

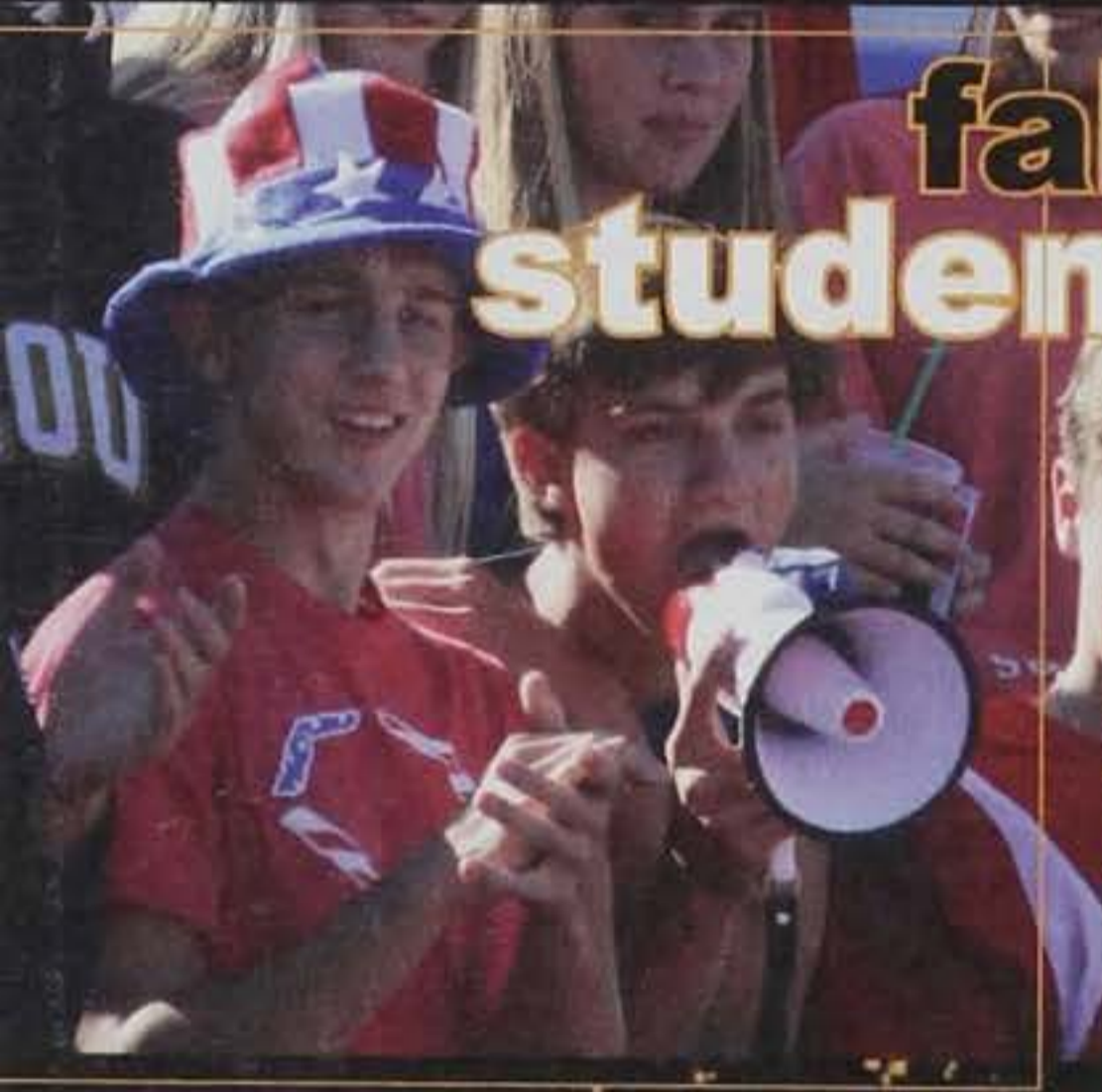
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Every year students are challenged with the choice to fade into the background or to stand out. A collection of students displayed their talents at this year's variety show, including Running with Scissors, a band of nine students. With trumpeters and DJs, their eclectic talents turned out to be anything but a conventional performance. Running with Scissors was just one of the many student groups that used their creativity to exceed expectations.




“We all met in Jazz Band and once we realized that we could bring all our different talents together to put on one epic performance, we practiced as much as we could,” said Christian McGhee, sophomore.

and now

We stand out



Running With Scissors band members Haley Weinberg, junior, Brennan Murphy, junior, Neil Sutherland, junior, and Matthew Hoekzema, sophomore



Gifts turned into passions, and passions turned in to devotion. When students made a team, joined a club, or thrived in a class they learned where they were gifted. The girls on the dance team were completely devoted to their passions. The dance team had always been exceptional and had placed in the state competition four years in a row.

"Our whole team is wholly devoted to being the best we can be. I love having teammates by my side who want to improve as much as I do," said Sinclaire Davis, junior.

Many students, athletes, artists, and leaders hoped that their passions would lead them to be the best that they could be.

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We pursued passions



Holly Gilmore, sophomore,
Grace Wickham, senior, and
Sinclair Davis, junior.



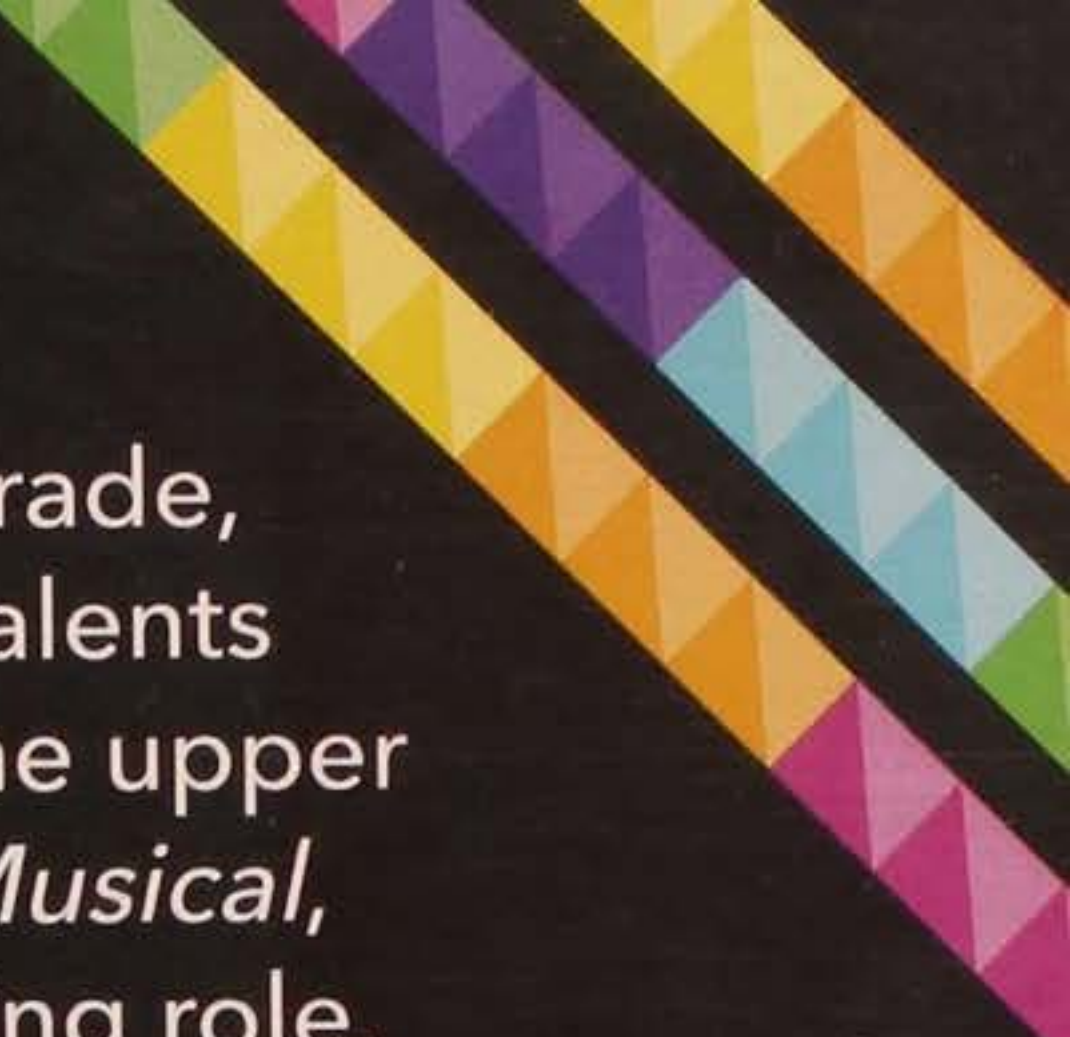
Bonded by nothing more than their age, every grade at Westminster hoped to develop into something more. When students realized that their time in high school was limited, they wanted to erase the divides that separated classmates. So, on a Thursday morning, they gathered for a pancake breakfast. **"It was awesome to hang out with everyone in my class in a relaxed, fun social setting. I talked to some new kids that I never would have before,"** said Ethan Davitt, sophomore. While there will always be divisions in every class, Westminster students were striving to come together as a community this year.

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We grew closer

Hannah Geisz
and Drew
Straub, seniors,
in *Seussical the
Musical*.





Allison Broadhurst, eighth grade, boldly used her gifts and talents this year. She auditioned for the upper school musical, *Seussical the Musical*, and was casted as Jojo, a starring role. She was the first eighth grader to ever star in an upper school play. "She put on an incredible performance," said Hannah Geisz, senior, who also starred in *Seussical* as Gertrude McFuzz.

"At first it was really nerve wracking because there weren't many kids my age in the play, but everyone was so welcoming," said Broadhurst.

She had past experience working at the Munny, which prepared her for this role. "I didn't know if people would think that me playing this role was a bad thing because of my age, but everyone was really supportive of it," said Broadhurst.

Broadhurst ignored both her age and nerves, took a chance, and managed to delivered an amazing performance.

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**we accepted the challenges
that faced us.**

Tough Mudders

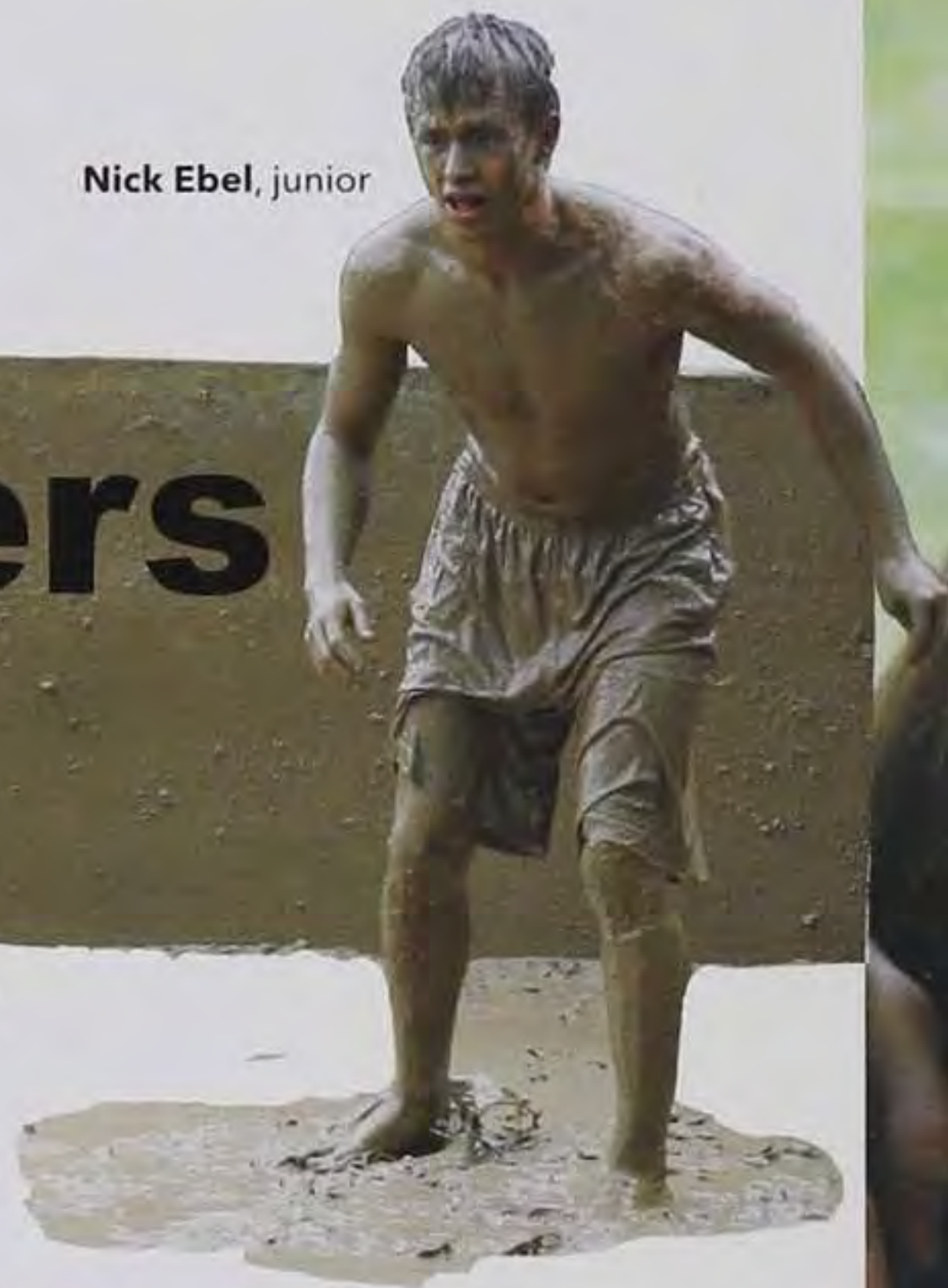
To be a leader, you must be well grounded even when pitted against tough situations. You must be willing to get your hands dirty. At the leadership retreat, the leaders of Westminster Christian Academy took it one step further and got their whole bodies dirty.

During one of the free times at the retreat after a short rain shower, most students played nine square and volleyball. No one thought to play gaga ball. Gaga ball is a game played in an octagonal wooden structure with a dirt floor where the object of the game is to hit the ball with anything but your feet. If the ball touches your feet or shins, you are out. The gaga ball courts were completely filled with water and was a recipe for disaster.

Sometimes disasters are the most memorable moments. "I got out in nine square, and I wanted to keep playing. I saw the mud pit, and I decided to go for it" said Nick Ebel, junior.

"Our whole bodies were caked in mud. After we finished playing, we had to hose off and go straight to worship. It was so much fun" said Zach Shultz, junior. "And when I woke up the next morning, I found clumps of mud on my pillow." Westminster Student leaders had no regrets about getting into that pit. And, they learned a lesson that was as clear as mud: getting your hands dirty is totally worth it.

Nick Ebel, junior



Sam Hunsicker and Michael Alldredge, juniors.





Kathryn Hinrichs, Graham Stanfill, and Bo Thomas, seniors, pray together during the Leadership Retreat.



Isaiah 61:3

“They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.”



Drew Straub, senior prays during one of the small group times the retreat. Drew was the president of the senior class and was a good spiritual example for underclassmen and his peers.


Sam Thomas, senior kicks a volleyball to serve to the other team. A rather large sand volleyball game broke out during the retreat and the students were killing it out there. And they set each other up by being good leaders and teammates.

Moira Wright, Katherine Yenzer, and Alena Vermillion, sophomores, get together before worship. At the leadership retreat, there were many powerful worship sessions lead by Riley Adkisson and the chapel band. There were also strong, impacting messages from Dr. Sefrit and Dr. Stoner.

Getting set to serve the ball, **Hannah Haguewood**, sophomore, delivers a monster under handserve. Though she may not be the biggest person, she really packed a punch on the sand.



All the students received Oaks of Righteousness and recited Isaiah 61:3 at the beginning of the Leadership retreat. This was designed to let the students commit to being strong in Christ during their stints as class leaders.

A young man with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue t-shirt and light grey shorts, is captured in the middle of a powerful swing with a bright red bat. He is looking intently towards the right side of the frame. The background is a lush green lawn with long shadows cast across it, suggesting a sunny day. In the upper left corner, there is a yellow text box with a thin red border containing a short paragraph. The overall scene is outdoors and appears to be a recreational activity.

Blake Andrews, freshman, swings the bat during a game of whiffle ball at the freshman retreat. Andrews was one of the new freshman at Westminster this year, so the freshman retreat was a great place for him to meet fellow classmates.

Jessica Wilson freshman, and **Christina Steck**, freshman participate in a team bonding game during the freshman retreat.

Erik Bergman, freshman, throws the frisbee to his teammate in an intense game of ultimate frisbee.



Lauren Willis, freshman, plays whiffle ball during the freshman retreat at the beginning of the year.

Erin King, freshman, takes a break from the heat and works in the arts and crafts tent.

Trent Tarantino, freshman, plays frisbee golf at the freshman retreat.



Taylor Siebenman, freshman, guards **Preston Willis**, freshman, during a game of ultimate frisbee.

Brand New

Each new school year brings new and old faces. After months of summer, some students couldn't help, but be excited to see their friends again.

"It was really fun seeing all my friends again since I hadn't seen them for three months. It also was nice to meet some new people. There was a big change in social relations," said Davis Moore, eighth grade.

Not only were the students excited to see old faces, but they were eager to welcome any incoming students.

"At the beginning of the year it was interesting to see who all the new people became friends with and how the groups grew," said Jack Provin, eighth grade.

Going into freshman year, there was the stress of navigating high school and meeting all the new students.

"I enjoyed getting to know many new classmates," said Olivia Wuestner, freshman.

Teachers made it easier for the students to get to know each other.

"We did a who am I paper in bible and wrote poems about where we come from in English to get to know each other," said Frankie Sacco, freshman.

The school provided a way for students to get to know one another by having a freshman retreat. The retreat allowed all the freshman to meet new students and hang out together for an afternoon.

FACES

Nathrop, CO

Many churches used last summer vacation to build deep relationships between high school students. Retreats to new places were taken to refresh and renew students for yet another school year. Many Westminster students built closer friendships with not only students from other schools, but with students in their own school.

Church retreats proved to bring people together who normally wouldn't hang out in the school environment. Upperclassmen formed relationships with underclassmen, and the Westminster community learned to come together as one outside of the beige walls of school.

"I think it helped strengthen my relationship with other students by being able to experience the nature of Colorado with them, which is so different than St. Louis. Knowing the power of God is working in our school and our lives is amazing and I can see how he brought me closer to them" said Lily Duell, senior. Whether it be in Nathrop, CO or Destin, FL all students were able to say that the trips were worth remembering. "I'd say Destin is a really unique experience because I got close with people I don't normally hang out with at school. Even if we're completely different we can form a strong friendship" said Mary Grace Barber, junior.

Having the opportunity to be out of the school environment allowed students to build deeper relationships with each other. The beach and the mountains offered a relaxing and fresh environment free from school. Any student would say that their trip was worth it because of the friendships that resulted.

DESTIN, FL

Lucy Kehr and **Elisabeth Harding**, juniors.
Photo Credit: Lucy Kehr



Madison Massot, senior with **Allie Miller**, Marquette High School and **Madeline Seabaugh**, Lafayette High School on the beach in Destin, FL. Photo Credit: Madison Massot

Madison Stoecker, Angelina Steck, Sarah McFarland, Lily Duell, and Lara Yeast, seniors with their rock climbing instructor. Photo Credit: Madison Stoecker



Mary Grace Barber and **Alysse Tarantino**, juniors. Photo Credit: Mary Grace Barber



Angelina Steck, Lara Yeast, Madison Stoecker, Sarah McFarland, Ashton Kratky, Lily Duell, seniors. Photo Credit: Lara Yeast

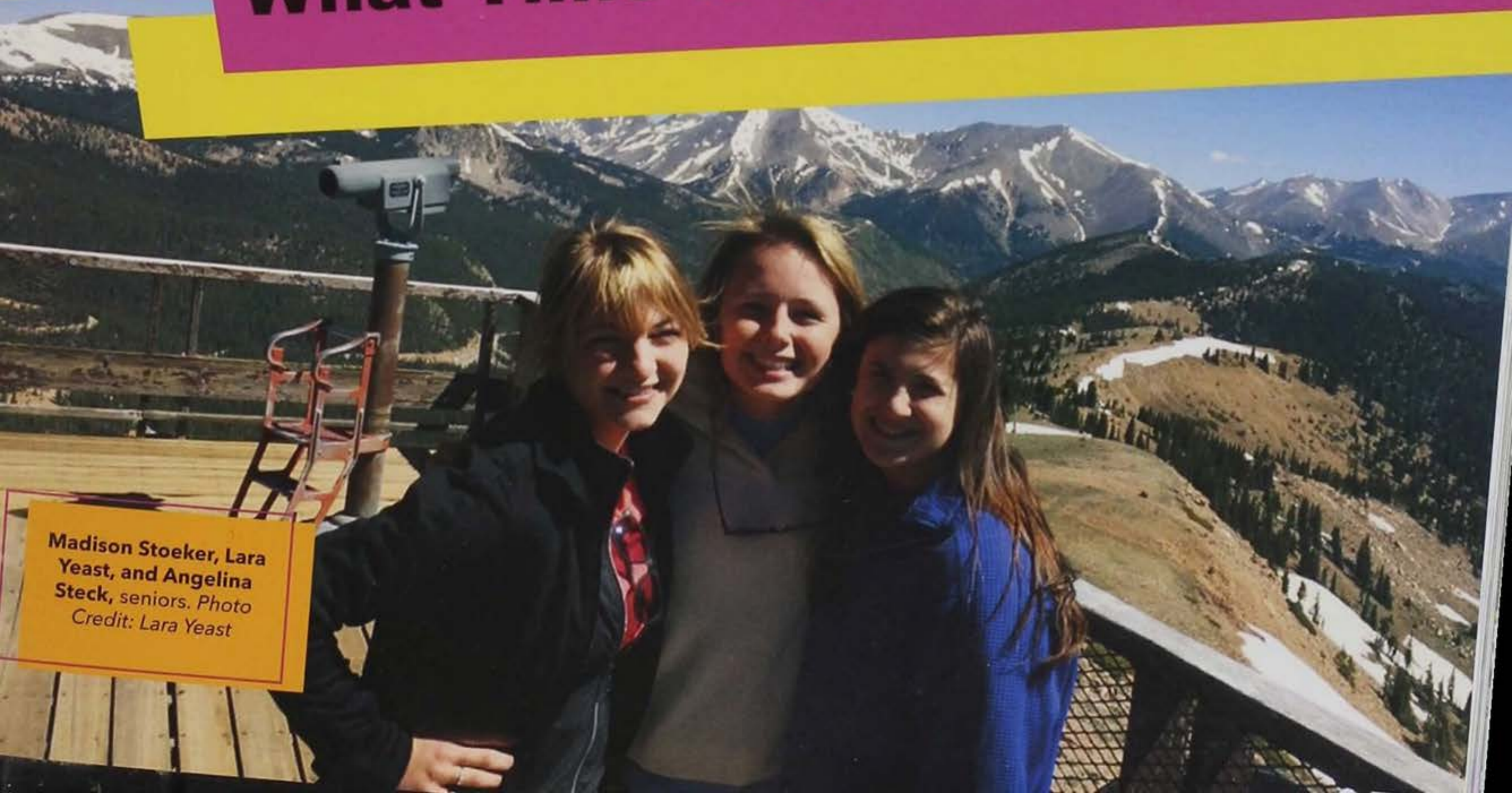


(Left to Right) Mary Grace Barber, Lucy Kehr, Elisabeth Harding, Alysse Tarantino, and Myles Bakewell, juniors, Robert Loaney, and Abby Nixon, class of 2014. Gracie Nye, and Brooke-Ellen Brugner, juniors.



What Time is it? Summer Time!

Madison Stoeker, Lara Yeast, and Angelina Steck, seniors. Photo Credit: Lara Yeast



Restoration

"We aren't just living on an Earth bound for destruction, but working to restore it," said Drew Port, senior, as he reminisced on lessons from his trip. All summer seminars included cores, lessons led by teachers, that challenged students to live and think differently. Port, along with 25 other rising seniors, were motivated by passionate cores from teachers on the trip in the Badlands of South Dakota.

The most memorable lesson for students on this trip was how Christians could work to restore the world and bring shalom into it. Mr. Smith and Mr. Knerr introduced this concept with the thought that when Jesus returns to reign on Earth, it will have been transformed by us and our decisions.

"The new heaven and new Earth are not separate ideas but one and the same. Because of this, we talked about how crucial it is to be good stewards of the world we live in," said Jacob Chimento, senior. This message hit home as students were engulfed with the immense beauty of creation.

In order to provide a tangible example, the group adventured to Dan O'Brian's buffalo ranch. O'Brian was working to restore the plains to what they used to be in Native American times. "We talked about how instead of just surviving in our broken world, we should work to make it a better place. While Dan O'Brian is not a Christian, he provided a great example of how to put this view into action," said Carl Simakoff, senior. There were many lessons learned and laughs shared on the trip making it an eye-opening and motivating experience for all.



Katherine Galvin, junior, sits with her VBS group in China. "VBS and the English camp showed me that you can make relationships with people even without anything in common," said Galvin.



Rachel Ritter, senior, celebrates finishing a grueling bike ride in South Dakota. "After biking roughly 75 miles in one day, you really start to question your limits and if you can make it one more minute," said Ritter.



Kaitlyn Kittelson, **Amon Kehr**, and **Matt Goebel**, seniors, rest after a long hike in Oregon.



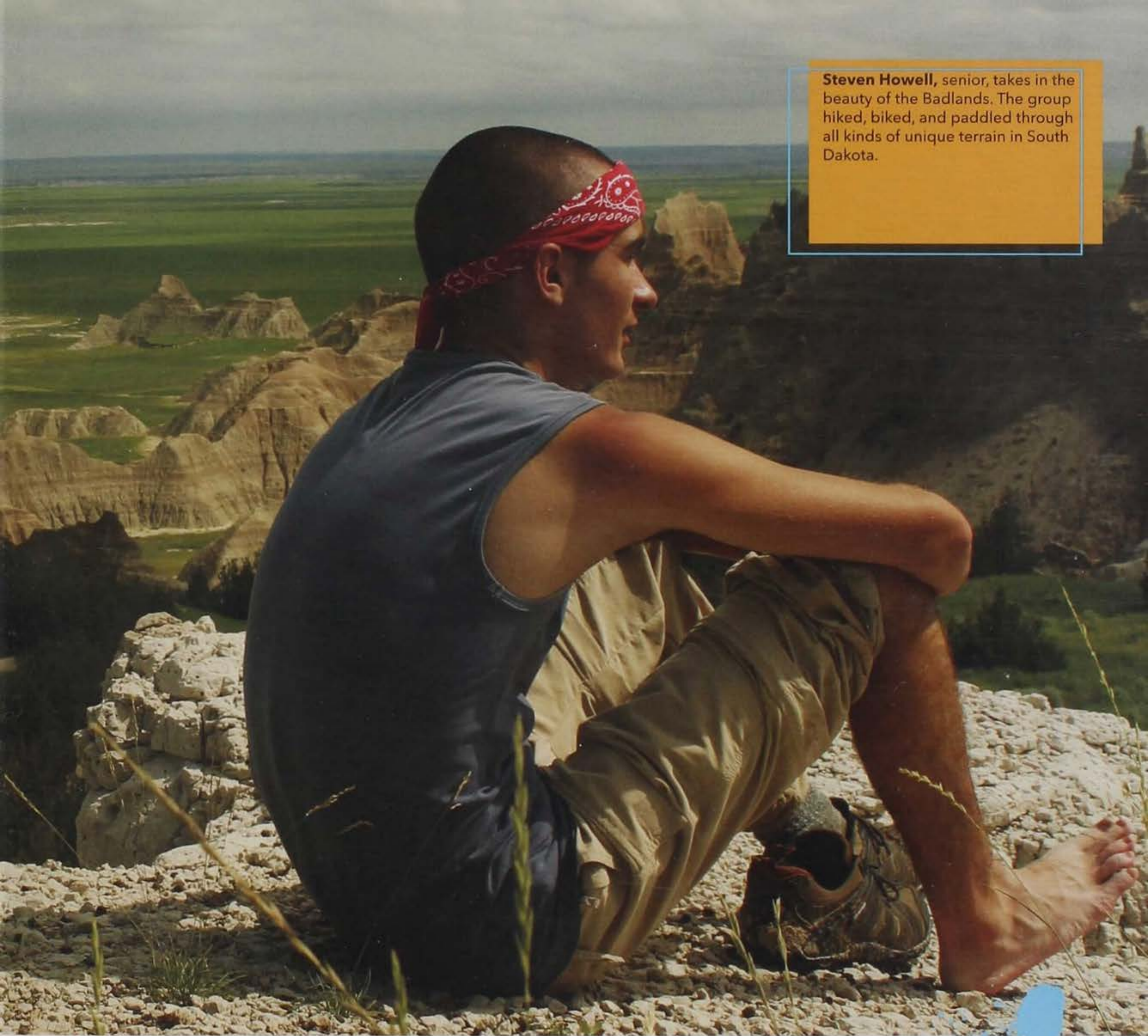
Izzy Haupfear and **Margo Koby**, juniors, endure the rain on the Leadership Summer Seminar. "On one hike, it was raining we lost our trail and hiked through this super dense forest. It took us three hours to cover half of a mile," said Haupfear.



The boys on the South Dakota Summer Seminar are excited to finish their long journey of paddling the Missouri River. To celebrate, everyone slept outside under the stars alongside the river.



Abi Hackman and **Joanna Disch**, seniors, hold a buffalo skull in the Badlands. They stumbled upon this unique treasure on their hike that day. The group found many other random things over the course of their long hikes.



Steven Howell, senior, takes in the beauty of the Badlands. The group hiked, biked, and paddled through all kinds of unique terrain in South Dakota.

Ethan Finn, senior, **Ciarra Peters**, senior, **Katherine Galvin**, junior, **Chrissy Talent**, senior, **Kaitlyn Melhouse**, junior, **Baxter Estes**, senior, and **Brennan Murphy**, junior in China.



Sydney Stillman, senior, and **Kaitlyn Kittelson**, senior pose for a picture in Oregon at the base of a mountain.



The Leadership Summer Seminar takes a quick break on the top of a mountain in Dolly Sods Wilderness Preserve.



Chrissy Talent, senior, hangs out with one of her VBS students.

Jack Southwell and **Carl Simakoff**, seniors, enjoy one another's company before dinner in the Badlands.



Ally Trakas, **Courtney Beat**, **Emily Sulewski**, and **Merilee Kaupfer**, seniors, celebrate finishing a challenging hike through the mountains of South Dakota.

Gracie Adams, junior, throws the ball to a teammate. Gracie mostly played quarterback for the Junior powder puff team. She was a big contributor to the team.



The senior powder puff team poses for a picture. The seniors beat the juniors in the flag football game. The seniors kept tradition and pulled out a win. Even though the weather was bad, the seniors still worked hard for their win.

Rain, Rain Go Away



Saenea Williams, senior, glides past the junior defenders to the end zone. She was one of two people to score a touch-down in the powder puff game.



Izzy Haupfear, junior, runs after **Charisse Williams**, senior, to pull her flag. Charisse scored the majority of the seniors touchdowns. She was good at sprinting past all of the juniors and leaving them in the dust.

In anticipation for carnival, powder puff and pride night were intense this year. Students put in a lot of work for this rainy spirit night. Fortunately, their hard practices paid off on the night of powder puff.

The juniors were determined to change tradition and beat the seniors. Even though they practiced in cold, rainy weather, they did not hold back in the game. "I was really competitive, so I tackled Saenea when she was running with the ball," said Clara Gruisen, junior. Powder Puff occurred on an evening of bad weather, but the junior and senior girls all played hard. The senior girls again achieved victory over the juniors by scoring two touchdowns more than them.

After powder puff, a large number of students gathered in the arena for a night of games, performances, and fun. Floor is lava and human spelling, also games played during spirit week, were an intense addition to pride night this year. The different fall sports teams challenged each other in the games. "A bunch of girls on the cheer team participated in the game. We struggled to get across the gym, but then established a strategy for the way back," said Neeve McMillin, eighth grade.

Pride night had a large overflow of people this year. The stands were filled and people piled on the floors surrounding the gym. Even though the arena was beyond crowded, pride was a good night for the community of Westminster families.



Olivia Holt, sophomore, gets pushed by her brother in the scooter competition. The game was more intense this past pride night because the competition was siblings against other siblings.



Neil Sutherland, junior, jumps after he runs through the tunnel of dancers and cheerleaders. Neil ran on the cross country team this past year. He exemplified his excitement of the success of the cross country team by his leap.



Jillian Klein, sophomore, tries not to touch the ground while stepping to the next carpet square. The floor is lava is a popular game for Westminster spirit nights. At community night, each athletic team faced each other in the game, which made it much more intense. The men's varsity swim team ended up winning the game.



David Montgomery, freshman, and **Isaac Pleus**, sophomore, participate in the floor is lava. They represented the cross country team in the game.



Lauren Lindgren, junior, runs to the end zone with the football. Lauren was one of the consistent players who ran the ball down the field with her speed.



Fun for Funds

Carnival is notoriously filled with everything high school students want: food, football, games, and Chik-fil-A.

"In comparison to other years at this campus... I thought this was the best one," said Saenea Williams, senior. Behind every booth and game, students dedicated their time and energy into funding their various causes.

"Carnival is always so much fun but it's always stressful trying to get everything organized for the booth and coming up with a fun game so people actually want to come," said Lara Yeast, senior.

At the end of the day, when all of the games were cleaned up, the money collected went to the different clubs represented. The Peer Counselors went outside the norm and used the funds collected to buy a Christmas dinner and presents for the family of a young, former convict mother.

The Ultimate Frisbee team used Carnival to get a jump-start on their season. Though the club has been around for several years, the team had only been around since last year. As a new team they did not have as many perks as other teams do.

"We needed the funds collected to pay for equipment for this Spring, and to make sure we could keep the entry fee down so anyone could play," said Graham Stanfill, senior.

Carnival provided students with a way to help others and often the purpose of Carnival was overlooked. Carnival was more than just fun and games to many of the clubs represented, it was a way to get funding and the support of a community for their endeavors.



Olivia Henderson, Alayna Merusiodis, and Lauren Lowe, sophomores, pose for a picture at their booth.



Kathryn Kramer, Charlie Wu, and Mollie Ottsen, freshmen, work at their booth during Carnival.



Courtney Beat, Merilee Kapfer, and Laura Yeast, seniors, work at the spirit club booth.

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Carnival



Senior **Christian Meeks** joins the pep band to pump up the student section at the Carnival game. This is the pep band's first year playing everything from pop music to classic songs at football games.



Left: **Chelsea Caplinger**, sophomore, works a photo booth on behalf of the sophomore class. Chelsea said, "It was stressful, but overall it wasn't too bad."



Bottom Left: **Andrew Van Horn**, sophomore, thinks carefully about his next move in an intense game of Chess. The Chess Club's Carnival booth had games set up for all to play.

Freshmen **Taylor Siebenman, Madeline Kugler, Emma Fiala, and Morgan Davis** volunteered to work the bake sale booth.



Lauren Bauer, freshman, represents Student Council in their tire game booth. Stuco focused on raising money for Christmas banquet.



Saenea Williams, senior, attempts to push past Nathan Duke, junior on one of Carnival's funnest games: The Bungee Run. Saenea said, "I liked Carnival a lot this year! I got to work the slide with Julia Johnson and that was a lot of fun! We got to 'test' it out a couple of times. I felt that we had a lot of good booths this year."



Drew Straub and Susie Brown



Bethany Stone



Hannah Geisz



Sofia Granata and Hannah Haqueewood

Daniel Johnson and **Noah Adair**, seventh grade, practice for their next concert. They both play one of the hardest instruments: the saxophone.



Colton Walpert, Jack Martin, Zach Benes, and Josh Scheibe, seventh grade, practice singing a song in chorus. Students in chorus have to focus a lot to be able to sing well.



Mitchell Farmer, eighth grade



Michael Lee, seventh grade

Middle School Arts

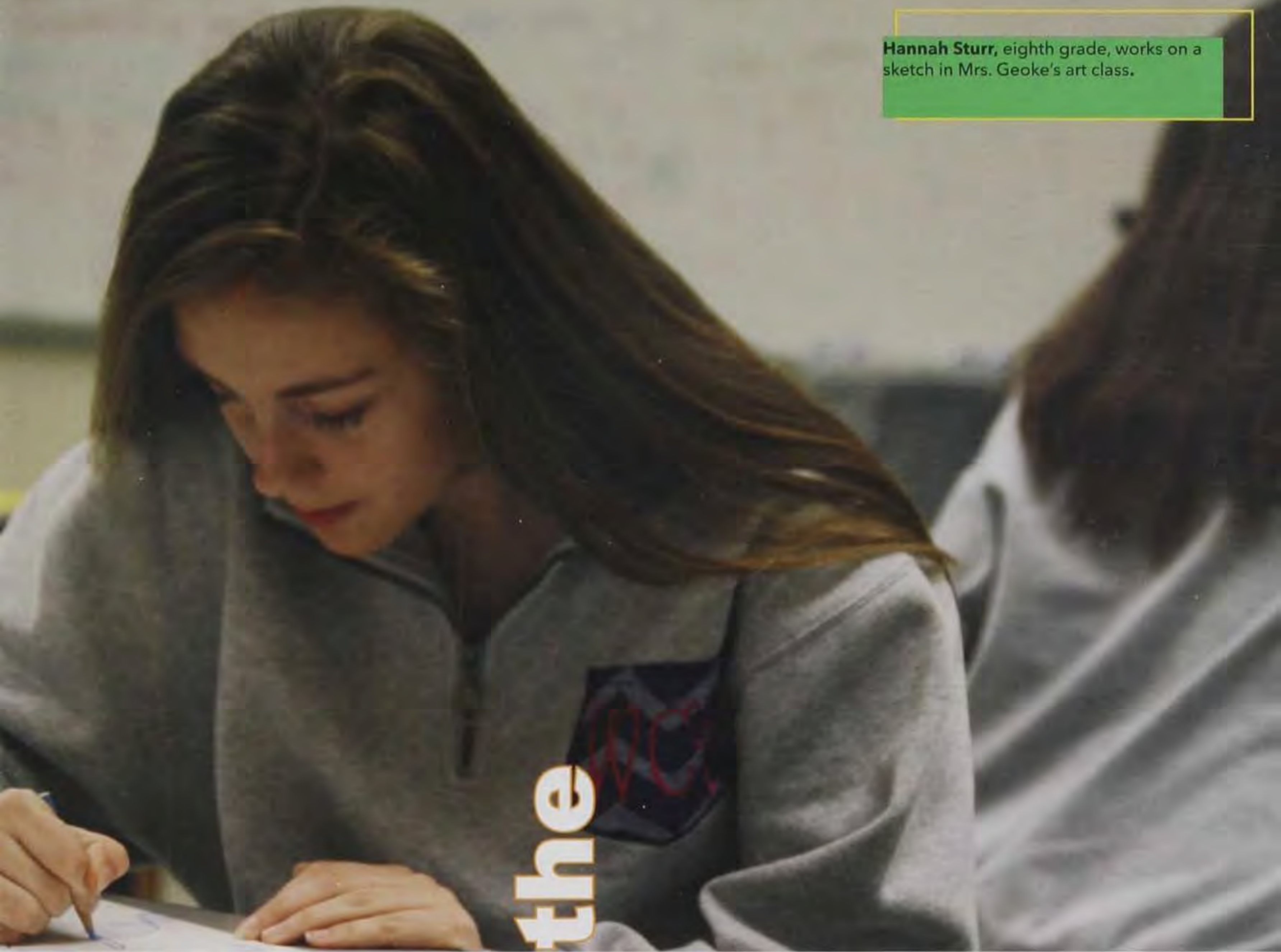


Hannah Rose, eighth grade, talks with Mrs. Vogel about her building pictures. The middle school art classes were all able to use prism colors for the first time.

Patrick Andrews, Chloe' Kellom, and Joshua Jones, eighth grade, all practice their instruments. All the band classes worked extremely hard for every concert.



Hannah Sturr, eighth grade, works on a sketch in Mrs. Geoke's art class.



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ALL ACROSS

Trying to refine extraordinary talent starting at the middle school level was difficult for many students. However for Raphaella Zavaglia, eighth grader, honing her skills of fine arts at this time of her life came naturally to her. One of Zavaglia's many talents was visual art.

"I have always done it, and it is really fun, I take art because there are a bunch of different mediums that you can use to express yourself," said Zavaglia. She not only excelled at art, but also sang and played the piano. She was highly skilled at both.

"With singing it is the same as art, but instead you can express yourself verbally through the songs" said Zavaglia. Although she worked very hard she still encouraged others to express themselves even if they were not specifically the best in any specific form of fine art.

"Whether you're good at the fine arts or not you can still express yourself through them," she said. Raphaella Zavaglia was an extremely talented artist, pianist, actor and singer, who used the programs offered at Westminster to improve further.



Savannah Arnold, eighth grade



Allison Braudhurst, Eighth grade, looks around nervously trying to find her way out of the surrounding lights. Braudhurst had been in multiple shows, including performances at the Mundy.



Allison Braudhurst as **Jo-Jo**



Savannah Arnold, Eighth grade, juggles pink silk as part of the circus during the show, followed by other circus acts such as gymnastics.

Haley Weinberg, Junior, **Kathryn Hinricks**, Senior, and **Klarissa Sheffield**, Junior, dance and sing as they strut across the stage. This vibrant trio added as a background choir for Gertrude (Geisz) and helped her out with her attempts at gaining Hortons love.



The Whos of Whoville sing their hearts out for their lost daughter to come back home. Each Whovian was decked out in flashy, bright, and silly attire to match their personalities.



Hannah Geisz, Senior, expresses out loud her feelings about Horton. During the show, Geisz' character tries multiple different tactics to get Horton to notice her.



Sabrina Cockerham

Sydney Stillman

Audrey Abbonizio

The Cat Is Back!



Horton had some big issues in his hands in the fall play

Seussical the Musical, including the small town of Whoville. The enthusiasm and the creativity of *Seussical the Musical* put on a show for Westminster like never before. The cast was one of the largest casts that Westminster had ever needed. This was due to many students that may have not been in other plays decided that *Seussical* would be their first. "Seussical was my first play" said Sydney Stillman, Senior.

"It was really fun and probably the highlight of my senior year". All around, this musical was one that both the audience and the cast will remember when they look back on their years at Westminster.

"Being the Cat in the Hat was an experience that I will not soon forget. I loved playing such a high energy character" said Harrison Farmer, Senior. Nearly every role was very energetic and enthusiastic which pulled in the crowd and allowed for such a lovable show for the Westminster community. This was not the only thing that made *Seussical the Musical* such a unique show.

"Seussical is really endearing, it really brings out the child in all of us" said Jake McKie, Sophomore. Dr. Seuss was a part of many childrens lives with his crazy and unique books. *Seussical the Musical* brought many of those characters and stories to life, and seeing those in real life had brought out the kid in the students, as well as adults attending the show.



Drew Straub as **Horton**



Jake McKie as **General Schmidt**



Hannah Geisz as **Gertrude**



Allison Braudhurst, Eighth grade, sings while being pushed around in a tub by the Cat.



Mary Heyl, Senior, sits in her chair as she is pampered and fanned. Mary Heyl's character left Horton her egg to watch over and hatch.



Zach Hughes, Junior, lifts Abby Charles, Sophomore, into the air during the in-show carnival



Even some of the staff were involved with Seussical. **Todd Zell** joined the cast as a lawyer and his appearance on stage had everyone in the crowd smiling.



Mark Geisz and **Olivia Blatz**, Eighth graders, stand and sing of their town of Whoville.



Drew Straub, Senior, vocalizes his thoughts during the play. Straub's character had a lot of responsibilities and he becomes worried throughout the show.



Harrison Farmer, Senior, Throws his prop into the air and waits for its descent. Farmer had the opportunity to use many unusual props, such as a hand-held helicopter and a tiny piano.

Harrison Farmer, senior, shows major expression while speaking in his one act. Harrison reflects on his time in the theater department at WCA saying, "What I think I'll miss most about Westminster is the safe environment that it has provided for me to grow and explore. I'll also greatly miss the friendships that I've built with classmates and with directors."

Upper School Fall Play



Harrison Farmer, senior, and **Ryan Davis**, junior, argue during a scene together.



Hannah Geisz, and **Drew Straub**, seniors, **Sydney Thomas**, junior, and **Jessa Stone**, senior all synchronize together for one portion of the play.

Alyson Mckie, junior, and **Chris Lee**, sophomore, open the play with their witty one act. It kept the crowd laughing.

Ryan Davis, junior, gives a monologue during his scene along with **Harrison Farmer**, senior.

Jake Mckie, sophomore, and **Alyssa Adams**, freshman act out a rather romantic scene. The two interacted amazingly.

Sydney Thomas, junior, and **Drew Straub**, senior act together in one of the last portions of the play.



Hannah Geisz, senior, and **Jessa Stone**, senior, recite their lines during their one act. Both girls have been acting in the theater department for a long time.



Hannah Geisz, and **Drew Straub**, seniors



Elyse Blatz, junior, was a new student to Westminster, moving from Texas to St. Louis, this was her first WCA production.

Jake Mckie, sophomore, freezes in place while his partner **Alyssa Adams**, freshman, gives her monologue.

Something

Rehearsals for Westminster's upper school fall play this year, *All in the Timing*, were different than usual. *All in the Timing* was a play composed of multiple one acts. Because of this, each student only had to work with one to three other people for their portion of the play. This led to a few changes. Usually the actors all rehearse together, but for this play they only rehearsed with the few other actors in their one act.

For the upperclassmen, who were used to rehearsing as a whole cast since their freshmen year, this change was definitely more drastic. Many said it was probably one of the most different things they have done in the theater program. "The cast didn't get to have a whole bonding experience during rehearsals, because we all only came together for tech week run through's, and the actual performance. It was a big adjustment for us all," said Alyson Mckie, junior.

"Working with just the two to three other people in your tiny little one act is really strange compared to working with ten to twenty to even thirty other people in some productions," said Harrison Farmer, senior.

Even though the cast felt far apart in the making of the play, when the actors came together and combined their hard work, the play was phenomenal.

NEVER TRIED!

Amani Holmes, freshman, and **Erika Wilson**, senior, played a mother and daughter-in-law in the play. In this scene, Erica's character had just found out that she is pregnant and wanted to abort the baby, because they cannot afford another kid.

The Love of a Family

While Westminster put on many different plays over the course of the school year, *A Raisin in the Sun* stood out as a story about diversity and family. Performed during black history month in February, it told the story of a poor African American family who was trying to make do with the little money they had.

After the death of a grandfather, they came into some money but could not agree on what to do with it. While the mom wants to buy a house, the daughter wants to send herself to medical school. The son, played by Trevon Gooch, senior, eventually squanders it all on liquor.

Eventually they all learn that "family is more important than the money," said Gooch. "I think the message of the play is the value of family and that hope is never dead," said Morgan Henry, junior.

Overall, this play accomplished the goal of making the audience feel something deep. This play challenged the viewers to change the way they think about the people that may be different from them, and the struggles that they may face.

Trevon Gooch, senior, is distraught after he loses all of his family's money. This was Gooch's first play at Westminster, and he was extremely proud of how it turned out. "I think it has potential to be one of the best versions of *A Raisin in the Sun*," said Gooch.



Sean Webb and **Amani Holmes**, freshmen, and **Erika Wilson**, senior, look at the check they had received in the mail. Amani, the grandmother in the play, was paid \$10,000 in life insurance after her husband's death, and the play centered around them deciding what to do with the money.

Erika Wilson and Trevon Gooch, seniors



Morgan Henry, junior



Harrison Farmer, senior, played the representative of the white neighborhood that the family wants to move into. **Morgan Henry**, junior, spoke to him and became offended that they were trying to talk them out of living there.



Trevon Gooch, senior, and **Sean Webb**, freshman, play a father and son in the play. The cast all got along really well and enjoyed making this story come to life. "It's a good group of people," said Gooch. "We're all really talented, and I feel really good about this play."

Emily Zell, freshman, **Sophie Harjoe**, **Aaron Cook**, **Cameron Tucker**, **Hannah Groce**, and **Hailee Klein**, juniors hold signs during the still life section in the museum for black history.



Brianna Richards, senior acts as part of the wax museum. She was Aretha Franklin, and she was singing "Respect".



Natalie Butler and **Sara Swan** sophomores, act as Serena and Venus Williams in the wax museum.



Mary Heyl, **Dongbin Lee**, seniors, **Joshua Theus**, sophomore, **Alyse Tarantino**, junior, **Nicole Chung**, senior, **Sam Nichols** and **Anna Johnson**, freshman, **Anna Huynh**, junior, **Hannah Geisz**, **Aimee Bhasme**, and **Riley Adkisson**, seniors, and **Nikki Breneman**, freshman, perform after the wax museum. They were singing "Lift Every Voice", and other old songs.



History?

Every year Westminster honors Black History month in various ways, this year however, Westminster put great effort into "Night of the Arts." This night was dedicated to the history of African Americans.

Through singing, acting, and displaying history in inventive ways, Westminster pulled off an impressive tribute to African Americans.

"Night of the Arts gave us as a school an opportunity for everyone that's black to understand how blacks got to the point we are at now," says Lauren Brewer. The night of the arts was dedicated to inform the school of history they need to know and to celebrate the diversity surrounding us.

As black history month has continued to evolve, Westminster learned how to display it in creative ways that allowed the history to come to life. It is important to value the history of African Americans, especially surrounded by a community that has seen great unrest due to racial divide.

Working towards appreciating diversity rather than ignoring it is something that Westminster has made a goal this year.



Lauren Brewer, eighth grade

Ciarra Hampton, junior

Micheal Lee, seventh grade, acts out part of a skit in the night of the arts. He was on of the character's who had big dream of being something one day.



Flipping Out

For the Westminster community, Thursdays were the best days. Kids slept in, ate a real breakfast, got their favorite latte from Starbucks, or finished up on homework. No one ever looked forward to getting to school early, especially on Thursdays, except for maybe one day this year.

One Thursday morning each year grades 9-12 got a pancake breakfast. The students had to pay three dollars, and could flip, catch, and eat all the pancakes they wanted. Orange juice, and sausage were also a part of this delicious breakfast. "It was a lot of fun, he even let us flip our own pancakes," said Sarah Broyles, shopmore.

A three dollar breakfast buffet is a pretty good deal, and it beats the average granola bar high school students eat while running out the door. "It was fun because we could bond with everyone in our grade, and actually eat a decent breakfast," said Madi Koetting, shopmore.

This class event included everyone and served as a bonding time for each grade.

Anna Tallman, Sophomore waits in line for her pancakes. "I liked hanging out with everyone," said Tallman.



Bailey Hiatt, senior catches a pancake flipped to her. Photo Credit: Megan Johnson



Andrew Looby, sophomore Photo Credit: Emily Barker

Kalista Nelson, sophomore Photo Credit: Emily Barker



Rachel Urban, senior Photo Credit: Megan Johnson

Hallie Kaiping, sophomore Photo Credit: Emily Barker



Jonathan Fuller, shopmore was the first to start flipping pancakes to his classmates. "The pancakes were so good", said Fuller. Photo Credit: Emily Barker



Isaac Pleus, shopmore catches a pancake. "I enjoyed hanging out with my friends, and the people flipping the pancakes were really friendly," said Pleus. Photo Credit: Emily Barker



Timothy Burford, senior Photo Credit: Megan Johnson



Jay Green, senior Photo Credit: Megan Johnson

Pancake Breakfast

Amanda Ahlbrand, sophomore, flips pancakes to her classmates at the pancake breakfast.





Anna Johnson, freshman, smiles as she put down her donations. "They get creative for a good cause," said Johnson on the competition aspect.
photo credit: Emily Jo Barker

In The Spirit Of Giving

The ITSOG banner hangs high in the grand entry of WCA.
 "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which he has given you," Deuteronomy 16:17

Twins, **Jesse Charles** and **Abby Charles**, sophomores, bring in boxes of cereal from their car for the third day of giving.



David Pruitt, senior, brings his canned goods inside after a long walk from his car.



Collin Saak, sophomore, puts down his canned goods for the third day of ITSOG.

photo credit: Emily Jo Barker

"It helps people and we did it out of love," said **Jenna Galakatos**, freshman. Jenna likes to bring food as her favorite ITSOG item.



Hannah Heintz, junior, walks in with her canned goods to help support the theme of that day.



Joey Hobaugh, junior, is organizing the canned goods. Joey was a class officer for the junior class.

Susie Brown, director of student services and **Megan Galvin**, senior, talk about how ITSOG had improved over the week and the amount of donations that had been given.



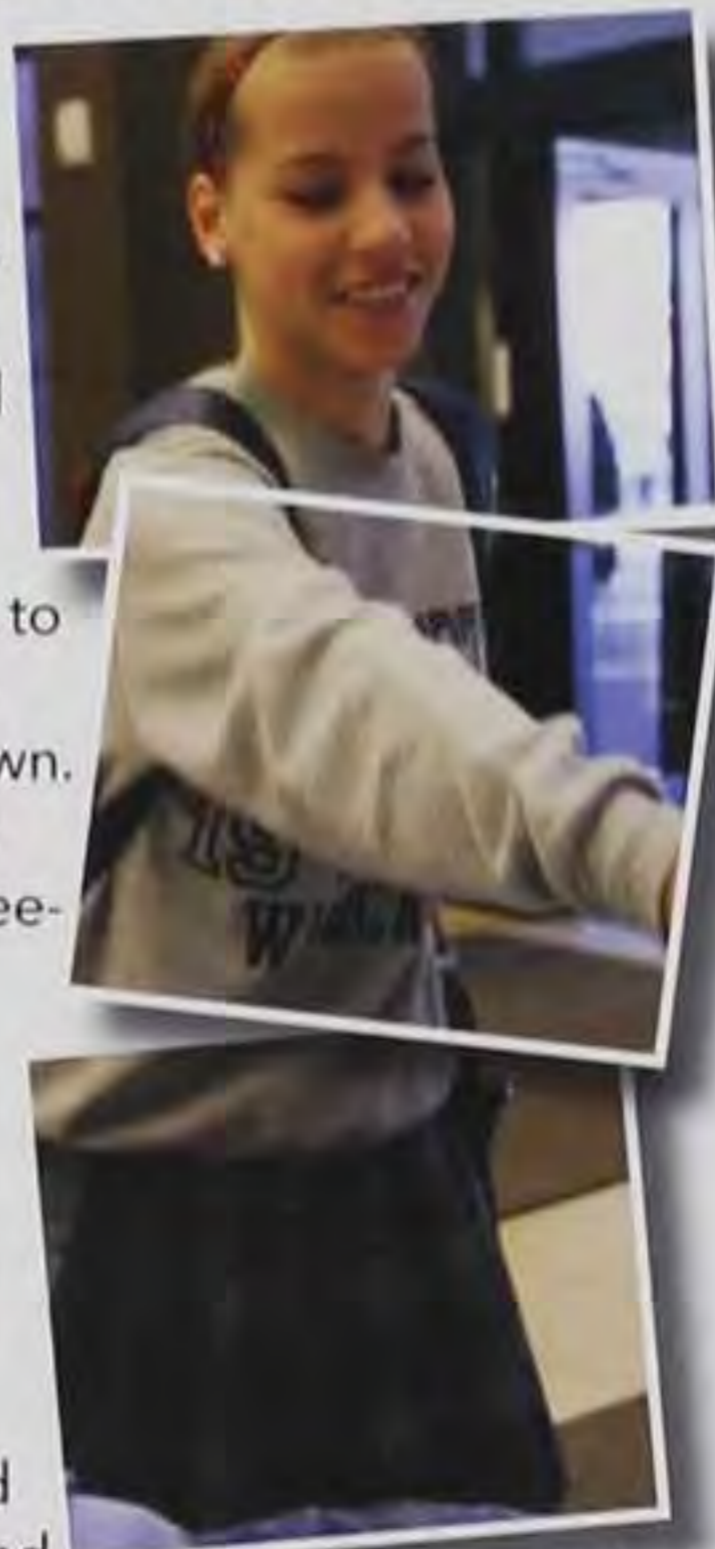
Scenes

In the Spirit of Giving, was the one week of the year where we, as a Westminster Community spent our entire week giving back. But most students had no idea where their donations were going. They were left to wonder who they were really helping through their giving.

This year we, as a community, sent off items to fourteen different agencies. Many different leadership groups STUCO, Project Give Well, and the Girls Lacrosse Team decided where the items should go. These groups would come after donation hours and box up everything so that it could be delivered to the agencies.

"ITSOG is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the local community. It is a blessing to see our community come together to help others," said Mrs. Brown. This movement that started at Westminster affected not only the teachers but also the student body in seeing the good that comes out of giving back.

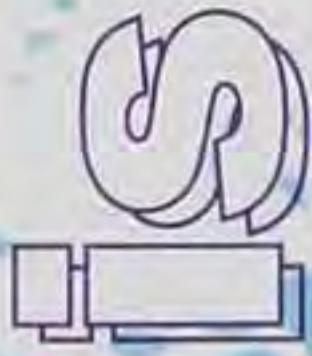
"It was a very fun experience and good to see how happy and grateful the people were to receive all of the items," said Clara Gruneisen, junior, who was a STUCO member for the junior class. The students dropped off the items to Freedom School and Lutheran Family and Children's Services. The opportunity for our WCA students was touching and they were all glad to have experienced ITSOG behind the scenes.



Ashley Kyriakos, freshman

Behind The

Reality



From the outside looking inward, Westminster could look like a community that was not hurting financially. As a private school in west county, WCA can carry the reputation in the St. Louis community of a school whose own community is well above average in the dollars and cents area. However, Westminster had another sort of diversity that helped define it, if not as publicly. Socioeconomic diversity was real and prompted families to approach the cost of tuition in creative ways.

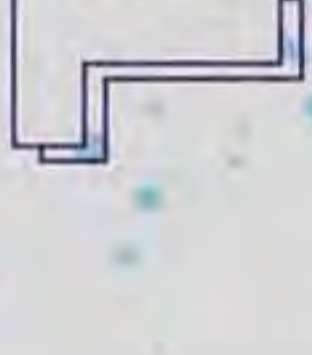
Many students and parents respected and valued the Christian education that Westminster offered so greatly that they went to great lengths to assure their child's attendance.



"I know it is hard for my family to pay for tuition here. But I understand why we do it. Although it is a huge sacrifice, going to school at WCA has kept me safe from the dangerous schools in my neighborhood. Who knows what I would be doing today if I went to school where I lived. WCA has allowed me to make friends in high places and it has given me opportunities that I know I would not get at other schools", said Jelani Christmas, seventh grade.



Like Jelani, many kids who attended Westminster this year were in better situations than they would be attending a different school. For many students, financial aid was necessary for their attendance. This help came from many outlets, some came from generous donors willing to help, while some was also provided by the school. This was a blessing to many families in need and their gratitude was apparent.



"To be completely honest, this school is way out of our price range. We get help from our relatives to pay for it, and they are glad to do it. But, going to school here can be kind of hard. There is a clear [distinction] between the rich, middle class, and poor. You can see it with the cars that everyone owns. I have an 01 Jetta, but my friend has an 2013 fiery red Infinity car. I'm not ashamed of what I drive, but it can be hard for others to accept that some people don't have it like they do, and should not be called out," said Lacy Rapp, junior. Rapp acknowledged feeling that the reality is not to often talked about at Westminster. She and many others realize the struggle, but also realize that we should not judge others because they have more money, or a nicer car.

"I know what tuition is here, and if you ask me it's super expensive. Like some kids here, I can't pay my full tuition in advance. Although it is sort of easier on my family since I am the only child who attends, I can see my friends go through the financial strain of paying tuition. It's really heartbreaking because parents break their backs to send their children here, and the kids see it. But, they can do nothing about it. All they can do is pray to God that their situations lighten", said Zion Ford.

Some families had members working in the school or other local Christian schools in order to take advantage of a tuition break. Others hosted exchange students. Some just made the decision that money spent on tuition was worth the sacrifice elsewhere. While this issue did not apply to every student, this was reality.

Dollars and Sense



Daisy Luo, junior exchange student, helps her host family cook dinner. Hosting exchange students helps some families cover the cost of tuition at Westminster.

Rachel Berry, sophomore, and her mom, **Laura Berry**, stand in a science lab. Laura taught in the science department at Westminster. A student could receive a tuition discount if a parent worked at the school.



Julia Johnson, Harper Larson, Joanna Disch, Hannah Murray, and Eli Parham, senior, gather for a group picture.

Alexis Turner and Sean Webb, freshmen, enjoy the delicious dinner and the cookie-dough cupcake.

Elyse Blatz, junior, and Abby Charles, sophomore, take pictures in the grand entry with their friends.

Abi Hackman and Steven Howell, seniors, take a picture before getting hot chocolate.

Nick Ebel and Nathan Hall, juniors



Joey Hobaugh and Isabel Guariglia, juniors



Lara Yeast, senior, Kirsten Davis, sophomore, and Courtney Beat, senior, take pictures after the dinner.

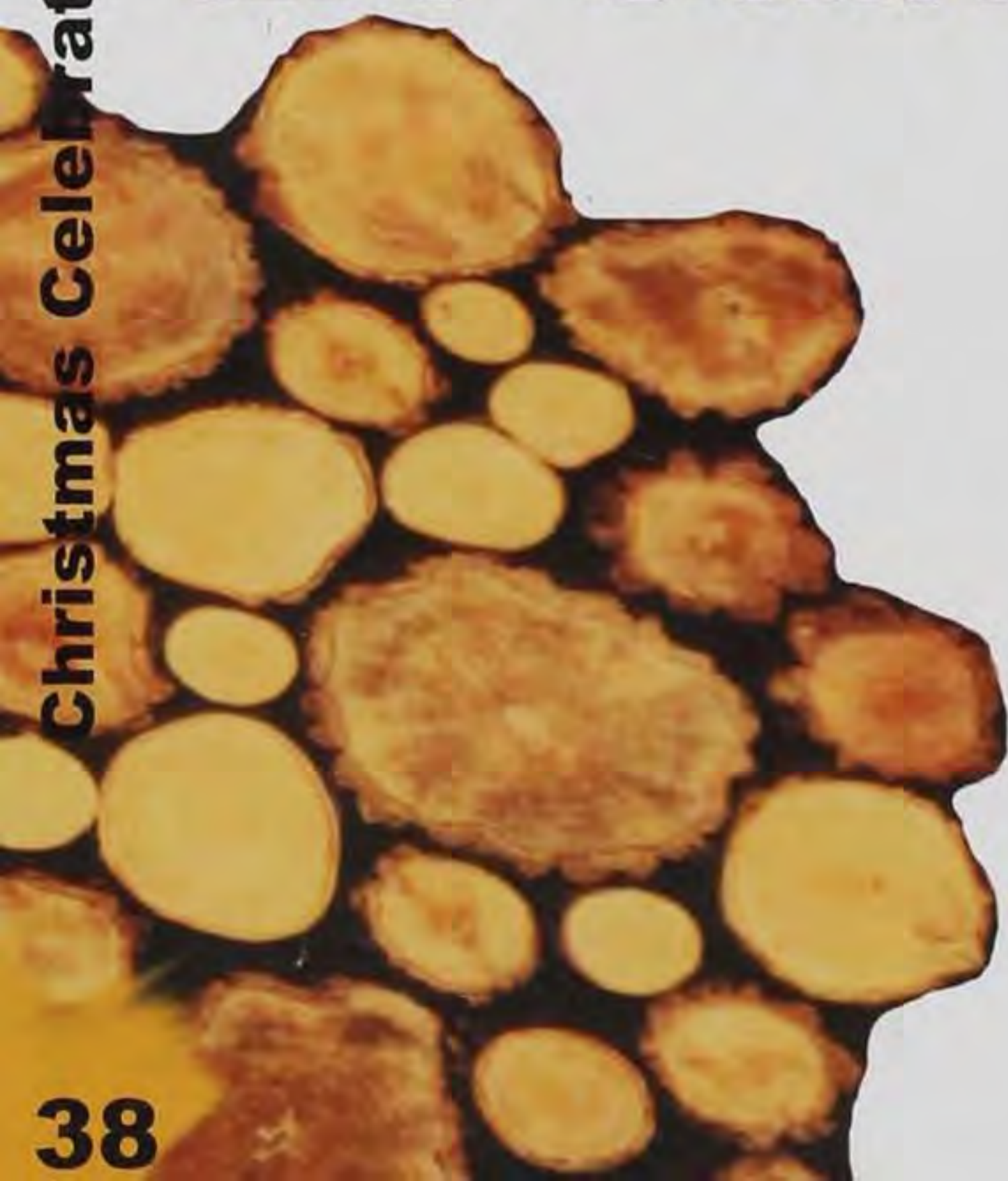
Zack Hughes, junior, Tripp Worley, senior, Harrison Farmer, senior, and John Pottebaum, junior, tell a thrilling Christmas story during the banquet.



Rachel Potter, Maddie Volding, Emily Zell, Lily Rohlfing, Hannah Redmond, and Francie Akins, freshman, talk before the dinner buffet.

Night at the Cabin

Christmas Celebration



Christmas Celebration may have been held at Westminster, but this was not your average cabin in the woods. Student Council stepped up their decorating game this year by mastering the art of design. "The decorations were on point, and the entertainment was fabulous! I had a great time getting dressed up and having a meal with my friends," said Maggie Eachus, junior.

"I thought the decor was really well done because it successfully distracted me from seeing the normal arena and instead it was almost like a whole new place. My favorite part was probably the muffin/cupcake because it had a ton of flavor," said Emily Kessel, sophomore.

The tables were lined with ribbon and garland. Each place setting had a slice of tree and decorative napkins. "I was really impressed with Christmas Celebration's decor. Sophie Dunlap did a spectacular job of transforming the gym into a warm and cozy environment. I loved the wood and pine accents. That really made it feel like a cabin," said Joey Hobaugh, junior.

The centerpiece of the cabin was the stage. The stage was set up to represent a living room, with a fireplace and the stockings of Tom Stoner, Jim Sefrit and Susie Brown. "I absolutely loved the cabin theme! It was so fun and well decorated! I liked how they made it a lot more detailed than previous years and changed little details that made it a lot more fun!" said Laura Yeast, senior. Student Council succeeded in making the Arena into the perfect log cabin.



Thomas Lauer, freshman, and **Allison Thoenen**, sophomore, pose for pictures while waiting for the dinner to be served. "The theme was so cute. The decorations were absolutely adorable," said Thoenen.

Spirit Week Takes

Flight

Every year, seniors are expected to pull a prank on their school, in order to leave an impression. This year, the senior class pulled off a stunt that showed off their spirit. On the first day of spirit week, teachers and students were surprised to walk into the gym and see a real life plane sitting in front of the senior student section. With many brains working together, the seniors purchased a run down plane and assembled it in the gym the Sunday night before spirit week began.

"I was so excited about the plane, especially when different groups of seniors started helping out. Getting the whole grade involved was the main goal," said Hannah Murray, senior.

"I helped with putting the plane back together in the gym. The main goal was to get our class excited for spirit week and ready to win," said Michael Failoni, senior. The seniors wanted this to be an event that the whole grade would be involved in and excited for.

"I walked into the gym and I was just really confused. We were super competitive with the seniors this year, so my grade kind of played it off. However, I thought it was pretty cool that the senior class actually put a plane in the gym," said Gracie Adams, junior.

The plane was only in the gym on the first day of spirit week, but it proved to rally up the students throughout the entire week.



Justin Creighton, senior, takes **Zach Hughes**, junior down in sumo wrestling. The competition was intense between the juniors and seniors, so every little win counted.

Jessie Kunkel, eighth grade, competes in "Hot Lava", each grade had to fit on a carpet square and journey across the gym without touching the ground.



Drew Straub and **Harrison Farmer**, seniors, host spirit week. It is the first time in many years that students have hosted. "Hosting my last spirit week with my best friend was an incredible experience," said Straub.



L.B. Battle, freshmen, **Maxwell Burns**, eighth grade, and **Taylor Montgomery**, junior, participate in the week long, school wide tug of war tournament.



Morgan Sickels and **Jaxon Halsey**, eighth grade, compete in human bowling. The game was challenging but entertaining.



Valerie Winkler, sophomore, puts forth all of her effort in human bowling. Sacrificing even a bruise as she fell in order to get the victory.

Kurt Culver, sophomore, attempts to take on an upper class man in sumo wrestling.

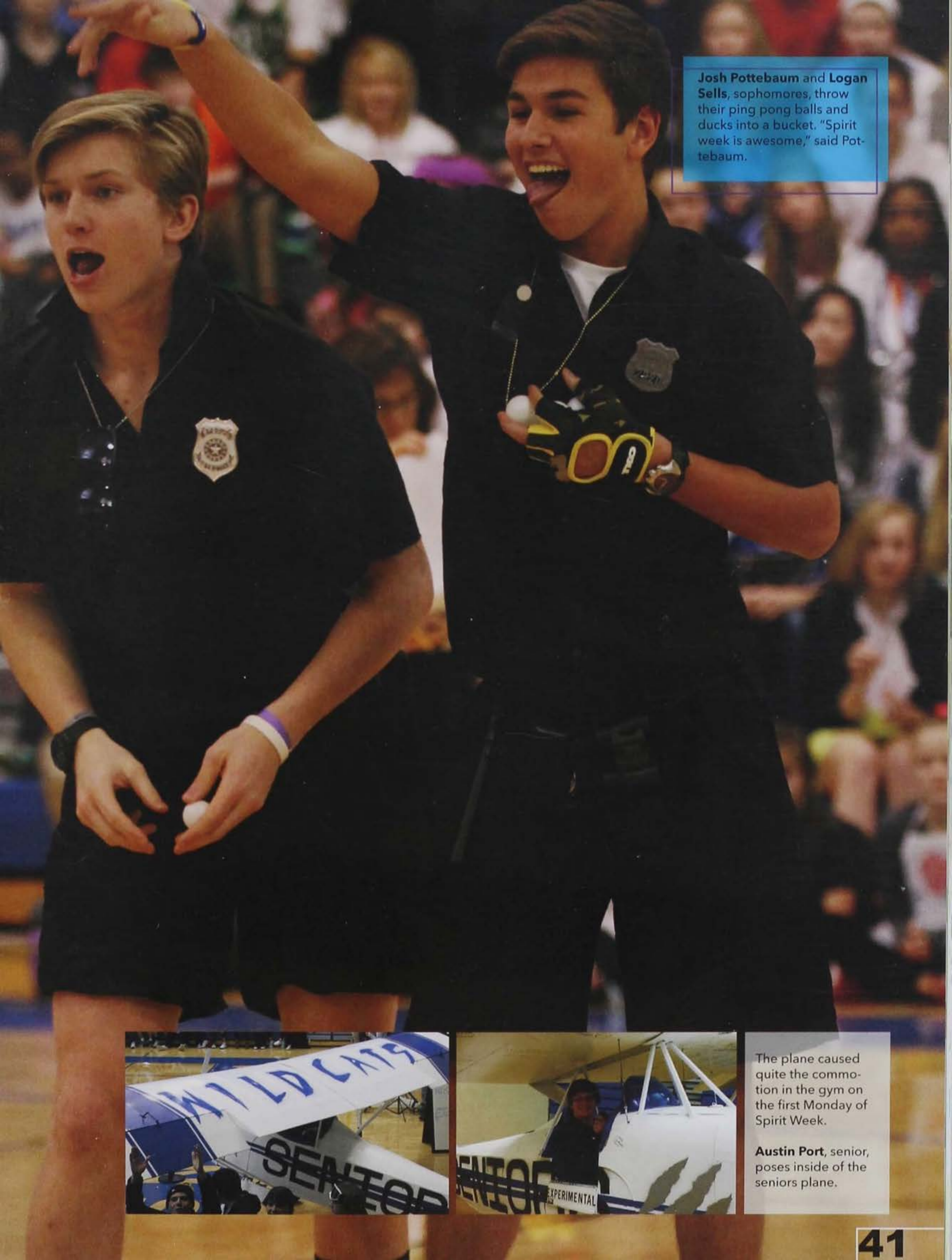


Sam Dunne, senior, throws ducks in a bucket throwing game on the first day of spirit week. It was his second year playing this same game.



