

WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



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A young man with dark hair, wearing a blue hoodie, is shown in profile, focused on playing a trumpet. The background is a soft-focus green field. The text 'OUT OF' is overlaid in large white letters at the top. Below it, the words 'the', 'the ordinary', and 'thin air' are written in a blue cursive font, each within a semi-transparent white rectangular box.

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every day.
IT'S THE *moments*
WHEN WE ARE
CAUGHT *off-guard*
THAT DEFINE
who we are.







EVERY DAY WE
WORK AND PUSH
OURSELVES TO
maximize OUR
potential.

WE MUST STOP
TO NOTICE LIFE
all around us
AMIDST THE
chaos.





WE MUST
LEARN TO
FIND *joy*
IN EACH
circumstance
WE
encounter.

"The teachers here are very caring and want to connect and create a relationship with the students." -Elena

Angelin, 12th

"800 Sporting is a unique twist Westminster added to help inform us of events & sporting teams. It's always fun to watch those videos during first hour."

-KATIE BROWN, 7th

"Carnival weekend always gets everyone in an excited mood for football and Homecoming."

-Jack Powers, 11th

"THE PC MEETINGS ARE SO FUN TO BOND WITH GIRLS IN MY GRADE I DON'T HAVE CLASSES WITH." -LAUREN TURLEY, 7TH

"My favorite part is the swim team's sense of humor and how much fun we have when we bond at away meets. It's become a brotherhood." -Alex Wittenauer, 10th

"I LOVE HOW WE HAVE GREAT, EDUCATIONAL CURRICULA THAT ARE GEARED TOWARDS STEM AND SCIENCE." -ANGELINA SPENCER, 10TH

"I've been to private schools before, but this is the first one i feel fully accepted at because it accepts my faith and my personality."

-Jack Maher 9th

"The teachers are very personable and truly care. it is evident they care because of the way they teach and treat us."

"Veracross can be good or bad, but I like the fact that I can check my grades and keep up with homework assignments from my teachers."

-Kelcie Patrick, 12th

"Chapel is really fun and adds a community-styled gathering to help us worship God together as a school."

-Camille Farris, 7th

THE CATERING IS MY FAVORITE LUNCH, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S FROM CHICK-FIL-A OR SMOOTHIE KING."

-CARLIE VICK, 10TH

"CARNIVAL WEEKEND ALWAYS GETS EVERYONE IN AN EXCITED MOOD FOR THE FOOTBALL GAMES, FALL, AND HOMECOMING." -STEWART GEISZ, 10TH

"The teachers don't just see us as students, they see us as people."

-Chloe Burnham, 12th

"Seniors get the opportunity to serve at Senior Service, and the little kids at my school are so fun to hang with."

"I feel other schools are content with their grade being separated, and I guess part of that is the larger class size. But if you talk to WCA students, a lot of them say they like the unity at our school."

"Boys poms was so fun with our costumes and hanging with my friends at practice."

"Camp Westminster was a fun way to integrate sports and making friends before I came in 7th grade."

"Spirit Week is like no other. It's definitely the unique aspect that WCA brings to the table because no other school does it like us."

"THE THEATER DEPARTMENT IS SO GOOD HERE AND HELPS ME WORK ON MY SKILLS AND BECOME BETTER."

"I LOVE THE FOOD HERE, ESPECIALLY THE HOLLY BERRY COOKIES."

"WE HAVE SO MANY SUMMER SEMINAR TRIPS TO CHOOSE FROM, AND FRANCE WAS MY FAVORITE"

"P.E. classes are fun because we get to swim and play outside when the weather is nice."

-Ben Straub, 12th

-Lexie Vick, 10th

-Katherine Bauer, 12th

-Wyatt Schopp, 7th

-Lindsey Birk, 7th

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“WHEN IT’S HOT OUTSIDE, YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON THE INSIDE OF WCA TO BE VERY COLD.” -ZACH WATSON, 11TH

“MY TEACHERS HAVE BECOME MORE MENTORS THAN TEACHERS.” -KAITLYN STILT, 11TH

“Chapel has been very interactive with the students and continually has activities that gets the students on stage and tuned into/involved with the message.” -Reed Grimm, 11th

“THE DIVERSITY OF CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE CAN GET INVOLVED IN ADDS TO THE MANY THINGS WCA BRINGS TO THE TABLE.” -WALKER BRAND, 8TH

“Spirit Week gives students something to look forward to in the middle of the year since we don’t have a Spirit Week before Homecoming. Everyone gives it their all for the performances and it’s a big-time bonding week.”

-Madison Tucker, 12th
 “All my friends that watch our VDT that come from other schools compliment how we have so much more enthusiasm than their dance team.” -MASHA STEPHENS, 9th

“I like being able to play basketball and nine-square during lunch with my friends and get to be outside in the nice weather.” -Lance Johnson, 12th



Jake McConkey, 10th



Peyton Moore, 10th



Joey Fentress, 8th



Tia Langhorn, 9th



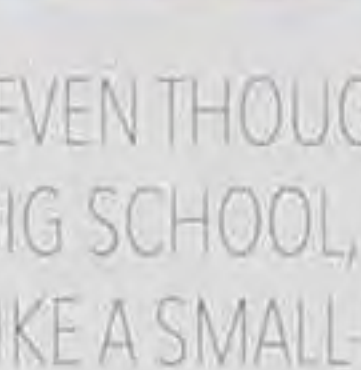
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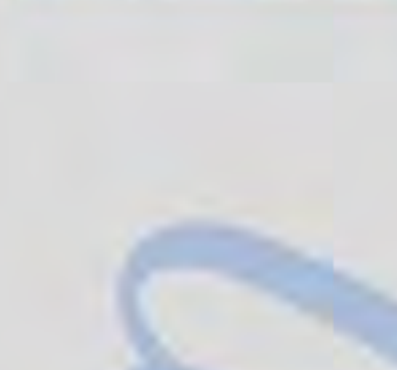
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OLD TIME

the box

We asked students what uniquely set Westminster apart as a school and why they loved this school.

ONLY IN *Chadron*

Every summer, rising seniors embarked on a rugged and strenuous adventure in South Dakota. Each year, the students emerged with new relationships and perspectives, learning from the experiences that differed from their ordinary lives. Students faced new settings and challenges that left lasting impressions on them.

Chadron: On their first night together, the rising seniors spent the night in the small town of Chadron, Nebraska, a new location for the South Dakota trip. The students climbed to the top of a nearby hill to watch the sunset and ate pizza in a local park. The boys on the trip took a particular liking to the people and setting of the strange town. "Chadron is the eighth wonder of the world," said Lane Davis, senior. Even though Chadron was just a little stop on the trip, the rising seniors found a special value in it that they took with them back home.

Badlands National Park: While in the Badlands, the seniors missed watching the final game of the NHL playoffs at home in which the St. Louis Blues won the Stanley Cup. However, after pitching their tents for the night, many of the seniors climbed a mountain to get better reception and huddled around someone's phone to watch the game. They held their own celebration on top of the mountain when the Blues won, erupting in cheers. "The Blues game is something I'll be telling my kids and my grandkids about. It's something I'll remember forever," said Katie Hobaugh, senior. Watching the Blues game united the seniors in a once in a lifetime experience.

Custer's Gulch Campground: Spending several nights in this campground, the rising seniors had a lot of free time to hang out around the bonfire and play card games, which were some of their favorite times. They also organized heated spikeball tournaments with everyone, playing so much that there was a circle of destroyed grass by the time they left. "We played every day until it was too dark to play. Aiden Davitt and I established ourselves as the premier spikeball players at Custer," said Tommy Briner, senior. This location brought the group together more than any other place, challenging them to reach out and connect with new people.

Caleb's Boat: After the seniors' kayak float trip was cancelled due to the Cheyenne River being too high, they spent the last few days of their trip on the boat of their beloved tour guide, Caleb. Everyone on the trip spent the night on the boat together with the girls sleeping on the deck of the boat under the stars in their sleeping bags. "The boat was the perfect ending to a great trip," said Ella Fiala, senior. The trip ended on a high note on Caleb's boat with the seniors reflecting on the ideas of shalom and unity they learned throughout their adventure.

Many places influenced the rising seniors on the South Dakota summer seminar trip.



(top) Esten Ronning, David Brown, and Graham Clawson, seniors, enjoy their first night on Caleb's boat. There were many different types of card games played as the crew watched the sunset.

(bottom) Heidi Hightower and Ella Polski, seniors, stop hiking to take a break and take in the scenery. The two girls became fast friends throughout the course of the trip.

A group of senior campers play a round of cards before the campground becomes too dark. Many rounds of cards were played during the whole trip. "I played more cards than I ever have in my life," said Caroline Kopsky, senior.



ALL THE *architecture*



The stark difference between architecture in the United States versus that of France left students that traveled on the French trip dumbfounded. "The amount of detail is like nothing else, and the beauty is something everyone should experience," said Sydney Moore, senior. The contrast of style and materials amazed the students, and after researching for the trip, they were able to understand the culture better through its architecture.



Olivia Bauer and Gracie Wessels, juniors, and Macy Goodwin, sophomore, pose in their skirts at the top of Acrocorinth. The Meteora monastery gave these skirts to some girls so that they could uphold the monastery dress code and still go inside.

MJ Akins and Veronica Ortiz, juniors, capture the beautiful views at the top of Acrocorinth. The Greece students spent one full morning exploring this ancient biblical city with so much history and beauty.



Hunter Calvin, sophomore, rides a carousel near Sacré-Cœur. Sacré-Cœur is a basilica at the highest point of the city of Paris.



Students from the French Trip all try to stand on a block in front of the Louvre as Carter Hickel, junior takes a selfie.

FORMULA *one*



Michael Schneider, junior, sits in a prototype of a formula one car. Formula One is a fast form of racing very popular in French culture, as they even have their own race, The French Grand Prix.

“ I was happy to teach students the artistic part of the American culture even though I am not very good at art.”
- Rebecca Do



REBECCA DO JUNIOR

ON TOP OF *the world*



Gus Wilkerson, junior, and Daniel Johnson, senior, and all of the Greece students hiked up large mountains with beautiful views at the top.

Jon Walsh and Ian McKie juniors, pose at Acrocorinth. Acrocorinth is the ancient city of Corinth that the Greece students explored for a day of their trip.



GAMES AND *more games*

Westminster's international trips consisted of many long bus rides and lots of buffoonery to keep the students entertained.

Traveling on dusty roads and traffic-packed highways, buses carried students full of eagerness and anticipation as they rode toward their foreign destinations. As minutes turned into hours, the classmates began to turn restless, trying to find something to entertain themselves without the usual satisfaction of their phones. Westminster students traveled to Greece and France over the summer with teachers and faculty, with hopes of being fully submerged into international culture.

The trip to Greece, a first time trip for Westminster and at capacity of thirty-two students and four teachers, consisted of tourist activities, such as visiting the Parthenon and looking at the scenic views of Meteora, a rock formation holding a monastery. One downside to the beautiful winding roads and scenic views of Greece was the travel time it took to get from place to place. Although none of the bus rides were as long as the ten hour plane ride, the classmates grew unsettled as minutes passed. "The bus rides got really boring so we started to come up with our own sort of games to make them more fun. We came up with a game where we gave each person a name of the opposite gender. Everyone decided my name was Logan because it just kind of made sense," said Morgan McKee, junior.

Although only one time zone apart, the eight classmates that traveled to France encountered a very different culture despite also having a trip full of many long bus rides. Between staying with French students from the partner school to the small daily trips to Paris, the few participants on this trip were blown away by differences in the French culture from their own. American students spent many hours on the bus while on their daily commutes from the school to Paris, but like students that went to Greece, they found ways to pass the time. "To pass the time, the majority of our group played the word association game. We would go around in a circle saying one word based on what the previous person's word made us immediately think of," said Sydney Moore, senior. After a simple game like Moore described, the students were able to stretch their legs at their new location and become submerged into French language and culture.



Noah Coomes, junior, takes in the view of on top of Meteora which the students climbed while in Greece.



Jackson Lawrence, sophomore, poses before hiking up Meteora.

BROKEN *abroad*



Anna Minichiello, junior, on her first full day in Greece, broke her foot. Just before dinner the students were messing around in the field, and Minichiello was tumbling and fell. Being crippled in a foreign country has a lot of challenges. "My cast only cost like a dollar and six cents and the hospital was super outdated because it was a socialist country," said Minichiello. During the trip the kids did a lot of hiking, and Minichiello had to find other ways to do things. "The only thing I didn't get to do was hike up to mountains, but it was still the best trip I have ever been on," said Minichiello.

Matthew Culligan, senior, and Mr. Roff award Avery Jones, sophomore, for winning a rock-paper-scissors contest during the show. The hosts held several different competitions like this in-between acts.



Emilee Burney, junior, amazes the audience with her skills on the harp. She played the theme song to "Legend of Zelda" and wore elf ears as her costume to play the character.



Stewart Geiz and Ava Berutti, sophomores, sing a duet that they later performed again at the Homecoming banquet. As active participants in theatre, the two were no strangers to the stage.

SPOTLIGHTS OF THE spotlight



BELLE ST. JOHN
sophomore



SHELBY TRUITT
freshman



DAVID CAHILL
eighth grade



MATTHEW CULLIGAN
senior

HOEDOWN *showdown*

Eleanor Disper, freshman, sings "Hallelujah" as a solo during the Hoedown Showdown. Disper was also a member of choir, and therefore used to performing.

Westminster put a new spin on the variety show.

To go along with the 'Wild West' theme of the entire Homecoming weekend, STUCO put together a Hoedown Showdown, previously known as the variety show. They added activities like mini games for audience members in between acts and voting for the winner via phones. The show consisted of many unique acts including Emilee Burney, junior, playing the harp and David Chaill, eighth grade, riding the unicycle and juggling. The Show was hosted by Matthew Culligan, senior, and English teacher, Mr. Roff. Overall the Hoedown Showdown was a huge success and the student body now has high expectations for the years to come.

The winner of the Hoedown Showdown was Daniel Herrera, senior. He wowed the crowd with his amazing skills on the piano taking the majority of the vote by storm. In second and third place was Zach Leeker, freshman, and Daniel Cahill, eighth grade. Leeker also played the lead in the musical, "The Little Mermaid Junior," so it is no surprise that he also amazed the crowd with his musical skills. The top three winners were awarded with a Chick-Fil-A gift card and a medal.

Miriam Smith, sophomore, wows the crowd with a double act. She started playing the violin and then sang with a guitar accompaniment.



A WOMAN OF MANY *talents*

Bria Benes, Masha Stevens, and Kylie Robertson, freshmen, take a ride on one of the biggest Carnival hits.



NEW ADDITION *to tradition*

A new and improved Carnival was introduced.

Although Carnival is a well respected tradition at WCA, this year the students took it one step up with new additions to the normal booths that appear every year. Along with cookies being sold and quesadillas being made, two new rides filled the parking lot both Friday night and Saturday. One of the rides, called Rock O Plane, appeared as a normal ferris wheel, yet had a surprising twist that included rotating the riders upside down while spinning in a circle. "I went on Friday night and rode twice even though the line was long and there were a lot of people. The ride was my favorite part [of Carnival]," said Aiden Davitt, senior. Along with these rides, students led a dog show with contests and prizes awarded to

different categories of dogs, including a prize for 'So Ugly It's Cute.' Carnival weekend was complete with a football game and Homecoming dance on Saturday night. "I really liked Carnival this year because of the rides, but Homecoming was my favorite part. My friends and I all went together and had so much fun," said Lucy Christian, freshman. The theme for the whole weekend was 'Wild West' and students participated in a themed dress down day during school on Friday as well as for the game on Saturday. "Dressing up is the best part of football games and I love dressing out and participating in Blue Crew every year," said Mike Lemp, senior. The new and improved additions to Carnival attracted many students from all grades and even different schools.



Margaret McDaniel and Sami Mabry, freshmen, sell waffles to fundraise for the freshmen class on Saturday morning.

Katherine Bauer, Ashley MacDonald, and Kate Johnson, seniors, pose for a picture while working at Libby Thomas's mom's cookie booth. Thomas cookies were well known and loved throughout the Westminster community.

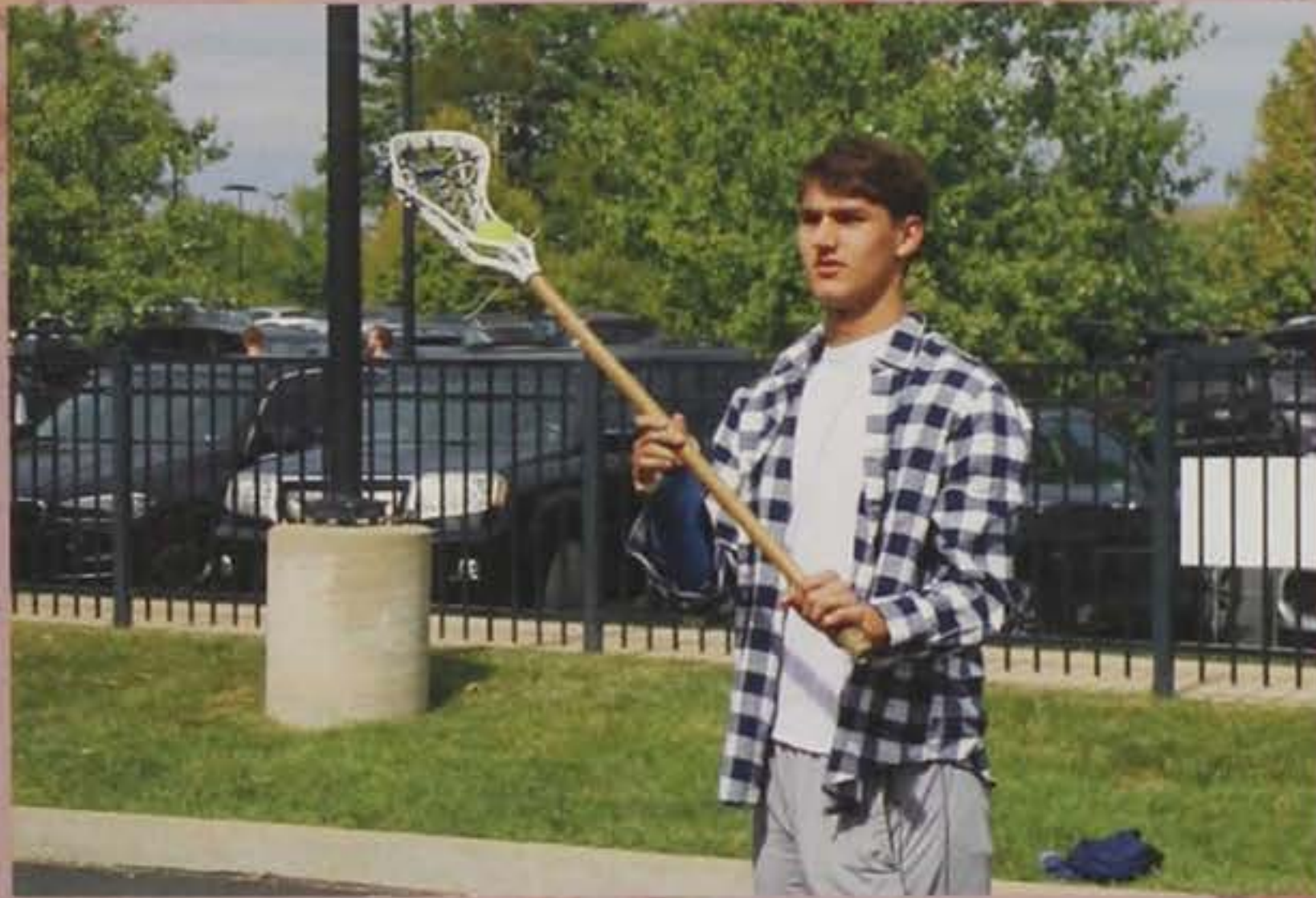


Luke Downey, seventh grade, sends a ping pong ball back over the net in a competitive game of table tennis. Downey beat his opponent.

Trey Davidson, seventh grade, bounces the ball on his paddle while waiting for his match to begin.



Lauren Gates, senior, hands Pawprint coffee to senior mom, Mrs. Kopsky. The entrepreneurship class worked the coffee booth all morning.



Koby Schmer, senior, prepares to toss a tennis ball into a basket in the lacrosse-toss game.

Reilly Brophy, sophomore, jumps for joy in excitement as Carnival opened Saturday morning. Brophy worked the Cake Walk game.

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HIGH



Heidi Hightower, senior's dad was a pilot and coordinated the flyover before the Homecoming football game. The planes flew over multiple times during the National Anthem.

BROKEN, BLOODY *and bruised*

“All I remember was my ankle hurting. Then someone’s boyfriend had to carry me out while I was crying, and people were crowding around me. It was sad, but I will always remember it.”

