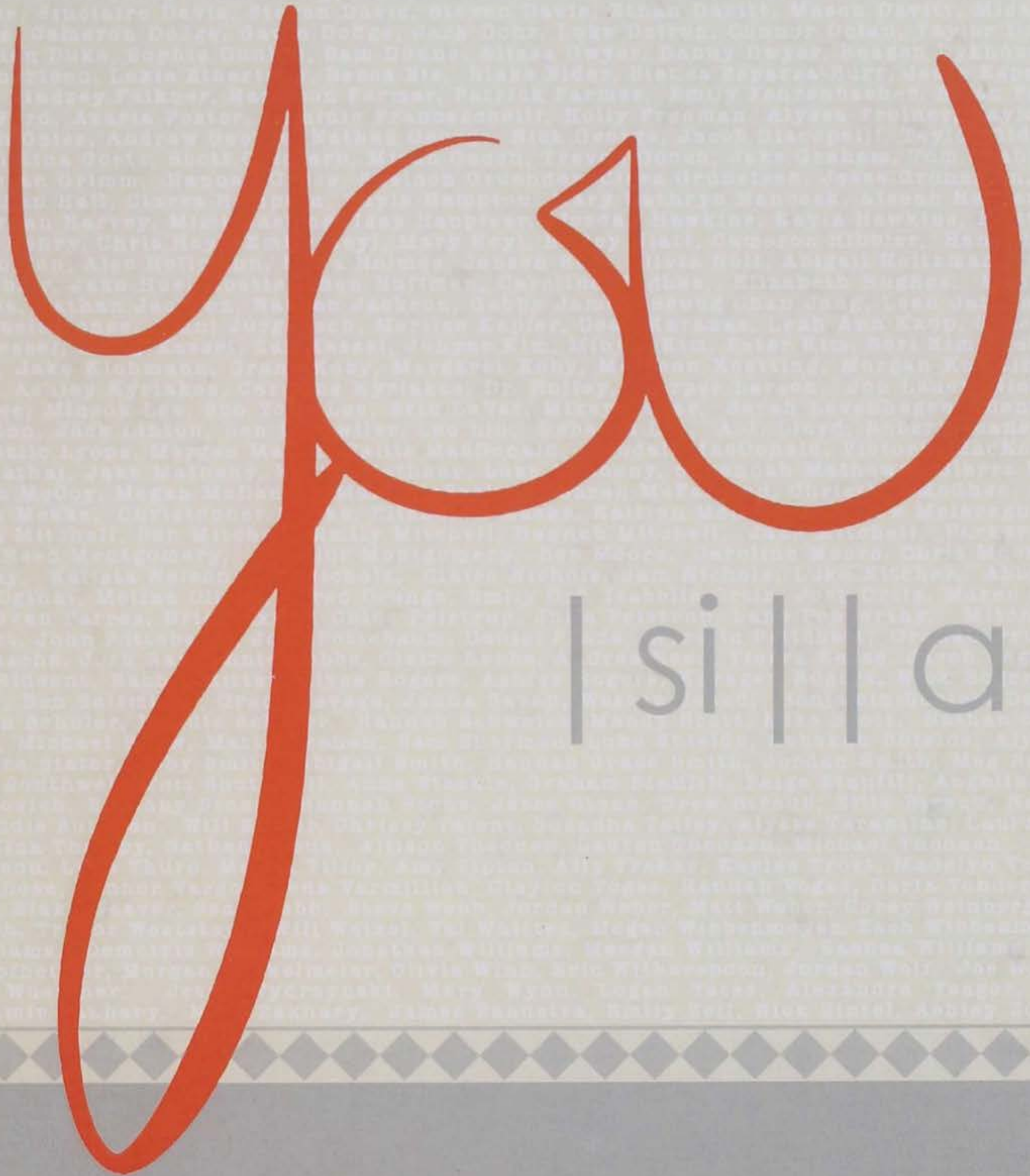


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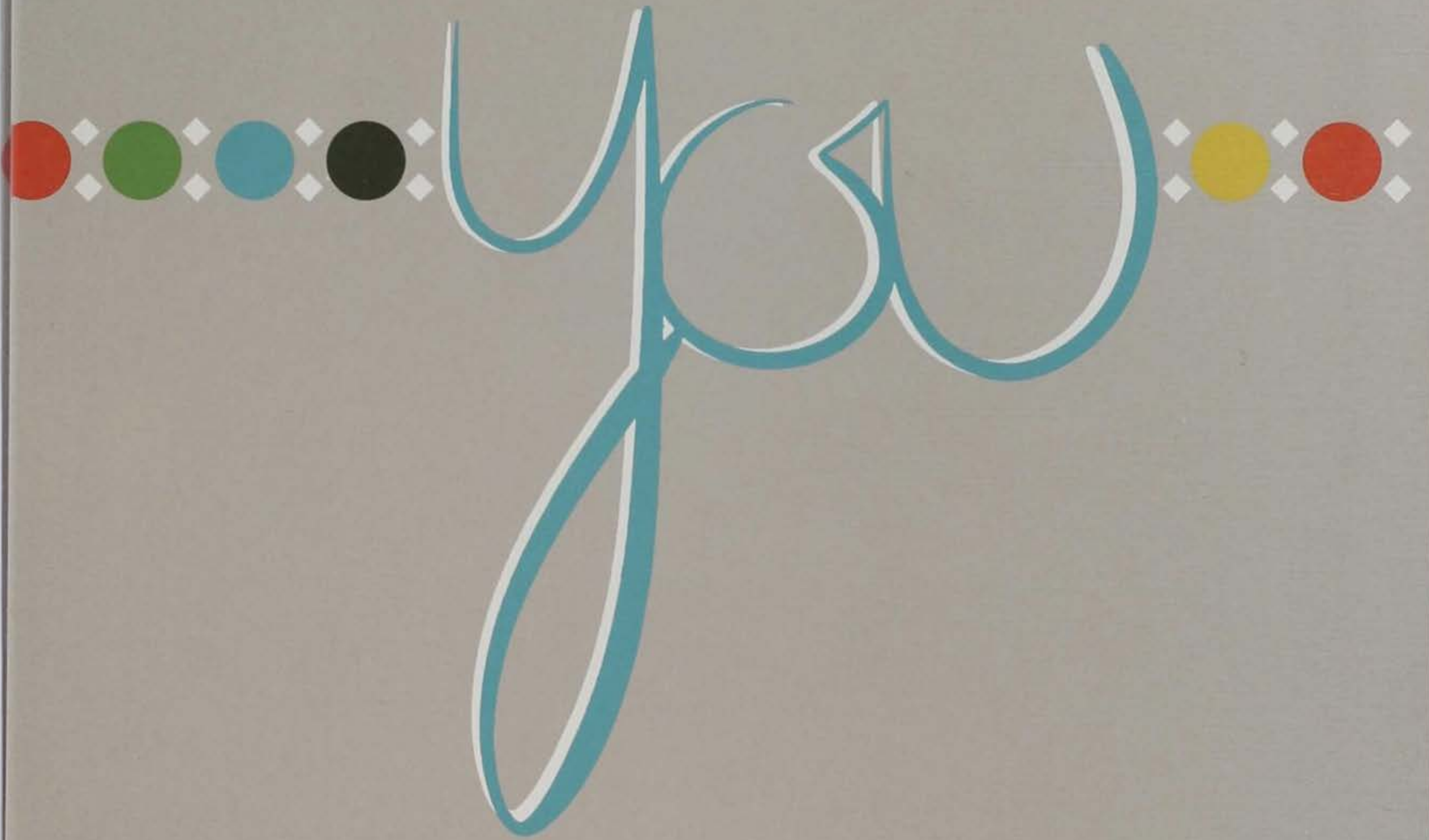


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into the body -- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free -- and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but they are all joined together, and each one has the same care for the others. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Just as the body of Christ shares in his suffering, so his church shares in his suffering, and he himself saves his church from all impurity, purifying it by the word of water with the Spirit, so that he can present the church to himself in splendor, without any stain or wrinkle or anything of the kind -- that he might present it to himself in glory. For just as the body of Christ shares in his suffering, so his church shares in his suffering, and he himself saves his church from all impurity, purifying it by the word of water with the Spirit, so that he can present the church to himself in splendor, without any stain or wrinkle or anything of the kind -- that he might present it to himself in glory.

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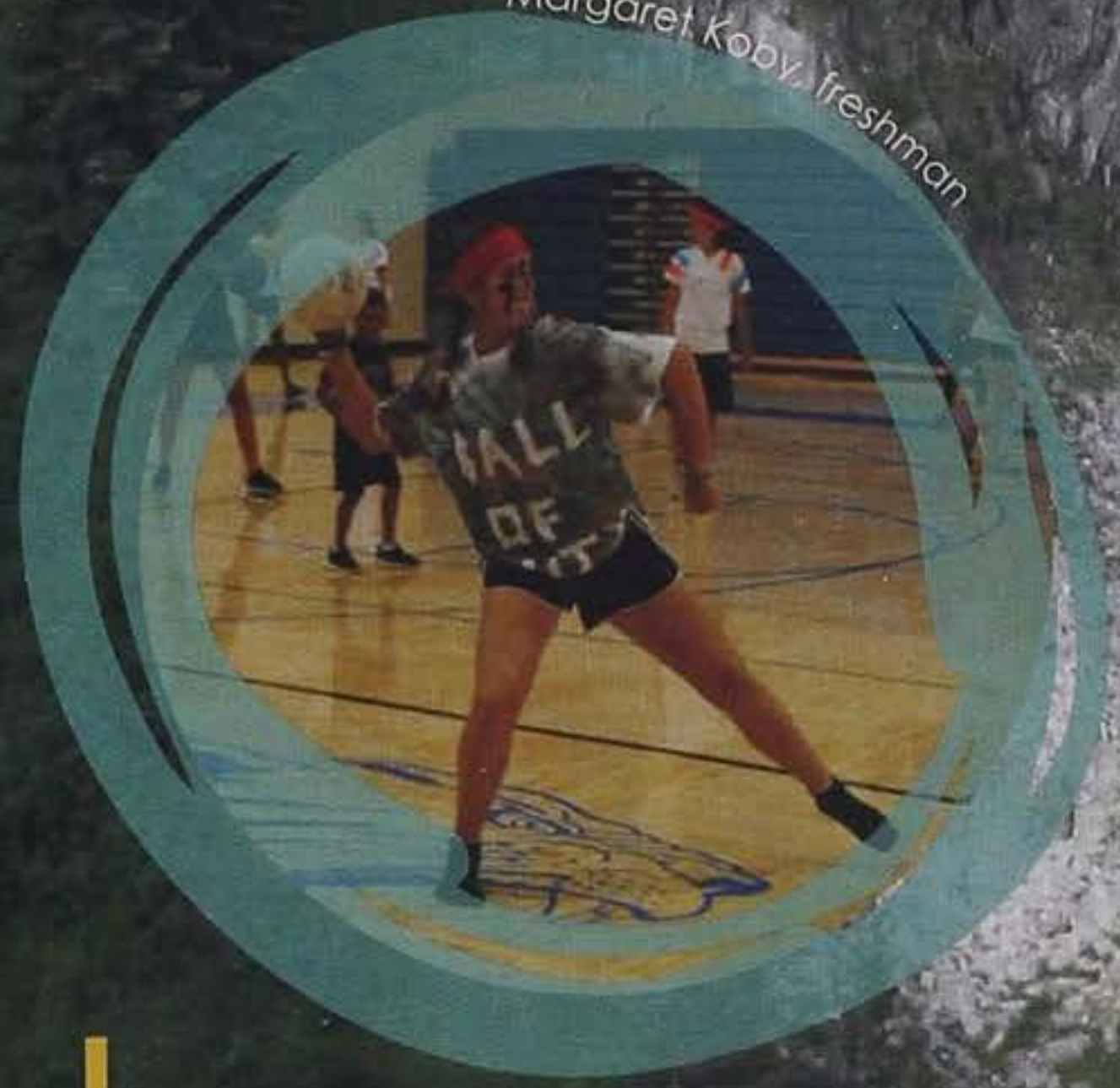
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Grayson Everhardt, junior

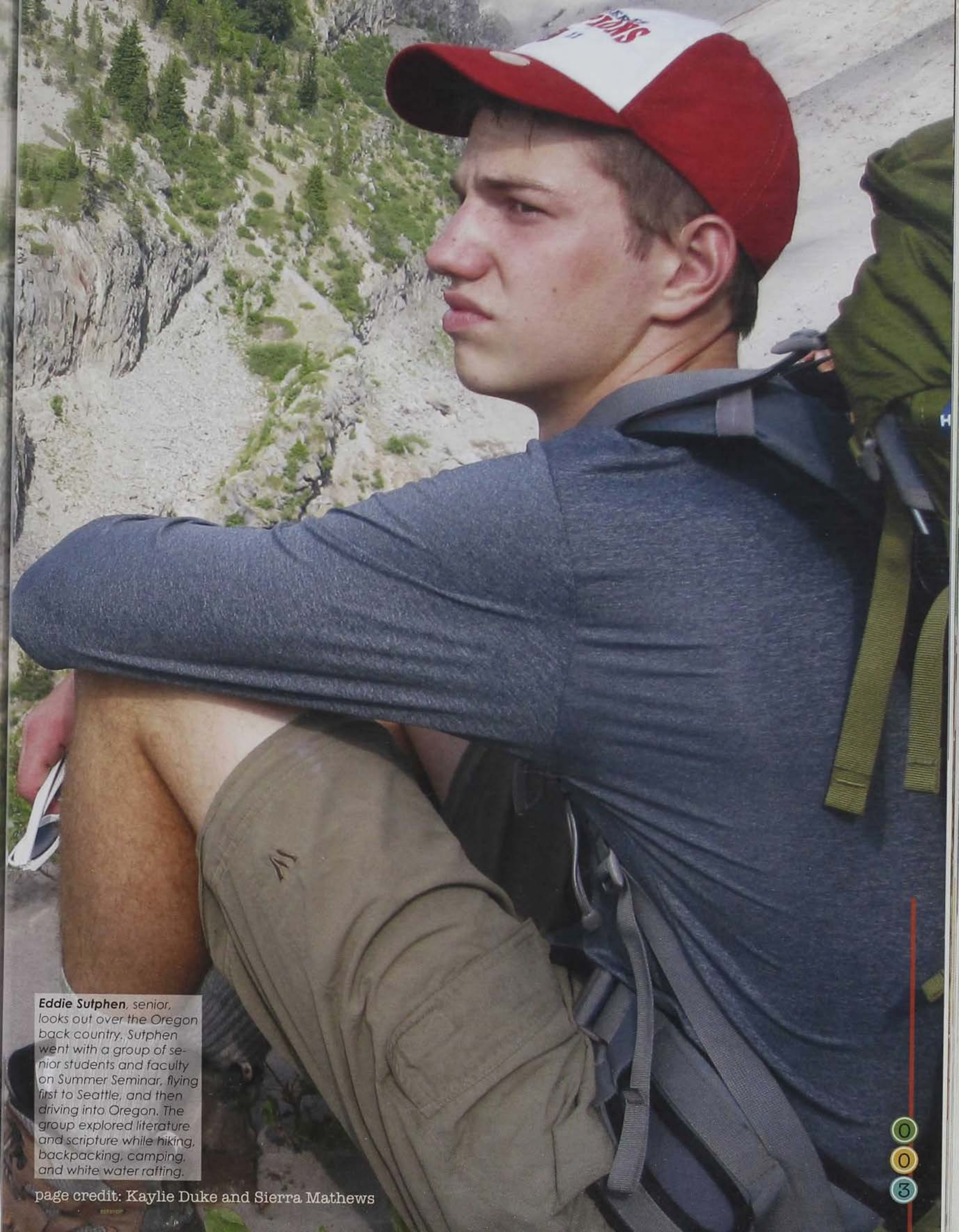


Margaret Koby, freshman



J.J. Noa, seventh grade





Eddie Sutphen, senior, looks out over the Oregon back country. Sutphen went with a group of senior students and faculty on Summer Seminar, flying first to Seattle, and then driving into Oregon. The group explored literature and scripture while hiking, backpacking, camping, and white water rafting.

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Rachel Ritter, sophomore



Brandon Douglas, eighth grade



Brenden Scott, senior



What would a game be without the fans ?
A cheerless, empty gym.

What would a class be without the students ?
A teacher talking to empty desks.

What would choir be without singers ?
An empty melody.

What would a club be without its members ?
An empty classroom after school.

What would art be without the painters ?
An empty canvas.

with | you | this school has purpose.



The men's varsity soccer team huddles before beginning a game during the MICDS tournament on Sept. 1st. Although the team did not win, they pushed the opponents into overtime and kept the score to 2-1.



This is where | **you** | have been planted,
place your roots.

Embark on your endeavor, paint your canvas.

Your story is important, don't let it go untold.

Six, five, four, three, two, one -
these are your years at Westminster.

What will | **you** | do with them?

Julia Alpert, junior

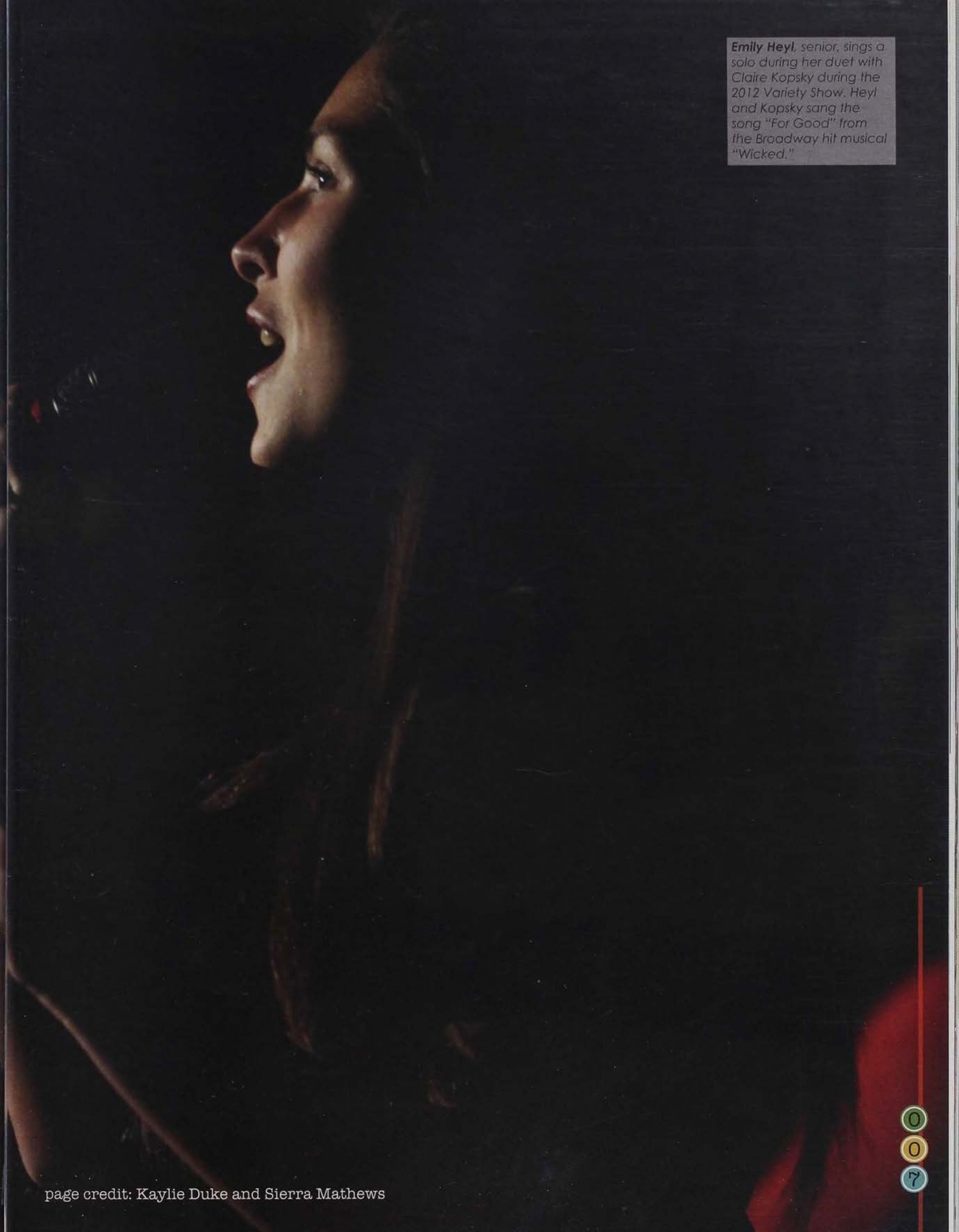


David Hartman, senior

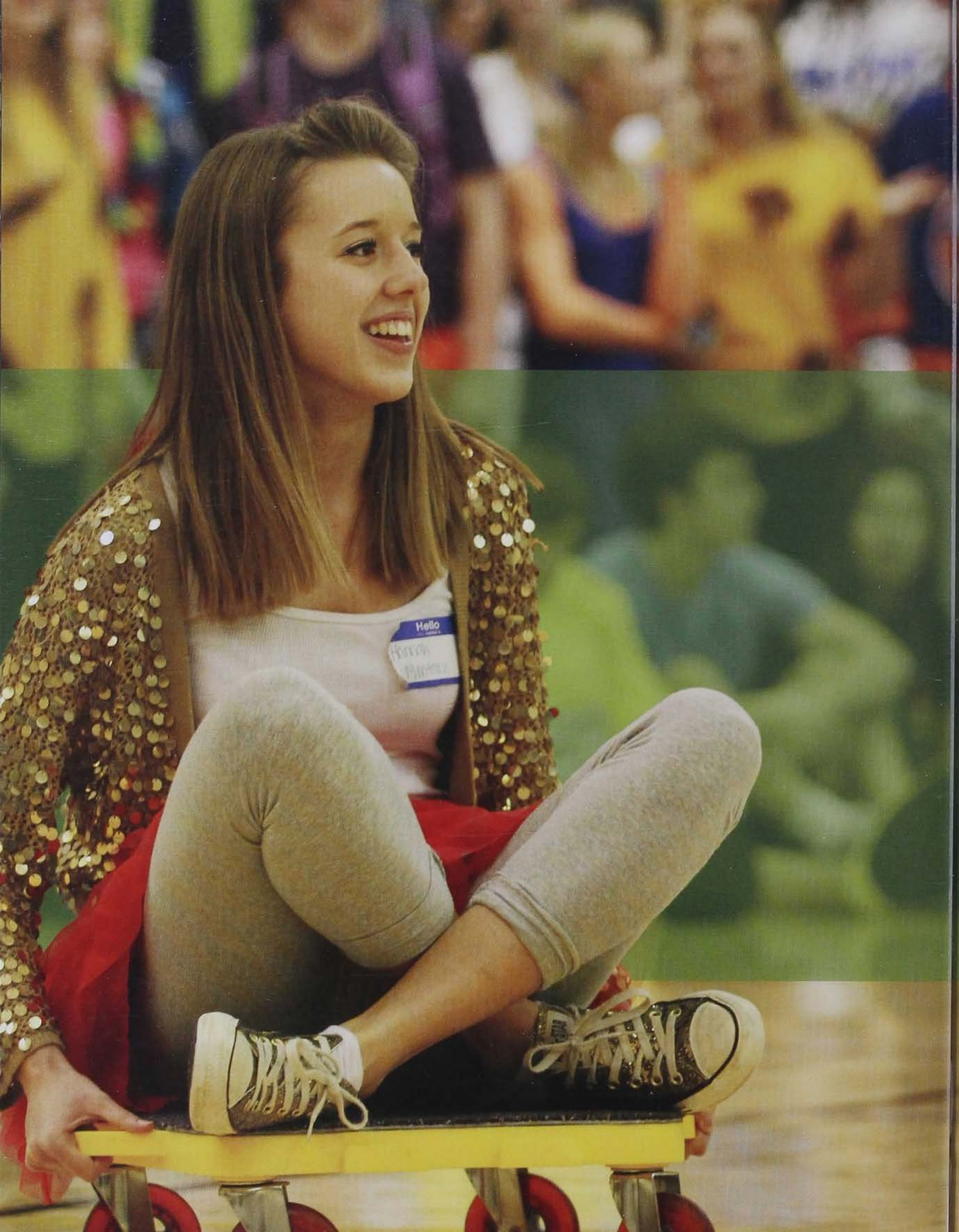


Jenna Savan, eighth grade





Emily Heyl, senior, sings a solo during her duet with Claire Kopsky during the 2012 Variety Show. Heyl and Kopsky sang the song "For Good" from the Broadway hit musical "Wicked."



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Spirit Week is filled with many ups and down. Your class may win one event and then get last in the next. On Friday after the Lip Sync performances, the class of 2014 found that they had received fourth place. "It was devastating," said Hannah Caple, junior.

Tears were shed and condolences shared, and in the end there was disappointment in the fact that they would not be able to perform during Friday night's final performances. This was when the entire junior pop **you** relation made a way for the Lip Sync dancers to have one last chance to perform their dance.

The Blue Man group was in a unique position to create any song they wanted using their musical skills. With hours until the final performances, they learned how to play Under the Sea on their homemade drums. "As we were trying to figure out a way to work the girls into Boys Poms, we got a call from Annie Canfield saying that the Blue Men had been working on performing 'Under the Sea'," said Jensen Holt, junior.

The participants of the Junior Lip Sync filed onto the floor and performed their dance to this new version of 'Under the Sea' after just twenty minutes of outdoor practice.

Without the entire junior class, this performance would not have been possible. "After we danced with the Blue Men, all the practices and hard work was worth it," said Caple.

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Julia Johnson, sophomore, rolls across the gym floor during Human Shuffleboard. This game took place during the opening day of Spirit Week with the senior class placing first.



"I made my own video game in Applied Scientific Research. It was a good learning experience and very enjoyable."
 - Ethan Finn, sophomore

"I appreciate the class because it gives me the opportunity to pursue my own interests during the school day."
 - James Zandstra, senior



"Applied Scientific Research is fun because you are able to express your interests and work on projects that are really enjoyable."
 - Nathan Estock, sophomore



"It's a pretty laid-back class. It's different from other classes because you get to pick what topics you want to study for a semester. You pick something that's interesting to you, and transform it into a science fair project."
 - Austin Mathai, sophomore

Levi Alldredge
 Johnny Althoff
 Betsy Bailey
 L.B. Battle
 Lauren Bauer



Izzy Baxter
 Sarah Behm
 Erik Bergman
 Lexi Berra
 Melinda Blum



Harrison Boeve
 Anna Bohlmann
 Kelly Bradley
 David Braton
 Sarah Breitigam



Nikki Breneman
 Chad Briden
 Trudy Buck
 Rachel Byars
 Markus Cicka



Abby Cockerham
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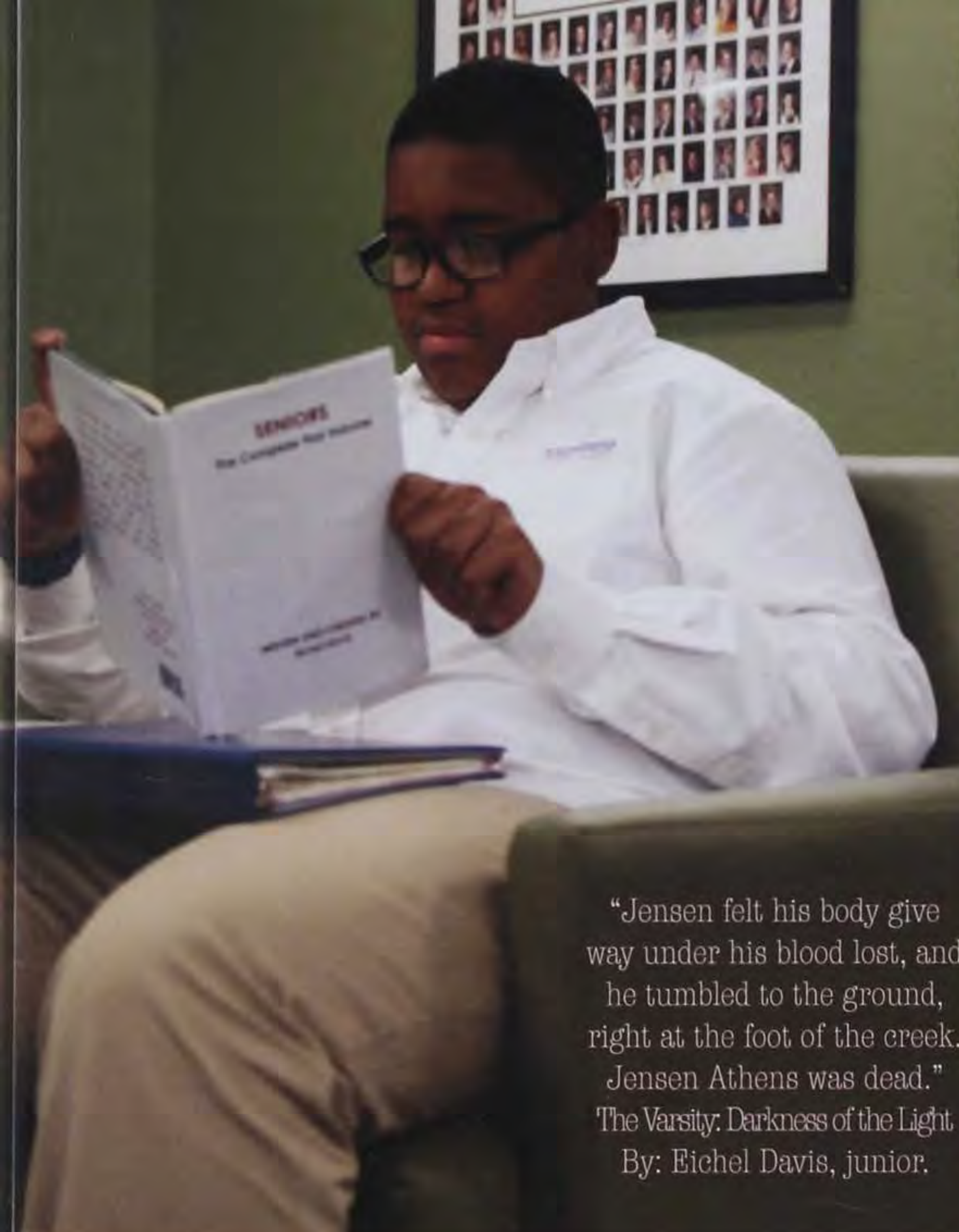


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 Emma Fiala
 Jerrica Flakes
 Elena Frogge
 Dawson Gaitan



Jacob Giacopelli
 Emma Gion
 Micah Gooch
 Jake Graham
 Bridgette Grimm





"Jensen felt his body give way under his blood lost, and he tumbled to the ground, right at the foot of the creek. Jensen Athens was dead."
The Varsity: Darkness of the Light
 By: Eichel Davis, junior.

Andrea Williams, junior, answers a question on the board in biology class. Williams often volunteered to write on the board. "Everyone is intimidated to go up in front of the class, but I don't really mind," said Williams.



Grant Kitchens, junior, studies for his math class in the Academic Hub. Kitchens had Miss Endel, a first year teacher, for Algebra II.



Katherine Yenzer, eighth grade, works on a book she is writing. Yenzer started writing books when she was nine years old.



Jacob Regan, junior, considers his next sentence for his English paper. Regan wrote about 'The Scarlet Letter' for his final in his American Literature class.

...A Rising Author...

"I started writing books about three or four years ago. First it was poetry, then I moved to short stories, and then began the book writing," said Katherine Yenzer, eighth grade. Yenzer's love of writing books began with her love of reading books. "I don't read as much as I used to because writing takes up most of my time," said Yenzer.

Yenzer started writing a total of five books, all different from each other. "When I get bored of one idea I just move on to another. I write about a lot of different things, but mainly just about life in general," said Yenzer.

Yenzer wrote whenever she had a chance, which is a rarity in middle school. Several of Yenzer's friends read parts or even all of her books. "I read one of Katherine's books," said Caroline Hughes, eighth grade, "When I finished, I couldn't believe that Katherine had wrote it. I was so impressed with her writing."

A career in writing was something that had interested Yenzer since she had begun composing books. "I can't imagine doing anything else but writing after college. I don't think journalism is for me, but I would love to be able to just write and publish books for a living. Of course, to get a book published, I would have to finish one first," she said.

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"[In the Strength and Conditioning Olympics] I won the race for my team by finishing the circuit the fastest along with my team. It was a really fun way to work out."
-Nathan Scott, sophomore

"P.E. is a really fun break in my day. School days can seem really long, so it's nice to be able to have a class where I can move around and improve certain skills in the process."
-Robert Davis, freshman



"It was awesome to be able to get a good work out in during school, because it's hard to get that in when I have sports."
-Connor Hafenrichter, freshman



"Strength and Conditioning was a good chance for me to improve my strength for football."
-Mason Davitt, freshman



Kayla Hawkins
Kayla Hayes
Luke Heintz
Bethany Holden
Alec Hollmann



Abigail Holtzmann
Mallory Horn
Miranda Horn
Elizabeth Hughes
Hallie Hull



Zack Hunsicker
Baker Hutton
Ricky Johnson
Sydney Johnson
Chris Kirby



Kathryn Kramer
Ashley Kyriakos
Caroline Kyriakos
Thomas Lauer
Caleb Layton



Marissa Lee
Mikey LeVar
Micah Lewis
Alexa Lindgren
Annie Linhoff



A.J. Lloyd
Chase Lottmann
Jacob Lovelace
Ryan Lovelace
Danielle Lyons



Matthew McKinnis
Georgia McQuillan
Elizabeth Meeks
George Meyer
David Montgomery



Logan Montgomery
Kanya Moore
Sam Nichols
J.J. Noa
Isabella Ortiz



...Reality Hits...

Real life experience was offered to art students at Westminster. Students that were interested in pursuing a career in art were given opportunities to gain experience.

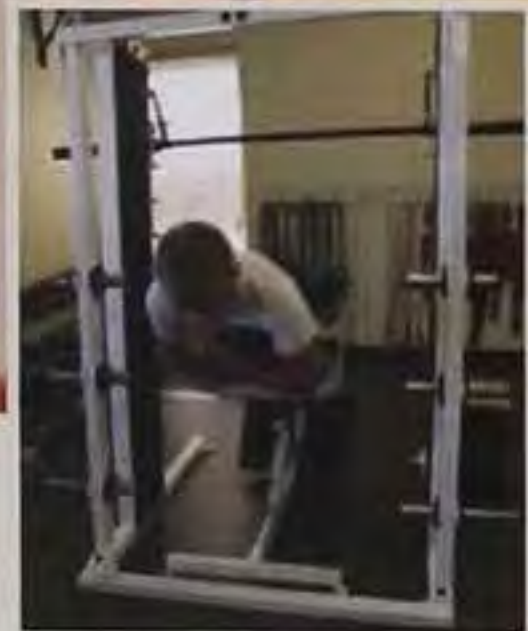
Ben Meyer, art teacher, added students that were interested in an art career to a list, and he sent them information for art related job opportunities. When people needed a book cover, poster, or any other artistic task done they asked Meyer who was provided with multiple small jobs. He then transferred these projects to art students at Westminster.

Emilie Schroeder, senior, illustrated a children's book for an author. This opportunity proved to be beneficial for Schroeder as she learned what her future career might look like.

Andy Thomas, junior, devoted himself to everything about art. He spent most of his extra time focusing on improving his artistic ability. "My art classes at Westminster really help me improve my skills. I love it because I am able to do what I really enjoy, while getting better at it," said Thomas.

One of the jobs that Thomas was able to do for Westminster, was making the posters for the fall play. This was a form of advertising, which is a big part of the modern artistic world. He had to advertise to make it look appealing and entertaining. That came with pressure for Thomas, but in the end it helped him learn how advertising truly works. "I feel better equipped to continue in my art career, and that's a very good feeling," said Thomas.

"Art is my passion. It is what I want to do when I go on from high school," said **Andy Thomas**, junior.



Casey Hinds, freshman, works on his form in Strength and Conditioning. Casey played football, and used P.E. to improve off the field.



Paul Griesedieck, freshman, finishes his final sketch book for the semester. "I'm not a very artistic person, but I enjoyed my semester, and I learned a lot of new things," said Griesedieck.



Nathan Wade, senior, works on his sketch book. "Nathan is a really good artist, and is always doodling in every class I have with him. Art is the only class he can actually get away with doodling," said Matt Weber, sophomore, of Wade.



Working on a project, **Cooper Hickox**, sophomore focuses on his rough draft. "My favorite project was a collage I made using magazine clips, and it said "Stick It To the Man,"" said Hickox.

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"I enjoy physics because of its application to real life. I like knowing why things move the way they move and that is the essence of physics."

-Joey Albertson, freshman



"Skinning the cat was the worst part, but later in the year we dissected a brain and I loved it."

-Emily Mitchell, senior.



"The smell was awful! We all took pictures and named our cats! And then when we began to skin them. It would burn my eyes and throat."

-Abbey Andres, senior

"[Physics] has completely changed my view on simple things like driving a car or moving an object."

-Lauren Ramos, freshman



"My favorite part about physics is playing around with the carts to study velocity and other physics stuff."

-John Lee, junior.

Mollie Ottsen
Evan Parres
Chloe Peistrup
Ashley Peterman
Graham Pruett



Whitney Radloff
Jack Rahal
Dani Renaud
Benjamin Schick
Haley Schmer



Erica Schreiber
Taylor Siebenman
Xander Smith
Cole Snodgrass
Christine Steck



Lydia Stewart
Rachel Strothkamp
Susanna Talley
Trent Tarantino
Michael Thoenen



Mollie Trost
Hannah Voges
Katelyn Wallace
Nathan Walsh
Bekah Warren



Sean Webb
Kurt Weinberg
Val Whitted
Faith Wickham
Lauren Willis



Preston Willis
Jessica Wilson
Chloe Wimpfheimer
Charlie Wu
Olivia Wuestner



Emily Zell
Ashley Zone



...Planting the Seeds...

A seed, a stem, and everything in between. Middle schools students could now begin planting the seeds in their science careers through the new middle school STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) program. While the school had already integrated STEM into the upper school curriculum, the middle school teachers wished to involve students in science before they reached the upper school.

Plans began the previous year as Dale Beachy, Katie Long, and Steve Bradley, STEM teachers, created a STEM class that would go alongside the middle school science curriculum. As the school became more and more aware of the nation's dwindling number of engineers, the department wanted to attract the young students' attention. "I hope to become a pediatrician, even though science has not been easy," said Emma Gion, seventh grade.

The one semester long, more integrated approach, to the STEM class provided a more hands-on environment to intrigue students' interests in science, engineering, and math. "I would have to say my favorite [unit] was making ROVs. It let me combine my technical skills and creativity," said Gion. Other STEM units included building rockets, CO2 dragsters, and cardboard chairs. "I felt all fancy sanding the wood [and] my dragster got 2nd place!" said Oni Wright, eighth grade.

Middle School STEM advanced both the department and the students in their urge for science, inspiring some to pursue careers in science. "I want to be an engineer," said Wright. Students left feeling intrigued with a longing to learn more.



Holding the test tube in boiling water, **Chloe Lee**, senior, along with **Lina Jin**, junior, perform their lab for AP Chemistry. They were studying freezing point depression and colligative properties.



Preparing the test tube for the procedure, **Anna Lindstrom** and **Celeste Beckman**, juniors, work on a lab for AP Chemistry. Lindstrom took both AP Biology and AP Chemistry and planned to major in nuclear engineering in college.



Rebecca Nixon and **Brenden Solomon**, seniors, prepare to skin a cat for a dissection in anatomy class. They researched the muscles inside cats to learn more about how the human body works.



Kaitlin Terschak and **Lauren Massot**, freshmen, perform a physics lab before school. "[Labs] allow us to experiment and see how things work first hand," said Terschak.



Beginning their cat dissection, **Micaela Jones** and **Tissy Mundy**, seniors, write in their lab book. "It was gross, but I just wanted to learn more about the human body," said Jones.

"My group and I talked to our pastors and parents and youth leaders. They helped us enormously. But most of our preparation was through prayer."
 - Anna Mitchell, eighth grade



"The Great Depression project was really fun and interesting."
 -Logan Yates, junior



"I got on the computer and researched some websites about the Great Depression."
 -Andrew Cannon, junior



Patrick Agan
 Amanda Ahlbrand
 Griffin Andersen
 Annie Auffenberg



Eli Avery
 Teddy Bacon
 Emily Jo Barker
 Abbi Barron



Graci Barron
 Jack Bauer
 Logan Bauer
 Brandon Beat



Josh Berglar
 Rachel Berry
 Caroline Brands
 Sarah Broyles



Eyrica Brunk
 Natalie Butler
 Nick Callier
 Chelsea Caplinger



Lucas Chimento
 Carson Coffee
 Molly Cook
 Kurt Culver



Josh Curry
 Lexie Dark
 Amanda Davis
 Ethan Davitt



Luke Doiron
 Connor Dolan
 Brandon Douglas
 Sydney Driscoll



Egan Dawson
 Jesse Esparza-Burr
 Lily Fiala
 Zion Ford



Paris Hubler and Gabby James, eighth grade, listen to the first question of their test. They were required to have support from the Bible to back up their arguments.



Emily Barker and Allie Malawey, eighth grade, wait to answer the questions for their test. Barker and Malawey were in the first group to go during their test.



Eric Shaffer, junior, works on a power-point for his Great Depression project in U.S. History. The project was completed in class over the course of a few of days.

••• I Shall Not Recant •••

In 1517, Martin Luther, a German priest during the Protestant Reformation, nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Catholic church declaring his beliefs on indulgences and other abuses of the Church. Even though Luther's life was threatened because of his outspoken beliefs, he refused to deny them. Just like Martin Luther's faith was tested, the eighth graders were required to answer hard questions challenging their faith for their first semester Bible test this year.

The test lasted a whole day, and eighth grade teachers even had to modify their rotation schedules. "A few students sit at a table and have to answer the questions that Mr. Talley and I throw out at them. It pretty much turns into a discussion between the students and the teacher about responses to hard questions about faith. The test is meant to prepare the eighth graders for oral tests they will have to take in high school," said Mr. Scott, eighth grade Bible and History teacher.

As the eighth graders filed into the middle school commons, nervous tension filled the air. "I was very nervous for the test. I was in the first group to go, but once the test started we were always on topic and ready to answer questions," said Emily Barker, eighth grade. The students were required to back up their arguments with passages from scripture. "To prepare for the test, my group and I marked our Bibles for any verses that could possibly work for the test," said Anna Mitchell, eighth grade.

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"My favorite part about drama class is the dialogue. I loved when we had to write one with a partner and memorize it for class."
 - Camryn Williams, eighth grade

"My favorite song this year was Lux Aurumque because it sounds really pretty and it was fun to sing."
 - Leah Janssen, senior



"Choir class is a lot of fun because I like the people in it. Some of my good friends are in there with me, which makes it more enjoyable. I look forward to going to choir class every day because it is kind of a break in my day."
 - Emma Bailey, junior



"I like choir because, not only do I get to explore the arts of music, but I've had the opportunity to get to know people in the grades above and below me and I've made some pretty great friends."
 - Sabrina Cockerham, sophomore

Taylor French
 JT Fuller
 Sarah Geisz
 Kelsey Ginger



Chase Griesedieck
 Eddie Griesedieck
 Julie Griesedieck
 Erika Gunn



Edu GuzmanManzano
 Hannah Haguewood
 Olivia Henderson
 Olivia Holt



Cate Hoogstraten
 Paris Hubler
 Caroline Hughes
 Cooper Hutton



Gabby James
 Alivia Johnston
 Dean Karanas
 Sidney Keane



Jason Kelly
 Alex Kempen
 David Kerckhoff
 Emily Kessel



Jillian Klein
 Paige Klein
 Madison Koetting
 Mary Kate Kopsky



Alex Lawrence
 Chris Lee
 Samantha Lombardo
 Hannah Lovell



Lauren Lowe
 Callie MacDonald
 Vikki MacKoul
 Allie Malawey



Katherine Galvin, freshman, **Rachel Ritter**, sophomore, and **Katy Chapell**, senior sing in their fall concert.



Danny Dwyer, junior, and **Timmy Sell**, **Lacey Rapp**, and **Tessa Copeland**, freshmen, play their instruments alongside the choir at the fall concert. Dwyer was the only band member that made District Band.



Matt Sheehan, junior sings a solo while **Paige Arnold**, junior, along with the rest of the choir, back him up.



Logan Bauer and **Cooper Hutton**, eighth graders, play charades in their first hour drama class. They were trying to get their teammate to guess correctly first so they could beat their classmates.



Soo Yong Lee, senior, **Jenni Jurgenson**, junior, **Hunter Hughes**, senior, and **Kathryn Hinrichs**, sophomore, sing at a concert with the Chamber Choir. The Chamber Choir practiced on Tuesdays before school.



...District Level...

October 14th brought both excitement and devastation. As Hunter Hughes and Joseph Isaacs, seniors, and Christina Goetz, junior, tried out for District Choir, only one of them experienced the excitement. A few days later, an email was sent to Allen Schwamb, music teacher. Only one of the students was said to have made it: Hunter Hughes.

"I was really frustrated because I asked Mr. Schwamb what else I could do to improve and he said I was fine so I was angry that I did not make it," said Goetz. She put a lot of time into practicing for this audition as did Isaacs and Hughes. During their audition, they had to sing a solo in front of several judges and they were asked to sight read a song. "I was definitely disappointed because I thought I had a good audition," said Isaacs.

About two weeks later, Mr. Schwamb received another email. It read that there had been a mistake and that there were two more choir students who made District Choir. Goetz and Isaacs would be moving on to audition for state along with Hughes. "I was really excited that I made it, but since I found out so late, I only had four days to prepare for state auditions so I didn't make it unfortunately," said Goetz.

"I was pretty excited because I knew I could audition for state now and performing in District Choir with Hunter would be fun," said Isaacs.

Although Goetz and Isaacs did not make state, Hughes did. "I was very surprised because there were so many good singers. I felt very grateful for the gifts God has blessed me with. It encouraged me to keep pursuing goals I have, no matter how hard they might seem, because you never know what could happen," said Hughes.

"It was a lot of fun to work with people who I usually don't work with."
 -Jessi Wydrzynski, senior



"We gave the presentation on what the world would be like without God. Sea did the AV component and I did the research."
 -Jake Keane, senior



"Working in a group is really hard, but it pays off in the end."
 -Annie Rebbe, senior



"Writing this paper is really challenging. We have to memorize a lot of court cases and criminal law."
 -Emily Horak, senior

"It was really hard to get to know everyone at first, but once we started to work together, it was better."
 -Caitlin Mundorf, eighth grade



Jonathan Marshall
 Alayna Marusiodis
 Christina Mason
 Savannah Mathews



Miranda Matuszewski
 Christian McGhee
 Jake McKie
 Brandon McKissic



Harry Medler
 Maddie Mercer
 Jordan Merkel
 Anna Mitchell



Jake Mitchell
 Tomas Mitchem
 Chris Moore
 Cooper Moore



Michelle Morley
 Caitlin Mundorf
 Kalista Nelson
 Matt Ottsen



Julie Park
 Rebecca Park
 Jonny Parker
 Luke Peters



Katie Port
 Josh Pottebaum
 Kyrstin Pritchett
 Erica Ridenhour



Eryn Rideout
 Hannah Sabadell
 Jenna Savan
 Weston Schad



Daniel Schick
 Ben Schuler
 Logan Sells
 Elisabeth Sems



Jabri Boyd, Ryan Kelly, and Daniel Pollmann, seniors look over their papers for Political Science. Being in Unit 3, they were concerned with how the Constitution had been changed to further the ideals contained in the Declaration of Independence.



Josh Steiner and Jonathan Marshall, eighth grade, put together their answers for the 'Hard Questions' test. The students were given a list of questions that they had to find the answers to for their test over the unit.



Josh Curry, and Cate Hoogstraten, eighth grade, find verses of the Bible to back up their answers to the hard questions the Bible teachers presented to them. The students were mostly on their own for this project, and only had the Bible at their disposal.



Nick Lauer, Mike Nothum, and John Eric Steiner, seniors, present a group project during their fifth hour Worldviews class. "Working in a group was a great chance to see how our S.I.P's might turn out," said Nothum.

...Reveal or Conceal...

A large part of Jesus' teachings are told in parables. In the New Testament classes, the students were challenged to take one of these parables (or a different verse from the Bible) and change it so that it was set in modern day.

The students had the choice to present the project by video, skit, or storybook. The classes were split up into groups of 3-5 people. "We made a storybook about the parable of the pearl," said Mason Davitt, freshman. "I enjoyed the project because it was a good time bonding with my group," said Kyle Kinner, junior.

The groups had three weeks to prepare their projects and the presentations had to be around five minutes long. Besides creating the video, the students had to give the context, message, and their response to the passage.

The point of the project was to give insight to parables. "We learned that parables reveal or conceal. The project was great because we got to make a video," said Emily Adkisson, freshman. After the presentations, the classes voted on which presentation was the best. Whichever group received the highest scores during the presentations was "crowned" the best presentation in the class. This project truly "revealed" truths of the parables.

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"Senor Legters has impacted me by making learning Spanish easy and engaging."
-Emily Orf, senior

"[Mlle. DeVries] is more laid back and care-free which makes it a fun class."
-Madison Massot, sophomore



"I like the fact that Mlle. DeVries has been to France, and interacted with the people living there."
- Ciarra Hampton, freshman



"It's really inspiring to see her have such a passion for French."
-Morgan Koetting, junior.

Michael Shaw
Rebekah Shields
Alyssa Shikles
Carter Snodgrass



Tom Southwell
Anna Stackle
Paige Stanfill
Josh Steiner



Zach Stinehagen
Bethany Stone
Ben Sullivan
Will Sutter



Nick Terbrock
Marissa Thames
Allison Thoenen
Matt Thomas



Luke Thuro
Madelyn Trost
Joshua Vander Velde
Alena Vermillion



Sydney Walker
Steve Webb
Max Weiss
Will Wetzell



Mackenzie Wieberg
Camryn Williams
Jonathan Williams
Valerie Winkler



Bennett Woodard
Moira Wright
Oni Wright



Alexandra Yeager
Katherine Yenzer
Charlie Zone



Chris Knerr, history teacher, helps **Caleb Buffa**, freshman, understand his homework. Buffa said, "Mr. Knerr is not just a teacher, he is a friend."



Sr. Legters leads his fourth hour in a Spanish Christmas carol. **Lauren Alldredge**, sophomore, enjoyed it when Sr. Legters was "singing to the Spanish 2 class, even though nobody sang."



Matt Weber and **John Moeller**, sophomores, sing "Jingle Bells" to Senora Gilbert's Spanish 1 class. The students in her class laughed as they sang along to the Spanish words they recognized in the song.



Tasting what she thought would be grapefruit juice, **Caroline Agan**, sophomore, participates in an experiment. Mr. Knerr used this experiment to teach this students about sense impressions.

...Mashing Melons...

Trying to make class more interesting, some teachers used intriguing activities to engage their students in the material. When talking about Chris Knerr, history teacher, Dongbin Lee, sophomore, said "He knows how to integrate surprises into history lessons." One way Mr. Knerr did this was when he took students outside to mash melons and a pumpkin with a hammer. While inside, Knerr asked the students to write everything they can doubt with a Sharpie onto the fruit. Once Mr. Knerr had destroyed the fruit into large pieces, he illustrated that Descartes would pick through these doubts, find the ones that could not be doubted, and string them together to prove an idea.

Mlle. DeVries and Sr. Legters had similar methods of making the languages they taught more enjoyable. In AP French 4, Mlle. DeVries would join in with her students in teaching French songs with the extra time she had on block days. This activity encouraged students to engage with the language in ways apart from sometimes boring textbook work. During the holiday season, Sr. Legters would bring his guitar and lead his students in singing Christmas carols. The week before finals, Sr. Legters took his students around to other classes to let them share in the enjoyment.

These teachers also impacted them in ways, big and small, through their teaching and examples. Travis Ralls, junior, expressed his appreciation of how Knerr acted on Summer Seminar in Montana when he said, "He exemplified how to have fun, but work hard when needed." Harrison Farmer, sophomore, agreed with Ralls when he said, "He is exciting, outlandish, accepting, an all around joy; but can be serious when he has to be." Many students admired this quality of Knerr in and outside of the classroom. Mlle. DeVries influenced Rachel Rogers, junior, by exceeding her low expectations of learning a foreign language. Rogers said, "When I walked into French 1 freshman year, I really wasn't expecting to enjoy French. But Mlle. DeVries made it fun and now I'm thinking about minoring in French in college." Student and teacher relationships, grown through enjoyable experiences in the classroom, guided students to act differently or even take a path they would have never dreamed of stepping onto.

"Mr. Mohler interacts with the students a lot differently than most teachers because he spends a lot of time making sure the students actually understand the material being taught."
 - Julia Alpert, junior



"Dr. Shaw is a man of great integrity and discipline, always being consistent in his approach to science and teaching others."
 -Levi Marshall, senior



"I've learned so much this year in Dr. Shaw's class. The labs showed me how the things we learned were put into action."
 -Alyse Rogers, senior



"Mr. Mohler's teaching style is so unique that I have probably learned more in his math class than I did in all my other years combined."
 -Sierra Mathews

Gracie Adams
 Emily Adkisson
 Joey Albertson
 Michael Alldredge



Emily Andres
 Jack Andrews
 Nate Appelbaum
 Celia Avery



Annie Backs
 Dylan Baile
 Myles Bakewell
 Mary Grace Barber



Morgan Barr
 Blase Bell
 Nick Bell
 James Bissell



Gabby Boeve
 Elizabeth Bowman
 Jeremiah Branscomb
 Morgan Brasier



Kayla Brown
 Logan Brown
 Brooke-Ellen Brugner
 Caleb Buffa



Sterling Burton
 Caira Butler
 Nick Cacciarelli
 Willie Canfield



Macy Catlett
 Elaine Clifton
 Kendreala Cobb
 Jillian Combs



Aaron Cook
 Tessa Copeland
 Olivia Craig
 Caleb Curry





Brandt Wieberg, junior, listens to Dr. Andrew Shaw, science teacher, teach his third hour class about the pressure. Wieberg enjoyed this class because of the labs and the hands on learning and experience that they gave him.

Kendall MacDonald and **Emma Bailey**, juniors, work with Jacob Mohler, math teacher as he helps them with their assignment. The students were given time during their block period to work on homework.

...Think About IT...

Students learned more when they enjoyed listening to the teacher and were being called to think. Two teachers that really understand this were Jacob Mohler, math teacher and Dr. Andrew Shaw, science teacher. Their classes encouraged knowing the reasoning behind the answers opposed to just knowing what the answers were. "I can rely on Dr. Shaw's strong character to always push me a little further academically," said Levi Marshall, senior. Dr. Shaw challenged the students but the students were more knowledgeable as a result.

Both teachers wanted each student to make sense of what they were learning. Making sure that this happened, they gave their students countless opportunities to come in and learn the lessons that they had misunderstood.

One unique thing that Mohler did was apply math to the real world. "He [Mr. Mohler] is very unique in the fact that he always starts class with something that is not math related but he relates it to math," said Emma Bailey, junior. Relating math concepts to the outside world, Mr. Mohler gave his students a reason to learn the math being taught in class. They were able to see that the math had a purpose and a use that would go further than simply getting an "A" on the test.

Building good relationships between teachers and students caused the students to want to think more. They were able to feel comfortable asking the teachers questions and working through their school work thoughtfully.

Waiting for the fifth and sixth graders to arrive, **Josh DeGroot**, sophomore, plays around with robots. "The Science and Engineering club is fantastic and it excels my knowledge," said DeGroot.



Nathan Estock, sophomore, takes apart a robot before the fifth and sixth graders arrive. Nathan helped make a construction site with a dump truck robot and a robot with a claw for the outreach night.



While working the First Robotics booth at Carnival **James Hoekzema**, senior, shows a young boy how to control a robot. The robotics booth at Carnival also sold ice cream cooled with dry ice.



Dan Lueders, freshman, works on a computer in preparation for the arrival of the younger students. To get the robotics season started, the Cyborg Cats visited the Science Center January 5 for the opening kick off of the season.



James Zandstra, senior, helps **Claire Rebbe**, freshman, load the t-shirt cannon at carnival weekend. Zandstra was named the President of the Science and Engineering club and was also the captain of the Cyborg Cats, the FIRST robotics team.

...FIRST for Everything...

Forty eager elementary students walked into the science hallway ready to be bombarded with robots and experiments. The members of the Science and Engineering club were used to exploring new ideas for robots, or new science experiments, but they had yet to host a group of elementary students, until this year.

The advancement office asked the Science and Engineering club to host a group of fifth and sixth graders and show them what experiments the club does. This was a first for the members of the Science and Engineering club, but they still agreed to help. Surprisingly though, a few days before the event, the club learned that more than 32 students had signed up (a much larger group than they were expecting).

With the opportunity to show such a large group of a younger generation how important and exciting science can be, the club prepared a night for the visiting students to explore science in a new way. "We had some of the guys create small robots for the kids to drive around," said Brianna DeGroot, senior. Senior, James Zandstra, talked to the students about how the club explores new scientific ideas constantly. The students were then able to explore stations set up by the Club including, a demonstration with liquid nitrogen, building a tower made of marshmallows and toothpicks, driving around small robots, and getting to see the large robot made by the First Robotics team.

"Overall I enjoyed showing the kids about our club, but it was extremely hectic and stressful to get everything done in such a short time," said Zandstra. Even with the stress of getting things done quickly, the club was able to help students explore science hands on, rather than just learning about it from a text book.



Ally Dalby
Maggie Dare
Robert Davis
Ryan Davis



Sinclair Davis
Mason Davitt
Aaron Dillmon
Chaila Dix



Taylor Dorsey
Avery Drury
Nathan Duke
Sophie Dunlap



Alissa Dwyer
Maggi Eachus
Nick Ebel
Andrew Eichelberger



Lexie Einertson
Sam Everhardt
Lindsey Falkner
Emily Fehrenbacher



Claire Fellows
Hannah Fiala
Azaria Foster
Holly Freeman



Alyssa Freiner
Nick Frogge
Katherine Galvin
Nathan George



Taylor Giddens
Aaron Gion
Nick Glanvill
Scott Goldfarb



Tom Graham
Missy Grasse
Harrison Greer
Lauren Griesedieck



"I really loved seeing people at the Science Center who also did robotics. When you do FIRST, you gain a connection with others who also do FIRST, it's really cool."
-Luke Nitcher, senior



"There are so many aspects that go into building a robot which provides tons of opportunities to learn or do something that I would have never otherwise known or done."
-Jeremy Ebert, senior

"I look up to the seniors in the club because they provide a lot of help in all the different projects we do and they are awesome people."
-Christian Meeks, sophomore



"I was so excited to see the reveal of the 2013 Game at the Science Center. And I was speechless when I realized we had to build a robot that can throw frisbee's and climb!"
-Violet Kouzes, senior



"I was really nervous to help with the kids when we hosted them at first, but they seemed to really enjoy all the activities, and I'm glad I helped out."
-Becca Eis, sophomore



"I joined Science and Engineering because I have always enjoyed building with things. I also enjoy the competition aspect of the robotics."
-Joey Albertson, freshman

"One of the best things about being Adventure Club President is working with Knerr and witnessing all the funny stuff he does. I [also] really enjoy being able to decide where we go."
 - Jeff Camp, junior



"Movie club is just a great place to go after school. Who doesn't like to watch movies after school?! I like it because Mr. Scott leads it and makes it really entertaining."
 - Austin Mathai, sophomore

"My favorite event from movie club is when we watched Silverado outside on the projector."
 - Ben Gienke, sophomore



"After the movie I discussed the Hobbit with Mr. Scott and others outside the movie theater about the changes that were made to Tolkiens' Hobbit and what I liked."
 - Ryan Smith, junior



Paul Griesedieck
 Hannah Groce
 Clara Gruneisen
 Isabel Guariglia



Connor Hafenrichter
 Nathan Hall
 Ciarra Hampton
 Elisabeth Harding



Sofie Harjoe
 Julia Harre
 Jordan Hartmann
 Izzy Hauptfear



Jordan Hawkins
 Taylor Haynes
 Miles Hehner
 Hannah Heintz



Max Heise
 Chris Heyl
 Casey Hinds
 Joey Hobaugh



Caroline Holden
 Alex Hopkins
 David Hotard
 Zach Hughes



Sam Hunsicker
 Erin Hunt
 Anna Huynh
 Ben Isaacs



Joel Johnson
 Grace Keane
 Lucy Kehr
 Minjoo Kim



Hailee Klein
 Margaret Koby
 Sam Kottmeier
 James Kouzes





While digging a hole to plant a new tree, **Brennen Almus**, junior, moves the extra dirt out of the hole. At Garden Club meetings, the club discussed ways to help the environment through their garden.



Kayla Hampton, junior, plants a new plant in the garden. The Garden Club had planted several different fruits and vegetables in their garden.



Anna Lindstrom, junior, drills in nails in order to create a covering for the garden to protect the plants from the cold weather. It was important to create this to make sure the plants stayed alive until spring time.



Grant Kitchens, junior, eats at a campout. "My favorite campout this year was the November camp out because there was a good group of guys there and the camping ground was very superb," said Kitchens.

...Green Thumbs...

What was once a blank slate of grass behind the school was transformed into something useful and fun for the Garden Club. Due to the spark of student interest wanting to learn how to help their environment, 2012-2013 was the first school year there had been a Garden Club. Behind the school rested three garden beds full of healthy fruits and vegetables along with several newly planted trees. The mission of this new club was not all about planting and gardening though. "To me, the purpose of the club is to make people aware of how fun gardening can be and better ways to grow and make your own foods," said Kayla Hampton, junior.

One way students helped spread environmentally friendly ideas throughout the school was by composting. The students recognized how many food scraps were thrown away in the cafe so they wanted to make something that used to be wasteful, into something useful. "We want to start a composting bin in the cafe so food is not just thrown away, but rather be used to help the environment by adding it to our compost pile to help our garden" said Olivia Harre, junior.

Also, the club helped Hollyberry Catering in the Cafe with their mission to serve the students of Westminster healthy food. The club gave fresh, healthy food from their garden that was used in students lunches. Also, they "took all the scrapes from lunches that usually would have been thrown away in the cafe (banana peels, leftover vegetables...) and put them in the Garden Club's compost bin with dirt and put the compost on the plants and make them grow better," said Brennen Almus, junior. The club may have been new, but they were already making a big impact on their school's community.



My favorite match moment was when I won my first match in 10 minutes. It really set the tone for my teammates and we swept the other team for the win."

-Grant Kitchens, junior

"To sum it all up, I would hate to face Grant Kitchens: the president. He would completely obliterate me with his amazing skills on the chess board."

-Taylor Davidson, junior



"I guess in the best match I've ever had, we both had an hour to play, and somehow, I got him down to 20 minutes when I still had 50."

-Morgan Maack, senior



"My third time going to chess club I played Grant Kitchens and I lost in less than 5 moves.

It was a real eye opener."
-Reed Montgomery, junior

Joonsok Lee
Minsok Lee
Erin LeVar
Tom Lieber



Lauren Lindgren
Jack Linton
Rebecca Liu
Dan Luedders



Wyatt Malcom
Joi Malloyd
Lauren Massot
Jake Matheny



Luke Maxey
Logan McCall
Alyson McKie
Drew Melaragno



Kaitlyn Mehlhouse
Kaylah Meredith
Rachel Middleton
Andrew Montgomery



McKenna
Montgomery
Taylor Montgomery
Ben Moore
Brennan Murphy



Claire Nichols
Gracie Nye
Audrey O'Neill
Jared Orange



Lane Penberthy
John Pottebaum
Sarah Ragsdale
Lauren Ramos



Alaina Randazzo
Lacey Rapp
Josh Ray
Claire Rebbe



●●●Scholar Bowl Scandal●●●

Dominance. Period. The 2012 Varsity B Scholar Bowl Squad set an academic standard for excellence both during the school day and out of it as they finished their regular season undefeated.

Varsity B qualified with the number 1 seed into the postseason tournament and remained undefeated until the semi-finals. "We got down early by about 60 points, and it kind of stayed that way for the rest of the match," said Joey Albertson, freshman. "We had played Lutheran South before and beat them, but this was a slightly better team."

After this loss, the team proceeded into the 3rd place match against St. Joseph's Academy. "There wasn't much ground to the accusation, but they accused us (of cheating) and we just let them take the points," said Joey Albertson, freshman, "We had beat them before."

"The opposing team believed that Annie and I were exchanging answers, but in fact, she was just saying she knew the answer," said Sierra Mathews, senior.

Because of their alleged cheating, officials overseeing the event fined the team 60 points. A scholar bowl match usually has a total score of around 300 points, so this was 20% of their score. This deficit would be devastating to any ordinary team. However, this was no ordinary team. The Scholar Bowl Varsity B squad went on to win by 10 points, a victory that would have been won by a margin of 70.



Jennie Albertson, junior, smiles as she listens to her teammates. Albertson and her younger brother, Joey, were both part of the 2012-2013 team.



Ryan Smith, junior, waits for the next question during practice. Smith was a first year member of the Varsity A squad. "Ryan was dying for a Lord of the Rings question because he's such a huge fan," said teammate Sierra Mathews, senior.



Levi Marshall, senior, contemplates a question in a practice for the Varsity A Scholar Bowl team. "Scholar bowl is a great community building club that helps one grow academically and socially," said Marshall.



Annie Rebbe, senior, smiles to herself after finishing a math problem alongside teammate, **Nathan Theus**, senior. Rebbe was the team's top scorer and received an all-conference award for excellence as a top ten scorer.

"I really enjoy spending time with the children because they are always excited to see us and are eager to play and have fun."

-Jennie Albertson, junior



"I try to plan an activity at least once a month. In the past we have gone to the St. Louis Art Museum and the City Coffeehouse and Creperie."
-Nina Thampy, senior

"There were sweets and chocolates of all kinds. It was crazy, but people really liked it."
-Caleb Curry, freshman



"It was fun to see what people would make and even better to see the kids so ecstatic about them."
-Chase Seiller, junior

"I was tired of playing tag, so I just let her do whatever. It took forever to wash all the marker off my arms."
-Kelly Goebel, junior



Tommy Regan
Nick Rogers
Nichole Romich
Ben Saltmiras
Matt Schlafly



Jake Schroeder
Luke Schroeder
Timmy Sell
Benjamin Sems
Zach Shultz



Gabby Sicard
Amanda Skeeters
Kendra Slater
Hannah Grace Smith
Stewart Snapp



Ashley Sola
Emily Stevenson
Maddie Sturr
Neil Sutherland
Alysse Tarantino



Kaitlin Terschak
Sydney Thomas
Symone Thompson
Brittney Tucker
Cameron Tucker



Ben Varghese
Connor Vargo
Clayton Voges
Rachel Waller



Haley Weinberg
Carter Wells
Bekah Westrich
Trevor Weststeyn



Megan Wibbenmeyer
Meegan Williams
Steve Williams
Whitney Williams



Jacob Wilson
Joe Woll
Jeremy Yoon
Nora Zakhary



Emma Glasgow, junior, and Jihoon Lee, senior, laugh over math problems with **Jacob Mohler, math teacher. Rich Van Gilst, math teacher,** was not in his classroom when Glasgow wanted to ask questions, so she stumbled across the after school math meeting.



Olivia Harre and Annie Schlafly, juniors, cook quesadillas for the Spanish club booth at Carnival. "Making quesadillas was really fun and it was fun to serve with friends," said Harre.



Lance Richards, junior, helps his ESL friend pick out markers to color with. "ESL is definitely one of the best experiences I could ever be apart of," said Richards.



Emily Orf, senior, and Jacob Regan, junior, draw smiley faces on the balloons they blew up for the ESL pinatas. Even though the faces were covered up, they had fun.

...Two is Better than One...

What better way to spend Thursday afternoons than doing math problems with the Korean students! The new tradition was started by Lina Jin and the math department, who decided what better to bond the students together than math, and who better to bond with than the Koreans? Any student was allowed to participate and bring any mathematical questions they were confused about.

"I saw many classmates struggling with math homework so I thought it would be good to get together and ask each other the questions. I started by asking Mr. Mohler and a few Koreans who wanted to join it," said Jin. She believed that it would benefit students if there was a set time and place where they could get help on their homework.

This was not supposed to be about who was smarter than the other, it was about coming together and figuring problems out. By putting both the Koreans and the Americans brains together, plus a teacher, the students were able to figure out their questions.

"It's very helpful because Mr. Mohler is there for us and it is better to do it together instead of struggling at home," said Jin. The students who participated got a lot out of the math sessions. They worked together and figured them out. As the old saying goes, "two heads are better than one." When other student's understandings were thrown onto the table, the problems were easier to figure out. Jin's idea to start the Thursday after school math program was new to Westminster, and was helpful in creating new relationships between the students.



"I really like working at a DePaul Medical Center."
-Alyse Rogers, senior

"On a typical Thursday morning I clean, vaccum, and organize things."
-Austin Walker, senior



"I always look forward to senior service. Every time I walk into my kindergarten class, I am greeted by at least ten little hugs around my legs."
-Zack Lokey, senior



"I go to Parc Provence Nursing Home and basically what I do is work with them in groups, read announcements, play games, and cook with them."
-Zak Kessel, senior



"I volunteer at Delmar Gardens West. I like hearing all the life stories and experiences they have to share."
-Drew Pfyl, senior.

Julian Adams
Lavinia Adcock
Riley Adkisson
Caroline Agan
Lauren Alldredge



Sean Appelbaum
Sydney Arnold
Ellie Bacon
Will Barry
Olivia Bauer



Courtney Beat
David Becker
Josh Behm
Sarah Betz
Aimee Bhasme



Madilynn Blum
Brendan Bognar
Te'a Bouie
Ricky Breneman
Trent Briden



Brandon Brouk
Emily Broyles
Tim Burford
Carson Burke
Grace Burzinski



Kirsten Caplinger
Jacob Chimento
Callie Christen
Nicole Chung
Sabrina Cockerham



Erin Conaghan
Olivia Coomes
Justin Creighton
Joseph Curtis
Josh DeGroot



Melanie Dix
Cameron Dodge
Gavin Dodge
Alyssa Dosmann
Lily Duell



Sam Dunne
Whitney Dykstra
Alex Ebel
Amanda Ebert
Andrew Eichenlaub





An AV club member adjusts the sound levels before chapel. These sound boards control the levels of sound from instruments and microphones.



Levi Marshall, senior, checks the song schedule for that day's chapel. AV had to make sure everything was in order to make sure Chapel ran smoothly.

••• A Helping Hand •••

AV Club, Set Club, and Faith In Action all played a large role in student life. AV club helped behind the scene in chapel, drama productions, and other events to make those gatherings a success. "AV Club is critical because we run Westminster's events," said Levi Marshall, AV Club president. "Many Westminster students do not realize how much time and effort we put into AV Club," said Brandon Estock, senior.

AV Club met every Tuesday night to prepare and practice for chapel the next day. "I enjoy participating in AV Club because I like the hands-on experience as well as the reward of helping out with student life," said Carson Burke, sophomore.

Set club also contributed behind the scenes. They helped create the mood for various Westminster plays with the different scenery they provide. Students would work in the studio after school painting large canvas's and making other items for all productions.

Senior Service had always been a way Westminster students were able to serve the community. Every Thursday morning, seniors would wake up early to go to various locations around St. Louis including elementary schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and animal shelters. "I work at Kirk Day School, and I really enjoy it because I think kids are super fun," said Daniel Berglar, senior. Berglar performed tasks such as sorting papers, grading assignments, and making copies for teachers. Berglar also will occasionally played at recess with the kids in his class. "The best days are the days when I can just play sports with my class," said Berglar.

These opportunities to serve allowed students to get involved in Westminster and the community in ways that many people often overlook.

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Andrew Montgomery, freshman, and **Taylor Cole**, senior, speak with parents of prospective Westminster students. Ambassadors had many responsibilities such as attending meetings every Thursday during lunch and representing the student body at open houses.



Megan Sexton, junior, helps at Room at the Inn. This was when members of NHS stayed the night at a church and served people who were in need of help. Room at the Inn provided a home and food for those in need.



Sam Hunsicker, freshman, and **Kari Ford**, senior, greet prospective parents and students at the Westminster Open House. "I love showing future students every aspect of our community," said Hunsicker.



Haley Weinberg, freshman, **Claire Kopsky**, junior, and **Megan Johnson**, sophomore, greet visitors as they come into the open house. The ambassadors all followed dress code at these events wearing white, Lands End polos and khaki pants.

...Finding Their Place...

What does it really mean when someone says "faith in action?" A life of faith is demonstrated by service to others in love and in edification of their community.

Westminster offered numerous opportunities for leadership through service. Students had the opportunity for involvement in organizations such as National Honor Society (NHS), Ambassadors, and Students Working Against Tobacco (S.W.A.T.). These organizations not only directly benefitted Westminster students, but also prospective students and the community at large.

NHS was a group made up of academically excellent students who served the school community in various ways like tutoring and working together to coordinate service projects. S.W.A.T. was an example of a group that was dedicated to serving the larger community through education of elementary and middle school students about the dangers and consequence of smoking and tobacco use.

Another group that served at Westminster were the Ambassadors. An Ambassador's role at Westminster consisted of serving as a guide for prospective students and familiarizing them with the academic environment. Not only did being an Ambassador benefit future WCA students, but it enriched the Ambassador also. This role taught them life skills applicable to job interviews and social finesse. "I enjoy meeting and serving new people. We get to serve at events like IGNITE and Open House, and we get to host student visitors. It's a lot of fun!" said Haley Weinberg, freshman. Not only did Ambassadors enjoy what they did, but also who they served with.

Andrew Montgomery, freshman, laughed as he recalled when he was recognized from an Ambassador video on the WCA website by someone at the open house. "It was cool, I felt like people recognized the value of what we are trying to do," said Montgomery.



Becca Eis
 Bianca
 Esparza-Burr
 Baxter Estes
 Nathan Estock
 Anna Evans



Michael Failoni
 Harrison Farmer
 Sarah Jane Fiala
 Ethan Finn
 Michael Fiore



Megan Galvin
 Hannah Geisz
 Ben Gienke
 Hannah Gilmore
 Matt Goebel



Trevon Gooch
 Jay Green
 Abi Hackman
 Anna Hagan
 Mary Kathryn
 Hancock



Aleeah Harden
 Johnny Hardin
 Jordan Harvey
 Brittany Hayes
 Mary Heyl



Bailey Hiatt
 Cameron Hibbler
 Cooper Hickox
 Kathryn Hinrichs
 Adrienne Horn



Steven Howell
 Janie Hughes
 Nathan Jackson
 Julia Johnson
 Megan Johnson



Merilee Kapfer
 Josh Keane
 Amon Kehr
 Alex Kessel
 Juhyae Kim



Kaitlin Kittelson
 Ashley Klein
 Jake Klohmann
 Ashton Kratky
 Harper Larson



"Being an ambassador helps families to see how our community works through the eyes of the students."
 - Hannah Fiala, freshman

"I really enjoy being able to help those who aren't as privileged as we are. It's good to stop thinking about myself for a while and start thinking about others."

- Emma Bailey, junior



"The ambassadors help welcome prospective families to the school and many times, their interaction with the ambassador is their first impression of Westminster."

- Cailyn McCarthy, senior

"It was a really cool way to connect with the ladies. Room at the Inn can sometimes be a struggle to relate to people, but painting nails really brought us together!"

- Katie Boesch, senior



"It is important to represent the school because prospective families need to have an idea of what the students at Westminster are like. Parents look at the ambassadors and then decide if they want their children surrounded by these types of people."

- Megan Johnson, sophomore

"My favorite part of working at Delmar Gardens is bringing many people joy, some of these people have no visitors so it is just an amazing experience all the way around!"
 -Callie MacDonald, eight grade



" We all had a great time together and we were helping people at the same time,"
 - Erica Ridenhour, eighth grade



"[The woman at Delmar, Emma] showed me even through pain she [can be] very happy."
 -Michelle Morley, eighth grade

"I felt that diversity is more than racial issues and I have a physical disability, and I felt that disabilities at WCA is a diverse issue as well,"
 -Julia Guzdial, senior



"I am Cuban and Mr. Layton wanted to get my opinion on what it is like to be diverse in such a white culture."
 -T.J. Noa, senior

Jon Lauer
 Dongbin Lee
 Siwei Li
 Christian Linhoff
 Ben Linxwiler



Madison Massot
 Austin Mathai
 Luke Matheny
 Steven Matzig
 Jon McCoy



Megan McDaniel
 Sarah McFarland
 Christian Meeks
 Trey Merritt
 Thomas Meyer



Caleb Miller
 Parker Mitchem
 John Moeller
 Ali Montgomery
 Egan Moylan



Caleb Mundorf
 Oluwranti Oginni
 Eli Parham
 Sam Parham
 Sang Hyuk Park



Bria Paxton
 Sam Peterman
 Ciarra Peters
 Austin Port
 Drew Port



David Pruitt
 Marissa Rasch
 Tierra Reese
 Brianna Richards
 Mike Richardson



Rachel Ritter
 Ashlee Rogers
 Karagen Rogers
 Madaline Ross
 Hannah Ruckman



Reed Schick
 Elizabeth Schmidt
 Maddie Schuler
 Nathan Scott
 Joby Seitz





Junior class officers spend their lunch period writing Christmas cards to the maintenance staff to make their gift cards more personal.



Brooke-Ellen Brugner, freshman, helps her class advisor load a Nerf gun to shoot her fellow classmates. The freshman class officers enjoyed taking a break in their day after finalizing their plans for Spirit Week.



Harrison Farmer and Bo Thomas, sophomores, show their classmates their class t-shirt design for spirit week. Thomas was class president that year.



Zak Kessel and Mary Snapp, seniors, discuss Spirit Week with their fellow class officers. Being vice president, Snapp took the place of the class president when Parker Briden was absent during their meeting that day.

...A Surprise for Maintenance...

With the sun just peeking over the horizon, a team of men and women arrived at Westminster before anyone else. Throughout the day they continued to serve the teachers and student body. Far past three o'clock, when the last of the students were going home, they continued to serve behind the scenes. The Westminster janitorial staff provided more than they were given credit for and, without them, the school could not function regularly on a daily basis.

Junior class officers recognized the dedication and hard work the maintenance staff exhibited daily and they wanted to say "thank you." In the spirit of Christmas and name of giving, the junior class compiled gift cards from Target, Starbucks, Walmart, and Bread Co. to give to Westminster's maintenance staff in recognizing them for all that they provided for the school. "Our goal was to brighten the days of the janitorial staff and thank them for all they do," said Brennen Almus, junior.

The class of 2014 teamed up to provide around fifty gift cards from the various stores. The class officers did not want to take credit for the work they did, but just wanted to be a stepping stone in recognizing and blessing the Westminster janitorial staff. "I don't want to gain anything personally. This wasn't an individual thing. This was a whole grade effort. I just got to be the delivery boy!" said J.D. Klein, junior class president.



"It's really good to be able to step out of your normal group of friends and experience other people in our school. My girls are really sweet and I would never have gotten to know them if I had not became a PC."
- Sarah Becker, junior

"We have fun every Tuesday and talk about school and what's going on. We like playing frisbee and bowling. We always have fun."
- Cole Montgomery, senior



"My group is pretty competitive so we like to do things like dodgeball at Skyzone or something that we can play against other groups."
- Nick George, junior

"Some of my favorite things are when they came over and we had pizza and burgers and ghost and stuff in the graveyard outside. Another really fun thing we did was have a white elephant gift exchange with another group."
- Andy Thomas, junior



Lucy Sell
Luke Shields
Carl Simakoff
Jack Southwell
Graham Stanfill



Angelina Steck
Sydney Stillman
Jessa Stone
Drew Straub
Stephanie Strothkamp



Kevin Stump
Emily Sulewski
Josh Sumner
Blake Sutphen
Chrissy Talent



Amber Terlouw
Justin Thames
Bo Thomas
Samuel Thomas
Sydney Thomas



Makiya Thompson
Ally Trakas
Rachel Urban
Jacob Waller
Ivy Wang



Blake Weaver
Matt Weber
Corey Weinberg
Daniel Welker
Fisher Wells



Michael Weston
Grace Wickham
Ashlyn Wiggins
Charisse Williams
David Williams



Saenea Williams
Collin Willis
Erika Wilison
Kayla Wilson
Morgan Winkelmeier



Olivia Winn
Tripp Worley
Taylor Wright
Brendan Yeager
Lara Yeast





Part of Jonny Kinney's, junior, PC group, **Joshua Vander Velde, Jesse Esparza-Burr, and Chris Moore**, gaze over the railing at the junior PC retreat. "It was a little crazy because everyone was getting lost but it was still fun," said Kinney.



Matthew McKinnis, seventh grade, attends a Tuesday morning meeting. At these meetings, groups talked about life and ate donuts and bagels.



Anne Hartwig, senior, chats with her PC group. The senior PC groups met every Tuesday and participated in various activities as well as chatted about the past week.



Jacob Lovelace, seventh grade, talks with his friends while eating Schnucks donuts.



Jonny Kinney, junior, talks with **Chris Moore, Eli Avery, and JT Fuller**, eighth grade, over some donuts at one of their Wednesday morning meetings.



... Treasures in the Tunnels ...

Dark tunnels and caves filled the day for the Junior PC groups. These groups had the opportunity to spend hours running around the City Museum visiting the vast number of exhibits.

While at the City Museum, the peer counselors had activities planned to help entertain the 8th graders. Groups did scavenger hunts, hide and seek, and other games like signs to help pass the time.

The Junior PC groups went on a scavenger hunt all throughout the building by taking pictures of their group next to what they were trying to find. Groups would have to get photos of themselves next to landmarks or specific people such as new students or teachers.

Brendan Sabadell's group actually got stuck in the caves for hours trying to find glowing rocks. "Even though the PC's wrote the riddles, we couldn't help the kids but we could give them hints," said Sabadell.