Jessa Stone and **Lavinia Adcock**, seniors, make their entrance on the first day of spirit week.





Josh Pottebaum and Logan Sells, sophomores, throw their ping pong balls and ducks into a bucket. "Spirit week is awesome," said Pottebaum.



The plane caused quite the commotion in the gym on the first Monday of Spirit Week.
Austin Port, senior, poses inside of the seniors plane.

Elyse Blatz and Zach Hughes, juniors, perform in the junior class Blue Man Stomp. The two of them acted out a couple of scenes throughout the stomp.



Dongbin Lee, senior, is shocked to see himself in the mirror during the Senior's Blue Man Stomp. Lee acted out the part of an alien.

Jared Orange and **Ben Isaacs**, juniors, tag team the playing of the pipe piano. The Blue Man Stomp team actually created the piano on their own.



Ashley Moellenhoff, eighth grade, bangs on a recycling can during her routine. The eighth graders chose a Chinese theme for their stomp.



Max Tabor and **Henry Jung**, seventh grade, perform their stomp routine. The seventh grader's theme was a restaurant.



Josh Theus, sophomore, cues his class to follow along with him during Stomp. Theus played the pipes during the sophomore class Blue Man Stomp.



Morgan Barr and **Lane Penberthy**, juniors, show off their pink costumes for class color day.

#Winning³

Although the Juniors did not win Spirit Week overall, they did take the trophy in one area. The Junior class won first place in the Blue Man Stomp for the third year in a row now. Since the Juniors had won the Blue Man Stomp for the past two years the pressure was real to win it again.

"It felt amazing, hard work pays off. Getting fourth place in eighth grade made us want to step our game up and become somewhat "legendary" in blue man stomp" said Jared Orange, junior. Orange has been doing Blue Man Stomp since he got to the school in eighth grade.

Since the Juniors have placed first since their freshmen year, they feel pressure to place first again next year. With time and determination the juniors plan on continuing their dynasty and hope they will take the place of first for the fourth time in a row in next year's Spirit Week.



Michael Theonen and **Jack Rahal**, freshmen, fight over a girl during their blue man stomp. The freshmen used paint buckets in their stomp as makeshift drums.

Trading Places

Boys Poms. Outside of the Westminster community, few would know what this was. During the early days of January inside the halls of Westminster Christian Academy, however, the students buzzed with excitement about those words. In each grade, arguments broke out about what the theme should be, and who would choreograph the dance.

The Junior class met more conflict than usual over the subject of who would lead. The usual Junior leaders of Boys Poms, Sinclaire Davis and Hannah Fiala, decided they would rather lead Lipsync instead. The open positions were not easily filled, but in a twist of fate, the previous leaders of Lipsync: Brooke-Ellen Brugner, Jordan Hartman, and Morgan Barr, decided they would happily lead Boys Poms.

At first, the boys were hesitant about the switch. "It was difficult because we lost the chemistry we had already built over the last 3-4 years with Hannah and Sinclaire. It's hard to adjust and learn a dance when you have a group of people teaching that you aren't used to" said Jack Linton, junior.

While the switch from women to men in terms of leading a dance seemed daunting at first, the girls met the challenge head-on. "It was really fun. At times it could get a little crazy talking over them but the guys would focus and do the best they could" said Morgan Barr, junior.

The new faces to the leadership didn't keep the boys from performing well. With a theme of NASCAR, and fresh new set of choreographers, the Juniors took home second place, the best they had ever done in Boys Poms.



Matt Goebel,
senior



Ben Moore,
junior



Josh Berglar,
sophomore



Cole Coffee,
eighth grade



Josh Berglar, Austin Greene, and Alex Lawrence, sophomores, carry **Brandon Beat,** sophomore across the arena floor.



Noah Adair, seventh grade, dances along with his other superheroes during their Boys Poms. The Seventh graders came in fifth.



Hunter Kramer,
seventh grade



Drew Straub, Matt Goebel, and Blake Sutphen, seniors, throw **Amon Kehr,** senior as part of a trick during their performance. The senior's shirts mimicked Waterway's design.



Ben Saltmiras and Zach Shultz, juniors, dance to *Born to be Wild* during their dance. Practice for Boys Poms began three weeks before performances.

Carl Simakoff, Sang Hyuk Park, Ben Gienke, Andrew Eichenlaub, Harrison Farmer, Jack Southwell, and Nathan Scott, seniors, finish their Poms performance by posing with signs. The seniors took home first place.



2nd

Nick Ebel, Jack Linton, Connor Hafenrichter, Davis Hausser, and Jack Andrews, juniors, start their dance at thursdays performance. The juniors had NASCAR as their theme.



3rd

Ethan Davitt, Tristen Coltan, Jimmy Thomas, Brandon Beat, Alex Kempen, Jack Bauer, Connor Dolan, and Teddy Bacon, sophomores, tut while in formation. The sophomores' theme was boy bands.



4th

Harrison Lawrece, Cole McWard, Sam Haupfear, Mark Geisz and Campbell Coffee, eighth grade, get in a line and do a ripple. The eighth grader's theme was based off of VeggieTale's *The Pirates Who Don't do Anything*.



6th

Ashton Reeves, Luke Heintz, Graham Pruitt, Trent Tarantino, Andrew Tipton, Chase Lottmen, and Carter McCall, freshmen, get in a kick line. The boys had basketball as their theme.



5th

Aiden Davitt, Daniel Johnson, and Daniel Clear, seventh grade, strike a heroic pose during their dance. The seventh graders chose a superhero theme for Boys Poms.

Winner Takes All

From complicated formations to girls and costumes to twirls, everyone was excited for some of Spirit Week's best. Lip sync constantly proved to be the most anticipated spirit week event. The competition culminated the after-school pep rallies on Friday. Each grade went to great lengths to come out on top. Throughout the three weeks of preparation, the participants and leaders work countless hours on perfecting their performance. This year was no exception.

There is no doubt that the commitment showed up considering the homework or other activities that students had to balance along side Spirit Week. No matter the circumstance, each class was in it to win it.

"We considered practicing in the parking lot at one point because we had no where else to go and the dance needed work," said Gracie Nye, junior. This being only one example of the die-hard commitment revolving around the lip sync process.

SENIORS

Sydney Stillman, senior, jumps to the beat of the drums in "Through Heaven's Eyes." After all the dedication and practice, Sydney was thrilled to see their work come to fruition.



Kathryn Hinrichs, senior, really gets into character during her performance. Kathryn was a key dancer in the lip-sync competition during Spirit-Week.



Bailey Hiatt, senior, gracefully poses during a pivotal part of her performance. Bailey dances outside of Westminster, and her skills helped usher in a victory.



Spirit Week - Lipsync



Rachol Urban, Sarah Jane Fiala, and Rachel Charles hold hands as they form a finale kick-circle. The seniors performance was something to behold this year, garnering them first place in this years competition. All the hard work finally paid off as Lip-Sync sealed their victory.



Alyssa Legters smiles big for the crowd. "We didn't place as high as we wanted, but I think the judges were impressed with our enthusiasm," said **Kate Johnson**.

7th

Maggie Ellis hits the final pose in the lip-sync song "Why do Fools Fall in Love." For their first ever Spirit-Week debut, the 7th grade exceeded expectations.



Mitchell Farmer walks to the beat of his own drum. Farmer lead his nest in an elegant dance off, directing with his strong hand. His acting was one of the most enjoyable parts of the show.

8th

Olivia Blatz ruffles her feathers in an impressive take on Rio's "Real in Rio." The 8th grade stunned the crowd with their spot-on moves and colorful twirls, no wonder they placed 2nd.



Sam Nichols and **Molly Trost** played the roles of Repunzle and a Flynn Ryder in their lip-sync. They received fourth place for their performance, beating their rivals, the sophomores.

9th

Erin Galakatos dances with her companions in "I've Got a Dream." From baking, to crocheting, these Vikings sure knew how to tell a story through their moves.



"Lip-sync this year was so fun, it was awesome to come together with girls from my class and really feel like I was contributing to spirit week," said **Maddy Challenger**

10th

Abby Charles strikes a pose in the finale of "We're Cats." The sophomores received 5th place for their energetic rendition of a scene from Cats, the Musical.



Jack Linton, **Avery Iven**, and **Nick Ebel** finish their performance dramatically. The juniors incorporated couples-dancing, coinciding with their song "I Want to Dance with Somebody."

11th

Izzy Haupfear dances with some serious expression. The Juniors had to change songs mid-spirit week, but they managed to pull off an exceptional performance regardless.



Day 1:



Left to right: Fisher Wells, Micheal Fiori, Eli Parham, Corey Weinberg, Syndey Weiss seniors, Cooper Moore, Steve Webb, Dyllan Conway, Weston Schad, and Josh Pottebaum, sophomores and Jack Andrews, junior.

Day 2:



Left to right: Eli Avery, JT Fuller, and Tom Southwell, sophomores and Clayton Voges, junior. Josh Berglar, Jesse Charles, and Alaina Marusiodis, sophomores, and Adrienne Horn, senior

Best Dressed



Sam and Eli Parham, and Cameron Dodge, seniors and Mitchell Farmer, eighth grade

Day 4:

Left to right: Meegan Williams, junior, Molly Cook, sophomore, and Sarah Jane Fiala, Olivia Coomes, Megan Galvin, and Emily Broyles, seniors.



Day 3:



Ashley Moullehouff and Allison Eichenlaub, eighth grade. Nick Glanvill and Willie Canfield, juniors. Lauren Gates, Ella Fiala, Charlotte Spence, and Grace Rahal, seventh grade. Rebekah Warren and Chloe Wimpheymer, freshmen.



Day 5:



Trey Klein, Keenan Miller, Amanda Espy, Sophia Trentham, and Lauren Brewer, eighth grade. Trevon Gooch, Josh Huber, Tim Burford, and Kayla Wilson, seniors.

Goodwill Hunting

WCA students were known to shop at Goodwill and other thrift stores in preparation for spirit week, hoping to find cheap, unique dress up day costumes.

It is fair to say Westminster is very invested in every aspect of Spirit Week, especially when it comes to dress up days. There is no doubt that the committed would stick around thrift stores for hours in order to raid the racks of the best costume items.

"I went to Goodwill and the lady who checked me out said Westminster students were 'clearing out' the place," said Olivia Coomes, senior.

Second hand stores all around town are stripped clean by the WCA community during Spirit Week.



Alyssa Dosman, Jacob Chimento, Mary Katherine Hancock, Sydney Arnold, Whitney Dykstra, and Hannah Ruckman, seniors sit on each others shoulders during the senior walk-in on class color day.

Blue Crew



Photo Credit: Emily Jo Barker

How cool is it that 8 young men are capable of gathering close to 200 students to cheer for the teams that we care about the most? The WCA blue crew started out as a couple of students stopping in to look at a varsity basketball game to a complete madhouse of students sporting spirit wear and cheering the wildcats to victory. The masterminds responsible for this big boom are sophomore Josh Pottebaum, juniors Nick Glanvill, John Pottebaum, Ben Sems, Gannon McWard, Zach Shultz, and senior Carl Simakoff. Each of these boys work hard every week to develop themes for the big game which included Hawaiian, pink-out, black-out, and white-out. Each theme was not easy to come by, nor was the planning, so why did these boys do this?

Nick Glanvill, junior, stated, "What made me want to do blue crew was looking at other high schools and colleges and seeing how much fun a student section can be. It is fun for all, and its not very hard to make one. What fun would a game be if there was no one there to make it lively?"

Similarly, Carl Simakoff, senior, believed that, "The thing that made blue crew so fun was just showing up and going crazy at sporting events without someone having to tell you to calm down. One of the greatest things about blue crew is that it's not exclusive. Anyone can be a part of it if they just show up to the games and show some support."

Although it may take a lot of work to come up with the schematics, blue crew has been one of the best additions to the wildcats. They go far and wide to support their team whenever its needed. They have made such a statement for the Westminster community that they have earned their own spot in the arena, where they will always be cheering, screaming, and encouraging our cats to victory.



Blue crew leaders Nick Glanvill, John Pottebaum, Ben Sems and Gannon McWard snap a photo with the man who never smiles, the famous Coach Champ.

The crowd goes wild as Aaron Cook, junior lifts his hands up high before making his journey down the tunnel during the beginning of the varsity basketball game.



Photo Courtesy: Nick Glanvill

"What made me want to do Blue Crew was looking at other high schools and seeing what a good time a student section can be. We want our school to have more spirit because it is cool when everyone rallies around a sports team."

-Gannon McWard, junior.

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John Pottebaum, junior, takes a selfie with a selfie stick while he and the blue crew watched the intense basketball game against John Burroughs .

Photo Courtesy: Nick Glanvill

Amanda Espy, eighth grade, climbs through a tunnel in the city museum. Amanda's group all had pink shirts on so they could be easily spotted. *Photo credit: Sinclair Davis.*



Elena Frogge, freshman, paints during the freshmen retreat. The freshmen got to choose what activities they wanted to do during the retreat. *Photo credit: Emma Gion.*



Sydney Johnson, Emily Stoner, and Mollee Trost, freshmen, sit at a picnic table during the freshmen retreat. *Photo credit: Emma Gion.*

Joanna Disch, Senior sits with her group at the seventh grade peer counselor retreat. Pictured left to right, **Ella Polski, Kami Howse, Asia Reeves, Sydney Moore, Katherine Bauer, Joanna Disch, and Alyssa Legters**. Photo credit: Sydney Stillman



Chris Kirby, Noah Thomas, and Sam Nichols, freshman jump into the pool at the freshman retreat. Photo credit: Emma Glon



Sam Parham, senior and his group (left to right), **Toby Davidson, Aiden Davitt, Lane Davis, John Ferguson, Jacob Byerley, and Ian Warren** Photo credit: Sydney Stillman



Aiden Penberthy and Josh Broyles, seventh grade play a game of tug of war at the PC retreat. Photo credit: Sydney Stillman



MacKenzie Axford, seventh grade plays tug of war during the 7th grade PC retreat. Photo credit: Sydney Stillman

Savannah Arnold, eighth grade, plays in the spinning chairs at the City Museum.



Neeve McMillin, eighth grade, sits on top of **Olive Robson**, eighth grade in the spinning chairs at the City Museum. Olive said, "I enjoyed being able to see and learn new things and explore around the museum with my friends."



Retreats

To Reflect

At Westminster the seventh graders, eighth graders, and freshmen all participated in a day of fun and games for their retreat. These retreats were created for the students and help to get them acclimated into the school. Each retreat is different, yet they all work for the same goal of making new students feel welcome and comfortable in a new environment.

The seventh graders traveled to Faust park for their retreat. They played a lot of games at the retreat and their PC leaders really focused on group bonding. Kelly Coyne, seventh grade, said, "my favorite part of the retreat was playing games with my friends". One game played at the retreat had the seventh graders buzzing, it was called "honey I love you". All the seventh graders had to go up to a class mate tell them that they loved them and ask them to smile. The other person could not smile and had to tell them that they loved them too however they could not smile. The last person who had not cracked a smile was declared a winner.

The eighth grade retreat took place at the city museum. It was an ideal location to give the eighth graders a place to explore and have freedom while still being around their classmates. Neeve McMillin, eighth grade said, "given the choice I would most definitely choose the City Museum again because I had a lot of fun".

The freshmen retreat this year allowed students to pick the activities they wanted to participate in whether it was archery, swimming, crafts, outdoor cooking, gym games, kickball, painting, ecology, and more. No matter what they were interested in, there was something for everyone to participate in. Kelly Bradley, freshman said "the best part of the retreat for me was getting to be around new people and talking with people that I normally wouldn't talk with".

Retreats at Westminster have always been fun and are some of the best memories both new and old students.

Making Connections

Giving back and stepping into the community outside of our school walls was something that many clubs focused on this year. The FIRST Robotics team at Westminster used their gifts to teach underprivileged, young children. They chose to give back and sacrifice their time in order to help these young children find their passions. The program was six weeks long, and was designed to introduce young minds to STEM and robotics. More importantly, these Westminster students built relationships with the kids. "It was really cool to see kids learning about robotics not for a competition or for school but because they loved it. It was an awesome experience to use my gifts for others instead of myself," said Ben Linxwiler, senior. And now, we stepped outside of our comfort zones.



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Seventh Grade/ Art Club

Hayley Adair
Noah Adair
Anuoluwapo Akinyede
Lexi Jo Alm
Bennie Anderson



MacKenzie Axford
Nina Bacon
Peter Barton
Katherine Bauer
Carsyn Beachy



Zach Benes
Ava Bidner
Lauren Bohlmann
Cheyenne Bowden
David Brown



Jake Broyles
Josh Broyles
Hope Burkey
Chloe Burnham
Jacob Byerley



Jack Bystrom
Ava Cella
Patrick Chambers
Josie Christen
Jelani Christmas



Graham Clawson
Daniel Clear
Mackenzie Coleman
Kelly Coyne
Toby Davidson



Kylan Davis
Lane Davis
Lindsay Davis
Aiden Davitt
Grace Dempsey



Maggie Dolan
Lily Duda
Pierce Dunne
Maggie Ellis
Hayden Engel



John Ferguson
Ella Fiala
Scout Fleming
Natalie Ford
Isabella Francois



"I actually really like it, which surprised me. I needed to get art in for graduation, but it's been a great experience."
-Sydney Bowden
sophomore



"Everyone in the art program is so nice, it's always such a fun time. Over the past few years I've gotten so much better at art too!"
-Claire Fellows
junior



"Art is a really big part of my life. A big part of it is creativity. I can draw what I really like. It runs in the family."
-John Yin
junior



Freshman **Anna Johnson** and sophomore **Molly Cook** work together to create their masterpiece.



Minjoo Kim, junior, brightens the art room with her beautiful work and smile.



Mikey LeVar, freshman.



Melinda Blum, Freshman



Alyssa Dwyer, Junior



Erin LeVar, Junior

"Everything is of your own volition its a great place to see what other people are working on in their spare too you can see other peoples creativity and bounce off of that " said Anna Evans, art club president.

Many artistically talented students gathered each week or in class to express their creativity alongside their peers. Being surrounded by passionate peers gave students a place to thrive and to find undiscovered talents. Alyssa Dwyer, junior, found out quickly that she was a natural in ceramics class. "It made me feel so happy that I found something I'm good at. I enjoyed going to class everyday and working on all of the different projects," said Dwyer.

The saying a picture is worth 1000 words seemed to be the life motto of down to earth, soft spoken sophomore Molly Cook, who had the chance to make a commissioned mountain scene painting for a teacher.

"Molly creates some of the best art I have ever seen," said Evans, "Especially for someone so young who hasn't taken that many art classes. She brings natural objects to life on the canvas. It's almost like she's relaying information onto us through her paintings."

Not only were art students given the chance to pursue their talents and express themselves, but art club was known for having a great time. Their events ranged from Christmas Cookie Decorating Day to a trip to Chicago with AP Art History, and every meeting was bound to be a lively one.



Anna Evans and **Baxter Estes**, seniors, get into artistic character as they mirror the classic American Gothic, cookie style.

Michael Alldredge, Jordan Hawkins, Drew Melaragno, juniors, Cooper Moore, sophomore, and Sang Hyuk Park, senior, gathered before the induction ceremony



Matt Ottsen, Alex Lawrence, Brandon Beat, Harry Medler, Natalie Bunton, Sarah Broyles were among some of the sophomores inducted into NHS this year.



Pre-ceremony time was the time for group pictures for new NHS inductees.



For the Love

Along with NHS being a great way to serve the community, it looked good on college applications. A requirement for NHS was that each member had to stay the night at a homeless shelter called, Room-at-the-Inn. "It was a fun experience because we got to serve people who have a lot less than many students at Westminster," said Claire Rebbe, junior.

Although service hours could be challenging to get, some members had fun with it. "I help special needs kids play soccer, which is so cool to watch them play with joy," said Brandon Beat, sophomore.

Davis Haeusser and **Jake Schroeder**, juniors, listen to the conversation during the meeting. Jake and his twin brother, Luke Schroeder, junior, were frequent attendees and sometimes brought food for everyone.



Three F's of FCA

FCA was a place to gather with friends from all different grades and have food, fun and fellowship. "I don't have a youth group, so FCA is a good way for me to talk with other people about God," said Emily Lytle, freshman.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes had been a foundation for students at Westminster for many years, but this past year the amount of students who attended quintupled. About fifty students attended the FCA meetings each week.

"I like going because it restarts my week. It refreshes my faith and attitude each week." said Graham Pruett, freshman.



Nick Ebel, junior, plays ping pong after the FCA meeting. Nick attended most of the meetings and had a lot of input in them.



Graham Pruett, freshman, laughs during a meeting at FCA. He was one of the first freshman guys to attend the meetings.

Hannah Grace Smith and **Avery Iven**, juniors, visit before FCA starts. A group of sophomore guys grab a couch before the devotion starts.



Ben Sems and **Andrew Montgomery**, juniors, talk after the devotion at FCA. **Emily Lytle** and **Taylor Andrasko**, freshmen, and **Christina Mason** sophomore, play foosball against other girls before FCA.



Justin Fuller
Katherine Gaitan
Lauren Gates
Matthew George
Pearson Georges

Jaela Ginger
Brendan Gordan
Allison Hardin
Ethan Hare
Sydney Hawkins

Gabe Heefner
Journee Henry
Ben Hicks
Taylor Highmark
Katie Hobough

Ava Hollman
Kami Howse
Alicia Hu
Grant Hughes
Olivia Hunsicker

Tori Jessie
Bricyn Johnson
Daniel Johnson
Kate Johnson
A.J. Jordan

Henry Jung
Caroline Kopsky
Hunter Kramer
Mason Kugler
Jake Kyriakos

Kinsley Lawrence
Michael Lee
Alyssa Legters
Macey Lottmann
Paxton Ludwig

Ashley MacDonald
Gigi Mahley
Matthew Marshall
Jack Martin
Will Mason

Camryn McMurry
Jordan Mette
Emilee Mitchell
Jaeda Moore
Sydney Moore

Seventh Grade/Chess Club

Nancy Morcos
Abigail Nisbet
Katherine O'Leary
Jake O'Neal
Hanna Ottsen



Ben Parres
Aiden Penberthy
Clayton Perona
Ella Polski
Alyssa Pritchett



Max Radloff
Grace Rahal
Asia Reeves
Anna Rockwood
Ethan Rush



Josh Scheibe
Koby Schmer
Rebekah Sems
Charlotte Spencer
Nick Steck



Hannah Stevenson
Ethan Storer
Ben Straub
Bridget Sullivan
Max Tabor



Charis Thompson
Jade Timmons
Madison Tucker
Colton Walpert
Ian Warren



Dylan Wells
Mark West
Jack Wittenauer
Lucy Wood
Davis Worley



Lauren Zone



Matthew Hoekzema,
sophomore



Matthew McKinnis,
freshman

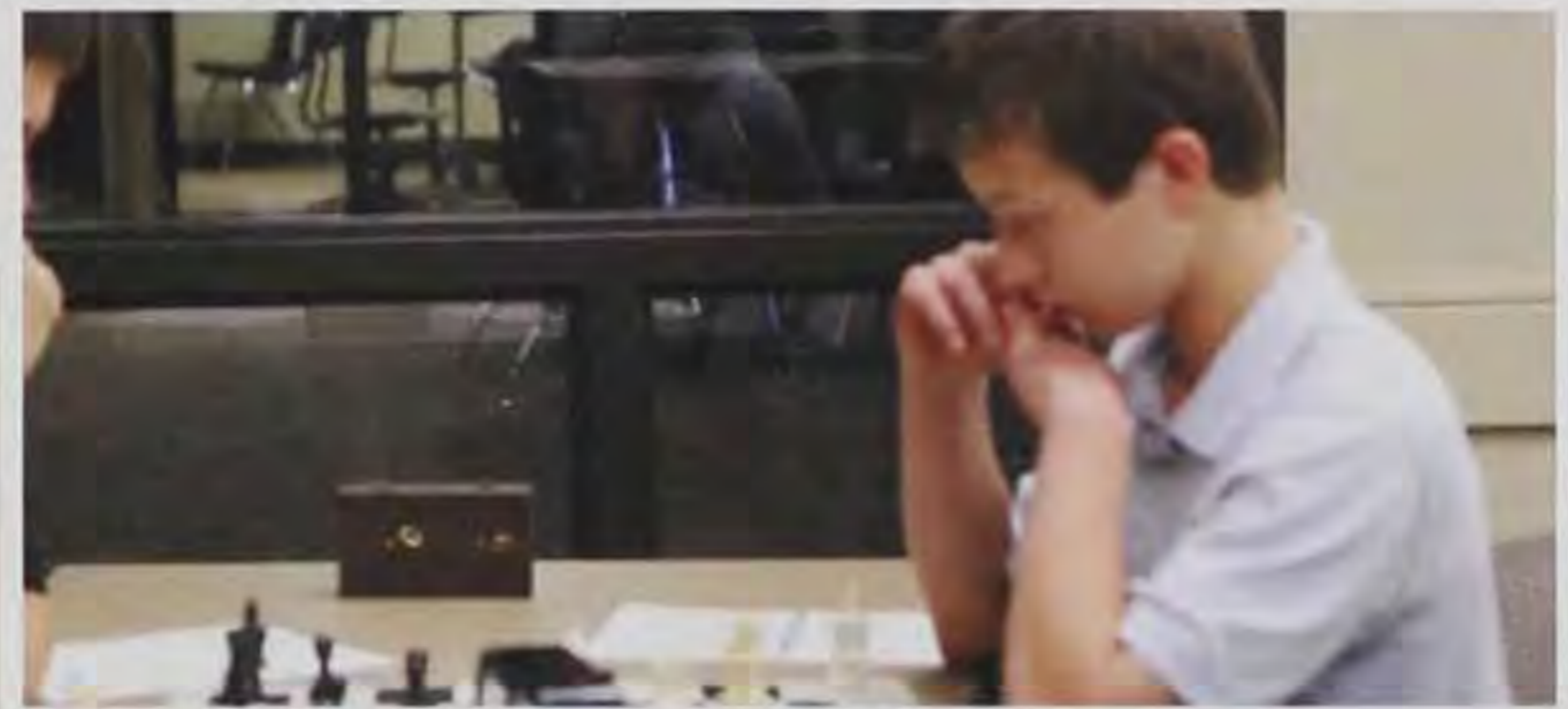


Andy Chen,
freshman



David Braton, freshman, focuses on his next move while his opponent takes his turn.

Ben Saltmiras, junior, figures out his moves and his opponent's move while the time is ticking for him to take his turn.



Andrew Van Horn, sophomore, writes down his move while his opponent plays their move.

Challenging Chess



The Chess Club at Westminster is one that has not always been common amongst students. However, recently the club has been registered for more tournaments. These tournaments entice students to join, giving them a reason to work at their chess game.

"I think that the chess club is a great addition to the clubs at Westminster. It provides me with a sense of belonging," said Matthew Hoekzema, sophomore.

"Chess club is something that I love, I think of chess as a sport, so playing gives me purpose," said David Braton, freshman. Chess is an activity that entices growth in young minds, while is an enjoyable pass time for many students. "I enjoy playing chess. It's a lot of fun, and I get to meet people who I wouldn't otherwise as well as improve my game," said Joey Albertson, junior. Albertson has been the captain of the chess club for three years. David Haas accompanies Albertson in leading the club.

While more students have joined for the tournaments, most of their time is spent playing against each other at school. Competition within the club allows for an element of fun during their meetings.

ASL

(American Sign Language)

The version of sign language spoken by the WCA Sign Language Club.



Audrey Abbonizio
Brie Adams
Jerram Adams
Tierra Allen
Molly Andersen

Patrick Andrews
Savannah Arnold
Lucas Bak
Alayna Barthelmass
Sarah Becker

Lauren Bell
Sean Benes
Alec Bequette
Abigail Berglar
Amanda Berry

Drew Bingham
Olivia Blatz
Ann Borchelt
Zachary Brasier
Lauren Brewer

Allison Broadhurst
Noelle Burkey
Maxwell Burns
Zach Cancila
Jack Canfield

Alex Chen
Collin Clark
Campbell Coffee
Cole Coffee
Kayonni Coplen

Caroline Davis
Colin Davitt
Olivia Demetry
Devon Deverger
Erich Dodge

Kyle Dolan
Payton Dunn
Allison Eichenlaub
Amanda Enger
Amanda Espy

Chandler Estes
Mitchell Farmer
Mary Grace Fellows
Emily Fentress
Luke Fiala





It's a Sign

Margo Koby, junior, **Charisse Williams**, senior, and **Sydney Arnold**, senior, sign at a Sign Language Club meeting. Thursdays during lunch at Westminster were signing days.



Language. Idioma. Languē. Språk. Gjuhë. Five very different words, one exact meaning. Language is how the human race expresses itself. Becoming acculturated to foreign languages is vital in order to prepare students to change the world for Jesus Christ.

Westminster offers a variety of languages for students choose from. But some students were looking to sign up for something different and unique. This year, students found that in a new, rapidly growing club: The Sign Language Club. Sign language defined is a visual language that uses signs in the form of hand and body movements along with facial expressions to communicate information. Very different from spoken languages, it could be tough to learn and teach. But, we had a special case at Westminster Christian Academy.

Alyssa Despotis, sophomore, learned sign language with a friend in seventh grade. After being inspired by the TV show: Switched at Birth, Alyssa used websites and books to learn the complex language. Then this year, Alyssa went to Mrs. Brown and asked if she could start the Sign Language Club. She got Mrs. Brown's approval and the club was born. "I think we will start out by learning the alphabet, numbers and conversational skills, and then hopefully move to whatever the club wants to learn. I am just excited to share sign language with other people and to see where this club will go!" said Despotis.

Even though Sign Language Club was new to Westminster, that did not affect its popularity. From starting out as a group of just a few people, it blossomed into a whole classroom full of signers. "I really love the relationships you can build through sign language. Whether it's other people in the club or people in a different country, sign language is a universal language that bridges the gap between cultures. I went on a mission trip last year to Haiti and there was a deaf community and I'm really excited to go back and try to share the gospel with them" said Margo Koby, junior. With a growing, passionate group of members and a strong leader, it was a good sign for the Sign Language Club.



"Sign Language Club is on point." said **Sammie Davidson**, sophomore.



Emily Hoffman, sophomore, practices signs. Hoffman was a consistent member of Sign Language Club.

Elisabeth Sems, sophomore, and **Alivia Johnston**, sophomore, fill out a worksheet while visiting the Cathedral Basilica. "The field trip was incredible," said Johnson. *Photo credit: Camryn Williams*



Celia Avery, junior, works hard on her essay about the Civil war. "Mrs. Osborne is one of my favorite teachers," said Avery.



Kelley Schwartz, History Department Chair, discusses with her student about the architecture of Windsor Crossing and how it can be useful for worship. *Photo credit: Camryn Williams*



Natalie Brown, freshman, **Sam Hiese**, freshman, and **Mikey LeVar**, freshman, work together to finish their homework in History class. Global Conflicts often used creative learning technics to help students learn the material.



Erica Osborne, history teacher, helps **Sam Kottmeier**, junior write a thesis statement for his history essay.



Making History

The History Department added a new field trip for Honors Western Civilization students. "We went to the Cathedral Basilica which is one of the nicest churches in St. Louis. We went there to get an idea of how the environments of certain places reflect our view of man. We also went to a mall and a regular church to get into different environments," said Josh Berglar, sophomore.

The honors students were able to tour around places of worship in order to apply what was taught in class. "The experience was different. The basilica was incredible; the mall and Windsor Crossing were an interesting comparison to the basilica. I thought it was really cool how they strung those three together, and showed us the three different places of worship," said Patrick Agan, sophomore.

"When we went to the basilica, it was really humbling, because it was colorful and it had a lot of pictures. The point of field trip was to see how architecture affects our worship. So at the basilica it made you feel small, but when we went to Windsor Crossing it felt more community based," said Sarah Nolting, sophomore.

Matthew Hoekzema and Patrick Agan, sophomores both got a new perspective on things because of the field trip. "I liked going around with everyone and observing everything in a standing back position. Evaluating everything and taking it in, not just looking at it from your own point of view," said Hoekzema. Agan added, "People worship a lot of things besides God, and whether or not we see it, it still happens. The mall is one of the places we see a lot of worship these days even though people are not openly praying to their gods."



"We do a lot of projects and presentations, which makes history more interesting."
-Hannah Hickel, freshman



"Ms. Schwartz finds a way to make history entertaining and understandable."
-Kalista Nelson, sophomore. *Photo credit: Emily Jo Barker*



Lauren Fleming
 Daniel Fox
 Mark Geisz
 Catie George



Madi Gipperich
 Emma Gore
 Will Gore
 Ella Graham



Katelynn Graham
 Spencer Graham
 Zach Gross
 Emma Gustafson



Atlin Hall
 Jaxon Halsey
 Jovana Hampton
 Lexi Hanson



Chloe Hauptfear
 Sam Hauptfear
 Cole Hintz
 Anna Hoffmann



Evan Howse
 Tom Isaacs
 Bridget James
 Carley James



Blake Jewell
 Sophie Johnson
 Isaac Johnston
 George Jones



Joshua Jones
 Ty Jones
 Matthias Jowdy
 Aaron Kampmeier



Connor Kathrinus
 Isaac Kaup
 Joey Keane
 Maggie Kehr



The Far Comes Into Focus

The freshman Bible class takes a walk to pray and consider what they had been learning. The students enjoyed how the prayer walk helped give different scenery to prayer.

From eighth grade to junior year, bible classes at Westminster focused on learning the essentials of the Bible. After each student had this base knowledge, the format of bible class changed for the senior students into a very applicable class to strengthen a student's lense through which they see the world.

Seniors took Worldviews, a class that explored other religions outside of Christianity, and focused on challenging many beliefs that are prevalent in today's society like creation and the problem of suffering. While learning about major world religions, the senior class took a field trip to a Muslim Mosque and a Hindu Temple, a place where many Christians don't venture into. "It was definitely a learning process, but I enjoyed learning about other religions that I was completely ignorant about before. It ultimately strengthened my own faith," said Olivia Coomes, senior.

While on the field trip, students interacted with leaders at both religious meeting places. These leaders walked students through the fundamentals of their faith and various religious practices that are unique to their faith. "I learned more than I had expected too, it was very eye opening," said Trent Briden, senior.

Following this trip outside of Westminster's walls, the students congregated in the theater to hear from one of our own who has dealt with the effects of these religions her whole life. Marjan Kempen, swim coach and academic hub supervisor, gave an impactful talk about her life being born in Iraq into a Muslim family and her journey to America and Christianity. "Learning from someone I am close with about these religions that sometimes seem so far away really made the topic seem more relatable," said Sam Parham.

Overall the day was a learning experience for all of the seniors, making them realize how relevant these religions are to them today. As these students leave the comfort of private school, the knowledge found in a Worldview's classroom will help students to defend and understand other worldviews, a unique skill that many young adults struggle to find.



Jack Rahal, freshman prays to God during the prayer walk. The ninth grade teacher's put together the prayer walk so that the students can have a different setting during prayer.



Jordan Merkel, sophomore, organizes his project in Mr. Hughes' Biblical Ethics class. Biblical Ethics is a class that challenges the students to think about how the ethics in the Bible are broken, and applying the Ten Commandments to their lives.

"In Bible I learned a lot of things I did not know, cause you do not get a lot of time to read the Bible on your own," said **Carter McCall**, freshman.



Chloe Kellom
Andrew Kempen
Soo Hyeong Kim
Trey Klein
Julia Knight



Lexie Kratky
Jessie Kunkel
Candemaria Larraga Manzano
Nathan Laughlin
Harrison Lawrence



Kalei Layton
Abigail Lowe
Lauren Lucas
Sawyer Ludwig
Hunter Lynn

"It was nice to have some alone time with God and think about what we had been learning in class," said **Chloe Wimpfheimer**, freshman.



Blaise Matheny
Chase Mayfield
Neeve McMillin
Cole McWard
Hattie Means



Caroline Megown
Giuseppe Migliazzo
Keenan Miller
Ashley Moellenhoff
Davis Moore



Abby Nixon
Jimmy Obertop
Emma Olsen
Grant Osmon
Jack Patterson

"The payer walk was very calming and a fun way to pray, and it was nice to have a different setting for prayer," said **Alec Hollmen**, freshman.



Michael Pritchett
Jack Provin
Dave Ragsdale
Cam Robinson
Olivia Robson



Graham Pruett, freshman starts the prayer walk for all ninth grade bible classes. He and the rest of the students prayed diligently the entire walk.

Hannah Rose
Alexa Rosenberg
Jordan Rothrock
Rachel Rothrock
Hannah Rupprecht



Claire Sanden
Joe Schroeder
Evan Seabaugh
Nathaniel Sems
Jordan Shaw



Thomas Shultz
Morgan Sickels
Allie Sigman
Joe Southwell
Abigail Staats



Olivia Strange
Jacob Sturm
Hannah Sturr
Caleb Terschak
Matthew Thoenen



Chloe Thomas
Griffin Thomas
Zion Thompson
Sophia Trentham
Levi Tucker



Jordan Vitiello
Maggie Wessels
Luke Wetzel
Paige
Wibbenmeyer
Cali Williams



Madison Wilson
Ian Woodard
Natalie Wurm
Raphaella Zavaglia



Sarah Nolting, sophomore, participates in a guessing game. The crowd decided that they wanted Nolting to act as if she was a squirrel at a party.



Sarah Geisz, sophomore, dances for the Friday night crowd. Later that night she participated in a skit in which someone else was her mouth piece.



Jake McKie, sophomore, and **Mary Kathryn Hancock**, senior, make believe fight. They acted as siblings, fighting over a toy.



John Pottebaum, junior, serenades the crowd during one of the skits. Pottebaum was full of energy the whole night and kept the crowd laughing.



Tripp Worley and **Harrison Farmer**, senior, enact a story of a little boy and his dad. The duo amused the crowd as they depicted story time.



Alyson McKie, junior, performs in a game of freeze. Along with her fellow improvisers she froze as soon as the lights turned on.



Alex Kessel, senior, and **Trevor Weststeyn**, junior, act in a game of good cop bad cop. Kessel acted as the criminal and was asked to guess not only his crime, but also who he was.



Mary Heyl, senior, plays in a game called freeze. The contestants must dance around until the lights come up. Whatever pose they are stuck they must remain in until the lights go down again.



Morgan Brasier, junior, acting as teacher attempts to discipline her pupils. During the entire skit, Brasier used a southern accent.



Hard Work



Mary Kathryn Hancock, senior, prophesies to the masses. Hancock graced the improv goers with her copious amounts of energy.

& Spontaneity

Calling all actors, comedians, and those just looking for a good time. Many people might not realize the work that goes into being on the improv team. In order to take the class advanced improv and perform with the teams on Friday nights, one must have taken drama one and drama two. This select group of students, like any athlete, dedicates a lot of time and energy to their performance.

"The hardest part is that each show is a grade," said Sarah Nolting, sophomore,

Between school, homework, and late night improv shows these select students dedicate copious amounts of time to their trade.

"I can't just run out there and do a show without practicing, even though its all made up. We work on things like our accents, read books about improv, and just practice to gain experience," said Jake McKie, sophomore. Advanced improv is not for the average theater child.

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



Betsy Bailey
L.B. Battle
Lauren Bauer
Izzy Baxter
Erik Bergman
Lexi Berra



Justin Blakey
Melinda Blum
Anna Bohlmann
Kyrrah Booker
Natalie Bowman
Kelly Bradley



David Braton
Nikki Breneman
Chad Briden
Daniel Brown
Natalie Brown
James Burtelow



Rachel Byars
Alyssa Cannon
Andy Chen
Markus Cicka
Isabelle Clawson
Abby Cockerham



Haley Counts
Dominic Cusumano
Macie Daniels
Sam Dare
Sydney Dark
Morgan Davis



Drew Dempsey
Ally Drooger
(no picture available)
Hanna Eisenbath
Blake Elder
Avery Engelmeyer
Connor Evans
Christopher Faust



Jada Ferguson
Emma Fiala
Jerrica Flakes
Elena Frogge
Dawson Gaitan
Jenna Galakatos



Parker Gelber
Jacob Giacobelli
Anna Gierhart
Emma Gion
Micah Gooch
Jake Graham



SPANISH CLUB



"My favorite part about Spanish Club are the activities we do outside of school. One time we went to a trailer park and had a Halloween party for all the kids there."

-Annie Backs, junior.

FRENCH CLUB



"My favorite part about the French Club is being able to speak french with my friends. It's cool when you know a language that other people don't."

-Jordan Vitiello, eighth grade.

CHINESE CLASS



"My favorite part of Chinese Class is that I get to learn something new. Although the characters are challenging to learn, it's exciting when you finally understand them."

-Christian McGhee, sophomore.

Maggi Eachus, Anna Hyunh, and Audrey O'Neill, juniors, and Made-moiselle DeVries sell chocolate at their Carnival booth.



Ashley Klein and Juhyae Kim, seniors make quesadillas for the Spanish club at carnival.



Students in the Chinese class spend time making eggrolls as a class activity. Not only do students study the language but the culture of their language as well.



Matthew Moore, freshman, works on an interview. Students were assigned interview family members and report about them in Chinese.

Break the Language Barrier

Languages presented challenges and caused students to explore new ways of thinking. Learning a new language and exploring new cultures brought students out of their everyday American lives. Whether a student chose Chinese, French, or Spanish, a second language sparked new thoughts and students began to see the world in new ways.

"I started taking Chinese because I went to China in middle school and I really loved it. Chinese is hard though because all of the characters look very similar" said Whitney Williams, junior. She hoped she could use Chinese in the future for business reasons.

Other students participated in language clubs to enhance how they use foreign languages. "I love making piñatas for younger children in our community. I really enjoy being able to speak with them in Spanish and make connections that I wouldn't be able to without the Spanish Club" said Josh Sumner, senior.

"I decided to take French because I started taking ballet classes and almost every term is in French. I also thought the language was especially beautiful" said Audrey O'Neill, junior. "I wanted to be the President of the French Club because I find the culture interesting. That is why I hope more students join the club in the future, even if they haven't learned the French language. The club is more about the culture than the language itself."

Company 800



Harrison Greer, junior, sells donuts before school for Business Basics. The students got in groups of 3 or 4 and sold together outside in front of the school as a way to learn how to follow through with a business plan.



Alyssa Despotis, sophomore, and **Brooke Lemp**, sophomore, sell donuts for Business Basics. "We had a donut challenge to eat a donut faster than your friend and a raffle," said Lemp.



Madison Stoecker, senior, attentively writes down her business ideas for a company called Reclaim Renew. Reclaim Renew was a local business that constructed furniture from reclaimed barn wood.



Michael Shaw, sophomore, tastes the kabobs his classmates prepared for their project. He worked in a group with Kaitlin Kittelson and Minjoo Kim on promoting a new product called the Quesadilla.



Brittney Tucker, junior, improves her group's recipe. Along with advertising a new food, the students had to come up with new ideas for water bottle designs, and figure out how to market them for one of their projects.

This year's business classes got lots of hands on, real life experience with businesses around the St. Louis area. The marketing classes got to come up with marketing ideas for a company called Reclaim Renew. Reclaim Renew is a business that refurbishes old furniture. "We came up with marketing ideas for the company, which included a new logo, new slogan, and new marketing techniques," said Madison Stoecker. At the end of the class, they will present the ideas to the company and the company can decide whether or not they will use them.

Not only did the business classes get to do hands on projects around the St. Louis area, but Introduction to Business also did projects around Westminster to help promote school spirit. Merilee Kapfer, senior, said, "We got to interview alumni, Mr. Hall, WCA parents like my mom, Mrs. Kapfer, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Zell and current students to get their opinions on school spirit." They ultimately decided that it would be best to start an official Blue Crew club. They created t-shirts to sell for the club and are hoping to get it started by next year. Ricky Brenneman, senior, said, "The club definitely has a lot of potential."

Intro to Business classes also got to do a project where they came up with marketing ideas to get students to buy donuts before school. There were many ideas such as shooting hoops and petting puppies. The students got lots of business from hungry students at WCA.

Whether they are coming up with marketing schemes for active companies in St. Louis, promoting school spirit at Westminster, or selling donuts, the business classes are working on projects that will carry on even after their semester class is up.



Sophomores, **Emily Hoffmann** and **Carman Verbeke**, work together on improving their product in Intro to Business.



Jack Andrews and **Ben Sems**, juniors, work to connect Newspaper and business. "We used business tactics to try and improve leadership on Newspaper staff," said Andrews.



Minjoo Kim, junior, and **Kaitlin Kittelson**, senior, made a great team in Business Basics. "Minjoo's artistic talent is the perfect addition to our team" said Kittelson.



Kevin Graham
Brendan Grbcich
Kayla Greene
Bridgette Grimm
Stephen Gross

Grace Gundlach
Clayton Guzdial
Jordan Haeusser
Kayla Hawkins
Kayla Hayes

Luke Heintz
Sam Heise
Hannah Hickel
Hilary Hightower
Caroline Hinrichs

Bethany Holden
Alec Hollmann
Amani Holmes
Samantha Huber
Hallie Hull

Anna Johnson
Brittany Johnson
Ricky Johnson
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Justin Kapfer

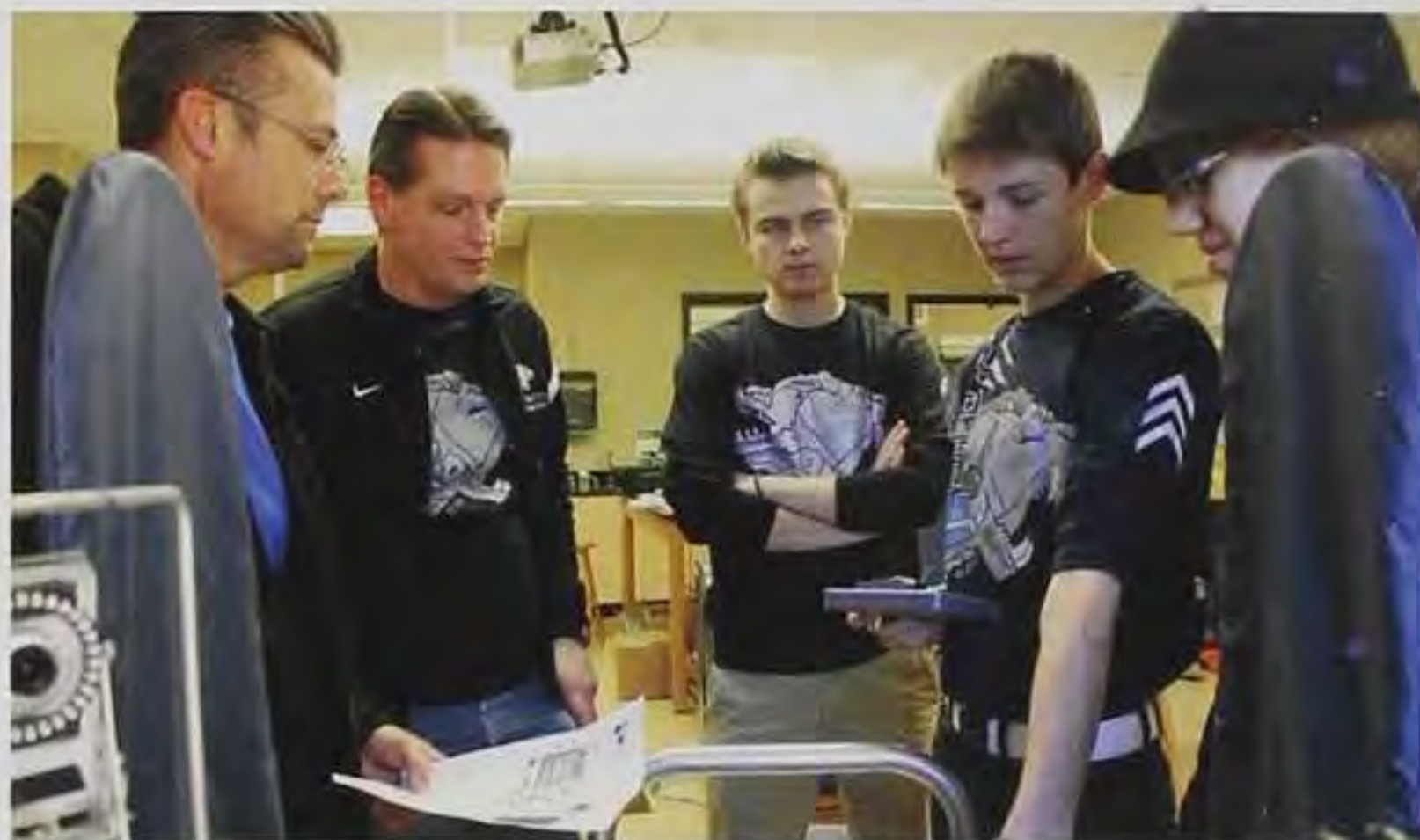
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Hailey Kittelson
Michael Kolb

Kathryn Kramer
Madeline Kugler
Maggie Kurop
Kelly Kwak
Ashley Kyriakos

Caroline Kyriakos
Lily Lackey
Brooke Lang
Thomas Lauer
Grant LaValle

Caleb Layton
Aimee Lee (no picture available)
Marissa Lee
Kimi Lehr
Mikey LeVar
Micah Lewis

Patrick Agan, sophomore, Amber Terlouw, and Zach Kessel, seniors brainstorm ideas for the upcoming season's challenge.



Ben Linxwiler, senior, and Ben Saltmiras, junior, teach kids about how to make a robot. The Robotics team also helped little kids build robots for their service project, "Connections for success."



The challenge for the robotics team this year was called "recycle rush." The goal was to build a robot that performed similarly to the arms on a trash truck. Students met with a local recycling service to observe how the process worked.

First Robotics Science & Engineering Club

The First Robotics team is always hard at work doing new and exciting things each year. This year, the team created a human resources position to help with problem solving and relationships with other teams.

The Robotics Team is much more than just building a robot, it's also about creating a business. The team is broken into two parts: one, is the business side which handles the marketing and sponsors. Second, is the engineering side of the team which deals with the actual robot.

Liz Harding, junior, was the human resources manager and helped with keeping track of the team's now 100 members. "My job is changing the vision for the team to focus more on the people building the robot, rather than the robot itself," said Harding. She also handles complaints, schedules, and managing recruits, which is not an easy job considering the team's growing number of members.

The Robotics team was rapidly growing due to the large number of kids that had a passion for engineering as well as a passion for running a business. As the team grows in the coming years, new positions are being added to help the team become more of a successful business.

Freshmen/Robotics



Alexa Lindgren
Annie Linhoff
A.J. Lloyd
Chase Lottman
Michael Luedders

Emily Lytle
Carter McCall
Matthew McKinnis
Georgia McQuillan
Elizabeth Meeks

Jonathan Mette
George Meyer
David Montgomery
Logan Montgomery
Matthew Moore

Sophie Moser
Katie Myers
Haley Myles
Abby Nall
Sam Nichols

Isabella Ortiz
Mollie Ottsen
Jesse Parham
Evan Parres
Brooke Patterson

Sarah Peirick
Chloe Peistrup
Paige Penberthy
Ashley Peterman
Deanne Pfyl

Rachel Potter
Alyssa Preusser
Sarah Preusser
Graaham Pruett
Amelia Quinn

Whitney Radloff
John Rahal
Sydney Rasch
Hannah Redmond
Ashton Reeves

Dani Renaud
Kaitlyn Rigdon
Lily Rohlfing
Abby Ruckman

"Robotics is fun because it gives me an opportunity to explore engineering outside of the school curriculum."
-Matthew Rush, junior



"I like robotics because its hands on and exciting and everyone is so nice and welcoming to new members."
-Carter Wells, junior



Frankie Sacco
Nathan Scharr
Haley Schmer
Hayden Shively
Tylar Shockley



Sarah Shoemaker
Colin Shreves
Taylor Siebenman
Xander Smith
Sam Song



Christine Steck
Savanna Steffens
Emily Stoner
Rachel Strothkamp
Trent Tarantino



Michael Thoenen
Noah Thomas
Sophia Thomas
Jeremiah Thompson
Ryan Timpone



Andrew Tipton
Alex Token
Mollee Trost
Alexis Turner
Luke Vasel



Maddie Volding
Katelyn Wallace
Nathan Walsh
Daniel Wang
Rebekah Warren



Donovan Washburn
Sean Webb
Kurt Weinberg
Faith Wickham
Madeline Williams



Lauren Willis
Preston Willis
Jessica Wilson
Chloe Wimpfheimer
Levi Wright



Charlie Wu
Olivia Wuestner
Susan Yi
Emily Zell
Ashley Zone



"I really like that you get to bond about anime, and you meet all these people that like the same thing you do."
-Melinda Blum, freshman



"It's a taste of different culture, and it has a whole different way of communicating things with more depth than American cartoons."
-Sarah Geiz, sophomore.



Julian Adams, senior, participates in the group discussion. After every film watched, the group discussed the impact of the film.



Robert Murphy, club advisor, leads a discussion about the movie the students watched the previous week. Murphy related the story of Japan post World War II to the gospel story saying that, "God can redeem anything and even the worst thing in the world he can make right."

What's your favorite anime?

**Tengen Toppa
Gurren Lagann**

-Kurt Culver, sophomore

**Attack on
Titan**

-Amanda Skeeters, junior

**Full Metal Alchemist
Brotherhood**

-Sarah Geiz, sophomore

Hetalia

-Kate Hassler,
sophomore

Howl's Moving Castle

-Lauren Willis, freshman



The club watches Spirited Away together. This movie which is perhaps the most popular anime movie in America had one of the largest turnouts of the year.

Passions Turn into Possibilities

With almost 40 members at a single meeting, the anime and manga club grew rapidly this year. Anime is "basically Japanese animation. It's not the same as cartoons, because its mostly geared towards older audience like teenagers and adults. It follows a story line, and the universe doesn't automatically reset every episode," said Kurt Culver, sophomore, who is the president and founder of the club.

They mainly focused on anime so far, but the club planned to integrate in manga as well. Like many popular movies that are made based on books, anime and manga are the same way. Manga are comics, and the anime is based off of these.

Many people that previously loved anime were overjoyed when they heard about the club being formed. "I was ecstatic, because it's so hard for anime people to connect," said Amanda Skeeters, junior. Culver started the club for that very reason: to help anime lovers connect.

He had always dreamed of joining an anime and manga club in high school, but when he got to high school and realized that Westminster did not have one, he made it his goal to start one. "I got a group of people together," said Culver. "It was small at first, but once we got enough people, we sent in an application." The administration approved it, and the club was born. The goal of the club is to not only create a place where students can bond over their love of anime but also to generate interest in people who might not have watched it otherwise.

Patrick Agan
Amanda Ahlbrand
Elli Alm
Griffin Andersen
Eli Avery
Teddy Bacon



Emily Jo Barker
Abbi Barron
Graci Barron
Blake Barthelmass
Jack Bauer
Logan Bauer



Sydney Baum
Brandon Beat
Hannah Beckman
Josh Berglar
Rachel Berry
Sydney Bowden



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



Nick Callier
Chelsea Caplinger
Nick Catalano
Maddy Challenger
Abby Charles
Jesse Charles



Lucas Chimento
Dyllan Conway
Molly Cook
Noah Cordray
Tristan Culleton
Kurt Culver



Lexie Dark
Katelyn Davidson
Sammie Davidson
Amanda Davis
Kirsten Davis
Ethan Davitt



Cliff DeGroot
Luke Demetry
Alyssa Despotis
Luke Doiron
Connor Dolan
Sydney Driscoll



Dawson Egan
Wayne Eilermann
Jesse Esparza-Burr
Rachel Farrell
Lily Fiala
Zion Ford



MEET YOUR CLASS PRESIDENTS



Taylor Siebenman, Freshman



Sarah Broyles, Sophomore



Lucy Kehr, Junior



Drew Straub, Senior



Katherine O'leary, Bridgette Sullivan, Jade Timmons, Ashley MacDonald, Olivia Hunsicker,, Katie Houbaugh, Josie Christain, and Journey Henry, seventh graders, and Sarah Jane Fiala, senior, all sit together during a PC meeting.



Ethan Storer, seventh grade, poses with his food during his PC meeting. This year Ethan Storer's PC leader is Andrew Eichenlaub, senior.



Hannah Stevenson, seventh grade and **Elizabeth Schmidt**, senior, laugh during one of their meetings. This was Elizabeth's second year as a PC leader.



Bricyn Johnson, **Tori Jessie**, and **Jaeda Moore**, seventh graders, talk together during a PC meeting. Their preferred snack of choice is donuts during the meetings.



Madison Tucker and **Lexi Jo Alm**, seventh grade, eat Bread Company bagels during their PC meeting. Their leader was Kirsten Caplinger.

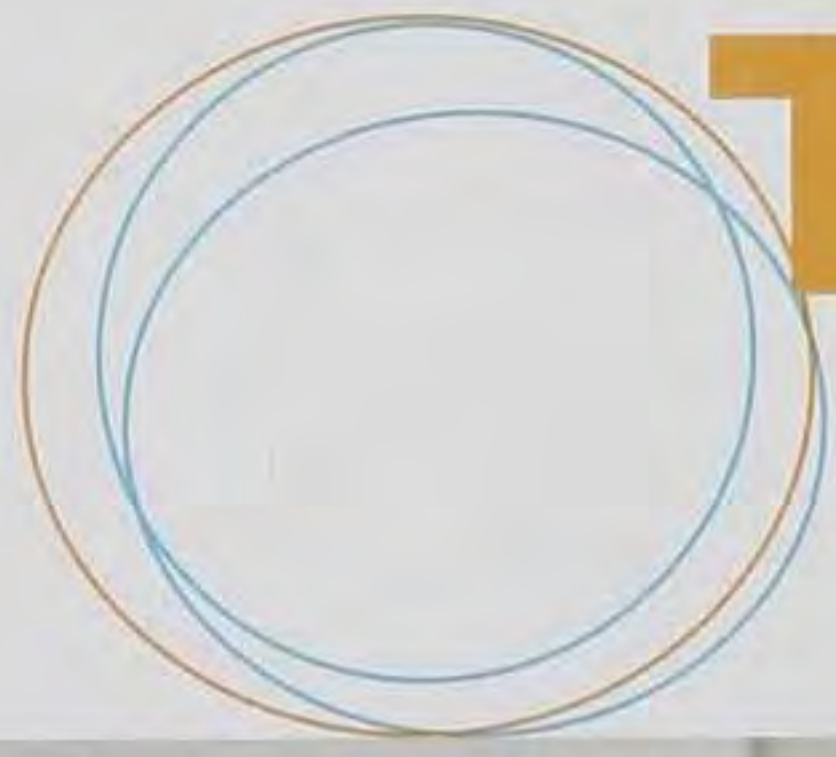
Leadership Roles

In the spring of 2014 students in grades 8-11 stood in front of their whole class and gave a speech to run for class office. Class office positions included the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, spirit chair, and service chair. Some people ran for a position to make a difference in their class, however some took a more casual approach.

Taylor Siebeman, freshman said, "Miss Scholten told me if I didn't run for president she would disown me, so I ran for president". Each leadership position played an important role in carnival weekend, class events, ITSOG, and junior senior banquet.

Every Tuesday morning chaos could be heard coming from the cafe this noise can be blamed on the seventh graders gathering with their Senior PC leaders. Bricyn Johnson said, "usually during PC meetings we talk about what we did over the weekend and what we have going on during the week."

Eighth graders met with their leaders every other Wednesday. PC Leaders otherwise known as peer counselors get to talk to middle schoolers during an influential time in their lives. Tori Jessie, seventh grade, said, "I love talking to my PC leader about what is going on in 7th grade". During meetings, students talked to their leaders about their personal lives, sports, and school.



The Great Debate



Cate Hoogstraten and Valerie Winkler, sophomores, work hard in the problem based learning math class. This class offered students logical problem solving tools to use in everyday life.

Sophomores/Math Class

As problems based instruction became a part of the math department the debate over which method, it or direct instruction was a better way of teaching. Direct instruction was the method employed for years and most closely resembled what most people think of when the topic of math class comes to mind. Problems based was a method that espoused the idea that stronger learning and thus longer retention takes place when students are challenged to generate a solution a problem before being shown the answer.

"I definitely like note taking better and feel like I learn more. I am one of those people who have to hear it and have write it down and be repetitive, and with the problem based style I can get a good grade but I don't actually understand it very well and its frustrating," said Nikki Brenemen. Brenemen had taken both styles of math classes.

Another student in this math program was Micah Lewis, freshmen. Lewis also took both styles of math. Lewis was in a regular math class this past year.

"With the note math I actually learn something and I see examples of the problem come out into play as apposed to the problems based where we are just doing random problems I don't know how to do and then when we go over them in class I don't really understand the problem," said Lewis.

"It [problems based] provides a different experience that other schools don't provide."
 -JT Fuller, sophomore



"What I like about math is, there is always an answer. With some subjects it's open-ended, there are multiple ways you can answer something, but with math there is only one answer."
 -Isaac Pleus, sophomore



Taylor French
 JT Fuller
 Erin Galakatos
 Sarah Geisz
 Holly Gilmore

Kelsey Ginger
 Sofia Granata
 Clayton Grass
 Austin Greene
 Tori Greiwe

Chase Griesedieck
 Eddie Griesedieck
 Julie Griesedieck
 Emma Hackman
 Hannah Haguewood

Jarrett Hardy
 Kate Hassler
 Olivia Henderson
 Matthew Hoekzema
 Emily Hoffmann

Olivia Holt
 Cate Hoogstraten
 Paris Hubler
 Gabby James
 Tiffany Johnson

Alivia Johnston
 Bradley Jones
 Hallie Kaiping
 Dean Karanas
 Sidney Keane

Jason Kelly
 Alex Kempen
 David Kerckhoff
 Emily Kessel
 Jillian Klein

Paige Klein
 Madi Koetting
 Lauren Koncki
 Mary Kate Kopsky
 Rebekah Lai

Alex Lawrence
 Chris Lee
 Brooke Lemp
 Samantha Lombardo
 Andrew Looby

Tyler Shockly, freshmen, takes notes on a new unit. She used a note packet her teacher gave her. Shockly was in a regular math class.



Daniel Welker, senior, disassembles the chapel bands' set up. Welker has spent countless hours throughout his high school career serving in A.V.



Lindsay Davis, seventh grader, works to break down the life in the Meantime set. Davis felt no hesitation joining copious amounts of clubs in her first year.



James Kouzes, junior, is the eyes in the sky during Spirit Week, working diligently to capture footage of the festivities. Kouzes sacrificed his time in the crowd to work.



Mikey LeVar, freshman, works to transform a past set into a new piece. LeVar helped the Set Club power through Spirit Week as well as contribute to his class' Art Board.

The Secret Service

What would Seussical be without the colorful set? Or imagine a chapel where the speaker struggled to project the speaker's voice loud enough to fill the Arena. Though they worked behind the scenes, Set Club and A.V. Club are detrimental to many Westminster events.

"It's all voluntary so everyone helping out wants to see the all the different events succeed," said Nichole Romich, junior. Romich has spent many stressful hours trying to complete sets for various plays. "I feel like the cast and director have some unrealistic expectations. Yes, I understand you want the set done a week before production, but many times that's not doable due to everything that has to be done," said Romich.

The same held true for A.V. participants. "Especially with other clubs, third quarter I get swapped with events," said Joshua Theus, sophomore.

Although these students are pursuing their passion, it is quite easy to overlook them. "Overall, it's not about the appreciation, but about creating something you can be proud of," said Romich.

Things A.V. Has Taught Me - By Andrew Van Horn

1. How to prevent everything from going horribly wrong

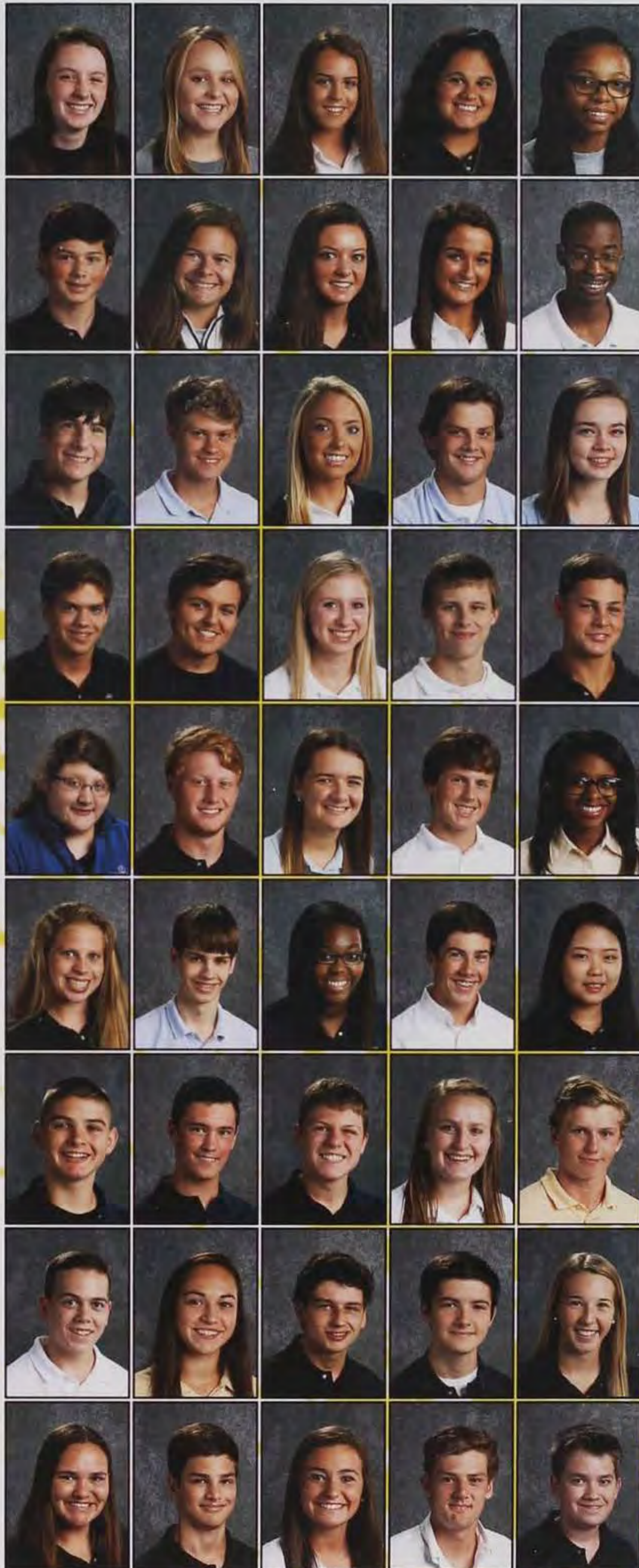
2. When things go horribly wrong, how to multi task both troubleshooting and panicking

3. Mr. Kim is the source of all technical knowledge. There is no use in questioning the Kim

4. Cable coiling



"In A.V. as a leader what I've liked to do and wanted to do more this semester is caring for the people under me better and more individually."
-Joshua Theus, sophomore.



Hannah Lovell
Lauren Lowe
Callie MacDonald
Vikki MacKoul
Jayla Malloyd

Jonathan Marshall
Alayna Marusiodis
Christina Mason
Savannah Mathews
Christian McGhee

Jake McKie
Harry Medler
Maddie Mercer
Jordan Merkel
Anna Mitchell

Jake Mitchell
Tomas Mitchem
Casey Moeslein
Chris Moore
Cooper Moore

Michelle Morley
Thomas Morton
Caitlin Mundorf
Zach Nall
Kalista Nelson

Sarah Nolting
Jonathan Nyenhuis
Morayo Oginni
Matt Ottsen
Julie Park

Jonny Parker
Luke Peters
Isaac Pleus
Kristen Pogue
Josh Pottebaum

Blake Potter
Kyrstin Pritchett
Brian Re
Jacob Reeve
Erica Ridenhour

Hailey Rupprecht
Collin Saak
Hannah Sabadell
Weston Schad
Ben Schuler

Logan Sells
 Elisabeth Sems
 Michael Shaw
 Rebekah Shields
 Robert Shields



Alyssa Shikles
 Julia Snodgrass
 Tom Southwell
 Samuel Spencer
 Pagie Stanfill
 Josh Steiner (no picture available)



Devan Stewart
 Zachary Stinehagen
 Garrett Stoecker
 Bethany Stone
 Ben Sullivan



Nick Suter
 Will Sutter
 Sara Swan
 Anna Tallman
 Joshua Theus



Jimmy Thomas
 Allison Thoenen
 Lucas Thuro
 Madelyn Trost
 Alexis Tuggle



Jennifer Urban
 Andrew Van Horn
 Joshua Vander Velde
 Carmen Verbeke
 Alena Vermillion



Sydney Walker
 Steve Webb
 Max Weiss (no picture available)
 William Wetzel
 Mackenzie Wieberg
 Camryn Williams



Valerie Winkler
 Emma Winter
 Moira Wright
 Alexandra Yeager
 Katherine Yenser
 Charlie Zone (no picture available)



Sam Thomas, senior



Steven Howell, senior

Rachel Charles, senior, and **Tessa Copeland**, junior, sit together and talk. This was Charles' first time going on a trip, but Copeland had gone many other times. Photo Credit: Drew Port.