-Brooke Carter

freshman, who broke her ankle at the dance



Whitney Jia, junior, and Jenny Xia, senior, hug after ending one of the dances. There were many times to take breaks after dances with water and lemonade to help quench the dancers thirst.



Victoria Smith, senior, shows off her dance skills. Smith was a cheerleader and also had dancing skills. She danced the well-known routine to the “Git Up” song, which she learned with her friends.



Sophia Mullen, senior, dances in the center of the circle early on in the night. This was her last Homecoming, so she wanted to make the most of it.



Brooke Carter, Julia Coleman, and Sophie Shaver, sophomores, follow the DJ’s dance moves in the front row. The DJ paused a couple times for the students to learn some new dances, and these girls had fun following along.



Kara Galakatos, junior, throws up the peace sign as she gets ready for the after-party. Galakatos came with a date and also attended the banquet. Her table almost won the Kahoot.



Ben Broadhurst sophomore, is lifted into the air by fellow students. This was his first time crowd surfing, but luckily it ended well, even though the DJ yelled at him afterwards.





Stuart Geisz, sophomore, and Matthew Culligan, senior, throw some moves in the middle of a dance circle. "I wanted to challenge Stewart so I went out their to do my own version of the cool dance he was doing and then it became amazing," said Culligan.

THERE'S A FIRST *and a last*

The senior's one and only Homecoming Dance.

Although this was Westminster's first official Homecoming, it was also the last for the seniors. Late last school year, Dr. Butler, also known as Dr. Diva, announced that the Academy would be having their first Homecoming. Students were excited to be like other schools in the sense of a 'typical' high school experience. "I went to another Homecoming, and it was quite similar to ours. They were both really fun and I will always have the memories," said Grace Andrews, junior, who had been to Marquette High School's Homecoming as well.

Some seniors had not yet realized this would be their only high school Homecoming, however, many seniors came to the banquet and wanted to have a good last dance. The highlight of the banquet was the Kahoot. Each table competed for a fun prize, gift cards a table of mostly seniors won. "It was kinda funny because the student who created the Kahoot was at our table. He didn't really tell us the answers, but hinted at them," said Evie Cunningham, senior. Soon after, students who had not attended the banquet, came filing in for the after-party. Seniors crowded the stage to 'hype up' the student body. Although the DJ's constant cry of "no pushing" could be heard throughout the night, students continued dancing carelessly. The seniors seemed to be the last ones on the dance floor, which is different from the past when freshmen must wait for parents to pick them up. "I'm sad this was the last Homecoming, but I liked staying on the dance floor the whole night. I'm glad the seniors could support the school," said Allison Hardin, senior. Though this may have been the last Homecoming for seniors, underclassmen are excited for many more to come.

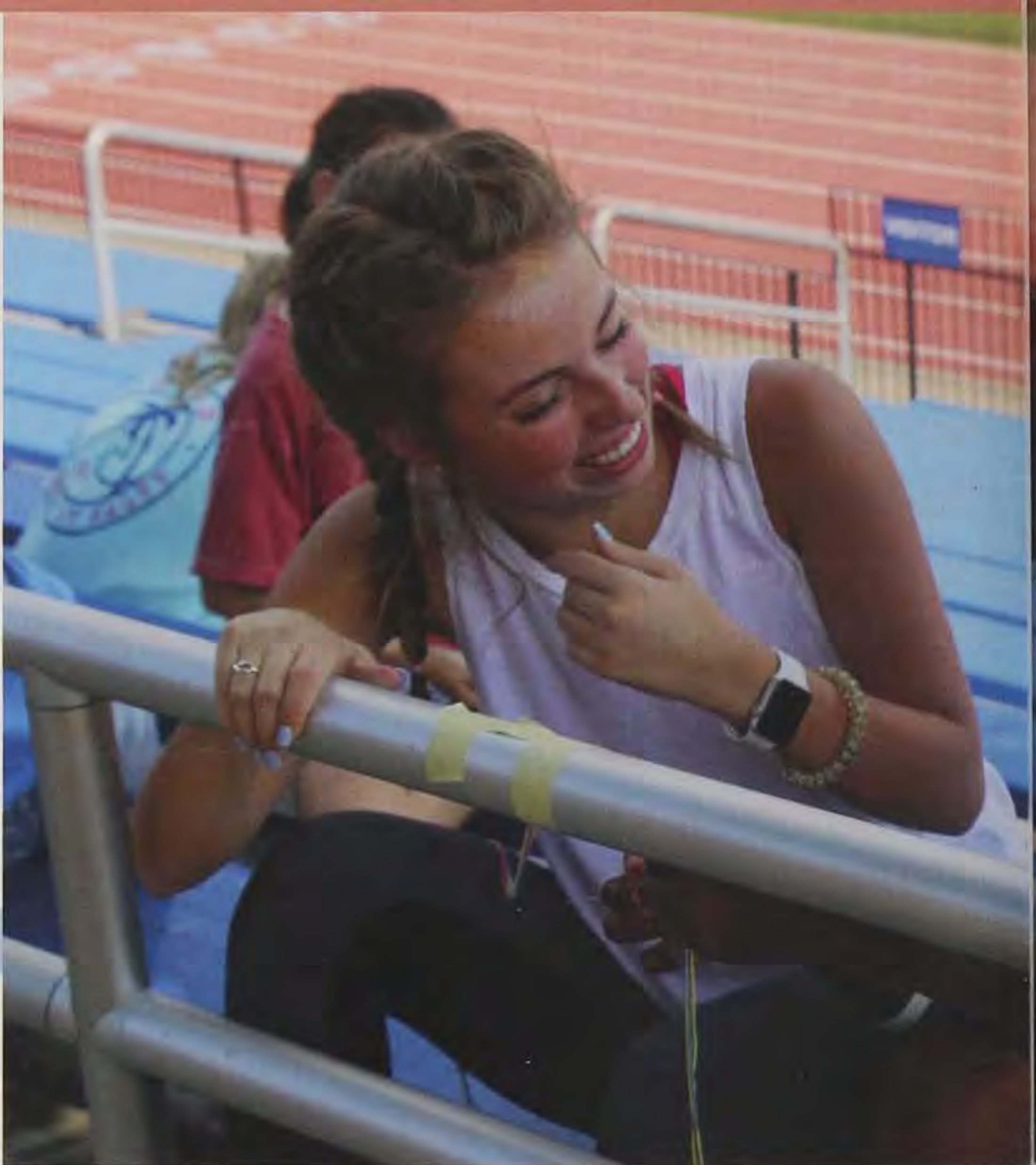


Brooke Highmark and Hope Linam, sophomores, pose for a picture during the banquet. Their table, full of sophomores almost won the Kahoot, but lost to a group of mostly seniors. "I have only been to one other dance, but this was the best by far," said Linam.

AT LEAST *we tried*



As part of their leadership team, eighth graders helped deliver some of the ITSOG donations. They traveled to The Little Bit Foundation to deliver the clothes collected and were told to organize the shelves and put supplies away. They worked very hard while simultaneously having fun. Unfortunately, at the end, the supervisor told them they had done it all wrong. Instead of putting away the new supplies, they put back supplies that were about to be shipped out. They felt bad, but were still able to assist The Little Bit Foundation as much as they could.



Alyssa Legters, senior, listens to David Ottolini, director of spiritual life, and discusses ideas for future chapels. "We plan what speakers would be interesting for people to listen to," said Legters. "I think it's important for students to get involved in planning chapel to make it more enjoyable," said Libby Kimberling, junior.



Ian Gilbert, junior, sings and plays the guitar while Elle Pierson, senior, sings during chapel. "We use the gifts God has given us to lead the school in worship. A lot of time is spent practicing outside of school and bonding as a leadership team," said Ahmad Alexander, sophomore.



Katherine Kurop, junior, does zumba with her PC girls on their retreat. The zumba room was one of the most popular activities on the retreat.



(top right) Huntleigh Hager and Isaac Boss, eighth grade, unload a heavy box of supplies. Both were planning to apply for leadership in high school. "It was so fun to deliver the supplies and see how we were helping others," said Hager. "I don't think we will ever get invited back to serve there, oops!" said David Cahill, eighth grade.

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CHAPEL LEADERSHIP

CHAPEL BAND

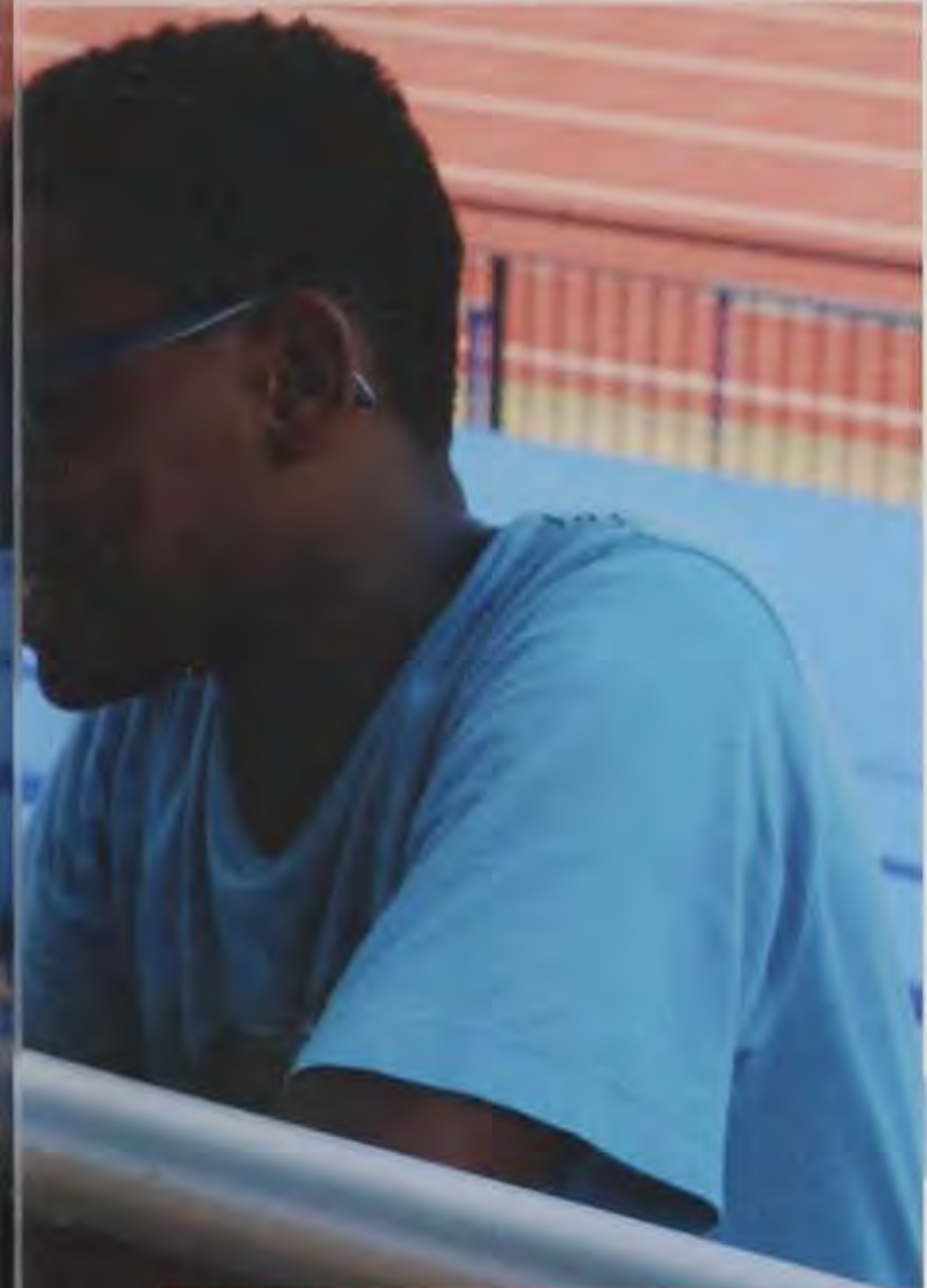
AMBASSADORS

EIGHTH GRADE

CULTURAL AMBASSADORS

PEER COUNSELORS

WHO WANTS waffles?



Natalie Ford, senior, and Stephen Thompson, seventh grade, make bracelets on the PC retreat. It was a great day for groups to bond and get to know each other better.

PC leaders used different ways to involve the students in their groups.

Who would want to pass up a free Chick-Fil-A breakfast? PC leaders brought a number of different foods and activities to draw in a crowd. "We text them a lot to remind them to come, and we even do waffle breakfasts sometimes," said Maggie Ellis, senior. In another case, Jordan Preis and Grace Yost, juniors, were struggling to find something that would cause their girls to want to come. "Once we found out how much our girls love Disney, we played a Disney trivia game that brought out their competitive sides, and we all had so much fun! It's funny how finding those little interests can make such a big difference in bringing a group together," said Preis. PC groups were a great way to meet new friends, but it only works if people are interested and show up. It became the responsibility of the leaders to make sure everyone had a good time. "It's a super fun way to make a difference in the lives of younger students," said Tommy Briner, senior.



CHAPEL LEADERSHIP



AMBASSADORS



The cultural ambassadors pose for a selfie during their trip to the St. Louis Arch. "We plan fun activities with the international students like making cookies, going shopping, and going to Six Flags," said Charlotte Lackey, sophomore.



PEER COUNSELORS



CULTURAL AMBASSADORS



Rob Hines and Madison Doehring, sophomores, welcome perspective students and families. "As student ambassadors, we are responsible for welcoming the prospective students and showing them what the Westminster family is all about," said Noah Leingang, sophomore. They served at school events and at student visit days.



EIGHTH GRADE



Trinaya Jessie, freshman



Isabel Draper, freshman



Ben Atkins and Quin Lawrence, eighth grade



David Cahill, eighth grade

Westminster's long-lasting tradition of ITSOG, encourages students to engage in service in a fun and competitive way. In past years, there were more leadership areas that were dedicated to causes like this. However, STUCO, a new leadership group, combined these areas into one. Those who planned and organized ITSOG chose themed days, organized the items, and delivered to various organizations. This event is a long lasting tradition that helps unify individual grades to come together for a special cause unique to Westminster. "ITSOG is unique because it allows students to serve the community while building friendly competition and camaraderie among classes," said Elinor Dana, sophomore, and service director.

“ I love that even as a high schooler, I have the opportunity to do **good** for my city and have the **resources** to excite hundreds of other kids to do the same. ”

-Ava Hollmann
senior





Tinaya Jessie, freshman



Gwen Wardenburg, eighth grade

FRESHMEN *success*

In 2019's ITSOG week the class of 2023 took a hold on the most victories. Freshmen took ahold of the most victories out of all the grades. They gathered three victories throughout the week: food, cleaning supplies, and pajamas. Their spirit for giving will be remembered throughout the year as they compete in other school activities.



Zoe Lintner, junior, sorts through different foods as leadership gets ready to pack up the boxes to donate to Sunshine Ministries, an organization Westminster has previously partnered with.

Jake Kyriakos, senior, helps organize Operation Christmas Child Boxes that both boys and girls P.C. groups made at their meetings during ITSOG week.



FOOD

cleaning supplies

CLOTHING

pajamas

SPORTS



Clayton Perona, senior, Luke Beachy, sophomore, Thomas Gorline, junior, contribute supplies from the cross country team to help other kids pursue sports while also helping their own grades win points.

STUCO

planning for the future

STUCO left an impression on the school through its re-launch.

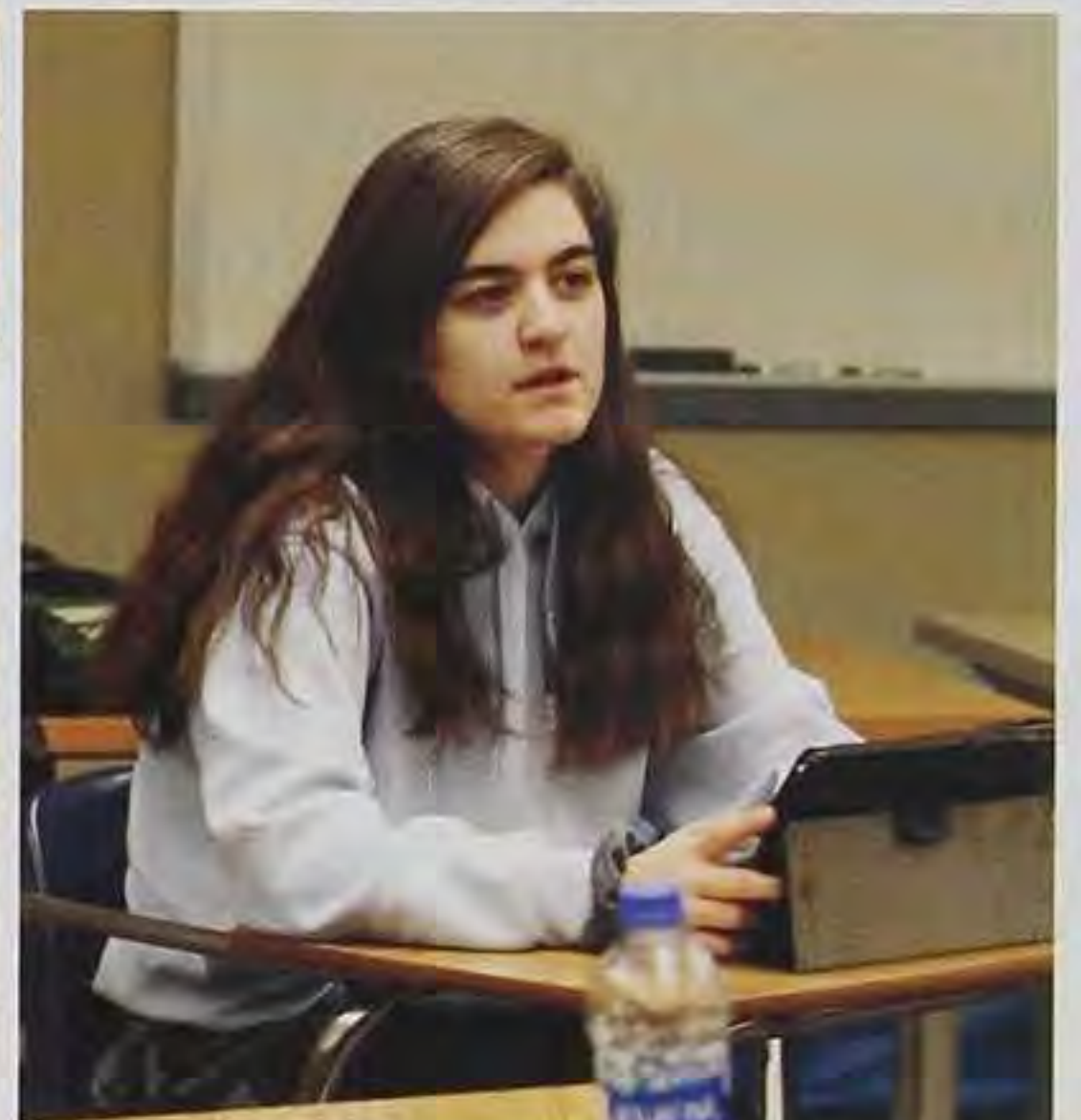
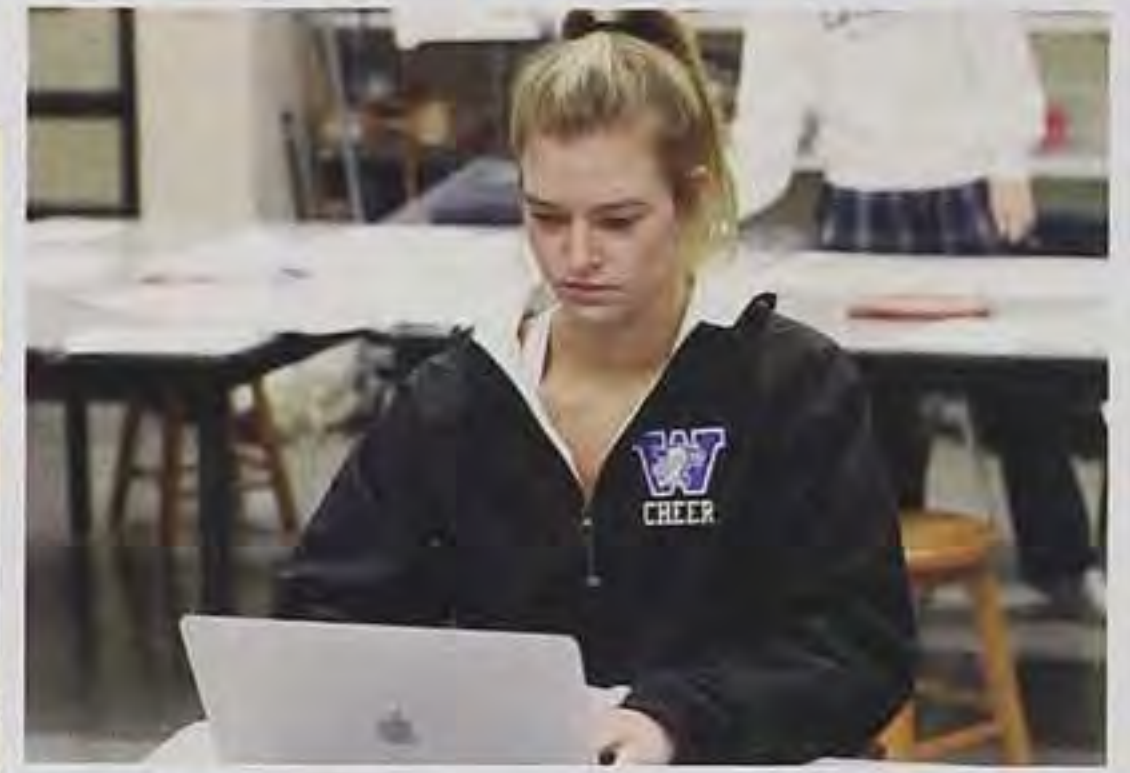
Since Westminster was founded on September 7, 1976, there has only been a Student Council once before. Student Council, or STUCO, was revolutionary as part of Westminster's development as a whole. This leadership organization allowed the students of Westminster to express their thoughts through the help of their peers. "STUCO gives us a voice in the administration, and it helps us grow as a community, not just a school," said Kaitlyn Mann, freshman. Although it was a leadership program that broke many boundaries between the administration and students, it had some kinks to work out as many programs do in their initial re-launching year. "STUCO is a work in progress, but it helps the community grow," said Sara Cate Murray, sophomore. Through the ups and downs of the year, students learned many life skills through all the different committees they served on and through their interactions with respected authorities. "The administration was helpful with the learning experience," said Luke Coco, junior. Through the hard work and dedication of the students and administrators, STUCO will continue to grow and tend to the community's needs for years to come.