"On a scale of 1 to love, I super love my group," said Jensen Holt, junior. Holt's group was so speedy that they finished the scavenger hunt 20 minutes before any other group. Although the winner was promised Chick-fil-A, Holt's group was not awarded a meal because points were never tallied up.

At the end of the long day, it was evident that this field trip to the City Museum served as a great opportunity for the Junior PC's and the eighth graders to get to know one another.



"During one practice, a dog from one of the houses by WCA came onto the field and we spent most of the time chasing him."
 - Grant Kitchens, junior

"For me, Ultimate Frisbee was a fun way for me to get my energy out when I wasn't playing soccer. It also gave me an opportunity to meet upper-classmen who I wouldn't have met otherwise."
 - Xander Smith, seventh grade



"There were some pretty good costumes out there that night, but my team, the cheetah girls, came dressed to play with our cheetah print shorts and whiskers. We looked the best."
 - Hunter Hughes, senior

"My favorite part of the Ultimate Frisbee Club is being with all of my friends, and meeting people that I didn't know before the club started."
 - Scott Rupprecht, junior.



Kristen Ahlbrand
 Jennie Albertson
 Bradley Almus
 Brennen Almus
 Julia Alpert



Kayla Armstrong
 Paige Arnold
 Michael Backs
 Grace Bae
 Emma Bailey



Catherine Bakewell
 Emily Baum
 Bryan Bayer
 Sarah Becker
 Tristan Becker



Celeste Beckman
 Derek Bell
 Austin Benefield
 Shane Benes
 Anna Bergman



Sam Bettlach
 Melissa Blackwell
 Zack Bross
 Brett Bond
 Heather Burt



Elise Burton
 Jeff Camp
 Annie Canfield
 Andrew Cannon
 Logan Cantagi



Hannah Caple
 Tyler Catlett
 Sung Jin Cho
 Kyle Cline
 Andrew Colgrove



Anna Cordray
 Jill Coyne
 Taylor Davidson
 Eichel Davis
 Micah Degler



Madison Deves
 Audrey Dodds
 Danny Dwyer
 Collin Einertson
 Grayson Everhardt



...Dodgeball Worship...

Shelby Kehr, senior, and her family had the tradition of hosting FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) at their home ever since her first year at Westminster. In 2011, as a junior, Kehr took on the role of president of FCA, filling the shoes of the former president. As a senior, Kehr followed through with the responsibility of being in charge of FCA. "I have made incredible friendships with both the other leaders and the regular attendees," said Kehr.

FCA also gave students a new opportunity to worship Christ with others in a more casual setting. "It's nice to have a weekly event other than church and chapel, which can become very monotonous, to talk about Jesus with peers and discuss difficulties and share encouragements. It's a very unique event, different from a lot of Westminster groups, and it has been fun to see attendance grow," said Kehr.

Being able to converse and discuss certain issues involving faith with peers was not something that was available in most worship settings. Although there could have been a lot to get out of listening to a sermon or sitting in chapel, being able to stop and ask questions was helpful for students in processing and sharing their faith. "Talking through issues with peers allows for a more open conversation. I think students are way more willing to talk about their faith with their friends than anyone else," said Johnny Kinney, junior.

A dodgeball event was held by FCA on a Saturday for Westminster student athletes. People made team t-shirts, wore silly clothes and some even had "war paint" on their faces. It was a fun event that encouraged students to come and participate in friendly competition while engaging in a more entertaining approach to worship.



Brennan Murphy and **Sam Kottmeier**, freshmen, listen to the rules before starting a dodgeball game. The dodgeball event was held in the arena on September 10.



Shelby Kehr, senior, welcomes her fellow Westminster athletes and announces the rules for the games. "It was the first big event FCA has ever done and we had over 130 kids show up which was encouraging," said Kehr.



Jake McKie, eighth grade, throws the frisbee to a fellow teammate during an ultimate frisbee practice. The club used the middle school soccer field for practices.



Lindsey Falkner and **Megan Wibbenmeyer**, freshmen, wait for their round of dodgeball to begin in the arena. Their team's costume consisted of all black and war paint on their faces.



"Blue Crew is enjoyable because of the energy that is brought to the game. The goal of the Blue Crew is to support the players and encourage them."
 -Austin Benefield, junior

"Being on Blue Crew is fun because you get to generate enthusiasm for the game and cheer on your peers. It's also just a lot of fun to hang out with your friends, watch the game, and go crazy!"
 -Brendan Sabadell, junior



"People like Parker Briden got everyone even more pumped despite being drenched to the bone."
 - Travis Brandt, senior



"I enjoy cheering for Westminster on Blue Crew. It is so fun to chant and yell for the Wildcats. I have always gone to Westminster games, but I started going to a lot more games this year."
 - Jonny Kinney, junior

Corey Falkner
 Greg Fleissner
 Dominic Francschelli
 Andrew George
 Nick George



Aaron Geesey
 Blake Gierse
 Khiley Giles
 Emma Glasgow
 Kelly Goebel



Christina Goetz
 Morgan Grimm
 Sheldon Gruender
 Kayla Hampton
 Olivia Harre



Mimi Hasting
 Brennan Hehner
 Hannah Hickman
 Caleb Hicks
 Maya Holmes



Jensen Holt
 Cole Hoskins
 Clayton Hubler
 Jake Huelskoetter
 Ben Huffman



Nathan Jackson
 Seung Chan Jang
 Lina Jin
 Jenni Jurgenson
 Leigh-Ann Kaup



Peter Kim
 Matthew Kimberling
 Kyle Kinner
 Jonny Kinney



Grant Kitchens
 J.D. Klein
 Morgan Koetting
 Claire Kopsky



Lydia Krasucki
 Caleb Krumsieg
 Anna Kuiper
 John Lee



Christian Lindgren
 Anna Lindstrom
 Leo Liu
 Robert Loaney





Mark McFarland, senior, participates in a game led by Parker Briden, senior, during the basketball game at the conclusion of Spirit Week. Filling the stands, the Blue Crew had the largest turnout at this game.



Alex Beard, senior, holds up a painting of a tiger during a free-throw shot at a basketball game. Beard bought the painting from Goodwill and brought it to a few games as good luck.



Even though it is pouring down rain and cold outside, **Aaron Geesey**, junior, cheers on the football team along with the Blue Crew.



Ben Lovell, senior, helps prepare T.J. Noa for sumo wrestling during Spirit Week.



Lacey Rapp and **Kaitlyn Mehlhouse**, freshmen, cheer for the Varsity men's game on Friday, February 3.

... Singin' the Blues ...

Despite being two separate clubs, the Spirit Club and Blue Crew each had the same goal: to support school spirit and engage the Westminster community. The Blue Crew faithfully showed up to every game to help support the team and encouraged the crowd to participate in cheering on the Westminster sports teams, even through the pouring rain. "It was so cold and wet, but so far it has been one of my favorite games because everyone was so supportive of the team and with the rain it almost seemed like a game out of a football movie," said Mary Snapp, senior.

Spirit Club worked all year long in order to make Spirit week enjoyable and fun for all students. "We want to make everyone happy during spirit week. We work hard to make sure everything flows the way it is suppose to and to make everything perfect," said Hannah Stipanovich, junior. They also worked endless hours to pull together Blue and White Night and many other events throughout the year. Spirit Club and Blue Crew were fantastic ways to get involved and a great way to have fun and cheer on fellow classmates as they participated in sports games.

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Sam Sherman, senior, grabs hold of one of his teammates during a skit. Sherman had been a part of Improv for two years.



"My favorite part about Improv is being able to create and make connections that entertain people," said **Jesse Gruneisen**, senior.



Ryan Kelly, senior, stands center stage during the finale joke round.



Matt Hall, senior, and **Hannah Geisz**, sophomore, participate in a joined act. "I would love to be as witty and fun as Mandy, an experienced performer, when I'm a senior," said Geisz.



T.J. Noa, senior, peers into the audience during Improv on a Friday night. Noa often had the audience roaring with laughter because of his quick wit.

••• Not Just Poetry •••

You might have thought that Literary Rouges was exclusive to poetry, but Mandy Scott, senior, did not. Scott expressed herself through her lyrics and song writing. She wanted to share her ideas and thoughts, but did not know how. Thankfully, Literary Rouges presented the idea that it was open to any variety of expression. Bringing along her guitar, Scott performed one of her originals and the group fell in love with it. "I like Literary Rouges because it is people who not only are willing to listen, but also appreciate what your doing," said Scott.

"Mandy is a remarkable creative talented young women who expresses herself remarkably well through her lyrics and music. We are blessed to have her as a contributing member of the Literary Rouges Society," said Mr. Gibson, lead teacher to the society. About once a month, she contributed to the collection of art, singing, and poetry.

The majority of the meetings were spent by showing expression through poetry. Abigail Smith, junior, liked to write about her feelings and things that had happened in her life. "Someone that inspires me is Mandy. I think it's really cool that she brings in her guitar. Some of her lyrics are really personal and I think its cool that she shares it with us and puts herself out there," said Smith.

Even though Scott had performed countless times in front of an audience, she always got the nerves right before the show. "I feel like I have to explain every detail before I perform it," said Scott. Writing music had been her passion since 8th grade, and she hoped to one day turn it into a profession.



Kendall MacDonald
Charlie Maurer
Chad Maxey
Kristine Maxey



Cailyn McCarthy
Ashley McConkey
Esther McGowan
Chloe McQuillan



Christopher Meeks
Bailey Merkel
Moriah Miller
Reed Montgomery



Caroline Moore
Jared Muenks
Theodore Muschany
Aly Nichols



Abby Nixon
Josh Nkonge
Kaylee Noel
Maren Osterholt



Maddie Ottsen
Wes Park
Julia Peistrup
Taylor Pfeifer



Emma Pohlman
Austin Raines
Travis Ralls
Robert Rasche



Andrea Reed
Jacob Regan
Lance Richards



Nathan Richardson-
Rachel Rogers
Nick Rosen



Alec Runge
Scott Rupprecht
Brendan Sabadell

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"Performing my guitar is the best feeling. When they cheer and clap all I can do is smile. It's a great way to express my feelings."
-Mandy Scott, senior



"Literary Rogues is a great opportunity for writers from all grades to share their work in a fun environment."
-Catherine Bakewell, junior

"A deep love of art is so much a part of who I am, that it influences everything from how I see the world to how I spend my weekends. Art Club is just a room full of kids like that."
-Christine Bosch, senior



Minjoo Kim, freshman.
"[Minjoo] is very talented. Just looking at her art I get inspired. I really wish I could draw like her."
-Elise Burton, junior



"I like the community of people in chapel band and I love serving others with the talents that God has given me."
-Trent Briden, sophomore

"The best part of having Danny Dwyer in chapel band is that he has the most knowledge about music and is able to bring a lot of creativity to the songs. He can hear things that no one else hears which helps the group as a whole."
-Emily Heyl, senior.



"It's great to be around the people in Drama club. Most of them are really nice and unique people. It's easy to express yourself with these guys."
-Drew Straub, sophomore

"Chapel band allows me to express myself through music. I love music and any chance I get to play music and worship with fellow musicians is awesome."
- Joseph Isaacs, senior.



Annie Schlafly
Hannah Schweiss
Mike Scott
Sydney Seabaugh
Chase Seiller



Megan Sexton
Eric Shaffer
Bekah Sharp
Matt Sheehan
Zach Shikles



Morgan Siebenman
Abby Smith
Abigail Smith
Jordan Smith
Ryan Smith



Sam Snapp
Hannah Stipanovich
Maya Taylor
Andy Thomas
Miles Tucker



Nathan Tucker
Lauren Vanek
Daria Vonderahe
Leah Votava
Jordan Weber



Victoria Weldon
Alex Wendt
Brandt Wieberg
Andrea Williams
Demetris Williams



Jordan Wolf
Haley Woolbright
Mary Wynn
Logan Yates



Mackenzie Yeager
Chad Younger
Jung Woon Yu
Nick Zintel





Riley Adkisson, sophomore, plays his guitar for a sound check. "I've loved getting to know all the awesome people in chapel band! Ms. Raig and Mr. Holley have been awesome to get to know this year as well," said Adkisson.



Anna Hagan, sophomore, participates in a game during Friday night Improv. Hagan participated in Drama Club and Improv.



Christian Thompson, senior, helps set up the speakers for chapel. "The biggest part of chapel band is growing in our walk with Christ, and honestly this makes me into a better person," said Thompson.



Sarah Yousef, senior, plays a librarian in the North Star. "Whenever you have the opportunity to step into somebody else's shoes such as the characters, you learn to empathize more," said Yousef.



Sydney Thomas, freshman, sings a solo in *The Secret Garden*. Thomas was involved in drama club at school and outside of school was involved with more musicals, voice lessons, and dance.

••• Expression Makes An Impression •••

Expression: to set forth the opinions, feelings, etc., of oneself. For the Chapel band, a way of expression was praising God with worship. For drama club, it was acting through emotion.

Expression is an important part of life. It helped the Chapel band express themselves, along with students and the staff. Chapel band was not just gathering songs and verses to sing on Wednesday mornings. On Tuesdays, the chapel band would meet and have a devotion together. "There isn't anything special about what I'm doing, I'm just worshipping every Wednesday and I love seeing people worshipping God because of what I'm doing," said Riley Adkisson, sophomore. Christian Thompson, senior, was one of the singers in the chapel band. "Chapel band helps me express myself in that a part of chapel band is the music," said Thompson.

The drama club had a different idea of expression. "When I become the character I am playing, the character becomes me," said Becca Eis, sophomore. Everyone in drama club can be themselves. "Musical theater has always been something I love and its hard to imagine doing anything else," said Sydney Thomas, freshman.

Although chapel band and drama club had quit a few differences, they both expressed themselves. Chapel band expressed themselves through worshipping God and serving others and the drama club used it to make people about them smile.



"[Nathaniel Hawthorne's home in Boston] was an awesome mixture between the past and the present."
-Catherine Bakewell, junior



"I loved Bath! It was so beautiful and I felt like I was back in history! I will always remember it."
-Annie Rebbe, senior

"On our hike we got lost and this man said, 'Bath lies in a basin. If you lose your way follow your feet downhill and you will find a pub along the way'."
-Emily Horak, senior



"We took a tour of the Mayflower II. We got to see the living quarters on the boat. We were all surprised how small they were."
Sierra Mathews, senior

Annie Hartwig and Mary Snapp, seniors, take a picture in front of the gates to Oxford University. They all took a tour around Oxford and learned all of the city's history.



"One amazing experience we had was when people filmed us so we could be on the jumbo-tron in Times Square. It was so surreal."
-Sierra Mathews, senior



Karen Aaberg
Erin Albright
Rosemary Anderson
Lisa Appelbaum
Adam Barbee



Daniel Barklund
Peter Barrs
Dale Beachy
Carol Becker
Mary Becker



Claire Beerbower
Ken Boesch
Katie Boggs
Evelyn Bowman
Steve Bradley



Luke Breems
Joy Breneman
Susie Brown
Kim Bruhn
Sherry Buis



Brian Burkey
Dani Butler
Jim Butz
Barrie Cascella
Ben Chapman



Ratendo Chikuku
Doug Coleman
Ben Collison
Monique Cusumano
Luke Davis



Anne DeRousse
Sarah Devries
John Dickerson
Emily Dierking
Alex Docekal



Joan Dudley
Kathy Eichelberger
Austin Eldridge
Rachel Endel
Jim Farmer



Todd Fuller
Micah Gall
Timothy Gibson
Kelly Gilbert
Eileen Goebel





Sierra Mathews, senior, and Morgan Koetting, junior, kiss the statue of Ralph Waldo Emerson. "It was certainly one of the best trips I've ever been on," said Koetting.



"One whale swam under the boat multiple times. We had to rush back and forth from one side of the boat to see the whales!" said **Catherine Bakewell**, junior.



England summer seminar girls take a picture with the Harrods Bear. They took the tube to South Kensington to visit the five story mall filled with products worth millions of dollars.



Annie Rebbe and **Emily Horak**, seniors visited Big Ben, Parliament, and the Thames river on the summer England summer seminar.

On the New England Summer Seminar, students went to the Walden pond where they wrote a poem on a rock and stacked it with hundreds of other rocks.



...Diamond Jubilee...

For the girls on the England Summer Seminar, they were lucky enough to experience Queen Elizabeths Diamond Jubilee. This was braodcasted all over world in front of millions of people. Streets were packed with Brits wearing the union jack flag, all dressed in red and blue. "It was really exciting to be a part of huge event in England," said Kelly Goebel, junior. Hundreds of boats were floating in the Thames River. People were all packed tightly so they could get the best view possible.

"I felt claustrophobic because all of the people, but it was super fun to see the boats all along the river," said Annie Hartwig, senior.

"I was so excited to see the royal family right in front of me. It was so much fun!" said Mary Snapp, senior. The boat carrying the royal family came through and the girls saw them from the distance.

Later that week, the girls went to the parade by Westminster Abbey. "We saw the guards coming and then the maroon Bentley drove by and we saw the Queen, Prince Harry, Prince William, and Princess Kate, so clearly. It was amazing!" said Natalie Bell, senior.

Even though they waited in the rain and chilly weather, it was all worth it. "I plan on going back to England as soon as I can. It was a magical and beautiful place," said Mary Wynn, junior.



"We had fun on the trip, but we also learned about being a leader. We learned about General Custer and how anyone can be a leader."
-Andy Thomas, junior.

"Theodore and I decided to have a competition to see who could stay on the log longer. The score was pretty close!"
-Annie Schlafly, junior



"My favorite memory from the trip was when we all slept outside underneath the stars! It was so cool."
-Mackenzie Yeager, junior



"I loved going on Summer Seminar because it was fun being able to be detached from the world and just with nature."
-Jonny Kinney, junior



"My favorite part was our first meal back after the backpacking trip. I was excited to get real food and as much as I wanted."
-Greg Fleissner, junior

Lara Goeke
L.B. Graham
Lauren Graham
Steven Greene
Daniel Gruhn



David Haas
Steve Hall
Susan Hall
Tim Hall
Lisa Harding



Sue Haverstick
Teri Haxel
Nicky Hensley
Ann Heyse
Sarah Holley



Scott Holley
Tim Holley
Judy Honeycutt
Larry Hughes
Rex Janssen



Hannah Jayne
Mark Jennings
David Johnson
Peggy Johnson
Slade Johnson



Hugh Jones
Rebecca Kamp
Kathy Karigan
Abby Karsten
Sara Keeton



Kent Kehr
Jill Keith
Andy Kerckhoff
Han Kim
Kate Kindbom



Steve Lauer
Aaron Layton
Dan Legters
Kaitlin Lehde
Kristi Lindgren



Katherine Long
Heather Marsee
Jim Marsh
Carla Meyer
Diana Miller



"Claire and I really bonded because we were tent buddies! We stayed up extra late almost every night just talking for hours"

-Hannah Caple, junior



"Mrs. Brown was super fun to go on the trip with! I remember her making up songs with us while we were hiking. There's so many memories!"

-Emma Bailey, junior



... Snow Day In July ...

A day off school, plastic sleds and wearing multiple warm layers are the thoughts that first cross most people's minds when they think of going sledding. But, for the eighteen students and five teachers that went on the Montana Leadership Summer Seminar, their sledding experience was far from this typical stereotype.

After hiking for hours in Blodgett Canyon, the students finally reached their camping site where they would stay for the night. While the students were tired from their hike, Scott Vonder Bruegge, publications and history teacher, kept hiking for a little bit to only find a treasure higher up in the mountains: snow. He then came back to lead the students to the spot. "It was so neat to be walking down a trail and all of a sudden come across what looked like a ski run! We were complete kids in a candy store as we sledded on trash bags and whatever else we could find!" said Claire Kopsky, junior.

The students had fun sledding with each other using trash bags and crazy creeks for over an hour. "Getting to go sledding in July was the bomb because it was so spontaneous. Also, it was so weird that the weather was warm but once you were sledding on the snow, in our shorts and T-shirts, we were cold. It was such an awesome experience and was something I couldn't have done anywhere else!" said Olivia Harre, junior. Sledding in July would be a memory that all the students will never forget.

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"Seeing the buffalo was so cool. They were way bigger than I thought they would be."
-Dominic Barresi, senior

"Whenever we had time to kill we would play 'Mafia'. We played so many games of it, that I probably could have played it in my sleep."
-Taylor Deves, senior



"Looking down the snowy mountain, I envisioned myself falling to my death at any moment."
-Abbey Andres, senior



"Reaching mile 109 was a huge relief and I was proud of my accomplishment. It was a great ride."
-Jack Dohr, senior



Jacob Mohler
Tim Muehleisen
Evan Munger
Ben Myers
Matthew Pannkuk

Allison Pautler
Chris Pederson
JD Perona
Marty Peters
Laura Pettay

Susie Pike
Judy Powell
Nancy Provin
Emily Reed
Pam Reed

Betty Richardson
Bill Ridings
Julie Roberts
Emily Roig
Spencer Savory

David Schall
Mallory Scholten
Nicole Scholten
Allen Schwamb
Kelley Schwartz

Helen Scott
Jeremy Scott
Jim Sefrit
Janet Sell
Mark Sell

Andrew Shaw
Jeff Shultz
Warren Smith
Cory Snyder
Erica Steinbach

Nathan Talley
Kevin Todd
James Tudor
Rich Van Gilst
Becky Van Valkenberg

Scott VonderBruegge
Cynthia Walker
Craig Walseth
Kelsey Walton
Howard Warren

Katie Weinberg
Annie Westhoff
Jason Wilkins
Anne Williams
Sandy Winchester

Ashley Woodall
Cindy Zavaglia
Todd Zell





Taylor Deves, senior, enjoys the ocean air on a boulder off the Pacific City beach in Oregon. Taylor swam out to the rock in bone chilling water but the reward was priceless.



The group of students from the Oregon trip stand by Ramona Falls. This was the last day of hiking and the fall was a two mile longer hike, but it was completely worth the extra effort.



The students on the South Dakota trip hike through Badlands National Park. The students walked many miles and right after, they biked 109 miles.



Megan Tilley and **John Barry**, seniors, walk through an open field with over 50 pounds of supplies on their backs. Each student had to carry all of their necessities in their backpacks while they hiked.



Students on the Oregon trip, march up Mt. Hood. By this point of the trip, many students were either injured or sick so only a handful of the group were able to participate in this hike.

••• Nalgene Lights •••

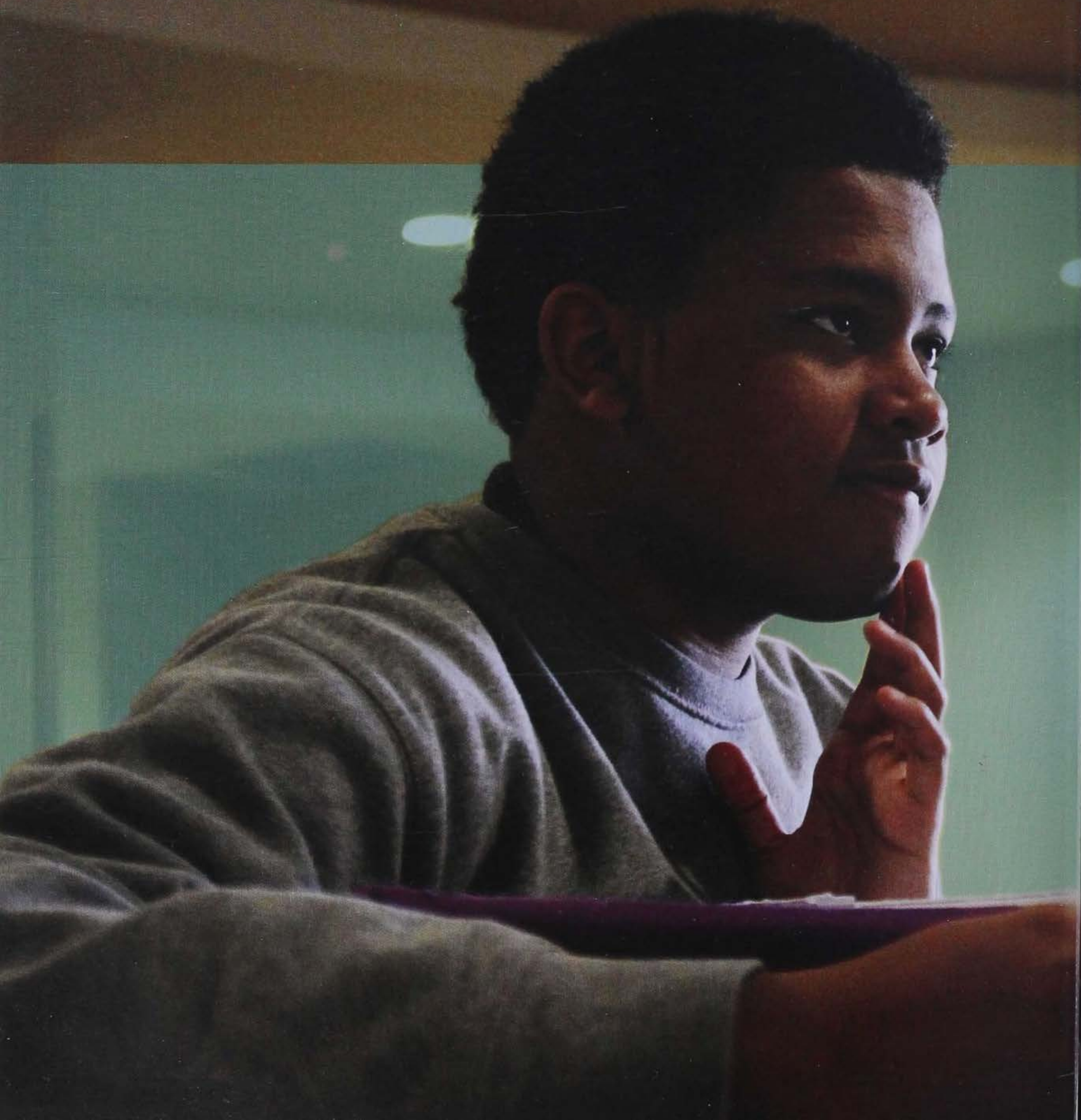
Mafia, ghost stories, and simply spending quality time with each other is what the students on the Washington/Oregon Summer Seminar spent their nights doing. After many miles and long hours of hiking in the mountains everyday it was nice for the group to be able to sit around and rest at night. Being in the middle of nowhere, students could not resort to playing games on their phones or secluding themselves from the group. This brought everyone in the group together and allowed the students to just enjoy each others' company and build strong relationships.

One night near the end of the trip, the students did not want to go to sleep. They wanted to talk and enjoy the perfectly clear night. "We all stayed up way too late, playing endless games of mafia where Taylor Deves was always the first accused," said Abbey Andres, senior. "I would always get killed off first, I think I just intimidated the rest of the group" said Deves.

Nights like these were what really brought the group closer and were some of the most vivid memories of the trip. Travis Brandt remembers, "We stayed up one of the nights, got everyone in a circle, and told ghost stories late into the night. For light we would use flashlights under our water bottles to create neon lanterns. It was one of the best bonding experiences of the trip." The best memories of the trip were not the scenes along the way, but the relationships that were built being in the wilderness together.

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Zion Ford, eighth grade, works in the commons on a group project. The class was assigned to teach an entire class period to their peers.



Community

A community is described as a group of people with a common characteristic or interest, living together within a larger society. So what happens when you do not have many common characteristics or interests as the community in which you live?

For the foreign exchange students, this is exactly what they experienced. These students decided to attend Westminster and came from places like South Korea, China, and Thailand. The culture of the United States alone was new to these students, but to take classes within the Westminster community was a completely new experience also.

Many of the students were surprised at some of the things that the Westminster community had. They talked about how quickly classes went and how much less time Americans spent on homework. But, the real things of the community, the people and the lifestyle, had a good impression on these students.

The relaxed schedules and the inviting people made these students journey into the new community a little easier to get used to.

As time passed, because of students like you, the exchange students began to find a place in the community at Westminster.

Favorite Activities

1. The Blob
2. Lake Slide
3. Zip Line
4. Pool Basketball



Jumping off the stand, **Scott Rupprecht** and **J.D. Klein**, juniors, blob Julia Johnson, sophomore. "I loved blobbing people on the Leadership Retreat. The best part was double blobbing people. Some got really high up, and I enjoyed seeing them fly and do some crazy acrobatics in the air," said Rupprecht.

Leadership Retreat Food War

"Snack time was one of the most anticipated parts of the whole retreat," said Hannah Stipanovich, junior. All of the leaders on the trip had to wait until late at night for the famous snack time. With stomachs grumbling, the students walked into the chapel ready to worship. An hour later they found themselves in separated groups of boys and girls discussing the struggles and rewards of being a leader. "I was extremely hungry," said Jensen Holt, junior. "It felt like we hadn't eaten in ages," said Holt.

After the discussions were over, each person was allowed to go to the dining hall and grab a few snacks before curfew. The girl's group was finished first, so they were allowed into the dining hall first while the boys were still talking. "There was so much food when we walked in. It was like heaven," said Madison Deves, junior. "I was starving," said Shelby Kehr, senior, "I had a whole bowl of candy and a whole plate of candy."

Meanwhile, while the girls were stealing all the snacks, the boys were finishing up their discussion. Once they were finally finished, they all sprinted over to the building only to find scraps of what the girls had left for them. "I was so mad when I saw that almost all of the food was gone," said Zach Hughes, freshman. "We had worked all day in the heat and we were dying for snack food," said Hughes. "I was so disappointed when I realized that they didn't have any other food stored away," said Jonny Kinney, junior. "The boys went away disappointed but the girls came out feeling content and full," said Stipanovich.



Kendall MacDonald and **Mary Wynn**, juniors, wait in line for the zip line. It was both MacDonald and Wynn's first year at the retreat.

Sitting on the dock, **Elise Hearne** and **Mattie Drury**, seniors watch the blobbers. "It was my first year being on STUCO so it was my first leadership retreat. I had a lot of fun, I wish I could have gone on more of them," said Drury.



Margaret Koby, **Clara Gruneisen**, and **Kendra Slater**, freshmen, wait in the chapel for lunch. All three were at the retreat for different reasons. Koby was an ambassador, Gruneisen was on STUCO, and Slater was the spirit chair for the freshmen class.



Brooke Cusumano, senior, is pushed down the slide during the Leadership Retreat. Cusumano has been to the leadership retreat since freshman year.



Alexis Harvey, senior, jumps onto the slide that empties into the lake at the retreat. This was Harvey's second year as a Peer Counselor.

Valarie Winkler and Caroline Hughes, eighth grade, and **Sean Webb**, seventh grade, worked together as the dwarfs of the play. Each costume had its own color, and the name of the character labeled on the cloak.



J.J. Noa and Chad Briden, seventh grade, work together in the middle school production as the lead roles. "I took on a leadership role in this play by encouraging everyone to be the best we could be," said Briden.



Chelsea Caplinger, eighth grade, plays the roll of a warrior in the play. "I loved the action scenes that involved combat," said Caplinger.



Charlie Wu, seventh grade, carries **Sean Webb**, seventh grade across the stage during a combat scene of the play. The Hobbit was an action packed play full of interesting twists and turns.



"It took us a while to find the perfect costumes. We had many masks, cloaks, and funny pants" Said **Benjamin Schick**, eighth grade. The Hobbit is full of many elaborate costumes, which was a challenge for the cast.



Mallory Horn, seventh grade, played Fili and Bifur in the play. "I loved doing the play, it helped me feel like I have a place at Westminster," said Horn.

Middle School Play New Nerves

The actors and actresses in the middle school production of The Hobbit all had butterflies about their performance. It was hard for anyone to gather the courage to perform in front of a big group of people and with around one hundred people packed in the block box theater, they struggled to overcome their stage fright.

"I was nervous to perform, but once the play started all my fears just faded away," said Madison Koetting, eighth grade.

The Hobbit was the only middle school production for the school year and the middle school students were expected to make it a performance to remember. "This was my first play, so it was a new and fun experience," said Abby Cockerham, seventh grade.

Most of the cast had never seen or read The Hobbit, so they learned a whole new story. "I've never read The Hobbit, so at first I was not sure how I felt about auditioning. But I am so glad I did, because it was an amazing experience for me," said Cockerham.

For most of the cast, not having read the book caused them to be even more nervous for the play, "I've had large parts in plays before, but I knew nothing about The Hobbit so it was scary to perform it in front of so many people," said Jake McKie, eighth grade.

"Even though it was a lot of work, the play was amazing and worth all the work," said Cockerham.



Jake McKie, eighth grade played Thorin in the play. "I loved our warm ups in practice because Mrs. Scott was genius in all our fun warm ups," said McKie.

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Concerts

Pots and Pans

Haley Weinberg, freshman, adds her notes to the flute section in the Upper School band concert. She frequently played music in the gallery before school with other student musicians.



Christian McGhee, eighth grade, plays a drum solo during the middle school jazz band performance. "Music is a universal language," said McGhee.



A new member to the viola section in the orchestra, **Bekah Westrich**, freshman, plays in the Spring concert. "[Orchestra] is a close knit group of people. You can have fun but still learn. I definitely want to do it again," said Westrich.



"I started playing on pots and pans," said Christian McGhee, eighth grade, "[and] when I was two I got a drum set." These humble beginnings were what got McGhee started on his twelve years of playing drums along with his interest in being able to express himself in a way other than words. "He's just so far advanced for his age...once in a while a student comes along who just "gets it,"" said Hugh Jones, band teacher.

McGhee had already achieved 1st place in the 2010 Junior Drum Off, 3rd place in the 2011 Drum Off, and 2nd place in the 2012 Drum Off. "Christian has really done an outstanding job of getting out in the St. Louis Jazz community," said Jones. McGhee also won the Outstanding Musicianship Award in the Willie Akins Young Lions of Jazz competition, along with numerous other achievements in other competitions. He even preformed six times at Jazz at the Bistro, twice with Willie Akin's group.

"It's more fun to express myself through music," said McGhee, who has been involved in the High School Jazz group even though he is only in 8th grade. "Last summer he performed with the group at Busch Stadium when we performed for Christian Day at the ballpark [and] he has played with the pep band at basketball games," said Jones. "Band class helps me with my reading, [since I've only] been reading drum music for about 3 years...It's really just about refining your gift," said McGhee.

In the future, McGhee hoped to attend Berklee School of Music, get signed to a label with his band, Americana, and get endorsements with drum companies. He also just began to learn piano. "On top of the musical accomplishments, Christian is an exceptionally humble person. He always knows how to add exactly what is needed in any situation, musically and otherwise," said Jones.



Nathan Theus, senior, leads the trumpet section with the Upper School band. Theus also performed in the fall play, *The Secret Garden*.

Lance Richards John Lee
Elise Burton Chloe Lee
Amber Draper Lina Jin

1
Superior

Excellent

Carson Burke Lance Richards
Daniel Welker John McCoy

2

Solo & Ensemble
Orchestra



Reading his music, **Sterling Burton**, freshman, plays his violin. Burton was seated second chair in second violin in the orchestra.



Amber Terschak and **Amber Draper**, seniors, perform with the orchestra during the spring concert. They both played for Mr. Marsh's daughter's wedding.

Patrick Farmer, senior, fingers away on his saxophone for his jazz band solo. Farmer played tenor sax all four years of high school. He was highly involved in both the upper school band and the jazz band.

Focusing on his sheet music, **James Hinrichs**, senior, plays his clarinet in the fall concert. He played clarinet for the school band since seventh grade.



Jared Orange, freshman, plays the tympany during the spring band concert in March. The Band played a rendition of the theme from "The Lord of the Rings" that evening.



Elise Burton, junior, leads the viola section. "The judges gave me good tips [at the Solo & Ensemble competition] and I was surprised to get a one," said Burton.

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"My favorite part of powder puff was getting the awesome t-shirts!" said **Aly Nichols**, junior.



Ellie Bettlach and **Bailey Benes**, seniors play "The Floor is Lava" game during the pride night pep rally.



Jessi Wydrzynski, senior, cheers after the senior girls powder-puff team score the winning point.



Brendan Sabadell, junior, walks through the gym with his soccer team. The teams achievements were recognized during the pep rally.



Katie Matheny, senior, runs across the field with the ball to make a touchdown.



"I loved being with my awesome volleyball team when we were walking across the gym! There was a lot of school spirit and it made me proud to be a Wildcat!" said **Sarah Behm**, seventh grade.



Faith Wickham and **Jessica Wilson**, seventh grade, walk through the cheerleader tunnel with their volleyball team during the Pride Night pep rally.

Taylor Siebenman, **Sarah Breitigam**, **Sydney Dark** and **Mollee Trost**, seventh grade, stand in the crowd during the Pride Night pep rally.

Powderpuff & Pride Night Game Play

This year's pride night games were enjoyed by everyone. The Three-Legged Race, The Floor is Lava, and Teacher Pictures game, were among the most memorable events. "The three-legged race was insane! One person fell and then we all hit the ground. I was dragged on the floor for half of the race!" said Kaylie Duke, senior.

During the Teacher Pictures game, a baby picture of a certain teacher or coach was projected onto the wall in the gym. The goal was to guess which picture the teacher or coach belonged to before the other team.

The Floor is Lava is a game where groups of students try to cross the gym on carpet squares without touching the floor. Members of each group line up and must take turns jumping from one carpet square (placed by the person in front) to the other. If any member of the team touched the floor the group had to start over and go back to the beginning.

Alexis Harvey, senior, reaches for the flag during the junior/senior powder puff game.





"We told the girls that we should try to beat the seniors in everything we compete against them in and that's what got everyone excited for the game," said Nick George, junior.

"Being with my football team was a lot of fun because we had pride in ourselves because of the success," said Jacob Hicks, senior.

Carnival

Back to Back



Sung Jin Cho, junior, hits the ping pong ball back to win the point. He was one of the reigning champions.

Sean Appelbaum, sophomore, runs to reach the end of the inflatable. This was one of the most popular attractions at the carnival.

Josh Behm, sophomore, goes to slice the ping-pong ball. The ping-pong booth always had people competing to be the champion.



With last year being the first year in a while to announce winners for the variety show, this year gave another opportunity for a new winner. However, the first place act from last year proved to be first place worthy again this year. Riley Adkisson, sophomore, was the winner of the variety show two years in a row.

"It really was a ton of fun. Both years had acts that were amazing," said Adkisson. At the 2011 variety show he performed a solo act of playing a song on his guitar while he sang, but at the 2012 variety show, Adkisson decided to share his win with some other well-deserving guys as he contributed his talent to a band. Danny Dwyer, junior, Trent Briden, sophomore, and Thomas Meyer, sophomore, played with Adkisson while Amon Kehr, sophomore, danced. Adkisson played his guitar and sang, Dwyer was on his drum pad, Briden played the keyboard, and Meyer was on bass. The band played Too Close by Alex Clare.

"I was genuinely surprised to win the first year, and this year, I just wanted to have fun with it. I couldn't have asked for a better group of guys to share the stage with!" said Adkisson. All of these guys have been in the variety show before, either solo or with another band, but this year they decided to come together to hopefully pull out a win.

"It was a lot of fun. I really enjoy playing with those guys and playing in front of a big crowd is always exciting," said Meyer. Instead of just playing a song, the band wanted to provide some entertainment as well so they had Kehr dance to the beat while they played.

"I liked dancing with them because I liked to see everyone's reaction and I like performing something that people will enjoy," said Kehr.

Joey Albertson, freshman, strategizes his next move. Albertson was one of the main workers for the chess booth that day.

Ben Mitchell, senior, buries his face in a pie. He won the contest. "I did it so I could win the contest, but the pie actually tasted pretty good," said Mitchell.



Spit to Victory

Shelby Kehr, senior, won the pumpkin seed spitting contest by a long spit. Kehr's final spit landed at the end of two standard table lengths. Her prize was a giant stuffed monkey. "I just wanted to know that I won, I didn't really want the monkey so I sold it," said Kehr.



Thomas Meyer, sophomore, plays his guitar in the variety show. He played with two bands in this show, one of which won.

Grant Kitchens, junior, focuses on the board as he waits for his turn. Kitchens was the president of the chess club.

Megan Tilley, senior, paints a butterfly on a girls face for one of the senior boths.



Caroline Brands, eighth grade, attempts to get herself back up. "My friends and I had a lot of fun trying to beat each other on the giant inflatable," said Brands.



Ashley Sola, freshman, finishes her pie during the pie eating contest. Sola was one of the few girls to participate in this contest.



Bethany Stone, freshman, does the splits in the middle of her backwalkover. She performed a gymnastics routine at the variety show.

The Secret Garden

New Character

For many actors and actresses, this production was different than what they were used to performing in. One reason the musical was contrary to others was the mood of the songs and story line. "It is more serious and dramatic, but it is uplifting," said Mary Heyl, sophomore.

Many actors in this show acted as characters with character traits foreign to them. Sarah Yousef, senior, played a role with a personality she was unfamiliar with. However, Yousef took on the challenge and described her favorite part of the play as "being able to play such a rotten, heartless character because it is a nice change." Drew Straub, sophomore, also was cast as a character he was not used to playing. For Straub, the hardest part of *The Secret Garden* was "getting down the characteristics of being an old person."

Even though many students had been acting since they were young, this production brought them new challenges they had to work hard to conquer. "Something different about this production would have to be memorizing a ton of songs instead of memorizing lines. It was definitely a change," Brennen Almus, junior, said. Most of the actors also had to develop an accent. Brendan Solomon, senior, said this aspect was the hardest part of the role he played. "I had never done a Yorkshire accent before and accents in general are not my strong suit," said Solomon.

Hunter Hughes, senior, and **Sydney Thomas**, freshman, dance a waltz together. Thomas played "Lily" who was the ghost of Mary Lennox's aunt.



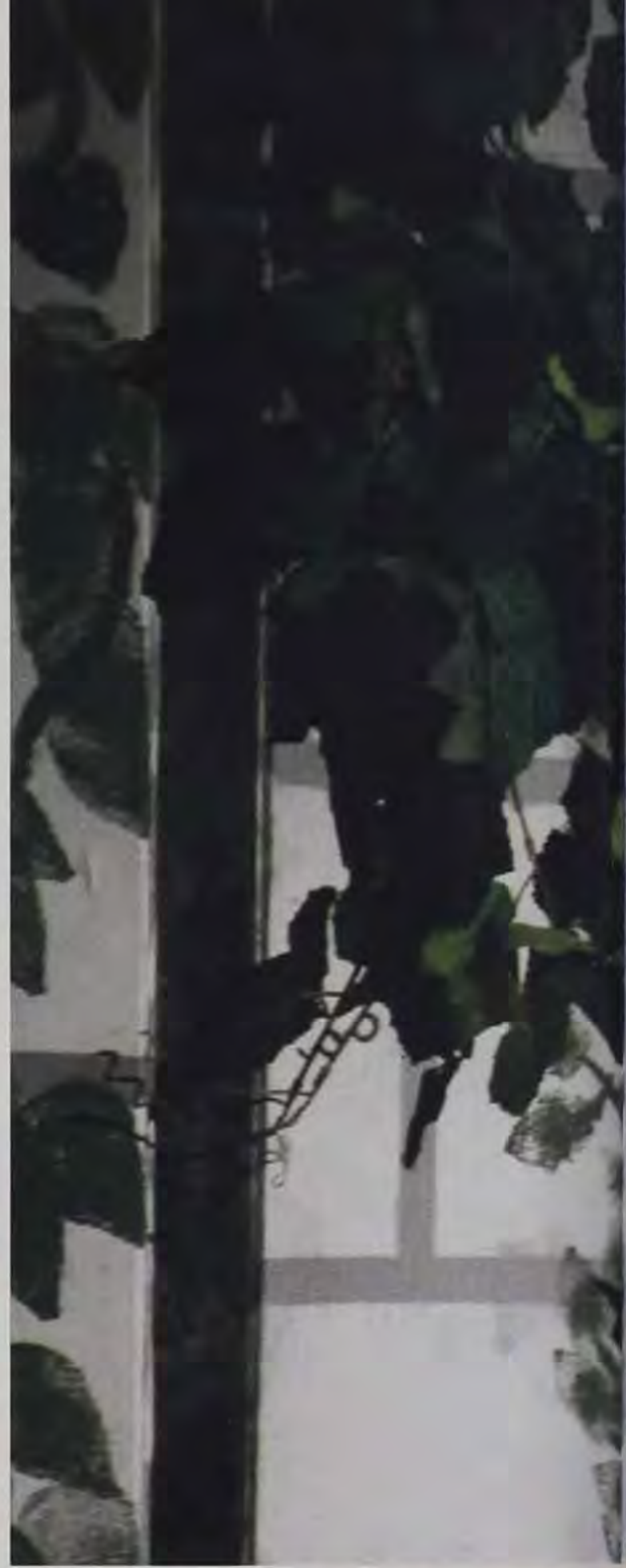
Mandy Scott and **Ryan He**, seniors, sing "The House Upon the Hill." This song described the setting for the production as sad and dark.



Drew Straub and **Hannah Geisz**, sophomores discuss Lily's locked garden. Straub said his favorite part of acting was making people laugh.



Dancing to a song called "Wick", **Brendan Solomon**, senior, who played the role of Dickon, provides encouragement to Mary Lennox that they will bring the dead garden back to life. "I can relate to Dickon because I'm a very optimistic person, I like making people happy, and spreading joy," said Solomon.





Hannah Geisz, sophomore, gets ready to open the door to the garden, that her character, Mary Lennox, had been longing to find. Geisz's favorite part of this production was "getting to give into the character."

Sibling Show

One thing that made this musical unique was the fact that not all the cast members attended our school. The night before callbacks, cast members were called and asked if they had any younger brothers that could sing. Around ten boys were brought to audition for the role of "Colin", a young sickly boy who later recovers from the help of his cousin, Mary Lennox. Mark Geisz was cast as Colin, and his sister, Hannah Geisz played the role of Mary. The siblings enjoyed the opportunity of being in this production together.



Nathan Theus, senior, speaks to Mary Lennox about sending her to boarding school. Theus struggled with slapping his cousin, Hannah Geisz, even though it was only acting.



Singing "It's a Maze", **Mary Heyl**, sophomore, describes the garden's twists and turns. Heyl had been acting since she was two years old.



Daniel Pollmann, senior, sings the words of the popular nurse's rhyme "Mistress Mary" which served as a major theme in the musical.

Caroline Hughes, eighth grade, helps load canned food onto a truck on Monday. This was the first time that students helped deliver items to charities.

Brennen Almus, junior, and **Ellie Betlach**, senior, donate items during ITSOG. Tuesday was cleaning supplies day. Items donated included paper towels and detergent.



Eggnog

"I don't like ITSOG because it sounds like eggnog."
- Meegan Williams, freshman.



Brooke-Ellen Brugner, freshman, organizes items donated on Wednesday. Items donated on Wednesday included diapers and baby wipes. Brugner was the Service Chair for the freshman class, and was a big part in the organization of ITSOG.



Help Wanted

ITSOG

ITSOG went through many changes this year. First of all, ITSOG had usually been a competition between the grades, but Susie Brown, student services director, and the service chairs decided to take that away, and focus on the spirit of giving.

"The incentive for people to bring in items should be to help people. However, if the goal is to help others, and a reward like a dress-down day encourages kids to give, then it is a good idea," said Elisabeth Harding, freshman.

The biggest change, however, was that the students got to deliver the collected goods to the charities.

"I thought it would be a good opportunity to see where the items we had collected had gone, and to see the people we collected them for," said Brown.

The student community approved of the idea as well.

"I think it's good that it's involving students more. It makes it more than bringing in cans from the back of our pantries, and more about service," said Blase Bell, freshman.



Joey Hobaugh, freshman, donates cleaning supplies on Tuesday. A special video of the charities was shown in chapel on the week before ITSOG.



Samantha Lombardo, eighth grade, places a box of canned food onto a cart. The eighth grade was responsible for loading the truck of goods on Monday.

Ashley Peterman, seventh grade, sorts the items she donated. Thursday was the day to donate toiletries.



Christine Steck, seventh grade, folds pajamas on the Friday of ITSOG. Students donated pajamas and sports items on Friday.

Monday



Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday



Hannah Haguewood, eighth grade, helps load canned goods onto a truck on the Monday of ITSOG. The students and teachers helped each other load the goods.



Minjoo Kim, freshman, paints during Art a la Carte. Kim painted in one of the commons so guests could not only look at art that had been previously made, but also watch the artist do her work.



Bree Jennrich, **Jesse Gruneisen**, **Alex Kessel**, seniors, and **Christina Goetz**, junior, participate in a multitude of activities at Art a la Carte. Jennrich worked on a potter's wheel all night, Goetz sang in Concert Choir in the Theatre as well as Chamber Choir on the grand entry staircase, and Gruneisen participated in Improv and Choir events.



Art A La Carte

Double Booked

Nativity Scene, Choir and Joke Round, Oh My! Jesse Gruneisen, senior, was faced with a multitude of decisions just days before Art a la Carte. Gruneisen, a versatile student, was part of Improv, concert choir, and chamber choir. On a daily basis he was very busy juggling all his extra-curricular activities as well as sports.

When the Art a la Carte schedule was announced, Gruneisen was put in a difficult position. His Improv and choir class would all be performing at the same time. "I was really upset when I discovered that Improv and choir would be during the same time. I really enjoy both of those arts and it was very difficult to choose," said Gruneisen.

His grades in both classes depended on these performances, so his decision was not only based on his preference. "I decided that I needed to go to one of each performance so that I could get a grade in each class. The teachers were very understanding and were fine with my decisions," said Gruneisen.

When Art a la Carte finally rolled around Gruneisen was prepared to run rampant through the halls of Westminster to make it to his performances. His night started off with a live Nativity Scene for his Improv class, instead of the Concert Choir performance. Luckily for him, the Nativity Scene ended a little earlier than he was expecting. Gruneisen raced upstairs to grab his robe and was able to make it for the final song of Concert Choir's performance.

"After that I sang with chamber choir. We got done a little early and I was able to make it into Improv for Joke Round. I was upset that I missed the herald, but I was happy I made joke round. It is really cool that I am a part of two fine arts and I still enjoyed the bits of both I was able to participate in," said Gruneisen. Although his night was spent racing back and forth between performances, Gruneisen was still able to enjoy singing for an audience and cracking up a crowd with the final joke of the night.

Megan Johnson, sophomore and student ambassador, welcomes students and parents as they walk in the front doors. Ambassadors were taught that eye contact, a firm handshake, and a big smile are the most important things to remember when greeting someone.



Emma Bailey, junior, stands in the audience to sing the song Lux Auermaque. "When we sang in the audience it created a fuller sound, but I was nervous to be singing so close," said Bailey.

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Middle School Musical

With all the excitement transpiring in the Theatre and Grand Entry during Art a la Carte, not many people knew what was going on upstairs just beyond the grand staircase. Middle school students, who had been a part of the Performing Arts Expo class were performing in the band room. They put on a musical production singing and dancing to a multitude of songs. "We were doing crazy dances and it was a little embarrassing sometimes, but I still enjoyed it," said **Erica Brunk**, eighth grade.



Allison Thoenen, eighth grade, plays the flute during the middle school band concert at Art a la Carte. Throughout the night, there were many different performances in the theatre.

Elizabeth Meeks, seventh grade, dances with her fellow classmates in the band room. The Performing Arts Expo class sang and danced to the songs Phantom of the Opera, You Can't Stop the Beat, You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile, Telephone Hour, and There's no Business like Show Business.

Meg Smith, senior, reads her poem entitled "Dry Eyes." Smith received a special recognition on the evening due to her dedication to Rogues and her spirit of loving-kindness.



Alyssa Freiner, freshman, recites her poem during the poetry slam. The poetry slam was pushed back due to snow days, so the poets had more time to compose.



Maddie Sturr, freshman, reads her poem in the open-submission portion of the Poetry Slam.



Cameron Dodge, sophomore, recites his poem into the microphone during the rounds of the Poetry Slam.



Catherine Bakewell, junior, recites her memorized poem during the Poetry Slam. Bakewell won the rounds.

Stephanie Strothkamp, sophomore, reads her two part poem in the open section of the Poetry Slam.



Oh Snap!

"I am always so indebted to Mr. Nathan Talley. He makes the event special every year, and he stands out as a beacon of encouragement to those involved in the Literary Rogues Society and to me. Other faculty members also make special effort each year to support the Poetry Slam, and I am so appreciative of them as well," said Dr. Timothy Gibson, Literary Rogues adviser.



Eighth grade teacher Nathan Talley, his daughter Susanna Talley, seventh grade, and his 'international daughter' Nicole Chung, eighth grade, perform a song about 'Snapping instead of Clapping.' "I wanted them on stage with me performing because they can really sing. I'm just kind of a faker," said Talley.

Andrew Eichenlaub, sophomore, reads his poem out loud. "I haven't actually always enjoyed writing. I like just writing the things that pop into my mind," said Eichenlaub.



The Poetry Slam

The Winning Streak

For the fourth year in a row, Catherine Bakewell, junior, took the first place title in the rounds section of the Poetry Slam.

Bakewell enjoyed writing as long as she could remember, but had started to appreciate poetry in the eighth grade. "Writing is a great way for me to explore big ideas. It helps me express myself in creative ways like some people do with drawing or sports," said Bakewell.

For the Poetry Slam, one must submit three poems. You read two, and the third is only read if you make it to the final round. Catherine's first poem was titled "I've Only Had the Wind Knocked Out of Me Twice." This poem was about the moments in life when she found something beautiful. Her second was titled, "Touring Colleges" and it was about growing up and leaving home. Her last poem was called, "Life of a Tree."

When asked about how she had improved, Bakewell responded, "I am more open to criticism than before. My writing is stronger than it was four years ago."

As the 2012 Poetry Slam came to an end, Bakewell left knowing that she had left her mark on the Westminster community once again and was fully prepared to do it one more time.

Harrison Farmer, sophomore, reads his poem at the Poetry Slam. "I wrote a poem about how hectic my life is and how foolishly I've been handling it; how I skip to the next thing and never savour the moments," said Farmer.



Christmas Banquet

The End?

Christmas Banquet took place on an interesting date this year: the supposed end of the world. Yes, Christmas banquet this year took place on the day the Mayan Calendar ended: December 21st, 2012.

Although the end of the world was predicted, CB still continued despite the oncoming apocalypse. The entertainment, including games, a music video, and also a live band, continued as normal.

The band played music as though it was their last chance to share their talent. Trent Briden, Danny Dwyer, Carson Burke, Michael Becker, Joseph Isaacs and Keegan Brown kept the crowd entertained all night. "I really enjoy playing music, and I was honored to have the ability to play in front of everybody at Christmas Banquet," said Burke.

After the music, a video was showed that was made the audience laugh as though it was their last chance to do so with all their friends. The video shown was a parody of the "12 Days of Christmas," but with a Westminster twist. Every one of the 12 days had something to do with Westminster, such as 500 iPhones or 7 shades of Beige. "I had a fun time participating in the Christmas Banquet video. I love acting in the Christmas Banquet video because I enjoy making people laugh," said Sam Sherman, senior.

Thankfully the world did not end, and the students in attendance left to go dance like it was the last Westminster mixer ever.



Corey Falkner and **Mary Wynn**, juniors, talk with the people at their table. "I really enjoyed the food this year," said Falkner.

Lauren Thoenen, senior, and **Brennen Hehner**, junior, watch other students struggled to guess the name of a Christmas song during the night's game. "I really enjoyed the 12 Days of Christmas video," said Hehner.

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells

As part of the 2012 Christmas Banquet entertainment, attendees participated in a Christmas version of "Guess the Song." The winner was Caleb Krumsieg, junior, who walked away with a \$50 Chik-Fil-A gift card as the prize.



Dongjae Lee, senior, listens to a Christmas song as he tries to guess the title. When a contestant knew the answer, they had to shake the jingle bells.



Bennett Lewis and **Sam Sherman**, seniors, talk in front of everyone attending Christmas Banquet. Lewis was the President of STUCO and was in charge of the banquet.



Jillian Combs and Nick Frogge, freshmen, laugh together while waiting for their food at Christmas Banquet. "It was my first Christmas Banquet and I enjoyed it a lot," said Frogge.



Samuel Wos, senior, makes a goofy face while everyone claims their seats. "I liked dressing up for Christmas Banquet," said Wos.



Abby Nixon, junior, and her date, Cole Mckenna, take pictures with their friends.



Nathan Cherian and Courtney McGhee, seniors, entertain themselves by taking pictures as they wait for their food to arrive.



Alexis Harvey and Michael Dudley, seniors, pose for a couples picture for their friend photographer, Natalie Bell, senior.

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Oh, there you are Perry!

The show that was sweeping the nation made an appearance during Spirit Week on Day One. Phineas and Ferb, the Disney Channel series, followed two brothers on their summer vacation. With a wide variety of characters, including a platypus that doubles as a secret agent, this would be an ideal choice for Kid's Show Day.

Six Westminster students had this idea flame up in their minds the very moment they got notice of the theme. "We found out at lunch and we all agreed on dressing up as different characters from Phineas and Ferb," said Hannah Caple, junior. "When we heard of the idea for fictional character day, we started thinking of different shows we liked and came up with Phineas and Ferb because of the many characters and our love of the show," said Celeste Beckman, junior.

Not only did they enjoy dressing up, but also other people's reactions were priceless. "People loved it and thought it was really funny. A lot of people said 'Wow, that's hilarious!' and laughed," said Brennen Almus, junior.

"Yes it was super fun. We all laughed about it, and took a great picture," said Almus. (Seen below). Celeste Beckman was Isabella, Anna Lindstrom was Phineas, Andrea Williams was Ferb, Lance Richards was Buford, Brennan Almus was Baljeet, and Hannah Caple was Candice. "We took into account all the personalities of the characters and which ones we liked the most," said Andrea Williams, junior.

Valerie Chavez, senior, cheers on the seniors in one of the games. The seniors came in second overall on Monday.



Meg Smith, senior, gets held up by her two friends as they walk in. This year, the senior class walked into the song Existence VIP.

Robert Looney, junior, participates in the balloon stomp. The junior class tied for first with the freshmen. The junior class held a strong lead of 50 after the first day of Spirit Week.



Andrea Williams as Ferb, **Anna Lindstrom** as Phineas, **Celeste Beckman** as Isabella, **Lance Richards** as Buford, **Brennen Almus** as Baljeet, and **Hannah Caple** as Candice, juniors.



Kurt Weinberg, seventh grade, holds tight while being pushed by his partner. The seventh grade used a pillow as a cushion during Human Bowling.



A.J. Lloyd, seventh grade, leaps to the side during balloon stomp. Lloyd was the last middle school student in the race, but unfortunately got out by a senior.

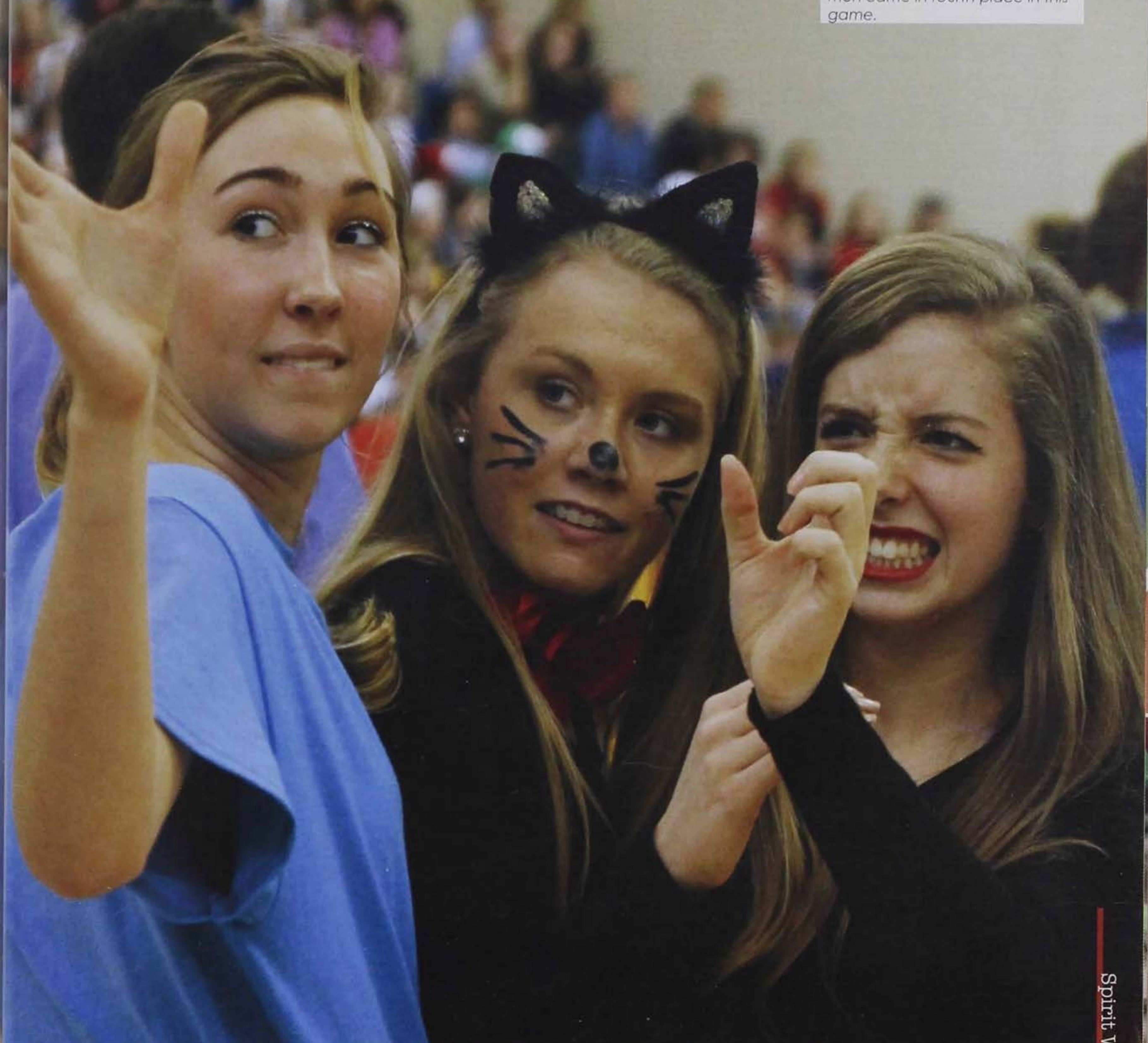
L.B. Battle, seventh grade, cheers on the seventh grade during the Human Bowling game.



Andrew Montgomery, freshman, leans to the right to get in the square for human shuffleboard. This was the first year for this game and it was a hit.

Della Woodward, senior, cheers for her class. She was cat while Megan Tilley, senior, was dog for kids show day.

Hannah Fiala, Lexi Einertson, and Brooke-Ellen Brugner, freshmen, reach out to catch the carpet square being passed up to them in the Spirit Week game 'The Floor is Lava.' The freshmen came in fourth place in this game.



Kamy Moore & Lydia Stewart, eighth grade



Luke Matheny, sophomore



Emma Fiala, eighth grade



Charisse Williams & Courtney Beat, sophomores

Josh Pottebaum and Chelsea Caplinger, eighth grade, furiously try and remove all of the tissues from the box before the timer runs out. In this competition grades were only given points if all the tissue were gone at the end of one minute, however, only the junior class was able to succeed.



You Have a Good Point

When Spirit Week was talked about, the conversation was likely to revolve around the big 5: Art Boards, Blue Man Stomp, Videos, Boys Poms and Lip Sync. However, when it came down to points, the games played on the first two days were what could make or break the winning class' point total.

At the end of the events on Monday, the senior class was losing to the junior class by 50 points. On Tuesday, the seniors knew it was time they stepped up their game, or else lose Spirit Week.

Tuesdays games consisted of Mattress Surfing, Chariot Racing, Minute to Win It, and The Floor is Lava. Having prior experience in the first two game, the senior class left the others in the dust, taking first place in both. The other two games, however, were brand new to the list of games.

The Minute to Win it game required speed and technique and the junior class pulled out the win. However, the floor is lava was no match for the senior class, and as they won the final game, the senior class was ahead. They went into the rest of the week with a lead and would end up winning it all.

Neil Sutherland, freshman, cheers on his class during Tuesday's festivities.



Kelsey Ginger, eighth grade, gets dragged across the gym by her partner.



Christian Goetz and Kaylee Noel, juniors, cheer on the junior class boys in tug-of-war. The boys won this round of tug-of-war, but ended the week in third place.



Michael Thoenen, seventh grade



Drew Straub & Jack Southwell, sophomores



Andrew Montgomery, freshman



Jay Green, freshman, reaches for a carpet square in the game 'The Floor is Lava.' The freshmen class came in fourth for this game which added 30 points to the class total.

Steven Webb, eighth grade, and **Even Parres**, seventh grade, race each other to be the first one to get their 'chariot' across the gym.



Abby Cockerham and Erin Dowling, seventh grade, stand up as they cheer their class on during the Tuesday Spirit Week festivities.



Corey Weinberg, freshman, rides a mattress across the gym during the game 'Mattress Surfing.' This game required not only strength, but also creative strategy in order to successfully get to the other side of the gym.

Trevor Westsleyn, freshman, gets dragged across the floor in the game 'Chariot Relay.' The freshmen class came in fourth with the senior class taking the win.



Daniel Wang, seventh grade, drags a fellow classmate across the gym floor. Despite being the youngest class at the school, the seventh grade class beat out the eighth graders to receive fifth place.



Alyssa Shikdes, eighth grade



Michael Shaw, eighth grade



Elisabeth Sems, eighth grade



Chloe McQuillan, junior



Alissa Dwyer and Taylor Montgomery, freshmen



L.B Battle, eighth grade



Jack Rahal, seventh grade, performs a scientific Blue Man Stomp with a visitor from Korea. This class had the most participants in the performance.

Mission Possible



Erin Levar, freshman



Tom Lieber, freshman



Ben Sullivan, eighth grade



Tom Southwell, eighth grade

There are certain expectations people had for Spirit Week. It was thought that Seniors would win and the juniors would come in second. So, when this did not happen, it was a big deal.

This year it was the freshmen who defied the odds and had people's expectations shot. The Blue Man Stomp group that consisted of Rebecca Liu, Joey Albertson, Jared Orange, Zach Hughes, Jake and Luke Schroeder, Haley Weinberg and Ben Isaacs, won the competition and beat the upperclassmen.

The class' creativity and perfect rhythm was what won them the competition. Characters and tunes from Hollywood Blockbusters had the audience tuned in during the entire performance. They used famous songs from Indiana Jones, Mission Impossible, and Star Wars so that everyone knew what was going on.

To add to the songs, the group also dressed up as the characters from the movies. The act was made complete when Darth Vader, Luke Skywalker, Indian Jones, and Ethan Hunt fought for the golden rod. But, it did not matter who won that battle because the freshmen class had won Blue Man Stomp.

Zach Shikles, junior, plays a drum made out of a plastic can during the junior blue man performance.



Charlie Zone, eighth grade, screams as he helps keep his tug-of-war team in the competition.



Austin Benefield, Christian Lindgren, and Robert Rasche, juniors, pretend to row a boat onto the gym floor. The junior class was infamous for their creative set ups for blue man stomp.



Alex Rideout, senior, prepares for the seniors' performance. The boys dressed up as school boys and drummed in a scene where they were rowdy students.



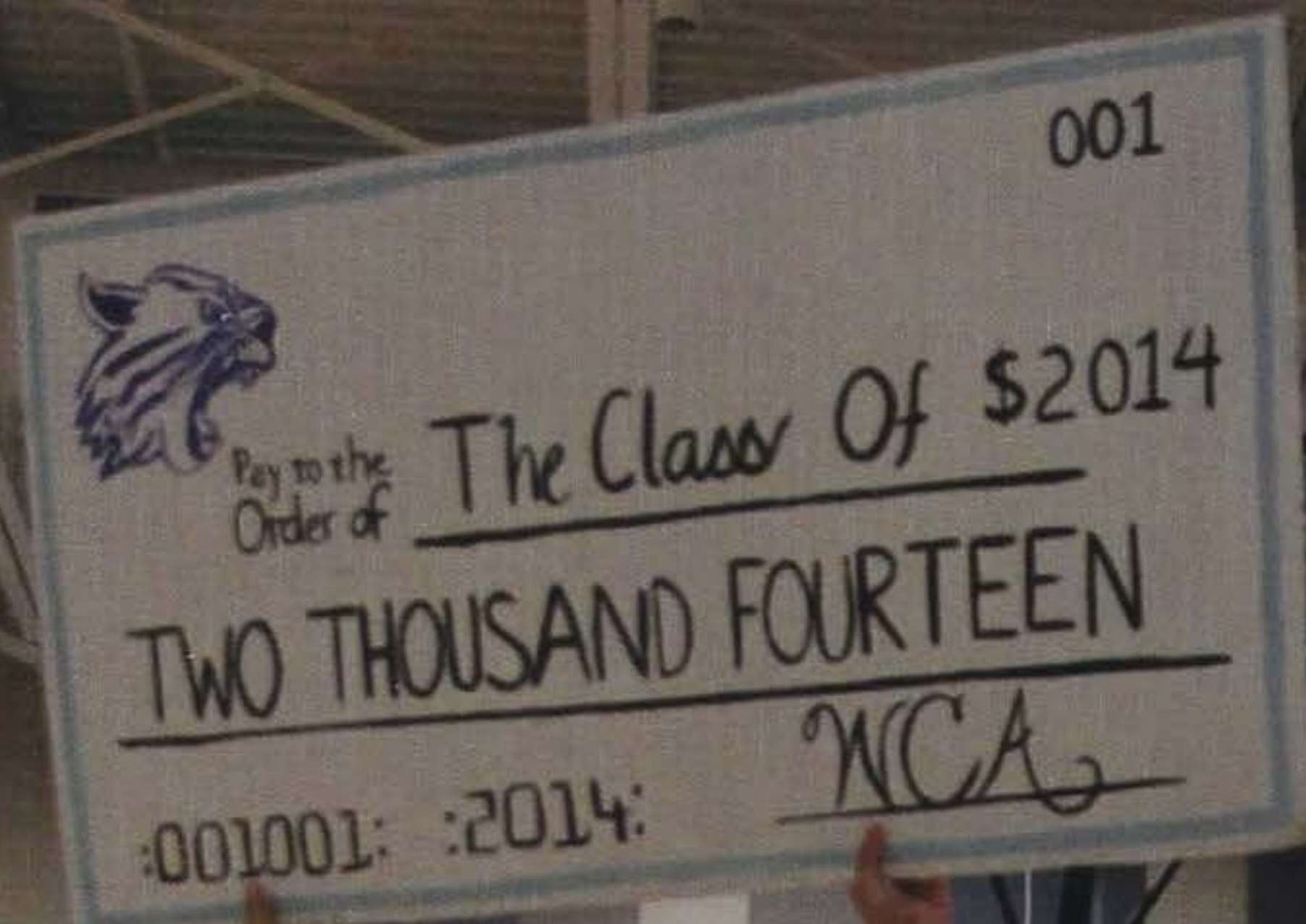
Jake Schroeder, freshman, dressed as a character from Indiana Jones, looks to the others in the performance to stay on beat.



Johnny Hardin, sophomore, stands on the ladder as he plays a tune from the Batman movies. The sophomore Blue Man Stomp had a Batman theme.



Erica Wilson, sophomore, cheers on her class in tug-of-war. Wilson wore a fuzzy, green hat in order to show her spirit for her class on class color day.



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Jordan Smith, junior, holds up a giant, fake check at the end of the junior class' Boy's Pom's performance. The check was used to symbolize the class winning all the game shows that were in their performance.



Annie Aufferberg, eighth grade



Joel Johnson, freshman



Eunna Gu & Megan Lee, seniors



Bryan Bayer, junior

Bringing Blockbusters To Life

The Avengers was a number one blockbuster hit that went to the theaters in 2012. This Marvel movie brought many famous characters, including Iron Man, Captain American and the Hulk, together on the big screen. The popularity of this movie spread quickly and the eighth grade class knew that basing their boys poms off the movie would be a hit.

Christina Mason, Sarah Broyles, and Anna Mitchell choreographed this dance to make it similar to the plot of the movie. During the routine, the voices of the characters were used from the movie.

At the conclusion of the routine, Captain America, played by Logan Sells, was brought back to life from under the ice by Hulk, played by Steven Webb. Those sitting in the audience appreciated the theatrical affects that were mixed in with the dance.

The entire audience erupted with applause as the routine came to end. Not only had the class given the school a boys poms routine, but they had also given the school a show that would not soon be forgotten.

Logan Montgomery, seventh grade, leans back as he dances during the seventh grade boys pom routine. The class beat the freshmen and eighth grade classes placing third.



Sean Webb, seventh grade, dances in front of the crowd. The seventh grade performed first out of the six groups on Thursday.

Dongjae Lee, senior, twists to the floor during the senior boys pom routine. The boys were dressed up as senior citizens for their dance.

Zack Hunsicker, seventh grade, performs a dance move for the judges. The seventh grade placed fourth in the competition.



Joey Hobaugh, freshman, lies on the floor during the freshmen boys pom routine. Their dance was based off of the popular characters Mario and Luigi.

Chris Kirby, seventh grade, points to the center of the gym. The seventh grade class dressed up as postal service men.



Jack Southwell, sophomore, performs as a gaming nerd for the sophomore boys pom routine.

Alec Runge, junior, is flipped by his classmates during the game show junior class routine.



Harry Medler and **Jonathan Williams** eighth grade, looks at the ground as he dances behind his classmate.

Blase Bell, freshman, shows off his moves as the main character, Mario.



Ryan He, Abbey Andres, and Jesi Wydryznski, seniors celebrate their lipsync win. The senior lipsync practiced 7 hours on Saturdays in preparation for their performance.



Andrew Cannon, junior



Siwei Li, sophomore



Rachel Crane, seventh grade



Ashley Klein, sophomore



Gabby Sicard, freshman



Ivy Wang, sophomore

Josh Ortiz, senior and **Sam Snapp**, junior celebrate a senior lipsync victory with the song "A Night to Remember" from High School Musical 3. After a disappointing placement in the previous year, the class of 2013 pulled out a first place finish.



Vikki MacKoul, eighth grade cheers on her girl's tug-of-war team. The eighth grade tug-of-war earned them fifth place.

Erika Wilson, seventh grade lipsyncs with her class. The seventh grade class placed fifth overall beating the eighth grade.

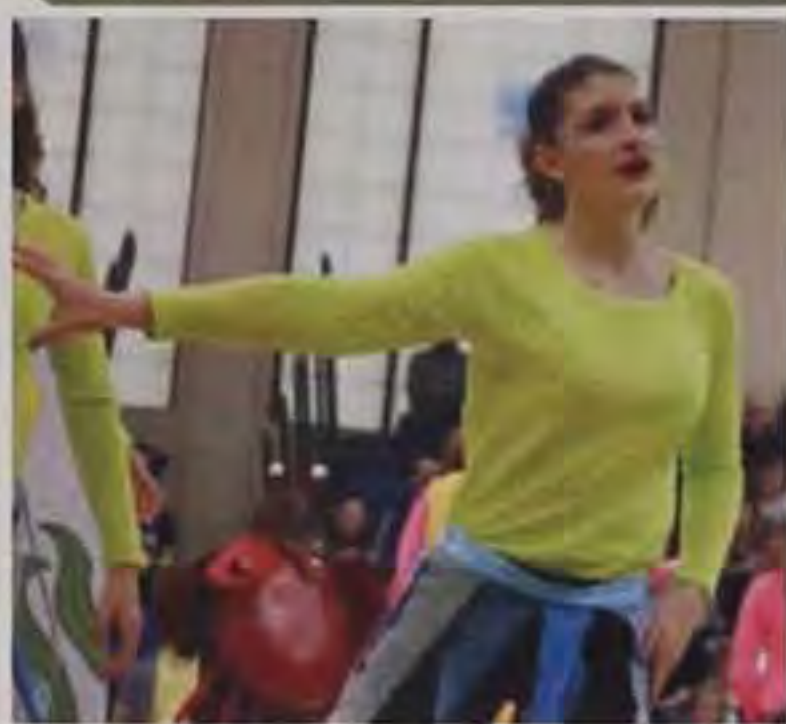


Finally Victorious

The senior girls clutched onto one another waiting to hear who had won lip sync. Suddenly, the entire senior class jumped and screamed in an uproar. The seniors were announced as winners of Lip Sync. "After we heard that we won Lip Sync, we figured we had all of Spirit Week in the bag," said Christian Thompson, senior.

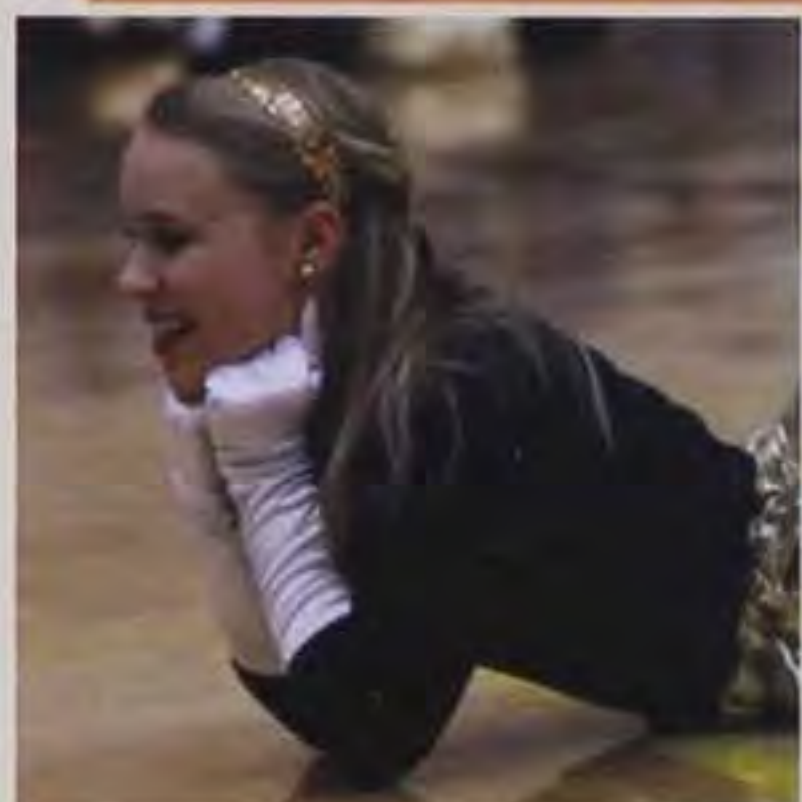
"Our victory was a big deal because last year we didn't do that great on Lip Sync," said Della Woodward. After only getting third place their junior year, Mary Snapp, Della Woodward, Natalie Bell, Annie Hartwig, and Shelby Kehr, seniors, were determined to lead the girls to victory for their last year at WCA.

The leaders had to make it clear to the girls participating that they were taking it seriously this year. "We practiced a ton. One practice literally lasted eight hours," said Emilie Schroeder, senior. In addition to lengthy practices, the girls also used silent practices as a tactic. "We had a couple silent practices which were not fun at the time, but they ended up paying off," said Thompson. Longer practices and less talking proved to be effective in bringing this group of girls from third place to first place.



Morgan Grimm, junior dances to "Under the Sea" from The Little Mermaid. The previous year, the class of 2014 defeated the class of 2013, but this year the juniors placed fourth in the lipsync competition.

Annie Linhoff, seventh grade lipsyncs to a medley of songs created by their class. The seventh grade class placed second in the lipsync competition tying with the sophomore class earning 325 points towards their overall total.



Amy Tipton, senior smiles for the crowd during her lip sync performance. Their class lip sync was choreographed by Della Woodward and Mary Snapp, seniors.

Jillian Klein, eighth grade "Digs a Little Deeper" with her class. Their lip sync placed sixth, but "I enjoyed every moment," said Savannah Mathews, eighth grade.



Melissa Blackwell, junior dances alongside Brennan Almus, junior. The junior lip sync was choreographed by Kendall MacDonald and Becca Sharp, juniors. The dance was filled with fish costumes and Ariel played by Paige Arnold.

Gracie Nye, freshman motions to the crowd during her performance to a medley of Peter Pan songs. Nye was a choreographer for the dance alongside Brooke-Ellen Brugner and Lexie Einertson, freshman.

Alyssa Dosmann, sophomore kick lines in a circle with her lip sync. The sophomores danced to the song "NYC" from Annie Junior choreographed by Mary Heyl and Erika Wilson, sophomore.





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God has blessed me with a wonderful privilege and opportunity in calling me to serve and lead at Westminster Christian Academy the past 28 years. I have been able to do something that I love. I left for college in 1965 with the goal of becoming a teacher and coach so that I could be involved in the lives of young people, hoping that God would use me to make a difference in their lives. I leave Westminster with so many wonderful memories of the students, teachers, and families that are so important to me.

Many things have changed at Westminster during my time as head of school, and God has blessed our school beyond measure. It has been a thrill to be a part of Westminster's history and see our school grow and flourish. It is a challenge for me to step down as head of school; I know that I will miss the day-to-day life and energy that made arriving at school every day a joy for me. Most of all, I will miss the students, greeting them in the hallways, watching them perform on the stage and athletic field, rejoicing when they led well and served with gladness, and thanking God for evidence that His truth is taking hold in their lives. I just have lots of being with you, the students.

Westminster students and alumni will always be a special part of my life and prayers. You have blessed me and given me more joy than you can know or imagine.

John Marsh, Head of School

Tim Hall, Dean of Students, enjoys watching the activities of carnival with Jim Marsh. "I will miss just being a part of the lives of the students and teachers," said Marsh. He enjoyed walking around school during the day to see the students interacting with each other as well as with teachers.

During carnival, Parker Briden, senior, engages Jim Marsh in a conversation. "My favorite memory of Mr. Marsh is the handwritten note he took the time to mail me this summer after I got selected for Boy's Nation. It meant so much that he took time out of his hectic schedule to let me know he was proud," said Briden.



Leaving Footprints

"Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts. And we are never, ever the same."

Throughout the past twenty-eight years, Jim Marsh, head of school, has been leaving his footprints on the hearts of the people in Westminster's community.

