**Q: If you could have one celebrity speak in chapel, who would it be?**

"Donald Trump because everyone would want to go and it would be really interesting," said **Stewart Snapp**, senior.

**Q: What is the meaning of life?**

"Success and happiness," said **Snapp**.

**Given Sabrina's detailed and thoughtful response, she seems to be the winner of this debate.**



Jeremy Yoon



Oh, say! can you see by the dawn's early light  
 What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last  
 gleaming;  
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through  
 the perilous fight,  
 O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gal-  
 lantly streaming?  
 And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting  
 in air,  
 Gave proof through the night that our flag was  
 still there:  
 Oh, say! does that star-spangled banner yet  
 wave  
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the  
 brave!



Nora Zakhary



Finally! I remember being in middle school and  
 always wanting to grow up too fast. Once I  
 started actually growing up, I realized I wanted  
 to be a kid again. Westminster helped shape  
 who I am today as I continued to grow each  
 year. Among the members of my family, various  
 teachers, and the students, I was blessed with  
 such loving people in my life. I would like to  
 thank my family for always pushing me to do  
 my best and making time for me when I need-  
 ed help. I also want to thank my close friends  
 for always supporting me. Most of all, I would  
 like to thank God for giving me the strength to  
 make it this far.



Ruilin Zhang



**Would You Rather Have  
 Hillary Clinton's Wardrobe  
 or  
 Donald Trump's Hair?**

**“Honestly I just wanted to see what I would look like with Donald Trump’s hair because it’s an actual joke.”**

**- Molly Cook, Junior**



Molly Cook, junior

**“I’d rather have Hilary’s wardrobe. Like at least Hilary looks powerful boss lady... do you have any idea how horrifying Donald Trump’s man bun is?”**

**- Cate Hoogestraten, Junior**



Lily Fiala, junior

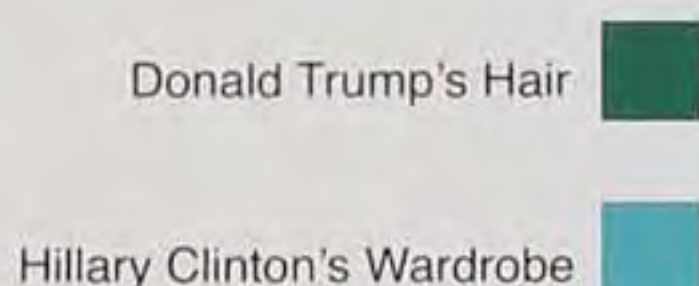
**“At least you can do something with his hair.”**

**- Sarah Broyles, Junior**



Sarah Broyles, junior

After polling lots of Westminster student on rather they would have Hilary Clinton’s wardrobe or Donald Trump’s hair, Hilary Clinton won by a shocking two votes.





Emily Adkisson

Emily,  
You are pure joy and a blessing from God. You have become a beautiful, amazing young woman who inspires us to be better every day and we are blessed to be part of your journey. Remember that God has amazing plans for your life (Proverbs 3:5-6) so stay close to Him, use your talents for Him and trust Him to lead you to great things! We love you so much!  
Mom and Dad



Joey Albertson

Joey,  
We are so thankful for you and Jennie and for the way God continues to work in your young lives---taking all and working it for good. He has blessed you to be a blessing. As you reflect on much to be grateful for and look forward to what God has ahead for you, always remember and apply God's truth such as what He says in Joshua 1:7-9.  
God is with you!  
With His Love,  
Dad and Mom



Celia Avery

Celia, We know that you hate this picture, but we got to choose so deal with it. Like the picture, we hope and pray that you will always look and value yourself not as you or we see you, but as God sees you. We are blessed to have been given one of His precious unique beautiful creations, if only for a brief human life time, you. Know whatever you do and wherever you go you have been, are, and will be incredibly loved by your Heavenly Father and by us. We are so very proud of you!  
Love, Mom and Pappa



Dylan Baile

Funny how quickly time passes by, suddenly with the blink of an eye... Our little boy is all grown up! Your kind and tender heart, hard work and perseverance, belief and faith in God have made you the person you are today. You have brought us immeasurable joy, put smiles on our faces, and made us so proud. Remember Proverbs 3:5 -6, Matthew 6:33, and Philipians 4:6-9.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



Morgan Barr

Morgan,  
From the moment I met you, I knew God had granted me the most precious gift I would ever receive. You are an incredible blessing to me everyday. You have grown into a beautiful, caring, smart & trustworthy young woman. I pray everyday that you will always seek God for courage, strength & wisdom. You have an awesome future in front of you. I love you with all of my heart.  
Mom



Blase Bell

We have watched you grow from a sweet little boy with a creative imagination to a godly man who is way beyond his years. There is no doubt God has a greater purpose for you than we can even imagine! You have been a great example to all of us that with God all things are possible! We couldn't be prouder of you and look forward to what God has in store for your life! We LOVE you! Matthew 28:19-20



Elizabeth Bowman

Elizabeth, Congratulations on your success at Westminster. We're all so proud of the woman you're becoming and can't wait to see the plan God has for your life. May blessings and peace follow you always.  
Love Dad



Elaine Clifton

We marveled at our inquisitive baby who was running by 10 months. We were perplexed by our pre-schooler choosing orange as her favorite color. When you said you were organizing an ice skating party we did not expect the entire 5th grade. Stay inquisitive, hold strong to your convictions, and keep leading. 1 Corinthians 13:13 faith, hope, and love but the greatest of these is love. Thank you for all the love you have brought to our family!  
Mom, Dad, Alexis, Simir



Tessa Copeland

Dear Tess,  
Our perfect and perfectly timed angel baby. You truly made our family complete and we are all so proud of you and love you very much. It has been such a joy to watch you grow up. Always smiling, happy and content. Always eager to learn and do on your own. Always showing kindness and care for others. Never afraid to be silly or experience new things. And like many have said, "wise beyond your years". We look forward to what God has planned for you next and how He will use you to touch others. Philipians 2:3-4, Acts 1:8  
Love,  
Daddy, Mom, & Richard



Nathan Duke

You are a gentleman and a scholar, an outstanding manager, teacher, and mentor. God has blessed you with the ability to bring out the best in people and the proof is right here in your hands... *this incredible publication. You have been brilliant as the yearbook senior editor for two years and an outstanding leader all six years at Westminster. You have shown amazing strength, grace, and courage when facing the challenges life brought you. Continue to walk with God, dear one...know Him, love Him, and serve Him.*  
I love you, Mom



Sophie Dunlap

Sophie Belle,  
Now that your high school story is over, don't you wish you could see what happens next? We do too! Wouldn't that make it easier? Although we can't see the future, we look backward and marvel at all the awesome opportunities and challenges God has given you and carried you through. Your future is in His good hands. What a joy it has been to watch the show! On your marks...get set...BAAAKE!  
Love always, Momma & Daddy



Claire Fellows

We thank God for your precious life. You were a little cherub of a baby and now have become such a sweet, beautiful and brilliant young lady. We are so proud of you. Always remember to let God's Word richly dwell in you with thankfulness in your heart toward God (Colossians 3:16), so you may be led by God's Spirit all the days of your life (Romans 8:14).  
Love, Mom & Dad



Ciarra Hampton

Lady Bug,  
What a blessing you are to our family. We are so grateful to God for allowing us to be your parents. You have grown into a beautiful young woman who is very sweet, caring, and kind. May the Lord conform you into the image of Christ and use you for His glory.  
Prov 3:5-6  
Love you! Dad and Mom.



Elisabeth Harding

Elisabeth,  
For the past 18 years, we have enjoyed finding surprises in kitchen cabinets, stopping for swings, watching you keep as "busy" as a bee, cheering from the sidelines and traveling the world with you. We are excited for all that God plans for you.



Jordan Hawkins

Jordan,  
You are our Miracle baby which God blessed us with. You have been such a blessing since the day you were born. Words cannot express how much we love you and how proud we are to see you grow into such a Godly young man. Our desire for you is to continue to keep God first in your life and to follow the path He has set before you.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Mann and Brittany



Casey Hinds

Casey,  
We are so proud of you, your determination and perseverance in achieving your goals. We thank God for the blessing you are in our lives and look forward to seeing where He leads you. "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:13-14  
Much Love Always,  
Your Family



Erin LeVar

Dear Erin Rose, Sweet Pea, our Little Boo Baby,  
Watching you grow into the beautiful, intelligent, perceptive, hard-working, gentle and caring young woman you are today has been a joyful blessing. You have gone far beyond the dreams we held in our hearts for you the first time we held you in our arms. We can't wait to see where God will take you next! Remember that God goes before you always. With so much love, Mom & Dad



Lauren Massot

Lauren, we are amazed by your drive and perseverance and blessed by your deeply caring heart and carefree spirit. It has been our pleasure to watch you grow in your relationship with Christ and with friends. The humble ways in which you demonstrate your commitment to the Lord, friends, family, teams and organizations reveal what is in your heart and we know that as you continue to derive your love and strength from the Lord, He will continue to bless you. Love, Mom and Dad



Jake Matheny

We are so excited to see what God's plans are for you as you start the next stage of life. We are incredibly proud of the man you have become. Continue to make people happy with your infectious smile and your zest for life. Always stand strong in your beliefs and be a light for Christ. We love you.



Gannon McWard

Gannon,  
It seems like it was just yesterday that God delivered such an amazing gift to us - you. You have thrilled us every step of the way. We are so proud of the young man you have become. God has graced you with such great wit, creativity, wisdom and faith. Continue to use your gifts to brighten the lives of those around you. What a great role model you have been for your brother. You are a true blessing to all and loved by the entire family. Love Mom & Dad



Drew Melaragno

Drew, you made it! We couldn't be more proud of the Christian man you have become. From day one, you brought us laughter, awe, and so much joy. You inspire us to be better as we celebrate the person you are...humble, loyal, caring, and determined. We wish you a lifetime of love, friendship, and pure joy as you pursue your dreams and continue your walk with Christ by your side. We love you more than words can ever express!  
Mom, Dad, Sarah and Emily



Sarah Ragsdale

Sarah, God placed you at Westminster long before we did. What a wonderful four years of joy, challenges and blessings. Thank God for the memories! Life at Westminster has shaped your identity to be more like Jesus than the world. ( Hebrews 12:1-2). Keep looking to Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of your faith! We love you, Mom, Dad, Daniel, Melissa and David



Tommy Regan

Our unconditional love for you is not easy to put into a few short words. We still can picture you as a little blur of wispy blonde hair and a huge smile beaming up at us. We look at you now and see a tall, strong, intelligent young man with a tender heart and quiet kindness. We are so proud of you and cannot wait to share in all of your future success.

Love, Mom and Dad

## Caleb Buffa

Caleb,

You've always been reserved. God instilled this in you because you are a leader. Leaders are set apart in order to hear from God. God is preparing you for His Glory (Proverbs 16:1-3).

God's blessings and wisdom,  
Ita



Klarissa Sheffield

Klarissa, You are a beautiful gift from God. We are grateful and blessed to have you as part of our family. It has been fun watching you grow and we look forward to seeing how His treasure continues to unfold in your life. We love you. "Mommy" and Dad

## Caira Butler

I'm blessed to have witnessed your birth and to see you blossom into an amazing young lady. You are fun, loving, compassionate, faithful, talented, smart, giving, helpful, beautiful and dependable. So proud of you. KEEP GOD FIRST!  
Love,  
Grandma Deborah



Kendra Slater

Words can't describe how proud I am of you, Kendra. You are a beautiful girl—inside and out. Even as a baby I knew you were destined for great things. I'm proud to be your mom and I know you will achieve anything you try.

## Caira Butler

It seems like I turned around for a moment, and in a second you grew! The first day I held you, I felt prouder than ever before, without knowing all the reasons you'd give me to love you more. Love Granny



Haley Weinberg

Haley – Gracer, We could not be more proud of who you are, your approach to life, and what you've accomplished at Westminster! We love your confidence, independent spirit, and that you march (and play woodwinds) to your own beat. You are compassionate, caring, creative, driven, generous, and oh so bright. The Lord has blessed you with many gifts and we pray you continue to use them for his glory and to bless others. Congratulations with love, Mom, Dad, Kurt and Corey.



# Elyse Blatz



Elly, the moment you entered the world became a better place. With your smile, gentle manner, grey squirrel cheeks, slothness, malleable chin, love for the underdog, consideration of others, and hugs.

Best of all is your makeup. Passionate for special effects on the outside, it's what God made on the inside that matters. He created you to love, care and have passion for the world around you. Stepping forward into life we're eager to see what He has you create for the big screen.

Love you to the end of the universe and back, forever, Daddy, Momma, Noee and Livie



# Gracie Adams



Gracie  
You bring joy,  
excitement, and  
beauty to the  
world. Gracie girl,  
we are always  
proud of you- you  
are God's prin-  
cess!  
Only at the  
Adams... Zeph  
3:17-19



# Michael Alldredge



Michael, we are so proud of you and the young man you have become. We love you all over in spots as big as bed quilts. Mom and Dad

## Nate Appelbaum



Congratulations Nathan! We are very proud of you. May God continue to bless you as you go through life's adventures. Love, Dad, Mom, Tim, Jacob, Sean, and Josh



## Blase Bell



Baze, we had the best childhood together. You have successfully ended the Bell era at the Academy. You are the wisest, most mature youngest brother in history. Love you man!

## Sabrina Bingham



Beautiful girl how you have grown! We couldn't be prouder. Never be afraid to dream big. We love you infinity Sabrina...

Love always,  
Mom, Drew &  
Grandma  
Evan., Michele,  
Maycie &  
Carson



## Morgan Brasier



Morgan, we are proud of all you've accomplished and the great choices you've made. You are fun, hard working and caring. We are blessed to have you as our daughter. Love, Mom & Dad

Brooke-Ellen Brugner



Dear Brooke-Ellen,  
 On Christmas Day, you came into this world with pink lips and a spunky personality! We have loved you every day since then! Thank you for being the daughter and sister we needed – strong, determined, thoughtful, and dependable. God has a plan for your life and you're headed out to find that on your own. We are so proud of you! You fill our hearts with love and joy.

Love,  
 Dad, Mom, Matt, Mark, and Fuzzy



## Jack Andrews



Jack,  
It's been so fun  
from the mo-  
ment you arrived!  
You've added  
humor (lots!),  
kindness and fun  
to our home. We  
all love you so  
much!  
Dad, Mom, Joe &  
Blake  
Ephesians 3:17-  
19

## Annie Backs



Annie, God blessed us with an amazing daughter and sister. You've brought great joy to our lives. We love you dearly and cherish our wonderful memories. Mom, Dad & Michael

# Myles Bakewell



Myles, we applaud you.  
 What an excellent man you have grown into.  
 We have enjoyed watching you mature in your sports: Baseball, football, track, and wrestling.  
 We have delighted in your humor and gentle nature. You have kept us laughing from the start.  
 We are always proud of you.  
 God bless you in college and the Marines if that is where your path leads.  
 The world will be better because of you.  
 All of our love,  
 Dad, Mom and Catherine

# Nick Bell



Nick,  
 The years have flown by. You have been such a blessing to our family. You have shown us all what it really means to persevere. God did not always make the path easy for you, but you never gave up and now you are off to college! Keep God close and He will keep you on the right path.

Love you always,  
 Dad, Mom, Kevin, Derek and Lauren  
 Proverbs 3:5-6

## Caleb Buffa



Caleb,  
We are so proud of you! You have accomplished so much and you are ready to begin a new journey in life. We wish you all the best. Know that we cherish all the memories we have of you growing up and look forward to creating many more. God Bless you. We love you so much!  
Grandpa and Grandma Betty

## Sterling Burton



Sterling, it has been a blessing to watch you grow up. We saw you grow from an energetic preschooler who climbed, jumped and ran circles around us to a young, strong, Christian man. We have enjoyed it all and we are very happy for you. You will do well and go far. We love you!  
Dad, Mom and Elise

## Caleb Curry

Caleb,  
Westminster is your launching pad. All of that history, theatre, improv and faith prepare you to "do all to the glory of God."  
Soar kid, soar.

Love,  
Dad and Mom

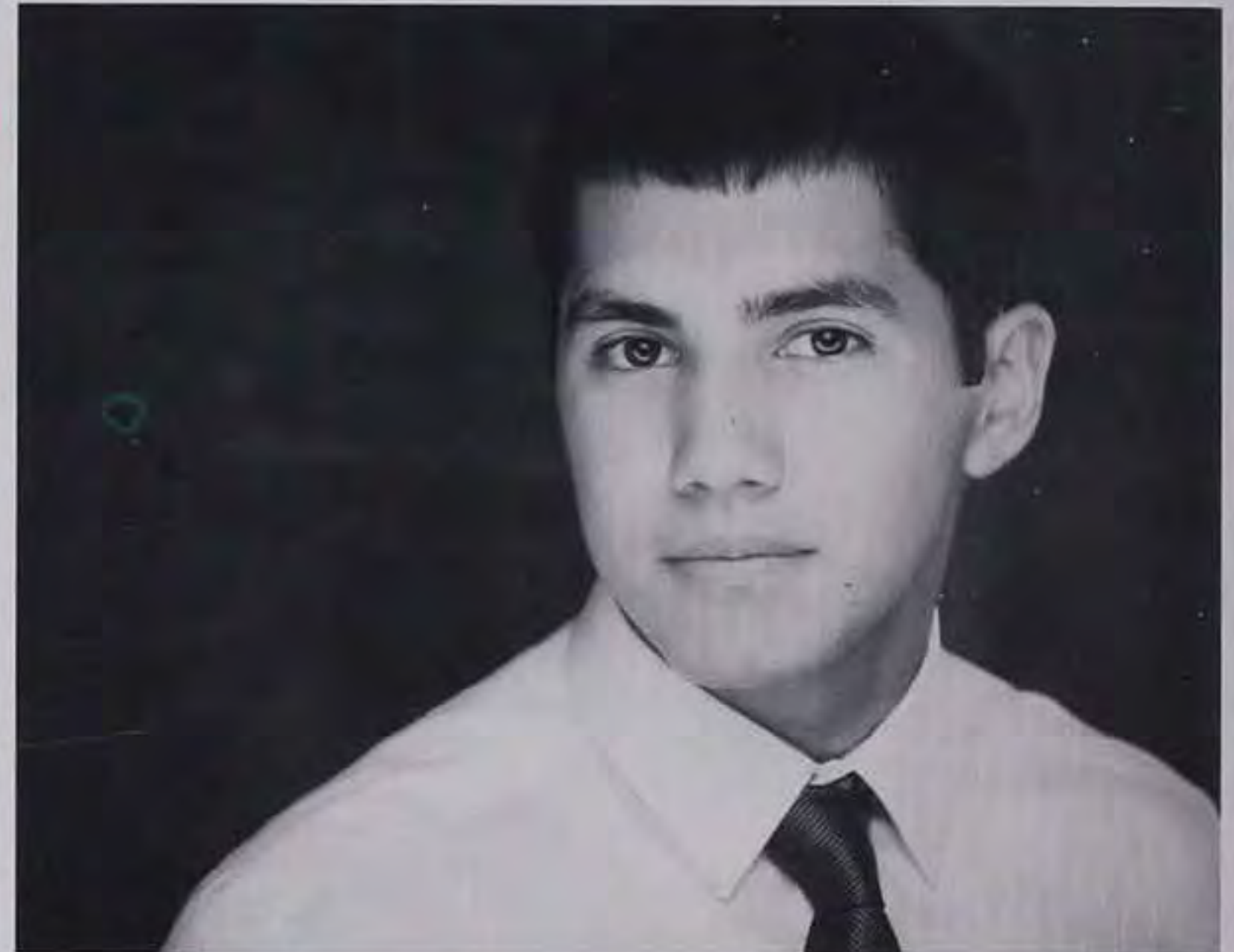


## Azaria Foster

We've watched you take your dreams and transform them into real world possibilities. We love you and we're excited to see where your vision takes you in the future.