Encountering Kindness

No wood, no water, and no park rangers; that was the situation the adventure club was in when they went on a trip to Two Rivers Camp Site.

Drew Port, Bo Thomas, and Andrew Eichenlaub, all seniors decided to take things into their own hands. They started driving around to random houses in rural Missouri trying to purchase wood from anyone who would help. They pulled up to one house and saw geese and different kinds of animals walking around. They walked around back and saw the owner of the house working outside. They asked her if she had any wood they could purchase; she said no but she had wood they could chop, so the boys got to work. They spent hours chopping wood to make a fire for the rest of the kids on the trip.

They went back to the woman's house periodically throughout the day. After talking with her for awhile, she asked if the boys were Christians. They replied saying yes, and that they were from a Christian school. The lady asked how many kids were in their group, they said about 20. She then went and got over 20 evangelistic books, so each of the kids could have one!

Adventure club always has a story to tell be it hikes they went on, or crazy people they meet along the way of their adventure. Its always a good time, and students always left with unforgettable memories.



Dongbin Lee, senior, often brings his guitar and plays camp fire songs for the group. Photo Credit: Drew Port



Andrew Eichenlaub, senior sits on the edge of a cliff. Eichenlaub attends almost all the adventure club trips. Photo Credit: Drew Port



Caroline Agan, senior went on the trip to Hawn State Park with the adventure club. The trip was a weekend trip from Friday to Saturday. They stayed in tents over night. Photo Credit: Abi Hackman

Gracie Adams
Emily Adkisson
Joey Albertson
Michael Aldredge
Emily Andres
Jack Andrews



Nate Appelbaum
Celia Avery
Annie Backs
Dylan Baile
Myles Bakewell
Mary Grace Barber



Morgan Barr
Blase Bell
Nick Bell
Sabrina Bingham
James Bissell
Elyse Blatz



Elizabeth Bowman
Jeremiah Branscomb
Morgan Brasier
Brooke-Ellen Brugner
Caleb Buffa
Sterling Burton



Ciara Butler
Nick Cacciarelli
Willie Crafeld
Macy Catlett
Elaine Clifton
Emma Cockrum



Aaron Cook
Tessa Copeland
Caleb Curry
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
Samuel Everhardt
Lindsey Falkner
Emily Fehrenbacher
Claire Fellows



"I do Student Spiritual Life Team for my love for God, and spreading his word."
said **Joi Malloyd**, junior



Steven Howell, senior, helps set up before chapel. He took a leadership role in the Student Spiritual Life Team this year by making an effort to transition the new leaders.



Nile Heefner, Student Spiritual Life Team director, leads chapel with an opening prayer.





The band performs at a special chapel during the fall. The band surprised the audience when they mixed in Avicci's *Wake Me Up* with *Joy to the World*. Photo Credit: Kelsey Ginger

Behind the Scenes

With new fearless leaders who were brand new to the Westminster Community, Chapel and the Student Spiritual Life team underwent many changes this year. Mike Bertucci and Nile Heefner wanted to transform the way chapel was done from the inside out.

"They had big shoes to fill, and we all still miss Mr. Holley, but they have done such a great job of taking charge of chapel," said Abi Hackman, senior on SSLT.

The student teams that were in charge of chapel this year tried to place great importance on students talking to the student body. Steven Howell, senior on SSLT said, "There has been a lot more student involvement this year overall. I also think it has been good to have students open chapel, instead of always having teachers do the talking."

Chapel band also had a transfer of leadership to music teacher, Mr. Taylor. He focused on having a relaxed, student led group as well. "Mr. Taylor really stepped up by giving us freedom, but also helping us sound better. I feel that we have really improved this year because of his leadership," said Thomas Meyer who was a senior bass player in chapel band

All the new changes to how chapel is done, made for an entirely different worship experience for every Westminster student.

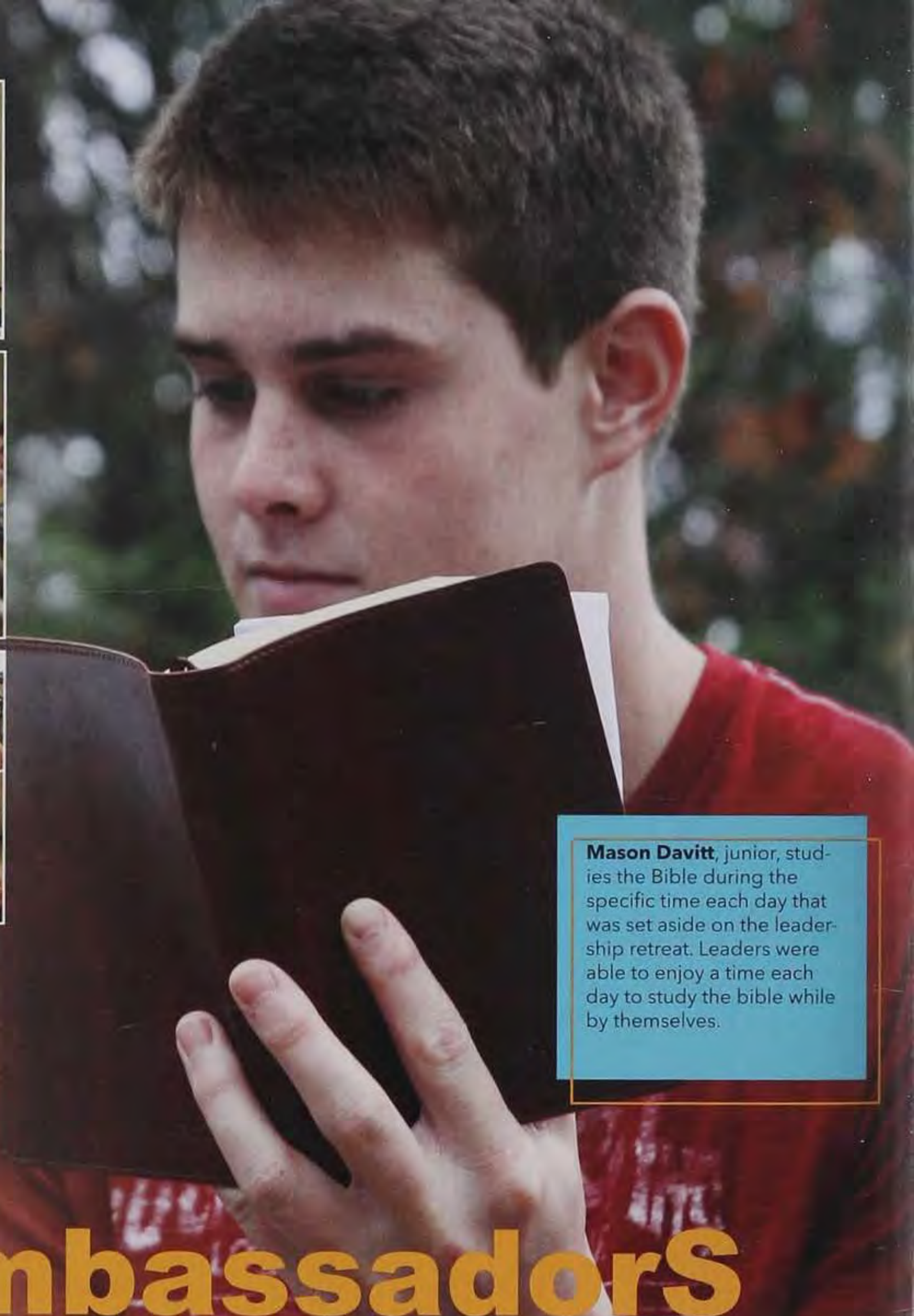
Michael Shaw, sophomore and **Jack Rahal**, freshmen, are told what to do, as Ambassadors, when greeting our school guests.



MaryKate Kopsky, sophomore, talks to her fellow ambassadors during a lunch meeting. Every Thursday at lunch, ambassadors would meet and discuss future plans for themselves.



During Thursday advisory periods, both the STUCO and Class Officers meet up.



Mason Davitt, junior, studies the Bible during the specific time each day that was set aside on the leadership retreat. Leaders were able to enjoy a time each day to study the bible while by themselves.

Ambassadors

STUCO and Ambassadors always did something different to contribute to the school community, and this year was no different. STUCO did many things for the school community and even provided help for teachers themselves. Ambassadors also continued doing things to benefit the school as a whole.

STUCO pulled off an event, "Wee The Wildcats", in which they baby sat the teachers children, which gave the teachers a day off.

Ambassadors constantly helped out with the school, in order to help new students get adjusted. This year the Ambassadors set out with a specific theme in mind. They wanted to be bold and always take the initiative. Throughout the year their goal was to always take up an opportunity and always take the initiative within situations that faced them.

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Mary Kathryn Hancock, senior, celebrates as her class wins Spirit Week. Hancock was the Spirit Chair for her class, and was in charge of organizing Spirit Week.



Clara Gruneisen, junior, works in the STUCO concession stand at carnival. The STUCO members were in charge of setting up carnival and working all day at their booth.



Hannah Fiala
Azaria Foster
Alyssa Freiner
Nick Frogge
Katherine Galvin

Nathan George
Taylor Giddens
Aaron Goin
Nick Glanvill
Tom Graham

Missy Grasse
Harrison Greer
Paul Griesedieck
Lauren
Griesedieck
Hannah Groce

Clara Gruneisen
Isabel Guariglia
Davis Haeusser
Connor
Hafenrichter
Nathan Hall

Zane Hall
Ciarra Hampton
Elisabeth
Harding
Sofia Harjoe
Julia Harre

Jordan Hartmann
Izzy Haupfear
Jordan Hawkins
Miles Hehner
Hannah Heintz

Max Heise
Morgan Henry
Christopher Heyl
Casey Hinds
Joey Hobaugh

Caroline Holden
Alexander
Hopkins
Zachary Hughes
Sam Hunsicker
Anna Huynh

Benjamin Isaacs
Avery Iven
Evan Johnson
Joel Johnson
Patrick Jung

Hannah Grace Smith, junior, lifts waits in strength and conditioning. Smith was on the Westminster's Varsity Women's Swim Team.



Josh Sumner, senior, works hard while doing set one of the exercises he had for the day. Sumner was on the Cross Country Team.



Jacob Chimento, pushes up one 55 pound dumbbell at a time. Chimento played goalie for our very own varsity soccer team.



Mason Davitt, junior, works on the stretch bands while his partners encourages him. Davitt on the varsity football team.



Partners **Cameron Tucker** and **Sam Kottmeier** work out in the Weight Room during first hour. These two enjoy keeping one another motivated and focused.



1000 Pound

Choosing which Physical Education class to take at WCA was actually difficult with only two options for each gender. For some, their first choice would be Strength and Conditioning, "I take the class to get stronger and build a better physique," said Cameron Tucker, junior. Tucker is one of the students at WCA who viewed strength and conditioning as more than just a class for a credit.

Building a healthy body throughout the teen years could be difficult, but Tucker did everything he could to stay focused on his goals. "I started with pull ups and push ups in my basement, all the way to train today by transferring to Golds Gym," said Tucker about lifting since 5th grade. Strength and Conditioning here at WCA had a lot to offer, for instance, lifting weights, pro agility, ab workouts, and even an after school open gym which was all lead by Coach Schall and Greg Schoenberg.

Tucker suffered a major setback in his first football game of the year against Festus. "I had a combo fracture in my knee and I had a slight tear in my ACL," said Tucker. Fortunately, the injury was not bad enough for him to get surgery, but he was out for most of the season. All throughout this time Tucker was still in Strength and Conditioning, "When he was injured it was really hard for him not to work out," said Dave Schall. Tucker did not let that injury stop him, he modified all of the exercises and did what he could.

Tucker joined the 750 Club here at Westminster, but still strived for one more goal. Tucker dreamed big with the goal to join the 1000 pound club by graduation.

CLUB

"My motivation is improving for next football season."
-Sam Kottmeier, junior.



"The other people in the room and people I work out with motivate me."
-Claire Nichols, junior.



"I do it to impress Coach Schall."
-Richard Breneman, senior



Grace Keane
 Lucy Kehr
 Minjoo Kim
 Hailee Klein
 Margo Koby

Sam Kottmeier
 James Kouzes
 Joonsok Lee
 Minsok Lee
 Erin LeVar

Tom Lieber
 Lauren Lindgren
 Jack Linton
 Rebecca Liu
 Dan Luedders
 Daisy Luo (no picture available)

Wyatt Malcom
 Joi Malloyd
 Lauren Massot
 Jake Matheny
 Logan McCall

Alyson McKie
 Gannon McWard
 Kaitlyn Mehlhouse
 Drew Melaragno
 Kaylah Meredith

Rachel Middleton
 Andrew Montgomery
 McKenna Montgomery
 Taylor Montgomery
 Ben Moore

Brennan Murphy
 Andrew Murray
 Claire Nichols
 Gracie Nye
 Audrey O'Neill

Jared Orange
 Lane Penberthy
 John Pottebaum
 Sarah Ragsdale
 Lauren Ramos

Alaina Randazzo
 Lacey Rapp
 Claire Rebbe
 Tommy Reagan
 Nichole Romich

Matthew Rush
Ben Saltmiras
Matthew Schlafly
Luke Schroeder
Jake Schroeder



Timmy Sell
Ben Sems
Klarissa Sheffield
Zach Shultz
Gabby Sicard



Amanda Skeeters
Malori Skrobonja
Kendra Slater
Hannah Grace Smith
Stewart Snapp



Emily Stevenson
Lauren Stoner
Abby Stratman
Neil Sutherland
Keely Sweet



Alysse Tarantino
Samuel Terrana
Kaitlin Terschak
Sydney Thomas
Symone Thompson



Brittney Tucker
Cameron Tucker
Ben Varghese
Connor Vargo
Hannah Vitiello



Clayton Voges
Rachel Waller
Haley Weinberg
Carter Wells
Bekah Westrich



Trevor Weststeyn
Megan Wibbenmeyer
Meegan Williams
Steve Williams
Whitney Williams



Jacob Wilson
John Yin
Jeremy Yoon
Nora Zakhary
Rulin Zhang



2 Timothy 4:7
"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

"He stirred our hearts, challenged our minds, and focused our eyes on Jesus."

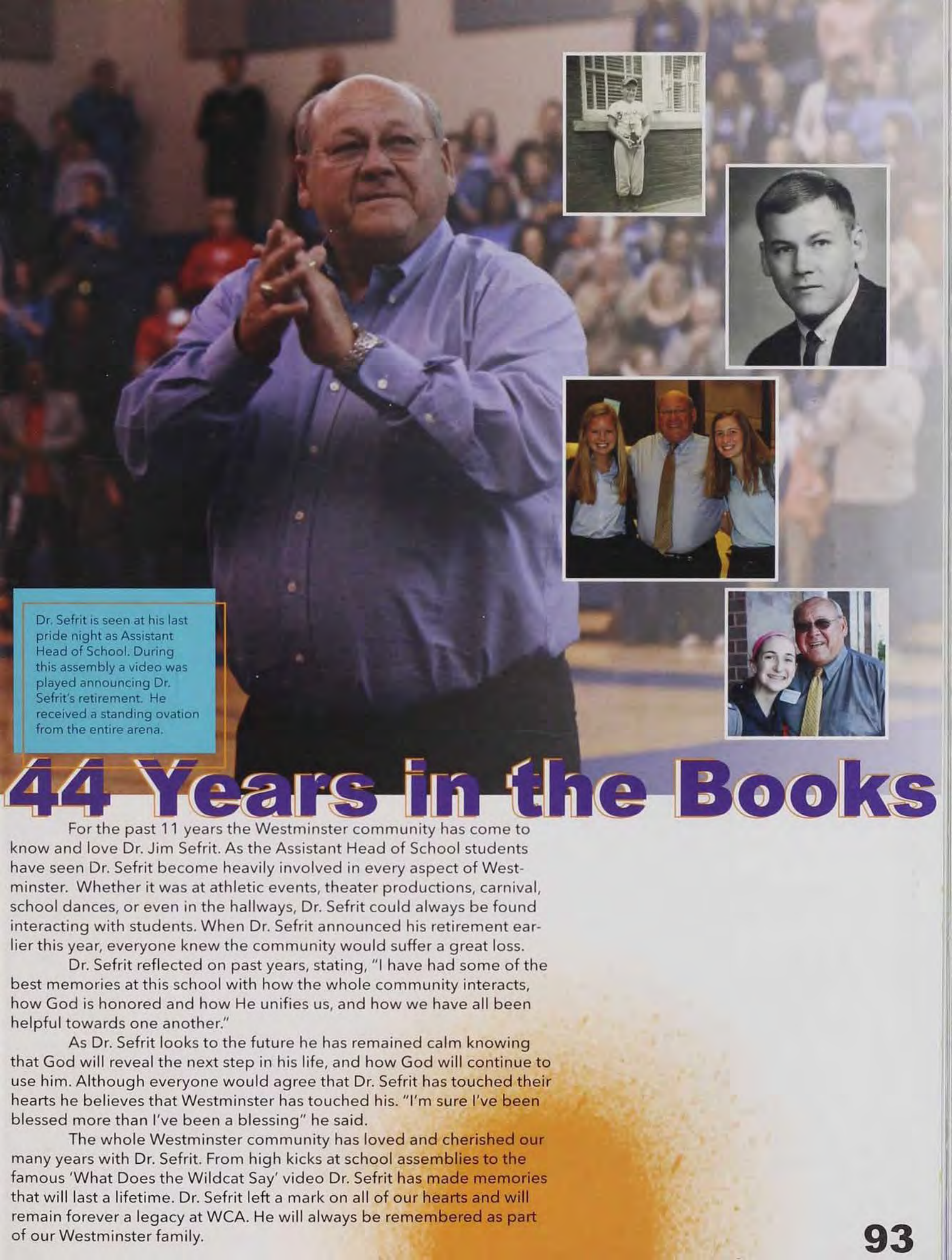
-John Pottebaum, junior



"Breaking up one of the best teams since Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen, Captain Kirk and Mr. Spock, the Lone Ranger and Tonto- Dr. J and Mrs. R. I'll miss you so much!"

-Betty Richardson





Dr. Sefrit is seen at his last pride night as Assistant Head of School. During this assembly a video was played announcing Dr. Sefrit's retirement. He received a standing ovation from the entire arena.

44 Years in the Books

For the past 11 years the Westminster community has come to know and love Dr. Jim Sefrit. As the Assistant Head of School students have seen Dr. Sefrit become heavily involved in every aspect of Westminster. Whether it was at athletic events, theater productions, carnival, school dances, or even in the hallways, Dr. Sefrit could always be found interacting with students. When Dr. Sefrit announced his retirement earlier this year, everyone knew the community would suffer a great loss.

Dr. Sefrit reflected on past years, stating, "I have had some of the best memories at this school with how the whole community interacts, how God is honored and how He unifies us, and how we have all been helpful towards one another."

As Dr. Sefrit looks to the future he has remained calm knowing that God will reveal the next step in his life, and how God will continue to use him. Although everyone would agree that Dr. Sefrit has touched their hearts he believes that Westminster has touched his. "I'm sure I've been blessed more than I've been a blessing" he said.

The whole Westminster community has loved and cherished our many years with Dr. Sefrit. From high kicks at school assemblies to the famous 'What Does the Wildcat Say' video Dr. Sefrit has made memories that will last a lifetime. Dr. Sefrit left a mark on all of our hearts and will remain forever a legacy at WCA. He will always be remembered as part of our Westminster family.

Karen Aaberg
Erin Albright
Rosemary Anderson
Ashley Anthony
Lisa Applebaum
Adam Barbee



Peter Barrs
Dale Beachy
Carol Becker
Mary Becker
Kami Belmont
Alicia Bequette



Laura Berry
Mike Bertucci
Claire Birchenough
Ken Boesch
Katie Boggs
Evelyn Bowman



Steve Bradley
Luke Breems
Joy Breneman
Susie Brown
Sherry Buis
Michelle Burke



Dan Burke
Brian Burkey
Gina Bush
Dani Butler
Gina Butterfield
Jim Butz



Lindsay Carlile
Doug Coleman
Ben Collison
Laura Copeland
Kable Cunningham
Monique Cusumano



Luke Davis
Matt Dejong
Anne DeRousse
Sarah DeVries
Emily Dierking
Joan Dudley



Kathy Eichelberger
Rachel Endel
Lucy Erdman
Todd Fuller
Micah Gall
Kelly Gilbert



Molly Gittemeier
Lara Goeke
L.B. Graham
Nick Gray
Daniel Gruhn
Chrissy Guerra



Micah Gall, Movie Club advisor, leads a meeting. Mr. Gall and students would watch movies of their choosing and then discuss them over food. "We even went to the movie theater with Mr. Gall to see *Interstellar* and *Selma*," said Tessa Copeland, junior.



Emma Gion, freshman, displays the fresh produce she picked from the school garden. "My favorite part of Garden Club is getting to eat the food we made and seeing it all come together," said Gion.



Jessie Kunkel, eighth grade, samples some food from a booth at SLU. The Garden Club enjoyed participating in something different and off-campus.

Lauren Willis, freshman, cuts basil with **Mrs. Moore**, Garden Club advisor. The club used this basil to make their famous herbed butter. They sold this dish at carnival in October.



Mrs. Blackwell, **Kayla Hawkins**, freshman, **Abby Nixon**, eighth grade, **Jessie Kunkel**, eighth grade, **Graci Barron**, sophomore, **Abbi Barron**, sophomore, and **Mrs. Moore** listen to the speaker at SLU's "Garden to Tables Food Day." This was the first time the Garden Club took a field trip off campus. "While we were there, a speaker told us all about rooftop gardening," said **Kelsey Ginger**, freshman.

Learning opportunities took place both in the classrooms as well as outside the walls of Westminster. The Movie Club and Garden Club both got the opportunity to head off campus to have unique experiences. First, the Movie Club took advantage of the opportunity to see the new sci-fi thriller film, *Interstellar*. During the fall, Mr. Gall, the club's advisor, met students at the movie theater after school. They saw the movie and then met for dinner afterwards to discuss the film. "I enjoy going out with clubs because it's really great to meet up outside of the school atmosphere and experience something new together," said Tessa Copeland, junior.

The Garden Club also ventured off campus. Hosted by SLU, "Garden to Tables Food Day" was a practical way for students in Garden Club to see real life opportunities in the food industry. The program started with speakers that have impacted the community through food. "For this particular event the speakers talked to us about how they teach homeless people how to cook and garden," said Kelsey Ginger, freshman.

Following this, WCA students visited various booths to taste and learn about healthy food dishes. These nutritional samples were made by SLU students, which gave WCA students an idea of majors and careers in the food industry. Many students' favorite booth was the cheese booth.

It also provided ideas for possible recipes the Garden Club could make. "It was cool to see other ideas from other schools that have programs similar to ours," said Emma Gion, freshman. Even though these clubs enjoyed meeting regularly at school, everyone was in favor of the special experiences beyond the walls of Westminster.

Clubs Venture Out



Christian McGhee, freshman, performs an energetic drum solo on stage. "I was running around the drum set during a drum solo, doing rolls while going crazy and playing on anything that I could" said McGhee.

Faculty/Band and Orchestra



Matthew Thoenen, Tom Isaacs, and Joey Migliazzo, eighth grade, made up the percussion section of the 8th grade band. The percussion group used many different instruments that are each uniquely used.

Joshua Jones, eighth grade, focuses on the band director. "I love playing violin because it allows me to express myself in ways that I can't with words" Jones said. While only in eighth grade, Jones had the opportunity to play in the orchestra, as well as band.



Caleb Terschak and Cam Robinson, eighth grade, both practice their saxophone parts during band class.



The sound of music

Band and Orchestra contained different sets of instruments, but both of them created beautiful music for their audience. Eric Taylor, Westminster's band director, taught many of the musical groups here for the second year in a row.

"I think that Mr. Taylor is doing a great job teaching 8th grade band how to play their instruments and also pushing them to their limits" said Joshua Jones, eighth grade.

Outside of band class, there were a handful of people that participated after school in the Jazz Band.

"I enjoy playing with Jazz Band because it is full of great people who are fun and talented" said Neil Sutherland, Junior. Jazz band had a reputation for being a very upbeat and talented group. Other than Jazz Band, Orchestra was another class that WCA offered for musicians.

"I just enjoy getting to play music with other people and build relationships with them" said Joshua Theus, Sophomore. Orchestra was a class offered to high school students, that contained only string students. The orchestra played their music around the school for students throughout the year. Westminster was full of musical talent this year that stretched all across the board. No matter what group they were in, they each created the beautiful sound of music.



"My favorite thing about the guitar is just the freedom in playing the instrument. The guitar is versatile because it's both a rhythm and solo instrument, which means you can both play a supporting role and also do melodic stuff by yourself" said **Dongbin Lee**, senior.



"I enjoy playing the sax because it's been an instrument where it was easy for me to learn and enjoy" said **Neil Sutherland**, junior.



David Haas
Tim Hall
Lisa Harding
Sue Haverstick
Codi Heefner
Nile Heefner

Nicky Hensley
Emily Hill
Sarah Holley
Carolyn Holt
Jonathan Horn
Melissa Horton

Larry Hughes
Rex Janssen
Kristin Janssen
Jimmie Jeffery
Mark Jennings
Peggy Johnson

David Johnson
Slade Johnson
Kathy Karigan
Abby Karsten
Kent Kehr
Jill Keith

Marjan Kempen
Andy Kerckhoff
Han Kim
Kate Kindbom
Chris Knerr
Sara Labarre

Angie Lauer
Aaron Layton
Dan Legters
Kaitlin Lehde
Paul Lewis
Ming Li

Kristi Lindgren
Katherine Long
Heather Marsee
Debby Massot
Gina Meeks
Carla Meyer

Diane Miller
Shelley Milligan
Jacob Mohler
Maggie Moore
Tim Muehleisen
Evan Munger

Robert Murphy
Taylor Orr
Erica Osborne
Allison Pautler
Chris Pederson
JD Perona

Scout Fleming, 7th Grade, performs "Jingle Bells" with the Middle School Band.



Hannah Geiz, Senior, and **Sean Webb**, Freshman, sing the opening song, "Ding Dong Merrily on High."



Jared Orange, Junior, preforms the "Ukrainian Bell Carol" with the Percussion Ensemble.

The **WCA Mixed Chorus** sings "Angels We Have Heard on High."



Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Alto, soprano, tenor and all the other voices were what made up the WCA Choir this year. These young prodigies spent hours and hours of time perfecting their voices throughout the whole school year. They practiced a huge variety of music from folk to Broadway repertoire, which added all sorts of culture to the diverse atmosphere of the school.

Not only was it time consuming and voice straining to be involved in such a program, but it took courage and bravery to stand up in front of hundreds of people and sing, without breaking a sweat. It required concentration, focus and timing to do what these students did. It was not all fun and games when it came to singing. These students had to train their voices in such a way that they become synced with one other, creating a better sound.

"You have to train your voice to become a better singer. This may mean that you have to sing the same exact song over and over again until you get it right. But, once you reach your goal, and you sound amazing, you feel good about yourself," said Olivia Henderson, Sophomore.

"We don't just sing to make us look good, but we do it to glorify God to the fullest. When we sing, we praise him, exalting His mighty name," said Ashton Kratky, Senior.



Harper Larson, Senior, sings the lead as the Choir performs We Three Kings. This was Larson's first and final year singing with the WCA Choir.



"You have to put your
all into your music"
-Allen Schwamb



"The goal is to develop
musicians out of our
students, to grow in the
understanding of what
good music sounds,
looks and feels like."
-Eric Taylor



"I wish everyone
would take choir in-
stead of another study
hall. Once you get into
the music, you will re-
ally love it."
-Kathy Eichelberger



Jeanine Peters
Karen Pollack
Nancy Provin
Jim Pulizzi
Emily Reed
Pam Reed

Jennifer Ritzema
Julie Roberts
Mallory Rohlfing
Lisa Rupprecht
John Sarra
Dave Schall

Greg Schoenberg
Jeff Schultz
Allen Schwamb
Sara Schwamb
Kelley Schwartz

Helen Scott
Jim Sefrit
Mark Sell
Janet Sell
Andrew Shaw

Lauren Simpson
Chris Smith
Warren Smith
Cory Snyder
Camden St. Claire

Amy St. John
Tom Stoner
Eric Taylor
Karen Thompson
Kevin Todd

Deana Vandegriff
Lizzie Vogel
Scott Vonder Bruegge
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Kelsey Walton

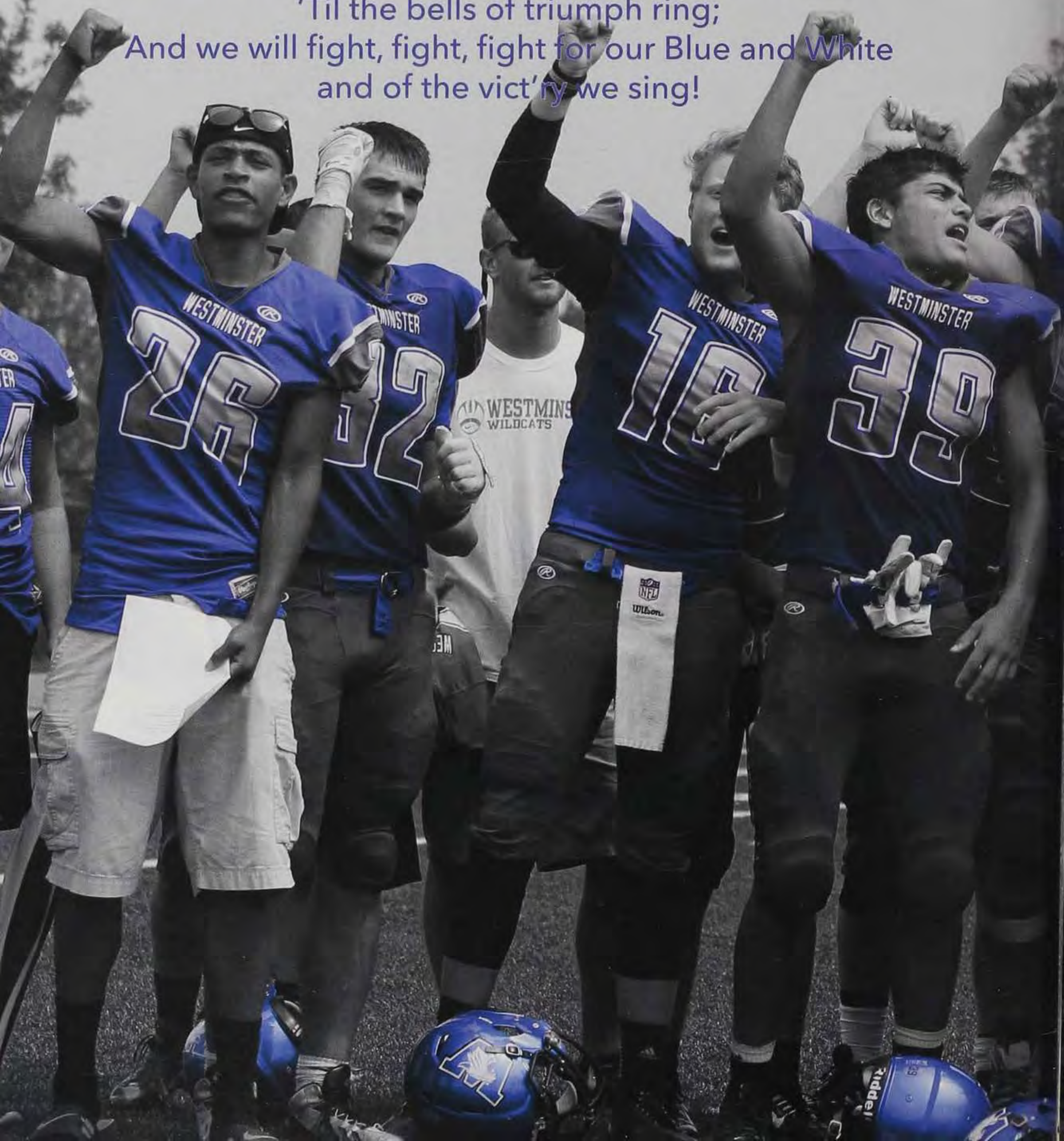
Howard Warren
Ricky Webb
Katie Weinberg
Annie Westhoff
Jason Wilkins

Sandy Winchester
Ashley Woodall
Cindy Zavaglia
Todd Zell
Rebecca Zylstra

We will stand up and fight for the Blue and white
Let our anthem ring out strong and clear;
We will ever proclaim Wildcat honor and fame

As the victory draws near!
We will always stay true to the White and Blue

'Til the bells of triumph ring;
And we will fight, fight, fight for our Blue and White
and of the vict'ry we sing!



and now

we took the field



Allison Eichenlaub, eighth grade, serves the ball in a game against MICDS. "Volleyball is my favorite sport. I love that we can work as a team and win that way. We work so well when we come together as a team," said Eichenlaub.



Beginner's Luck

Since volleyball was such a difficult sport to pick up, many girls spent years playing on club or school teams before excelling in the sport. But Taylor Highmark, seventh grade, decided to try her hand at volleyball even though she had no experience. "My dad bought me a volleyball, and I tried to teach myself how to play over the summer," Highmark said. After going through tryouts, Highmark was surprised to find out that she made the A team.

Tryouts brought much anxiety, but the hard work she put in before tryouts was worth it. The coaches quickly saw her potential. It was clear that Highmark had the height needed to dominate the net as well as an ability to learn quickly.

The coaches saw these abilities and assigned her the position of middle hitter on the A team. "I thought I'd get cut because I had never played before. I was really surprised," said Highmark.

This was not only a change for Highmark but for the team as well. It was an opportunity for experienced players to teach their teammate, and the inexperienced player to learn from them. Her teammate Hanna Ottsen, seventh grade, believed that, "having someone new to the sport made the team better as a whole." The team ended the season with an impressive, winning record.

Jovanna Hampton, eighth grade, sets the ball up for her teammate to spike.

Haley Adair, seventh grade, hits the ball over the net to win a point.

Abigail Nisbit, seventh grade, bumps the ball up to start an intense, long rally.



Katie George, eighth grade, sets the ball over the net.

Ashley McDonald, seventh grade, bumps the ball, passing to a teammate to set up a kill.

Sophia Trentham, eighth grade, spikes the ball to help her team, which secured a win against MICDS.



The eighth grade A team congratulates the seventh grade A team after a win. They beat Salem Lutheran in just two sets.



8th Grade



7th Grade



Macey Lottman, seventh grade, returns a tough serve within a set. The team hustled to help Lottman out and won the point. With this hard work, the seventh grade B team played an impressive first match of the year.



Bridget Sullivan, seventh grade, passes a ball to her setter. "My favorite part has been getting to know new people and getting the chance to play with them," said Sullivan.



Katie Hobaugh, seventh grade.

Sydney Moore, seventh grade.

Tierra Allen, eighth grade.

Jade Timmons, seventh grade.

Alivia Johnston, sophomore, prepares to spike the ball against Lutheran North. "Volleyball is a total team sport and requires every person to play their hardest during every play" said Johnston.



Unshakeable

Volleyball was a challenging sport as teams had to try to balance teamwork and trust. Westminster's volleyball girls all worked hard to pass the test. The JV and freshman teams proved themselves with unshakeable teamwork and encouragement to each other whether they won or lost.

When asked about the relationships on the team, Emily Zell, freshman, said they were all "very close! We trust each other always encourage and lift each other up."

Trust was very important to the freshman team "I totally trust my team! We have super strong relationships," said Rachel Potter, Freshman. She and the rest of the team had a huge amount of confidence in each other.

The freshman team strengthened the trust between players in different ways, "We have team sleepovers and all of us are friends, some closer than others" said Jada Ferguson, freshman.

The JV and freshman team strengthend the bond between each other and their coaches. Both teams trusted and cared for one another throughout the season.



Tori Giewer,
sophomore.



Jordan Hauser,
freshman.

JV Team



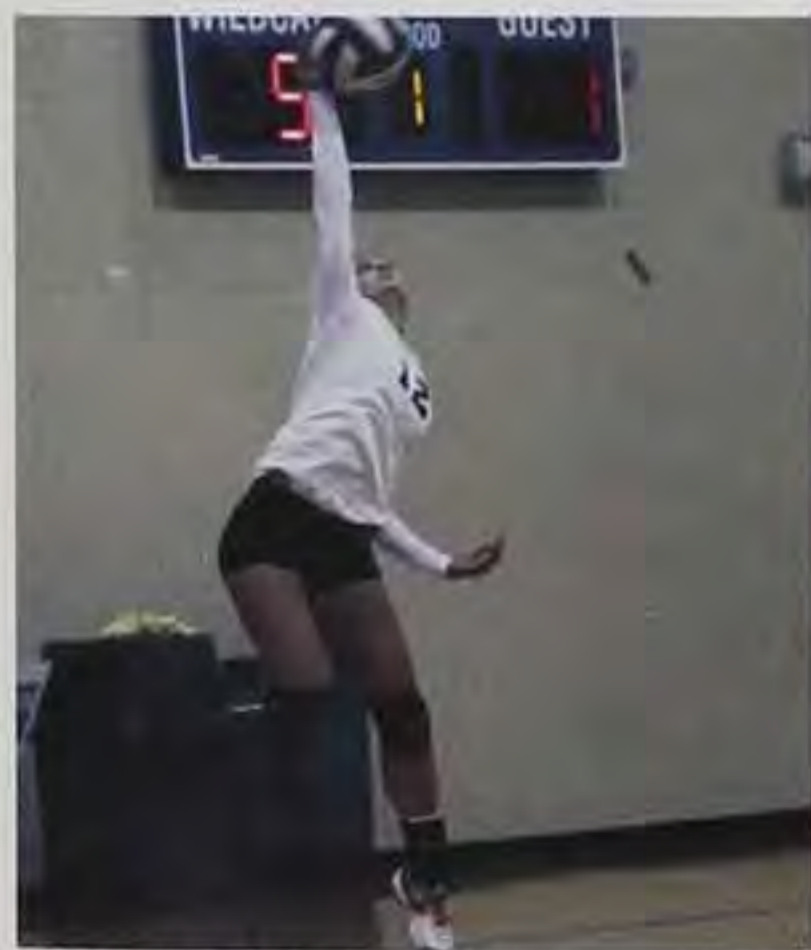
Freshman Team



Emily Lytle, freshman, sets up the ball for **Jada Ferguson**, freshman, in an attempt to score against Ladue. "I have so much confidence in my team. I believe together we can conquer any team," said Ferguson. *Photo credit Macy Catlett*



Madeline Williams, freshman, lines up the ball for a spike. Williams was one of two freshman on the JV team, and both worked hard to get there. *Photo credit Macy Catlett*



MaryKate Kopsky, sophomore serves the ball to her opponent. "Winning is very important to me. I have great feelings after winning a long, hard game. It is awesome when hard work pays off," said Kopsky. *photo credit Emily Jo Barker*



The Freshman volleyball team gathers to celebrate their first win of the season. "I would rather lose with great technique, then win knowing we didn't work hard at all," said **Kayla Greene**, freshman. *Photo credit Macy Catlett*



Paige Penberthy, freshman, serves the ball to Ladue. The team won 2 sets to 0, "If we beat ourselves, and played badly, that's what makes me upset," said Penberthy. *Photo credit Macy Catlett*



Erin Galakatos,
sophomore.



Christina Mason,
sophomore

Macy Catlett, junior, serves against Lutheran North in the fifth match of the season. "We are a lot closer and stronger as a team this year than we ever have been in the past. I think it's because of the people, and our goal of not only playing for us, but for God," said Catlett. Photo Credit: Emily Jo Barker

**"It
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reminds**

**us
who
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way
we
do."**

**-Hilary
Hightower**

Audience Of One

Hannah Ruckman, senior, waits for the right moment to bump the ball over the net. "South is one of our biggest rivals," said **Kaitlin Kittelson**, senior, "They are really disciplined and have some big threats."

Madaline Williams, freshman, prepares to hit the ball. Williams was one of three freshman on the team this year. In their game against Lutheran South, the girls lost the first game, but they came back and won the second.



Kaitlin Kittelson, senior, gets ready to serve in one of the most intense games they played this season against Lutheran South. Volleyball coach, Heather Cumbee, had Kaitlin in for all three games the entire time.

Amelia Quinn, freshman, serves the ball in a game against Villa. Next to Lutheran South, Villa was their biggest rival.

Girls Varsity Volleyball started off their season stronger than ever, winning their first 7 games! Starting off so well gave the girls confidence in themselves and in their ability to succeed throughout the rest of the season. They worked hard to get to that point, but the main reason the team was doing so well this year was because they were focusing on having an "Audience of One."

"Before every game, we write it (audience of one) on our wrist to help us remember who we are playing for during the game," said Macy Catlett, junior, "it has helped unite us as a team, and helped us play better as well."

With three new freshmen this year, Hilary Hightower, Amelia Quinn and Avery Engelmeier, the girls had a new and improved team for the 2014 season. They were driven and ready to go as far as they could. Hilary Hightower said about state, "Our hopes are to continue to push and play our hardest with an optimistic mind set and a lust for victory."

"We want to go to state of course, but our goal right now is to win our conference," said Kaitlin Kittelson, senior, "We've realized that it doesn't matter how we play, as long as we play for Him." This year, the girls took a new view on their games. They played for God rather than others, and this helped take them farther than they thought they could go.



Avery Engelmeier
freshman



Meegan Williams
junior



At their match against Lutheran South, the team celebrates as they come back and win the second game. This year, their focus was on God and each other, which helped them immensely as a team.





Paige Wibbenmeyer, eighth grade, bunts the ball. At this particular practice, the girls learned how to bunt for the first time.

Carsyn Beachy, seventh, grade, prepares to throw the ball. She liked playing catch, but her favorite part of the game was hitting the ball. "I really like batting," said Beachy.



Kayonni Coplen, eighth grade, practices her bunting. "We talk a lot, and not just about softball. We put our faith into it, and we are like a family," said Coplen.



Sydney Hawkins, seventh grade, throws the ball to the base. They practiced how to rapidly get the ball from the outfield in to throw players out.



Savannah Arnold, eighth grade, throws to first base. They were playing a game during a practice to work on fielding.

Katelynn Graham, eighth grade, catches a throw from teammate, Grace Dempsey, seventh grade. She played catcher because she liked "the action of being able to dive for a ball, and get up and try to throw them out," said Graham.

What's the Point?

Game time has always been said to be the most important time. Every practice, every workout was built to prepare athletes to compete, but what if the games were few and far between? This was the case for the middle school softball team. They did not have many games this season, but the players were still motivated and tried their hardest to improve their personal skills.

"I just do it for the team," said Paige Wibbenmeyer, eighth grade. For her, she could still enjoy softball whether or not they actually had games.

Grace Dempsey, seventh grade, just enjoyed the sport, and if she was playing during practices or against other teams, it made no difference to her. "It's not that big of a deal as long as I get to play," said Dempsey.

Carsyn Beachy, seventh grade, realized that even though it is ideal to have games, the many practices they had helped them to improve for the few games they did have. "I'm pretty disappointed," said Beachy about the lack of games. "But we're still having practices, so we're still getting better. We'll have a couple (games), and we'll be better."

Practicing 2-4 days a week helped them to improve a lot, and when they eventually had a couple of games, they did much better. Their continuous hard work at practice paid off, and thanks to their coach's perseverance they managed to schedule a couple of games before the end of the season.



Lauren Gates
Catcher

Savannah Arnold
Pitcher

Jordan Shaw
Second Base



Sydney Hawkins, seventh grade



Katelynn Graham, eighth grade



Grace Dempsey, seventh grade

Keely Sweet, junior, pitches in a varsity softball game against Notre Dame. She was one of the four pitchers on the Varsity softball team this year. The varsity softball team won this game 10-2. *Photo Courtesy of Emily Jo Barker.*



Strothkamp



As the only senior on the team, Stephanie Strothkamp was loved and admired for her leadership and skills. "She is really good at keeping us together and checking on us.", said Madlyn Trost sophomore. Photo courtesy of Emily Barker.

Challenge to a Family



Throughout the season, the entire team looked forward to the Kennedy game. The varsity softball team played their biggest rival, Kennedy, on September 3.

Some girls on the team had preconceived notions about the game. "We knew it would be a good challenge for us to play someone as good as us," said Vikki Mackoul, sophomore.

"Respectfully they were a very good team.", said Erin King, freshmen. During this game the girls played their best. "We knew that if we played our game our best that we could win, it helps to know that our teammates are behind us as a family." , said Erin King, freshmen.

"It didn't matter about the scoreboard it was about how we played.", said Mackoul. Even though Kennedy was a tough school to beat Westminster was united and won 2-0. "I would want to remember how we all acted as a family and supported each other." , said Mackoul.

After this rewarding victory, the softball team seemed to be invincible. Winning games they were not favored to win, they overcame many challenges. The softball team won sectionals this year. They had a great season, and they went further than they were expected to.

Deanne Pfyl, freshman, rounds third base against Kennedy in a varsity softball game. They won 2-0.



Erin King, freshman, passes second base to reach third. This was King's first year at Westminster.



Maddie Volding, freshman, rounds third base to score a run during the second inning in one of the first games of the season.



Annie Backs, junior, bats against Notre Dame. "We played really hard and came out with a victory," said Backs. Photo courtesy of Emily Jo Barker.



Madlyn Trost, sophomore, plays catcher for the varsity softball team. "There is not so much of an age divide," said Trost. Photo courtesy of Emily Jo Barker.



Rachel Strothkamp, freshman, bunts the ball. This was during the third inning. The game was on Sept. 2. Photo courtesy of Emily Jo Barker.



Taylor Dorsey, Junior



Annie Backs junior



Keely Sweet Junior



Deanne Pfyl freshman

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Middle School Boys Swimming

Joshua Jones, eighth grade, swims the 100 breaststroke relay during practice. Joshua was one of three swimmers on the team last year. 'Josh's best stroke is breaststroke,' said Marjean Kempen, coach.

Breast Stroke

Devon Deverger
Daniel Fox
Daniel Johnson
Joshua Jones

Free

Noah Adair
Drew Bingham
Jake Kyriakos
Michael Lee
Caleb Terschack

Back Stroke

Alec Bequette
Luke Fiala
Josh Scheibe
Jack Wittenauer

is the Magic Number

While it was the second year for the middle school boys swim team, it was the first year they were able to compete against other schools. The boys swam in three meets this year at John Burroughs, Principia, and Westminster. Because only three schools in the St. Louis area had a middle school boys swim team, those schools swam against each other at each meet.

The team was three times the size that it was last year. It contained almost an equal number of seventh and eighth graders. "Swim team is fun because I get to see my friends and meet other people," said Josh Scheibe, seventh grade.

The boys enjoyed being a part of the swim team. "I like improving. When I started out I was fast, but I am getting faster and faster," said Joshua Jones, eighth grade. Some of the boys joined the team for the workout. "I like doing swim team because I get exercise and it is fun to swim," said Josh Scheibe, seventh grade. Along with improving this past year, the boys also bonded together.

The middle school boys swim team was more than just a chance to improve and have fun. The purpose of the middle school boys swim team was "to get the boys accustomed to swimming and is a feeder to the varsity team," said Marjean Kempen, coach. Fortunately, the tripled number of competitors this year helped prepare more boys for the varsity team next year. Even though the magic number was three this year, hopefully that number will increase next year.

Daniel Fox, eighth grade, swims 100 breaststroke. Daniel swam on the team last year. He was an experienced swimmer on the team this year because of the hard work he put in last year.

Jack Wittenauer, seventh grade, practices the 100 breaststroke. Throughout the season, the team practiced each stroke daily to improve for their three meets.



Noah Adair, seventh grade, swims the 100 butterfly in practice. Butterfly was one of the harder strokes for the swimmers this year.

Drew Bingham, eighth grade, freestyles during practice. The team worked on freestyle the majority of their practices.

Caleb Terschack, eighth grade, and **Drew Bingham**, eighth grade, do push-ups in practice on September 8. Marjean Kempen, coach, made the team do push-ups in between sets of laps.



Eighth grader, **Alec Bequette**, swims the 200 freestyle during practice. "Alec has a hard work ethic and has improved tremendously," said Marjean Kempen, coach.

Caleb Terschack, eighth grade, practices the 100 breaststroke in lane 6. Caleb joined the team as a good swimmer and improved throughout the season. He was a good edition to the team.

Josh Scheibe, seventh grade, swims freestyle into his flip turn off of the wall. The team practiced flip turns to get a faster time on their relays.



Sam Thomas, senior, swims the butterfly in a meet against Oakville and Timberland. In the 100 Fly, Sam placed first. Sam's specialty stroke was butterfly throughout the season. *Photo Credit: Emily Jo Barker*

Parres Pulls

The pool was just one part of Evan Parres's training regimen but it was the part that helped the Westminster swim team. Parres, freshman, was a triathlete and he joined the team this year to train for his year round sport. Parres has not only helped the team but also enjoyed being a part of it.

Being on the Varsity team as a freshman could be a little intimidating. But the team made Parres feel very comfortable and welcome. "The guys are all hilarious, so it makes it a really fun team to be a part of." said Parres. The teammates also think very highly of Parres and his abilities. "Evan has an amazing stroke, and stamina. He will definitely qualify for state this year" said Bo Thomas, senior.

With the help of Parres, the team was able to accomplish many successful wins. Not only did Parres swim all throughout the fall season, he also was part of the Cross Country team. With double the practices, and events to compete in Parres still remained grounded.

"It's really hard and overwhelming, but Coach Kehr is really understanding." explained Parres.

With much hard work and dedication from not just Parres, but from the whole team, the Wildcats had an outstanding season.



Eli Parham, Senior, banter with Coach Kempen before hopping in the pool to warm up for a meet. "I look forward to coming to coach these boys every day. They really are a huge blessing." said, Coach Kempen. *Photo Credit: Drew Port*



Sam Parham, senior swims the butterfly. Sam Parham along with his brother Eli both swam since their freshman year. *Photo Credit: Drew Port*

Andrew Eichenlaub, **Drew Port**, **Sam** and **Eli Parham**, and **Sam Thomas**, seniors, all cheer on **Kris Kirby**, freshman at the De Smet vs. Westminster meet. The other divers on the team were Drew Port, and Bo Thomas, seniors.



Senior, **Bo Thomas**, steps onto the block for the next race. Bo enjoyed his final season on the team. "I came freshman year, jumped in the pool, and swam through it all" said, Thomas.



Evan Parres, freshman, prepares to dive in the pool for warm-ups. Over the summer Parres trained in the U.S.A Triathlon Junior Select Camp in Colorado Springs. "I hopefully will be in the Olympics." said Parres.

"The relationships I have built through my highschool swimming are more important than any of the best times or awards that I have recieved. I couldn't have asked for a better team." said, **Drew Port**, senior.



Four Things No One Knows About the Swim Team:

- 1** The boys like to sing *Eye of the Tiger* in the locker room.
- 2** Evan Parres was hatched from an egg, and has fins.
- 3** There is really only one Parham.
- 4** The whole team knows how to do the Hustle.



Finally...



Varsity Women's Golf

Lauren Griesedieck, junior, drives the ball down the fairway. Griesedieck was off in the second group of the match.

Morgan Winkelmeier, senior, sets up for her putt in the match against John Burroughs and St. Joe.



Macie Daniels, freshman, was the only freshman on varsity this year. Daniels was one of the last to tee off on Sept. 3.

Mckenna Montgomery, junior, tees off first. She had the low score of score of 42.

Gracie Nye, junior, starts her match against St. Joe. Later, Nye accidentally dented her driver. "It was so embarrassing, I didn't know I was that strong," said Nye.



French



Taylor French, sophomore, finishes her drive at the second hole. French led with the lowest score during the match. Her score was a 41 beating everyone else in the match. French's team mate Mckenna Montgomery, Junior scored one higher coming in second for the match at 42.

Coming Out On Top

It seemed that since the dawn of time the Westminster Wildcats had been butting heads with the John Burroughs Bombers. Thus, the win over Burroughs was a tremendous feat for the women's golf team.

"Beating John Burroughs at the Bluffs was a really big win for us," said Macie Daniels, freshman. Not just in golf, but in many other sports the Bombers always seem to beat Westminster, but on that fateful evening, even though the St. Joe's angels won the match with a low score of 166, the Wildcats shot a 175 beating out John Burroughs' score of 184 for second place.

"It's really good that we beat them because they were supposed to be great this year and with the loss of Jessica (former WCA student) we weren't really sure how the season would go," said Taylor French, sophomore.

French also led by scoring a low 41 and was followed by Mckenna Montgomery, junior, who scored just one point higher with a 42. This match, for the Wildcats, helped boost team morale with such a great win over the Bombers, who were the class 1 state champions.



Olivia Holt and Amanda Alhbrand, sophomores



Sophia Granta, sophomore



Morgan Winkelmeier, Senior



Anna Hagan, Senior



Molly Anderson, eighth grade, dominates the court using her forehand swing during her match. She represented Westminster in a tournament against Burroughs, MICDS, and Principia. *Photo credit: Emily Jo Barker*

Middle School Girls Tennis





Caroline Kopsky, seventh grade, **Camryn McMurry**, seventh grade, **Maggie Ellis**, seventh grade, **Jessie Kunkel**, eight grade, and Coach Barker clean up the courts between drills. The girls loved to play around the world at the end of a good practice.

Lauren Brewer, eighth grade, smashes the ball over the net to gain the advantage in the serving practice drill. Brewer participated in many other drills to help her swing and improve her accuracy.



Jessie Kunkel, eighth grade, returns the ball to her partner during practice. In addition to having been on the tennis team, Kunkel also managed to play the trumpet in band class too.



Alyssa Legters, seventh grade, uses her tennis skills to backhand the ball to her rival across the net. Legters competed in a singles game during a match.



Kelly Coyne, seventh grade, serves the ball. Due to the large turnout of middle school girls Coyne played another Westminster player in a match.



Defined

There are many things that could define a team. The win loss ratio, what achievements are earned, but middle school tennis was defined by unwavering sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is easy when you are getting the win but it is more remarkable when sportsmanship is displayed in every game despite the score.

One of Coach Barker's favorite memories of the team was when Hattie Means, eighth grade, helped her opponent out by sharing her racquet. "I was playing against a girl named Hayley from MICDS, and she broke the strings on her racquet and did not have an extra, so I let her use my extra racquet," said Means.

Another example of sportsmanship was when Grace Dempsey, seventh grade, was facing an opponent from Principia who had never played and did not know how to keep score in a tennis match. Dempsey graciously walked her through the whole process of scoring during the whole match.

"I was just helping this girl out. She was new and did not know how to score or what was out or in, so I helped her," said Dempsey. The opponent's parents were grateful for the beautiful display of sportsmanship by Dempsey.

Something defines every team, it can be competitiveness, winning state or even the friendships. Middle school tennis was defined by what other teams strove to have, sportsmanship. It could be challenging to show sportsmanship in a tournament but middle school tennis exceeded the expectations.



Katherine O'Leary, seventh grade, volleys with her opponent on Saturday morning September 13. Despite the cold weather, O'Leary fought on, getting a win for Westminster.



Journeye Henry, seventh grade, mentally prepares to squash the ball down the opposition throat. Being cheered on from her family and friends, Henry managed a great game despite the chilling weather. "It was really fun even though it was cold out", said Henry.

Partners **Maggie Kurop**, freshman and **Caroline Hinrichs**, freshman win the MICDS Tournament. "It's great to play with someone who balances me out," said Hinrichs. *photo credit: Emily Jo Barker*



JV Women's Tennis



Molly Ottsen, freshman, plays against her opponent from John Burroughes. She sprained her ankle early in the season, but came back strong. "She never showed discouragement" said Coach Barker.



Ellie Alm, sophomore fights against John Burroughs in the Metro League Tournament.



Hannah Haguewood, sophomore, gets serious as she prepares to receive the ball from an opponent from Lutheran North. *photo credit: Emily Jo Barker*



Sydney Stillman, Senior, plays a match at the MICDS tournament. She and her partner, Chelsea Caplinger, sophomore, won overall 2nd place. *photo credit: Emily Jo Barker*



The Road to #1

The Westminster junior varsity women's tennis team won 4th overall in their MICDS Tournament in September of 2014. It may sound like a piece of cake, but all the girls worked hard during every practice to get there. The girls did a daily routine with their Coach, they ran 2 laps around 1 court, did 200 jump ropes, shuffled 2 laps around 1 court and the list continued. "She keeps us grounded," said Maggie Kurop, freshman, about her coach.

The team learned overall that using one another and improving their skills were the only ways to be successful. By using communication and their talents, 4 out of the 18 girls were able to move on to the second round of the MICDS Tournament.

The JV Girls team faced off against the same teams they faced earlier in the season, so they were prepared for what was ahead. "This is my second year on the team and we've never gotten this far," said Sydney Stillman, senior.

All 18 girls on the team worked hard everyday for months for tournaments like that. "It was a cool feeling, it felt a lot more intimate" said Kurop. Even though only 4 out of 18 girls went to the second round of the tournament, all the girls still supported each other.

Even when they are not together they are still one. Coach Barker did everything she could to make sure her girls were ready for every opponent they faced and did this by encouraging them, "I always tell them to walk confidently out on the court meaning walk tall with their head up, shoulders back, and hold the racket up."



Brittany Johnson, freshman plays against MICDS in their hot tournament. "We had to cancel a lot of games because of the rain and heat," said Johnson.



Chelsea Caplinger, sophomore, swings at the ball. "We encouraged one another and it felt really good," said Caplinger about her match with Stillman. *photo credit: Emily Jo Barker*

"Bagels are the team must have, but watermelon is also a favorite," said **Caroline Holden**, junior, about her team's pre-game meals.



Somin Kim, freshman battles it out with MICDS in the Metro League tournament.





Juniors, left to right **Tessa Copeland** and **Margo Koby** warmup for the match against MICDS.
Photo Credit: Drew Port



Junior, **Emily Steveson** and Senior, **Madaline Ross** congratulate each other after winning a doubles match against Lutheran South.



Senior, **Rachel Charles**, and sophomore **Julie Griesedieck**



Ellie Bacon, Senior

Callie Christen, Senior



Killa Villa

"Over the years Villa has been a challenging team for us to play, and it almost always ends up being a close match," said Sarah Betz, senior. In the past when the Westminster tennis team played Villa, they ended in ties almost every time. When these ties would occur, the teams would play a friendly game of around the world to decide the winner of the match. This friendly game would quickly turn into a competitive dual.

This year however, when Westminster competed against Villa, each player wanted to take the victory. Villa and Westminster were placed into the same district for the first time in several years, so the pressure was on. In the regular season, the varsity team beat their top rival Villa Duchesne. Sarah Betz secured the victory by winning her singles match, resulting in the team's overall victory. The team only reached this victory by one match, so once again it was a very close match.

In post season during the second round of team districts, the rivals found themselves competing together again. With pressure on both teams to reach the final round of districts, the entire team was on edge anticipating a win. "We were nervous because our season was on the line, and with five seniors playing, we did not want our final season to end," said Sarah Jane Fiala, senior.

The match was once again close, and every player was competing with great intensity. However, the Wildcats fell to Villa Duchesne in yet another close match. "I was so proud of everyone who fought hard and did not give up. All of my teammates did the best they could and it was a respectable end to our season," said Madison Steocker, senior.

Margo Says

1. "O no my hemroid!"

2. "Little hamsters tip-toeing in their Jordans"

3. "There is zucchini in my ear!"



Sarah Jane Fiala and **Sarah Betz**, seniors return a ball while playing doubles in the match against Nerinx Hall. They won in two sets.

"Being a part of the soccer team has helped me demonstrate that I can do what I love, while maintaining my grades. I am a scholar athlete, and that will take me far in my journey," said Andrew Kempen, 8th Grade.

A True Underdog Story

Oberto 15 Goals
KEMPEN 20 Goals
Rothrock 15 Tackles
Gross 10 Goals



Kylan Davis
7th Grade



Zach Cancilla
8th Grade



Zach Benes
7th Grade



Jack Patterson
8th Grade



8th Grade



7th Grade

Grant Hughes
7th Grade



Nathaniel Sems
8th Grade



The middle school boys soccer team soared to great heights this year, contradicting the name 'underdog'.

Through numerous wins, hard core practicing and conditioning, as well as constant determination to succeed, the Middle School Boys' Soccer team clearly emphasized its strive to become one of the teams on top.

"The middle school soccer program is a 2 year based program. In the 7th grade we are looking to introduce more individual based skills. We also begin the process of teaching true teamwork. We strive to play all of our games competitively, we are not as concerned with the wins and losses. In the 8th grade, we take it to the next level. We have equal emphasis on individual skill AND tactics. The boys have a true bond, we say that they are not just players, they are a brotherhood who always have each others back both on and off of the field," said Judy Pritchett, coach.

"They all have the same heart and desire working for the same goals; to help one another to improve from day to day, practice to practice, and game to game" said Pritchett.

Even though the Middle School Boys' Soccer team sometimes was portrayed as an 'underdog', that did not stop them from working hard in every practice and game. Even if they did not succeed in getting the same attention as the Varsity soccer team, they succeeded in being a hard working and passionate soccer team.



Judy Pritchett, coach, explains the importance of teamwork and focus to the players.



Jack Patterson, 8th grade, prepares to take a shot on goal. Patterson said, "The Westminster 8th Grade Soccer has really taught me leadership skills, and how to deal with the adversity that is all around us."



Will Mason, 7th Grade, looks for an open man to pass to. Mason stated, "We love playing as a team because of our coaches who have taught us the true meaning of why we play. We are one team, with one God, pursuing one goal." Photo Credit: Caitlin Mundorf

The JV soccer team poses with their stand in coach, their bus driver. Left to right (top row): **Clayton Guzdial, Sam Spencer, Trent Tarantino, Nathan Walsh, AJ Lloyd, Graham Pruet, Harry Medler, Markus Cicka, Dean Karanas, Ashton Reeves, Matthew Hoekzema, Alex Lawrence.**

Left to right (bottom row): **Jack Baur, Brandon Beat, Luke Heintz, Andrew Looby**

Photo credit: Dean Karanas



Team Nicknames
Brandon Beat- Leader
Ricky Johnson- Stonewall
Andrew Looby- Lazy Boy
Luke Heintz- Leftie
Andrew Tipton- Tippy
Sam Dare- Sick Man

Alex Lawrence, sophomore, dribbles the ball down the field in the midst of the team's game against Principia. Lawrence was a member of the soccer program and was one of the team's leaders.



Ashton Reeves, freshman, jogs down the field during pre-game warmups. This was Ashton's first year playing junior varsity soccer.

Luke Heintz, freshman, dribbles down the field during the Westminster vs. Ladue game. Luke played midfield leftwing for the Cats.



Kurt Weinburg, freshman, warms up before the game. The soccer team was Kurt's first high school sports team. Kurt was known for his speedy running.

Markus Cicka, freshman, goal keeper, runs to the edge of the box for a goal kick. Markus was one of JV soccer's two goal keepers. "We called Markus, Tim Howard, after the US national team's goalie," said Luke Heintz, freshman.



Bus Driven to Victory

On September 11, 2014 the JV soccer team boarded the school bus to head to St. Pius. The boys were looking forward to a challenging match. Within the first five minutes of the boys taking the field, Sam Spencer scored an impressive goal giving the Wildcats a good head start.

As the game progressed the referee of the game failed to call some obvious fouls. The JV soccer coach, Mr. Applebaum, became heated and questioned the refs calls. Mr. Applebaum was given a yellow card, and then a red card, ejecting him from the game.

The boys were left without a coach and were in need of a replacement. Alex Lawrence, sophomore, was in charge of finding a school representative that could stand in as their coach. He went in search of the bus driver. The bus driver was happy to help and he sat on the bench to provide moral support.

"The sophomore boys really took charge and basically led the team throughout the end of the game", said Dean Karanas, sophomore. The boys stayed strong and finished the game 1-0 despite the adversity.



Sam Spencer, sophomore, takes a shot on goal. Sam moved to St. Louis this year from Africa. During one of the games this year Sam talked to one of the African players from Principia in their native language during the game.



Harry Medler, sophomore, follows through after taking a shot. Luke Heintz said, "Harry is one of the team's best forwards and he is one of the top scorers for the team."

Senior, **Sam Dunne**, breaks through a swarm of Timberland defense. It was a tough loss, but the team gave Timberland a run for their money. Halftime at the Principia game Dunne said, "It's going great, we're playing well as a team. Jacob's making good saves." Senior goalie, Jacob Chimento, quickly cut in and said, "and Sam's scoring good goals." Photo by Nathan Duke.

Men's Varsity Soccer



Junior **Sam Hunsicker** fights for control of the ball against one of the toughest teams in the district, Priory. It was a rough game, with some tension between the teams, but the boys played hard. Photo by Amanda Davis.



Brendan Yeager, senior, waits for just the right moment to slip past Timberland. Yeager was a strong player and role model for the underclassmen. Photo by Madison Stoecker.

All in, All Game



Carl Simakoff
Senior

Soccer Sweeties and rowdy fans, who made sure the crowd was vibrant, roared in the stands as Westminster pulled ahead of Principia 3-1 in the second half. The game had been a back and forth battle between the teams, and though there were some questionable calls in the game, that the crowd was quick to vocalize, the boys kept fighting.

Senior, Sam Dunne, with his left foot, scored the first goal of the game tying it 1-1, and with only minutes before the first half ended senior Captain, Carl Simakoff, scored a goal that pulled them ahead 2-1. The second half started off slow, but with three and a half minutes left in the game, the team sealed their win as Sam Dunne scored his second goal of the game with an assist from sophomore, Jack Bauer, leaving the game with a final score of 3-1.

Defeating Principia was not their only great feat though. The team won third after playing in the intense heat at the Metro Tournament. "We definitely have a good senior core and a lot of young guys that have stepped up and played really well," explained Simakoff on the success of their season. One of the younger players that amazed everyone was freshman Erik Bergman who, in the last twelve minutes against Lutheran South, scored the winning goal with his head! Bergman said that he "was glad to have the opportunity to contribute as a freshman, and to get the goal that ended up being a game winner was even more special. It happened so fast that I didn't even have time to react!"

Reflecting back on the season senior Jacob Chimento said, "At the beginning of the year it was clear that we had a lot of potential. The young guys on the team had some big opportunities to grow. Winning Districts is always an accomplishment, especially when it's the second time in school history."

Jack Linton Junior; **Sean Appelbaum** Senior. Photos by: Emily Jo Barker and Nathan Duke.

Photos by Madison Stoecker, Emily Jo Barker, and Nathan Duke.



Carl Simakoff
Senior



Jacob Chimento
Senior



Sean Appelbaum
Senior



Erik Bergman
Freshman

What else do they do?
Hehner Wrestling
Montgomery Tennis
Waller Tennis
Yeager Track and Field



Sam Peterman Senior; **Will Wetzel** and **Jack Bauer** Sophomores.



Kevin Stump
Senior



Thomas Shultz, eighth grade, grapples onto an opponent to keep him from running up the field. Coach Staub, the eighth grade coach, said, "Our tackling was great all throughout the game". The whole team had worked very hard on tackling in practice to get ready for their game.



Hunter Hoskins, eighth grade, stiff-arms an opponent to the ground during a short run play. His opponent fell to the ground, clearing a path for Hoskins to run down the field. Hoskins had multiple great plays during their game against Priory.



Lane Davis, seventh grade, and **Ben Hicks**, seventh grade, run speed drills during practice in preparation for their next game.



Joey Keane, eighth grade, sets up the football in preparation for kick-off. Keane had multiple great kicks during their game against Priory. Because of all the touchdowns scored by Westminster, Keane got a lot of practice with kicking in an actual game setting.



The seventh grade team awaits further instruction from their coach. Aaron Layton, the seventh grade coach explained, "I try to give [the team] three different ways to see the play".

Jerram Adams, eighth, **Atlin Hall**, eighth, **Luke Wetzel**, eighth, **Grant Osmon**, eighth.



Kyle Dolan, Eighth

Joey Keane, Eighth,



Atlin Hall, Eighth



Isaac Johnston, Eighth,

Seventh grade



Eighth grade

Keeping the Line

Middle School football faced off against Priory in their first official game of the season, starting off the year strong with a score of 22-8. Priory started off the game with a touchdown in the first quarter, but the Wildcats fought back and pulled ahead by the end of the second quarter. The team was able to keep Priory from scoring any further, holding Priory back with 8 points, while Westminster pulled ahead and took the lead.

During the game there were a handful of exciting plays. Collin Clark, eighth grade, performed amazing on defense, making an interception. "I was guarding the receiver and when the ball came I just stepped out in front and caught it," said Clark. He made the interception then ran the ball up the field for a "pick 6" and scored another touchdown for the team.

Coach Staub was very proud of the game. "I thought it was a great game. Our defense was great, good pursuing and good tackling," said Denny Staub, eighth grade football coach. Coach Staub had all good things to say about the team and how they performed during their first game.

All in all, middle school Wildcats had a great start to their season. The Wildcats practiced well, played great, and kept Priory from stepping ahead in their first game of the season.



Kyle Dolan, eighth grade, sets his three-point stance on the line, preparing to go for the opponents quarterback. The offensive line continually overcame the defensive line of the opposing team. This allowed the Cats to keep Priory from advancing down the field.



During practice, **Chase Mayfield**, eighth grade, practices his tackle prepping for his game against Priory. The defensive line kept Priory from scoring more than 8 points in their game. The line was quick react and held their ground.

In a game versus Lutheran South, **Chad Briden**, freshman, gets ready to heave the ball deep down the field.



Luke Peters, sophomore, snags a touchdown pass over two defenders versus Lutheran South.