Starting off at the third campus on Ladue Road, Marsh said he faced his most challenging years in his career. "In the beginning, my first several years, there was some doubt as to whether or not we would even survive. We even started exploring selling the campus and downsizing because we thought we had gone too far. There was a crucial time, in the late 80's, when there was some doubt whether we could move forward." But as God had it, Westminster refrained from selling the campus allowing Marsh's hopes for the community to play out.

The vision Marsh had was exceeded by the outcome. "My faith was not big enough to see where Westminster is today," said Marsh. He thought the school had great potential, which is what motivated him to fill the position as headmaster. His goal first starting off was to help the small school establish themselves and build a foundation as a Christian Academy. However, throughout the years, Westminster has flourished under his leadership.

As Westminster's head of school said goodbye after diligently serving for twenty-eight years, he said he would like to be remembered as the "head of school who loved kids, loved the Lord, and in his heart was always a teacher and a coach." Marsh has left his lasting footprints in just that way, along with many others in the lives of students, faculty, and families. He will be remembered not only for his characteristics, but for the great work he has done within the Westminster Christian Academy community.

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"A Leadership Road Map" Proverbs 3:5-6

"It gives you marching orders. Put him first, keep your eyes on him [and] put your confidence and faith in him."

Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

and lean not on your own understanding.

"When you are in leadership there is a real temptation to fix it yourself and rely on your own ability, instead of trusting God. It has always been that great reminder, keep him first, don't lean on yourself, it's not going to work."

"It's giving him the credit. We need to be humble, we need to realize that God has blessed us in a Christian community in an amazing way, but the blessing is from him, the miracle is from him. He has used us but we have to acknowledge him as the author, and the giver of all of this."

In all your ways acknowledge him,

and he will make your paths straight.

"It is a roller coaster ride. Do this. Trust him as the foundation and in the end your path will be straight."

Last Words to Mr. Marsh

"Mr. Marsh, you have made your mark on thousands of students over the course of your career with WCA. I want to thank-you for letting God use you to shape this school into what it is today. I know my high school experience would not have been as fulfilling if you had not been here. Thanks for your service."
- Caleb Krumsieg, junior

"Well done good and faithful servant."
- Dr. Andrew Shaw

"Mr. Marsh was a really humble and good person who genuinely cared about the school and the kids in it."
- Ellie Straub, senior



"My priority is to be sure the students are provided with the best Christian education possible. Our challenge as a part of the community is for us to spread God's Word to others."
- Jim Marsh, 1985-1986 Yearbook



Annie Canfield, junior, raises her hand into the air as she plays the role of one of the fairies in 'A Midsummers Night Dream.'

Sarah Yousef, senior, speaks during a soliloquy. Her character, Queen Tatanya, was the victim of a cruel trick by her husband, Oberon. While she was asleep, he caused her to fall in love with a donkey-headed mortal.

Mary Heyl, sophomore, attempts to reject both of the men throwing themselves at her. When a love potion was put on their eyes while asleep, both Demetrius and Lysander fell in love with fair Helena, played by Heyl. Helena, however, thought the boys were mocking her with their misplaced affection, and ran from them in the woods.



Emma Bailey, junior, dances during the song of the fairies. Their song was originally used to put the fairy queen to sleep, but was later revived in an exciting encore. Surprising playgoers, the fairies descended from the top of the theatre with glowsticks in the dark.



Egan Moylan, sophomore, finds his Daughter, Hermia. "I loved being able to yell at Ryan Kelly. For some reason that was immensely satisfying," said Moylan.



Playing Bottom, **T.J. Noa**, senior, is doted upon by fairies. Tatanya, the fairy queen, fell in love with Bottom after his head was turned into a donkey's head.

Ryan Kelly, senior, throws Andrea Reed, junior, over his shoulder while trying to get rid of her. "My favorite moment in the play was when Ryan got a spell cast on him, and he absolutely hated me, and he threw me around and screamed at me. It was so fun, and I had a blast with it," said Reed.

First Fight



A Midsummer's Night Dream Confusion?!

At a school where seemingly everything must be approved, the winter play, A Midsummer Night's Dream, provided a glimmer of mischievous rule exemption for those seeking it.

In a strange but endearingly hilarious manner, Drew Straub, sophomore portrayed Flute, the bellows mender, who later masqueraded as a woman in the short play his traveling theatre troop performed for a group of Athenian royals at their wedding. Straub's costume included a pink, frilly dress and a blonde wig complete with pigtails.

"The first time he came out in a dress, T.J. Noa fell to the ground because he was laughing so hard. Then most of us started laughing at T.J. more than Drew. The wig hair always gets in his mouth, so it just adds to the hilarity of the scene," said Tessa Copeland, freshman, who played a fairy in the play.

To accomplish his role within a role of Thisby, Straub used a falsetto voice.

"(His voice) was horrifyingly high. It almost scared me. But, he was the prettiest man for the part," said Egan Moylan, sophomore.

"The best part about this character was getting to do something completely ridiculous and out of the ordinary. I've never worn a dress or a wig before, and doing it in front of everyone and making them laugh is really enjoyable," said Straub.

In an unexpected plot twist, cross-dressing was finally allowed in a WCA event.

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Jay Pannkuk, senior, roars as a lion. Pannkuk's character had to be careful when he roared during the play. If he roared too loudly, he would frighten the fine, Athenian ladies.



Chrissy Talent, sophomore, watches the entertainment at her wedding as the fair Hypolyta queen of the Amazons. The nation she had previously ruled over was conquered by Athens. To bind the treaty, Hypolyta was forced into a marriage with an Athenian duke.



Drew Straub, sophomore, struggles to rid his mouth of blonde hair from his wig. "It is the funniest thing anybody has ever seen. It will cause tear-jerking laughter," said Jesse Gruneisen, senior, on Straub playing Thisby and wearing a pink dress.

Below: **Sarah Yousef**, senior looks through papers while acting in the play *North Star*. Sarah Yousef had been in many plays during her high school career and was also involved with Improv.

Bottom: **Lance Richards**, junior, talks to Eric Witherspoon. This play was done in the Black Box which provided a special ambience.

Bottom Right: **Christian Thompson**, senior, scolds a fellow cast member while acting in the play *North Star*.



Brianna Richards, sophomore, listens to others talk. Richards played a mother in the play and was married to Alex Rideout, senior's, character.

Eric Witherspoon, senior, said, "I think the thing that made this play different was the fact that it was real. People actually experienced what I acted out during the civil rights movement."



Communicating Truth

North Star

The play *North Star* was centered around an African American girl and her family, who were awaiting a sit in. This play was predominately centered around racial issues and the drama department wanted to make sure it did not ignore the past and that presented it in a real way.

"My character was racist and said some terrible things. I was nervous about saying some of my lines because they were very offensive. But even though I was a terrible person in the play, the actors were still nice to me because we were communicating truth, and it needed to be done. It was really cool to see love grow in a place where hate could easily thrive," said T.J. Noa, senior.

The play *North Star* added diversity to the plays typically performed at Westminster Christian Academy. *North Star* added something extra to the genre of plays covered.

"This play was different than anything I have done before. It was a very serious story. It was different because the cast had a lot of people who didn't usually do plays-and they were absolutely amazing! It just shows how talented our students at Westminster are!" said Sydney Thomas, freshman.

The play also brought out more people than a typical play would, bringing to light many people that are incredible actors, and actresses that would have otherwise not been noticed.



Alyse Rogers, senior, speaks on stage as the lead role of the play. The play was much different than any other play they had done in the past.



Brenden Solomon, senior, shows off his prop, a cane, to the audience. "Being able to play an old, black, southern preacher was my favorite part! I had to work on my preaching skills every day!" said Solomon.

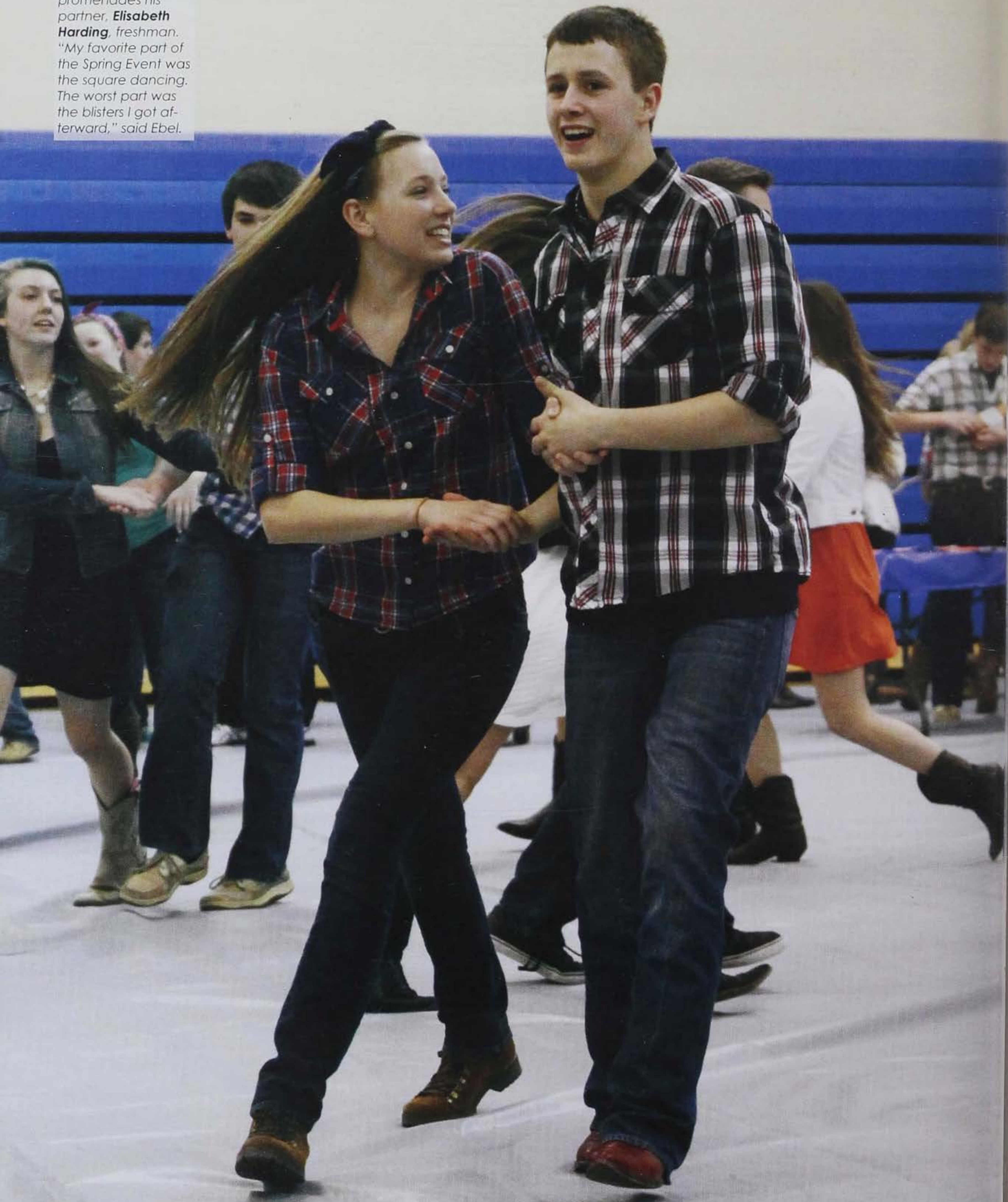
T.J. Noa, senior, has fun dancing with his fellow cast members during a dress rehearsal. Noa was in many other plays this year as well as in Improv.

Senior, Senior Citizens

Brenden Solomon, Eric Witherspoon, and Alex Rideout, seniors, goof off after play practice one day. Special affects such as a white hair were used to turn these young seniors into old seniors.



Nick Ebel, freshman, promenades his partner, **Elisabeth Harding**, freshman. "My favorite part of the Spring Event was the square dancing. The worst part was the blisters I got afterward," said Ebel.



Blake Sutphen and **Christian Linhoff**, sophomores, pose in one the photo set ups at the Spring Event.



Izzy Hauptfear, freshman, promenades her partner at the Spring Event. The promenade was a dance move used in square dancing.

During a line dance, **Maya Taylor**, junior, takes her partner's hand. As a member of STUCO, Taylor got to help plan the Spring Event.

Megan Galvin, sophomore, dances with her partner **Mason Davitt**, freshman.



Dancing with his partner, **Dongjae Lee**, senior, takes **Becca Eis's**, sophomore, hand.



Luke Schroeder, freshman, switches partners during one of the square dances.



Ad-ing It All Up

Spring Round-Up

The Spring Event was an event that STUCO put on every year. Since STUCO had put on this event in the past years, Susie Pike, leader of STUCO, had the 2013 event planned before everything was even cleaned up from the year before. So instead of planning it, STUCO put all their efforts into advertising the event and trying to get more students to attend.

Members of STUCO were advertising everywhere. They advertised consistently at lunch as they were selling tickets while walking around to each table, to putting up signs throughout the school. "I got my ticket at lunch the day of the spring event when STUCO was advertising for it," said Courtney Beat, sophomore.

All the advertising and effort paid off for everyone on STUCO. "This year we had a stellar crowd. It was just about what the arena could hold," said Jacob Waller, sophomore, who was a part of STUCO.

"Me and my brother, Hunter Hughes, senior, decided to go to the Spring Event together. My favorite part of the whole nights was the dancing and being with my brother all night," said Janie Hughes, sophomore. No matter who one showed up with, everyone ended up dancing with almost everyone else at one point or another.

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During the Spring Event, **Maddie Sturr**, freshman, is lassoed by her partner during a line dancing event. During this line dance, Sturr got to dance with a variety of partners.



Ricky Breneman, sophomore, promenades his partner **Haley Weinberg**, freshman. "The whole thing was fun. Virginia Reel, a dance, move, was my favorite dance of the night," said Weinberg.



Sinclair Davis, freshman, is promenaded by her partner, **Jack Linton**, freshman. Sinclair was apart of the girls Varsity Dance team so she was able to catch on to the dancing easily.

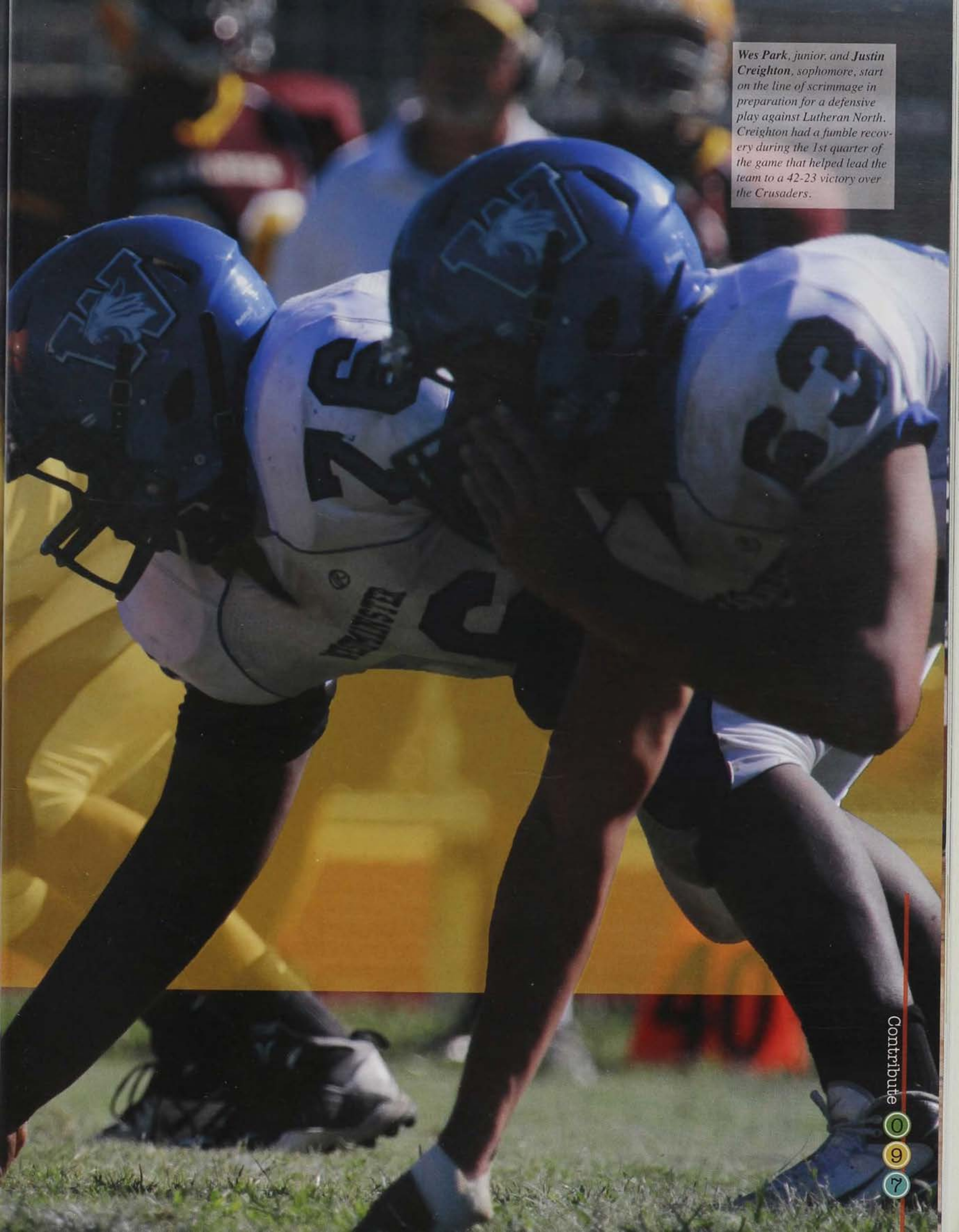
community

On Aug. 31, the Westminster community got to experience the unruly, midwestern weather first-hand. Originally scheduled for Saturday, the varsity football game was moved to Friday after school in hopes of avoiding the remnants of Hurricane Isaac. Avoidance did not occur, and instead all the fans were to stand in the pouring rain. Instead of going home and leaving the stands empty, the community united together under umbrellas, jackets and some just weathering the storm to show their support for the Westminster football team. The fans and team alike contributed to a victory over rival MICDS 34-0.

Once the game ended, all the wet fans, parents and football players filed into the the gym to support the volleyball team that was also playing their rivals from Lindbergh. "The gym smelled like wet people and adrenaline. It was great; it was awesome," said Michael Becker, senior. The volleyball team also pulled out a win beating Lindbergh 2 sets to 1.

Without you, the fans, the rain may have defined the day instead of the noise.

Wes Park, junior, and Justin Creighton, sophomore, start on the line of scrimmage in preparation for a defensive play against Lutheran North. Creighton had a fumble recovery during the 1st quarter of the game that helped lead the team to a 42-23 victory over the Crusaders.



Rally Up

The middle school volleyball players ended their practices and games in a way that reminded all the girls what they were doing well. Coach Jean Evans had each of the girls say three things they improved during practice. This helped the girls set goals and be able to measure their achievements. "It makes me feel proud of my efforts as well as gives me an incentive to try harder," said Taylor Siebeman seventh grade.

The team had the opportunity to focus on their goals rather than their mistakes. The coach was focused on encouragement during the season. "It's an awesome way to end practice. It really helped me improve" said Gabby James, eighth grade.

The girls made goals for improving their game, but some made goals to improve their sportsmanship. "The main things I tried to improve on were my form, my passing, never using harsh words to our opponents, and having a higher toss on my serve." said Katie Port, eighth grade.

These goals gave the girls determination. Each girl was able to encourage their teammates in the things they struggled with. This helped keep the girls motivated. "It helps because even if you had a bad day you still come up with three good things you did that day. That way I wasn't always looking at the negatives, but the good things I did well," said Callie MacDonald, eighth grade. After the season, the team realized how much they were able to improve because of their set goals.

"I liked playing volleyball because I was **new this year** and it helped me make a lot of new friends. A lot of my friends are on the team.

I've been **playing volleyball for about five years**. Playing at Westminster has been my **favorite team to play on.**"

-**Sydney Driscoll**, eighth grade.

"I'm starting a trend of wearing my Land's End polo to practice. It seems to be catching on and I am very proud to be a trend setter," said **Mollee Trost**, seventh grade. Land's End attire was the new thing for the seventh grade volleyball players.



Before her first middle school volleyball game, **Val Whitted**, seventh grade, practices bumping. She was excited to get to play on a team with all her teammates that had become her close friends over the season.



Reaching for a ball, **Mallory Horn**, seventh grade, plays in the game against St. John's. **Taylor Siebeman** backs her up for a long rally. The team won the match 2-1.



Caitlin Mundorf, eighth grade, leads the team in a warm up. The team runs, does crunches, and does push ups before they touch a volleyball as their work-out routine before games. "We work with partners when we warm up, and my partner really helps pump me up," said Mundorf.



Katie Port, eighth grade, was a setter, for the season. "My favorite thing about volleyball is how exciting it is to hit and get a point," said Port.



Kyrstin Pritchett seventh grade warms up for a game against John Burroughs. The team won 2-0.



Bumping a serve, **Faith Wickham**, seventh grade, plays in a winning game against Word Of Life. "I love Coach Evens. She made us respect her, but still was very encouraging," said Wickham.



The seventh grade team huddled up to pray before their first volleyball game of the season. For some of the girls it was the first game they had ever played.

Danielle Lyons, seventh grade, served to lead her team to victory. Lyons made improving her serving a priority this season.

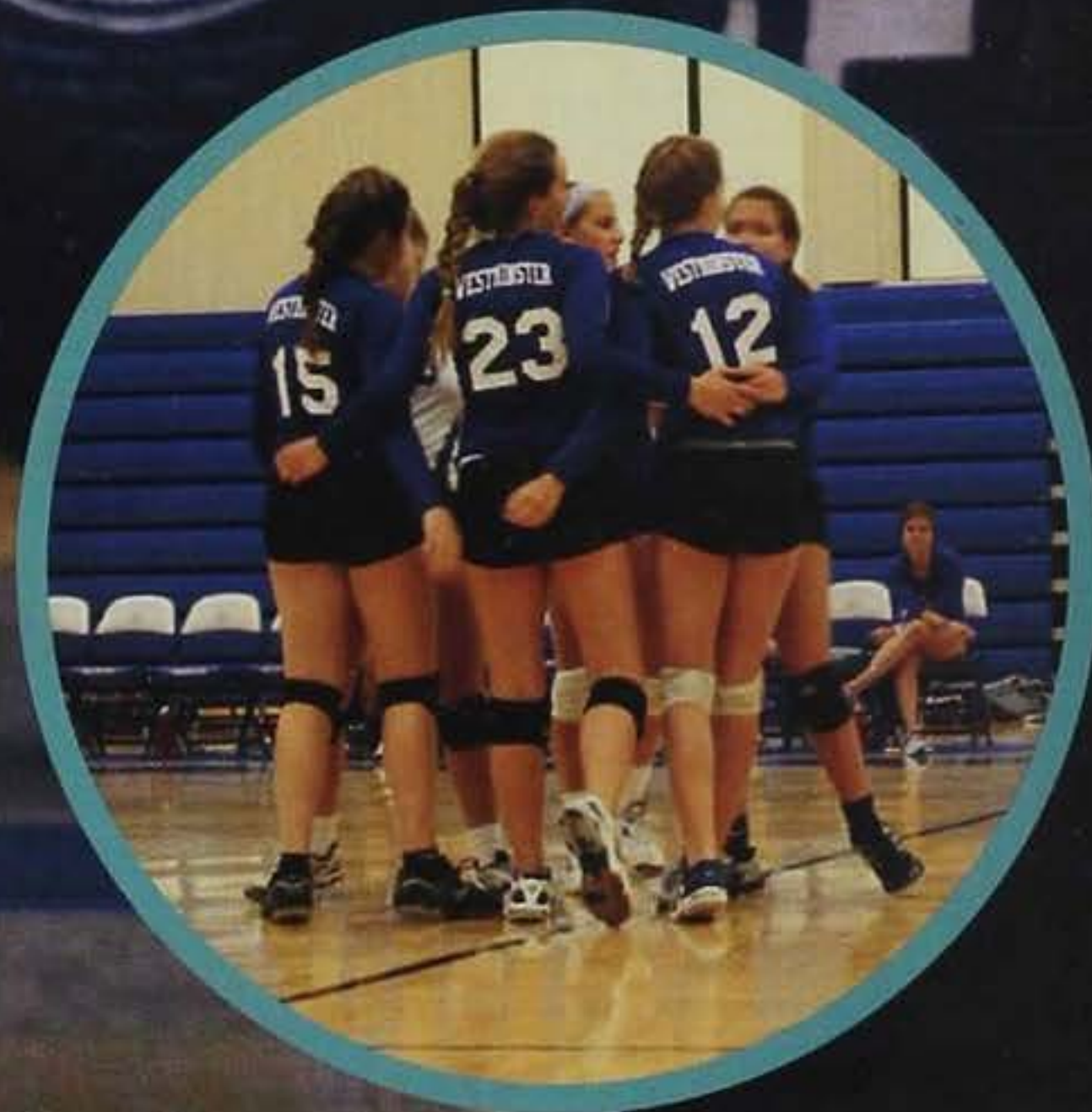




Bless You!

In the heat of the moment, during the JV's third game, played against Lindbergh High School, the middle on the opposing team sneezed. Meegan Williams, freshman, first thought was to yell, "God Bless you!" That got the whole team laughing, leading to a great night of volleyball.

Hannah Ruckman, sophomore, leaps into the air for an attack. "I love this sport. When I play, I just have a lot of fun," said Ruckman. Ruckman played outside hitter for all six rotations for JV.



Rachel Waller, freshman, tips the ball. Waller played setter and right side hitter. "As the captain, I love being a leader," said Waller.

Lane Pemberly, freshman, sets the ball to the right side. "Lane really gets us pumped up by screaming a lot," said Rachel Waller, freshman.

Emily Andres, freshman, serves the ball from the back line of the court. Andres played for both the varsity team and JV team.



Digging the ball, **Gracie Adams**, freshman, hits to the outside. Adams played the setter, and all six rotations for the freshman team.

Macy Catlett, freshman, stands up for the dig. Catlett played defensive specialist for the JV volleyball team.



For Him

Before every game, the eight JV girls prayed in a huddle together. They did this after they warmed up, right before they played. They wanted it fresh on their minds so during the game they could think back on what they said and act upon it.

Without the coaches, they huddled together and mentioned something that they were thankful for and something that they wanted for the upcoming volleyball game. Spirits high, they entered the match playing to their fullest. "I feel like we are really close as a team," said Grace Keane, freshman. Then, to end it off they would yell, "For Him!"

"We make praying a priority because God is important, even in volleyball," said Rachel Waller, freshman. After the prayer they had a guaranteed pleasant mood and that carried into the game. "We only win when we're happy and pumped up," said Hannah Ruckman, sophomore.



Avery Drury, freshman, explodes into the hitting position to slam the ball over the net. Drury played middle hitter for the freshman team.



Sofie Harjoe, freshman, passes the ball from the right back. Harjoe also played back row while she served.

Rebecca Liu, freshman, serves the ball during warm-ups before a game on September 5 against John Burroughs. Liu took a hard-driven ball to the hand and injured it. This took her out for most of the season.



Ashley Sola, freshman, jumps up for the attack. Sola played outside hitter for JV.

"I loved working hard with these girls and I loved the friendships that we all built with each other. We had great team chemistry," said **Sadie Stipanovich**, senior.

Jumping above the net, **Lauren Vanek**, junior, blocks the ball. The 2012 season marked Vanek's second year on varsity. Lauren played right side this season.

Megan Tilley, senior, sets the ball for teammate **Adrienne Horn** at a home game. Tilley was the team captain during her third year on the varsity team.

Bailey Benes, senior, passes the ball. "We had a good feeling about the game and had to dig deep for strength," said Benes about the Lindbergh match.

During the Lutheran Saint Charles tournament, **Erin Bognar**, senior, was named MVP with 59 kills out of 99 attempts. She signed to play at Samford University.

Hannah Stipanovich, junior, spikes the ball against Lindbergh. "When I get a kill, I feel like nothing can bring me down. It's the best feeling ever," said Stipanovich



ong Live

"I said remember this moment, in the back of my mind, the time we stood with our shaking hands, the crowds in the stands went wild, we were the Kings and the Queens, and they read off our names." (Taylor Swift). This season for the women's varsity volleyball team marked its first state championship in Westminster history. During districts, they defeated the top schools in the district: Visitation and Villa Duchesne. "Our main goal for districts was to take them down, and that's what we did," said Lauren Thoenen, senior.

They gave it their all and won against Visitation in the last two games of the match: 22-20; 26-24; 25-27. They took on Villa the same way winning 23-25; 23-25; 23-25. Moving onto sectionals, they swept Borgia in the first two games. When they reached the state championship, losing was the least of their worries. "I was really excited and it was literally surreal. The whole time I was like, Wait is this actually happening?" said Ellie Bettlach, senior. The girls once again swept Pleasant Hill to win the state championship. "[Winning] was the best feeling of my life. I couldn't have wished for a better way to end my volleyball career," said Bailey Benes, senior.

Along their journey they had a theme to their success; The song "Long Live," by Taylor Swift. "We will remember this for the rest of our lives and we shared something so special." These girls are the definition of good teammates. These lyrics described our 4 years together perfectly," said Erin Bognar, senior. This was a moment that will never be lost. "We always say "dig for your girls" and we mean it cause we go through a lot in the season and in past seasons and club, and we have all chosen different paths regarding sports but when it's fall- we all come together and work hard and play together. I love these girls so much, they are all my best friends." said Sadie Stipanovich, senior. "I had the time of my life fighting dragons with you" (Long Live).



Picture Tradish

"**Adrienne Horn** is an amazing player and has really stepped it up this year. She's an awesome athlete and doesn't let her age get in the way of being a beast on the court," said **Sadie Stipanovich**, senior.



Every year the lady Wildcats dress up for team pictures. This year they were "Pixie Girls."



Libero, Ellie Bettlach, senior, digs a hit. "Nothing feels better than having a full gym to watch a really good match like that. I get more focused and pumped," said Bettlach.





"Our team had one mission- to win state. The whole weekend we were focused and had no doubts. Every game we just knew," said Hannah Stipanovich, junior.

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N ever Before

Never before had Amanda Ahlbrand, eighth grade, played a real, competitive tennis match against a real team until Saturday, September 22nd. She had been practicing four days a week with her team to prepare.

"Amanda is really good at tennis and sometimes for fun after church we will go play tennis together to practice," said Hannah Haguewood, eighth grade teammate of Ahlbrand.

Not only did she have to play one match, but since it was a tournament, she played two matches. "I was really excited, but I was also really nervous to play my first match," said Ahlbrand. It was her first year at the school, her first year on a tennis team, and her first official tennis match.

Ahlbrand was placed in the top bracket in the tournament. Her bracket consisted of players from MICDS, Principia, and her teammate, Julie Griesedieck. Ahlbrand played the top player from MICDS, a seventh grader named Libby, for her first match. Although she lost to Libby, Ahlbrand felt as if she played really well for it being her first match. "I did really good in the third game. I had some really nice shots," said Ahlbrand.

That was not the end for Ahlbrand. She then played for fifth place. Ahlbrand ended up facing her teammate and friend, Julie Griesedieck. It was a close match, but Griesedieck came out on top and won 6 - 3. "It was fun playing Amanda, but we couldn't stop laughing at each other" said Griesedieck. Representing her school as she played her first tennis match, Ahlbrand placed sixth overall in the tournament.

"My favorite part about tennis practice is that everyone is super encouraging and it is not very competitive so when you lose it's not a big deal. Also, I learned how playing against someone who is better than me makes me a better player."

-Caroline Hughes, eighth grade

Taylor French, eighth grade, reaches for a low volley to stay in the point. French hustled to get the ball. She hit a winner against her opponent to the far back corner.



Amanda Ahlbrand, eighth grade, uses her forehand to return a serve. During the third week of practice, the girls found out their rank. Ahlbrand played number two singles.



Katherine Yenser, eighth grade, returns a serve from her friend, **Hannah Lovell**, eighth grade. Yenser's favorite part of tennis practice was playing matches against her friends.



The team rallies together to end the day's practice. They decided to end the practice with a cheer they had made up. For the cheer they yelled "Tennis" over and over again.



Chelsea Caplinger, eighth grade, volleys the ball back to her opponent during practice. Her opponent was unable to return her volley, which resulted in Caplinger winning the point.



Anna Stackle, eighth grade, finishes her swing to hit the ball back. Stackle's favorite shot to hit was her forehand.



Sidney Keane, eighth grade, lunges as she goes for a low ball. Keane returned the ball with a high lob that landed right on the opponent's back base line, scoring a point.

Olivia Holt, eighth grade, jumps to return a ball that was hit high to her. Holt enjoyed playing tennis for the social part just as much as she did for the sport.



Top 5 Players

1. Julie Griesedieck, 8th
2. Amanda Ahlbrand, 8th
3. Chelsea Caplinger, 8th
4. Hannah Haguewood, 8th
5. Trudy Buck, 7th

Hannah Haguewood, eighth grade, hits her backhand to win the point in practice. Haguewood was one of the selected girls to make the actual team that played matches.

Tessa Copeland, freshman, gets into position to hit a volley. Copeland and her partner, Kaylee Noel, junior, made it all the way through the JV metro league tournament hosted by Villa Duchesne. Copeland and Noel finished the tournament in third place overall.



Below: **Elisabeth Harding**, freshman, jumps to return a high volley. "I love having Liz as my doubles partner. We worked so well together. It was so fun to be tennis partners with one of my best friends," said Margaret Koby, freshman.

Left: **Courtney McGhee**, senior, stretches out to return a volley to the opponent. McGhee and her doubles partner, Hannah Grace Smith, freshman, played a match against Nerinx Hall. McGhee and Smith won their match 8-3.

Right: **Margaret Koby**, freshman, hits a volley. "Between every point we would say 'Le' go bad yaks.'" said Koby. Bad yaks is what Harding and Koby named their partnership.

Switch up

Senior year is a time to think about what to do with your life and what your interests are. Courtney McGhee, senior, had been experimenting with different sports her last four years here at Westminster.

McGhee had played volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball, and swimming. This year McGhee gave tennis a try. "I thought I would try tennis because I liked the outfits. Also I like how it is more of an individual sport," said McGhee.

Trying out different sports can be difficult, especially if one has never played before. "I love sports and am blessed with the gift of athleticism. I learn fast and I work hard," said McGhee. "Tennis is just like a big game of keep up. Its fast and you have to constantly move and I like that. I wish I would have tried it earlier," said McGhee.

McGhee won fourteen of the twenty matches she played. She was ranked sixth for her doubles team with her partner Hannah Grace Smith, freshman. McGhee was constantly learning and improving on her playing abilities.



Caroline Moore, junior, returns the ball with her backhand. This year was Moore's first year playing tennis. When she came onto the team she was given the number one ranking for doubles.



Maddie Schuler, sophomore, hits a forehand to her Cor Jesu opponent. Schuler and her partner Elizabeth Schmidt, sophomore struggled in their match against Cor Jesu.

Angelina Steck, sophomore, gets into position to hit a serve. After Steck and her partner won points, they acted like their tennis racquets were swords and swung them around in celebration.

Warming up with her doubles partner, **Ellie Bacon**, sophomore, returns the ball on her forehand side. "Ellie is so nice and she is a very consistent tennis player. I can depend on her during a match," said Sarah Ragsdale, freshman.



Before her tennis match, **Amanda Skeeters**, freshman, eats a St. Louis Bread Company bagel with cream cheese.



Team Snacks

1. Sub Sandwiches
2. Bagel Dogs
3. Chick-Fil-A
4. Bread Company



Sarah Betz, sophomore, aims cross-court during her doubles match against Clayton. "I love playing doubles because I have a partner to joke around with," said Betz. Betz was partnered with several different teammates throughout the season.

Annie Schlafly, junior, hits a backhand in her match against Cor Jesu. The captain played number one singles. "Playing the best tennis players in the state is hard, but it has improved my skills and pushes me to play my very best," said Schlafly.

Rackets and Rods

After playing eight consecutive matches, the tennis team decided that they needed a break. Putting down their tennis rackets, they picked up fishing rods. They took the trek out to a pond in St. Charles by Coach Nathan Talley's house on a sunny Thursday afternoon. "We had been working so hard the past two weeks. Coach Talley just wanted to give us a day where we could relax and fish," said Esther McGowan, junior.

A total of ten fish were caught, making for a successful day. Six girls made big catches thanks to Coach Nathan Talley's fishing advice. "Annie Schlafly was by far the most entertaining to watch. She was so scared when she caught her first fish that she started screaming. The best part was, I caught it all on video," said Sarah Betz, sophomore.

The overall winner of the day was Amber Terschak, senior, who caught four fish. "I guess I just had really good luck because I don't fish too often. Using hot dogs as bait really helped, too" said Terschak. After the two hours of fishing, the team went out to eat at Chick-Fil-A, their usual dining spot. "We love eating and bonding as a team, and it was a great way to end our fishing trip," said Morgan Siebenman, junior.



"I'm known for having the longest matches on the team. Sometimes we don't get to leave until seven at night," said **Madison Deves**, junior. Her longest match lasted for two and a half hours against the third ranked girl from Villa.

Most Fish:

Amber Terschak:	4
Annie Schlafly:	2
Anna Bergman:	1
Madaline Ross:	1
Madison Deves:	1
Maddie Ottsen:	1

Mary Snapp and **Sarah Barker**, seniors, high-five after winning a point. Both girls requested to play doubles together since it was their senior year.



Maddie Ottsen, junior, hits a backhand over the net. She was doubles partners with **Madison Deves**, junior this year. "We like to introduce ourselves as the Madi's. Other teams didn't think it was as funny as we did," said Ottsen.



Esther McGowan, junior, celebrates with her doubles partner, **Janie Hughes**, sophomore. McGowan and the Varsity girls team took second in the district tournament.



Callie Christen, sophomore, prepares to hit a backhand against St. Joseph's Academy during the Parkway West Doubles Tournament. Christen had the longest winning streak on the team.

Sarah Jane Fiala, sophomore, tosses the ball up to serve. Fiala played at number nine on the team. Fiala lost only two of her matches and had the best record on the Varsity team.



Top Left: At the state golf tournament, **McKenna Montgomery**, freshman, reads her putt. Montgomery was new to the team, but added excellent scores for the wildcats. She shot her all time season low at Forest Hills with a 36.



Top Right: **Claire Kopsky**, junior, follows through her shot. This was Kopsky's first year playing golf for Westminster. She shot her lowest score, a 42, during the conference championships.



Bottom Left: **Jordan Wolf**, junior, chips onto the green to set herself up for a birdie. Wolf was the number one golfer for the wildcats this season. Wolf won the River Challenge, a tournament between Illinois and Missouri golfers, with an even par 71.



Bottom Right: This season, **Megan McDaniel**, sophomore, made her varsity debut. Megan helped the team keep their season winning streak throughout the season by consistently shooting in the low forties.



“Sure the competition is a lot higher in a **varsity match** and that in itself can put **more pressure** on you, but in order to play your game you still have to keep your focus. **It's all a mental game.**”
-Claire Kopsky, junior.

Double Back to Back

As the fall season of 2012 came to a close, only six teams in the history of Westminster held state titles. The women's varsity golf team held two of the six. Not only had they won twice, but the titles were back to back and they went undefeated in both seasons. Brooke Cusumano, senior, was a part of the team's legacy and won state as an individual both of the years. “I have never been more excited. Our team did great and winning individually is the topping on the cake,” said Cusumano.

The team won the state title by 52 strokes which is a testament to the hard work that each of the players put into the golf season. “I practiced and worked as hard as I could. I wanted it so bad, and I wouldn't let anything, even homework, get in my way,” said Jordan Wolf, junior. Wolf won second place individually for the second year in a row. “We put in a ton of practice time to win state again this year, and the underclassmen worked hard for their spots and practiced what they needed to practice,” said Ciara Younger, senior. Not only did the upperclassmen work hard, but the new underclassmen stepped up their game during the state tournament. “Our younger players were absolutely outstanding and definitely stood up and filled the jobs of the graduated seniors. They were huge aspects of our team and I can't be thankful enough to have them,” said Wolf.

Seniors Cusumano and Younger will be remembered as leaders for the women's golf team that won back to back team championships. Their names will be listed twice in the Arena, and Cusumano will be placed twice on the individual champions list. The underclassmen will have the opportunity to maintain a strong women's golf program in the fall of 2013.

Big Bad Wolf

Jordan Wolf, junior, filled the number one spot on the team this year and gathered top stats in many categories

Pars: 105

Birdies: 31

Lowest 9-hole score: 33

Lowest 18-hole score: 71

Medals (top score): 11

State Finish: 2nd

At the Angel Classic golf tournament, **Brooke Cusumano**, senior, tees off. Cusumano won the state tournament with a two-day score of 154. During her final season as a wildcat, Cusumano committed to play Division I golf at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.



D1 Golf.
 "It is very relieving, but at the same time I have a target on my back to win all the time because I am supposed to be this great Division I golfer, and I am expected to always play my best, which is hard to do."
 Brooke Cusumano, senior.



The women's varsity golf team presents the first place team trophy. The team won first for the second year in a row by 52 strokes over Villa Duschene with a score of 669.



Ciara Younger, senior, tees up her shot on the thirteenth hole at Eagle Creek golf course on Friday, September 14. This was the date of the Angel Classic golf tournament as well as Younger's 18th birthday.

Women's Varsity and JV Golf



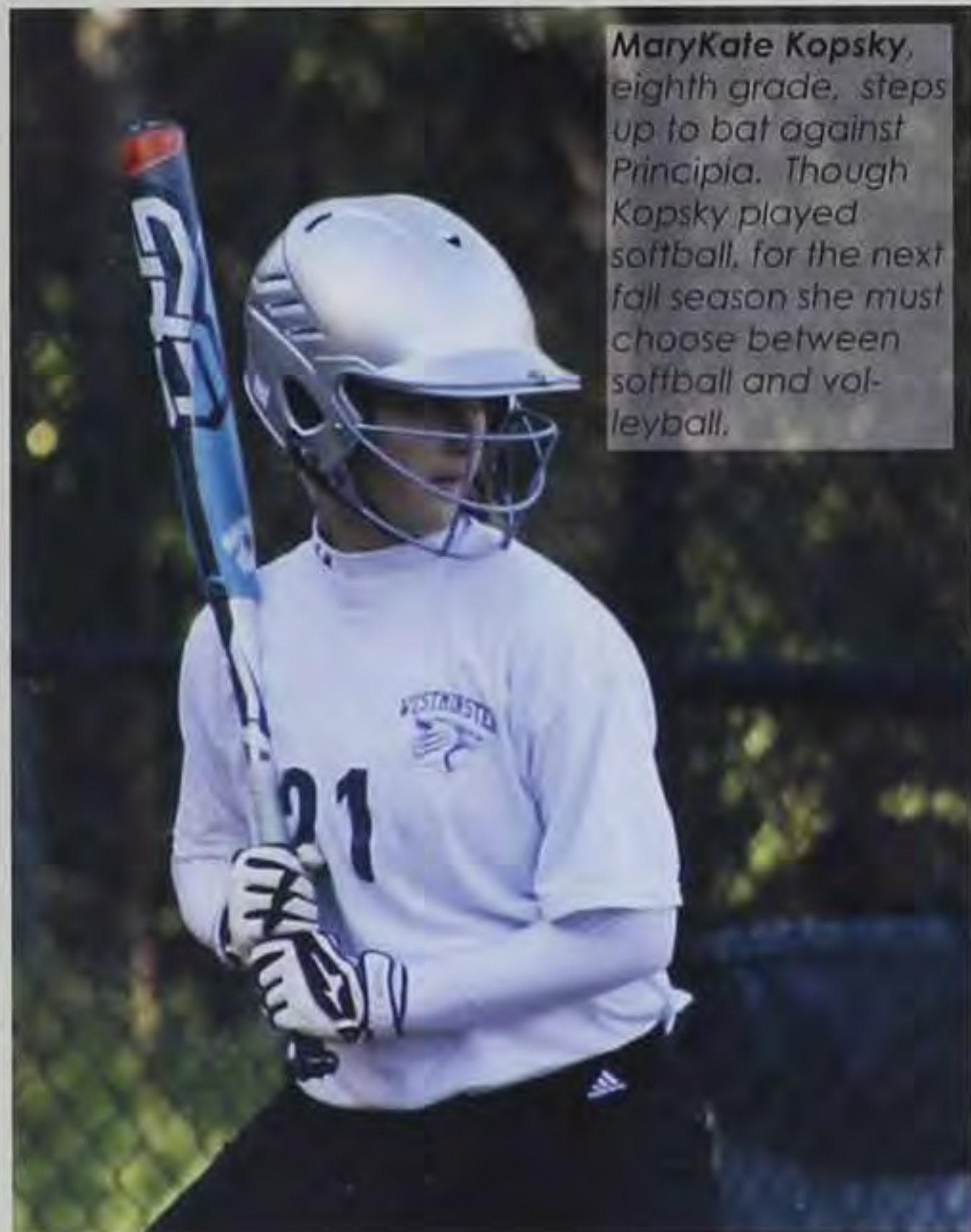


Preparing to hit the ball, **Kelly Bradley**, seventh grade, steps up to the plate. "My favorite part of the game is when I get to bat!"

Katelyn Wallace, seventh grade, prepares to catch the ball in her second game against Principia.



Rachel Strothkamp, seventh grade, pitches the ball to Principia. This was the team's second game of the season. They finished off strong, and their hard work paid off when they won three of their four games.



MaryKate Kopsky, eighth grade, steps up to bat against Principia. Though Kopsky played softball, for the next fall season she must choose between softball and volleyball.

Oni Wright, eighth grade, catches the ball during a practice after school. "I've never played softball before, and I can see a huge improvement in the way I bat from our practices," said Wright.



Getting in position, **Emily Zell**, seventh grade, prepares to hit during the second game of the season. The team played in four games during the 2012 season.



For most people, there is someone they look up to or aspire to be. Some people look up to all-star athletes and admire their athleticism and determination.

"David Freese is my role model. He never gave up and tried his hardest, and kept his team from losing. Watching him play helps me keep a positive attitude. If I'm losing I know that I can still win, and that I should never give up," said Madelyn Trost, eighth grade.

Others look up to people that they interact with on a daily basis. "Nancy Kopsky is my role model. She has always told me to play my best, and it makes me feel more confident when I'm on the field," said MaryKate Kopsky, eighth grade. Whether it is a famous person or a parent, anyone can be an example or an encouragement.

Middle school students also find themselves looking up to older examples such as the juniors and seniors.

"I think it's good that the middle schoolers look up to our team. It shows them how to work hard and how determination can help you succeed," said Jensen Holt, junior softball player.

Everyone plays a role in this school, whether it is to be a role model or to have someone as an example to follow. As upperclassmen play sports and walk through the hallway it must be remembered that there are always students looking up to them.



Morgan Davis, seventh grade, sprints to first base. The team played at Principia. This was Davis' third year playing softball.

Before a home game, **Jessica Johnson**, senior, practices pitching in the bull pen. On October 18, during a game against Parkway Central, Johnson hit a grand slam to help her team secure the 9-7 victory.



Taylor Dorsey, freshman, warms up by batting for the first game of Districts. "When the coaches told me I made the team as a freshman, I was ecstatic! It was an honor to be a part of such a great team," said Dorsey.



Lindsey Falkner, freshman, warms up before the first game of districts. "My favorite part of the season was getting to know girls from different grades and having the opportunity to improve my softball skills," said Falkner.

Player of the Week

"It's a great accomplishment and I'm proud of the hard work I have put in the past three years to being awarded Player of the Week from the St. Louis Post Dispatch," said **Sydney Seabaugh**, junior.

Summer Smith, senior, starts at second baseman for the varsity team for the third year in a row. "As captain this year, I really wanted to just encourage and push our team to reach our full potential," said Smith.



Batting second in the lineup, **Annie Backs**, freshman, prepares to bat. Backs was the starting third baseman in her first year on Varsity.



Kendra Slater, freshman, makes a throw to second base for an out. Slater was one of nine new varsity players on the team.



Starting first baseman, **Stephanie Strothkamp**, sophomore, throws the ball for a play at home plate. "I like hitting better than fielding because it's a battle against the pitcher, plus you get that awesome feeling when you get a great hit," said Strothkamp.

Kristen Ahlbrand, junior, catches during a home game in which she hit her first home run of the season. "It felt great to hit a home run! I knew I would hit one, I just didn't know when," said Ahlbrand.



S tarbuck Saturdays

Relay drills, pop fly contests, and fielding as many ground balls as possible were all activities that the Lady Wildcats participated in during the Softball Olympics. The Softball Olympics was a Saturday practice full of activities where the reward for victory was a Starbucks gift card.

The first contest of the day, a relay drill, ended unfortunately for Rebecca Nixon, senior. During the relay drill, Nixon accidentally got hit by a ball on her right hand. Nixon went to the hospital to find out that her finger was broken. "After I went to the doctor and they told me it was broken I immediately knew I would be out for the season. Not being able to finish my last season was a big bummer but it also gave me the chance to help the younger players with general advice," said Nixon. Fortunately for Nixon, though, her team ultimately ended up winning the relay contest and receiving Starbucks gift cards.

The last two competitions were designed to see who could catch the most fly balls and field the most ground balls. Summer Smith, senior, won both. Saturday morning practices turned out to be a fun, competitive way for the girls to compete against their team mates and coaches. "I love how Scholten got into the Starbucks competitions, and it was fun to compete against her," said Taylor Dorsey, freshman.

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During a game against Parkway West, **Jensen Holt**, junior, hits a line drive to center field. This was Holt's third year playing varsity.

Coach Staub

Even though Coach Staub was new to coaching at Westminster, he had plenty of experience coaching football elsewhere. He had coached a total of 38 years of high school football and was very passionate about the sport. He said his favorite part of being a football coach was "the relationships with the young men and seeing them in action." He enjoyed coaching at Westminster because of the Christian atmosphere. He also felt like he could make an impact on the boys and influence their lives in a positive way.



At the first game of the season, **Trent Tarantino**, seventh grade, charges an opponent from Principia. The coaches from both teams decided against counting the scores and instead, used this game strictly for practice.

Chase Lottmann, seventh grade, gets ready to run a play. "I love when I break through the line of scrimmage and get a tackle." said Lottmann when talking about his favorite part of football.

David Braton, seventh grade, faces off with a Principia player at their first game. Many of the boys on the team had no previous experience in football and took this opportunity to begin playing.



Steve Webb, eighth grade, runs for a touchdown. This touchdown helped the team win their first game of the season.

Playing against Priory, **Cooper Moore**, eighth grade, goes in for a tackle. Moore was a co-captain of the eighth grade team.



A nimated mateurs

On August 24th, twenty-one seventh grade boys walked out onto the football field to begin a season. As rookies, they had the enthusiasm often seen in a varsity team at a state championship. When asked about their upcoming game, Levi Alldredge, seventh grade, was hopeful of the team's recently developed abilities.

"I think it will go pretty well because we have a good team," said Alldredge. Chad Briden, seventh grade, seemed to agree with Alldredge, but despite both of their morales, they admitted that football was extremely different than any other sport they had played. "It takes a lot more endurance, and it is a lot more physical."

Though most of the eighth grade team had played as seventh graders, they did not lose their enthusiasm. "I think we will win, we are prepared, we have excellent coaches, and we are pumped!" said Zach Stinehagen, eighth grade. Chase Griesedieck, eighth grade, shared Stinehagen's excitement for the new year.

"This year has been fun because we have a new coach and he's doing a great job so far. We are preparing and getting better every week," said Griesedieck. One reason the eighth graders shared a passion for the new season was the reassurance of having played last year.

"This year will be easier because I know what I'm doing and how to hit," said Matt Ottsen, eighth grade.

With their confidence and energy, the boys were bound and determined to make the middle school football season a success.



Tackling his adversary, **Carter Snodgrass**, eighth grade, fights hard at his first game. He played both offensive guard and defensive end on the team.

Getting ready to cover the kickoff, **Josh Pottebaum**, eighth grade, focuses on the ball. "[Next year] it will be easier because I can try to lead the other guys," said Pottebaum



Baker Hutton, seventh grade, breaks through a wall of Chaminate players to score a touchdown. Westminster lost this game against the Devils, 20-6.



Blocking a student from Priory, **Matt Thomas**, eighth grade, plays his first game. Thomas improved last season and intended to work to become better.

Driving through a would-be-tackler, **Bradley Almus**, junior, returns a Lutheran North interception for extra yards. It was the first interception of his career.



Packs a Punch

At 5'4" and 115 lbs., Brennan Murphy, freshman, was easily the smallest player on the high school football roster. The running backs and outside linebacker coach, Coach Jeffries referred to Brennan as "pup." "I don't think I've ever tackled anyone smaller than me," said Murphy.

It was safe to say that Murphy made up for his small stature with his play on the field. The freshman football team was playing Lutheran North, hoping to get their first win of the season. In the first quarter, with Westminster on offense, the ball was fumbled.

Zach Hughes, quarterback, scooped up the fumbled ball and tried to run right, facing a wall of defenders. Reversing fields, and running from pursuing defenders, Hughes looked as if he might be tackled for a 4 yard loss.

On the backside of the play, Murphy was waiting, bracing himself for a hit. As Lutheran North's fastest player closed in on Hughes, Murphy hit him so hard that the crunch of pads was heard clearly by all the fans in the stands above. As the fans erupted, the player was knocked completely off his feet, and Hughes took the ball for a 57 yard touchdown run.

"When he's big, he's going to be a beast," said Connor Hafenrichter, freshman.



In JV's season opener against Wheaton Academy, Blake Sutphen, sophomore, scored 2 touchdowns. With this promising start, Sutphen went into the second and third game of the season and scored 6 points against the team.

Touchdown Machine



Casey Hinds, freshman, goes up for a ball in the endzone. Casey began the season with 113 receiving yards against Clayton. "[The best moment was] probably when I caught a fade against MICDS and took it for a touchdown," said Hinds.

Driving his feet, **Amon Kehr**, sophomore, breaks a tackle on a sweep to the sideline. Kehr was known by his teammates on Varsity for his loud cheering on the sidelines.



Brendan Bognar, sophomore, scrambles out of the pocket and speeds to the endzone. "Bognar did a great job running," said Robert Rasche, junior.

Sam Kottmeier, freshman, carries the ball. A concussion to a teammate meant Kottmeier played tailback.


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After catching a screen pass, **Coby Nye**, senior, avoids tacklers and runs for the first down. Westminster ended up winning this game against Lutheran North 42-23.

Managers

One part of the team that is commonly overlooked are the managers. Julia Alpert, Claire Rebbe, Clara Gruneisen, Azaria Foster, Eichel Davis, Elise Hearne, McKinzie Duesenberg, Melinda Olivér, and Sydney Seabaugh all assisted the team with a variety of tasks such as preparing the field and helping to hydrate the players games. "We are not the help or the water people. We are players. We are part of the team. We. Are. Wildcats." said Eichel Davis, junior.



Claire Rebbe, freshman, dries the equipment for the team during a rainy game.

Game of the Week

Though it may seem like a trivial task, becoming the St. Louis Rams' Game of the Week is no easy feat. Over 200,000 votes were cast by the Westminster community in order to win. Kirk Briden, the father of football player, Trent Briden, sophomore, created a bot that auto voted to give Westminster the edge. "(My dad) was using the skills he has quired for a good cause," said Briden.

After winning the online competition, Westminster had a new and more important goal in sight of winning the football game. "We came into that game confident and excited for the game of the week," said Alex Rideout, senior.

Going into the game, Westminster was expected to win with a daunting record of 3-0 compared to Lutheran North's 1-2. And Westminster did not disapoint winning 31-6. With this Westminster was rewarded the two thousand dollar prize and the glory of being named winners of the game of the week.

Jesse Gruneisen, senior, looks out on his team after a big stop on defense. Gruneisen was the leading defender overall for the 2012 season.



Kyle Kinner, junior, catches a pass for a big gain on third down.

Starting varsity quarterback, **Brett Bond**, junior, plows over a John Burroughs defender. The Wildcats ended up losing this game but held the Bombers to only 33, the least amount of points scored in one game by the Bombers.



Trey Merritt, sophomore, evades the Lutheran North defenders. Merritt started the season on JV, but he earned the spot at Varsity running back four games in.

Caleb Krumsieg, junior, bows down for prayer after a tough loss. Westminster lost only two games in the regular season to obtain a 7-2 record.

Cutting up field, **Alex Rideout**, senior, gains yards for the Cats. In his senior season, Rideout changed from running back to slot back.

The Westminster sideline partakes in a long-standing tradition of raising their helmets before each kickoff. The Wildcats' kicker was David Williams, sophomore.



After causing a three and out on defense, **Mark McFarland**, senior, dries off his visor. Westminster ended up winning this game against MICDS.



Taking a breath, **Bo Thomas**, sophomore, swims in the JV 200 medley relay. The JV relays at the meet could only be made up of freshmen and sophomore team members.

Cole Montgomery, senior, dives at the meet against John Burroughs. "My favorite part of diving is knowing I can bring points for the team," said Montgomery.

Cutting through the water, **Samuel Thomas**, sophomore, swims the 100 yard butterfly. "100 Fly is my favorite because it is different from free and really difficult," said Thomas.



Cole the Competitor

One approach, one chance to prepare before the event, to calm the nerves. One diver, all eyes on him for his first opportunity to compete. This season Cole Montgomery, senior, chose to take up diving for the fall swim season.

"I knew that we needed a diver this year and that it would be really fun," said Montgomery.

In order to train and prepare for diving, Montgomery took on the coaching of Sarah Barker, senior. "At first it was a little uncomfortable [coaching him] because I did not want to overstep my bounds. Cole is an awesome diver. He is virtually fearless and takes coaching and new ideas well," said Barker. When it came time for Montgomery to dive in his first meet, he faced a challenge of nerves. "The first meet [I dove] made me incredibly nervous! I was so nervous all day because I knew that all people would be watching me," said Montgomery. The day dragged on and the meet drew closer, bringing Montgomery's first competitive diving experience. At the end of the day, the team prepared to swim against Ritenour High School, all except Montgomery. He silently prepared to both swim and dive.

Warm ups passed by and Montgomery was still preparing to dive. Finally, the fifty freestyle concluded and it was time to compete. There were no opposing divers so all eyes were focused on Montgomery as he took his one approach. He prepared with a simple back approach for his warm up and stepped out of the water, waiting for his first dive to be announced. Once the dive was called, he stepped up on the board. "It was gorgeous," commented Easton Noble, senior, on Montgomery's diving. He performed the dive, and emerged from the water to hear the pool erupt in applause. "I knew Cole was a competitor but did not know how he would handle the pressure of all eyes on him," said Barker.

"I felt awesome after I dove. It was really fun to try something new and I did a lot better than I thought I would," said Montgomery. Montgomery's diving helped the team significantly by scoring some extra points for the team during meets.

State Qualifiers

200 Freestyle Relay: Brian Fellows, Cole Montgomery, Easton Noble, and Brandt Wieberg
400 Freestyle Relay: Brian Fellows, Easton Noble, Eddie Sutphen, and Jake Kehr
50 Freestyle: Easton Noble
100 Breaststroke: Easton Noble



Jacob Thomas, senior, swims the 200 freestyle relay against John Burroughs in October. In the meet against McCluer North, Thomas was a part of an all Thomas 200 medley relay. The relay was made up of all team members with the last name of Thomas.



Brandt Wieberg, junior, swims the 200 Freestyle relay at the relay meet in October. Brandt was a part of the relay which qualified for state at the relay meet. His favorite meet "was the Ladue invitational because the team swam really well," said Wieberg.



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Lining up for the Start of the 200 medley relay **Tommy Regan**, freshman, prepares to swim the backstroke leg of the relay against Vianney. Westminster had triumphed over Vianney during the Ladue Invitational, but lost this dual meet.

Swimming the 100 backstroke, **Easton Noble**, senior, works to attain another school record. Noble's favorite moments were water polo practices especially since "Some of the team brings out their more competitive side," said Noble.

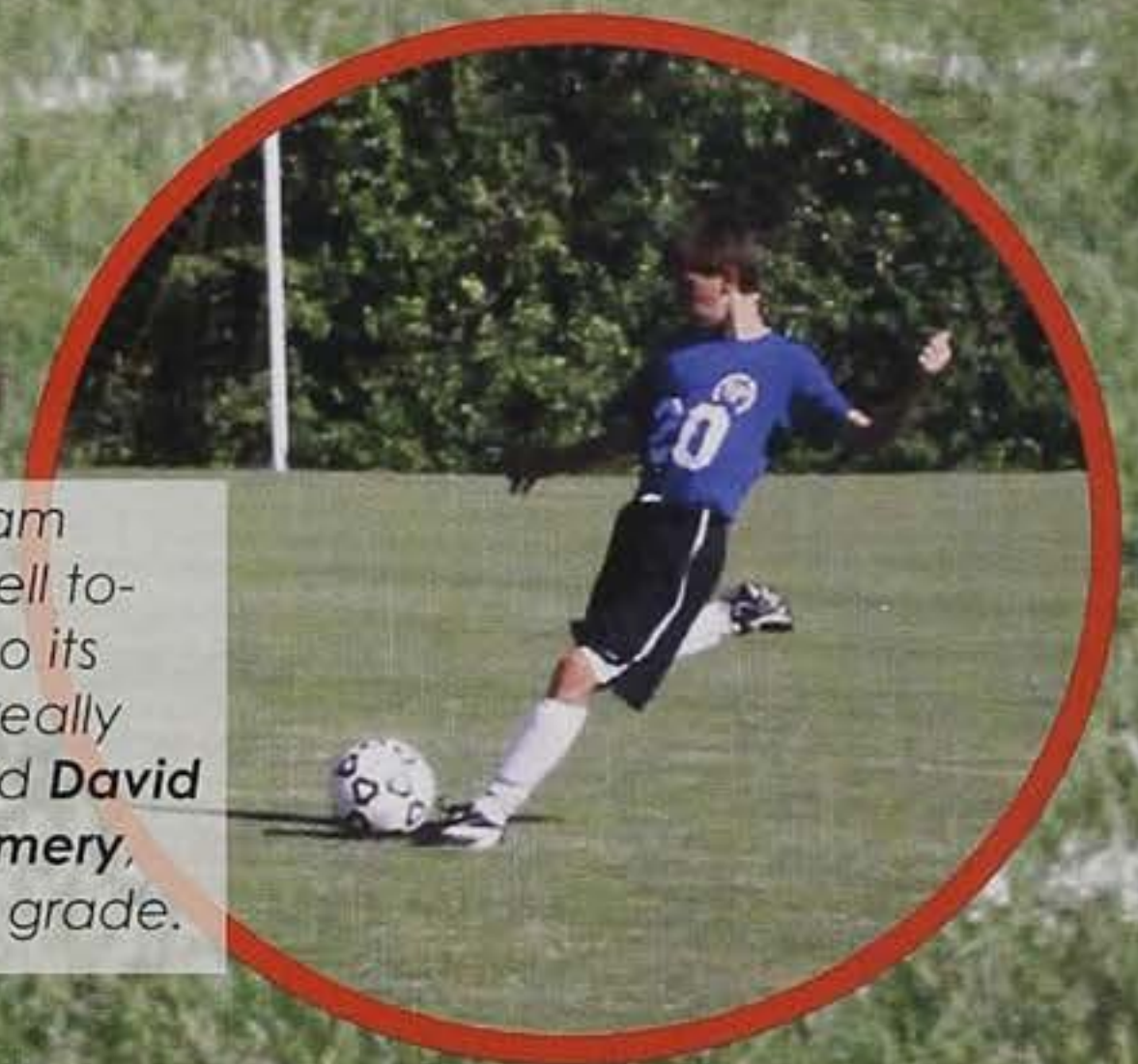


Will Egan, senior, stays alert while timing a relay during the Lion relay meet on Oct.4. Egan was the timer for the state qualifying 200 freestyle relay team. Westminster took gold in 10 of the 12 events at the Lion relay meet.

Logan Sells and **Jack Bauer**, eighth grade, take a few penalty kicks to warm up before practice began. The boys started practice at 2:30 and ended at 3:30. This was the first time middle school soccer experienced this schedule change.



"Our team works well together so its always really fun," said **David Montgomery**, seventh grade.





Middle School Face-Off

Just like the eighth grade, JV, and Varsity teams, the seventh grade soccer team strives to improve their performance by taking on challenges like scrimmaging the eighth graders. "Our team works well together so its always really fun," said David Montgomery, seventh grade. "We enjoy it a lot!" added Trent Tarantino, seventh grade.



David Kerckhoff, eighth grade, intercepts an opponent's pass. Kerckhoff played midfield for the eighth grade soccer team.

Eighth grader **Jason Kelly** fights for the ball. "I feel like I have improved especially this season," said Kelly. "Overall, its been a good year."

Ethan Davitt, eighth grade, passes the ball to his teammate Will Wetzel. "I have played soccer since about first grade and its been great. I love the Westminster soccer program," said Davitt.



Alex Kempen, eighth grade, weaves in and out of the opposing defense. "I have improved in my communication with other players," said Kempen.

Will Wetzel, eighth grade, crosses the ball into the middle of the field. "It has been a fun year. I really hope to make the team next year," said Wetzel.

Rookies s. Veterans

How do you handle adversity when the odds are stacked against you? For the 8th grade soccer team, going into a scrimmage against the JV team was a little intimidating.

"JV has some big guys, some even sophomores, but I was pretty confident we would do okay," said Dean Karanas, eighth grade. When asked about pre-game anxiety he responded, "I felt good. Our team was great last year, so I thought we would perform well."

Though the opposing team was bigger and older than the eighth grade team, the rookies soon realized that the JV team could also make mistakes. Logan Sells, eighth grade, laughed as he recalled a funny moment when an opposing player scored in the wrong goal.

Although the eighth grade team was defeated, they enjoyed the opportunity to be challenged and grow as a result of competing against a more seasoned team. "Considering we haven't played in a year, I thought we did well. We learned that we need to work more on our defense," said Daniel Schick, eighth grade. The challenge of an unbalanced match helped prepare the eighth grade team for a demanding soccer season.



Making a move around a Whitfield opponent, **David Williams**, sophomore, goes to goal. During the game Williams scored once, and assisted two goals. Williams also was the Varsity football team placekicker.

S peedy Reedy

Coach Ryan Potter walked over to the JV men's soccer team. He looked at his clipboard and began to read the starting lineup. "On offense, Reed Schick."

Reed took the field and heard the whistle that started the first game of the whole season. Within the first ten minutes, Schick scored his first goal in a smooth shot to the outside corner.

The ball was reset at the midline, and the JV soccer team of St. Charles High tried to tie it up, but Schick wouldn't hear of it. He scored again not too long after the first goal. "If you are ahead by two in a game, it can be a risky thing. If you think you have the game in the bag, you are going to play worse and basically give up the game," said Coach Potter.

Schick settled that fear by scoring yet another quick goal. The team crowded around Schick celebrating his hat-trick. "It was really exciting since it was our first game and Reed is our captain. His flow was awesome," said Sam Everhardt, freshman. The game ended in a 3-0 clincher. "Once I scored the first time, I knew I was destined to get a hat-trick," said Schick, sophomore. The team celebrated an exciting first win as they looked forward to the rest of their season.



161 Miles

During the soccer season, Coach Ryan Potter had the team run around 2.5 miles a day. It was important that the team stretched first as to not strain a muscle during the run. "I dislike running, but it helps build endurance," said Nate Applebaum, freshman.



(Top) Miles Hehner, freshman, stretches before practice.

(Bottom) Benjamin Sems, freshman, runs 2.5 miles during a warmup.



Sam Hunsicker, freshman, looks for an open man after defeating his opponent. The game was Hunsicker's first of the season due to injury.



Jack Linton, freshman, clears the ball after receiving it as a pass back to goal. Linton played goalie for most of the season.



Jeremy Yoon, freshman, gets ready to take a shot on goal. Yoon was tied for second with the most goals at this point in the season.



Racing to the ball, **Alex Hopkins**, freshman, bodies his Whitfield opponent out of the way. "The defense has to be right 9/10 times, but the offense only has to be right 1/10 times," said Hopkins.



Joonsok Lee, freshman, intercepts an offensive pass while playing defense for the Wildcats. This game was Lee's first opportunity to play defense during the 2012 JV soccer season.



As a midfielder, **Kevin Stump**, sophomore, steals the ball. Stump suffered from a knee injury early in the practice season, but recovered in time for the team's first game against St. Charles High School.

Grayson Everhardt, junior, dribbles the ball down the center of the field. The Wildcats were forced into overtime five times during the season.



Scooping the ball from the field, **Jacob Chimento**, sophomore, protects the goal. The team lost by only one goal to Cape Notre Dame.



Seung Chan Jang, junior, fights off the defense to take possession of the ball. "Tryouts (are hard) because of jet lag," said Jang.



Michael Dudley, senior, charges towards the opponent's defense. "Soccer (allows me to) exit life for a little while," said Dudley.



Finding his teammate, **Carl Simakoff**, sophomore, taps the ball across the grass. "(I enjoy) having fans while playing," said Simakoff.



Ben Evans, senior, lunges forward to keep the ball out of the net. Evans played goalie and forward. This was his first year on Varsity.



Blue VS Green

Another chance. A chance to add to the legacy. Two goals. One win. Westminster had done it again, earning their twelfth blue/green trophy, upping the record to 12-9.

In 1992, both Whitfield and Westminster wanted to create a rivalry to rally school spirit, as neither school had a football team. Thus, they created the Blue/Green trophy, which the winning team could earn and keep for the year.

"It was a really rewarding experience being able to recover from a one goal setback and see that our team has the perseverance and skill to win the game," said Chase Seiller, junior. Lacking the lead by one goal, the team had a spark in motivation, leading to a shot from Ben Evans, senior. Shortly after, Seiller took a run up the field, tapped the ball to Sam Dunne, sophomore, who once again fed Evans for the winning shot.

"It was an incredible feeling to help the team win. I knew that if we didn't give up, then we would have an opportunity to come back," said Evans.

Although the team departed proud from their victory, the legacy had been overlooked and forgotten for many years. "If more people acknowledged the tradition and supported the team more...I think it could become a meaningful and fun tradition," said Dongjae Lee, senior. The boys still left with a win to add to the trophy. "It was a proud victory," said Evans.

Drawing back for the pass, **Tim Burgess**, senior, moves the ball up the field. The Wildcats lost the MICDS tournament championship game to Ladue in overtime, 2-1. They received second place.




Blue/Green Trophy History

1992-green	2002-tie
1993-green	2003-green
1994-tie	2004-blue
1995-green	2005-blue
1996-green	2006-green
1997-blue	2007-blue
1998-green	2008-blue
1999-blue	2009-blue
2000-blue	2010-green
2001-blue	2011-blue
2012-BLUE	

Lining up for the kick, **Nathan Cherian**, senior, springs his foot towards the ball. "Being a captain is just about holding our team to a high quality of soccer and motivating everyone to get us there," said Cherian, a team captain.





Jack Dohr, senior, pushes the ball forward against Cape Notre Dame. "Soccer has allowed me to learn how to be a leader. It can teach you more than just soccer. It can teach you perseverance and hard work...I have gained many great memories from all the years of playing, memories that will stick with me my whole life," said Dohr.

Jake Graham, seventh grade, runs a lap during a practice. "Cross Country is awesome," said Graham. Graham ran after school four days a week for 40 minutes.



Logan Bauer, eighth grade, and **Kathryn Kramer**, seventh grade, ran at the Priory Cross Country meet. Although times are not kept in middle school, Westminster was estimated to finish first or second place.



The Scenic Route

In seventh and eighth grade, middle schoolers decided to run cross country for reasons ranging from the pure enjoyment of running to preparation for other athletics.

Some runners signed up to train for other sports. "I signed up to get better at baseball, to get faster and more physically fit," said Jake Mitchell, eighth grade. Mitchell decided that cross-country would be good training for the spring sport. "I'm excited to face a lot of other schools. It's kinda cool that it is girls and boys racing too," said Josh Berglar, eighth grade.

A lot of factors such as food help the runners increase their times. Many of the runners have different foods they prefer to eat before a competition. "I like to eat oatmeal or a grain bar," said Josh Berglar, eighth grade. "I like drinking lots of water and fruit," said Jake Mitchell, eighth grade. "I like to drink water, and you also got to get a lot of carbs," said Jake Graham, seventh grade.

Many of the runners have experienced odd encounters during their runs. "It's kinda funny in the end when you see people going all out sprinting. Sometimes peoples' running looks so wierd." said Graham. "One time I saw someone trip. That was kinda funny," said Bergler.



Logan Bauer, eighth grade, runs in the Priory meet. Many runners tried out for cross country to get in shape. "My coach told me to do it to get in shape for hockey" said Bauer.



Levi Alldredge, seventh grade, runs at the Priory track meet. Activities during practice included running long distances, jump-roping, and playing games to increase stamina skills. "I love to see the improvement and positive attitudes of the kids who have not run in the past," said Andy Kerckhoff, team coach.



Evan Parres, seventh grade, runs to the finish at the end of a cross-country meet. Typically around 230 runners from many schools ran at a cross-country meet. Parres average was a 6:20 mile.



Griffin Andersen, seventh grade, runs through the dust kicked up by runners at the Chaminade meet. "As a team, we are competing very well," said, Andy Kerckhoff, team coach.



Dominic Cusumano, seventh grade, runs at the Chaminade cross-country meet. Andy Kerckhoff, team coach, said, "I am thrilled that so many of the team are embracing the 'no pain, no gain' attitude."

"It's **kinda funny** in the end when you see people going all out sprinting. Sometimes people's **running looks so wierd.**"

-**Josh Berglar**, 8th Grade.

Running for a Purpose

Coming off of a season full of injuries and disappointment, the women's cross country team decided to take a new approach to the 2012 season. Many of the women coming into the season had personal goals to achieve throughout the year. "Some of my goals for the season are to improve my time and get a personal record. And, no matter what, to do the best we can as a team," said Abby Nixon, junior.

The girls were determined to succeed not only in their races, but also in connecting with the other teams they raced against. "Finishing a race and feeling excited and proud of how I did. I love the relationships I make with people I run with, it is different than anything else," said Laura Tarantino, senior.

When the team traveled to Memphis to compete in an out of town race they were able to have dinner with one of the teams from Memphis that they were going to race against. The next day the CBHS boys cheered for our runners as they ran their races and in return, our team cheered for the boys when they competed.

"Hearing the CBHS boys cheering for us was really encouraging because we had just met them. I really enjoyed making new friends in another state!" said Mary Wynn, junior. While the team may have had personal goals to succeed, what they really looked for this season was making strong relationships with their fellow runners from different areas across the country.

"The **relationships** I make with people I run with are different than anything else. I **learn to respect** my competitors from other schools, because I know we **both love running** and work hard."
-**Laura Tarantino**, senior.



Mackenzie Yeager, Leah Votava, juniors, and **Olivia Coomes**, sophomore, begin their race at Forest Park. This was Votava's first year on the Cross Country team. Votava joined the team as a way to get in shape. "It hurts really bad, but it's worth it afterwards," said Votava.



Mary Wynn, junior, goes for a light jog during practice. She had been a part of the team since her freshman year. On the Memphis trip, Wynn brought her Queen of England bobble head to help cheer on the team as they raced against teams from across the Midwest.

During a team practice **Abby Nixon**, junior, jogs around the track with the rest of her team. Nixon's favorite part of cross country this year was practice. "Before meets I am very nervous, during I find it very painful, but after I feel good because I finished the race well," said Nixon.



Memphis Bound

On Friday, September 28th the Varsity Women's cross country team traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to compete in a new setting. During their time in Memphis they enjoyed delicious food and fellowship with each other. Many of the girls got new personal records and found the weekend very successful.

Laura Tarantino, senior, runs the final stretch of her race at the Forest Park Meet on September 10. Her time landed her in the third place position. Later in the season Tarantino improved her time to 19 minutes and 27 seconds in the 5k.



Sophomore **Lily Duell** takes hard strides during one of the team's meets. This was Duell's second year on Varsity. Duell's older brother also ran cross country during his time at Westminster.



Morgan Brasier, freshman, finishes on Sept. 10. "Morgan is hilarious as well as a running powerhouse. She plows through the competition," said teammate Mackenzie Yeager, junior.



At the Principia cross country meet, **Kayla Brown**, freshman, finishes the first mile of the meet. "During a meet I think about catching the next person," said Brown.



At the end of the Forest Park cross country meet, **Kaylah Meredith**, freshman, runs her final steps towards the finish line. Meredith ran 3.1 miles during meets.



Reagen Dykhouse, senior, races to the finish line neck-and-neck against the Kearny Bulldogs. "Whenever I'm racing against someone the only thing going through my mind is 'I'm going to beat them'," said Dykhouse.

How Many Miles Have You Run At One Time?

"The longest I've ever run at one time was in the Rock 'N Roll half marathon. It was 13.1 miles."
-Drake Norman, senior.

David Hotard, freshman, runs the three mile course labeling it a "light and easy workout." The course started on a path behind Westminster and was used as a main practice run.



Corey Falkner, junior, runs in his first cross-country meet. "When I'm running, I just focus on finishing the race and think about crossing the finish line sprinting as fast as I can," said Falkner.



Brenden Solomon, senior, runs a 200 meter interval during practice. "I like practice because you can relate with everyone because of the pain we share in running," said Solomon.



Drake Norman, senior, finishes the second lap of a cross-country meet at Forest Park. The meet consisted of a 5K and it took about four laps to complete the course.



Matt Hall, senior, sprints on the track during a Tuesday practice. Tuesday and Thursday practices were held on the track so that the team could focus on speed.



Taylor Freiner, senior, runs across the finish line during the conference meet hosted by Principia on October 19. Freiner finished with a time of 20 minutes and 40 seconds.



Strides to Success

This year, the varsity cross-country team had the opportunity to take a trip to Memphis, Tennessee to run in a meet at Christian Brothers High School. The team only takes a trip every two years, so there were only a few places available and the competition for them was high. It was a big goal for the boys to make the meet. However, through hard work and determination, all of the varsity boys qualified for a spot and were able to go.

"We all ran our hardest. I felt privileged to make a spot, but I'm a senior so it was kind of expected," said Matt Hall, senior.

Once in Memphis, the team stayed in a hotel which, according to Corey Falkner, junior, was "a fun way to hang out as a team and just chill." That night, the team went to a dinner hosted by Christian Brothers High School. "The food was great," said Thomas Meyer, sophomore, "and it was cool to hang out with the team."

The next day, the team got ready to run. "We had no idea what to expect out of the meet. We had a lot of great competition and knew it would be tough, but everyone had been working hard and in the end the meet went well," said Ken Boesch, cross-country coach, "most of the team achieved personal records and Reagan Dykouse, senior, received a medal." Sixteen teams participated in the Christian Brothers High School meet and Westminster came in ninth place over all. The Memphis trip allowed the the runners to show their full potential, resulting in the ultimate goal of every team: success.

Elizabeth Hughes, seventh grade, performs one of the squads's stunts at half-time during the Westminster vs. Eureka eighth grade basketball game. The girls worked on their halftime routine for several days before it was perfected.



Nikki Breneman, seventh grade, performs a cheer. The girls had practice after school every day to prepare for their performances.

Erica Ridenhour, eighth grade, performs one of her favorite cheers. The team had a total of ten different cheers they used throughout the season and during the games.



During the game, **Jenna Savan**, eighth grade, claps and stomps to the squad's cheer. The girls cheered for the team as they took on Chaminade.



The middle school girl's cheer-leading squad holds the Wildcat banner as the football team runs onto the field. The squad cheered at all of the eighth grade boy's home football games.



Top 3 Favorite Cheers

- 1 **Rowdie** R-O-W-D-I-E that's the way we spell rowdie let's get rowdie woo!
2. **Big Blue** Go big blue, go big blue.
- 3 **Score** S-C-O-R-E score cats score!

Like Mother Like Daughter

Ever since she could remember, Sarah Broyles, eighth grade, had had a passion for cheer and dance. Her biggest influence, her mother, was able to coach her though it—literally. Melanie Broyles, Sarah's mom, coached cheer and dance teams for five years, and four of them were at Westminster. "My mom has been my cheer coach since my sister started cheering in sixth grade at Kirk Day School," said Broyles.

Because of the many years they had cheering together, Sarah was used to working with her mom. "For the most part I like working with my mom. She can aggravate me sometimes but that's what moms are supposed to do," said Broyles. Her teammates would agree with Broyles. "Coach Broyles is so much fun, I love having her as a coach," said Alexandra Yeager, eighth grade. "If I were Sarah, I probably wouldn't like having my mom as a coach as much as she does. Their relationship is really cool," said Erica Ridenhour, eighth grade.

The dynamic duo was together for four years. Although Broyles would be losing her mom as a coach, she looked forward to cheering with her older sister. "It will be a lot different without having her as a coach. I will definitely miss my middle school cheer days when I get to high school," said Broyles.



Christine Steck, seventh grade, cheers on the boys basketball team. "I love cheering. It's so much fun to get the crowd excited during the games. It's an important job," said Steck.



Jessica Wilson, seventh grade, kneels down during her cheer. The squad performed for the seventh grade boy's basketball team during every halftime.

Lexie Einertson freshman, performs at a boys basketball game. "My favorite part of cheer is that I get to do what I love for people. I love being able to encourage the boys while they play," said Einertson.

"It is always weird when there is another team cheering. We are always sure to be polite and let them have time to cheer too."

-Haley Weinberg, freshman



Sydney Thomas, freshman, cheers at the fall pep rally. All sports teams were in attendance to watch games, the JV cheer performance, and the dance team performance.

F irst Win

As the summer came to an end and school began, the JV cheer team took a trip to Springfield Missouri to spend a week at cheer camp. They had been practicing for three weeks and the team was excited to be able to finally have their hard work pay off. The week consisted of practicing, learning new stunts, and then, at the end of the week, competing against other teams from all around Missouri.

"I was so excited to finally perform our routines instead of just practicing them," said team captain, Hannah Groce, freshman. When the competition started, there were 11 teams in their division.

"It was weird and scary to actually be competing, that was a new thing for me. I normally just cheer for teams," said co-captain, Lexie Einertson, freshman. Before the team's performance, they huddled up and went through their normal routine.