Caleb Buffa



Caleb,

God thought highly of us when He gave you to us! You model Christian courage, perseverance, and vision. You endure hardship as discipline; we have watched you stand strong in the midst of storms in your life and learn from your mistakes. Just never ever forget that God's grace abounds. Although you take life seriously, it is refreshing to see you that you never take yourself too seriously. Thank you for filling our home with joy and laughter!

Your quiet humility has often been misunderstood. You know more than you say, you think more than you speak, and you care more than people realize. But those of us who know you well understand the God-inspired goals you aspire to. His Word will be your guide and the Holy Spirit will be your Counselor, Defender and Protector. Enjoy the journey!

So proud of the man you have become!! In us you have a lifetime of respect, love, and support!!

Dad and Mom

P.S. Dad says, "No regrets!"





## Sabrina Bingham



Sabrina,

We are proud.  
We love you  
always. You are  
going to go far  
in life; you are  
everything a Fa-  
ther and Brother  
could ask for!

Love, Dad and  
Drew



## Caira Butler



You're such a blessing to me and have brought joy to so many lives. Your caring and loving-spirit make me so proud of the young lady you've become. Love, Mommy



Nick Cacciarelli



Nick,  
 You are 1 of 3 brothers, 1 of 5 Cacciarellis, but truly 1 in a million. You burst into a room, filling it with sunshine and laughter, chaos and commotion. Our home will be very quiet next year and you will be missed! We hate to see you go, but nobody can hold you back. Keep after it, work hard and every day thank your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for His Many Blessings. Always proud of you! We love you more than you can imagine, Mom and Dad



Macy Catlett



Macy-You are such a beautiful, hard working and caring young woman. I pray that the Lord continues to bless you and guide your life. I love you. Dad

Macy-You are beautiful inside and out. Your heart for the Lord and desire to lead others to know God is truly a blessing. I love you to heaven and back. Mom

We will miss you Marty! :-)  
 Tyler, Mia, Gabbie & Pal



Caira Butler



Numbers 6: 24

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Love Uncle David, Aunt Thelma, and family

## Elisabeth Harding

Elisabeth,  
In the past 18 years, we have enjoyed finding surprises in kitchen cabinets, stopping for swings, watching you keep as "busy" as a bee, cheering from the sidelines and traveling the world with you. We are excited for all that God plans for you to do and learn in the next 18 years!

With love, Mom Dad Kate Rebecca



## Sofie Harjoe



We are excited for your future and expect to be living in your basement. You've been a gift from God from the first day you surprised us at age 40. Don't miss a college football game, turn that music down, always love your sisters, call Mom and give more kisses to your father.

Let's go to Spain, Mexico, Brazil!

## Miles Hehner



Miles,  
Life as always been wonderfully unique since you were born, and we are so proud of you as you graduate from high school, and take the next step in your life. Always remember to be true to yourself and find your own path.

We love you... Mom and Dad

## Hannah Heintz



"For this child I prayed, and the Lord has given me my petition which I asked of him ~ So I have dedicated her to the Lord" I Samuel 1:27-28 - Hannah we love you and are so thankful for your life. God will continue the good work in you that he has started! Love, Mom, Dad, Luke and Matthew

## Emma Cockrum



Congratulations to our beautiful, blue-eyed "baby girl" who lights up the world with her smile & heart! We thank God everyday that He sent us you!  
Love, Momma & Daddy

## Ally Dalby



Dear Ally,  
We can still see you walking into Kindergarten with your bouncing curls... time has suddenly fast forwarded to your Senior Year. We could not be prouder of the young lady you are today with a strong faith, relentless determination, and admirable resiliency. These traits will carry you through this next phase of life and beyond. Stay true to who you are and continue walking with the Lord. We love you more than words can express,  
Mom and Dad



# Maggie Dare



Maggie,  
It has been our joy to watch you grow into a beautiful young woman inside and out. We love you and are proud of you.  
Mom, Dad, and Sam



# Robert Davis



Robert,  
You have been an extraordinary joy to us since the day you were born. We love you beyond all measure.  
Love, Mom and Dad



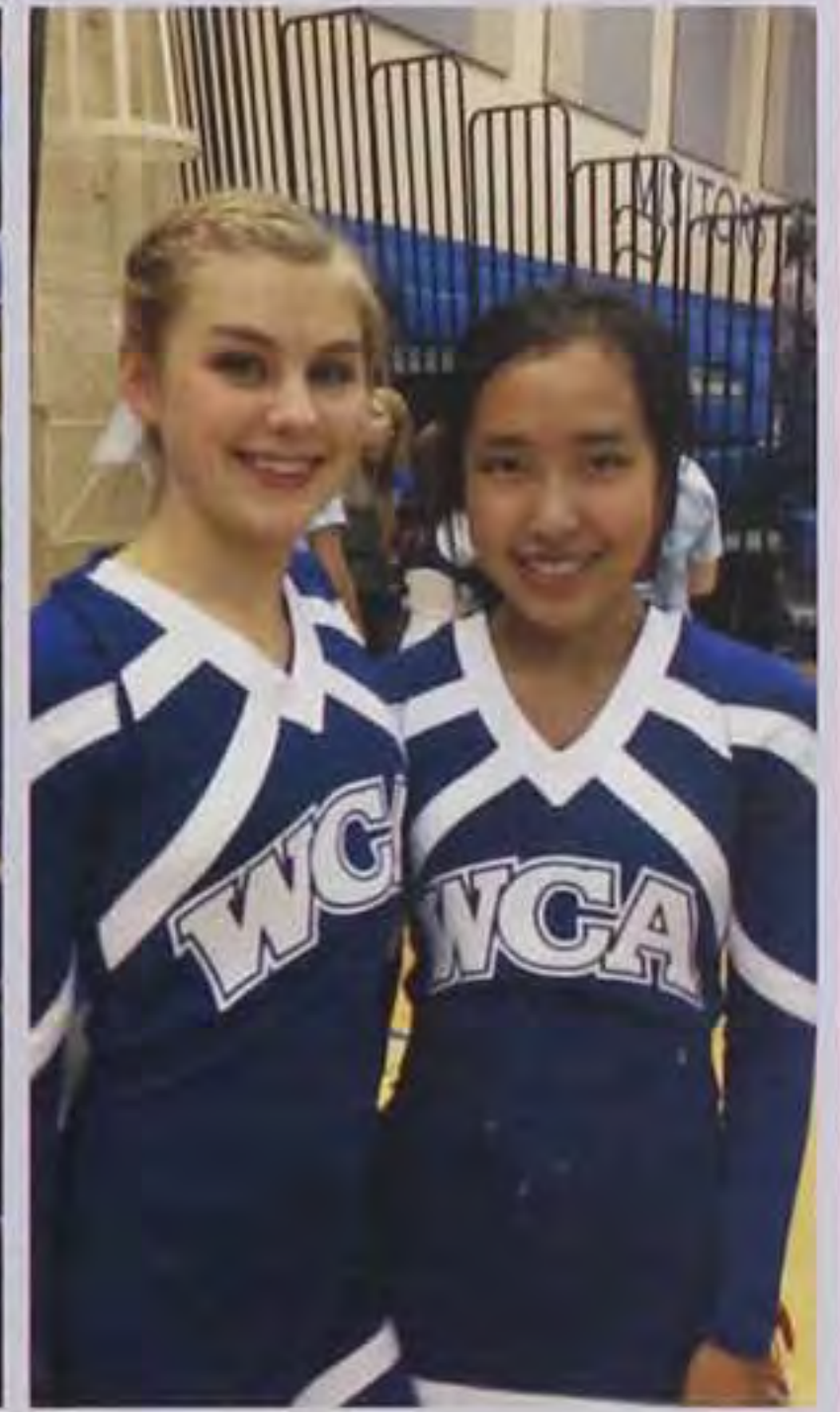
## Alex Hopkins



Alex, We are so proud of you. Keep focused, pursue your dreams, be kind, train hard, and remember "the only easy day was yesterday." Love, Mom, Dad, Katie, and Liz



## Daisy Luo



Daisy,  
We enjoyed hosting you and having you in our family. You're always welcome with us. We will miss you, wish you the best, and send our love!  
Gion Family

## Gracie Nye



Gracie Groo - You are smart, determined and beautiful. We are so proud of the amazing woman you've become. God has big plans for you!  
Jer. 29:11

Love, Dad, Mom, Madison, Coby, and Shep



## Lane Penberthy



Phil 4:13

You, our sweet girl, are so ready for you next step. We cannot wait to see what that looks like. Your greatest gift is your strength of mind, character and voice. Never let anyone or anything change that in you. You CAN do all things through Christ! We are so incredibly blessed to be your parents. Love, Mom and Dad

# Ryan Davis

Ryan – young royalty; God has purposed you to be a leader. Seek His wisdom.  
 William – protector; You're a defender of faith, family and friends.  
 Michael – like God; Your love for God is genuine. You not only strive to know His word but to live by what it says.  
 Davis – beloved; Know that you are loved and adored. We love you for who you are today and for the man you will become.



# Sinclair Davis

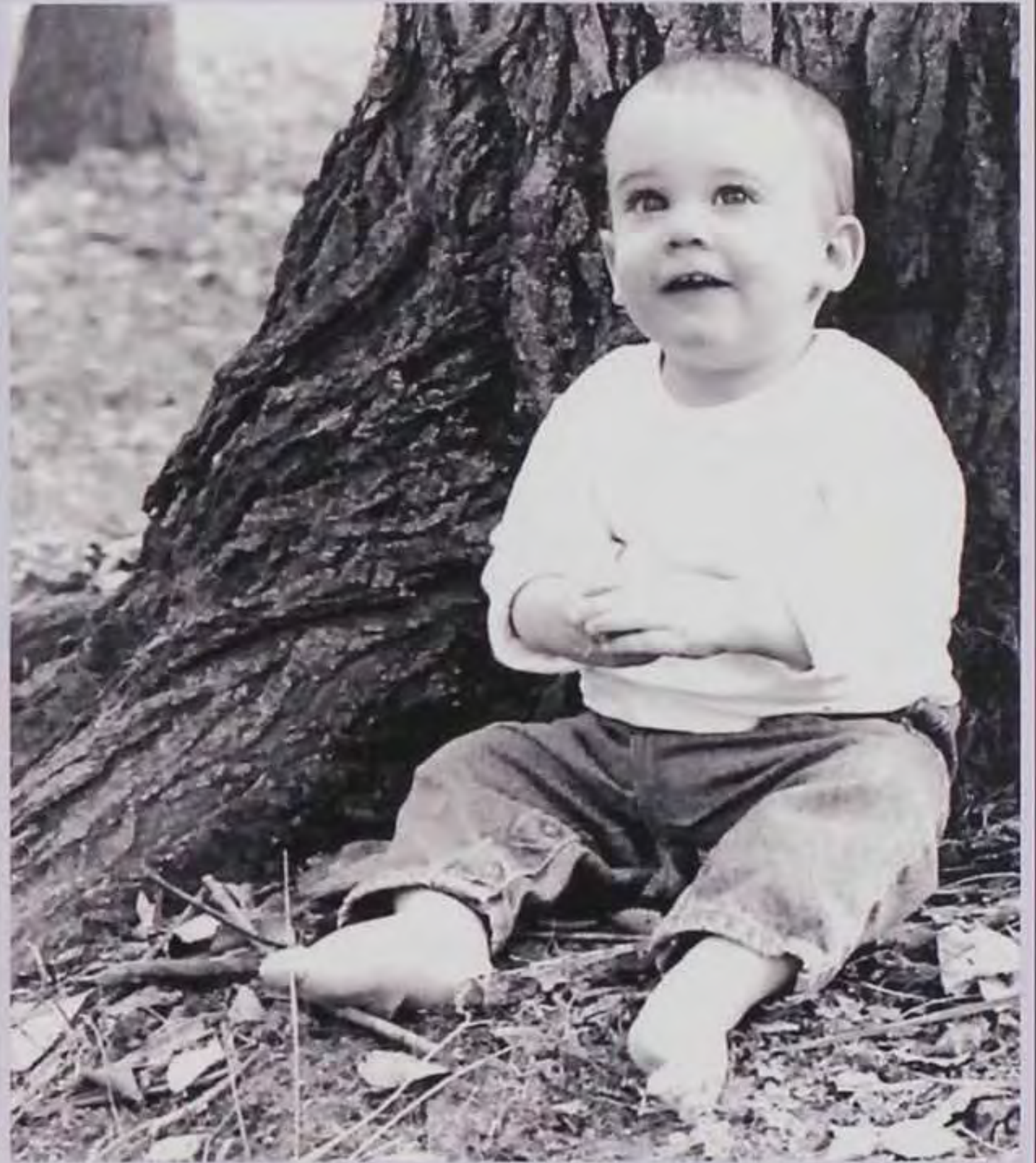


Sinclair,  
 Your Mom, Lane and I are so proud of the beautiful young lady you have become. During your time at WCA it has been amazing to watch you grow and flourish as a Christian, daughter, sister, friend, dancer and leader. You have let His grace shine through you as you persevered through great challenge. We are excited to see you excel in the next phase of your life. We will be there for you at every turn.  
 We love you,  
 Mom, Dad and Lane





Willie Canfield



Dear Willie, There are so many words to describe your beautiful spirit; sweet, gentle, fun, happy, hilarious, curious, and full of life. We cannot wait to watch you continue on your life journey and sprinkle the world with your unique and powerful presence. We love you and are so proud of you!  
Love Mom and Dad

# Mason Davitt



Mason, You've been the source of much fun. We'll miss your tackles at home and on the field. So proud of you!  
Dad, Mom, Ethan, Colin and Aiden  
Proverbs 3:5-6

# Taylor Dorsey



Dearest Taylor, You are a beautiful, kind-hearted, compassionate, and a sweet young lady! You have a spirit full of life and love for our Lord! We are so proud of you! You have touched and blessed our lives in so many ways throughout the years, and we praise God for giving you to us! We will always cherish this time we had with you! Wherever the Lord leads you in your life, stand firm in your faith and keep Him close to you. Thank you for the joy and laughter you have brought!!  
Love Mom, Dad & Troy



# Nathan Duke

[An Ode to Joy...]

Had a girl, had a boy  
Thought we had completed joy  
Mom and I were one of three  
Seemed perfectly sensible to me  
That add to four another one,  
God gave us you, our  
second son

From early on, a joyful soul  
Amazed with life and always full  
of smiles and words, you had so  
many  
Devouring books, you did aplenty

Aggressive? No, a gentle sort  
It took a while to find  
your sport

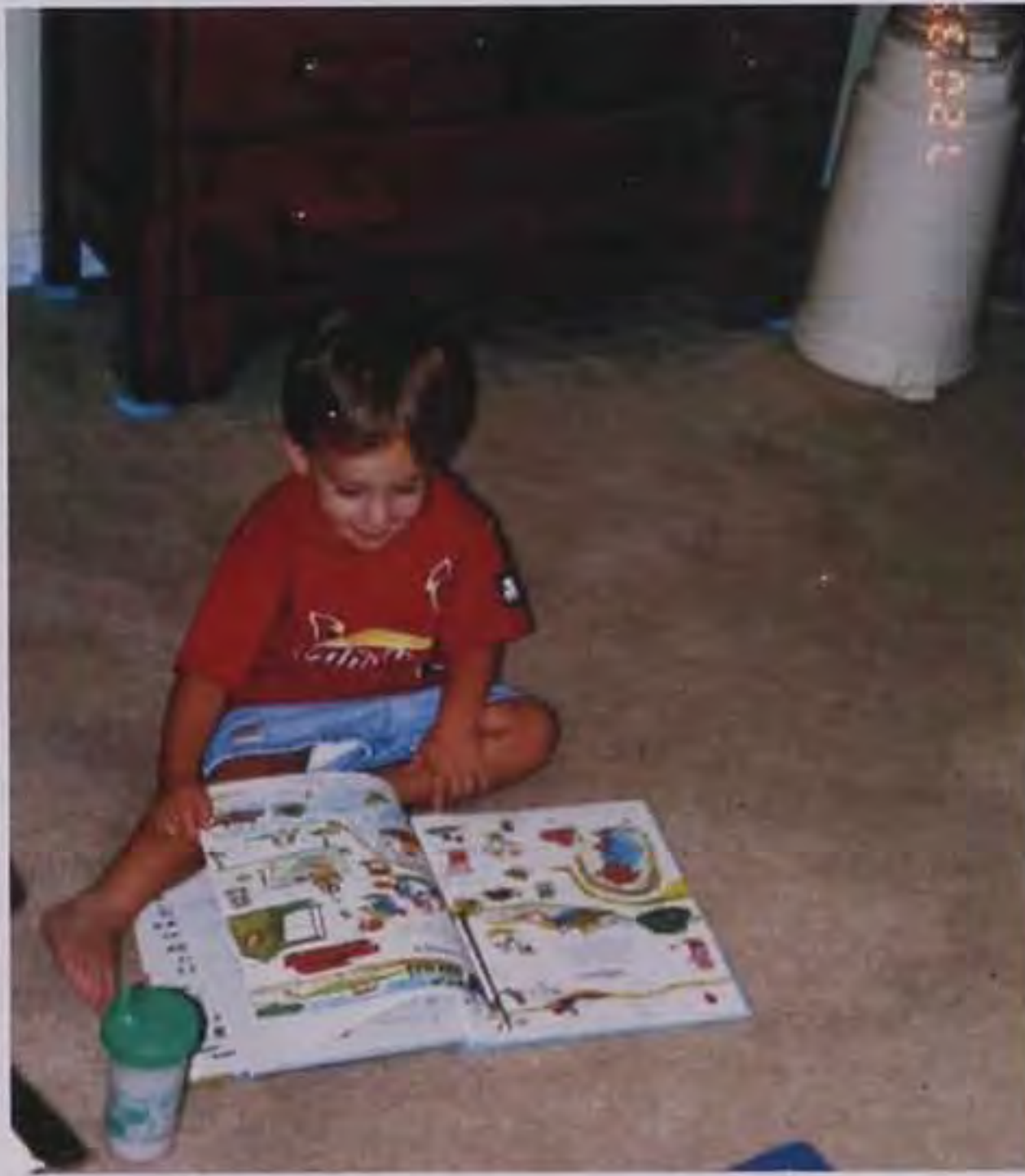
Not soccer or even basketball  
Though in them we could see your  
all

Flying as the wind it seemed  
The Warriors, they be-  
came your team So

now, proceed in life ahead  
And joyful one, it must be said  
Blessed you are with gifts so true  
My love and blessing,

son to you.

Love, Dad



Avery Drury



Sweet Avery,

What a JOY you are to our family! You're kind, caring, and crazy! You have grown into a beautiful young woman – inside and out. Proverbs 3:5-6!