Sara Cate Murray and Amy Claire Godwin, sophomores, discuss plans for Special Olympics. They loved working together as they planned events.

Luke Laughlin, junior, plans for the upcoming dodgeball tournament with his peers. Laughlin spent his time helping his school community.

Tyler Collison, freshman, and Tim Muehleisen, dean of students, work together as they brainstorm ideas to better the school. Collison was one of the STUCO officers.

Olivia Diedrich and Katie Allen, sophomores, paint signs for one of the upcoming events. They spent hours working on this project.



(top) Kyleigh Peer, senior, works on designing signs to welcome the athletes for Special Olympics. Peer previously helped out with the games for this event.

(bottom) Hailey Pritchett, sophomore, leads a group of STUCO members as they design the format for Special Olympics. Pritchett was an officer.

Sam Vestal, sophomore, Noah Coomes, junior, and Brian Maloy, business teacher, work on March Madness plans to better involve the school's students. Vestal and Coomes were both STUCO officers.



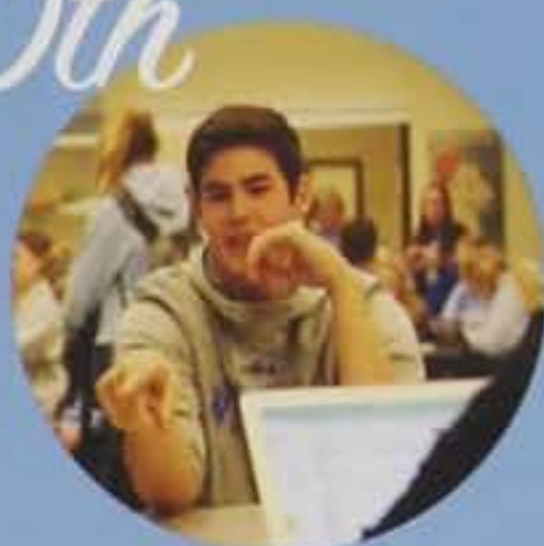
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LEADING THE WAY

9th



KAITLYN MANN
FRESHMAN

10th



SAM VESTAL
SOPHOMORE

11th



NICKI MABRY
JUNIOR

12th



ASHLEY MACDONALD
SENIOR



Kate Bohlmann, freshman, shares her ideas as her committee plans for the Pujols Foundation Mom-and-Daughter movie night. Bohlmann enjoyed her time working as a member.



Anagi Pieris, freshman, works to plan a Mom's Night Out event. This was for the Pujols Foundation.

“They work hard to make Westminster a better community.”

- Megan Roche
junior

(left) Zach Benes, senior, helps a preschooler read books on a typical day at his senior service.



(right) Lance Johnson and Emery Iven, seniors, hold one a puppy s at a dog shelter. Iven and Johnson loved to sing together as well.



Trent Grass, senior, picks up some basketballs with one of the students at St. John Lutheran School.



Hannah Carter, senior, stands in front of one of the many yellow fire trucks at her senior service. Carter volunteered at the Fire Department.



Sebastian Lacassie, Ethan Rush, Jay Zhang, Kinsley Lawrence, Coco Yu, and Jacob Byrley, seniors, stand outside of their senior service at Kirk Day School.



Katherine Gaitan, senior, sits at the front desk at her senior service, Barnes Jewish Hospital.



Caellab Crutcher, senior, helps around the Westminster campus by assisting the maintenance staff with landscaping.



Jake Broyles, senior, works on one of his websites that he hopes will help out one of the many schools partnered with Westminster.



Jaeda Moore, senior, picks up one of the many calls she received while volunteering at the front desk of SSM Health.



Davis Worley, senior, helps out at Spoede School and entertains the students. Worley made friends with the students he spent time with each week.

FINISHING *with service*

Seniors finished off high school by volunteering in the Saint Louis community.

One of the many traditions that shapes Westminster was the annual seniors' Faith in Action program called 'senior service.' This was a graduation requirement for all seniors, so every student who passed through Westminster will eventually participate. Some students' service changed their lives or even revealed to them what kind of career they should pursue. Everyone, however, benefited from senior service due the memories they made and the relationships they formed with the people and the classmates involved alongside them at their senior service site. Sophia Sacco, senior, served at her old middle school alongside her twin brother. "I have made a lot of good memories with my twin brother at senior service, and I have been able to cherish every moment with him because I will not be able to be with him next year," said Sacco. The last year seniors experience at Westminster was the one they most cherish and remember. Senior service was a great way to make that last year memorable. The long-lasting impact on the community was what these seniors continue to be remembered for year after year as the Faith in Action program has progressed.

Many students worked at hospitals or schools, but there were a few that had the opportunity to work in very unique places. Some of these places included a fire department, a crisis nursery, and even an animal shelter. "I do STUCO for my senior service and we really work on professional development which is good," said Bricyn Johnson, senior. No matter where they worked, they made a difference even when their impact was hard to see. Senior service allowed the class of 2020 to become role models in the school but also prepared them to become leaders and servants after their years at Westminster and taught them to spread Jesus' word in every aspect of their life.



Eli Diedrich, senior, helps with drawing at the Spoede School. Many days were filled with playing and simple lessons.



Natalie Ford, senior, plays on the playground with two students at Bonhomme Nursery School. Ford and three other seniors enjoyed their service at Bonhomme.

SENIOR stars



Michael Lee
senior



Matthew Culligan
senior



Hannah Stevenson
senior



Ella Polski
senior

Ella Polski, senior, listens to Jesus while preparing for the next dance. Polski was the dance captain for *Godspell* and enjoyed the challenge of creating the choreography to face all sides of the stage.



(left) Hannah Stevenson, senior, peeps behind her hands while rotating around in a circle with the rest of the cast. Stevenson shared her love for Christ on and off the stage with her cast members.



(right) Xavier May, sophomore, orders the rest of the cast to march as they transition to the next parable. This was May's first big role in a Westminster production.

(left) Michael Lee, senior, wilts like a tree during the song 'All for the Best.' "It was cool because I was able to grow closer to Christ as I was playing him,"



(right) Ajé Jones, junior, rejoices during the song, 'Day by Day.' Jones struggled with voice loss but ultimately blew the audience away with her heartfelt solo.

SHARING *space*

Unlike usual Westminster musicals, *Godspell* was performed in the Black Box. The directors believed that the ideas of community presented in the script could be better approached if the actors could interact with the audience. "It was tricky to get them to be able to address all sides of the stage at once, but I think we ultimately executed it pretty well," said Logan Mann, junior, and student director of the production.



Belle St. John, sophomore, sings as she spins on a ladder in the middle of the stage. St. John struggled with pneumonia the two weeks of the show but was able to still hit the highest notes of the show during her solo.

CHARACTERS & *costumes*



Sam Parker Stillman, junior, and Stewart Geisz, sophomore, sport their costumes. Alyssa Pritchett, senior, was the costume designer for the show and picked each costume according to the stereotypes associated with each characters' personality in the production.

SEPARATE *but united*

The Godspell production was different from past productions because of its separation of chorus and cast.

As the lights lit up the stage, the audience began to realize there were people on all sides of them, singing in unison. When the song ended, the singers who were standing in the aisles returned to their seats and remained still until the next song. Westminster's annual musical was not only peculiar because it was in the winter, but also because of the way the cast and chorus were separated. With only ten characters in the show and the production running in the black box instead of the theatre, there was little else that people could be casted as other than the chorus.

Because of the limited space, the chorus remained in the corners of the Black Box and rose towards the aisles during the songs. "It was a tight squeeze but it was really fun to have a front row seat for the show," said Max Nelson, senior. Although, it was disappointing to not be on the stage until the last few minutes of the show, the chorus still found their own ways to have fun. "I was able to grow closer to the cast, even though I wasn't on stage the whole time. They made the gap between chorus and cast seem like it didn't exist which was awesome!" Lily Evans, freshman. Evans was also an understudy to two of the actresses and ultimately sang a solo in the first show because of vocal issues.

Although there was a literal divide between the cast and the chorus in how the show flowed, the cast made an effort to include them while still having special memories as a core cast. The seniors, in particular, wanted to encourage the underclassmen and hoped to keep the same strong relationship building that the theatre department had provided in the past.



(left) Sam Parker Stillman, junior, listens to part of the parable of the prodigal son. Stillman sang a solo called 'All Good Gifts' with sign language to show all people the

(right) Matthew Culligan, senior, welcomes Patrick Park, junior, to the stage during the song, 'Beautiful City'. This was the only song that the chorus members were on stage for.



Elizabeth Nolting, junior, belts the final notes of her song. This was Nolting's first big role at Westminster, but has been the lead in many other performances outside of school.

TRADITION *tradition*



Every year the captains get together and plan a surprise ice cream fight for the whole team.

They brought a gallon tub of ice cream and convinced their coach to let them out of practice a few minutes early. Quickly, mayhem erupted as the girls launched ice cream

at each other. Some ate the ice cream out of the tub while others looked at it as an opportunity to get back at old teammates.

"Hailey drives me to and from school everyday and we always mess around so she definitely targeted me the whole time," said Avery Surber, sophomore.

The girls looked forward to ice cream day every season because of the change of pace and because it gave them a chance to mess around. The tennis team remained on a tight schedule during practices but once a season they got to mess around and have an ice cream fight.



Journee Henry and Charis Thompson, smile for a picture after warm-ups before beginning one of their final matches. This was Henry's third year on varsity and Thompson's first. Both were apart of the tennis program for four years.



Journee Henry, senior, returns the ball after a tough serve from her opponent. This was Henry's third year on varsity and she was a part of the tennis program for four years. Outside of tennis she also was involved in A.V. club.



"This team is one of the things I am going to miss most about high school."
-Caroline Kopsky
senior

Annie Davidson, senior, readies herself before receiving the opponent's first serve. This was Davidson's first year on varsity and she made a strong showing at the high level. Her older sister also was a part of the varsity tennis program before graduating in 2017.

Caylin Doehring, junior, refocuses after a tough point. Previously Doehring played as a swing player for tournaments so she fit in with the team very quickly this season. Doehring came to Westminster her freshman year and had been a part of the tennis program from the very beginning.



MAJORITY *rules*

The varsity tennis team only had eight players, five of which, were seniors. The team was always full of collegiality, but with a majority roster of seniors, the team had even more respect and leadership. Josie Christen and Caroline Kopsky, seniors, were the first girls to complete four years of varsity tennis under the coaching of Madeline Bishop. Christen and Kopsky both played at WCA for all six years and had grown to know each other's playing style very well. "Caroline and I were doubles partners and I think it was a good match-up because we have been playing together for so long," said Christen.



ORDER ON THE COURT

The varsity girls tennis team had individual jobs to complete each day.



Josie Christen, senior, swings at a serve during the last match of the season. This was Christen's fourth and final year on varsity, but she was also involved in the program in middle school. She also played lacrosse in the spring.



Although a portion of tennis is spent playing singles, the varsity tennis team's main focus was being together as one team. Walking past the tennis courts one would have always heard the neon green balls bouncing and the boink of them hitting off the racquets. With the 2019 tennis team, one would then see all the girls doing their "jobs" as well as perfecting their serves and hits.

With only eight players on varsity, captains were not the only ones taking responsibility. The tennis team lost a total of five players after last season including their #1 and #2 players. Coach Madeline Bishop had given every team member a job. Their jobs varied from simple tidying of the courts to dealing with personal issues and holding everyone accountable.

One job that has been making a huge difference was the cheerleader. This job belonged to Avery Surber, sophomore. "I really enjoy being the cheerleader because it fits well with my personality. Last year was my first year on varsity and I was a little shy, but this year I was excited to encourage my teammates during their matches," said Surber.

Despite the setback of losing girls, the team used every asset they had to make the team as effective as possible. "I think the jobs really have helped us stay on track during matches and practices. We all know what we need to do to help the team succeed and I think it has been really beneficial for us," said Caylin Doehring, junior. Another job that stood out to the girls was the devotion leader, which belonged to one of the captains, Caroline Kopsky, senior. "Being the devotion leader has really challenged me to be more attentive to the team. I organize a devo whenever I feel like the team is running low on motivation or when we are starting to hit a slump," said Kopsky.

The team got down to business at practice; messing around is something you would not have seen on the courts. They knew why they were there, and they worked their hardest to reach their full potential and be united as one team.

THE NEW TEAM

on the court

Varsity prep: the new way JV was divided.

As girls prepared for tryouts, each filled their giant jugs with ice and water and prepared for the heat on the courts. On the final day of tryouts, the girls heard their fate of which team they made.

"I played tennis because it's a fun time to hang with my friends and mess around during practice. I didn't want to make varsity because I knew I would have more fun on JV," said Gracie Wessels, junior. Coach Barker and Coach Barbee made the executive decision to create a team below varsity that can be used to make the teams more fluid, hence creating 'varsity prep.' Many girls were curious about how this system would work, but soon discovered that this divided JV into two separate sections. A week into the season, JV was split into 'varsity prep' and 'JV.' While this change was supposed to create more fluidity, it seemed to create a more divided environment. Even so, this didn't stop the girls from generating their own fun on their courts. Week after week, the girls arrived at practice and matches ready to have a good time.

With ice cold water, the team headed into a heated, 3-week long streak of matches, often having to play more than one match a day. As the girls brought blankets to the matches to hang out on, they created time to talk about their lives, school, and Homecoming. They even shared stories. With so much time to talk during practice and at matches, many inside jokes were made, joking about the idea of varsity prep and the drills they had to complete in practice. While the team had time to mess around, they simultaneously achieved impressive results. Starting off with a record of 7-0, the girls continuously created a place where fun and hard work coincided. Their team made the most remarkable comebacks and switched up partners regularly to give the team a 'go-with-the-flow' style. While varsity prep was put in place to potentially move JV players to varsity, players tended to find more fun staying on the less competitive teams. As the season settled down, the girls embraced the varsity prep label and continually brought their best efforts to the court everyday.

Mallory Pfuetze, eighth grade, improves her ground strokes by using her practice time to get better. As an eighth grader, she showed exceptional leadership skills. Many of the new players looked up to her because she was always encouraging and positive.



Clare Essenburg, seventh grade, hits a strong forehand against her opponent in her first tournament of the season. "We were all looking forward to the tournaments; they are such a fun learning experience," said Kaitlyn Cragg, seventh grade.



Kate Harper, freshman, returns a serve at the tournament against Villa Duchesne, in which she won the match 8-3. Kate played tennis previously, but this was her third year playing for WCA. She helped lead the team in singles as she was highly on JV and was often pulled up to play in varsity matches.





Coach Barbree brought much more to the table than normal coaches. In addition to constantly picking up the courts, she brought pretzels and lots of snacks for the students at practice. With a first-aid kit always an arms-length away, the players admired her kindness and loved to serve others. "She's my queen. She has the nurturing ability to always have what you need and be there for you, like a mom," said Libby Kimberling, junior. This was her fifth year coaching this team.

“ I couldn't have asked for a better team to finish my high school career with. ”

- Scout Fleming
senior



Joy Stevens, junior, splices the ball while playing singles in a match against Lafayette. This was Stevens's third year playing on WCA's high school team. She ended up winning this match 8-3 and played as a swing-player for Varsity throughout the season.



Lacey Brown, seventh grade, lunges for the ball at one of her hot afternoon practices. Some of the practices were focused on technique, while others were more about game strategies and playing matches.



Lucy Christian, freshman, Caroline Guempel, senior, and Libby Kimberling, junior, all pose for an iconic picture representing Varsity Prep. Christian was a new addition to the team while Guempel, who was also a team captain, and Kimberling have been playing for the last few years.

THE THREE amigas

Three girls with brown hair, white skirts, and tennis rackets. Middle school tennis had a unique group of girls, including twins and their younger sister: Hennessy McGowan, Kennedy McGowan, eighth grade, and Lochlan McGowan, seventh grade. "It's kind of annoying sometimes because she's my twin, but it's also really fun because we get to practice at home and we can get better together," said Kennedy. "I'm really glad I can practice with them, but sometimes it's challenging because I'm the youngest, and it's a competition. But I have become a lot better this season," said Lochlan.

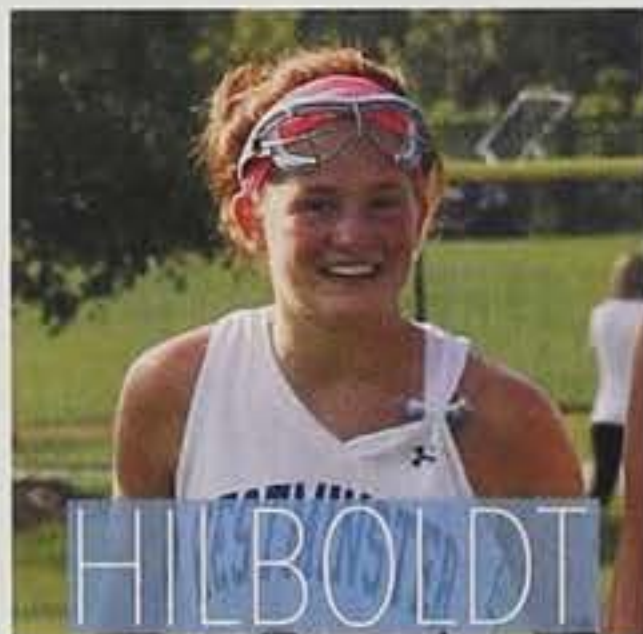


Lauryn Rhodes, Abby Stewart, Mackenzie Axford, Grace Dempsey, and Caroline Guempel, seniors, pose with their Mobile-On-the-Run 50-cent drinks. The girls did this weekly before their matches and therefore became infamous for being late. "It just gradually became a tradition and routine that bonded us closer during our last tennis season as seniors," said Rhodes.



Abrielle Danna and Luci Hilboldt, seniors, jump and bump shoulders in the field in their frat outfits during a passing drill. As a captain, Hilboldt worked hard to lead on the team.