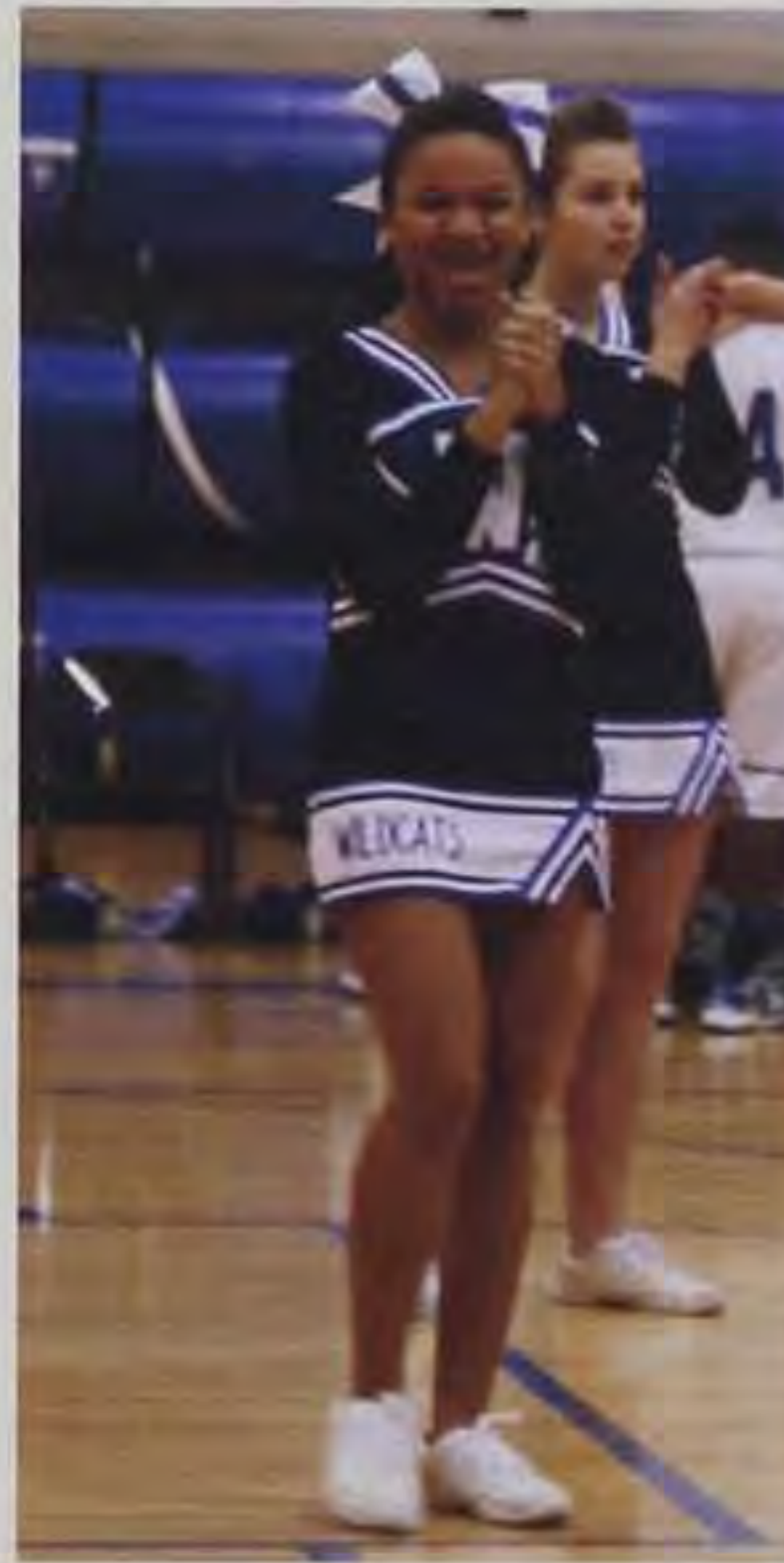
"When it came time to actually perform I was so nervous. Since it was the first time we performed as a team I was so anxious," said Groce. The performance went smoothly and was performed in front of many teams and a huge audience.

"We killed it! I was so happy and proud of my team! We really performed to the best of our abilities," said Einertson. The team was just happy that it had gone well.

When it came time for the award ceremony, the team sat with high hopes of how they had performed. The team won first in extreme dance, and poms routine.

"We were all so happy and excited that we did so well. It was a major accomplishment for us!" said Groce.

The team returned to St. Louis confident for the season that was about to begin.



Rachel Middleton, freshman, claps her hands during a half-time performance. "Cheer was the first experience I had interacting with people at Westminster. I've met some of my best friends through cheering. Our coach has really inspired us to do our best and to get things accomplished as a team," said Middleton.



Hannah Groce, freshman, leads her team in a cheer at the fourth basketball game of the season. As the captain, Groce had the responsibility to lead the team in all of their cheer and achieve correct timing for all their stunts.



Alyssa Freiner, freshman, stunts as the team performed at the JV spirit week game. "There were so many people there, and it was such an exciting night for the school!" said Freiner.



Haley Weinberg, freshman, shouts for the JV football team at the first game of the season. All of the girls on JV cheer were freshman so they worked twice as hard to make sure they were as good as the other, older teams.

First Time for Everything

Hannah Hickman, junior, rallies the crowd at a home Varsity boys basketball game as they play MICDS. Hickman had been cheering since she was in sixth grade.



Ashton Kratky, sophomore, helps her team at tug o' war. The team faced the senior football players and ended up beating them.



“Emily Bick (captain) and I love coming up with **new stunts, cheers, and choreography**. We have a lot of **fun**, but it also takes a lot of **work**.”
-**Emily Mitchell**, senior captain.



Andrea Reed, junior, performs a jump in her routine at the carnival pep rally. Reed was normally a base as the team performed stunts.

Fortunately for the Varsity cheerleading team, the cheer competition did not fall on a Sunday which meant that they were able to compete, making it their first competition. On November 19, the team drove down to Joplin and stayed the night so that they could compete the next day. They competed against two Oklahoma teams, Quapaw and Fairland, and placed third.

“At competition we gave our all and really pushed ourselves. Our routine was challenging, but we rocked it. It was a great bonding experience with the girls and we all had so much fun,” said Jill Coyne, junior.

The routine had to be between two and three minutes. The team had to shorten their usual cheer so that they would have time to perform their entire dance. Their routine consisted of a back tuck pyramid with the flyers doing back tucks as they held onto the hands of their bases. They also had seven tumblers, which is more than any Westminster cheer squad has ever had. The seven were Brooke Ellen Brugner and Elaine Clifton, freshmen, Emily Broyles and Ashlee Rogers, sophomores, Abby Smith and Hannah Hickman, juniors, and Kari Ford, senior. Broyles threw her tuck for the first time in a competition and landed it.

“Abby and I didn't even really have our backhand springs yet, but when we got to the competition and saw that it was spring floors we just decided to go for it and we both landed ours,” said Hickman.

Just before they went out to compete, while still warming up, Elaine Clifton, freshman, was accidentally kicked in the head by one of her flyers and got a concussion. Even though she was dizzy from the concussion, she still competed with her team.

“I couldn't remember anything so when I got off the mat, the first thing I asked was if my stunts hit and if I did my basket,” said Clifton.



Ally Trakas, sophomore, cheers at the varsity football game as they play John Burroughs on October 1st. “It's nice that people who wouldn't normally be friends can come together as one team to accomplish a greater goal through cheer,” said Trakas.



Emily Broyles, sophomore, back flips at a home football game. Broyles was one of the main tumblers for the team. “It is really fun getting to tumble along with cheering since I've put so much time and hard work into landing my flips and backhand springs,” said Broyles.



The cheer team prepares to flip **Brooke-Ellen Brugner**, freshman. They performed this routine at the Varsity boys' basketball game the Friday of Spirit Week.

Poof It UP

Before every game (or competition), some of the girls put their hair up into a tall poof. Beginning from the tallest, here are some of their poof measurements.

- Brooke-Ellen Brugner, freshman:** 4-5 inches
- Lucy Sell, sophomore:** 4 inches
- Emily Bick, senior:** 3 inches

Lucy Sell, sophomore, poses at the top of a pyramid to finish off a routine. Sell was one of the team's main flyers because she was one of the smallest girls on the team.

Top Left: **Morgan Barr**, freshman and **Brianna Richards**, sophomore, throw funny faces at the crowd to get them involved. Facials were a big part of the girls dancing because it made the dance more exciting for the audience.



Top Right: **Lauren Ramos**, sophomore, lands in the final position of the dance. They all landed laying on their backs, which added drama and flair to the dance.

Bottom Left: **Harper Larson**, sophomore, does a head stand in the middle of the dance. The difficulty level was intense, but Larson could pull it off. Being on the dance team meant having the ability to do tricks and having good flexibility.



Bottom Right: About to spin, **Julia Harre**, freshman, shoots her arms out for balance. The JV dance team had two different outfits, their pom and hip-hop. Their costumes ranged from sparkles to gangster.

"Our team got 23 **blue ribbons** in total, which also earned us a **trophy** for the team with the most blue ribbons! Along with that, we also got a few **spirit sticks!**"
-Morgan Barr, freshman

Pinky Prayers

Every team has something that they do that other teams just would not understand. Some chant special cheers, some have lucky socks, and others have silly inside jokes. The JV dance team had what they called 'pinky prayers' which was unique to their team.

"What we do every dance practice is pinky prayers. It's where we all link pinky's and pray for everyone and what's going on in their life," said Julia Harre, freshman. They were a closely knit team who wanted to help each other out by praying.

"We pray for whatever is going on in our lives or others that we know. A lot of the times it is for school and injuries, but sometimes it is for people that someone knows who maybe has cancer. It even goes to praying for hurting pets. It is not just about dance because we are a family not just a dance team," said Harper Larson, sophomore. Their team was as close as a family and considered one another as sisters.

The girls had other crazy groups activities and inside jokes as well. "We have TONS of inside jokes like ocean motion, ain't no body got time for that, I wanna start a revolution, GIMME GIMME, FOOTBALL, Suuweeeee, and much more!" said Harre. So maybe nobody knows what any of those means, but who cares! They were unique and fun to the JV dance team, and that's all that matters. They did what they wanted because they wanted to and for the rest of their lives these special thing will hold a special place in their memories.

Up All Night

"Lots of funny things happened at **dance camp!** Like one night we all decided to sleep in **one room** on 2 twin sized beds and stayed up talking the **whole night** and we were supposed to wake up in like 2 hours!"

-**Julia Harre**, freshman

8 p.m.- 4 a.m.
 = **no sleep**

Drill Downs

"At camp, we do this game called Drill Downs, which is like Simon Says, but it's really specific and you have to do every move very precisely to stay standing. A lot of our team stayed standing at the end of each round and we got lots of **ribbons!**"

- **Morgan Barr**, freshman



Jordan Hartmann, freshman, throws her poms down into position for the dramatic pose. "I'm famous for my "facials" and I feel like I express them the best in hip hop," said Hartmann.



The JV dance team poses for a crazy picture in their costumes at dance camp. "We had a dress up night and the theme was summer splash. People were wearing bathing suits over clothes," said Harper Larson, freshman.



Sydney Stillman, sophomore, lands in an arms over the head position during the JV dance team's hip hop performance. Although the girls sometimes butted heads, they always worked it out.

Hannah Fiala dances hip hop on Spirit Week night. "She adds so much humor to the team and is able to cheer us all up with one little phrase at practice!" said **Grace Linton**, senior.



Makiya Thompson, sophomore, dances the pom routine at a Varsity boys football game. This was her first year on the Varsity Dance Team.



Kendall MacDonald, junior, had been dancing for seven years. She said, "It's more than just a sport to me, it's a way to express myself and also glorify God. VDT has been such a blessing for me!"



"The hip hop routine this year is a blast to perform. Our hip hop routine this year stands out because the energy continues to climb throughout the routine," said co-captain, **Cailyn McCarthy**, junior.



Sabrina Cockerham, sophomore, performs the poms routine at a basketball game. "Performing for WCA and having everyone in the crowd cheer for you might possibly be the best feeling in the world."



Performing Jazz, **Della Woodward**, senior, said, "The team was so positive and enthusiastic this year it was unreal! Everyone was always ready to work. I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls for my senior year!"



Extreme Expressions

SAIL, is the song for the VDT's one and only jazz performance. Rather than an angelic, swan-like type of dance, the girls went for a dark but fun theme. They were all dressed up in pink tutus with black body suits. They wore dark makeup around their eyes with an intricate design. No one knew what to expect, but since it is the Varsity Dance Team, everyone knew it would be great. Grace Linton, senior, said, "We normally are happy peppy dancers, but with this dance we got to channel our dark side a little bit and play a character. It was so fun!"

This is the only jazz performance in Westminster history, so the girls were excited about showing off their skills. Michelle Bonacquisti, senior, said, "This is the first time VDT has done a routine like this. Our coach thought it would be fun to do something different. The girls really liked it cause it fit to a dance style that we have taken dance classes in."

They all enjoyed a new vibe to the dance team apart from the normal poms and hip-hop. Putting on a different kind of show at basketball games was a new adventure for the Varsity Dance Team.



Sinclair Davis, freshman, dances the hip-hop routine at spirit week night. "Sinclair is able to take corrections and apply them with enthusiasm and she is always up to try something new!" said Grace Linton, senior.



Brittany Hayes, sophomore, high kicks at a boys Varsity basketball game. The girls cheered on the boys at every home game.

Barking Bekah?

"I started barking at kids in the window trying to scare them off. My bark is a deep dog bark," said Bekah Sharp, junior.

"Many times to get people away we have Bekah bark through the door!" said Taylor Pfeifer, junior.



Taylor Pfeifer, junior, said, "As a team we really build each other up before each performance and pray together. This gets us through each performance with all our energy! We do it for each other and for Him!"



Michelle Bonacquisti, senior, dances to hip-hop at spirit night. "With this style and this song, we mostly didn't do much with our faces. I was making an angry face or just trying to look intimidating," said Bonacquisti.





Dancing her fourth year on Varsity, Captain Grace Linton, senior, said, "This team has been one of the best things of my life and being on it for this long has been a challenge but a real honor and blessing!"

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Sydney Arnold, sophomore, does the breaststroke at a meet. Playing basketball her freshman year, this was Arnold's first year on the Westminster swim team.

Ellie Straub, senior, **Leah Votava**, junior, **Katilin Kiftelson**, sophomore and **Lauren Massot**, freshman placed 13th at the state finals. "My favorite event is definitely our 200 medley relay. It's the very first event in every meet, and this year it's so fun to keep breaking the school record," said Straub.



Lauren Massot, freshman, takes a stroke during the 100 yard backstroke in the meet against St. Joes. "I love the feeling of getting a personal best because it proves to me that my hard work has paid off," said Massot



Top left: **Amber Terschak**, senior, lines up for the start 200 freestyle. In the off season, Terschak practiced with Rockwood swim club. "My favorite event is the 200 free. It is a long distance sprint and I like the challenge," said Terschak

Leah Votava, junior, swims the 100 butterfly during the dual meet against St. Joe's in January. This meet marked the second loss of a 11-3 season for the Women's swim team. The team's successful season included 1st at the Ladue Invitational and 2nd at Conference.



Bottom left: Emerging for a breath, **Abbey Andres**, senior, swims the breaststroke leg of the 200 medley relay. Andres often swam as the breaststroke leg in the 200 medley relay.



"When I see I got a **best time** it feels so good because I know that all my **hard work** has been paying off. We **work** so **hard** in our practices to shed tiny amounts of **time** off our races, and I feel really **accomplished** and satisfied when I know that I'm not practicing hard for nothing."

- **Ellie Straub**, senior

The Final Time

The last meet of the season, the last chance at a state qualification. After multiple meets of being less than a second off the state cut for the 100 yard breaststroke it was the final opportunity for Kaitlin Kittelson, sophomore, to qualify individually for state. "I was really nervous before the 100 breast. I swam in the relay and the 200 IM, but I wasn't nervous at all for those events," said Kittelson. It came time for the 100 breaststroke. The racers stepped up for the start. "Before the race Coach Kempen told me to just swim my race and have fun," Said Kittelson.

After a brief pause for the official to start the race, the competitors flew off of the blocks and into the water. The deck erupted with cheering as the team cheered on their teammate towards a potential state qualification. "My strategy for the race was just to give it everything I had. I planned to just swim it like I always do," said Kittelson. The first 50 yards were down, Kittelson's split flashed on the board, a 33. "She got a 33 split on the 50 which is a really good time for her! So I was pretty confident that she was going to make it," said Ellie Straub, senior. Kittelson turned for her last 25, the time was going to be close. Every breath brought with it cheers from all of her teammates. Kittelson finished. "When I finished the race, before I could even look up, everyone was screaming. When I saw my time 1:11.69 on the board I was so excited. I couldn't believe I did it," said Kittelson.

By the last meet Kittelson had finally done it, she had qualified for state. "It was so loud! I immediately started crying because she had worked so hard all season and she totally deserved to make that time," said Straub.

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State Qualifiers

200 medley Relay,
100 freestyle,
200 Freestyle Relay,
100 Back stroke,
100 Breastroke.



Following through on her dive, **Sarah Barker**, senior, performs a twister. "My favorite dives are probably twisters. I love that feeling of flying through the air," Said Barker



Anna Stackle, eighth grade, guards Mackenzie Weiberg, eighth grade, during a scrimmage in practice. This was Weiberg's second year of playing basketball with Westminster.

Code Words

"I coach seventh grade, and I love helping the girls first figure out how to play basketball," said Nichole Scholten, seventh grade A team coach. Scholten was a brand new teacher to Westminster, and took over the open coaching post. Coach Scholten was infamous with her players from her code words such as "Screen and Scream."

Whitney Radloff, seventh grade, practices her shot during practice. "The players like to keep track of how many shots they make and make it a competition," said Dan Barklund, seventh grade B team coach.



Alivia Johnston, eighth grade, takes a free throw shot after being fouled. "I play wing, and I like the competitiveness of the game," said Johnston. "I also like being able to hang out with friends when I play basketball."



Micah Gooch, seventh grade, works on her form during practice. Gooch was on the seventh grade B team during the winter season.



Kyrstin Pritchett, eighth grade, goes after the ball during the eighth grade scrimmage. The eighth grade girls would scrimmage whenever they had the arena.



Sydney Dark and **Chloe Wimpfheimer**, seventh grade, practice their stack formation. The girls practiced until 3:30 during the winter season.



Erika Gunn, eighth grade, dribbles the ball down the court while being guarded. "I play forward, and I like the speed of the game," said Gunn.



Alayna Marusiodis, eighth grade, looks for the open shot. Both eighth grade girls teams played against Webster Groves as their last home game before Spirit Week.



Natalie Butler, eighth grade and **Taylor Siebenman**, seventh grade, tip off at the beginning of the eighth grade B team vs. seventh grade A team scrimmage. "We learn how to defend better when we play against them," said Cameron Williams, eighth grade.

Breaking Down the Barrier

There has always been two different teams in the eighth grade women's basketball program, but this year, they broke down the barrier. The season started out with the normal tryouts, and the A team and B team took form. The teams had separate games like usual, but the new part came during practice.

While sharing the arena, the A and B team came together during practice. "We sometimes practice by ourselves, but we usually practice together when we are in the arena," said Natalie Butler, eighth grade. Practices consisted of scrimmage between the teams and drills with the two teams intertwined.

The coaches of both teams, Joe Gruneisen and Judy Pritchett became co-coaches during these practices. "I coach the 8th grade B team, but we do most of our practices with the eighth grade A team because we are looking to make it an 8th grade program. One team, one philosophy" said Judy Pritchett, eighth grade B team coach.

This was not the only unusually mix up of teams during the basketball season. When using the gymnasium and the practice gym, the 8th grade B team and the seventh grade A team would scrimmage together. "We have played against them 3 times so far," said Grace Barrin, eighth grade, "but the seventh graders beat us every time."

The women's middle school basketball program went through many changes during the season, and only time will tell if the changes stay in the program, or if they just won't make the cut.

Kansas City Connect

For the first time in four years, the JV girls basketball team traveled to a tournament. During their time in Kansas City, the girls grew closer and improved their performance as a team. "I loved going to K.C. because I really got to know my teammates a whole lot better than before," said Taylor Dorsey, freshman.

Anna Evans, sophomore, enjoyed the trip for the bonding experience as well. "It's fun to do something different and get away for a few days. Tournaments are also a great way to bond," said Evans. The girls became better friends by experiencing something new together. "I got to learn more about my teammates outside of school or practice," said Elizabeth Bowman, freshman.

The girls also expressed how the tournament helped them escape the craziness of life. "Basketball is very enjoyable for me. I feel like it takes me away from all the homework and drama," said Azaria Foster, freshman.

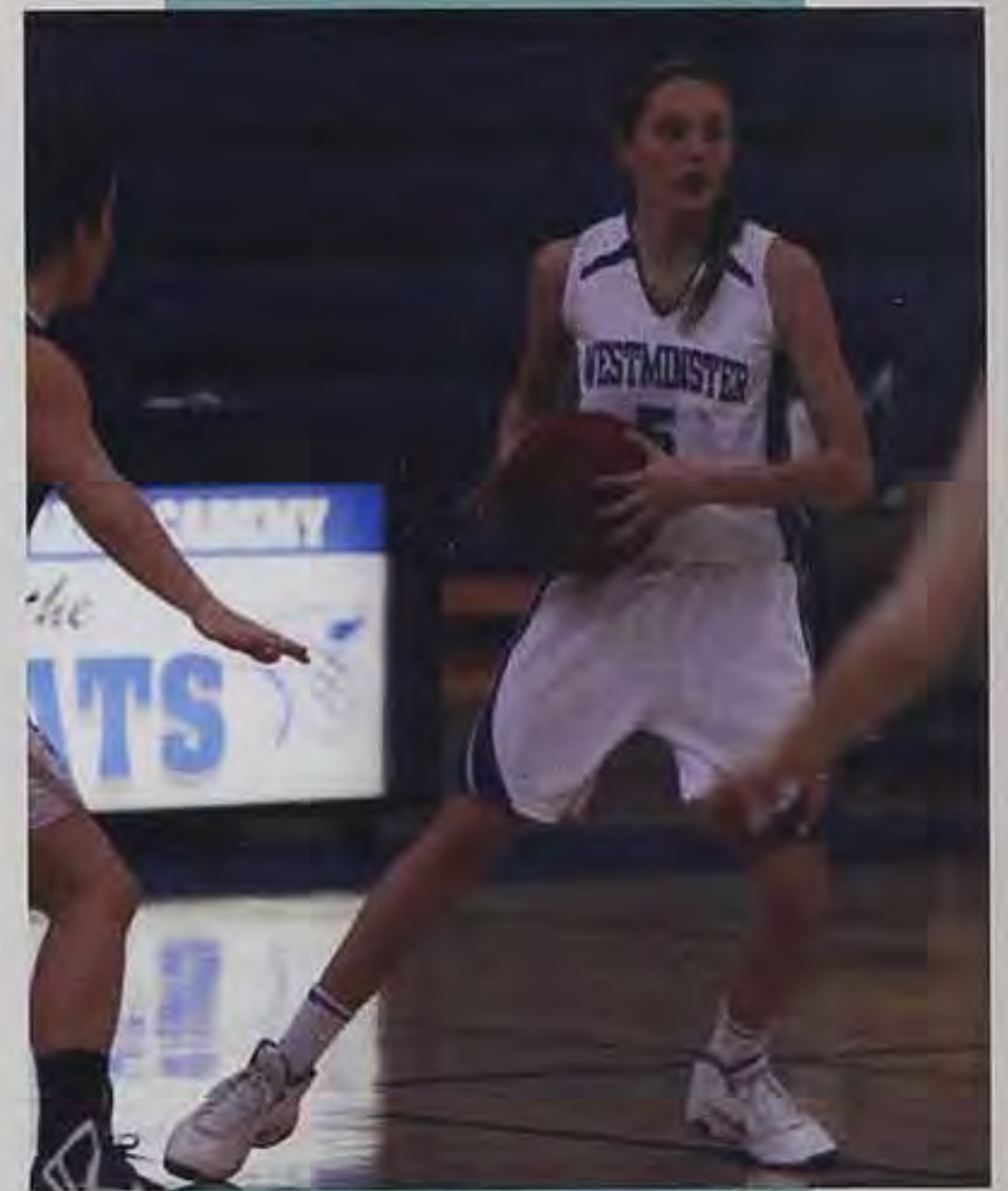
Sports are often a beneficial outlet for students with overwhelming schedules.

On the trip, the girls spent time together off the court as well. "We played truth or dare in my hotel room," said Whitney Williams, freshman.

By learning more about each other, the girls were able to pull together and experience a weekend full of fun and connecting with one another.

Brittney Tucker, freshman guards the ball from her opponents, Cape Notre Dame. Tucker had been playing basketball since fourth grade.

Lacey Rapp, freshman, dribbles the ball and gets ready to shoot. Rapp was a swing player for the Varsity team.



Taylor Dorsey, freshman, dribbles down the court. When asked what her favorite part of basketball was Dorsey said, "I love when I take a shot from outside and it falls right thru the net; it's the best feeling."



Jumping up, **Azaria Foster**, freshman, shows her teammates she is open for the ball. Foster's favorite parts of basketball were her team and her coaches positive attitude.



Whitney Williams, freshman, gets ready to shoot for a basket. Williams enjoyed her teammates' senses of humor during their trip to Kansas City.



Clara Gruneisen, freshman, dribbles down the court. Gruneisen played basketball for Westminster in middle school as well.

Missy Grasse, freshman, gets ready to pass the ball to one of her teammates. The Westminster Wildcats won this game against John Burroughs with 41 points.



Alyse Tarantino freshman, reaches out to block her adversary from Cape Notre Dame. "Throughout the season, my coach has stressed the importance of working our hardest, encouraging each other, and playing for the Lord."



Joi Malloyd, freshman, plays defence against Cape Notre Dame. This game was their sixth home game and took place on February 6th.

Kayla Armstrong, junior, fakes her opponent by dribbling between her legs. Her handling skills were a major help in winning the game against Eureka.



Far Right: **Anna Kuiper**, junior, protects the ball against a Eureka player. She helped lead Westminster to a win of 62-50.



“We have **won** some amazing games and I am so **excited** to see what happens in the **playoffs.**”
-Sadie Stipanovich, senior.



The women's varsity basketball team takes a time-out to discuss the game. Coach Steve Stipanovich was able to coach both of his daughters, Sadie and Hannah Stipanovich during the 2012-2013 season.

Reminiscing

“It's sad, I felt like I was just the freshman playing with older kids, now I am the older kid.”

-Brooke Cusumano, senior

“I get sentimental about it because as a team we have come so far since my freshman year. God has blessed the team so much.”

Sadie Stipanovich, senior



In a game against Eureka, **Brooke Cusumano**, senior, gets ready to pass the ball. This was her fourth year as guard on the varsity team.



Adrienne Horn, sophomore, goes for a shot while being guarded heavily. She had played on varsity for two years and helped lead the team to many victories during the 2012-2013 season.

Sadie Stipanovich, senior, lines up a free throw to lead the team to a final victory of 65-27 over John Burroughs. During this game, Stipanovich scored her 1000th career point. Because of her talent, she was able to commit to playing on the women's basketball team at St. Louis University.



1,000 Points

Sadie Stipanovich, senior, reached 1,000 career points in the final quarter of the game against John Burroughs.

rips, Tournaments, and Teamates

For the first time ever, the women's varsity basketball team traveled to Kansas City to participate in an out of town tournament where they played against Blue Springs South and Blue Springs, two really good teams.

Many of the girls were thrilled to finally play in a tournament on the road. "It was awesome to go out of town. We never got to do things like that all four years I have played on the team," said Brooke Cusumano, senior.

Going on trips like these built the relationships the team had with each other in a way that did not happen during a regular, in-town tournament. "Kansas City was a blast because it was awesome to be able to bond as a team," said Anna Kuiper, junior. Being out of town, the entire trip was spent with teammates. "Our team gets along really well," said Kuiper. Having a team that had grown close and enjoyed being with each other made for a team that interacted well on the court. Starting the season off with a trip that bonded them lead to a season with more wins than losses.

If they did not win, they were able to see the positives in the game and how they did well as a team. "We won Friday night [in Kansas City] and we played amazing. Then we lost Saturday night but the game was really close. We almost won and played really hard," said Sadie Stipanovich, senior. This tournament proved as a great opportunity for them to grow and fix their mistakes as they moved on in their season.

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L.B. Battle, seventh grade, guards Eureka's point guard. Battle is on the A team and has been playing basketball since first grade. "The hardest part about basketball is converting plays and my favorite part is scoring baskets," said Battle.



My Favorite Things:

"Easy lay ups." -Josh Creighton

"Winning." -Carter Snodgrass

"Game winning shots." -Jack Bauer

"Dunking on a breakaway."
-Logan Montgomery

"Competition and playing hard."
-Josh
Pottebaum



Zack Hunsicker, seventh grade, jumps up to block his opponents shot. Hunsicker was a part of the seventh grade A team. His favorite part of basketball was playing defense.



Matt Ottsen, eighth grade, takes a shot from the top of the arc during practice. "I really like to play basketball, but my favorite sport to participate in is baseball," said Ottsen.

In the Heat of the Game

Every athlete expects to feel the heat of pressure the second their foot hits the court. A normal game of basketball usually contains a great amount of pressure with close scores and free-throw shots where the entire crowd fixes their eyes solely on one player. On Saturday January 12th, the eighth grade B team learned what real pressure was.

After a long first three quarters, the team found themselves with three minutes left in the game and a deficit of ten points to overcome. In their team huddle, the coach gave them a pep talk, "We started to really give up, but our coach told us to stay focused and stay confident. We took that confidence onto the court," said Josh Berglar, eighth grade.

With a plan to fight back, the team walked onto the court prepared to win the game. Even with the large gap and short amount of time, the team never gave up, "I felt rushed, but knew we needed to score. After we started scoring, hope started to shine through," said Jack Bauer, eighth grade.

The team hit shot after shot and finally, with 30 seconds left, Jack Bauer went up for a three leaving them behind two points. Logan Sells, eighth grade, then followed through with a fade away two pointer to tie up the game and send them into overtime. The pressure continued to build as they finished overtime tied yet again.

The teams then went into sudden death where the first team to score took the win. Once again, in sudden death, Jack Bauer shot for three. The crowd froze waiting to see if he could pull through for his team twice in one game. As the ball swished through the net the crowd and bench erupted with excitement. The team had clenched the victory.



Jack Bauer, eighth grade, attempts a lay up during an afternoon practice. Bauer played basketball since fourth grade.

Cooper Moore, eighth grade, tries to get around **Will Wetzel**, eighth grade, during practice. Moore not only played basketball, but also football since fifth grade.



Weston Schad, eighth grade, shoots for two in the final minutes of their game against Eureka. He played basketball for 10 years. His favorite drill to do during practice was Hot Spot.



Chad Briden, seventh grade, retrieves the rebound at the start of the seventh grade A basketball game. Along with games after school, this was the first year middle school sports practiced part of the time after school.



Dominic Cusumano, seventh grade, drives to the hoop during a game against Eureka. Cusumano was a part of the seventh grade A team. Although he was only a seventh grader, when the coaches noticed his skill on the court, they asked him to play up a grade. Cusumano played in seventh and eighth grade A team games during the winter season.

"Our team is really close friends **on and off the court**. We have a lot of **talent**. I love playing in a close game where the other team is just as good."
-**Logan Montgomery**, seventh grade

Jordan Harvey, sophomore, drives through the lane to lay it up in a game against Clayton. "I like Coach Coleman because he knows the game really well. He always makes the right decisions in clutch time, and he's very passionate about what he does," said Harvey.

- 2010 KEVIN BELL
KEVIN VANDER KAMP
GOAL
- 2010 DANIEL EVERETT
CROSS COUNTRY
- 2011 PETER BOWEN
DANIEL EVERETT
DANNY REICH
TENNIS



Justin Creighton, sophomore, goes up for a layup in the post. Creighton's post presence brought strength in the middle for the JV team.



The Perfect Season

The buzzer sounds. The bench erupts into shouts of triumph, bringing it into a huddle, jumping up and down, and cheering as they thump their teammates on the back. This explosive atmosphere is not from final triumph of a game that came down to the last minute. If anything, this game was a blowout 62-26 win over Priory. This triumphant excitement came from the team's 23rd win, with zero losses.

In Westminster history, no freshman boys basketball team or any other WCA basketball team at any level, had ever had an undefeated season, until now. Led by first year coach and WCA alum, Alex Tilley, alongside a slew of talented freshman, thirteen boys on the freshman basketball team defied history to finish a perfect 2012-2013 season.

"In the beginning of the year, I saw that we had a lot of talent, so we set our goals high to be the first undefeated team in Westminster basketball history," said Nick Cacciarelli, freshman.

The team cruised through most victories, once beating John Burroughs school by 45 points in a 69-24 victory. Other games came down to the wire, such as an early win in the preseason Metro League Tournament, 29-28. "My favorite moment from the season was when Joel hit two clutch three's in the Priory game. It was great to see him step up to the challenge and bring home the victory," said Jack Andrews, freshman.

Sportsmanship still somewhat in mind, the team went to shake Priory's hands after their 62-26 win, then headed back to the bench. They all walked back with the same number on their mind—23.

In a season of firsts, Matt Weber made his dent on Westminster basketball history as well. The player known as "Birdman" became the first JV player ever to dunk in a game. Before his dunk in the



Principia game, Weber had only played "above the rim" in practice. "I threw the ball ahead to him on the break, and he threw it down with one hand. It was so sick," said JV sophomore guard, Sam Dunne.



Jack Andrews, freshman keeps the ball high as he goes up for a layup in the lane. "Jack plays hard every time he steps on the court. He always puts 120% into what he does," said John Pottebaum, freshman.

Above right: **Will Barry**, sophomore passes around a defender to enter the ball into the post. Barry was one of several players able to "dunk" on the JV squad, including Matt Weber and Cameron Hibbler as well.



Nick Cacciarelli, freshman, finishes through contact in the lane. "Nick anticipates on defense better than anyone. It's like he knows where the offensive player is going before that guy even does," said Zach Shultz fellow freshman guard and teammate.



Jordan Hawkins, freshman tips the ball in the freshman play. "Quick." "Quick was my favorite play. It was easy, simple, and effective. It was an easy way to get two points," said Hawkins.

Minsok Lee, freshman pump-fakes two Priory defenders. The 6'3" Lee brought size and an inside force to the freshman team.



Top Left: **Shane Benes**, junior, handles the ball. "It's really easy to get caught up in one sport.... baseball is my main priority in sports, but I still spend a great amount of time practicing and playing basketball," said Benes.



Top Right: **Collin Einertson**, junior, scrambles after a loose ball. "Diving on the ground for loose balls gives the team energy and is one of the most important plays in basketball," said Einertson.



Bottom Left: **Jack Dohr**, senior, drives towards the hoop. Dohr was one of a core group of seniors that led the varsity team this year. Dohr contributed to the Wildcat victory despite playing in front of a rowdy MICDS crowd.



Bottom Center: **Brennan Hehner**, junior, pulls up for a three point jump shot. Hehner took part in this victory versus Lutheran South on January 15th.



Bottom Right: **Tyler Callett**, junior, drives for a layup against Clayton. The Wildcats came up with a loss against Clayton in their first home game of the season.



"Nonetheless, we still give it all to God in the **good** and the **bad** because it is because of **Him** we are able to play." - Grant Koby, senior

Serious Sleeves

The varsity boy's basketball team was a compilation of big, hard-working athletes. One non-basketball characteristic these guys shared, however, was that they were all goofballs. High school basketball demands a lot of time and work from students, and one way to relax during the season was to be a little silly during practice. One way the team did this was by creating "Sleeves Thursdays," when all of the varsity basketball players wore long sleeves or pants to practice.

This started when the team "joked that we would wear sleeves during games, but sleeves are, however, banned by Coach Klyn," said Grant Koby, senior. The team had to circumvent this rule. Most Thursdays during their season, the team sported leggings and arm sleeves, including a fake tattoo sleeve worn by John Eric Steiner, senior. "I really enjoy it because I can be myself and act like an idiot and it makes practice much more fun and enjoyable," said Steiner.

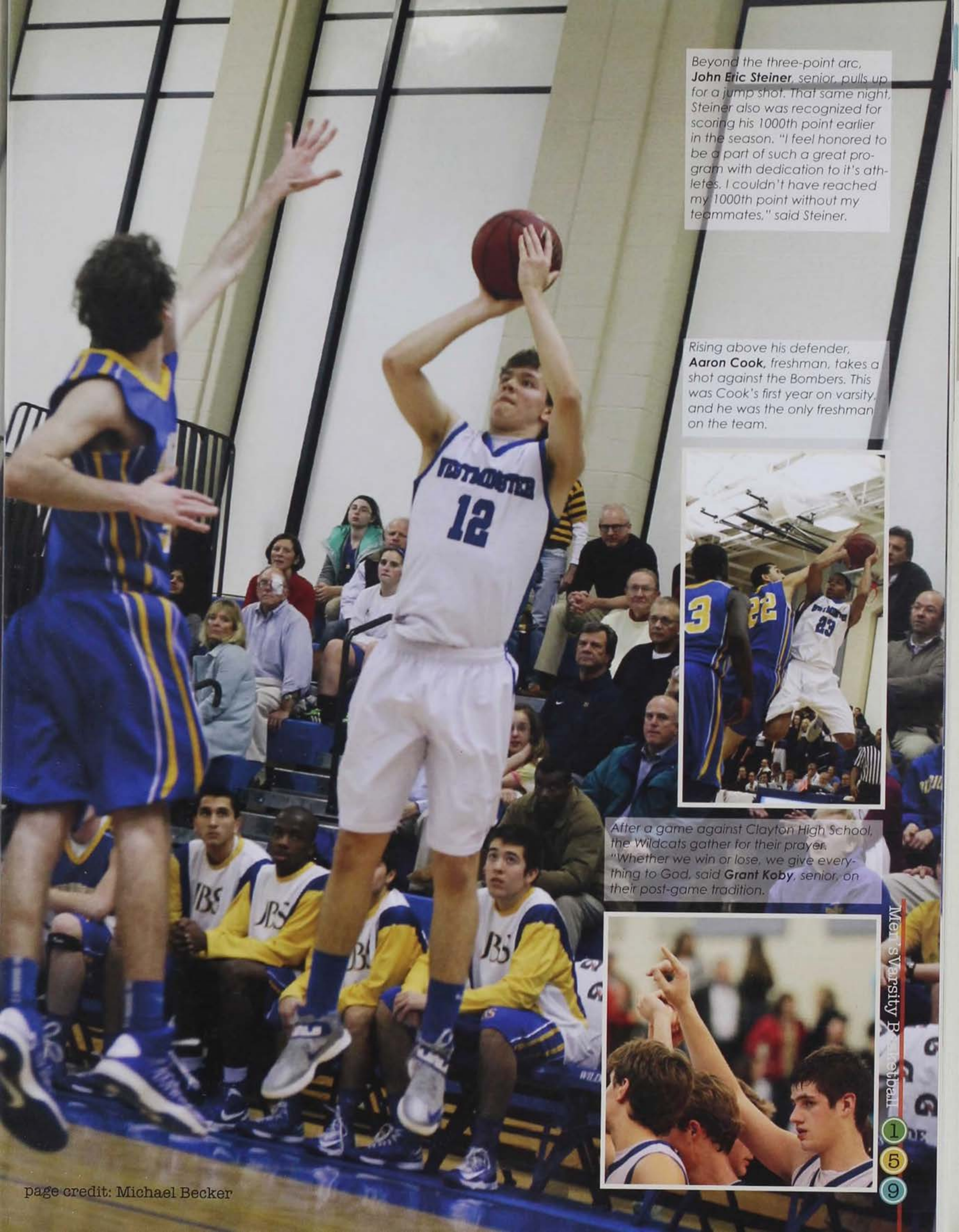
Although practices were more enjoyable, the team still focused and worked hard. "Practice can get really dull if we don't make it fun. It is our way of having fun while we are in a serious practice," said Koby. "The funniest thing that happened on Sleeves Thursdays was that Brendan Bognar stole his sister's yoga pants and wore them as tights," said Koby. "I love wearing tights," said Bognar, sophomore. The Varsity Wildcats took their light-hearted, hard-working attitudes and were able to clinch important victories including defeating MICDS at home on Jan. 18.



Dunk Contest

The Varsity Wildcats had an informal dunk contest during warmups at their intersquad scrimmage at Blue and White night this year.

"My personal favorite was the reverse dunk that I did, and it was pretty fun to have everybody come out and watch us throw down" - Demetris Williams, junior

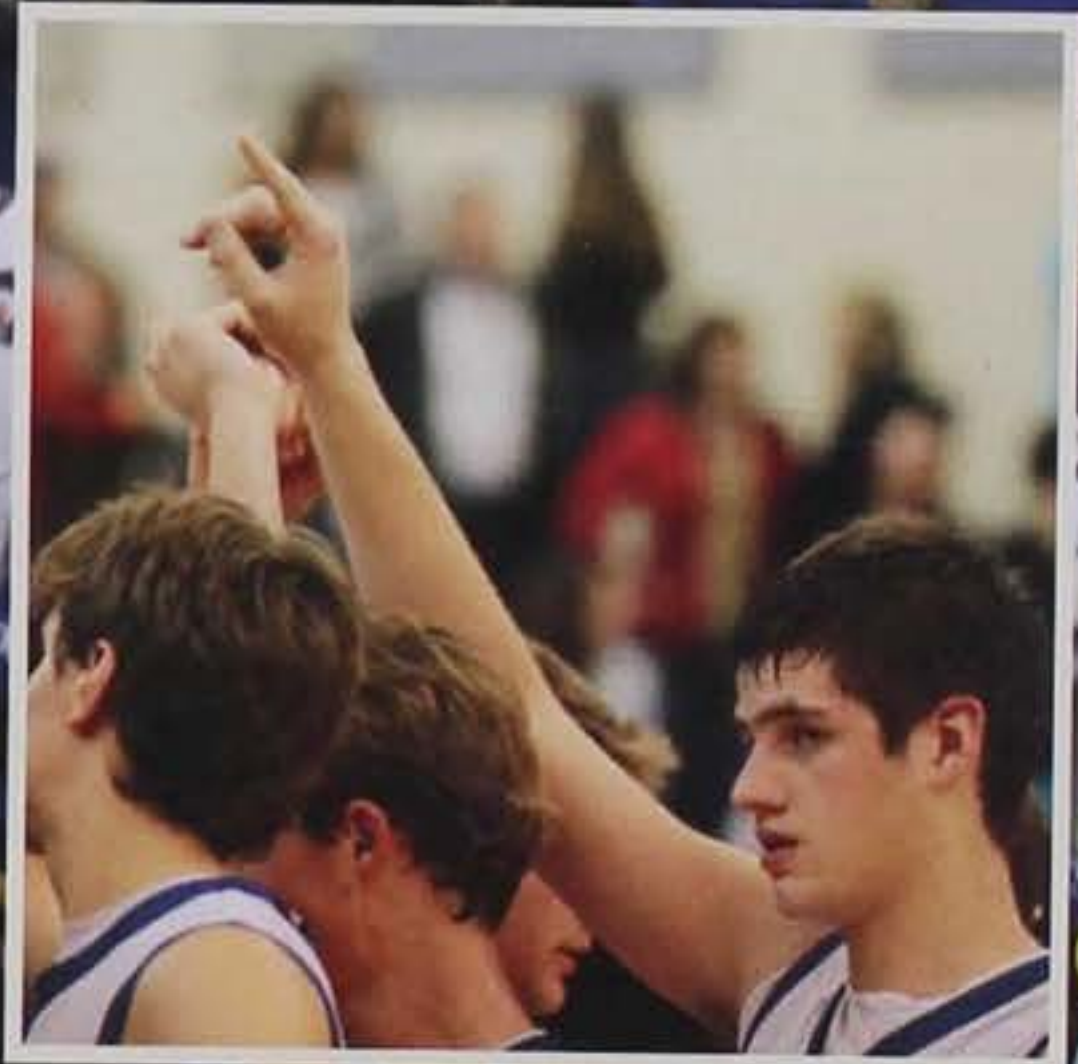


Beyond the three-point arc, **John Eric Steiner**, senior, pulls up for a jump shot. That same night, Steiner also was recognized for scoring his 1000th point earlier in the season. "I feel honored to be a part of such a great program with dedication to it's athletes. I couldn't have reached my 1000th point without my teammates," said Steiner.

Rising above his defender, **Aaron Cook**, freshman, takes a shot against the Bombers. This was Cook's first year on varsity, and he was the only freshman on the team.



After a game against Clayton High School, the Wildcats gather for their prayer. "Whether we win or lose, we give everything to God, said **Grant Koby**, senior, on their post-game tradition.



Opportunities to Succeed

Going into new sports as a middle schooler can be somewhat intimidating. Especially if this sport consists of facing your opponent one on one, both with the intention of pinning the other. For seventh and eighth graders at Westminster, wrestling was a challenging sport primarily for those who weren't well acquainted with it. "I hadn't even considered the sport until my friend told me about his experience last year as a seventh grader," said eighth grader Eli Avery, "I decided to give it a try, and though it was a tad intimidating going into it, I had several friends participating in the sport so it was a lot of fun for me."

For many of the middle schoolers on the wrestling team, their first match of the season was very nervewracking. "I was pretty nervous because I didn't really know what I was doing. I just did what I was taught in practice and even though I lost, the experience helped me win my next matches," said Harrison Boeve, seventh grade. Some were fortunate enough to face fellow Westminster students for their first match like George Meyer, seventh grade. "I was wrestling a friend so I already knew his wrestling techniques before the match," said Meyer. With the sport, comes many health risks and injuries. When asked about previous injuries due to wrestling, JT Fuller recalls when he strained a muscle in his neck. "I haven't gotten injured enough to not wrestle. I have thrown up ten minutes before a match and was still able to compete," said Will Sutter, eighth grade. Others were fortunate enough to stay injury free for the whole season.

Though the sport can be daunting at times, middle schoolers have the assistance and support of their coaches at all times. "During a match coach Perona or Coach Gion will yell tips to us to help us win. They always make an effort to take you aside and tell you what you did well and what you can improve on after your match," said Harrison Boeve, seventh grade.

With the constant encouragement of coaches, teammates, and parents, every westminster student on the middle school wrestling team has an opportunity to succeed and work to their full potential.

Baker Hutton and **George Meyer**, seventh grade, are first on the mat at the priory wrestling match. "It is sometimes intimidating going into the sport because you never know who can be on the other side of the mat, and it's just you and him," said Meyer.



Sam Nichols, seventh grade, watches his teammates wrestle. Kids on the wrestling team are all very supportive and encouraging of one another during practices and matches.



Coach Perona talks to eighth grader **Eli Avery** before his match. "I always appreciate when the coaches help us. There is always room for improvment," said Avery.

The Westminster coaches were big influences on the middle school wrestling team, and their words of encouragement and advice meant a lot to the team. "All the coaches are great and will work with you one on one when they see you need it," said **JT Fuller**, eighth grade. "I couldn't thank my coaches enough. If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be playing this sport," said **Will Sutter**, eighth grade.

Coaches' Support



Harrison Boeve, seventh grade, pins his apponent at the first Westminster home game of the season. "I have no previous experience in wrestling, but i used to watch my cousin wrestle and it looked like a lot of fun," said Boeve.

Will Sutter, eighth grade, has been wrestling since fifth grade and began competing in seventh grade. "I had a slow start to the season," said Sutter, "but with my coaches encouragement I have improved a lot."



Matthew Kimberling, junior, attempts to put a half-nelson on his opponent at the WCA tournament. The tournament hosted many schools from around the county and had many spectators show up as well.



Aaron Gion, wrestles an opponent from Priory. Gion wrestled in the 106 lbs weight class.

Austin Port, sophomore, seeks advice from coach Muelheisen for what to do. Wrestling coaches stood on the sides of the mats to give instructions during the match.



Physical and Mental

Wrestling is never known to be a walk in the park. In fact, wrestling can be more challenging mentally than physically.

“Wrestling is one of the best ways to get in shape” said Michael Weston, sophomore.

Wrestling was no easy task. Every year, wrestlers gave up portions of their winter break as well as other breaks to get in shape and practice for wrestling. “I don’t mind working out, because in the end it will be good for me,” said Austin Port, sophomore.

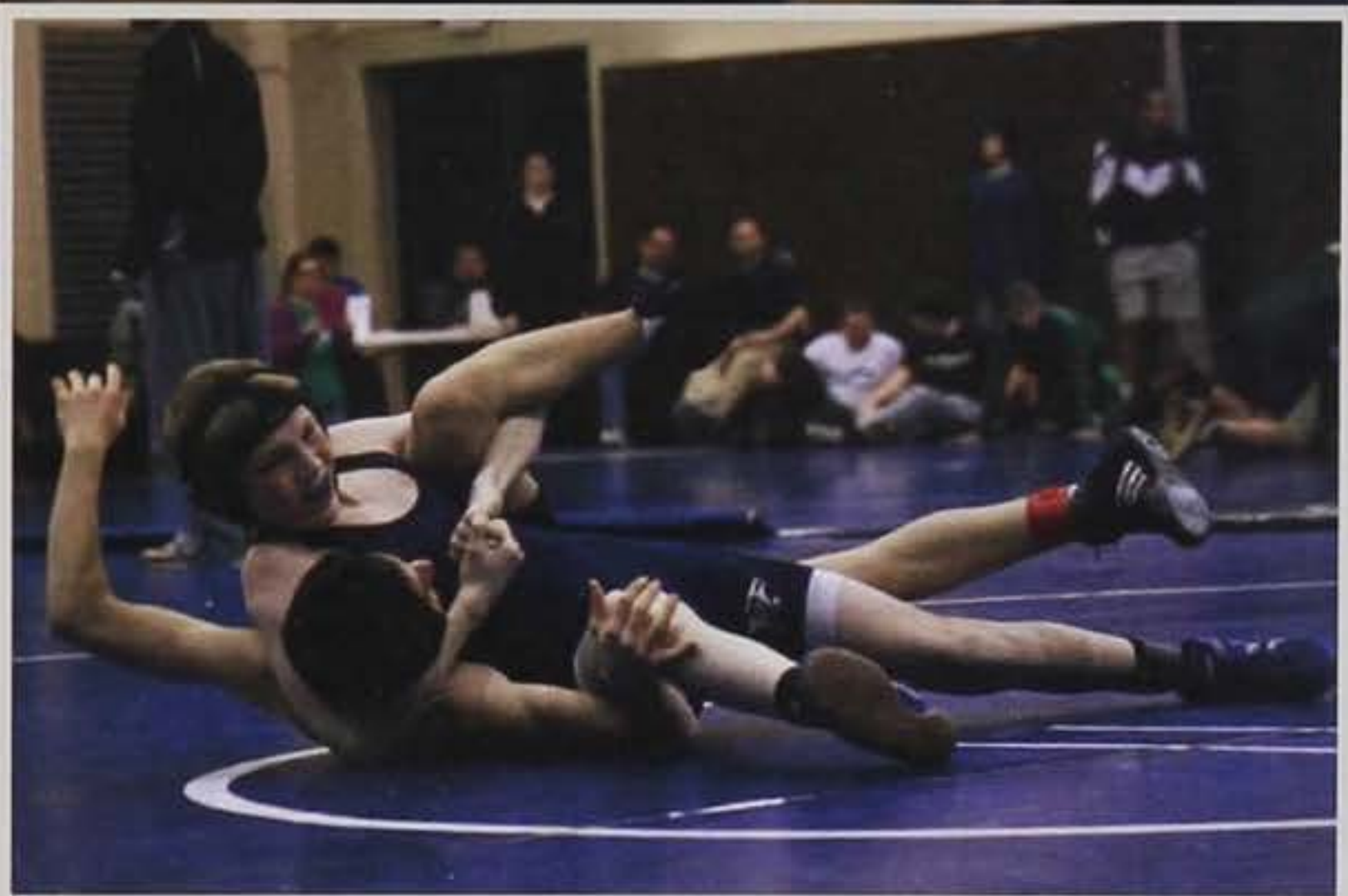
Another aspect of wrestling that was challenging was the mental portion. Wrestlers have to prepare themselves before they grapple with their opponent. Many wrestlers will calm themselves by eating or snack listening to music. “I like listening to music before I go out because it helps me calm my nerves,” said Alex Hopkins, freshman.

Wrestling was difficult and challenging for many reasons. There was a physical as well as a mental aspect to it, and for a wrestler to succeed he must master both.

“Wrestling is one of the best sports you can play because you have a great time while building your body,” said Matt Kimberling, junior.

“Wrestling is great because you can learn life lessons while getting physically fit” said Matt Kimberling, junior.

Michael Weston, sophomore, wrestles his opponent at the Westminster tournament. The tournament featured a time where young wrestlers could get training from some of WCA's team members.



Tom Graham, freshman, jokes with a teammate before a tournament. "The wrestling team is great because we are so united," said Graham.

Alex Hopkins, freshman, strives to pin his opponent at the WCA tournament. Hopkins wrestled in the 126 weight class.

Top Left: Looking up at the referee, **Mike Nothum**, senior, took the ref's direction as he worked to pin his competition. Nothum went on to compete in state.



Top Right: **Dominic Barresi**, senior, fackles an opponent from behind during a home tournament. A challenging part of the season for Barresi was "keeping a healthy diet throughout the season to keep my weight under control."



Bottom Left: **Joseph Isaacs**, senior, puts his opponent into a hold to pin him. Isaacs said that wrestling heavy weight was the most challenging part of the season. Isaacs placed second in districts.



Bottom Right: **Brink Thompson**, senior. Thompson said that the hardest part of the season was the early morning practices during Christmas break. "[It's hard] not staying up late with friends that don't wrestle because you have to wake up earlier."



"Being with my **teammates** is **irreplaceable** and I'm never more **satisfied** then after I've completed a **hard season** with them."
-Wes Park, junior.

Dominating the floor

There were fourteen weight classes in districts, in which, for the first time in Westminster history, the varsity wrestling team had a representative for each class. Ranging from Aaron Gion, freshman, to the undefeated Bennett Lewis, senior, the boys warmed up together and readied themselves to take on thirteen other teams.

In preparation for districts each of the boys had their own way to get focused. In addition to keeping warm, Dominic Barresi, senior, said, "I try and pray before every match that God would help me relax." Some boys like Eli Parham, sophomore, used districts as a way to gage their improvement. "I was pretty excited. I was one of two sophomores who wrestled there," said Parham.

But the senior boys had a different agenda. They knew their high school wrestling careers would be over soon, so they made the most of the rest of their time. Although "nervous because it was my last chance to make state", described Joe Welker, senior, felt before his district match, most of the seniors put up a fight to move onto state.

After taking third overall in districts ten boys moved up to compete at state. Many boys accomplished their goal by moving up in the competition to state. Chris Cacciarelli, senior, said that in the beginning of the season he made is goal to get sixth place in state. He met his goal and medaled, taking sixth place. Going into districts Bennett Lewis had the undefeated record of 45-0. With Lewis's hard work and dedication to not only wrestling as a sport and his team, but also to himself, he won the title of state champion with a final record of 53-0.

District Weigh-in

Arron Gion:	106
Joe Welker:	118
Eli Parham:	126
Mike Nothum:	132
Dominic Francescelli:	132
Dominic Barresi:	133
Will Egan:	145
Keegan Brown:	152
Michael Weston:	160
Brink Thompson:	170
Chris Caciarelli:	182
Wes Park:	182
Bennett Lewis:	195
Joe Isaacs:	220



Going undefeated through the season, **Bennett Lewis**, senior, works at pushing his opponent down to the mat. "Wrestling has enabled me to be able to do difficult things and to respond well to difficult things as well as taught me how to embrace training," said Lewis.

Joe Welker, senior, wrestles a wrestler from John Burroughs. Later in the season Welker describes his anticipation before state, "I was very nervous Friday because it was my last chance to make state," said Welker.

Will Egan, senior, grabs at his competition's legs to take him out from under. Egan suffered from a concussion mid-way through the season, and had to work his way back to the 145 weight class.

Having a goal for the season to place in the top six at state, **Chris Cacciarelli**, senior, had to overcome the daily challenge of staying mentally and physically sharp.

Keegan Brown, senior, puts up a fight against his opponent from Ladue during his first district match. Although Brown lost that match, he went on to compete at state.



Clayton Hubler, junior, listens to his coaches' advice from the bench during a home match. Hubler had been wrestling since middle school, this was his first year wrestling varsity.

During districts, **Dominic Franceschelli**, junior, strategizes how to take down his opponent. Franceschelli hoped to continue wrestling through his high school career.

Trying to push his competition down, **Aaron Gion**, freshman, put up a fight during districts winning his match with the crowd cheering him on. Gion was the youngest wrestler on the varsity team.

Wes Park, junior, takes control of his match by pushing down his opponent to the mat. "[The] most challenging part of wrestling is always the beginning when I realized I forgot to quit," said Park.

Putting his opponent in a hold, **Michael Weston**, sophomore, takes control of his match during districts. Weston was the youngest of the wrestlers who had the opportunity to go to state.



Brendan Terbrock, senior, fights for the hockey puck against Lafayette. Terbrock played on the Westminster Varsity hockey team for four years with Sam Canfield, Ben Evans, Will Campbell, and Ryan Conaghan, seniors.

Hockey Hunny Heart throbe

Most hockey players have one or two hockey hunnies, but **Steven Howell**, sophomore, ended up with over ten!



Kathrine Hinricks, **Lara Yeast**, **Kirsten Caplinger**, and **Sydney Stillman**, sophomores, only a few of Howells Hockey Hunnies, gather around Howell. "I never had to worry about lunch with all the food I got. It was nice to see people go out of their way for me," said Howell.

Will Campbell, senior, fights for the puck in a game against Kirkwood. Campbell played on Westminster's hockey team for four years. Outside of school activities, Campbell trained for Mixed Martial Arts.



Getting to the hockey puck, **John Moeller**, sophomore, takes a shot at the goal. Moehler played throughout the games as center.



Parker Mitchem, sophomore, skates behind the net with the hockey puck. Mitchem planned on playing hockey for his junior and senior year. Mitchem's position in hockey was left wing.



Uncontrollable Growth

Every since the first year of the hockey program, the support for the team had grown with every new year. More and more students began to show up to support the boys varsity hockey team. Sam Canfield, Ryan Conaghan, Brendan Terbrock, Ben Evans, and Will Campbell, seniors, were able to see the support from students grow since they had been on the Westminster hockey team for four years.

The attendance of students going to the games grew tremendously. On Jan 31, Tom Canfield, the varsity hockey coach, went onto the basketball courts after the basketball game and asked for the students and parents to show up at the playoff hockey games to support the team and in return he offered to pay for everyone's admission. At the last playoff game, 190 students showed which doubled the number in attendance from previous years.

More and more fans started coming when Tom Canfield became coach in 2009. The hockey team kept getting better and growing and had been in the top 8 teams in state for three years. "Fan support can change the momentum in a game and our fans really helped this year. Not only can they change the momentum, but they make games more memorable," said one of the co-captains of the team, Ryan Conaghan, senior.

Now that the seniors were leaving (who all started when Tom Canfield began coaching) the rest of the team had a reputation to hold. "I'm really going to miss the vibe of the seniors," said Willie Canfield, freshman.



Sam Canfield, senior, passes the hockey puck. "My favorite part of playing has been the memories and the relationships I've made," said Canfield. Canfield played Westminster hockey for six years.



Diving for the hockey puck, **Willie Canfield**, freshman, tries to save the puck. Canfield played left wing in hockey. "The fun part about being on a team with my brother and dad as the coach is them arguing," said Canfield.



Ryan Conaghan, senior, smiles at one of his teammates during a break in the middle of a hockey game. "The best part about playing hockey for Westminster is the bonds I have formed with my teammates," said Conaghan.

Senior

When September was in full swing the hallways started filling with anticipation for Pride weekend. Seventh graders had their first carnival to run, freshman class officers were figuring out how to run their booths for the first time, and juniors and seniors were preparing for the biggest night of October: The Powder Puff game.

The two classes started practicing every day after school two weeks before the game. Although the practices were meant for preparing for the game, the senior's practices were filled with laughter and uniqueness.

"At one point, Mary Snapp got trucked by Katie Matheny and after that we lost all control," said Shelby Kehr, senior. When the game finally rolled around, the juniors started off strong scoring the first touch-down within the first few minutes. Then, the seniors came back and scored repeatedly and there was no looking back. The seniors pulled out a 42-7 victory. The cheering could be heard from a mile away.

"I loved when everyone stormed the field at the end of the game," said Jabri Boyd, senior, who had locked in the senior's win with numerous touchdowns.

"Beating the juniors was amazing because we tied last year and were all very determined to win because they kept talking about all their good play. I do give them props for their trick play though," said Natalie Bell, senior. In the end, the seniors had practices to look back on that did not necessarily help with strategy, but gave them time together that would be remembered for years to come.



Eunna Gu, senior, snaps the ball to the quarter back during the Powder Puff game on Oct. 12. Gu played other defensive and offensive positions during the game but towards the end of the game the coaches changed her to snapper. "I liked being a snapper because I did not have to run as much," said Gu.

Jonah Anderson
Jonah Thomas Anderson



Mom and Dad, the time spent with you guys was fantastic. You pushed me to be better. I owe it all to you guys! Alex, my role model, you showed me the right path. I enjoy every minute with you. Molly, big sis, I can always count on you. Thanks for the great laughs! Grace, you are my Cuz! I will always be there for you. Duds, Fifa and workout partner. You the bomb. Kessel, tennis partner. You were always a great friend. To the guys, thanks for the great talks and memories. All others not specifically mentioned, I love you all. Thanks for the memories! To God, my rock and my guide. You are my all. Proverbs 3:5-6.



Abigail Andres
Abigail Elizabeth Andres



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Campaigning with a Cause



Ever since sixth grade, Parker Briden, senior, had been fascinated with politics. Over the summer, Briden interned for the republican candidate for the United States Senate, John Brunner.

"It was an awesome experience, and I met some incredible players in Missouri politics. I got to go across the state to help set up for events, debates, and give stump speeches. I really look up to Mr. Brunner, and I still have the hand-written thank you note he mailed me," said Briden.

In addition to Briden's campaigning, he also had the opportunity to meet President Obama in the East Room of the White House.

"Meeting the sitting president is a jaw-dropping experience that I will never forget, and seeing Marine One take off from the back lawn of the White House was pretty neat, too," said Briden.

Drake Norman, Steven Davis, Nick Ridenhour, Kaylie Duke, Emily Horak, Katie Boesch, and Jabri Boyd, seniors, participate in the Greentree parade. All seniors in Government were required to complete six hours of campaigning. During the parade, the seniors handed out stickers and literature as they campaigned for Dave Spence for Governor.



Ian Sutherland, senior, plays pool during the AP Political Science election party. The students in this class went to Drake Norman, senior's, house to watch the Fox News coverage of the election. Students were at the Norman's house for 5 hours.



The Political Science class plays a game of Kempo to help pass time as they wait for incoming votes. "We played lots of games throughout the night. I am pretty sure it was because we all needed a distraction from all the anxiety surrounding the election," said Kaylie Duke, senior.

Nathaniel Reed Arnold
Nathaniel Reed Arnold



God- You've shaped me, changed me, and always been there for me. I Love You. Mom and Dad - You are the best, I love you so much and am in debt for the steadfast love you've given me. Alex- You shaped me more than you'll ever know, and I thank you for that, I love you so much. Nick - stay classy dog. You're the best older brother and I've looked up to you my whole life. Bros- you're the best, love you, thanks for being there for me. Buns and Thighs, SPAZ, carrot cake... I Have loved to see you grow and grow with you. Gals- love and respect you so much, stay awesome. Westminster- it's been awesome! Galatians 2:20



Sarah Elizabeth Barker
Sarah Elizabeth Barker



I want to thank the Lord for guiding and directing my high school career. I want to thank my parents for their continuous support. Emily, you are the best sister I could ask for. Our memories driving to school will never be forgotten. I promise to never listen to commercials. Kaylee, you are my second sister, and are practically part of the family. Thank you for being the one that I can always talk to, our friendship is one in a million. Orf, thanks for always making me laugh, your humor is always the best medicine. To the rest of the senior class, thanks for being awesome, you all have made this year truly amazing and I treasure every moment.



Dominic Michael Barresi
Dominic Michael Barresi



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John Patrick Barry
John Patrick Barry



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Bieber Fever

During the summer, **Olivia Harre** and **Bekah Sharp**, juniors, got the opportunity to meet country singer Hunter Hayes. When they went to the concert the girls were not expecting to meet him. But, it turned out, that if you bought a bracelet from his store, you got a pass to meet him after the show. "My favorite part of the concert was when he sang right to us and when he threw the guitar pick and I caught it! Also, when I met him he was adorable. He was so sweet and kept thanking me for coming and waiting in line to meet him!" said Harre.



Screaming girls, a teenage heart-throb, and a large arena all came together on October 27, 2012 for the Justin Bieber concert. Most Bieber fans only scored tickets to the concert, but Lara Yeast, Lily Duell and Sarah McFarland, sophomores, won the opportunity to meet Bieber. Yeast entered a contest in US magazine to meet Bieber in her hometown city and she won.



"I went in first and he didn't even look real! He was really nice and I gave him a side hug and all four of us got a picture. After we walked out, my friend started crying and I think I forgot to breathe so I just screamed so loud!" said Duell.

"The concert was amazing! We had great seats so it was fun seeing him that close! He did absolutely amazing! My favorite part was when he sang 'Catching Feelings'," said Yeast.



On September 22, **Katie Boesch**, **Mattie Drury**, seniors, and **Anna Kuiper**, junior, attended the sold out AWOLNATION and Imagine Dragon's concert at the Pageant. "My favorite part was catching the AWOLNATION drumstick the lead singer threw at me in the crowd. They were both incredible live" said Kuiper.

Bria Baumgartner
Bria Marie Baumgartner



God, you are above all the greatest. Thank you for blessing me with amazing people in my life. Dad-you are the best dad a girl could ask for. Mom- I really do appreciate all that you do for me, you are awesome. Brett- you may lack common sense, but you are a genius and will go far in life. Grant-you are the best surprise and such a blessing to our family. My friends (you guys know who you are and I would feel like an idiot if I left someone out)- I love you all like crazy. I will cherish all the memories and I look forward to what is to come. Golf girls- you all have made the sport of golf fun. Class of 2013- we survived! Psalms 118:24



Alex Beard
Alexander William Beard



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Michael Becker

Michael James Becker



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Bryce Bell

Bryce Walter Bell



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Natalie Bell

Natalie Harper Bell



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Bailey Benes

Bailey Lane Benes



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Daniel Peter Berglar
Daniel Peter Berglar



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Emily Marie Bick
Emily Marie Bick



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Kathryn Lucille Boesch
Kathryn Lucille Boesch



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Erin Bognar
Erin Colleen Bognar



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Alaska - mountains, snow, the northern lights, and impoverished children. Celeste Beckman, junior, along with Anna Bergman, junior, traveled to Tanacross, Alaska with their church at the end of July to run a VBS for the children of a poverty-stricken and alcohol abused community. They spread the Good News through crafts, puppet shows, and music. "We would just go around the village finding kids to come with us or some would just show up," said Beckman. The girls also aided the community in refurbishing their church through painting and cleaning. Other cultural experiences included petting Husky puppies, visiting Denali National Park, and watching the World Eskimo Indian Olympics. "It was enthralling to experience a vastly different culture within our [own] country," said Beckman.



"When you think of homeless[ness], you think of people in raggedy clothes," said Hannah Gilmore, sophomore, "but really lots of them are people living in cars or motels, and when you look at them you have no idea they are homeless." Gilmore, along with Bailey Hiatt, Kevin Stump, and David Pruitt, sophomores, and Claire Kopsky, junior, traveled with their church to Denver, Colorado over the summer. The group served in food banks and aided both the elderly and the disabled. When serving in the food bank, they realized "it is easy to become homeless and hard to break the cycle of homelessness," said Gilmore. "I love listening to the stories about their families and their lives," said Hiatt.

Beauty in the Midst of Pain

"It was good to see God's beauty in the midst of so much brokenness," said Elise Hearne, senior, who traveled to Malawi, Africa for over two weeks to serve alongside missionaries. The trip began with a scavenger hunt through the Malawian market with different teams searching for certain groceries, in order to win a prize, which they found was boiled rats on a stick. The group then traveled to a prison, where the group was gender-separated and bonded with the prisoners through a devotional and knitting lesson. "The women pulled us in and started singing and dancing with us," said Hearne. The crew also led a VBS for Malawian children using interpreters.

Hearne's favorite experience from her trip was spending a weekend in the village. The crew slept on the ground, cooked their own bizarre foods, supplied food and resources, and built a schoolhouse for the children. After spending much time playing with the kids and being followed by one girl, Damala, "all I wanted to do was take her home, give her a bath, and put her in a real bed," said Hearne. The village was filled with malnourished and orphaned children longing for sustenance. "It was hard to have three meals a day and only give them one," said Hearne. Furthermore, Hearne and her group went on a safari and visited Lake Malawi where they could see the huge waves of Mozambique. After witnessing so much pain first-hand, Hearne was thankful for the opportunity to reflect on the beauty all around her.



Christine Bosch
Christine Elizabeth Bosch



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Jabri Boyd
Jabri Akilah Jendayl Boyd



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Travis C. Brandt
Travis C. Brandt



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Parker Woods Briden
Parker Woods Briden



Thank you God for your obvious love in my life! Thank you WCA teachers for helping me grow in God and as a man. Dad, you're my hero and my best friend. I love you. Mom, you're the most important girl in my life. I love you so much! God has used you more than you will ever know. Trent, Chad, and Kirk, you're great men, my true friends and I will definitely miss you! To my friends, you're all so important to me and always will be. I have so many amazing memories of bonfires, Blue Crew, parties, and The Hunt for Red October. Thanks for some really great times. You stay classy, Westminster.

(P)A interesting Obsession

Pinterest has become a prominent part of teenage culture over the past year. At the click of a mouse, thousands of Do-it-yourself (DIY) activities, inspiring art, and photography can be shared with everyone. Pinterest lets people express themselves. "The only board of mine that I like and ever use is titled "Super Stinkin' Heroes" and, as is portrayed in the name, is all about super heroes. I'm a comic book kind of guy," said Harrison Farmer, sophomore. Pinterest is a fun way to showcase personal style and to share creative ideas.



"It's so helpful if I just want to do something fun to my nails or if I'm bored and want to try something new on my hair! I always just look on Pinterest for ideas! I also love when I find something at a store that I saw on Pinterest!" said **Brooke-Ellen Brugner**, freshman.

"I like Pinterest because of all the neat hair ideas. It's an easy way to come up with cute, quick hair styles to wear," said **Hannah Grace Smith**, freshman.



"My Try New Things board is my favorite because I can save and share cool ideas with people," said **Megan Sexton**, Junior.

"I like Pinterest, because of all the creative ideas for hair, makeup, nails and DIY stuff. I love looking at art and getting outfit and jewelry ideas as well," said **Aimee Bhasme**, sophomore.



"I love my recipes and my style boards. It's awesome to be able to have a place to organize all of creative ideas everyone shares," said **Bailey Hiatt**, sophomore.

Keegan Patrick Brown



To my friends- We've made it, we got through high school. I've been blessed by you all, and we have had some unforgettable times. To Coach Muehleisen and Coach Wadley- Thank you for showing me how a Godly man acts, and for caring about my development as man as well as a wrestler. To my family- Words cannot describe how grateful I am for your support, I love you all.

"We are more wicked than we ever dared believe, but more loved and accepted in Christ than we ever dared hope."

-Tim Keller



Timothy Dale Burgess



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Chris Cacciarelli
Christopher James Cacciarelli



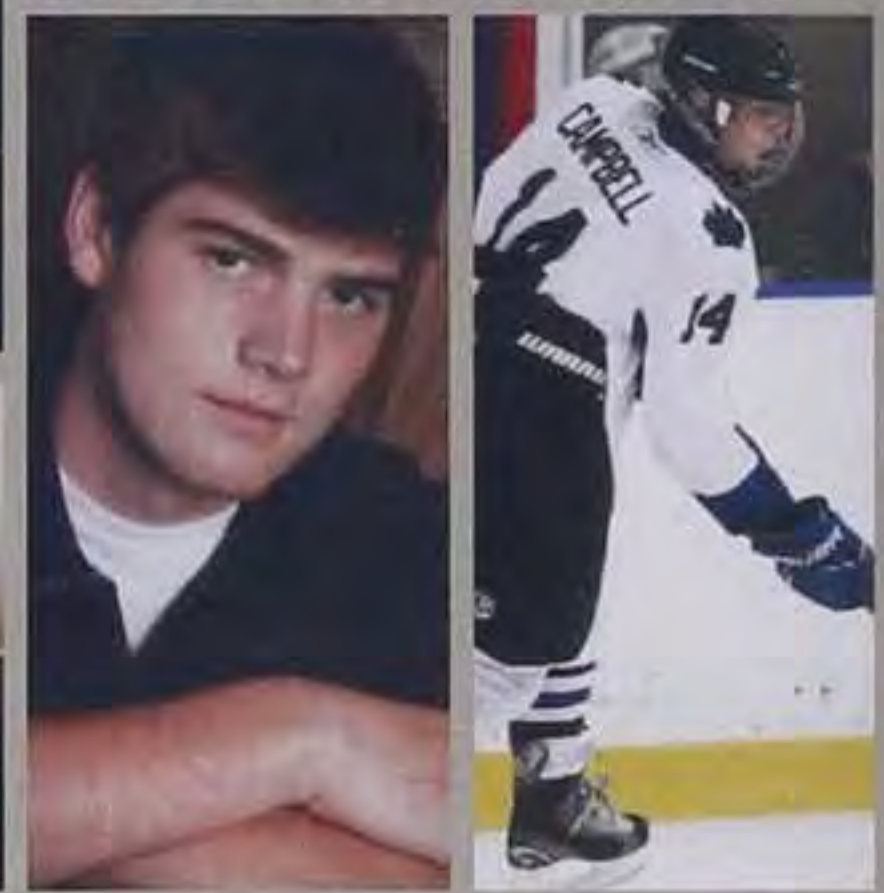
Mom and Dad I can't thank you enough for everything you have done for me. Throughout my life you have supported me through the good and bad times I've had. Mom, I will never be able to understand how much you do for me and how much you love me. Dad, it meant a lot to me when you would show up to wrestling practice to help me and show up to all of my sporting events to encourage me. My boy Nick, keep shooting. Alex, your hard work in football has inspired me to never give up. Coach Schall, Muehleisen, and Snyder thank you for pushing me physically and mentally. Ryan and Taylor, you guys are my best friends.



Will Campbell
William Harrison Campbell



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Just Wanna' Play Ball

Sport teams are very prevalent at WCA with middle school, freshman, junior varsity, and varsity teams. So, it may be surprising that students would take part in sports outside of school, but a group of senior boys did just that. The boys formed a *Jewish Community Center* team of their own just for fun.

Last year, former WCA student, Matt Brugner formed a basketball team of senior guys plus Jonah Anderson, senior who was at the time a junior. This year Anderson formed a new team of his own. "I wanted to continue what Brugner started. I recruited people to play who I knew had a recent history with basketball," said Anderson. One of the guys recruited was Michael Dudley, senior. "I used to play basketball. Freshman year was my last year. I like to pretend I am good at it," said Dudley. The only player who had no prior experience with the sport was Mitch Penning. "Penning's height is a great asset to an already formidable team," said Nathan Arnold, senior. Arnold acted as an unofficial coach.

Regardless of their experience, the boys were proactive about their desire to engage in a fun sport with friends outside of school.



Matt Hall, senior, goes up for a lay up. He and the rest of the boys scrimmaged for their first practice.



Jonah Anderson, senior, grabs onto the net. Anderson had played for a WCA team for four years.



Mitch Penning, senior, dunks at a practice. This was the first basketball team Penning played for.

Team Line-Up

- Jonah Anderson
- Tim Burgess
- Nathan Cherian
- Michael Dudley
- Matt Hall
- Hunter Hughes
- Drake Norman
- Coby Nye
- Mitch Penning



Samuel
Samuel Worthington Canfield



Mom, I know it may not always seem like it, but I love you a lot. Thanks for sticking with me. Dad, what you've done for the hockey program and me is incredible. You're the best father, role model, and coach anyone could ask for. I cannot thank you enough. Megan, you're crazy and I love ya. Erin, thanks for everything. Turbo, thanks for laughing at my jokes, love ya bud. Annie, I love you. Willie, don't ruin the school. Jack, cut your hair and keep working hard. All my hockey guys, I love you. It's been an incredible four years.

Kaiflin
Kaiflin Bryana Chapell



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Valerie N Chavez
Valerie Nicole Chavez



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Nathan Josh
Nathan Josh Cherian



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You Know What I'm Saying

Claire Nichols, freshman, dances to her favorite part of Gangnam style. "I really like this dance because it's very different from any other dance," said Nichols.



PSY, the Korean pop star, swept the web with "Gangnam Style" on July 15. In late October, the Youtube video reached 530,000,000 views. "It's an exciting dance to do at events, and it's Korean!" said Margaret Koby, freshman.

Students at Westminster shared the worldwide interest in this trending dance introduced in the video. "It has really become popular at WCA over the past few months," said Nick Frogge, freshman.

While Gangnam style held the number one place in trending dances, just like every other trend, something new will always be around the corner.



Hong Young Choi, senior, shows off what he knows of Gangnam Style.



Nora Zakhary, freshman, texts on her phone with a mustache case. Mustaches are a popular fashion design for middle school and high school girls that had caught on throughout the year.



Alexandra Yeager, freshman, displays her hair that she dyed in hot kool-aid. To do this, one had to heat up the kool-aid solution, and dip your hair in it. This was very popular with the middle school girls.



Taylor Montgomery, freshman, sports her white LuLu Lemon headband, a trend of this school year among students. "I see them everywhere on every girl's hair," said **Kendrea Cobb**, freshman.



Nathan Hall, freshman, shows his Nike socks. "I think they're too expensive for socks. They look cool, but I don't want to spend \$15 on a pair of socks," said **Brennan Murphy**, freshman. These socks were popular among students.

Hong Young Choi
Hong Young Choi



My five-year long American journey chapter one is about to end. Lord, thank you for all your plans for me. Mom and Dad, how can I thank you in 120 words? I surely know your unending sacrifice to support me. Zandstra family, thank you for feeding this Korean boy for two years, and teaching me responsibility. Wibbenmeyer family, thank you for treating me no more or less than Zach. Siraphop, thank you for staying with me for four years. Zach and Jack, my best decision at WCA was taking H bio. Thanks to all the Korean students. Keep in touch! All of my American friends, one day you will get my wedding invitation, and I expect all of you there.



Taylor Cole
Taylor Ashley Cole



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Ryan Conaghan

Ryan Oliver Conaghan



Mom & Dad- Thank you for all the support you have given. I would not be the person I am today if it were not for your unconditional love and care. I love you both. Erin- I love you more than anything and will miss you so much in college. You have always been the person I go to when I am going through a hard time and you always bring a smile to my face. Thank you for being not only a great sister, but my best friend as well. Coach Canfield- Thank you for being there as a counselor and a great coach. I appreciate the thousands of hours you have spent on the team and me.



Brooke Cusumano

Brooke A. Cusumano



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Julia Davis

Julia Margaret Davis



Mom, thanks for putting up with all my irrational crying sessions over the years. I'm sure there will be many more to come. Dad, there will never be a better board game partner than you. Katie, Meri, and Sarah, you three have influenced my life more than anybody else. I love you all so much. Friends throughout WCA years, thanks for all the fun times and serious talks. High school would have been boring without you. "Jesus answered them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.'" Luke 5:31



Steven Russel Davis

Steven Russel Davis



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Brianna DeGroot
Brianna Elizabeth DeGroot



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John Taylor Deves
John Taylor Deves



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Anna Dieckgraefe
Anna Kristine Dieckgraefe



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John Dohr
John James Dohr



There is so much I could say but I am limited to saying only a few things. Dad- Thank you for always attending my games and being my biggest fan. Mom- Thank you for never failing to be there for me whether it was doing mounds of laundry or making a delicious dinner after practice. I can't thank you guys enough. Nina- You're my best friend and I couldn't ask for a cooler sister. Michael and Nathan- I enjoyed every minute of soccer with you guys. All the bros- Thanks for the great memories. I cherish all my friendships, and want to say thank you to all of you. I love every single one of you. 1 Chronicles 16:34.

Amber Draper
Amber Danielle Draper



Blessed is the only word to describe how my experience has been at Westminster. It would be impossible to not take along the countless memories and lessons WCA has given me. Without the Lord's unconditional love, I would not have been able to achieve the many great things that God has put into my life. Mom- I love you so much and thank you for your never-ending support. Little Bro- You are my best friend and I don't know what I would do without you! Although it is sad to be ending my time here at Westminster, I look forward to the new challenges and goals that my life will soon experience.



Madison Leigh Drury
Madison Leigh Drury



Mom & Dad, you're the best parents I could've asked for- thanks for everything. Ave, love you bunches, stay crazy! Youth Group, ya'll are top shelf, left ventricle; thanks for all the love & support. YB: Thanks for all the MAYHEM!! Bible Study girls: you have been such a blessing, love you! Lunch Table/Friends: thanks for being so awesome, hilarious, and for showing me so much love. W I <3 U! I am so blessed to have had such amazing teachers & to have met so many awesome people at WCA and I'm thankful for each and every one of you. Seriously though, love you guys so much!! God, thank you for loving the mess that is me. Romans 8:38-39



Bucket List

The term "Bucket List" has been around for so long and it is a prominent concept among high school students. Daniel Berglar, senior, had on his bucket list to go to a game in every Major League Ballpark.

"I've been to several Major League baseball Stadiums, but it's a long way until I've been to every one," said Berglar.