Love, Mom&Dad

Von-

Congratulations, you did it! You've taught the Duke children for 9 straight years. That's a lot of "Your Mom" jokes. We hope it was as fun for you as it was for us! We ate a lot of peanut butter **pies**, we said "Bon Festival", and we sang "Aloha Friday" more times than we can count. You are the best teacher, a wise leader, and a great friend. In the good times and the bad you were right there with us.

One more thing:

Have we told you lately that we love you?

Aloha for now,  
The Duke(s)

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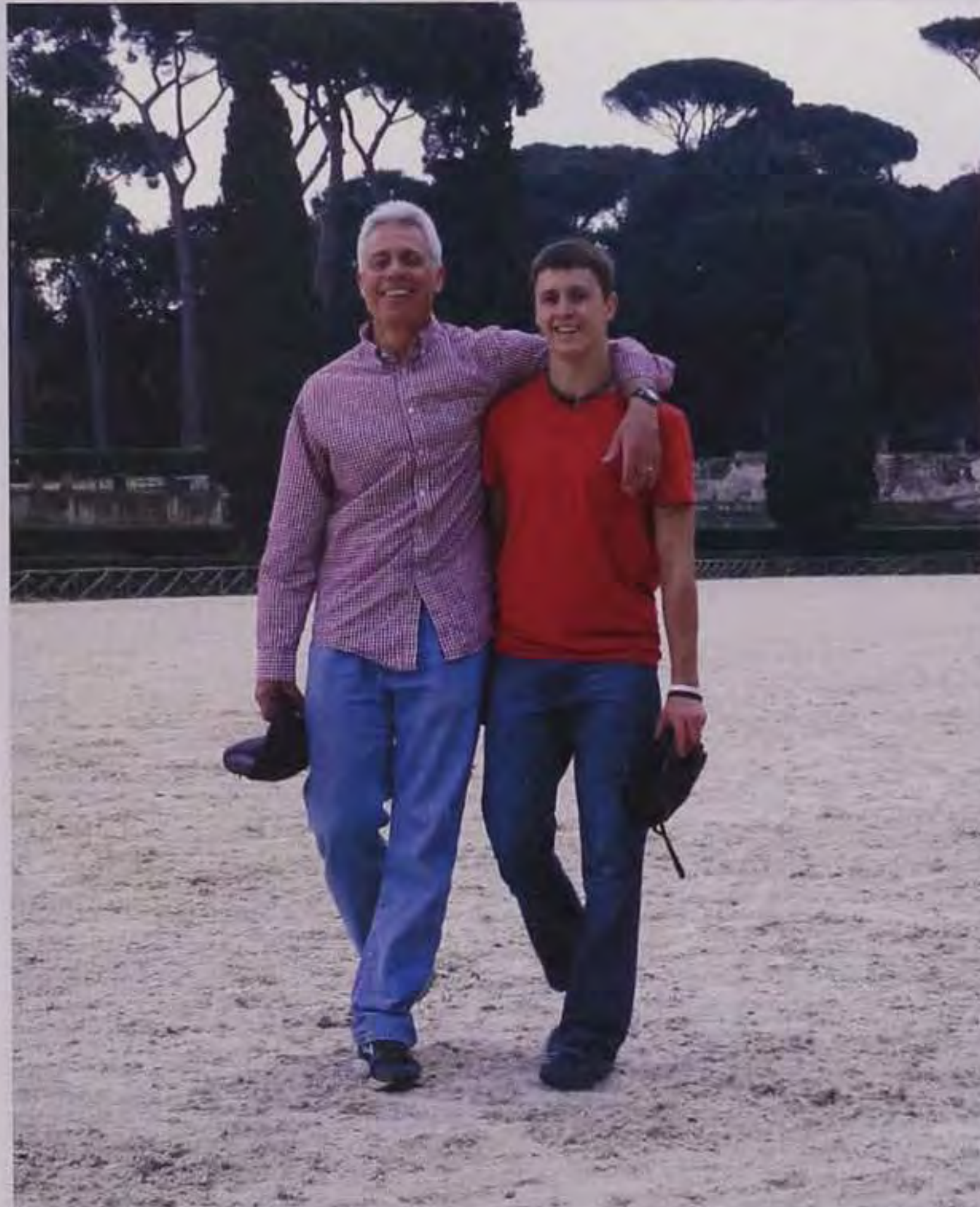
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# Nick Ebel



Nick Ebel  
Noticeably nice  
Incredibly spirited  
Contentiously disciplined  
Kindheartedly humble.

Enthusiastically godly  
Buoyantly optimistic  
Engagingly gregarious  
Lovingly loyal.

Nick Ebel, your family loves you, believes in you, and treasures you immeasurably. The past is your foundation; the future an open door. **"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."**

# Lindsey Falkner



Lindsey,

God certainly blessed our family when you were born. He gave you a tender heart, a kind spirit and filled you with determination. You have brought incredible joy and laughter to our lives. We are so thankful and proud of the young lady you have become and can't wait to see God's plans for your future. We love you!

Mom, Dad, Corey and Alexis

# Claire Fellows



Dear Claire,  
Our precious little princess has become such a magnificent young lady. We are so excited to see God unveil the masterpiece He is creating in you. Matthew 6:33  
Love, Your Family

## Hannah Fiala



Hannah,  
Your kindness, friendliness and empathy towards others is remarkable. Thank you for always looking for the best in others and focusing on that. You have embraced the family motto "Fiala's never give up" in all that you do and it will serve you well through life. I'm so excited to see what God has in store for you!  
Love you more,  
Mom  
Psalm 150

Dear Hoop,  
You've made our house rock for the last 18 years! We will definitely miss the sound of your dancing feet 24/7. You've come a long way from your Gerald Ford days to your days as Brenda. Dog gon' it – you're an awesome kid – yea, I said dog gon' it!  
Love, WEF



## Keely Sweet



Dearest Keely, you've been a true blessing to us. And now as God sends you on the next leg of your journey just know how much we love you. Mom, Dad, Juliana



## Ben Varghese



Mona, We are so proud of you! Your compassionate heart and love for the Lord will take you far in this life. You're a blessing. Love You, Pappa and Mummy



## Trevor Weststeyn



Trev,  
You bring so much joy to our lives. You are an amazing young man and will do great things in this world. Words cannot express how proud we are of you! -Dad and Mom

Little man, doin' big things! Love you TrevMan -JT

Little Ditty, you've always been my inspiration. Keep singing your song. Love you so much! -Shay

## The Duke





# Katherine Galvin



Dear Sweet Kath,  
We are so very proud of who you are and thank God He allowed us to be your parents—such a precious gift! We love your sensitive heart, your quick wit, your steadfast spirit, and your love for the Lord. You have taught us so much about faith (think: Lebanon) and never giving up. There is no limit to what you can do—with your brilliant mind and love for others, you will be a world changer! We are all going to miss you, honey, your hugs and sweet prayers, but you will always be forever loved. Love, Mom, Dad, Meg (and Zekel!)



# Alyssa Freiner

Alyssa,

You are an incredible blessing to our family. Your laughter and joy is contagious. Your love for others and the Lord is evident in your life. Your beautiful smile and sweet spirit make the world a better place. God has blessed you with many gifts. Your track meets, cheerleading events and orchestra concerts have been a joy to experience. Wish we could do it all again.

1 Peter 3:3-4

Love, Mom and Dad



# Aaron Gion



Aaron,

You have been a blessing to us since you were conceived. We love you more than you will ever know.

It has been an honor and a pleasure watching you grow and mature – celebrating all the steps along the way. We're proud of you and know God is going to do great things with you. We pray as you head to college that you will find the Lord's blessing as you continue to grow.

Love Always,  
Mom and Dad

## Nick Glanvill



Nick  
Continue your life's journey through college always striving to do your best, with God on your side. Aim high!  
We are proud of you, love you!  
Mom and Dad

## Missy Grasse

Marissa- We praise God for you! You have grown into a beautiful young lady with a heart for love and peace. We are so proud of you and realize your journey is just beginning-how very exciting! Remember as you travel on in your life: In all ways acknowledge God and he will direct your path in the way you should go-Proverbs 3:6. We love you so very much-MOM and DAD

Sister, I'm so proud of you to begin this next journey. Thanks for being one of my best friends & the baby sister I always wanted. Here's to late night ice cream, family dinners, kitchen dance parties, laughter and weirdness. Love you always

Missy-you are the best! I'm so happy for you and proud to call you my sister. You're my hobo... Love Dominic



Jordan Hartmann

Jordan-  
 You are everything a father could ever hope for. It has been quite a ride seeing you grow from an adorable little girl into a beautiful young woman. You are strong willed and independent, never stop wanting to achieve your dreams..... I love you the most.  
 Your Dad



Jordan,  
 I am so proud of you and your courage, endurance, compassion and faith. Congratulations on a job well done! May God direct your path. Remember, the more you seek Him the more you will find Him. He will never leave you nor forsake you.....Deuteronomy 31:6-8  
 Love, Mom

## Hannah Groce



A woman stands where my baby used to be, and the sight of her all grown up moves me like nothing else. My daughter has become wiser and stronger than I ever dreamed she could be. When I look at her, it becomes clear that I have been blessed by God. She is an adult to the world but to me, and in my heart and soul, she will forever be my little girl. Love, Dad



## Clara Gruneisen



Clara, it has been amazing to watch you grow into a young woman, gain confidence in your leadership, and excel in your areas of strength. We cherish the love you have for your siblings and friendships that you have fostered in high school. Have confidence in who you know yourself to be. Mom and Dad

Morgan Henry



Morgan, our dearest Morgan! We are so amazingly proud of this milestone in your life. It is with great anticipation that we eagerly look forward to seeing the many accomplishments that await you in the near future. You are such a "go getter"; anything you set your mind to, you achieve. You are such a blessing to our family: you're funny, bright, beautiful, kind; spirit-filled, and possesses outstanding culinary skills. You have a deep passion for the plight of humanity worldwide. We know that you have a very bright future ahead of you. The world is a better place because of you. We have no doubt that you will leave an indelible mark on this world. We love you to the moon and back.

Go Get Em!!



## Isabel Guariglia



Boo,  
You are our beautiful baby girl and we praise God for the spunk and strength He has given you! Use your wisdom and insight to love and lead others to our Savior. Deuteronomy 6:5-9.  
We love you so much!  
Mommy and Daddy

## Connor Hafenrichter



Connor,  
We are so incredibly proud of you! We are so grateful to God that He brought you into our lives. We love your wit, your passion, your thoughtfulness, your sense of humor and fun-loving attitude. God has molded you into a man of strong character, integrity, and faith. We are thankful for your love of the Lord and your desire to know Him more deeply. You amaze us with your dedication and perseverance when the going gets tough and the leader and example that you are for others. We love what God has done in and through you.  
As you go to the next phase of your life-Rely on the Lord-He is always there for you-Stay close to Him-Put Him First- He will help you choose wisely. We look forward to the awesome plans that God has in store for you.  
We love you so much,  
Dad and Mom  
Proverbs 3:5-6  
Matthew 6:33  
Colossians 4:23

Zane Hall



Zane,

What a blessing you have been to our family, as a son and big brother. We are so proud of you and cannot wait to watch as God molds you into the man He wants you to become. Always remember Proverbs 3: 5-6; "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths." We love you Zane!  
Mom, Dad, Atlin, and Ever Grae



Ciarra Hampton



Ciarra, we have treasured all the years that we have had with you. You are a joy to us all and we love you. Delight in Jesus!  
Ps 37:4-5  
Dad, Mom, and Siblings





## Harrison Greer

We've always been proud of you and all that you've accomplished. You are a role model for many to look up to. You will go far in life, especially with God by your side. We love you!! Love, Mama & Dad



## Hannah Groce

Congratulations my sweet girl! I look forward to your next chapter and beautiful journey that lies ahead. I've always admired your strong convictions and maturity and I'm so incredibly proud of the beautiful young lady you are!  
#foreverinmyheart  
Love, Mom



## Caroline Holden

Sweet Caroline, a blessing in our lives! You have grown into a lovely woman wise beyond her years!! Our prayer is that you keep your heart open and the Lord before you on your path. Love Mom, Dad and Bethany



## Rebecca Liu

Rebecca,

We have always known you are destined by God for distinction and we thank Him for putting you in our lives.  
With love,  
Uncle Gil and Aunt Pat



## Brennan Murphy

Brennan,

God blessed us with a wonderful son and brother. We are thankful for the joy you have brought us. We pray that Jesus continues to inspire your direction. Congratulations on your accomplishments, especially beating Burroughs. As you head off to college, remember what Michael Scott said, "It's never too early for ice cream."

Love,

Mom and Dad and Corinne



## Kendra Slater

Words can't describe how proud I am of you, Kendra. You are a beautiful girl—inside and out. Even as a baby I knew you were destined for great things. I'm proud to be your mom and I know you will achieve anything you try.



## Alysse Tarantino

Precious Alysse,  
You are a treasure and we are so thankful for you! We look forward to what the Lord will do in you and through you in the coming years. We love you so much!  
Dad, Mom, Laura & Trent



## Megan Wibbenmeyer

Meg Meg! Our sweet, fun-loving, spirited girl. How fun it has been to see you grow from infant to wise young woman. It is a privilege to be a part of your life. Prov. 3:5-6  
Love, Dad, Mom, Zach and Paige



Lucy Kehr



Lucy we are very proud parents! God has given us a young lady with a zest for life that on most days is breathtaking! Like the many roller coasters we've ridden, being a part of your life has brought so many catch your breath highs and just as crazy lows that we never ever want it to stop! God has given you so many talents not the least of which are unbounded joy and profound integrity. We know you look to Him for your identity so with great love and affection your Mom and I can't wait to see what He has written for your next chapter! That'll do. Lucy, that'll do! Ephesians 3:14-21



## Julia Harre

Sweet Julia, Congratulations! You have such a bright future ahead! We are so grateful for the teaching Westminster has provided. "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." Love you, Mom and Dad



## Jordan Hartmann

We are proud of you Jordan!  
To God be the Glory!

Love, MeMaw & PawPaw  
Votaw

Philippians 4: 13  
I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.



# Isabel Hauptfear



Isabel,  
You have truly grown into a beautiful, loving, and Godly woman. You have wisdom beyond your years with a heart and passion that will bless others as you have blessed our family. Much love, Mom, Dad, Chloe & Sam



# Christopher Heyl



Christopher,  
Son, you have made us all very proud! May you continue to be a man of virtue and grace, an "Oak of Righteousness." Much love and many blessings, Mom and Dad

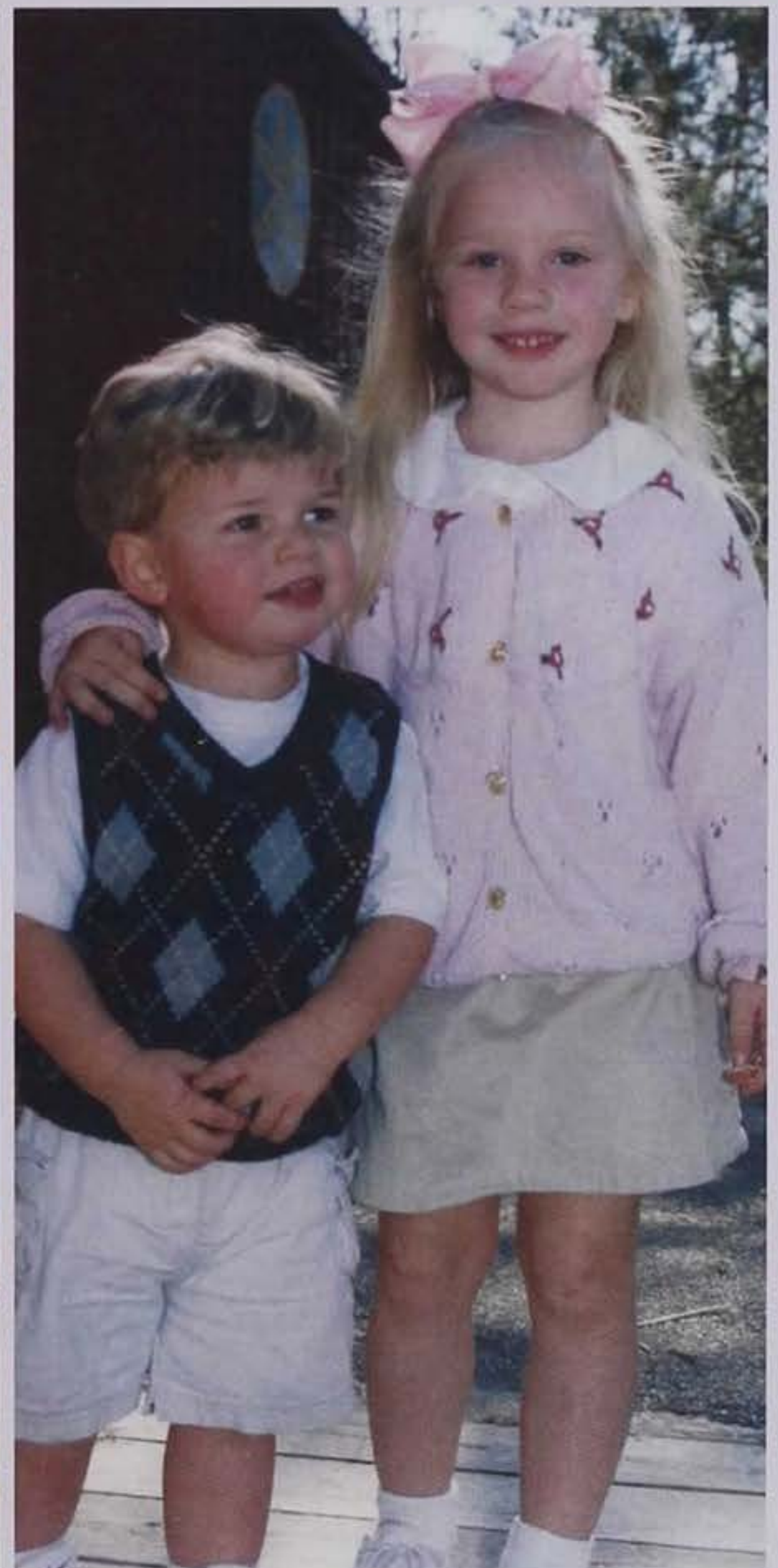
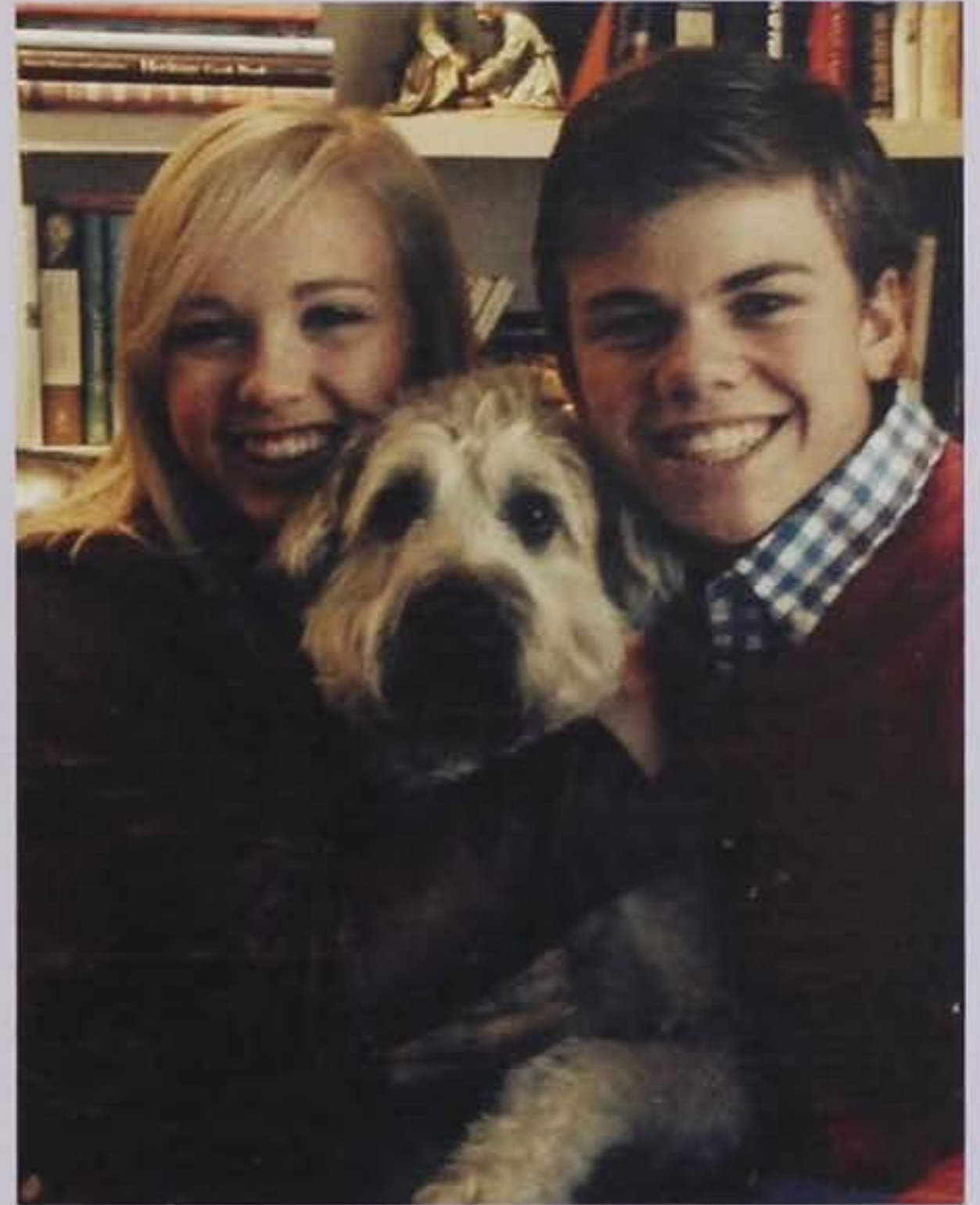
# Jack Linton