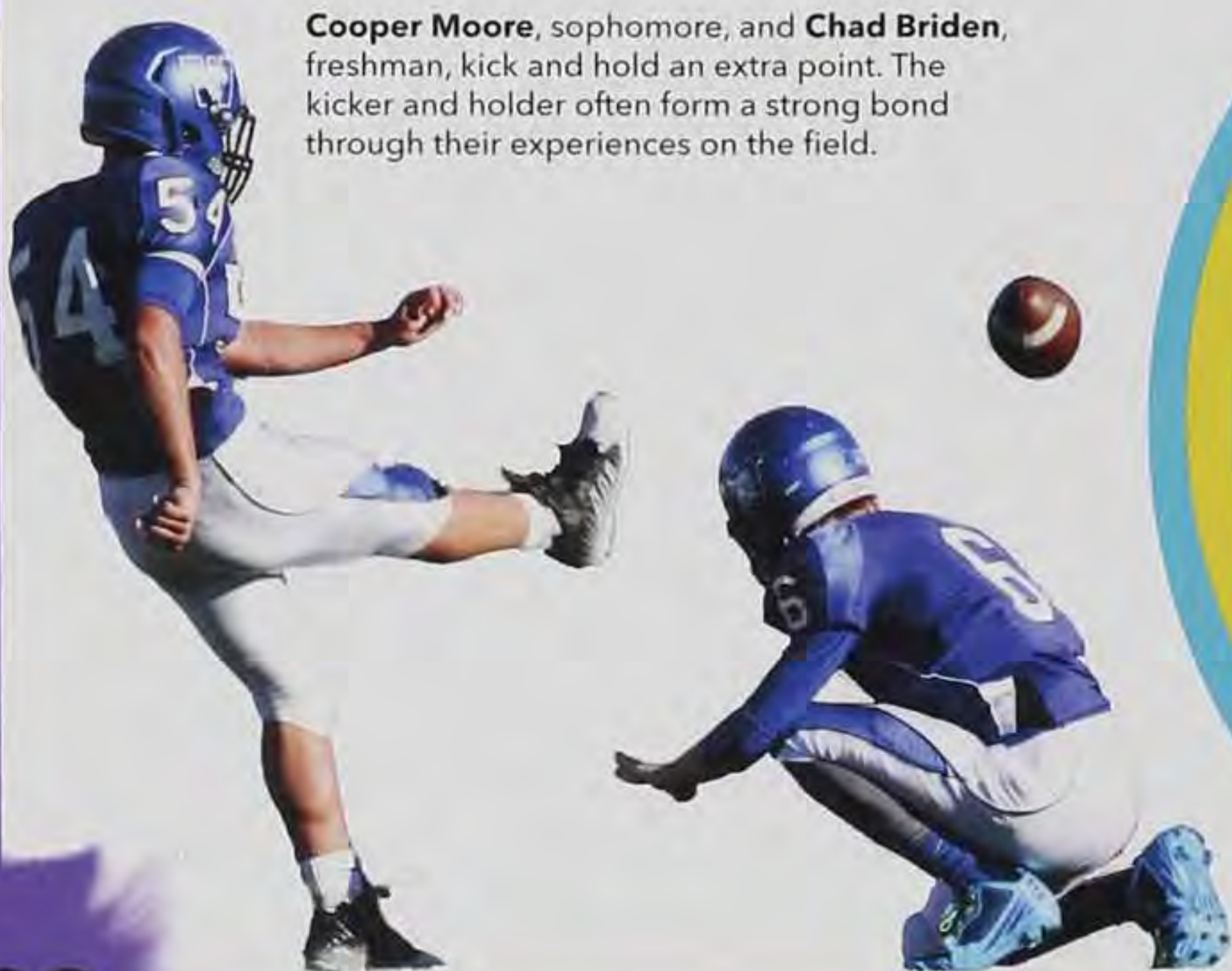
In the home opener versus St. Dominic, **Levi Alldredge**, freshman, makes a tackle on the ball carrier.



Jarret Hardy, sophomore, makes a tackle on the sideline tackle versus St. Dominic.



Austin Greene, sophomore, lines up for a kickoff. Austin played running back and inside linebacker. Austin accumulated an impressive highlight video over the course of the season.



Cooper Moore, sophomore, and **Chad Briden**, freshman, kick and hold an extra point. The kicker and holder often form a strong bond through their experiences on the field.

4th and Goal

People get pumped for Friday Night Lights, not Monday Night Lights. Often times, this is because casual football fans don't think that JV games are important or exciting.

JV Football is paramount to the success of the program as a whole. The young guys (sophomores and freshmen) made up the future of the Varsity team. In a few years, they would be the superstars that people watch on Friday night. Watching these young players who seized their opportunities to play foreshadowed their future careers.

In addition, these JV football players made up the scout team for the Varsity team. "Scout team provides you with a chance to help the team get better even if you don't get much playing time on Varsity," said Thomas Morton, sophomore. These players were extremely important to the success of the Varsity team and prepared the team for their next opponents. Without these "scout team heroes", no Varsity victories would be possible.

Putting the importance of JV football aside, they played one of the most exciting games of the year on Sept. 8 at Westminster versus Lutheran North. It was a back and forth physical game all the way. After taking a lead of 25-20 in the fourth quarter, the Wildcats needed one final stop to put the game away.

"We knew someone had to make a play. I saw the quarterback fuddle the handoff, and we jumped on him. It was awesome to seal the victory for my brothers," said Jimmy Thomas, sophomore. It came down to a goal line stand for the Wildcats who made a great play on Lutheran North's best player. This JV Football team had more heart than their opponent. In the end, heart is what football comes down to, and this team had it.

Jeremiah Says!

"You know"

"Who Socrates?"

"Get off me"

"Wyatt"

"I aint the coach, I just run the plays."





Chase Griesdieck, sophomore, catches a touchdown pass. In addition to Griesdieck being an excellent receiver for the team, he did some amazing impressions of the coaches. His best were of Defensive Line Coach Mike Decker and Wide Receivers Coach Matt Drochelman.



Dyllan Conway, sophomore, runs the ball down the field at the team's game that was against MICDS. Dyllan works so hard on the team that he has earned the nickname "Super Sophomore", by the coaches of the team.
Photo Credit: Nathan Duke

BOGNAR

Brendan Bognar, senior, throws a pass to another player on the team. Bognar is recognized for his great leadership skills on the football team.
Photo Credit: Nathan Duke





Drew Melaragno, junior, warms up at the teams game against Priory. Melaragno has been on the football team since he was a freshman.
Photo Credit: Nathan Duke



Zach Hughes, junior, runs out of bounds after catching a pass. Hughes plays safety and slot receiver on the team.
Photo Credit: Emily Jo Barker



Wyatt Malcolm, junior, plays offensive line at the game against Festus. Malcolm has played the offensive line for Westminster since he was in freshmen year.
Photo Credit: Nathan Duke



David Williams, senior, kicks off at the team's game against MICDS. Williams is the teams only field goal kicker.
Photo Credit: Emily Jo Barker



Amon Kehr, senior, goes for a tackle against the MICDS. Kehr played safety on the team.
Photo Credit: Nathan Duke

Season of Tearer

A usual football season may have its regular ups and downs. But this last season of football for the Varsity team just seemed to start with many downs when it came to the high number of team injuries. Four players of the team tore their ACLs prior to the first game. These students were Will Barry, Cameron Tucker, Blake Weaver, and Blake Sutphen.

The four of them all periodically tore their ACL sometime during the earlier time of the season. "The ACL injuries showed us what we really were and showed us true leadership," said Caleb Mundorf, senior.

The most difficult thing for the team to bear, was the fact that they could not play together for the season. Since the boys did tear their ACL's, quick improvisations had to be made. Ultimately, it meant that none of these boys were able to play for the whole season, even though they may have wanted to play.

It was also hard for all of their teammates to want to play as a team, when they were not able to. However, the team managed to preserver through those injuries and have a winning season. "Not only are we closer as brother on and off the field, but our chemistry has allowed us to do great things," said Caleb Miller, senior.

The Varsity Football team ended the season with a winning record of 11-2. This was the most wins a Westminster football team had ever had. The team also fought hard to win their district. Despite many injuries and trials, the team overcame and made Westminster history.

Connor Hafenrichter, junior.



Casey Hinds, junior.



Lucy Wood seventh grade, finishes her first race. The race was held at Chaminade. Even though she wasn't first, she kept going, and never stopped running.



Last Stretch

In the beginning of the season middle school Cross Country started off the year with a good first race at Chaminade.

"The hardest part was the beginning of the second lap, but the easiest part was crossing the finish line" said Amanda Berry, eighth grade.

A lot of her teammates weren't too far behind. Olivia Strange and Chandler Estes came in a few second before Berry. They were running together keeping up pace, and ran to the finish. Ben Parres came in third place.

"That was their very first meet, and they did not have a lot of practice. Without a lot of training, and no experience running in the races. I thought they performed very well. Ava Hollmann was surprising star in first place among the girls," said Coach Kerckhoff. Now that is the sound of a proud coach.

Ethan Rush, seventh grade, runs at the Chaminade race. This was the team's first race.



Hannah Stevenson, and **Olivia Hunsicker**, seventh grade, fight to win during their races. This was both runner's first time in a race.



Clayton Perona, seventh grade, and **Amanda Berry**, eighth grade, run through the pain. Perona was one of the very few boys who came in close to first.

Olivia Strange, and **Chandler Este** 8th grade run together during the races. They stuck together throughout the race and pushed each other throughout the season.

5 races
8th grade: 80 mi run
7th grade: 50 mi run
Practice: 1 hour



Daniel Clear, eighth grade.



Isabella Francois, seventh grade.

A Season of...

Upper School Field Hockey



Lucy Kehr, junior, fights the Ursuline defensive player for the ball. She got the ball in possession and sent it to another offensive player. Lucy played most of the game on offense and was also the team's captain.



First Injury: Lucy Kehr
First Goal: Sophie Dunlap
First Goalkeeper: Maggi Eachus
First Game: Cor Jesu
First Team Captains: Gracie Adams and Lucy Kehr

Firsts



Rebecca Lai,
sophomore

Molly Cook,
sophomore



Dani Renaud,
freshman

Westminster's first ever field hockey program started off with success. Enough girls were interested in the team and tried out to create not only a junior varsity team but a C-team as well.

"I loved the challenge and perseverance that comes with starting a team from the beginning" said Lucy Kehr, junior and captain. Most of the team had never played before, so it was a new experience to learn the skills required to be successful. The girls scored their first goal of the season against Ursuline Academy, resulting in their first win.

"The coaches have been a huge encouragement and I can tell they really enjoy teaching us" said Sophie Dunlap, junior. The coaches set up a Big Sister/ Little Sister system with the middle school girls. They had many bonding events and the middle school team was able to form relationships with the Upper School girls.

The girls were also placed on different committees. The themes of the committees related to spirit, effort, leadership, and prayer. Each team was responsible for encouraging the other players and leading them in each of their categories. Overall, Field Hockey had a great start. The sport will prosper in the years to come due to good leadership and great attitudes between the players.



Rebecca Warren, sophomore, sends the ball back to the offense against Ursuline Academy. Both defenses fought hard and kept the other team from scoring until Westminster scored their first goal.



Anna Huynh, junior, defends her team against Ursuline Academy. Anna learned how to play defense for the Wildcats during the summer and school year. Huynh used her previous lacrosse skills to transition into field hockey.

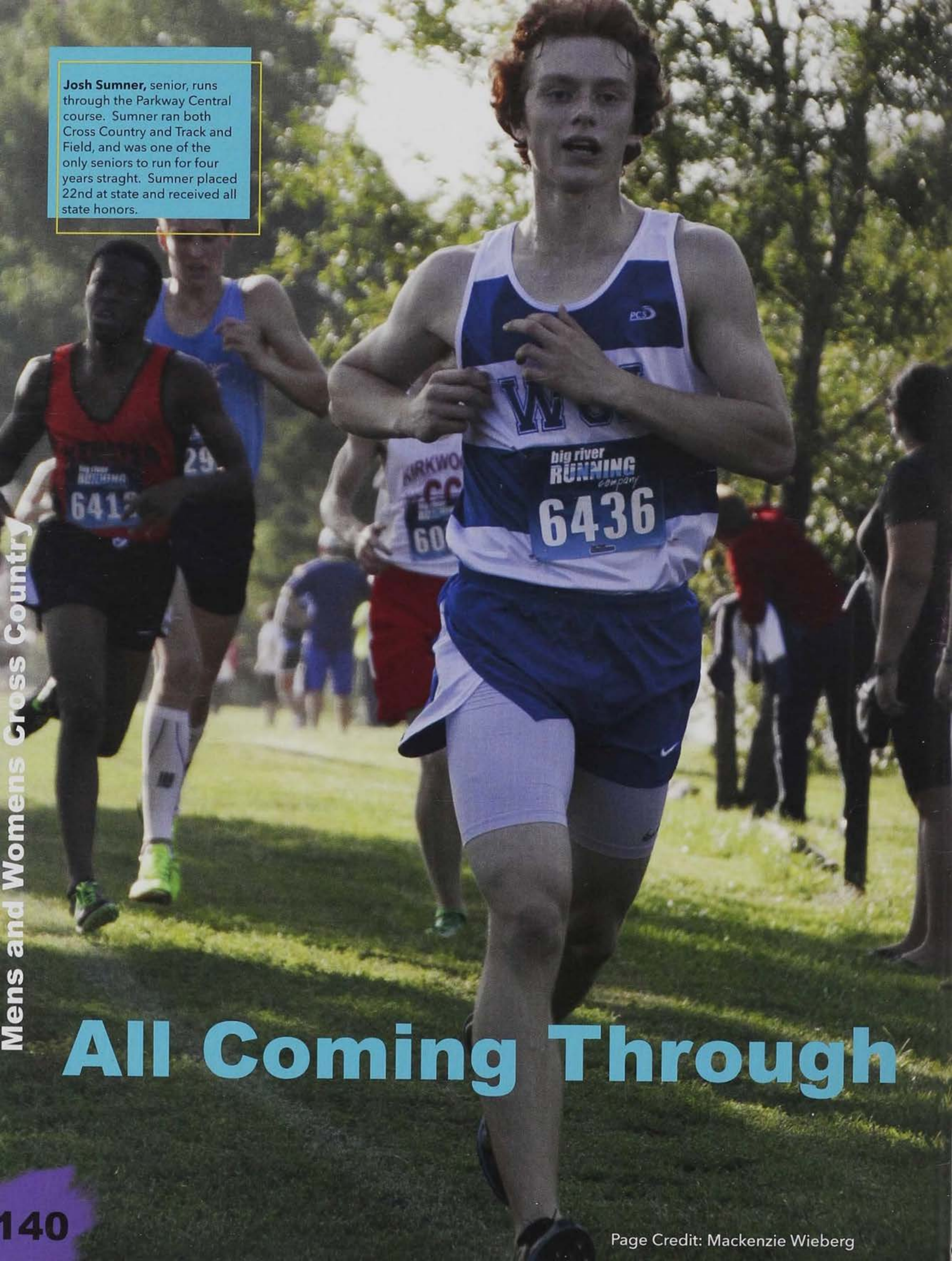


Izzy Haupfear, junior, runs after the ball as a midfielder. This was her first year ever playing field hockey. "I really wanted to start fresh with a new sport, and I love how the sport is aggressive and intense" said Haupfear.



Lindsey Falkner, junior, sends the ball to teammates during practice. The girls mostly practiced drills and conditioned during practices. They also scrimmaged once a week to become even more accustomed to the game.

Josh Sumner, senior, runs through the Parkway Central course. Sumner ran both Cross Country and Track and Field, and was one of the only seniors to run for four years straight. Sumner placed 22nd at state and received all state honors.



All Coming Through

Distance Traveled

Normal Meets: 170 mi

Big Meets: 1,224mi

Total: 1,394mi



George Meyer, freshman



Ben Saltmiras, junior



Issac Pleus, sophomore



Patrick Agan, sophomore



Many times, one player shows exemplary skill and shines above the rest of the team. In the 2014 season, however, every athlete contributed to the cross country team for the better.

"This year our team is really close and we are like a family. When we go to meets we all want to do good so we push each other so we can do the best that we can be. This is why I think we do so good in our meets," said Jillian Klien, sophomore.

At their meet in Jefferson City the Varsity team did extraordinarily well. The boys placed first out of all the schools that were at conference and the girls got fourth overall.

"We were really excited to win our first meet as a team and in WCA history. We all knew the way we needed to run and had followed coach's plan we had worked on in practice. We pushed ourselves and each other and had a great time doing it" said Jack Andrews, junior.

This year the team was a strong well rounded team who had athletes that contributed from freshman to senior. The team had very high hopes to go to state as a team this year.

"Both guys and girls teams are capable of making state, we just need to continue to work and improve in order to make that happen. We have a lot of young runners and it would provide a valuable experience for them to run at state this year " said Andrew Murray, junior.

This year the Varsity cross country team had the best team as a whole in WCA history.

David Montgomery, freshman



Daniel Wang, freshman



Michael Ludders, freshman



Neil Sutherland, junior



Alysse Tarantino, junior, runs with the pack at Parkway Central. Alysse was one of the captains for Varsity this year.



Dan Luedders, junior, finishes his race at Parkway Central. This was the teams hardest course to race on this year.



Jillian Klein, sophomore runs at the Priory invitational. This was Jillian's first year on Varsity.

Commitment



Sydney Hawkins, seventh grade



Jessie Kunkel, eighth grade

During eighth grade year, students were forced to decide whether or not to pursue their passions throughout high school. This included what sports they would wish to play. Girls on the eighth grade basketball team had to decide either to play basketball in high school or not.

"I will definitely be playing basketball in high school, because it is fun and I have a great passion for the sport," said Jordan Shaw eighth grade.

All of the girls on the team that wanted to go on playing basketball in high school understood the commitment that they would have to make to be able to play the game in their future.

"I am ready to commit to playing basketball, because I like to run and to work on a team and it is fun to take on the sport," said Kalei Layton, eighth grade.

The commitment of participating in high school sports was one every eighth grade athlete had to consider before going into a new chapter of their lives and follow their passion for the sport.



Lauren Brewer and Chloe Kellom, eighth graders, both catch the rebound against Principia. "I like the game of basketball and working in a team is fun," said Brewer.



The eighth grade B-team charges down the court in an effort to score against Whitfield. The team played like champions in one a hardest games that they had the whole season.

Seventh grade A-team



Seventh grade B-team



Eighth grade A-team



Eighth grade B-team



Isabella Francois, seventh grade, prepares to take a lay up during the game against Principia. "I like basketball, because I get to work together as a team with others," said Francois.



Kalei Layton, Eighth grade



Ava Binder, Seventh grade



Jordan Shaw, eighth grade attempts to pass the ball to one of her team mates to try and make a basket against Whitfield. For the eighth grade, team work was the top priority.

Taylor French and Jada Ferguson, freshmen, wait for their teammate to shoot a free throw. They prevented the opponent to get the rebound.

Strong Bonds

Teams need to work well together both on and off the court. This year's junior varsity team saw the importance of getting to know each other in a more personal way.

By way of a team Christmas party, traveling to Kansas City, sharing testimonies, and giving devotionals, these girls created a bond that out lasted their season.

"The Christmas party and the testimonies really helped us grow not only as a family, but also as a team. Getting to know each other, developed our chemistry on the court," said Taylor French, sophomore.

Another bonding experience for the girls was their trip to Kansas City for a tournament. "We went out to dinner after our game and had a lot of fun just talking and getting to know each other," said Hannah Lovell, sophomore.

The junior varsity girls learned the true essence of what it meant to be a team and winning isn't all important.

Story Courtesy of Caitlin Mundorf and Camryn Williams

Alayna Marusiodis, sophomore, plays with the JV. She had very good sportsmanship even on a unfair call.



Ashley Peterman, freshman, guards her opponent. If the other team has the ball she prevented them from passing, or scoring.



Deanne Pfyl, and **Jada Ferguson** freshmen, are the point guards on the team. Pfyl always had the ball in her hand in every game she played.



Samantha Huber, and **Hannah Lovell** help their team set up for a play. They were ready to score, and nothing could get in their way.



Taylor French, sophomore

Jayla Malloy, sophomore



Charisse Williams, senior, drives to the basket to make a lay up. Led by Williams, the varsity team beat Visitation 55-40. Williams committed to play college basketball for Lindenwood University.

Women's Varsity Basketball

On the Road



McKenna Montgomery, junior, draws a foul while making her lay up. "McKenna gives 150% every single game and practice. She is always staying after practice to work on her shot," said Natalie Bunton, sophomore. All teammates agreed that McKenna was a crucial part to the team's success.

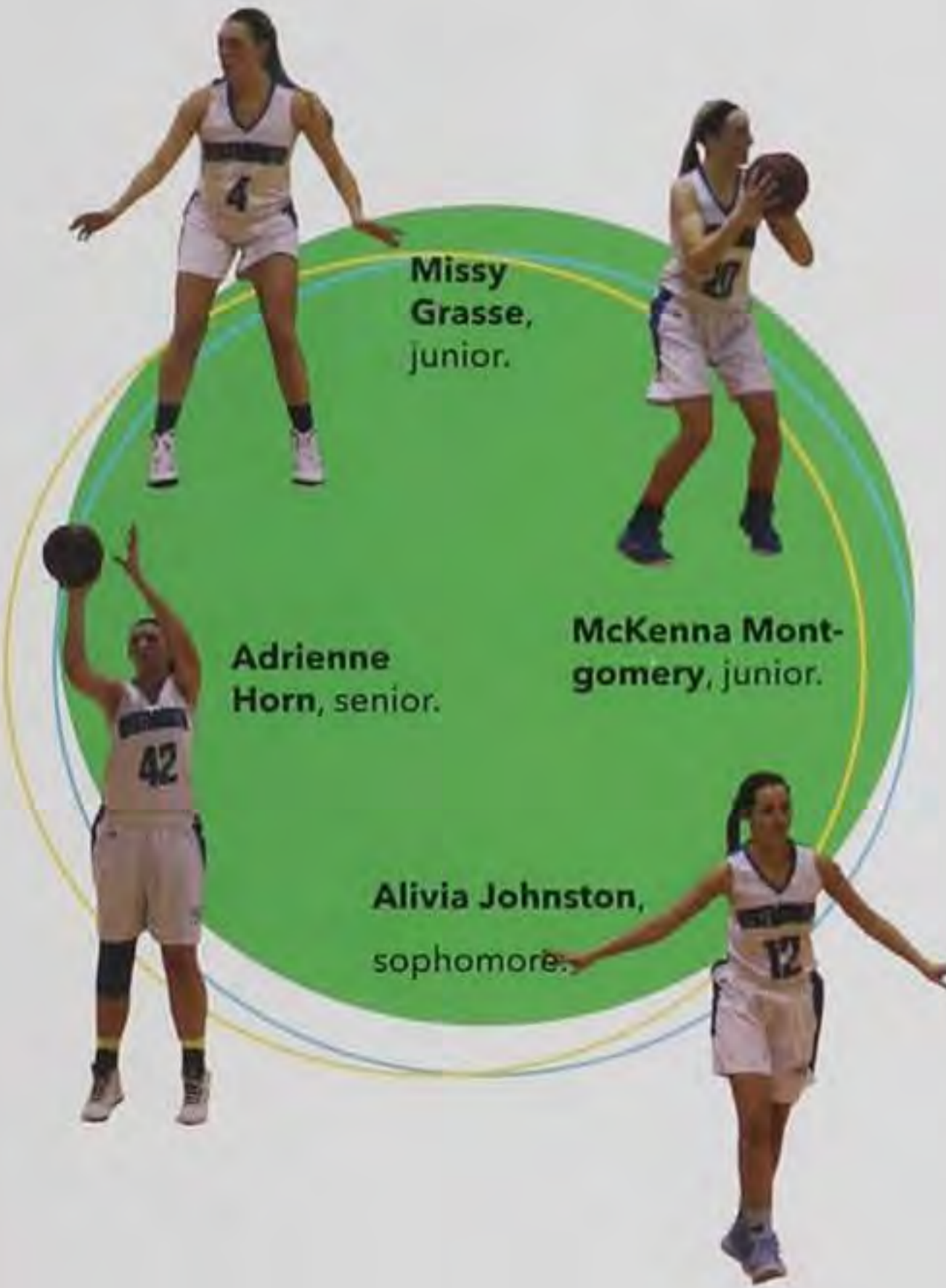
To begin the season, the girls varsity basketball team traveled to Kansas City to play Blue Springs South High school and Lee Summit North High school. Going into Friday night's game against Lee Summit, the girls didn't know what to expect.

"We were relying solely on what we had heard from other teams and what we could guess from looking at them," said Adrienne Horn, senior. While confidence was displayed on the outside, there was some anxiety within all of the players.

The game began, and it was clear that it would be close. The first three quarters were back and forth. "It wasn't a great game overall for our team, but we kept our heads up and kept running our offense in order to stay in the game," said Margo Koby, junior.

There was one minute left in the fourth quarter, and Westminster had a three point lead. Tired and weak, one small lapse in defense allowed for Lee Summit to drain a three pointer. The game was tied and tensions mounted. Senior captain, Charisse Williams, took the ball in for a lay up with exactly 2 seconds left to win the game.

"I was so excited and relieved because I knew we were in a position to win. We were all jumping and so hyped," said Williams. The Westminster bench erupted, and the stands were silent. With the final score being 35-33, the long road trip was worth it.



Missy Grasse, junior.

McKenna Montgomery, junior.

Adrienne Horn, senior.

Alivia Johnston, sophomore.



Sydney Arnold, senior, looks to pass to her teammate during the MICDS Holiday Tournament.



Margo Koby, junior, looks to pass to her teammate after getting a rebound. Koby's presence and leadership on the court was crucial this season. With the help of Koby, the Wildcats beat Lutheran North 41-25.



Kirsten Davis, sophomore, goes up for a lay up after a steal. "When Kirsten is on the floor she brings this level of intensity and energy that is crucial. She is able to get the steals that keep the momentum going our way," said Adrienne Horn, senior.



Adrienne Horn, senior, maneuvers through the defense to the basket to gain two points. As a captain, Horn reflected on the season with her team, "There were games that didn't go our way, but each and every girl put their best effort in despite the hardships."

John Ferguson, seventh grade, looks for an open spot to run the ball.



7th Grade



8th Grade



By The Numbers

Every year athletes are faced with the decision of what number to put on their jersey. To some people the numbers didn't mean anything, but to others it had substantial meaning.

To Bennie Anderson the number on his back was something that has great meaning. "I picked the number 30 because it was the best number left and it is my favorite number," said Anderson, seventh grade.

Issac Johnston, seventh grade, followed after his dad, and played basketball.

"I usually pick number 32, because my dad's number is 33", said Johnston. "I picked the number 21 since it was closest to number 20, number 20 was my football number and I wanted to keep the tradition going." said Ben Straub, seventh grade.

Even if it was only a number sometimes there was a story to go with it. It may not even have been a lucky number but it was a number with a reason.

Blake Jewell, eighth grade, aims for the basket. This was his second free throw of the game.



Trey Klein, eighth grade, runs down the court to score a point in a game against Priory.



Jack Martin, seventh grade, goes up for a lay up. Martin was warming up for the game against Priory.



Jerram Adams, eighth grade, looks for a open player to pass the ball to. Adams stole the ball and ran it down the court. Westminster was playing Priory at this game.



Luke Wetzel, eighth grade, gets ready to shoot the ball. Westminster was winning at this point.



Sean Benes, seventh grade, signals tot his teammate to let him know that he is open.



Keenan Miller
Eighth Grade



Luke Wetzel
Eighth Grade

Levi Alldredge and Chad Briden, freshmen, and Dyllan Conway, sophomore pose while watching the freshman game. The freshmen were playing right before JV.



Drew Dempsey, freshman, looks for an open spot to pass the ball during a game. Drew played guard during his basketball season.



Caleb Layton, freshman, checks the ball in during the fourth quarter of the freshman game against Priory. Jeremiah Thompson, freshman said, "Caleb is top defender and a great addition to our team."

Alex Token, freshman, focuses as he takes a shot while warming up for the game versus Priory.



Dominic Cusumano, freshman, watches as a free throw is shot. Dominic was 5'8 and played point guard for the cats.



We Playin' Basketball

Coaches have the power to make a difference in the life of students, and Westminster was blessed to have some great coaches. The junior varsity basketball team would not have been the team that they were this season without their coach. LaDon Champagnie, Coach Champ for short, inspired players and helped the team improve both on and off the basketball court. James Smith, freshman coach also made an impact on these young men.

Before every junior varsity game and practice, Coach Champ shared some words of encouragement with the boys. These sayings became an inside joke for the guys. The first piece of advice for the boys was, "There's only two ways to get this money. You can earn it, or you can steal it, and y'all aint no theives so you better earn it". The second saying by Coach Champ was "Let's get this chicken". This catchphrase was used by all the boys throughout the season. Dominic Cusumano, freshman said, "Coach Champ makes us laugh but he also pushes us to be the best players that we can be".

This young junior varsity team was made up of majority freshman boys. The team was young and may not have had as much experience as some of the other JV teams that they played against. The team with the help of Coach Champ, defeated Oakville and Fort Zumwalt North. These teams were both class 5 schools meaning that the schools were much bigger than Westminster.

The freshman coach, Coach James Smith was known for being an encourager. Even when he was making jokes about TV shows and movies that were too old for the boys to know about. He was always able to make the boys laugh.

"Coach really lives out his faith and encourages us to do the same," said Luke Vasel, freshman. Coaches had the power to make a difference and impacted how these young men lived their lives.

Dyllan Conway, sophomore, plays an aggressive defense. Dylan was a team leader and his teammates on JV looked up to him.



Jeremiah Thompson, freshman, dribbles down the court on a break-away. Jeremiah played point guard for the freshman team.

The Player's Poll

- MVP: Dyllan Conway**
- Top Scorer: Devan Stewart**
- Team Jokester: Levi Alldredge**
- Most Aggressive: Drew Dempsey**
- Best Defender: Xander Smith**
- Shoe game: Nick Sutter**
- Rebounder: Michael Thoenen**

CREW

Logan Montgomery, freshman, shoots a basket while warming up for the JV basketball game against Priory.



L.B. Battle, freshman, handles the ball during a game. L.B played the guard position for the freshman team.
Luke Vasel, freshman, said, "L.B. is one of our teams top scorers and he always finishes the games out strong, he never gives up".



Luke Vasel, freshman, prepares to grab a rebound, Luke played basketball for the freshman team.
Jeremiah Thompson, freshman said, "Luke makes good passes, he can always find an opening on offense".



Freshmen



JV

practice.



Practice makes perfect. A lot of people heard this catchy, cliché statement and disclaimed its validity because of how much it was used. Even though it was sometimes overused, it had great truth in it. The more hard, concentrated work put into something, the more concrete results come out. And this year, the Westminster basketball team put in work.

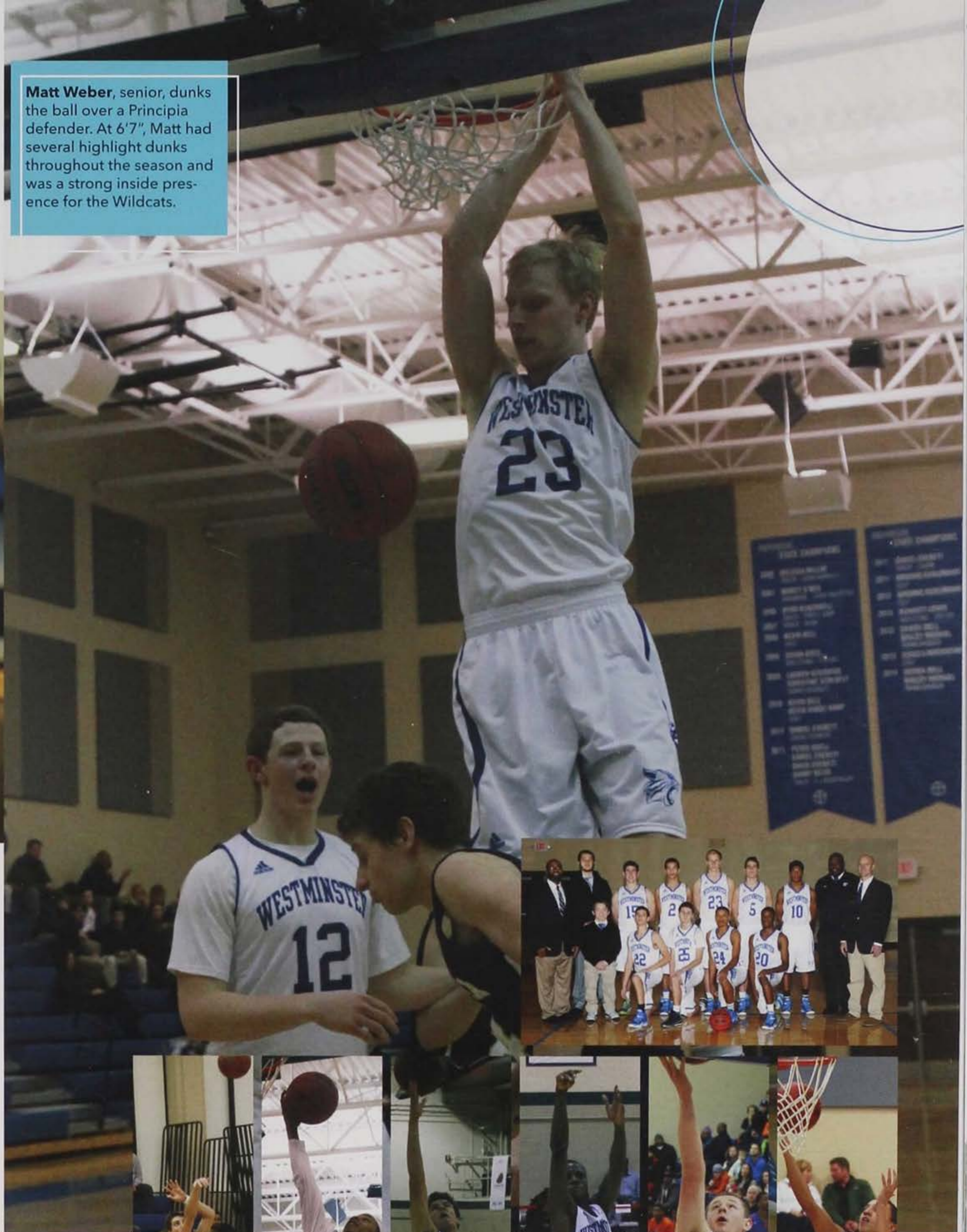
"We practice the 3 phases of the game of basketball: offense, defense, and the transition game. We have tried to segment practice and focus on each phase one at a time. This helps the guys to focus on their roles and bring great discipline and intensity. It's the Westminster way" said Doug Coleman, head coach.

The Wildcats endured an intense workout and practice regimen which paid dividends on the court. Whether it was running 3 miles on the track in the freezing cold, jogging 4 miles to Subway and then practicing for 5 hours, or doing yoga together, the basketball team went through a lot this season. "Practice almost has a military feel to it. Like one time, we jumped rope for ten minutes straight. If we messed up, we had to get on the line and run. Conditioning has definitely been emphasized this year" said Brendan Bogner, senior.

Not only did the Wildcats work hard at practice during the season, they put in work during the off-season. "I worked out all fall with my AAU coach and did weight training almost every day" said Jordan Hawkins, junior. This paid off for Hawkins. His hard work led to his surprise emergence as a starter and defensive stopper for the team this season. All of the guys worked hard and pushed each other every day and locked up the number one seed in the district. These Wildcats surpassed people's expectations and became a truly dominant squad.



Matt Weber, senior, dunks the ball over a Principia defender. At 6'7", Matt had several highlight dunks throughout the season and was a strong inside presence for the Wildcats.



Cliff DeGroot
Sophomore



Steve Webb
Sophomore



Nick Cacciarelli
Junior



Jordan Hawkins
Junior



Brendan Bognar
Senior



Jordan Harvey
Senior

Big Fish. Little Fish.



Brittany Johnson, freshman- 200 Free Relay

What else do they do?

Stillman
Tennis

Kittelson
Volleyball and Lacrosse

Galakatos
Track and Field

MacKoul
Softball



Izzy Haupfear
and Avery Iven
Juniors



The Girl's Swim Team proved that bigger is better. Not only was it the biggest team in Westminster history, but it was one of the most successful teams in history. The team beat St. Joe's for the first time ever, Megan Galvin, senior, set a new school record in the 500 yard freestyle, and Kaitlin Kittelson, senior, Lauren Masot, junior, Carmen Verbeke and Mackenzie Weiberg, sophomores, and Brittany Johnson, freshman, qualified for State.

Though these accomplishments were defining moments, the team had an incredible dynamic from the beginning of the season. With so many new members the team started Big Fish Little Fish to make the large team feel small. It provided a way for upperclassmen to help new members find their place on the team, and it was without a doubt, successful as the girls are known for always having a good time.

Kirsten Caplinger and Julia Johnson, seniors, both had a great experience as 'Big' Fish. Caplinger said, "My little fish, Sophia Thomas and Jenna Galakatos, are my favorite people ever." Julia Johnson chimed in and said, "We've seen some programs like Big Fish Little Fish and thought we needed to do something like that, it was really fun." 'Little' Fish, Hannah Hickel, freshman, said, "I've gotten a lot closer to the team. It's fun and it's a really good idea."

The team's size has not only been great from a competitive and social aspect, but they also have used this to reach outside of school. The girls spent one of their Saturdays to volunteer at Sunshine Ministries.



Caitlin Mundorf
sophomore;
Megan Galvin
senior.
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Hubler, and Drew
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Hailey Kittelson, freshman, Madi Koetting, Hannah Haguewood, sophomores, and Sydney Stillman senior.



Kaitlin Kittelson, senior, was not only team captain and a positive influence on the team, but she also dominated in the 100 breast. Kaitlin qualified for State as a freshman and sophomore and after finding out she would be making her final appearance her senior year Kaitlin said, "I was really excited and I think that it was good to have my hard work pay off."



Kaitlin Kittelson, senior, **Mackenzie Weiberg**, **Carmen Verbeke**, sophomores, and **Lauren Massot**, junior, represent the team at the State swim meet. The team beat many of their best times and had a great time.



Sarah Jane Fiala, **Megan Galvin**, seniors, and **Ashley Zone**, freshman, volunteer at by restocking shelves at Sunshine Ministries, a local ministry to provide Christian services to those in need in St. Louis.

Olive Robson and Olivia Demetry, eighth grade, do a high V. during a basketball game. They enthusiastically encouraged the boys' basketball players which led to a win.



The eighth grade team performs a stunt at halftime. They were rarely allowed to stunt, so was exciting for them.



Lexie Kratky, eighth grade, was the captain of the cheer team.

Rebekah Sems, seventh grade, does a dance during the game.

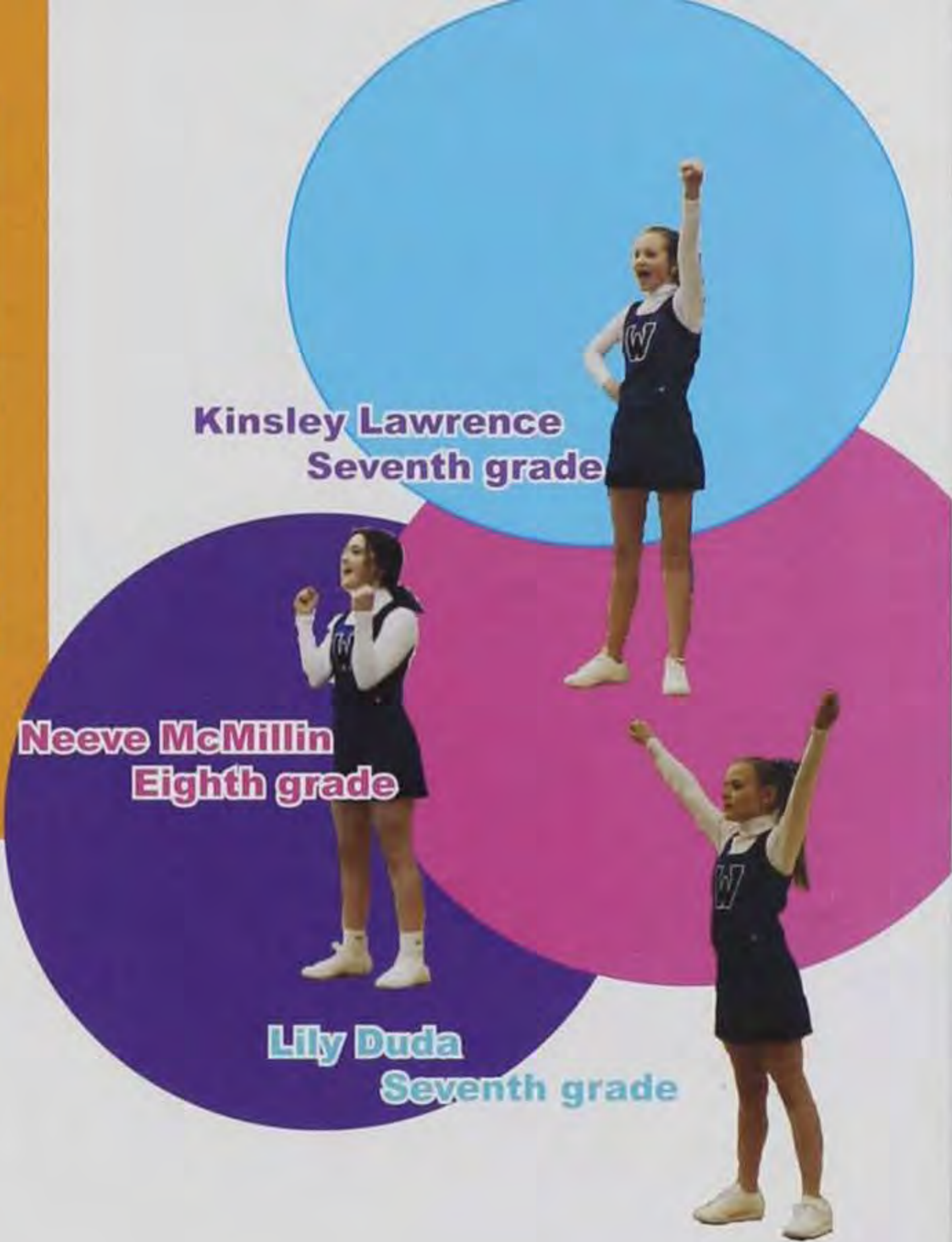
Blood Sweat and Tears

Middle school cheer and dance was not recognized as an official sport at Westminster, and many of the students on the team were aggravated about this. They worked so hard yet didn't receive the recognition of other athletics.

"It's very annoying to hear people say that middle school cheer isn't a sport because all of us work very hard, and the practices are very long and challenging," said Allison Broadhurst, eighth grade.

Because the school did not see middle school cheer as a sport, there were some athletic privileges that they did not get. "We don't get a lot of practices," said Hannah Rupprecht, eighth grade. "We only get to practice once a month, but sometimes we don't even get one a month." This made it hard for the girls to learn all of the cheers and dances.

Also, they did not get gym space to practice in and were squished into whatever space was available. "We don't have very good places to practice. A lot of times we're stuck practicing in the commons when we should be able to practice on mats in the blue gym," said Broadhurst. While this lack of recognition for their hard work could be annoying, the team still managed to support the basketball players and to have fun while doing it.



Kinsley Lawrence
Seventh grade

Neeve McMillin
Eighth grade

Lily Duda
Seventh grade



The team circles up at one of their football season games. The girls along with Coach Carrie have a pre-game ritual, **Rachel Byars**, freshman says, "We always circle up and encourage each other one last time before we all go on and shout 1-2-3 WIDCATS!"



Lauren Bauer, freshman, cheers towards the crowd during quarter break. Lauren participated as a base this year. It was her first year on the team.



Hannah Beckman, sophomore, one of the captain enjoys talking with her co-captains during a home game. For her first year leading she stated, "I couldn't of asked for a better year getting to help lead this team!"

Caroline Brands, sophomore, one of the two captains on the team enjoys laughing with her team mates. This was Brands first year of leading the JV Cheer team.

Emma Gion, freshman, cheers on the JV Football team during a home game. Emma had many memorable moments on JV Cheer. But her favorite was, "reaching our team goal of finally hitting libs!"



The JV Cheer team performs during half time of a home basketball game.



One Common Goal

The JV Cheer team this year worked towards one common goal: to overall improve their abilities and to sharpen their skills. The team accomplished many things during their season, from motivating other athletic teams to hitting hard level stunts. But the two main goals are what kept the girls motivated and working hard: becoming all squad tumblers, and hitting libs. Through the encouragement of one another the JV Cheerleaders pushed themselves to a whole new level of intensity. The captains, Hannah Beckman and Caroline Brands, sophomores, were the glue that kept the team positive throughout their progress.

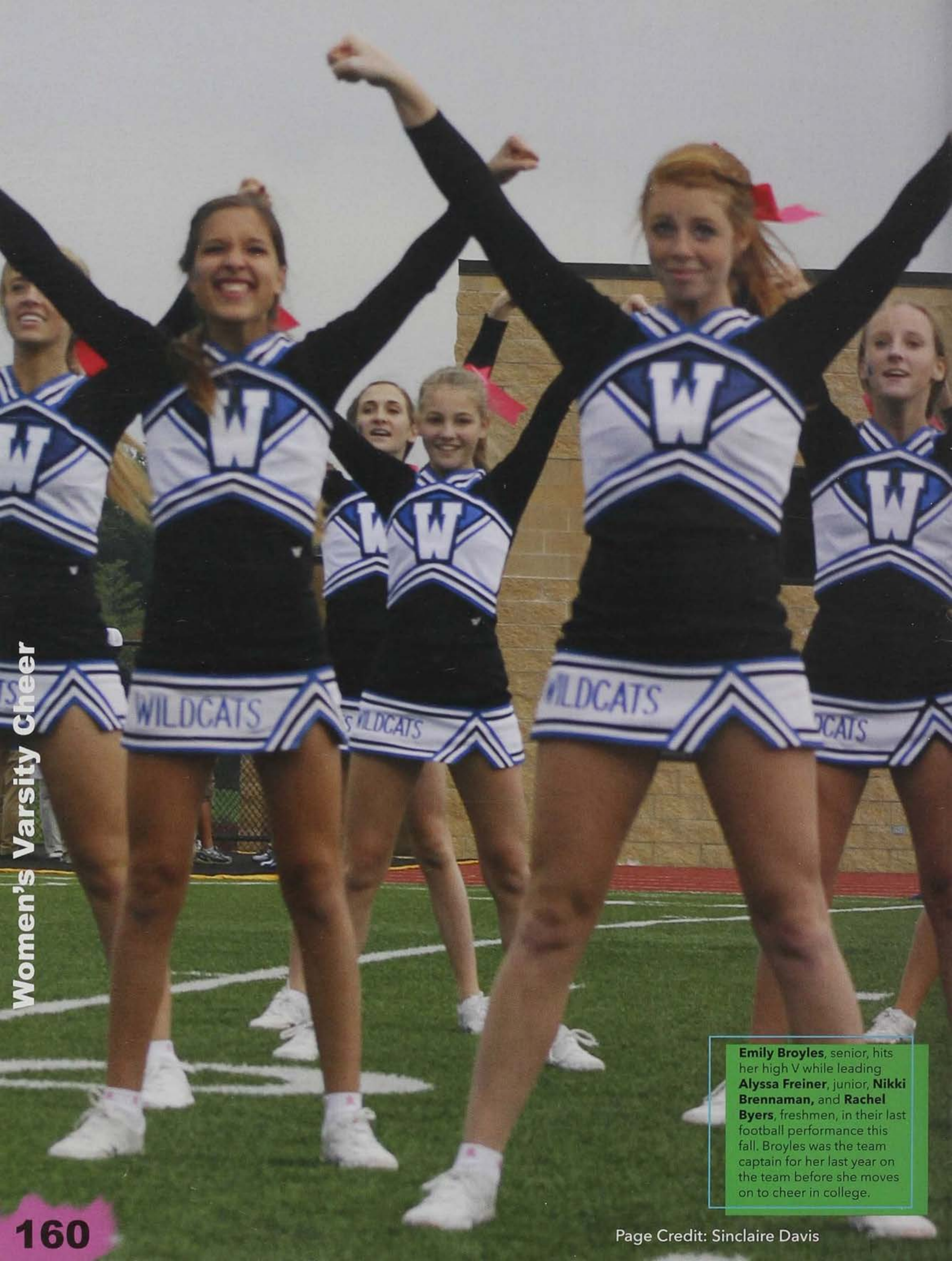
Nikki Joy Breneman, freshman, states, "The captains are amazing and so hardworking!" When asking the rest of the team how they felt about trying to reach all squad tumbling, which has never been done in Westminster history, the girls commonly agreed that it was a difficult process but it was a bonding experience.

The bonding of the team created an outstanding track record of performances. At Pride Night and the John Burroughs performance the girls hit all their stunts which was a big accomplishment for the girls. Anna Gierhart, freshman, reflected on the performances saying, "Hitting all of our stunts for the first time was such a big deal. It made us all so happy that all of our hard work had finally paid off!" Which it did, the JV Cheer team hit varsity level stunts by the end of the season.

The girls accomplished so much the past season through hard work and perserverence. The girls are looking forward to next season where they can show off their new found skills and excel to the next level.



Anna Gierhart, Betsey Bailey, Nikki Breneman, and Rachel Byars, freshman, all stunt during a half time routine at a football game. The stunt group said stunting was very scary at first. But once they got the hang of it became very fun.



Emily Broyles, senior, hits her high V while leading **Alyssa Freiner**, junior, **Nikki Brennaman**, and **Rachel Byers**, freshmen, in their last football performance this fall. Broyles was the team captain for her last year on the team before she moves on to cheer in college.

Sarah Broyles, sophomore, cheers on the sidelines for the football team. Broyles got the opportunity to cheer with her sister Emily Broyles, senior, for two years before she left for college.

Bethany Stone, sophomore, comes down from a stunt in the middle of the Varsity Cheer performance at halftime of Spirit Night. This was Stone's first year on Varsity.



Alyssa Dossmann, senior, pumps up the crowd during the cheerleaders halftime performance at the spirit week game.

Elaine Clifton, junior, dances in the pep rally performance with the Varsity Cheer Squad. Clifton was a captain on the team this year.



Alyssa Freiner, junior, cheers on the field during a halftime performance. This was Freiner's second year on the team.



Hannah Groce, junior, dances during the spirit night routine. Hannah cheered for three years and hoped to continue with the sport next season.



Ashton Kratky, senior, cheers towards the crowd at a football game this fall. "Ashton was really fun to have around on the team. She was very motivated and kept us focused," said Alyssa Freiner, junior.



Bethany Stone, sophomore, and **Erica Ridenhour**, sophomore stunt during the spirit night halftime performance. Stone and Ridenhour were both flyers for the squad.



Where Talent Ends, Hard Work Begins

When the Westminster Varsity Cheer Squad had tryouts for the new season, they did not expect all the changes that would come.

This past year the girls got new performance uniforms. "We needed a change and the new uniforms are very collegiate," said Rachel Middleton, junior.

Also, they have the most tumblers they have ever had. "Almost all the girls have a round-off backhand spring which is a big step up from last season," said Emily Broyles, senior.

In addition to a stacked team of tumblers and the new uniforms, the girls had a new coach. "Assistant Coach Ali's husband is a Westminster alumni and he graduated with Coach Jen. That's how she got to know the team. She has been a great addition to the squad because she is great at nitpicking our routines and cleaning up our stunts. She also has three adorable kids that are so much fun to have around at games," said Sarah Broyles, sophomore.

They also were not used to having to cheer for such a long fall season.

Emily Broyles said, "The boys won districts and then played a few games after that plus it was such a cold season that it made it very long."

Through all these new beginnings, the cheerleaders continued to work hard and stick to their motto, "Where Talent Ends, Hard Work Begins."



Middle School Girls' Swimming

Hope Burkey, seventh grade, flies down the pool in the first swim meet of the season. "I like the swim meets, and competing against each other," said Burkey. *Photo Credit: Jerrica Flakes*



Savannah Arnold, eighth grade, tears through the water as she completes for first in a swim meet. *Photo credit: Emily Jo Barker.*

Jordan Mette, seventh grade, gets a breath of air in between strokes at a swim meet. *Photo credit: Emily Jo Barker.*



Lauren Bell, eighth grade, practices her technique in preparation for the next swim meet. "Swimming is a good way to spend time with friends in an athletic environment and to meet new people," said Bell.



Ella Fiala, seventh grade, gets mentally prepared to storm the pool before her race begins. *Photo credit: Emily Jo Barker*



Noelle Burkey, eighth grade, speeds down the lane during practice. "I like swimming with my friends and being with Coach Kempen," said Burkey.



Hyped

Middle school girl's swimming held their season's first swim meet at Westminster Christian Academy. Because this was the first swim meet for some of the swimmers, there was a lot of hype leading up to the meet. "I was a little nervous because I had to do a relay and I'd never done that before. Once it started, I had a ton of fun," said Mary Fellows, eighth grade.

"The first swim meet was a little scary but I really enjoyed cheering my friends on," said Ella Fiala, seventh grade.

Encouragement flowed from the girls who were spectating. From the sidelines, the girls cheered each other to victory. "We were encouraging each other to keep going because sometimes it is hard. We have a lot of fun supporting each other," said Caroline Kopsky, seventh grade.

Despite the competition, the vision for the team did not get forgotten. "My vision for the team is to become closer to God as we work hard in and out of the pool. We need to keep Christ in the center of all things," said Marjan Kempen, Middle School Swim Coach.

Overall the girls first swim meet was something to witness and definitely set the bar high for the program in the future.

Chloe Burnham, seventh grade, gets ready to start her relay while **Sarah Jane Fiala**, senior, helps time the swimmers.



Morgan Sickels, eighth grade, **Julia Knight**, eighth grade, and **Hope Burkey**, seventh grade, cheer on the swimmers competing in the first swim meet of the season.



VDT Huh!

Varsity Dance Team

Sabrina Cockerham, senior, performs the team's jazz routine. Sabrina was one of this season's captains and has been on Varsity for four years.



Grace Wickham, senior and **Kaitlyn Rigdon**, freshman execute a trick during the hip hop routine.



Holly Gilmore, sophomore, hits her motions during the football routine.



V Only

The Westminster Dance program experienced some changes this school year. In past years, there has been both a Junior Varsity and Varsity Dance team. The Junior Varsity team has always been small in size, so this year Head Coach Brittany Hartloge decided to take out the Junior Varsity team altogether.

All girls in the dance program were placed on either a Practice Team or the Competition Team. Those who were placed on the practice team dance in a select number of performances with the rest of girls who are placed on Varsity. The goal of the Practice Team is to prepare the girls for the higher level. At any point in the year, a girl may be permanently placed on the Competition Team.

"I think the practice team really helped motivate the girls to push themselves. They knew the goal was to reach varsity level by the end of the year and that helped them work that much harder!" said Brittany Hayes, senior.

The dance program performed at Varsity sports events, but also debuted award winning routines in several competitions throughout the year. The Westminster Community looks forward to their debut of the Hip Hop routine that premiered at Spirit Week.

"Hip hop is so upbeat and all the girls get really into the routine. It's the most fun because the crowd really enjoys that routine the most as well" said Julia Harre, junior.

Mollee Trost, freshman.



Sinclair Davis, junior.



Lauren Ramos, junior, performs the football routine at a Varsity football game. This is Lauren's first year on Varsity, but has high goals for the team in the future. "I hope we can increase the skill requirements for the team each year to make it even more competitive" said Ramos.



Morgan Barr, junior, performs facials during the hip hop routine. Morgan has been on Varsity two years, and has been dancing all her life. Most girls enjoy the hip hop routine most because of its fast pace and because it is the most fun to perform.



Jordan Hartmann, junior, enjoys dancing at the football game. "Dancing on the turf is a different feeling than in a gymnasium. Dancing outside and in front of a bigger audience makes football season unique" said Hartmann.



Brittany Hayes, senior performs Hip Hop at the Friday night Spirit Week basketball game. "Before every performance we always pray and remind ourselves that we are dancing for an audience of one" said Hayes.

Jake O'neal, 7th grade, said, "It is hard to pin the other man down, but it all comes down to skill and position like coach said. You have to get out there and focus, so that in the end, you can be proud of your performance when you receive a medal."



Training Day

Everyday was training day for the middle school boys' wrestling team. The mixed 7th and 8th grade team worked hard every day, learning the basics of wrestling, better preparing them for the junior varsity and varsity teams. These boys were determined, focused, and skillful through all of their endeavors. It took great practice to know and do what these boys do.

"These boys are physically challenged when they are pinned down by their opponent during a match. It is up to them to remember what they learned in practice because all I can do is guide them from the sidelines. How hard they work in practice determines how well they do on the mat. Once they walk on that mat, it becomes their playing field," says Coach Gion.

The boys were taught the basic building blocks of wrestling during practice, and how to challenge their minds during a meet. The boys had to be skillful in their maneuvers, watch their opponent, and counter their opponents movements.

"Wrestling is sometimes hard because you have to worry about yourself and your opposition. If you can analyze their movements and figure out a way to hinder them, then you can defeat them. Wrestling requires both physical and intellectual strength," says Mitchell Farmer, 7th grade.



7th Grade 8th Grade



Ethan Storer, 7th Grade, grips his opponent and considers his options of how he can defeat him.



Joey Migliazzo, 8th Grade, goes head to head with Coach Gion to see who is the best.



Coach Gion and Coach Perona demonstrate ways in which a wrestler can escape from his opponents grasp when things turn for the worst.

#1: Turtle! The opposition can not grab the neck if the shoulders are shrugged.

#2: Pinch the hips. Make it impossible for the opposition to move, so that an alternate move can be made against them.

#3: Lock the hands as tightly as possible, lift the opposition in the air, and throw him on his back.

#4: It all boils down to position. Check the stance of the opposition and counter it.



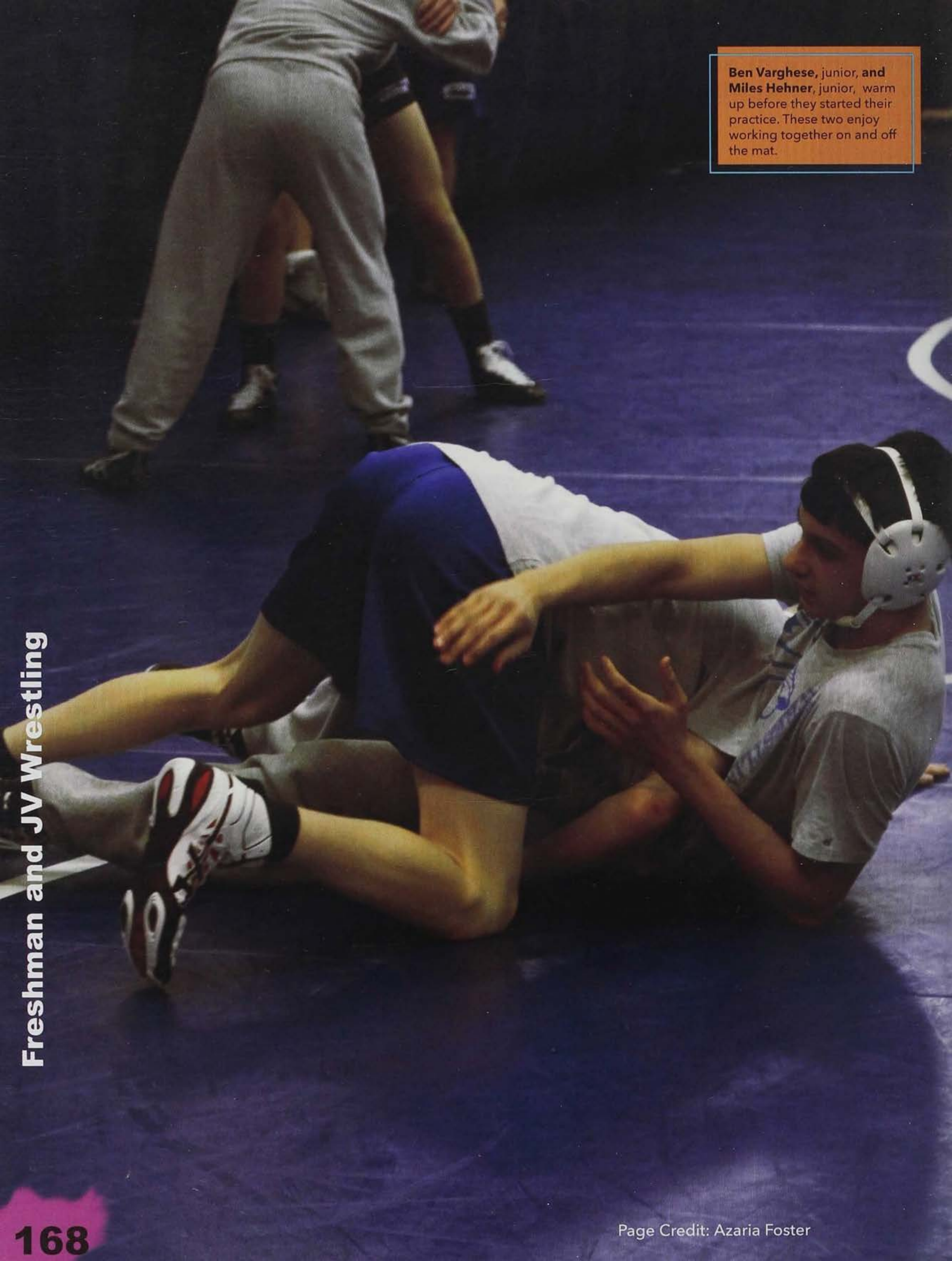
Clayton Perona, 7th grade, is caught in a pickle as his opponent pins him down. Perona later flips his opponent on his back, forcing him to tap out.



Mason Kugler, 7th Grade, goes head to head with his opponent from Whitfield. He analyzes his form, and moves to restrain him.

Ben Varghese, junior, and Miles Hehner, junior, warm up before they started their practice. These two enjoy working together on and off the mat.

Freshman and JV Wrestling





Justin Blakey

Grade: Freshman
Weight: 220/HVY

Harrison Greer

Grade: Junior
Weight: 182/195



Blake Potter, sophomore, works out on a machine while injured. "I tried to do a hip toss and landed on my finger wrong," said Potter.



Blake Elder, freshman, warms up with partner **Sam Song**, freshman, before they are called in by their coaches.



Dedication

JV Wrestling may not sound like a tough obstacle to face, but few would beg to differ. Ben Varghese, junior, was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at the age of 5. Diabetes is a metabolic disease in which the body's inability to produce any or enough insulin causes elevated levels of glucose in the blood.

Ben, just like anyone else on the team went to practice and put forth all of his effort, but he also had to take time to make sure his blood sugar was balanced. "Usually once a practice I get low so I have to drink a soda or juice," said Varghese. Getting low meant that Ben's blood sugar was getting too low for him and his body would start to feel weak and he would struggle to concentrate.

With wrestling came dedication and consistency. For example, all the wrestlers had to maintain a certain body weight all season long.

"Sometimes I will skip a meal before weigh-ins so that I can make the cut," said Varghese. He had been dealing with his health since he was a kid and knew how to keep himself healthy knowing that cutting weight and diabetes don't always play well together.

The JV Wrestling Team had their share of obstacles and through it all they stuck together as a team and encouraged one another no matter what.



Garrett Stoecker, sophomore, takes a quick break after a set of a few warm ups the team continued to do.



Luke Demetry, sophomore, gets his picture for the WCA Wrestling media guide taken before he began his JV Wrestling season.

Preston Willis, freshman, poses for his headshot picture at the beginning of the wrestling season.



Sam Song, freshman, finishes a match against Fort Zummwalt South. He got the victory for his division.



Michael Weston, senior, wrestles his opponent from Fort Zumwalt South. Weston won his match, wrestling at 152. He was also voted as a captain for his team this year.
Photo Credit: Emily Barker

Varsity Wrestling



Mundorf

Caleb Mundorf, senior, wrestles a team down in Neosho Missouri. Mundorf came in 3rd overall in the tournament wrestling at 145. He also qualified for state this year.





Sam Parham, senior, wrestles in the meet in the theater. Parham wrestled at 138.



Tom Graham, junior, wrestles his opponent from Fort Zumwalt South on senior night. Graham won his match, wrestling at 220. Graham also qualified for state. *Photo Credit: Emily Barker*



Sam Thomas, senior, wrestles at 195. Thomas qualified for state this year. *Photo Credit: Emily Barker*



Aaron Gion, junior, wrestles in a tournament held at Westminster. Gion wrestled at 120, and also came in first in his weight class at conference.



Jessie Parham, freshman, takes on Fort Zumwalt South in the theater. Parham won his match against his opponent at 106. Parham also qualified for state.

Wrestling in the Spotlight

Lights, camera, action! This past year for the first time ever the Westminster Varsity Wrestling team took on Fort Zumwalt South in the theater.

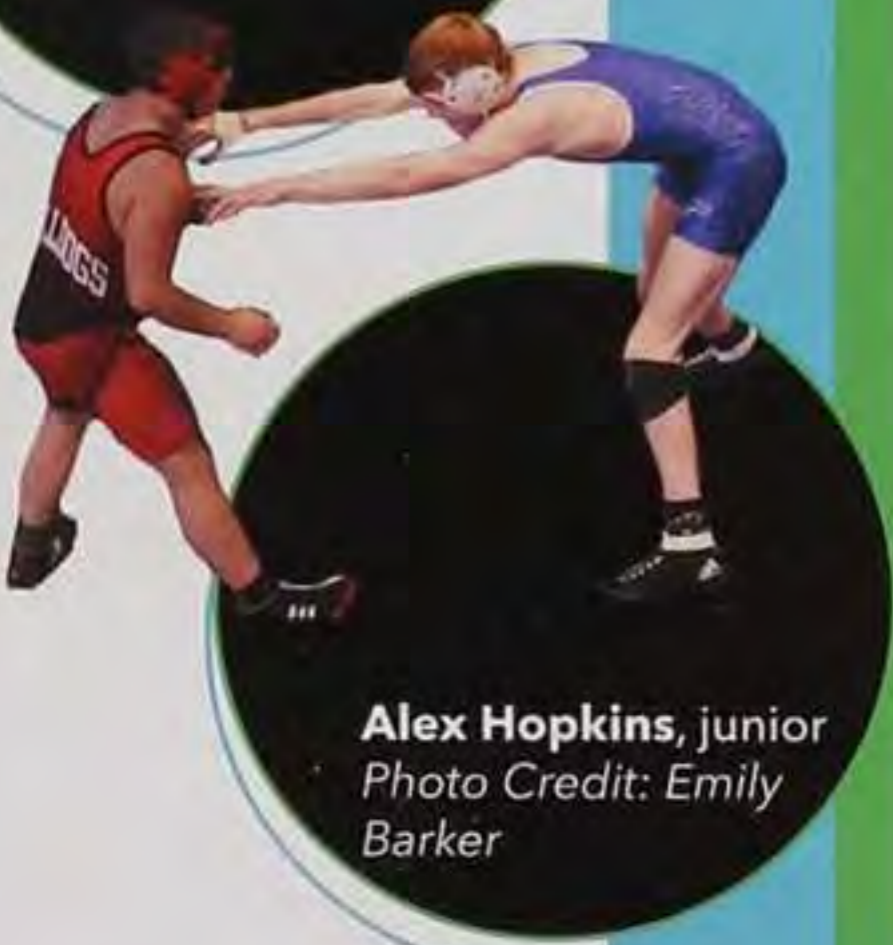
The team set up one mat in the center of the stage with a spotlight shining on the two wrestlers competing against each other. The team hired a professional MC to announce the meet. They wanted to have the match in the theater in honor of spirit week, and in honor of the seniors for senior night. For senior night all the seniors were called out by the MC and their parents were called up to the stage as well. While the parents were walking up to the stage the MC talked about what each wrestler learned through wrestling, and their future plans for collage. The moms also received a flower from their wrestler. Once they got through all the seniors, the meet finally began.

Fort Zumwalt South was a huge rival for the wrestling team this year. "It's a good pre-match before districts" said Caleb Mundorf, senior.

There was a great sized crowd who came out and supported the wrestlers Wednesday, January 28. "It was nice to get some attention and it was a great experience to get to wrestle in the spotlight," said Michael Weston, senior. Although Westminster didn't come out on top against Fort Zumwalt South; that pushed them harder, and they had a great win at conference. Eight of their wrestlers took first in Conference, seating them well for districts. They also had six wrestlers qualify for state this year. Sam Terrana, junior, took 5th place in his weight class.



Caleb Buffa, junior



Alex Hopkins, junior
Photo Credit: Emily Barker

On Thin Ice

The WCA Hockey team had a great year with many successful games. One game in particular was against De Smet Highschool. The De Smet team was ranked number three in state, which would make for a difficult game. This was also a "Senior Night" game, which invited all the seniors of Westminster to come and watch for free.

"De Smet was the best team we played against" said Jake Schroeder, Junior. With an ending score of 3-4, the game kept the crowd on the edge of their seats till the very end. After DeSmet scored their third goal in the last period, the pace of the game sped up dramatically. The goalie for the Wildcats Scott Caldwell, Junior, kept out everything that DeSmet tried to get through, keeping the ending score at 3-4 resulting in a win for the Wildcats.

Being senior night, obviously there were more seniors at the game than usual. The seniors of the Varsity Hockey team were also recognized and praised for their contributions to the team before the game started.

"Getting into the game for free was nice, I saw lots of other seniors there, and it was a good game to watch" said Luke Shields, Senior. Shields went to many of Westminster's hockey games this season and cheered for the team with spirit.

Beating the third best team in state isn't easy, so every pass and every shot needed to count. "We played smart and hard to the very end as a team, and we came out on top" said Tristan Culleton, Sophomore. The team had multiple great assists which resulted in goal after goal for the cats. Culleton also stated that "I think that it is just a starting point for us, and we are capable of great things." Culleton thought more of his team than just playing hockey together. All in all, the team had a good year and had many great achievements.



Zach Nall, Sophomore, skates quickly around the ice, evading anyone in his way. Zach had a good amount of time on the ice and put in his best effort throughout the entire game.



Jason Kelly, Sophomore, skates to his side to stay with and follow the puck. As a sophomore, Kelly had three goals this past season.



Harry Medler, Sophomore, chases after a stray puck. A teammate on the opposing team had accidentally launched a puck out of everybody's reach, and Harry was able to beat his opponents to it.



Tristan Culleton, Sophomore, watches and waits for a pass from his teammate. "This year, we are a closer group of friends who can have fun together on and off the ice" said Culleton.



John Moeller, Senior, slams the puck in an attempt to score a goal. The opponents goalie was tough to get through, but the Wildcats were able to get some past him.



Willie Canfield, Junior, rushes away from the other team with the puck. Canfield had multiple aggressive offensive runs, as well as a solid defence during this game.