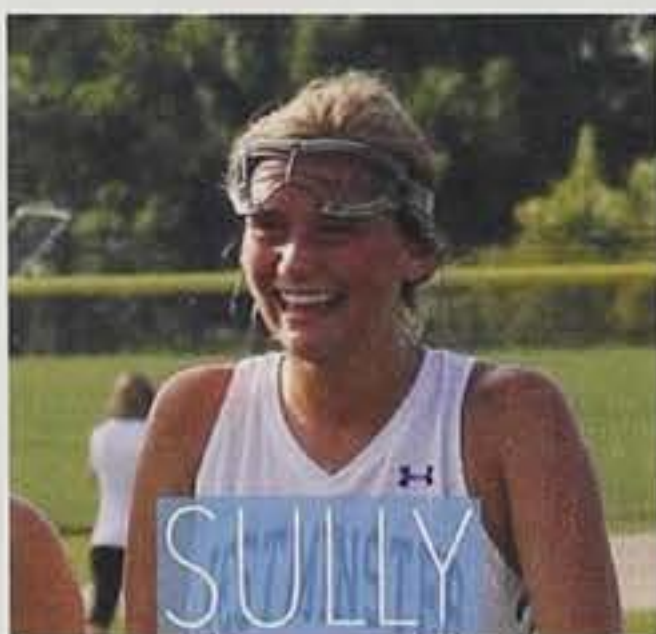
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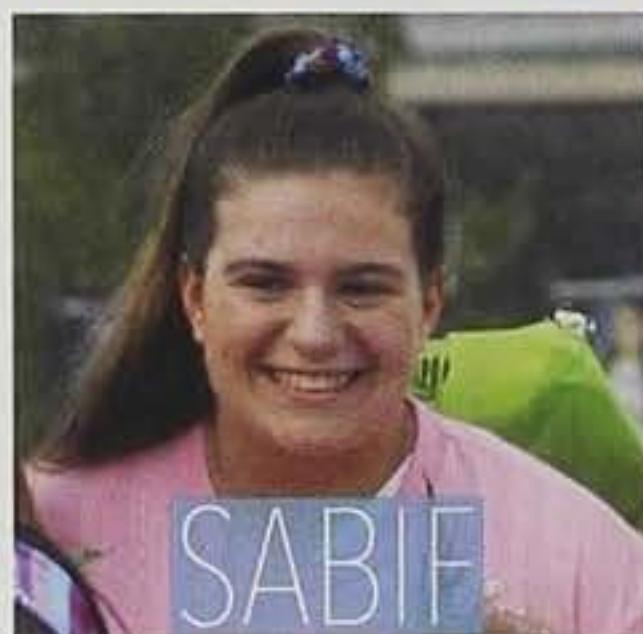
Hope Burkey and Lucy Wood, seniors, and Abby Sickels, junior, hug each other after a hard game against Edwardsville. The game was held on one of the hottest days of the season.



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BATTLE OF THE *bros*

The varsity girls created an unusual way to come together: frat friday.

Every Friday, all three field hockey teams come together and had a dress-up day. Friday the 13th was Frat Boy Day or as Coach Schmer, the Varsity Coach, called it, Battle of the Bros. Khaki shorts, chubbies, polos, and backward hats were just a few of the items worn by the girls. Bright colored shorts and shirts made the team pop with color against the green field and the other teams around them. The best part was that most of the clothes were either their dads' or brothers', so they were all oversized and baggy.

This was not the only dress-up day held by the team, some other themes included throwback Thursday, camo, and pajamas. "I really didn't think that people would dress up, but when I got to practice every single girl had turned into a frat," explained Ellie Callier, junior. The bros, or players, exceeded the expectations of fellow players when they all showed up in their frat apparel. From then on, no girl failed to go all out on the dress-up Fridays. "I wish I had worn khaki shorts instead of Lululemon ones; it would have made the look way better. Next Friday I'm going full out," added Audrey Rohlfing, freshman.

The next Friday the team had a game. So, they used that Thursday to dress up as throwback Thursday which was hit out of the park. Every girl had at least one themed item on. "Rush was definitely my favorite day. There were different drills that were all themed around Fraternities like tailgating," said Luci Hilboldt, senior. As this season continued to help players grow in their speed and skills, it also helped the girls come together in an unusual way: Battle of the Bros.



(left) Abrielle Danna, senior, passes the ball to a teammate. This helped score a goal.

(right) Ava Cella, senior, runs through a drill before their game against Pattonville on senior night.



Alyssa Legters, senior, tips the ball into the goal in a shootout and wins the game 2-1 against Edwardsville.



(left) KK Pruet, sophomore, uses her stick skills to make her way around a defender.

(right) Bridget Sullivan, senior, pulls left to spin around an Edwardsville defender.



The varsity team jumps up and down huddling around goal keeper, Sabrina Granata, senior. Granata saved the team in their last round of shoot-outs, and won them the game.

FRESHMEN *starters*



Jamie Obertop and Elizabeth Clawson, freshmen, pose as they are about to start on varsity for the first time. Both girls played field hockey at Westminster starting in seventh grade. Clawson was known for the quick stick skills she used to make her way around defenders and down the field. Obertop had a strong hit and also brought lots of laughter and joy to the team.

Rare Galakatos, junior, block tackles to steal the ball from a Clayton player. Galakatos was a significant player and prominent leader on the JV team.



Cheyenne Williams, freshman, rushes down the field during practice. Williams made impressive plays throughout the entire season and served as a key player on the field since her skills improved greatly.



Annie Wood, freshman, holds her new puppy after a game in late September. The miniature Goldendoodle, named Winnifred, or Winnie for short, became somewhat of a mascot for the JV team. "I love having Winnie at the games! It is so fun to look up and see her running around with friends," said Wood.



Brooke Regeon, junior, leads the JV team in a pregame chant versus Clayton High School. Regeon, one of the team's captains, had the unique opportunity to lead. She helped grow the team as a community and encouraged them to build each other up.



Audrey Rohlfing, freshman, keeps the ball up in the air for the longest amount of time with her stick during an August practice. Along with physical effort, playing field hockey required a great deal of brain power. Rohlfing kept her eye on the ball throughout every practice and game.

BUFFALO *mindset*

Field hockey used a unique tradition to encourage their team and recognize hardworking players.

The JV Field Hockey team recognized girls with good character using a stuffed buffalo. The buffalo is an animal known for fearlessly running into the storm, instead of away from it. "This tradition is out of the box because it's strange and fun, but keeps us focused on building better character," said Kendal Torretta, sophomore. This buffalo, lovingly named Brock, is a trophy of sorts. At the end of the game, the girl with the buffalo picked and gave the buffalo to the girl who was most deserving of it after the most recent game. "It's really fun to dress it up and carry it around school the next day! It unifies the girls on the team and helps us play as one, which is our theme for the year," said Kara Galakatos, junior. It was truly a testament to the girls and their attitude of perseverance.

Even when they lost a game, they loved to "get hype" about which girl earned the buffalo that day. Their encouraging attitudes lifted each girl up. The buffalo also served as a motivation to the team. "It's really good incentive to work your hardest and give the game 110%. We're in this together. Win or lose, we still give away the buffalo at the end of the game, so there is still a reward!" said Audrey Rohlfing, freshman. Rohlfing made a good point: Brock the Buffalo provided a chance for the girls on the team to grow stronger in character and community, and it helped them play as one complete unit, bettering one another even when the game was a tough one.



Sarah Moyer, sophomore, high-fives the JV Clayton High School goalie after a game. JV Field Hockey tied with Clayton in September in 100 degree heat. Defense worked hard to keep them out of a critical scoring area, a clear testament to the hard work and dedication of defense.



Anna Neikamp, freshman, chases after the ball during the C-Team's game against Nerinx Hall. They ended up pulling off a well-deserved win. The girls kept up their stamina and encouraged each other throughout the entire game.



Katie Huang, sophomore, earns Brock the buffalo after a game. Brock was dressed appropriately for the occasion in a bumblebee Halloween costume. Huang was thrilled to receive the buffalo as an award for her hard work in the game.

“There is nothing more thrilling than racing down the field.”

-Audrey Rohlfing
freshman





Julia Roemerman, eighth grade, dribbles the ball to the next cone during a drill. Roemerman was known for her dribbling and shooting skills.



Corinne Plumb, eighth grade, hits the ball into the goal while playing the forward position during a scrimmage.



Sadie Schmidt, eighth grade, air-dribbles the ball while waiting for practice to start. The coaches taught many fun skills like these to make practice even more entertaining.



Rebecca Rothrock, eighth grade, waits for a pass from a teammate during a drill. Many of the players agreed that drills really helped in the game.

SHE IS *strong*

SHE IS *tough*

SHE IS *molly kate bugh*



Molly Kate Bugh, eighth grade, runs to take position in the goal. She played field hockey as a new player, but she played goalie for both teams as well.

“A good team is a combination of good coaching and teamwork.”

-Molly Kate Bugh
eighth grade

(left) Maya Raleigh, eighth grade, transitions to another line while doing shuttles. Raleigh loved playing field hockey with her team because they made everyday enjoyable.



(right) Huntleigh Hager, eighth grade, draws her stick back as she prepares to shoot the ball during a drill.



Jenna Akins, seventh grade, walks off the field as a teammate substitutes in for her.

Mia Hayden, McKenna Wittenauer, and Millie Farris, seventh grade, stroll off the field during their break.



Lindsey Birk, Camille Whittock, and Lochlan McGowan, seventh grade, run off the field to hydrate after a scrimmage.



READY-SET shoot

Middle school field hockey climbed to the top.

Growth of the Middle School Field Hockey team skyrocketed through their dedication and hard work. Entering a new school and starting up a new sport is never easy. It was very difficult having to meet new people and learn how to play a new sport at the same time. Though a lot of middle schoolers are new to their chosen sports, nothing compared to a girl taking charge as lead goalie for both teams. "Going to both practices helps me play better because I get more shots taken on me," said Molly Kate Bugh, eighth grade. It was difficult for Bugh to get used to playing for two teams but after planning around all the games, she loved being able to help out. Bugh has been playing goalie ever since she started field hockey and enjoys the excitement. Joining field hockey as a new player and making new friends was a lot of fun but also a lot of work. "It wasn't hard making new friends but it was hard learning how to play the sport," said McKenna Wittenauer, seventh grade. There were multiple seventh graders that joined field hockey without knowing any other girls on the team. And though it was tough, most of them got the hang of how to play.

It was nerve wracking for new kids to learn how to play, but it was easy to catch along and get the hang of it. "I was nervous at first but after knowing how to play it was fun," said Ella Orellana, seventh grade. Orellana spoke for not only herself but for all the other girls on the team. There was also a party held for all eighth grade field hockey girls where they played games and got to know each other better. Both Wittenauer and Orellana believed this helped girls to get closer as a team.



Lucy Knerr, eighth grade, passes with a partner during warm-ups before a game. Knerr enjoyed warm-ups because they made the team excited for the games.

IN THE

green light

The girls varsity volleyball team established a system to hold each other's character accountable.

Avery Stanfill, freshman, sets up to pass at a game against MICDS. Stanfill played libero for the varsity team.



Grace Skiljan, senior, plays in a home game during her final year at Westminster. She was happy she to have participated in such a great program.

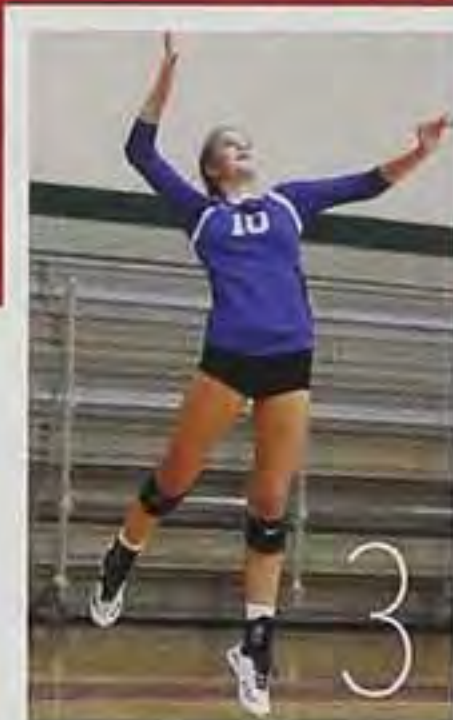


What it means to be a team: Team bonding. Support, hanging out, or playing silly games. The girls volleyball team met together at the beginning of the season and decided it would be best to have some rituals to tie them together. The seniors wanted to make the team even closer than the past. By doing so they wanted to make practices as fun as they could.

First of all, they wanted something fun they could incorporate every practice, so they made themed practices. "We have themed practices where we dress up and go all out, just for fun," said Heidi Hightower, senior. Secondly, they had bonding practices where they would just spend time together in order to grow as a team while sharing the love of the sport. "We bonded through the love of the sport. Every girl here has either already been in love with volleyball or has learned to love it. To be apart of the team is pretty amazing," said Sophia Shaver, freshman.

While the team really wanted the season to be fun, they also saw a need to keep each other in line. They established the system of staying in the "green light." The girls would use this as a way to confront their teammates supportively if their heads were in the wrong space. In order to remind themselves to stay in the green light, each girl had a green bead on their shoes. When they looked at it, it reminded them to keep their heads up. So, according to the volleyball team, bonding is keeping each other in the right light and making everything fun.

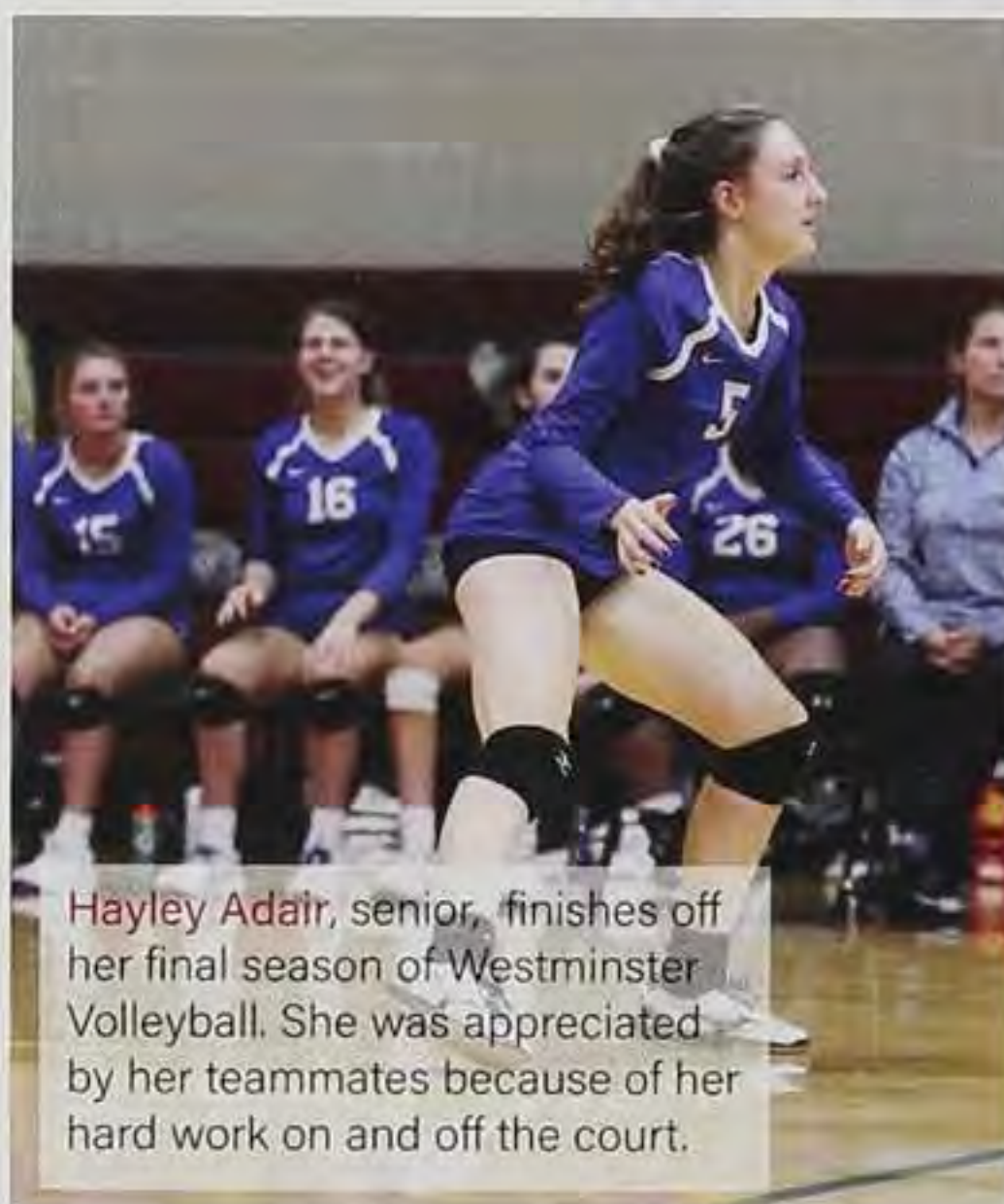
STAGES OF THE serve



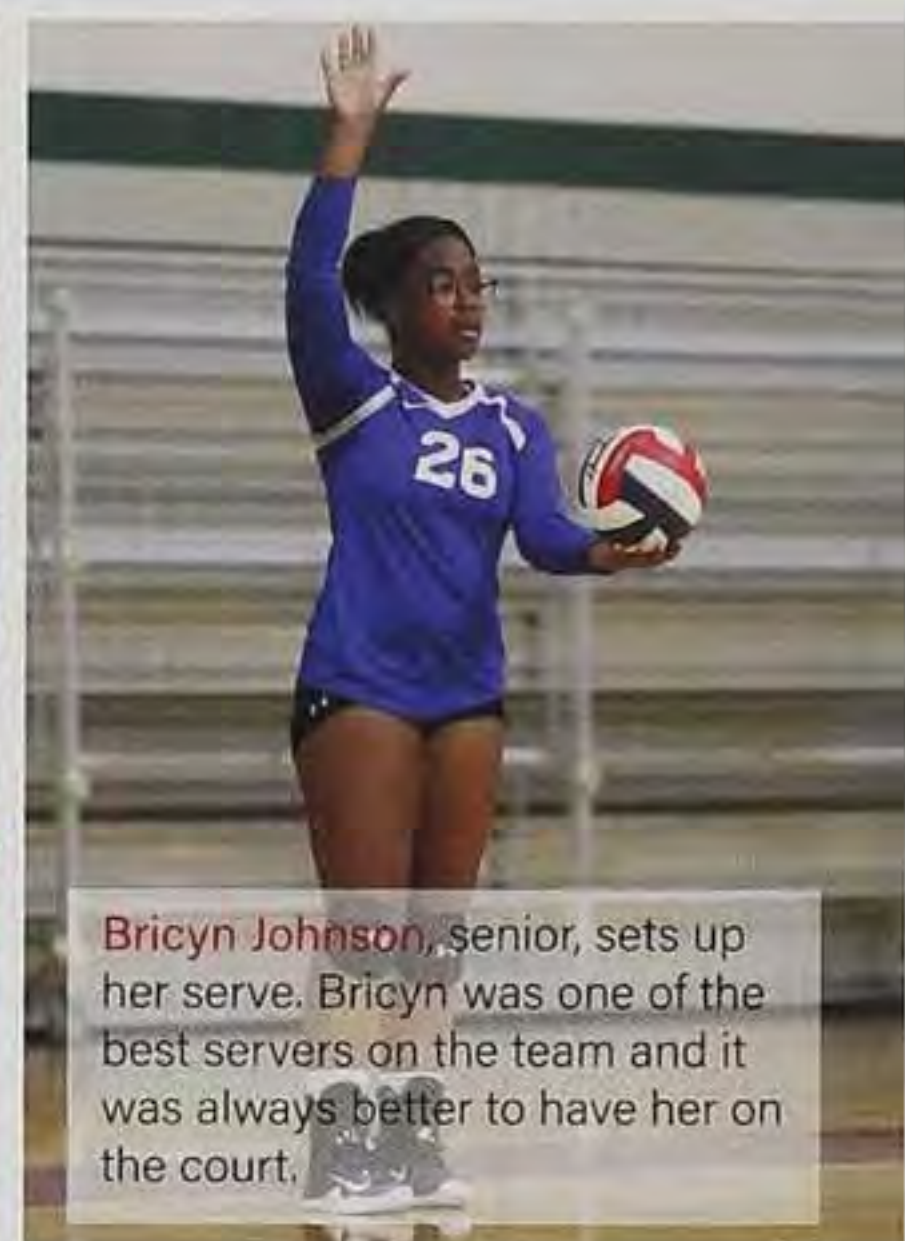
Abby Siess, freshman, was a star player for the varsity and JV teams. She served the ball and played the court with amazing skill, securing her spot as a swing player.

STACKED ON the top

The Girls Volleyball team had a unique advantage over their competition because the team was stacked with ten senior players. Having so many mature and experienced players helped the team tremendously. "What made it so special was the bond that we all created and the friendships that will never die. Not only did it feel like a team but it felt like a family," said Emily Bratch, senior.