Jack,

We are so proud of the incredible young man you have become! We have been so blessed having you and Grace in our lives. It has been a blast being part of your journey thus far, and we can't wait to see how God uses you next for His Kingdom. We will miss all of your soccer and baseball games, but we will still have laughs around the kitchen table, battles about who dances better, your nasty room, hygiene lessons, Mamma always said, your lame tweets and instagrams, bean dips, and Cardinal baseball. Always be a Warrior! We love you! Matthew 5:16.

Mom and Dad



## Zach Hughes

We are so proud of you! Gifted in so many ways: Poet, thinker, artist, athlete, leader, student, friend. You bring laughter, joy, and passion to every circumstance and relationship. We are most proud of the godly man you are becoming – your character, your love for people, and your hunger for righteousness. You are a blessing to us and to so many others. Keep following hard after Christ. We love you so much! Psalm 1:1-3  
Mom, Dad, Sarah & Taylor



## Ben Isaacs



Ben,  
We are so incredibly proud of you and the man you have become! You have given your high school years your very best. We look forward to watching your future unfold! Always know we are here to support you wherever that path may lead. Congratulations! Proverbs 3:5-6 ~ Love, Mom, Dad, Joe and Tom

Avery Iven



Avery,  
 You have grown to be such an amazing young woman!  
 We are SO proud of you!! Your potential is limitless!! We  
 Love You Avery Jo!! Mom, Dad and Emery

Evan Johnson



What you are is God's gift to us and  
 what you become is your gift to God.  
 Always trust God to direct your path.  
 Honor Him with the many talents  
 he's blessed you with by making  
 a difference in the world. We will  
 always be your biggest fans, love  
 you unconditionally and cherish our  
 times together. We are very proud  
 of you Evan and are blessed beyond  
 measure to have you as our son!  
 Love you forever, Mom & Dad

Jacob Matheny



You have often heard us say "You have always been an easy kid." This is a true statement, but the rest of the story is that you have always been a great kid. This world needs more people like you who understand how to look for the positive in any situation, put others first, and know how to be comfortable with who they are.



We are extremely proud of your accomplishments, but more importantly, we are proud of the young man you have become. Keep being yourself, keep following your heart to do what is right, and keep Christ in the center of what you do. You bring joy to our lives everyday, and can't wait to cheer you on as you impact this world. We Love you!



# Gannon McWard



Gannon,  
You are an amazing young man. We are so proud of the person you have become. You are truly a special individual and constantly amaze us. You have been a great mentor for Cole. He is lucky to have you as his big brother. Your kindness, compassion, and grace affect all that you meet. Congratulations on this milestone in your life. As you continue to grow your faith, it will be a joy to watch God's plan unfold for you. Continue to follow God and he will bless you beyond your imagination. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." – Proverbs 3:5-6  
Love Mom, Dad & Cole





You are an incredibly talented and beautiful young woman. We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. While you are changing the world and being amazing, please don't forget to call your parents once a week. Love, Dad & Mom



## Grace Keane



What a joy and privilege it has been to be your parents! We are so proud of the woman you've become, of all you have accomplished this far- and are excited to see where the next chapter in your life takes you. As you leave home, always remember to be true to your name- the name Christian placed on you at baptism when God claimed you for his own; and also Grace, because it has the power to change the world! We love you so much!  
Mom and Dad

## Hailee Klein



Dear Hailee,  
We are so proud of you and thank God for blessing us with such a precious gift in you. It is such an honor to be your parents and watch you grow, thriving in good times and persevering with faith in challenging ones. It is so exciting to watch you head into the next chapter of your life and become everything God created you to be. Jeremiah 17:7 – But blessed is those who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. We Love you Sweetie!  
Momma, Dad and Trey

## James Kouzes



James,  
 Thanks for wandering the woods with us, taking pictures, and keeping the campfires burning—just one match! We are so proud of your accomplishments! We are blessed to watch you grow into the honest, caring, kind young man you are today. You will always have our love, support, prayers. Proverbs 3:5-- 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.' Remember: watch your screen time. "Jesus be with you!"  
 Love, Mom, Dad, Violet



## Lauren Lindgren



Lauren, From the moment you were born and now as an amazing, young lady, you stand out as a bright, shining star. Your smile lights up our world and a whole room. You are a beautiful daughter inside and out. You are thoughtful, caring, full of ideas and quick-witted, with such a sweet, tender heart. We are so thankful God blessed us with you and know that you are and will continue to be a blessing to all of those around you. We are excited for the wonderful life you have ahead of you and can't wait to watch you continue to sparkle and shine!  
 Love, Mom and Dad

## Wyatt Malcom



You accomplished so much after working so hard! O-lineman rule! We love you and are proud of you. What's the most important thing? Proverb 3:5-6. With great love and blessings, Mom and Dad.

## Logan McCall

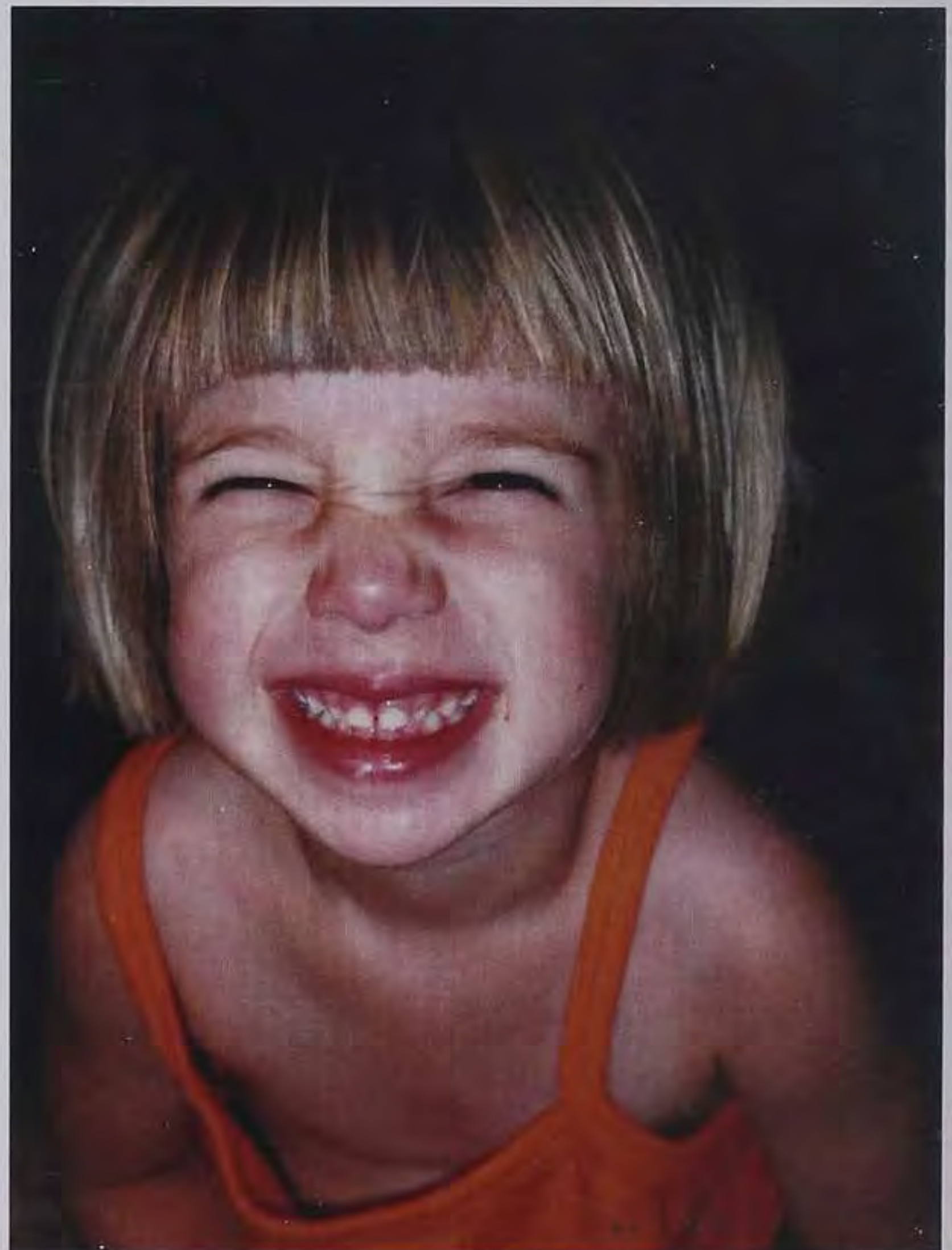


Logan, What a tremendous gift God blessed us with on the day you were born! Your kind heart, your unique sense of humor, and the example you set for others are just a few of the many reasons that we are so proud of the young man you have become. We can't wait to see what God has in store for you! Proverbs 19: 21. Love, Mom, Dad, & Carter



Congratulations Claire! We are so proud of you. You have faced some huge obstacles, and overcome them with your faith, strength, intelligence, diligence, and humor. You are beautiful outside and in, and we thank God every day for who you are, and who you are becoming.

We love you,  
Claire Bear.  
Mom and Dad



## Alyson McKie



Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

~Psalm 34:3-5

We see God's glory shine in you in so many ways. We are so proud of you and can't wait to see the Lord's plans for you unfold!  
Love ~ Mom & Dad

## Kaylah Meredith



Always remember that you can do ALL things through Christ who gives you strength - Philippians 4:13 We're proud of you Kaylah and your many accomplishments! Love, Mom & Dad



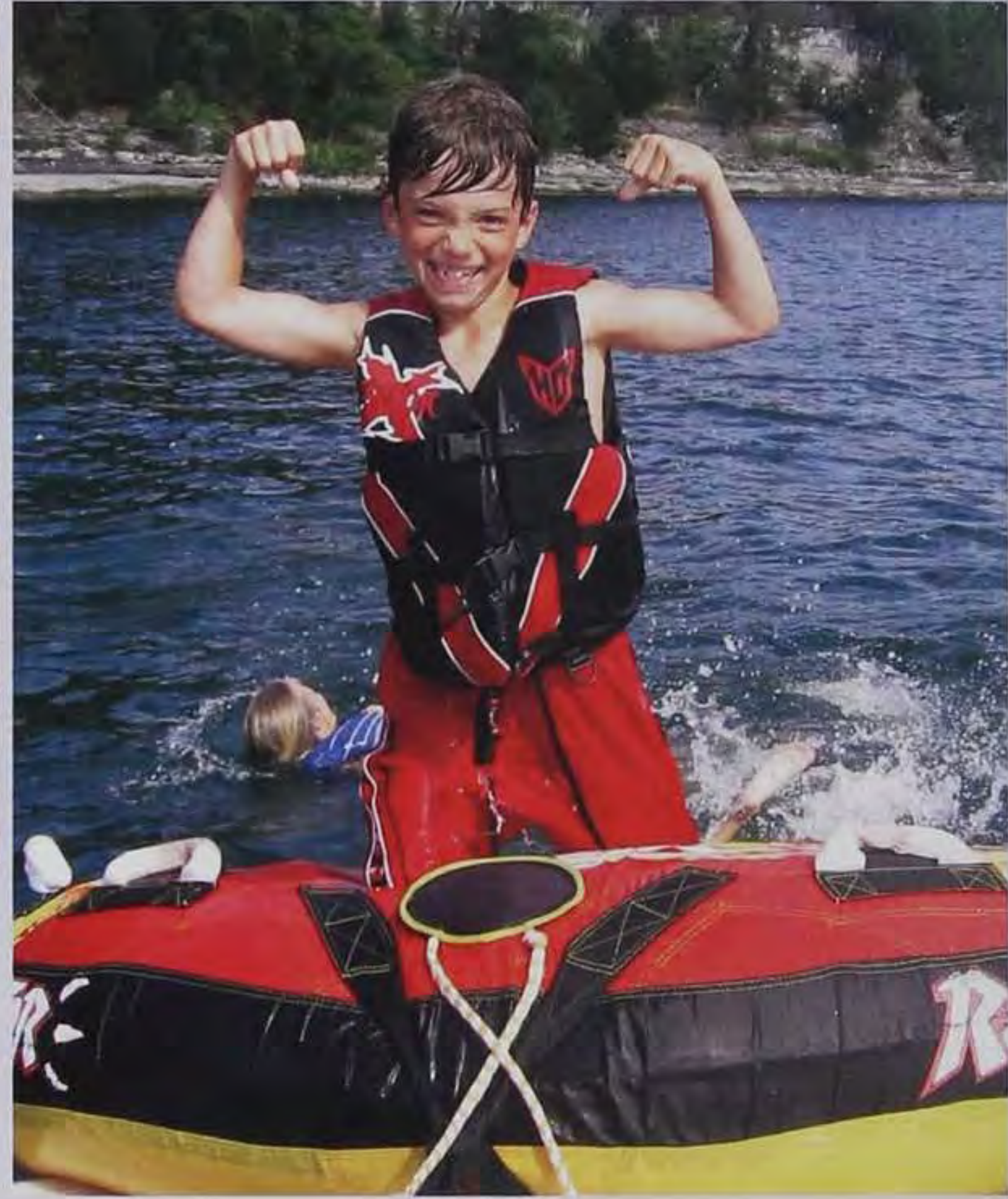
## Andrew Montgomery



Andrew,

We've loved and will sorely miss our daily dose of all things Andrew—your smile, focus, hard work and desire to set high standards; your athletic prowess, commitment to faith and the fun you inspire. You're an immeasurable blessing. As you charge into college life, may God continue to fulfill in you His good and loving purpose and may you continue to seek His good and perfect will.

Love, Mom, Dad, Jordan, Reed and David



## McKenna Montgomery



McKenna,

**Wow!** What a tremendous start to a life well lived! God has blessed you with many good gifts and talents and we have thoroughly enjoyed seeing them grow and blossom at WCA. As you move on to pursue your passions and further develop, we are thankful to know that your genuine and unshakeable faith in our **gracious God** will guide you every step of the way (*Proverbs 3:5,6*).

Know that you are forever loved,  
Dad, Mom, Logan and Cheech



# Matthew Rush



Matthew,  
We are so proud of you and the man you have become. With God by your side, you will go far and accomplish everything you are determined to achieve.  
Love, Mom & Dad

"Always continue the climb. It is possible for you to do whatever you choose, if you first get to know who you are and are willing to work with a power that is greater than ourselves to do it." Ella Wheeler Wilcox

"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength" Philippians 4:13



1994-2016  
After 22 years at WCA the Schlaflys  
say  
“Thanks for the memories!!”



Tom - Class of 2000  
Michael - Class of 2002  
Kathryn - Class of 2006  
Sarah - Class of 2008  
Christine - Class of 2011  
Annie - Class of 2014  
Matthew - Class of 2016  
Jeanne and Bruce Schlafly

## Lauren Ramos



Lauren,

Our Princess has grown into a Godly, strong, and compassionate woman. We're so proud of you. God has great plans for you!

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Nick  
Philippians 4:13

## Alaina Randazzo



Alaina, You are truly a gift from God. We love you more than you will ever know. From the moment you came into this world you have been full of life! We are so proud of all of your accomplishments and the young woman you have become. Your loving heart will carry you through whatever life throws your way. We know that God has a special plan for you and can't wait to see what the future brings. Love Always, Mom and Dad

Nichole Romich



Dear Nichole,

Our sweet Nichole...our wish for you and your future is to fulfill your lifelong dreams and goals and have a lifetime of happiness! We are so proud of you! GO NICHOLE!