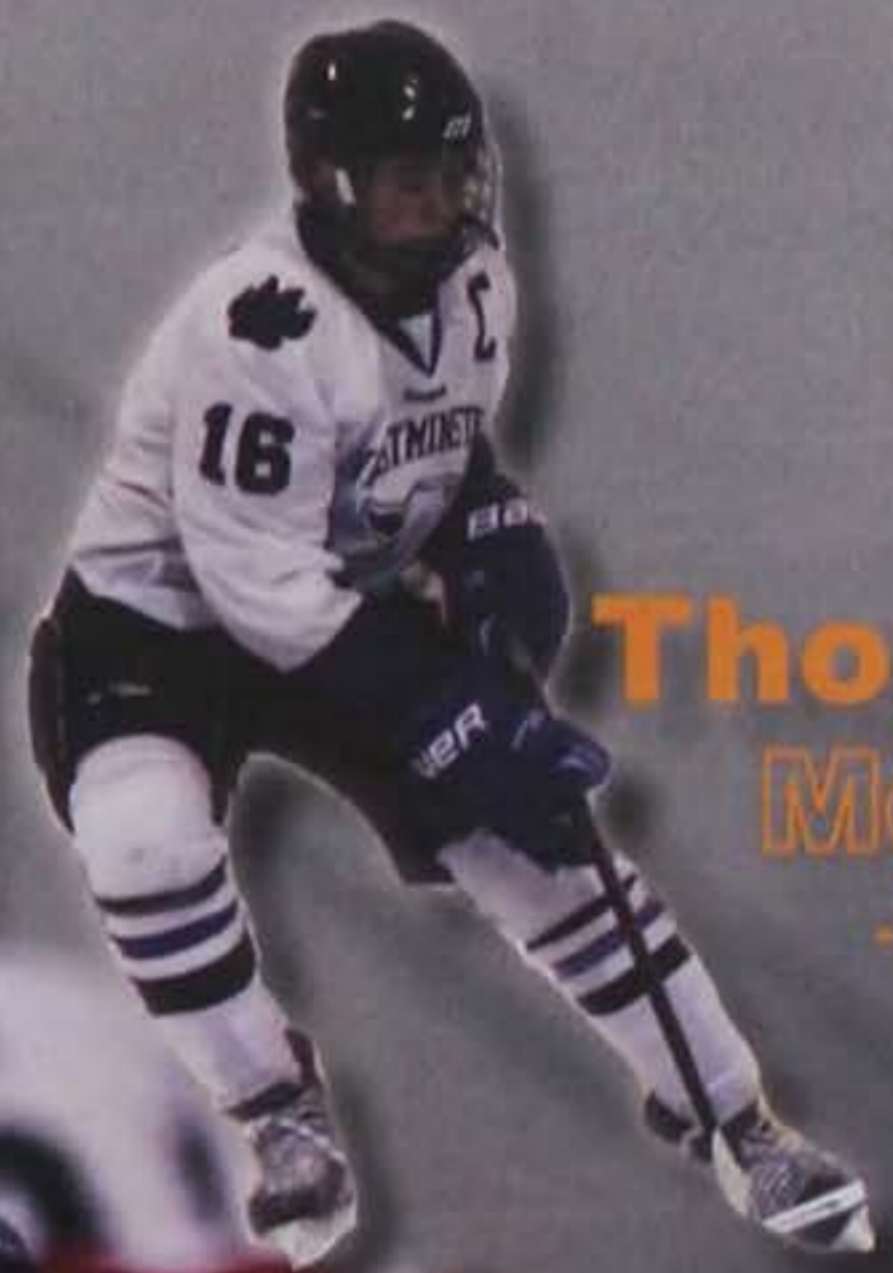
**Emma
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-Junior #17



**Thomas
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-Senior #16



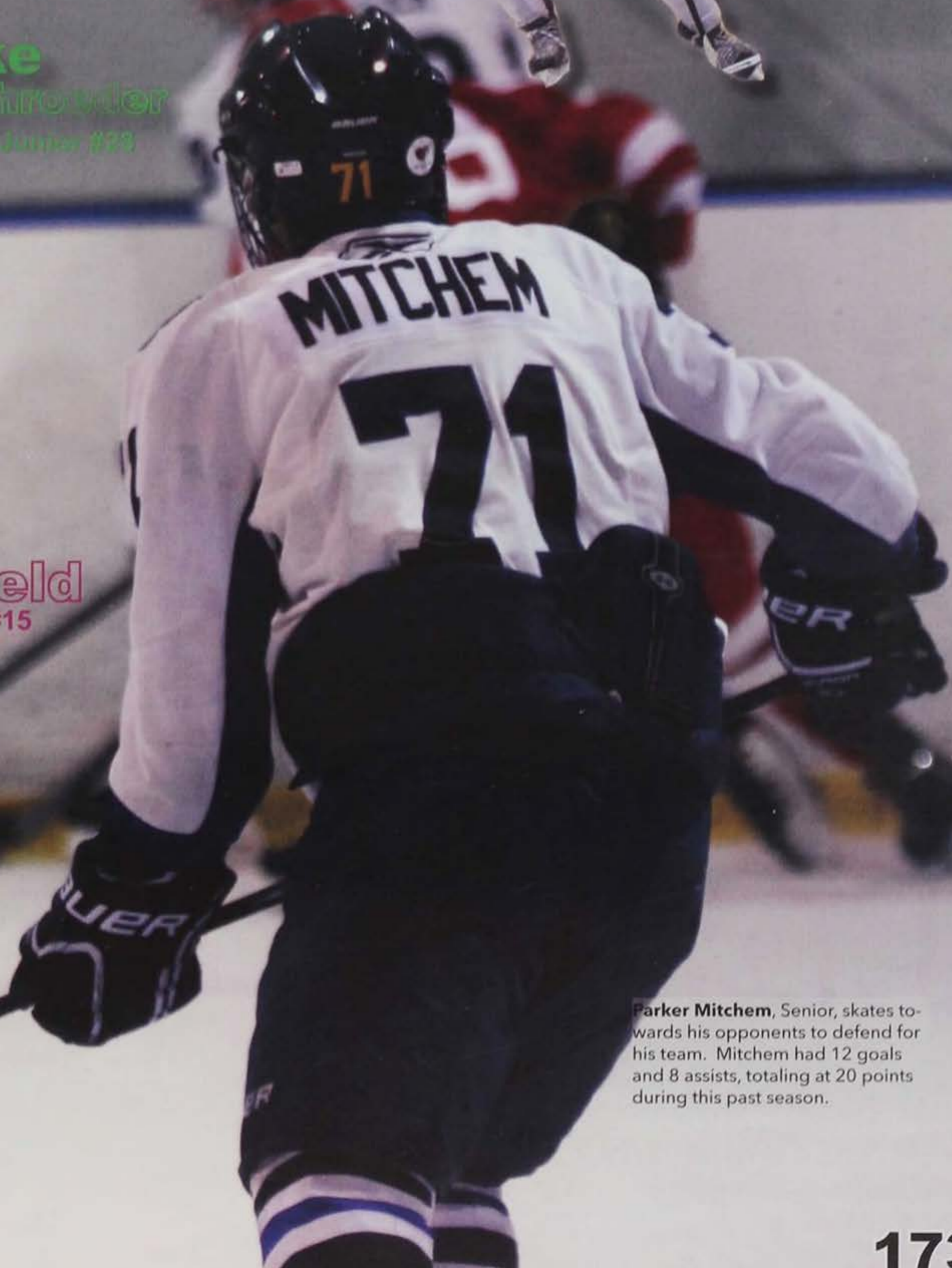
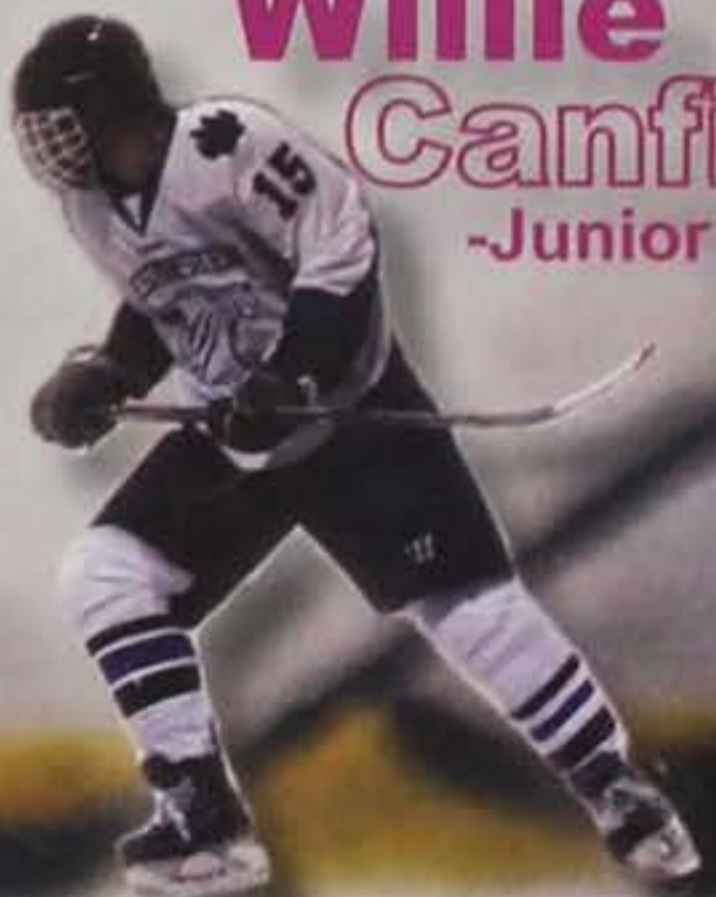
**Jake
Schroeder**

-Junior #22



**Willie
Canfield**

-Junior #15



Parker Mitchem, Senior, skates towards his opponents to defend for his team. Mitchem had 12 goals and 8 assists, totaling at 20 points during this past season.



The future seemed distant for many seniors this year, but it proved to be unavoidable. Every student had to make a decision about what the next year of their life would look like. There were many choices, and not all of them were traditional. For many students, the only way to achieve their dreams was hard work. Juhya Kim, senior, saw the benefits of her hard work. She was rewarded amongst many of the brightest kids in the country. She entered into a scholarship program where she would receive a full ride if she went to the college of their choice. Competing with thousands of smart, talented students, she received the scholarship. Juhya Kim would be attending Swarthmore College as a freshman, which was a college of her dreams. When she found out that she successfully gained this scholarship, she said, "relief flooded my thoughts. I was absolutely ecstatic that the past few years of hard work paid off like this."

and now

we venture out

Taylor Montgomery, junior, calls out bingo numbers at Delmar Gardens on a service project on November 13, 2014.
Photo Credit: Azaria Foster

Julian Adams



Lavinia Adcock



Westminster, thank you for the opportunities you have given me these four years. I have learned so much from the teachers, staff, and my best friend Jessa Stone. You have encouraged me every day. I want to thank my mom and dad for loving me and helping me through high school. You guys have sacrificed so much for me to go to Westminster, and I thank you for that. "You a ma ba fet." Jessa, you and I will have the best memory as friends and we will continue to make more. High school is what everyone looks back on, a memory that will be cherished. Thank you Westminster Christian Academy, Mom, Dad, Jessa and Christ, My Lord and Savior.



Emma Cockrum and **Brittney Tucker**, Juniors



Hannah Sabadel, Sophomore

Johnny Hardin, Senior

Tommy Regan, Junior



Claire Nichols, Junior, watches "Elf" on Netflix to relax after another school day. "I like Netflix because they have good movies and tv shows and I can watch it whenever I want", said Nichols.

Netflix was used by many students throughout the year. Most people would use Netflix to watch movies, but there was a handful of students that watched popular TV shows. Some of these shows included "The Walking Dead", "Doctor Who", "Sherlock", and "Breaking Bad". Netflix users tended to get into a phase in which they watched episode after episode of a show, otherwise known as "binge watching".

"I tried binge watching Breaking Bad and The Walking Dead at the same time" said Ben Gienke, Senior.

Binge watching typically happened to almost anyone that used Netflix. It happened mostly when someone starts a new season of a TV show and they immediately got hooked on the show. "Two summers ago I binge watched all of Lost", said Ricky Brenneman, Senior.

Harrison Farmer, Senior, did not use Netflix as much as most. Farmer used it to watch a few shows occasionally. Seeing how Netflix is used today, Farmer explained, "I think Netflix is a really great, awesome thing when used in moderation", said Farmer. While some things could be so great and amazing, moderation still needed to be the key to make sure there was a healthy balance, instead of binge watching on Netflix constantly.

Riley Adkisson



I honestly can't believe that this is already here! First off, I want to thank God for how much he has blessed me in my life. Mom and Dad, thank you for all the ways that you've helped me. No matter what it was, you guys have always made sacrifices for us. Shelby, thanks for being so much fun and always putting a smile on my face. Thanks to all my friends that I've had all throughout high school. I love you guys!



Caroline Agan



To my family: thanks for putting up with me. I know you didn't have a choice. Sarah, thanks for grounding me when I thought I was invincible. Patch, your presence is such a comfort to me. I'm so glad we're friends. Abigail, you're beautiful and kind and hilarious and I can't wait to see who you grow up to be. Momma and Daddy, I don't know who I'd be if I weren't your kid. Thanks for showing me how pursue truth and love others. To my friends: you're obviously weird, because you choose to hang out with me. I love you all. To my God: I don't know where I'm going, but thanks for taking me everywhere I've been.



Lauren Aldredge



Mom and Dad- Thanks for loving and encouraging me always. Thank you for pushing me to do my best, and for teaching me to do it for God's glory. I love you both, and I am so grateful for everything you do. Levi- You're pretty cool, I guess. Thanks for being crazy and making life interesting. Keep using your grape, and keep working hard. I'll miss you. To my beautiful friends- You guys mean the world to me, and I have been beyond blessed by you all. Thanks for sticking by me. We did it! And now, it's time to dance. Ecclesiastes 3:1,4.



Sean Appelbaum



First I want to thank the soccer team for the four great years I had with you guys. I would not be the same without all of you. I hope you all have a good season next year. Next I would like to give thanks to God for all that He has done for me and given me. Lastly I would like to thank my friends and family for always supporting me throughout high school. Mom I could not have gotten through school without you always putting up with me. Dad I would not be the soccer player I am today without all the help and advice you have given me over the many years. Thank you all.



Sydney Arnold



I can't believe we're finally here! We've been waiting for this year for forever! Mom, I can't thank you enough for everything you've done for me over the years. Paige, I wouldn't have made it this far without you. Brooke and Caylee, thanks for being the best friends I could have ever asked for. Kanakuk friends, you've been such an inspiration to me. I love all of you so much! Thank you Summer Seminar group for a truly unforgettable experience. I've been so blessed to be a part of this senior class and I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for us over these next few years!



Elisabeth Bacon



It's hard to believe that, at last, my high school career is coming to an end and I am entering into a new phase of my life. Mom and Dad- Thanks for being a great source of encouragement and for your love. I can't express how much you mean to me. Teddy and Nina- Though, admittedly, you guys sometimes drove me crazy, I will greatly miss the many laughs we have shared throughout the years. To all my friends- I will never forget all the good times we spent together. You guys are the best! To the tennis team- I had such a great time getting to hang out with you guys this year. "The Swirl" will live on in my memory! 1 Peter 5:7



William Barry



Mom and Dad, I can't thank you enough for all that you have done for me. You have always been my biggest supporters in all that I do. John, even though you are always messing with me, thanks for being the best older brother I could have ever asked for. To Coach Snyder and the football team, thanks for all the great memories on and off the field. Jordan, Matt, Sam, Tim, Jacob, Erin and Olivia, you guys have all been great friends to me and you have all helped make the past six years the best they could be.



Olivia Bauer



Mom- Thanks for everything you do for Jack and me. You're an incredible person and I don't know how you do the things you do. I don't say it enough but I love you. Mary- my #1 since 7th grade. You are the most selfless person I know and I can't wait to spend the next 4 years with you at Arkansas. love you so much. Erin- thanks for being my favorite person since TOCS. I don't know how I'd get through life without you, love ya lots. Blake- Thanks for being my best friend. Maybe one day you'll learn how to spell my last name right. Love you. G-Lo and Murph- love you guys so much. thanks for everything.



Courtney Beat



My six years at Westminster have truly flown by! Mom, you are my best friend and the greatest role model I could ever have. Dad, I'll always be your little princess and you'll always be my #1. If I didn't have both of you in my life I'd be lost. Brandon, I love you more than words can describe. Lara, it's me and you forever girl. Lolo and Coco till the end. Charisse, you make my life complete. Without you I wouldn't know what to do. Carl, you're the greatest friend a girl can ask for. Thanks for sticking with me through thick and thin. Finally friends, teachers, and soccer girls, thanks for making my WCA experience an unforgettable one.



David Becker



THANKS MAC.....



It's a Jeep Thing

And now, we drove Jeeps. Everyone could see the overwhelming amount of Jeeps in the parking lot. They were the craze of the year.

"Jeeps have become increasingly popular. Just by driving through the parking lot at WCA, you can see that Jeeps have become a new fad," said Sydney Walker, sophomore.

This desired car was driven by both underclassmen and upperclassmen. Senior Matt Weber shared, "I just finished paying my Jeep off this year. It's an awesome car to have." Many agreed with this statement: "There are an overwhelming amount of Jeeps at WCA because they are such fabulous cars. They've certainly gained popularity this year," said Megan Galvin, senior.

As different cars have gained and lost popularity over the years, the Jeep was clearly the trendiest car for the time.



Lara Yeast, senior, poses near her Jeep. "Because so many people have Jeeps I chose to make mine unique by putting my monogram on the back," said Yeast. Many girls liked this idea and personalized their own Jeeps with their monogram or specific bumper stickers.



Megan Galvin and **Sarah Jane Fiala**, seniors, stand in front of their Jeeps in the summer. "I especially love having a Jeep in the summer when I can take the top and doors off," said Fiala. While Jeeps were extra fun in the warm months, they were in-demand every season.



Sarah Betz



I'm thankful to finally be writing this, but I'm also thankful for my years at the academy. Mom and Dad, thank you for being my favorite people and amazing role models. Meg you're my best friend and favorite sister. Olivia thanks for sticking with me through everything. Sj thanks for being a great doubles partner and always doing weird accents with me. Ali you never fail to make me laugh, are you disgusting? Em I will always be thankful for our friendship. To my Megans, I love you both a lot. To my tennis and lacrosse teams, I will always have great memories because of you guys. Ephesians 3:17-18



Aimee Bhasme



God, thank you for making me who I am today. Mom and dad, you guys are the best parents anyone could ask for. You are the most understanding, loving, and supportive people I know. I honestly don't know what I would do without you. Anthony, thank you for always being there for me and for being the silliest and best big brother in the world. Rachel, thank you for being my best friend. Thank you for being the biggest geek ever right alongside me. Friends, thank you for letting me be myself and for being the most fun and wonderful people ever. I love you guys, and I'll never forget you.



Madilynn Blum



I'm so thankful for the high school experience I've had. It's been an experience with plenty of ups and downs, but it's all been worth it because those experiences are what have gotten me to where and who I am today. To the few who make time for me in their life when I need it and always support me, I'm so grateful. I'm thankful for the people that hurt me, because that made me stronger in the long run. Thank you to my family for the support you've given me and for doing what you thought had to be done. Last but not least, to the people who gave out big candy bars on Halloween, you the real MVP.



Brendan Bogner



I thank God for the blessing in my life that is Westminster Christian Academy. Mom and dad, thank you for your love and support through all endeavors and trials in my life. Erin, thank you for being a constant force in my life and being a loyal, funny sister. Thank you Erin, for showing me how to be a tough competitor athletically and in life. Thank you, coaches, teammates, friends, and teachers for a great six years at Westminster. I especially thank my football family for ministering to me, to be a better person and leader, and for showing me the real meaning of teamwork off and on the athletic field. You guys will be my brothers for all time!



Stand Out



Cate Hoogstraten, sophomore, holds her black belt. She broke her leg while at karate practice and was out for several weeks.



Alyssa Despotis, sophomore, finishes a jump on the ice, Despotis' favorite jump was the Double Sal. She has been ice skating since she was three years old.



Becca Eis, senior, performs a move on ice. Her favorite memory from competing was when her team placed first in nationals. "Becoming the national champions was an exciting surprise," said Eis.



Hilary Hightower, freshmen, takes a group picture with her rowing team. Hightower started rowing in seventh grade when her old school, Visitation, introduced it.

Hard work, dedication, and lots of time is what it took to be a part of unique and distinctive sports that varied from karate to rowing. It may come as a surprise but there were a few athletes at Westminster that were a part of these exclusive sports. Becca Eis, senior, competed in ice skating, along with Alyssa Despotis, sophomore. Cate Hoogstraten, sophomore was competitively active in karate, and Hilary Hightower, freshman was involved in rowing.

"I practice about 15 hours a week during the summer and around 8 hours a week during the school year," says Despotis. Hoogstraten has been competing in karate for 9 years. "At first I didn't like the sport, but I have come to respect and love it," says Hoogstraten.

Hightower first joined her rowing team in seventh grade, when she was introduced to it at her old school Visitation. "One of my favorite memories was when I went to Chicago to compete and I was with a freshman in college, two juniors, and a sophomore, and we won first," says Hightower.

These girls chose to take their own path to pursue their passions, even if it wasn't the typical thing to do. They were dedicated to their sport and continued to put in hours of hard work.

Misha Bepalov



This was my first year in WCA and actually my first year in USA. With God's help I was able to gain this amazing experience. It was awesome. Thanks everybody who helped me in this journey.



Te'a Bouie



God has blessed me with an amazing family, and I love them so much. I thank and appreciate my family. I want to thank my mom because she is always challenging me and makes me work hard. I also want to thank my dad for always encouraging me to try new things. Finally, I want to thank my grandma for always giving me good advice. I thank all of you for supporting me and giving me the guidance to make it through high school. I am so happy that you encourage me to follow my dreams. No matter what you always tell me, "You can Do it!" You have always been there for me, and I love you guys.

Richard Breneman



Thanks to my loving parents! I love you both very much! You've blessed me with the opportunity to get a great education, and you raised me to love and live for my savior, Jesus Christ. I could not have asked for anything more, except for maybe getting the hot tub before I left for college. But hey, you can't have everything, right? And thanks to all of my friends who never let a lunch period go by without creating an interesting experience, including a four year-long debate on Star Wars vs. Pokémon, but I won't get into that now. I would rather use this space to settle one last debate; it goes cracker first, then meat, then cheese!



Trent Briden



Thank you God for being my rock and blessing me with so many opportunities. Dad, you have shown me what being a Godly man truly looks like. I want to be like you when I grow up. Mom, thank you for always being there for me. I have been so blessed to have such an amazing mom. Parker, Chad, and Kirk, you guys are my best friends, thanks for everything. Thanks to Coach Muehleisen and Coach Robert for shaping my wrestling ability as well as my character. Chapel band-for my faith. To my friends, we've had some great times, can't wait to see where life takes us. Congratulations, we made it.



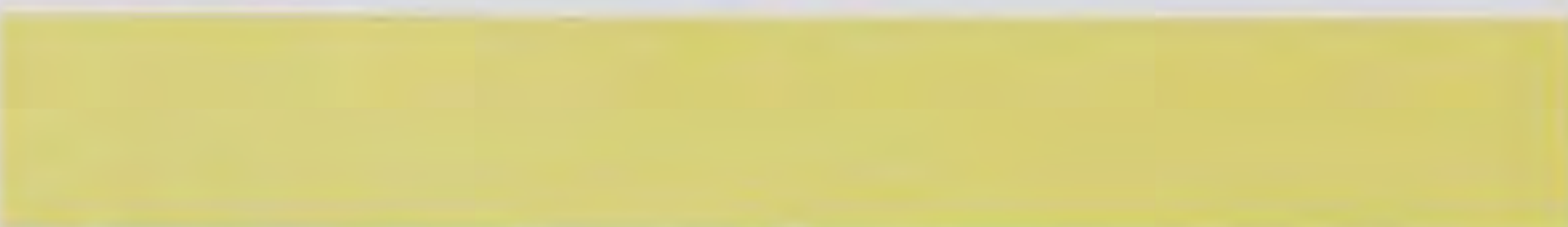
Brandon Brouk



Emily Broyles



I have learned a lot over my past six years at WCA and I'm thankful for those who have helped me along the way. I want to thank my parents for always being in my corner and supporting me in everything that I do. I would not have made it through high school without you. Sarah, Jake and Josh: I am going to miss y'all so much next year. You guys always make me laugh and I love y'all to pieces. To my friends: thanks for a senior year full of awesome memories. I am grateful for my experience at WCA, and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for the years to come.



Luke Heintz, freshman, listens to music while working on homework in the Academic Hub.



Hot Boy

Bobby Shmurda

No Flex Zone

Rae Sremurd

Stay With Me

Sam Smith

Break Free

Ariana Grande

Don't Tell Em

Jeremih ft. YG

Your Top 5 With WCA

When students had bad days or good days, they tweeted about it! Everything from hilarious jokes to inspiring quotes could be found on twitter from our student body. Listening to music was also something that all students did no matter what was going on in their lives or in the world around them. Students at WCA tended to rely on social media and earphones for entertainment or enjoyment.

At WCA there was a great variety of music among the student body, "I listen to everything, but I prefer hip pop because it gets me hype," said Melanie Dix, senior. The number one song for the school year was Hot Boy by Bobby Shmurda. "The lyrics speak to me," says Luke Heintz, freshman. Who didn't love logging onto twitter and looking at funny tweets on a bad day? "It makes me laugh," said Steve Webb, sophomore. The funniest tweets came from our own classmates. "Music takes me away from it all," said Tommy Regan, junior.

The songs and tweets selected by the WCA students could have made anyone's day turn around.

Top Tweets Countdown

@KHERazy: "Didn't think it was possible to drown without water but APUSH proved me wrong."

-Lucy Kehr, junior.

@westminsterwa: "Fun listening to Knerr scream as he found the dead snake I placed on his driver side mirror. #campingtomfoolery"

-Warren Smith, teacher.

@emilysulewski: "My dad golfed next to Lor Loughlin today meanwhile the highlight of my day was getting a 100 on my vocabulary quiz."

-Emily Sulewski, senior.

@littleabianne: "Gpa roasting on an open fire..."

-Abi Hackman, senior.

@Tlmer 2277: "I voluntarily sit at the kid's table for Thanksgiving dinners, because I know they won't as me if I have a girlfriend."

-Tim Burford, senior.



Lauren Lindgren, junior, checks her twitter before going continuing her homework. "Twitter is hilarious," says Lindgren.

Timothy Burford



First and foremost, thank you God for giving me the courage and talents to make it through high school. Thank you mom and dad for all of your sacrifices to give me a great education. Thank you Abby for supporting me and making me laugh when I needed it most. Thank you to the rest of my family for your continuous support. To the squad, you don't know how much I appreciate you guys. Thank you for all of the countless memories we made these past four years. Van Persie, stay golden.



Carson Burke



I am thankful for the people and friends at Westminster. Mom, Thank you for always supporting me and being on my side through everything. I don't think I'd made it if not for you. Dad, thanks for showing interest in me and investing your time in my life. Landon, thanks for being an example for me to look up to. Madison, you were always so quietly present, thank you. Ashton, thank you for going through high school with me, you are truly a blessing in my life. Football coaching staff, thank you for the hours you have put into our success, not just on the team but also growing as men. Football team, keep knocking heads and making jokes.



Grace Burzinski



High school is sort of like a free trial, and I hope you all enjoyed it while it lasted, because from here on out we have to pay for everything. Unfortunately, my trial is up, but I am thankful for the 18 years my loving parents helped me get through. To my older brother, I'm still sorry I broke your computer, and I love you very much. To my friends, thank you for all this time and the memories I made with you, but this is not goodbye - there's a decent chance I'm going to show up on your doorstep someday and move in. Once you become friends with me there is no escape, kind of like high school.



Kirsten Caplinger



Thank you God for the blessing of Westminster and placing such wonderful people in my life. Mom and Dad, thanks for your never ending support and giving me advice when I needed it the most. Chelsea, thanks for all the adventures and always letting me vent. Bailey, thanks for being the best friend I could have ever asked for. I couldn't have made it here without you. Rachel, Julia, Kaitlin, Sydney and Kathryn, thanks for picking me up when I was down and your constant support and energy. Friends, thanks for all the laughs and memories. To everyone, I love you all and will miss you next year. Romans 8:38.



Oh the Places You'll

The Caffeine Kick

The Satisfying Snack

Go

Whether it was a quick coffee run in the morning, or simply grabbing a snack in the afternoon, the restaurant choices of Westminster students consisted mainly of three options. The top three places to eat this year were Raising Cane's Chicken, Starbucks Coffee, and Saint Louis Bread Company.

These restaurants served fresh, and tasty food which watered the mouths of Westminster students. School required much attention from the students, and they needed something to get the day started, as well as something to end the day off well. Sabrina Bingham, Junior said, "I go to Bread Co. almost everyday. It is my chill food after a long day of school."

It was proved that Westminster students were picky eaters, and would go to great lengths and distances to get the food and drinks they desired. "I always leave school to get a bagel and a smoothie. Lunch food just does not cut it," said Kayla Wilson, Senior. The choice of where to eat out at Westminster seemed to be one of the biggest trends of the year.

Starbucks Coffee



Alaina Randazzo, Junior said "I start my mornings off with a chai tea from Starbucks. I cannot last through my morning without it." Photo Credit: Azaria Foster



Saint Louis Bread Company



Blake Potter, Sophomore, enjoys his morning bagel. Photo Credit: Caitlin Mundorf and Emily Barker

Raising Cane's



Melanie Dix, Senior said, "Cane's is among my top three places. It's so good, and always tastes fresh. I don't think I will ever get tired of it."

Page Credit: Chaila Dix

Seniors

Rachel Charles



120 words can't possibly be enough space for everything I want to say but I'll try my best. First, I want to thank my amazing parents for pushing me in everything I do and encouraging me to pursue what I love. Next, Abby and Jesse, you two are the best sisters anyone could ask for. Thanks for being my best friends and putting up with my annoying self for eighteen years. To everybody at Westminster, thanks for being so welcoming to me when I was the new kid, it means more than you know. I thank God everyday for the amazing experiences and people that He has put into my life. This is only the beginning. I love you all!



Jacob Chimento



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Calle Christen



It's hard to believe that my time at Westminster is coming to an end. I want to thank you, Mom and Dad, for helping me through high school and for all your love and support. Josie and Sam, even though life at our house can be really crazy sometimes, you both make it fun and make me laugh. Brittany, Megan, Hannah, Amanda, Ellie, and Emma, thanks for all the fun times we've had together. I'm hoping there'll be many more! Lastly, Coaches Barbee, Riley, Barker, and Talley...your kindness and encouragement meant more to me than you will ever know. I'm blessed to have had you all in my life.



Nicole Chung



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Daniel Clubb



I can't thank my family enough for all the help they've offered me over the past four years. Mom, you've been and will be the most important woman in my life. Dad, thank you for being there when I was willing to ask for help. I learned so much from my grandpa, too, and I am thankful he is willing to teach me. I wouldn't be the man I am today without any of these people and more; thank you again.

Sabrina Cockerham



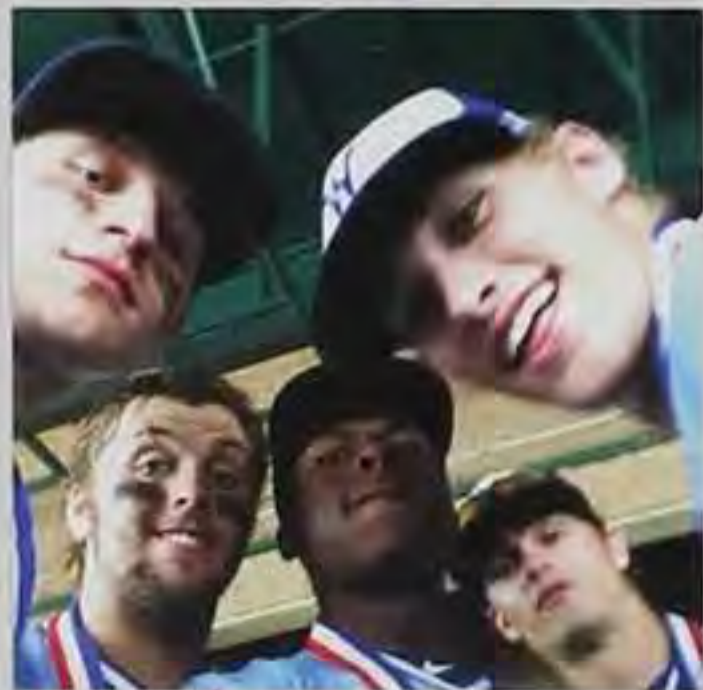
To my wonderful parents - Words cannot express my gratitude for all that you have done. I am eternally grateful for your unending love and support. Erika, Alicia, Ryan, Brandon, Quentin, and Abby - My life would not be the same without you all by my side. Thanks for putting up with me for the last 18 years. VDT/Coach - I am not only a better dancer but also a better person because of this team. I love each and every one of you girls. Always remember, audience of One! And to my Savior- I owe everything to you. Guide me in the direction of your choice. I'm ready! Isaiah 43:19.



Joseph Curtis



First off, I would like to thank God for getting me this far, you've never let go of me no matter what I've done, and I thank you. Next, I'd like to thank my parents for putting up with me for 17 years, and giving me every opportunity to have a successful life. I'd like to thank my coaches: Coach Gall, Mr. J, Coach Benes and Veege. Thank you for giving your time to my teammates and I, we truly appreciate it. S/O to Nathan, Trevon, Justin, Bogey and Jack, we've had a great run so far. To the 4-peat squad or aka "We Dem Boyz", thank you guys for showing me if you put in the necessary work and believe you can do something, the sky's the limit. "Are you strong"- Jameis Winston. Psalms 10



Justin Creighton



I first give honor to my Creator- the One who orders my steps, know my future and stands at my end. I am grateful that He has allowed me to be born into such a great family. I am humbled that He has given me the opportunity to attend a great school like Westminster Christian Academy for the past six years. Mom & Dad thanks for the countless sacrifices you've made to make that possible. I love and appreciate you more than you know. Joshua, Daniel, David, you guys are awesome little brothers. C4 Brothers for life!



Erin Conaghan



Mom- To my own personal chef, counselor and most of all my best friend thanks for being there when I need someone to talk to and loving me no matter what. I'm so blessed to have you.

Dad- Thanks for your never ending patience with me, your lame jokes, and never telling mom when my room isn't clean. You do so much for me and I will forever be grateful of that.

Ryan- Thanks for always making me laugh, cheering me up, and putting up with me. You've been my best-friend/partner in crime through it all. I'm so lucky to call you my brother. I can't believe it's already over, thanks to an amazing family for getting me through.



Olivia Coomes



It's crazy to think that high school is over; I feel like I was just starting freshman year. I'll miss the memories and people from high school so much. I'm thankful to have such a loving family who has supported me in everything I do. To my friends, thanks for putting up with me and laughing about the littlest things. I couldn't have made it through without you all. Thank you to all the teachers and coaches for truly investing in me. Lacrosse girls, playing with you all were some of my favorite memories. Take advantage of it, time goes by fast. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for me!



TRUNK DIVING

What treasures and trinkets are in your trunk?

"I have a log in the back of my truck for fantasy football. Whoever won the league the previous year gets to keep the log all of the next season" -**Stewart Snapp**, junior.

"I bought a chinchilla so I have the adoption documents in my car. I also have one of those toy balls that they roll around in and its food" -**Julia Snodgrass**, sophomore.

"The cow hat... that's my adventure hat. Anytime I do anything adventurous I wear that hat. I've worn it camping, to Walmart late at night, and on spontaneous trips to Lambert's Cafe in Sikeston, MO" -**Nick Ebel**, junior.



Seeing Double

Being a twin had its benefits, but it also had some drawbacks. A twin could be a best friend and a worst enemy at the same time. Unfortunately, sharing so many similarities became a source of conflict. Comparison and competitiveness also became a common theme between twins.

Ashley Kyriakos, freshman said, "Many times I think my twin sister, Caroline and I are compared by teachers and our parents, especially with our grades".

In the eighth grade class there was a staggering six sets of twins. Campbell and Cole Coffee, eighth grade, said they would consider themselves best friends. Cole said, "a lot of people ask us who is better at tennis, but we don't really know who's better because we don't play against each other." While these two twins usually got along, others were not always on the best of terms.

Joon Sok Lee, junior, said "Sometimes Min and I get along but sometimes we don't, it depends on the day". Although they sometimes fought, they both agreed that having a twin is like having a built in best friend.



Joon Sok (left) and **Min Sok** (right) **Lee**, juniors, are from South Korea and have been living in the United States for three years. They played football together this year.



Cole (left) and **Campbell** (right) **Coffee**, eighth grade are identical twins. Cole said, "One time when Campbell was sick I took his place in class and the teacher didn't even notice".



Ashley (left) and **Caroline** (right) **Kyriakos** smile together. Ashley said, "we're not sure who's older because we were adopted".



Carley (left) and **Bridget** (right) **James**, eighth graders, hug each other in the hallway. Carley and Bridget are fraternal twins.

Melanie Dix



God placed loving friends and family in my life, who taught and encouraged me through high school. Mom and dad, thank you for being my life teachers and raising me to be a wise young lady. To my siblings, we don't always get along, but I know you have my back. Friends, you guys have given me fun memories and advice that I will always cherish. Above it all, I would not have made it through high school if God had not been on my side. He has been my eyes when I could not see His blessings, and my ears to help me hear wisdom and encouragement. Lord, I finally did it, I made it!



Cameron Dodge



Seniors

Josh DeGroot



Mom and Dad,
Thanks for your support over the years. You have helped me in more ways than I will ever recall. To all my friends and family thank you.



Joanna Disch



"Building character" is just a cliché phrase for "suck it up." But isn't that what high school is? It's a series of events that keep knocking you down but you always find a way to get back up and keep going. There are terrible times that keep you up crying until 3 am but there are also times of great joy that make it all worth it. So I'd like to thank those people who picked me up when I thought it was impossible. To my family especially, thanks for being there when literally no one else was. To my new friends, thanks for making the last two years worth the first two years. Poptarts and cat shirts are life.



Alyssa Dosmann



Reflecting on my years in high school I am very appreciative to have had the privilege to attend Westminster Christian Academy. I am more than excited for the next chapters of my life, and I wouldn't be where I am today without the love and support from my family. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for everything. It is such a blessing to be your daughter and I am so glad to have you both as role models in my life. Aubrey, I'm thankful to have you as my sister and I love being able to look up to you all the time.



Lily Duell



We made it! I give my parents all the credit for the immense support through WCA and putting up with my crazy, high maintenance self. Anna & Bren: I love you and miss you and you are such good role models. Ezekiel: You're such a cutie and can't wait to see you grow up! Peter: I look up to you so much and I only strive to meet an intellectual man who can dress nearly as well as you! SQUAD: Thanks for the memories and fun times throughout the Academy. I'll never find better people to eat, laugh and watch sports with. Swim boys: Man: you guys can always make me laugh! I'll miss that! Jeremiah 29:11 Deuces!



Sam Dunne



Mom and Dad- I couldn't possibly list everything both of you have done for me. You guys always supported me and have given great advice. I truly appreciate all of the sacrifices you have made on my behalf, and I couldn't begin to thank you enough. Pierce- I am so thankful that you are in my life. I love you so much, and you will always be my best friend. The Squad (Fab Four + Tim and Jacob)- God has blessed me with awesome, loyal friends. Thanks for an unforgettable four years. Jordan- ... "For Life". Jacob- we will always be soccer bros #THFC #Spurs.



Whitney Dykstra



Mom and Dad, thank you for all the opportunities and support you've given me, I love you and have been so blessed by you both. Dani thanks for always being there for me, I love you! To Marissa, Taylor and Mk thank you for being my extended family and sticking with me through the good times and the bad, I love you guys so much and I'm confident we'll remain close in the future (Taylor). To the rest of the crew, I love you all so much too! I've been so blessed by having each one of you guys as my friend! I will cherish all the memories we've made these past few years forever.



Amanda Ebert



I cannot believe that my time at Westminster is almost done. To my mom and dad, you both have been my rock through these years and I cannot tell you how thankful I am for you. Jeremy, thank you for being my best friend. I know you are always there for me and you will never know how much I appreciate that. To all of my friends, thank you for the unlimited amounts of times you all have made me laugh. To my bible study girls, thank you for the encouragement in Christ you have offered me and for always making me smile. I cannot wait for my next step. Proverbs 3:5-6.



Getting Noticed

Sam Heise, freshman, **Markus Cicka**, freshman, and **Sarah Peirick**, freshman, get updated while waiting for their rides home. "I love Twitter," said Peirick.



Emily Stevenson, junior, **Brittany Hayes**, senior, **Claire Fellows**, junior, and **Hannah Vitiello**, junior, check their phones for Twitter updates. "I use Twitter, but I don't usually tweet. I use it to gather information about what is going on," said Fellows.



Social media has integrated itself into everyone's lives. The only thing that was more exciting than getting 100 likes on Instagram is if a celebrity noticed you.

"My tweet was favorited by Jessica Richens. She was on top four So You Think You Can Dance season eleven," said Anna Mitchell, sophomore. Her tweet read, "Beyond excited that in exactly one week I will be breathing the same air as these lovely people."

Vine famous Christian Delgrosso followed Ally Drooger, freshman, on Twitter.

Emily Stevenson, junior, said, "I posted a tweet talking about this awesome new song on Joy F.M., and what do you know, Joy F.M. retweeted it. Now hundreds of people got to see my wonderful tweet."

Twitter became more than tweets about breakfast and Fridays, it was a way to connect with the influences of the time.

Kaitlin Tershak, junior, and **Sarah Ragsdale**, junior, catch up with their friends on Twitter after school. "I just got a Twitter. I like it because I can follow my friends," said Tershak.



Painting by **Minjoo Kim**, junior

Andrew Blackman



I've been blessed beyond belief. I thank God everyday for who I am and all that I have been through. Everything that I have experienced has shaped me into the person I am today. I have a long ways to go, but I have come very far. Thank you mom and dad for pointing me down the road to Christ. Thank you for always being there for me. I couldn't have asked for anyone better to call my parents. I am sad to put this chapter of life behind me, but I know that God has a wonderful plan in store for me.



Becca Ellis



First, I'd like to thank God for the unconditional love He shows me daily. I'm excited to take on this new chapter of my life with Him by my side. Mom and Dad, thank you for supporting and encouraging me in everything I pursued throughout this journey. I wouldn't be where I am today without you. Sarah, thanks for editing countless essays and Skyping every Sunday. Ashley, we have been through thick and thin together, and I wouldn't want to say that about anyone else. Madison, thank you for all the homework help and being there for me when I need someone to talk to. Daniel, thank you for the hilariously random Facebook chats and most of all, becoming the brother I never had. Westminster, thanks for all the memories.



Tayla Elliot



I'd like to thank my family for their love and compassion over the years. Thank you mom and dad for giving me wisdom and understanding. I appreciate everything you've sacrificed for me. Thank you for always believing in me, even when I didn't believe in myself. You've helped me grow into a strong young lady. Thank you Travis for being a good mentor and always being there to talk to. Your love means more than the world to me. Most of all I'd like to thank God for showing me who I really am and for getting me through the hard times.



Bianca Esparza-Burr



I guess it is time for me to head out on this weird college experience everyone keeps talking about, but before that I need to thank some people. First off, Thank you MOM and DAD! I owe you guys everything. Thank you for sacrificing everything so I could goof around and have an amazing childhood. Thank you to all my family and friends for putting up with my insanity and late night zumba and paint sessions. I know it's not easy putting up with a crazy middle child, but you guys did it, congrats. Lastly a big thank you to my teachers. You guys have shaped my heart and mind to be a better person throughout high school. Thanks.



That's my Kind of Night

Junior, **Elaine Clifton** and Seniors, **Jordan Harvey, Jacob Chimento, Sam Dunne** and **Hannah Ruckmann** attend Keith Urban in July. They went to most of the concerts together. Photo Credit: *Jordan Harvey.*



Lara Yeast, senior, and freshmen **Christine Steck** and **Sydney Dark**, take a picture at the Tim McGraw concert. Lara was Sydney and Christine's PC leader last year, so they met up at the concert. Photo Credit: *Lara Yeast.*



A group of seniors go to Jason Aldean for one of the final concerts of the summer. "It was the last big hang out before school started," said **SJ Fiala**, senior. Photo Credit: *Sarah Betz*



Juniors, **Taylor Dorsey, Morgan Barr,** and **Elizabeth Harding**

Country concerts at Verizon Wireless Amphitheater were attended throughout the summer. The concerts served as a meeting ground where people had a good time with friends and listened to music.

"The concerts are a good way to see people, and it's a fun place to go with friends," said Lexie Einertson, junior. The Verizon Wireless Amphitheater was the commonplace to not only see friends, but also to meet new people.

The summer concerts were also the best place listen to good music. "Country music is summer music," said Mackenzie Wieberg, sophomore. Most of the concerts were entertaining, but everyone had a favorite.

Some students went specifically to see their favorite singer or had cool opportunities backstage. "My favorite concert was when I went backstage and met Florida Georgia Line," said Connor Dolan, sophomore. Another said, "Luke Bryan was my favorite concert because all of my friends were there, and well, it's Luke Bryan," said Angelina Steck, senior.

Baxter Estes



Six whole years at Westminster and it's coming to a close... this bittersweet transition marks the end of a great era of my life. Mom and Dad, thank you for being a strong platform that helped keep me balanced and always offering help when I needed it. Halestorm, you're the best sister I could have asked for. Friends, well, you're basically the best! Without any one of you this time in my life wouldn't have been as good as it was!



Anna Evans



"We have to remember what's important in life: friends, waffles, and work. Or waffles, friends, work. But work has to come third." -Leslie Knope



Michael Fallon



I was blessed with great family and friends. Thank you Mom and Dad for all the support that you have given me through these past 4 years. Thank you for putting up with me through all the hard times. You have no idea how grateful that I am for what you have blessed me with. Love you Both.



Harrison Farmer



St. Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words" and also, "All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle." Classmates, keep both of those in the forefront of your mind. But keep this in the forefront of your heart, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matt. 5:6). Mom and Dad, thank you for loving, challenging, and supporting me unconditionally. Brothers and Sister, you all are part of me. Friends, thanks for laughing with me and not at me. BreakDown, you all have pushed me to new heights of servanthood, brotherhood, and godliness. God, keep me faithful to you. Thanks!



Sarah Jane Fiala



Praise God for blessing me in my years at WCA. Dad, thanks for being my greatest role model; I wouldn't want to be as similar to anyone else. Momma, thanks for loving me unconditionally, your constant encouragement, and getting me through high school. Hannah, my fellow elitist, thanks for being my best friend and the only one that understands me. Emma Lou, thanks for always being honest with me; I admire your spice. Bug, I've enjoyed driving you to school this past year; your compassion and gentleness amazes me. To my fantastic friends: thanks for the memories, dancing in the kitchen with me, putting up with my old man quirks, and making me laugh 'til it hurts. God bless.



Ethan Finn



Senior blurbs are a lot like epitaphs, bothersome to write, and due long before you'd like them to be. I suppose that's a morbid way to start off writing my thanks to everyone, but whatever. Senior year has snuck up on me, and to think I'm actually leaving friends and family behind is pretty sad. So here goes lots of thanks- To my friends: high school would've been much less interesting without all of you. To my parents: for always supporting my creative endeavours and nodding politely as I showed them the terrible first songs I wrote. To God: for giving me something to be passionate about and plenty of people to share it with. (Cheesy closing line here). Bye.



Hannah Geisz



This may seem cheesy, but every word is sincere. Mom and Dad: Thank you for being such an amazing manifestation of God's love. Sarah, Mark, and Stewart: Our moments of musical mayhem bring me such joy! Thank you for your patience and trust. Friends: Thank you for the high and low moments. Both have reinforced the affection I hold for all of you. Teachers: You have been so patient and supportive of me that I cannot hope to return the favor. I can only promise you that I will remember your instruction fondly. I am not a product of myself, but of God's grace through the people who have so freely invested their lives in mine. Praise the Lord!



Ben Gienke



First off I would like to thank God for blessing me with a good family and a great opportunity to go to this school. I would like to thank my parents for being such good role models and raising me the way God would have wanted. Thanks to my siblings Peter, Jack, and Sam for making my life so interesting and fun. To all my teachers who have helped me along the way thank you too. I hope God blesses all of you and that you follow his lead throughout your life.



Michael Fiore



I want to say thank you to my family and friends. Thank you for helping me finish high school. You have led me to know Christ and have allowed me to get a good Christian education. You were always there for me when I needed help. You guys have encouraged me to reach my potential. I know that there is always more to learn, and there are new challenges in front of me. I am excited about the future and I am excited to finish my learning experiences during and after college. Most importantly I want to thank God for what he has done for me during my high school career. I will never forget the great memories of the class of 2015.



Megan Galvin



Mom and Dad, thank you for your continual love in absolutely everything. I am so grateful for the opportunities you have given me. Katherine, you're the greatest lil sis and best friend imaginable; don't stop being perfect! Friends, thanks for always being there for me and making me laugh- never forget Abe. Newspaper and swim team, I love you lots. Thanks to the tremendous teachers and coaches I have had these past years. Most importantly, thank you God for blessing me with the best family and friends I could imagine and for making high school truly unforgettable.



Texting Techniques

The Westminster administration established several rules to help students progress academically this year. However, that did not stop many of the students from bending these rules. No phones during class was one of the biggest rules that students struggled with.

Whether it was trying to get into contact with their parents or just checking twitter, the students perfected several techniques to mask their breaking of this rule.

As students became more addicted to their cell phones, they developed creative new ways to text in front of their teachers.



Lara Yeast, senior, uses the leg in front of her phone technique. This is risky though, because not many teachers will miss a student looking down and smiling during class.



Mkaylah Meredith, junior, uses the book in front of the phone technique to get away with sending a couple messages during class.



Steve Webb, sophomore, says his go-to-move is hiding his phone in either his jacket or his pocket.



Let Your Talent Shine

Molly Cook, sophomore, shows off a pair of shoes that she painted for herself. This pair features The Hunger Games, which Cook painted for the Catching Fire premiere. Photo courtesy of Molly Cook.



Haley Weinberg, junior, holds the shoes she painted. "It took me about 5 or 6 hours to do," said Weinberg. Photo courtesy of Haley Weinberg.



Molly Cook, sophomore, paints a shoe dedicated to her favorite band, Fall Out Boy. "I paint whatever I am interested in," said Cook. "I have some band themed shoes, as well as TV show and movie themed shoes," said Cook. Photo courtesy of Molly Cook.

While most teenagers spend time watching Netflix or on social media, there are a few students who used their free time to let their artistic talents shine and create something beautiful. One unique type of art that a couple Westminster students engaged in was painting shoes.

"I buy a pair of off brand white vans at a store and sketch out my original design with a pencil," said Molly Cook, sophomore. "Then I paint on them like I would a normal canvas, using acrylic paints. Once they are finished, I seal them with a fabric spray to keep the elements from ruining them," said Cook. She had made a few pairs for herself and for friends, but she hoped to grow her business by selling them online as well.

Haley Weinberg, junior, also made her own pair of shoes. "I love color and shoes and thought it would be really fun to customize my own shoes," said Weinberg. "I painted one pair in May for the Fault in our Stars premiere. I'm hoping to do more, but I haven't really gotten a chance to."

Whether it was just a hobby or for profit, painting their own shoes was a creative way for a few students to spend their time and have fun, while they made something that they could wear time and time again.

Trevon Gooch



First, I want to thank God because I wouldn't be here without him. Second, I want to thank my parents for believing in me and not giving up on me. To the rest of family, thank you for your continued love and support. Third, I want to thank all of my teachers, including Coach Pederson for coming along for the ride. Lastly, to Johnny, a best friend that a person can have and to my brothers, Joseph and Justin I just want to say "We Made It!"



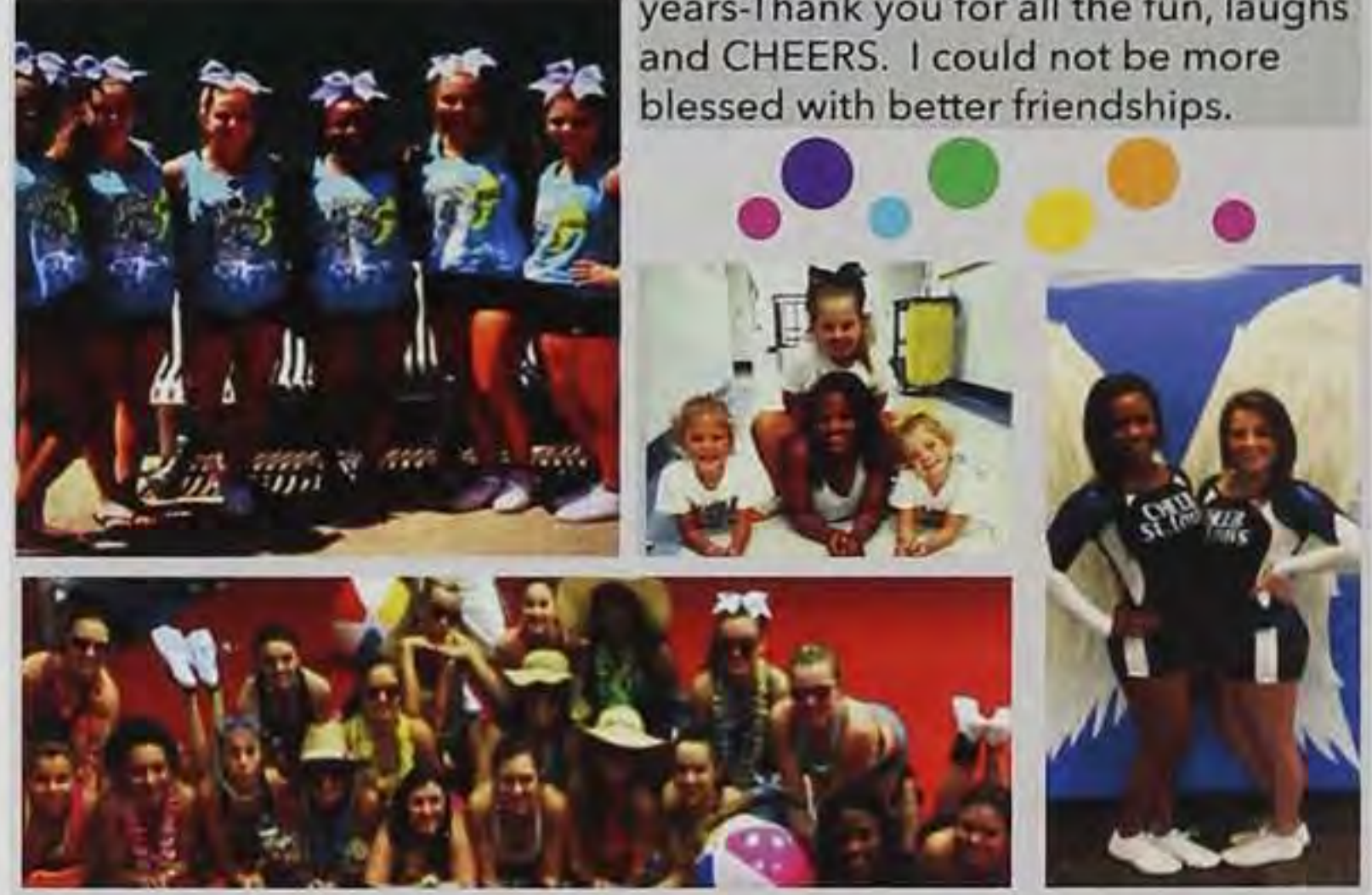
Jazlyn Green



Mom and Dad- Thank you for guiding me, for your sacrifices and support. I would not be the person I am if it were not for your unconditional love and care. I love you both. Ulas- Thank you for being the best big brother a girl could ask for. We have been close since the beginning. You have never treated me like a pest. To the rest of my family- Thank you for always being there for me. Family has always been important to me and you have never let me down. I thank God everyday for blessing me with such a wonderful family. To all my friends over my years-Thank you for all the fun, laughs and CHEERS. I could not be more blessed with better friendships.



Seniors



Hannah Gilmore



I've learned throughout high school that the key to happiness is to be yourself. I want to say thank you to all my friends who let me be me. We have had so many fun times together that I will never forget. Mom and Dad- Thank you for the constant support and love. Holly- We have been best friends since 1998 and I will miss you more than anyone. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "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." I am so excited for the future and many more good times!



Matt Goebel



Wow. So this is the end I guess. It is remarkable how fast 17 years can go by. There are a few people I would like to thank to. Mom and Dad, words do not begin to describe my thankfulness towards you two. You have supported me in every way imaginable. Kelly, Andrew, and Whitney, thank you for molding me into the person I am today. You guys are the best and I love you. Homies, you da realest OGs in the game. I will never forget the moments I have spent with you guys. Thanks for making school unforgettable. "Doing 90 in a 65. Number one hustler gettin' money. Why you wanna count my money? I'm so paid." -Akon



Abi Hackman



I'm definitely still a freshman, but whatever. Thanks school for the cookie calories and all nighters and multiple quarter life crises. Shout out to my dog for not giving up on me, and the fam for enough dysfunction to give me a sense of humor. To everybody for putting up with me, friends for doing most of my homework for me, and bae for all your support (not) - 'preciate it. Final words go to Fred for introducing me to cloisters and the Hagia Sofia, to dinosaurs for never judging, and to all the people I never smiled at in the hallway - I actually do like you.

Here's to the big, wide world and the rest of our lives.
#polevaultnation @littleabianne



Anna Hagan



To my friends & family- Thank you so much for all the love and support you have given me throughout the years. Above all I thank Jesus Christ our Lord for giving me the opportunities to glorify Him in all that I do. It has been a blessing to attend Westminster and I will miss it dearly. Whatever lies ahead of me now I know I will have been prepared for by this amazing school, my incredible family, & my supportive friends. To my Mom and Dad, I love you both so much and cannot thank you enough for giving me the chance to attend Westminster, and thank you for supporting me in all that I do.



Mary Kathryn Hancock



Mom and Dad- your unconditional love is amazing. Thanks for being my role models and best friends. Johnny- you're an incredible brother and my biggest inspiration. Bauer- Thanks for being my best friend over the past 6 years. Too many memories to count, can't wait until college with you. Margie- I wouldn't be half the person I am without you. Thanks for being the Vanessa to my Selena. Blummy- we know far too much about each other, thanks for holding my hand. Taylor, Riss, Whit- you are the most encouraging and beautiful gal pals that I have been incredibly blessed with. Reds always. Caleb- #robots. The Crew- I couldn't have survived the Acad. without y'all.



Aleeah Harden



God, thank you for getting me through some of the hardest and best years of my life so far, I've grown and learned so much. I've realized that none of us are essentially normal: "Normal is an illusion. What is normal for the spider is chaos for the fly" - Morticia Addams. So just DO YOU!...Because you're probably awesome. Special thanks to my parents who are kinda cool (sometimes) but that I love no matter what. Thank you teachers for giving me the knowledge for like the future and stuff. Friends, thanks for all the magical moments, laughs, and making me feel like the most sane and insane person in the room, I heart you. Set Club Stay Good Enough!



Johnny Hardin



Mom, Dad, you guys are dinguses, but you've given me my morals and loved me all the way through. I could never begin to repay you for that. Ally, stay awesome and confident, I see such a great future for you. Grandma and Grandpa, you guys are my best friends in the entire world and I'll love you forever. My teachers, I cannot think of a way to describe how thankful I am for you. Anyone who has befriended me throughout this journey, thank you. I love you. Well guys, we made it. I'm proud of you all. Stay happy, make life worth it, and love everyone. Good luck! "Reality's a lovely place, but I wouldn't wanna live there."



Jordan Harvey



Mom, thank you for all you have done for me over the years. You have showed me many important lessons that I need to know as I begin to grow up. I can not tell you how much I appreciate your constant love and support. You are one of the strongest people I know and I admire that. To Alexis, thank you for always being there for me no matter what even when we get on each others nerves. Dad, thank you for everything. You were always able to put a smile on my face no matter my mood and I will never forget that. I will always love and miss you. Lastly, shout out to the squad for being 3hunna.



Family Feud

Some things in life will never change, since the beginning of time, students have been getting into silly banter with their parents. The only difference between these times is what they disputed. In the Middle Ages, parents argued with their kids on whether or not they could joust. In Colonial Times, kids begged their parents to let them drink the last of the tea. In the 70s students tried to find a way to go to the hottest rock concert.

But in 2014, they bantered about things like grades, money, privacy, phone bills, and responsibility, according to senior Melanie Dix. As a senior, Melanie said there had been many disputes with her parents such as, "My ability to balance all of my senior responsibilities and my social life." Melanie was not alone in these arguments, which seemed to be a common theme with most seniors and their parents. This was true for every grade though, starting especially in freshman year. Freshman Christine Steck said, "Now that I, in high school my parents care more about my grades, and I have a harder time balancing school and social which has created some silly fights with my parents."

As silly as they may have seemed, they almost defined student's years and seemed to mean life or death as they continue growing up. These arguments varied from house to house. Eventually, we'll be on the receiving end of these seemingly pointless arguments. Though these back and forth disputes will never completely be settled, these banterers were just a part of growing up.

"I have been known for being sent outside for the night."

Sam Parham



"My mom, Michael Weston, and I have an on going feud."

Eli Parham



"I'm guilty of fighting about money and college."

Lara Yeast



"The future, my phone, and food, definitely food."

Joanna Disch



Brittany Hayes



Lord, thanks for your unfailing love and continuous blessings. Mom and Dad, love you! Thanks for always being there through thick and thin. Kayla, I love you little sister! You're my other half and I can't wait to see the beautiful woman you'll become! Erika, Maddie, Megan, Mike, Johnny, and Julia, you guys made these years incredible. I know we'll be friends forever. Love you all so so much! VDT, you girls are a blessing, and so talented. Thanks for the hilarious memories. Lastly, Grace Linton, thanks for changing my life. Thank you for everything. Love you more than you'll ever know. It's been an incredible six years at WCA, and I'm sad it's over. God bless you all!



Mary Heyl



Well this is it. That place full of stereotypes, crushes, and drama they call high school is over for me. Oh, I had my share of I-hate-my-life-just-get-me-out-of-here days. But here's my ode to the old WCA experience. To the teachers of the fine arts, thank you for giving me a chance. To my improv team, thank you for embracing my weirdness and for being my favorite class of the day. My PC girls, I love you guys. To my amazing, beautiful friends, though we have had our splits and fights, you have made my life beautiful. Thanks for all the love and support. And a huge thanks you to my parents for taking the time to give me a private, Christian education. Phew, I guess I'm done.



Bailey Hiatt



When I think about how my last year of high school is quickly coming to an end, I'm shocked by how quickly time passes. I've come a long way, and I couldn't have done it on my own. To Mom and Dad: thanks for being there and supporting me during hard times and pushing me to be the best I can. To my friends: thanks for always putting a smile on my face and for being forgiving of my mistakes. High school would have been miserable without you guys. To God: thanks for giving me the patience, strength, and endurance to make it through all of these years. I can't wait to see where life takes us! 1 Timothy 4:12



Cameron Hibbler



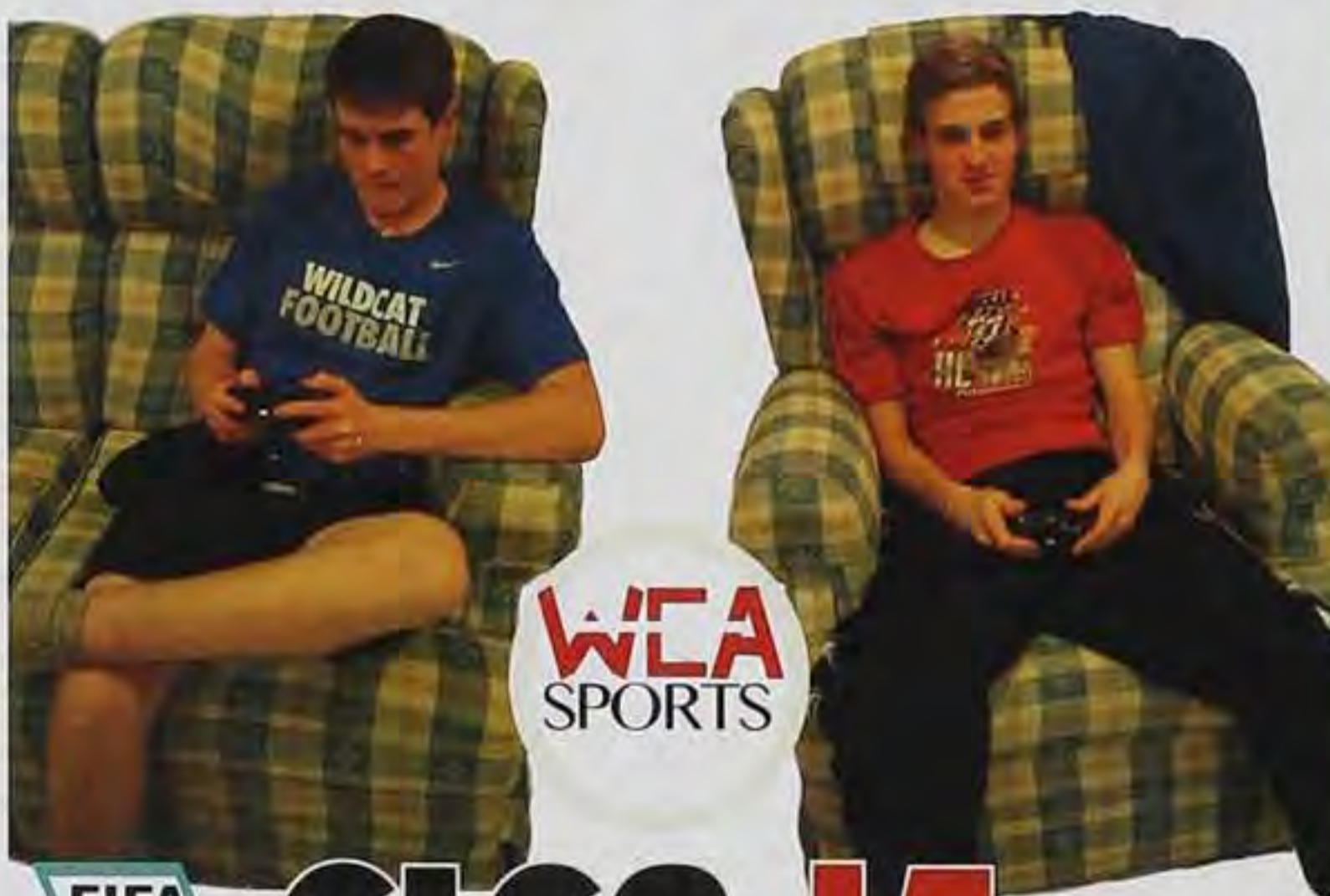
Four years gone like that?! Can't believe it!! Through God's grace, WCA has transformed me to an ambitious, strong young man. God has blessed me in more ways than I can count. Mom and Dad, thanks so much for the never-ending love and support. EJ and Quinne, thanks for being the goofy older siblings, I look up to. You guys are always reminding me there's always room for improvement. Volleyball program, thanks for helping me toward my goal and shaping me to be a strong, Christian athlete and realizing how God gave me these gifts for success and to glorify Him. Matthew 19:26, "With man it is impossible, but with God all things are possible." See ya WCA, it was blast!



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"FIFA is love, FIFA is life" said Nathan Hall, junior.

FIFA Soccer hit WCA by storm. Friend groups were torn, tears were shed, and rivalries were created all because of this virtual soccer game. Playing FIFA was one of the biggest pastimes of male friend groups all across the Westminster community.

Soccer was the most popular sport in the world, but it often played second fiddle in the United States to American football and baseball. "I think the fact that the World Cup was so crazy this summer made people excited about soccer. And, it is so fun to just compete with people and put your pride on the line" said Sam Hunsicker, junior.

The new version of the video game, FIFA 15, came out over the summer. WCA students loved FIFA with a passion and made sure they would get the game before large crowds swarmed video game stores across St. Louis. "I pre ordered FIFA 15 as soon I heard it was available. The day it came out I went right to Gamestop after soccer practice and I played all night" said Jacob Chimento, senior.

Soccer may not have been the most popular sport in America, but FIFA Soccer was the beautiful game for a part of the Westminster community.

Andrew Murray and Mason Davitt, juniors, play FIFA on the weekend.

Kathryn Hinrichs



Thank you to everyone that has been a part of my education. You have made a huge impact on my life that I will never forget. Mommy & daddy- I strive to be like you both. Your hearts for God and his people inspire me everyday to be a better person. Caroline- Never forget that no dream is too big. James- You're my best friend, and I'm so thankful for your constant loving advice! Friends- You're the wonderful memories that I will always cherish from WCA. Thanks for being there for me through laughter and tears these past 4 years. I love you guys! Christ- I would be no where without your gracious and merciful love. I pray that you continue your work in this school and its' students. Romans 12



Adrienne Horn



Thank you mom and dad for putting up with me for all these years and still managing to do it with a smile. Kayla and Audra, I couldn't ask for better older sisters who are always there for me when I need it and always have my back. Mallory and Miranda, you both bring so much joy and laughter to my life every day, and I will miss you both so much next year. I love you all more than words can describe, and I am so blessed! Proverb 31:25-26 " She is clothed in strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." Lead me, God.



Steven Howell



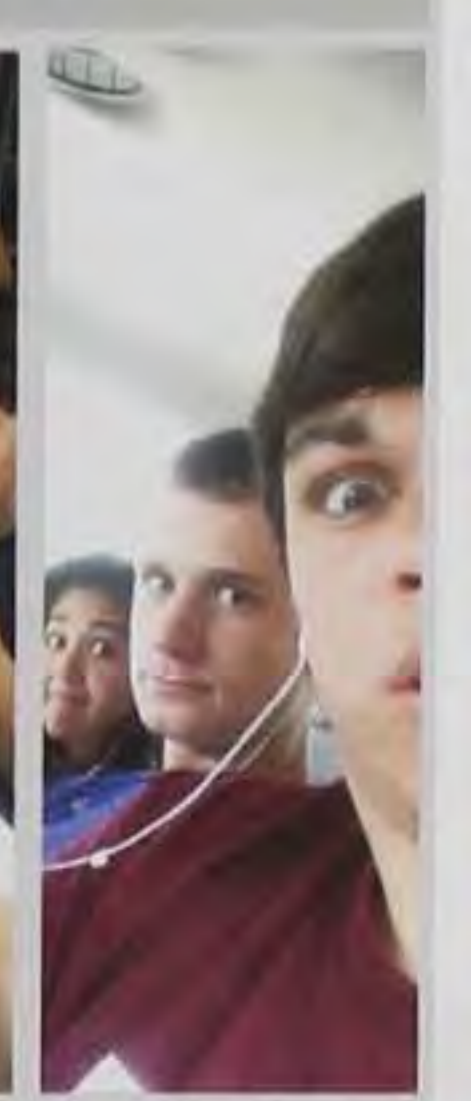
After surveying the time I've spent as a Westminster student, I can't help but be blown away by how much has changed (thank God). I owe that transformation to many people: My parents, who have stood by me faithfully, have been a source of the most amazing support. My teachers, who have taken extra time to challenge me, have given me confidence to pursue the things I love. My friends, who have given me tremendous wisdom, have consistently convicted and encouraged me. My God, who I cannot help but be in awe of, has continually called me his child when I have done nothing to deserve it. To you all, I owe never-ending gratitude. Thank you for all you've done.