Before he had turned eighteen, he had been to five out of the thirty Ballparks. Berglar has gone to a game at Turner Field (Atlanta Braves), Tropicana Field (Tampa Bay Rays), Kauffman Stadium (KC Royals), Great American Ballpark (Cincinnati Reds), and several in Busch Stadium.

"My favorite is Busch Stadium because the Cardinals are my team, and the fans are the best in the MLB and create an amazing atmosphere," said Berglar. He has two stadiums that he looks forward to visiting. "Wrigley Field, because it's the Cubs Park and it has a lot of history, and Fenway Park because it too has a lot of history," said Berglar. Although it will take a long time for him to complete this, Berglar's bucket list will bring much entertainment for many years.

Heather Burt, junior, hopes to get a 100% on one of Dr. Shaw's tests. "I've heard that he rewrites his test if someone gets a 100% and I want to make him do that," said Burt.



Morgan Siebenman, junior, made a bucket list with her friend, Madison Deves, junior, and wrote it on a bucket. They wanted to complete it before graduation. "My favorite is ride a camel," said Siebenman.



Lauren Lowe, eighth grade wanted to eat a banana in each state. "My friend inspired me to put this on my bucket list because they're my favorite fruit," said Lowe.



As a part of his bucket list, **Ryan Kelly**, senior wanted to fly a plane. On Oct. 28, Kelly flew this Cessna from Sprit of St. Louis airport to Six Flags. "I decided to do this because I've flown a lot in planes, but always thought it would be more fun to control it. It was really fun and amazing and so different than I could've pictured," said Kelly.

Michael Dudley
Michael Jacob Dudley



I would like to thank God for all the blessings He has poured onto me and for showing me that He has conquered every trial I will face. Mom and Dad, I love you both so much and I can't begin to thank you for all the support you have given me. Katherine and Kristina, it was my duty as a little brother to annoy you, but I truly love you both. Soccer team and coaches, I will never forget the memories. Dom, 18 years and counting of being best friends and I couldn't ask God for anyone better. To all my other bros, thanks for all the laughs and for being great brothers in Christ to me. James 1:2-4



Kaylie Duke
Kaylie Maria Duke



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Reagen Dykhouse
Robert Reagen Dykhouse



Mom and dad, I want to thank you for being great parents the past four years. I really appreciate all the support you have given me and continue to give me as I move on to a new chapter in my life. Though I was testy at times, I cannot thank you guys enough for the overwhelming grace you have shown me. I also want to thank the Lord for using my experiences in high school to mold me into a stronger believer and man than I was. Megan, I know sometimes we don't get along, but I sure will miss you in college. Trust God and listen to the parents and you will have a great high school experience.



Jeremy Ebert
Jeremy William Ebert



These 6 years have gone by extremely fast and have been great. I am truly grateful for everything Westminster has provided me. I want to thank God for how he has blessed me over the years. I also want to thank my parents for how they have blessed me and influenced me throughout my entire life. Mom and Dad, I love you. Thanks for always supporting me and caring for me. Amanda, you are an amazing sister and I've enjoyed all the good times we've had these past years. To all my friends, you guys are amazing and I've enjoyed hanging out with you all and getting to know you these past 6 years.



Crosswalk



Students attending gathered around the band in a circle which gave Crosswalk the feel of community.

Jonah Anderson, senior, gets out of his introverted comfort zone, and speaks to the students at Crosswalk. He spoke about being a leader and how God has used him even though his quiet personality.



Megan Johnson, sophomore, and **Madison Deves**, junior, sing a praise song at the beginning of Crosswalk. "The talks and worship are simply an encouragement to every student there," said Johnson.

On a Thursday morning in September, about a hundred students walked into the Black Box to begin the day worshiping God. "It's a great way to start off your day and sets you in the positive attitude that God wants us to be in," said Kirsten Caplinger, sophomore. The idea of Crosswalk started when members of the chapel band and the spiritual life team talked to Tim Holley, director of spiritual life, about starting a voluntary chapel.

Students enjoyed Crosswalk because it had many aspects that were different from Wednesday chapel. "I think it's really unique and special. It has a completely different feel to it than chapel. I love chapel, but Crosswalk just has kind of a homey feel to it," said Jessa Stone, sophomore. Also, Crosswalk was completely student lead. "All of the music and all of the speaking is done by students," said Riley Adkisson, sophomore.

William Egan
William Crawford Egan



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Brandon Estock
Brandon Michael Estock



"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education." (Mark Twain) This quote basically sums up philosophy on schooling. These past years at Westminster I have learned quite a lot: how to finish a paper the hour before it's due, how to get Spencer to let you borrow power tools and much more. While some saw my procrastination as a bad thing, I think that if you go into the world only being book smart, you won't get far so I attempted to gather experience and to enjoy life instead of being a straight A honor student. While this has caused me many problems over the years, I wouldn't change a thing and I just want to thank all the staff at WCA for putting up with me and being understanding, you guys are great!



Benjamin Evans
Benjamin William Evans



It's crazy to think we're moving on. The journey has been long and full of challenges. I'm lucky to have my friends and family. I look forward to the future and my life in the Marines, but I will always look back on the incredible experiences that I shared here. Looking back, it's hard to believe how fast life is going by. "So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart. Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view, and demand that they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people."



Patrick Farmer
Patrick Emmett Farmer



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Human Torch

While most highschool teens do things like bag groceries for money or watch TV in their spare time, Davis Vanderslice, senior, has been using his extra time to create elaborate, explosive firework shows and often earns money while doing it. Vanderslice admits that, "This job is fun, but it's the hardest job I've ever done." Some people may think that its just a matter of putting the fireworks on the ground and lighting them, but it really involves so much more. "For one show on the 4th, we had to be working from 7-5 for three days straight." The work they were doing involved lifting and moving 100 pound mortar racks, carrying heavy piping, and loading hundreds of pounds of sand in to dumpsters. After they do all this they wire all of the fireworks to a computer and launch them from there. The whole show is designed and launched from a computer. "Using *Finale Fireworks* I am able to sync fireworks with music and see what the show will look like weeks before we shoot it" said Vanderslice, "We use firing systems that plug into the computer and shoot everything on cue as it was designed. The three major systems we use now are the *Starfire*, *Fire One*, and *Pyro Digital*." These complex programs make the shows perfect. Vanderslice could not be happier with his job: "Nothing beats the feeling of pressing play and watching hundreds of hours of work go off exactly as planned."

Brian Joseph
Brian Joseph Fellows



Mom and Dad, you have been the two greatest influences throughout my life, and I could not have asked for better parents. You have taught me so much that has helped live a better life. I love you both so much. Brittany, you have always been such a good friend to me since the day I was born. We have had so much fun together and I value that a lot. I love you so much. Claire, I love you so much even if I don't always show it. You make me laugh a lot and think you're a great person. Mary, you are crazy and I love that about you. You bring joy to our family. I love you.

Kari Marie
Kari Marie Ford



Coming to Westminster was like stepping into a whole new world. The immediate love and community I felt was warming to my heart, and I couldn't have asked for a better way to end my last two years of high school. Thanks mom for everything you have done for me. Raising Curtis and I wasn't easy, but somehow you managed to make it, and it's been full of great times. I love you both so much, and thanks for making me the girl I am today. To all my wonderful friends, thanks for being there during rough times, and good times, thanks for all you've said and done. And lastly, thank the Lord for bringing me here to this day.



Taylor Christian
Taylor Christian Freiner



I am thankful to my wonderful parents who were always there for me when I was struggling with school and they helped me press on. I am thankful to all of my friends who made school enjoyable and gave me a good laugh throughout the day. I am thankful to my teachers who helped me understand the work and gave me a fantastic education. Most importantly, I am thankful to Jesus Christ who has given me the courage and strength to persist through high school.



Anna Gabrielle
Anna Gabrielle Gaffney



People say whom you surround yourself with influences whom you become; well I guess God was really looking out for me. Some very wonderful people have helped shape me into the person I am today. When I look back on the last four years, I remember all the tears, but then I also think of all the people who picked me up and encouraged me along the way. They always put a smile back on my face. I would like to thank my friends, family, and Westminster Christian Academy for shaping me into the best person that I can be along the way. It's been a wonderful journey and I look forward to God's plans for my life as I enter my college years.



Changing Tradition

Every family has that one college team they root for and stand behind. For David Hotard, freshman, and his family, Ole Miss ran in their blood. David's older sister attend the University of Mississippi, and during most home games of the season the family traveled to Mississippi to support their team, the beloved Rebel Black Bears. "My family always bonds from the car rides, our common love for Ole Miss, and of course the tailgating is always fun," said Hotard.



Every time there is a power outage, the Terschak family gathers with flash lights, and they play their separate instruments. "It's really cool that we all share the love of music, I just wish it didn't take a power outage for us to gather and do what we love," said Amber Terschak, senior. The Terschaks are able to bond as a family through something bigger than modern traditions. They share a common interest, and they use it to stay close as a family. Amber plays the trumpet. Amber looks up to her other siblings who also share an interest of music. "I love that our passion for music can help us connect as a family, and will hopefully keep us close for a long time," said Terschak.

Jesse Emmanuel Gruneisen
Jesse Emmanuel Gruneisen



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FINALLY!!!!!! GRADUATION!!!! I've been so ready for a graduation since I was a freshman. Coming to United States with some basic English words was definitely not a smart idea. In the first year, I missed my family all the time, and I regretted about my decision to come to U.S. However, during that time, I gained more than I lost. I met Jesus who saved and guided my life. I started to see the world differently. I realized that my family had supports and trust on me. Also I had opportunity to appreciate about beautiful nature and great people around me. I enjoyed being a student at WCA. In many respects, WCA is very remarkable community for me.



Julia Guzdial
Julia Kathlyn Guzdial



Thank you God, for being there for me, always through out the storms of my life. You have always had a plan for me. Mom and Dad, thank you so much for caring enough to send me to Westminster, so I could get an education. I love you both. Chris and Clayton, I love you, too. To the teachers that I have had, thank you for giving me a foundation of knowledge to succeed in life. To all my friends, thank you for being there for me over these last four years. When I look back on high school, I will remember our great times and endless laughing that we have shared. I love each and everyone of you.

Matthew Campbell
Matthew Campbell Hall



My time at Westminster is something I will cherish forever. Thank you Mom and Dad, for always being there for me and encouraging me to be the best I can be. (Having you in the building was always a plus!) Mike and Jeremy, you guys did a lot for me even if you don't realize it. You two are the weirdest kind of brothers, but also the absolute best kind! To all my friends, thank you for being a huge part of my life. Lastly, to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, thank you for providing for me all these years. I love and praise you! God bless you Westminster!



Janay L. Hardy
Janay L. Hardy



David Hartman
David Matthew Hartman



I would like to speak to all that have helped and encouraged me throughout my high school years. I am truly grateful for all your support even though I many not have expressed such a sentiment. I would like to thank all my friends for engaging and encouraging me through their words and actions. Most of all, I would like to express gratitude to God, who has provided all that I have been dealt, giving me parents who were willing to work and sacrifice so that I might attend Westminster. These four years have shaped who I am, and I would like to thank all who were along for the ride. May God bless you in your years to come.



Année Hartwig
Virginia Anne Hartwig



Mom, you are my best friend and the best mom anyone could ever ask for! Dad, your joy will always amaze me! Thank you both for everything you've done for me! J.D. you are an awesome brother and a great example for me. Chloe, you're a wonderful car D.J. and an outstanding sister, this past year has been incredible! To all my crazy, strange, and incredible friends, you have made my time at W.C.A. extraordinary; I love you so very much! God has such great plans for all of you! P.C. girls, you all are so beautiful! Crash and Krew have been so much fun! Lam. 3:22



Alexis Harveley
Alexis Janae Harvey



Daddy-Heaven got lucky when you entered its gates. I miss you so much. Love you. Mommy-This year has not been a walk in the park for us, but you have gotten us through. You have taught us how to be strong. I love you so much! Jman-I may not always show it but I love you. Bailz- We are pretty much the same person. I can honestly say I don't know what I would do without you. I love you like crazy. Tunes-We've been through thick and thin. I love you SO much! Megan-MA-DEA PARTNERS FOR LIFE. Biffle- you have always been there for me. You're the best! Guys- You Rock. Stay awesome. Isaiah 41:10



Ryan He
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Two years at WCA are too short, and I feel like the first time I walk into the new building as a junior just happened yesterday. The only regret I have for my high school is that I should come to WCA since freshman year. Thanks to all my lovely friends who treat me as their brother and made me not lonely to be at a foreign country. Thanks to all my friendly teachers who care about me not only academically but also spiritually; thanks for my host families who treat me like their child. Thanks to my parents who provide me the wonderful opportunities to study abroad. I will treasure my memories at WCA for my entire life.



Eliza Hearne
Elizabeth Reagan Hearne



Parents, thank you for everything, love you. Amelia, all my sympathy. Lovell, Mares, Gracie, you are such amazing examples of Christ and love me and everyone so well. Anna, fickle little sister, you have an amazing heart and never cease to impress me with your kindness. Esther, I can still speak sense into your life from a distance. Dup. Meow. Hales, you are one of the strongest people I know, I'll miss you tennis partner. Jesi, Emily, abusive ones, thanks for being bizarre with me. Love you both! Heyl, sass ball, thanks for your logic. Youth Group, you weirdos have impacted my life and faith in a way that can't be explained. I'll miss you. Romans 8:38



Henry
Justin Douglas Henry



As I reflect on the past six years I have spent in this establishment, I realize that God has blessed me with the opportunity to attend Westminster. Primarily, my thanks must be to Him. I also must give a huge thank you to my family for the support that they have given me throughout the years, allowing me to experience all this school has to offer and the opportunity to pursue my dreams. To my classmates, it has been an honor to have known each of you and I look forward to seeing you again someday.
 Soli Deo Gloria!
 -Justin

Emily Heyl
Emily Christine Heyl



Thank you to everyone who impacted and inspired me throughout my Westminster Career. Mom and dad, thanks for loving and supporting me in everything I've done and for giving me so many great opportunities. Sammy, Mary, Chrissy, you guys are the best siblings in the world. To all of my wonderful friends I have made at Westminster, I love you all. We have so many great memories and college just won't be the same without you guys. Thank you to all the teachers who have taught me to live out my Christian worldview and to grow stronger in my faith. I would be nowhere without my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you God for never leaving or forsaking me.



Technology Takes Over

Where text books used to sit on the desks of the middle school students in certain classrooms an iPad took their place. The school added a cart of iPad's for the use of the middle school. Most classes used a downloaded version of the text book alongside a worksheet. The most used applications were mail, safari, and pages. Eighth grader, Paris Hubler, said, "I like it better than laptop's because it's faster to move back and forth between things." Some enjoyed the new installment of technology, while others objected to the new addition. Alivia Johnston, Eighth grade, said, "I like laptops better, because we have a keyboard and the screen's bigger. I also would rather write and use a book at times because I am not very technical." While the new iPads were not used all the time, it brought forth the debate over technology.

Valerie Winkler, eighth grade, concentrates on reading her iPad during silent reading time in class. The eighth grade used the iPads for text books, yet at times they were allowed to take pictures for experiments and other class projects.

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Morgan Davis, seventh grade, helps classmate Elizabeth Hughes, seventh grade, find the correct application. In Deana's Vandegriff's first hour, the seventh graders got in groups and played a game answering bible questions through a class poll on their iPad's. The poll was shown on the projection screen in the front of the classroom.



In Ashley Woodall's first hour geography class Chloe Wimpfheimer, seventh grade, listens to instructions. "In geography we use the iPad's to practice for map tests and as a dictionary," said Wimpfheimer.



Eighth grader, Caitlyn Mundorf, reads her text book from an iPad and fills out a worksheet in Mr. Muelheisen's class. US History was one of the few eighth grade classes that used iPads frequently.

J. M.
Jacob Michael Hicks



Everyone says that high school is the best years of your life and you will wish you could have it back. If you were to tell me that after my sophomore year I would have laughed in your face, but these last two years at the academy have been the time of my life. The memories I have made with this grade are unforgettable. To the football team, I have loved every minute I have spent with you and I wish it could last longer. To all the football coaches, thank you for teaching me the proper characteristics of a football player and a man. To Coby, John, Mark, and Josh, I hope to continue to make memories in college.



J. A.
James Arthur Hinrichs



I am incredibly grateful for my experiences at Westminster. I want to thank everyone that has had a hand in my education here and let you know that you have made a huge impact on me that I will never forget. Thank you mom and dad for sacrificing your time and money to send me to a great school, as well as the constant example you've set for me every year of my life. God, I don't know how to thank you for what you've done in my life. I wouldn't have made it this far without you. I pray that you continue your work in this school and continue to impact students like myself through it.



James Hoekzema
James Peter Hoekzema



Mom, Dad, confession time: I love you guys. Whew, feels good to get that off my chest. Also, thanks for supporting me through my variety of interests from sports to music to computers to whatever I haven't mentioned off the long list. Siblings of the older variety: You guys inspire like none other. You guys helped to define me more than you know with your encouragement and unique talents. And Matthew: Don't lose your awesomeness. Seriously, don't. That would just be sad. Brianna, JAZ, and Violet: Thanks for being such amazing friends. There aren't words enough to describe what you've done for me. Finally: Thanks God for keeping me on the right path even when I didn't want you to.



Emily Horak
Emily Rose Horak



It has been a long four years, but thanks to many people it has been unforgettable. Mom and Dad – Your encouragement and advice helped guide me through some of the hardest times and I couldn't express enough gratitude for all you do. Suz – You're my best friend, and although I intentionally drive you crazy, it's all out of love. Anyzle – Let's never stop our Annie and Emily adventures, they are my most cherished memories. Katie – It's all fun and games... Need I say more? Kaylie – I'm never not laughing hysterically when I'm with you. Shreddy – You've been my friend for almost 14 years, you're one of the most beautiful people I know. Never change. God save the queen!





Virtual vs Reality

Brandt Wieberg, junior, shows off his favorite console games. Brandt Wieberg's system of choice was an Xbox 360. "(Gaming) is a form of art. Video games take countless hours and are extremely intricate," said Wieberg.



Sam Everhardt, freshman, displays a few of the games that he enjoys playing. Everhardt also enjoyed playing Call of Duty with his brothers and friends. "I like that I am able to play with my friends online," said Everhardt.



Whether it is in front of a console or in the park, many students of the Westminster community delved into the thrills and challenges of fantasy gaming. While some students chose to stay indoors and play as a different character in an online communities, others, like Joseph Welker, senior, spent their Saturdays in the park sword fighting. "It's called belegarth and it's more like a sport in that you just whack each other with swords," said Welker.

H. H. Hughes
William Hunter Hughes



I leave Westminster with no regrets. I praise God for laying countless opportunities before me. Dad: Thanks for always wanting to help. I should have taken you up on it more often. You're dorky and I love you for it. Mom: I know I'm 18 and should be able to make my own lunch, but you're just better at it. I miss those days on the cozy chair. Mighty Brosiden: I admire your "B+" attitude. From "safe corner" to Stratego, I've loved all the time we've spent together. Runt: We've come a long way, you and I. You're so mature and I'm so happy you're my sister. Friends: I'll never forget how we "got juvenile" together. God is good.



J. A. Isaacs
Joseph Alan Isaacs



I cannot believe I'm leaving already. I have had so many meaningful relationships and experiences in St. Louis. I thank my parents first and foremost for being so loving and supportive and guiding me throughout my life. Thanks to all of my family for celebrating my achievement and encouraging me, and helped me hone my abilities. To my friends - I couldn't have asked for anyone better. To my brothers - Don't try to be me, get involved, find what you love, and pursue what brings you joy. Above all, I thank God for all He has given me and done for me, I am nothing without Him.



Leah Janssen
Leah Anne Janssen



God- Thank you so much for your many blessings, and unconditional love. I owe everything to you. Dad and Mom- I am so blessed to have parents like you and I love you both immensely! Thanks for loving me, supporting me, and teaching me how to be a woman of God. Kelsey- You are the best, and craziest, sister ever! You keep life interesting and are always someone I can talk to. Caleb- Thanks for being the best brother ever (and a great friend!). You always make me smile! Bible study girls- You have all been so encouraging to me and I love you all dearly! Friends- Thanks for the many memories! I couldn't have done it without you all!



Briana Lee
Briana Lee Jennrich



Do I offend you? She asks with a grin./ Tossing aside her cascade of golden hair casually, perfectly./ With a motion as alluring and captivating/ As the darkness beneath the ocean./ I stand, conscious of my ripped jeans and plain black t-shirt./ The brown hair I cut and dyed myself./ And my glaring inability to think straight/ When I talk to people./ I look into her turquoise eyes./ Meaning to say something clever./ Meaning to show her she does not unsettle me./ Her expression taunting me./ Nevertheless, the words are unable to breach my lips-/ Again./ Lost gazing at this striking creature like a fool./ Like everyone else that has the pleasure/ Of sharing words with Beauty.



◆◆ Mommy and Me ◆◆

Abby Smith, junior, also volunteers at Open Door Animal sanctuary. "I love volunteering. Every time I go back, I know I am making a difference," said Smith.



Abby Smith and **Emma Pohlman**, juniors, participate in a charity event at Six Flags donating items to military families. They sold bracelets, collected products, and tried on some of the soldiers' attire.



Maren Osterholt, junior, attends the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation walk and works at the face painting station. JDRF had an annual walk to help raise money for research devoted to finding the cure for diabetes.



Abby Smith, Emma Pohlman, and Maren Osterholt, juniors, were involved in a charity organization called National Charity League (NCL). NCL is a mother and daughter organization that volunteers at multiple charities such as Operation Home Front and Circle of Hope.

When asked why she chose NCL, Osterholt explained, "I thought NCL was a great way to get involved in volunteering and serving my community. I also thought volunteering alongside my mom would strengthen our relationship immensely." "I wanted something stable to keep me from forgetting to serve our community," added Smith.

NCL begins in seventh grade, and offers opportunities to serve all the way until senior year. "I began volunteering in seventh grade and it has been a great experience being in NCL. I would definitely recommend it to everyone," said Smith as she recalls all of the great experiences she has had serving our community.

Jessica Johnson
Jessica Anne Johnson



Double S- I don't know if I would have made it this far without you. I'll never forget all of our crazy adventures and amazing memories. Remember God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers. Gaffinator- We've made it through everything together. Thanks for introducing me to your world and all the great memories. TreePlanter- We can survive anything when we are together. ROADTRIPPIN. Nothing could ever beat the adventures we've had. Mom and Dad- Thanks for doing everything possible to help me make my dreams come true and helping me become the person I want to be. Chippy, Orf, My brave little toaster- Thanks for always being there for me. I love you guys! You've made high school unforgettable. To everyone at WCA, thanks for the memories.



Micaela Jones
Micaela Nicole Jones



Well firstly, I couldn't have made it through high school without God's patience, love, and guidance. To my Mom and Dad, thank you for your unshakable support, and for showing me how to be a woman of God, I love you both to infinity and beyond. To Robbie and Tori, you guys are the best siblings ever and you guys have played a major role in not only helping me through school and life, but also teaching me how to work technology so well thanks I love you bunches! And finally to Nick, I haven't known you that long, but you have really influenced my life and helped me become the person I want to be; I love you!



Jacob Keane
Jacob Sullivan Keane



I'd like to thank my parents for sticking by me and supporting me these past four years, as well as the thirteen that preceded them. Supporting and parenting a high school student is no small feat, especially in my case. I'm fortunate to have run across the teachers I have; they have been instrumental in shaping my pursuit of literature and philosophy. I'm appreciative of the friends I've made; they are the true diamonds in the rough around here. Arm-in-arm, for better or worse, I've always had partners in crime- experiences that will surely bring grins to faces years from now.

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Christopher Kehr
Christopher Jacob Kehr



My time at Westminster has been blessed. Thank you to everyone who made my high school experience special. I thank God for all that has happened. The code red moments, The GB's, and the many hours spent getting to know so many people have made my time at WCA so incredible. Thank you to my parents for putting up with me. I know I can be quite aggravating at times. Thank you to all my friends for being there to talk or even just to hang out. Thank you to the swim team for making each year unique and fun. Thanks to all teachers for taking the time to pour into your students. Goodbye Westminster!



Wildcats in London

London, England hosted the 2012 Olympic games. Two Westminster students were lucky enough to visit London and attend so of the olympic events. Jabri Boyd, senior, and Trevon Gooch, sophomore, traveled together to England to view the games in person.

"I really loved going to the games this year. It made me have so much pride in America," said Boyd. Boyd got a chance to see the United States play a basketball game in London. "London a few weeks before the games was buzzing with excitement for the upcoming Olympics," said Kelly Goebal, junior.



Trevon Gooch, sophomore, and his mom, pose at the Basketball arena. "I loved seeing all of the different cultures in one place," said Gooch.



Kelly Goebal and Mary Wynn, Juniors pose by the official Olympic clock counting down the time until the start of the games. Goebal and Wynn visited London on the England summer seminar.



Shelby Kehr
Shelby Briggs Kehr



Family, we have the most fun. Dad, no better picture of Christ's love than yours. Mom, I always count on you for wisdom and laughs. Johnny, I can only hope my future husband is like you. Lucy and Mag, best sisters, stay crazy and do your own thang. Lunch table, Ciara, Abbey, and Ellie, love seeing your faces everyday. Ellie (Rodney), go honey todos los dias. We've shared physical fights, houses, Broomstick, lives, etc and I love us. Friends, Erin, Brooke, Taylor, Bryce, etc. I like having fun with you all. Soccer team, keep kicking butt. To all my younger pals: in the words of Bridesmaids, "keep smilin', keep shinin,'" genuinely love you all. Count everything rubbish: Phil. 3:8.



Ryan Kelly
Ryan William Kelly



First off I'd like to thank the Academy. I have been very blessed these past six years to be able to make great friends and have great experiences. Mom and Dad- Thanks for everything, from patience, to helping in school, and of course always adding entertainment to everyday life. To my friends, I'm so glad for all the fun times. Improv- This was the best and most memorable class I ever took and am so glad I was able to enjoy it for a full six semesters. I'm so thankful for everyone that I have been in the class with, each year being just as much fun as the last. Thanks for the memories everyone. "Veni, Vedi, Veci".

Zachary Alan Kessel
Zachary Alan Kessel



Many thanks to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for guiding me through this part of my life and providing the opportunity for me to attend Westminster. Mom and Dad, thanks for the unwavering love, support, and encouragement throughout my life. Alex and Emily, I couldn't ask for better siblings and I thank God for our relationships and fun together. I love you all. Teachers, thanks for inspiring me along my journey. Friends, I've enjoyed our time together over the years, thanks for all the incredible memories, I cherish them all. Youth Group, we've become family together, worshipping, praying, serving, and being in fellowship is something I will always remember, I love you guys. Psalm 91.



Sori Kim
Sori Kim



As Isaiah 41:10 says, "I'll follow God and trust in Christ though I face difficulties." God thank you for leading me. You are my everlasting father. I believe in you whenever, wherever. Also, thank you for great and perfect love. There is no flaw in your plan for my life. Mom and Dad, you both are the best gift in my life. Words cannot describe. Dad, you are a nice father and an amazing pastor. Mom, you always encourage me. I believe you are the most beautiful woman in the world. And, my hosts family, thanks for all of your support. Lastly, WCA, thanks for giving me special experiences. I cannot forget all of the memories at WCA. I'll totally miss you guys. Love you all.



Grant Michael Koby
Grant Michael Koby



First, thank you, God, for these past four years at Westminster. Dad- Thank you for your incredible support throughout my life. Thank you for always being there for me. Mom- Thank you for your encouragement and love. Margaret- You are the best sister anyone could ever hope for. I will miss you in college. Coach Bain- I am so thankful that I got to know you for the time that I did. You have made a large impact on the way I live my life. "Get busy living or get busy dying" - The Shawshank Redemption.



Violet Amanda Kouzes
Violet Amanda Kouzes



Mommy and Daddy, I love you so much! Thanks for all the wisdom, comfort, and laughs through the years. James, your Lego creations are extremely inspiring, and your drawing skills are fantastic! I couldn't ask for a better brother. Other Color! Your friendship has meant so much to me. Thanks for being my camping sister and sharing all your amazing cooking. Softball buddies, Krew, small group ladies, Friday-afternoon girls, FRC team, and Wall-ball peeps thank you for all of the memories. Zandstra, Brianna, Forrest Nymph, James, You guys are Awesome! I love you all; you have challenged, and helped me to grow in your different ways. Your friendships mean the world to me. God, thank you for everything. Farwell, Westminster!



Nick Lauer

Nicholas Stephen Lauer



God is my creator, my friend, and above all my savior. He has done amazing things in my life and has gifted me with many wonderful things. Loving, incredible parents, amazing grandparents, and a true best friend. Thanks to my parents and grandparents for teaching me that I can do it and for always believing in me. Thank you for loving me through thick and thin and for pushing me to do my very greatest. Thanks to my siblings for being the best brothers and sisters anyone could have. Thank you especially Micaela for being the absolute best friend I have ever had and the only person I love with all my heart.



Dongjae Lee

Dongjae Lee



My four years at Westminster have been a tremendous blessing. I had no clue why God would send me here, but now that I see how much I've grown spiritually and intellectually, there couldn't have been a better place for my four years of high school. I am incredibly blessed to have loving friends, students and teachers that have walked with me through high school; I will cherish all these relationships furthermore as I progress through life. Special thanks to the Walseth's, Mrs. Cho, and crazy Barresi's who have been gracious enough to open their houses to me. And of course, thank you for all the support Dongbin, mom, and dad! I love you all, family, friends, and God!



J. Lee

Jihoon Lee



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Chloe Seungeun Lee



Jeremiah 29:11. God, you always led me to the right places and blessed me more than I can imagine. Mom, Dad, Jaewon-I cannot ask for a better family. You were there no matter what and I love you all so much. I would not have made it this far without you. HS, Jay, Cookie, B-words cannot describe how much you all mean to me. THANK YOU! To everyone who knows me-thank you for giving me the joy to know you. Each one of you influenced and motivated me to be a better person in Christ. My life at WCA was full of great people, great memories, and His love and I was blessed to enjoy it with you!



Megan Yae Jee Lee



Thank God for leading me to right path and always blessing me. To my mom and dad, thanks for constant support and trust me. I am sorry that I am shy to express my appreciation during the high school years. To my grandma and grandpa, thanks for encouraging me. Thanks to all my family and to my host families the Bick's and Shaw's, I was happy with living together and thank you for your helps. For two years of Westminster would always be my fond memories, I experienced new things that was fun like lip sync and spirit week. To my friends, you guys were sweet and nice. I love you all. Matthew 7:7!



Soo Yong Lee



POTENTIAL for a SAFE FUTURE



The Safe House was brought to Westminster by Lara Goeke, art teacher. She asked students to make their own individually inspired art to hang on the walls of the new house. Girls in abusive situations came to the Safe House for safety and a better life. Girls came from countries around the world. The house was getting started and needed some interior design, and Westminster students were willing to help out.

Christine Bosch, senior, shapes her clay project during fourth hour ceramics class. "The Safe House is mostly for girls and is run by a Christian organization. The place was expanding and wanted to fill a lot of empty wall space," said Bosch.

"But for whatever it's worth, I'm going to be doing my little art to make the world just a few brushstrokes more colorful, and if a few canvases can brighten the walls of a safehouse, then it's time and canvas well spent."



"It's like being who you are made to be: When I'm painting barefoot in my tiny, junk pile of a studio in my basement, slathering a little something here and there for the fun of it and watching the colors blend-I don't know, it's like watching God smile."

Sarah N. Levenhagen
Sarah N. Levenhagen



Thank you so much to the teachers of Westminster for helping me these past six years, and guiding my path as I look forward to college. Mel, Val, Abbey and Ciara-I love you girls so much. We always have a blast together and I can always count on you all. You're my main girls. Lacrosse team- Keep working hard and whatever you do, do for the glory it of God. Mom and Dad- Love you both and thank you for putting up with me these past 18 years and Thank you for sending me to Westminster it was truly a blessing. Love you all. 2 Timothy 4:7



Bennett Forest Oliver Lewis
Bennett Forest Oliver Lewis



As I write this towards the end of my high school experience I find myself sharing a similar feeling with that of Bilbo Baggins during his going away birthday party "I don't know half of you half as well as I should like; and I like less than half of you half as well as you deserve." The only thing I have learned from- the relationships I have thus formed is that I wish that I could have gotten to know you all, my brothers and sisters, better. During my time at Westminster I have grown physically, mentally, and spiritually. And I owe eternal thanks to my classmates, family, teachers, teammates, and friends. Much love.



Grace Elizabeth Linton
Grace Elizabeth Linton



Mom and Dad- I love you very much! Thank you for everything you have taught me. Jack- I love ya little bro! Cherish every moment at WCA. VDT- You are all so talented. Keep dancing for an audience of One! Cailyn- You will be a great captain! Mary, Alexis, Natalie, Emily, and Elise- You are so special to me and I can't express how much I love you all! Thank you! Ben- You are a big brother to me. Jack Dohr- My best friend forever! Geometry and Arrector Pili! Love you! Joj- You are a great cousin and amazing friend! Guys- Love you all! Thanks for the awesome memories! Jesus Christ- Thank you! I am so blessed! Jeremiah 29:11



Benjamin David Joseph Lovell
Benjamin David Joseph Lovell



Mom and Dad- Thanks for all that you do for me. Though I do not always act like it, I am so glad to have you as parents. Thank you for all of the time you both have spent with me in baseball. Hannah- Thanks for not reminding me that I do randomly talk to myself. Hold down the house next year, get spoiled. Maddie- Even though you've been at college I know that I can always text you about whatever. I want a toast at your wedding. My Friends- Thank you for the past 6 years. The memories that we've made I will never forget. Nini, G-Dad, Grammy, Papa- Thanks for being the best grandparents a boy could have.



Fighting from Home

Having only one brother, Hannah Schweiss, junior, hated saying good-bye, and giving him up to serve his country as a Marine. "The first time I had to say goodbye to him, was when I was eight years old. We were so close, [and I hated] not knowing when I would see him next. No one knows how hard it is unless they have a family member in the service." During a deployment Schweiss saw there was an attack on her brother's base. As Schweiss and her family were watching the report, they "were all struck with fear. The thought of losing my one and only brother was unimaginable," said Schweiss. Throughout the hardships of having her older brother deployed, Schweiss has learned to put her trust in God. "My family has learned that, unless you give all of your fears and heartaches to God, you'll never have a sense of relief," said Schweiss. She dreaded when her brother left, but through the presence of God, she trudged through the time apart from him and waited for the relieving feeling of being in his arms again.



On a Monday evening, Nate Appelbaum, freshman, along with his mom and brothers, went to Camp Pendleton in California to greet their Marine. Appelbaum's brother had just finished his first deployment in March of 2012. "It was a long, bone chilling night of waiting!" said Appelbaum. After waiting till around 2 a.m., "he marched down with the parading column of troops. The Freedom Riders, a biker gang, escorted them all the way to base from the airport." Appelbaum was happy to see his brother alive and healthy. "I wasn't scared while he was deployed because I was used to him being gone and I just believed that I would see him again," said Appelbaum.

Junior
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Zack Lokey
Zackary T. Lokey



Thanks to everyone who helped me on my journey through high school. It's been a fun ride, but it's time to move on to bigger and better things. AKA, college. Adios Westminster!



Chad Younger, junior, grew up with his dad, a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves, leaving often for deployments. Younger said that he does not remember one of his dad's deployments in particular, but he remembers all of them. "You never forget when your dad leaves," said Younger. Although there were unsettling times, they brought his family closer together.



With both her mom and dad in the Air Force, Anna Gaffney, senior, had no memory of them not wearing their uniforms. Gaffney's father retired after serving forty years, while her mom continued to fight for the country. "We were all so proud of my Dad for serving our country and doing his part for the war on terrorism," said Gaffney. "My dad surprised me when he got home by coming to pick me up at my riding barn where I was with all my friends and horses."

Morgan Maack
Morgan Davis Maack



Levi Marshall
Levi Stephen Marshall



Living' and Lovin'

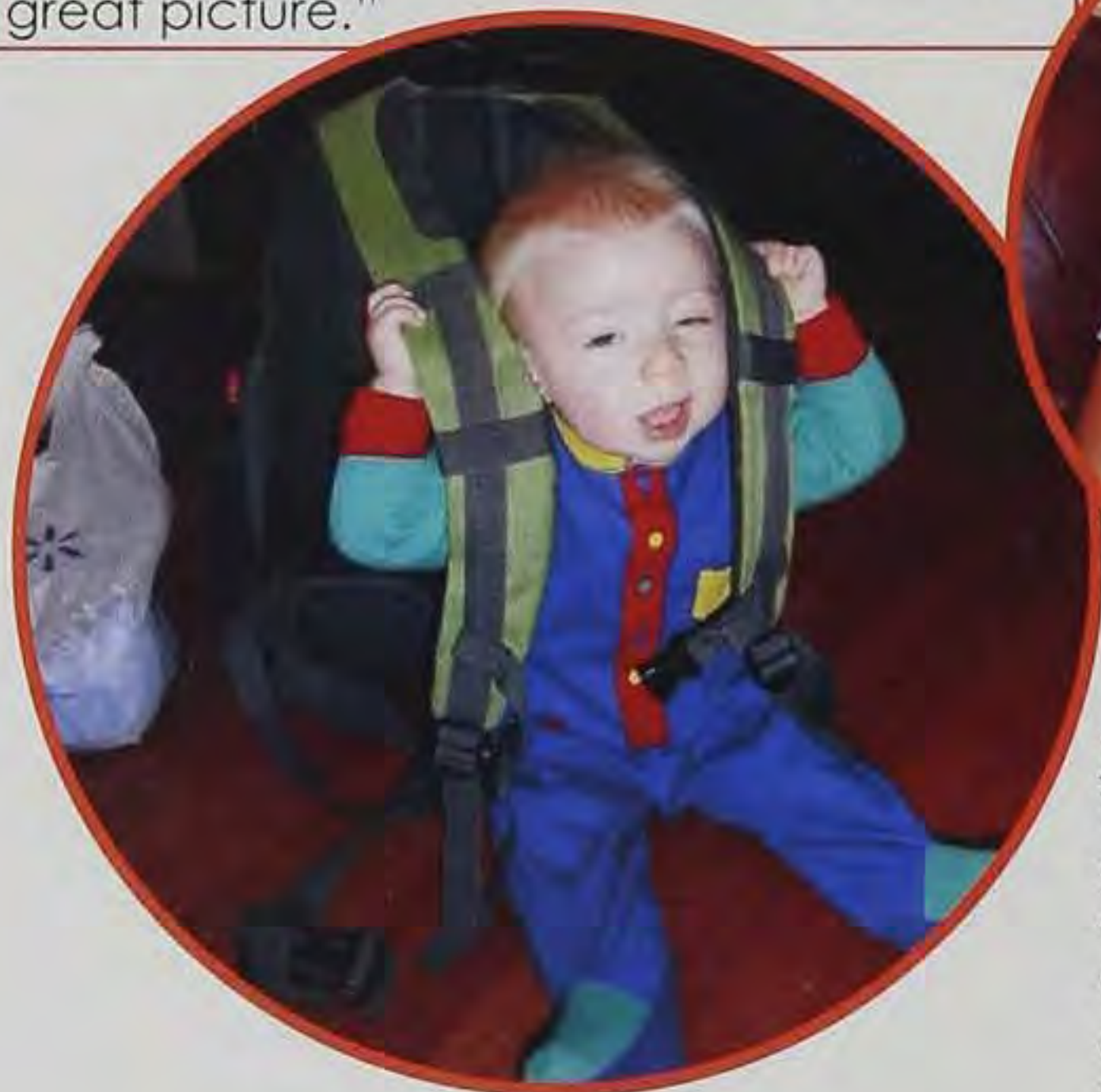
◆◆ Extending the Family ◆◆

Caleb Krumsieg's eyes light up as he begins to talk about Dakota, an infant foster child, and the first little boy ever to stay with the Krumsieg family. Krumsieg, a junior, and the youngest of four, received his temporary younger brother, Dakota, when he was 15. Dakota left their home within 3 months, but Caleb still remembers a picture of Dakota from the first day of school. "My backpack was sitting by the door, and he crawled over and put the straps on his shoulders. He made this face like it was really heavy; it's a really great picture."

Ally Dalby, freshman holds her newly adopted little sister, Maggie, at the hospital. The Dalby family was at the hospital in Kentucky when Maggie was born. "She always keeps us entertained (because) she's such a diva. I always have to play photographer because she thinks she's a model," said Dalby about her now 7 year-old sister.



Justin and Jayaira, six month old twins sit in their big brother's lap. Caleb Krumsieg, junior, got the twins as siblings when they came to the Krumsieg house in October of 2012. Krumsieg's parents began bringing his younger brother and sister to the Varsity football games where Justin and Jayaira quickly became a big hit with WCA fans.



A young Theodore Muschany, junior, hugs his foster brother Trevor. "We liked to make songs and sing them to (the kids). They were always a lot of fun, and it was hard to watch them go." All three of Muschany's foster siblings have been infants; and when asked if he changed diapers, Muschany gave a definitive "No."



Katie Matheny

Katie Nicole Matheny



Mommy & Daddy: Thank you for your unconditional love and patience. I love you so much... Tate, Luke, Jake & Blaise: You are the best brothers I could ever ask for. Thank you for always loving and protecting me. I love you guys. Keep living your life for Christ... Sadie & Ellie: Thank you for always being here for me and always reminding me to keep God in the center of my life. I am so blessed to have you guys in my life... Brendan: You will always have a special place in my heart. Thank you for all the amazing memories... To the rest of the group: thanks for all the unforgettable memories... Thank you God for I am truly blessed! Jeremiah 29:11



Sierra Mathews Sierra Kailin Mathews



Senior year -- my how the time flies! Mommy: Thank-you for being my example. Daddy: I will always be your little princess. Bee: you are a true gem inside and out. P-man: You are one cool little dude. GO PSG! You all never cease to make me smile, I love you with all my heart! My lovely friends: You all are true friends. You have been with me through so much, and I am so thankful for every moment. French girls: Je t'aime. Scholar Bowl: Keep on buzzing. FIRST: Go Cyborg Cats! Yearbook staff: Look at this amazing book you made, I am so proud of you all. These past six years have been nothing short of a roller coaster, but I have loved the journey. Stay wonderful.



Mark McFarland

Mark David McFarland



I first want to thank the Lord for getting me through these four years. I also want to thank my mom and dad for all their hard work and support while I was here. I love you guys. To my sister, Sarah, you have two more years left; have fun and live life. Michelle thanks for being there and always understanding. Coby, John, Josh, Jacob, and Brink, it was a great ride. To my coaches and teachers, thanks for giving up your time to help me.



Courtney McGhee

Courtney Paige McGhee



God-You are my priority. Thank you for every blessing and trial you put in my life. Daddy & Mommy- You are my #1 fans. Thank you for letting me see God's love through you. I've learned so much from you both. I love you both so much and value your opinions. Em- You're my best friend. I'm SO proud of you, doc. Love you sisser (Monica)! Abby-TWIN! Thank you for everything. God has so much in store for you. Best friend M&N. Christian- #besties4ever! Soccer Team-Love you all! Psalms 31:7-8



Wacko for Waffles

Have you been searching for some crusty food or inflatable rafts? Maybe some toilet paper or perhaps you've found yourself with the urge to light some sparklers. You can find all of those things and who knows what else in the trunks of Westminster students cars. Hannah Hickman, junior, is always prepared for a breakfast on the go with her waffle iron "I've had it sense the first Thursday of school. My friends and I have 'pancake Thursdays' at someone's house before school every thursday, except I like waffles better than pancakes."

Lydia Krusucki, junior, points to her trunk with which contains all of the random stuff she has. "One time my friends and I wanted to do something but didn't know what until we opened my trunk and found toilet paper...of course it was going to be a night to remember!"

There's no guessing what **Haley Woolbright**, junior, is all about. The stuff she keeps in her car describes her perfectly. "I have a basketball, tennis racket, lacrosse stick, a stuffed Nemo fish, my flute and drum sticks. All my friends call it the 'Hobo Trunk,'" laughs Woolbright.



Hannah Hickman, junior, shows off all of her belongings that clutter her car. Hickman joked about how she didn't even know how half the stuff got there.



B. Mitchell
Benjamin T. Mitchell



Thank you Mom and Dad for paving the way for me. Thank you Alec for being a leader and great role model. Bryce, you're my brother. I can't begin to explain how much our friendship means to me. The same goes to Taylor, Cole, Brendan and Hunter. You guys have been with me through the tough times and the great times and you've done more for me than you even know. Parker, Brian, Will, Davis, Nick, Becker and all my other friends, your friendships mean a lot to me and I hope they continue through this next stage in our lives. Swim team; keep having fun. Baseball team; keep winning. Thank you to the administration, teachers, and parents who made the last four years incredible. 1 Cor. 16:13



Emily Mitchell
Emily Doris Mitchell



Mom & Dad: Thank you for teaching me what it means to be a woman of Christ and how to fix a flat tire... or two. You have shown me endless love and patience. I am so thankful for you both. Anna, Alli, & Craig: I couldn't ask for weirder siblings. There is never a dull moment with you guys around. I love you all so much and thanks for all the laughs. Elise & Jesi: I cannot express how much you two mean to me. You have filled the past years with endless laughter and fun. Love you, mean it...cats. Nick: You are such a blessing to me and I thank God for you every day. Mandy Moore: the tank, love ya, miss ya, bye.



Hannah Mitchell
Hannah Elizabeth Mitchell



God: Thanks for never giving me more than I could handle. Isaiah 52:7. Mama: I'm so glad I have you to help shape my character. Thanks for always looking out for my best interest, even when I fought you on it. Daddy: I know you never thought you would know as much as you do about ballet, but thanks for never complaining. Thanks for always fighting for me. Emily: I love our cranky bathroom fights and long talks. Grace: You understand! Thanks for being amazing. Meg: Sticker? You are the sweetest person I know. 2013 Ladies: Y'all have made these six years amazing. You have all made my life better and blessed me in so many ways. I love you all.

Cole Montgomery
Cole Michael Montgomery



All my friends have made my high school memorable and incredible. I would like to thank you all. We have had some very strange and fun times and I will cherish those memories forever. Mom and Dad, thank you so much for always encouraging me and supporting me. I couldn't have done it without you. Even when times were tough, thank you so much for pushing me. I hope you all know how truly grateful I am for you. I want to thank God for blessing me with an amazing experience and the opportunity to praise him everyday.



Tomorrow Mundy
Tomorrow Marshae Mundy



My experience at Westminster Christian Academy has been amazing. In these past four years I have been through so much, and being at Westminster has helped me along in so many ways. The teachers and my friends have helped me stay strong, and their encouragement has helped me stay faithful and it has ultimately helped me better my relationship with the Lord. Thank you Mrs. Karigan for your help and guidance, I love you so much. And thank you Mrs. Baker, you have been such a blessing to my family and I, I love you all so much. And thank you Westminster for giving me the opportunity to attend this school and better myself as a person. I have had an unforgettable time thanks to you.

Lucas Evert Nitcher
Lucas Evert Nitcher



I want to thank everyone in my life who has made me the person I am today. Thanks Mom and Dad for loving me, raising me to put God first, for working hard and putting me at WCA. Thank you WCA for challenging me, helping me grow and mature. Thanks Mrs. Harding for the work you put into Robotics. This was one of the best experiences I have had. Thanks Mr. Wilkins for teaching me how to think critically. I have learned incredibly valuable skills. Thanks Ben and Sky, you have helped me grow immensely. As I move onto college, I feel prepared to deal with the academic strain. Most importantly, I am prepared to be a witness through my faith, to "give an answer to anyone for the reason for the hope I have." James 1:2-4

Rebecca Nixon
Rebecca Kelli Nixon



Wow, we have finally done it Seniors of '13! Mom and Dad- thanks for everything. My friends- thank you all for being there for me in the ups and downs, ya'll are the greatest ever! Softball team- You are the best and I am really going to miss you all a lot! Micah Project Friends- You all are the best and I thank God for you all everyday. (Micah 6:8) WCA teachers- thanks for getting me through these long 6 years here. And finally I thank God for EVERYTHING! Without you, I am nothing. Thank you for all your love and grace! Love you all!



Timothy Noa
Timothy Juan Carlos Noa



I really have enjoyed my time here at Westminster Christian Academy. I have made friendships that I hope will last forever, and I have received an education that makes me feel confident and ready to take on life.



Easton Noble
Easton Walter Noble



I would like to thank my parents for all that they have done for me. They have made this school's education possible for me. Without them I would have never been able to come here in the middle of my sophomore year. I would also like to thank the school's staff and faculty for teaching me their wisdom on God. He is now the number one factor in my life, and who knows where he will guide me next? Last and not least I would like to thank my girlfriend Riley Merdinian. She has helped me through many ups and downs this school year. Without her, I would be so lost on my next step forward. I now pray that God will keep her with me for the rest of my journey.



Drake Norman
Drake Forrest Norman



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Michael Nothum

Michael Glenn Nothum



First, I would like to thank my friends for sticking with me through thick and thin. I would also like to thank my parents for giving me the support I needed to get me through school. I would also like to thank Coach Muehleisen and Coach Wadley for making me the man I am today and encouraging me. And to Will, it was real. I couldn't of done it without you!



Cobern W. Nye

Cobern W. Nye



Dad-Thank you for being a good role model and always pushing through when times get tough. Mom- Thanks for being the strong woman I needed in my life. Madison- Thank you for always being there for me and giving me advice that only someone like you could give. Shep and Gracie- I hope you realize how blessed you are living in this family. Jonah and Drake- Elementary school buddies I'll never forget you guys. Brink, John, Jacob, Mark, and Josh- We're the crew and we've made memories you can't replace. Football Team- Keep the legacy going I wish you the best of luck in the future Go Wildcats. To God Be The Glory.



Driving you crazy!

Everyone has that one little thing that other people do drives you insane! And most of the time, other people do not even know how or why they are bugging you. Pet peeves are like a rock in your shoe or a bug in your ear. They're those little meaningless things in life that distract and annoy you to no end.



"I hate it when people chew on pen caps its so gross!" said **Katherine Yenzer**, eighth grade.



"I cannot stand it when people chew gum loudly!" said **Rebekah Shields**, eighth grade.

"I get really annoyed when people walk really slowly in the hallway when I am trying to get to class," said **Isabel Guariglia**, freshman.



"It really annoys me when people say 'like' too often," said **Alyson McKie**, freshman.

Melinda Oliver
Melinda Alexandria Oliver



I've been given wonderful friends and family. Here's to you guys: Mommy, you're the embodiment of genuine love and fierce loyalty. You taught me to stand on my own and look out for others. Sis, I look up to you more than ever. I love you, beautiful. Val, we're attached at the hip, forever and always. Sarah, Brooke, Ciara, Em, we live it up. So many memories! Rach and Syd, you girls are my heart. "Thousands of candles can be lit by one, and the life of that candle will not be shortened." Jesus, thank you for always holding me tight in Your hand. I'm ready. "Here I am Lord, send me!" Isaiah 6:8. Class of 2013, let's get it!



Emily Orf
Emily Elizabeth Orf



God, thank you for getting me through high school! I would be clueless without you. Mom and dad, thank you for your guidance and wisdom you gave me. Tim, thank you for being my big brother and best friend since 7th grade. Alex, thanks for all the fun jam sessions in band. Kaylee, thanks for being that entertaining person that brightens my day. Michelle, thanks for all of our wild nights. Sarah and Sierra, thanks for being like another mother to me by giving me great advice. Lastly, massive thank you, Coach, for never giving up on me; I couldn't have made it without you. I love you all so much; I'll miss you more than anything.



Joshua Ortiz
Joshua Darlenne Ortiz



Heavenly Father, thank you for blessing me with such a great family. Mom and dad, thank you for helping me throughout my experience at Westminster. You guys have always been there for me, and have always encouraged me to be the best I can be. Isabella and Veronica, you guys are a blast. You guys are my best friends, and I love you two with all my heart. I hope you two grow up to be the women that God wants you to be. My friends will never be forgotten. We were like brothers all throughout high school, and I'm thankful for that. Family- Thank you for always being there for me, I love you all very much. Friends- I will never forget you guys.



Jonathan Dean Pannkuk
Jonathan Dean Pannkuk



Roads? Where I'm going, I won't need roads. Parents, thank you both for your love and undying support and remember tomorrow's another day. Matt, thanks for the laughs and I will always be there, old friend. Bekah, even though you live away now, there's no place like home. Friends, thanks for the good times and I think high school is just the beginning of our beautiful friendships. Church, stay classy. Now, Westminster, thank you for giving me an offer I couldn't refuse in Christian education. Even though the new campus is the way of our future, we'll always have the old campus. Here's looking at you, Westminster. May the force be with you.

Cub3d Roots

Three good friends with the same musical tastes can go a long way. Michael Becker and Joe Isaacs, seniors, and Daniel Dwyer, junior, had the same passion of blending concepts of electronic music with live music and improvisation. Suddenly, the idea came into their heads of starting their own band. Dwyer started coming up with some potential song concepts and loops. First, they hit the studio and started expanding their ideas into full songs. Then, they recorded their first EP, thus, Cub3d Roots was born.

One of their first problems they ran into was forming a name that accurately described their unique sound. "We wanted to take Thelonious Monk Jazz standard Bemsha Swing, and play it in a way like never before with a driving electronic bassline/synths, and a dubstep influenced drop in the middle," said Dwyer. Cub3d Roots perfectly described their sound because they aimed for taking the 'roots' of modern music (Jazz/Funk/Fusion) to the next level, and 'Cub3ing' them. With a great deal of success so far, Cub3d Roots has formed their own sound and has created their very own genre.

Michael Becker: Saxophone, Keys, & Vocals

Daniel Dwyer: Producer, Synths, Trumpet, & Vocals

Joe Isaacs: Guitar & Vocals



"My favorite part of being in a band is being able to make something out of nothing, and express something."

- Danny Dwyer, junior



Mitchell Penning
Mitchell Steven Penning



I am blessed to have been able to attend Westminster from 7th to 12th grade. I thank all of the staff and teachers for helping me mature throughout the years and dealing with my immaturity everyday. I am grateful for all of the amazing friends I have made in the past years. Mom, thank you for giving me a strong Christian background and always being there for me. Marci and Kelly, thank you for watching over me and keeping me in control. Volleyball friends, it's been fun. I am grateful to be a child of God and I would be nothing without His presence in my life. Everyone else at Westminster, thank you for the great experience.



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Drew Robert Pfyl
Drew Robert Pfyl



Within my four short years here at Westminster, I have learned many valuable lessons that will stay with me for life. Mom and Dad- Thank you for supporting me through all of my decisions, good and bad, and encouraging me through rough times. I don't say this enough, but thank you for all that you do for me. Danielle- You always come to my games, support and encourage me in everything I do. You are just like grandma in every way. Bros- These four years have given me more stories than I can count. For everyone else, stay classy Westminster.



Daniel Prada
Daniel Alberto Prada



Daniel Pollmann
Daniel Louis Pollmann



I cannot express enough gratitude to all of the people who helped me along during these years and prepared me for my life ahead. Extended family, especially grandparents, I wouldn't trade the memories and love we've shared for the world. Mom and Dad, I am forever grateful to you for whipping me into shape while loving me and picking me up when I fall. Joe and Jon, you guys have more influence on me than you could possibly imagine, and your examples and friendship have meant the world to me. FOCUS and WCA friends and mentors it's been fun.

Showing Off Your Moves



Mike Scott, Nathan Richardson, juniors, and Reed Schick, sophomore, dance in the Grand Entry. The dance was made up by Richardson who named the dance, 'The Grandma Knitting.'



Josh Pottebaum and Brandon Mckisic, eighth grade, dance together in the hallway. "We play all the same sports together so we have become good friends. We act strange around each other," said Pottebaum.



Taking a dance break in the seventh grade hallway, Tom Lauer, seventh grade, performs his signature move.



Ethan Finn, sophomore, dances in front of his friends. Finn likes to make up his own moves to dance. "I dance around my friends out of boredom and spontaneousness," said Finn.



Benjamin Schick, eighth grade, does 'The Shuffle.' "'The Shuffle' is one of my favorite dances to do," said Schick.



Alyson McKie, freshman, dances 'The Juggler.' "The Juggler is a dance that my youth pastor made up. It is kind of like his signature dance. He just started doing a random dance so he called it 'The Juggler,'" said McKie.

Anne Rebbe
Anne Raithel Rebbe



As Michael Polanyi once wrote, "OMG SENIORZZZZ!!" Dad, thanks for letting me eat my pound of dirt. Mom, you're my best friend. I don't even know how to thank you for all your love and support and Peter Paul and Mary. D.Win—I will always love you. Westminster teachers, you are the heart of this school—thanks for all the rides home. Juj—you ma gurl. Emilove, thanks for beating me savagely in the city of dreaming spires. Drake, my Joseph Conrad—it's been a good two years. To all my girls (and boy): I really, really love you guys. Never change. Stay classy Westminster. God save the Queen!



Nicholas Ridenhour
Nicholas Craig Ridenhour



Eric Rideout
Eric A. Rideout



Alyse Rogers
Alyse Taylor Rogers



What a blessing it is to have made it this far! I thank God for continuously blessing me. Daddy and Mommy: thanks for your unending love, care and patience. The things you do for me never go unnoticed. Arielle, Ashlee, Christopher, and Aubrie: thanks for being the best road dogs ever. Every day with you all is crazy, but I wouldn't trade it for anything. I love y'all! Thank you Grandma for the constant love and support you give me. I appreciate everything you have done for me. To all the family, friends and teachers who have helped shape me into who I am, thank you. My WCA homies (you know who you are), I love y'all!



Do It Yourself

"Sam and I have always been interested in cars and technology, but last year we decided to take this interest to the next level by building a car and pursuing our love of engineering," said Eli Parham, sophomore. The Parham twins took on the challenge of restoring a 1965 Ford Mustang Coupe with their grandfather as their only mentor and aid.

Before Parham and his brother, Sam, could begin the two year project in their grandfather's shop, they had to find the body of the car. Then, they were forced to cut out multiple parts of the frame, clean up parts that had damage, and replace rust holes with patch panels.

"Many custom parts of the car required specific components that we cut, welded, bent, cleaned, and inserted into the car," said Sam. After the finishing touches are put on the car, the twins will have spent over one thousand hours working. They are planning on sharing the car when it is completed at the end of summer 2013.



Bekah Sharp and Kendall McDonald, juniors, stud their homemade shorts. They were introduced to the idea of creating and designing their own shorts on tumblr over the summer. "My favorite design is half-bleached shorts with studs on the back pocket," said McDonald. Sharp and McDonald found most of their supplies at Goodwill, Michaels and online stores. "The process is very tedious," said Sharp. "First we have to find shorts we like. Then, we cut them into a desired length and shape. After that, we choose a couple patches to rip with a seam ripper and pull out the threads. Next, we bleach and dye and finally, we stud either on the pockets or on the seams around the pockets," said Sharp.

Julia Grace Savage
Julia Grace Savage



Mom and Dad: thanks for loving me no matter what and teaching me that the dreams worth dreaming are the ones worth working for. Sarah: I love you so much and thanks for always being my biggest inspiration and my biggest fan. I am so excited for your family and I can't wait to see where these next few years take us both. Friends (you know who you are): thanks for teaching me that friendships can always go deeper, that unconditional love is the most beautiful thing, and that first impressions are usually wrong. Teachers: thanks for always caring. God: you fill everything that my heart searches for and I love you. Psalm 18:1.



Emilie Lauren Schroeder
Emilie Lauren Schroeder



Mommy-Thank you for giving me love, and support in art, I love you more than words can explain. Daddy-I will always be your little princess. Elliot-We have had our rough patches but I know you will always be there for me. Luke-Oh Luke, you are one of my best friends, and we will forever be "SS" love you! Ashley-I love that you never judge me and that I can call you my sister, gingers for life! Aurianna-Just two things "Ewww" and "Jellyfish." All my girls-I love you and don't forget "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop & look around once in a while you could miss it" (Ferris Bueller).

Amanda Scott
Amanda Lynn Scott



To my parents who are forever encouraging me. To my friends and brothers who are forever tolerating me. To my teachers who have taught me and helped me to grow—thank you. Thank you for helping me to become who I am today. For helping get through each day. For getting me to this point in my life—thank you. Proverbs 3:27 "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due when it is in the power of your hand to do so."



Sam Sherman
Samuel James Sherman



In the past 18 years of my life, I have really had the luxury of being surrounded by great friends and family members. I thank God for all of them. Thanks especially to my Mom and Dad for everything, I love you both. And thanks to Emily and Evan for showing the way, you were both great examples. To all my friends, thanks for the past six years, you have made them great. I am thankful for all the great times we had together, I look forward to many more.



Lucas Silkey
Lucas Joseph Silkey



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Siraphop Sirisilp
Siraphop Sea Sirisilp



Mom & Dad & Sand & Sun. It have been a while that I haven't seen you at dinner table. I miss you all more than ever you can imagine, and I am coming back to see you all again at home, where we all were together before. Two years at Westminster went fantastic for me. Study aboard is the hardest fun ever in my life. Thank you, Dad & Mom for your endless support. Choi, He, Sori, Gu, Heyse, Zandstra, Holley, Harding and all of my incredible friends, do you remember that fun, we laugh together. Thank you for the biggest love and care that hold me back up when I fall. The language of friendship and love are not words but meanings. Love you all.



Meg Smith
Megan Claire Smith



First to God: You have been my all, and I pray You will ever be. Help me to live righteously. Mom and Dad: I can't thank you enough for the sacrifices you've made to send me to Westminster. I love you both too much to express. Jordan: Keep working hard, I love you. To my beautiful wonderful friends: my bestie (you know who you are!), French Class, Korean Girls, Rogues, Friday Group. Everyone else: your time and kindness and love have made these four years four incredible blessings. Coming to WCA was the best decision I ever made, and I can't imagine life without you guys. Blessings to you all as we begin a new phase in our lives! Psalm 73:26



Summer M Smith
Summer McKenzie Smith



Mom and Dad, I want to thank you for all of your love and support over the years. You both have always been there for me and are my biggest role models. Dillon, thank you for being my best friend and giving me good advice. I look up to you and admire you so much. I love you and I am lucky to have such an incredible brother. My soccer and softball girls, I have had the best four years with you and I love you all like sisters. Keep working hard. I will really miss y'all!



Mary K Snapp
Mary Kathleen Snapp



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Brenden Solomon
Brenden Emmanuel Solomon



I remember my first day like it was yesterday and I have to say, choosing to come to Westminster was one of the best decisions of my life. Thank you mom and dad for your constant love and patience throughout the years. Thank you Coach Boesch, Burke, and Meyer. I honestly could not have asked for better cross country coaches and thank you XC team! Thomas Meyer, be a good boy and stay classy! These years did not turn out the way I expected them to, but whatever does? I have some amazing friends! Thanks for all the memories, good and bad. I was truly blessed and can say I'll be graduating with great friendships and no regrets.



John Eric Steiner
John Eric Steiner



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Sadie A. Stipanovich
Sadie A. Stipanovich



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Procrastinating ◆◆ VS. ◆◆ Working Ahead



Olivia Bauer, sophomore, has never touched a book before 10 at night. She prefers to relax after school, and take a break from the stress of it. "It actually helps me focus, I stay up late no matter what. So I might as well wait to do all my homework after I have a break. Honestly, I normally end up eating a lot," said Bauer. She normally watches TV after school. Once it gets to be late, she gets down to business. By the time she finishes her work it is normally close to one, or later.

"Right when I get home, I work on all the work I have for the week. I always try to study the whole week before I have a test," said **Grace Wickham**, sophomore. Wickham was diagnosed with a learning disability last year, and learned to work through it. She learns slower than most students, but still excels in school. She has to work harder than most students to get good grades, but with her determination it was possible. Taking tests had been hard for her, but she continued to study and succeed.



Nick Cacciarelli, freshman, admits that his study habits are not the best. "I struggle with concentrating especially after school. I never start any work until late at night. I know it isn't a good thing, but I can't help it," said Cacciarelli. After school he always had to practice football, basketball, or work out. "I just have way too much energy to come home and work on homework. I am lucky if I even end up doing it most nights," admitted Cacciarelli.

Hannah Stone

Hannah Elizabeth Stone



I am very grateful for all the people around me who have helped create who I am today. Thank you to my parents for sending me to a school that has prepared me for a bright future. One that has given me an opportunity to do well in this world. It was not an easy four years but through the help of teachers, friends, and siblings, I am ready to embark on the journey to college and find my place in this world. Just like the song, Some Nights by Fun says, "This is it boys this is war, what I've been waiting for." I am ready and strong enough to fight in this world.



Ellie Straub

Ellie Johnson Straub



Praise the Lord for putting ridiculously amazing people in my life. Thanks to Him for all I am and all He has given me. Mom and Dad, thanks for putting up with me and loving me unconditionally. My main boys: you make my life so much more interesting and hilarious. Drew(twin), don't kill them when I leave. I'll miss you three more than you know. Shelby, "I'll be your friend for a lifetime"...I love having you in my life and I'm too thankful for us. Go honey para siempre sums it up am I right? Lunch table: what would I have done without you guys? Newspaper and swim team, I love you lots. And Von, lawl, you're the best.



Ian Sutherland

Ian Randolph Sutherland



These last four years at WCA, to say the least, have been an adventure. I wouldn't have had the many opportunities WCA had given me if it were not from my parents. That is why I would like to foremost thank my parents from the bottom of my heart. I would also like to thank my brother for being my best friend over the years. Lastly, I would like to thank my friends for all the memories we have shared.



Edward John Sutphen

Edward John Sutphen



Mom and Dad, thank you for encouraging me every step of the way and keeping me on the right track. Teachers, thanks you for being mentors, encouragers, and friends. F.O.A.M. group, thank you for all those nights of spaz, fellowship, and support. Lunch table, thanks to you I now know the difference between arguments and discussions, streets and roads, and many other important things. Summer Seminar Wash/Oregon, thank you for the friendship, community, and state of the art B.I.F.F.'s. Friends, thank you is an understatement but, thanks for everything.

The Language

◆ We All Know ◆

Music is an universal language. It is appreciated by people across the globe. Whether sporty or smart, theatrical or artistic, students were able to come together through this one common interest. Both playing and listening to music let people express themselves. It served as a release from everyday stress.

"I like to write and record music because it allows me to express myself in a way people can appreciate," said Justin Henry, senior.

Justin Henry, senior, plays his electric guitar after school in the band room. "My music comes from my mind and my heart," said Henry.



"I am very passionate about music. I have played the guitar for three years and go to as many concerts as possible. My favorite band is a metal band called Asking Alexandria. Being able to express myself through music is awesome!" said **Charlie Maurer,** junior.

"I like to listen to music because I get to experience the different styles and cultures of music. One thing people probably don't know about me is that I like to talk to people that I know even though I'm really quiet at school," said **Nichole Romich,** freshman.



Laura Tarantino
Laura Brooke Tarantino



God, thank you for your faithfulness to me, even when I don't understand. You are the one true hope. Grow me and fill me with your love. Ps. 16:2. Dad, thanks for challenging me to grow in God's grace and to love running. Mom, thanks for how you've served me and taught me. Lyssey, you have such a compassionate and patient heart, I learn from you. Keep singing. Trent, you're becoming a godly young man and you know how to make me laugh. I will miss our Phineas&Ferb time next year. Friends, you've shared life with me, thanks for being close. XC runners—persevere for His glory. Coaches, thanks for believing in me. Ps. 27:7-8, Rom. 8:33-39



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Brendan Terbrock
Brendan Patrick Terbrock



Amber Terschak

Amber Christine Terschak



God, thanks for loving me and always being there for me. Mom and Dad, thanks for everything including driving me everywhere and mostly loving me always. Siblings, even though sometimes you are annoying, thanks for being the greatest brothers and sisters I could ask for. I love you all. Violet and the Kouzes Family, thanks for being my second family who always love me and share your home with me. Swim team, thanks for the awesome seasons! The pool has been the place of some of my greatest high school memories thanks to you! Tennis team, thanks for the great times. Track team, I had fun doing all those painful workouts with you. Orchestra, keep playing loud and proud. I will miss you guys tons. Friends, thanks for always cheering me up and being there when I needed someone to talk to. Teachers, you have been fantastic and so influential. I will truly miss Westminster and the community here.



Nina Maria Thampy

Nina Maria Thampy



Mom and dad, thank you, thank you for taking care of seven boisterous kids, making my lunches, keeping the family together, sacrificing time to nurse us back to health, and working late night shifts to provide. Siblings – I love you with all my heart. Friends (including my youth group), thanks for tolerating my silliness and random outbursts and for your love and hugs. I know high-school wouldn't be the same if I hadn't met any of you guys. Teachers, thanks for your patience, friendship, and advice. Most importantly – Jesus, my life is yours. I'm not the brightest and I don't know how life will go, but thank you for every blessing. We are the light, so let it shine!



"I love God and playing sports." - Mollie Ottsen, seventh grade.

"I am a gymnast, dancer, God-lover." - Makiya Thompson, sophomore.

"I am interested, fun, and crazy."
-Jonathan Marshall, eighth grade.



Sentence with ONLY 6 Words about YOURself



"Fiore's a creative, attentive, fly-fisherman, golfer."
- Michael Fiore, freshman.

"I can sleep in college, right?" - Hannah Mitchell, senior.



"Listen: Don't forget to be awesome."
- Catherine Bakewell, junior.



I can sleep in college, Right?

Nathan Theus
Nathan Edward Theus



Thank you Mom and Dad for your tender love and ceaseless support in all my endeavors. You have been my inspiration and my guide and have taught me to take one day at a time. Micah, though we endured great hardships, I know that I am better off today because of all your good examples. Joshua, you are the best little brother a guy could ask for. Thank you for loving me even when I am a jerk to you. Mr. Jones and Mr. Schwamb, thank you for sharing your wisdom and art with me. No matter where I end up, there will always be a musician in me. And thanks to all my friends. Use your awesome talents well!



Lauren Thoemen
Lauren Michelle Thoemen



These past four years at WCA couldn't have gone by any faster. It seems like yesterday we were freshmen, and now we're seniors and graduating. I'll miss all of you so much, thanks for making high school memorable and fun. Mom & Dad- Thanks for all those late night talks and listening to my drama. I love you guys so much! Allison, Michael & Matthew- Thanks for all your "support," oh, and you will always be THEM. Taylor- pancakes, ice cream, dyslexic#. Go for 7? Alyse- you're my absolute best friend. I'll miss our crazy lunch conversations and your laugh! Prada- Barney and Gangnam Style. Chick-fil-A! Volleyball team- STATE CHAMPIONS!! I'm so proud of us. Love you girls! -Jeremiah 29:11



Jacob Thomas
Jacob William Thomas



Christian Thompson
Christian Rose Thompson



Lord, thanks for caring for me more than I can, and never letting me go when I deserved to be thrown away. Tiffany and Symone- You two are the best sisters I could ever ask for. I love you with all the love that's in my heart. Lunch table-thanks for laughs and love at Annie's. Ellie J. I love you and I can't wait for the Olympics! Courtney #besties thanks for being a great best friend. Julia, Emily, Emilee and crew I couldn't ask for more real, more loving friends. Chapel band-thanks for the memories. Mr. Holley and Senorita-thanks for believing in me. WCA: find out how much Jesus loves you and run to him. Isaiah 45:22



Advice to *you*

As seniors said goodbye to Westminster's small, crowded halls to begin a new stage of life, they reflected on how high school could have been better and realized the impact that the past four years would have on the rest of their life. "High school is a time to have fun and work your hardest because it gives an individual a basis for the rest of their life," said Amir Zakhary, senior.

When seniors started applying for colleges, they began to understand why their parents always scolded them about their grades. Academics were a fundamental part of high school. Sea Sirislip encouraged younger students by saying, "If you want to succeed in something, you aim 100%, and you try 200%, and then you will get 300%."

Even though getting good grades was crucial, social life was an essential component of the complete high school experience. Paris Watson emphasized the importance of being yourself when she said, "Don't be afraid to open up about who you are and what you believe. Be comfortable with yourself." Despite the fact that seniors have moved on from our building's walls, we can remember them by keeping in mind the advice they had for making the most of our high school experience.

"It will be a much greater experience if you push yourself to get out of your comfort zone."

-Emily Mitchell, senior



"Enjoy highschool and dont let it go away so fast."

-Nick Lauer, senior



"Do what you can to let everyone know that they're important, valuable, and they NEVER have to be alone."

-Sarah Yousef, senior



"You make the biggest difference when you stand out and make a change."

-Katy Chapel, senior



"Know who you are and don't let anyone change that view of yourself."

-Sadie Stipanovich, senior



Brinkman Thompson

Scott Brinkman Thompson



Thank you, God, for all you have given and done for me. I want to thank my family, especially Mom and Dad for all you do with football. Tyler and Ami, thanks for being the best brother and sister I could ask for. I want to thank my coaches for all the good times and all the lessons you have taught me. I want to especially thank Coach Pederson and Coach Snyder for pushing me to become a better man. Football team, through all the blood, sweat, and tears, you left me with some amazing memories. Hogs, keep up the hard work. Wrestlers it has been a good time getting a little "jag" of wrestling.



Megan Elizabeth Tilley

Megan Elizabeth Tilley



Mom and Ben- thank you for molding me into who I am and blessing me with so much love. Alex- thanks for always being there, love you so much. Baliz- you are an amazing friend, I am so thankful for you. Della- single life, km.. we have fun. Lexis- madea and cookies. Taylor- you always make my day. John- thanks for letting me be your second gf. Sam, Brooke, and Erin- we are "the chosen ones", love classy ky, Sam, keep your door locked. Sadie- Taylor Swift and husband hunting. Hanz- thanks for putting in a good word for me (: Vball team/BGC- love you girls, going to miss you. Lunch table- mean girls. -Romans 12:18



Amy Tipton
Amy Johanna Tipton



Shout out to the most awesome family in the world! I could not have asked for a more fun, loud, rude-to-each-other, and loving family than you guys. Thanks Mom and Dad for being so loving and supportive through everything. And thanks siblings for all the crazy times over the years. Going off to college and having to come back for those will make them that much sweeter. Thanks to all my friends at WCA I've made the past two years, you guys have all been so welcoming! Thanks to all my friends and family, love you guys all so much!



Kaylee Trost
Kaylee Elizabeth Trost



Mom and Dad, I feel so blessed to have such supportive parents. Thank you for always believing in me and loving me unconditionally. Mollee- I am so proud of the beautiful young lady you have become. I will forever cherish our crazy adventures together. Long live our Macaroni Grill dates!! Sarah, I am so blessed to have you as a sister/mother/best friend. No matter where we are in life, I am only a phone call away. Sierra- Thank you for your encouragement and wisdom. I am so grateful for our friendship. Orf- I love your contagious smile! You have always been there for me through thick and thin. Most importantly, thank you Lord for Your abundant blessings. Proverbs 3:5-6



Davis Mark Vanderslice
Davis Mark Vanderslice



Mom and Dad, obviously I couldn't have made it this far without you two. Thanks for putting up with me for this long. You support me in pretty much whatever crazy thing I'm up to and that makes you the best parents I could ask for. Isaiah, Emma, Kendall and Alyssa, y'all are the best siblings ever. Beard, I don't know of anyone else who gave my family as many laughs as you. Becker, I couldn't have made it through high school without you. Brian, our pointless arguments will never be forgotten. Ben, Ben, Nick, Bryce, Mark and the rest of the baseball program, I love you guys. The friendship, teamwork, and fun we had is something I will never forget.



Nathanael Misha Wade
Nathanael Misha Wade



All clichés aside, it's been great getting to know all my fellow students and I'm grateful to the ones who made it all worth it. You know who you are so give yourself a pat on the back.



Paris Watson
Paris Briyon Watson



God has truly blessed me and brought me through some tough times. He has blessed me with loving parents who have supported me since day one, and friends that have always been there. Janay, I couldn't have made it through these six years without you best friend! I am so grateful to have caring and supportive people in my life. Although my grandmother has passed, she will live on through my family and I will always cherish the wonderful time we spent together. I've had my ups and downs at school but I appreciate the years I got to spend here and will always remember them.



Olivia Willis
Olivia Morgan Willis



Mom and Dad, thank you so much for being there for me through everything. Though I never admitted it until now, your guidance was much appreciated. I love you guys. Collin, you've grown up so fast. It's insane. You'll be surprised how much you'll miss me when I leave for college. I love you lil bro. Friends, I love all of you so much. You've made high school livable and fun. I thank God for each and every one of you. None of this would have been possible without God. Your ultimate wisdom and guidance has given me a life so far that I don't regret. Give me strength to stay with you throughout the next chapter of my life.

Joseph Welker
Joseph Kevin Welker



Wow, senior year showed up fast. This is the part where I say thank you to everyone for all their help. Thank You God for the work you've done in my life, changing my heart over the last four years. Thanks Mom and Dad: the best parents ever. Daniel, my bro, keep on being awesome, I know you're gonna grow up to be incredible. Amber, James, Nathan, Violet, Holly (yes you!) - awesome friends who are always there for me. Coach Muelheisen, Wadley, and Grandpa: thanks for making me into a man. I think every man should go through the hard work that comes with wrestling. I look forward to keeping in touch the rest of my life. And to everyone: don't waste a day, seek God, love people, don't be afraid to meet new people and don't give up.

Zachary Wibbenmeyer
Zachary Daniel Wibbenmeyer



First and foremost, I'd like to thank God. He is the reason I'm here, He constantly provides, and even though I fail to live like Him everyday, I can't thank Him enough for molding me into the person I am today. Secondly, I'd like to thank my family. Mom and Dad- Thanks for encouraging me, being there for me, and teaching me to live as a Godly man. Megan- I love you. Thanks for being an awesome sister. Even though we've hit some bumps in the road, I can't thank you enough for loving me through it all. Hong Young- You are the brother I never had. Our paths MUST cross after high school. Thanks to all of those unmentioned.



Eric W
Eric Jesse Witherspoon



As I look back over these 4 years, I realize that it was nothing but the grace of God that has kept me thus far. From the painful 1st hour, to the wonderful relationships I developed with friends and teachers, I thank God for what he's done in my life. Mom, you've been there for me through thick and thin. You've fought for me when no one else did and encouraged me to keep pushing. Dad, you've been such a good support and have always been such a proud parent. Nan and Pops, words can't express how much I love you. You all have been there from Day 1 and I thank you. I can finally say I've made it!



Austin Walker
Austin Thomas Walker



Thanks Dad and Mom for a great 6 years at Westminster. I am blessed to have the love, support and patience of so many people here. This is a special place!



Beating the Stereotypes



Jack Dohr, Nathan Cherian, Dominic Baresi, and Jeremy Ebert, seniors, laugh at a funny comment made by their peers.



Michael Becker and Nathan Arnold, seniors, listen and respond to what is being said by their peers. "FOAM is an incredible opportunity to immerse yourself in the Word and the practical applications of the Gospel," said Becker.



Eddie Sutphen, senior, plays floor tennis. During the meetings, it was not all serious, they made sure to make time for fun and games.



Carl Simakoff, sophomore, waits for the study to begin. He was one of the only underclassmen that attended FOAM.

As students at a Christian school, it was easy to forget what more there was to the faith than going to chapel, taking Bible classes, and praying before class. There were, however, students that wanted to live out the name of our school to its fullest.

Nathan Arnold and Dominic Baresi decided to start a group called "F.O.A.M", Fellowship of Absolute Morons. "A few of us senior guys decided to read a book over the summer and it talked about how to start a fellowship and accountability group," said Dominic Baresi, senior. After reading the book, they decided to put the ideas they learned into action. Nathan Arnold, senior, explains, "We wanted a time where we could come together, be real with each other and experience true fellowship."

These men wanted a time when they could get together and be true men of God together. They took action and met every Thursday night. Anyone could come and enjoy games and fellowship along with a time to be honest with each other. This time helped these guys stay accountable and be real.

Della Woodward
Della Gay Woodward



Mom and Dad, thank you for everything. You have been an amazing influence in my life always putting God first. Lainey and Watson, thank for showing me what I want to be like when I am older. You both are always there for me and are the best sisters I could ask for. To all my friends, thanks for always being there for me and loving on me. I will miss you all so much next year. VDT, I have been so blessed to be a part of such an amazing program. I love all of you girls. Most importantly, my Savior. I am so happy to have the opportunity to be able to worship You and want to continue living out my life for You.



Samuel Wos
Samuel Thomas Wos



I have been blessed to grow up as a missionary living both in America and South Africa. My education has been spread out between two countries and five different schools, I feel privileged to end it here at Westminster. I thank God for providing for me through my whole life and being my constant in the midst of all the change in my life. Thank you Mom and Dad for the incredible support you have been to me in my high school career and to my four amazing siblings you guys are the best, love you all. Thanks to all of my great friends and staff at Westminster for making my time here the best it could have been.



Jessica Leigh Wydrzynski
Jessica Leigh Wydrzynski



Mom & Dad: Thank you so much for all the support, wisdom, love, and confidence you have given me. Allison & Biffers: Thanks for being great big sisters. You guys have been an inspiration to me through all your accomplishments. Lucas & Brian: Thanks for acting as my big brothers. LydKyd & Dani: I'm so lucky to have best friends like you guys; I'd be lost without you. TayTay: You always make me laugh & we never have a dull moment KANESSHKA! Mikey: You always got my back! Love ya beestfrnd. Elise & Emily: I absolutely love you guys and all our crazy times together! Rashes! Wabbax! It's been a great 5 years and I am so lucky to be a part of the class of 2013!



Brooke Yeager
Brooke Christine Yeager



Mom and Dad- Thank you for supporting me and giving me every opportunity to make a better future for myself. I cannot thank you enough for being such amazing parents, I love you. Bj- You are my big brother and one of my best friends. I love you and I've missed you. Emily- You are my other half and I'm going to be so lost without you. You are my one true best friend and you are the sister I never had. Dalton- You are an amazing guy, and I am so blessed to have someone like you in my life. I have made amazing friendships and memories that will never be forgotten. These have been the best years, and I am sad they're over.