Love you,

Dad, Mom & Jake



Ben Saltmiras



Ben, God has gifted you in unusual and wonderful ways. We are so very proud and blessed to be your parents. Love, Mom and Dad  
1 Corinthians 15:57-58



# Kaitlin Terschak



Dear Kaitlin,  
You fill our home and hearts with joy, laughter and love. Your energy and fun-loving spirit brighten up our days. You are an amazing daughter, sister, friend, and treasure from God. We are blessed to walk this journey of life with you. We are privileged to have watched Him work in you to become a compassionate, beautiful young lady. Zephaniah 3:17 "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing".  
Love, Mom and Dad



Brittney Tucker



Brittney,  
 When God blessed us with you as our daughter, he gave us everything we could possibly have hoped for! An amazing, kindhearted, talented, smart, funny, beautiful, young woman. A true gift, and my sunshine! May your faith and goodness forever keep you strong and happy as you navigate your way through the next chapters of your life. I pray you have a remarkable and safe journey. Trust God, and Believe in Yourself, We Sure Do!! Love, Mom and Dad

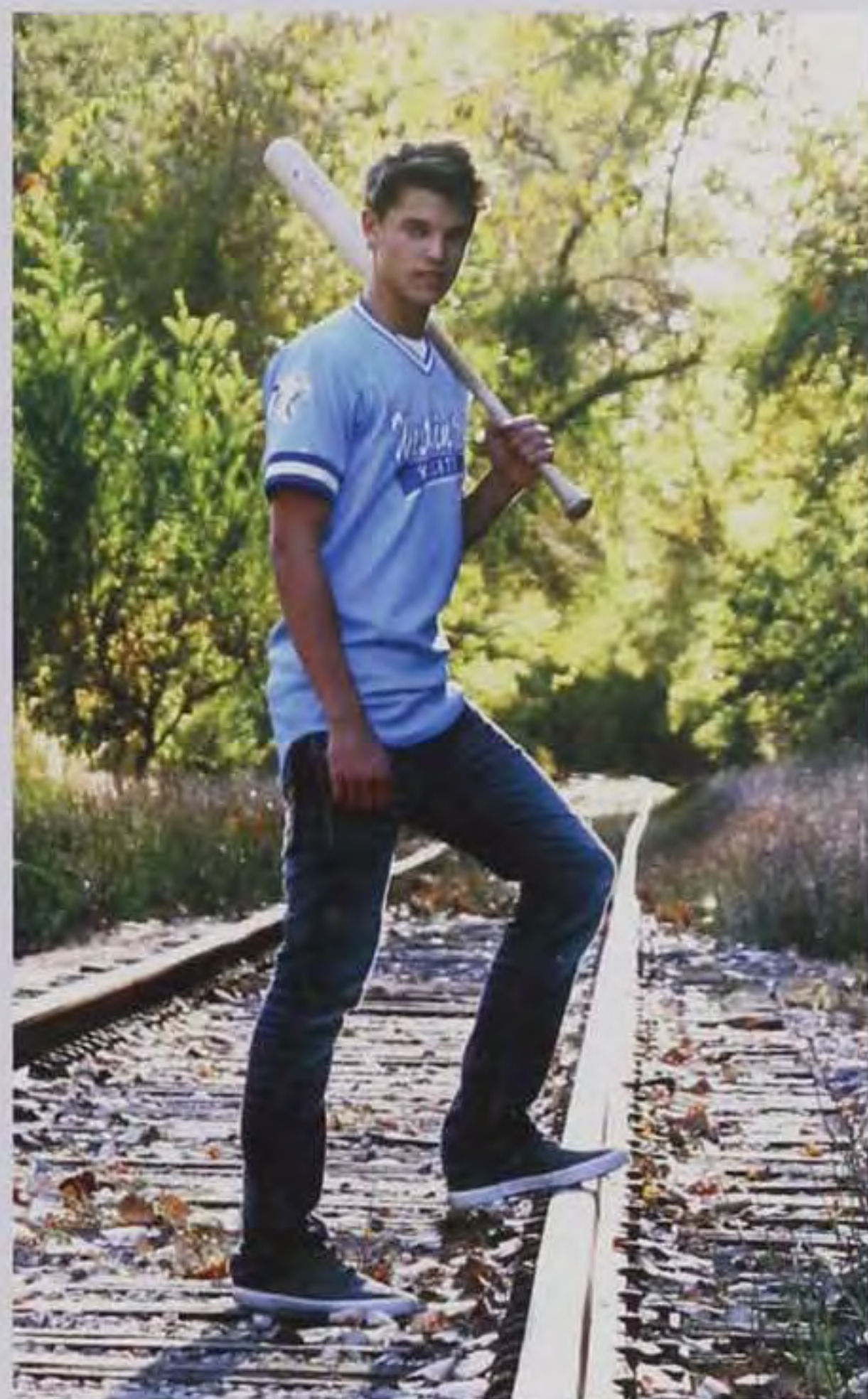
## Benjamin Sems



Benjamin,

Keep swinging for the fences! We are so proud of YOU and all you have already accomplished. What a blessing you are to those around you. Remember to use your talents and many gifts for the Lord. Stay close to Him and know that He is faithful to His promises. God has an amazing plan for your life, and we are excited to watch it unfold! We love you so much, Benjer.

Your biggest fans,  
Team Sems



## Zach Shultz



Zach –

It has been a true blessing, and whole lot of fun, watching and helping you grow into the man you are today. Wherever God leads you, know that we will forever be your biggest fans.

Love always,

Mom, Dad,  
Thomas and  
Daniel



Gabby Sicard



My beautiful, precious daughter: Words cannot describe how proud I am of you and the person that you have become. Your kindness, compassion, unconditional and endless love are true reflections of God's presence in your life. I've always admired your determination. Challenges never set you back. You always prevail and even come out ahead. Never settle for less..reach for the stars baby and live the life you've always dreamed!

*Philippians 4:13*

*Love forever,*

*Mom & Family*

Malori Skrobonja

Malori,  
We are so grateful to God for allowing us to be your parents. It seems like yesterday that you were sitting on the counter helping fix dinner with that little girl attitude. You have always been so sure of yourself and we couldn't be more proud of the strong, independent woman you have become. Continue to seek God's will for your life. Matthew 7:13-14  
Congratulations on this accomplishment! We love you Sweetie! -Dad and Mom





# Clayton Voges



Clayton,

We have been so blessed to be your parents and it has been a true joy seeing you grow. The Lord has given you many trials during your High School years and you have persevered to be a strong and compassionate man. We love you and are very proud of you. May you continue to walk with the Lord all the days of your life. "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Psalm 119:105

Love,  
Mom & Dad

Carter Wells



Congrats, Carter! We are so proud of you.....hand-  
some, smart, funny, and compassionate. As your high  
school years come to an end, we reminisce over the  
fun times had and anxiously await for your college  
memories to begin. Your sweet and chill spirit are going  
to be missed, and a day won't pass without thinking of  
your whistling, laughing and contagious love for life.  
May your college years be the best four years of your  
life! We love you and will always hold the high school  
memories near. Here's to a life well-lived and many  
memories ahead! xoxo, Mom and Dad



## Stewart Snapp



Stewart,  
We are proud of you. Your smiling face has added much joy to our lives. Know that we are thankful to have you as a son and brother. May you walk in the steps that God has ordered for you.

We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Mary  
and Sam

Colossians  
1:9-10

## Emily Stevenson



Emily,  
We couldn't be more proud! You're such a blessing. God has wonderful plans, and we're excited to see what's in store. Shock the World!!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Hannah

Lauren Stoner



What a joy and privilege to watch you grow from a beautiful baby to the lovely person you are today! We treasure the memories. We love you always, Mom and Dad.

Sydney Thomas



Congratulations baby girl! We are so proud of the young woman you have become! We knew from the beginning you had amazing talent and you continue to develop those talents through your incredible drive and hard work. You are a beautiful and intelligent young lady! Your greatest attribute however, is the generosity and kindness you show to everyone you encounter. We are blessed that you live by the principles of your faith and do so consistently.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

Bekah Westrich



Bekah,  
What a joy you are! We are so thankful for the person God created you to be and can't wait to see the plans He has for you unfold. You were born with a song in your heart which you share with everyone you meet. You are a sweet aroma of Christ, a ray of sunshine in the dark, and laughter in the rain. May He continue to use you to impact others for their good and His kingdom. We love you! Mom and Dad

Steve Williams



Steve,  
You added joy and laughter to complete our family. We have loved watching you grow: guitar, golf, cars, video editing. It is a delight to see God molding you into a compassionate man and working through you in Junior High. We know God has a wonderful plan for you. We are proud of you and will always be your biggest fans. Phil. 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.  
With love,  
Dad, Mom, and David



# Cameron Tucker



Cameron,  
 You are truly a blessing to our family.  
 Thanks for all of the joy, love, and laughter  
 you have brought us and everyone you  
 come in contact with. We love you and are  
 so proud of all you have accomplished. We  
 look forward to the amazing future that God  
 has planned for you.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad and Miles



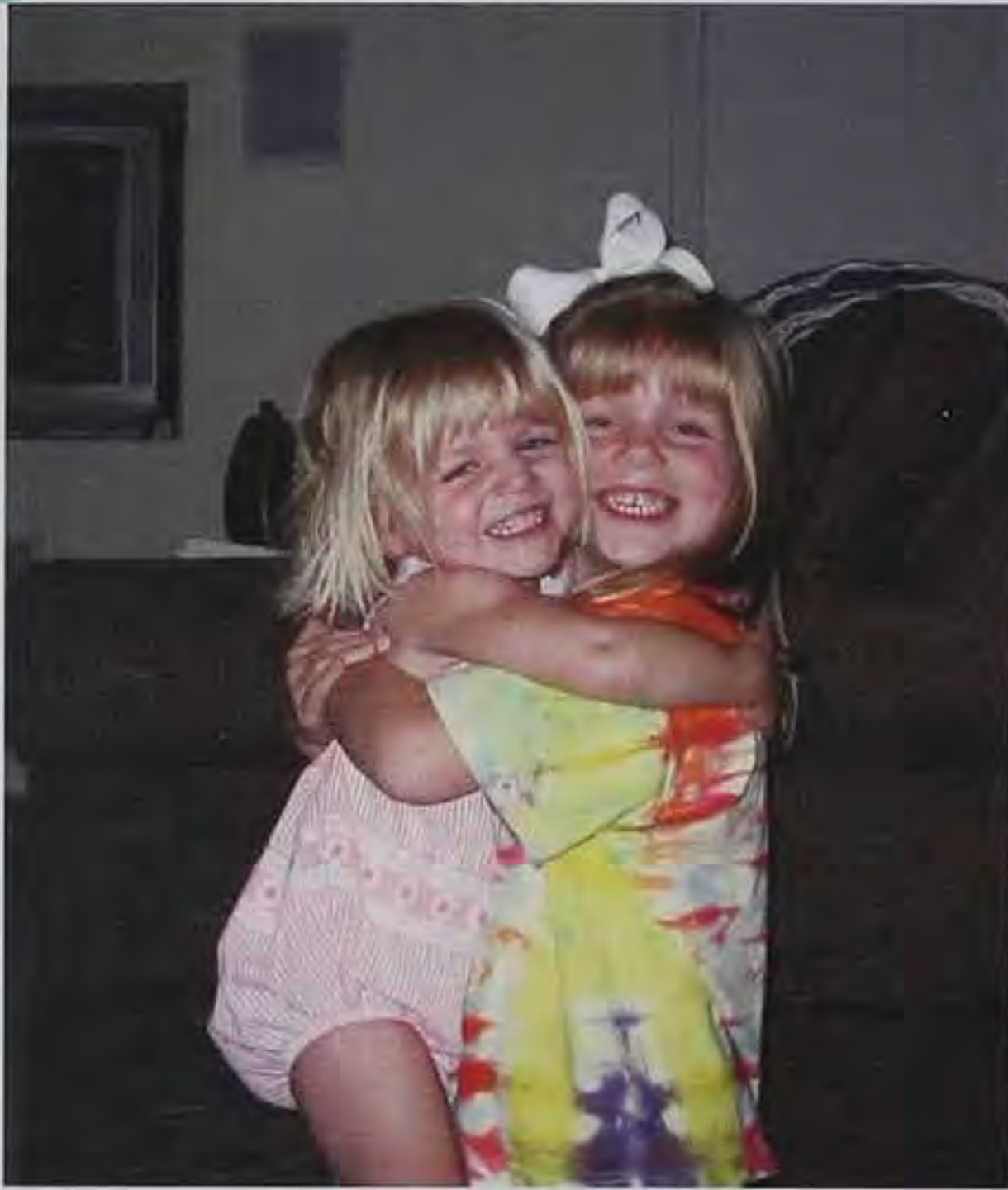
# Connor Vargo



Connor, We are beyond proud to call you our son. We  
 have enjoyed every milestone of your life and look for-  
 ward to celebrating your graduation. We are confident  
 God has amazing things in store for you... so keep  
 seeking Him in all you do. We love you – Mom & Dad.



## Hannah Vitiello



Hannah we love you and we are so proud of the young lady you have become. We look forward to seeing where the lord will lead you. You have been blessed with many talents. Please remember Dad's constant nagging about smarts and hard work. ☺



## Nora Zakhary



Nora, we are so proud of you and all your accomplishments! We remember when we called you little Bazooz! God bless you: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His mercy endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).

Newspaper and Yearbook staffs,

I really am starting to run out of ways to say thank you to you all. My job is fun. It's because there's over 60 of you all who make it that way.

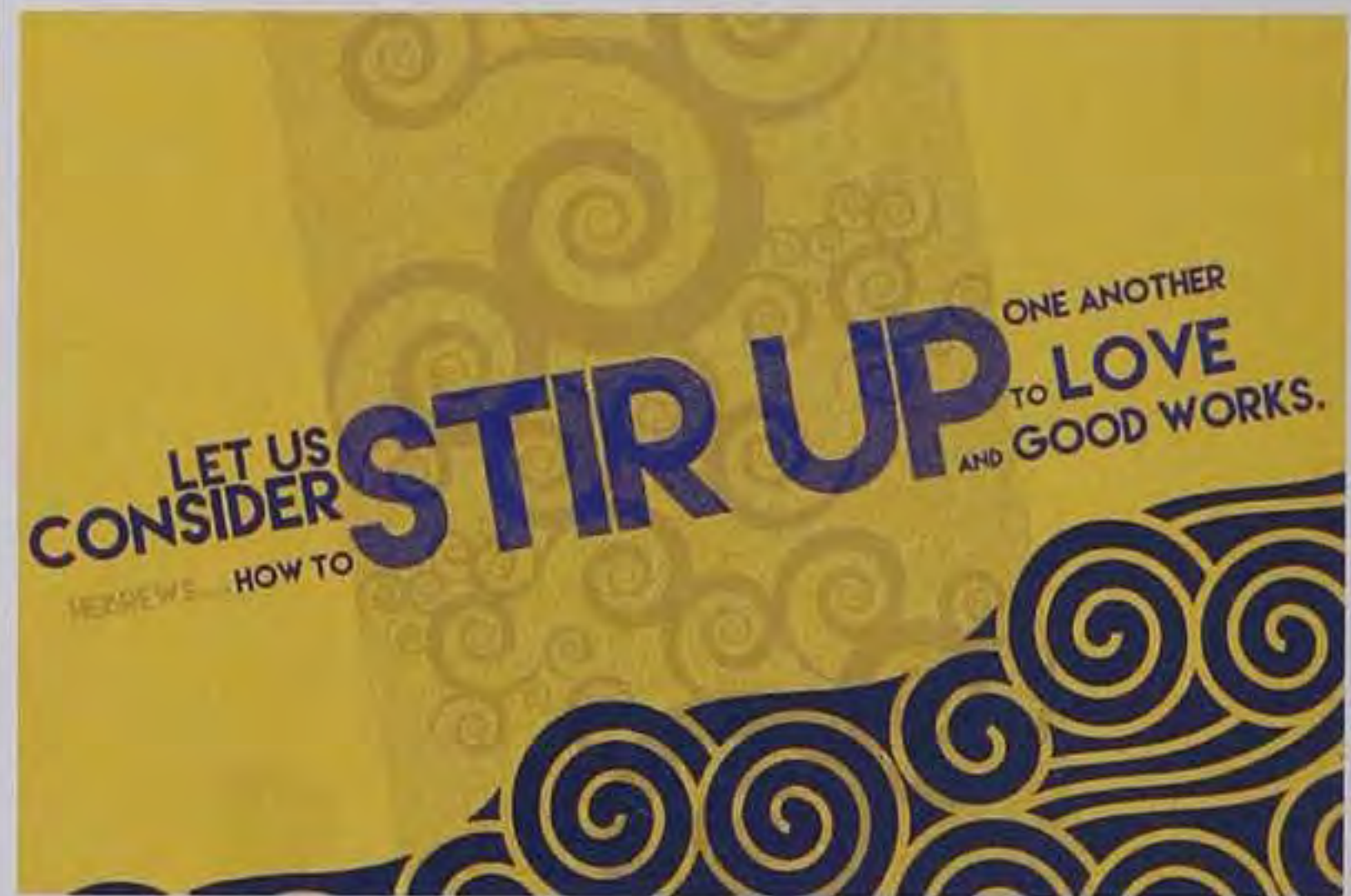
Maggi, Audrey, Pottebaum, and Nathan...4 years is a long time to be coming into my world yet you kept at it and kept at it and the quality of what you all have learned to lead others to create is testament of itself. I'm grateful to you.

The fact is, I keep coming to work because I love you and love working with all you superstars who write, design, photograph and do whatever else it takes to chronicle the life of the students at this school.

There. I said it lately.

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## Yue (John) Yin



Yue,

Thank you so much for the ways you contributed to WCA.



## Lexie Einertson

After two sons, our prayers were answered with a blonde haired, blue eyed angel. Alexandra "Lexie" Nichole. Although tiny in size she has always been full of life, independent, and loving to her family and friends. Lexie has always been the happiest surrounded by her friends. Understanding a relationship with God far above her years, she has never been afraid to share her faith with others. She has an unconditional love for others. The room lights up with her big smile and her big hugs. While she takes this next step to college we're sure she will leave her own mark at the University of Arkansas where she will continue to follow God and His will for her future. She has made us so proud by being honest and following Christ's path even when she knew it wouldn't be the popular road. We have watched her grow into a beautiful young woman and the impact she has left of our family will stand forever. As it says in the book of Jeremiah "Seek me with your whole heart and I will hear you and answer your prayers". So, Lexie when you find yourself in a valley call on Jesus. He is your security and your rock. You are a beautiful masterpiece created by God. We will always be here for you. Love, Mom and Dad.

To Lexie, from Connor and Collin  
It has been awesome growing up with you and watching you mature. You are the best sister a brother could ask for. When we come home your love and big hugs are the best. We will always be there for you and cannot wait to see you thrive in college.