Josh Huber



I thank God for all the times He was there for me and for the times He got me through tough situations. I thank my Mom and Dad for all the times they have put up with me, and for all the things that they do for me. They always have my best interest in mind. I thank the football team for the brotherhood and companionship they showed throughout the season. They are like a second family and have always got my back. A final thanks to the seniors for making me feel right at home ever since the first day.



Janie Hughes



Thank you Jesus for changing my heart, pulling me into your arms, and never letting go of my hand through the good times and hard times. Psalm 23 <3 Family, you're my favorite. Our decathlon adventure will forever be remembered. I'll be sure to carry on this tradition "that was such a good idea" when I have a family of my own. Mom, you're my best friend. Dad, you make me giggle like none other. Forrest and Hunter...stay cool. I hope I've done at least a decent job being the best pesky lil sis over the past 18 years. I love you all mucho. Peace and blessings.



Nathan Jackson



Through my time here at WCA, I have met a lot of great people and I have had a wonderful time getting to know everyone here. I will always remember Dr. Shaw's classes and how much I learned in there, as well as the humor in Mr. Knerr's class. I've met many friends and I've had a lot of great experiences here, and I will greatly miss all of the great times I've had here.



Merilee Kapter



Honestly I could have made it through high school without my friends and family. The thing is, I would never want to. High school would have been boring and empty without my friends teasing me for loving cats. So, I'd like to give a big thanks to my parents for loving me unconditionally, to Courtney for discovering me, and to Syd for our great times in Mr. Horn's class.



Amon Kehr



I am blessed to have such wonderful friends and family. Thank you for all for making my time in high school amazing. To my friends you have made my time at Westminster enjoyable. You guys have been there for me the whole time, encouraging me and making me laugh. I know this is the end of the road for our time at Westminster, but I know that our friendships will continue on after we go our different ways. To my parents, thank you, you have always pushed me to be my best and I would not be where I am now without you guys. I love you all and thank you so much.



Julia Johnson



First and foremost, thank you God for your abundant blessings and unconditional love. Mom & Dad, thank you for all your sacrifices and always pushing me to try my hardest. Siblings, thank you for being my best friends and supporting me in everything I do. Rachel U: best lab partner 3 years running, Moose. Sydney & Kaitlin: Nature never felt so close. Trent, Janie, Anna: thanks for being my friends since birth. Kirsten & Kathryn: thanks for always having my back. Joanna: it's always a poptart morning. Tripp: Clause 3. Rachel R: Regina spektor (too soon). Shmashton: thanks for being awesome. Karagan: G.J. Summer sem: Thanks for all the laughs. Class of 2015: We're all in this together, let the good times roll.



Megan Johnson



I've been so blessed by the past six years at Westminster. Mom, thanks for your humble attitude. Continue laughing at your own jokes. Dad, I wouldn't want to watch sports with anyone else. Thanks for always being on my team. Kate, thanks for providing daily laughter and stress. Life would be boring without you. Walseth, I cannot express how grateful I am for your continuous wisdom and encouragement over the years. Soccer team, you guys are the best. Megan, ESP and Megan^2 forever. Emily & Ali, love you two. Sarah, Sarah Jane, & Coomes, keep Abe honest.



Skills

With Jobs

With all the pressures of Westminster and growing up it was amazing that students would take the little free time they had to change the lives of others. Some students found a place where they could use the talents God gave them.

Elisabeth Harding, junior, was a great example. She worked with kids that have trouble with schoolwork and understanding material that is taught in class. She used her academic gifts to help others. "I really like math, and am good at it, and helping kids. Its really exciting seeing kids understand something they once did not understand", said Harding.

Another example was Sean Webb. Webb worked at the Black Reb to put on plays. He was asked by a director there to perform in his play.

"God blessed me with such a talent that I can't explain. It just makes me happy when I use it", said Webb, freshman.



Elisabeth Harding, junior, explains a problem to a student. Harding helped him with his math homework. She enjoyed seeing kids understand what they are learning.



Courtney Beat, senior, scoops ice cream at Coldstone Creamery. "My favorite thing about my job at cold stone is singing for tips," said Beat. Photo courtesy of Camryn Williams

Sean Webb, freshman, acts out a scene in his play. Webb worked at the Black Rep doing what he loved Webb and the cast performed a play that was about the timeline of African American history. Photo courtesy of Jerrica Flakes.

Still Hungry?

Amani Holmes, freshman, smiles during her lunch period. Holmes had B lunch.



Kelly Kwak, freshman, enjoys her lunch with her friend. Kwak bought a smoothie on the days they were available.



When students arrived home daily, and their parents asked what the best part of their day was, most replied by saying the best part was lunch. Just like when they were younger and recess was the best part, lunch was a break from the rest of the school day. However, it only lasted a half hour, which to most kids seemed short.

"I hate it when I have to stuff myself, so I can finish eating before class. A lot of kids are trying to convince staff members to extend the lunch periods," said Alexis Turner, freshman.

"Some kids go to the hub to print out work, but they come back and won't have time to eat," said Turner.

Another student named Steve Webb, sophomore, said, "Sometimes we have to finish homework that is needed to turn in for the next class, but we can't because we have to eat."

Lunch was a time for students to relax and catch up on work if they needed to, but the length was becoming an issue. The administration has not decided if this will be changed but students are desperate for more time to eat.

Mollie Trost, Hailey Kittelson, and Abby Nall freshmen, enjoy their lunch. The trio ate lunch together every day at the same table.



Micah Lewis, and Lily Lackey, freshmen, sit with friends in the Grand Entry during lunch. They were enjoying the much needed break in their day.

Kaitlin Kittelson



First thank you to my parents. You have been my most supportive fans. You are a great example of what Christian parents should be like. Mom I will miss the smoke alarm and Dad your cooking for sure. Hails-my BB and best friend. I love you so much and I have loved watching you grow up into a beautiful Christian lady. Together we are unstoppable with our flag/dance routines complete with kick lines, outside volleyball, and Dewey's and Oberweis dates. My friends- We have cried and laughed together these past 4 years. I will miss our Hallmark movie nights, cookies& queso, karaoke, "apples to apples" and late night yoga. I cannot wait to see what God has planned for you.



Ashley Klein



As I look back on the last four years, all I feel is gratitude. To my family, thank you for your unfailing support and love. I couldn't have done it without you. To my friends, you have blessed me beyond measure. You have brought me so much joy and changed me for the better. To the teachers of WCA, I cannot thank you enough for the ways in which you have helped me to grow in spirit, knowledge, and character. You are true heroes. To God, you have my thanks for your unending patience and unconditional love. Please let me glorify you in the time to come. Well, this is it. Stay classy, Westminster.



Alexander Kessel



Lord, as my time at Westminster closes, I thank you for the incredible things you have done in my life. Thank you for my mom, dad and the countless hours of love and prayer they have ceaselessly poured into my life, with humor and wisdom throughout. Thank you for Zak and Em and our solid, hilarious relationships. Thank you for putting Steven and his constant discipleship in my life, and for the support and trust he exhibits. I thank you for Grace and all the rest of my friends and teachers/mentors who all strengthen me daily. Thank you for joyful work you gave me in Improv and Robotics. I am not my own, but yours. Praise God. Psalm 27



Juhyae Kim



Friends- You all are amazing individuals. Thanks for being a blessing in my life. Oppa- I know I'm not the nicest, most entertaining sister out there, but I really am glad you're my brother. I couldn't ask for a better one. Umma- My supporter, protector, teacher, and loving mother. Though I don't always see it, you constantly look out for me. Thank you for everything. I love you tons! Appa- Best dad in the universe. Words can't express how grateful I am for all the sacrifices you've made for our family. All I can say is: Saranghae! And finally, God, thank you for guiding my growth in you for all these years and for all those to come. Romans 12:2.



Ashton Kracky



I'd like to thank God for the life in between my 12 and 18 years of age: Thank you for the love that made me a better person, and that was intentionally altruistic for me. Thank you for all the people that would gather around to pick me up. Thank you for those who were always genuine. Thank you for protecting me from what I thought I wanted and for blessing me with what needed. Thank you for the deep ability to see all that you do in my life because it is beautiful. And I thank you for whatever you have planned ahead of me. With your control over it, I know it will be even more beautiful!



Harper Larson



God- You've protected, comforted, grown, loved, and saved me. Thank you for calling me friend. I'm forever yours. Dad- Thanks for always believing in me. I'm thankful that we've become so close even if you act like a five-year-old. Mama- Thanks for always demonstrating strength to me. I'm so grateful that God wasn't ready for you in heaven, because I don't know what I would've done without you. Blake- Thanks for pushing me to be a better me. I truly respect you. Connor- Thanks for being a great older brother and an awesome friend. I treasure our relationship. Friends- Going to miss you like crazy. Thanks for accepting my sassiness. BDSTL- Amazing doing life with you guys: 1 Tim. 4:12



Jonathan Lauer



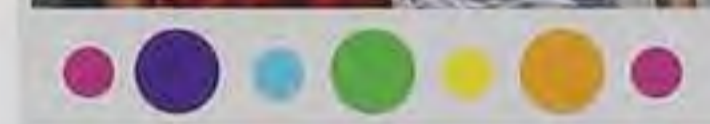
To my loved ones: thank you all for your time, sacrifices, consideration, encouragement, commitment, devotion, and love; nothing has played a greater role in shaping my life. To my friends: thank you for your support, companionship, kindness, and love; the individual role each of you has played in my life means more than I can say. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me." (Matthew 11:28-29)



Dongbin Lee



Dear fellow graduates, I have a small advice for you. Remember the people who helped you through this phase of development: the ones who broke your heart so that a better one may rise; the ones who offered themselves when you never deserved such grace. Take those divine faces and carry them within you into the new world. There is nothing wrong in venturing out and enjoying what the Lord has provided. Just remember your foundation. For me, that has made all the difference.



Siwei Li



I feel like the first time I walk into the building just happen yesterday. I have been very blessed these past four years to be able to meet all different kinds of people and have great experiences in America. It was a challenge for me to come here with limited English skill. I am so thankful for my parents to supporting and giving me the wonderful opportunities to study in U.S. Thanks to Taylor family, you all just like my mom, sister, and brother to me. I will never forget the fun memories with you all. Thanks to all my friends I made in Westminster. God, thank you for your faithfulness to me, even when I don't understand.



Christian Linhoff



Shout out to the squad, you know who you are. Another shout out to my mom, for supporting me financially as well as maternally. I also want to thank Dave for working his butt off for the fam. Nana, thank you so much for everything you've done, driving me places when I couldn't myself, and always being supportive of whatever passion I chase. It means more than you could know. Papa, thank you for the conversations about life happenings; and showing me how to be a man. If I turn out to be even a little bit like you when I get older i'll count myself lucky. "Sometimes its the journey that teaches you a lot about the destination"- Drake.



A Few Hardcore Fans

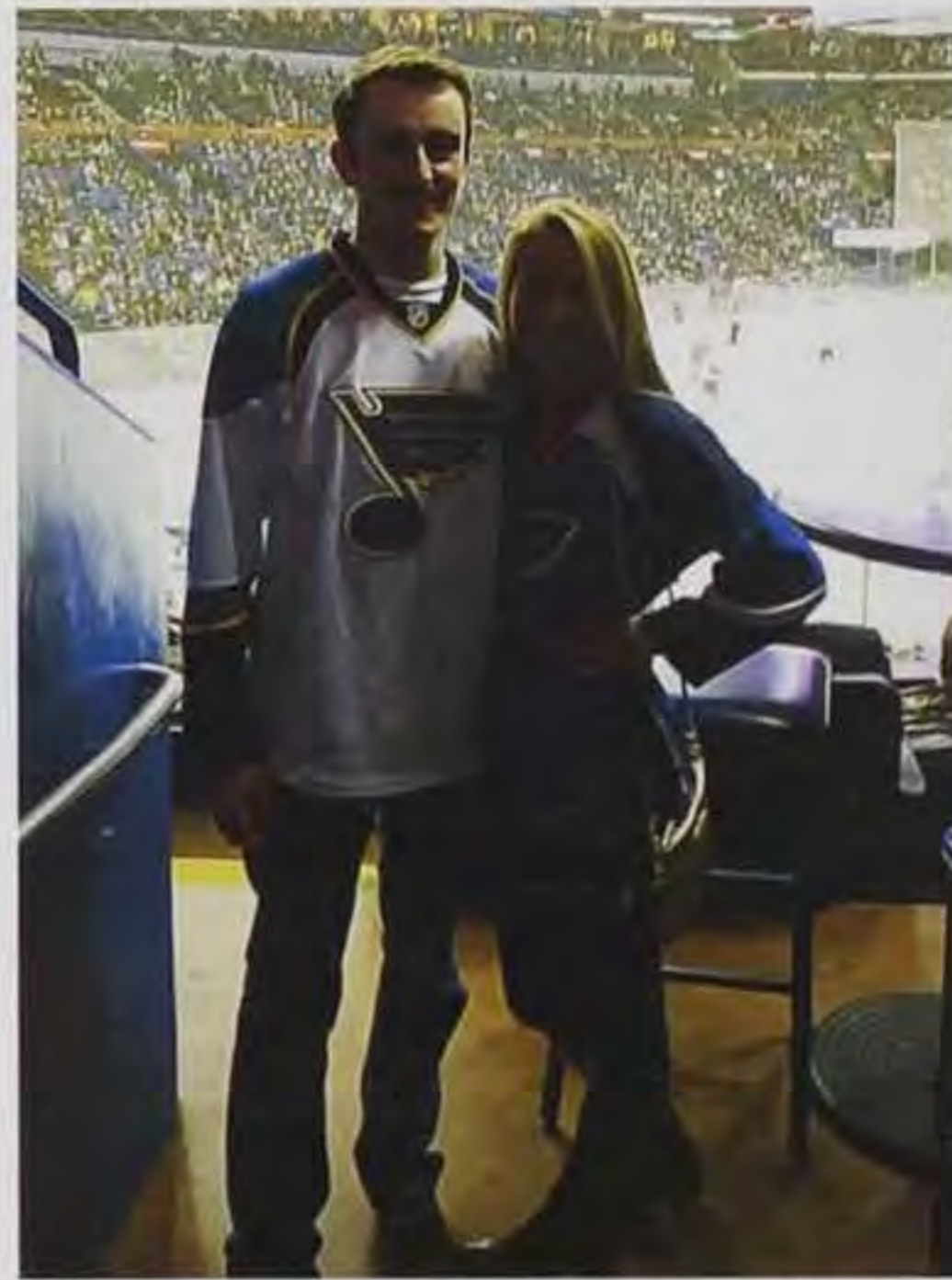
The majority of people in the St. Louis area were not necessarily hardcore Blues hockey fans. Westminster had a few Blues hockey fans who were determined to prove themselves by going to the games and keeping up with their standing in the league.

Lily Lackey, freshman, was an example of a student who loved to go the Blues games just to have a good time.

"It's fun to go with my friends and family just to watch the players fight. It is so funny and exciting," Lackey said. She and her friends went to the games to cheer on the Blues and to hang out with each other.

Fisher Wells, senior and his family were also devoted to watching the Blues play hockey.

"I like watching the Blues because they are a good team and also it is a family tradition to go and cheer them on," said Wells.



Erin Conagham, senior and her brother go to a Blues hockey game. They love to hang out together at Blues and Westminster hockey games. *Photo courtesy of Erin Conagham.*



Lily Lackey, freshman, attends a Blues game with her friend. Both enjoy going to the games to watch the fights between the players. *Photo courtesy of Lily Lackey.*

Ben Linkwiler



I need to thank God for all the blessings and people He has placed in my life. I appreciate Westminster, where I've had an incredible four years. Mom and Dad, thank you for raising and guiding me in the faith; your love and encouragement these past 18 years has been invaluable. To my fellow Musketeers and awesome friends, I'm grateful for your support and our time together. You're all I could ask for in friends, and there's never a dull moment around you guys. Remember to seize the day the Lord has given you. Until the cows come home, stay classy my friends! Philippians 4:13



William Liu



I have a lot of people to thank. My dear parents, I want to thank you because you let me study in the Westminster Christian Academy. Even though you are far away from me, you always encourage me. My dear host parents Mr. and Mrs. Warren, I want to thank you for the daily help you gave me. You make me feel that I have a home in the USA. All my teachers and classmates, I thank you for helping me success in my subjects. WCA, my first American school, thank you for giving me two years wonderful study times and I will miss you.



Madison Massot



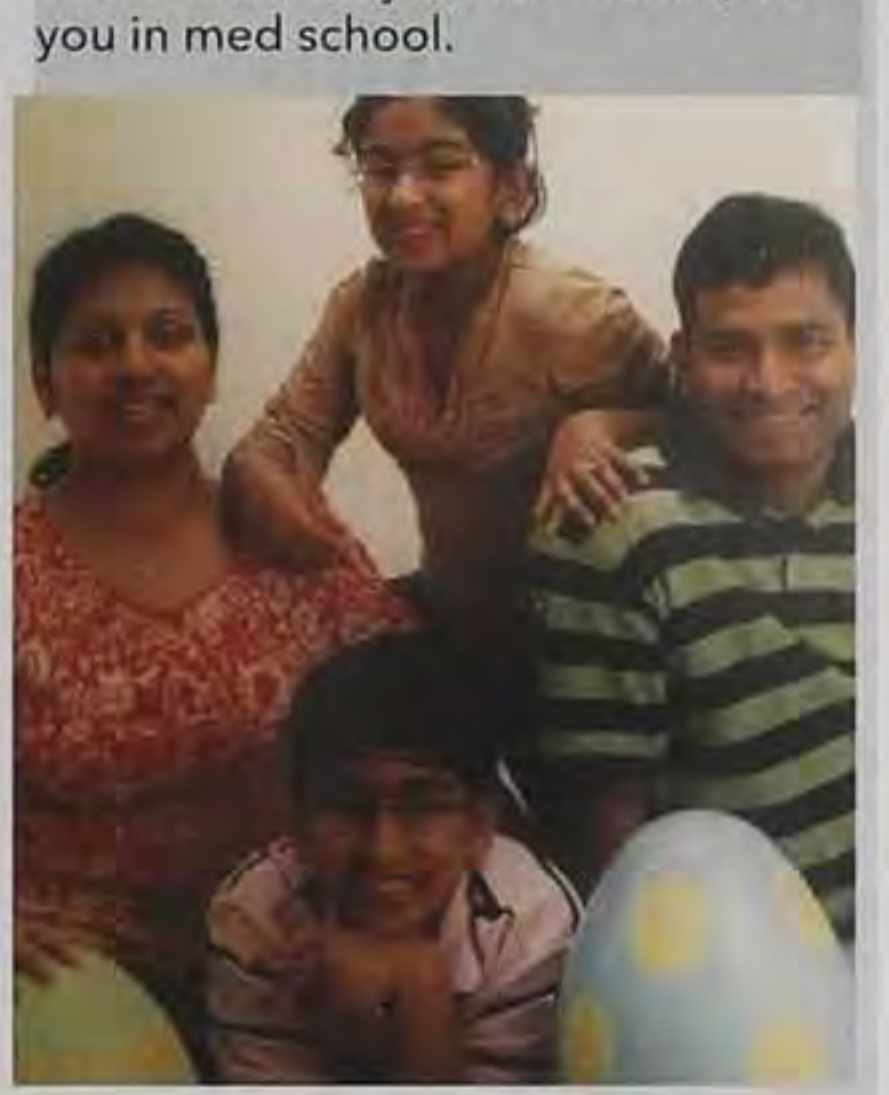
"Praise the Lord, O my soul, all my inmost being, praise his holy name."
-Psalm 103:1. The Lord has done so much in my life and I am so thankful for His unfailing love and grace. Mom and Dad, thank you for your unconditional love, wisdom, and support in everything I do. Lauren, you will forever be my little sissy. Thanks for dancing and singing in the car with me. To my friends, you have each shaped me into the person I am today and hold a special place in my heart.



Austin Mathai



Thank God for all his blessings in my life. Amma and Appacha, you set the example for me to follow with my life. Mom and Dad, you've been my support all these years. Without you both, I wouldn't be who I am today. Amber, you will always be my best friend and I know you'll do great things in life. To Westminster, it was a great experience. To all my friends, thank you for filling my life with laughter and fun. To my Indian friends, I expect to hear your voice when I call AT&T in the coming years. To the rest of my Indian friends, see you in med school.



Steven Matzig



Thank you Mom and Dad for your endless support and encouragement. Thank you to all my teachers for your time and effort you put into making each of my classes special. Thanks Westminster Staff for making it the best high school experience. Thank you to all my friends and classmates who made me feel welcome and loved everyday of school. Most of all, thank you God for blessing me with everyone I met, and for all the help during the stressful school nights. Words cannot express the I had experience of middle and high school at WCA.



Sarah McFarland



God, thank you for putting me in a loving family and giving me a lot. To my parents, thank you so much for loving me and supporting me. Mark, thanks for being the best big brother and rapping with me. To my twins and soul sisters, Lily and Ang, thank you for being my best friends. Madison-squad for life. To my other friends, thanks for helping me get through high school and getting me laugh.



Chris Kirby, freshman, checks his phone after he looked at an interesting article that one of his friends told him about. He loved to read different articles on his phone.



Jake Mitchell, sophomore, practices taking the perfect selfie before choosing the right one to post #selfie on social media. Mitchell loved taking selfies.



Hannah Sabbadell, sophomore, laughing at one of the texts her friends sent her. Sabbadell really liked her iPhone 6 when she received texts.



Maddie Mercer, sophomore, calls one of her friends about coming their house after school.

Bigger is Better

When the iPhone 6 came out, a lot of people lined up in front of Verizon, Sprint, AT&T, and T-Mobile just to get their very own iPhone. They say that the bigger the phone is the better it will be. This is a known fact to many Westminster students who purchased the iPhone 6. When they saw the iPhone 6, most people said it looked like a Galaxy phone just with a circle home button. A lot of people have said that the bigger the iPhone is, the better it was. One of those people who said this is Sara Swan, sophomore, "I think the iPhone 6 is a big help because it gives me a lot more resources to use in a bigger way." There are many others that think this way too.

There are some people that like the phone just because of the way it looks and how it works. "I like that it's a big phone with a nice screen, good camera, and that it's faster than I expected." said Blake Barthelmas, sophomore.

On the other hand, others like the bigger phone but to them it's just not a big help to them in the long run. "Personally, I believe that the bigger phone is better, but it's just not very helpful to me when I need it the most." said Griffin Anderson, sophomore.

Megan McDaniel



Dear Mom, Dad and Matt,
Thank you for always supporting, encouraging and being there for me always! You guys are the best and I'm thankful for you!
Love you,
Megan



Lucas Matheny



Mom and Dad, Thank you for always supporting me and pushing me to achieve my dreams, I don't know what I would do without you. Tate, thanks for always being there for me and being one of my biggest role models. Katie, Thank you for always watching out for me and being someone I can always go to. Jacob, Thanks for being my partner in crime and my bigger younger brother, I've enjoyed tearing it up with you on the field. Blaise, Thank you for always cheering me on and being one of my biggest fans, can't wait to see what you will do. I love all of you and couldn't ask for better people to be at my side as I take this next step in life. Big thanks to all those who have coached and helped me along the way. GO POKES!



Christian Meeks



These last few years have been a tremendous blessing. Mom, thank you so much for always being here. You have pushed me to continue working hard even when I didn't think I could. You have always believed in me and I love you so much. Elizabeth, we've been together through many different things and I'm so glad to have you as my sister. I love you and I hope that you become the woman God wants you to be. Memaw and Pepaw, thank you both so much for being with me and helping me these last couple years. You are the best. Friends, I will always remember the great times. I pray that we have many more in the future.



Thomas Meyer



I would to thank my parents for loving and encouraging me, and my teachers for pushing me throughout the years. I also want to thank the boys: DJ John Capps, Butch, Chris, and Josh, keep the business up and running. Muscle/Date Mike, keep being a machine. Hockey team, you guys are awesome, keep working hard. Chapel band, I loved playing with you guys and praising God every week. And go cats.



John Moeller



High School has been a learning experience! I've made some good friends, and had a great time playing hockey. Coach Canfield, thanks for believing in me and for the opportunities you have given me. Mom, Dad, and Katie and Caroline, sometimes you drive me crazy, but I know you're my biggest fans. Love you, mean it.



Alexandra Montgomery



Words can't begin to explain how blessed I have been to have had such incredible people in my life. Mom and dad, thank you for always supporting me in everything I do and the endless guidance you have provided. I will never be able to express how much of a positive impact it has had on me. Cole, I am so thankful to have you as a big brother who always has my best interest in mind. Thank you for being my biggest annoyance and my best friend at the same time. To my friends, I can't thank you enough for the love and laughter you have given me throughout these years. Figuring out life with you all has been one of the best experiences that I will never forget and will always be grateful for.



Caleb Miller



Mom, thank you for always being understanding and teaching me to have fun and always enjoy life. Dad, thank you for the constant encouragement and for showing me how to be a strong and independent man. Moriah, you are the best sister and friend I could ever ask for. I am extremely blessed to have you in my life and I look up to you more than you know. Keenan, have fun in high school and don't drive our parents as crazy as I have. To the best boys around, Cooper, Blake, and Becker, we've had a crazy four years together and I will cherish the memories forever. Big shoutout to Mark for sticking with me through thick and thin.



Parker Mitchem



Mom, thank you for taking me all over the world and blessing me with amazing food. Dad, thank you for supporting me in everything I do. Tomas, I wouldn't want to grow up with anybody else. I love all of you and thank you for your support. Parker



Every year, seniors had their senior yearbook picture taken separately from the normal school pictures. The only thing the picture was used for was veracross and their student IDs. As a result many students tried to make their pictures as crazy and silly as possible. This year many students got in trouble before the flash went off. Though a few stragglers still made their mark.



Madilyn Blum



Janie Hughes



Bianca Esparza-Burr



Sydney Arnold



Whitney Dykstra



Joanna Disch

Smile for the Camera



Lily Duell



Blake Sutphen



Anna Evans



Marissa Rasch



Julia Johnson

First For Everything

Somin Kim, freshman, practices tennis after school. "I really wanted to get involved with outside of school activities", said Kim.

Photo Credit: Emily Jo Barker



Some international students came to Westminster and were intimidated by the overwhelming sense of opportunity. But Somin Kim, freshmen, jumped head first into the fall sport, tennis. Being the first International Student to play tennis on the Westminster tennis team in quite some time, Somin basically made it seem as if she was a pro at it.

Even though this may have be Somin's first year at WCA, it was her third year here in the United States. Simon was first introduced to her host family once she arrived in the United States. She then changed host families just a year later. Kim felt at home because her own host family too, was Korean. "I like American food, but I still love Korean food. So it was awesome that I could come to America and still have things from Korea," said Kim.

When an international student comes to a new country, they are usually overwhelmed. But Kim made her time at Westminster worthwhile. She took full advantage of the opportunity that she had been offered. Somin planned to return to the United States and Westminster for the rest of her high school career.

"I was beyond nervous to come to America because in South Korea I was very shy." said **Sang Hyuk Park**, senior.

Photo Credit: Lexie Einertson



Somin Kim, freshman, works in Ms. Butler's room during an advisory period. Kim was a great student and loved the fact that she could come to America to attend school.



Egan Moylan



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.

Caleb Mundorf



To my mom and dad, thank you for always making me push myself. You guys are my role models and I strive to be like you one day. You always knew I had more to give and never let me give up, even when times got hard. To all my friends, thank you for making me laugh and always making me look on the bright side even if there was none to look at. Our time at Westminster is over but I know that our friendships will last for a lifetime.



Hannah Murray



High school might have been one big lousy roller coaster... but looking back on it, it wasn't half bad. I transferred to WCA as a junior so I don't have some "amazing 4 year high school story, but my two years here have taught me lots. I think the thing I learned the most was that I hate physics so there's that... but it's also taught me how to live care-free with an open mind and to never give up. Life's tough, so stand up for yourself and keep pushin' on. So here's to all the not so good times with not so good friends, and the good times with good friends. It's been real y'all. Luv u mum & dad



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Thank you Jesus! Without you I would not have made it this far. I am forever thankful for every person that God has placed in my life. Family: Thank you for being so loving, forgiving, and supportive. I love you. Friends: I'm truly grateful to God for you and the memories that we've had together. You guys are honestly amazing, and I will never forget you. Also, special thanks to anyone who has made me laugh or even smile over the past four years, you've helped make my high school years a lot happier, so thanks lol. Finally, WCA: Always keep God first in your hearts. He will never let you down. "In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success" (Proverbs 3:6).



Elijah Parham



Mom and dad, we all know that I was your favorite twin from the start. That's probably why you've treated me so well over the past four years: you guys have busted my chops when I was prideful and built me up when I was down. I'm still convinced I've got the coolest, classiest parents in the world, and I'm not ashamed to put that statement in this stupid yearbook. Thanks for being such great role models. And thanks for giving a little bit of your leftover affection to Sam, we all know how cranky and needy he can be.



Samuel Parham



Mom and dad, thank you for supporting me through everything I did in high school, whether it be getting my butt kicked in wrestling, wading through the swimming pool, taking challenging classes, and getting into college. I hope that all will go well in this next college phase of my life, and I look forward to maintaining the invaluable relationship that I have had with you for the past 18 years.



Sang Hyuk Park



I first want to say thank you to my parents. They gave me an opportunity to come America and supported me to study hard. Even if I didn't do well, they would have continuously been there for me. Thanks for being by my side mom and dad! Also, I want to say thank you to my host family, Mr. Kim and Mrs. Kim. You guys opened up your house to a complete stranger, and now we are so close. Whenever I made troubles, you always helped me and gave me advice, when needed. I want to say thank you to my friends and teachers for helping me when I had a hard time and always being there for me.



Bria Paxton



This year has been a roller-coaster. First, I'd like to give thanks towards my mom and dad. Thank you for helping me see my full potential and always pushing me towards my dreams. Mom and Dad, the love and support you have offered throughout my entire life has meant so much. The courage, the spiritual words and love has made me into the person I am today. Mom and Dad, you have been my backbone throughout my journey, and I am so grateful for both of you. Auntie Ronnie, you have been the most encouraging part of my life. You have showed me that I am special, I am here for a reason and most of all, you have showed me that one day I will be something great in life. Mostly, I thank the Lord for giving me strength throughout my life. You have blessed me immeasurably more than I deserve. To my close friends. I won't ever forget you. Make sure you keep working hard in and out of school.

Love,
Bria



Sam Peterman



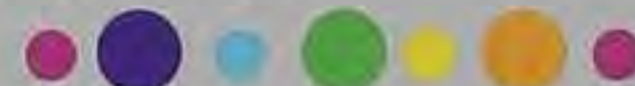
I wouldn't have made it this far without God. He's blessed me so much by putting people in my life that I love and am going to miss as I start a new chapter in my life. To my parents: Thanks for putting up with me and supporting me in everything I do. I love you guys. To my sister: We've had a lot of fun together. Enjoy your time in high school and know that I love you. To my teachers and youth leaders: Thanks for all your hard work and for investing in me. To my friends: We've had so many great times together I can't count them all. I love you guys and I'm gonna miss you.



Ciarra Peters



Thank you Lord for the family you have given me. Thank you mommy and daddy for life, for loving me, for all the opportunities you've given me, and for spending so much time and energy on my existence. Thank you all my WCA teachers for the amazing education. Thank you friend group for being my friend group. Let us continue on. Let us make wise choices. The future is dangerous business. Let us step onto the road and keep our feet, and let us not be swept off to unknown places.



Mini Showcase

When students walked through the hallways, you occasionally would see students' art, but it was only a taste of all the Westminster art. Hours of work, layers of paints, and genuine emotion went into every single piece.

"I probably spend an entire week on one portrait, which is around 1-2 hours a night," said Emma Winter, sophomore.

"I probably spend 13 hours just on one drawing," said Claire Fellows, junior.

These majestic pieces were created out of countless hours of labor, and yet the artists themselves never asked for attention for their skills.



Erin LeVar, junior, displays her skillful drawing of a cockroach. Not only is Erin a deft artist, but she attended both Art Club and Set Club.



John Yin, junior, continues to perfect his sketch. John regularly attended Art Club.



Hannah Vitiello, junior, works on her portrait of a woman. "I love art because it allows me to express thoughts or ideas in a new, creative way. Just as a single note in a song or a single word in a story can convey an array of emotions, brush strokes and pencil lines have to ability to communicate a more complex idea to the viewer. This is why I draw; it helps me to transfer abstract ideas and images in my head into a concrete form," said Vitiello.



Emma Winter, sophomore, proudly displays her graphite sketch of Sam Winchester, a character in her favorite TV show, *Supernatural*.

Andrew Port



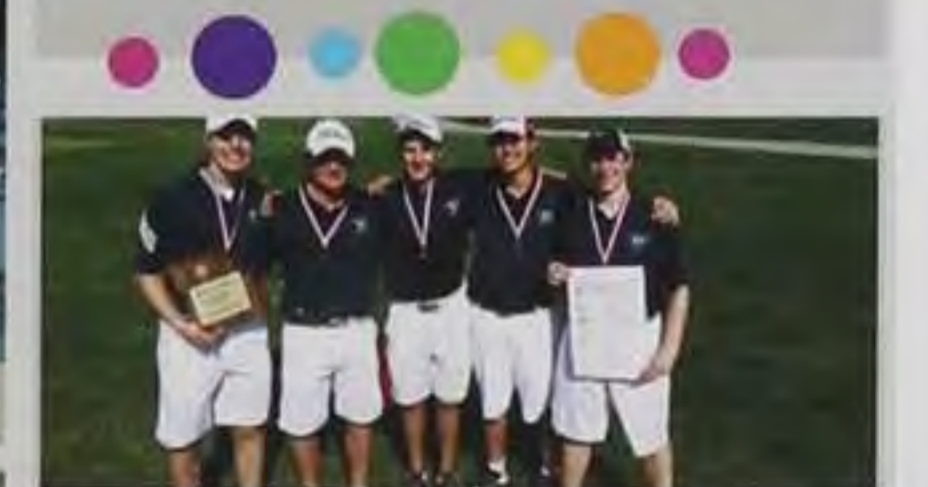
I am very thankful my family sent me to Westminster. School has been challenging but with the help of my great teachers, I made it through school. Thank you to Mrs. Erdmann, Rabi, Mr. Layton, Mrs. Everett, Mr. Scott, Mr. Talley and Mr. Myers. To Jack may your boat always float. I Kings 18: 37-38 37 Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." 38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.



Drew Port



I will always look back on my time in high school, and thank God for all the awesome people that he put in my life. From swimming to golf, adventure club to robotics, even a hilarious video or two, nothing would be the same without the people who I joined along way. Mom, Dad, and Katie, after putting up with me all these years I can't tell if you are more sad or excited for me to start this next phase in life! However I do know that I couldn't have made it this far without you. Your endless love and support has shaped me into what I am today. And so to my friends and family, I love you!



David Pruitt



Mom and Dad, I would like to thank you for all your support throughout my school years. You have always been there for me. You have always looked for ways to make life more enjoyable and have cared for me over the years. I cannot thank anyone else more than you both because of the great help you have been to my life. I love you both very much and will miss you while I am away at college.

David



Marissa Rasch



I can't believe high school is over! I have made so many great friends and I want to thank all of them for always being there for me. We have had some fun times and I am going to miss everyone so much! I am blessed to have a mom and dad that have been so supportive and encouraging and who love me so much. Thanks for everything! I love you all!



Tierra Reese



Thank you LORD for never failing by always being with me throughout my years at Westminster. From this school I have learned so much about myself and my Savior. I thank my parents especially for providing me with a great education and a loving community to be a part of these past 6 years. To my brother Justin, it's almost your turn! To the class of 2015, I'll never forget our memories. I hope to see everyone at our reunions!



Brianna Richards



Dear Heavenly Father, I'd just like to thank you for the wonderful preparation you have given me for the next critical years of my life. I thank you for my family, friends, and all of the many blessings given to me. Mama, you are the embodiment of a strong, God-fearing woman, and I appreciate you for walking uprightly before me and teaching me God's ways. Thanks for watching over me by God's side daddy. Lance, you're alright and I love you. WCA Crew, if you're reading and think it's you, I love you guys. Jeremiah 29:11, Philippians 4:13, and Psalms 23. Scriptures to live by. Make memories and love people. Great life motivation. Thanks for everything.



Well-Dressed Wednesday

Chapel made Wednesdays unique for all Westminster students, but some students made it even more special. Seniors Bo Thomas, Sam Thomas, Alex Kessel, Harrison Farmer and Steven Howell dressed up for Chapel on Wednesdays. With the standardized dress requirements their options were limited, but they settled on wearing a tie or bow tie and a button-up shirt.

"We wanted to make Chapel day a little different. It changes up the feel of the day," said Steven Howell, senior. By dressing up on Wednesdays, it made the day feel a little extra special.

This change has not gone unnoticed. "Even Mrs. Richardson asked us why we were wearing ties," said Sam Thomas, senior. It was encouraging for others to recognize their devotion to Chapel.

The original founders welcomed other students in all grades to participate in the "Well-Dressed Wednesday" trend, and as the year continued many other students joined.

Sam Thomas, senior, displays his favorite Wednesday outfit. The idea of dressing up on Wednesdays had been around for many years, but, as seniors, it was fully implemented.



Sam Thomas, Steven Howell, Andrew Eichenlaub, and Bo Thomas, seniors, sport their Wednesday attire. Every Wednesday they wore something different than the week before. It was challenging with the standardized dress requirements, but they managed to pull their look off every week.



Andrew Eichenlaub, senior, sports one of his Wednesday outfits. "I loved how this trend caught on with other grades. It's important to set a time of worship apart," said Eichenlaub.

Rachel Ritter



I've been so blessed to grow up surrounded with amazing friends and family. Mom, thank you for your love and patience. I'm so fortunate to have you as a role model. Dad, I've enjoyed all the adventures we've had together, and I appreciate how honest we can be with one another. Lee, thank you for all the laughs, and for showing me what it means to be a woman of character. Cheer team, "Bring it." Its been a joy to see our program grow. Friends, I'll never be able to replace the memories you guys have given me, and I can't thank you enough for that. Lord, thank you for your love and peace that has no end. Romans 8:28.



Michael Richardson



My high school experience can be summed up like this- homework, homework, test, homework, paper, test, homework. Rinse and repeat.

Karagen Rogers



It's been an interesting ride to say the least, but I am grateful for the memories and friendships I've made. I want to thank my parents for being patient and loving, and my teachers for being insightful and caring. To my friends, you are family and I would have never made it a day without you all. I'm excited to move forward, but I know when I look back I will feel grateful for the great times we've shared. Class of 2015, it's been real. Good luck!



Madaline Ross



Mom and Dad- Thank you for all the support you have given me throughout the years! I will always love our Starbucks runs. Thank you for the countless times you've helped me with tennis. My greatest memories are the ones of us on the court. I have been beyond blessed by God to have you two in my life. Janie- Forever my foodie friend. Lunch girls- My greatest laughs of high school have come from you all. A-dawg and Auntie Reilly- You all have been the greatest coaches. Tennis Team- I've loved every minute on the court with you girls!



Annie Backs, Taylor Dorsey, juniors, and Stephanie Strothkamp, senior, dump a container of freezing water on Rich Van Gilst, math teacher.



Gwendoyln Brunkski and Graham Stanfill, seniors, brace themselves for the impending ice to come from **Ethan Finn and Ciarra Peters,** seniors. They posted the video on the WCA Robotics' Facebook page.



Forgotton Need

As the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge rapidly dominated social media, it infiltrated Westminster. One of the most memorable may just be when Van Gilst got iced.

Despite being humorous, it is important to remember the message behind the Challenge. "Donate I dare you alas.org. It is about more than just a bucket of ice and a trending video," tweeted Emma Hackman, sophomore.

"I saw other videos shared on social media about people with ALS. I wanted to compel people to look beyond the trend of dumping ice on your head, and realize that there are real people facing this real disease," said Hackman.

Remember that as new trends emerge, there may be a genuine need fueling them.



Joey Hobaugh, junior, reacts to the bucket of chilly water. Joey got nominated by good friends Anna Huyhn and Caroline Holden, juniors. Photo courtesy of Joey Hobaugh.



Christina Mason, sophomore, gets iced by **Sydney Walker** and **Hannah Sabbadell,** sophomores. Christina took the challenge in her snorkel and flippers. Photo courtesy of Christina Mason.



Seniors

Hannah Ruckman



Mel-Thank you for being my greatest counselor and supporter. You've taught and loved me unconditionally, you'll always be my best friend. Dennis-Thanks for all the jokes and for being my number one fan. I love you both and appreciate all your sacrifices for me. Abby-Although you're my little sister, you are my role model. I'm so proud to call you my sissy, I love you so much. To all my friends-thanks for surviving with me and living it up, love you all! Teachers-Thanks for inspiring me; you've provided lifelong lessons. Volleyball-Thanks for helping me grow stronger on the court and in life. I thank God for the favor, guidance, and protection He's placed on my life. 1 Peter 5:10



Elizabeth Schmidt



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.



Maddie Schuler



"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is to not stop questioning." - Albert Einstein
 Lauren, Aleeah, and the gang: You guys are amazing friends, and I will miss every single one of you! Thanks for the laughs, and always being there for me! Love you guys!
 Lizzie: Where to start... The Ho/Williams Wedding? Tilda? Paul (the waiter)? Thank you for being an amazing friend. I'll never forget our crazy stories. Love you, sister from another mister! The Fam: I am so thankful for everything that you guys have taught me. I couldn't have asked for better parents. Ben, my partner-in-crime since 1998, you are the best brother anyone could ever ask for! Love you guys!



Nathan Scott



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



Joby Seitz



What they say about high school is true, time flies. Westminster Christian Academy has taught me some great life lessons through teachers, friends, and football. The environment that Westminster provides is both comforting and welcoming and I will never forget my high school experience. I would like to thank my friends and family for the tremendous support through this long journey. Nacho Libre once said, "Ok. Orphans! Listen to Ignacio. I know it is fun to wrestle. A nice pile drive to the face... or a punch to the face... but you cannot do it. Because, it is in the Bible not to wrestle your neighbor." I now know this is false because of the Christian values that Westminster provides.



Lucy Sell



Lord, thank you for all that you have blessed me with in my life. To my family: thank you for your unconditional love and helping me grow in my walk with the Lord. Dad: thanks for the advice and encouragement you give me and for being my rock. Mom: thanks for all you do and for being a great role model and always being supportive. Chris, Olivia, & Tim: thanks for being my best friends and for always making me laugh. WCA teachers and staff: thank you for being such caring people and great mentors throughout the years. To all my friends: thanks for all the great memories and laughs throughout the years.



Jack Southwell



Mom, thank you so much for all you've done - from your sacrifices to daily selfless acts, you've loved me more than I could know. Dad, thank you for all the knowledge you've bestowed/given throughout the years. Tom, thanks for always being cheerful and delightful. Joe, I'm thankful for your creative insight and caring heart. Paw Paw, thank you for always taking care of us, sending me to WCA, and being a strong and humble role model to me. Thanks to all of my friends for giving me countless memories and years of laughter. Thank you, Lord for all you've given to me, especially my education, and help me to use my gifts to the best of my abilities. Numbers 12:3.



Graham Stanfill



"Life is a beach; I'm just playing in the sand." - Lil' Wayne I'd like to first thank my family for their support of me through these past 4 years. I'd also like to thank all my friends, who truly proved to me that I had more friends than I thought. Alex, Steven - You have been true brothers to me, always willing to sit down and talk. Grace, you have been a net for me when I was falling many times. Thank you for being there for me in my best and worst times. www.soundcloud.com/cathexisedm go cop my tracks bruh. Shout out to EpicBronanza. Oh, and Ethan, don't do dishes at 3 in the morning, alright?



Luke Shields



High school has been like a roller-coaster, Merriam Webster dictionary defines rollercoaster as, "a ride at an amusement park which is like a small, open train with tracks that are high off the ground and that have sharp curves and steep hills." Craig, Butch, Chris, you have been my best buds and have always shown me what it means to be a true man. Josh C. even though you may not be a part of the family you will always have a special place in my heart. Check out my soundcloud mixtapes @LukeShields3. P.O.P. hold it down. Squad for life baby. DJ snake once said, "Turn down for what." Thank you DJ snake and Skrillex.



Carl Simakoff



Parents: Thanks for being there for me all throughout my life and paying for high school. To my friends, Big Chris: You love movies. Amon: you are bad at FIFA. Jack: You are too smart for me. Sam: You have been a good teammate and friend. Matt: You are hilarious and nobody knows it. Ricky: You have too many useless skills. Austin: Luke: Despite what you believe you are not good at sports. Corey: Thanks for listening to me vent. Charisse: It has been fun getting to know you and complain with you. Courtney: Thanks for sticking with me through all the arguments. To Sister: I followed you to high school and now to college thanks for paving the way.



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Emily Sulewski, Belmont University

"Well first off the campus is so pretty, the minute I stepped on the campus I knew it was where God wanted me to be. The nursing program is crazy good with lots of oppurtunities. Also Nashville is my favorite place in the world!"



Mary Katherine Hancock and Olivia Bauer, The University of Arkansas

"I love the location and the campus. it's a big school but with a small school feel to it. The administration and faculty are great and really care about the students. Also Olivia Bauer and I will get to room together which is something we've talked about since 7th grade. And I'll most likely major in either business or psychology!"



Megan Johnson, Lipscomb University

"I went to a camp called Summer Scholars at Lipscomb this summer and had an awesome experience. I felt so welcomed, and all the professors all cared so much about me as a person and not just a student. I also got to hang out with some of the students and they took me around Nashville, since then I knew it was the school for me."



Ali Montgomery, University of Missouri

"I've been going to Mizzou football games since I was little and I've always loved the school. I also love the campus and Columbia as a college town. I plan on majoring in physical therapy! I can't wait to be at school with my brother next fall!"

When discussing Ferguson sophomore **Olivia Henderson** said, "Its not a bad area, just somerthing happened there. We should use this as an opportunity to bring the people together."

Sophomore **Jake Mckie** said that Ferguson. "Made me realize how much tension there is, even when there is a peaceful front. Its has definitely affected me, even if not directly."

Seventh grader **Ty Jones** said, "It has been eye opening for me to see the events in Ferguson take place so close to home. Things like Ebola and ISIS, I only see on TV."

"I feel that we aren't conserned enough about Ebola, and should be concerned and praying for the poeple who it is affecting," said sophomore **Chelsea Caplinger**.



BREAKING NEWS

Ebola, ISIS, and Ferguson

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Every week it seemed there was a new headline for what seemed to be end of the world. The most popular subjects of worry were Ebola and ISIS, and for those in St. Louis, the riots in Ferguson that surrounded the shooting of Michael Brown. Ebola and ISIS consumed social media and daily conversations, and untactful Ebola joke took their toll. Most of the headlines on the news have never really seemed personal to Westminster students until, the world-wide crisis in Ferguson popped the bubble we live in.

A majority of the crisis took place in close proximity to senior Mikaya Thompson who said, "The only way we can truly understand each other, is through communication. Being an African-American who lives in Florissant, I have seen and heard many different controversial statements about this topic. I can see a racial divide in the society. That being said, it is important to fully understand each others perspectives." Mikaya was not the only one to have a first hand experience with this uproar; it seemed to bring the reality of the world to all of St. Louis.

During the first few weeks of the riots there worry lightly lingered in the air, many student and faculty dedicated times of prayer during class and for many it offered a different perspective on life. Vicki MacKoul said, "It's been a little more realistic and I even know people who are directly affected by it. That makes Ferguson a little more real to me than Ebola and everything else we hear on the news."

Angelina Steck



I would like to thank my family for putting up with me and for always being there for me. Mom and Dad, thank you for dealing with my attitude and for all the sacrifices you have made in order for me to attend Westminster and teaching me that Christ comes first. Thanks for always making sure I had everything I needed and more. Christine and Nick, thank you for always making me laugh and for being great siblings. Sarah and Lily, thanks for putting up with my awkwardness. I couldn't have gotten this far without all of you and your love and support! I love you all and I will miss you next year!



Sydney Stillman



Thank you mom and dad for teaching me about what it means to live like Christ and always believing in me. You are the most supportive and generous people that I know and I love you guys so much. Sam, I am going to miss you a ton next year! But don't worry we will never stop making forts and watching movies(; Love you a bunch bud. Lunch Table Ladies, it has been such a blast. Between Dewey's dates, Korean Karaoke, Cookies and Queso, The Lost Valentine and Delmar Gardens adventures, you guys have gotten me through. I love you all so much. I can't wait to see where God takes us all next year. WCA-thanks for the wonderful memories.



Seniors

Madison Stoecker



God, thank you for blessing me with a wonderful family, great friends, and for helping me get through high school! Mom and dad, thank you for sacrificing so much in order for us to have the best life possible, and a great Christian Education. Mom, you've always been my biggest cheerleader. Daddy, thank you for always being there when I need you the most. Garrett, Gavin, and Grant it has been the ride of a lifetime growing up with you guys and I am so proud of you all for continuing to grow to be great men of faith. To my friends, I am so blessed to have grown close to you this year and I can't wait to see God's plan for your futures.



Jessa Stone



Is highschool really over? It seems like it was just yesterday when I walked through those big WCA doors my freshman year. I want to thank my parents for sacrificing everyday so I could come here. Grandparents, thank you for the constant support that was always offered. Thank you to my siblings who drive me crazy at times, but are also always there for me no matter what. Lastly, thanks to my best friend Lavinia, I would not have made it through high school without you. You bring me so much happiness and I'll miss you terribly when we both go off to college! The rest of our lives await us! Let's do something great!



Stephanie Strothkamp



God, thank you for the countless ways in which you have blessed me. Mom and Dad, thank you for your constant love and support. Rachel, I'm going to miss you more than I can say. Stay smart, stay confident, and trust God to get you where you need to go. I love you, girl. WCA softball, you girls have been such blessings in my life. Josh, unfortunately there is a word limit and I will not be able to list all the ways in which you have impacted my life. You are my greatest blessing, and my best friend. I cannot thank you enough for your kindness, patience, support, and love. To all my girls, stay wonderful. Colossians 3:23-24.



Drew Straub



Curtain call at last. It's been a journey, from a timid, unsocial seventh grader to... whatever I am now. Mom and Dad, you have supported me more than I ever could have asked for, and are the best parents ever. Ellie, I made it! Ben and Jack, good luck at the Academy. Harrison, from Red Chief and Uncle Eb to now, I wouldn't want to be onstage with anyone else. Abi, you are a trendy delight and should never change. To Mrs. Scott and Mr. Butz, who have inspired me to pursue theater, I can't ever thank you enough. It's been fun, everybody. "So call the field to rest; and let's away, To part the glories of this happy day."



Kevin Stump



Mom and Dad, thank you for your continual love and support throughout high school. Curtis and Brent, thank you for your support and advice throughout my childhood, as well as the memories, even though you're both terrible at FIFA. Mark, you're a stud, keep doin you. Butch, Craig, Johnny boy, and Mike Thanks for making high school an enjoyable experience. Soccer bros, thanks for all the fun we've had, I wouldn't have wanted to have it with anyone else. I await the future with excitement, and I'd like to thank of the teachers who have inspired me over the years. "I am a funloving, Godfearing, Blue and White, Wildcat." Luke "DJ Snake" Shields



Emily Sulewski



Lord, Thank you for everything you have given me. I am blessed beyond belief. How lucky I am to be apart of Your story. Mom and Dad, thank you for loving me and always supporting me. Sissy, thank you for teaching me how to be a godly woman and I can't wait till next year. Hannah, best friends for ten years, and I couldn't be more thankful for the countless memories. Taylor, blessed to have you and I could not have gotten this far without you. "ET phone home". Grace, You will always be my twin and could never thank you enough for the friendship we have. The Crew, we've been through it all wouldn't trade the experiences for anything.



Blake Sutphen



Josh Sumner



I have grown and changed in many different ways over the last four years. I have been blessed with some great friends and role models while at WCA. I cannot thank Steph enough for helping to make me what I am and continuing to help me become what I want to be. Her influence is invaluable and I have learned so much from her. I have also learned immeasurably from Coach Boesch, Coach Schall, and both Coach Meyers. They have taught me about myself and helped me to find what I am passionate about. My best wishes to the cross country and track teams, I am sure you'll do well in the future.



Baseball⁴



Travis Ralls, class of 2014

Four years in a row St. Louis has dominated the baseball world in both the major leagues and in high school baseball. The WCA Varsity baseball team has been the talk of St. Louis baseball for years due to their talent and their success. The team triumphed at state for the fourth consecutive year. Sporting powder blue, the boys added another ring to the collection.

Travis Ralls, class of 2014, smashed a walk off home run in the first round of districts against Lutheran South, bringing in a Wildcat win.

"Travis was always in the batting cages. He was the first one on the field and the last one to leave" said Ben Sems, junior. "He was always humble and a great leader to the team. It was the second game in a row he hit a walk off home run, and he got the job done" said Joseph Curtis, senior.

St. Louis is also known as a Cardinal Nation, and the beloved Cardinals brought yet another NLDS victory. Throughout the season, sports analysts said that the Cardinals cannot hit home runs. Their claims were crushed by home run after home run throughout the entire division series. Kolten Wong had his Travis Ralls moment and drove in the victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers. Both the Cardinals and the Westminster Wildcats proved yet again that St. Louis is a baseball dynasty.



Sydney Stillman and Madison Stoecker, seniors. Photo Credit: Madison Stoecker



The Varsity Team poses after their well earned win. Photo Credit: Westminster Facebook Page



Lucy Kehr, Jack Linton, and Margo Koby, juniors. Photo Credit: Jack Linton



Luke Matheny, senior, Sarah Betz, senior, and Tyler Catlett, class of 2014. Photo Credit: Sarah Betz

Chrissy Talent



Well everyone, this is it. We've made it through high school. Congratulations to us. Dad, thank you for your wisdom. Mom, thank you for believing in me. Michael, thank you for making me laugh. Kate, thank you for caring for me. Grandma, thank you for your generosity. And to my friends--thank you for always being there for me. I'm proud to call you my friends. I love you all, and wish you the best. Stay in touch!

"The Lord will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to his steadfast love."--Lamentations 3:31-32



Amber Terlouw



Well school is finally over and I am going to have to say I will miss it. I have learned a lot and owe everyone a few hundred thank yous. I want to say thanks to my friends who taught me how to be a normal teenager and accepted me when I wasn't. Thanks to Mrs. Harding and Dr. Shaw for helping me discover my love of science. I want to thank both my Mom and Dad for all the time and energy they have sacrificed for me. Last of all it has been a honor to work with all of my "minions." You all have great potential; take care of the electronics team and S&E club.



Bo Thomas



"The great thing to remember is that though our feelings come and go. God's love for us does not."
- C.S. Lewis -



Samuel Thomas



High school, something that has been a grand adventure from the start. I owe it all to God who has helped me through it all. Thank you to my parents who have invested countless hours in editing my papers and driving me all over creation. Swim team guys, ya'll are some of my best friends. Thank you to my coaches who have pushed me and help mold me into the person I am. You have taught me not only the sport but about life. Thank you to my teachers who have invested in my academics and taught me so much.



Sydney Thomas



Makiya Thompson



I would like to thank my family and friends for supporting me in every way, shape and form! Mom, thank you for encouraging me. I would've never come this far without you. Dad, thank you for believing in me. It means so much to hear that you are proud of me. Jeremiah, you are so going to miss me when I leave! Please don't turn my room into a weight room! Most importantly, "I love the LORD, FOR HE HEARD MY VOICE; HE HEARD MY CRY FOR MERCY. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live" (Psalm 116:1-2).



Why Are You Here?

Some may have found it hard to believe that when people went to school with their siblings it could be difficult, disappointing, annoying and sometimes fun.

In this case, being the older brother was already hard enough when siblings were a grade below.

"Being the oldest and having my younger sister go to the same school as me is difficult because I have to drive her everywhere and we argue a lot about the music we listen to in the car," said Charlie Zone, sophomore.

Being an older brother on the other hand is actually fun for some people. For example, Robert Davis, junior, thinks it's not that bad having a younger sister in most of his classes.

"It's enlightening to have my younger sibling go here because it informed me that I needed to protect her. It's also fun because she helped me with me with homework when I need it the most," said Davis.



Abby Lowe, eighth grade, and **Lauren Lowe**, sophomore, on vacation at Kent Falls. They had a great bonding experience with each other and their family.



Sydney Dark, freshman, and **Lexie Dark**, sophomore, on a family vacation. "Having my sister go to the school as me is annoying because she embarrass' me, sometimes she steals my stuff, and the list goes on and on," said Dark.

Kurt Weinberg, freshman, **Haley Weinberg**, junior, and **Corey Weinberg**, senior, prepare for the first day of the 2014-2015 school year. Driving to school on the first day was easy for the Wienbergs to ride in the car.

Allyson Trakas



High school has been an incredible journey and I couldn't have done it without my amazing family. Thank you for your constant love and support no matter what. Thank you God, for the countless blessings and for showing me your unfailing grace daily. To all of my friends- we did it! These past four years would not have been the same without you. Thanks for the all memories, I love you all. Now it's time to move on, and we're ready. MIZZOU-RAH.



Rachel Urban



Mom, you are hilarious and amazing. Thanks for teaching me how to be humble and how to bake. Dad, you're a stud. I hope I can be as tough and hard-working as you are. Jenny, you're a hoot and I love you. Thanks for being the wisest little sister. Tori, you've taught me the importance of kindness and adventure, dontcha know. Thanks for being smarter than me, sis. Teachers, thanks for teaching me how to love learning. Friends, I love you all and I am so very blessed by you all! PC girls, love you always! Shoutout to Sacagawa and Faqualipgloss, Prince Paul, tiedye-thanks for being my sisters. God, thanks for being awesome. 1 Cor. 13:4-8



Jacob Waller



Stories? Yup. Lots of stories, tons of memories. All thanks to my rad family and friends. Mama Waller, you've been clutch. Through it all, you're always there for me. Dad? Your constant presence and advice to make me a Christian man are valued. Rebecca, you know we can bounce back from anything to make each other laugh. Y'all are my rock. Friends, you've made life so much more worth living. The four musketeers have oddly stuck together for four years. Sexy seven, our groupchat is life. Team no sleep, we do what we do best: innate failures to sleep. God? Yeah you've always been there too. Thanks for being my Savior. 1 John 2:15-17. Peace. Keep rockin', Academy.



Ivy Wang



I am so thankful that I've been given wonderful family and friends from God. It is a really special experience to study at Westminster, I am so glad that I meet all the nice people here. Mom and dad, thank you for letting me make my own decisions. Always stand by me, support me, and love me. It is hard to be far away from my family. All my friends, thank you for all the supports and happiness you've been gave to me, you are always the warm part in my life. Lastly, my host family, thank you for taking care of me and treat me as part of the family. It is really blessed to stay with you.



before **BAE** any one else... Or Nahh

Through out the years sayings come and go like a passing trend soon to be replaced by the newest internet fad. The time period known for it's anti-war protests and eight track tapes introduced the saying "can you dig it?" From the generation that brought scrunchies and leg warmers, "bad to the bone" became a part of typical teenage vocabulary. Of course the beloved 90s known for it's movies and music made "I'm Outtie" a common phrase, but fast forwarding to this year the phrases used are a bit more obscure. Born and raised in the internet these seven words have woven way through modern society.



Katherine Yenzer, Moira Wright, Hallie Kaiping, Alayna Marusiodis, Allison Thoenen, Paris Hubler, sophomores, and Lacy Rapp, junior attended the cardinals in celebration of Alayna's sixteenth birthday. "For the love of **squad**," said Marusiodis in an Instagram post. Photo Courtesy of Emily Jo Barker.

Hannah Haugewood and Mary Kate Kopsky, sophomores, dressed as Ana and Elsa, attend a Halloween Swing Dance. "Hannah's and my costume is on point," said Kopsky. Photo Courtesy of Emily Jo Barker.



Taylor Wright, Emily Sulewski, Mary Kathryn Hancock, Whitney Dykstra, Marissa Rasch, seniors, participates in the annual junior-senior powder puff game. "Just me, causally **slaying**," said Hancock. Photo Courtesy of Mary Kathryn Hancock.



Squad - Crew, posse, gang: an informal group of individuals with a common identity and a sense of solidarity. **Bae**- stands for Before Anyone Else or more formally known as the Danish word for poop.

YASSSSSS- A phrase people say, typically girls, when they are extremely excited about something.

On point- To be perfect; to satisfy your own or someone else' standards. I.E. "Paris is always on point."

About a week ago- A dance typically associated with the song Hot Boy by Bobby Shmurda.

Or nahh- A slang combination of words that means "or not". Usually following a clicking sound of the tongue.

Slay- To have 'killed it' or succeed in doing something amazing.

Blake Weaver



I want to thank my Mom, Dad and sister for all of their love and support over the years. Your guidance and wisdom will help me as I go off to college. I want to give a shout out to Caleb Miller, David Becker, Cooper Hickox and Olivia Bauer for all of the unforgettable memories. Love you guys!



Matt Weber



Mom and Dad, thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend Westminster. I would also like to thank my two sisters for helping me through my high school experience. To the basketball coaches, thank you for always pushing me to be the best that I can be and never giving up on me. Finally, to my closest friends Will, Jordan, Sam, Tim, and Jacob, we have made so many memories together and I hope that many more will come throughout our college experience.



Carey Weinberg



First I want to thank God for guiding me through these six years. I credit Him with the amazing experience I've had. I also want to thank my wonderful parents who have supported me this entire time. Their constant encouragement has been amazing. Kurt and Haley, you guys are the best. I'm especially grateful for the group of friends I have and the funny memories I won't forget. You guys made these years some of the best I'll ever have.



Sydney Weiss



I cannot believe high school is coming to an end. Time has flown by. First I would like to thank God for blessing me with an amazing family and friends. To my family, thank you for your unconditional love and support. I could not have made it these past 18 years without you. To my friends, I am so thankful for all of you and I can't help but smile when I think about all the memories we have made. Last but not least, thank you to Merilee who has forever changed my life. I can't imagine life without you.



Daniel Welker



Four years here have been crazy and wonderful. Every second has been interesting, and I've made great choices right alongside really stupid ones. Dad, Mom, Broseph, Tori, I love you and am thankful for all your support. Chrissy, Becca, you stuck with me through it all. Audrey, you're like a little sister to me (I'm totally sneaking back for your graduation). Egan, Johnny: we're totally sticking together through college. Orchestra, you've been one of the dearest things to me all four years. AV club, same goes to you: it's been an honor and a joy to serve among you. Everyone, I couldn't have done this crazy thing called high school without all of you supporting me every step. Thank you.



Fisher Wells



I would like to thank my parents. Mom, I would not have been able to do this without your help. All the day-to-day guidance and home cooked meals will be greatly missed next year. Dad, you have inspired me these past four years. I could not have asked for a better father figure. Carter and Dylan, you are my best friends and all these childhood memories will never be forgotten. You guys mean so much to me. I could not have asked for a better family. They have shaped who I am now and who I will become. I love you guys. I would like to thank my second family the Suntrups Craig, Chris, John, and Josh for making my four years a great time. May the Kia sales be with you.



Seniors



Chloe Wimpfheimer, freshman, said that she doesn't want her class to be a class that is not united. Also pictured above, **Jessica Wilson**, freshmen, claims that she does not want Westminster to become the stereotypical high school.



Ashley Zone, freshman, said that she is afraid of the competition that may come along within the friend groups in their class. She doesn't want "cliques" to become a thing in her grade.

Freshmen fears

High School could be a scary thing to be going into from middle school. Especially when kids were going to be the freshmen. Many freshmen feared the thought of going into high school. Some of them had different fears than others.

"The thing that I am most scared about is all of the homework that I will get. I have heard that it can be overwhelming and stressful, so that is what I am most scared about for high school", said Mikey Lavar, freshmen. Christopher Faust, freshmen, said, "homework is the thing that I am definitely the most afraid of, that is what I have heard is the worst in high school."

Most freshmen seemed to be the most scared of the work load that comes along with high school. While it may have seemed like all of the freshmen were scared of this, other freshmen had different fears of high school. Including the people and friend groups.

Michael Weston



Mom and Dad, Thanks for taking care of me and sending me to Westminster. It was one of the best decisions you have ever made. I just want to say thank you to everyone at WCA for making me the person I am today. There are too many people to thank for everything, so I won't. To all the friends I've made, stay in touch. I hope all of you find fulfillment in college and beyond. Lastly, I want to thank Papa and Gran for all the support you have given me. I will never forget my experiences at Westminster and I will never take them for granted.



Grace Wickham



High school passed by fast, but it was a great experience. Mom and dad, thank you for your love and support. I have been so blessed to have been raised by two amazing people. Faith, thank you so much for being such a loving, caring, and supportive sister. I can't wait to hear about how being the only child is once I go off to college. VDT, you guys keep on dancing for the audience of One. I will definitely come back and watch you dance. VDT for life! No matter where life takes me, St. Louis will always be in my heart.



Charisse Williams



Thank you God for putting wonderful people & opportunities in my life. My whole family you guys have supported me for eighteen years, and I appreciate you. To my parents you guys made this possible for me, and gave me the opportunities, love and support, for school and sports that got me here. I love and appreciate you so much, and I can't express what a blessing you are to me. Drew, Whit and Cam thanks for always having my back, DB's try not to kill each other when I leave, I love you guys. To my friends thanks for great memories that we've shared that makes life fun, love you. Basketball and soccer girls I love you guys! CCC <3 Beyonce and Iggy



Ashlyn Wiggins



Mumsy and daddio, I know I don't always act like it but I am so thankful that you guys are my parents. You both have done so much for me and I honestly am grateful. I couldn't have asked for better parents. Tay and Ry, love you. Saenea, you have been an incredible friend to me. I'm truly blessed by your friendship. To the rest of my friends, I would not have made it through school without you guys. You have helped me through hard times, always make me laugh, and allow me to be my true self. You guys have made school memorable. Lastly I want to thank God for how he has blessed me. I am truly grateful.



High Adventure



Andrew Eichenlaub, senior, waves from the face of Mount Gerlossteinwand in Austria. "Climbing a mountain was possibly the coolest experience I have ever had, it was definitely one of the highlights of my trip," said Eichenlaub. The climb took over 6 hours to complete, as he trekked and climbed nearly 3,000 ft. to summit.



Emma Gion, freshman, waves while scuba diving. Gion traveled to the Florida Keys over the summer to become scuba certified. Gion recounts, "When I was on my dive a bunch of fish swam over me, then I looked over and about five feet away from me was a big nurse shark! It was really cool, but scary!" Now certified, Emma can join her family on dives all over the world.



Jack Southwell, senior, soars high above the Swiss Alps with his guide. Jack and his mother traveled to Switzerland, and stumbled upon a paragliding service. "I was insured 60,000 Swiss Franks, no more. The scariest part was taking off, but we got about a 30 minute flight. Probably the best 30 minutes of my life," remarks Southwell.

Every great story begins with an opportunity, and someone crazy enough to capitalize on it. Anyone can conquer mountains, take over the sky, or explore the sea. In their mind. It takes a special individual to act on these ideas and make their dreams into a reality. When you sit down one day with your grandkids, what stories do you want to be able to tell them? What's holding you back from taking that step? Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing at all. Take the limits off, dream up something crazy, *And Now, Go!*

"The coolest experience I have ever had"

- Andrew Eichenlaub, Senior

Seniors

Collin Willis



David Williams



Mom and Dad, thank you for always loving me and being there every step of the way. You have demonstrated the way to live. Steve, you are a crazy kid but an amazing friend and I love you. Football has made the biggest impact on me at Westminster, teaching me many life lessons. I would not trade the friends and memories for anything. Thanks most of all for Jesus, who has given Himself so I can be saved and have a purpose for my life.



Saenea Williams



Dear heavenly Father, I'd like to thank you for allowing me to get through these six years! I am very grateful that it is coming to an end. Thank you Tirzah, Lazarus, and Cheyenne for dealing with my weirdness all these years. Tirzah and Lazarus, high school does not go by nearly as quickly as everyone says it does, so brace yourself. Cheyenne, I love you, stay strong! Mom, thank you for always being my #1 cheerleader and always being there for me. Dad, thanks for pushing me to be my best from the 5 a.m. workouts to the academic struggles. Whenever I'm frustrated, I hear your voice, "Don't tell me about the pain, just deliver the baby!"



Erika Wilson



Thank you God for helping me get through Westminster, and for making it such a positive experience. Mom and Dad, thank you so much for your undying support for me. I know I don't always say it, but I love you and appreciate everything that you do for me. J, please don't lose touch when I leave. You're such a big part of my life. I know I annoy you at times, but it's all because I love you to the moon and back. To all of my friends, thank you so much for always just being there! I truly would not have made it through high school without you all. I love you all so much!



Kayla Wilson



To God Be the Glory for all the marvelous things He has done in my life. This has been a tremendous journey and I am thankful for all of the wonderful friends made and my awesome family support. To my mom and dad, I Love you both. Mom, you are awesome! Words cannot begin to express my gratitude for all you have done and the sacrifices you have made to allow me this wonderful opportunity. To my big brother and best friend, Anthony -- awesome guy - I love you! To my crew (you know who you are), it's been amazing - "the struggle is real", but God saw us through. GOD, never could have made it without you!



Morgan Winkelmeier



Mom and Dad, thanks for all the love and support. I couldn't have asked for better parents and I love you both so much. Maddy, thanks for always having my back and being my bff since 7th grade. Love you and all our memories! Mk, I love you so much sister and I don't what I'd do without ya. Selena and Vanessa forever, and of course Mk>Joe. Taylor Wrong, Dolan pls. WhitNay, I still love Bubba. Emily, Liger buddy since 7th grade. Maurice, tbt to the Jason Aldean concert junior year with Mk lol. Love you all and keep it one hunna.