Driver Mishaps



Kari Ford, senior, places a note in Caleb Mundorf's locker one morning during her study hall. It had been a normal morning for Ford when she came to school. Unfortunately, she was running a little late, so when she pulled into a parking spot she accidentally hit Mundorf's car. "I misjudged the front end of my car because it's so big and I'm so little!" Kari searched, but could not find Mundorf. She then wrote Mundorf a note explaining what had happened, apologizing, and placed it in his locker. Once they got everything worked out, there turned out to be next to no damage on the car so, luckily, Kari got off the hook.

Emma Pohlman, junior, parks her car in the Westminster parking lot before school. When Emma turned sixteen, she failed her drivers test the first time she took it. Pohlman went into her second try confident. While she was taking the test though, she had a little bit of a scare. She was driving through a neighborhood when a little girl bolted out into the street. Luckily, she had enough time to stop the car before hitting the little girl. The instructor commended her by saying, "Thank goodness I was with a good driver." Pohlman was convinced that not hitting the little girl was what helped her pass, since she hit all the cones while parallel parking.



Janie Hughes, sophomore, backs up into the Westminster parking lot. When Janie turned sixteen she was ready to pass her drivers test. "I was really confident in my driving skills," said Hughes. Nerves were not a problem as Janie began her test. When the majority of her test was over Janie was sure she had passed, even the instructor told her she had done really well. As she made her way back to the DMV she crossed a confusing intersection she had never driven through. The instructor informed her she ran a red light when she drove through. Even though she had aced the rest of the test, the instructor had to fail her because of her one mistake. Janie was devastated, but came back the next day and passed making sure she paid close attention to every stoplight.



Am You
Ciara Marie Younger



Mom & Dad, thank you so much for everything you have done for me through these crazy eighteen years. Chad, you are the best little brother anyone could ask for. You've been there for it all and I'll be lost without you next year. Brooke, you are my sister girlfriend and we have had so many good times. Abbey, so many great and awkward memories. I'll miss you so much. Sarah, Val, Melinda- it's been real, you girls are my girls, so many good times! God has placed you all in my life for a reason and I am so thankful for you guys. I cannot wait to see the amazing plans God has for you all. Romans 5:18.



Sarah Marie
Sarah Marie Yousef



I look at the world with child-like fascination, so thanks to everyone who's put up with that. Dear friend, you've made me who I am, and you can bet your pants I would do nearly anything for you. Biological ones, I'm a fan of ya'll too. You've lived with me this long and have survived still smiling, so thank you for your patience. To my friends who have proven themselves family: *hug* I would fight to the death for you. God, You are always You. You are the only thing in my life that is constant and worthy of my unwavering dedication and trust. Teach me more. Lead me longer. "Here is my heart; you can have it all."



ASZ
Amir E. Zakhary



"Amir, I know a place called Westminster Christian Academy. It's a co-ed Christian school, and I think you should check it out," said Amir's mother. "Alright, but I don't know if I'll Like it," replied Amir. A decision that has affected me for the rest of my life was coming to Westminster. I was extremely upset that I had to move my junior year and leave the comfort of my high school, church, and city. However, with every passing day, I realized that Westminster is a blessed school that I will remember forever. The patience of the teachers and the fellowship of the students have allowed me to feel at home once again. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for sending me to Westminster. I love you both and rejoice in having a school that loves Jesus Christ as much as I do. Don't be afraid to take the risk because it could just be the best move you ever make.



ASZ
James Alexander Zandstra



To seek, to learn, to explore the depths of the world, pursuing an understanding of that which cannot be comprehended. To study the hand of the Infinite, observing the manner with which He shapes every rock and creature. Discovering the rhythm with which He conducts His symphony. He holds the universe in its perfect concord, every element harmonizing in step with the beautiful dance, shouting exultation as it points to its Creator. Unimaginable truths, tucked into the folds of the symphony by the Composer Himself as He excitedly waits for a careful observer to pass by. Put aside the chaos and listen for the testimony of the universe, through the turbulence of the wind you will hear its unending proclamation.



◆ *Not Pictured

- Sarah Barker
- Michael Becker
- Bailey Benes
- Ellie Bettlach
- Katie Boesch
- Erin Bognar
- Jabri Boyd
- Parker Briden
- Sam Canfield
- Katie Chapell
- Brooke Cusamano
- Mattie Drury
- Kaylie Duke
- Annie Hartwig
- Elise Hearne
- Emily Heyl
- Hunter Hughes
- Leah Janssen
- Jessica Johnson
- Shelby Kehr
- Emily Mitchell
- Mitch Penning
- Annie Rebbe
- Megan Tilley



Something that occurs annually is having to take a school picture. Most people plan their outfits days in advance and make sure they look extra special. But, what about senior year when your picture is for nothing but your student identification?

This years senior class followed a tradition and used hair gel, bows, and combs to look extra bad in their pictures.

"I wanted to look crazy because it was the last school picture I was ever going to take." -Jabri Boyd, senior

"It feels like a tradition all seniors get to experience. I remember looking at all the funny pictures last year and the year before and I was really looking forward to the chance to do the same." -Elise Hearne, senior

"It is senior year, why not? I took the free combs they gave me and stuck them randomly in my hair and put a giant bow on top." -Annie Hartwig, senior

◆◆◆ Coffee & Sweatshirts ◆◆◆

Sam Dunne, sophomore, works while wearing a sweatshirt. There was nothing unusual about this scene because Westminster allowed students to wear Westminster apparel for the first time during the 2012-2013 school year.

Students were also to drink coffee and hot chocolate in the library for the first time. "I really like wearing sweatshirts because I like being warm and cozy in class," said Clara Gruneisen, freshman.

Students all over the school enjoyed the looser policies by wearing sweatshirts and drinking coffee in class. "I like wearing sweatshirts because I don't look good in anything else," said Myles Bakewell, freshman.

Many students are chose the library over the commons to study because the rules on drinks were much looser. "I am now coming to the library everyday to get my hot chocolate," said Sheldon Gruender, junior.



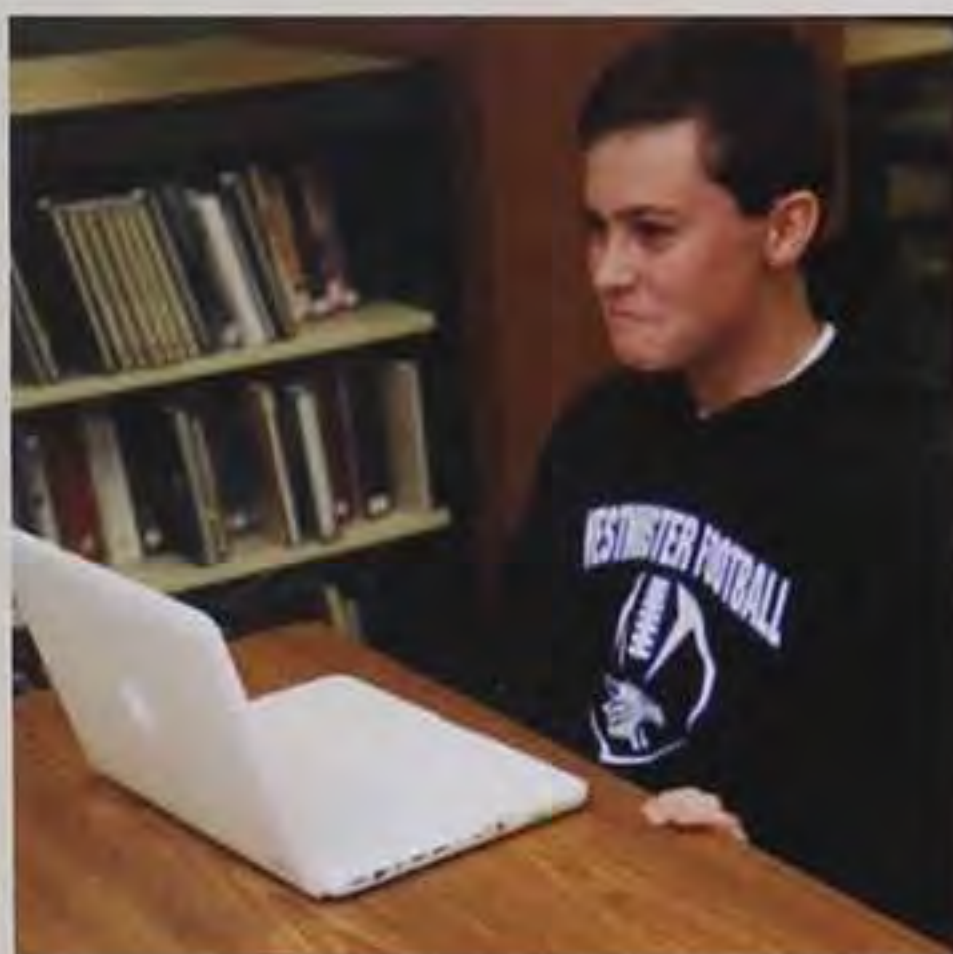
Ben Isaacs, freshman, listens in class while wearing a Westminster sweatshirt. "I am glad Westminster allows us to wear sweatshirts," said Isaacs.



Kayla Hampton, junior, refills her hot chocolate during study hall. "I focus better when I study if I have a drink," said Hampton.



Zach Shikles, junior, listens to music as he studies in the library. Along with drinking hot chocolate and coffee in the library, students were also allowed to listen to music.



Brennen Murphy, freshman, sits with friends during his study hall as he finishes his homework. Murphy enjoyed the privilege of wearing his Westminster Football jacket to school.



Celica Avery, freshman, uses her time in the hub to do homework on a Macbook. Avery's green Westminster jacket stood out amongst the other blue, black, and grey jackets.



Hannah Stone, senior, participates in an activity in the cafe. For Stone, this would be her first and last year to be able to wear Westminster apparel apart from the Land's End dress code.

you



Nathan Arnold

Nathan,
Your name means gift of God and you have always been that to us. You were a sweet child who has become a thoughtful, grace-filled young man. (Micah 6:8) Your faith humbles and inspires us. WE are so proud of you! Continue to be intentional in your life and faith. Trust God and remember always how very much he loves you. We'll miss you and we'll be watching as God's plan unfolds for you. (Mt. 5:6, Acts 20:24) Love, Mom and Dad



Michelle Bonacquisti

Precious Michelle, dancing from the time you first walked, and singing from the time you first talked, you are such a blessing! It has been a joy to watch you grow from the little girl who always wanted to be held into the faithful, sensitive, diligent, and talented young woman you are today. Whether composing a song, performing a dance, or capturing just the right moment in a picture, God has anointed you! We love you! Dad, Mom, and Carolyn.



Sarah Barker

Sarah,
Wow, how fast the years have gone by. The day you were born was the day God blessed our family. His craftsmanship could not have been more perfect. Your constant determination and easy going spirit coupled with your loving and caring heart have provided us with many special memories. God will be your rock in this next phase of your life. He will carry you through anything the world throws at you. We love you !! -Mom and Dad



Christine Bosch

Christine,
We are so proud of you and the beautiful and talented young lady you have become. You grace our home with spontaneity, spunk, and endless doodles. It is such a joy to watch you use the incredible gifts and abilities God has given you to serve Him and love others. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "... plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11. We love you, Mom and Dad



Michael Becker

Michael, from the baseball fields at Manchester, the swimming pool at Westminster, the jazz band concerts and the art gallery... we have cherished the opportunity to watch you develop your talents that God has given you. What an amazing young man you have become. We look forward to the bright future that waits for you! Love, Mom and Dad, Cori, Abby, David



Travis Brandt

Travis,
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments in life so far. You are so very special to us and we can't wait to see what God has in store you in the future. We love you, Mom & Dad



Bryce Bell

Bryce W. Bell, you're a crazy, fast, funny, competitive, compassionate brother; all reasons why we love you. Wherever God leads you we know you will do it 110%! Stay true to yourself!

Mom and Dad



Tim Burgess

Timothy Dale, Our "jolly" baby, now an amazing Christian gentleman "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139). You have chosen to take "aim" in all you do. We dedicated you with "how sweet to our new born baby, and feel the pride and joy he brings, but greater still the calm assurance, our child can face uncertain days because He lives". It's still a great promise for your blessed future (Jer 29:11) adventure. Praising God for you! Love Mom and Dad.



Natalie Bell

Natalie, you have grown into such a beautiful young woman! Tender-hearted and spirited. Kind and generous. Loving and supportive. Independent and determined. Discerning and loving. Like clay in the potter's hands, let God continue to mold you from the inside out. He has amazing plans for you and we can't wait to watch as He unfolds them to you. Seek Him! Follow Him! Remember you are deeply loved. We are so proud of you! Mom and Dad



Katy Chapell

Sweet Katy,
You have brought us joy every oday of your life! The Lord has blessed you with a creative spirit, a compassionate heart, and a deep love for Him - what a great combination! Don't ever forget: YOU ARE PRECIOUS TO US!

Love, Dad and Mom

you



Valerie Chavez

Sweetie-pie,
We have never been more proud of you than we are today. Although the past eighteen years may seem like the good old days, we know the best for you has yet to come. You will always and forever be our little girl.
We love you, Mom and Dad



Jack Dohr

Jack-We are all so proud of the godly young man you have become. You have brought such joy and laughter to our family. Watching you play sports all your life has been the best!!! Your competitive spirit, and quiet, gentle nature combines for a leadership style that will take you far. #QuietAssasin. All for His glory!!! We Love You to the Moon and Back. Mom, dad and Nina P.S. Thanks for being the best lifelong friend a sister could have - Neen



Nathan Cherian

Nate-You are our gift from God. We thank God for the person you are and the many unique gifts He has given you. We cherish every moment of your life. You bring great joy and blessings to us. We are proud of your accomplishments, compassionate nature, and servant leadership. We praise God for your sense of responsibility and eagerness to help others. We are excited about your future. We love you and will always be there for you. Dadda, Mommy and Nevin



Amber Draper

Amber- When you were born you were given the name Ms. Blessing. And that's exactly what you have been a "blessing" God gave you with such a calm, compassionate, and sweet spirit. You are gifted and talented in ways that illuminate your beauty. I most admire you for always being true to yourself. Always strive for excellence. Stay thankful, prayerful, and humble. I am so proud of you. Love, Mom and Adam



Brooke Cusumano

Brooke. When you came into this world there was chaos at St. John's. We really haven't worried about you since. We have never had to tell you to pray more, study more, or practice more. You knew it instinctively. You have lived your life with two basic ideas: pray as if everything depended on God and work as if everything depended on you. You have been blessed. We have been blessed even more to have a daughter like you! Love, Mom and Dad



Michael Dudley

Michael, our "gift of God." Dad, practiced with you, coached you, and now cheers for you from the stands. Mom, hugged you endlessly, took you everywhere, and now admires her handsome son. Katherine and Kristina proudly took care of their little brother. We know not your calling, but God surely does. He has given you so much. Live up to your name: "Who can be like God?" None of us can; but serve and honor Him, in humility and strength.



Julia Davis

Julia, how can it be you will soon graduate from high school? It seems only yesterday you became part of our lives. We know the Lord has a special plan for you. You will be a blessing to all those you meet and serve in your coming years. Never forget how blessed you are. "... the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him." Romans 10:12. We love you sooo much! - Dad, Mom, Katie, Meri and Sarah.



Kaylie Duke

Just "last week," your ultrasound revealed girl! How very blessed we were on that 9/11 to bring you home. Then, just "yesterday," we were travelling to fall soccer games together, and you anchored our midfield. Today, your social and academic calendars are mind-boggling and college is in sight. Loves and characteristics God hath wrought in you: friends, music, good food, travel, sleep, justice, compassion, service. But, I love you just because you're my daughter... and that is enough. Love, Dad



Anna Dieckgraefe

Anna: our aspiring artist. Your entire family is so proud! You have always been very caring, and you're equally blessed with a thoughtful and sensitive spirit. As you proceed into college and beyond, we know that you'll continue to impress everyone with your gift of art. We pray that you'll continue to use your talents and life examples as a positive influence on many others. We love you and pray for you always! Mom and Dad, Sarah, Kate, and Daniel



Kaylie Duke

Sweet girl... look at the amazing book you hold in your hands! WELL DONE, SENIOR EDITOR! God has blessed you with wonderful gifts and you have used them for His glory throughout your years at WCA: as a leader, a scholar, an athlete, a mentor, a true friend, and an awesome photographer. Thank you for working so hard! You are a blessing to all who know you and a precious daughter of the King of Kings. YOU ARE LOVED DEAR ONE! Mom

you



Jeremy Ebert

Watching you grow into such a wonderful young man has brought us such joy. We are very proud of you, and we will continue to pray for God's direction in your life. We have already seen you make wise choices in how you spend your time and treat other people, and we know you will continue to grow in your faith. We love you very much!

Mom, Dad and Amanda



David Hartmann

Dear David, We are so thankful that God's perfect plan included making you part of our family. God used you to change us. As a child you taught us about courage in the face of trials. Your tender heart showed us true brokenness over sin and hunger for forgiveness. As a young adult, your love for the Lord is inspiring. You are our hero and we are excited to see how God continues to use you in His kingdom work.



Brandon Estock

Brandon, *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein was the first book you read by yourself. That book reflects your life because God has given you many gifts, and He delights in blessing you for the glory of Christ. May He enable you to use those gifts for His glory. We are proud of you, and we look forward to seeing how God uses you in the future. His love and faithfulness will never leave you.

Love, Mom & Dad



Annie Hartwig

Annie, You are a treasure to our family. The joy and love you have brought into our lives is immeasurable. We love your fun loving spirit and your sense of humor. It has been a blessing to watch you grow into a beautiful young woman of God. We are so proud of you.



Patrick Farmer

Patrick, We are so very proud of you. You came into our lives the day after Thanksgiving and became an integral and important part of our growing family. We have had the pleasure of watching you work hard to become a fine jazz musician, excellent student, and spiritually mature and discerning man of God. We all love you. Mom, Dad, Megan, Dominick, Ian, Harrison and Mitchell



James Hoekzema

James, you have grown and matured so much these past few years. We are so proud of your accomplishments. God has given you a gift that allows you to understand the order of His creation. We can't wait to see how he will lead you to use it! It is our prayer that like Christ, you will grow "in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:52 Love, Dad, Mom, Andrew, Bethany, Hannah and Matthew



Brian Fellows

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." May God bless you Brian Joseph Fellows, Jr., all the days of your life. Love, Mom and Dad



Emily Horak

Emily, We thank God for a daughter who has been given wonderful gifts from her maker. He has equipped you with tenacity, loyalty, courage and an excitement for life. The Holy Spirit has developed in you a right understanding of God's word and you have learned to, "correctly handle the word of truth", (2 Tim 2:15). We know He will be using you as a beacon for Jesus in many places. We love you, appreciate, and admire you. Mom and Dad.



Matt Hall

As a baby, your blond hair and blue eyes were as much of a surprise as your amazing ability to laugh and live life to the fullest. You teach us and bring us abundant joy as we watch how passionately you pursue your dreams. Our prayer as you leave home is that you "shine as light in the world, holding fast to the word of life". Phil 2:16 We love and treasure you dearly! Mom Dad, Mike & Jeremy



Micaela Jones

Micaela, From the day you were born you have brought great joy into our lives. As you've blossomed into a beautiful woman of God, we've seen the great love you have for Him and others. Your unique sense of humor and ability to make us laugh has been a true blessing. We are confident that God has great plans in store for you as you continue trusting Him. We love you and are very proud of you. - Dad and Mom

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Sarah Levenhagen

Congratulations Sarah!

We are proud of you!

Love,
Dad, mom and Eric



Emily Mitchell

Emily,
You have been such a blessing to our family! It has been a blast watching you grow from an energetic toddler on roller-skates to the bright, young woman you are today. You are beautiful inside and out! We are so "pleased" with how you lean on God for guidance. Keep doing so! Remember, "for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7.

Love, Mom, Dad, Anna, Alli & Craig



Levi Marshall

Westminster was like being in an academic bubble, with a lot of fun added. Tennis, Audio Visual Club, Chess Club (went to state 3 times). On to Washington University and Medical School.



Hannah Mitchell

Hannah, We have been truly blessed by your growth into the strong and self-assured young lady you've become. Over and over we see and hear others tell us about your sweet spirit and ever-present smile. You have always danced like no one is watching, and lived like there is no tomorrow. When the storms of life come, hold on to the Rock who cares for you and will always be there for you. Joshua 1:9.

Love Mom, Dad and Emily.



Katie Matheny

It is so hard for me to believe that it is time for you to start the next phase of your life. I am so proud of the woman that you have become. You are a true light for Christ, never wavering in your beliefs and always standing strong. You are more than ready to take on this next step in life. We love you baby girl and are so proud of you. We will always be your biggest fans.



Luke Nitcher

Congratulations, Luke, for an amazing finish to your 13 plus years of education. We are proud of you! We are proud of your accomplishments in Football, Robotics, Drama, and as a man of God.



Mark McFarland

Mark,
You have brought laughter and joy into our home. You are an amazing young man, always an encouragement to everyone around you. From when you could first talk and say, "Hi" and wave to everyone, everywhere we went, to now as a young adult; you are friendly, kind and a true blessing. Continue to make wise choices and glorify God in all you do. We love you so much! Mom and Dad



Drake Norman

Drake, our youngest and final WCA graduate. We are forever grateful for God's unexpected and struggle-free gift of YOU. We enjoy your fun-loving and happy personality, piano talent, athleticism, and willingness to work hard and welcome challenge. We'll miss being with you daily, but encourage you to always acknowledge God as the source of your gifts and talents and to seek God's call and purpose for your life. 2 Timothy 3:14-15. We love you, son. Mom and Dad



Courtney McGhee

Courtney,
What a blessing you are. You have grown into a beautiful young lady. We are so very proud of you and love you so much. God has given you many talents in so many things. You have brought so much joy and laughter to our family. We are your biggest fans. God has an amazing future planned for you. Proverbs 3:5-6

Love,
Mom, Dad and Emily



Josh Ortiz

Josh, You are a great blessing brought by God into our lives eighteen years ago. I can't believe how time has passed and you have changed into a man in every way. It is beautiful to see how you have walked with God and He has kept you all these years! We are very proud of you because we know it has not been easy yet you were able to reach your goal. You are a great son and a great big brother! Con todo nuestro amor, Mom and Dad



Jonathan Pannkuk

Dear Jonathan,

It has been such a joy to watch you grow up and grow in your faith. Stay close to God and you will succeed in all you do. "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion..." We love you and are very proud of you.

Mom and Dad



Megan Tilley

Megan-You are beautiful inside and out. You bring joy, kindness, encouragement and laughter to your friends and family. We are so proud of not only what you have accomplished, but who you are. Regardless of the challenges put before you, you press on with a determined spirit and winning attitude. You are a blessing and we love you much! We thank God for you and look forward to seeing what He has in store for you!



Emilie Schroeder

"Miss Emilie," Our sweet little red head with the big beautiful heart. It is our greatest Joy to call you daughter and we are so blessed from a loving God to have you in our family. You are smart, beautiful and creative. Use your gifts to glorify God and keep Jesus at the center of your life.

We love you with all our hearts,
Mom and Dad

"In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:6)



Zach Wibbenmeyer

Son, it seems like only yesterday you were our little boy. God has blessed you in so many ways, and we feel blessed to be your earthly parents. You make us so proud not only in your accomplishments, but in the person you have become. Prov 3:6. Love, Mom and Dad



Lucas Silkey

Lucas,
We thank God always for you! Your name, Lucas, means- "bringer of light" and that is what you are to us since the day you were born. YOU ARE OUR SUN-SHINE! Watching you grow up has been our greatest joy. We are very proud of you and enjoy watching how God has blessed you with so many talents and how you glorify HIM with your gifts. All our love forever, Mom and Dad



Olivia Willis

Olivia,
"Sail on Silver Girl
Sail on by
Your time has come to shine
All your dreams are on their way
See how they shine..."
Imagine.
Always love, Dad



Eddie Sutphen

From precious baby to outstanding young man, gentle and compassionate of heart, courageous and adventurous in spirit, inquisitive and creative with a desire for righteousness and a thirst for truth. Eddie, you are a masterpiece! Embrace who you are in light of God's "crazy" love "being confident of this: that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Phil. 1:6) I love you dearly!
Mom



Jessica Wydrzynski

Jessica, What a blessing and joy you have been since birth. You are a "little missionary", at a young age you said, "We have to take my friends to church, who else will take them?" Our desire is that you will always have this missionary heart first and all successes secondary. We love your joyous perspective on life, commitment to excellence and compassion. "In whatever you do, do it for the glory of God." (I Corinthians 10:31)
Mom and Dad



Brink Thompson

Brink, You have gone from a sweet, talkative and loving little boy to a wonderful, fun and loving young man...with a great smile! Watching you in football games has been a joy. We are proud of your enthusiasm and commitment, both on and off the football field. You have the ability to make many friends, to enjoy life and to excel in all that you do. God has a wonderful plan for you life (Jeremiah 29:11). It will be such fun to see how that unfolds. With Love and Pride, Dad, Mom, Tyler, Amibeth and Scout



Hong Young Choi

Hong Young,
We are so blessed to have had you in our lives this past year! You have enriched our family in so many ways. Your parents are so proud of your accomplishments! And so are we. We can't wait to see what God has in store for your future.
Love, Mr. & Mrs. Wibbenmeyer

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Ciara Younger

Ciara, You are truly a gift from God! We love you dearly for all the joy, laughter, and love that you have brought to us. We hope you never stop smiling, remembering to laugh at what life sometimes throws your way. Your smile will always be your biggest asset! We hope you never stop challenging yourself, succeed with humility, and play lots of golf. Luv u-Mom, Dad, and Chad
1 Corinthians 13:13 (The Msg)

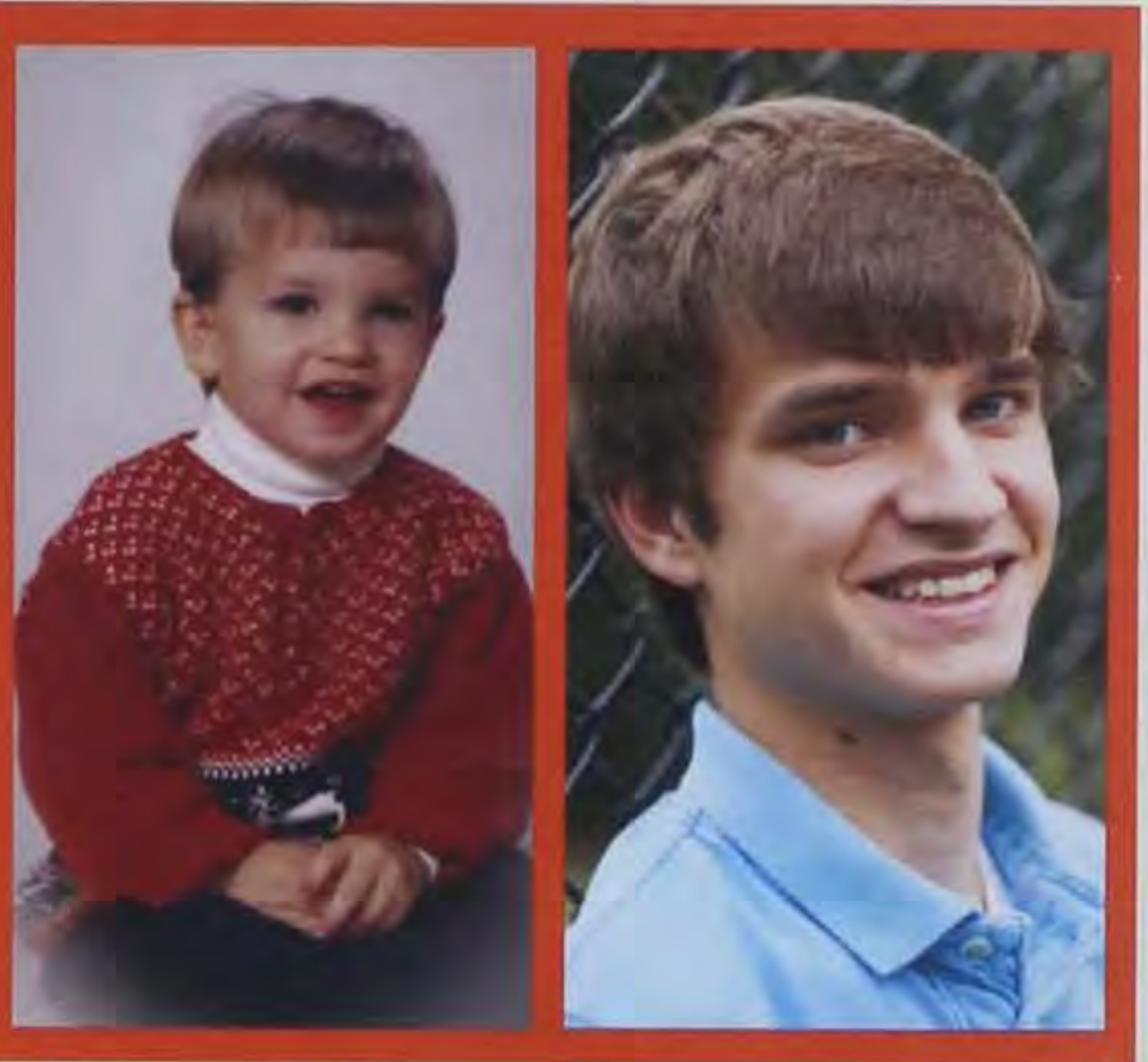


James Zandstra

So many projects, such bright explosions, everything loud, and all so much fun! James you light up our family. Since your arrival the bar was raised, and brothers and sister knew they would be challenged. As you move on, continue to be faithful to the Lord, honor Him with your many talents, and don't lose your tender compassion for others. Love always, Mom & Dad
Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.
Proverbs 16:3

Jonah Anderson

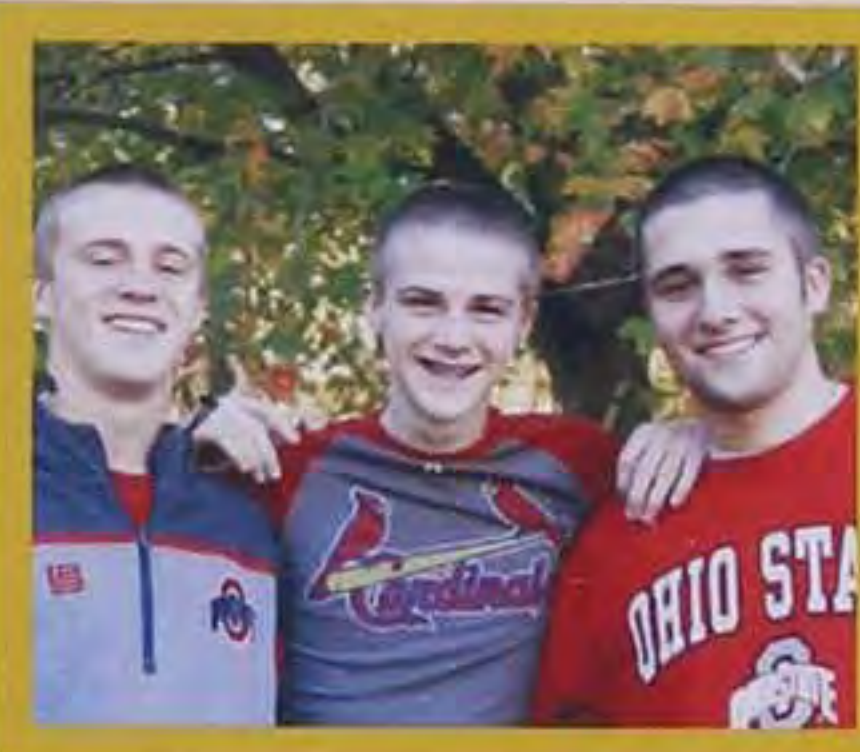
2 Peter 3:18 We are proud of how you have grown in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus. To God be the glory! Love, Mom, Dad, Molly, Alex and Jessica



Bryce Bell



Bryce W. Bell, You came into our lives during a very difficult period and so brought so much light, love & laughter. You continue to amaze us with your integrity, humor, and heart for the Lord. You live life to the fullest, honoring our God with your words and actions regardless of what the world around us says. We know that God has great plans for your life; we are so proud to watch your next steps! We love you, Bryce! 1 Samuel 16:7



Erin Bognar

Doodle,
You are our precious gift from God! The very moment you were born, the expression on your face said, "I can do this - let's go!" Your Joyful spirit, love for Jesus and "out of the box" personality has blessed our family. We are so proud of you and love you forever!
Dad, Mom and Brendan



you

Eddie Sutphen



Eddie Long Steady Strong, We can't believe our big little brother is already graduating high school! We are so proud and so excited for you to begin your new adventure at college!
Love your sisters,
Shara, Anna, Olivia, and Cecily

Laura Tarantino

Precious Laura,

You are a tremendous blessing in our lives! We look forward to how the Lord will continue to work in and through you for His glory. We love you so much!

Mom, Dad, Alysse, and Trent



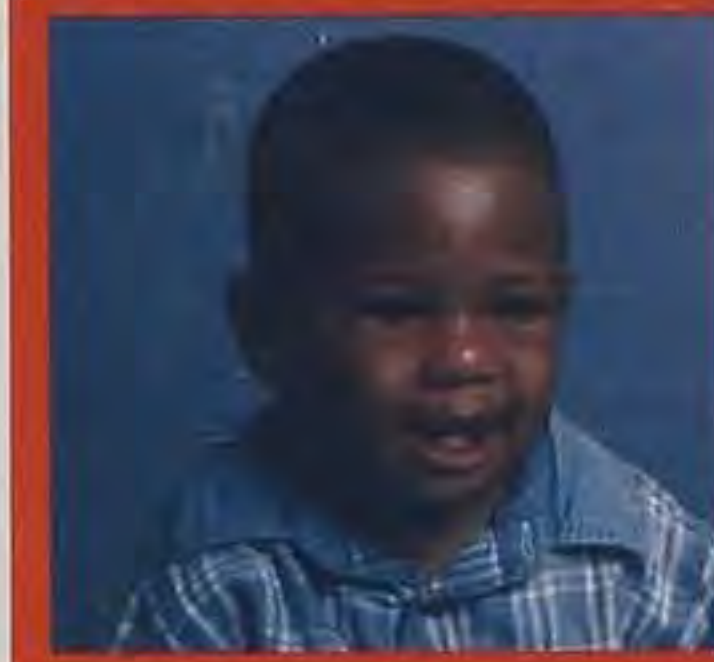
Keegan Brown



Mom and I are so incredibly proud of you Keegan. You have a great heart and are so gifted – we know the Lord has wondrous plans for you!
Romans 12:2



Eric Witherspoon



Eric,
Every day we thank God for entrusting us with as fine a gift as you. We have watched God transform you into a wonderful young man. My desire for you is to become a Godly man who will walk with the Lord. His favor is on your life.
Love,
your parents, sisters and grandparents.
We are proud of you! Love you forever. Pr. 3:3-4

Brianna DeGroot



Brianna:
We are proud of you! Your faith and maturity gives us great joy. You have grown up; even though it seems like just yesterday we were holding you in our arms and rocking you to sleep. You have always worked hard and given your best! We know God will continue to guide your life. Continue to trust in Him. Congratulations.
Love – Mom & Dad

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John Barry



John, You're a great big brother, thanks for making me tougher.

Will



John, we are so proud of the young man you have become. The wise choices you have made and your work ethic will help you to be successful in whatever path God has for you. This year brings excitement for us as well as tears and we can't wait for the next chapter of your life! We love you more than you can ever imagine!
Love Mom and Dad

Natalie Bell

Natalie, to our spunky daughter who is so full of life! Thanks for all the movie-watching with Dad (especially *The Lion King*) and all the long talks and shopping with Mom. You are such a joy!
Mom and Dad



you

Bailey Benes

One precious Bailey,

Words cannot adequately express our deep love and admiration for you. You are a precious gift from God, and we are so thankful for the privilege to be your parents. We have watched you grow into a beautiful and Godly young woman, and know that He has a wonderful plan for your life. Your wise choices and high character will continue to result in great blessings. Always remember to "let your light shine!"

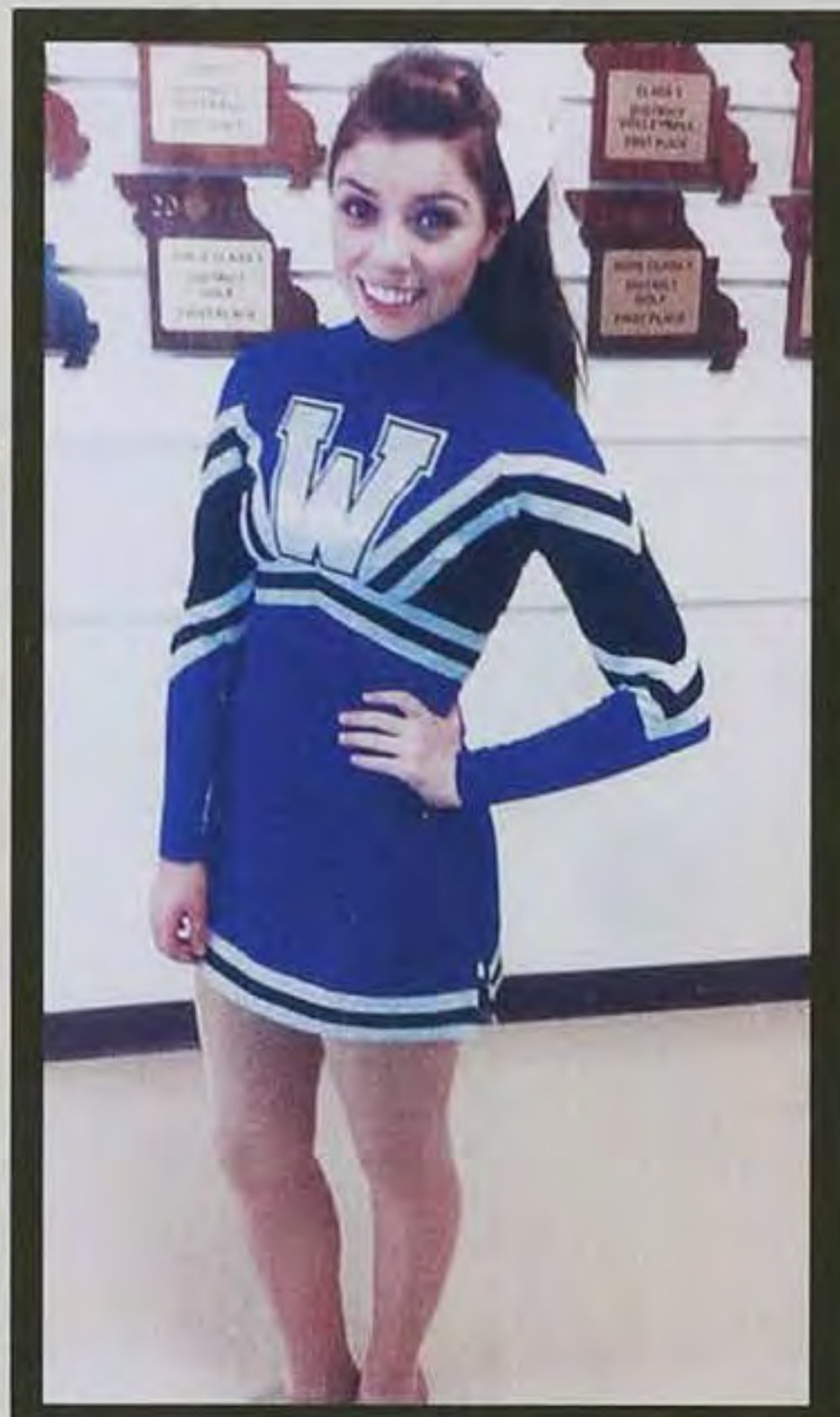
Love, Mom and Dad



Michelle Bonacquisti

Michelle, God placed in you a love of the arts and you have excelled in them. Now the world is your stage. Go get 'em.

Love you always! Mom, Dad, Carolyn.



you

Amber Draper



"Pretty princess to mom and" Sissy" to Adam- Amber you have grown into such a lovely young lady. I know you will make a difference for the kingdom. Seek God's wisdom in all that you do. Jer. 29:11
Love, Mom and Adam.



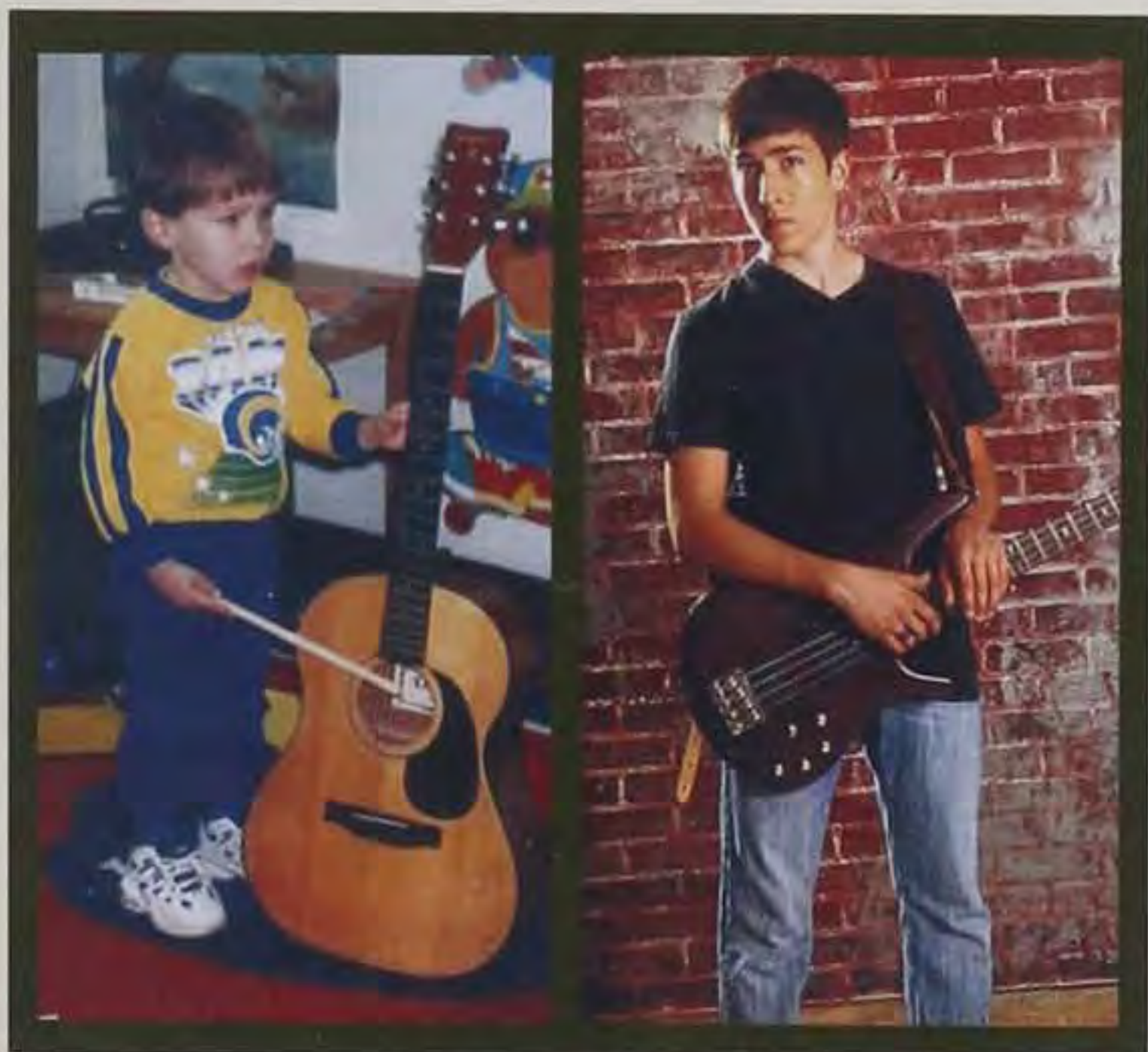
Kari Ford

Kari,
From the day you were born I knew that God had special plans for you. You're a beautiful, smart young lady who loves the Lord. I'm going to miss watching you cheer and our spring break shopping trips to Chicago, but most of all I will miss your beautiful smile and mommy hugs. Remember to keep God first in your life and never stop reaching for the stars.
Love Always!
Mom, Dad, & Curtis



Taylor Freiner

Taylor,
We thank God for you. Your musical abilities have truly blessed us. We're so proud of the Godly man you've become. Stay strong in your faith.
Love, Mom & Dad



Emily Heyl

Emily,
You have grown into a wonderful young woman! We wish you many blessings for a rich and faithful future. We love you!
Dad, Mom, Sam, Mary, Christopher and Baron



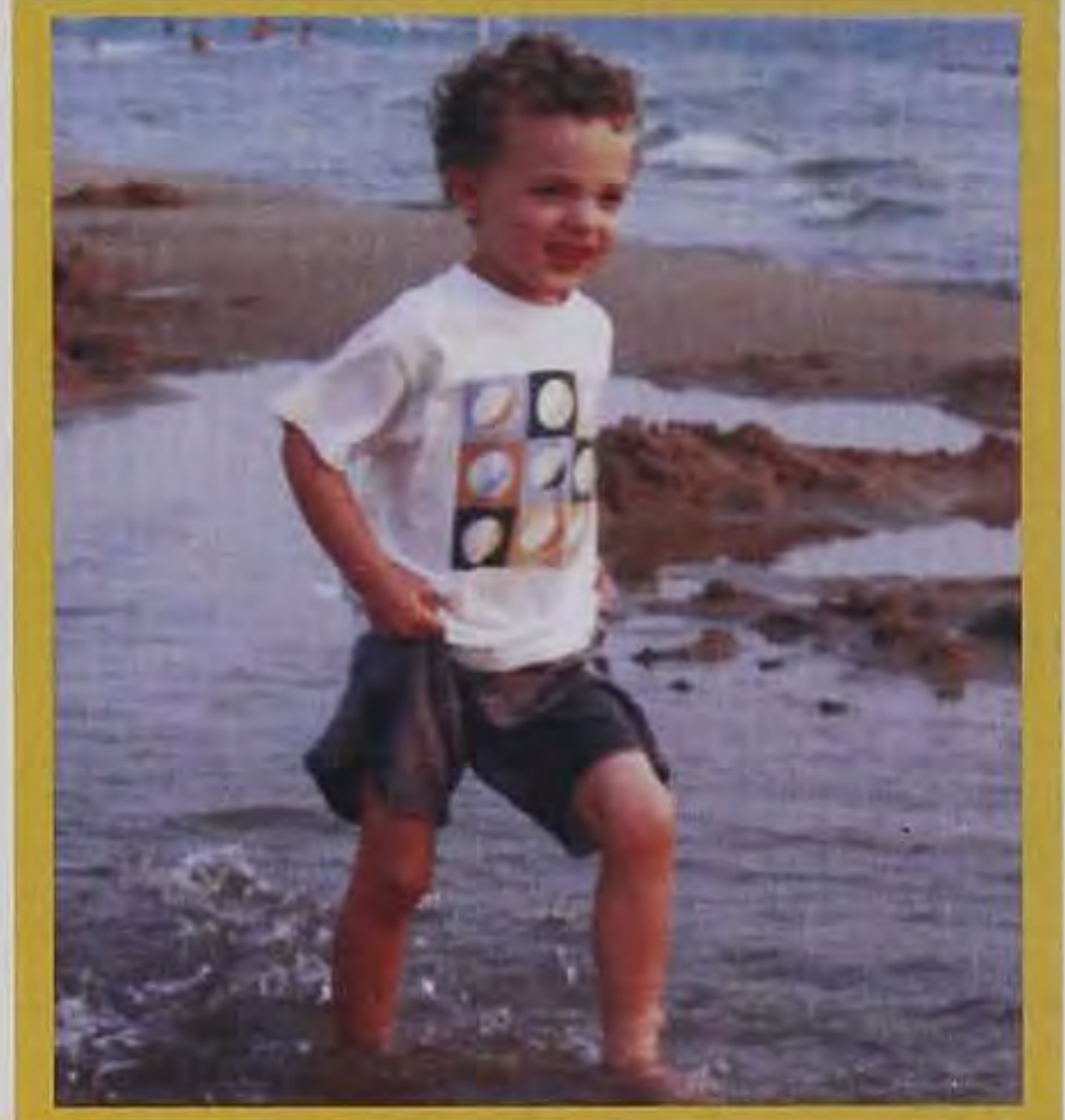
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Dominic Barresi



Dominic,
You're a great son, a great friend, and
most importantly a God-fearing man.
You make us proud! Continue seeking
God's will for your life and doing what
you're doing.
Psalm 25:4-5, Psalm 5:11-12
Wildebbeests forever!

We love you,
Mom and Dad



Thank you Westminster for partnering with
us in educating our three children. Claire
(2002), Camille (2007), Dominic (2013).

Frank and Stephanie Barresi



MSH

Parker Briden

We knew the day you were born the world had changed for the better. You are a delight to our entire family and countless others. You light up the room with your quick wit, creative solutions, winsome perspectives and fun! Just being around you boosts our morale!

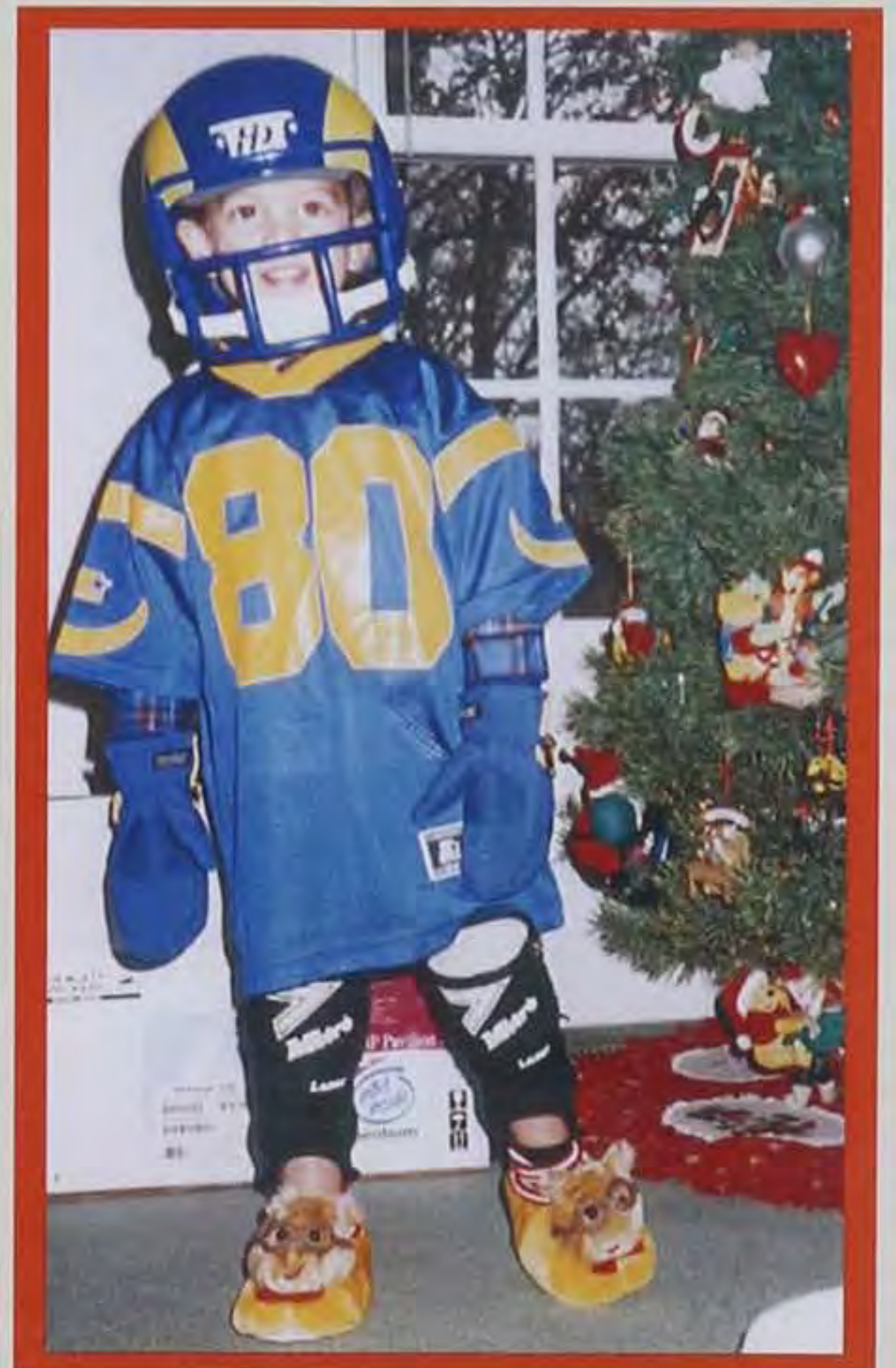
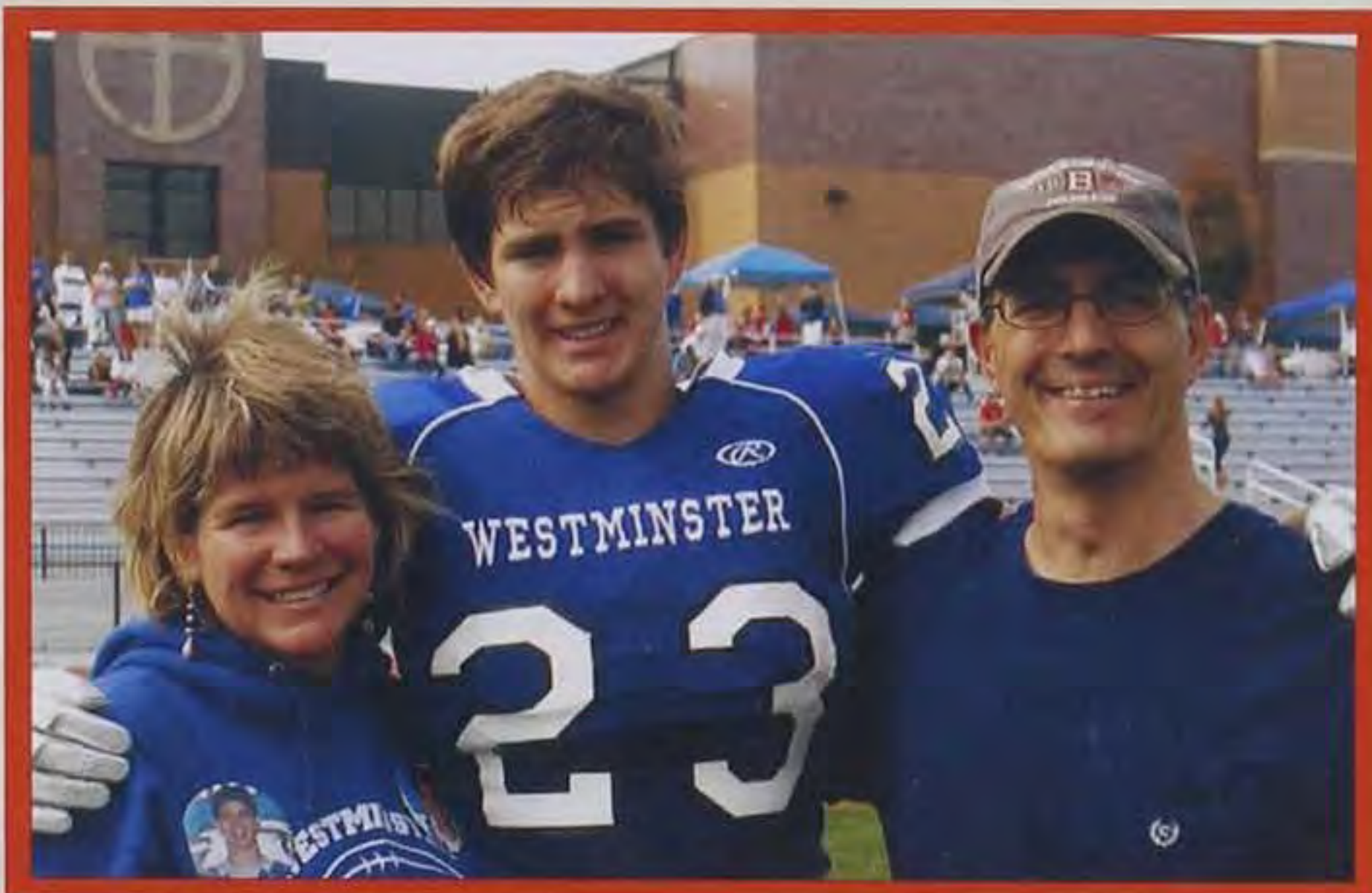
As you continue your adventure in Christ, pursuing your many dreams, hold fast to His truth and love. Your future is bright and certain. We love you and remain your forever fans!

Mom, Dad, Trent, Chad and Kirk



Chris Cacciarelli

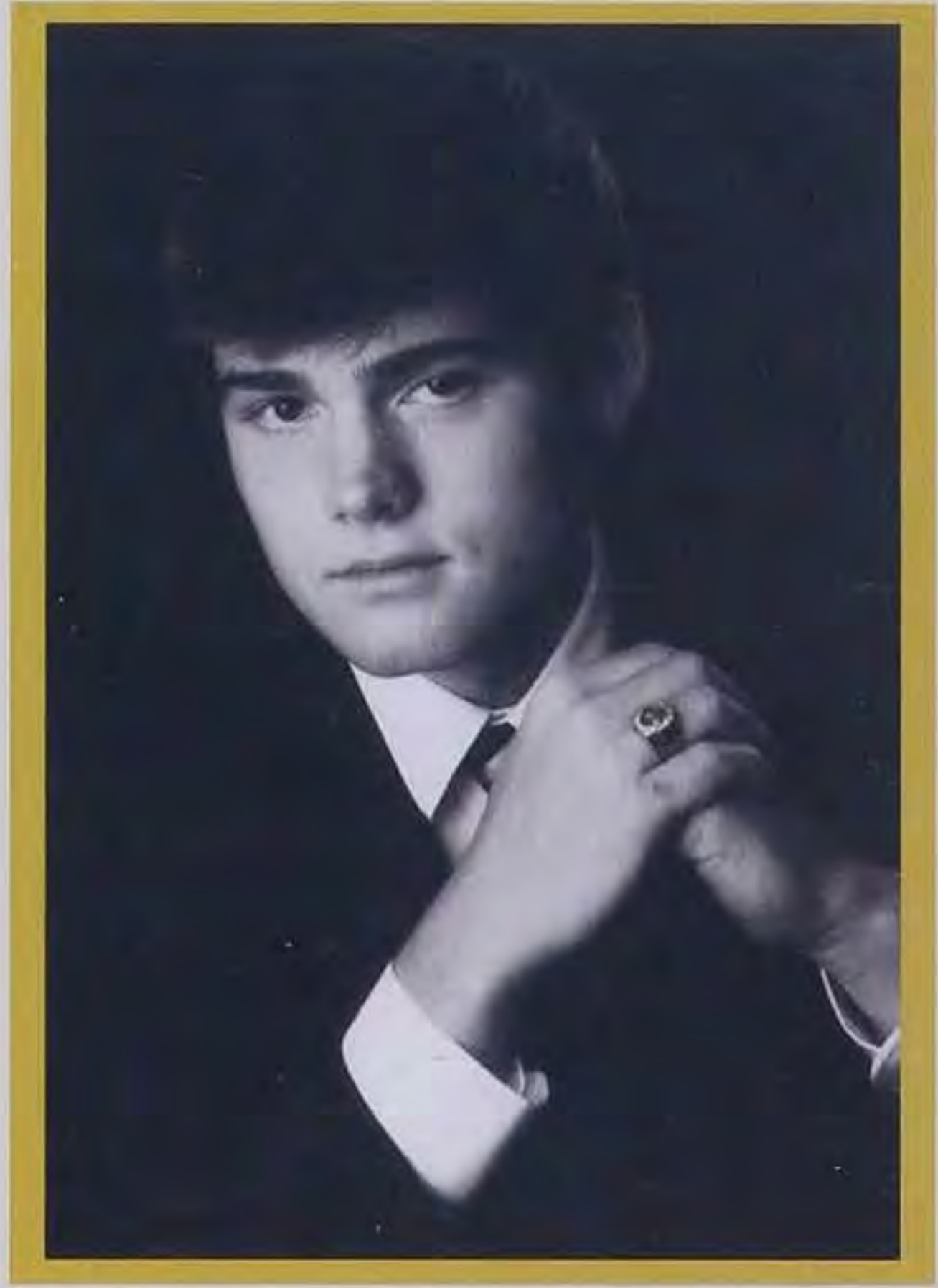
Dear Chris- As you stand at the threshold of the next stage of your life we marvel at how quickly the time has gone. The Lord has a perfect plan for your life and we are anxious to see where he will lead you. Always remember to be true to your beliefs, learn from your mistakes, and seek God's wisdom in all that you do. Above all, count your blessings every day- they are many! We are proud of you and we love you a lot, Mom and Dad



you

Will Campbell

Will, We can hardly believe that soon you will step into the world on your own. You have brought much fun and laughter to our lives and amaze us with your talents and confidence. We are proud of you and love you so very much. We will always be here to help you, cheer you on, and rejoice in your victories. Remember to "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4. Mom, Dad, and Bob.



Valerie Chavez

Our beautiful Valerie, We pray that all your hope, dreams and aspirations are achieved. Remain focused and true, and always be a blessing to others. When it rains, may God bless you with wisdom and clarity until the sun rises again. And, like the sun, may you shine bright each and every day. If you should ever be lost, look up and follow the Light, it will always lead you home. Our deepest love and support, Mom and Dad.



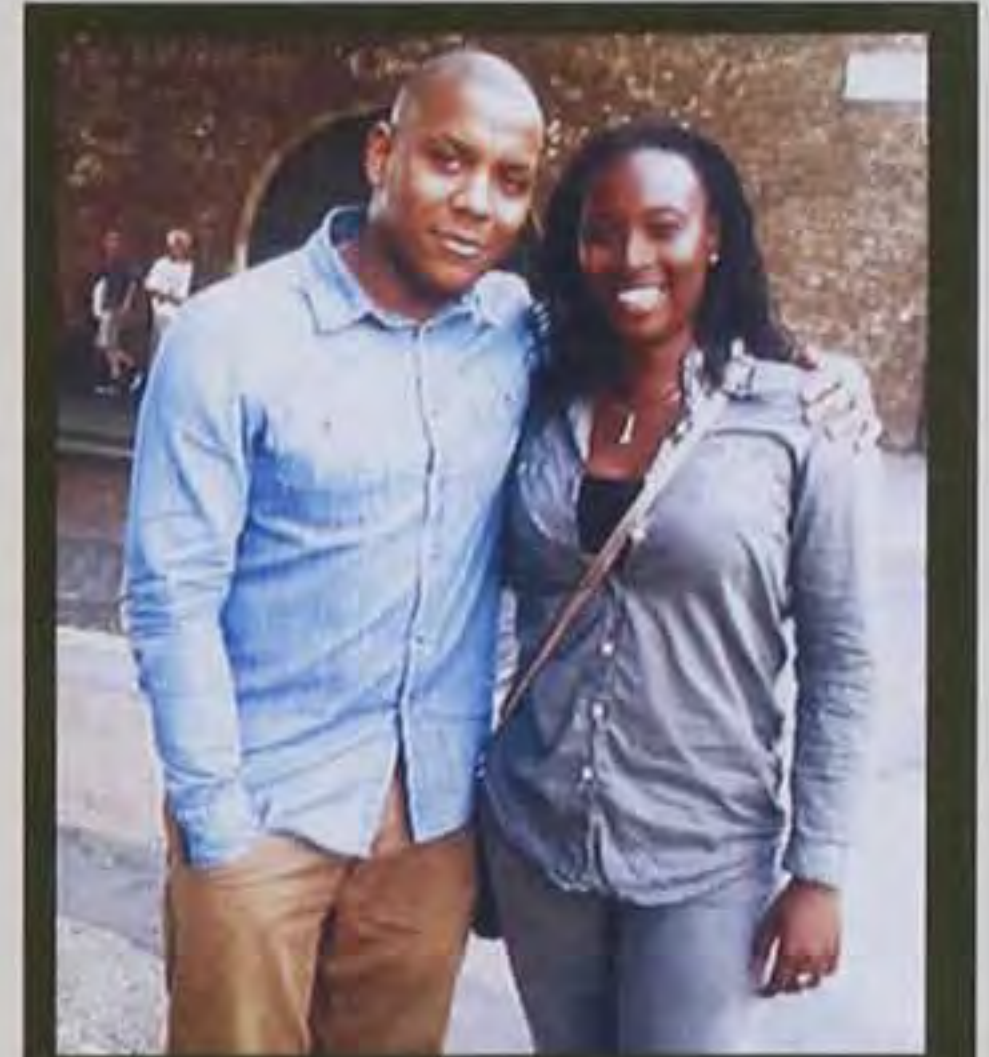
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Jabri Boyd

Princess,
My gift from God! 6lbs 18". It was just yesterday! Your Father has great things for you. Live every day to His glory. My prayer is love the Lord and do His will. The call on your life is amazing. Rise to it, fulfill your purpose, achieve Daddy's dream!!
Love you dearly, but your Father loves you most!
Mama

Congratulations Jabri!
You have grown into an amazing young woman. May your next chapter be filled with God's will and great expectation.
Love,
Auntie Dana, Trevon and Micah

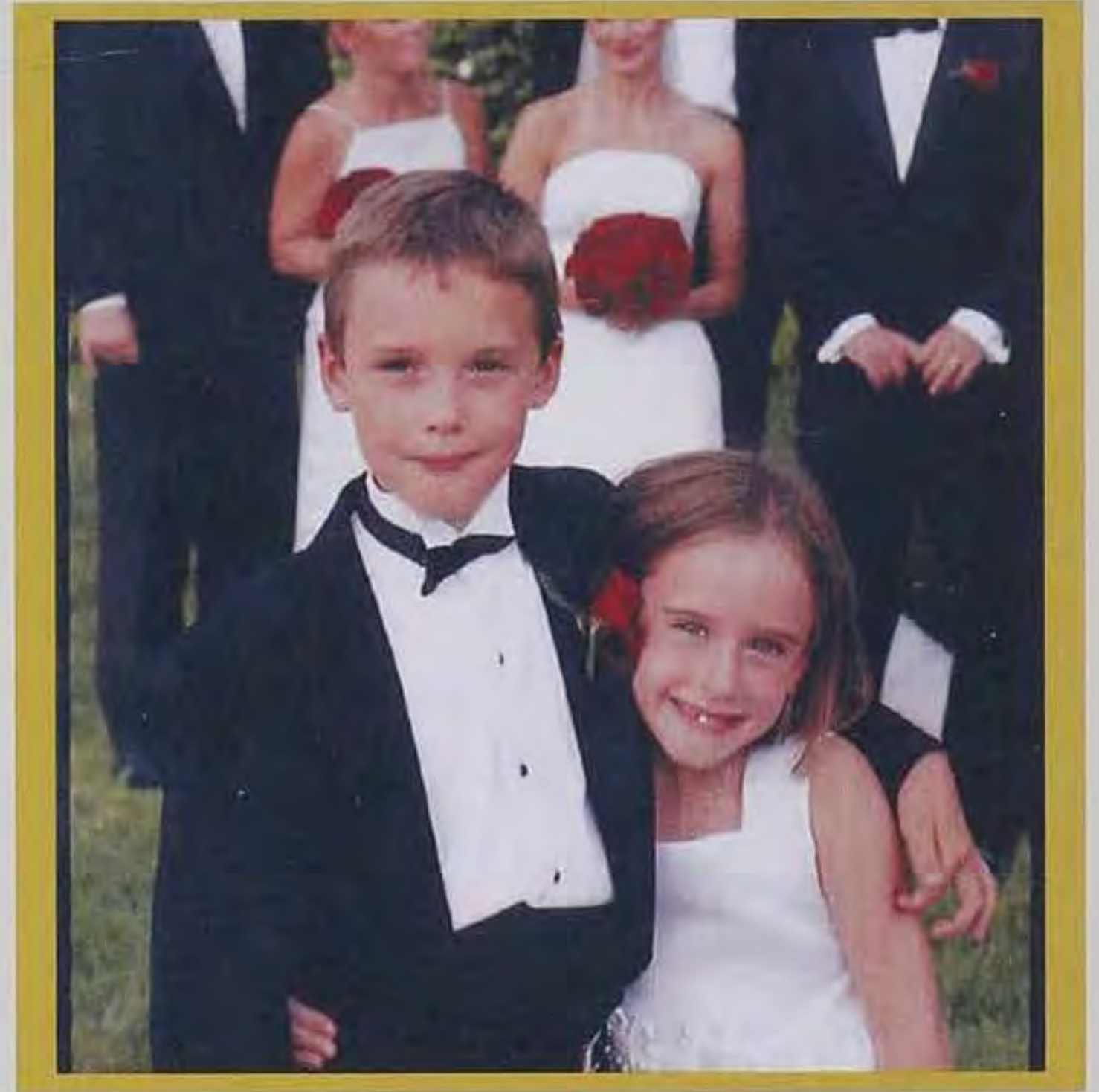
Jabri',
I thank God you are my granddaughter.
Many blessings always!



you

Sam Canfield

Dear Sam, You are truly special and unique. As the oldest, you are the first to try everything, and you never compromise who you are. That takes courage. You are deeply passionate about what you love and fiercely loyal to the ones you love. Your humor is outrageous, and it keeps us young every day. We are so proud of you and look forward to every new chapter of your life. It is a joy, a privilege, and an honor to be your parents. We love you with all of our heart. Mom and Dad



mom

Steven Davis

Steven,
We are blessed to call you our son. It has been our extraordinary privilege to see you grow into a man. We love you beyond words.
Mom and Dad



Taylor Deves

Taylor,
We are so grateful God gave you to us. We loved watching you grow into the man you are today and await your next chapter.
Love, Dad, Mom, Madison, Happy



you

Mattie Drury

Madison,

From the moment you were born you have been a blessing to our family. You have grown into a Godly young woman who is caring, compassionate and beautiful both inside and out. Always remember that life is given meaning in Christ, so trust in Him in all things. We love you always and forever. Mom, Dad, Avery



Brian Fellows

Brian,

You are a wonderful son that has blessed our family for the past 18 years. We have enjoyed your sense of humor and your happy attitude for life. We will miss you more than you can imagine as you go to college and begin this new chapter of your life. We are proud to call you our son/brother. Go and seek God's purpose for your life. With All of Our Love, Mom, Dad, Brittany, Claire and Mary. Jeremiah 29:11



you

Ryan Conaghan



It's hard to believe we are at this point. You are ready to move on-but we are not sure we are ready to let go! Stay faithful to God & focused on your goals and he will open doors needed for each step of your journey. Your passion is a gift and infectious to others-be open to how God wants to use this. We will miss all our late night talks after every game- reliving every play, hit, and goal. After 14 hockey years, we will go through major withdrawal. We pray safety, wisdom, fun, and that this new chapter will be everything you desire. We love you and know you WILL be successful.

From ERIN: You are my best friend and I couldn't as for a better brother. I will always be your biggest fan-in Hockey and in Life. Thank you for always being there for me- I will always miss you most- Love you! **Philippians 4:13**

you

Reagan Dykhouse



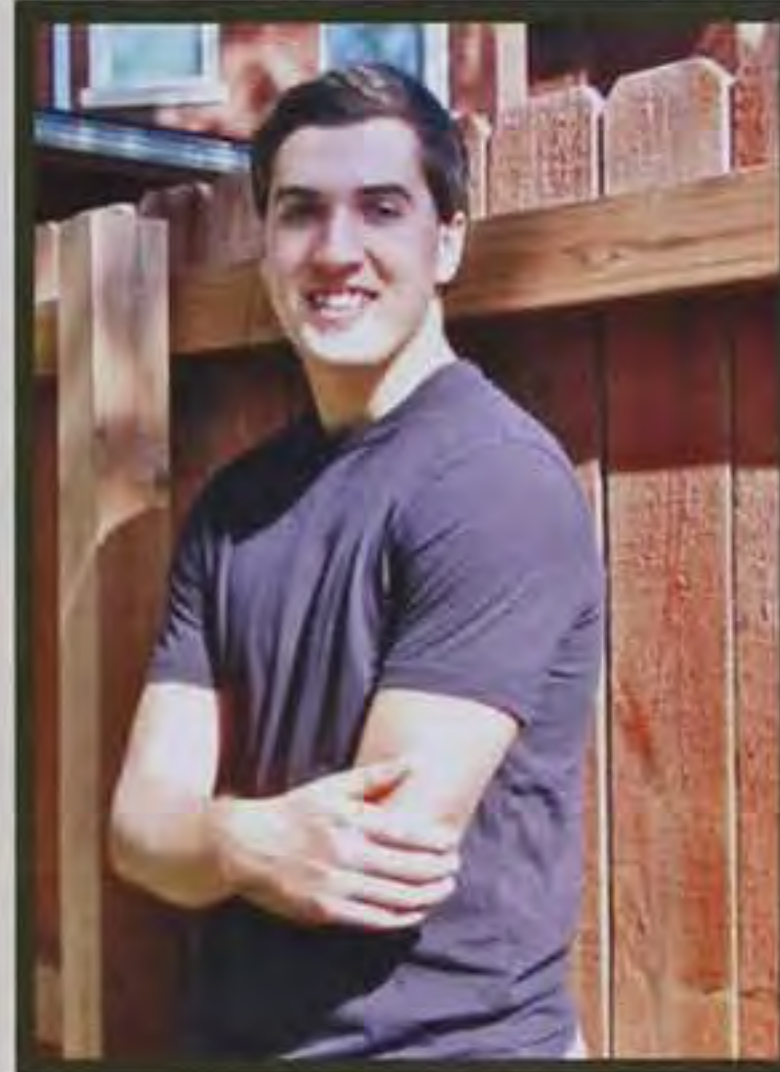
Reagen:
 It is so hard to believe it is the end of your high school career. So much change... and we say, "To God be the Glory!" We are so proud of how you have grown and matured. We know that the best is yet to come. Our verse for you, Ephesians 3:14-22 ends with this, "Now to Him who is able to do IMMEASURABLY MORE than all YOU can ASK or IMAGINE, according to HIS power that is at work within you..." May you always seek His power to work within you!
 With all our love, Mom and Dad

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Jesse Gruneisen

Jesse – what a joy to watch you grow in stature and wisdom. We are blessed by your laughter, goofiness, determination in football, movie recitation, and your continued love of hugs. You have grown into a young man people will follow. Hold on to your willingness to be taught. Love Mom and Dad.



Elise Hearne



Congratulations, Elise! As you begin this next chapter of your life, proceed knowing you are a beautiful, precious, and wonderful daughter. Your humor, love and godly character have delighted us and your entire extended family. God has richly blessed you these past eighteen years and He will continue to guide your steps. Jer. 29:11. You have been nothing but joy to all who know you and your love has been a blessing to us all. Love, Mom, Dad, and Amelia.

you

Jessica Johnson



Jessie,
You are dearly loved and treasured. As you journey through life, always remember each day is a day the Lord has made. "She is clothed with strength and dignity; She laughs without fear of the future," Proverbs 31:25
Love, Mom and Dad

Jake Keane

Jake, we are so proud of all you have accomplished thus far, and we anticipate with great excitement the amazing ways God will use your life in the advancement of His kingdom! We love you!
Mom and Dad

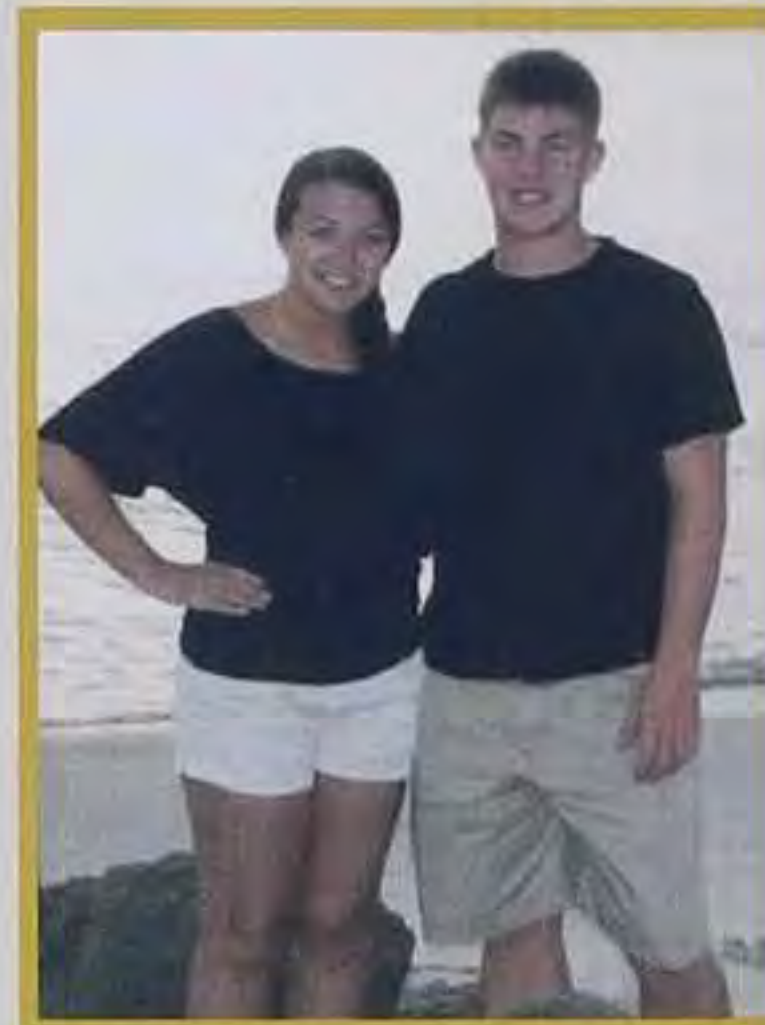


Jake Kehr

Observing you for so long, as a result of your momma's influence, I see a man who is committed in everything to what he believes to be right. Pop



Mark McFarland



Mark,
We have had some good times over the years. Thanks for being a great brother and role model. I will miss you next year. Love you,
Sarah

MSH

Worship

Annie Hartwig

Annie,

We are thankful for you. You are the daughter and sister every family should have. You are so loud, fun and silly. And so wonderful! You know how to listen, how to learn and how to love. You know the Lord and it shows in your daily actions. You will make a difference with your life. We look forward to the future with joyful anticipation. Remember Mathew 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all things will be given to you as well.

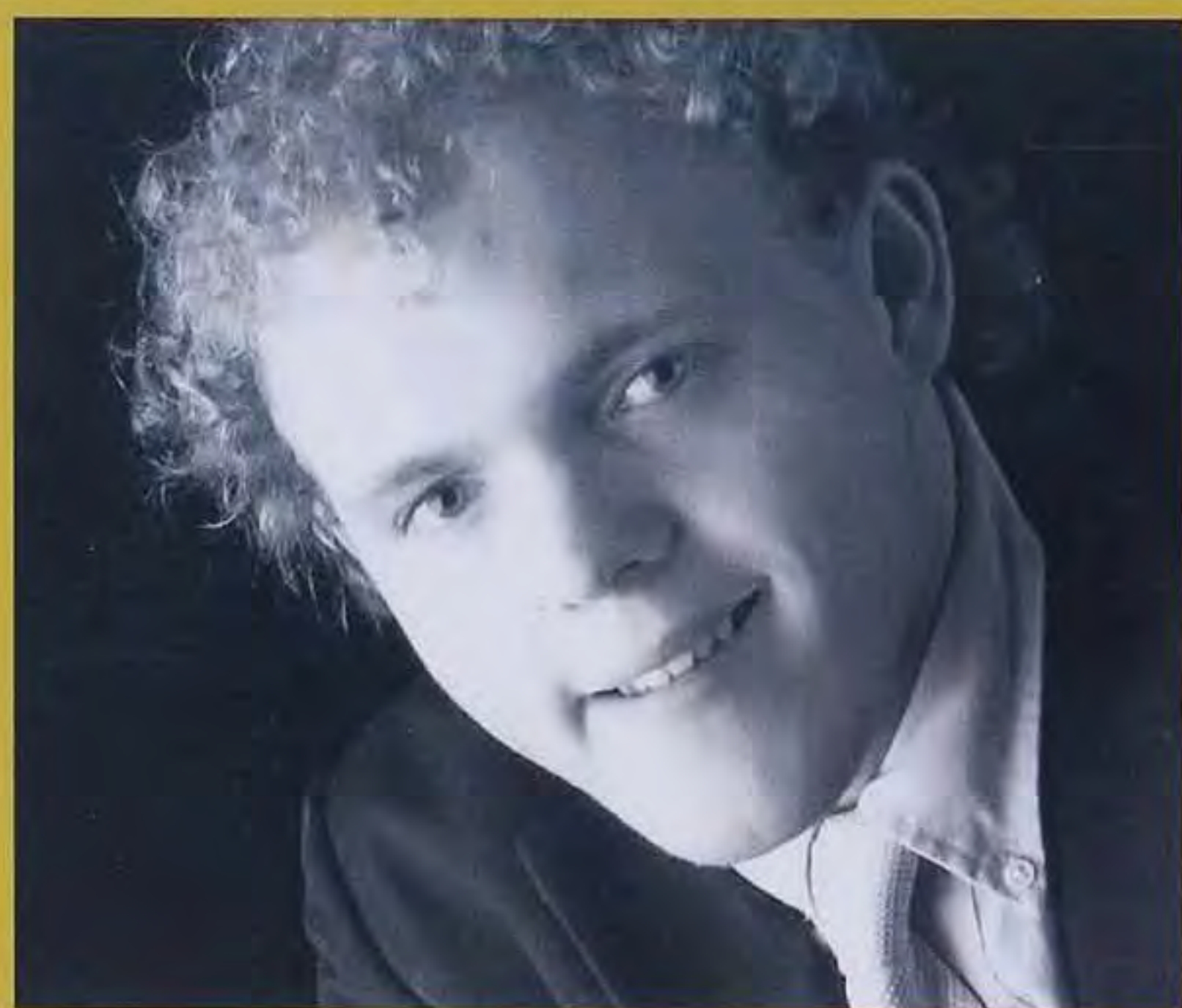
We are truly proud of you.