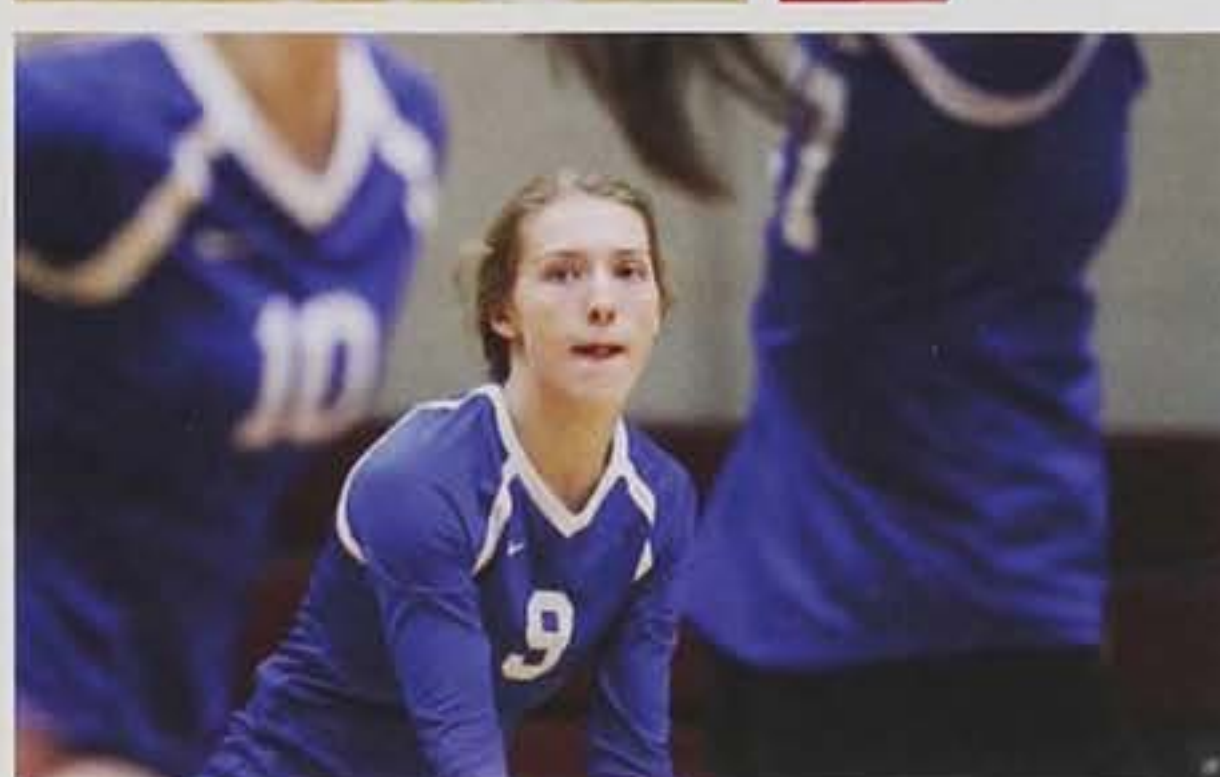
Hayley Adair, senior, finishes off her final season of Westminster Volleyball. She was appreciated by her teammates because of her hard work on and off the court.



Bricyn Johnson, senior, sets up her serve. Bricyn was one of the best servers on the team and it was always better to have her on the court.



Heidi Hightower, senior, celebrates with her teammates after winning a tough point. Hightower was Metro League Player of the Year and also made the top district team.



“My favorite thing this season is being able to play my last season surrounded by my best friends.”

-Heidi Hightower
senior

Emma Fairchild, freshman, does a hand shake with another freshman on the court after scoring a point. Fairchild was appreciated for her strong serve and ability to set the ball.

Allison Hardin, senior, watches as a teammate hits the ball over the net to score another point for the wildcats against MICDS.

NECESSARY

for success



Sophia Schaver, freshman, and Elsie Payne, junior, talk with one another to become energized for the game. This was their first year playing together, so they worked hard to build a connection. After a close game with Incarnate Word, the girls fell short, but they enjoyed every point of the game.



Morgan Morici, sophomore, goes up for a swing in the middle during warm-ups. Her confidence and fun spirit on the court led the team to many victories and helped lift them out of times of frustration.

Anna Grace Likes, freshman, uses her arms to get high off the ground in her approach. Throughout the season she worked on her arm swing and was able to see improvement in her skills by the end of the year.



Lily Evans, freshman, positions herself to pass a tough serve from the opposing team. Evans has been a part of the volleyball program since middle school, and has led her team well each year.

The volleyball program used practice as more than just a time for skill development.

Since so many girls came out for try-outs the entire volleyball program was shook. Many of the freshmen had built strong relationships with one another, and the thought of possibly not making a team raised a more competitive spirit in each of the girls. Players compared the atmosphere of past years to this year "The competition is pretty similar to eighth grade year, but we have been pushed to learn more to better our skills," said Julia Coleman, freshman. Because so many freshmen were invited into the program along with ten seniors on the varsity team, the coaches made sure they were creating relationship-building opportunities throughout the program.

Each week, all the teams took time out of practice to sit down, talk through, and reflect on the devotion given by one of the varsity players. The devotionals gave all players the opportunity to remind one another who they were playing for. Although this might be a simple task to some, it helped the players learn about one another, and helped build relationships between the younger and older players. The devotionals were instrumental in making the girls spiritually stronger, but they also helped new students in their transition into the school. "I loved that no one excluded me from the team, and always found unique ways to make me feel at home," said Taylor Schindehette, sophomore. Every knows what it feels like to be a new kid when everyone else has already found their friend groups. Especially after freshman year, transferring to a new school can be intimidating to new students. However, with their buddy system, everyone connected with a friend that knew, understood, and shared some similarities with them. Being a part of the volleyball program is both physically and emotionally rewarding because the girls created bonds that made them feel more like sisters rather than just teammates.



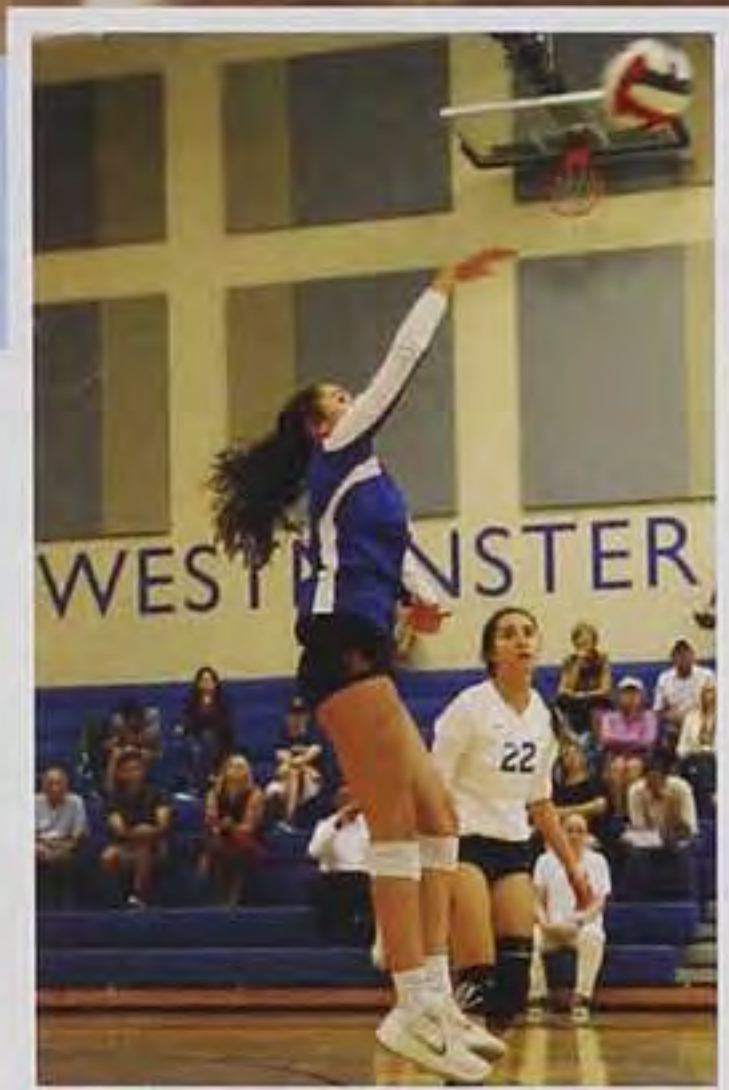
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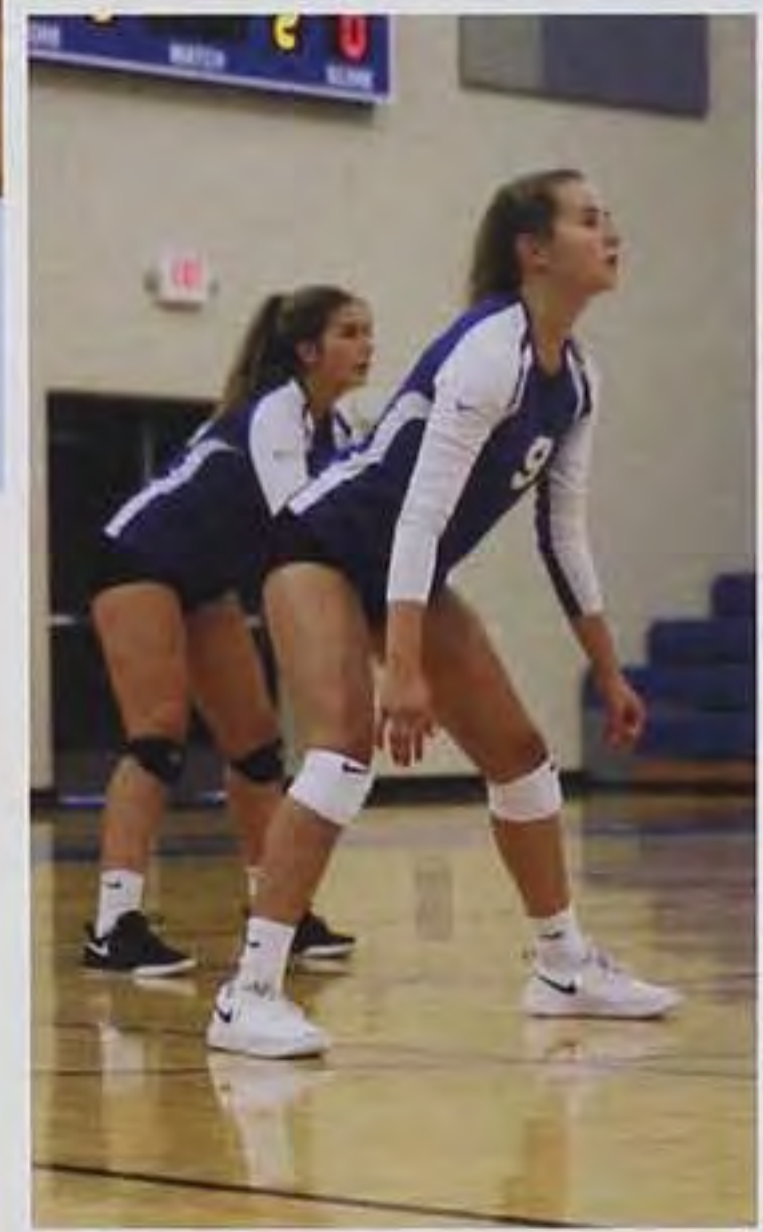
Rosa Hargrove, freshman, was the reason why the freshman team was able to keep a strong a consistent offense against all of the teams they played. A libero is the most important aspect of the team, but Rosa's leadership stood out the most. Because of her knowledge of the game after playing for many years, she was able to teach the techniques she learned in past years. No matter the serve, she found a way to get a touch on the ball and keep each point in play. Her spirit and love for the game stood out from other players, which made her an essential piece of the freshman team this past season.



Yemi Daramola, freshman, jump-sets to Julia Coleman, freshman, to get a quick attack up the middle of the court. Daramola transitioned into being a setter, and was an essential player for the freshmen team this past year.



Emma Fairchild, freshman, goes up for a back row attack against the opposing team. She served as one of the team's essential hitters.



Shelby Truitt and Alyssa Greco, freshmen, prepare to pass the serve as it comes over the net. They both led the team offensively with their strong swings at the net.



Lexie Vick, freshman, warms up passing with a teammate before the match against Incarnate Word. Her fun spirit and energy on the court added to the games, and helped keep the team positive.



Kylie Robertson, freshman, gets up high off the ground in her approach toward the net. Kylie helped the Wildcats win against Incarnate Word. The Wildcats were also able to pull a big win over John Burroughs.



Elsa Chapell, eighth grade, brings her team in for a huddle after a point during their game against John Burroughs. Team huddles were very important for her team's chemistry.



Lauren Gingerich, eighth grade, prepares to receive a serve. In this rotation, she was a back row player who usually received the serve and passed it up to the setter.



Hannah Nguyen, eighth grade, sets up to serve. Serves were especially important to gain points for the defensive side. This was a fun game for both opponents because it was the seventh grade team versus the eighth grade team.

Jamie Marshall, eighth grade, jumps high to block the ball, winning a point against John Burroughs. She was a great help to the team because of her height in the middle blocking position.



Lauren Pollack, eighth grade prepares to receive a serve. Pollack ultimately passed it to the setter, helping them win the



HYPE BEFORE *the game*

Every game, the eighth grade volleyball team had a cheer to get them pumped up and ready. "We have a cheer that we do before every game that gets us pumped up before we play," said Jamie Marshall, eighth grade. Having this cheer and hype made this team compete better together. This cheer had brought them to many wins and brought them closer.



The seventh grade team breaks out with Coach Mrs. Vogel, an art teacher and coach, breaks after a timeout versus Clayton. She was loved as a coach because she was so supportive and knowledgeable about the game of volleyball.





Fern Revel, seventh grade, is captured in the middle of a hard serve. Revel was one of the only players on her team that could do a jump serve. She was a supportive and caring teammate to all of her classmates.



MOTHER-DAUGHTER duo



Mrs. Vogel, middle school and high school art teacher, and Lily Vogel, seventh grade, spent many afternoons together with the team. The duo worked very well together as they understood each other on a different level. Lily and her friends had fun and loved being able to be open and silly at times, but Coach Vogel was still able to keep these middle school players focused so they could learn and grow more as volleyball players.



Genevieve Selk, eighth grade, prepares to return a serve.

“It’s more fun and professional.”

-Genevieve Selk
eighth grade

WORKING FOR the libero

The middle school volleyball teams tried new positions that would prepare them for high school.

Eighth grade’s A team experienced playing with a libero, a person who only plays in the back row, and it was new for most of the players. Liberos were very important to high level teams because the libero replaced the middle blocker without a substitution which allowed a back row specialist to trade places with a front row player. This was an advantage for this team because they were already learning how high level teams work and rotated so they could be ready for high school. Also, many players did not get to experience having a passing specialist until high school. “I’m the libero this year and it’s more fun and professional,” said Genevieve Selk, eighth grade. The job of diving and bumping the ball almost perfectly was very stressful, but with all of the hard work Selk put in this season she was able to give the team many saves and digs. Because of the addition of having a player designated to only passing, they were able to have a very competitive season.



Katie Hobaugh, senior, bunts while at bat. Hobaugh made it to first base and later scored a run for her team. Westminster won this game on a September afternoon that reached 95 degrees.

CHANGING *the lineup*

A new year. A new team.

When the ball raced toward the bat with uncontrollable speed and the batter struck out, the pitcher smiled. The crowd cheered. They cheered for the freshman starting pitcher.

Rebuilding a team was never easy, and for the past few years, the softball team had to start over. After losing many valuable seniors, the team did something that rarely happens in sports. They had a freshman pitching varsity.

Freshmen were usually low on the totem poll. Not in this case however. Gabby Merrifield, freshman, is loved by her teammates and gives them great success. "Gabby has been amazing. It's so uncommon to lose a senior pitcher and then put a freshman as your starter," said Nicki Mabry, junior. "Gabby has had a great season" said Katie Hobaugh, senior.

Luckily, Merrifield had years of experience in softball. She knew what to do. There was always a learning curve when it came to joining a new team - the adjustment period. Merrifield seemed to fit right in, however. It was like she had always been there. "It was actually really easy and exciting when Gabby became a part of our team this season," said senior, Lauren Gates. Although adjusting to a new pitcher was a bit crazy and unusual, the varsity softball team made it as easy as possible. Never in Westminster history had a freshman pitched. This year changed that.



Nicki Mabry, junior, hits the ball to left field resulting in a single. Mabry previously played softball for 12 years.



Lauren Gates, senior, pitches to Lutheran South High School. In the heat of late September, Westminster lost on Thursday 5-10. Gates was typically a catcher; however, she pitched occasionally.

(left) Gabby Merrifield, freshman, swings in the game against Afton. The 90 degree weather got to the girls, and they lost.

(right) Marty Briner, junior, throws the ball to pitcher, Lauren Gates. Briner was an outfielder and had previously played softball for 3 years.



Dyamond Clay, sophomore, begins sprinting to first base after her hit heads down center-field. However, the ball reached first before Clay, and she was out. Clay was an outfielder.



The team talks with Coach Petke during a timeout in the game against Afton. With the team down by 3, Petke hyped the girls up while also telling them how to wrap up the inning.

Carsyn Beachy, senior, catches the ball to put an end to the second inning. Beachy was a first-baseman.

seed DEBATE

A traditional snack of sunflower seeds in softball and baseball came in many flavors. This variety led to much debate amongst the Westminster team.

Jadyn Patton, freshman, is a big fan of dill pickle.



Grace Yost, junior, and Emma Yost, sophomore, stick with traditional sunflower seeds.

Coach Petke poses on the field with his choice of sweet and spicy.



S E N I O R S





slippery START

In order to learn the basics of sliding, the softball team brought out the slip 'n slide.

Megan Fuller, freshman, makes a play after getting a ground ball hit back to her in the pitcher's circle. Fuller played in middle school and was excited to play in high school. She pitched and played outfield for JV.

Old rain drizzled relentlessly, cooling off a hot practice. Girls laughed more than usual as sliding and falling inevitably on the slick grass. With many girls fairly new to the game, one of the hardest lessons to teach was sliding. Coaches brought out the slip and slide. Cleats came off and fun was had.

Grace Yost, junior, played softball for the first time this year. She found the practice informational. "It taught us the right techniques, but we also had fun doing it," said Yost. Along with the fun it brought for Grace, practice also brought a headache for Yost's younger sister. Emma Yost, sophomore, second year softball player, was attempting her first slide when she hit her head on the ground. "It didn't hurt until later that night, so I slid probably ten more times. It was still fun and I learned how to slide!" said Emma Yost. Emma's was not the only concussion on the team. Savvy Duncan, sophomore, also received a concussion later that week in the hallway at school and was out for two weeks.

Sarah Dixon, sophomore, was also out with a hand injury, so the team was low on numbers going into the start of their season. "The team as a whole wanted to get better and that was difficult when we didn't have enough to play a game," said Hope Linam, sophomore. The team started off on slippery ground, but after they got healthy, they soon gained their footing for the remainder of the season.



Grace Yost, junior, tracks a fly ball, hustling to make the out. This was Yost's first year playing softball and she enjoyed learning a new sport.



Dyanmond Clay, sophomore, rounds first, possibly looking to stretch her single to a double. This was Clay's second year playing softball.

2 TEAMS

68 PRACTICES

12 GAMES



Charlotte Atkinson, seventh grade, puts her game face on for her favorite activity at practice. "Hitting is the thing I look forward to at practices," said Atkinson. This was her first year at Westminster and her first year playing softball.



Nicole Morcos, seventh grade, is ready to practice bunting. This was Morcos' first year playing softball, and she really enjoyed the sport.



Hope Linam, sophomore, keeps her eye on the ball as she gets a hit against Rosati-Kain. This was Linam's second year playing softball. She played with JV for the first few games but then played varsity the remainder of the season.