Azaria Foster, Taylor Montgomery, and Rachel Middleton, juniors and **Emily Hoffman**, sophomore, meet after school with Mr. Hughes to prepare for their next visit to Delmar Gardens. Hoffman said, "One of the women, Joanne, was frustrated she wasn't winning. She was laughing and got up and said 'I'm quitting!' She had such a funny personality."



Sarah Ragsdale, junior, was one of the ten students that went to play Bingo with the residents at Delmar Gardens. "They were all happy and very glad we came to play with them," said Emily Hoffman, sophomore. *Photo Credit: Azaria Foster*



Michelle Morley, sophomore, plays Bingo with the residents. Morley said, "to see the courage in these people and how they fight everyday to have a brighter future and not just die is so admiring." *Photo Credit: Azaria Foster*



Alyssa Freiner, junior, plays Bingo with one the couples at Delmar Gardens. Freiner said "The woman I was sitting next to was particularly witty and at one point she even said 'what the heck!' I was shocked by how down to earth and in touch with everything they were." *Photo Credit: Azaria Foster*



Taylor Montgomery, junior, calls out letters and numbers in an intense game of Bingo. Montgomery said, "Joanne is someone I would want to go back and visit. She was nice, and I like nice old people." *Photo Credit: Azaria Foster*

Old Friends

Imagine yourself 65 years from now. Out of school and retired from your dream job. Left with wonderful memories of growing up, friends you made, and experiences you've had, now living in a place with many other people just like this. Ten WCA students met people whose stories were exactly that when they decided to go to Delmar Gardens and visit the residents there. Mr. Hughes, Biblical Ethics teacher, took the group of students there after school to play Bingo.

"The women were very proud of their bingo skills, so we ended up being "tutored" more than we actually played," said Alyssa Freiner, junior. She said the women were all sarcastic and witty, just like best friends! "Their personalities were so entertaining, I definitely can't wait to go back and get to know them better," said Freiner. Olivia Coomes, senior, was one of the ten students that went. She said "A lot of them really got into the game, which made me laugh."

This idea was started by sophomore, Michelle Morley. "The reason I created this club was because on Wednesdays, ever since fourth grade, I have been going to Delmar and playing games or Rummikub with them," says Morley, "I love going. It's sort of like getting to hang out your grandparents that you may not see very often." She started trying to create this club for Westminster in eighth grade and finally got a teacher supervisor this year! "Mr. Hughes said yes! We are very lucky to have him," said Morley. Thanks to Michelle, Westminster has brought many smiles to Delmar.

Not only do the residents really enjoy the student's visits, but it has given the students a chance to meet people and make friends they never would have thought they could make.



Azaria Foster, junior, smiles with a resident of Delmar Gardens. Foster also went to Delmar with the group. If you won Bingo, you got 50 cents. Multiple students that went said this was very intense and exciting for the residents there. "It's a pretty big deal!" said Olivia Coomes, senior.

Tripp Worley



I've been blessed with not only an amazing school, but amazing friends and family. Mom and Dad, thanks for always supporting me in everything I do. Davis, thanks for being such a funny little spirit in my life. My family has been nothing but a pleasure to have around. A great circle of friends have done nothing but allow me to grow in a healthy way, and I hope I've helped them do the same. It's been an amazing year full of amazing people and amazing things. I cannot help but attribute them as a "God-thing". I'm glad that Westminster has matured and readied me, because just like in baseball, there's no crying in college.



Taylor Wright



Mom and Dad, thank you for being the most selfless and caring parents I could ever ask for. Your never ending love and support means the world to me. Finnley, I am so grateful that I get to call you my sister and I can't wait to see what amazing things you do in life. Emily, you are my rock and my other half. I love you more than you'll ever know, ET phone home. Riss, Whit, and MK, thanks for the insane memories. You hooligans bring so much joy to my life. The Crew, wow we actually made it! We had a crazy ride, but I wouldn't have wanted to go through it with anyone else. Love you guys.



Brendan Yeager



God, thank you for these past four years of high school with many great friends and family. Thank You Mom and dad for being there for me and loving me. Thank you for cheering me on at all my soccer games and track meets. Teammates, thanks for all the good times and memories. Thank you to my sisters for being the greatest siblings. I owe much love to my friends who have encouraged me and loved me through good times and bad.



Lara Yeager



I can only accredit the amazing blessings that I have been provided to God. Thank you to my family for always providing endless love and support in every decision I made. I love you all enormously. And to all my friends: You all mean the world to me and I can't imagine life without you. Thank you for sticking with me through all the crazy times and making me laugh no matter what the circumstance. I think you have added at least ten years to my life. I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for us these next few years. Sorry WCA for never being in dress code.





Lauren Alldredge

Lauren,
It has been a blessing watching you grow up before our very eyes. We are proud of the woman God has grown you to be. Your beauty inside and out is evident in your kindness towards others, gentle, quiet spirit, and diligence in all that you do. Remember to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength. We love you, Sweetheart, and believe that God has a good plan for your life.
Mom and Dad



Ellie Bacon

Ellie,
You are our first-born, the child we "learned" on. You turned out amazing despite us! We will miss your sense of humor, your insightful comments, and beautiful sweet smile. You have such remarkable focus and dedication when pursuing your goals. This will serve you well in college and in life. Don't forget to have FUN!
We love you so much, Mom and Dad



Courtney Beat

Courtney, Sissy Pie, Corky, Sassafras, Number One, your beauty shines bright from within you. Remember God loves you in every moment, so know he is in control and has a perfect plan for your life. Surround yourself with those who see greatness in you. Remember, home is where the heart is and we will always treasure our time with you there and all the special moments we've shared. Go be the best you can be! XOXO Love, Mom & Dad



David Becker

David, "little brother," "youngest child" we now realize you no longer need a partner for Star Wars monopoly! Even though we want you to stay the "baby" of our family we realize what a wonderful young man you have grown into. We are so proud of all of your accomplishments. We are excited to see what will happen in the next steps of your journey. We love you very much, Mom, Dad, Cori, Abby, Michael will miss my "little buddy."



Rachel Charles

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you, and to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). God blessed us by sending you; He has blessed you with many gifts that will glorify Him. As you go into the world, trust in the plan that God has for you, and know that your family will always defend you, support you, and be proud of you. We love you.
Abby, Jesse, Mom, and Dad



Joanna Disch

Joanna,
You came into our lives as a little pink bundle to follow three brothers and completed our family. You brought dresses and ballet classes, then art and horses, poetry and cupcakes. We are so proud of the strong woman you have become, and can't wait to see what plans God has for you in this great adventure. We love you!
Mom, Dad, Tyler, Eric, and Kyle



Whitney Dykstra

Whitney,
We are so proud of the beautiful, smart, fun woman you are becoming. We smile knowing God has great plans for you. Jeremiah 29:11.
Love
Mom, Dad and Dani



Amanda Ebert

Our sweet and precious girl! From the moment you were born, you have been a ray of sunshine in our family. Besides being silly and fun, you have always seemed wise and thoughtful beyond your years. We are so very proud of you, and we cannot wait to see what the Lord has in store for you! We know your future will involve staying strong in your faith and serving Him faithfully. Love you!
Mom, Dad & Jeremy



Becca Eis

Becca, You are a blessing to your family and friends. You have a kind, gentle spirit and desire to serve God every day. Continue to seek after Him and let His love shine through you. We love you and look forward to seeing God's plan revealed in your life. Philippians 1:9-11 Love, Mom and Dad. It's hard to believe that my little sis is already all grown up. I can't wait to see what you're going to do now! Love, Sarah



Bianca Esparza-Burr

Bianca,
Congratulations on your High School Graduation! We are so very proud of you and look forward to what God has for your future!
Love,
Dad and Mom



Harrison Farmer

Harrison, as your parents we thank you for bringing us honor. From the time you entered our lives, we have enjoyed and been blessed by you. We pray you will continue to bring glory to God through the gifts and talents He has entrusted to you. We charge you to know and remember to steward all you are and have to God's glory. May your ministry cause heaven to be a little more crowded. Soli Deo gloria. We love you.



Michael Fiore

For 4.5 amazing years at WCA we have seen you bring out your best. We are so proud of you. Be confident and look the world right in the eye, be fearless and do your best at everything you touch. The world is and will continue to be better because you are in it. Love, Mom and Dad



Matthew Goebel

Matthew, You are our gift from God. You are so loved by your family! Ever since you were born, you have brought us joy! You have a servant's heart filled with kindness. You have loved your family and friends well. You have compassion towards those who need a friend. We are so proud of you! We are excited to see where God uses you because He has a mighty work for you to do. We love you! Mom & Dad
I Corinthians 9:24-27



Johnny Hardin

Johnny: I can't express in words how proud we are of you! I am amazed at how you've matured. You have overcome so much to become the talented, deep-thinking, loyal, caring, fun-loving & handsome young man we know and love! I thank God for giving me the best son I could ask for. Live loved and confident in the Lord; He has a perfect plan for you! Love, Mom, Dad & Allison



Mary Heyl

Mary, The years have gone by too fast. You have taught us much with your brave and gentle ways. Your tender heart blesses all who meet you. We are proud to be your parents. Always remember Psalm 37:4 delight yourself in the lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Love, Mom and dad



Bailey Hiatt

Dear Bailey, We are blessed to have you as our daughter. What a gift from God you are. You have always brought smiles and joy to our hearts, and today that continues. You are a young woman of faith, wisdom, goodness, kindness, knowledge and talent. Carry our love and blessing with you in the next chapter of your life and on. (Jer 29:11) Love, Mom and Dad



Adrienne Horn

Loving, full of life, creative, athletic; that's our Adrienne. God has blessed us with a young woman that is beautiful inside and out. You have many God-given gifts, and it's a joy to watch you use them. Let Him into every area of your life, and He'll lead you as you are "still" and listen. We look forward to seeing your bright future unfold. We love you with abandon and will continue to pray faithfully for you. Mom and Dad



Joshua Huber

I love you, thank you for always being there for me! Give me all your gifcards! Love Samantha A blessing from the day you were born and forever keeping me grounded and amused with your fun loving nature and easy-going spirit. You will always be in our hearts and the reason for a smile on our face. Love Mom.
You have grown to be a great young man with a heart for the Lord. We love and are proud of you - seek His will always. Love Dad



Julia Johnson

Julia, It has been a joy to watch you grow from a darling little girl into an accomplished young lady. Your sweet smile, forgiving spirit, and genuine love and concern for those around you are beautiful. Your dedication to God, family, friends, and hard work is inspiring. Recognize that life is a gift. Live in a way that glorifies God and benefits others. With Him, there is no limit to what you can do! Love, Dad & Mom



Madison Massot

Madison, It has been a joy to watch you grow in life and love in the Lord. You are a sweet and caring daughter, sister and friend with a compassionate heart, willingness to serve, and steady, calm drive to do your best for His glory. (Colossians 3:17) We are excited to see how God uses you as you move to this new stage of life. We love you so much! Love, Mom and Dad



Luke Matheny

Phil.4:13. It is hard to believe you are off to college. You are more than ready to go and we are so excited to see what the Lord has planned for you. Stand tall in your beliefs and never waiver from who you are. You are an incredible young man who has so much to offer the world around you. We love you very much. Mom & Dad



Sarah McFarland

Sarah, we are so grateful that God put you in our lives. We love your feisty and passionate spirit. We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become standing firm in your beliefs. We promise to love and support you as you seek to discover your God-given unique mission in life. We will always love you unconditionally. Mom and Dad



Parker Mitchem

Park, We are very proud of the young man you have become. God blessed us with you. It has been a lot of fun watching you grow and mature. Congratulations in all your accomplishments. We can't wait to see what God has planned for your future. Love, Mom and Dad



David Pruitt

David, It has been 18 years since you arrived as our "Bama Baby." You have always had an engaging smile that has never changed. God blessed us with you many years ago and every day since. Always continue to share your joy, humor, and kindness with others as you have shared with us. From your favorite book, we will always "love you right up to the moon--and back." Love, Mom and Dad



Brianna Richards

Dear Tookie! I love you so much and I'm so proud of the young woman you've become! You were always a very outgoing and social little person. Your personality would light up the room. Just like your dad, you've never met a stranger. You've always been very kind to people and not afraid to stand up for what's right. I am so excited to see what God has in store for you. Continue to walk in His purpose! Love Mom



Karagen Rogers

From your first steps across the living room in Hastings to your steps across the graduation platform in Saint Louis, you have been our greatest gift. You have certainly changed over the years, but your loving nature continues. Within you shines a beautiful light that provides comfort and joy to others. Hold on to that light while you walk down God's path. Love, Mom and Dad.



Madaline Ross

Madaline, How grateful we are that the Lord entrusted you to us. You are creative, determined, compassionate and lovely. You have added such an incredible amount of "happy" to our world! Enjoy this special time in your life, we are so proud of who you've become. Remember, Psalm 121 "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills; From whence shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord who made Heaven and earth." We love you, Mom & Dad xo3



Angelina Steck

God's greatest blessings have always been you, Christine, and Nicholas. You've brought laughter and joy to our family, along with a bit of mumbling under your breath. God challenged you with 4 surgeries in 3 years and you never lost your focus, determination, or ability to slam a door! God entrusted you to us and we have loved almost every minute if it. He has a great and unique plan for you. Always remember that. We love you more than mere words can describe. Love, Dad, Mom, Chris, & Nick



Madison Stoecker

Madison, as God's gift to us you have grown in wisdom and kindness, becoming our gift to God. We pray you've learned to meditate on the Lord as much as you have learned to study his creation and the disciplines of life. You're a constant joy in our home and we look forward to watching you in this next phase of life, believing we will always walk a path together. A daughter is her mother's treasure and her father's delight.



Kevin Stump

We thank God every day for blessing us with you! Your sharp wit, brilliant mind, and compelling work ethic are just a few of your many gifts that we admire. You have always sought after the truth and challenge that which is presented to you- and we became better parents because of it. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." Matthew 5:6. Love, Mom, Dad, Mark, Brent and Curtis



Collin Willis

Collin, You have grown from a sweet little boy into a kind young man. Your dad, Olivia and I are so proud of all your accomplishments so early in life. I have watch your determination, strength and dedication when you apply yourself to things you are passionate about. I continue to be amazed with you. God has gifted you with such a gentle and giving heart. We love you and are so proud of you! Love Mom, Dad, & Olivia



Morgan Winkelmeier

God truly blessed us the day he placed you in our arms. Your beauty shines from inside out and you will always be our little sunshine. We are so excited to watch you start a new chapter in your life and know that you will soar! We thank God for sharing you with us and pray that you will continue to always trust in The Lord with all your heart (Proverbs 3:5-6). We love you up to the moon and back, Mom & Dad

Riley Adkisson

Riley, we love having a front row seat as the Lord works in you and through you.

We're still praying He makes you dangerous for the Kingdom!

We love you!



Ellie Bacon



Ellie, we can't wait to see what God has in store for you! "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 Love, Mom, Dad, Teddy, and Nina

Sydney Arnold

My sweet Sydney! I am so proudd of the beautiful young woman you are becoming. You are such a joy in my life and I am very blessed to be your mother. I know God has wonderful things in store for your life! All my love, "Jillerz" :)



Will Barry

William, we are so proud of the young man you have become. As each year passes you have shown us how strong your faith and character are by the wise choices you have made. If you continue on this path you will be successful in whatever God has planned for you. We love you more than you can ever imagine! Love Mom and Dad

Will, thanks for being the best little brother anyone could ever ask for. #trillwill Love, John



Trent Briden

At four, we discovered you entertaining on the grand piano at the MAC Easter brunch, and we knew you were something special! Whether pursuing your music, wrestling, academics or faith, you display a passion and determination that leaves us mesmerized. You've won our hearts with your songs and our respect with your actions. We wish you every blessing as you continue on an adventure in Christ, held fast in His truth and love. We love you Trent and remain your forever fans! Mom, Dad, Parker, Chad and Kirkie.



Emily Broyles

Congratulations sweet Emily Kate! We love and admire the Godly woman you have become. You have been amazingly strong and sure of who you are in Christ. We have watched you learn many lessons but we have learned from your pure heart and strong convictions. You have been a great role model and friend for Sarah, Jake and Josh. The friendship between you and Sarah is like no other. We could not be more proud. Love You- Mom and Dad



Callie Christen

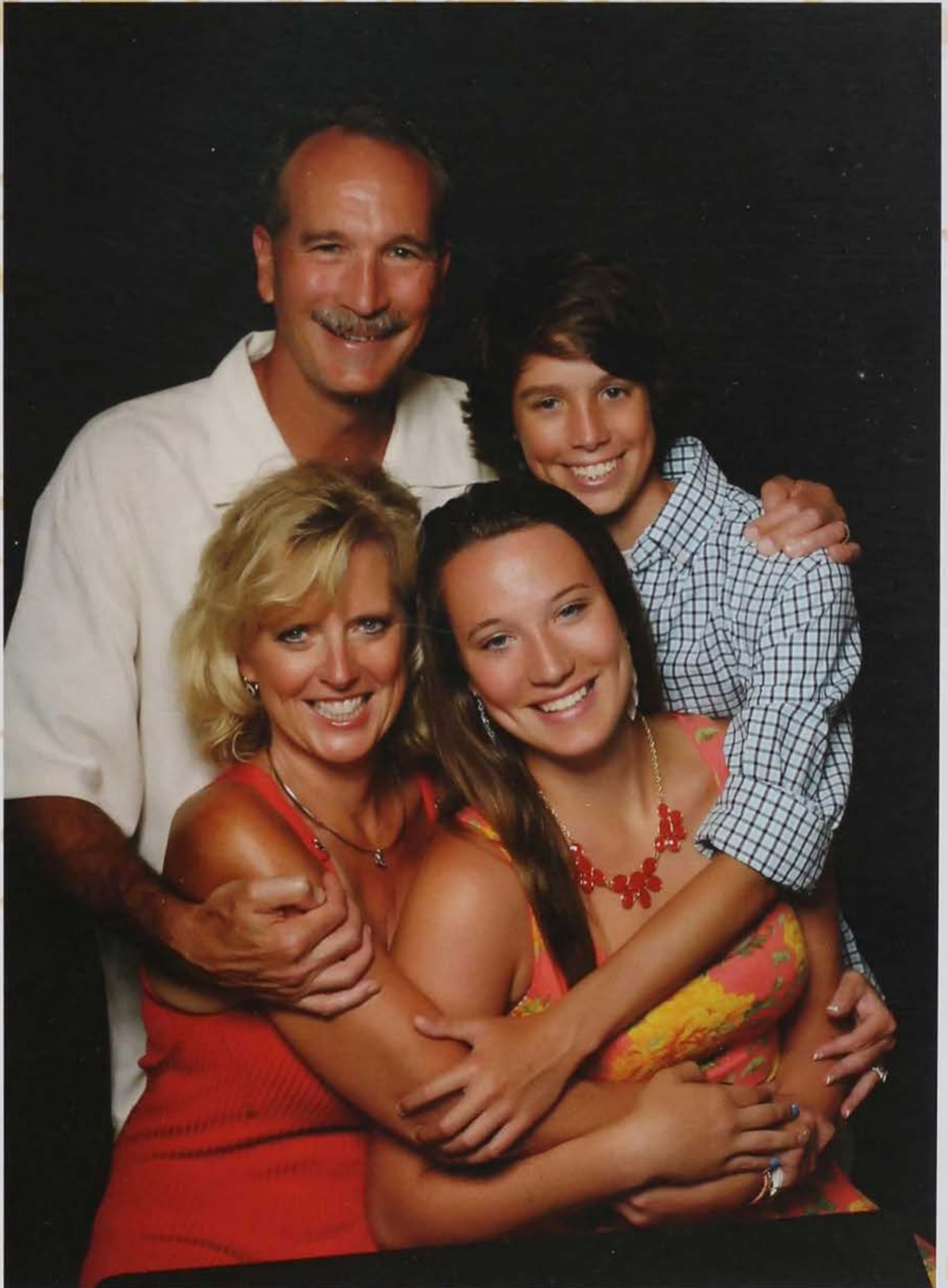
Callie,
You've worked hard and come so far. We love you and are so proud to be your parents. We thank God for the blessing of you. - Mom and Dad



Courtney Beat



We are shepherds of God's children for a brief time; then they follow the Lord's path on their own. Our life with Courtney has been a special blessing, cheering on her athletic accomplishments and rejoicing in her personal strength. She's the master of ceremonies at our home and enriches our family with creativity. Defining Out-of-the-Box and Laughing out LOUD, her joyful personality is contagious. Perseverance and determination have carried her forward. Sissy, trusting your future will be full of life, love, and laughter. We are proud of who you have become! Love Mom, Dad, & Brandon.



Sean Appelbaum

You have become a wonderful young man. We are proud of your hard work at school and with soccer. We will miss you and may God continue to bless you!
Love, Dad, Mom, Tim, Jacob, Nate, Josh, and Jeremy



Olivia Bauer

Olivia, You have made me so proud! "The joy of the Lord is your strength," (Nehemiah 8:10). I love your buoyant personality and feisty spirit. You are principled, sensible and hard-working. And you will always be my angel, my eskimo, my baby girl ~Love, Mom



Sarah Betz



Sweet Sarah,
Our compassionate, loving, hard-working, amazing gift! We are so proud of you. We hope that you will always cherish your time at Westminster. Continue to follow and rely on the Lord. Always shine His light as you move on to UK and beyond.
All our love,
Mom, Dad and Meg

Brendan Bognar

Brendan,
You are a source of love, joy, and blessing to us. God blessed you with a big heart. Compassion and kindness is your character. We are proud of you on the field but more so off. Dream big, pray always, and trust God with all your heart to guide you.
Love you forever,
Mom, Dad, Erin



Lily Duell



Hooray Lily Jane! Lovely, Luminescent, Brightening the World with Laughter and God's Light. The exclamation point in our family! Stylish, perceptive, tenderhearted. We adore you always. Go Southern Girl! BooYah! Mom & Dad



Sam Dunne

Sam,
I blinked and now you're graduating. It went too fast. You have been a joy- happy, energetic and full of life. You are gifted in so many ways and I know that God has good plans for you. I will love you always and am so blessed to have you as my son. Love, Mom

Sam,
What an incredible feeling it has been to sit back and witness the first 18 years of your life. I will cherish forever the times we have spent together during weekend lunches, rides to and from your games, our talks, and all of our jokes. I look forward to watching you succeed in the next phases of your life. Love Dad



Madilynn Blum



YOU ARE STRONG
Because you have weathered storms
YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL
Because of your humility
YOU ARE WISE
Because you are teachable
YOU LOVE WELL
Because you don't believe in hate
YOU LAUGH WITH ABANDON
Because you have known sadness
YOU ARE BRAVE
Because you see through illusions
YOU ARE COMPASSIONATE
Because God gave your soul beauty
YOU ARE UNIQUE
Because there is only one Madilynn
Rose

**We Love You,
Love, Mom and Dad
John 10: 27-30**

Ricky Breneman



What an amazing young man you've become! We're excited to see how God continues to use you. Remember His faithfulness in both the mountain tops and the valleys of life. For more words of wisdom or encouragement, look at what all the other wise parents (like the Weinbergs) wrote to their kids and insert your name.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Tim Burford

Tim,
God blessed us with a wonderful son and brother! We are thankful for the many talents He gave you. We are proud of you and the Christian man you have become.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Abby



Josh DeGroot

Dear Josh,
You are a blessing from God! We are so proud of how you persevered throughout the years with the challenges you have faced. We love your quiet, gentle nature. May your faith grow and may you rely on the Lord's guidance as you head into the next chapter of your life. We love you! Mom and Dad



Carson Burke

In this picture you are leading your team to the field. It is significant because you are a leader in so many ways. We love you and are so proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad.



Anna Evans

Dear Anna,
We are so proud of the wonderful and fun Christian lady you have become!
We love you more than words can express,
Dad, Mom, Connor and Lily



Michael Fiore

I believe in you and while our days after high school may be challenging and filled with laughter and a few tears, I will always carry you with me. Your kind words and calling me "Mer" are a part of me. You were my first playmate and will always be my best friend.

Love,
Meryl



Kirsten Caplinger

Dear Kirsten,

It is so hard to express all the love, joy, and pride that we have for you in such few words. You are an amazing young woman! You are strong, beautiful, loyal and genuine, and live your life with such honesty and integrity. Continue to be faithful to God's plans and always seek Him for strength and encouragement. We can't wait to see where you go from here!

We love you forever-
Mom and Dad



Dear Kirsten,
I know through the years we have had our fair share of sibling rivalry, but through all of that, I have learned how you are the best sister a girl could ask for. Thanks for always being there. I love you!
-Chelsea

Tayla Elliot

Congratulations Tayla. We are so proud of you. Stay prayerful as you continue to pursue God throughout your endeavors. Remember Jeremiah 29:11. Love always, Mom, Dad, and Travis.



Ethan Finn

Your incisive wit, your quiet nature, and your nimble mind make you the best of company. We couldn't be prouder of you or more confident in your promise. Love, Mom and Dad



Steven Howell

Steven, Thanks for making child-rearing such a joy! We love you and truly admire the man you have become in Christ. Love him, trust, and be blessed.



Ashley Klein

Ashley, you are such a blessing! We are so proud of you and look forward to seeing what God has in store for you next! Much love, Mom and Dad



Hannah Gilmore



Hannah,
You are a gift from God. You are caring, faithful, loyal, determined, creative, committed, artistic, beautiful and more. You are all we could ask for and we are so excited for what God has in store for you as you continue on your journey. We are very proud of you. Congratulations! We love you.
Love, Mom, Dad and Holly

Matt Goebel



Thank you Mr. Marsh, Dr. Sefrit, administrators, teachers, coaches and staff. When we sent our oldest child to Westminster 13 years ago, we had no idea what an incredible adventure awaited our family. We are so blessed that all four of our children will graduate from WCA. Westminster's faculty and staff have loved on our children, guided and prayed for our children. Teachers, you have taught them well. You have been Christ to them through your actions. God used you to call them out of complacency to lead and serve, to use their hands, feet and minds for Jesus. We thank you for partnering with us to raise warriors who will love and serve Christ. With our love and gratitude,
Tom & Eileen Goebel
Whitney 2006, Andrew 2009,
Kelly 2014, Matthew 2015
"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3

Jacob Chimento



Inquisitive
 Outgoing
 Fun loving
 Hugger
 Talkative
 Energetic
 Chess champion
 Survivor
 Artistic
 Wordsmith
 Athletic
 Keeper
 Determined
 "Stitches"
 Ambitious
 Smart
 Critical
 Boisterous
 Funny
 Loving
 Loyal friend

Bell ringing believer
(Not just making noise)

Lots of words describe you, but they don't do justice to knowing an incredible young man. You make your presence known. God has a plan for you and we're looking forward to seeing it unfold.

Love you bud,
Mom, Dad, Lucas, Lincoln, Becca and Shelby



Chrissy, Megan, and Nathan,

Publications is indeed a balancing act with many spinning plates. You all keep them in the air and without you we'd have china all over the floor. I can't tell you how thankful I am for the work you put in to the yearbook and the newspaper. Have I told you lately that I love you?

Chrissy and Megan, give 'em a good show next year. You are both more than capable.

Nathan, rack 'em up and let's do it again.

To the publications staffs,

If it wasn't for you all I'd have left the profession long ago. You make coming to work not only a fun deal but a rewarding one as well. It is always hard to say good-bye to seniors despite having years of practice at it. Thanks to all of you for the time you gave.

V

Sarah McFarland

Sarah, You are the best sister and I'm so proud of you. I can't wait to see what God does in your life. I love you. Mark



Oluwaranti Oginni



Oluwaranti (God remembers me)! Always remember the godly foundation that we have. Nothing shall be impossible for you as you walk in God's plan for your life.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Lavinia Adcock

Sweet Lavinia, You have been such a blessing since the first day we met you and became your parents. You are so full of kindness, compassion, and joy. We have watched you grow into a remarkable young woman. Your loving heart will carry you through whatever life throws your way. Our prayer is that you continue to be the same kind and caring person that you have been your entire life. We know that God has a special plan for you, and can't wait to see what your future brings. Love always,
Mom and Dad



Emily Broyles

Em- No friendship will ever compare. Thank you for going first and holding my hand all the way. I love you! Sarah



Jay Green

Jay,
Words cannot describe how proud we are of you. Your loving and joyful spirit is not only a blessing to us but also to the world. We love you.

Mom and Dad

Train up a child in the way she should go, and when she is old she will not depart from it. Proverb 22:6



Brittany Hayes

Brittany,

We are so proud of you! We're thankful for the joy you've brought us since you've been born and look forward to seeing where God leads you in the future. Rely on your faith in God in every situation and know that we will always be here for you.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Kayla



Sabrina Cockerham



Psalm 107:1

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

Dearest Sabrina,
You are a glorious blessing! God honored us to be your parents and privileged us to see you grow into such a beautiful and talented young woman. You amaze us with your gregarious, gracious, and friendly personality, your kind and loving heart, your fun sense of humor, and most importantly, your close relationship with Jesus, strong faith and prayer life.

We know God will continue to bless you in extraordinary ways to make a positive difference in the world - as He already has. He has an amazing journey for you. Always put Him first and glorify Him in all you do. We love you more than words can say and are so thankful for you and that we will be able to spend eternity together!

Love always and forever,

Mommy and Daddy



Austin Port



Austin,
You started out as our sweet little boy and grew up to be a fine young man. We love you to the moon and back again! Mom & Dad



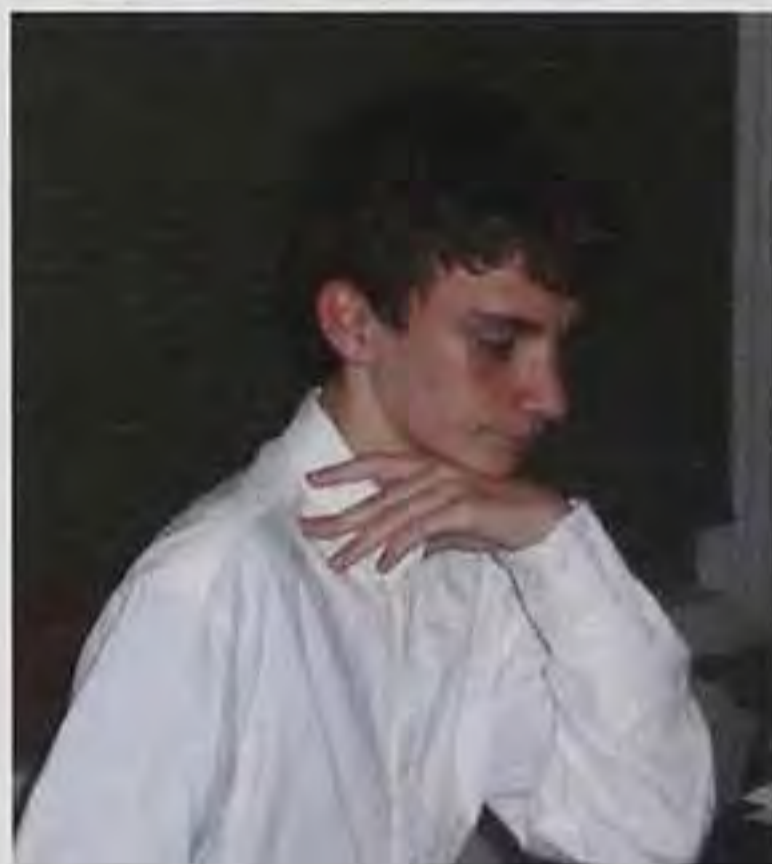
Brianna Richards



Brianna we are very proud of you. Keep shining for Jesus and all else will fall in line. God has a special plan for your life, and I am glad He has allowed me to be a part. Your brother and I love you so much and I know your dad is smiling down from heaven! God Bless



Michael Richardson



Michael, words cannot describe how proud we are of you. May your future life bring fun surprises like you have surprised us. Go with God. Love, Mom and Dad



Jack Southwell



Jack,

My wise and discerning son, thank you for your love, support, encouragement, resilience, clever wit and gentle leadership. You are precious to me! Prov. 3:5-6

All my love,
vMom

Amber Terlouw

We remember our girl, on swim team, braces, princess ponies, parakeets and cats. Our teenager with license, soldering, welding, teaching science and robotics. Our young woman, beautiful, confident, loving God.



Corey Weinberg



Corey, we couldn't be more proud of you as a son and brother. We love your kind heart, quick mind and the man of faith and integrity you've become.
Love Mom, Dad, Haley & Kurt



Michael Weston



Michael, it's a joy to watch you grow in physical strength and as a man of God. We're proud of the ways you glorify God in your life! Love, Mom and Dad, Jessica, Suzanne. Romans 8.38, 39

Lily Duell



You're adventurous, courageous, and spunky - From our childhood hide 'n' seek games to our polar plunge in Glacier! You're also the most kindhearted person and we're so thankful that you're our Sister. Love you, Lily! Congratulations! Love, Anna and Peter



Cameron Hibbler

BIG CAM!

In spite of your daily obstacles, you have become an AMAZING young man! May the Lord use you mightily as you pursue your dreams! We're so proud of you! I Tim 4:12
Much love,
Mom, Dad, Quinne & EJ



Erin Conaghan



To our sweet girl,
 We knew this day would come but still are not ready for it! You have been a blessing & a joy since the day you were born. We are so proud of your perseverance, work ethic and the woman of character you've become. I cherish your tender heart, sense of humor and will miss my best friend dearly. We are excited about your new adventures. Our prayer for you as you enter into this new season is- to trust God to hold you, help you and to walk in the security of His worth in you. Love Mom &

Kathryn Hinrichs



Kathryn,

We are so proud of our beautiful daughter! God made you a strong leader, yet full of grace with a worship song in your heart to the Lord. We know that our heavenly Father will continue to lead you and bless you as you seek Him with all of your heart. You are a precious gift to us!

With much Love,
Daddy, Mommy, James, Caroline and HappyJ



Janie Hughes



**Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Psalm 34:8**



**Congratulations Janie!
Never stop playing with your food.**

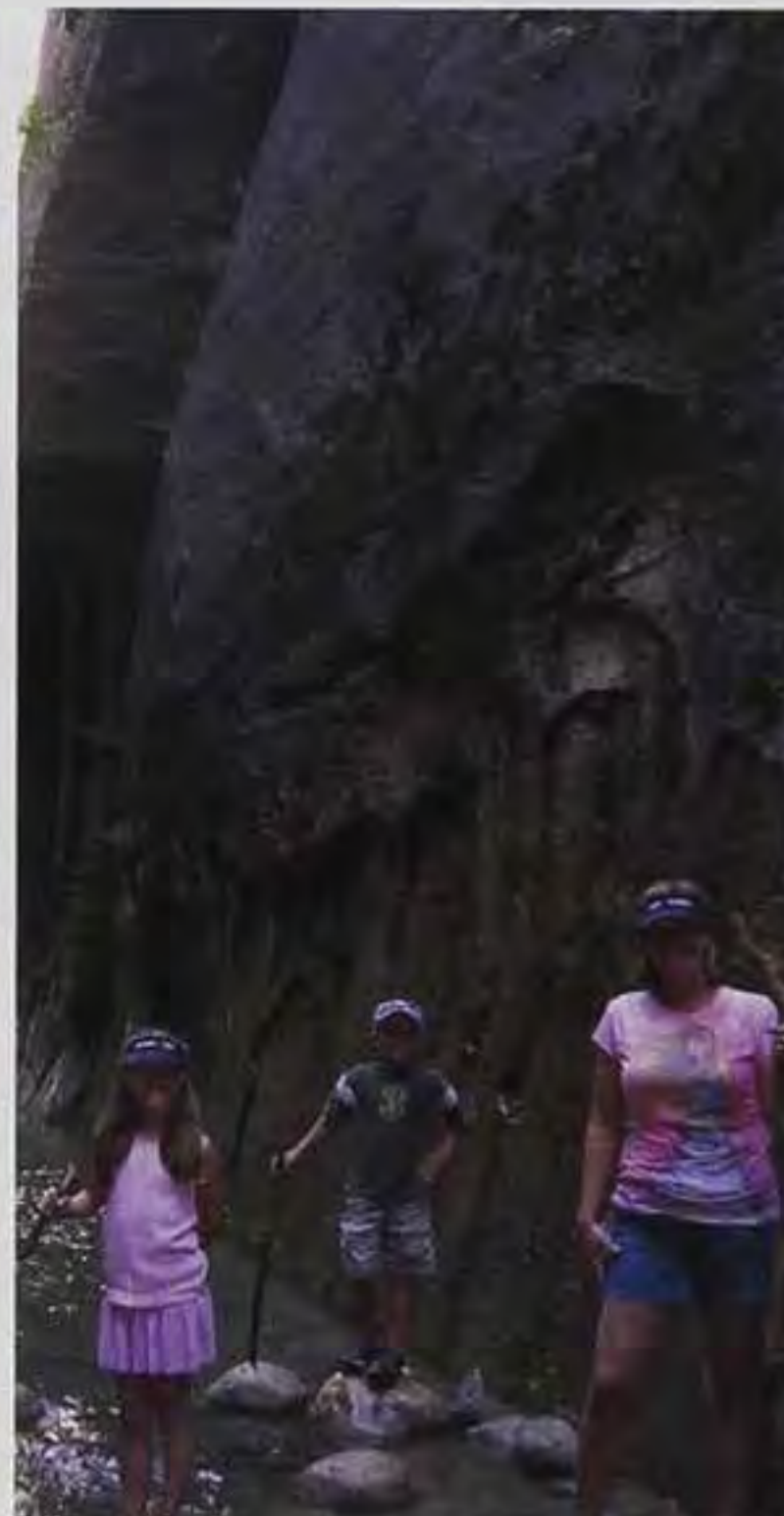
Love, Mom and Dad, Forrest, Hunter and Trixie

Megan Johnson

Congratulations, Megan!
 We are so proud of you
 and excited to see what
 God has in store for your
 future.
 With all our love,
 Dad, Mom and Kate



Merilee Kapfer



Merilee Mo, I love ya
 tons!! Way to hang in
 there. Congrats! Dadden

My precious gift from
 God. A daughter of a
 Righteous King. My
 Merilee. Let's grab some
 Kaldi's! Love Momma

I love you, Merilee. Hope
 you enjoy college. Love
 Justy

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Olivia Coomes



Olivia,
We are so proud of you and thank God for the precious gift He gave us in you. We love your sensitive heart, goofy sense of humor, and beautiful smile, but most of all we love and respect your commitment to God and what you believe in. You have taught us so much about love, kindness and perseverance. To whom much is given much is expected, we pray that you will continue use your gifts to glorify Him. We love you so much and can't wait to see what God has planned for you. Philippians 4:4-8
Mom, Dad and Noah

Sarah Jane Fiala

SJ,
You rock! Despite being a first-born test baby, you've turned into a beautiful young lady. Impressive! Your somewhat excessive discipline, strong faith and family-first priorities have been a great example for your sisters. Some day they'll thank you. You were "born" ready - now go take names!
Dad

Sarah Jane,
I couldn't be happier as you begin the next chapter of your life. You are ready because you lean on God's word as you weathered storms and enjoyed life. I admire your quiet courageousness, fierce loyalty and sheer determination. You have always stuck to what you believe is right.
Love you more-
Mom



Amon Kehr

Simplicity in life defines you. Your conversation is sparse but your words are illuminating. Your faith in your teams of choice taught you to always hope in the next game.



Alex Kessel



Alex,
You have delighted us with your brilliant eyes, dimples, mind, humor and the sweet ways you show love to those around you. Your intentional desire to bring God glory through robotics, improv, theatre and study is heart-warming. We pray you will continue to meet challenges with exuberance and excellence, growing in grace and wisdom in the exciting future God has in store for you. We are deeply proud of you and love you!
Mom and Dad
1 Cor 1:4-8



Kaitlin Kittelson

Kaitlin,
You are a gift from God and a blessing to us. God has given you many gifts and talents. We are proud of how you use them to serve Him. He has great plans for you. We love you!
Mom, Dad, and Hailey



Ashton Kratky

Ashton,
We are so thankful to God for the gift of you. What a blessing you have been since the day you were born. Over the years we have had the pleasure of watching you grow into a wonderful young woman who loves her Lord. May God continue to guide and bless you all the days of your life. May you continue to draw your strength from Him. Trust in God always.
We love you so much,
Mom, Dad and Lexie



Megan Galvin

Dear Megan,

We are so proud of you! You have grown from fun-loving little girl of giggles to a beautiful young lady. Along the way, you developed wonderful friendships, proved to be a born leader in the classroom, in the pool, and on the newspaper. You have been a great mentor to your little sister, Katherine. Your wit makes us laugh. We can't wait to see what great things God has planned for you. There is no limit to what you can do. You will be sorely missed by us, but always and forever loved. Love, Mom, Dad and Kath



Trevon Gooch

Trevon,
We are so proud of you. God has an amazing plan in store for you, so expect great things. Always "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16
Love you,
Dad, Mom and Micah



Harper Larson

To my Littlest Sister...

As a professional writer, I must humbly admit: I haven't the words to express how truly proud I am of you today. What you've accomplished and overcome – especially in these past two years – is nothing short of extraordinary. I can't wait to see what evil genius will be wrought upon this world now that you've been unleashed.

(Also, dibs on any open henchmen positions. Seriously, I could use the work.)

With love and embarrassingly-affectionate admiration,
BLAKE

Harper,
Proud of you for balling out and repping the Larson name well at the good ole Academy. Wish you all the best as you move on to the big leagues next year. Love you and pray that you keep scorching the corners of the net. STAAHHHPPPP.
Love,
Connor



Jon Lauer

You've always been ahead of your time. Your pace has not slowed, but quickened in all areas of your life answering our prayers that the Lord would give you wisdom and knowledge beyond your years. We have been blessed to watch you grow - your desire to learn about everything, your insatiable curiosity! You have been a delight to our hearts and brought us such joy! Through every challenge you've faced, your steady and optimistic outlook has been the proof of your strength in character. We love you so much and are so proud of the man you are today! We pray for great favor and success in all that you do and are excited to see all that the Lord has in store for you! Keep your heart set on Jesus and continue to trust Him first.

"The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out." Proverbs 20:5



Christian Linhoff



"As you received Christ, walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."
Colossians 2:6-7
We Love You Christian



Ben Linxwiler



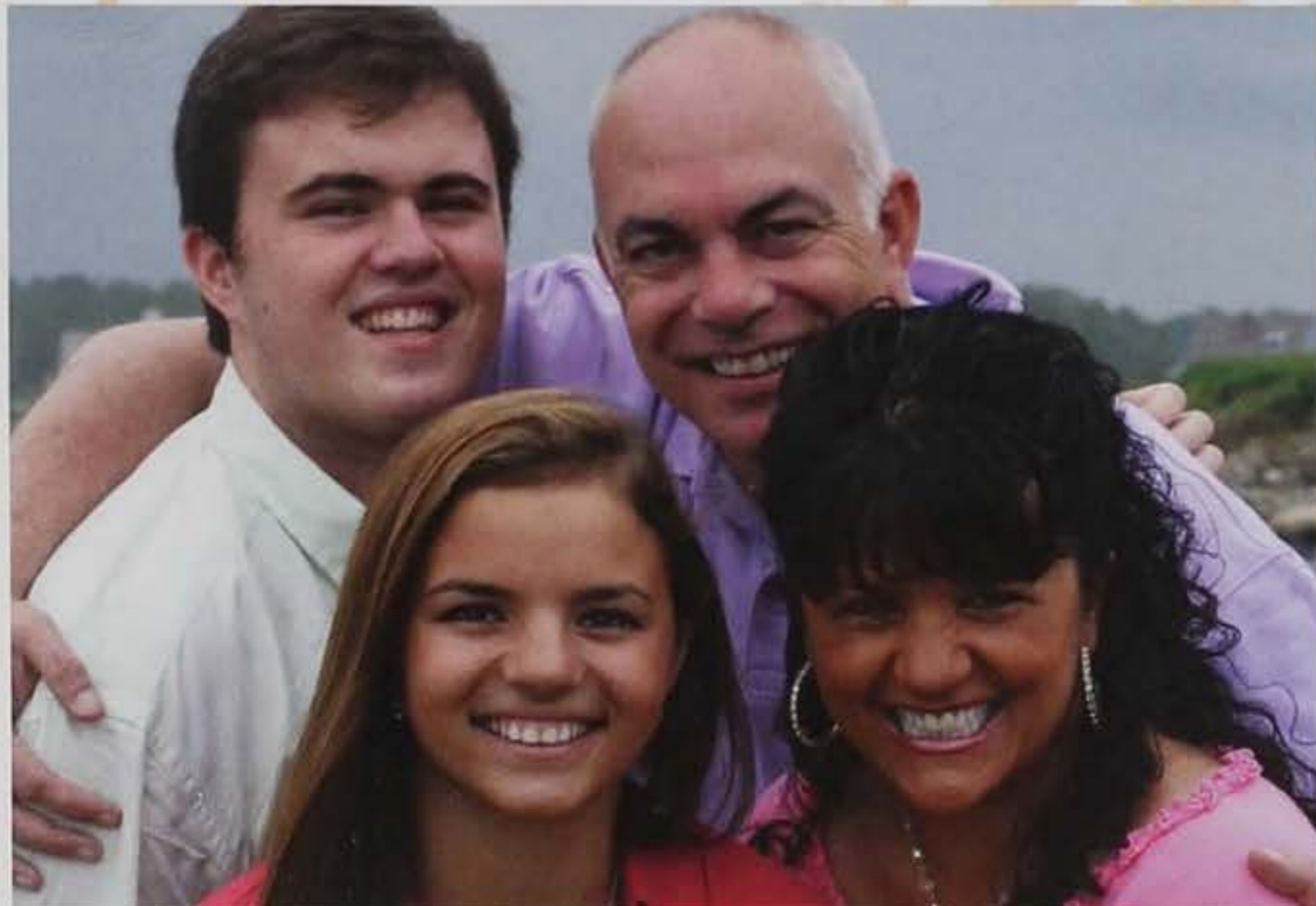
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Ben,
You are a blessing from God! You've worked hard to achieve what's in front of you and we are so proud of you.
Philippians 4:13
Love,
Mom & Dad

Mary Kathryn Hancock

Mary Kathryn, from the moment you came into this world you have been full of life! You have never been anything but a fount of pure joy for us. You are the most precious and beautiful young woman. We are so thankful to God for creating such an amazing person and allowing us to raise her. Always use your passion and incredible love of people for the glory of God. Thank you for being the magnificent person you are! Our hearts are overflowing with love for you!

All Our Love,
Mom, Dad and John



Bailey Hiatt

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder,
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger,
May you never take one single breath for granted,
GOD forbid love ever leave you empty handed,
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean,
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens,
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance,
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.
I hope you dance.

I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance,
Never settle for the path of least resistance
Living might mean taking chances but they're worth taking,
Loving might be a mistake but it's worth making,
Don't let some hell bent heart leave you bitter,
When you come close to selling out reconsider,
Give the heavens above more than just a passing glance,
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.
I hope you dance.
(I Hope You Dance - Lee Ann Womack)
Love, Dad and Mom

Dear Bailey,
We are blessed to have you as our daughter. What a gift from God you are. You have always brought smiles and joy to our hearts, and today that continues. You are a young women of faith, wisdom, goodness, kindness, knowledge and talent. Carry our love and blessing with you in the next chapter of your life and on. (Jer 29:11)
Love, Mom and Dad



Steven Matzig

God has definitely blessed us. We are so PROUD of what you have accomplished and the manner in which you have achieved this. Everyday we have asked you to "DO YOUR BEST" well you certainly did that! You have grown up so fast into the young man we are so PROUD of. Thank you so much for going over and above fulfilling our wildest expectations! You are a true gift, an inspiration to us. We love you. Mom & Dad



Megan McDaniel

Dear Megan,
You are precious to us and we're so proud of you! God has wonderful plans for your future! We love you so much!
Dad, Mom and Matthew
Jeremiah 29:11



Parker Mitchem



Parker,
I am very proud of being your brother. I look up to you all the time. I will miss you when you go to College. Love, Tomàs

Ali Montgomery



Ali,
You are more loved than you can imagine. Be confident and stay true to your beliefs...Always be You! We are so proud. Love, Mom, Dad & Cole
1 Peter 3:3-4

Harper Larson

Girlie, your heart and actions mimic your favorite scripture (Psalms 34:18) God is your source of power, courage, and wisdom. We are so proud of you. When challenges become greater, you cling tighter to Jesus. You're a unique, strong-willed girl. You've been such a joy for us, a "good" girl—one who yearns to do right by God. A "spunky" girl, who has turned into an amazing athlete—a great Lacrosse player, and always wearing a smile... We'll miss you, but we'll always be with you, every step toward your goals.



Luke Matheny

I always thought it would get easier as each left the house but I was wrong. I am so excited to see the next chapter in your life. You have always been more wise and mature beyond your years and are more than ready to take on the college life. You will be faced with many challenges but have been equipped to face anything thrown your way. You will be successful in anything you decide to take on. Remember you are a light for Christ and make sure you are always shining bright. We could not be any more proud of you and everything you have accomplished to this point. We love you and are your biggest fans. Mom & Dad



Bria Paxton



Bria,

We are so proud of the beautiful, young woman you have become. It will be difficult to let go of the love and compassion you have shown towards your family and others, but the plan God has for your life makes it easier. Follow your dreams, stay strong and know that you can do all things in Christ who strengthens you.

Love, Mom and Dad



Drew Port



DREW PORT

Fearfully and wonderfully made.

Created in God's image.

Sinned and fallen short of God's glory.

By grace you have been saved through faith.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.

Let your light shine.

Run in such a way as to get the prize.

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be.

The greatest is love.

Drew, we treasure & love you



David Pruitt

David,
We are so proud of you. Do what you love to do and follow your dreams. Most importantly, live by Proverbs 3:5-6.

Love,

Mom and Dad



Rachel Ritter

Rachel,
We are so thankful God blessed us with you! The joy and laughter you continue to bring to our lives is priceless. We know our loving Father has big things in store for you! Always remember, Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path."

We love you!!

Mom, Dad & Leisha



Elizabeth Schmidt

"Lady Girl life is a wild ride, you want to keep up with the fast posse but Lady Girl your horse done come up lame."
Ava (We're so glad you don't listen to her.)

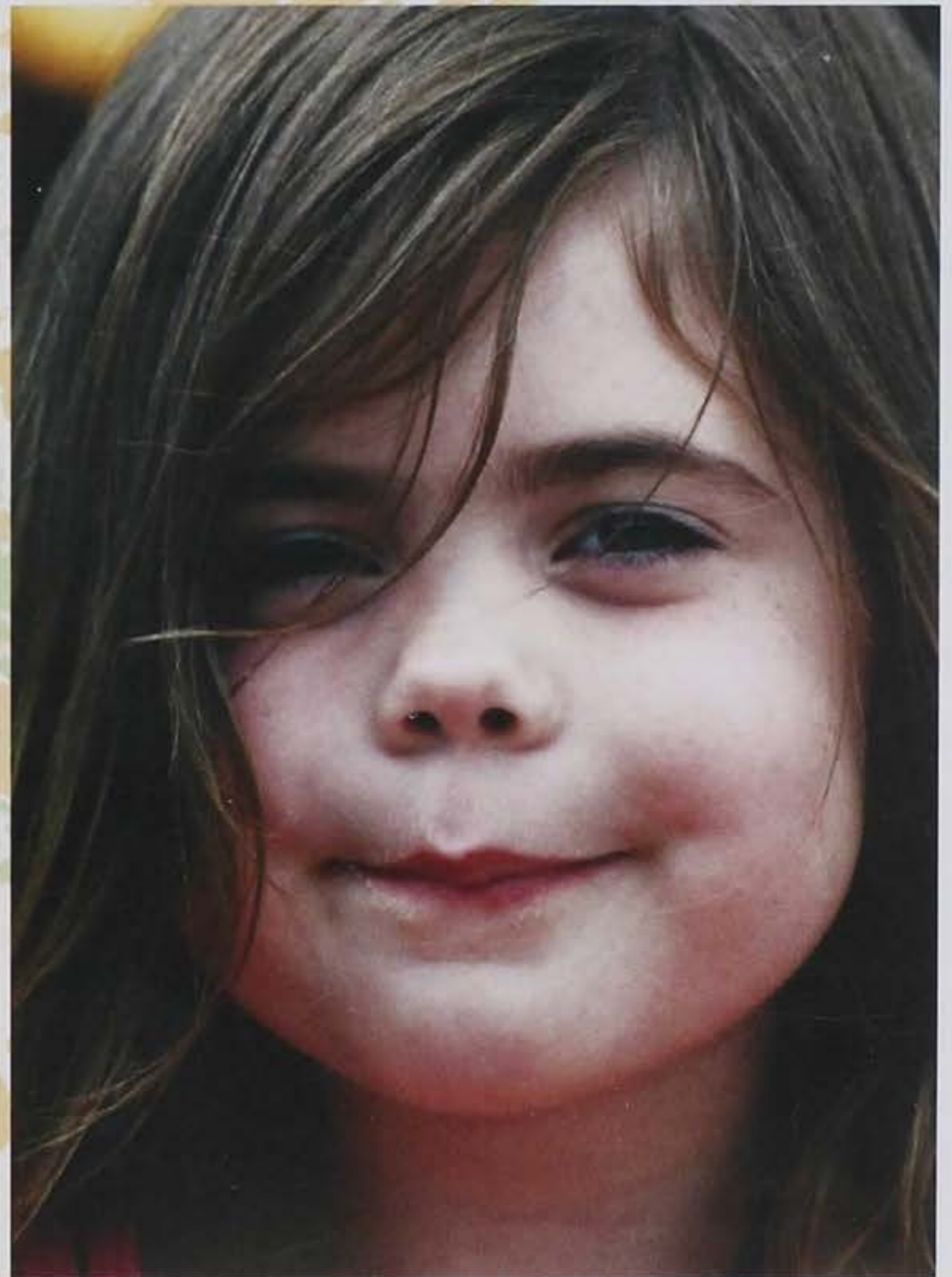
Elizabeth Belle, we are so proud of you. You are an amazing young lady, with a sharp wit and strong character. Although sometimes masked, your love and concern for others is a great quality. Your determination to always press through your circumstances will take you far in life.

Christ died to make you free, honor him by refusing to settle for anything less. You're free to be the woman He designed you to be, not bound by disbelief or insecurities in yourself. Understanding truth can set us free but believing the lies from the enemy can send us back to the bondage we once knew.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery!! Gal 5:1

We love you!

Dad and Mom



Nathan Scott

Nathan,

From before you were born we knew that God had knit you together wonderfully and perfectly. At age 4 we were blessed to see just how perfectly. We have watched you gracefully tackle and overcome many challenges in your life, some that you have chosen and some that you did not. In the past year we have watched you grow in your faith, which is truly your own, in a way that has humbled and amazed us. Seeing that, we are excited to see where God will take you from here.

We love you,

Mom, Dad, Amanda and Michael



Madaline Ross



Madaline,

We are so thankful everyday for the blessing of you in our lives. You have brought us immeasurable joy since the day you were born. We are excited to see what God has in store for you with this next chapter. Be bold and bright in all you have to offer and always remember to shine.

We love you,
Mom & Dad xo3



Hannah Ruckman

Hannah- You have been a blessing from day one! You are beautiful inside and out. Your strength, character, faith, and love for others makes us so proud. You have respected us, honored God, and are the most incredible big sister. You're the "glitter" in our family and God is the glue that holds us together. Whatever you do in life, you will succeed!

His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" Matthew 25:21

Love you more-
Mom, Dad, and Abby



Graham Stanfill

Graham -

We love you! What a blessing to be your parents. We have cherished these years together and are so proud of you. Trust God and walk with Him.

Mom and Dad

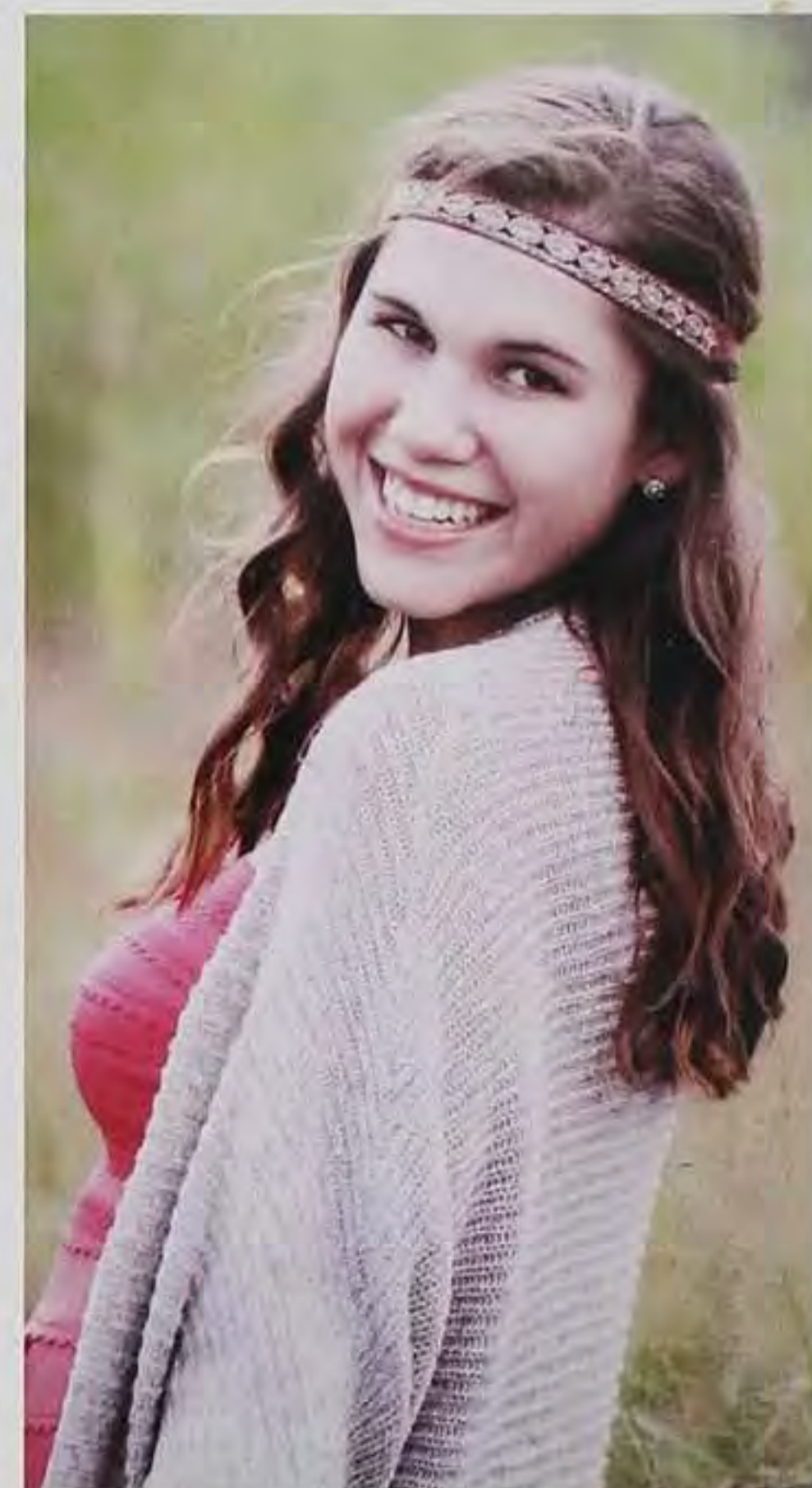


Sydney Stillman

Top 10 things we love about Sydney Stillman:

10. If at first she doesn't succeed...she tries, tries again.
9. She bakes tasty treats.
8. She treasures God's Word and posts it everywhere!
7. Laughter surrounds her.
6. Good hugs. Great friend.
5. Compassionate heart.
4. Inner -and outer- beauty. (We're sickening parents.)
3. Encouraging words.
2. She has awesome grandparents. (Granddad made us put this.)
1. COMPLETELY LOVABLE.

We're so proud of you - We love you!
Mom & Dad



Angelina Steck



Angelina,

Congratulations, we are so proud of you! You have grown into a beautiful, focused, and courageous young woman. Continue to listen to God as you reach beyond the walls of our home and the halls of WCA. Don't forget that God will never abandon you and that you are never out of reach of His protection, love, and faithfulness. Remember Phil 4:13 when you feel weary, Romans 3:23 when you feel prideful, and never forget the "1st Song of Isaiah". We love you, Buttercup!

Love, Mom, Dad, Chris, & Nick

Chrissy Talent



Chrissy,
How can we sum up our feelings for you, and about you, in about a hundred words? English is a versatile and powerful language - as you know full well - but there are limits. We respect your integrity, your discipline, your intelligence and your courage to overcome -- but these gifts would be no more than a "clanging cymbal" without your great heart for people. The Lord made you who you are. We will be forever grateful that He gave you to us. No matter where He takes you, you will always be our daughter, and always in our hearts.

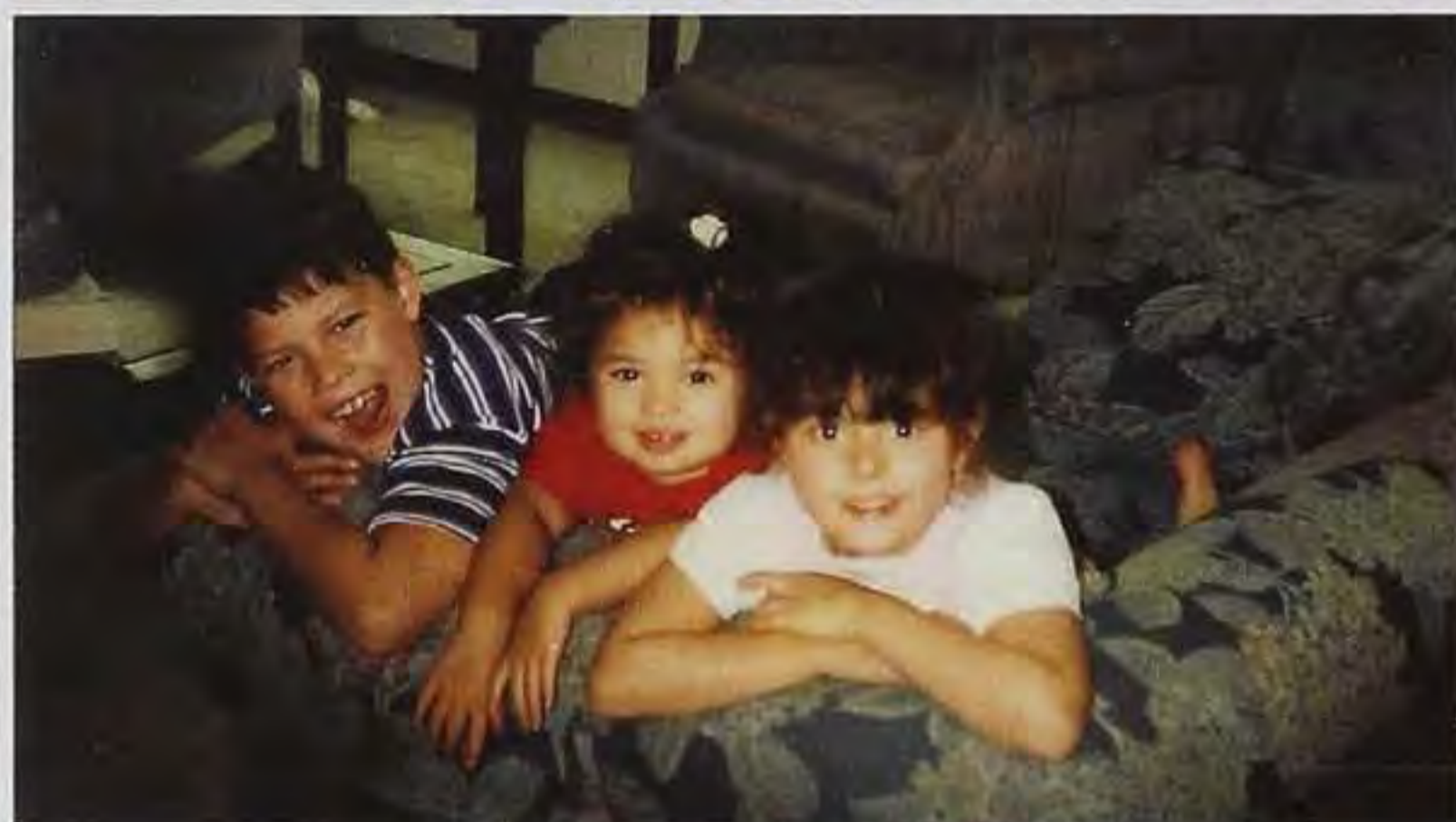
Love,

Mom and Dad

Chrissy,
I want you to always remember, no matter where you are or who you become, that at some point, I was taller than you! Love you always, Katy

Little girl,
My pride for you is like Chernobyl reactor in homeland: quite bright and unable to be contained.
Power to workers,
Vladimir Petrovski

Vlad is weird. Proud of you!
Love,
Michael



Drew Straub



Drew,
It has been such a pleasure to watch you grow both physically and spiritually throughout your time at Westminster. We are excited to see you pursue your passion in the years ahead. We will be there as your biggest fans every step of the way. The way you have made mature decisions and surrounded yourself with great friends makes us both very proud. You are a great son and great brother. Congratulations Mr. Class President! We love you tons! Mom and Dad

Stephanie Strothkamp



To our sweet Stephanie - you have made us so proud with all that you have accomplished academically, athletically and artistically. You have grown into a beautiful young woman and we cherish you greatly. As you go out into the world, remember that there are many life lessons to learn from your 12 years of playing softball. It's dusty dedication, rainouts and lightening delays. Not many action-packed high-scoring games, rather mostly grinding out ground ball after ground ball in a 2-1 game. Unlike other sports, with their running up and down the field against a clock, softball is all finesse, thought, timing and strategy. You're part of a team, but when you stand out on the field, you're standing alone. All these things make softball players strong, self confident, independent, strategic, patient, focused and knowledgeable that, in the end, it's all about the community of the team. Play ball! We love you! Mom and Dad

Emily Sulewski

Emily Grace, We are so proud of you, your heart for God and sense of humor is a blessing.

Thanks for being my best friend. "Treat yo self"

love,
Mom, Dad & Lauren



Josh Sumner



I live as an alien in the land;
do not hide your commandments from me. Psalm
119:19

Keep your claws clean, sharp, and retracted.
Brush your teeth every day. Both sets.
Always be able to do 10 pull-ups. With your tail.

Love, Mom, Dad & Holly

Fisher Wells

Oh my Fish....I can't believe our little scooter is already graduating from High School. Dad and I are so proud of the gentleman you have become. Always so willing to help out around the house, even when you were too young to....from building the treehouse to riding the lawn mower. Your constant squinty-eyed joking with each of us, especially your brothers, will be missed terribly while you're in college. We love you to the ends of the earth and back and please know that there won't be a day that goes by next year that I won't be texting or calling you! We are so excited for you and the new chapter in your life. As always, be yourself, for there is no greater gift than the sweet and generous soul that makes you, you! Love you, Sweetness!



David Williams

It was a very special day when you joined our family. We have loved watching you grow: soccer, baseball, football (especially Priory). It is a delight to watch you become a compassionate man of God and see God work through you as you shared the gospel in Hungary. We know God has a wonderful plan for you. We love you, are proud of you, and will always be your biggest fans.

Eph. 2:10 For you are His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that you should walk in them.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Steve



Makiya Thompson



Makiya,

You are truly our gift from God. As we reflect, we thank God for the success that you are and the greater one you are destined to become. Your success hasn't always come easy, yet your spirit perseveres while remaining kind and compassionate. We thank God for "the smile" that brightens dark days and adds brilliance to well-lit ones. Makiya, know that we love and appreciate you, our wonderful blessing from Him above. Mom, Dad, and Jeremiah (James 1:17)

Ally Trakas



"Everybody born comes from the Creator trailing wisps of glory." Ally - I'm so proud of you and know you will continue to shine brightly in all that you do. Mom



Matt Weber



Matt, you are a precious gift from God, and we are thankful for the privilege to be your parents. God has transformed you into an amazing, young man. Seek God in all you do and hold fast to His truth. We love you! Mom and Dad

Matt- It's been fun to watch you through the years; from getting that whole snow cone after tee-ball to seeing your first dunk at Westminster. So proud to be your "big" sisters. Love you! Katie & Lisa

Grace Wickham

"THE WOMAN WHO FOLLOWS THE CROWD WILL USUALLY GO NO FURTHER THAN THE CROWD. THE WOMAN WHO WALKS ALONE IS LIKELY TO FIND HERSELF IN PLACES NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN BEFORE."

-ALBERT EINSTEIN



Kayla Wilson

Kayla, before I start, let me say that you are amazing and I love you more than you will ever know. You amaze me every single day that you breathe. I want to say thank you for your loyalty, your choices, your sweetness, kindness, compassion and humor. Thank you for trying even when you didn't think you could make it. Thank you for making me proud every single day that you live.

I love you,
MOM

Lil sis, you have grown to such a lovely young lady and I am so very proud of you. You know that I love you with all of my heart and I know that whatever you accomplish in life, it will be great! It was nice growing up with someone like you, someone to lean on, someone to count on, and someone to keep all my secrets, but in the end you are still UGLYJ!

Your big brother,
Anthony



Morgan Winkelmeier

Our baby girl it went by fast it seems like yesterday, how blessed we are for every day since God brought you our way.

From Little Red Caboose, chug, chug to dancing like a star, you grew before our very eyes while God was not too far.

We're proud of the person you've become through hard work and persistence, but mostly for your loving heart by God's divine assistance.

Now, as you journey on in life, trust in The Lord above, for He will surely guide your path through amazing grace and love.

We Love You, Tootiebug,

Mom & Dad



Congratulations, I'm really proud of you! Many adventures await! I Love You, Nicole



Charisse Williams



The many faces of Charisse Imani Montwella Williams. We love you. Andrew, Whitney, Camryn, Mom and Dad DB, You're the best, love Cam, Whit f



Saeneia Williams

Saeneia Lynn, we are so proud of the beautiful, intelligent, and passionate young lady you have become. You have been an exceptional example to your siblings and a joy for us to raise! It has been a privilege to raise a "Hall of Fame" daughter whose compassion, diligence, and leadership qualities have far surpassed our expectations. We pray that God will overwhelm you with His favor and grace as you run towards fulfilling all of your potential!