Love Dad, Mom, J.D., Lucky and Marley



You

Justin Henry



Justin,
We thank God every time we think of you...
our precious son and grandson...our exuberant preschooler shouting God's joy after a BSF performance...a passionate elementary student pursuing a love for China...a gentle and kind middle school student developing perseverance... a compassionate high school student sharing his heart and soul in Chicago and Honduras... a senior who loved, worked and wept for the orphans and simply stated, "I was made for this."
We love you more than words will ever express. God bless you as you enter international studies and law.
We are always amazed,
Mom, Grandma and Grandpa

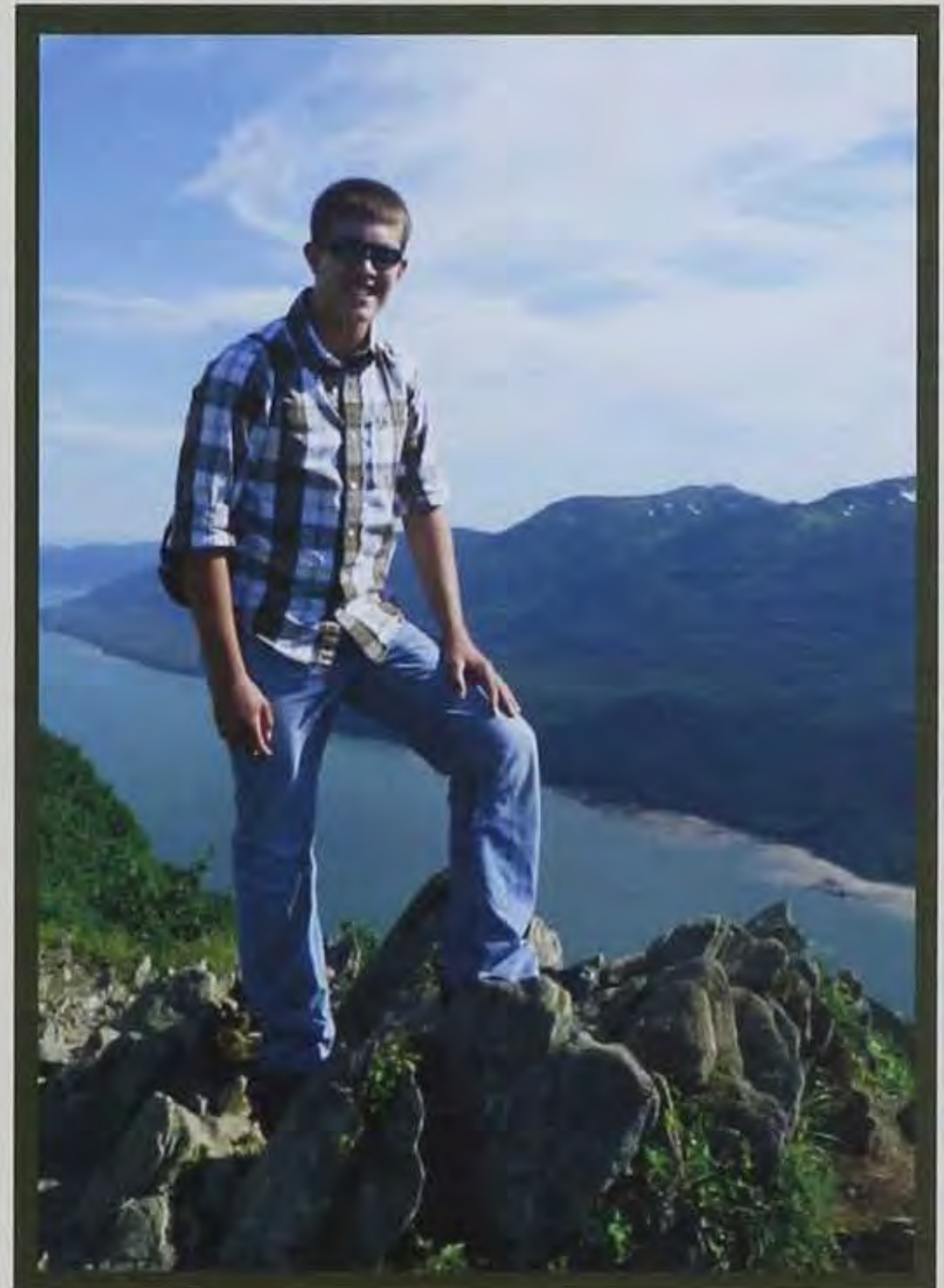
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James Hinrichs

James,

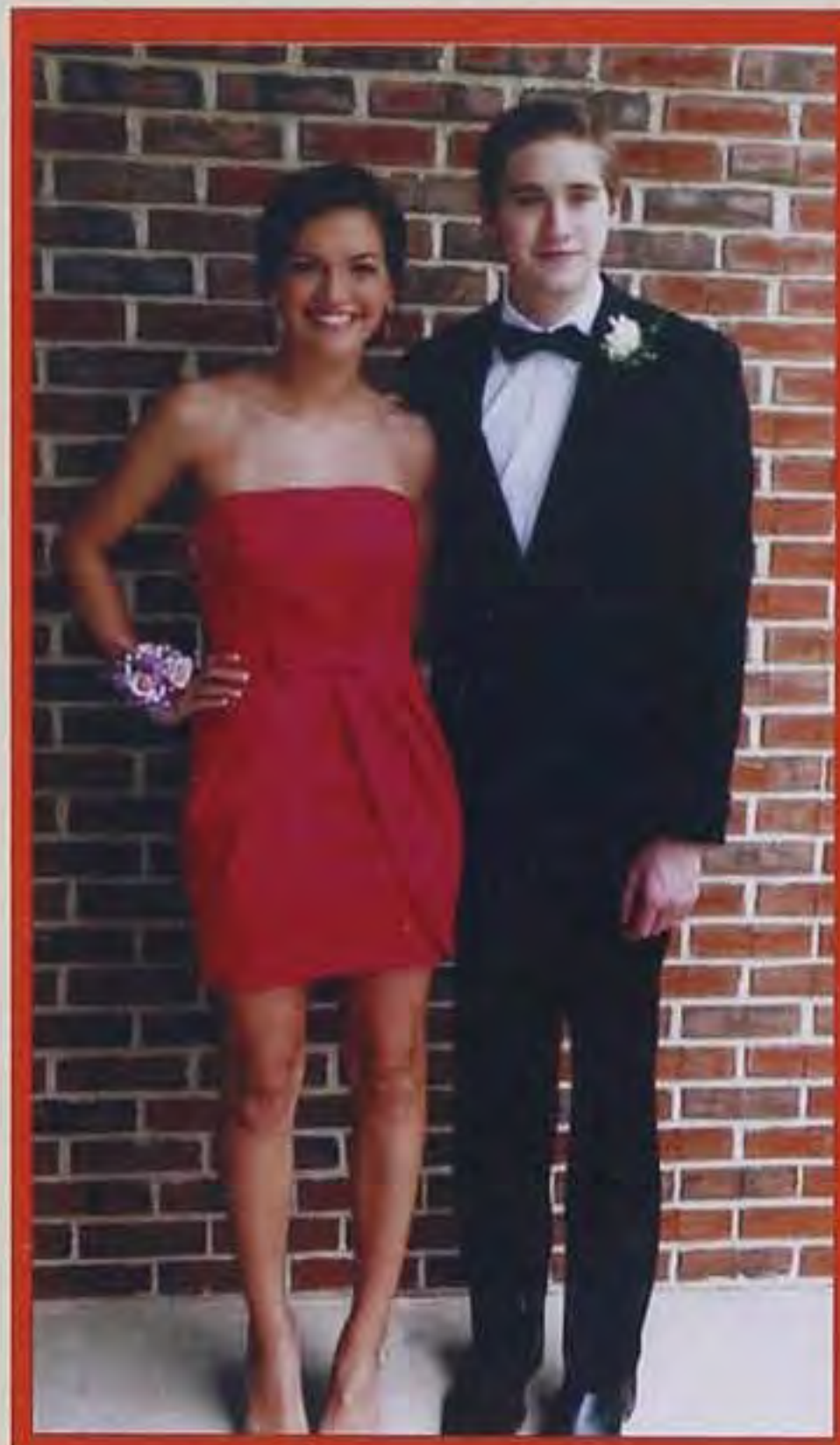
We couldn't be prouder of the man you've become! God has gifted you with a love for music, learning, and the outdoors, but most of all your love for PEOPLE will be the avenue God uses to accomplish his purpose through you. We know God will "guide you along the best pathway for your life" (Ps. 32:8) as you continue to seek Him. We are grateful for the privilege of being your family!

Love you buddy...Dad, Mom, Kathryn and Caroline



Emily Horak

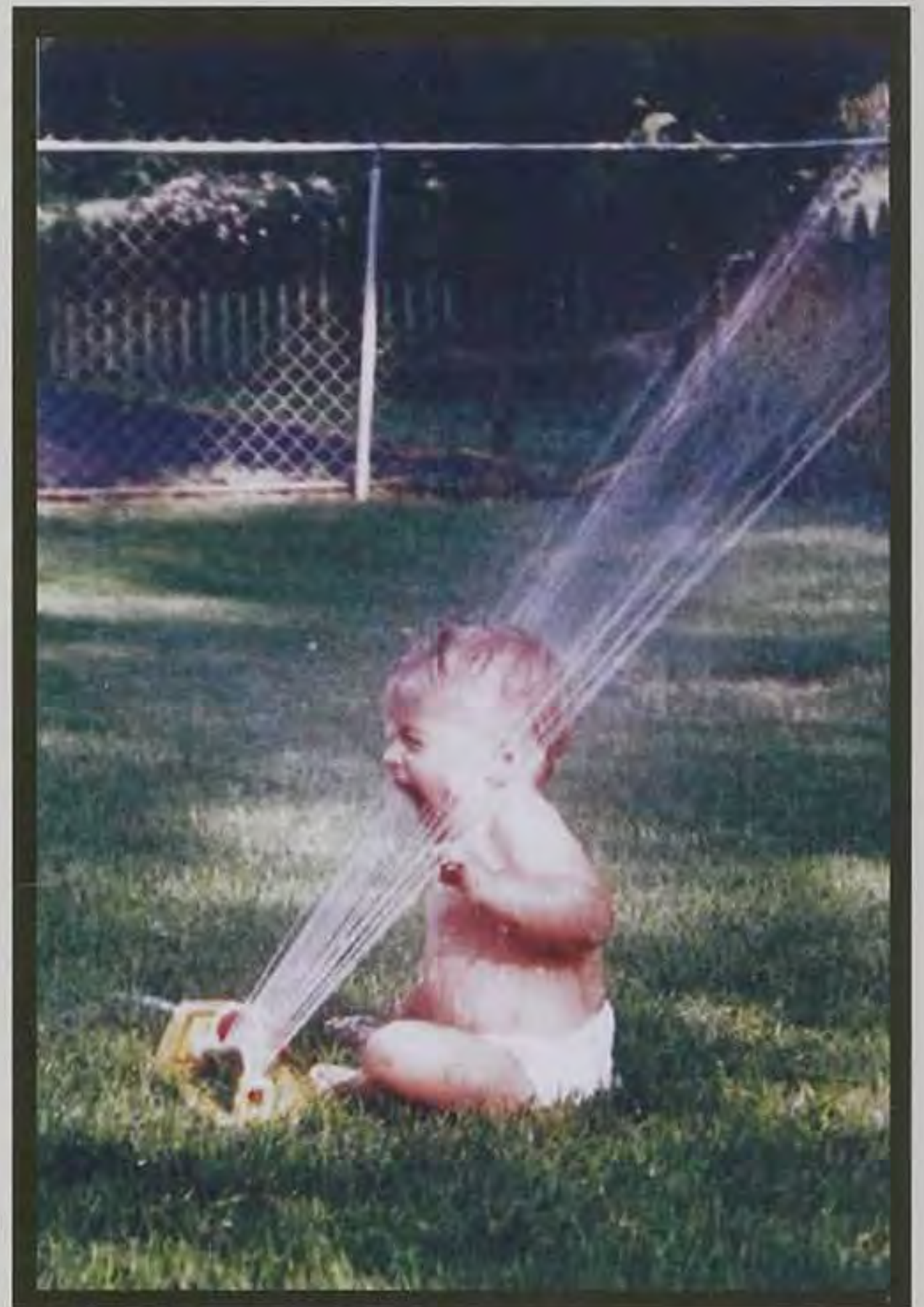
Emily,
Congratulations on your accomplishment! You are a cherished and awesome daughter, a faithful and loving sister, and a beautiful young woman.
With love,
Mom, Dad & Susan.



you

Hunter Hughes

Endless Possibilities, Hunter~
Stay Hydrated!
Come, everyone who thirsts,
Come to the waters...Isaiah 55:1
Congratulations!
We love you
Dad, Mom, Forrest, Janie & Trixie



Joe Isaacs



Joseph
You make us so proud! Your sense of humor, servant heart and your music touch our lives daily. Never forget to use your gifts for His glory and you will bless those He brings into your path. We love you!
Proverbs 3:5-6
Mom and Dad

Joe,
You are a great leader, musician and brother. I've always looked up to you in everything
Love, Ben

Joe,
I love you so much and I wouldn't be the same without you.
Tom

Ben

Shelby Kehr

From your first step to your next step, we pray that you continue to rely on and trust in Jesus. He loves you, and so do we! We are so very proud of you, and can't wait to see what God has in store! Love, Mom, Dad, Johnny, Lucy, and Maggie



You

Ryan Kelly



Our Angel,
 You are the most amazing person! You are the greatest gift and we have treasured every day that we have been in your presence! You are smart, talented and your sense of humor is beyond compare but above all you are truly a good person. Your compass is set to true north and we couldn't be prouder of who you are. You make us better people just by sharing your world. Thank you for always including us, sharing your heart and never turning into the "teenager." You will always be our precious baby boy!
 Love,
 Daba and Momma

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Ryan Kelly

Ryan,
You have been a huge part of my life for so long. You are so inspirational, amazing, sweet, loving and smart as a whip. I love you with all my heart and will miss you when you go to college.
Jason



Zak Kessel

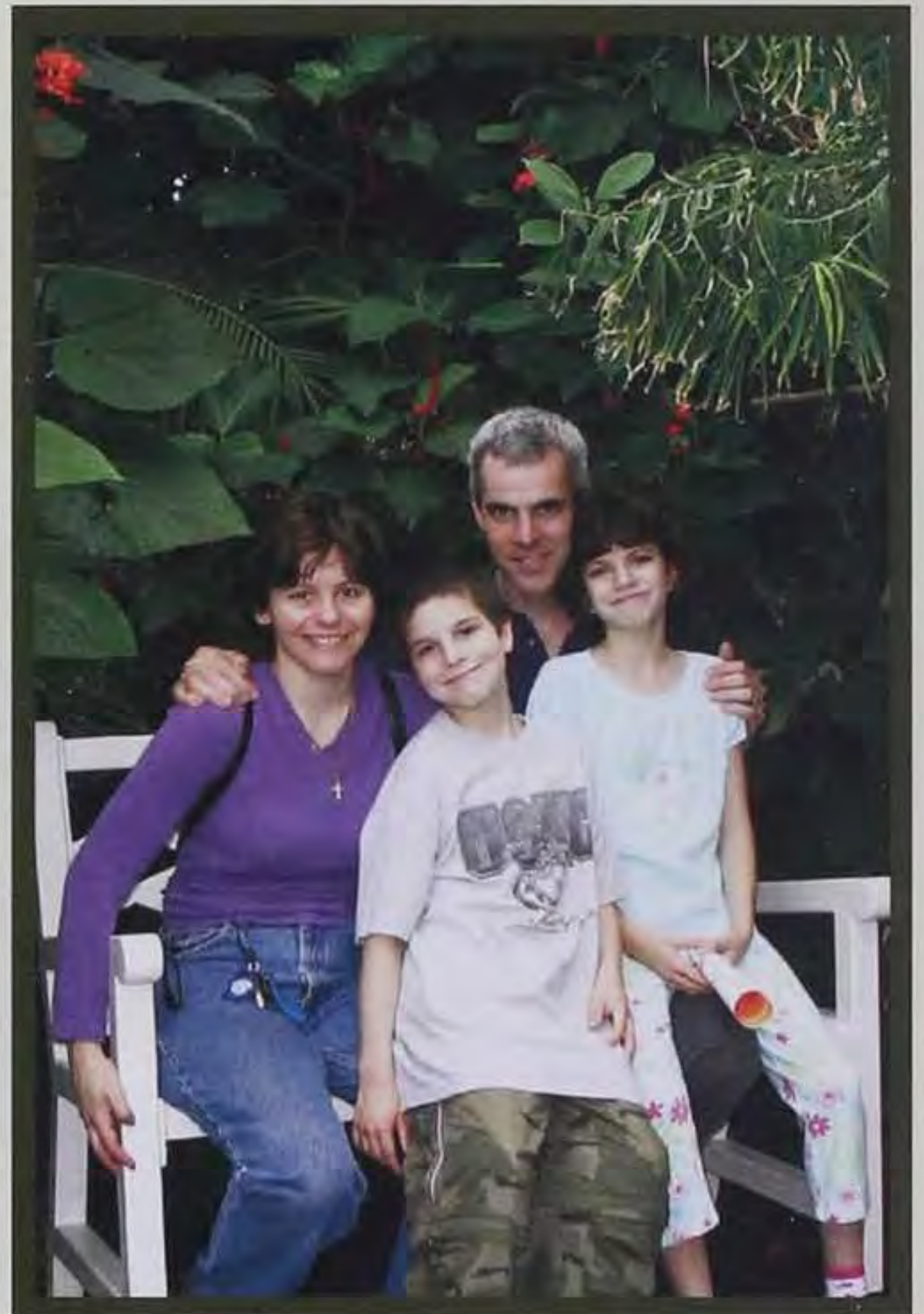
Zak,
You are kind, intelligent, engaging, fun, deep, godly and faithful. We are extremely proud of you, your accomplishments, and how you tackle life wholeheartedly. We cherish our relationship, the love and joy you bring us, your sweet smile and contagious laughter. We pray that as God's grace has been evident in your life from the beginning, that you will continue to serve and glorify God in your next adventure. We love you! Mom and Dad Colossians 1:9-14



you

Violet Kouzes

Violet, Thanks for sharing your 1000 words each day. We've always adored your charismatic smile, eagerness for a laugh and your loving heart. We're so proud of the woman you've become and are excited for your future, knowing yours rests in faith in Jesus. Keep reading your comics, feed Dylan and stay away from things that make you say "Nay, nay!" Remember, Matthew 19:26, "with God all things are possible." "Jesus be with you." Love you. Mom, Dad & James



Nick Lauer

Our sweet Nicholas, raising you has been such a privilege! We have been so blessed to watch you grow into the Godly man you are today, and are so proud of all your many accomplishments. More importantly, watching the courage and optimism with which you have approached each new challenge has inspired us. We are so excited to see all that God has planned for you in this next season of your life and we believe Psalm 112 is a promise for you. We love you so much!

Mom and Dad

What does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD... to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the LORD... with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep His commandments... for your good. Deuteronomy 10:11-13



you

Sori Kim

Our lovely daughter, Sori! It's been three years since you went to America to study abroad. We are really proud of you. We cannot even imagine how difficult for you to be without family. First, we thank God for protecting and leading you. Sori, you should know God helps you all the time. We want you to live a life always along with God. Also, we hope you do your best wherever you are. We believe that you will do well. Joshua 1:9, we want you to remember this word of God. Please keep this verse in mind when you feel desperate. As you know, we always pray for you. It's such a blessing that God has given you to us. Sori, we hope you have a great time with your friends, teachers, and host family. WE LOVE YOU WITH ALL OUR HEART. GOD BLESS YOU!



you

Chloe Lee

Chloe,

You have been a blessing for our family and the people around you! Before your birth, we prayed to receive God's message through you. Your pleasant smile stirs up lovely memories, your positive perseverance arouses courageous behavior, we always remember and never forget. Now, though you are geographically away from us, you are enduring all difficulties with fortitude and applying what you have learned from God. We are proud of you! Your great understanding, paying attention to the details will lead you to God's subtle guidance. (John 15:7) We thank God for allowing you to stay with Annie's lovely family. Seungeun! You're a precious daughter, nice sister, and an origin of joy! We always love you and support you!
Dad, Mom, and Jaewon



you

Wong

Dongjae Lee

Dongjae,

You are such a joy and blessing to us. You became a bright, tender-hearted, patient, and righteous man with a sense of humor. We believe God will lead you further in His plan. We are excited for your future God prepared. We are so proud of you and we all love you.

Dad, Mom, and Dongbin



Ben Lovell



Ben,
It has been a privilege and a joy to be a part of your growth from an infant to a young man. You are an extraordinary person with a special purpose. While you have accomplished many things we are most proud of your character and the godly young man you have become. Learn to live Eph. 2:8-10. Live with passion. A grace filled life changes the world. We love you!
Mom and Dad

you

Ben Mitchell



Ben,
When He created your soul, He
broke the mold. In the middle
you arrived, a leader who is
bold. Departing you go, to
where He knows; though our
love for you shall never cease
to grow.

Isaiah 40: 29-31

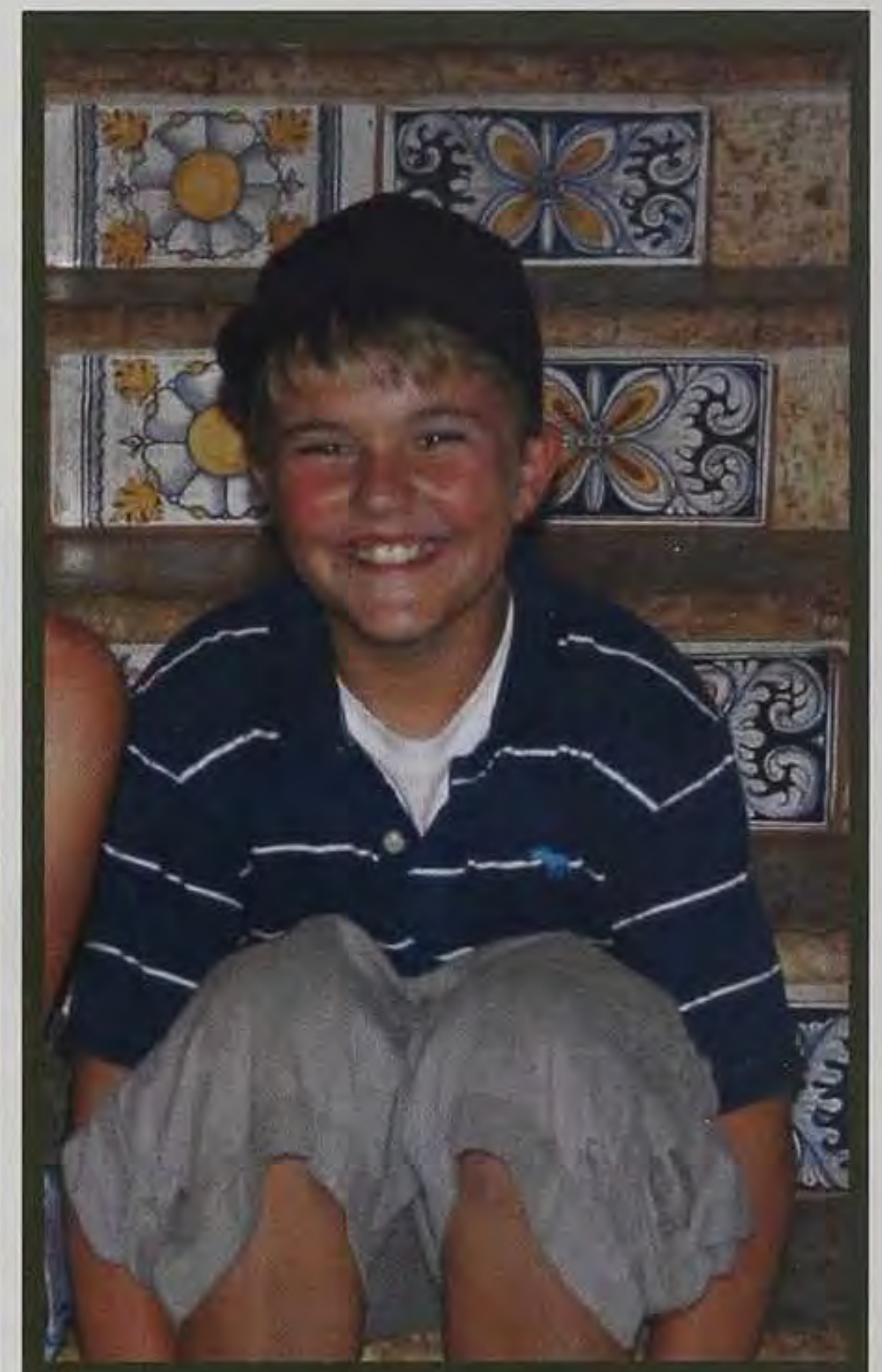
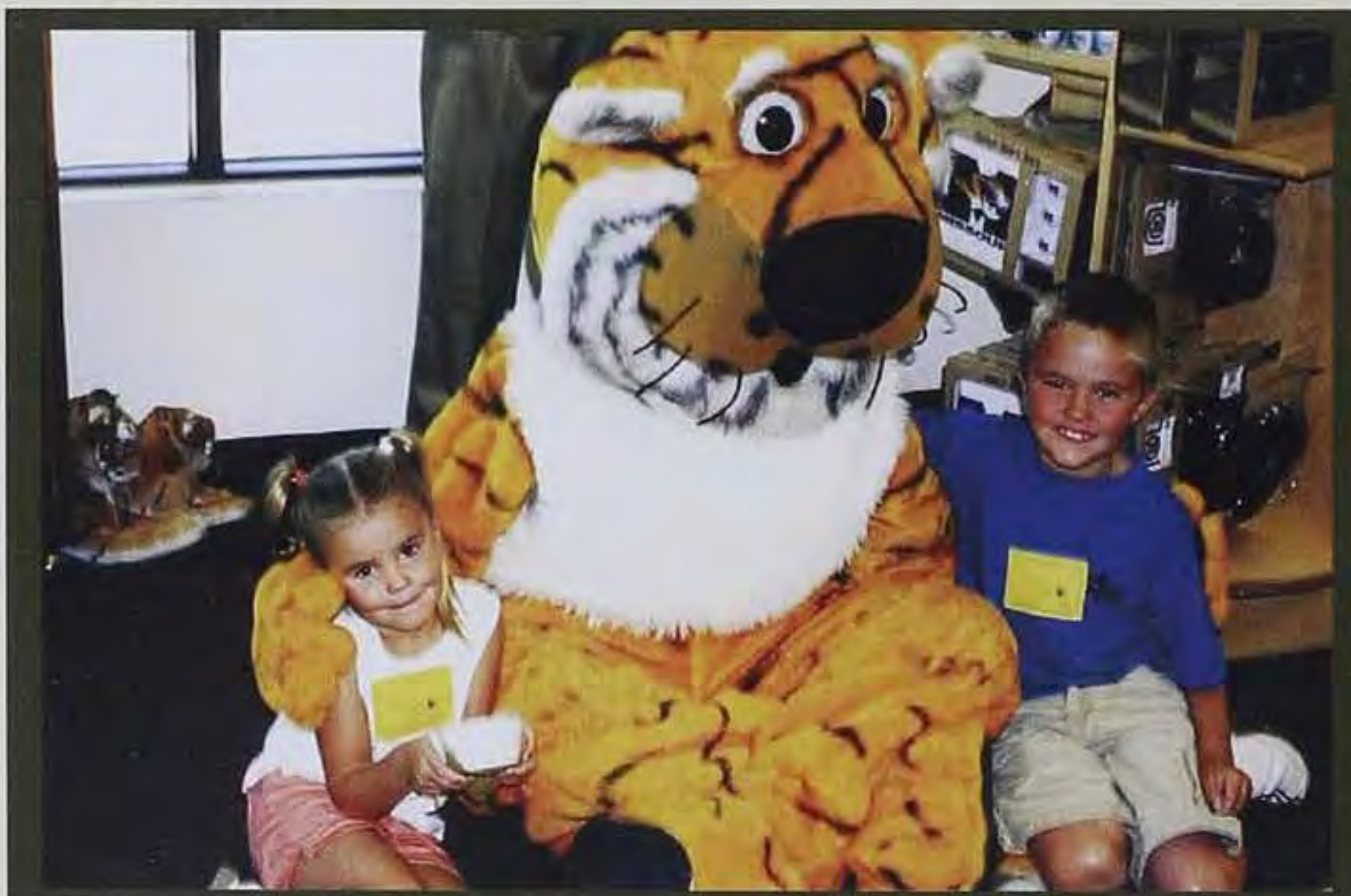
Cole Montgomery

Cole,

Who you are is what makes you special - don't change for any-
one! Eighteen years ago, God blessed us with an incredible son
who has turned into an amazing young man. You will do great
things in life. Always stay the kind soul and wonderful friend that
you are to everyone. We are so proud!

Love, Mom, Dad and Ali

I Timothy 4:12



you

Sarah Levenhagen

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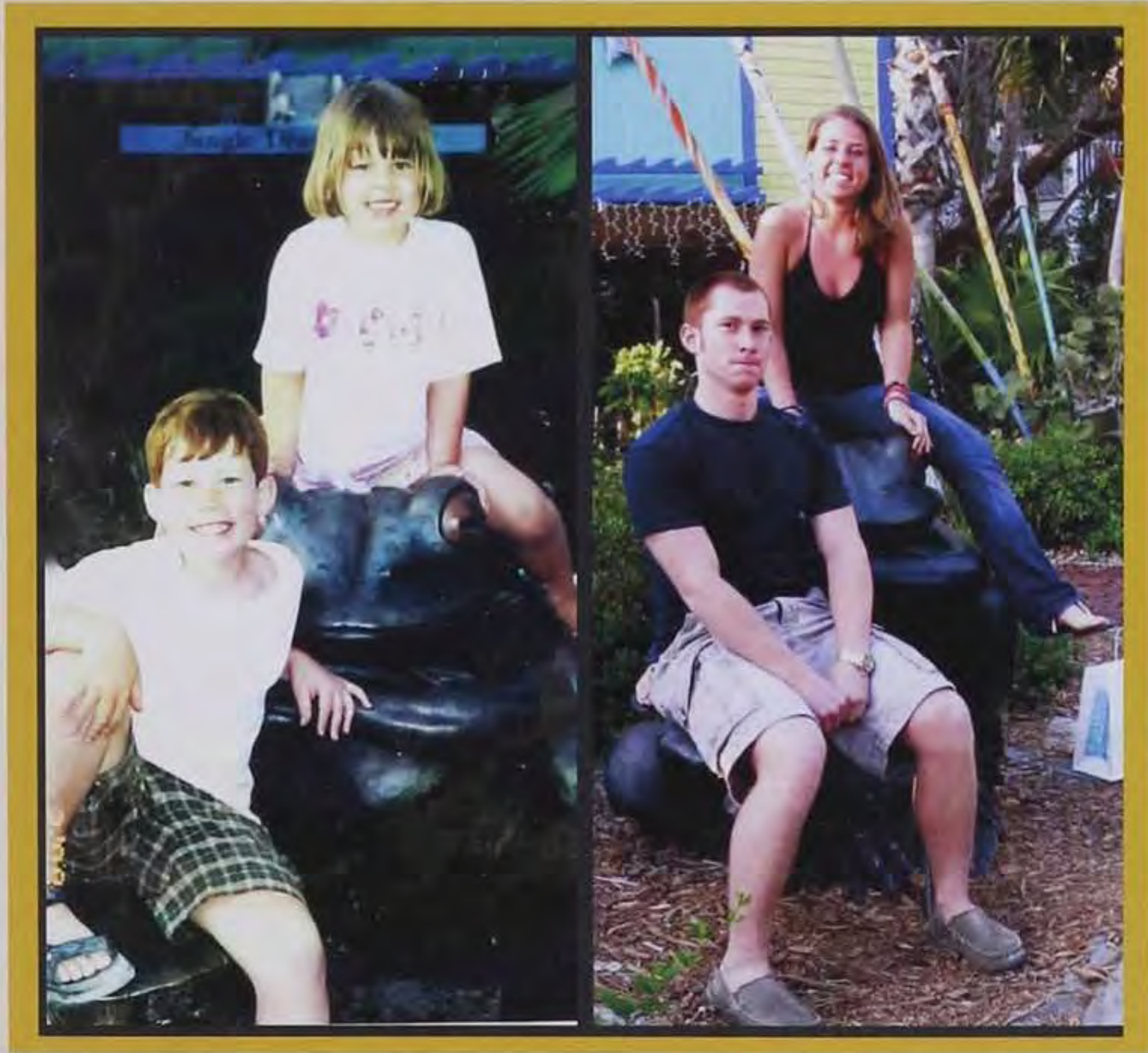


I am so proud of you! Your spirit, faith, love, compassion and wonderful sense of humor has been a blessing to our family. I love you!
-Dad

Your birth has been and always will be my best birthday gift. You bring such joy to our house (excluding morning time). I love your adventurous spirit from picking up a Man of War on the beach with your shovel, to playing "Chopped" in our kitchen, to taking a train ride to Hoboken, New Jersey. Enjoy all the adventures God places in your path as He continues to shape you into a beautiful young woman. I love you Sissy!
-Mom

1 Peter 5:7 - Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Sis,
High school is over, but the adventure still continues. You have two great abilities and they will be helpful in your future. The first is your ability to love and the second is your ability to listen. Continue to use these two gifts and you will glorify God, learn, and win allies. You have certainly won me and I am here for your support.
-Love, Eric



you

Sarah Levenhagen



Sarah,

We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become. We thank the Lord for his grace in giving us a granddaughter that is loving, kind and fun to be with. It seems like just yesterday our little princess was walking around in grandma's bunny slippers and now you will soon be graduating from high school. Well done!! You have much to look forward to as you anticipate the milestones that await you. In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson: live well, laugh often and love much.



Trust in God always, we love you,
Granddaddy and
Grandma

To our dear Sarah,

Over the years we have had the pleasure of watching you grow into a wonderful young woman. We know through your hard work and diligence you have prepared yourself for a bright and shining future. We are ever so proud and pleased to send our congratulations and our wishes that your days ahead be blessed with happiness and dreams come true.

With our love,
Grandpa Tom and
Grama Bea

Tom
Bea

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Coby Nye

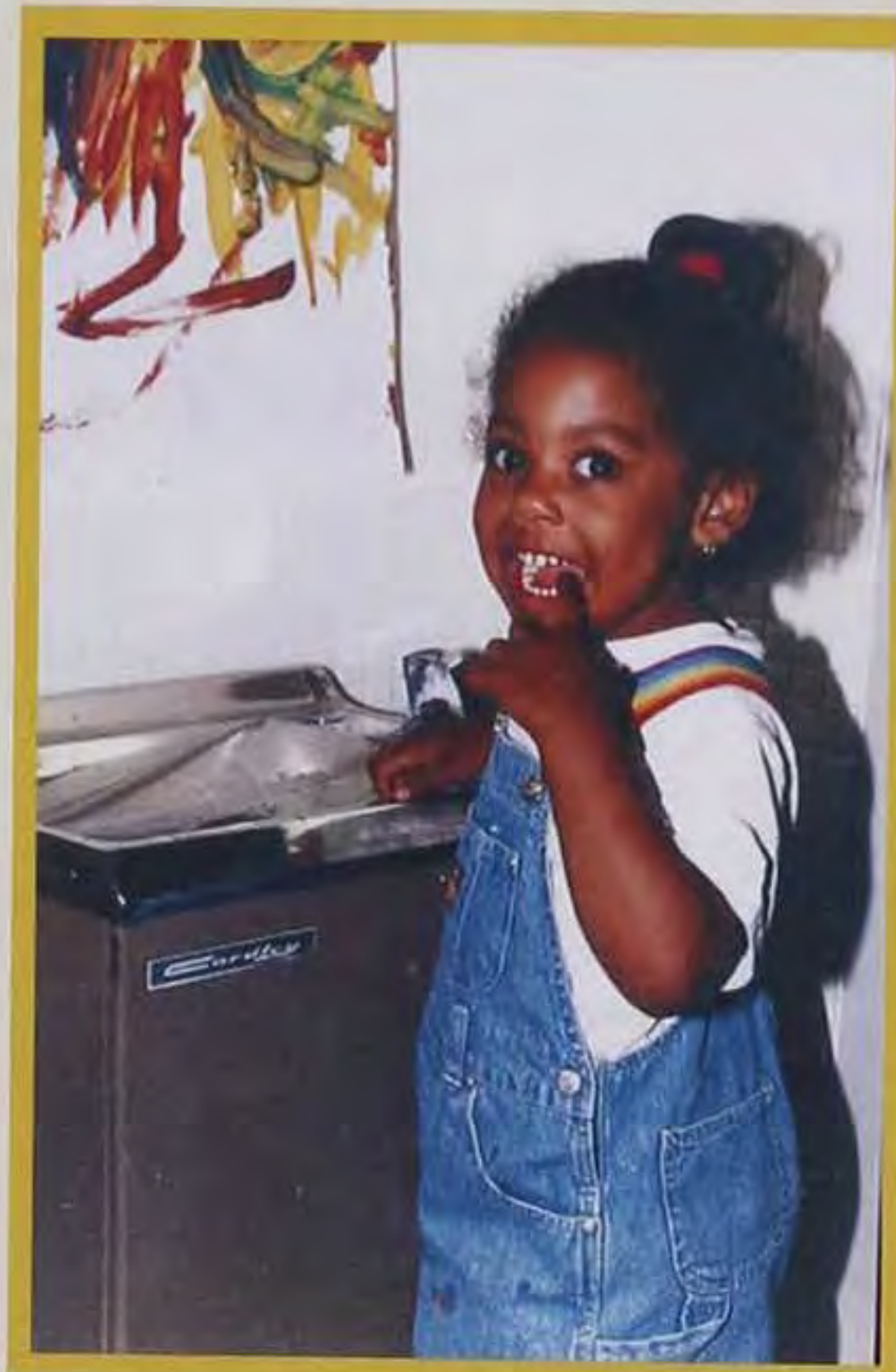


Coby,
We are so proud of the young man that you have become. We love your quiet intensity, the way you analyze things and how you view the world. You are a special gift from God and we cannot wait to see what you do in this next chapter of your life. As you go out into the world, always remember that God has a special plan for your life, that he wants an intimate relationship with you ("Draw nigh unto me and I will draw nigh unto you" – James 4:8) and that we will always be here for you cheering you on from the sidelines... like always. Mom, Dad, Madison, Gracie, and Shepard.

Melinda Oliver

Melinda,
You are the sunshine of my life. You will always be my "Baby Boo". I love you so very much!
Love,

Mommy



you

Courtney McGhee



This is our dearly loved daughter with whom we are well pleased.
Love,
Dad and Mom



Daniel Pollmann

Dear Daniel,
We are incredibly blessed by the fine man you are. We know you will give your very best to God's plan for your future. Seize Jesus's words as your promise. "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. (John 15:16)"
Love,
Dad and Mom



Alex Rideout



Eighteen years ago God blessed us with a beautiful little boy-already full of charm, adventure, and a sense of humor that makes us smile everyday. Alex, we are so proud of you and all you've accomplished. We love you and can't wait to see what God has in store for you as you enter the next chapter in life.
Love - Dad, Mom, Eryn, & Keira.

Grace Savage



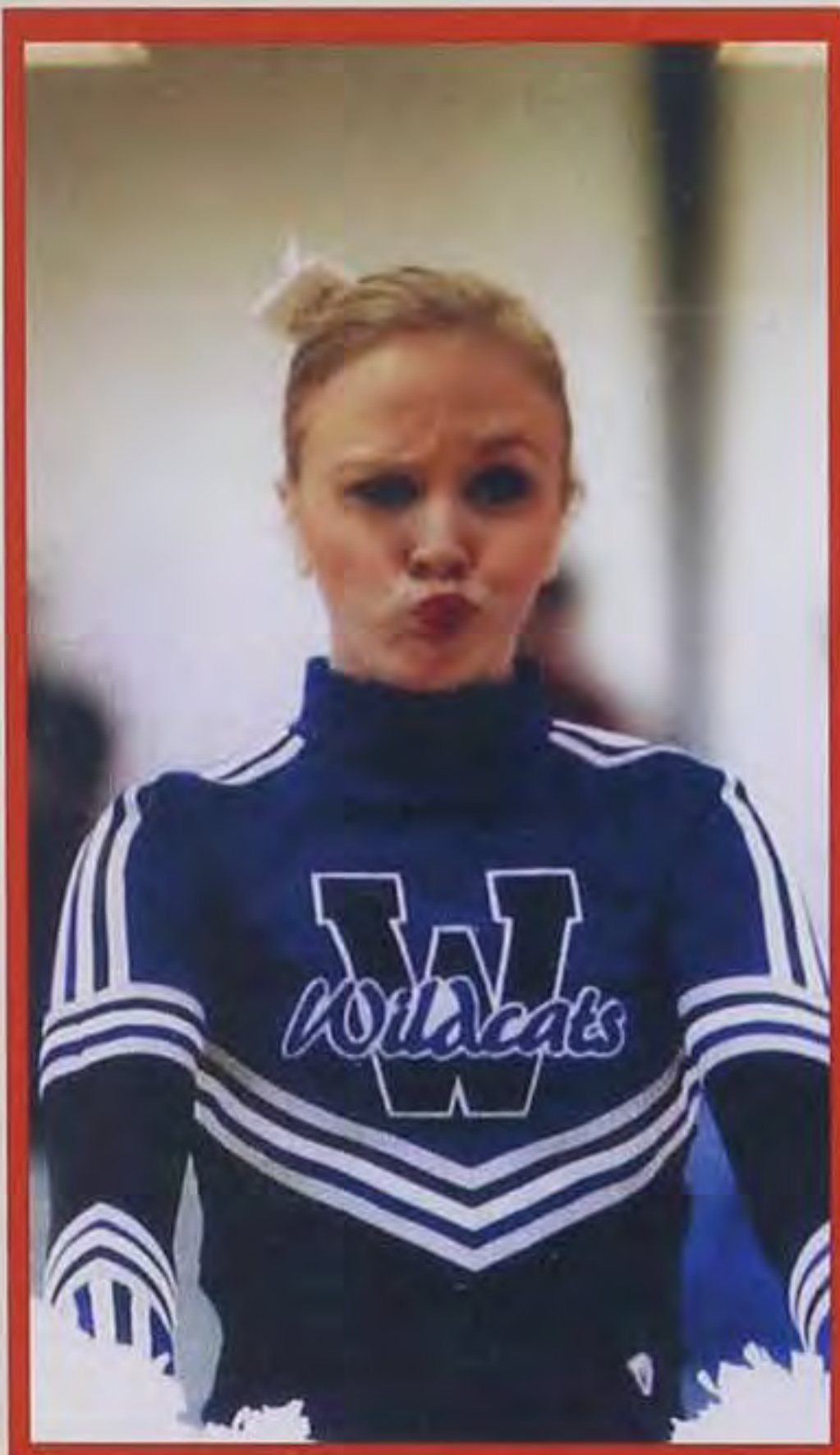
Grace,
You are such a delight and it is an honor and a joy to be your parents. Walk into the future, without fear, knowing God is your strength. His love and ours goes before you encouraging you to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God (Micah 6) now and forever.
Love,
Dad and Mom

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Grace Linton

Grace,
 You will always be our baby with big bows in her hair.
 We love you so much. We love your laugh, your smile;
 you're dancing around the house, and many times
 even your growl. The comforting part as you head
 into the next chapter in your life is that by God's
 grace, you are ready. God has worked in you and
 made you an amazingly mature young woman. You
 have incredible things ahead of you! Seek God's will
 and always lean on Him. We are so proud of who you
 have become, and can't wait to see how He uses
 you going forward.
 Oh, and when the love spills over, and music fills the
 night, and when you can't contain your joy inside...
 Then dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, Dance for
 Jesus and live!
 We love you.
 Mom, Dad, and Jack



you

Katie Matheny

Katie,

I can't believe that my little girl has grown into the young woman that you have become, and my words can't explain properly how proud I am. God has gifted you with an incredible heart, and an infectious smile that takes my breath away. Keep your eyes on Him, and He will never leave you or disappoint. My prayer for you is that you use these great gifts to impact the world, as you have impacted your mom and I. Thank you for allowing us to be involved in your life, the big stuff and the drama, the accomplishments and challenges. You are truly an amazing person that I look forward to spending the rest of my life cheering for. I love you baby girl.

-Daddy



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Emily Orf

Dear Emily,
Joy. What a gift. You give it. You spread it. When life gets tough, it's your default setting. This will take you far in life. God has a plan for that. We are so proud of who you are becoming. We could not possibly love you more than we do today.

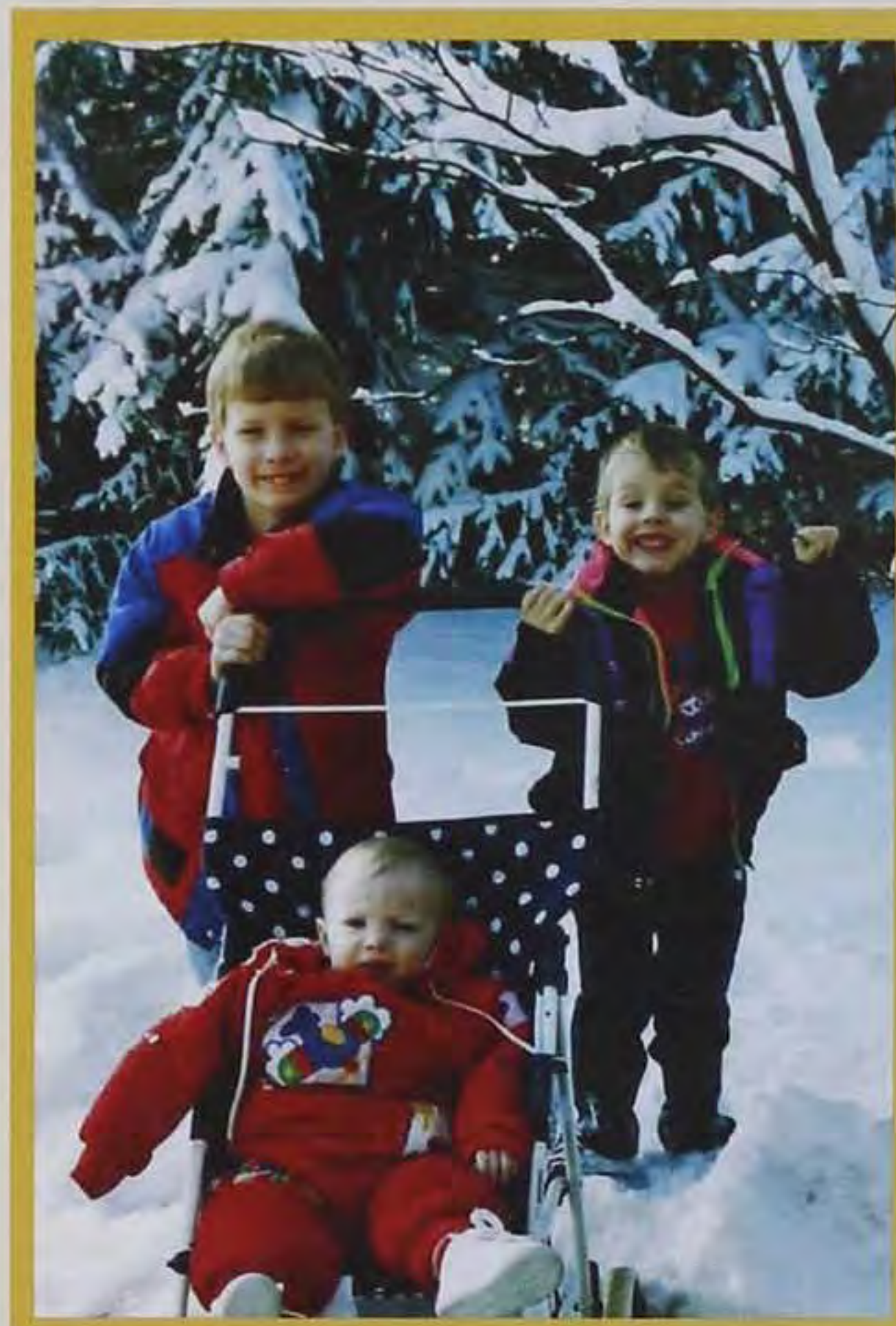
"Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God." Philippians 2:14-16



Daniel Pollmann

The Pollmann family thanks the WCA administration, faculty and staff for coming alongside us as we raised our three sons. May God continue to bless you in His service. You have truly made a difference in our lives and have prepared these three young men to be mighty warriors for the Kingdom.

Jonathan (2006) Joseph (2009) Daniel (2013)



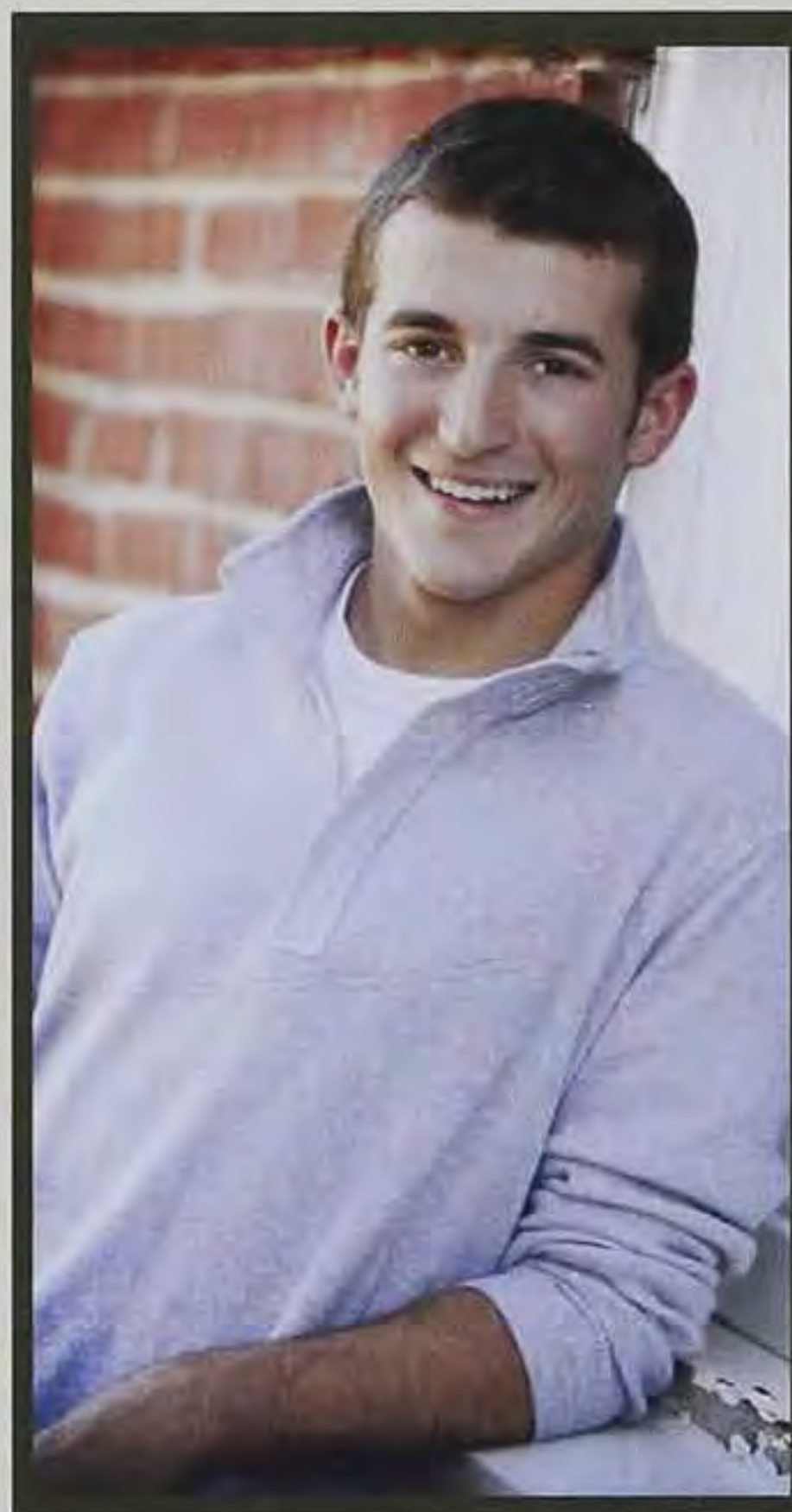
you

Nick Ridenhour

Nick,

You are such a blessing to our family! We admire your strength of character, humility and work ethic. In all you do, continue to work hard and trust God to guide your path.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Eri



Emilie Schroeder

Emilie,

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious toward you."

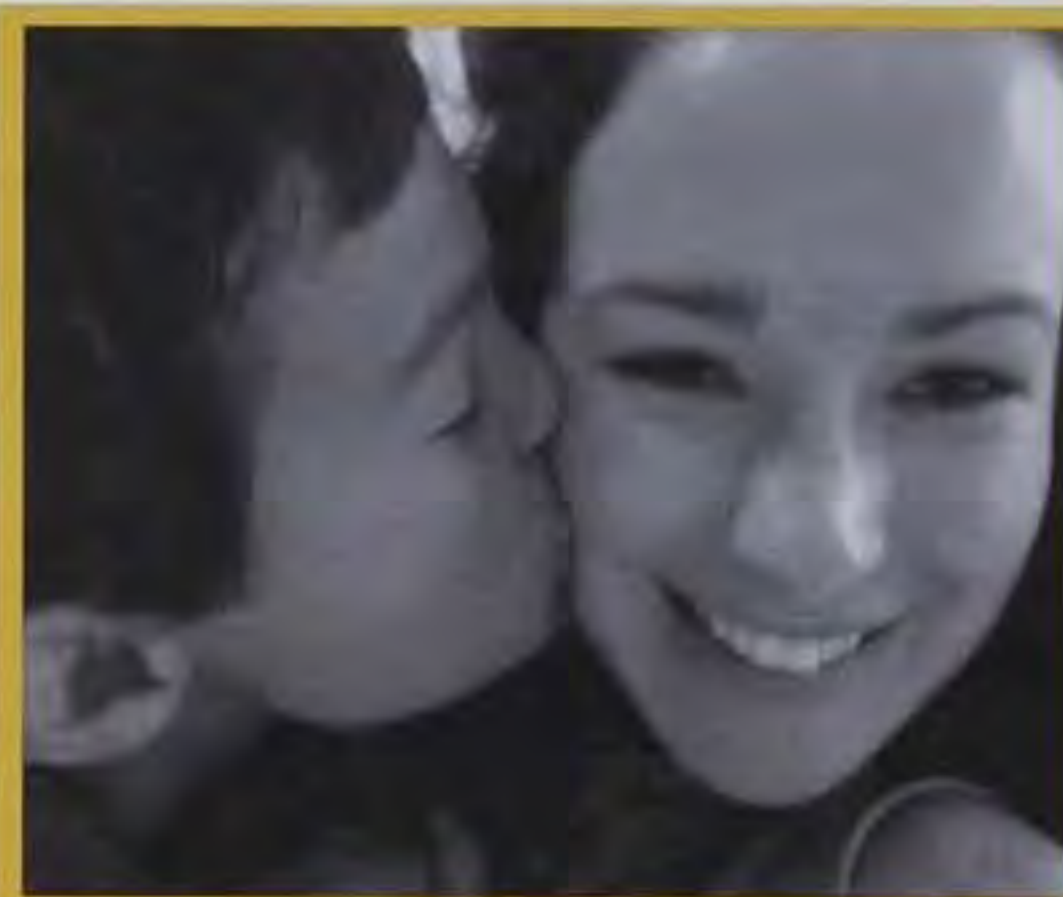
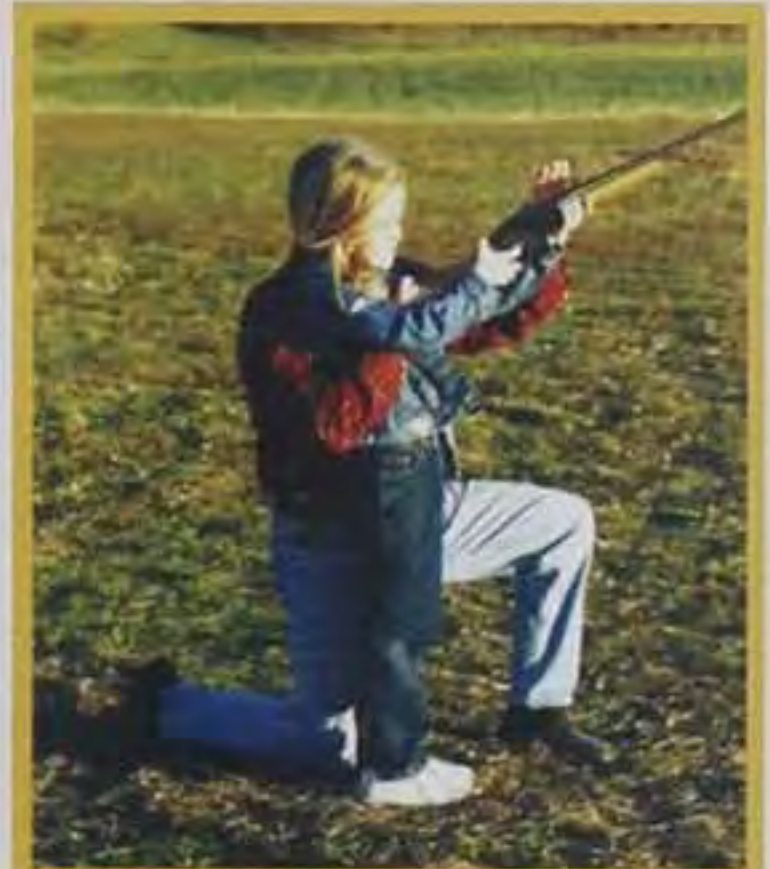
(Numbers 6:24-25)

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Elliot, Ashley, and Luke



you

Sierra Mathews



Sis, things we've learned watching you become the young woman who will walk across the graduation stage...

- God is good, all the time.
- Detours in life often show you how strong you really are.
- Country music really does rock!
- The exact location of Upland, Indiana.
- Your gifts are numerous and God has a wonderful plan for you, so seek Him.
- Robots can do the most amazing things.
- There really is something to be said for an artistic eye.
- You are deeply and unconditionally loved!

Your biggest fans, Dad, Mom, Savannah and Payton

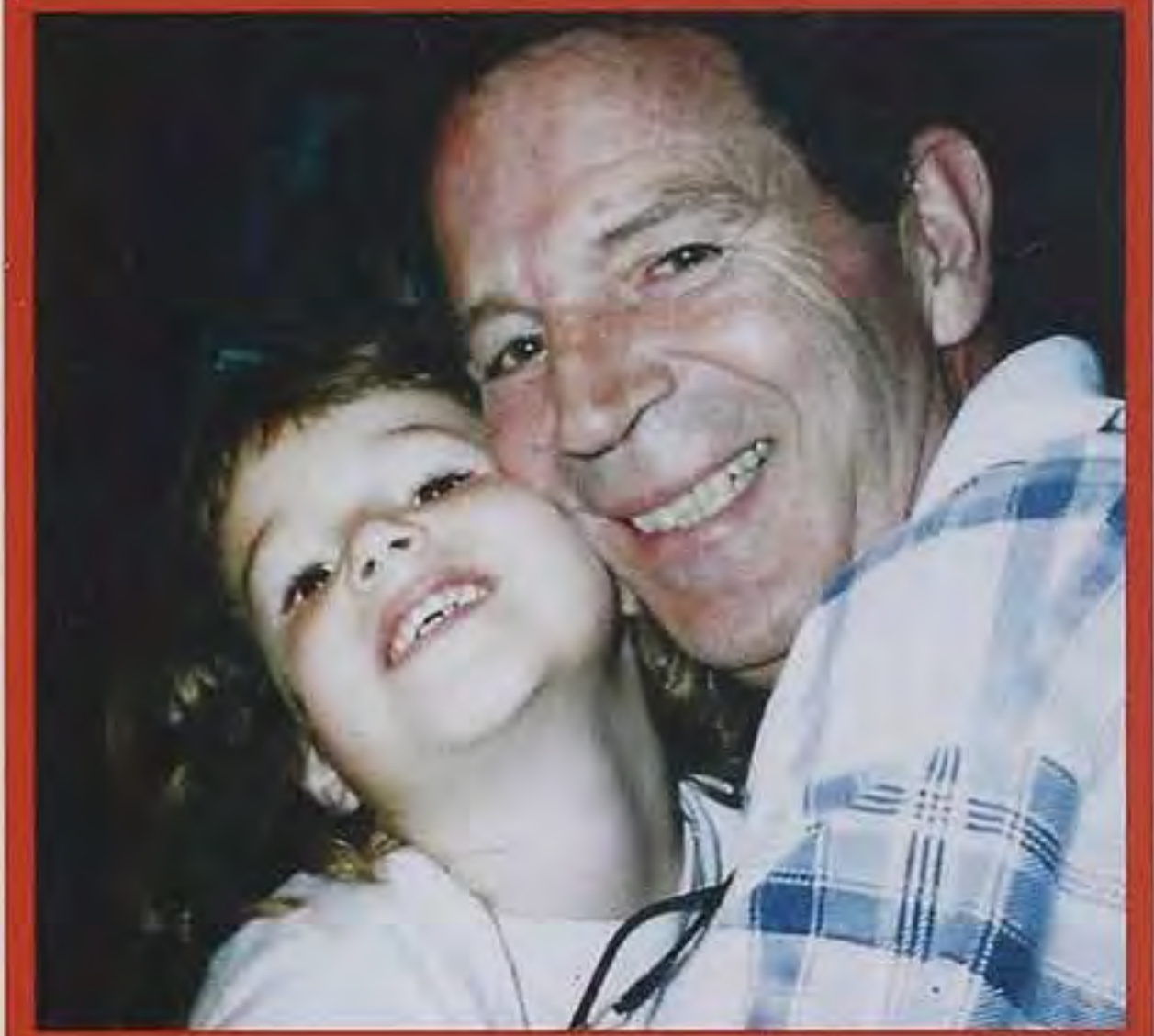
you

Hannah Mitchell

Hannah,

While you will always be our baby, you have grown into a beautiful and intelligent young woman. From your earliest days clinging to your Momma's hip, when no one else would do, you have always known what you want, and worked to achieve it. We pray that passion and your strong faith will guide you as you enter the next chapter of your journey. We are proud of you and are excited to see you grow into the woman God wants you to be. Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4b.

Love Mom, Dad and Emily.



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Sam Sherman



Sam! What a privilege and joy it is to be your Mom and Dad. You are truly a joy to everyone. We're so proud of you. Keep believing in yourself and what the Lord will do in your life. "But let all who take refuge in you be glad: let them ever sing for joy." (Psalm 5:11)

Lucas Silkey



Luke,
Some of our fondest memories are the fun vacations at the lake, in the water, boating or hooking a nice evening "catch" on the fishing line. Those were the best years of our lives, watching you grow up. We were blessed by God when he took the best of us and put it into you.

Love Dad and Mom

Lucas Silkey

Luke,
Intelligent, Strong, Truthful, Trustworthy, these are the words that describe you. Our wish for you is for you to STAY CLOSE TO GOD and to find what makes you happy. You have a great adventure ahead of you, let HIM lead you.
Love always and forever,
Mom and Dad
Psalm 1:1-3



Joseph Welker

"Your heart bears a glory, and your glory is needed." We look forward to watching you grow in knowledge and wisdom and God's plan for your life. Love Mom and Dad.



you

Lucas Silkey

NO congratulations. HS is not an accomplishment. It's simply tradition. You don't need it; a hoop you jump through. Just do what you need to get where you want to be. Listen to your little man. The voice in the back of your head. That's where you hear GOD.

Uncle John



Lucas,
Your Grandpa and I think of you each and every day,
And when daylight turns to darkness, we bow our heads and pray.
We ask the Lord to bless you and keep you safe from harm
Then it's OK to "sleep away" with peace and not alarm.
From toddler to a handsome young man-so many good memories to treasure!
Lucas, you are the "light-of-our-life" and we love you without measure!
And we want you to know how proud we are to have a grandson like you-
And wherever destiny takes you we will always be there too!
Love Always and Forever, Grandma and Grandpa Silkey

Meg Smith

Meg,

What a blessing you have been since the day you were born. You have made me a better person and you are such a light to our family. You have always had a heart for God, and I can't wait to see how you will serve Him with your gifts. We love you so much and we are so proud of you. Never forget our stormy evenings and popsicles in the driveway.

Matthew 19:26

Love,
Mom, Dad and Jordan



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Drew Pfyl



Drew- since the moment you came into our lives you have been a blessing to us. We are so proud of the man you have become. We took joy in every baseball, soccer and volleyball game. We have never been as proud as when you finally achieved your Eagle Scout. We loved every concert where we got to hear you play trumpet. You have used the talents God gave you in sports, music, school, and friendships. We know that you will continue to let God lead you in the right directions as you continue your life path in college. You are loving, kind, honest, and compassionate to others which shows people the wonderful Christian young man you have become. God has big plans for your life so keep your eyes on Him. Jeremiah 29:11 Love always- Mom, Dad, Danielle, Deanne, and Riley

you

Annie Rebbe



Annie – As you head out into the world, hang on to the important things you already have learned:

There's a divinity that shapes our ends,
Rough-hew them how we will. --Hamlet
Do not conform any longer to the pattern of
this world, but be transformed by the renew-
ing of your mind. Then you will be able to test
and approve what God's will is--his good,
pleasing and perfect will. --Paul the Apostle
Seek not to understand that you may be-
lieve, but believe that you may understand.
--Saint Augustine of Hippo

It is our choices, Harry, that show what we
truly are, far more than our abilities. --Albus
Dumbledore

It is the mark of an educated mind to be
able to entertain a thought without accept-
ing it. --Aristotle

There are things known, and there are things
unknown, and in between are The Doors. --
Jim Morrison

I Am the way.... --Jesus of Nazareth

We love you, and are so proud of you. Go
get 'em, Annie Banannie. Dad and Mom



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Worship

Mary Snapp

Mary,

We are thankful to God for the gift of you. Know that you bring much joy to our lives as a daughter and sister. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Sam and Stewart.



Brenden Solomon

Brenden,

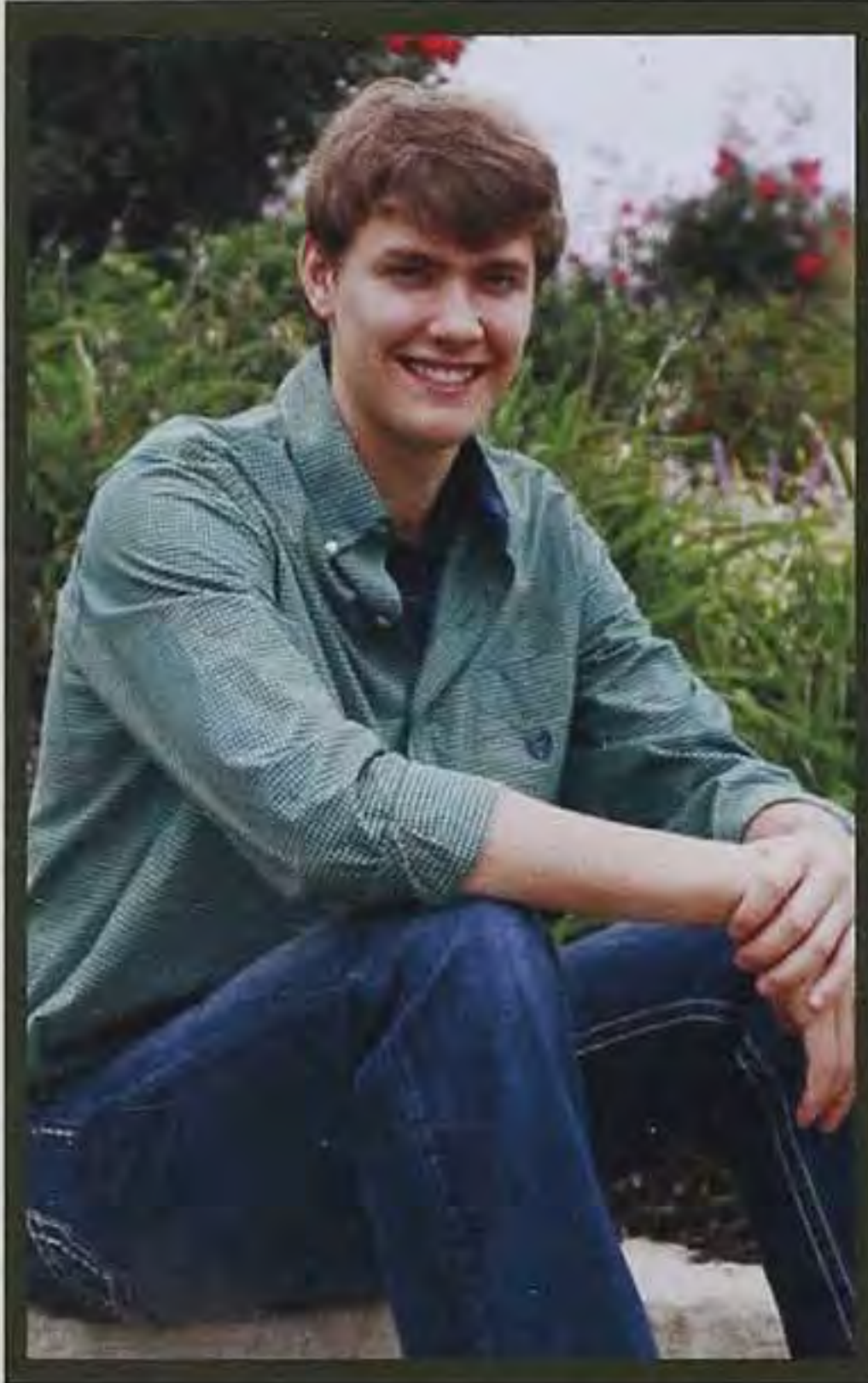
Words cannot describe just how proud we are of you. You've grown into a responsible, creative, driven, yet caring young man. Your voice, love of life and music has been a blessing to us all. Your energy can tire but uplift. As you embark on life's journey, never forget who is always with you, make Him a real priority; He will show the way just right for Brenden! Love,

Mom, Dad, Lydia, Lena, Noni, & Bman



you

John Eric Steiner



John Eric,
We love your fun-loving spirit and zest
toward life. May the Lord use that and
your gifts for His glory. We're so proud of
you.
Mom, Dad & Josh



Ellie Straub

Ellie,
We are so proud of all that you have accomplished over
the past eighteen years! You have grown from a cute little
baby girl to a mature young lady. You are a great big sister
to your three brothers, a sweet friend to your peers, a leader
in the classroom and the pool and a gifted student. It will
be exciting for us to see how God continues to work in your
heart and your life in the years to come. We love you tons!
Mom, Dad, Drew, Ben and Jack



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Amanda Scott



Amanda,

The wonder of you never ceases to amaze us. Just when we think God has revealed His very best and most beautiful parts of you, He unveils yet another part that is uniquely you. It is unimaginable to realize that He is far from finished. Yet, watching you struggle and grow with grace through difficult and sometimes painful times has brought inspiration to your entire family. We know that you will continue to inspire many more who will be fortunate to know you as your journey continues.

Mom, Dad, Michael and Nathan

you

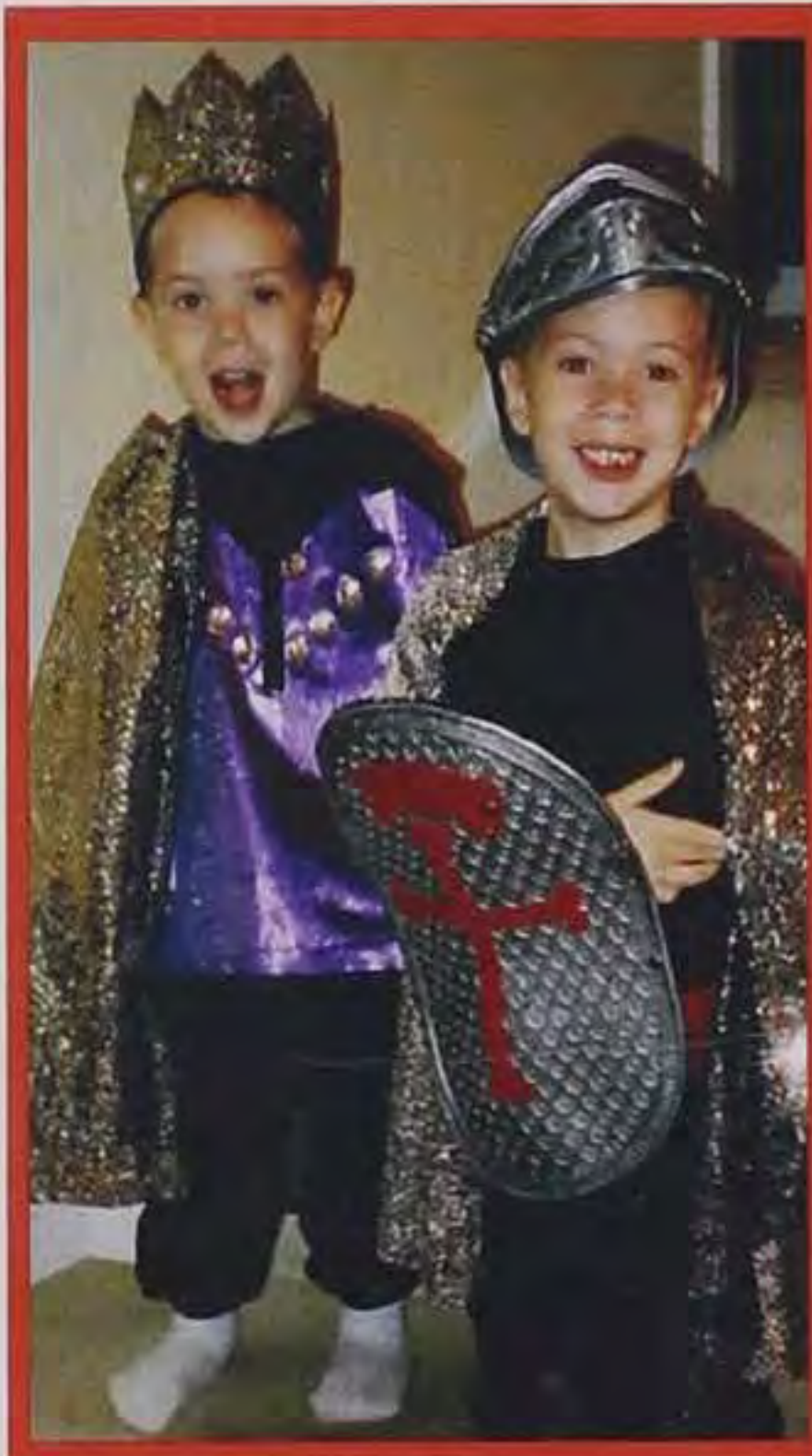
Nathan Theus

Nathan, you are a star! Your curiosity and courage will serve you whether you pursue your artistic talents or business interests or both! We have so enjoyed spending these growing up years experiencing the vitality God has given you as his beloved son. And what a treat it will be to watch as your precious story continues to unfold in you and before you. Take it one day at a time!

And remember Psalm 51, Nathan: "Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart... Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

We love you so much!

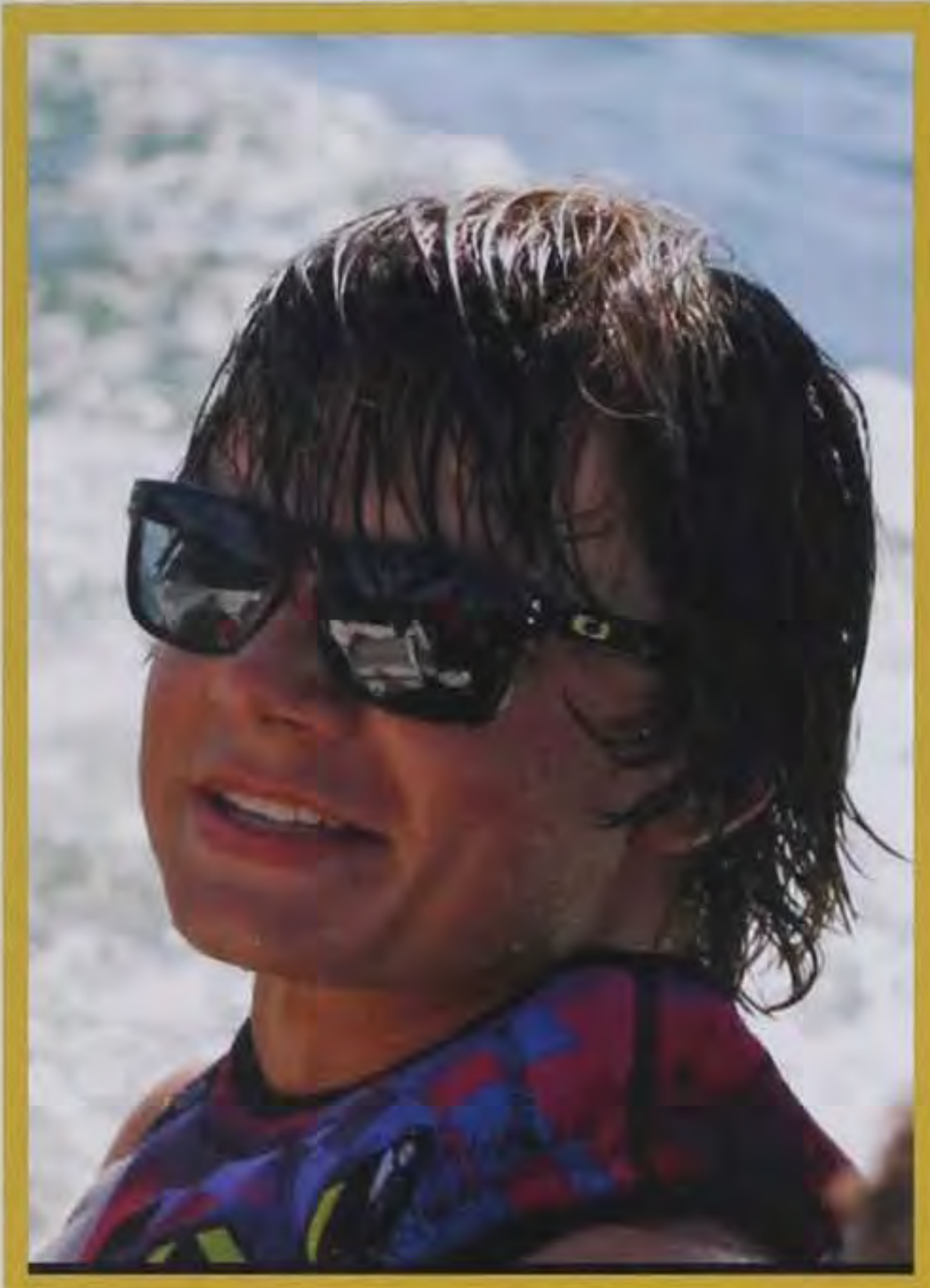
Your fans and family,
Mom, Dad, Micah and Josh



you

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Brendan Terbrock



On your journey through life, I pray you continue to grow in your faith and trust in God's plan. It has been an incredible blessing to watch your life unfold and see you grow into the godly man you are today. You are truly an inspiration to all of us. God Bless you Brendan.

We love you! Mom, Dad and Nick

Amber Terschak



Amber,

We celebrate with you this Senior year! We look back remembering the excitement of seventh grade with so many opportunities to pursue. We think about the friends, teachers, coaches and others who God has placed in your life to encourage and prepare you. Their influence has helped you develop into the kind, caring, intelligent and joyful young woman you are today. In turn, you have blessed others with your hugs, encouraging locker notes, class celebration snacks and surprises. Your faith and trust in the Lord is obvious to others and he has blessed you with the light and joy that only his presence can provide. Always stay close to Jesus - He has amazing plans for you!

We love you! Mom and Dad

Numbers 6:24-26 - The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

you

Amy Tipton



Our Precious Amy, You possess the perfect balance of tenderness and toughness, a heart that cares for young and old, a steadiness and maturity that blesses family and friends. As God reveals His calling for your life, continue to draw your strength from Him. As much as we love and adore you, it is only a glimmer compared to the depth of your Heavenly Father's care. You are a complete joy! Mom and Dad

Summer Smith



Summer, You have brought so much joy to our family. We've been blessed to watch you grow into a beautiful, kind, loving young lady. A true gift from God. Thank you for making us so Proud!



We love you,
Mom, Dad and Dillon

MSH

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Olivia Willis

My sweet Baby Girl,
Congratulations on your high school graduation! God has blessed you with great character, grace, humility, and fortitude. You always encourage others and watch out for everyone. We have watched you take adversity and turn it into strength. I am so proud of the person you have become. As we prepare to loosen our hold and launch you into the life that God has planned for you, remain true to God first and foremost and also remain true to yourself. I look forward to seeing all the wonderful things you have coming in your future. As this door closes another one will open... step through it boldly with faith, hope, and clarity. You are a gift!