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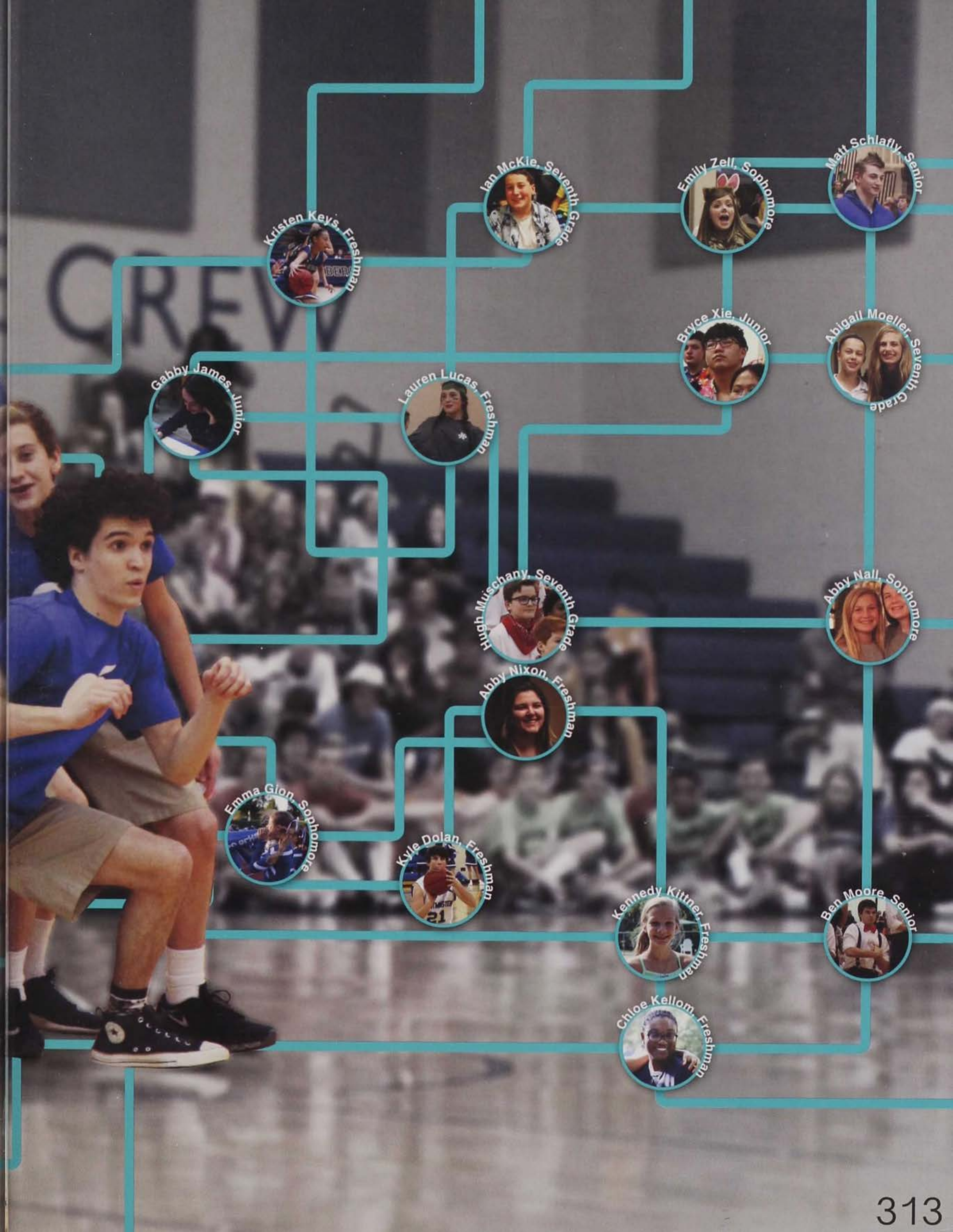
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Dear Westminster,  
What a year. Together we welcomed in new administration, watched as our football team went the furthest it has in school history, and mourned the loss of one of our own. But these events don't define the year, it was the interactions that we had with each other that we will remember the year by. That was the point of this book. We captured those interactions for you through pictures and stories so that you may remember them for years to come.

From, Nathan Duke





Dear Seniors,

The best six years of my life so far. It's true. I've loved Westminster and it's been all the better having been in the class of 2016. People tell me that I should be looking forward to college, that I'll find a better group of friends. I find that hard to believe. Never have I met a more unique and Christ-centered group of people than this class, and I'll be amazed if I can find a similar one wherever I end up. What I do know, however, is that as we all leave this school, we will take what makes us special with us and share it with the world.

From, Nathan Duke

Freshman



Anna Tallman, Junior



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Sam Stillman, Seventh Grade



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Alicia Hu, Eighth Grade



Jesse Charles, Junior



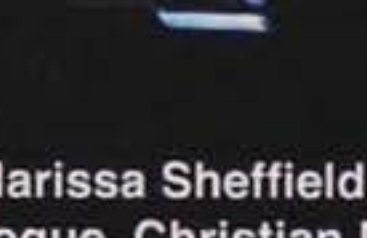
Avery Engelmeyer, Sophomore



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Abby Ruckman, Sophomore



Klarissa Sheffield, senior, Kristen Pogue, Christian McGhee, David Kerckhoff, juniors preform at the Christmas Banquet in December. The band played "Hold Back the River" by James Bay.



Samantha Huber, Sophomore



Jack Provin, Freshman



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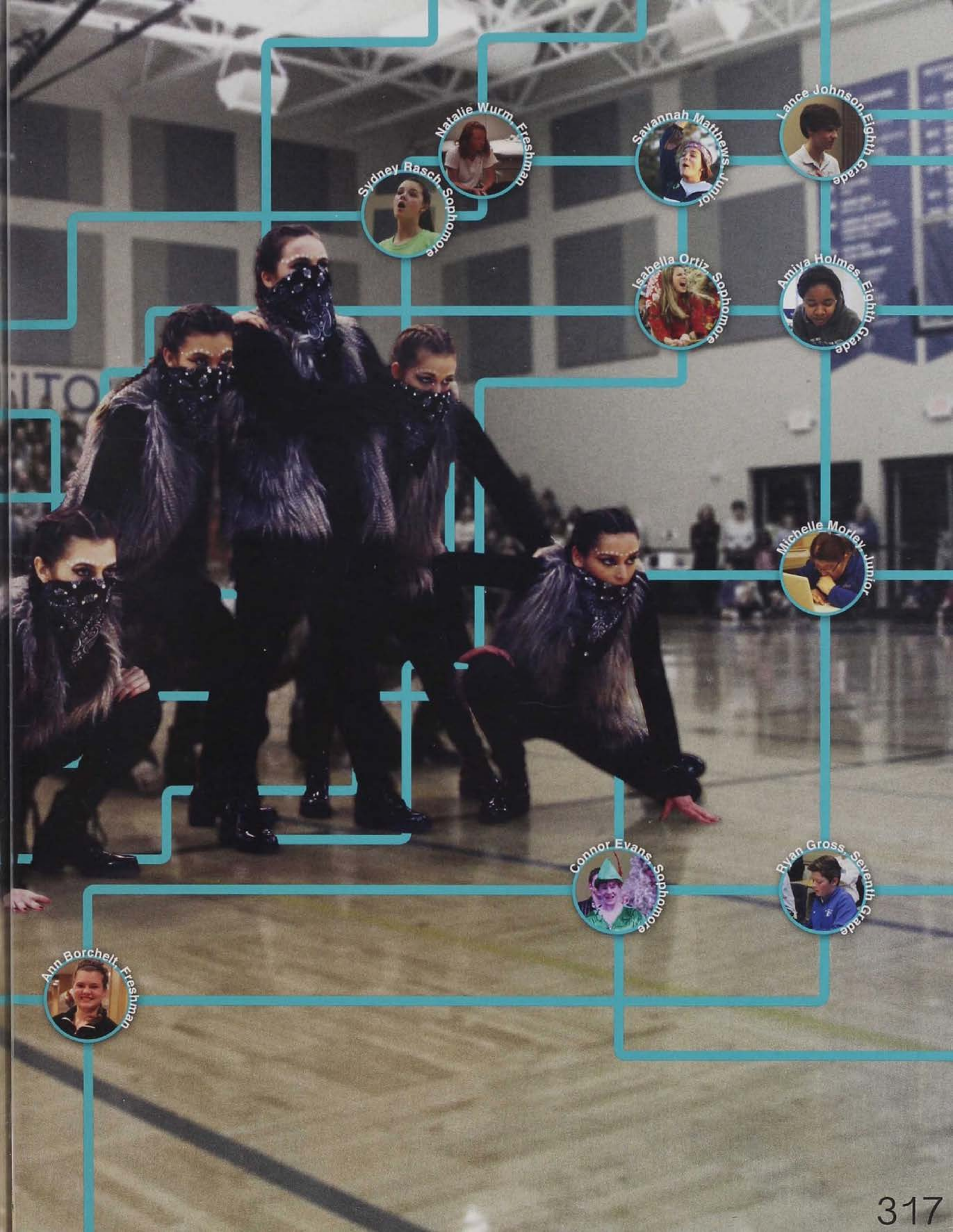
Ellie Callier, Seventh Grade

Dear Reader,

The book you are holding is more than the paper and hardcover that it looks like. Within these pages, the lives of over 1,000 students and staff are recorded so that they can look back and remember the 2015-2016 school year and what made it special. Are there mistakes? Yes. Trust me, I didn't catch all of them. Is it the best yearbook out there? Probably not, but my staff and I spent hours of hard work to make this book what it is: our gift to you. I hope you liked it.

From, Nathan Duke





Lance Johnson, Eighth Grade

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Natalie Wurm, Freshman

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# WVGA

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## Spring Supplement



Lauren Bell, freshman

Nathan Laughlin, freshman

Alaina Randazzo, senior





# In the **Spring**

months when the weather is

**hot** and **humid** we

**come together**

for the final season of

Westminster sports.

We endure **rain-outs,**

threats of **heat lightning,**

and the promise of **Summer**  
looming over our heads.

**Devan Stewart**, junior, swings for the fences during the team's game at Parkway Central. Stewart sent the ball sailing into the outfield for a hit.

The school year might  
D R O N, A G

but we **FORGE** ahead  
knowing there is a

**TASK** to be **FINISHED**

We stick it out to the end  
because of our

love for the game

with our teammates

by our side.



**Atlin Hall**, freshman, checks his opponent's stick in an attempt to get the ball back in Westminster's possession.



**Tessa Copeland**, senior reads her first poem in the closed round. Her favorite poem was titled "My Eyes are Spiders".

"I get to channel my inner rapper"



**Erin Galakatos**, junior reads her first poem in the closed round.

**Zach Hughes**, senior reads one of his poems vying for first place in the slam. He likes to have fun with the audience.

Whether for extra credit or for the love of poetry the Westminster poetry slam always draws a large crowd to come cheer on the students. This year Tessa Copeland, senior, took first in the closed and Zach Hughes, senior, took second. In the open round Morgan Henry, senior, and Olivia Henderson, junior, took first with a collaborative poem entitled "uncomfortable". Trevor Weststeyn, senior, took second place in the open round. The duo of Copeland and Hughes had been competing against each other in the slam for five years in a row.

Copeland and Hughes went head to head each year. "Zach and I are both passionate about words and we vibe well with one another," said Copeland. The two of them were great friends and even inspired one another to write poetry. Hughes admired Copeland and said "we appreciate life in similar ways, feeling emotions deeply and searching for outlets of expression."

Not only did the audience get to hear poetry but they were also entertained with music. The band "Sucks to be Pluto" performed twice during the show, once during intermission and once while the judges were deliberating a winner.

Ben Isaacs, senior, was the lead singer of the group. The band consisted of Isaacs and two of his friends who attended Parkway West. This was the band's second year of performing at the poetry slam. They did a mixture of cover songs along with their original works.

"When attending the poetry slam at Westminster it is sure to be an evening filled with fresh ideas and inspiration," said Isaacs

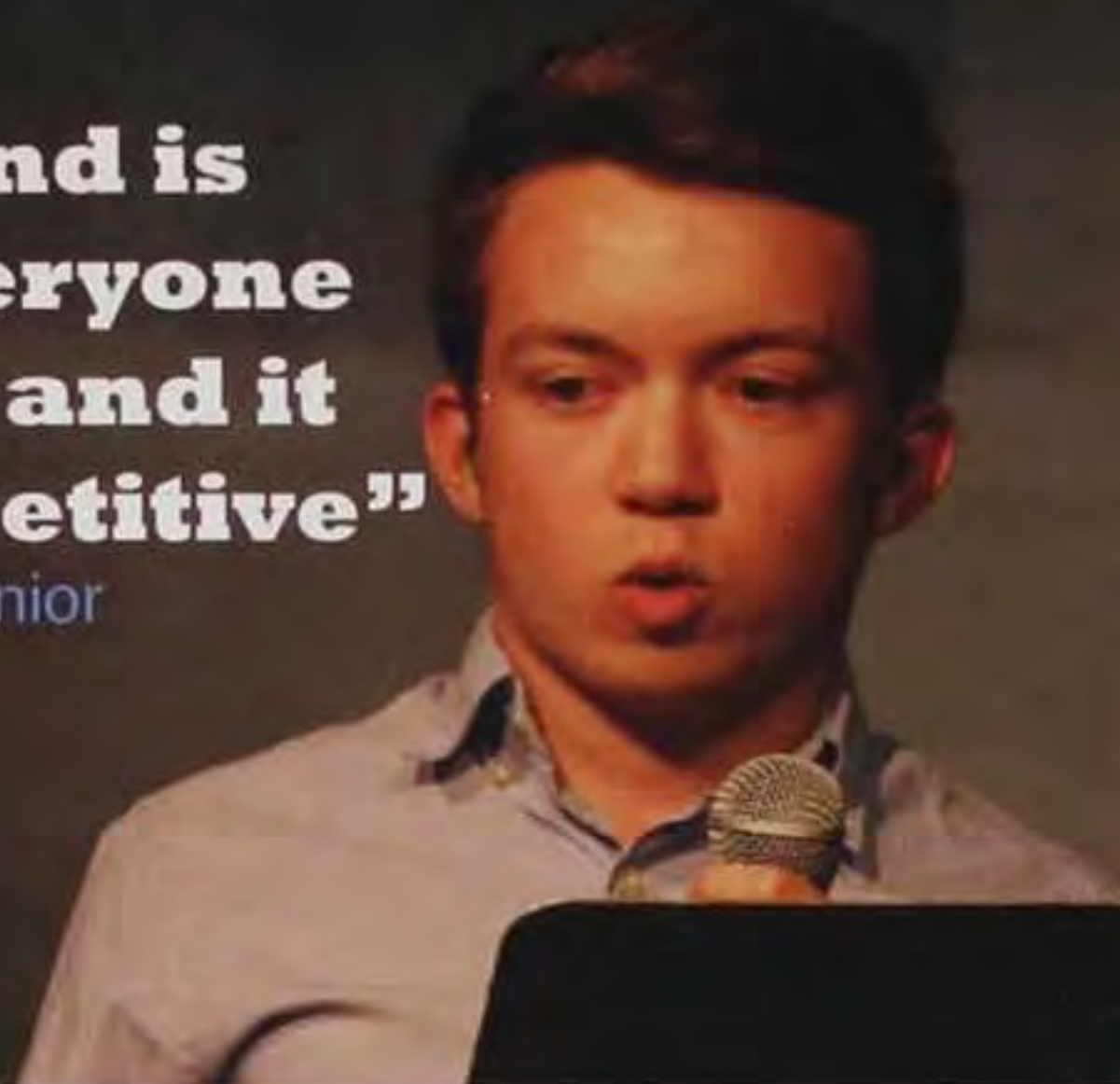
# OPEN ROUND WINNERS



Olivia Henderson, junior and Morgan Henry, senior, perform a poem called "uncomfortable". The two of them wrote a collaborative poem. It was inspired by racism and was awarded first in the open round.

**"The open round is cool because everyone is there to share and it doesn't feel competitive"**

-Trevor Weststeyn, senior



**Nichole Romich, senior, and Ava Hollmann eighth grade, tied for third place. Romich read a poem called "To Be Vibrant", and Ava Hollmann read a poem dedicated to her brother. Ava touched the audience even more when she ended the poem in tears.**

Spring

# SPRING BREAK 2016 VACATION VVS STAYCATION



Natalie Bowman, sophomore, stands on a mountain. Bowman traveled to the Lake District in England. Jillian Klein, junior, went with Bowman on her journey through the mountains.

Competitive

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# “EVERYONE WAS GETTING TAN ON THE BEACH & I GOT RAINED ON AT LACROSSE.”

-Dani Mabry, freshman



Alayna Barthelmass, freshman, kisses a dolphin in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Her first kiss could be described as "dolphinately fantastic."

**Spring Break brought about a variety of adventures.** Whether students used their week off to take a vacation or to create their own staycation, there was always a unique story to be told.

Many people got to travel to exotic places. Alayna Barthelmass, freshman, went to an excursion place called Dolphin Explorer in Punta Cana. "It was really fun to swim and hang out with the dolphins because ever since I was little, I have always wanted to be a dolphin trainer," said Barthelmass.

Mina Nixon, freshman, also had a unique opportunity over break. She went on a mission trip with her church to Honduras. "My favorite memory from the trip was playing soccer with the boys and learning Spanish." Nixon also helped build a wall while she was there.

However, there were people who were left sitting at home, scrolling through their Instagram feed that was full of their friend's spring break pictures. "Everyone was getting tan on the beach and I got rained on at lacrosse," said Dani Mabry, freshman.

Despite the slight depression some students got from their boring Spring Break, others made the best of their week at home. Tessa Copeland, senior, participated in the world of politics for the first time and voted at the Missouri primary. "It was pretty exciting to finally be a contributing member of society," said Copeland.

Hannah Beckman, junior, also had an eventful Spring Break and got a new puppy named Bella.

Whether students went on a vacation or had a staycation, it was safe to say that a week off of school was much needed.



## CASTLEWOOD STATE PARK

Noelle Burkey, Hannah Sturr, and Tierra Allen, freshmen



## THE GRAND CANYON

A.J. Lloyd, sophomore



## MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA

Rachel Rothrock, freshman



## TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

Mina Nixon, freshman

Spring

"This great group of guys have helped me become a better man and a better baseball player. This team means a lot to me," said **Weston Schad, junior.**



Competitive

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# Hey Batter Batter

The varsity baseball team dominated their season through Tax Day by starting off with a record of fourteen wins and four losses

"Once you step outside the dugout, you do not have your coach there to tell you what to do, or teammates to tell you that you're holding the bat wrong. It's all you," said Connor Dolan, junior. The varsity baseball team demonstrated this effort to focus in their game at Priory. The Cats showed tremendous improvement in their swing and catches, winning the game 12-5.

Baseball was a sport where one mistake could cost you and the entire team the game, so a player had to be confident enough in themselves to perform well. For any team, players had to be dedicated enough to the team to want the win for them.

"One of the biggest challenges is thinking you're going to mess up when you get up there. I usually get nervous when I have to go hit, but after a couple of deep breaths, I'm usually fine," said Nathan George, senior.

This year was very special to the team because some of its players that had been playing for 4+ years were seniors and approaching graduation.

"It will be tough walking off the field for the last time regardless of whether we win or lose," said Michael Alldredge, senior.



**Kevin Graham**, sophomore, loads up for a pitch in a game at Parkway South. This was Graham's first year playing varsity baseball.



**Zach Shultz**, senior, waits for the pitch that turned into a double. "Being on this team has been an amazing opportunity for me. I love baseball and I have met some of my best friends playing it. I am sad that this is my last year playing for Westminster and Mr. Van Gilst," said Shultz.

**Devan Stewart**, junior



**Logan McCall**, senior



**Jake Matheny**, senior



## Coach Van Gilst

**Connor Dolan**

**John Pottebaum**

**Nick Glanvill**

**Drew Dempsey**

**Zach Shultz**

**Jake Matheny**

**Dominic Cusumano**

**Benjamin Sems**

**Kevin Graham**

**Josh Pottebaum**



Every year the team spends spring break in Vero Beach, Florida, at Historic Dodgertown

## Coach Petke

**Logan McCall**

**Nathan George**

**Nick Ebel**

**Michael Alldredge**

**Matt Ottsen**

**Logan Sells**

**Jack Linton**

**Weston Schad**

**Jake Mitchell**

**Devan Stewart**



The school record-holder in the pole vault, **Avery Iven**, senior, posted another stellar campaign in 2016. "I love flinging my body through the air; it feels like I'm flying," said Iven.



Captain **Alyse Tarantino**, senior, heads around the first curve of an 800. "Alyse always found the most polite way to correct us whenever we slacked off," said Hallie Hull, sophomore.



**Trent Tarantino** hands the baton off to fellow sophomore **A.J. Lloyd**. "I like to think about why I run to help push me through," said Lloyd.



"During the two mile, the sun is setting just like your time and your hopes and dreams," said **Ben Moore**, senior.