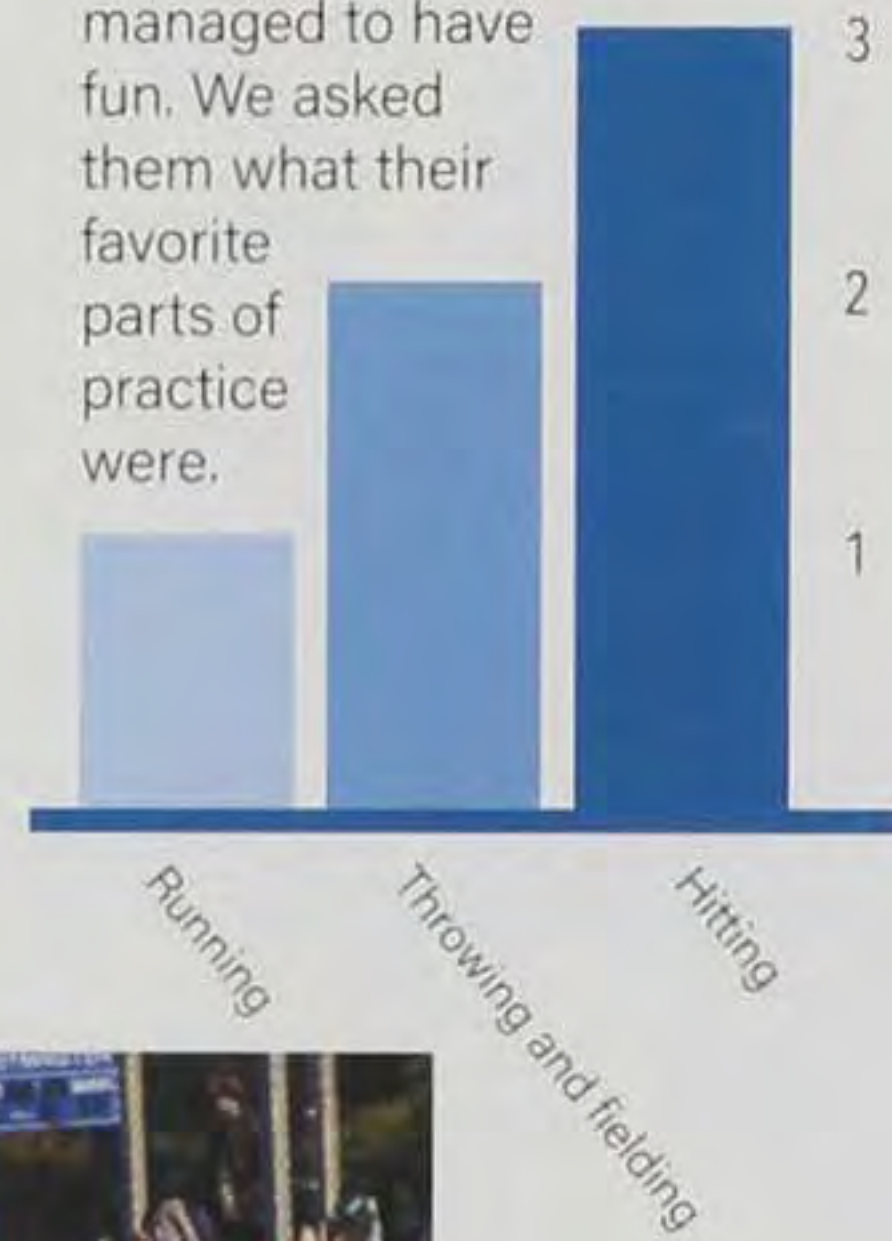
Lane Goodwin, Hailey Anderson, Tamara White, eighth grade, Nicole Morcos, seventh grade, and Mr. Petke, come together to end practice in prayer. The softball team always concluded prayer with their signature handshake.



Lane Goodwin, eighth grade, practices throwing during warm-ups. "I will definitely play softball in high school," said Goodwin. Even though middle school did not play any games, she still had fun with the small team of girls.

What's your *favorite* part of *practice*?

The middle school softball team had an abnormal way of spending their season; they did not have enough players to participate in games, so they had two practices a week and still managed to have fun. We asked them what their favorite parts of practice were.



“We just play for fun. There are a lot of different skill levels, so it takes the pressure away.”

-Lane Goodwin
eighth grade

2019-2020 *timeline*

AUGUST

13 As students arrived on the first day of school, the building was dark. Pandemonium had broken out with friends seeing each other after a long summer or new students with their parents, all trying to understand what was happening.

JUNE

00 The European trips returned on 4th and 10th of the month after experiencing the culture for two weeks. Those who traveled to France stayed with students from Westminster's partner school. The Greece trip traveled around visiting all of the famous historical sights and serving the refugees that had escape the war-torn countries in the Middle East. Both trips were a huge success and brought new experiences to the students who chose to go.

10 The annual senior South Dakota Trip was a success. Although some activities had to be replaced because of weather issues, The 27 seniors grew closer on the much-anticipated backpacking trip.

First Day of School Blackout



Newspaper wins award



WCA's First Homecoming



Kobe and Gigi Bryant's Death



Trump's Impeachment



DECEMBER

13 The Newspaper, 800 News, and 800 Sporting staffs won an award from SNO (School Newspapers Online) for their Distinguished Site. Being ranked 11th out of 36 who have won the award, the staff were flattered to be chosen out of the 457 schools who were eligible.

18 The impeachment of President Donald Trump occurred when the House of Representatives approved the articles of impeachment on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. The President was later acquitted by the Senate on both counts.

JANUARY

12 The first positive COVID-19 case in America struck fear in the hearts of many, leaving them to wonder how it would affect their daily lives.

26 The passing of Kobe and Gigi Bryant was extremely impactful in many of the students lives, growing up with him as one of their role models.

FEBRUARY

09 St. Louis' Battlehawks first game, with a full stadium, was a win. The Battlehawks were a professional football team in the new league, the XFL.

11 Jay Bouwmeester, St. Louis Blues defenseman, collapsed due to a cardiac incident on the bench during a game against the Anaheim Ducks. This was his 17th NHL season. The Blues were on the path to defending their Stanley Cup title.

21 Margo O'Meara yet again placed first in state, excelling this year by beating the record by over 100 points. O'Meara was 4th in the country for her diving skills and hoped to make it to the 2021 Summer Olympics.

24 Almost all of the seniors met at one house on their senior skip day. The seniors chose this day because it was during a sports dead week, keeping MSHAA rules from hindering the fun. They then packed a movie theatre and watched a film as a class.

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OCTOBER

05 Westminster had their very first Homecoming instead of their usual Christmas Banquet. Taking the annual Carnival to the next level, STUCO brought in rides and new games, with a new method of prices with tickets. The Homecoming dance excited students, and was a cherished memory for the community.

NOVEMBER

28 A few of the juniors and seniors, collaborated to make their very own film. The film called 'The Working Man,' was a silent, black-and-white production with peculiar video angles and an interesting twist at the end.



Margo O'Meara wins state for the third consecutive year.

Senior Skip Day

Junior Basketball Team



Junior/Senior Film Group

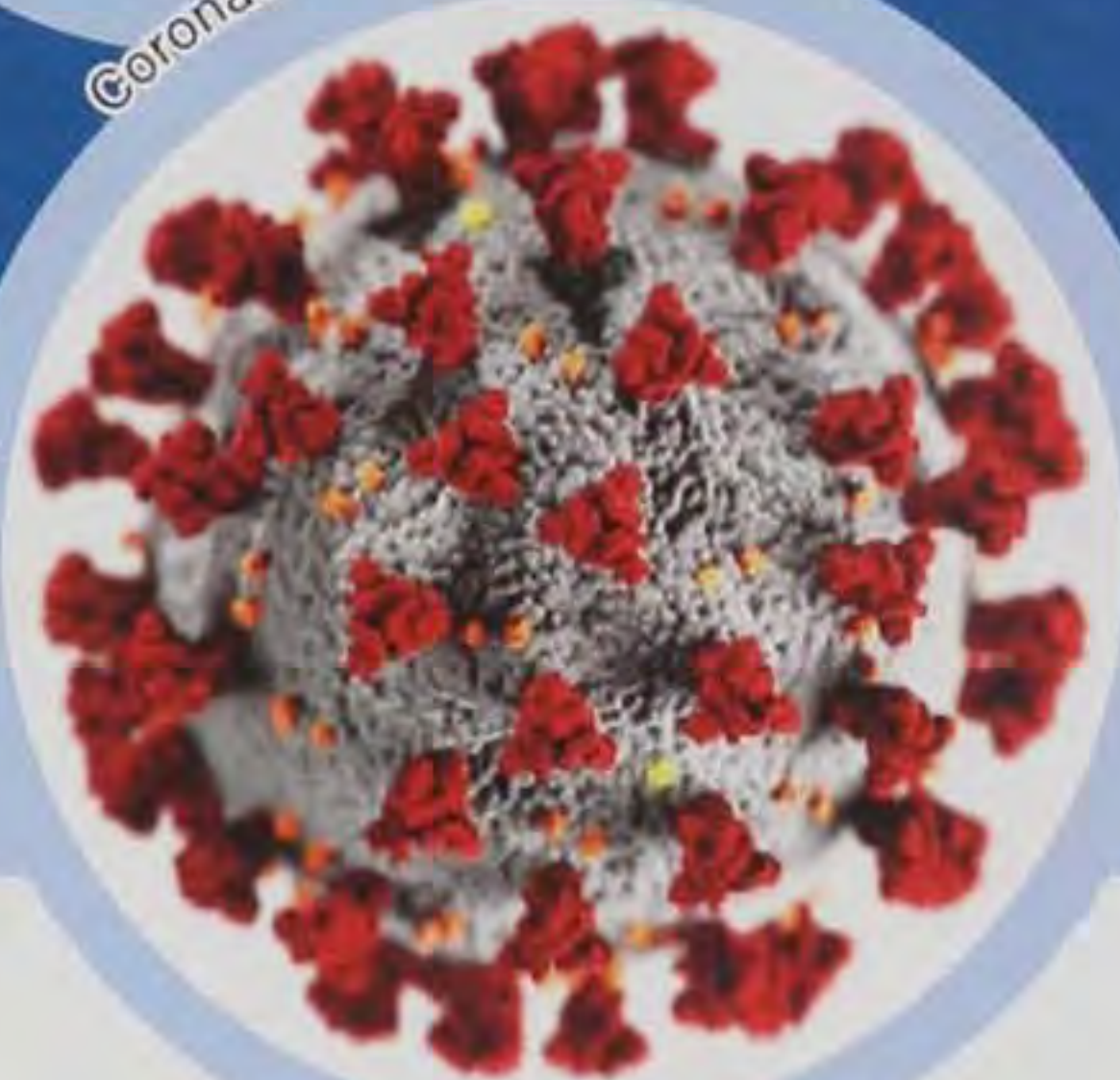


Coronavirus spreads



Battlehawks XFL Team

Bouwmeester's Cardio Incident



MARCH

05 Boys in the junior class decided to join a recreational league with their own basketball team. Calling themselves the STL Choppas, the boys were extremely successful, making it far into the championship.

31 Meghan Markle, an American, and Prince Harry stepped back from their senior roles and hoped to create a new life for themselves with their son, Archie.



Meghan and Harry Leave the Royal Family.

APRIL

09 The Corona Virus spread across the country with a stay at home order grounding all spring sports and school activities. With over 435,000 cases as of April 9th, uncertainty left many students, especially seniors, wondering where their final months had gone.

MAY

18 It was tradition for the seniors to end their school year a few weeks before the rest of the school. May 18th was their scheduled graduation date, the final event they took part of in high school. Many seniors wondered if this date would remain the same due to the state stay-at-home orders.

24 The last day of online schooling for all non-senior students, leading into the hazy days of summer.

HAUNTED *happenings*

The junior class activity was a haunted hayride. The hayride had a rocky start when at least 50 juniors patiently waited in line for their turn for 45 minutes in the freezing cold. When the tractor finally arrived, the students ran through the door to claim a seat on the tractor knocking down the door in the process. The students were interrogated by the manager and staff for about 15 minutes until the manager finally realized it was an honest mistake and an easy fix.

At the haunted hayride, Annessa Shively, Becca Chimento, Zoe Lintner, Libby Kimberling, and Joy Stevens, juniors, pose with one of the characters dressed as an evil surgeon. The hayride was scarier than many expected, but they still enjoyed.



Gus Wilkerson and Josh Norman, juniors, pose with "the seaweed man" at the junior class haunted hayride. This event was a big hit besides its unfortunate start.



Anna Fregene, sophomore, dances on the dance floor during the first ever WCA Silent Disco. The Silent Disco was an event for all upper schoolers.



Libby Wessels, Kate Wessels, Maegan Fleming, and Lauren Sowers, freshmen, pose at a donut breakfast hosted by the freshmen moms. This breakfast excited the class and was a great start to Spirit Week.



The eighth grade class poses during their ice skating party. This was the students' favorite activity they did as a class.



Anna Turner, Molly Zell, Lindsey Birk, Lilly Vogel, seventh grade, pose at a donut breakfast. The seventh grade had several of these breakfasts throughout the year.



UNITY AT ITS *finest*

Westminster students had several opportunities to bond with their class throughout the 2019-2020 school year.



Lauren Bohlmann, senior, dances at the Barn Bash with her classmates. This was the last song of the Barn Bash and Bohlmann's favorite part of the night.

Each year, the class moms plan several fun activities for students to enjoy out-of-school experiences with their classmates. The seniors had several class activities, but their favorite by far was the annual Barn Bash. Students arrived in their best country clothes and played games from corn hole to horseshoe toss. "The games got very competitive," said Will Mason, senior. They ended the night on the dance floor with the DJ who played throwback and country songs, allowing the class to connect on a different level. "It was fun dancing with everyone and playing the games beforehand. The Barn Bash allowed me to talk to classmates that I never had the chance to," said Chloe Burnham, senior. "This was the perfect opportunity for my class to come together just in time for Spirit Week," said Emilee Mitchell, senior. With the Barn Bash being a big hit for the class of 2020 and class of 2019 the year before, it is likely the tradition will continue for many more classes to come. Other grades had opportunities to bond as well. The junior class went on a haunted hayride the same day the sophomores went into a haunted corn maze. Both events took place in October, corresponding with Halloween. The freshmen class had several Donut Breakfasts on Monday and Tuesday mornings throughout the school year. The middle school also had a donut breakfast as well as having a football game tailgate and paintball. Additionally, the eighth grade had two class parties: one was a Christmas party where the students participated in Zumba and the other party was an ice skating party.



Tori Jessie, senior, grabs a snow cone at the Senior Luau after the last day of the 2018-2019 school year. She had a selection of flavors to choose from to add to her snow cone.



Danny Sacco and Will Mason, seniors, play cornhole as the sun sets at the Barn Bash. The two had a strong friendship that was likely to last after high school.

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Brennan Orf, senior, was one of the basketball team's key players. He was accepted into the 1,000 point club, an exclusive group at Westminster. Orf was also named Conference Player of the Year after being earning a spot on the First Team All-Conference for the past three years. Aside from being the team's leading scorer, Orf was a leader on and off the court and an unselfish player who made those around him better.



The boys basketball team battled to get to the top.

On a hectic school night, as the season came to a close, a large and rowdy student section gathered in the Arena to cheer on the varsity boys basketball team in hopes of seeing the Cats reign victorious in the district championship. The Wildcats were taking on the Priory Rebels for the third time of their season, which was a rematch of the Town and Country Cup that the Wildcats secured.

Throughout the season, the boys basketball team had high hopes of winning a district title. They kept their heads in the game, came back from tough losses to MICDS and Lutheran North and later defeated them. "Early on, we knew we were a tight knit group and that we had an opportunity to have a great season," said Lane Davis, senior.

Two days before the championship, the boys took on St. Francis Borgia in the district semifinal, which was broadcasted live by 800 Sporting in an attempt to unify the community in support of the boys basketball team and offer another means to view the game. This event encouraged the boys and rallied the students around them, ramping up the school's energy as they entered into the district final.

The championship game, therefore, was played in front of a packed crowd that included one of the largest Blue Crew sections of the year. From the very start of the game, the Wildcats had their foot on the gas pedal, ending the first half with a lead of thirteen points and not letting up as they cruised to a 58-46 victory over the Rebels. Although the boys' regular season record was good, winning a district championship was one of the team's main goals for the season and a much greater accomplishment.

Kobi Williams, freshman, charges to the basket as an opponent from Lutheran North approaches. Although he was only a freshman, Williams' ball skills and shots made him a key player for the wildcats. He will be very valuable to the team in the next three years as he continues his high school career.



Zach Benes, senior, blocks a Lutheran North player as he takes the ball down the court. The wildcats won the close game in double overtime. Benes' speed was a major contribution to the team.



Lane Davis, senior, dribbles the ball toward the basket in the first home game against Christian High School. As an upper-classman, Davis was a leader on the team and encouraged his teammates throughout the games. In addition to playing basketball, Davis led the varsity football team as quarterback in the fall.

“We all have the same goals and attitudes to get the results we want this season.”

- Lane Davis
senior

EJ Williams, sophomore, runs through a line of players and cheerleaders after being announced as a starter. Williams was one of the strongest defenders on the team.



(top) Austin Vick, sophomore, holds the ball while looking to pass to a teammate. Vick played valuable minutes off the bench, preparing for the big shoes he looked to fill in the future.



(bottom) Caleb Thompson, sophomore, goes up for a layup during warm-ups before the wildcats' rematch against MICDS. Although this was his first year on varsity, Thompson made the starting lineup several times.



Casen Lawrence, sophomore, passes the ball off to a teammate before hitting the deck. As a second year player, Lawrence led the team in three pointers throughout the season. Although his family had moved, Lawrence was back before the season.



Matthew George, senior, moves to get open in the district final against Priory. As an upperclassman, George was one of the leaders on the team by being very vocal and encouraging his teammates throughout the games. George was also one of the team's leading three point shooters.

stats

25 GAMES

21 WINS

4 LOSSES

SEASON Stats

JV
FRESHMEN
20 games 22 games

9 wins 17 wins

11 losses 5 losses

(left) Jack Lemp, sophomore, calls to his teammates to get open. This was his third year as a part of the WCA basketball program, and he was the captain of the JV team.



(right) Noah Parks, freshman, maintains control of the ball while blocking a St. Louis Blue Knights opponent. The team won by a small margin, 49 to 46.



(right) Jack Chelew, freshman, shoots a three pointer during a close game against the Knights. Chelew enjoyed growing closer to the team.



(left) Dominic Grasse, junior, gets in position to guard his opponent. This was Grasse's third year being a part of the high school basketball program.



(right) Ben Gustafson, freshman, shoots a three-pointer to tie the game. Gustafson played year round basketball.

(top left) Aydan Trawick, freshman, dribbles the ball down the court during a Friday night game. Trawick was the point guard for the team and the only freshman on the JV team.

(bottom left) William Warren, freshman, dribbles the ball as he scans the court for his teammates. This was Warren's first year at Westminster and on the basketball team.



Drew Liddle, junior, heads down the court in the Arena on December 10th in the JV game against St. Charles High School. The team won 48 to 26.

STICKING TO THE *game plan*

The JV boys basketball team played a strategic game.

Aydan Trawick, freshman, was new to high school as well as new to the JV basketball team. In a way, Trawick was the star of the show and was a great aid to the team's success. He often had control of the ball and scored 276 points this season. "In my opinion, Aydan is the best player on the team. The whole game revolves around passing the ball to Aydan," said Jack Lemp, freshman.

On top of that, Trawick was the only freshman on JV. With the remaining ninth grade boys playing on the freshmen team, Trawick left his peers behind to play with mainly sophomores and juniors.

Trawick also swang between JV and varsity. The time he spent playing with older and more experienced players allowed him to grow in his skillset and prepare for his future in basketball. However, the majority of his playing time was on JV where he contributed greatly to the team's successes.

Coming in as a freshman, he was forced to acclimate to the team quickly. "Trawick picked up on our team dynamic easily. He really leads our team to most of our wins," said Avery Jones, sophomore. Trawick was the team's strategy. He joined the team, and soon after, became the glue that held them together; the dynamic shifted and reformed to accommodate Trawick. The goal for each game was simple; get control of the ball and pass it to Trawick. Then it was dribble, dribble, shoot, and game over.

“We were like brothers: always messing with each other and having each other's backs when we needed help.”

-Will Richards

sophomore

UNMATCHED *Chemistry*

The middle school basketball teams reached brand new heights.

The program's success certainly was not an easy effort. Each team put a major focus on building relationships and learning to work together. The seventh grade girls pushed themselves not only in their basketball skills but also in their unity as a team. They made great efforts to love and support each other during practices and in games. "We try our best to think positive. The more positive we think, the better we play," said Katie Shoemaker, seventh grade.

The girls also loved their coaches, who joked around with them during practices. "Whenever I have to miss a practice for softball, Coach Briner always jokes with me that softball is an easy sport. He says I am wasting my time practicing for softball when I should be practicing for basketball. It has kind of become an ongoing joke with all the girls," said Molly Kate Bugh, eighth grade. The coaches made the practice environment very positive and encouraging, helping the girls to work hard and play well together.

The eighth grade girls were exceptionally successful, winning almost every game they played. Their teamwork was the key to many of their victories. "My favorite thing about our team is how close we have all gotten. I feel like a lot of the girls on the team I didn't talk to a lot before basketball, but now we are all good friends," said Kate Van Zee, eighth grade.

"My favorite aspect of our team is that they are all my best friends, on and off the court," Guy Matthews, eighth grade. The boys created not only an efficient team but a brotherhood as well. They not only hung out during practices and scrimmages but also during school and on the weekends. The unity the seven teams created demonstrated the strength and depth of the basketball program in middle school that carried on into high school.