I Love you with all that I am!
Mom



you

Kaylee Trost



KK, you light up our lives! You are beautiful inside and out! Being your parents is an amazing blessing! We love you to the moon and back! Jeremiah 29:13

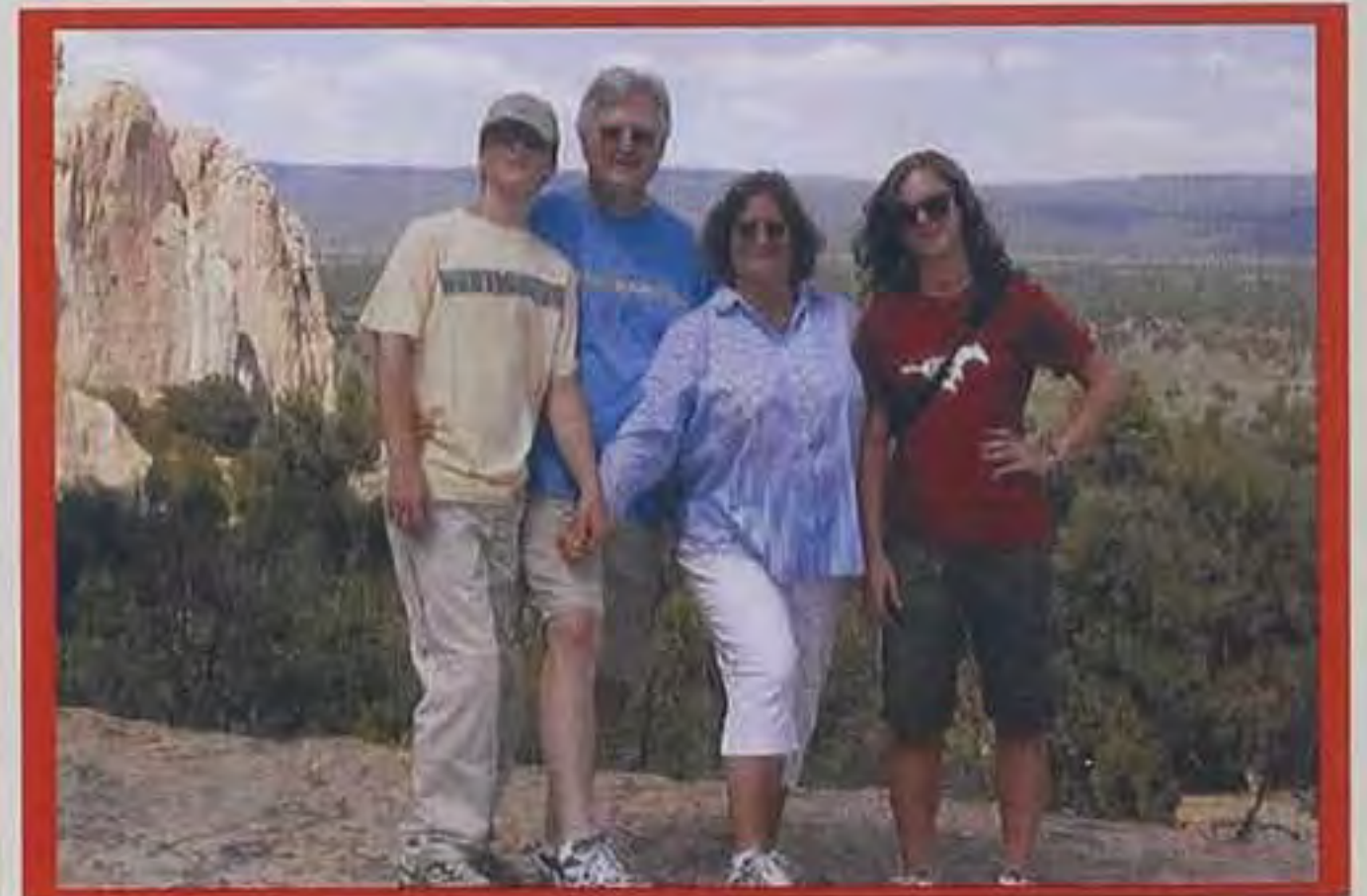
Love you, Mom and Dad

Austin Walker

Austin-

You are a gift from God! We are so proud of you for persevering through the challenges you have faced during these school years. We love you!

Dad and Mom



mom

Worship

Jessica Wydrzynski



Jessica,
Congratulations on your graduation milestone! Love God with all your heart, body, and mind and remember we love you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Allison, and Elizabeth.



Sarah Yousef

Dearest Sarah-
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth then God created you, pure Joy, to all who know you.
Isaiah 45:18-23 Psalm 78:1-8 John 4: 16-17 Jude 1:20-21
Love,
Mom





Mikey LeVar, seventh



Logan Brown, freshman



Kendreaa Cobb, freshman



Karagen Rogers, sophomore



Tim Burford, sophomore



Amanda Ebert, sophomore



Sydney Johnson, seventh



Merilee Kapfer, sophomore



Julia Piestrup, junior



Logan Cantagi, junior



Brandon Brouk, sophomore



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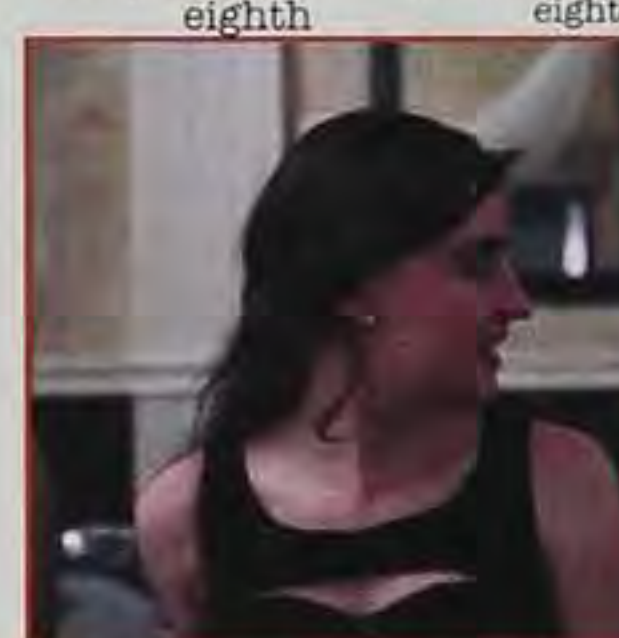
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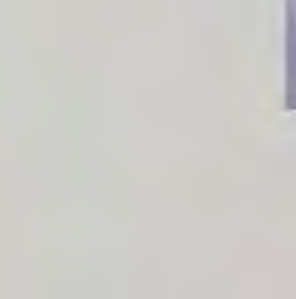
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Eric Witherspoon, senior, performs during the Winter play, The North Star. This play was put on in the Black Box Theater where a stage was set up in the middle of the room. This set up brought the play to life for the audience.



Luke Thuro, eighth grade



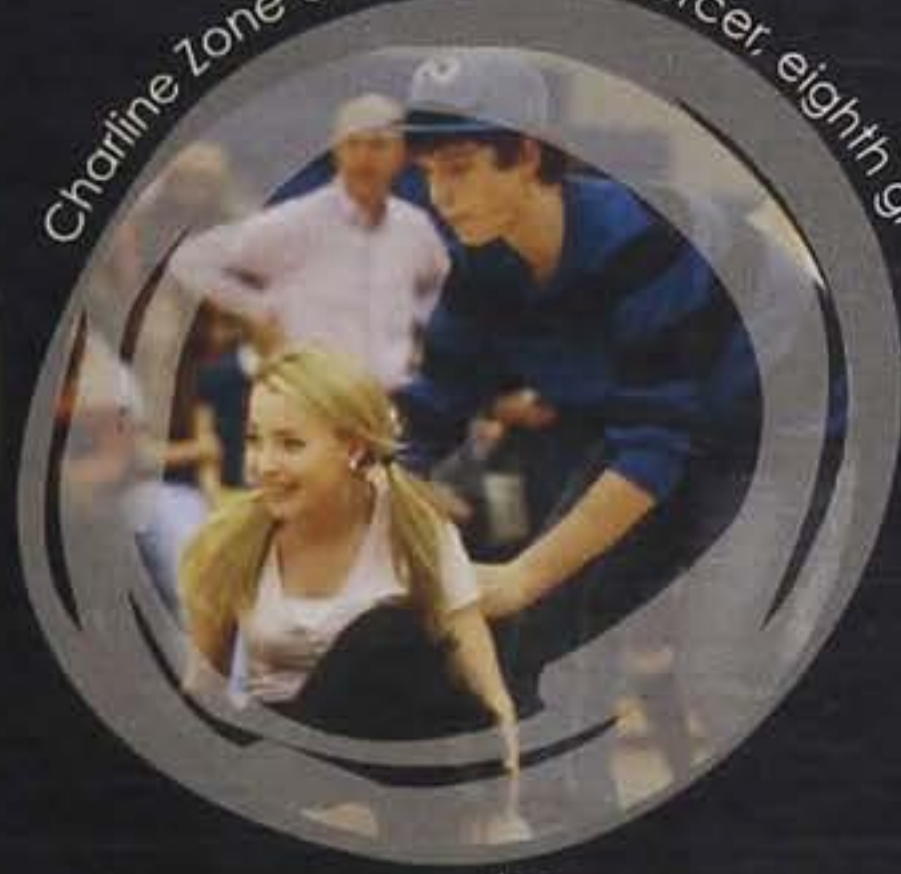
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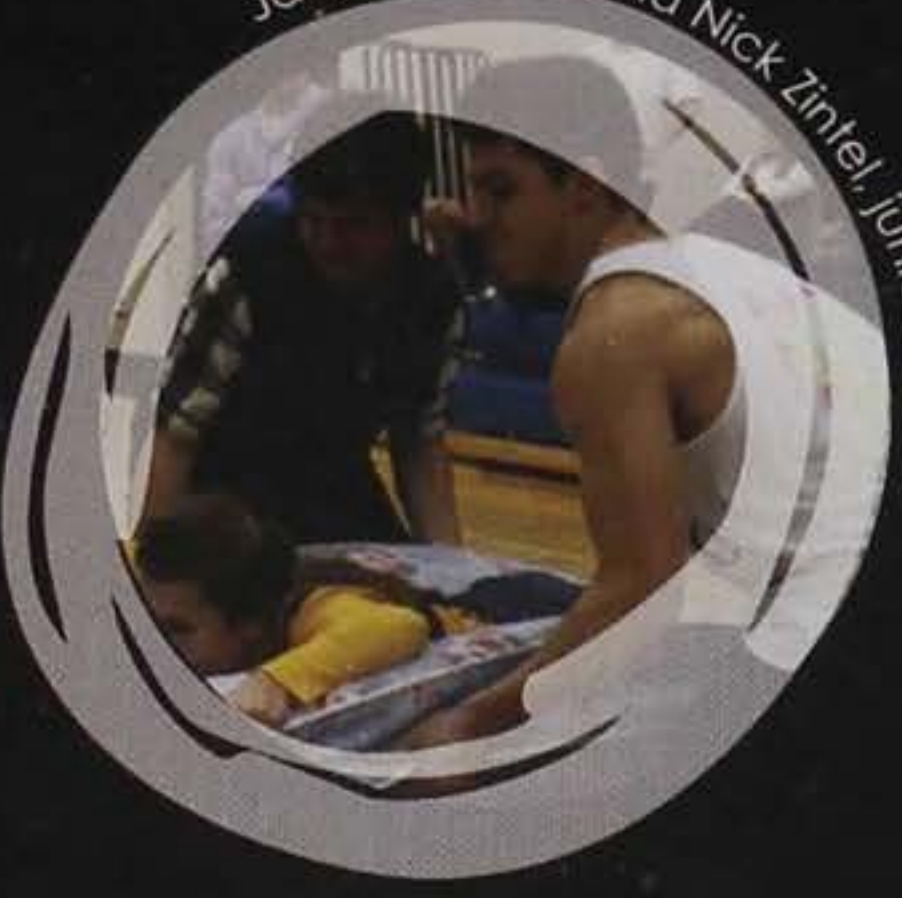
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Alex Beard, senior, holds up his tiger painting as he cheers on the victory of the senior class during Spirit Week. Beard was known for bringing this painting, which he found at Goodwill, to many of the basketball games.



Drew Port, sophomore



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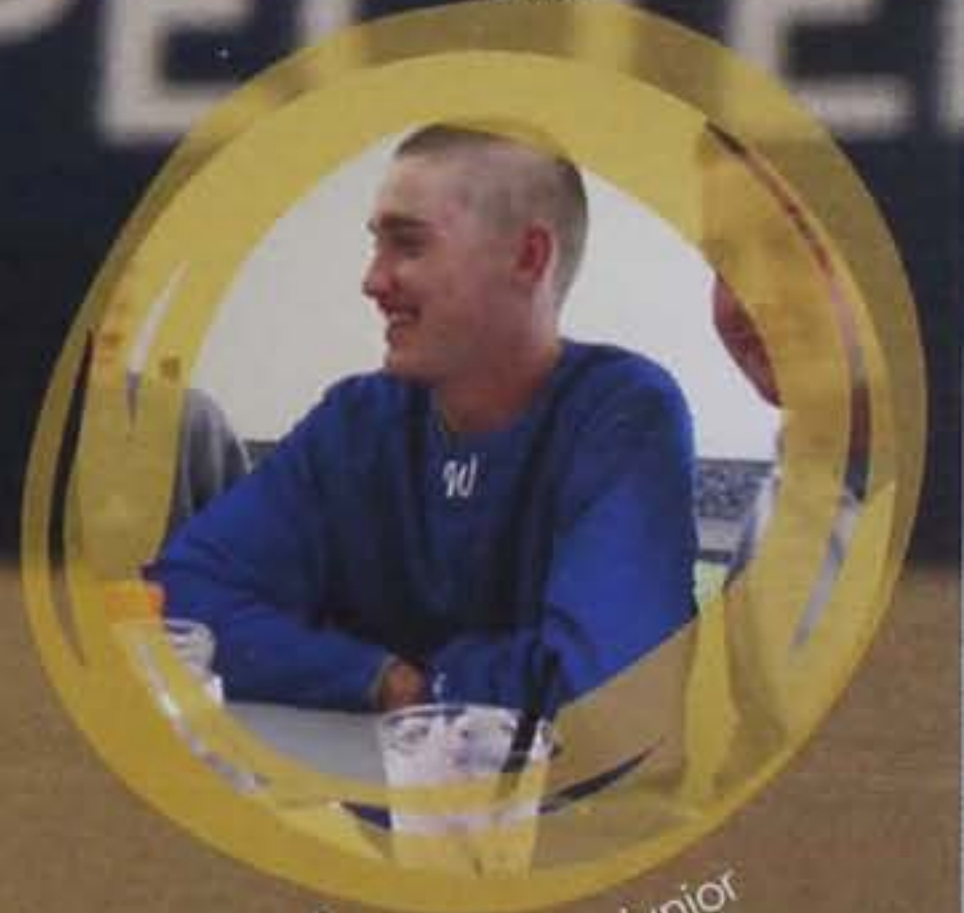
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How did **you** fulfill your
role at
Idaho | **you** |
Idaho | **you** |
Idaho | **you** |

Being a **fan** in the crowd?
Being a **singer** on the stage.
Being a **member** in a club.
Being a **painter** in the studio.
Being a **student** in the classroom.

...Being **you** |

Alex Rideout, senior, conducts a song at the Spring concert. Bass, tuba, piano, and drums were some of the instruments of which Rideout played. Rideout added yet another musical skill to his repertoire with conducting.



Haley Schmer, seventh grade

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Jack Southwell, sophomore

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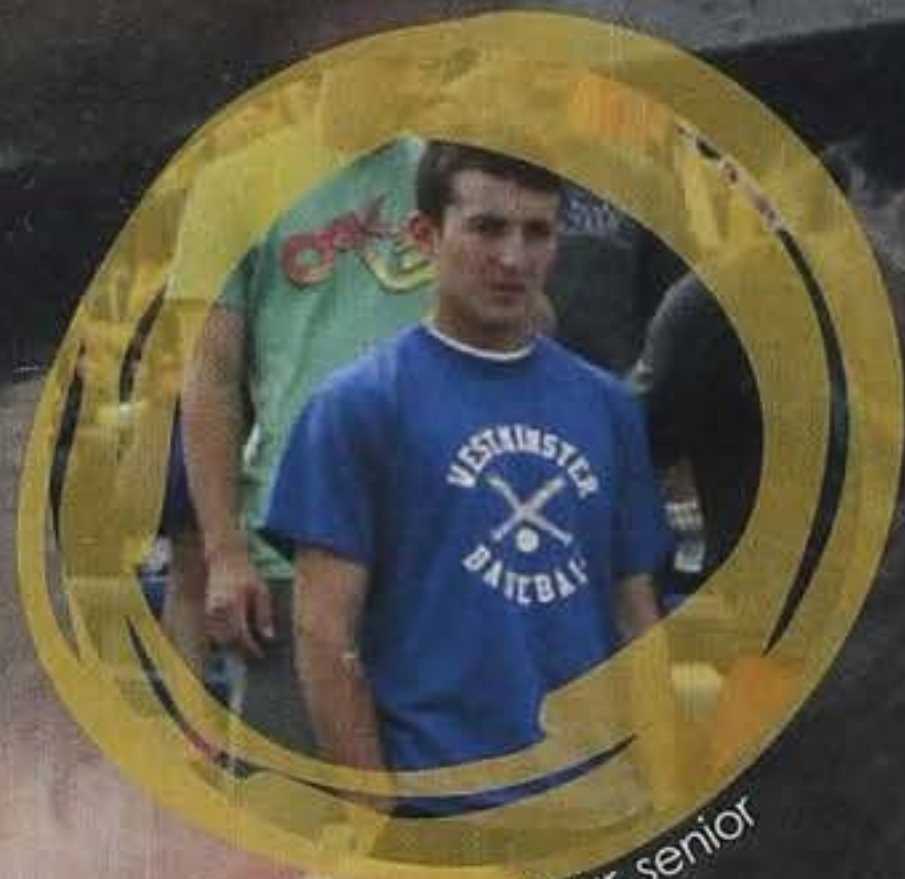
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of this school.

Caleb Layton, seventh grade

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Brandon McKissic, eighth grade



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Josh Ray, freshman

After a rainy day football game and a victory for the Wildcats **Cameron Dodge**, sophomore, along with teammates, parents, and fans alike pray to close the game. Afterwards, all the fans ran inside to watch the conclusion of a victory for the state champion Varsity women's volleyball team.



Jack Rahal, seventh grade



Dani Renaud, seventh grade



Kyle Cline, junior



Lily Fiola, eighth grade

Your school, your year.
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| si || a |



Matthew Goebel, sophomore



Miles Tucker, junior



Elise Burton, junior



Tierra Reese, sophomore



Enjout, eighth grade



Marissa Rasch, sophomore



Kristine Maxey, junior



Kaylee Trost, senior



Annie Canfield and Leigh Ann Kaup, juniors



Nick Rogers, freshman



Alaina Randazzo, freshman



Our community was made up of some people who had walked the halls for 6 years while others like **Matthew Rush**, freshman, were new this year. Whether the halls or fields and whether friends were familiar or new each made WCA what it was.

Savannah Mathews, eighth grade, performs during Lip Sync. Mathews was one of four main roles in their performance.

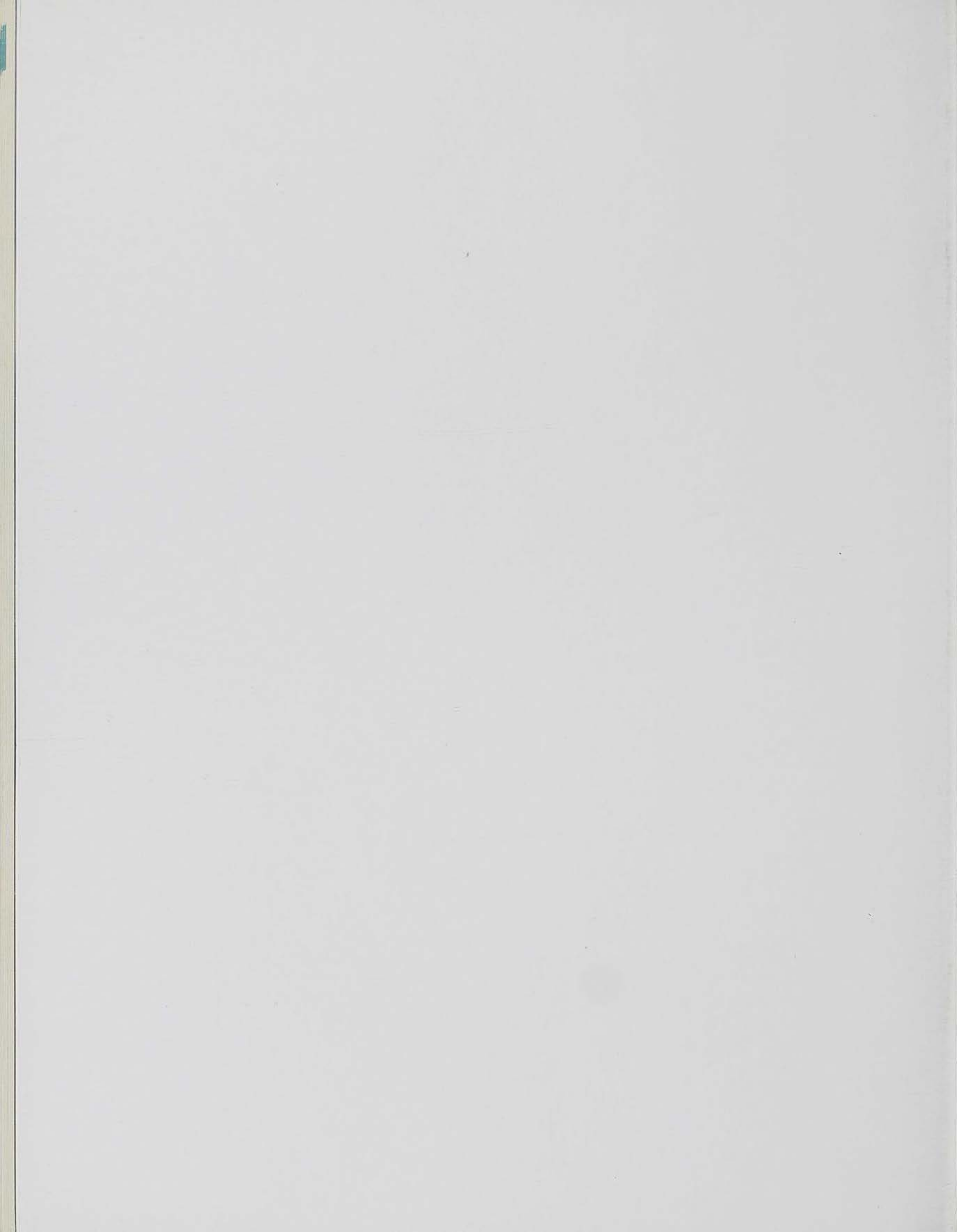


Austin Raines, junior



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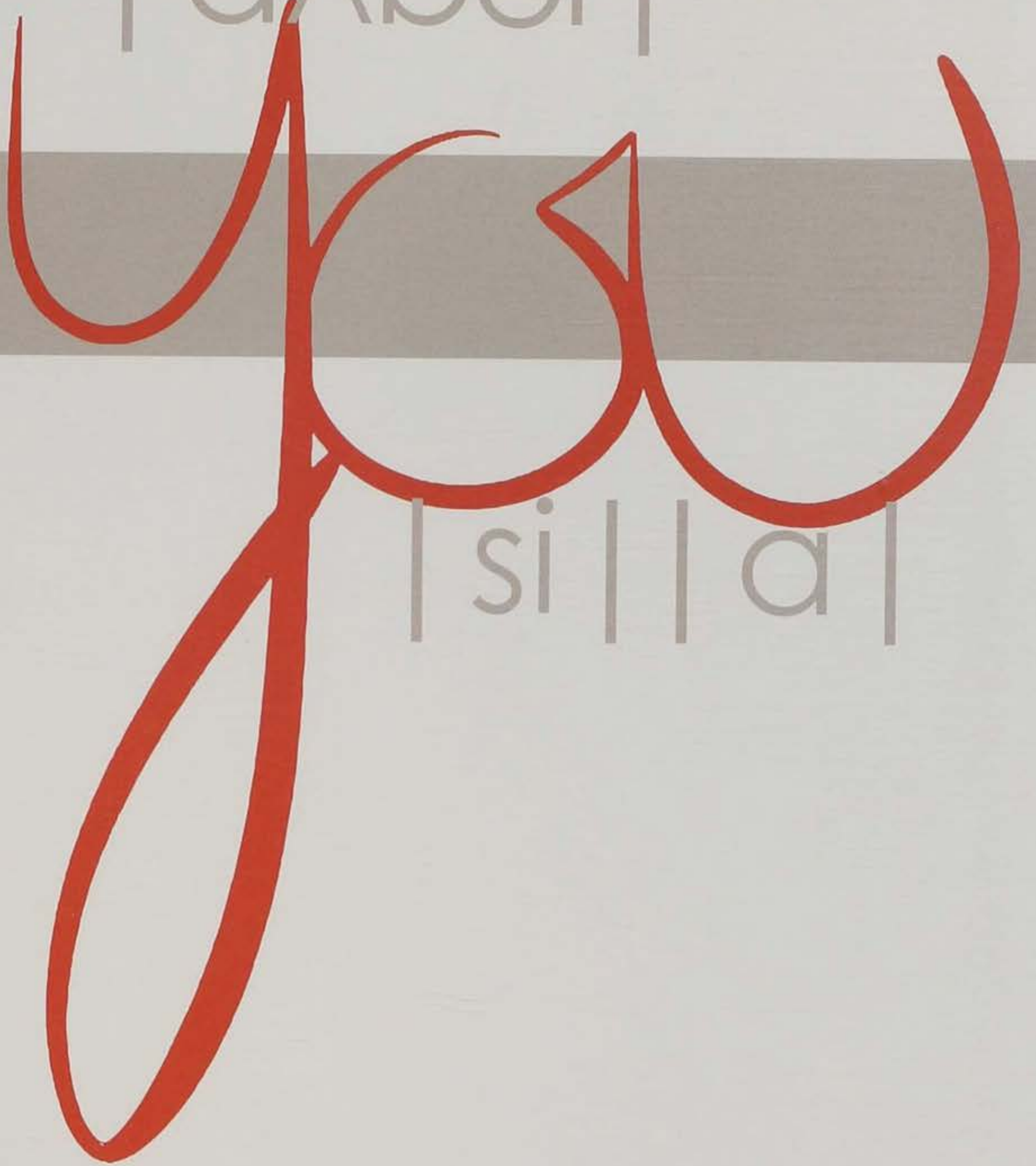
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Bekah Westrich, freshman



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made your mark,
and left your handprint.





Erica Ridenhour, eighth grade



Blake Weaver, sophomore



Mary Kate Kopsky, eighth grade

This community needed you
to explore, to apply, to serve, to lead
to entertain, to express, and to travel.

| you | were crucial,

| you | made an impact.



Christian McGhee, eighth grade, plays the drums as the grandparents arrive on grandparents day. The middle school jazz band performed as entertainment in the loft above the Grand Entry.



Nikki Breneman, seventh grade, performs a song with the middle school choir. The choir sang a few songs to share with their grandparents what they had been working on in choir.



Daniel Schick, eighth grade, holds the structure that he and his younger brother, Benjamin Schick, seventh grade, work on with their grandparents.



Paige Stanfill, eighth grade, walks with her grandmother through the grand entry.



Julie Griesedieck, eighth grade converses with her grandparents and brothers. Being a triplet, Julie shared grandparents day with both her brothers, Eddie and Chase Griesedieck, eighth grade.



Sam Nichols, seventh grade, tunes his instrument before the middle school performs for the grandparents.



Connected Generations

One thing that everyone has is a past made up of generations of people. In order to learn about this past, it requires conversing with those that are older than you.

On grandparents day, students got a unique opportunity to do this when their grandparents joined them at Westminster for a morning full of talking, laughing, and learning. Students spent time showing their grandparents how they spend their everyday life. As the students and grandparents enjoyed fun activities, they were able to compare and contrast life now and life in the past.

The families joined together to compete in events such as constructing sculptures. They were given toothpicks and marshmallows and were challenged to build the most sturdy structure they could. This brought the students and grandparents together and allowed them to bond over a fun activity. The students also had the opportunity to share their gifts and talents to all of the grandparents that came. The middle school choir sang songs and the band performed. It was exciting for the grandparents to see their grandkids' gifts displayed in a way they may have never seen before.

All of the amazing gifts that God gave these students brought joy to their grandparents and made them very proud. Grandparents day was a great way for these families to connect and discover things about one another that they might not have known otherwise.



Lauren Willis, seventh grade, works with her grandparents to build a tower. On grandparents day, the students and grandparents were challenged to create a structure using only toothpicks and marshmallows.

Alex Kempen, eighth grade, helps his grandfather build a structure out of marshmallows. Many of the teams found themselves snacking on the marshmallows instead of using them to help in the construction.



Oni Wright, eighth grade, sits with family during the marshmallow challenge. This game was meant to help the middle schoolers learn to work alongside their grandparents in order to get the task done.



Miranda Matuszewski, eighth grade, adds a toothpick to her model while her grandfather holds it in place. There was a lot of entertainment and fun that the students and grandparents were able to enjoy together throughout the day.



Susanna Talley, seventh grade, shows her grandmother the new iPads in the middle school. There was a table that displayed how technology is helping the students learn and grow in school.

ead Start

Callie MacDonald, eighth grade, runs for the ball, in the eighth grade soccer game against John Burroughs. The Westminster eighth grade soccer team was victorious over John Burroughs.



Alayna Marusiodis, eighth grade, rushes to check **Sydney Driscoll**, eighth grade, hoping to take the ball from her teammate during practice. The lacrosse teams would often scrimmage each other during practice.



Maddie Mercer and **McKenzie Weiberg**, eighth grade, rush to the ball as they try to gain possession. The team played John Burroughs on Monday, April 9.

The Spring of 2013 will forever be viewed as monumental for one middle school sport: lacrosse. Before the Spring, the middle school girls only had two options for Spring Sports: soccer or track and field. The high school girls, however, had the option of lacrosse and it was decided that 2013 would be the year that the middle school girls would get that same opportunity.

Since the sport was new to the middle school sports program, many girls who played were doing so for the first time ever.

"I decided to do lacrosse because I wanted to try something new to figure out what sport I want to do in high school," said Abi Barron, eighth grade.

Contrary to some of the girls newly found interest, however, some girls came into the sport with a lot of experience. "I have played since I was five and I have loved the game ever since," said Paige Stanfill, eighth grade.

Although the two teams, eighth grade and seventh grade, had many obstacles to work around, many were able to pick up the sport quickly and form a cohesive, well-working team.

"Our team is very talented and supportive. We all put in a full effort every game. The more games we play with each other, the closer we all become, both on and off the field," said Sydney Walker, eighth grade.

"We have a great group of girls: I love them all! Our [soccer] team has a really good perspective on the game because, before each match, Mrs. Pritchett directs our focus to glorifying God, not just beating the opponent."

-Paige Stanfill, eighth grade.



Krystin Pritchett, eighth grade, dribbles the ball towards the corner in order to cross it in to her teammates. Pritchett was a captain for the eighth grade A team.



Eyrica Brunk, eighth grade, kicks the ball around a John Burroughs player. Brunk played left, outside defense for the majority of this game. For the majority of the game, Brunk and the other defenders made it so Westminster's goalie did not even have to touch the ball.



Soccer Team Cheer

“Ice-cream on
toast!”

“I love the sport
(soccer)
and it’s very
competitive
- like me!”

- Susanna Talley,
seventh grade

Lacrosse

“We all work to-
gether and try our
hardest.”

- Miranda Horn,
seventh grade

Christina Mason
and **Caitlin Mundorf**,
eighth grade, fight
for the ball as they
practice after school.
A unique aspect of
the middle school la-
crosse team was that
they shared many
coaches with the up-
per school teams.

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New Network

Serving as a preview for their future teams in high school, the middle school track team combined both the seventh and eighth grade track and field athletes. Not only was the team co-ed, but the kids also got to run alongside students from other grades, a unique experience for middle schoolers.

"The friendships between the seventh and eighth graders [is unique because we are usually] separated," said Camryn Williams, eighth grade. While their friends in other sports remain segregated into different grades, the track girls made friends with all middle schoolers. "We have become closer because of seeing each other practically everyday!" said Moira Wright, eighth grade.

The eighth graders were able to lead the seventh graders through their first year of track. "We teach them the things we know, and I've learned a lot from them too!" said Katherine Yenser, eighth grade. "I feel like I can look up to the eighth graders... Since this is their second year, they are more experienced. They can help us out, and we can set goals by maybe beating an eighth grader," said Bridgette Grimm, seventh grade.

Despite the dramatic age gap that may separate middle schoolers at times, the middle school girl's track team built new relationships. They took new leadership positions or learned from their older peers, but friendships were made that could last even onto the high school track team.



"We were only in seventh grade a little over a year ago, so we all remember exactly what it was like, so we can relate. I think we've all made new friends through track, and we work well as a team!"
 -Katherine Yenser, eighth grade

Climbing up the Ladder
 Rebekah Shields, eighth grade, earned the respect from her teammates as one athlete who stood out on their team. "She is trying really hard to improve and has done really well in the long jump," said Camryn Williams, eighth grade. "This was her first year doing track, and she is continuing to improve each time she jumps!" said Katherine Yenser, eighth grade.

Soaring through the air, **Emily Kessel**, eighth grade, leaps during long jump practice. This was the team's last practice before their first meet of the season, which took place at home.



Eyes on the bar ahead, **Alena Vermillion**, eighth grade, pounces towards the mat. Only nine eighth grade girls participated on the track team.



Val Whitted, seventh grade, sprints to the finish line. Whitted was part of a four-person relay team, and Whitted ran as the last sprinter.

Rebekah Shields, eighth grade, sprints towards the high jump bar. The middle schoolers were learning to high jump for the first time.

Alivia Johnston, eighth grade, arches over the high jump bar. While Johnston's friends all chose to play soccer, Johnston decided to try something new and join the track team.



Jada Ferguson, seventh grade, cradles over the bar in high-jump practice. Since the team had only four meets for the whole season, they had little time to practice and improve.

Extending to her farthest, **Katherine Yenser**, eighth grade, jumps across the long jump line. "Our coaches this year are incredible," said Yenser.

Caroline Hughes, eighth grade, leaps into the sand pit during long jump practice. In practice, the girls marked their farthest jump in the sand and competed to see who jumped the farthest.

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Saenea Williams, sophomore, sprints down the track during the open 100 meter dash. Williams finished the race with a first place win during a Villa meet.



Want a Pop-Tart?

"Coach McNeil made us eat healthy for track (which sadly excluded Pop-Tarts) and then during practice he would eat Pop-Tarts on the track and ask 'Wanna Pop-Tart?' as we ran past him," said Kayla Hampton, junior.



Constantly Committed

"The Affton meet was six hours long. We got on the bus and arrived at the track by 4 P.M. and had to stay there until 10 P.M. that night when the meet was over. We were not even allowed to leave after we ran our races because Coach Jeffery said that we needed to be committed to our team. It was freezing, but we had tons of sleeping bags and blankets so it wasn't too bad," said Kayla Wilson, sophomore.

Dedication and hard work were two principles that the 2013 track and field coaches, Coach Jeffery and Coach McNeil, enforced with the team. "We have worked really hard this year and have become a family because of it. Through painfully intense workouts, long track meets, and crazy weather, we have stuck together and brought the competition to the track," said Alyssa Freiner, freshman.

Along with the hard workouts, the track and field girls had to practice and drill, over and over, their relay passes, jumping, block work, and throwing. "One practice we drilled relay passes alone for about an hour after our main workout. It was tiring, but it paid off when we got first place in our first relay of the year at Villa Duchene," said Emily Adkisson, freshman.

"I love track because you really get to know your teammates during the meets and you get into great shape during the practices! This year's been tough, but it's paid off in the end." -Brianna Richards, sophomore



Megan Sexton, junior, competes in the long jump during a track meet at Villa. "It was intimidating the first time that I did long jump because the long jump pit at Westminster has different measurements than other schools," said Sexton.

Cierra Hampton, freshman, runs in the 4x200 during a Villa meet. Hampton, ran the third leg of the relay and the team ended up with a first place win.



Bailey Hiatt, sophomore, races in the 200 meter dash. "My favorite race is the 200m dash because it gets over fast, but it still gives me time to build up speed and race my hardest," said Hiatt.



Makaylah Meredith, freshman, takes the lead as the first leg of her 4x200 meter relay. Meredith's lead provided a first place win for her team.



Izzy Haupfear, freshman, races in the third leg of her 4x100 meter relay. "I love running relays because it is a team effort within a team and the pressure to win is not all on you," said Haupfear.



Brittany Tucker, freshman, nears the out of bounds line as she makes a dash for the goal. During the season, Tucker earned the nickname of "B".



Swinging Along

The list of swing players for varsity was exceedingly large for the 2012-2013 lacrosse season. Gracie Adams, Sofia Harjoe, Meegan Williams, Elizabeth Bowman, Brittany Tucker, Lauren Griesedieck, and Margaret Koby, freshmen, were all swing players for Varsity along with sophomores Sarah Betz, Harper Larson, and Ali Montgomery. "I love playing for both JV and Varsity," said Sofia Harjoe, "It's a great opportunity to get to know a lot of people that I otherwise wouldn't get a chance to even talk to."



Elizabeth Bowman, freshman, practices one on one goalie techniques with the coach. Bowman was the only goalie for JV lacrosse and swung for Varsity occasionally.



Gracie Adams, freshman, and **Alyssa Dosmann**, sophomore, hit sticks as they substitute. "Everyone on the team is really encouraging and fun to be around," said Adams.



Margaret Koby, freshman, battles her opponent for the ball. "It's my first year playing lacrosse and I love it. I enjoy learning new things along with meeting new people," said Koby.



Janie Hughes, sophomore, begins practice with a throwing and catching drill. Most practices began with these drills as well as running.

Constant Exposure

Becoming interested in something is the first step to trying something new and eventually realizing that you love it. To each, there is a different way of becoming attracted to a sport. At Westminster, many of the lacrosse players were first exposed to the sport in middle school when lacrosse was taught as one of the units in P.E.. Apart from P.E. the JV and Varsity lacrosse coaches encouraged many of the middle school girls to pursue the sport and try out in high school.

"One of the coaches told me about a three day lacrosse camp called Fellowship of Christian Athletes lacrosse camp, or FCA lax camp," said Lauren Griesedieck, freshman,

"There were a few other girls from WCA that went and it was a lot of fun. It gave me a chance to prepare for tryouts and kind of get to know the sport." Sofia Harjoe, freshman, accompanied Griesedieck to the three-day exposure and found that she enjoyed playing lacrosse a lot.

"I knew that I liked the sport a lot just from P.E. in eighth grade. I'm happy they introduced us to the sport and encouraged us to get involved in camps," said Harjoe.

"It is so amazing to see how our team has grown in the past year. One week into the season and we already had won more games than we did the entire season last year. We came out ready to surprise our competition and we did just that."

-Kelly Goebel, junior



Hardware

On March 5th and 6th the Varsity Lacrosse team competed in the Webster Tournament. After a stunning defeat over Ladue on Friday night, the team came prepared to win on Saturday. Following a close fight with Parkway West, where they fell short, they only had ten minutes to prepare to play for third place against Webster. Although the team was tired they came out fighting and scored three goals in the first three minutes. The lacrosse team brought home their first piece of hardware for the trophy case with a 12-7 victory.

Anna Bergman, junior, sprints up the field during the Webster tournament. "We played really well together as a team. The thing that makes the difference this year is that we have a lot of different girls who have all scored a lot of goals this season," said Bergman

Family Time

Resounding laughter, dancing, and singing are all things one would not expect to be seen or heard in the team room on a normal afternoon. Yet, on a certain Wednesday in March, the lacrosse girls made that a reality.

On the lacrosse team the coaches taught players to strive to be a close-knit team through team devotionals, team families, and bonding practices. Therefore, on Wednesday March 27th when, due to snow, the lacrosse team was forced to practice inside, the coaches took the opportunity to have some bonding time. "We started practice off with a devotional by Anna Kuiper about convictions. Every girl on our team gets the chance to share her personal testimony and what God is doing in her life. It is a really rewarding way for our team to grow closer together," said Anna Bergman, junior. Once the devotional was finished the team got together with their families (One big sister with two little sisters) to create a family cheer.

The cheers were complete with motions, singing, dancing, and even somersaults. "We all made up original cheers. Lots of them had motions to go along. Once everyone had performed their cheers, the team voted on their favorite. The Cheetah Girl's cheer won unanimously and their family was awarded prizes.

Directly following the enthusiastic cheers, the coaches shared a wide variety of humorous stories from their lives. From most uncomfortable moments, to pet peeves, to what they couldn't sleep without, the coaches divulged many stories allowing their team to really get to know them.

To finish up a practice full of laughter and bonding the team went into the gym ready to practice. Surprisingly, the coaches set up a game of capture the flag with twenty lacrosse balls for the final competition. "The coaches had us play the game to get us actively running and still be able to have fun. It was much better than just running around a track for 45 minutes," said Sarah Betz, sophomore.

While the practice may not have been full of passing, shooting, and throwing, the team would agree it was a memorable practice that was very important in the bonding of their team.



Sarah Levenhagan, senior, keeps stats for her teammates on the sidelines. Levenhagan, a four year varsity player, found out her back injury would keep her from playing for the majority of her senior season. Although she could not play on the field, she kept the team energized and positive on the sidelines.



Kayla Armstrong, junior, races up the midfield past her defenders from Webster. Armstrong picked up a lacrosse stick for the first time a week into the season. Even though she was a beginner, Armstrong started as a midfielder and continued to score multiple goals a game.

Top: **Kristin Ahlbrand**, junior, looks past her defender to the goal as she rolls the crease during her game against John Burroughs.

Top Middle: **Morgan Siebenmen**, junior, clears the ball to one of her attackers in the midfield. This was Siebenmen's second year as a goalie.

Bottom Middle: **Olivia Coomes**, sophomore, beats her defenders from Parkway West in the midfield. This was Coomes second year playing lacrosse.

Bottom: **Mary Snapp**, senior, controls the ball behind the cage at the Webster Tournament. Mary was one of two seniors on the team and a captain.

Tierra Reese, sophomore, shoots and scores at the game against John Burroughs. Reese was the main forward for the team and during this game she scored two goals before half-time.



Back In the Game

Emily Andres, freshman, dribbles up the field as she looks for a teammate to pass to. "I love the girls on my team, which makes practices a lot more fun and it helps us work together during games," said Andres.



There are some sports that take years of playing and practicing to be very good. Most everyone on the soccer team had played since a young age and had been on select teams. Usually if someone took a year or so off, they would be a little rusty when they came back to the sport. This, however, was not the case for Taylor Pfeifer, junior.

Pfeifer had played soccer since she was young, but she stopped after her seventh grade year to play club volleyball instead. This year she decided to play again after taking a substantial amount of time off. She was a starter for the seventh grade A team, but didn't think soccer was for her. She was back in the game for the JV team this year as she started as a wing defender.

"I decided to play because I couldn't play volleyball this year since I did dance and when I was younger I chose volleyball over soccer so I thought since I'm not playing volleyball and have a chance to get back into soccer then why not?" said Pfeifer.

"Taylor is really encouraging and she works hard," said Megan Johnson, sophomore.

Pfeifer rotated between every position, but she mainly played midfield and defense. "I've loved being on the team because I'm competitive and I love meeting new people!" said Pfeifer.

Coming onto a new team can be hard, but since this team was close it made things a little easier. "We are like a family and it's a lot of fun when we are all playing together on the field," said Claire Rebbe, freshman.

Azaria Foster, freshman, passes the ball to one of her teammates at the top of the box. Azaria normally played center defense.



Lydia Krasucki, junior, beats the Clayton defenders and scores. Krasucki played soccer for Incarnate Word the year before.



Hannah Ruckman, sophomore, boots the ball away from the goal. Ruckman was one of the main center defenders.



"Since I'm back in the goal waiting for the ball to come to our half of the field, I get to watch the team work together and play as a team and it's really cool to see them play so well together."
- Clara Gruneisen, freshman



Lucy Kehr, freshman, juggles the ball to bring it down to her feet to prepare to shoot. Lucy was a center mid fielder for the team. She scored against Clayton in their first game of the season.

Megan Johnson, sophomore, fights to defend the ball. Johnson played center defense. Johnson was also the team captain.

Summer Smith, senior, battles with the defender and dribbles towards the goal. Smith played center midfield and was a big part of leading the team. She was one of the captains along with Courtney McGhee and Shelby Kehr, seniors.



Liz Harding, freshman, dribbles the ball out of the back third of the field. Harding was a starting defender.

Charisse Williams, sophomore, pushes her opponent out of the way as she makes her way towards the goal.



Mexico bound

The Westminster community, and especially the soccer program, was hit with tough news about their beloved soccer coach and teacher, Senor Legters, this past year. Senor is from Mexico and taught a variety of Spanish classes at Westminster. He also coached the boys varsity soccer team and helped coach the girls varsity soccer team. He was a huge part of the community, so the news affected everyone greatly.

Senor Legter's father was diagnosed with cancer and was given three or four months to live. Senor was determined to bring his family down to Mexico to see his father, and his children's grandfather. Clearly, the cost to fly a family to Mexico was quite high, but Senor was going to go over spring break no matter the cost.

Soccer players, students, teachers, and the Westminster community came together to raise money to cover the cost for Senor. "I really wanted to give money because senor is one of the best teachers ever and you can tell he loves his students and has fun with them. And I really wanted him to be able to see his dad without worry and so I made sure to be a part of that," said Kendall MacDonald, junior.

The overall price to fly the Legters family down to Mexico was \$7,000. Through generosity and love for Senor, the community was able to come up with exactly \$7,000. The money was presented to Senor during a staff meeting. "I was ecstatic to find that senor received all the money he needed for his family to travel to Mexico. We all love senor and wanted to help him out in anyway that we could!" said Mary Wynn, junior.

Olivia Willis, senior, dribbles past the defense towards the goal. Willis played in the wing midfield position for most of the year. While recovering from a concussion most of the last soccer season, Willis was ready to go this season.

Shelby Kehr, senior, boots the ball out of the defense and over the midfield. "I played center defense with Shelby and she could kick the ball farther than anybody I know," said Maddie Ottsen, junior.



While defending off the opponent, **Kendall MacDonald**, junior, maneuvers the ball around to pass it off to a teammate. MacDonald played select soccer for Scott Galagher before the Westminster season along with fellow WCA teammate, Mary Wynn, junior.



Courtney McGhee, senior, dribbles the ball around the defender right in front of the opponent's goal. McGhee had crazy dance moves to the jams the girls played to get ready before the games.

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Caroline Moore, junior, takes a shot on goal against the Villa goalie. The girls varsity team won that game 4-1. Moore had been on varsity since her freshman year and hoped to play in college as well.



Alexis Harvey, senior, runs and throws the ball in from the side line. Harvey was a right wing defender and had played defense her whole Westminster soccer career.

Hannah Stipanovich, junior, punts the ball after making a save. This was Stipanovich's second year as the varsity goalie. She also played on the varsity volleyball and basketball teams.



Bat and a Racket

For middle school tennis and baseball, it was more than just a game. Tennis for middle school students was less about winning matches and more about preparing them to be excellent players in high school.

"I have really gotten better at baseball this year," said Blake Elder, seventh grade. "I have learned many new batting and fielding techniques that will help me in the future."

Tennis and baseball also taught middle school athletes the importance of skill and techniques. "Tennis is great because I can play it when I'm seventy and super old. I'll be able to have fun with it no matter how old I am," said Cooper Hutton, eighth grade. "Baseball is very fun and I have a great time with my teammates. I cannot wait to play next year," said Chase Lottman, seventh grade.

Many students aspire to play in high school. "One of the things that I love about middle school tennis is that it prepares me for high school tennis," said Jake McKie, eighth grade.

Although middle school athletics may not have been as competitive as high school, it sharpened their skills in preparation for freshmen, JV and varsity sports.

"Baseball is one of my favorite sports. It's one of those sports you can always improve on, no matter what."
- Blake Elder, seventh grade

Chase Lottman, seventh grade, tosses a ball to a teammate during practice. Using a teammate to toss a ball was more realistic to a game than hitting off a tee.



Charlie Zone, eighth grade, uses his overhand during a match. Many practices consisted of matches between one another.



Will Sutter, eighth grade, waits for his opponent to serve. His doubles partner was David Kerckhoff, eighth grade. "I enjoyed tennis because it sharpened my techniques," said Sutter.



"I really like playing tennis because it is a mind game as well as a challenge. I hope that I can play it all my life."
- Jake McKie, eighth grade



Kurt Culver, eighth grade, warms up before practice. "Tennis challenges me physically and mentally," said Culver.



Jake McKie, eighth grade, returns a serve during a practice after school. "Tennis is my favorite sport," said McKie.

Kurt Weinberg, seventh grade, practices his groundstroke during a Friday afternoon practice on April 5.



George Meyer, seventh grade, returns a shot with a volley at a practice. "I am excited to play tennis next year, and also to get better at the game," said Meyer.



David Kerckhoff, eighth grade, winds up to return a volley during a match. Most of the middle school tennis program consisted of matches and drills to help the players improve their skills.



Blake Elder, seventh grade, sets up a ball on a practice tee. After the snow melted, and the fields were too wet to play on, the middle school baseball teams would use the outdoor cages to practice hitting.



Thomas Mitchum, eighth grade, uses his backhand to return a ball to his classmate. "Tennis has improved my hand-eye coordination," said Mitchum.



Cooper Hutton, eighth grade, gets low for an overhead return. This was Hutton's first year on the Westminster middle-school tennis team.

Cole Snodgrass, seventh grade, sprints to jump over the hurdle on WCA's home track.



New Shoes

The start of a new track season meant buying new equipment that would last another season. For the middle school track team, this meant buying brand new running shoes.

The middle school boys track team was not only running, but doing it in style. Shoes were one of the most important parts of track and the variety of styles and colors that showed up to the first days of practices ranged from neon green laces to completely green shoes.

The middle school boys track team ran with the girls so there was a large variety of styled shoes. The most common, however, were Nike brand running shoes.

"We just run around in whatever shoes we have. We do not actually use track shoes with spikes," said Dean Karanas, eighth grade. Besides Nikes, Reebox were another common brand used that could be seen as the athlete ran down the lanes.

With this ability to choose different types of shoes, it allowed the track athletes a chance to express themselves as they competed with one another and sprinted, ran and jumped to victory.



Xander Smith, seventh grade, prepares to jump over the hurdle. Smith, along with the rest of the middle school boys, got out all of the track and field events during practices.



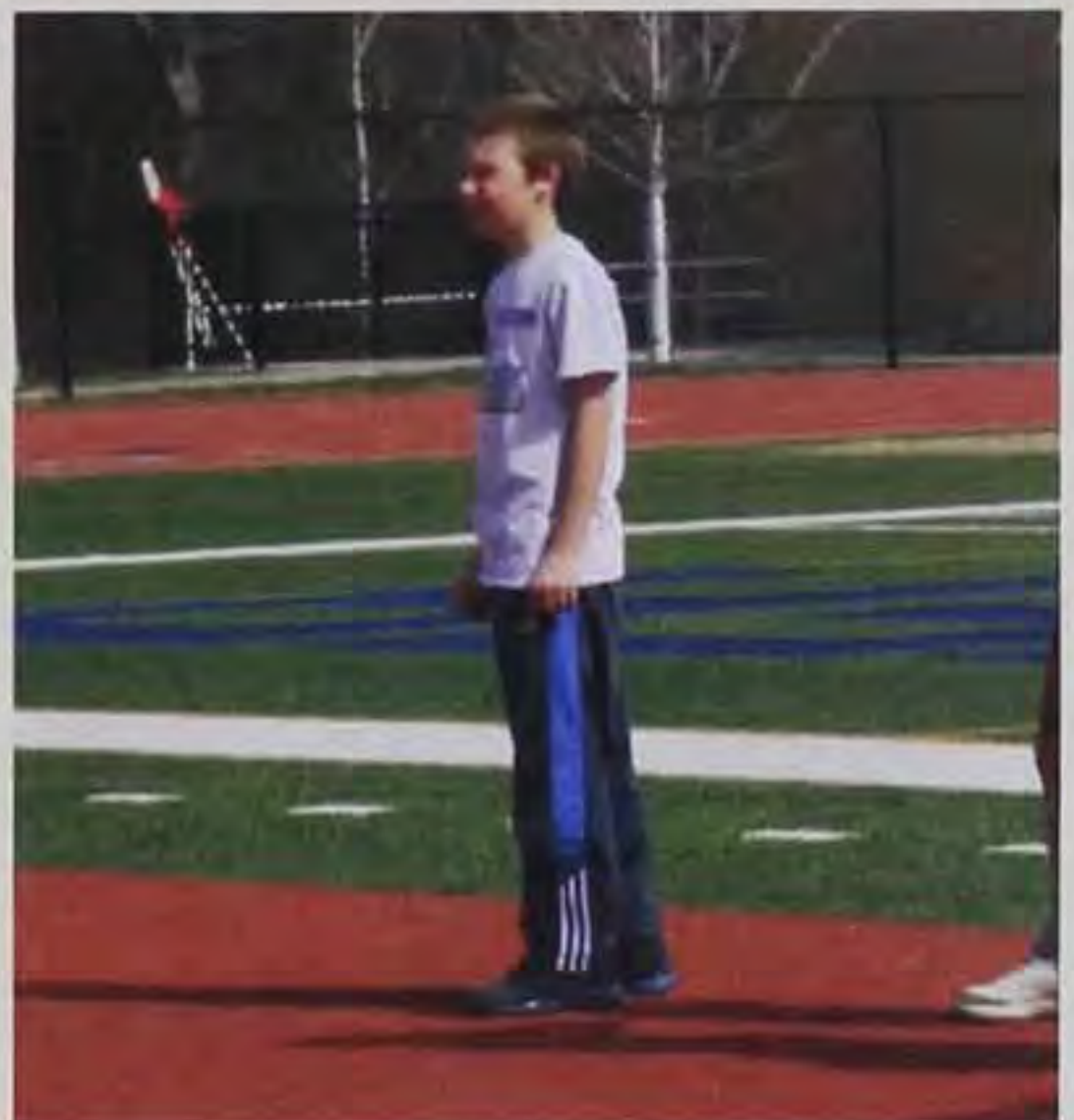
Patrick Agan, eighth grade, stretches before track practice. Agan participated in the high jump which was one the most popular events among the middle school boys.



Harry Medler, eighth grade, jumps over the high jump pole during the middle school boys track practice.

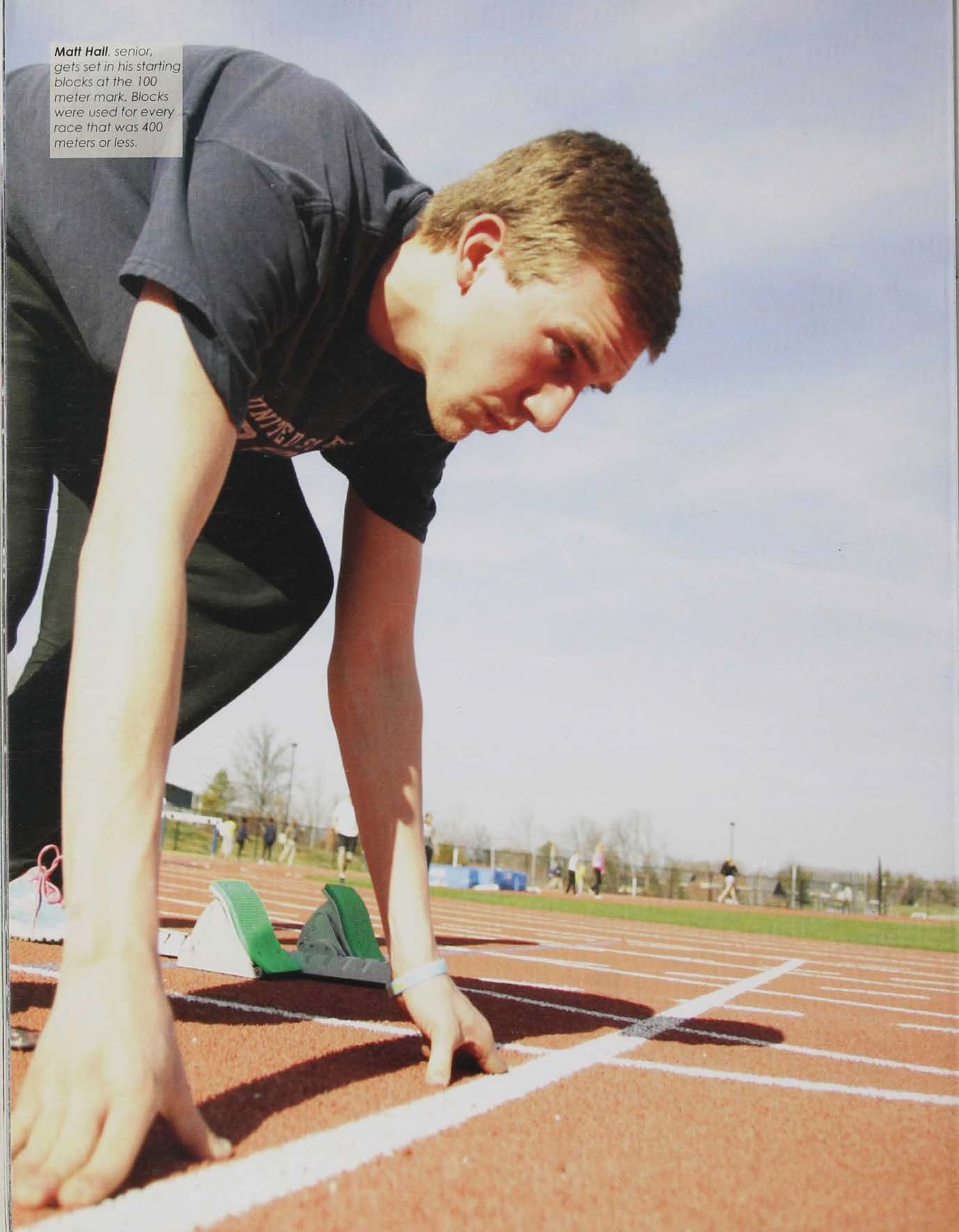


During the middle school track practice, **L.B. Battle**, seventh grade, jumps over the hurdle while his teammates watch to see if he makes it over.



Getting ready to sprint towards the high jump pole, **Sam Dare**, seventh grade, focuses on how he is going to make sure he does not scratched.

Matt Hall, senior, gets set in his starting blocks at the 100 meter mark. Blocks were used for every race that was 400 meters or less.



Time Trial

Those who play sports know that they must be ready for any unexpected turn of events. The Varsity Men's Track and Field team lived this lesson out when they walked into practice on Tuesday, April 2nd. As they sat down ready for a workout, Coach Jeffrey stood up and told them that the track meet they thought was on Thursday was actually happening that day.

Many of the runners were not prepared for a track meet and had to make arrangements to get track spikes and uniforms. "I had to call my mom to tell her that I needed my uniform and spikes. I was a bit nervous for the meet since I hadn't had time to prepare," said Jordan Hawkins, freshman.

The runners drove to the Webster Groves track in hopes that they would not miss their races. The first event up was the 4x800, and Westminster had a team participating. The race started at 4:00, and that is exactly when the team pulled up. Jon Lauer, sophomore was a part of this relay team and said that, "It was a huge challenge especially when I wasn't warmed up. With track, it's a mental game, and you have to push through the challenges."

The track meet wore on, and the Westminster men's runners were able to slowly warm up and run their hardest. While the runners became physically ready for the races, mental preparation would normally take all day, and that was one thing the racers did not have. Matt Hall, senior, said that "I was scared I wasn't going to be able to run my races to my best ability." The Westminster team ended up having a rough, but strong, first meet that led to many good meets during the rest of the season.

Put Your Sweats On!

Coach Jeffrey, the new head track coach, had a very strict "Sweats On" policy. If it was below 70 degrees, the track team had to put full sweats on. If, by chance, a team member would forget his sweats, he would have to do 50 push-ups.

Seveeeeeeen!

Coach McNeil, the new assistant head coach and jumping instructor, lead the team in stretching after every day's workout. The stretching was rough for the less flexible men track runners. McNeil always counted for the team.



Alex Rideout, senior, rockets out of the starting blocks during practice. The track team spent a lot of time practicing starts.

Jordan Hawkins, freshman, kicks it in down the last stretch of the men's open 400 meter dash.



Myles Bakewell, freshman, practices the shot put during practice. The throwers warmed up with the sprinters every day and went on to do a separate workout. Some days, the throwers would run an abridged version of the sprinters workout.



Jon Lauer, sophomore, catches MICDS's Tilman Bartelsmeyer in the 4x400 meter relay. Lauer started the season with distance, but transferred to sprinting.



Taylor Freiner, senior, paces himself on the 3200 meter run. The men and women ran together at the MICDS meet due to a low number of participants.



Steven Davis, senior, throws the discus from the pit. There are two throwing events in Track and Field: shot put and discus. Many of the Westminster throwers practiced both events to increase the number of points they would win at track meets.

Trey Merritt, sophomore, jumps over the hurdle during a 200 meter run. Merritt was the only men's hurdler on the Westminster track team. Besides doing the hurdles, Merritt was a part of the 4x100 and 4x200 team.
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Jeremy Ebert, senior, drives the ball off the tee box. "We go out, we play hard and have fun, but no round is complete without a trip to Taco Bell. Some of us can play great on the course, but legends are made off the course," said Ebert.



Still Swinging

Shouldering a demanding schedule and playing as much golf as anyone, this year's swing players were happy to help the team anywhere they could. Anchored by a strong core of juniors alongside one newcomer, Austin Benefield, Greg Fleissner,



Sam Bettlach, juniors, and Zach Hughes, freshman, contributed throughout the year on both the Varsity and JV teams. Though usually rotating around the top spots on JV, low scores in a match one day could've easily earned you a spot in the next Varsity match.

Lining up a putt on the green, **Drake Norman**, senior, examines his line. As a returning Varsity player, Norman proved his worth with a season and match best top score of 37 to sweep John Burroughs school in the regular season, 2-0.



Steven Matzig, sophomore, follows through his drive at Sunset Hills Golf Club. Matzig returned to JV for his second year. "What I love most about golf is approaching the tee with my driver and smacking the ball straight out to the fairway!" said Matzig.

Right above: **Nick George**, sophomore, brings his hands through and punches the ball out of the rough at Bellerieve. George finished with the top score at the Bellerieve match against Whitfield, pencilling in a 39, and sealing a Westminster win.



Right below: **J.D. Klein** concentrates on reading the green at Bellerieve Country Club. Klein was known on the team for his creative nicknames referring to all incoming freshman. "He calls Hughes 'Bross.' I don't really know why," said Greg Fleisner, junior and teammate.



Fresh Faces

In the last four years, WCA men's golf has placed in the top three in state four times. With this pedigree, the boys entered this season with the burden of high expectations on their backs. To contribute to the weight of this heavy order, four out of the five previous varsity starters graduated in 2012. The majority of varsity golf's roster was filled in with players that played JV last year.

From the get go, varsity's new slew of talented juniors and seniors impressed. In varsity's first 18 hole outing, Nick George, junior, shot a 1 over par 71. "It was the best round I've ever had. I think I played so well just because I was having fun and wasn't stressed about the round at all. I didn't even have to think about each shot," said George.

On the same day, in varsity's first match, newcomer and senior Brendan Terbrock contributed the top 9 hole score with a 38 and pushed his team forward to a victory over John Burroughs. Terbrock had never played WCA golf before, but didn't allow that to stop him, quickly becoming one of the team's lowest scorers. Terbrock contributed several counting rounds in the regular season, including multiple 41's, a 39, and a 37.

In another varsity debut, exchange student, Sea Sirislip, senior, originally from Taiwan, pencilled in an 83 on 18 holes to tie with sophomore, Drew Port, for the team's lowest score.

Fresh faces in the team stepped up to the plate and filled in all gaps left by the graduates last year. The seasons will change eventually, and these faces will once again give way to new ones. These new faces, however, will come in ready to continue a legacy.

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Drew Port, sophomore, watches the ball flight of a green-side pitch. Port started on varsity in 2012 as a freshman and this year was Varsity's only returning starter. He contributed to Wildcat wins over John Burroughs and Chaminade with his two top rounds, shooting 39 both times.



Graham Stanfill, sophomore, tees off at Sunset Hills Golf Course. Stanfill was a second year contributor on JV and very well respected by his teammates. "Graham's a decent guy and has a lot of skill around the green," said Tripp Worley, sophomore, and teammate of Stanfill.

Michael Failoni, sophomore, pitched to start off the JV game against SLUH. "This season has been so great, I have loved getting closer to the freshmen on the team that I wouldn't have known otherwise," said Failoni.



Connor Hafenichter, freshman, takes his warm up swings before his at bat. "Connor was a good leader for our team, and always encouraged us when we were down," said teammate **Zach Shultz**, freshman.



Nathan Scott, sophomore, plays in the outfield during a JV game. "Playing outfield is my favorite because you never know what is going to happen. It keeps me on my feet," said Scott.



John Pottebaum, freshman, runs to steal second base. "I play on a summer team, and it really helped prepare me for this season," said Pottebaum.

"The JV Baseball team really focuses on having fun while getting as many W's as we can. I have really had a lot of brotherly bonding with a lot of the guys on my team that I've never even talked to before."

-Nathan Scott, sophomore

Pregame Injuries

Before the JV baseball team's first game, the boys practiced hard every day. At the beginning of the season, there was a foot of snow on the ground. Due to the snow, the boys could not practice outside, so they were stuck in the gym. During one of these practices, the boys had a chance to joke around. They all decided to take a break from baseball, and play some basketball.

"We were having so much fun, just joking around during our break," said Jacob Chimento, sophomore.

It was all fun and games until Chimento fell and his face got caught on Josh Ray's, freshman knee. Jacob ended the game with stitches under his eye, and a lot of pain.

"I felt so bad, but at the same time it was funny," said Ray. The boys ended their game early, as Chimento had to stop his face from bleeding.

"It wasn't a good start to the season, but I was still able to play in our first game, so it worked out. I learned never to trust Josh when we're playing against each other in any sport," said Chimento.



Logan McCall, freshman catches for the freshman team. McCall was one of the few boys who played both on the freshman and JV teams.

Jack Linton, freshman, took his first at bat of the season. Many baseball games were canceled due to weather during the season and it was difficult to fit all the games in.



Michael Aldredge, freshman, plays first base in the freshman team's game against Desmet, which they lost 5-9.

Luke Matheny, sophomore, pitched for a winning JV game. Matheny was on Varsity for the season, but swung down to help the JV team.



Jacob Chimento, sophomore, throws the ball in from the outfield. "The season didn't start off too great since I had to get stitches for my face right before our first game, but it ended up being a great season," said Chimento.



Nathan George, freshman, takes his first at bat at home to kick off the season. George was on the freshman baseball team. "We picked each other up as a team. We all love the game and played it for the right reasons. We play for Christ. This team was like a family to me," said George.

Bryce Bell, senior, sprints off third base in preparation to tag home. Bell scored the Wildcats first run in this game against John Burroughs.



Tyler Catlett, junior, anticipates a pitch from the John Burroughs pitcher.

Preparing to swing his bat, **Caleb Hicks**, junior, anticipates the pitch. The Wildcats won this game against Principia by a score of 3 to 1.



Davis Vanderslice, senior, pitches to his opponent from Principia. "Pitching is the best part of baseball by far. When you're playing, you're a part of nearly everything that happens on the field," said Vanderslice.

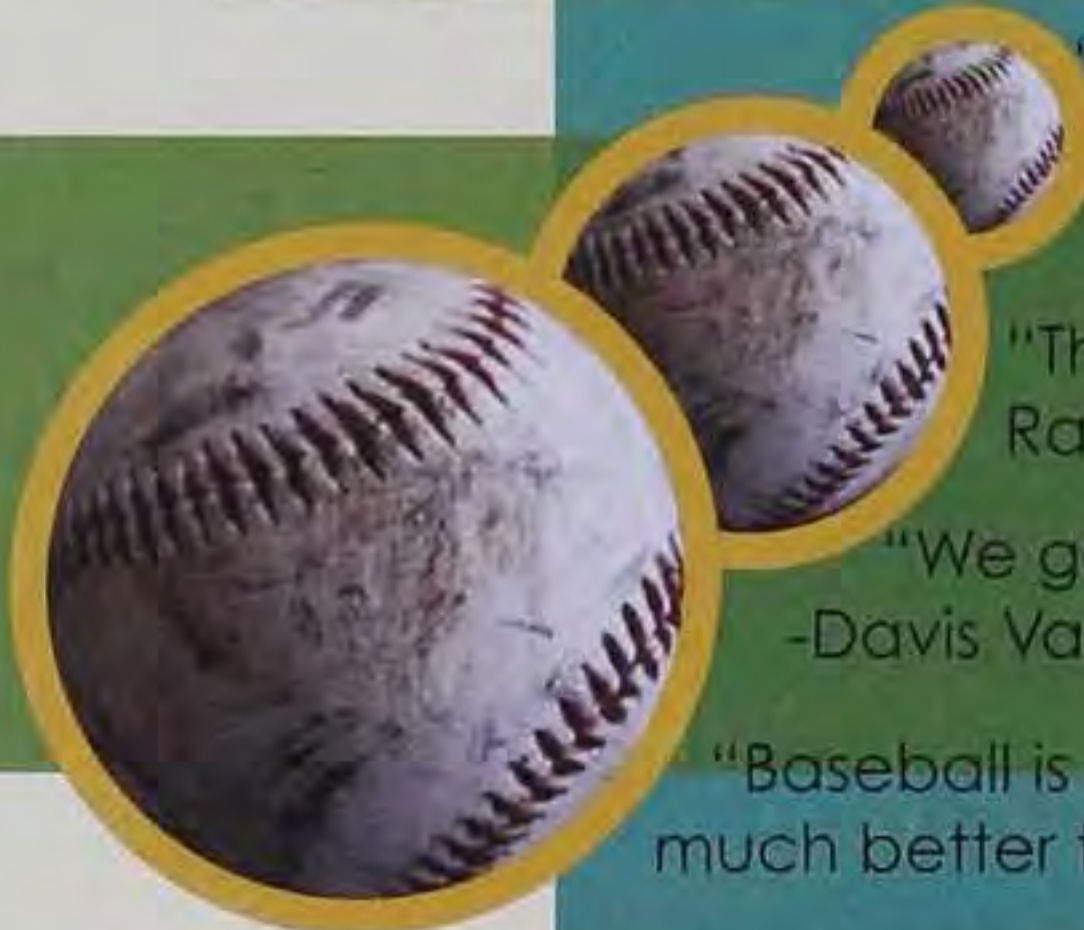


3 Times The Optimism

For the past two years, the Westminster Varsity baseball team has reigned as state champions and the team was optimistic about how they would perform in the 2013 season as well. "I am very confident that we will make a huge run this year like we have the last two years. I believe we will win this year. We have plenty of talent and we play together as a team," said Shane Benes, junior. Other players also displayed a similar positive attitude.

As they set goals at the beginning of the season, the team looked at the skills of their players. Davis Vanderslice, senior, set his sights high for the expectations he had for his team. "My goals for the team are to have a great record, hard work ethic, and obviously to Three-peat," said Vanderslice. In past seasons, the team had continually accomplished these challenging objectives.

The seniors who returned to the team proved up to the task of replacing the seniors from last year. "We returned a lot of key players from last year, and we expect to compete for another state championship," said Jordan Smith, junior. These players provided high hopes to the team that they would make it to state. Since over half the team consisted of juniors, they were trained to lead the team to success next season as well.



"My favorite part about baseball is the chemistry I get to see develop between the team." -Bryce Bell, senior

"The guys on our team are like brothers." -Travis Ralls, junior

"We get along like eighteen peas in a pod." -Davis Vanderslice, senior

"Baseball is a game of failure so when you succeed it feels much better than any other sport." -Shane Benes, junior

Andrew Colgrove, junior, watches a high ball fly into the outfield to make sure he has time to reach third base. Colgrove played first base for the varsity baseball team.



Shane Benes, junior, puts on his glove as he and his teammates wait for the inning to begin.



Brett Bond, junior, catches a ball pitched to him by Ben Lovell, senior.



Nick Ridenhour and **Davis Vanderslice**, seniors, talk and laugh in the dugout as the Wildcats take the field for a new inning.

Ben Lovell, senior, pitches to a John Burroughs hitter on April, 16. Lovell was the number one pitcher on the team and had previously help his team win two state championships.

From The Classroom

Twenty-nine years ago, Rich Van Gilst accepted a job to teach math at Westminster. However, he later discovered that Westminster was in need of a baseball coach and jumped at the opportunity. In 2013, he was honored for his coaching abilities by being inducted into the Missouri Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. The ceremony for this induction took place in Jefferson City. In his successful coaching



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career, Van Gilst's teams had won two Class 3 Championship in the 2011 and 2012 seasons, and six players under his coaching had been drafted. In addition to these accomplishments, Van Gilst had received several other awards including the MHSBCA Class 3 "Coach of the Year" award in 2011 and the NHSBCA Region 5 "Coach of the Year" award in 2012.

Corey Weinberg, sophomore, plays a doubles match with his partner Matthew Goebel. It was Weinberg's first year playing tennis.



Smash!

"During tennis when someone lobs the ball over the net I scream 'juju smash!' at them," said Julian Adams, sophomore. Because of his silly attitude, he was been nicknamed juju bear by his teammates.

While focusing on the ball, **Austin Mathai**, sophomore, hits back to the opponent. "This team is fantastic. Everyone's super friendly and willing to help people improve their game which I think is highly respectable" said Mathai.



Julian Adams, sophomore, serves during a home match. "My favorite part about tennis is serving because it is fun," said Adams.



Joey Hobaugh, plays mini tennis during a Wednesday practice. This year is the largest JV tennis team the school has ever had.



Miles Hehner, freshman, hits the ball back to his opponent from Marquette. The team won the match with a score of 8-4.



Matthew Goebel, sophomore, follows through after hitting back to his opponent. "Tennis is my favorite sport because it is fun and a sport I can play for the rest of my life," said Goebel..



wizzler thursdays

For most sport teams, practices on Thursdays are no different from any other day of the week. For the JV tennis team, however, Thursdays always included a bonus: Twizzlers.

After or before Thursday practices, the JV tennis boys enjoyed eating Twizzlers. "My favorite part about being on the tennis team is Twizzler Thursdays because it is always a fun practice," said Austin Mathai, sophomore. "The team looked forward to Twizzler Thursdays because we love getting snacks on game days and with Twizzler Thursdays, we also get a snack for practice," said Corey Weinberg, sophomore.

The origin of Twizzler Thursdays started three years ago as a method of keeping the boys excited about coming out for tennis practices and something to look forward to at the end of a long week. "It puts a smile on their face, a bounce in their step and accelerates the team bonding experience," said Coach Franz.

She decided to start Twizzler Thursdays since parents bring snacks for the boys' matches and she saw how excited they got. After this, she started Twizzler Thursdays and plans to carry on the tradition for years to come.



Practicing his forehand **Sung Jin Cho**, junior, plays a practice match. Before the team starts practice, they warm up with a partner by passing and serving to each other.

Ben Saltmiras, serves the ball during a home match. Before every match, the team counts one to four in Korean.



During a Tuesday practice, **Joonsok Lee**, freshman, practices his back hand. "My favorite part about playing on the tennis team is we all have really good relationships on the team," said Lee.





Jonah Anderson, senior, smashes a overhead with precise accuracy. At the Metro Tournament, Jonah finished fourth with a win over his Principia opponent.

MICDS BBQ

Since Westminster's tennis program started up, Westminster had never hosted the school rivals, MICDS, but as a result of the new facilities, Westminster had the honor of hosting the rival school. In celebration of this, the tennis captains Nathan Arnold and Hunter Hughes planned a Barbecue with the help of their coach, Nathan Talley. Although in the end Westminster did not win the match, it was a big success because the community became closer.

Beyond the Court

Senior captains Hunter Hughes and Nathan Arnold wanted the varsity tennis team to do more with their season than play tennis: they wanted the team to become a community and go outside of Westminster and serve the community. "We thought as captains that there is nothing that brings people closer together than serving together and really trying to humble ourselves amidst each other and other people," said Arnold.

After much thought, the captains decided to give back to the community through Sunshine Ministries. "Tennis is a sport that can easily become all about you," said Hughes, "but we felt that we should serve someone else for a change and Sunshine Ministries seemed like a great way to practice that."

In the end, the service project was a big success. The team went to Sunshine Ministries and served food and gave a short devotion with music. This idea to become a team that cared about more than just themselves was a success that would be carried on for years to come.

Jay Pannkuk, senior, warms up his serve in his doubles match with **Grant Kitchens**, junior. This duo lost a hard fought match in a super tiebreaker.



Sam Hunsicker, freshman, gets set to hit a volley back at his opponent. As a swing player, Hunsicker played on both JV and Varsity.

Andrew Montgomery, freshman, hits a groundstroke with pinpoint accuracy. Montgomery was ranked second overall for the Cats.



Bailey Merkel, junior, hits a giant groundstroke in his MICDS match. For the second year in a row, Merkel was on the top court for the Wildcats.

Zak Kessel, senior, hits his serve at the Metro League Tournament. Kessel had a hard time finding snacks to eat because he was allergic to wheat.

Grant Kitchens, junior, launches his serve at his MICDS opponent. Kitchens was known within the team for his famous diving volleys.



Bailey Merkel and **Derek Bell**, juniors, watch their teammates play in the Metro League tournament. Merkel and Bell were doubles partners in the tournament.



While warming up for his match, **Nathan Arnold**, senior, speaks with his opponent. Nathan was a senior captain along with Hunter Hughes.





Bradley Almus,
junior, blocks a spike
against Fort Zumwalt
West. Although the
Wildcats lost, the
match went to three
games, and the Wild-
cats only lost by two
in the last game.



"I always look forward to playing volleyball. It's my favorite part of the day."
-Josh Behm, sophomore



Blake Sutphen, sophomore, serves a ball before the game begins. Sutphen was a leader on the team since it was his second year playing volleyball for Westminster.

New Kid on the Block

Amon Kehr, sophomore, was brand new to the game of Volleyball as of the 2013 Spring season. Never before had he touched a volleyball in his life, yet he was willing to try out. "Trying out for a sport in high school is really nerve-wracking, let alone one that is totally new to you," said Kehr.

Kehr had no idea just how essential he would become to the team, though. The JV men's volleyball team only had seven players on it, with just one sub who was the libero. When Blake Sutphen, sophomore, injured his hand, a Varsity player was pulled down to help out the team and Kehr's skills were immediately put to the test.

Despite the disheartening loss of Sutphen, the team still came out on top with a four game winning streak at the beginning of their season. "I was kind of worried for my first game, but once we started playing all my nerves went away," said Kehr.

By the end of the season, Kehr had picked up the sport with ease. "Even though he had never played before he was a quick learner," said Ricky Breneman, sophomore. The whole team would agree that his addition to the team was only a positive one. "Amon is a great addition to our team. Without him, we probably wouldn't be able to have a team," said Josh Behm, sophomore.



Ricky Breneman, sophomore, sets the ball to his teammate. This was during the first game of the men's JV volleyball season in which they won against Chaminate in two games. The final score was 25-20, 25-9.



Ben Gienke, sophomore, peppers with his partner, **Josh Behm**, sophomore. Since Behm was the libero for the team, Gienke would spike the ball at him to warm him up.



Miles Tucker, junior, warms up before the game against Chaminate. This was their first game of the season, and they came out with the win.



During the game against Fort Zumwalt West, **Amon Kehr**, sophomore, sets the ball over the net. Kehr was one of five sophomores that played on the men's JV volleyball team.



Josh Behm, sophomore, prepares for his first game of the season. Behm was the libero on the team and therefore could only play back-row.

S tacked

"Most of us have been playing with each other since freshmen year, so we know each others strengths and weaknesses," said Drew Pfyl, senior. A lot of advantages come on and off the court when you have a team with kids that have been playing together for 3 or more years. Over half the team had been together on varsity for this long. Every year had built up to their senior year. They had been working out the kinks and making everything just right.

"With this team we have our faults, but when we come together, we're unbeatable," said Cameron Hibbler, sophomore.

What made this team so dynamic was the team bonding they did before every game. A new activity they did was bible studies that the seniors put on. This wasn't just a normal bible study between one team, but they invited the opposing team in on the study.

"We have had many people come and join us and it is a great way to speak to other teams," said Pfyl. So not only ere they winning games, but they were doing it honestly, fairly, and with good sportsmanship.

Zack Lokey, senior serves the ball over the net. Lokey played middle hitter for three rotations.



Seniors : 6

Juniors : 3

Sophomores: 2

"I want to leave a mark on Westminster volleyball... make a difference."
- Mitch Penning, senior.

Senior Stacked



Mitch Penning, senior, prepares to make a kill. Penning, the middle blocker, committed to play college volleyball at Pepperdine University.



Top: Jared Muenks, junior, jumps as he prepares to spike the ball. Coming from never playing volleyball, Muenks started playing his sophomore year and was a starter on varsity by the time he was a junior.



Top: Ian Sutherland, senior, passes the ball. Sutherland played right back, as the defensive specialist.



Daniel Prada, senior, smashes the ball into the opponent's court. Prada has been on varsity for two years.

Left: Daniel Pollmann, senior, shakes hands with the opponent's hands after the game. This was Pollmann's fourth year playing volleyball for Westminster.



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VOLLEYBALL

Drew Pfyl, senior, sets the ball to the middle. **Zach Lokey**, senior. "It's a lot of work because if I do bad, our team can't win, but I love the pressure," says Pfyl.

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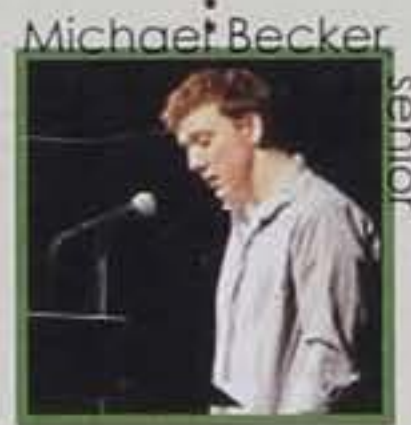


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Isabella Ortiz, seventh



Anna Huynh, freshman



Julie Griesedieck, eighth



Harrison Greer, freshman



Eddie Griesedieck,

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Andrew George, junior



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