# On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

The Track and Field world was full of diverse people who throw, run, jump, and vault. In all this variety, one thing remained: everyone tried to make their mark. Breaking records, setting personal bests, and connecting as a team were all ways the team will be remembered. This year's Wildcat Track team had some fun with markers to create that bond.

In the Marker Game, seniors were the taggers and juniors, sophomores, and freshman were the seekers. The goal of the game was to find all seven of the markers hidden around campus and mark a note card without getting caught by the seniors. The younger tracksters had some crazy stories as a result of being hunted by seniors. "I was being chased by a senior (Harrison Greer) and I knew I couldn't outrun him, so I blended in with the Tennis Team and hid for a while. I ate bagels and did a rubix cube until Harrison made me come out. Then he tagged me," said Blake Andrews, sophomore.

"Zach Hughes (senior) chased me for a while and I was going as fast as I could. I came up to a fence and knew I had to jump over it, but I didn't really make it. I put my foot on it and tumbled over the top straight onto my back. The Whitfield team using our track had no idea what to do," said Will Leonard, freshman.

"I was with Sean Webb and a bunch of seniors led by Neil Sutherland cornered us by the loading docks," said Kelsey Ginger, junior. "Sean jumped off the dock and escaped all of them."

"At Westminster, track is not just an individual sport; the track team is a family," said Myles Bakewell, senior. "We are a group filled with people who want to win state and people who are just looking to have a good time. But the cool thing is we are able to put aside personal goals and really love and care for our teammates. There is no other team on campus like the track team."



Blake Elder, sophomore

Running the first leg in the 4x800 at the Skippy Keefer Relays, **Emily Adkisson**, senior, bolts down the track. Emily was a strong leader in the mid distance group.



**Alivia Johnston**, junior, high jumps 4'10" and finished tied for second at the Burroughs meet. Johnston also ran the 400 and 200 for the Cats.



Kaylah Meredith, senior



Amani Holmes, sophomore



**Alyssa Freiner**, senior, pushes through the back straight of an 800. Alyssa was on the track team for three years.



# WCA Track & Field

Spring



Junior **Natalie Bunton** lines up the corner kick in the team's opener against Parkway South. The junior captain led the team from the centerback position as well as the attacking midfielder position. The team won 5-1 in the opening game.

# VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

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Communicating with her defense, **Taylor French**, junior commands the goalkeeper position. French had protected the net for the Cats for the past two years.

**Macy Catlett**, Senior, reaches her leg out to poke a ball over to her teammate. The senior has been a presence in the midfield since her freshman year.



Leading the Lady Cats historic run of success has been junior **Kirsten Davis**. Davis set school records for goals in a season and in a career in only her junior year. The forward, committed to Texas Tech, was a force to be reckoned with this year as the Cats continued on the road to state

Completing a pass is **Paige Stanfill**, junior. Stanfill was a regular in the lineup starting consistently as one of the back four defenders.



**Sarah Ragsdale**, senior watches the ball intently during the Lady Cats game versus Parkway Central.



Running after the ball, **Grace Gevers**, freshman, makes her varsity debut. The squad added 2 freshmen this year after losing a few key players from last year.

**Sydney Walker**, junior, trots back to midfield following her first goal of the season. Walker led the offensive attack alongside other junior Kirsten Davis.



Chasing down the ball, **Molly Andersen**, freshman, made an immediate impact on the team's forward line. Andersen may have been small in stature, but her skill level was huge as she started nearly every game at the beginning of the season.

## UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Coach Kerri Dryden was not new to the game of soccer. Growing up in Seattle, Washington, soccer was always a part of her life. When she graduated high school, she decided to continue her soccer career by playing at the University of Wisconsin where she would major in art. After Wisconsin, she was offered the chance to play for the United States Women's National Team where she would play against some of the world's best female soccer players for the next two years.

Dryden coached a 13u Lou Fusz boys soccer team along with the WCA Varsity Girls soccer team. The team was excited for her arrival due to her soccer prowess and adaptability.

It was hard to deny that someone with this experience can be very influential on a team. When a woman with that much experience in this game talked, it was hard to not listen and respect what she had to say. A division one, power conference soccer star and a USA team member makes her part of a select few who have ever been that good at this game. "You definitely listen to her. She knows what she is talking about and it's hard to deny. We all feel that she can take us places we haven't been before," said Senior Macy Catlett.

Adapting to a new coach can be hard but under Dryden the process felt smooth and seamless according to junior Natalie Bunton: "It has not been that hard. We have changed formations and it's a new voice but other than that, not much has changed. We still are the same team with the same goals for ourselves", said Bunton. The squad still had the same aspirations. "Beat Viz in districts and go win state," said junior Sydney Walker. This team had not changed. Dryden's arrival rejuvenated a flame under these girls, making them believe they had the talent and ability to run the table in this year's playoffs.

"We lost a few key players last year but with the talent we retained and new talent we brought in, we felt ready to do something special this year," said Elisabeth Harding, senior.

The Lady Wildcats soccer team was under new management and felt poised to make history this year under Coach Dryden.

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**Andrew Montgomery,** senior, returns a serve to his opponent. Montgomery was varsity tennis' number one player.



Competitive

# Varsity Men's Tennis

## Baby Got Backhand

This season the boys of the Varsity Tennis team had something more meaningful to play for. The tennis team devoted their season in memory of JD Wiese. They kicked off the season with a dedication ceremony to their former teammate.

"We started with a ceremony that dedicated the season to him. We also have his initials patched on our uniforms and we do not play on the third court at every home game. We figured this is where he would be in the line up so out of respect, we refrain from using that court," said Teddy Bacon, junior.

In carrying out his memory, the boys played their season a little differently.

"We had a pretty successful season. It started out a little slow but picked up towards the end. It has been really awesome to get to know the guys and cheer each other on," said Tomas Mitchem, junior.

Though their season had a slow start, the boys picked it up and were victorious many times. The boys lost many good seniors from their past season and had to make up for those losses.

They looked forward to the Springfield tournament as a chance to not only play some good tennis but also to hang out as a group. "We play a tournament in Springfield every year and stay in a hotel together. You really get to know people better when you are surrounded by each other that much. It is an awesome time of competition and fun," said Bacon.

The tennis team put competition in perspective this season and knew that the season meant more than just winning matches.

**Griffin Anderson,** junior, passes to his teammate during warmups.



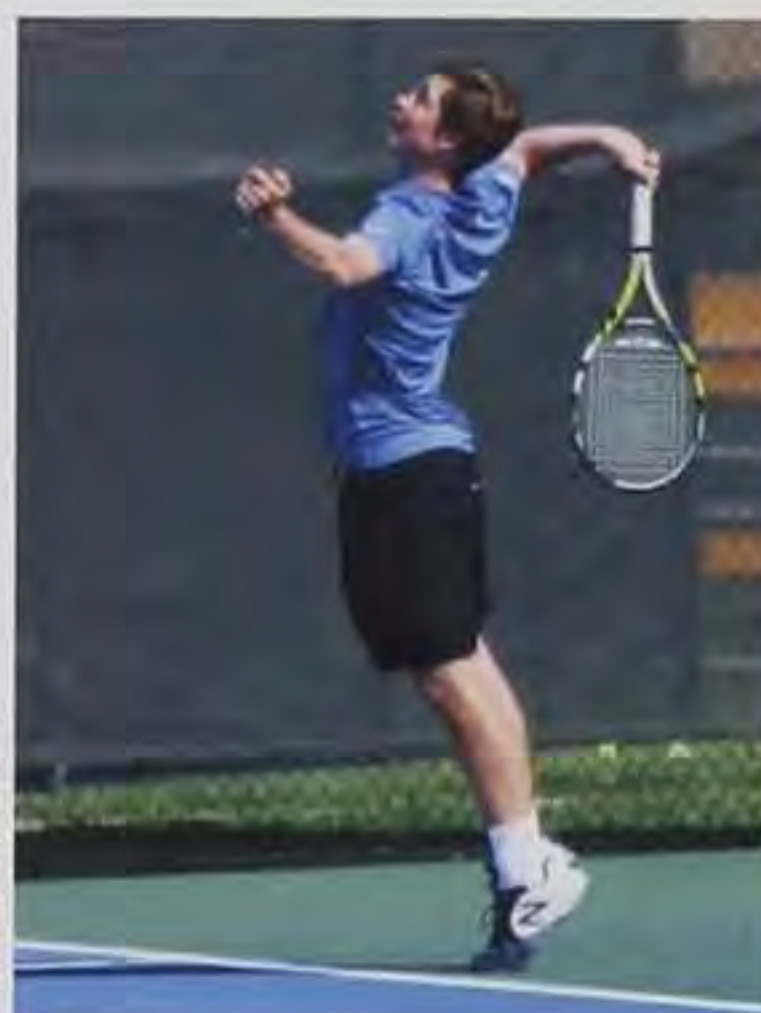
**David Montgomery,** sophomore, serves to his doubles partner while warming up for a match against John Burroughs.



**Tomas Mitchem,** junior, backhands the ball back towards his opponent. Mitchem was one of the top players on Varsity.



**Teddy Bacon,** junior, serves to his doubles partner in warmups.



**Jake McKie,** junior, swings through on a shot from his partner during warm-ups.



The team's game-day attire consisted of a Westminister Tennis polo with JDW embroidered on the sleeve. They did this as a sign of respect for their teammate, JD Weise.



**Elizabeth Bowman**, senior, blocks a ball from going in the net. Elizabeth was the varsity goalie for the second year in a row. She started in the games, and also split some time with another goalie on the team.



**Jenna Galakatos**, sophomore, runs with the ball away from the defenders. This was Jenna's first year on varsity. She was one of the midfielders on the team.



**Avery Drury**, senior, looks for a player to pass the ball to. Avery played varsity last year. Avery played defense for the wildcats all of her career.



**Jordan Haeusser**, sophomore, runs with the ball towards a defender. Jordan played on JV last year as defense. She earned a starting spot on the varsity team this year.



**Brittney Tucker**, senior



## Trading the Classroom for the Sideline

Honorary coaches contributed to a stronger connection between the women's varsity lacrosse team and teachers they saw in class every day. For each home game, a teacher was chosen to do a devotion and sit on the sideline.

"The teacher does a devotion before the game, and encourages us from the bench during the games," said Macie Daniels, sophomore.

The girls on the varsity lacrosse team announced the honorary teacher to the fans after each game.

"It's a good way to bring faculty and staff into the program, so it is not divided from the school," said Elizabeth Bowman, senior.

Connecting the program to teachers was a change this year that added another encouraging coach to the sideline each game.

Along with the connection between the program and teachers, there was also a connection between the players on the team.

"All of our skill is coming together, and the team dynamic is clicking," said Daniels.

The girls got along this year simply by playing the sport they love.

"My favorite part about being on the team this year is being able to play the sport I love with great people," said Brittney Tucker, senior.

"The girls make the sport so much more fun," said Whitney Radloff, sophomore.

The connections between the girls and teachers was an addition to the team and helped with skill on the field.



**Macie Daniels**, sophomore, looks to throw the ball to another teammate. "She is fast and works really hard," said Margo Koby, senior.



**Haley Counts**, sophomore, sprints up the field with her team. Haley played attack this past year. She was a swing on JV and Varsity her freshman year.



**Haley Schmer**, sophomore, "Her experience in field hockey makes her very an adventitious addition to the team," said Margo Koby, senior. Haley was a swing last year for JV and Varsity.



**Maddy Challenger**, junior, looks to a teammate for the ball. This was Maddy's first year on varsity. She played defense all the years she had played.



Blake Potter, junior

Nathan Hall, senior

Dawson Egan, junior

Jonny Parker, junior

Ethan Davitt, junior



Dear Westminster,

Learn to stay on Mrs. Brown's good side. Though she might seem scary from the outside, she truly cares for every student at Westminster. A group of seniors and I ate lunch with her everyday this year and we got to know her on a much deeper level. She actually is a pretty cool lady who is occasionally witty and if your on her good side, she might write you a pass to skip class to play with Bogie.

Nathan Hall, senior

# Men's Varsity Volleyball

## 100 to 0

Coming off of a state-winning season, the Men's volleyball team had a lot to live up to. They lost many very skilled seniors and knew going into the season that it would be a rebuilding year.

"We went from 100 to 0 real quick", said Jimmy Thomas, junior, who was on the state-winning team last year. The boys lost to Chaminade which they have defeated for the past 10 years. Along with a couple other schools who they usually defeat.

"I guess one of the positives is that because we have such a young team, every game is a learning experience and I am hopeful for next year because we have a lot of juniors this year and next year they will be great leaders," said Nathan Hall, senior.

The setbacks that the Volleyball team faced revealed the boys' love for the game. Whoever came to practice and worked hard was there because they believed in the team and its potential. With a long road ahead and a lot of rebuilding to do the players persevered with the best mind set.



**Jimmy Thomas, Jarrett Hardy, and Dawson Egan**, juniors share a laugh on the sidelines. In the match against Pattonville, the Wildcats lost the first match and fought hard in the second only to lose a close game.



**Michael Theonen**, junior, sets up to dig a possible block. This was Theonen's second year playing at the varsity level.

**Jimmy Thomas**, junior



Freshmen



**Joey Migliazzo**, freshman stays open for a pass. Migliazzo played attack for the Freshman team. The team struggled to get games in as many of the teams games were rained out this season.



**Maxwell Burns**, freshman cradles the ball while playing a game against CBC. The Wildcats were defeated during their game against CBC on Friday, April 1st.



**Alex Chen**, freshman runs toward the goal while cradling the ball. Chen passed the ball to one of his teammates hoping to make a goal against CBC.



**Luke Fiala**, freshman plays defense against the CBC team on Friday, April 1st. The freshman defensive players improved over the course of the season.



**Spencer Graham**, freshman cuts across the eight meter arc of the field. The team had many plays that involved cutting in and out of the eight meter arc.



**Chase Mayfield**, freshman, looks for an open player to throw the ball to after CBC scored. Mayfield was one of the goalies for the freshman team this year.

## Men's JV Lacrosse

The Westminster Mens JV Lacrosse team took the Chaminade field on April 12, 2016. The team was able to take many shots on the Chaminade goalie.

Logan Bauer, junior scored at the end of the first period, and the Westminster goalie, blocked the first shot from Chaminade. "Unfortunately, we didn't win, but hopefully the next game we can," said Luke Allen, sophomore. Even though the team had many great plays and moments they were unable to pull off a win.

The team suffered many losses this season but their season was still worth it.

The team was hoping to be able to gain varsity status in the upcoming years, making them want work hard to improve not only their skill, but also continue to make their name known around Westminster.

Since this year was only the second year of having a mens junior varsity lacrosse team, it was an accomplishment that the team improved from their last season, and it's fair to say that some day soon they would bare the

**Harry Medler**, junior sprints towards the goal. Medler was one of the captains on the team this year.



**Jack Bauer**, junior plays defense trying to stop Chaminade from scoring. Unfortunately, Chaminade was able to get more shots in the net than the Cats.





**Jason Kelly**, junior after catching the ball, Kelly cradles the ball while looking for a pass across the midline towards the goal.



**Charlie Zone**, junior runs towards the ball to try and keep it in bounds. Zone completed the run with a shot on goal.

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Cooper Moore, junior, swings at the ball during their match against John Burroughs. This was Cooper's third year on the team. "My favorite part specifically about golf is driving the ball and swinging as hard as possible," said Cooper.





**Jordan Merkel**, junior, uses his pitching wedge to hit a shot onto the green. Jordan played for most of his high school years. "My favorite part of playing is being able to play with your friends and have a good time with them.", said Jordan.



**Logan Montgomery**, sophomore, puts a ball on the green. Montgomery had played since his freshman year and will play for the rest of high school.

## Varsity Men's Golf

### Different Origins, One Passion

Passions come from somewhere. Whether from experiences or exposure; zealousness always seems to find its way into our lives. Passion within the men's varsity golf team this year came from many different origins.

One origin was lack of success somewhere else.

"I got cut from the baseball team in seventh grade and really wanted to be a part of something bigger. Then I tried golf." said Tom Issacs, freshman.

Another was the thrill of the competition, Chad Briden, freshman, said "My family used to go golfing once a week and it always started a competition, I loved it and was instantly hooked."

Then there was pure coincidence. "I began to play golf when I was a little kid because I live on a golf course," said Jordan Merkel, junior.

These passions showed through in the first two matches they had this year when they beat both Lutheran South and Whitfield. They are also what will keep them playing in the years to come.

"I plan to play for the rest of high school," said Jordan Merkel, junior.

**Willie Canfield**, senior, puts a ball in warm-ups before the match against John Burroughs. Canfield played golf since his sophomore year in high school. "I enjoy the process of getting better each day mentally, physically, and emotionally. I love that we encourage one another to keep improving everyday", said Willie.

**Chad Briden**, sophomore, swings on hole three at Creve Coeur Golf Course. This was Chad's second year on the team. "I love the competition aspect of the game and that you objectively see how you stack up or whether you are improving," said Briden.

**Sam Song**, sophomore, hits his ball up onto the green. Sam started golf his freshman year.

**Tom Issacs**, freshman, addresses the ball for a drive. This was Tom's first year on the team. "My favorite part of playing golf is the moment when you hit an amazing shot and feel really satisfied with yourself", said Isaacs.



**Evan Howse**, freshman, pitches against Parkway South. This was JV's first game of the season.

## Freshman and JV Baseball

### A Couple of New Coaches

"Our new coach is Coach Brown, he is the husband of WCA's very own Mrs. Susie Brown," said junior Josh Berglar.

This year JV received a new coach. "I love this team, our coach is new but he does well at coaching us up, getting us ready for our games," continued Berglar.

Even though Coach Brown was new, he fit right in and made the team feel comfortable and supported.

"I enjoy being in the coaches' presence because they are extremely supportive, it is easy to play around coaches like that," said Colin Shreves, sophomore.

The coaches and the team work together well despite the newness.

"I think our team is close and we all get along well. We're able to joke around, and we know our limits. Our coaches are amazing as they are always able to keep us in check if we get out of line," said Alec Hollman, sophomore.

Coach Brown and the rest of the coaches are also leading the team to continual growth.

"I like the team. The coaches are great and help me learn and better me for the future," said Keaton Greiwe, freshman.

"Mrs. Brown [his wife] and their new puppy, Millie, sometimes come to our games to help cheer us on," said Berglar.

Later in the season, another new, temporary coach stepped up for a game against Webster Groves. The freshman team had Jonathan Horne, business teacher, sub as their coach and won 15-0 making Horne undefeated against the Statesmen in his coaching career.

**Alec Hollman**, sophomore, stands in the outfield ready for the ball. "My favorite part of baseball is hitting. It always feels good if you can get a long line drive to the fence", said Alec.



**Drew Dempsey**, sophomore, and **Nathaniel Sems**, freshman, run in from the field to get ready to bat.



**Clayton Guzdial**, sophomore, tags the other team's runner at third base.



**Nathaniel Sems**, freshman



**Dominic Cusumano**, sophomore





# Middle School Baseball

## All About Progression

For the middle school baseball players, the first step to improving was to establish what challenges they faced on the field and to work out a way that they could overcome them in games. For a lot of the players, staying mentally strong even if they had made a mistake was a struggle that they had to constantly work to overcome.


"The most challenging thing about baseball is staying mentally strong after you make an error, or an out when you are hitting," said Jack Martin, eighth grade.