Collin Willis

Collin, As you leave this chapter of your life, remember that God has a special plan for your life, and that I will always be here for you. I have loved watching your life unfold and become an incredible talented and intelligent man. I love your quiet intensity, the way you analyze things, and your work ethic. Always remember to work hard and trust God to guide your path. I Love You, Mom



Erika Wilson

Dear Erika:
Congratulations on your high school graduation! I am so proud of you. As you prepare for the next phase of life, please remember this -
Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Joshua 1:9.
I love you dearly!
Love,
Granny



Tripp Worley

Where has the time gone, son?

You've entertained us with your talents, challenged us with your intellect, wowed us with your accomplishments, and inspired us with your compassion. You bring us such joy... what a treasure you are.

So many memories made... so many more to come. How we look forward to watching you take hold of all God has planned for you. Only God could love you more.

Lead with your heart, lean with your spirit, love with all you have.



Brendan Yeager



Brendan- From the time you were very young it was evident that God had great plans for you. He has created you with so many talents and gifts that you demonstrate with humility. Always remember that God is the one who has gifted you. "Wisdom's instruction is to fear the Lord, and humility comes before honor (Prov. 15:33). If you remember to honor God in all you do - you will always succeed. We love your inquisitive mind, sensitive heart, your strong character, and your love for people and doing the right thing. Keep Christ first in your life.
Love, Mom and Dad.

Erika Wilson



Erika: The time has finally come. You are a graduating senior! The years have flown by much too fast. We are incredibly proud of the young woman you have become. You have so much to offer the world. We cannot wait to see what God will do next. Remember, He is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, more than you can ask or think! Continue to trust Him. He'll take you farther than you ever thought possible -- Jeremiah 29:11. We love you!
Mom, Dad, and J.

Erika Wilson



Dear Erika:
You are the best, oldest granddaughter in the whole, united world! We are so proud of all you have accomplished. We love you very much.
Grandmother and Granddaddy

Taylor Wright



Taylor, God has truly blessed us! You bring us such joy and pride. Dream big, smile often and live each day fully. Much love, Dad, Mom & Finnley



Lara Yeast

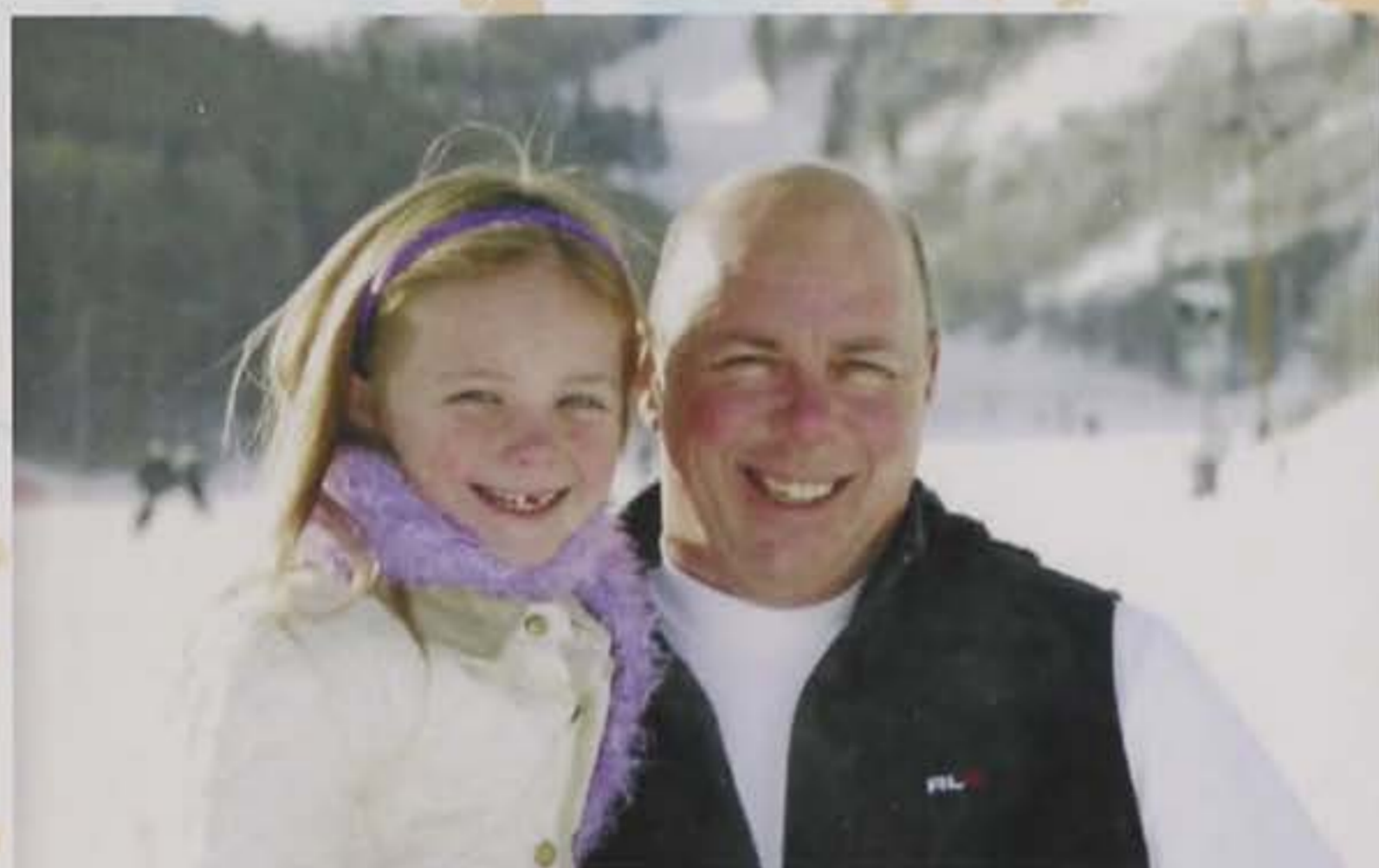


Blessed! It's the only explanation for a daughter so fabulous! You have become more delightful each year. You are cheerful, compassionate, intelligent and an absolute joy each day. Thank you!

Lara Yeast

Lara,

So proud of the wonderful young woman you have become and more proud than ever to be your Dad.



Brendan Yeager



Lil/Big bro! You're graduating! It feels like just yesterday we were dressing up in tutus, watching Little Bear, and you ran away chasing a hover disk. What a childhood! Now it's coming to a close, but don't ever stop being your goofy self! Love you! Mackenzie and Alexandra

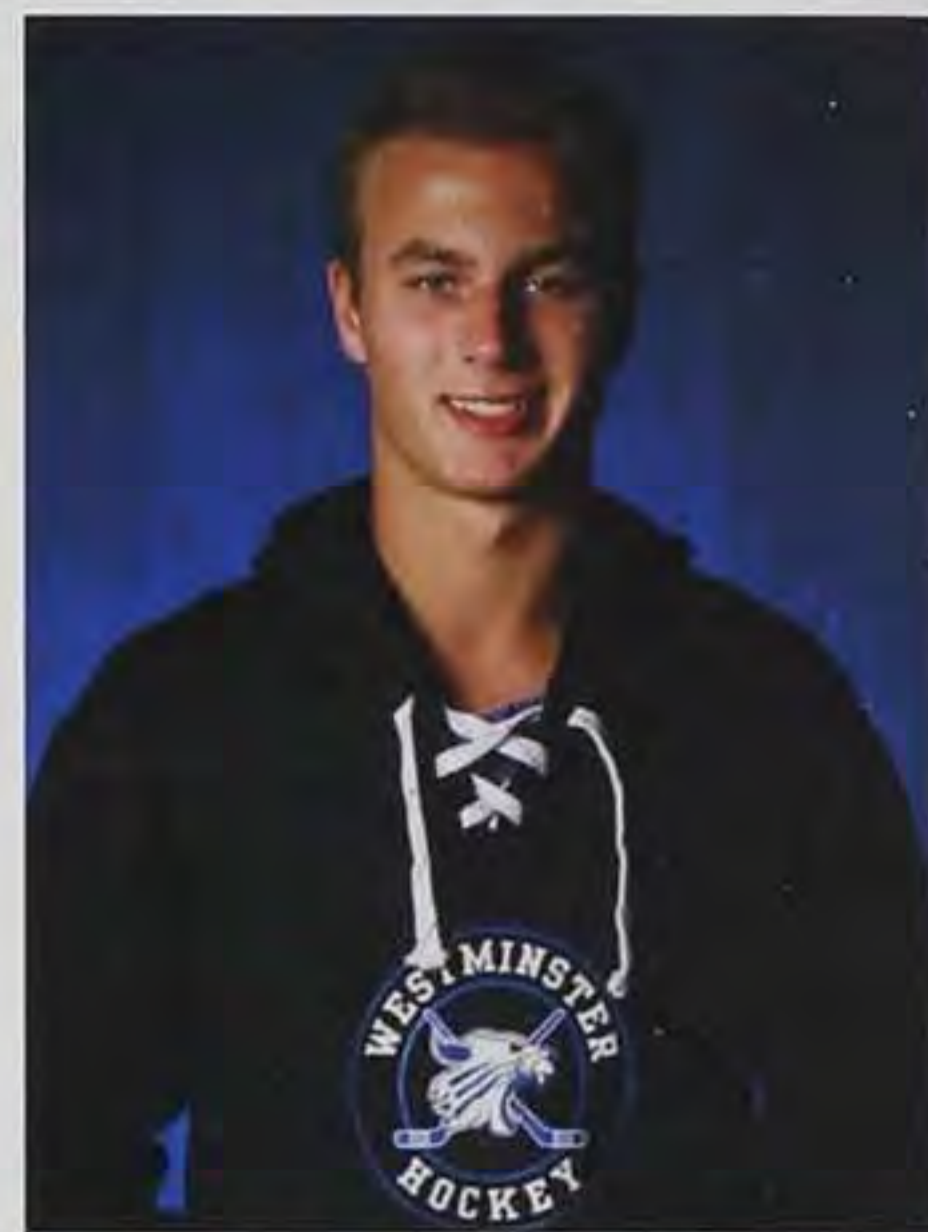


John Moeller

Dear John,
We cannot believe you are a senior...where has the time gone? I just want to let you know how proud we are of you and all that you have accomplished. You are very smart and strong-minded. I truly believe you can do anything you set out to do. Each and every year, you've been a better student. And a better athlete. Watching you play hockey, both Select and WCA, has certainly been what I plan my life around, and your sisters too! Not just in high school but since you were a tiny boy! I love seeing you fly up the ice, and carry the puck. It's really thrilling, and it will be exciting to see just where hockey takes you. Your dry wit and sense of humor makes us all laugh! And I know your your many friends feel the same.

You have been the best son, and brother, we could ask for. Thank you for putting up with all the crazy girls stuff at home. I will not know what to do next year, when you're gone...the cooking, and laundry and hockey gear! We love you and will all miss you more than we can say.

Love,
Mom, Katie, and Caroline



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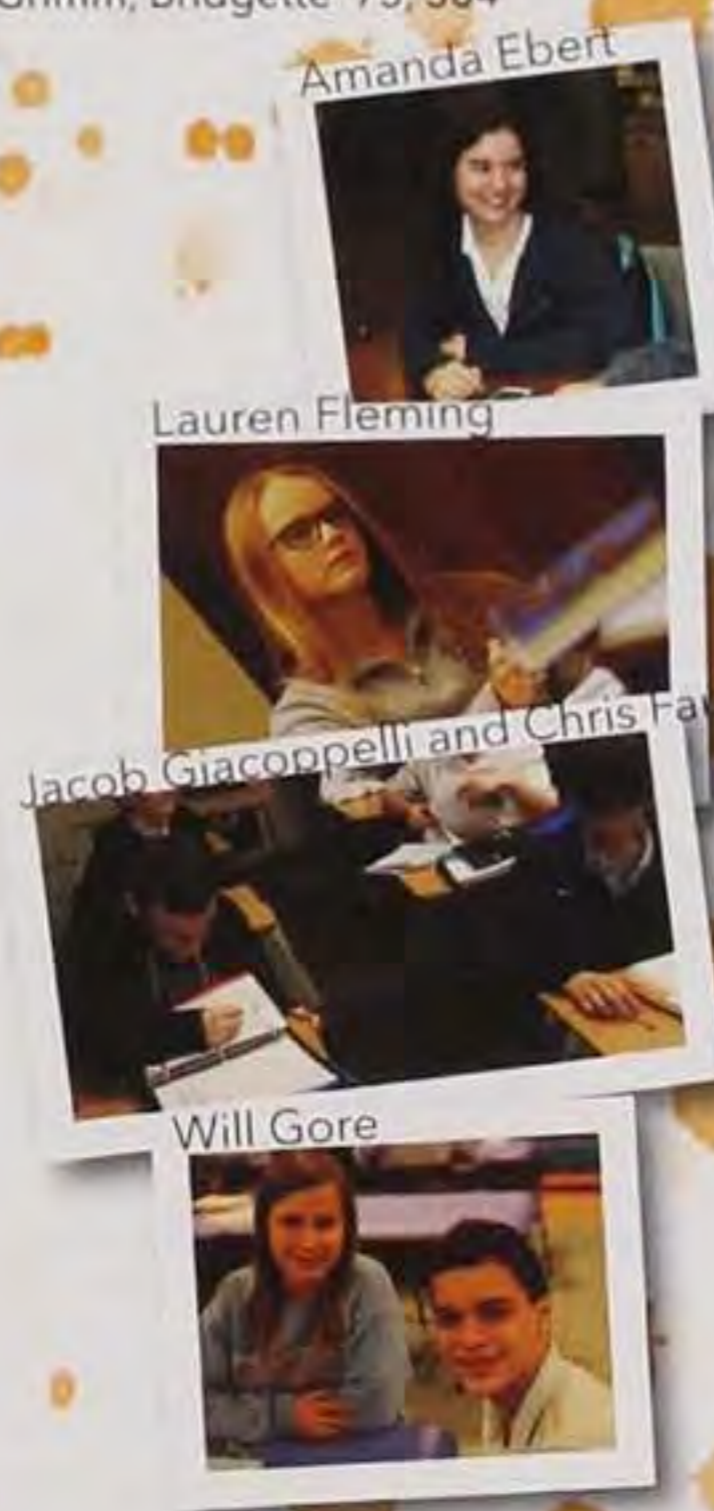
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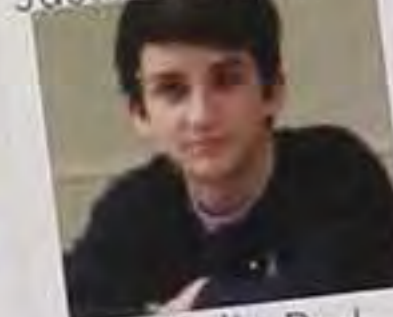
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Candace LarragaManzano



Harrison Lawrence



Lauren Lindgren



We **focused on our passions**, becoming one student body.

During Spirit week, we **formed bonds** and worked together for **one goal**.

and now, we joined forces in order to **make a difference**.



Emilee Mitchell
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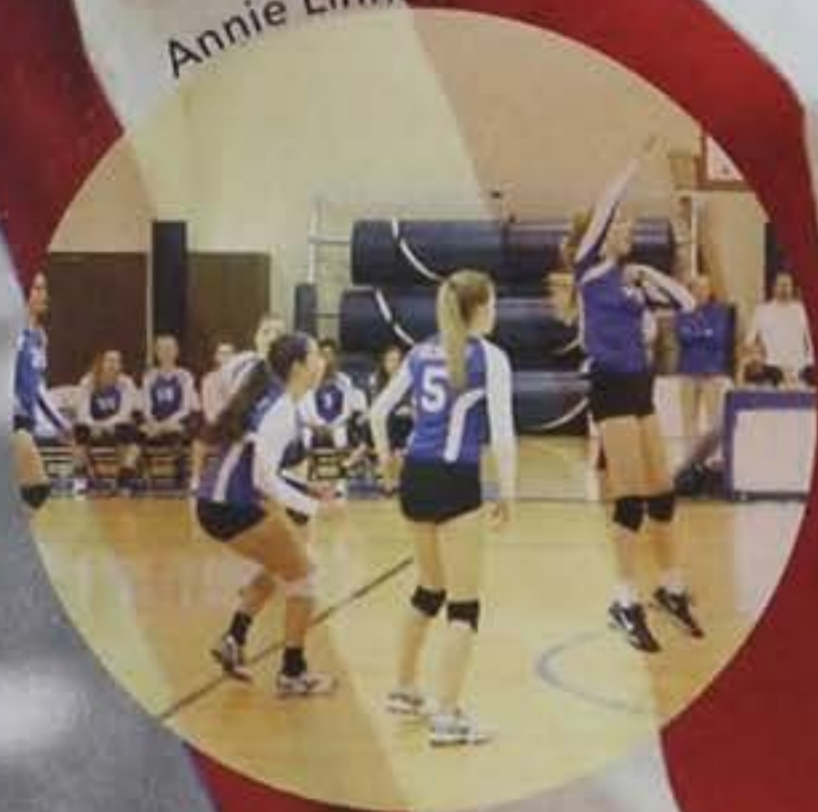


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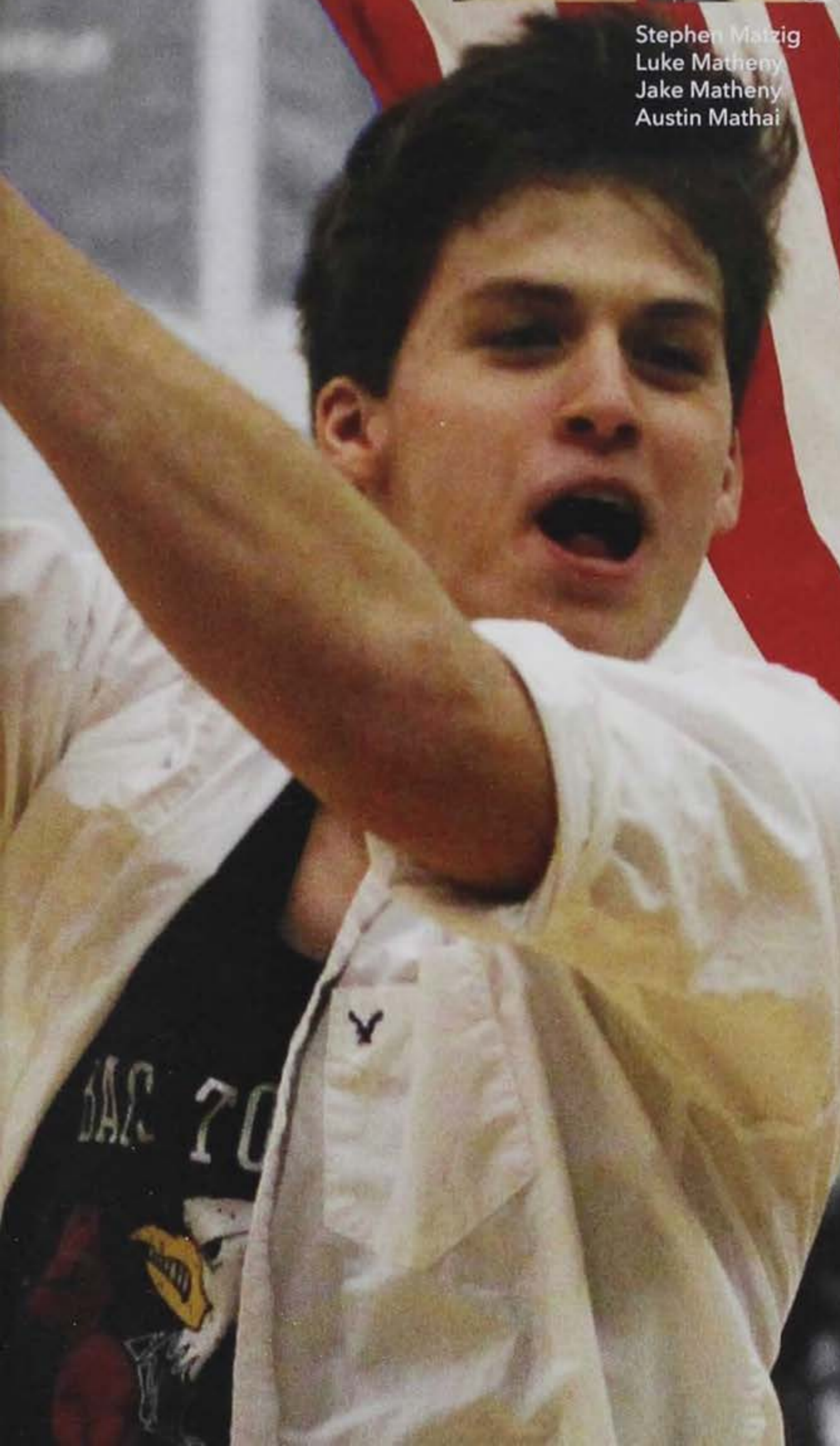
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Jimmy Thomas, sophomore, waves the American flag on America Day during Spirit Week. Red, white, and blue colored the halls as students dressed up to celebrate their patriotism and their class pride.

Jack Patterson



Chloe Peistrup



Sarah Preusser



and now, you've seen our year as we graduate to the next level of our education, and enter into new opportunities.

Through this year we have **struggled, grown, learned, and lived**, in hopes that it would be an extraordinary year, knowing that as another year comes to a close we can **reflect on everything that it had to offer**.



Sarah Shoemaker
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Alyssa Shikles
Rebekah Shields
Michael Shaw
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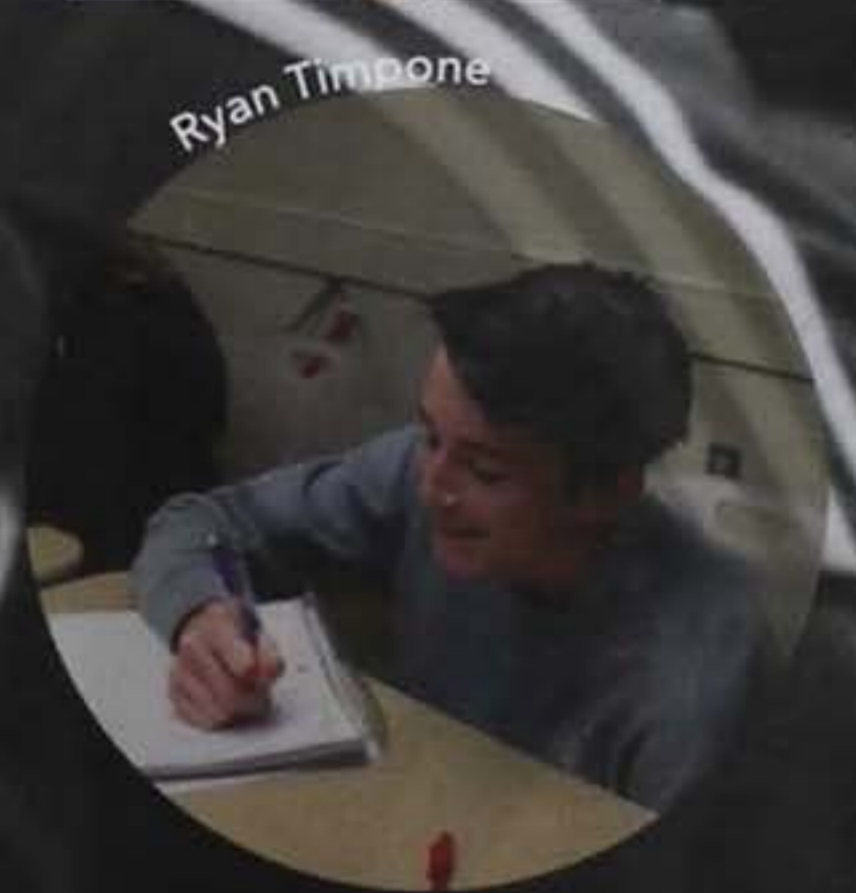
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Rebecca Liu, junior, was the 2015 recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Science award from the University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Ben Straub



Jacob Sturm



Hannah Surr



As change surrounded us we **learned to accept** everything that it brought.

With new leaders in charge of our school, we **learned to adapt** to new circumstances. We faced many cross roads but we **overcame the trials** that they brought.

and now, we **gained the knowledge** needed to proceed into the unknown before us.



Max Tabor
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Levi Tucker
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Will Sutter



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Collin Willis
Jessica Wilson
Madison Wilson
Davis Worley
Levi Wright



Olivia Wuestner
Susan Yi
Emily Zell
Lauren Zone



Kyrstin Pritchett, Alivia Johnston, Abby Charles, and MaryKate Kopsky, sophomores, group together for a selfie. This was on Disney Day during Spirit Week when the school dressed up in their favorite costumes from any Disney movie.

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With high and unique standards, the ten pillars provided the Westminster athletic community with several common goals to uphold. They acted as a template that all of the school's sports teams needed to follow. This year, the Westminster Lacrosse team focused on the ten pillars and did a team devotion on each one.

"With so many new girls joining the program this year, the upperclassmen really had to step it up and become leaders. The ten pillars gave us concrete examples of how to do this" said Harper Larson, senior.

With more than 80 girls in the lacrosse program, the coaches wanted a common theme of love, teamwork, and dedication to run throughout each team.

"This year we really wanted to focus on the reasons why we play the sport we love. The 10 pillars really emphasized character off the field as well as on the field. We want to be known as a team with good character, not just a team with a winning record," said Kaitlin Kittelson, senior lacrosse captain.

and now

we focused on things bigger than the games we played and the points we scored.

Molly Andersen, eighth grade, corner kicks during a practice. The middle school team practices for their last hour of the day until 3:30. Molly was very good at corner kicks and has been the team's number one kicker.

Lauren Lucas,
eighth grade



Grant Osmon,
eighth grade



Center: **Abigail Staats** and **Grant Osmon**, eighth grade, walk and warm up their muscles before running sprints. The team did this before every practices to prepare.



Kalei Layton, eighth grade, celebrates with her teammates after scoring a goal. "I didn't expect to fall in love with soccer but by the end of the season I ended up loving it!" she said.



Candemaria Larraga Manzano, eighth grade, laughs as her teammate's joke during warm ups. Candem was a new exchange student from Mexico who had always loved soccer.



The Middle School Track and Field team practices their high jump skills during one of their practices. The team had many outstanding meets during their season.



The New Motto

"We before me", became more than just a saying for the eighth grade girls soccer team. The middle school soccer team became like a family for many of the girls this season.

"Coach Lawrence encouraged us all season long and taught us all how to watch out for one another," said Sarah Becker, goalie. This was how the team came up with the saying, "We before me." This taught the girls how to become more selfless on the field.

Through this new motto the girl's team pulled through with many amazing wins. One win that stood out to eighth grader, Bri Adams, was the team's very first game. Adams exclaimed, "We won our first game 5-1, and it was one of my favorite memories with this group of girls!" But the team all agreed that they couldn't have done it without Lexi Kratky and Morgan Sickles.

Not only were Lexi and Morgan always upbeat at practices and games but they both kept the whole team positive and motivated. With this positivity and motivation the girl's had one of the "most fun and competitive seasons ever experienced."

So "We before me" became a ritual, after every practice and before every game. And the girls all planed to carry out this tradition throughout their upcoming sport seasons.

"I play on three soccer teams total and the Westminster soccer program stands out the most to me," said **Amanda Bary**, eighth grade.

ReLA ing?

Upper School Men's Lacrosse



Jason Kelly, sophomore, plays against Francis Howell in the team's early season.



Gannon McWard,
junior.

Charlie Zone, sophomore, signals his teammates that he is open and available for a pass.

Levi Alldrege, sophomore and **Andrew Tipton**, freshman, celebrate after scoring a goal.



Noah Thomas,
freshman

Not quite.

Westminster's first ever boys lacrosse team started their season in 2015. With being a first-year team, there comes challenges, rewards, and goals for the future. Westminster's program should continue to grow and succeed, but this year the boys set a precedent for the upcoming seasons.

"There are a lot of first time lacrosse players, so we are still learning how to play the sport" said Noah Thomas, freshman. Although many athlete's on the team were new to lacrosse, they easily picked up the sport and stepped up in order to contribute to a successful team. In order to improve not only their skills, but the team as a whole, the boys set goals for their season.

"We have a goal of winning at least half our games this season" said Max Weiss, sophomore. By setting goals that left room for improvement and that were achievable in their first year, the team had created an attitude of success in order to overcome challenges presented by the sport itself.

"You can get hit a lot in lacrosse, and its different from a lot of other sports which makes it a challenge" said Gannon McWard, junior. Lacrosse can be an extremely physical sport, but this year the team persisted despite the program being at its starting point.



Harry Medler,
sophomore



Westminster's **Will Wetzel**, sophomore, goes against a player from Francis Howell in a face-off. Face-offs take place at the beginning of the game and after a team scores, where players fight for possession of the ball.



Logan Bauer, sophomore, runs to the opposite end of the field after Westminster gained possession of the ball.

LAX to the MAX



Ethan Storer and Jack Wittenauer, eighth grade



Tierra Allen and Hatti Means, eighth grade

13 "I wanted to try something new and different besides soccer" said Olive Robson, eighth grade. Robson played midfield for the eighth grade blue team during this past season. "My favorite thing about lax this year has been getting closer to my teammates through practice and the games and learning new things about how to play lacrosse and being able to improve the skills that I already have learned last year.

2015 was also Chloe Burnham's, seventh grade, first year to play lacrosse. "I really wanted to try a new sport this year, and I wanted to have a new experience" said Burnham. Burnham played goalie and defence for the seventh grade team. "I think the best part was probably playing all of the positions" said Burnham.

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52 "Me and my friend played in his backyard, but eventually that got boring so I joined a team" said Chase Mayfield, eighth grade. Because Mayfield also played football, he could use some of those skills for lacrosse, but there were some things that were different. "The physicality is an adjustment" said Mayfield, "You have to reserve your energy much more. But it is similar in the way that you need to brake down or you will get beat trying to make a stop".



Carley James, eighth grade, runs after the ball. James played as a midfielder during the 2015 season.



Noelle Burkey, eighth grade, rushes over to pick up a stray ball before her opponents can reach it.



Bridget James, eighth grade, jumps into the air at the start of the game. To start, one player from each team lines up and throws their sticks up into the air, also throwing the ball up.

What else do they do?

Migliazzo Football
 Robson Soccer
 Henry Tennis
 Mayfield Football

Kinsley Lawrence, seventh grade



Zach Benes, eighth grade



Caroline Kopsky, seventh grade



Zion Thompson, eighth grade



Lucy Wood, seventh grade



Lane Davis, seventh grade



Neeve McMillin, eighth grade



Patrick Andrews, eighth grade

Zach Cancila, eighth grade, hits a player of the other team in the side with his stick. He could use his stick to try to hinder his opponent, as well as being able to check his opponents.



Joey Migliazzo, eighth grade, takes on three defending opponents at once. Migliazzo played as a defender, and had to get past the other offenders before launching the ball out of scoring distance.



Middle School Lacrosse

Jack Bystrom, and Ben Parres, seventh grade, jump into the air in celebration of their goal. Parres shot from a far distance and scored a goal, making it an exciting play. Although Westminster fell far behind in the first half of the game, they slowly made their way back up to make it a close game that was exciting to watch.



Jack Wittenauer, seventh grade, puts his stick up into the air in preparation to catch an incoming ball. Wittenauer played as an attack during the lacrosse season.



Ethan Hare, seventh grade, sets up his stance against his opponent, waiting for the whistle from the referee to start the game.

Jake Kyriakos, seventh grade, is practicing his chip-in. He enjoyed playing golf with his teammates



Middle School Boy's Golf and Baseball

Try Something New

When given the choice to play golf or baseball many middle school boys chose the faster paced games. However, a select few loved the sport and dedicated a great deal of their time to it. "You have to play it to know if you like it. It is very enjoyable," said Alex Kempen eighth grade.

Golf was a sport that players needed to play in order to see if they enjoyed it. "It is not boring, it is just more of a social game," said Jake Kyriakos, seventh grader. Everything was better with friends, especially for the middle school golf team.

"I can be with some of my friends and hang out with them and play a sport I love at the same time," said Kyriakos. The team took advantage of the friendships it had by using each other to improve their game.



Blake Jewell, eighth grade, warms up before their first game. He was practicing ground balls.



Collin Clark, eighth grade, gets ready to slide to third base. He was called safe by the umpire.



Nathaniel Sems, eighth grade, practices his throws. He was warming up for his first game.



Zach Gross, eighth grade



Joey Keane, eighth grade

Grant Hughes, seventh grade, sprints around the first corner on his first lap of the relay race. The middle school track and field team trained as hard as they could for their first meet of the season.

Middle School Men's Track and Tennis



All In One

Track and Field was a sport that took many different aspects of running and strength and put them all together into one giant sport that incorporated a variety of athletes. "What makes track interesting for me is sprinting and long jump, because I like to run fast," said Devon Deverger, eighth grade.

Something that made Track and Field exhilarating was that there were many different parts of track that were each exciting in their own way. Therefore each of the individual middle school athletes had to choose one or two of the activities to focus on throughout the season to make it more enjoyable for them. "In track and field athletes have to do different activities like shot put, pole vault, long jump and high jump, my personal favorite is pole vault," said Daniel Clear, seventh grade.

Another thing that these athletes had to face was the way that many look down on their sport. Many non-track athletes questioned why anyone would run for a sport, but for the track team, it was something that they loved.

"The thing that is fun for me about track is being able to clear my thoughts and emotions through running," said Matthias Jowdy, eighth grade. Track and Field was a sport that challenged athletes in each distinctive part, but ended up coming together as one team doing what they loved.

Patrick Andrews,
eighth grade



Grant Osmon,
eighth grade.



Nick Steck, seventh grade.



Noah Adair, seventh grade.



Jaxon Halsey, eighth grade.



Campbell Coffee, eighth grade.



Levi Tucker, eighth grade, warms up before track and field practice. The track team had routine warm ups and cool downs.



Middle School Track and Field

Old vs. New



Alivia Johnston, sophomore

Has anyone ever told you to just run? "Start running and I will tell you when to stop." These words were heard on a daily bases for many athletes, but for track it was said more often than not. The training for track never stoped. During the off season, these athletes ate, slept, and worked to improve for track.

"The first day we went outside I was ready to quit," said Amani Holmes, freshman. Amani ran track in the past, but this was her first time trying out for a high school track team. The warm ups for regular practice were to run two laps around the track and then the team would come together to do a walking warm up. This may not sound tough, but for someone who was not trained correctly to be able to do those things, it was. However, Amani still made it onto the Varsity Women's Track Team.

Saenea Williams', senior, story differed from Amani's in a lot of ways. Saenea had been running track since she was 9 years old. "When I was nine I raced some 12-year-old boys at church and I beat them," said Williams. Saenea had a history of working hard. Over the summer she would get up early in the morning to run at Art Hill. These training sessions were run by her father. "I just always knew I liked to run," said Williams. She also ran on a summer track team which was another way she was able to practice. Saenea was on Varsity Women's Track all 4 years of her high school career.

Running track is very competitive and takes a lot of hard work, determination, and dedication because it was a sport where improvement took time.



Avery Iven, junior, smiles as she finishes her warm ups.



Rachel Middleton, junior, throws for the first time in a competition at Villa Duchesne. It was Middleton's first year on the track team. Rachel beat her personal record a few times throughout the season.



Saenea Williams, senior, warms up with the team in a huge Cheer jacket.



Brianna Richards, senior



Chloe Wimpfheimer, freshman, said, "I have learned that team work is not only a key part of track but any sport."



Emily Adkisson, junior, said, "Once you finish the race and the people are congratulating you, you feel accomplished."



Izzy Hauptfear, junior, has been on varsity track sense freshman year.



Makaylah Meredith, junior. Meredith has been running track since she was 6 years old.

Emily Kessel, sophomore, jumps over a hurdle at the Villa Duchesne meet. Kessel has been running track since her freshman year.



Anna Johnson, freshman, stretches with the entire Track team before working on their different events. This was Anna's first year on a Track Team.



Amani Holmes, freshman, throws for her first time in a meet at Villa. "If you don't believe you can't succeed. Success is where you want to be," said Holmes.



Back On Track

Gatorade. Foam rollers. Bananas. Track and field. The connection between these things became apparent this season.

A meet was coming to a close. Most of the races had been run and the events had been completed. Westminster was facing the MICDS Rams, and both teams put forth stellar performances. The only hurdle remaining to get the meet over with was the beloved 4x400 relay. By the time this event came, almost everybody in the stands and on the track wanted finish the meet and go home. But on that Tuesday night, it was a different story.

Originally, two Westminster relay teams were slated to perform in this race. And once the team realized that the entire MICDS team had already filed out, they knew it was an all Westminster competition.

One of the relay teams got up to the starting line, and realized they had forgotten the most important ingredient to a relay: the baton! In a moment of panic, they scrambled for the next best thing they could find. And it just turned out that the thing happened to be a banana. The banana baton seemed to lighten the mood a little, and this opened the door for a little bit of constructive chaos. Another relay team came to the party with a gatorade bottle as their baton and another with a foam roller. "It took a lot of energy to carry that foam roller," said Izzy Hauptfear, junior, "it was like running with a cumbersome baby." By the start of the race, all eight lanes were filled with Westminster teams.

Never quitting, Westminster finished the race as strong as they started despite the odd conditions. Track and field is often viewed as a selfish sport where people only worry about themselves. But this year, the Westminster track team has seen what community and focus on team can do on the track. When people run for more than just themselves, it is amazing what can happen. And by finishing out the relay and the meet by cheering on the stellar finish by the tag team effort of Zach Hughes and Neil Sutherland, the Westminster track team showed that Track is much more than a bunch of individuals.

Men's Track



Josh Sumner
senior



Brendan Grbcich
freshman



Jack Andrews
junior



Andrew Murray
junior



Dylan Conway, sophomore, sets the school record with a long jump of 20 feet 9 inches. Conway shattered the previous record by 8 inches.



Dawson Gaitan, freshman, dashes to the finish line in the 200 meter race at MICDS. This was Dawson's first year on the track team.



Finishing strong on the last leg of the 4x800 relay, **Zach Hughes**, junior makes the pass to take the victory for the Wildcats. Hughes was one of the hardest working kids on the team and brought a positive mental attitude to the track.



Brendan Yeager, senior, crushes a stellar 800 meter race at MICDS. Yeager finished first in the race. Brendan has had an excellent running career in both track and cross country and hoped to return to State again this year in the 800 meter dash.

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Duke

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400M
Hafenrichter

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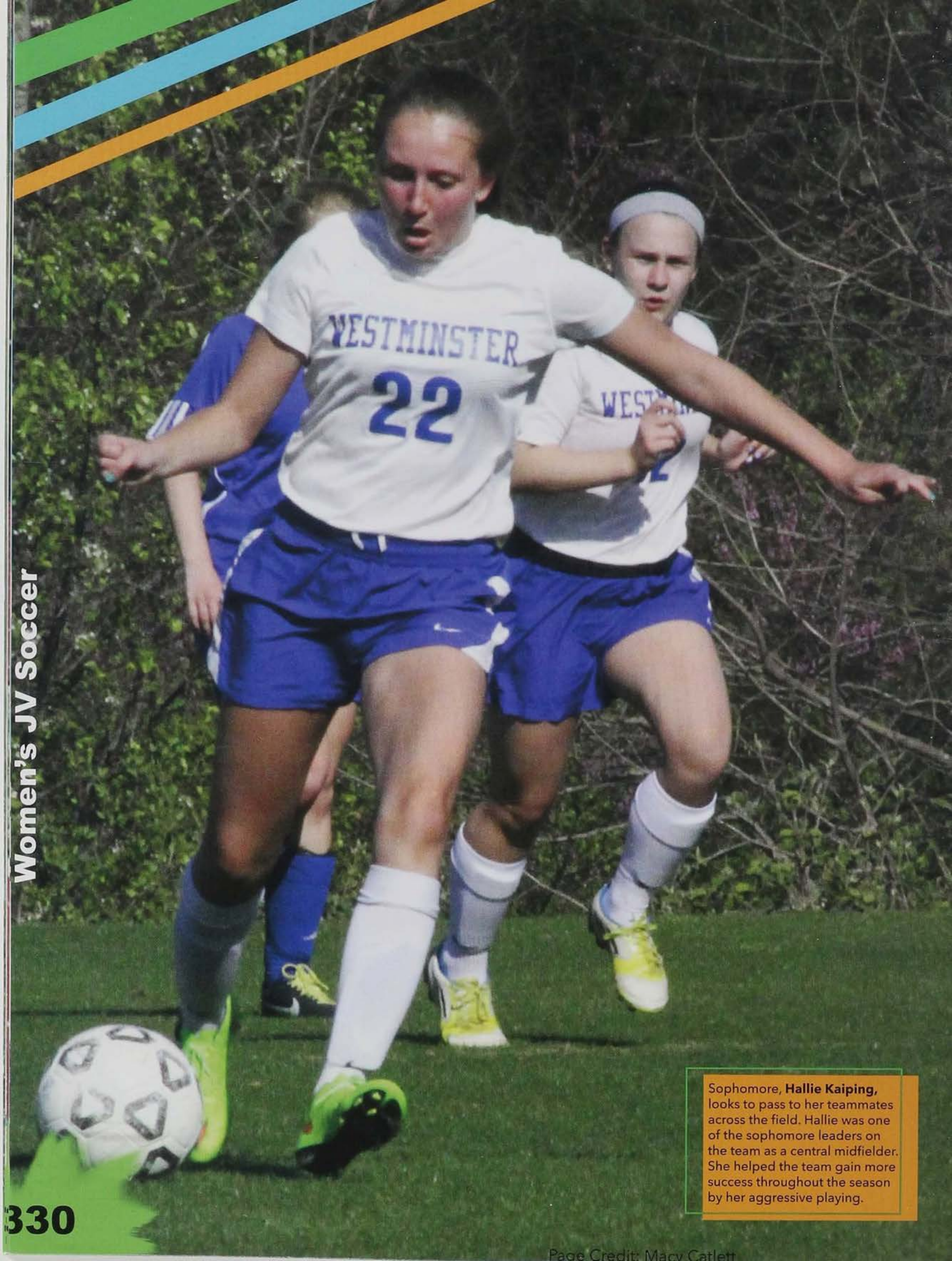
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Myles Bakewell
junior





Sophomore, **Hallie Kaiping**, looks to pass to her teammates across the field. Hallie was one of the sophomore leaders on the team as a central midfielder. She helped the team gain more success throughout the season by her aggressive playing.

Abby Nall, freshman, dribbles past the John Burroughs player.



Kelly Bradley and **Sophia Thomas**, freshmen



Goals

Success or not, the JV soccer team set a goal for their team to stick with no matter what throughout the year. They strived to honor God in all that they did on and off the field. To them, that was good sportsmanship, hard work, and acts of kindness that could have shown God's love to others. "We want to show good sportsmanship by helping people up if they fall, and not talking back to the referee. Also, it is important that we encourage each other on the field and be different than other teams," said Katie Myers, freshman

To achieve success in their goal, they had to hold each other accountable. "If someone is frustrated or not having a good attitude, they come off the field and we remind them of our purpose of playing," said Sidney Keane, sophomore. It was easy to keep the goal in mind when their coach and their team was constantly reminding them of their goal.

They held true to their goal in the first game of the season. The JV team when they joined the varsity team in honoring God by supporting and loving the Parkway Central team and community for the loss of a special student to their school. The teams shared a moment of silence with the Parkway Central community and later joined hands for prayer with their team.

The team found a lot of success by trying to achieve their goal every game. "Having this goal helps us realize that the game is not just about ourselves but it is about representing Christ through our play, said Izzy Clawson, freshman. By setting that goal for themselves, they not only honored God in their play, but they benefitted themselves as players and people by training themselves to accomplish that goal.



Kathryn Kramer, freshman

Game Day Traditions:
Brunk
Pre-Wrap

Turner
Sweat band

Thomas
Bible Verse on her wrist

Clawson
Cross on her wrist

Shoemaker
Cross on her wrist



Izzy Clawson, freshman



Emily Stoner, freshman



Sarah Shoemaker, freshman



Alexis Turner, freshman



Sidney Kean, sophomore



Katie Myers, freshman, dribbles the ball up the field to find a passing lane. Katie was one of the many freshmen to step up and contribute to the team. The majority of the JV team were freshmen.



freshman **Ashley Peterman** fights for the ball against her opponent. Ashley played defense for JV and was one of the top defensive players. She stopped many girls on the other teams from scoring goals by taking the ball from them.

"Hella Strong"

The women's varsity soccer team played with new perspectives and motivations this year. The team dedicated their season to Coach Warren Smith's wife, Hella, who was diagnosed with a high grade brain tumor called Glioblastoma Multiforme in January.

While the wins and loses were obviously important, this situation gave them something bigger to focus on. "With Hella's diagnosis in mind, we all have a better concept of what's important in life," said Sydney Walker, sophomore.

To honor Hella, every game the girls wore navy blue tape on their wrists that read "Hella Strong" as a reminder of who they were playing for. "We wear the blue tape around our wrists because we acknowledge and respect Hella's strength. Recognizing her strength gives us strength through our season," said Natalie Bunton, sophomore.

Sharing the same motivation, the whole soccer program came together through this trial. "We have had to support one another as a program through this, and we all have the utmost respect for Hella and her attitude going through this," said Courtney Beat, senior.

Recognizing that life was more than the number of goals scored or wins gained, but about supporting those around them was something that the soccer team learned this season.



The team celebrates a win in the Parkway Showcase Tournament with Hella Smith. "There is an added level of drive to play to my highest capability now that this season is about something bigger than me," said Kyrstin Pritchett, sophomore.

Charisee Williams, senior, strikes a ball. "Charisse brings laughter but also an example of leadership and hard work ethic to the team," said Kyrstin Pritchett, sophomore.

Making herself a strong presence in the middle, **Hailee Klein**, junior, serves a ball to a teammate resulting in a goal.

Kirsten Davis, sophomore, dribbles towards the goal on a breakaway. "Kirsten is very entertaining, helps us work hard, and keeps us positive," said Sydney Walker, sophomore.



Natalie Bunton, sophomore



Missy Grasse, junior



Taylor French, sophomore.



Elisabeth Harding, junior.



Courtney Beat, **Megan Johnson**, and **Charisee Williams**, senior captains, participate in the coin toss before the game.



Macy Catlett, junior.



Alaina Ranzazzo, junior.



Mollie Ottsen, freshman.

Paige Stanfill, sophomore.

Courtney Beat, senior, takes a warm up shot at a Metro-League game against John Burroughs. With Beat's addition of one goal, the team won this crucial game 5-0. Photo credit Drew Port



Griffen Anderson, sophomore, serves the ball. This was the first match of the season, and the Wildcats brought home a win.

Standing Out

The Jv tennis team was a diverse group of guys this year with players from all grades, but there were two seniors on the team that stood out as leaders and set an example for the younger players.

"It's my senior season, so it's the last year I have to have fun and do well," said Austin Mathai, senior. Mathai remarked that as a senior he's been on the team for a while and has really bonded with the other boys. "We've all played with each other growing up so I know almost everyone," said Mathai. "It's really easy to get to know each other and it's easy to make friends."

Matthew Moore, freshman, said he looks up to them as they are more experienced athletes. "They've been here longer, and they know what they're doing," said Moore.

Being one of only two seniors on a team could be tough, but these boys have taken advantage of the situation to lead by setting a good example for the younger players to follow.



Donovan Washburn,
freshman



Dylan Baile,
junior



Matthew McKinnis,
freshman



Miles Hehner,
junior



Matthew McKinnis, freshman



Jake McKie, sophomore



Matthew Moore, freshman, **Nathan Walsh,** freshman, **Will Sutter,** sophomore, **Kurt Weinberg,** freshman

Andrew Montgomery, junior, serves a ball to the opposing court during a tennis match against Kirkwood. Montgomery has been playing on the Westminster Mens Varsity Tennis Team ever since he was a freshmen.



Men's Varsity Tennis



Carter Wells, junior, defends his side of the court during a doubles match against Kirkwood. Wells usually was on a doubles team with Jack Southwell, senior.

Ace, Break, Deuce

The Varsity Boys Tennis team slashed and thrashed their way to being one of the most well known and best tennis teams in the Saint Louis Area. The Cats clawed their way to victory over their opposition including Kirkwood, Lutheran South, and Clayton High Schools. These skilled individuals continued to turn heads with every powerful swing at the Metro Tourney, and came in 3rd place. Tennis was a focused sport, and everything boiled down to stance along with the power transfer from the arm to the racket.

"You have to get your footing right, and extend your arm very high. The higher it is, according to some type of science, the more force you will get in your swing. At first, its pretty hard to get the technique right, but with time, anyone can do it!" said Tomas Mitchem, sophomore.

These boys have dedicated most of their life to sports and tennis, some started as early as 6th grade. These boys eat sleep and breathe tennis, and it showed in their performance. The dedication to the sport showed a great deal of character in them. Andrew Montgomery, Junior, said, "I've been playing tennis for about 9 years. I play soccer too, but I believe that tennis is my favorite out of the two."

What else do they do?

Bacon Soccer
Montgomery Soccer
Waller Soccer
Mitchem Hockey



Teddy Bacon,
sophomore



Jacob Waller,
senior



Jack Southwell,
senior



Tomas Mitchem,
sophomore

Corey Weinberg,
senior





Dominic Cusumano, freshman, fields a throw from first base in warmups between innings. "I like playing against other teams with my friends" said Cusumano.

All in Uniform



Josh Pottebaum,
sophomore

Colin Shreves,
freshman



Jesse Esparza-Burr,
sophomore

Josh Berglar, sophomore, runs back to second base after a teammate hit a foul ball.



Logan Sells, sophomore, gets a sign from the third base coach after reaching base safely.

Blake Barthel-
mass, sopho-
more, awaits a
pitch.



Drew Dempsey, freshman, throws a strike in the second game of a double header.

Some teams struggle with working together but the baseball C team struggled with staying in uniform.

"Daniel can't keep his hat on," said Carter McCall, freshman. "It all started when my hat was too big for my head so I would stop wearing it during practice. Whenever I would run it would fly off my head. Coach obviously noticed this so he started saying 'put your hat on' during practice," said Daniel Brown, freshman.

"Daniel Brown never has his hat on his head. I give him a hard time about being on a baseball team and how he is required to wear a hat!" said James Smith, C team Baseball coach.

"[Another] time I left it out in the field when I was coming in to get a drink. I started returning out there to get it and he yelled at me to put it on again. Now it's a running joke that every day he asks if I brought my hat," said Brown.

Another time uniform became an issue on the field, was when the starting pitcher forgot his pants. "One of my friends forgot his pants at home and he was going to start pitching. He couldn't pitch with out his pants so I decided that since I wasn't going to play the first couple of innings, I would give him my pants until his pants got here," said Ricky Johnson, freshman.

The C team grew closer and bonded over the dysfunction of wearing or not wearing a uniform. They had a great season, despite forgetting their pants and not wearing their hats.



JV Baseball

C Baseball



Senior **Luke Matheny** throws a killer pitch during the Priory game. Luke has been a strong leader and incredible player on the team the past four years and will continue playing baseball at Oklahoma State University in the fall. "I'm excited to get to college, but I'll be sad to leave," said Luke, "I've had three good years with Veeg, and I've grown up with a lot of the juniors on the team so it will be sad not to play with them anymore."



Varsity Baseball

All About that Base

Photos Credit: Sydney Stillman



Benjamin Sems
junior

Joe Curtis
senior

Nick Glanvill
junior

Jack Linton
junior



Nick Ebel, junior
Nathan Scott, senior
Jake Matheny, junior
Devan Stewart, sophomore

Behind every great team is a great coach, and Westminster's baseball team was no exception. Though countless extremely talented players have had their place on the team, the team's immense success could not be accomplished without the man behind the mound, Coach Richard Van Gilst. Coach Van Gilst has led the team through four consecutive State Championship wins, more than any other team in the history of Missouri.

"With the past four years of winning State Championships it's really hard for a coach to go and keep up with winning, and knowing what he has to do to keep his team on the right path and focused," said senior Michael Failoni, "I'm amazed he's been able to keep that mind set after all of these crazy baseball guys have gone through playing jokes on him every single practice, and he's still able to go out, keep us focused, and get us the win."

These incredible achievements and his attitude as a coach was why named Coach Van Gilst was named the 2014 MaxPreps Medium Schools National Coach of the Year. "It was shocking," said Coach Van Gilst, "I owe my successes to good players. The team this year has more new players than many of the teams in the past. As a result, we have less experience. We plan to gain experience and get better each week so that by tournament time we can be at our best."

The team has been known for it's excellent record and this year is no exception. "We have a really god team this year," said Junior Michael Alldredge, "I hope that we can win state, and I think if we play well we can." The mutually high respect between the team and the coach led to many of the successes of the team. "They work hard and have fun, as well as respect and love the game and each other," said Van Gilst.



The team gathers after practice.

Luke Matheny, senior and **Jake Matheny**, junior.

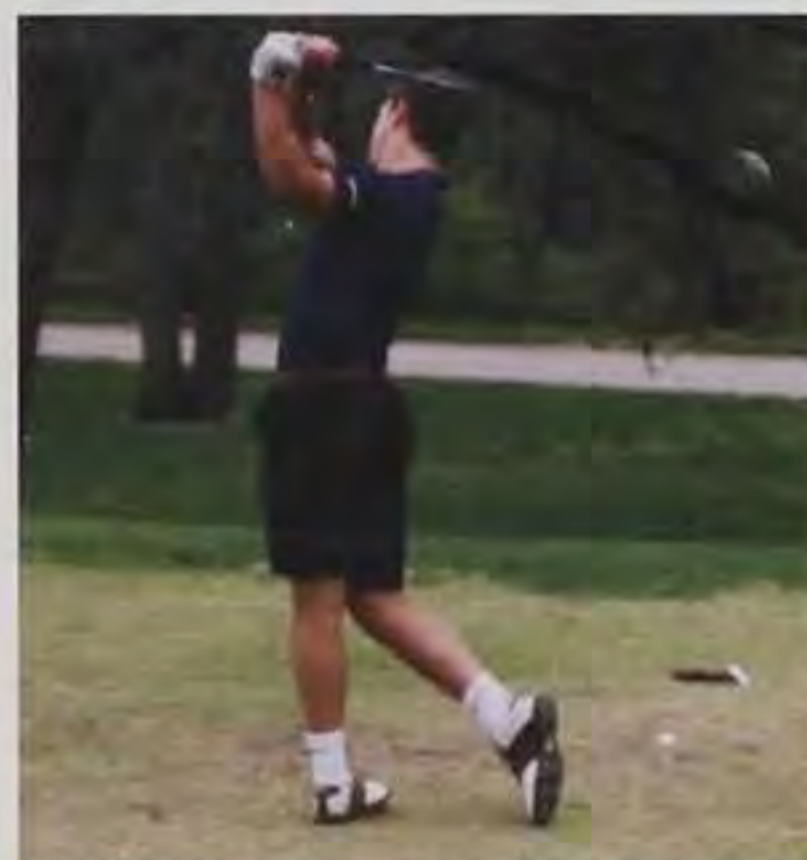
Nathan Scott, senior.

Photo Credit: Sydney Stillman



Drew Port, senior, practices his tee-off. For the boys golf team, practice was difficult at the beginning of the season due to the constant rain and snow.

Top Left: **Andrew Looby**, sophomore
 Top Right: **Willie Canfield**, junior
 Bottom Right: **Michael Shaw**, sophomore
 Bottom Left: **Cooper More**, sophomore



Golfin' Around

The men's Varsity golf team had always been known to have a strong group of senior players. This leadership and talent guided the team throughout the years. But as spring approached and tryouts began it started to become clear that the future of the men's golf program had been put in the hands of the underclassmen.

"We have a couple of really good freshmen and sophomores this year and it is really encouraging to see that the team will continue to grow after I graduate", Drew Port, senior.

"I am really excited for the next couple of years because we have a really strong team that I think will go far," said Chad Briden, Freshmen.

The boys look forward to bettering their record in years to come and believe they will only grow in strength and stamina as a team.

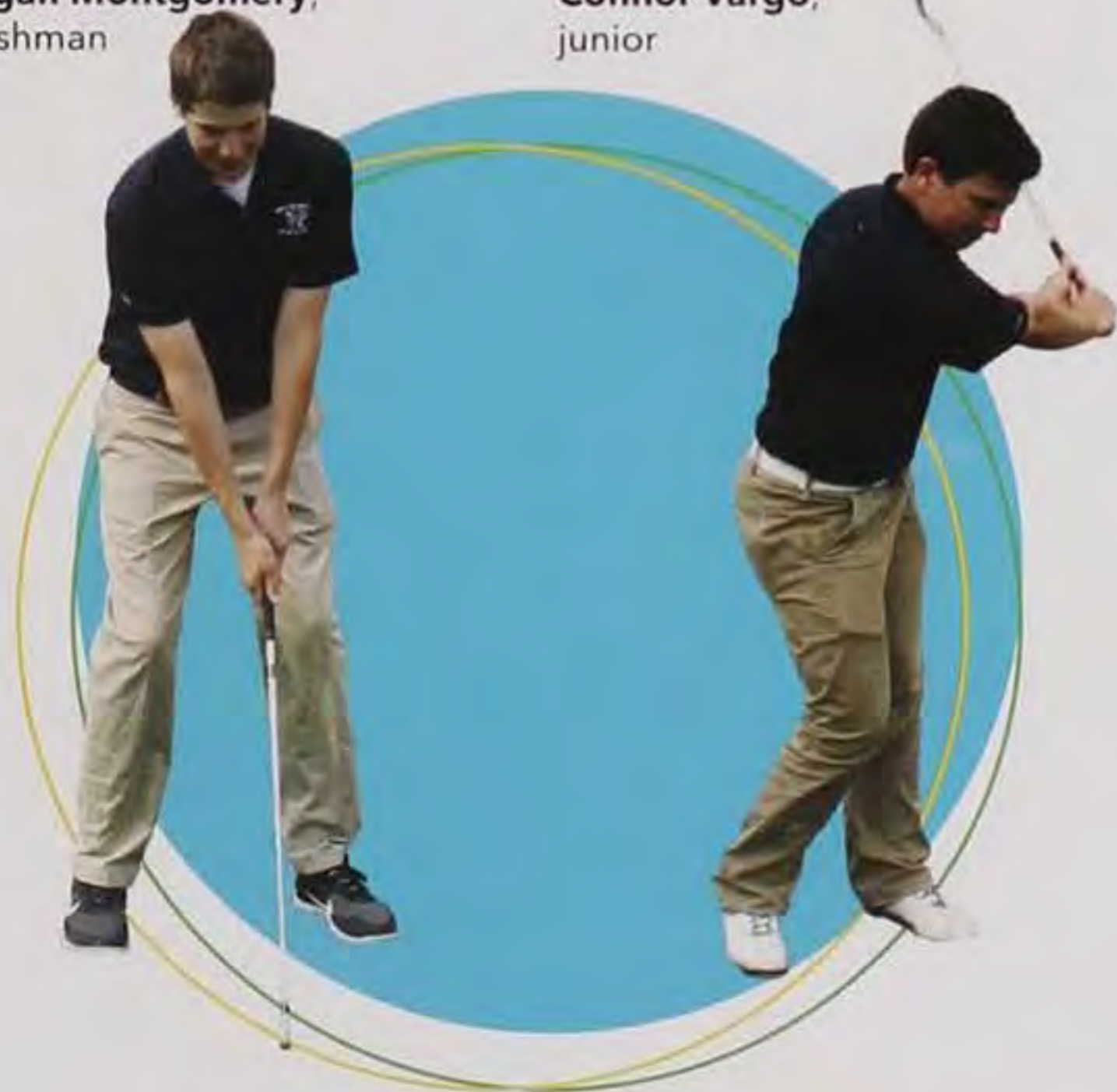
Willie Canfield, junior, said he "leads through hard work, perseverance, encouragement, and love. All love" Canfield also reflects on the younger talent, "The underclassmen are really talented and strong on the course with both their long and short game."

The future looked promising for the Men's Golf Team as new and talented players entered the program each year with the attitude to become a better player.



Logan Montgomery, freshman

Connor Vargo, junior



George Meyer, freshman



Zach Nall, sophomore



Alex Token, freshman



Back and Forth

Westminster's Junior Varsity lacrosse team was unique. Not only because lacrosse was a unique sport to play, but it became even more interesting this season. The team was a blended group of girls who all slightly differed in their level of play. The team had girls who played in C team games who moved up for JV games, and girls who played in some Varsity games and moved down to get playing time in the JV games.

"I practice with the varsity, but I play for the JV team. After practice we always kind of gather together, and it's fun," said Amanda Ahlbrand, sophomore.

Caroline Brands, sophomore, played Westminster lacrosse for 3 years. Brands was on the Junior Varsity team. "Its a really good challenge, because a lot of people are swinging down from varsity or swinging up from C team. There are only a few of us actually on JV. So we play with people from all the levels," said Caroline Brands, sophomore.

Other girls liked this program because it showed the intensity of the different teams. "I like it because it gives people a little bit more of an idea of what it's like," said Jenna Galakatos, freshmen. The main goal in this set up was to get players the most playing time as possible at the highest level. Through this, the program remained one team and one family.

Mackenzie Weinberg, sophomore, catches the ball. Weinberg was warming up for the game. The objective was to get through the defense.

Christina Mason, sophomore, runs toward the goal. Mason had just caught the ball. She was one of many to score a goal.



Top to Bottom:
Sofie Harjoe, junior; **Sophia Granata**, sophomore

JV Lacrosse



Sofia Granata, sophomore



Rachel Farrel, sophomore



Haley Schmer, freshman



Joi Malloyd, junior



Alyssa Shikles, sophomore.



Sophomore, **Maddi Challenger**, launches the ball during a lacrosse game. "Its my first year and I honestly tried out because the coaches are just so amazing and I have just really have come to love the sport. Lacrosse is really fun. I will definitely be playing lacrosse again" said Challenger.

Photo Credit: Emily Jo Barker

Harper Larson, senior, was rolling the crease to snag the ball that her teammate just threw. Larson successfully rolled and scored. This was the first home game of the season for the Wildcats. She also plays on a club lacrosse team outside of school. Photo Credit: Emily Jo Barker

Women's Varsity Lacrosse



Lauren Griesedieck, junior, took the draw for Westminster. The draw is like a tip off, the ball is placed, by the ref, in between the two girl's sticks. The girls then throw the ball up into the air and whoever catches it in their net gets the ball. Photo Credit: Emily Jo Barker

A Family of 80



Gracie Adams, junior, looks for an open team member to pass the ball off to. During the Varsity lacrosse home opener, the Wildcats won 9 to 5 against the Clayton Greyhounds. *Photo Credit: Emily Jo Barker*



Olivia Coomes, senior, ran coast to coast to take a shot on goal. Coomes is one of the four varsity captains this year along with Sarah Betz, Kaitlin Kittleson, seniors, and Margo Koby, junior. *Photo Credit: Emily Jo Barker*

This year's women's lacrosse program had an overwhelming amount of girls looking to go out for the team. Nearly a hundred girls tried out for the team so both varsity, junior varsity, and even the C team were at full capacity. For varsity in particular, they assumed the role of leading the whole program not just their specific team.

"This season was really cool for me, as an underclassmen on Varsity I was able to bond with the older girls more," said Alyssa Shikles, sophomore.

In order to keep the four lacrosse teams, all 80 girls, as one community, "Lax Families" were created. Each senior was the leader of a family of four girls.

"My family was the best, I got to know my three family members so well. It was awesome to get to cheer them on at their games and know they would cheer me on at my varsity games," said Sarah Betz, senior.

Every Wednesday was dedicated to these families and teammates would write their families notes or bake them food. "It was so encouraging to get notes and food from the older girls, it made me feel really welcomed," said Haley Counts, freshman.

This close knit community that was formed led the way to great seasons for each team. The Varsity team continued to improve the program leading the way with success and dedication.



Elizabeth Bowman, junior. *Photo Credit: Emily Jo Barker*



Haley Counts, freshman



Whitney Williams, junior



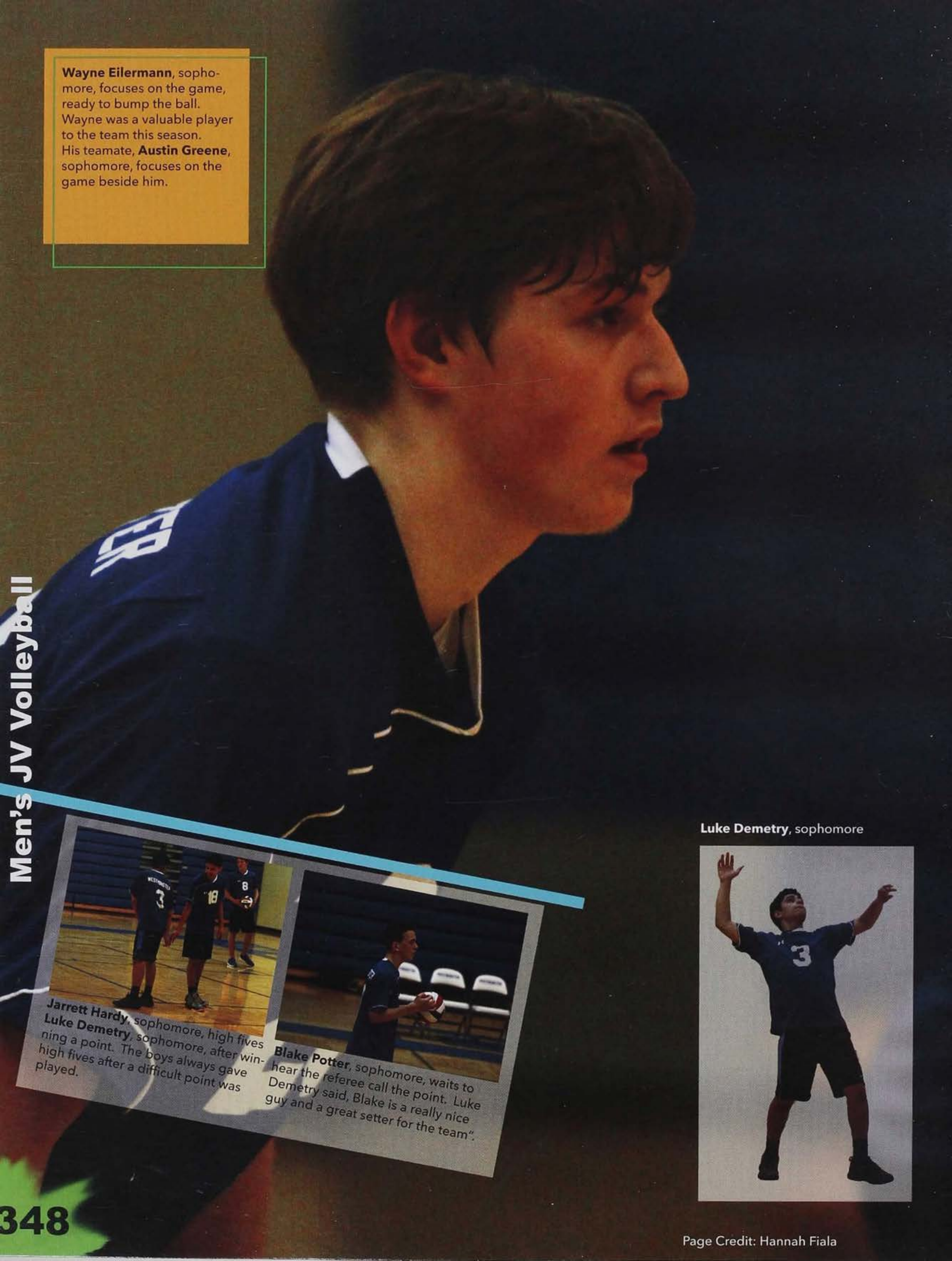
Ali Montgomery, senior. *Photo Credit: Emily Jo Barker*



Kaitlin Kittelson, senior. *Photo Credit: Emily Jo Barker*

Wayne Eilermann, sophomore, focuses on the game, ready to bump the ball. Wayne was a valuable player to the team this season. His teammate, **Austin Greene**, sophomore, focuses on the game beside him.

Men's JV Volleyball



Luke Demetry, sophomore



Jarrett Hardy, sophomore, high fives **Luke Demetry**, sophomore, after winning a point. The boys always gave high fives after a difficult point was played.

Blake Potter, sophomore, waits to hear the referee call the point. Luke Demetry said, Blake is a really nice guy and a great setter for the team".

Volleyball Victorious

The men's JV volleyball team this year was unusually small. The team consisted of seven players leaving only one substitute for games. These boys, coached by Coach DeJong, played a lot more because of their team size. Blake Andrews, freshman said, "one day one of the boys was sick and instead of just playing the front row I covered both the front and the back, that was cool because I got to improve in another position".

The small team also resulted in Coach DeJong getting to know all his players really well during the season. Luke Demetry said, "coach is pretty chill he is very calm but when it is time to put in work he has us work hard". Blake Andrews agreed saying "coach has us work hard because he knows it will make us better".

One particular team victory that stood out to the boys was their second game of the season, against Parkway North. After battling the team in the first two sets the two teams were in a tie. In the third match the boys were down 22-24 with the other team serving. The boys needed to win by two points to win the match. The team managed to get back 26-24 making them winners of the match.

Even though they have a small team and did not get to rotate often they continued to improve despite this setback.

Austin Greene, sophomore



Jarrett Hardy, sophomore

Blake Andrews, freshman

Dawson Egan, sophomore

Wayne Eilermann, sophomore





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Cameron Hibbler, senior, serves to Frances Howell Central. Hibbler worked closely with his younger teammates to help shape a strong team and honorable men. "I'm excited to see how far the boys have come as Christian athletes!" said Hibbler.

Rising Potential



Kill after kill, this year's Varsity Volleyball team destroyed their opponents. With talent like Cameron Hibbler and Tim Burford, the team was bound for victory. But the seniors were not going to be able to take the victories with them when they left.

"We have new talent and potential in the underclassmen. They show great determination to get better and to win," said Cameron Hibbler, senior.

Part of nurturing this talent comes from senior leadership. "The seniors this year are really stepping up to the plate when it comes to leadership and leading by example!" said Hibbler.

In order to lead effectively, the seniors recognized they had couldn't simply expect their teammates to improve without their support and example. "As a senior leader, I need to be vocal on the court, be responsible on and off the court, and be supportive of my team," said Tim Burford, senior.

Even though the team had an incredible season, they were not solely focused on the statistics. They wanted to ensure the team would continue to build a strong and honorable team.



Ricky Breneman,
senior.



Tim Burford and Ben Gienke,
seniors.



Tim Burford,
senior.



Ethan Davitt, sophomore, tosses the ball to serve it. "We had four seniors and four underclassmen so one senior and one underclassmen were 'prayer partners,'" said Davitt.



Jonny Parker, sophomore, serves the ball towards Francis Howell Central.