Caden Brophy, eighth grade, lines up for a play called by their coach. This was Brophy's second year at Westminster and he also participated in soccer outside of school.



Gabriella Willette, eighth grade, holds the ball while pivoting as she searches for an open teammate. The team fought hard the entire game and came out with a victory.



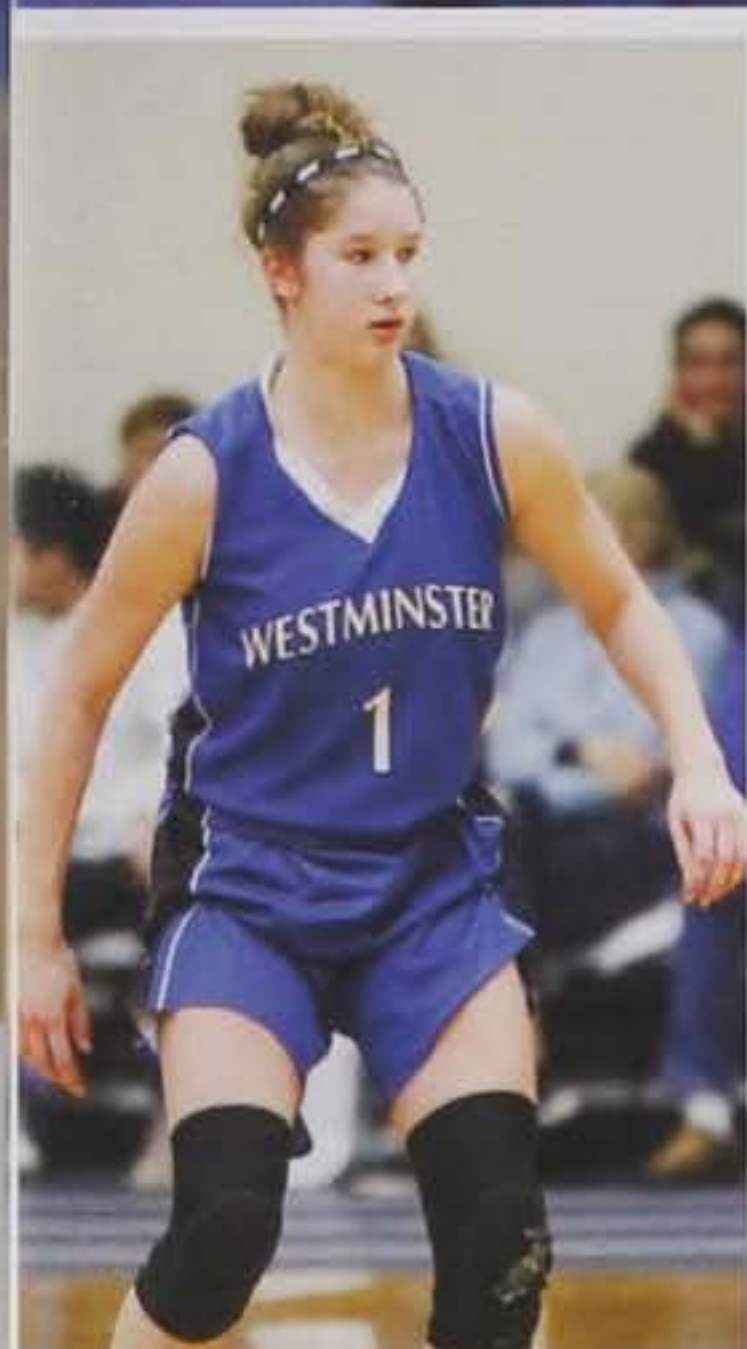
George Desloge, seventh grade, catches a pass from his teammate in a game against MICDS. Desloge played basketball all year and planned to try out for the team again.



Harrison Bailey
eighth grade

TWO GRADES
SEVEN TEAMS
NINETY-SIX GAMES

Emma Ballew, eighth grade, congratulates her teammates after a winning play. The eighth grade team had a winning streak of seven games.



Kaylinn Janes, eighth grade, keeps her eyes on the ball. The eighth grade girls celebrated taking home yet another win after this game.



Jake Keane, seventh grade, dribbles the ball over to the other side of the court in their second game. The team brought home their first victory this game.



Aniyah Howard, eighth grade, shoots the ball from the free throw line. The team focused on shooting for a big portion of their season.



Sean Jones, seventh grade, keeps the ball away from the opposing team. The eighth grade boys showed strong offensive skills throughout the entire season.



Johnny Robertson, seventh grade, dribbles the ball down the court with 20 seconds remaining. Robertson was the point guard for the seventh grade A team and planned on playing for Westminster again.



Trey Davidson, seventh grade, waits for his teammate to shoot his free throw in one of their final games of the season. Davidson also played basketball for his elementary school before coming to WCA.



Joey Schloss, seventh grade, gets in a defensive position to defend his opponent. Schloss planned to play for Westminster again.



Shepard Nye eighth grade

Brooke Highmark, sophomore, dribbles down the court after dodging a defender. Highmark led the team in points and was also a team captain. This was her second year as a varsity player.



coach KAT



Marty Briner, junior, listens to Coach Kat while sitting on the sidelines at a game at Visitation Academy.

Coach Kat, varsity girls coach, shows her excitement on the sidelines for her team's win. She previously coached at St. Louis University.

Carsyn Beachy, senior, dribbles the ball down the court. Beachy played her final year in the Wildcat basketball program after playing at WCA since seventh grade.



Marty Briner, junior, dribbles the ball. Briner was the only junior on the team and had been on the team since her freshman year.

FIRST *timers*

With a new coach and a smaller team, varsity girls basketball excelled.

Varsity girls basketball had an immense change on the bench: Kat Martin, or Coach Kat, was the girls new coach who was previously a coach at the D1 collegiate level for Saint Louis University. "This year has been a success but has come with challenges as we transitioned to a new coach," said Marty Briner, junior. Although the transition to the new coach came with its challenges, it yielded in many first experiences for the team. "We won the Troy tournament for the first time and were even conference champions," said Briner.

The girls were their conference champions, so it was prominent that the new addition, Coach Kat, helped the team work more cohesively. Ultimately all of the hard work paid off, with the results they had been aiming for the past years. Thanks to Coach Kat and perseverance, the varsity girls basketball team was able to reach new heights and go far beyond what they had before.



Reilly Brophy, sophomore, plays her heart out at the district final against Rockwood Summit. The Wildcats played their hardest but ultimately lost with a final score of 46-54.



Macey Lottmann, senior, runs down the court with her teammates at a game against Edwardsville.



Carlie Vick, sophomore, watches her shot on the net in the district finals game against Rockwood Summit. This was Vick's second year on varsity after many years of basketball outside of school.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT
brooke highmark

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two BECOME one

JV and freshmen girls basketball combined their small teams to form one team that played both schedules.

Starting off the season with only five players, the JV team knew they had a challenge ahead of them. However, when the freshmen team had the same problem, the solution seemed obvious. We were supposed to be two different teams, but now we are all on one and there are so many people," said Jordan Williams, freshman. With a situation as unique as this one, there were bound to be some challenges. It was not perfect, but the teams soon meshed into one and carried the weight of both team's schedules. "It's challenging because now we play both the JV and freshmen schedule so it's kind of hectic, but it's also really fun because now we all feel like a family, and when we go through hard stuff, we do it together," said Ashante Boone, sophomore. As the season progressed, the team's abilities and chemistry were also enhanced. "It was hard at first just because we did start out as two separate teams with two different skill levels, but now it's fun that we all get to work together and help make each other better," said Lexi Burke, sophomore. This one-of-a-kind season provided freshmen players with JV level experience and sophomores with leadership opportunities since it was a situation requiring a unique kind of leadership both on and off the court. "It's a great opportunity to challenge ourselves as sophomores when we play the freshmen schedule. We get to push ourselves as leaders and players because we all had to learn to work as one team," said Hope Linam, sophomore. By the end of it all, both the original JV and freshmen teams were able to come together to learn and grow through this unparalleled season that fostered personal growth in skill and leadership. "It's also really fun to see all the freshmen get a chance to play and improve. We were able to step back and let them have a chance in some of the JV games, and it was awesome to watch them learn and be able to help them," said Lexi Vick, sophomore. This one-of-a-kind experience produced a one-of-a-kind team.

(top) Vega Guo, freshman, takes a shot from the block to add to the Wildcats' win over Carnahan.

(bottom) Aseanti Boone, sophomore, carries the ball down the court to set up the Wildcat offense. Boone was one of the team's point guards and led the offense all season.



Lexie Vick, sophomore, calls for the ball on a baseline play. All three of the Vick triplets played basketball. Austin and Carlie were both on varsity.

Kylie Robertson, freshman, fights to win a jump ball. Robertson consistently played with an aggression that benefited the team.

PHASES OF A free throw

Aseanti Boone, sophomore



GET LOW!

On both defense and offense coaches could often be heard yelling "get low" to get their players in an athletic stance and ready for the next play.



Hope Linam, sophomore, drives to create motion on offense. Linam was often the one to get the team moving on offense and was a vocal presence on defense. She was also a team captain for the second year in a row.



Jordan Williams, freshman, drops low and gets open on an inbounds play and calls for the ball underneath the basket. Jordan had a twin brother, Kobe, freshman, and a sophomore brother, EJ, who both played on varsity as well.



Sanaa Glasper, freshman, puts on her game face and gets in a low, athletic stance to play some tough defense against Carnahan. The Wildcats took a win 31-12.



Dayton Hays, freshman, drives on the baseline for a layup. Hays often used the corner to receive a pass before she would either drive or shoot.



Lexi Birk, sophomore, squares up to take a free throw. Birk was a captain for the combined freshmen/JV team.



Emmy Robson, sophomore, gets low and moves her feet on defense to stop Lutheran North's offense. Robson was a starter and proved to be an important asset on the team.



"I HONESTLY LOVE MY TEACHERS. THEY'RE SO DOWN-TO-EARTH AND TREAT US LIKE ADULTS. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY TREAT US LIKE WE MATTER."
-AVA HOLLMANN, 12TH

"WESTMINSTER FINDS A WAY TO MAKE AN ASSEMBLY FUN AND HYPE EVERYBODY UP!"
-NATE BOWMAN, 10TH

"Art and Drama always make my day better. Mrs. Vogel is just the best teacher."
-Hanna Lawson, 8th

"I HAVE MRS. MURRAY, AND I REALLY LIKE HOW SHE CORRELATES A LOT OF TOPICS TO REAL LIFE."
-ELIJAH SCHMIDT, 7TH

"Everyday I look forward to coming into school and seeing my friends. We talk about what we learned in class and how we can apply it in our lives."
-Jack Maher, 9th

"SPIRIT WEEK IS BETTER AT WESTMINSTER THAN ANY OTHER SCHOOL. WE HAVE SO MUCH FUN, AND IT IS A NICE BREAK FROM SCHOOLWORK."
-MACY GOODWIN, 10TH

"The teachers and students go all out for Spirit Week. It's so awesome because everybody participates."
-VERONICA ORTIZ, 11th

We asked students what they love about their school and what makes Westminster different from other schools.

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I'd say the food is really good so lunch is always a good time." -Lily Johnson, 10th

The teachers make class super entertaining. Mrs. Eichelberger is super inclusive and interactive." -ASHLEY BEAM, 8th

Teachers like Mr. Knerr definitely make the classroom more interesting." -Ellie Johnson, 10th

THE MONTH OF JANUARY. SPIRIT WEEK IS MY FAVORITE OF THE YEAR. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DIFFERENT THEMES AND GAMES WE PLAY." -KYLEIGH PEER, 12TH

I like hanging out with my friends between classes." -Avery Kline, 8th

I like getting to sleep in on Thursdays." -Angela Lee, 8th

THE ENCORE CLASSES GIVE US A CHANCE TO EXPRESS LOTS OF CREATIVITY." -TARYN CUNNINGHAM, 7TH

"I LOOK FORWARD TO THEATER CLASS BECAUSE IT IS LIKE A FAMILY." -GRACE FADLOVICH, 8TH

"The student-teacher relationship is so cool. You don't have to be so formal. Most teachers really care and form that bond with you." -Luisa Grbcich, 11th

"I REALLY LIKE HAVING LATE START BECAUSE I GET TO SLEEP IN AND GET STARBUCKS WITH MY GRANDMA." -ANNA GRACE LIKES, 9TH

"I think it's really special that when I walk through the halls, every face is familiar, and I'll definitely miss this next year in college." -Ava Bidner 12th

"THE TEACHERS AREN'T TOO STRICT. THEY KNOW HOW TO MAKE AND TAKE A JOKE." -PAUL BANDA, 7TH

"Our teachers really care about us as individuals." -ANNEKA VANDER VELDE, 8th

"I look forward to newspaper. It's something I enjoy doing that doesn't feel like schoolwork." -Pearson Georges, 12th

"I THINK WESTMINSTER MAKES SERVICE, ESPECIALLY SENIOR SERVICE, FUN AND MEANINGFUL." -ALYSSA LEGTERS, 12TH

"The school makes math and science classes more fun. We do a lot of activities and labs that help make class more interesting." -Angelina Spencer, 10th

"I look forward to meeting with my friends and teachers before class. The teachers understand life really well." -Milan Cleveland, 7th

"Mrs. Thompson makes school fun everyday because is so energetic." -Henry Wenger-Stickel, 8th

"MR. DECKER IS AWESOME. HE IS A REALLY LAID BACK BUT ALSO INFORMATIVE." -WILLIAM JINKINS, 8TH

"I look forward to going to choir everyday because I love the people in there and I love using the gifts I have to honor God." -HANNAH CARTER, 12th

"I LOOK FORWARD TO PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS EVERYDAY BECAUSE I GET TO TAKE FUNNY PORTRAIT PICTURES OF MY FRIENDS." -MARISSA BARNES, 11TH

"Basketball games are so fun with Blue Crew." -XAVIER MAY, 10th

"I enjoy block math classes because Ms. Endel has a mini hoop and we play knock out." -Christopher Bauer, 7th



A group of freshmen smile for a picture as they enjoy lunch on the Freshmen Retreat at Forest Park.



DANCING *queen*



Lexi Jo Alm, senior, dances during the Zumba part of the P.C. retreat. Alm, along with Ella Fiala, senior, and Katherine Kurop, junior, all had danced for many years. To use this to their advantage, the girls decided to teach Zumba to the middle schoolers during the retreat. Zumba was a hit! The middle schoolers filled the room full of laughter and fun. This activity was a favorite for all.



Natalie Ford, senior, teaches Isaiah Farquharson, eighth grade, how to make a friendship bracelet during the middle school retreat.

Jimmy MacDonald, freshman, stays focused as he serves at the diaper bank packing diapers. Without the freshmen help, this task would have taken much longer.



Sabrina Holohan, eighth grade, tries to pick up a tennis ball with her knees during a relay race.

Lauren Sowers, Rosa Hargrove, and Holden Orrick, freshmen, package diapers for the diaper bank.

OUT ON THE *green*

The freshmen retreat allowed for the class to not only enjoy a day of serving but also a day of sun. To end a day of giving, the class spent lunch surrounded by the outdoors. They played many different games such as pick-up soccer, football, and even participated in some team building activities.



Mason Fricke, eighth grade, throws a football to his fellow Peer Counseling group members.

Audrey Rohlfing, freshman, practices her soccer tricks in Forest Park after serving with her classmates.



Logan Swenson, Asher Amanuel, Quin Lawrence, and Sam Villa, eighth grade, choose to spend their free time playing Spike Ball.

Molly Kirby and Brooke Carter, freshmen, relax after a day serving others and enjoying the weather.



Kate Wessels and Jamie Obertop, freshmen, sit together at the diaper bank while they write encouraging notes to mothers who will receive the diapers.



Molly Kate Bugh, Lane Goodwin, and Emma Dempsey, eighth grade, come together after competing in the group scavenger hunt. The whole grade was able to participate in the scavenger hunt and play games with each other.



Ever Grae Hall and Meghan Flemming, freshmen, laugh while participating in a team building game. There were many fun games to play at Forest Park.



beyond the CLASSROOM

Whether their day involved serving or Zumba, students spent the end of their retreats enjoying the fresh air.

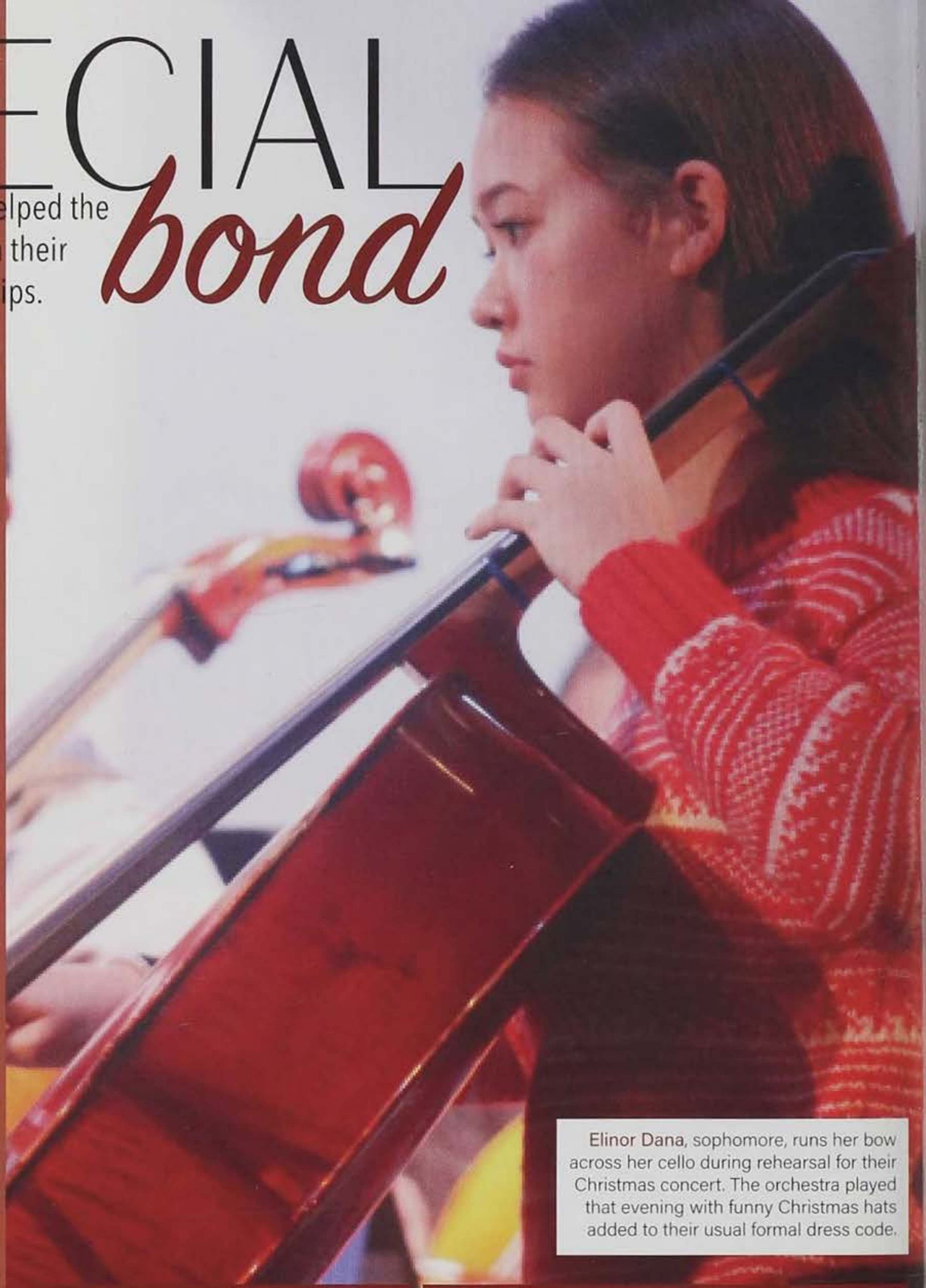
Every year it is tradition that middle schoolers dedicate a day at the beginning of the school year to compete and participate in activities alongside their Peer Counselor groups. But this time they switched things up. Compared to Peer Counselor retreats of the past, the main difference was the location. While previous middle schoolers went to the City Museum and Elephant Rocks, this year's retreat was located on the Westminster campus - close to home. Though at first many were discouraged by the closeness to the classroom, middle schoolers later decided the day was a blast.

Starting the year selfless, the freshmen retreat took a more humble approach to their retreat. They served the community around them. A humble start to their high school career showed benefits. "The retreat was a great reminder of our blessings at Westminster, and how easy it is to serve others," said Emma Fairchild, freshman. This retreat brought happiness to not only the places they volunteered but to their class as well. Fellowship bonded the class further than their middle school years. After serving at a nearby school, diaper factory, and other memorable organizations, the freshmen ate together and participated in outdoor activities during a sunny and relaxing afternoon at Forest Park so they could end a day of volunteering enjoying God's creation.