"You can't get down otherwise your teammates will get down with you. You have to get up and get ready for the next play to come to you. Because it could potentially be the play that saves the game," said Luke Engelmeyer, eighth grade.

For many players, simply mastering the mechanics of baseball was their biggest challenge.

"The most challenging part of baseball are the little things like the mechanics of throwing and batting because even the little things have a big impact on the game," said Graham Clawson, eighth grade.

"Hitting is hardest for me. I overcome it by keeping a steady hand and a keen eye," said Adam Zell, seventh grade.



Luke Engelmeyer, eighth grade, pitches the ball during practice. Engelmeyer had been playing baseball for ten years.

## My team is...

"Intense," said Hayden Turley, seventh grade.

"Family," said Nolan Irby, seventh grade.

"Tough," said Luke Engelmeyer, eighth grade.

"Resilient and Encouraging," said Jack Martin, eighth grade.

"Faithful," said Adam Zell, seventh grade.

"Hard Working," said Zachary Allen, seventh grade.

"Funny," said Matthew Burgess, seventh grade.



Adam Ebling, seventh grade



Zach Benes, eighth grade



Kevin Kim, eighth grade, prepares to scoop the baseball into his glove during a practice. This was Kim's first year playing for Westminster.



Arthur Jordan, eighth grade, warms up his arm during practice. This was Jordan's second year playing baseball for Westminster.



Pearson Georges, eighth grade, works on his throwing during practice. Georges had played for Westminster for two years.

# Middle School Tennis

## Moving Up

As the eighth grade boys moved up to ninth grade, this team pondered what they liked about middle school tennis, and if they would continue to play tennis in the years to come.

"I did not start tennis until seventh grade, but I have improved a lot since then. Although, I am conflicted about whether I want to play in high school, but only because the practices run so late," said Patrick Chambers, eighth grade.

Chambers, like other transitioning middle schoolers, struggled while making the big decision of what spring sports to choose for High School.

Many Middle Schoolers chose to play tennis because of the competitive aspects of the game, and the independence that was possible.

"Although I enjoy team sports, I like tennis because the outcome of the game is more dependent on my own ability to play well," said Matthew Kinney, seventh grade.

Tennis was hard for some boys to adjust to, being so different from sports.

"The only other sport I played was swimming, which is very different. In swimming, you definitely are not hitting anything or using a ball, you just swim. But in tennis of course, you have a racket and a ball. It is also different because there are surprisingly many rules for a game that seems so simple," said Ian Gilbert, seventh grade.



**Noah Adair**, eighth grade, shows off his serve in practice.



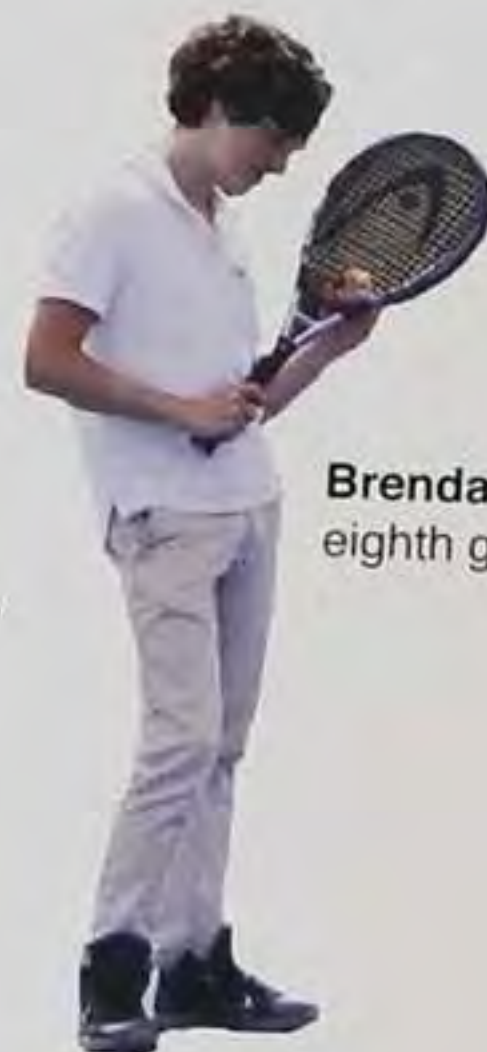
**Noah Schlueter**, seventh grade practices his setting. This is Noah's first year playing tennis but he has improved a lot.



**Will Mason**, seventh grade, plays his first year of tennis with his team.



**Jacob Brown**, seventh grade



**Brendan Gordan**, eighth grade

# Spring Events

## Spring at Westminster

It would not be spring at Westminster if there was not our annual events. Opening day for the Cardinals was a cause for celebration. Students in each grade were able to wear their Cardinals gear to support the team.

Another annual project was the Project Give Well 5K run. They put on this run in order to raise money for the Congo Lamb of God schools in Africa. Their goal was to raise 4,500 by the end of April to keep the school going. The theme of the race this year was superheroes.

All through the year the seniors had been committing to their college for various sports. When spring came around the final decisions were being made and we all got to watch seniors commit to their college.

The spring for Westminster is also the time of the Junior Senior Banquet. This year the leadership team was able to implement dancing into the night. The theme of "A Swinging Time," consisted of entertainment, slideshows, and swing dancing.

"So many students were wanting an element of dancing. They decided that a structured dance, like swing dancing, would be a compromise for what the students want and what the administration wanted" said Camryn Williams, junior.



Meegan Williams, senior



Connor Vargo, senior



Robert Davis, senior



Samuel Terrana, senior



Emily Stevenson, senior



Alex Hopkins, senior



# WSD



Mackenzie Coleman, eighth grade



Abby Sickels, seventh grade



Luke Laughlin, seventh grade

## A Break for Fun

In seventh and eighth grade, preparing your body and mind for the competitive highschool league takes a lot of hard work and training, according to Westminster's middle school track team. That is why the dedicated track team coaches incorporated fun activities into the their practices; to take a break from hard work and have fun in the process.

Annessa Shively and Denver Parker, seventh grade, shared that their favorite practices were the "game days", where the team played games such as sharks and minnows, tag, and frisbee.

"I love game days because it gives us time to take a break from running", said Parker. The team also enjoyed making t-shirts together that said "I got 99 problems, but I run for fun".

Although the track team had fun playing games and resting, they also enjoyed their events and trying different things.

"I really like the 400 meter and the high jump", said Shively. Shively, seventh grade, and Daphne Washington, eighth grade, are the only girls on the team that perform the high jump.

"Annessa is always looking to learn something new", said the middle school track coach, Kristin Janssen. Many members of the team said they enjoyed trying unique events like the high jump.

From game days to hard practices, the middle school track team always found ways to have fun together and experience new things.

## Simon Says:

### 1. Find Motivation

"The Ecce Homo Depiction [motivates me] because it reminds me who I stand for."

### 2. Create a Routine

"I pray before I run that I don't collapse."

### 3. Push Yourself

"My favorite event is the mile, because I find my pace to be more synchronized when I am running longer distances."

Simon Jones, eighth grade

## Middle School Track and Field



Brock Daniels, seventh grade, pushes himself towards the end of his lap.



A few of the track boys rest while they move hurdles. During practice, they loved to goof off.



The track race during practice. The team often ran relay races to train for their meets.



Some of the track girls take a break. They cheered on their teammates during a tough practice.

# MS Girls Soccer

## Starting out on Top

The first game for the seventh grade girls' soccer team was one for the books. On a cloudy Friday afternoon, the first year team loaded up the Westminster school bus and made their way out to Principia. Despite the cold weather, the girls warmed up together and were pumped to play their season opener.

Promptly at 4 o'clock, the girls took the field with their game faces on.

"I kept saying "I got you" to my teammates during the game because I knew we all needed to stay mentally strong," said Marty Briner, seventh grade. The girls played strong from the beginning, with Gracie Wessels, Hailey Colley, Annessa Shively, and Marty Briner, seventh graders, scoring goals.

By the end of the game, The team was able to land 7 total goals to secure their first win of the season. The big win really pushed the girls to play well all season long.

"The best part of the year was playing a game on my birthday, because I got to play a sport I love with my friends on my favorite day," said MJ Akins, seventh grade.

**Amiya Holmes**, seventh grade, plays in the Principia game. Holmes was a strong offensive player for the seventh grade team.



**Lyndsey Heckel**, eighth grade, passes the ball during practice. Heckel also played select soccer for Lou Fusz.



**Lexi Jo Alm**, eighth grade, dribbles at practice. The eighth grade team's first game was rained out, so the girls had extra time to prepare before they played.



"Soccer is God's gift to humanity,"

-Hailey Colley, seventh grade.

# JV Girls Soccer

It doesn't matter what age we are, we all get along because of our different skill set. We each have a unique qualities to offer the team, which makes us bond and have a good time because we are all different." says Rachel Arnt, freshman.

## Playing Up

In sports, it was crucial to keep in mind what you were reaching for that season, some people play to enjoy it and have fun.

Others are pushing themselves and training for the next level, some player's goals were to do both, have fun and play competitively.

"It's pretty awesome to be on JV this year because Coach Pritchett is preparing us and getting us ready to play at the varsity level next year," said Sarah Melaragno, freshman, but that's not all she enjoyed on the team.

"It's not only playing to get better though, on JV we have a lot of fun, it's the highlight of my day." Sarah is excited to learn and experience more this year so she can be ready for next year. But in order to be successful in soccer next season, it was important to have a coach prepared to teach you the right forms and playing strategies and to improve and for the upcoming year.

"Even though some of the drills can be hard, we focus on having fun while doing them and bonding through each drill," said Ally Sigman, freshman.

The JV team learned how to put aside the different ages and skills, and focus on this year so they can move up next year to varsity.



Rachel Arnt, freshman, returns the ball after her teammate passed to her in a warm up. Rachel made the JV team this year as a freshman and continues to love soccer.



Ally Sigman, freshman, makes a great pass with her left foot to her practice partner. Ally practices hard and improve daily, which pays off in the games.



Isabella Ortiz, sophomore, puts in hard work as she trains for the season. She loves soccer, her team, and her coach.



Lexi Berra, sophomore, is the team goalie for this years JV team. Her position on the team is much needed and appreciated. Lexi practices and works on her skills every practice, and always loves when her coach gives her corrections, so she can improve her game.



Rachel Byars, sophomore



# Double Trouble

In tennis, you have to be smarter than the ball. There are many different ways that the game could be played, and it all depends on how you put your mind set. "Tennis is a mind game" says Cole Coffee, freshman. "This year, I've learned that I need to be a positive reinforcement in order to be a good doubles partner for a match."

As the season started, the twin brothers Cole and Campbell Coffee, freshmen, were paired up to be doubles partners, and they played better than ever. The brother's goal by next year is to make it on the varsity team as they continue to play for the rest of their high school years.

They continue to impress each other with their hard work and dedication to the sport, and they never give up on each other. "When I notice that my brother is having a bad day, I always know what to say to calm him down and get his head cleared to get back in the game, and vice versa" said Cole.

They desire to reach their goals, and will let nothing in their way to stop them. They have so many people they look up to, and aspire to be the next big thing in tennis. Cole and Campbell Coffee never fail to use each other to better themselves, and feed off of the team's positive energy to perform their very



Attacking the ball, **Joshua Jones**, freshman, sends a ball over the net, continuing the rally that he and the other opponent has made.



**Caleb Terschak**, freshman, waits for the ball to be served over to him. Caleb was on his toes the whole time, prepared for where ever the ball might go.



**Cole Coffee** and **Campbell Coffee**, freshmen, work together during practice to perfect their skills. They were doing a drill to practice their form and speed.



**Markus Cicka**, sophomore, went for an overhead pass to the opposing team during a practice drill.



Reaching for the ball, **Matthew Moore**, sophomore, swings to return the ball. He loved the season this year and is planning on playing again next year.



Backhanding the ball, **Hayden Shively**, sophomore, receives the ball, and perfectly passes it to the other side.

# JV Boys Tennis





The eighth grade team huddles before a windy game on April second. The venue for the game was at Westminster, and they faced St. Micheal.



**David Brown**, eighth grade, runs with the ball to the end of the field. The game took place on April 5 and was against Priory.



**Caroline Kopsky** and **Katherine Bauer**, eighth graders, go through drills during practice. The girls eighth grade team practiced with the seventh grade, and had a practice team and returning team.



**Dylan Wells**, eighth grade, throws the ball to the other end of the field. The boys eighth grade team was very successful and started the season with four wins.

## Middle School Lacrosse

Full Circle



**Henry Hartshorn**, eighth grade, weaves between players to carry the ball down the field. Hartshorn helped the boys eighth grade team win the game.

From player to coach, life found a way of bringing things full circle for the new coach, Haley Woolbright. Haley first began to play lacrosse at Westminster, as she contributed to some of the first years of the lacrosse program. Since then, the program has expanded dramatically into three high school teams and two middle school teams.

Haley began coaching for the eighth grade girls lacrosse team along with having to juggle college and extracurricular commitments. On top of her love for the sport, Westminster's lacrosse program specifically had a huge impact on her life.

"Being in this program and a part of this team did a lot of wonderful things for me in my life, and created some of my most cherished memories and relationships," Woolbright said. The girls certainly welcomed Haley in and really bonded with their new coach. "She's a really good coach. I think she connects with us better because she is closer to our age, and she's personal and cares about each player," said Sydney Hawkins, eighth grade. "She is so encouraging and it's really great how she incorporates God through everything we do," said Lucy Wood, eighth grader.

At the end of the day, Haley had the opportunity to give back to a program that gave so much to her, and she enjoyed every minute of it. "It is awesome to be a part of this team again and watch the Lord use lacrosse to work in these young girl's lives like He did in mine."

**Rebekah Sems**, eighth grade



**Tyler Culleton**, eighth grade







**Emily Lytle**, sophomore, charges down the side of the field towards the goal. The team was neck and neck with MICDS the whole game, barely losing 8-10.



**Emma Gore**, freshman, tries to dodge around her defender from the other team. Gore, attacker, looked to score in this play.



**Deanne Pfyl**, sophomore, dashes with the ball, looking for a pass. This was an exciting game as the Wildcats won 18-1 against Parkway Central.



**Brooke Lemp**, junior, runs down the field with the ball. Lemp was one of the JV captains this year.



**Dani Mabry**, freshman



**Samantha Huber**, sophomore



**Sydney Johnson**, sophomore

## JV Lacrosse

### Playing with Fervor

Words carry meaning, and the word “fervor” held a special significance to the JV lacrosse team this year. Signifying an intense and passionate feeling, this word their coach read for a team devotion turned into so much more.

“Our coach found the verse Romans 12:11, and it really spoke to us as a team,” said Deanne Pfyl, sophomore. “It energizes us and reminds us that we’re playing for God.”

But the word fervor was more than just a Biblical reminder; it also turned into a team cheer and victory chant. “We try to have fervor to be intense and get pumped for our games,” said Brooke Lemp, junior. “We cheer it every time before we go out onto the field.”

So, whether it was as a reminder of why they’re playing or a team cheer, the word “fervor” was a significant part of the season for the lacrosse team this year.

**C Team**



**Rachel Rothrock**, fresh-

**Sophie Johnson**, freshman

**Bridget James**, freshman

**Steve Williams,** senior, starts off the match with a strong swing. Williams had a good start to the season, being among the top scorers in their matches.



Andrew Looby, junior



Alex Kempen, junior



Davis Haeusser, senior



Michael Shaw, junior



## Men's JV Golf

### Swingin' to the Top

The JV boys golf team came back this season in style by defeating the Whitfield warriors with a score of 171-193 at Crystal Springs Golf Course. Sophomore, Sam Song was the leading scorer shooting five-over par 39 followed by senior, Steve Williams and junior, Michael Shaw who both managed to earn scores of 46.

"The first game was enjoyable. There was a lot of ups and down, but it was great start to the season," said Shaw.

Two days later, in game two of the season, the boys played through the rain, cold temperature, and wind to beat John Burroughs 178-184.

Once again Song was the leading scorer for the Wildcats scoring six-over par 41. With other notably scores from George Meyer, sophomore, Andrew Looby and Michael Shaw, juniors.

With a strong start to the season, more great things are expected from the Wildcats.

# Boy's JV Volleyball

**Nathan Laughlin**, freshman serves the ball across the court. Laughlin played in the game against Parkway North. They lost their game against Parkway North.



**Colin Davitt**, freshman



**Matthew Hoekzema**, junior



**Blake Jewell**, freshman



## All Out, All Game, All Season

Going into the season with many first year players, the JV boys volleyball team was excited to play. "I am looking forward to seeing how much we improve by the end of the season," said Alec Bequette, freshman.

Starting off the season with a rough start, the team didn't let a few losses keep them down. Although they started the season with a loss against Parkway North, they were determined to be better as the season went on. The following week they quickly bounced back, and beat Bayless 2-1 in 3 matches.

Each practice the team gave their all to be better for their next game. "My favorite thing about my team and coaches is that they are very dedicated and are always looking to improve," said Aaron Kampmeier, freshman. Returnings players made an effort to help new players and their skills.



Dear Westminster,

Have no regrets. Do what you feel is right in the moment, don't second guess yourself. Trust your instincts. You only go to high school once and even though it stinks most of the time and it seems like it will never end, one day it will. So take advantage of the time you have and make the best out of it.

**Lexi Berra**, sophomore.



Students not present for picture day

Karina Hardy, 8th

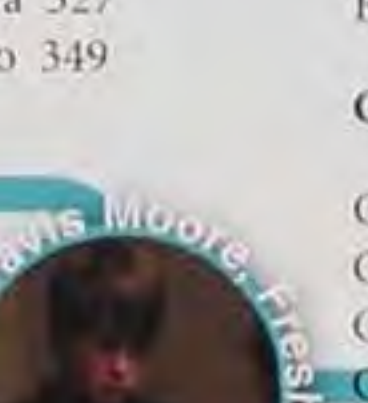
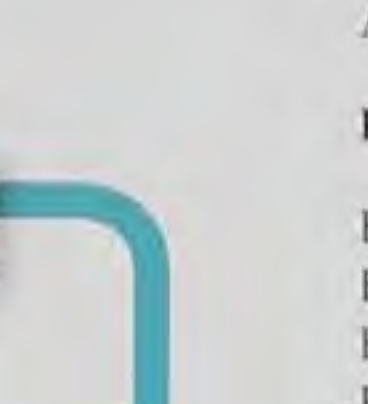
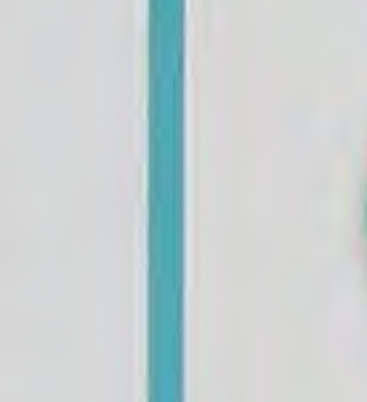
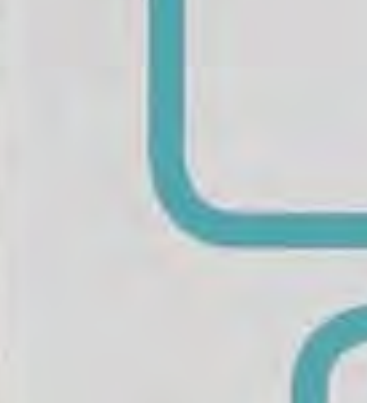


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