A SPECIAL *bond*

Dedication and fun activities helped the performing arts classes grow in their skills as well as their relationships.

The Performing and visual arts students formed special bonds with their classmates. At the beginning of the year, the high school orchestra class went to Aloha Mini Golf to bond with each other and form new relationships with new incomers. This trio allowed them to meet new friends and grow closer with each other before the year started. "The mini golf trip really helped us to become close with each other and more comfortable around one another," said Adam Lyles, sophomore. The performing classes also experienced a bonding trip of their own. "A lot of people in performing arts, including me, went to an old band club, listened to old jazz music, and bonded. I also was asked to go on stage and dance with the band," said Patrick Howard, freshman. Because of this opportunity, the highschool performing arts classes trusted one another and became like family as they grew in their skill sets throughout the year.



Elinor Dana, sophomore, runs her bow across her cello during rehearsal for their Christmas concert. The orchestra played that evening with funny Christmas hats added to their usual formal dress code.



Tara Bobo and Taniya Jessie, freshmen, take pictures of their classmates for photography class. The photography class worked with a variety of lighting techniques including blacklight and natural light.



Scout Fleming, senior, finishes her project in art class. Some art classes were full of a variety of students from each grade because they were considered an elective, but many enjoyed meeting underclassmen.



The boys of high school choir, practice a song before their next performance. The men's choir and women's choirs were semester classes that many seniors enjoyed.



“Mr. Shwamb is an inspiration for everyone who does choir because he sets a great example for us to become better musicians.”

-Becca Berkmeier
freshman



(top left) Becca Berkmeier and Elizabeth Bauer, freshmen, strike a pose in Mrs. Eichelberger's class. Mrs. Eichelberger was known for her skills in directing the middle school musicals and singing backup in a few performances with the choir.

Christina English, freshman, strums her ukelele as she has her photo taken. The ukelele became a new trend many people loved to play in their free time.

Joey Schloss, seventh grade, prepares to play at the Homecoming football game. Schloss was excited to play alongside of the upper school band.

Sam Evans, freshman, plays the trumpet during the halftime of the Homecoming football game. The band did not perform at many games, so the band was excited for every opportunity to perform.



Rebecca Abebe, senior, paints her own version of Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'. Art classes were able to evoke the feeling of each artist, creating a different piece of art than even someone who was sitting right next to them.

“Choir allows you to express yourself in a musical way.”

-Cheyenne Williams
freshman

Emma Smith, junior, paints green on her abstract project. Smith was in the AP art class and took part of an art exhibition coordinated by John Sarra, the visual arts director and teacher.



Rebekah Sems, senior, edits the feature articles made by her fellow classmates. "I love having a voice," said Sems.



Marty Briner, junior, writes her first article about Annessa Shivley. "I joined the newspaper second semester because my brother runs Sporting," said Briner.



Ava Bidner, senior, works on the computer during newspaper. Ava had been on newspaper for three years and was one of the editor-in-chiefs.



Bennie Anderson, senior, "Tommy Briner and I have been at this for three years, and it's finally reached its peak," said Anderson.



Caleb Moellenhoff, junior, a 800 Sporting Staff Writer laughs while assessing his workload for the week.



Ava Hollmann, senior, edits the opinion articles for newspaper. "I have been highly benefited from wrestling with conflicts and different points of view," said Hollmann.



"800 Sporting is the greatest project I've ever taken on. Our coverage for both Sporting and the news side is the best it's ever been."

-Tommy Briner
senior

Matthew Culligan, senior, works on the computer to get the lights right. He helped with video editing and in studio work. "I like broadcasting because we have freedom, we get a story and we can do whatever we would like with the story," said Culligan.



Aidan Penberthy and Koby Schmer, seniors and 800 Sporting members, broadcast live at a boys districts basketball game. This game's broadcast was livestreamed on Westminster's website where many viewers tuned in. Penberthy and Schmer were ecstatic about the event and dressed up in sport coats to play the part of professional sports reporters.

THE ULTIMATE *food testing*

In business class, each group made a new food of choice. Some foods business students made were different flavors of edible cookie dough, syrup, chocolate bacon, and mini French toast. "He enjoyed trying many different types of food," said Tyler Smith, freshman. "I enjoyed the edible cookie dough the most because it was edible and cookie dough," said Evan Hook, freshman.



Annessa Shively, junior, and Hannah Stevenson, senior film the 800 live news for the school to watch during first hour. Shively hoped to pursue journalism after WCA.



READY *set brew*

What are the steps of creating a new Pawprint drink?

There were many steps to creating a new Pawprint drink. The seniors who worked at Pawprint took a lot of time to create new drinks. Their first step of creation was picking the type of drink they want to create. They could have chosen from many different things such as latte, frappe, smoothie, refresher, and many more. After choosing what type of drink they then moved onto what flavor of syrup they should select. Sometimes, they used syrups they already had and mixed them together but, other times they had to buy new flavors for special flavoring. Then, the Pawprint workers taste tested different types of drinks to see which one would be most liked by the students. This might take some time to find something they thought was special enough for people to want to buy. Then, they decided on the final recipe and the name for the new drink. Lastly, they figured out finances such as, how much it will cost, how much they need to sell to make a profit, and how much supplies they need to purchase. They also figured out marketing details like making posters to hang up, featuring it in 800 news or even the morning announcements. A lot went into just one Pawprint drink behind the scenes.



Lily Duda, senior, checks a customer out with their coffee. "I love Pawprint I've enjoyed the group this year and its been a really fun experience," said Duda.



Anna Grace Likes, freshman, buys a Pawprint coffee on a Tuesday morning. "I like Pawprint because it is convenient in the morning when I want a drink," said Likes.



Sophia Sacco, senior, hands a frappuccino to her customer. Pawprint created new drinks frequently depending on the season.

Chapel Band sings to the school while playing their instruments. Many of the band members knew how to play more than two instruments and were talented singers. This helped the band to stay small and more intimate.



PRAISING *and playing*

Westminster's chapel band made their service something for students to look forward to each week.

Looking back, there was no better place to experience the core beliefs of Westminster than its very own chapel. Westminster's finest musicians joined on stage to raise the community up in worshiping God. It was no easy task. Often, these artists practiced twice a week for several hours to prepare for each performance. "Morning practices are a real grind, we got to work hard," said Koby Schmer, senior.

But, Westminster's weekly worship did not end with songs and hymns. Oftentimes, a variety of Westminster's best speakers and some of the most prominent figures in the St. Louis Christian circle came to share the word of God. "As part of my chapel leadership position, we are always looking for new speakers to spread the word," said Libby Kimberling, junior.

With a weekly line-up stacked with so much talent, it became difficult to always top the quality of product. However, Westminster always managed to do so. "Hours of preparation go into every single Chapel you see," said Elle Pierson, senior.

One thing was for certain, the tradition and meaning chapel carried was not going away anytime soon. Worship and praise of God amidst academics was just a brief showing of Westminster's many values and its mission.



(right) A group of eighth graders listen to the worship part of Chapel. Many students enjoyed the worship because of the interactions with the audience.



(top left) Todd Fuller, speaks to Westminster students and staff about how intentions determine actions, and how to live a life closer to God.

Karen Thompson, prays alongside her students to close out chapel. Many students found Thompson an amazing Christian role model.

Justin Fuller, senior, introduces his father as the speaker of chapel with his signature class and wit. Many of the introducers were either related to or knew the speaker well.

Kaitlyn Butler, sophomore, displays her talent by singing out a hymn while playing the acoustic guitar. Butler was known for her outspoken love for God and quoting of verses in between the songs.



(left) The featured leaders and band members of chapel wait calmly to be called on stage.

(right) Ahmad Alexander, sophomore, keeps all band members on beat with his proficient drumming skills. Alexander was infamous for his drumming talent, although he also kept the tempo most chapels.

THE RYTHYM OF CHAPEL



Keeping Chapel music fun, catchy, and on beat was obviously a first priority of Westminster. No one did it better than guitarist Koby Schmer, senior, and bassist Hunter Freiner, junior. Schmer, joined chapel his sophomore year, while Freiner began playing in the Chapel band his freshman year.

Since then, these two have put on a show, often showing off a multitude of skills with each song. As expected, they were no strangers to these instruments. Both Schmer and Freiner had been playing for a total of ten years and had mastered their instruments.

The Schmer-Freiner knockout punch were one of the best combinations of musicians The Academy had ever seen.

A SECOND *Language*

Many of the students were not bilingual, so they had to learn English to communicate with the American student body at Westminster. ESL, (English as a Second Language), helped them to not only learn English but to use these skills in their every day lives. They told their family how much they learned.

Whitney Jia, junior, and Katelyn Jeong, senior, take a break during Chinese club.

They participated in many activities in this club, especially cutting out certain Chinese symbols.



Molly Li, senior, helps her fellow students with some homework. Li loved to help anybody she could with homework because she felt called to serve others. Li was a kind person who was outgoing and used her free time to serve.



TRAVELING *and differences*

Westminster helped students from Asian countries transition to American ways.

Many exchange students attended Westminster, but this was a long-distance journey from their homes and especially their parents. The students had host families they are assigned to where they adapted to the American ways of living. Attending a new school, making new friends, and also having to learn a new language was extremely hard. However, the Westminster community was very welcoming to the students who traveled over 5,000 miles by providing them a home and a Christian education. These students worked very hard in their classes and made an impact on the student body. They loved to learn new things, and they were open to anything. Many classes were offered to these students, and they excelled in the new language they learned. Many seniors who were leaving missed the environment of the school as they went off to college.



Olivia Cheng, senior, draws a giant symbol on a piece of construction paper in Chinese club. This club made many symbols and posted them around the school.



Daniel Park, sophomore, plays in the pep band during the football game. Park loved to play the clarinet and enjoyed the class with Dr. Gargrave, the band teacher.

Three pieces of Europe came to Westminster for the school year.

High School students, most of the time, were in their own little world. However, there were a few students that attended the Academy that were in a much bigger world. For most of the foreign travelers, the United States was just another place they visited. However, unlike travelers, the United States was more of a permanent vacation for exchange students.

"I've been in the States for about two years and I met Bria [Benes] the summer she moved here," said Masha Stephens, freshman. Bria Benes, freshman, and Stephens formed a special bond during their time in the States. They were almost always together, especially since they lived just a few doors down from each other. Although being close to one's best friend when first moving to a new place was fun, there were other struggles. "I've been in the States for about a year and a few months, but the language is the hardest part," said Benes. English was easier for Stephens to learn, but both Benes and Stephens agreed things in America were done differently than in their home country, Ukraine. "The culture and school is very different compared to life in Ukraine," said Benes. "People in America are a lot nicer," said Stephens.

However, a little to the west of Ukraine, the Netherlands was where Jelmer ter Veer, senior, called home. "I have been in the States for eight months, and I will leave after this school year," said ter Veer. Although ter Veer was at Westminster for his senior year, he had visited the States multiple times before. Being away from home was hard, especially being away for a long time. "The most difficult thing with being in the States is keeping up socially. I want to be social here at Westminster, but also want to stay in touch with my Dutch friends," said ter Veer, about challenges he faced being in America. Just like Stephens and Benes, ter Veer experienced some differences in America. "The biggest difference for me is being in a private school. I was in public school back home so the education is a lot different," said ter Veer.

All three of these students overcame many challenges. Whether it was struggling with learning a new language or getting used to the school environment, they all preserved tremendously. Benes, Stephens, and ter Veer were very thankful for the opportunity to be a Wildcat.



Jelmer ter Veer, senior, smiles for a picture with Jacob Moyer, senior, before Homecoming. Ter Veer tagged along with his friends for a night of fun.



Jelmer ter Veer, senior, visits the Arch with a few of his fellow peers. He visited many of St. Louis' attractions during his time in America.



Bria Benes and Masha Stephens, freshmen, smile for a photo before Homecoming, a highlight of their year. The girls had lots of fun spending time with each other and their fellow classmates.



Kyana Higgins, Bria Benes, and Sarah Galt, freshmen, and Whitney Lee, junior, smile as they dressed up for a day during Spirit Week.

THE BIG *wide world*



Livvy Kooner, 7th



Lauren Gingerich, 8th



Brayden White, 11th



Izzy Russel, 7th
McKenna Wittenaur, 7th



Levi Webb, 8th



Triston Scales, 10th



Gary Zhang, 9th



Tommy Le, 10th



Annika Pollack, 8th



Aie Jones, 11th



Emilee Burney, 7th



Henry Counts, 9th
Tommy Davidson, 9th



Alex Daiber, 12th



Logan Mann, 11th



Anna Lojka, 10th



Devin Coulter, 8th



Gracie Dark, 11th



Anna Eregene, 10th
Ellie Jones, 10th



Ethan Storer, 12th



Abbey Fritz, 11th



Ian Henderson, 10th



Elias Hyatt, 11th



Alex Ungles, 8th



Winter Gray, 11th



Jack Maher, 9th



Jack Powers, 11th
Jimmy Krisley, 11th



Peyton Edgecombe, 7th



Eria Witherspoon, 8th



Trey Feeney, 8th



TJ Mulholland, 11th



Tim Slidemaker, 9th
Bradford Hall, 9th



Megan Roche, 11th
Noah Schlueter, 11th



Will French, 8th



Christina English, 9th



George Desloge, 7th



Leah Berutti, 9th
Hannah Kendrick, 9th



Vaughn Goff, 11th



Jamie Obertop, 9th
Annie Wood, 9th



Braden Brasfield, 9th



Maggie Dalby, 8th



Joshua Dawitt, 9th



Natalie Edwards, 8th



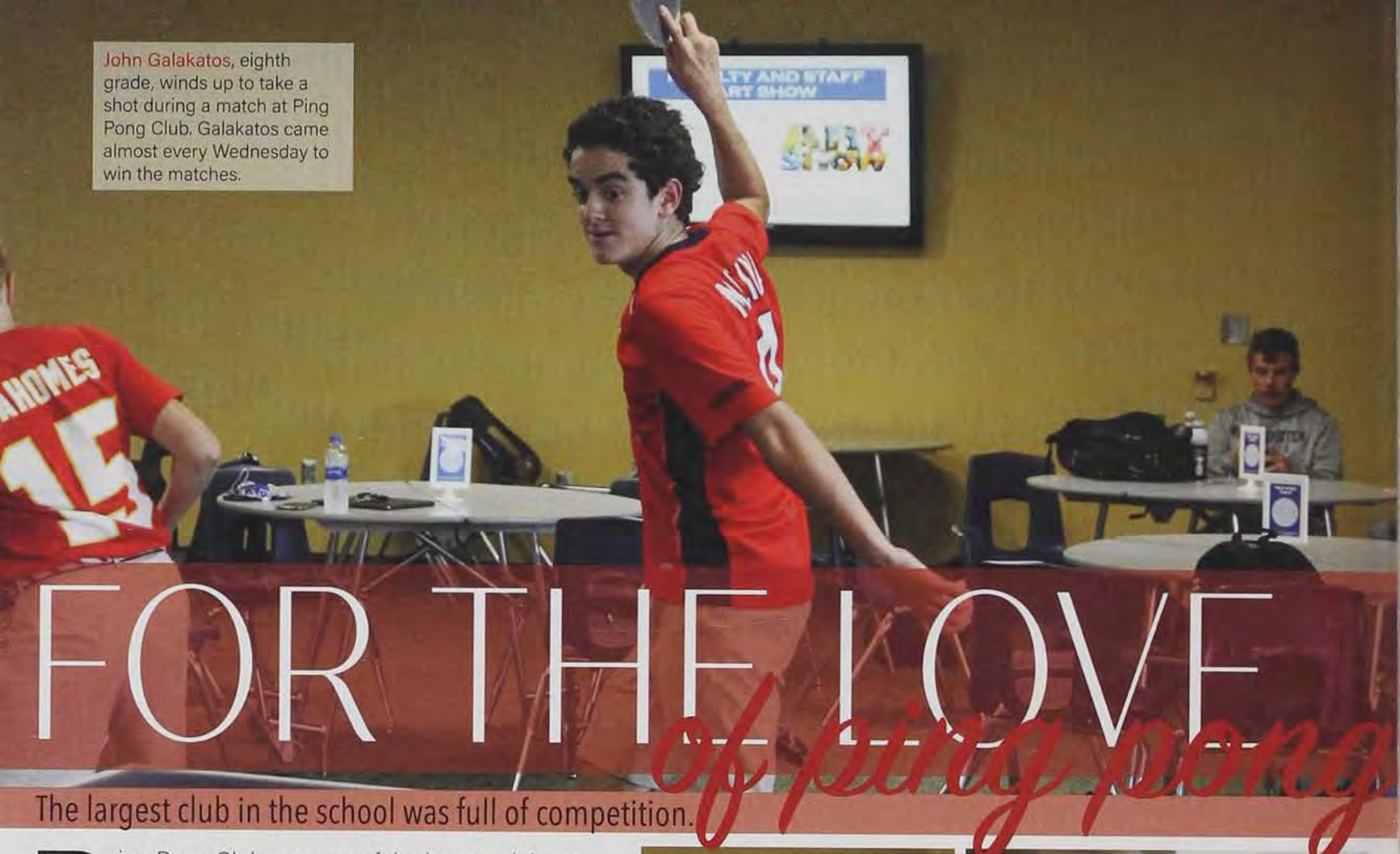
Jack Martin, senior, plays ping pong at one of the booths during the first ever Homecoming weekend. All of the game booths were outside on the plaza and in the parking lot.

CLUBS *and people*

Why do students participate in clubs?

Students participate in clubs for many reasons. We surveyed club participants, asking them "Why do you participate in clubs?" Their answers varied from "My mom makes me" to "Just to be with their friends." The following section is sorted by the responses from the clubs and what unique activities take place in each club.

John Galakatos, eighth grade, winds up to take a shot during a match at Ping Pong Club. Galakatos came almost every Wednesday to win the matches.



FOR THE LOVE *of ping pong*

The largest club in the school was full of competition.

Ping Pong Club was one of the largest clubs at Westminster with usually around 15-20 kids present each time they met. Many people went because they had to stay after school and did not have anything better to do on a Wednesday afternoon. But, what about those who took time out of their day to go? Something was special to them about this club. "Since I was a kid I've always had an obsession with Ping Pong. When I found out about Ping Pong Club I went once and fell in love with it," said Matthew Kinney, junior. Ping Pong Club was not for just those who had a love for the game and brought their own paddles, it was for everyone. However, it could become very competitive during some of these games, sometimes with unofficial tournaments to see who the best player was. Just like many of the other clubs at Westminster, it was just a way to pass time with friends either before parents pick up or students drive home. Those who showed up to ping pong club, knew they could expect strong competition.



(top left) Caden Collison, eighth grade, serves the ball to start off a new game.

(top right) Anthony Cook, eighth grade, returns the hit during his first game of the day at Ping Pong Club.

THE PRICE *of pie*

Gaming Club only met once every three weeks, so they needed to get creative to be able to buy new games. Gaming Club sold pizza by the slice every time they met to help pay for these new games. The pizza was not just restricted to those who were frequent comers of the club, but if a student showed up to the club for the first time, they could have some pizza too.



(bottom left) Mason Fricke, eighth grade, starts off a new game after winning his previous two matches.

(bottom right) Ian Henderson, sophomore, Peyton French, sophomore, Lian Lee, junior, and Caleb Adams, sophomore, focus while playing a game of Jenga at gaming club. Gaming Club met once every three weeks on Fridays.



Avery Abbonizio
Olivia Adams
Jenna Akins
Patrick Akins
Seth Allen
Charlotte Atkinson
Charlie Baker
Paul Banda

Shiloh Banda
Christopher Bauer
Brock Benes
Anna Bernhardt
Julia Berryman
Lindsey Birk
Chase Borage
Brock Bowman

Natalie Bradshaw
Zach Brauer
Jackie Briner
Addy Bross
Katie Brown
Lacey Brown
Lauren Buchanan
Ridge Cathcart

Carson Clark
Milan Cleveland
Kaitlyn Cragg
Taryn Cunningham
Trey Davidson
Myah DeRossett
George Desloge
Macie DiGuissepe

Amie Do
Luke Downey
Simone Duncan
Peyton Edgecombe
Caroline Engel
Jack English
Clare Essenburg
Millie Farris

Joey Fentress
Coco Francisco
Kate French
Ava Gibeaut
Jaden Gray
Ava Gronek
Sean Gross
Rhoads Hall

Mia Hayden
Arianna Henderson
Raquel Herrera
Rachel Hon
Cooper Hook
Luke Hornburg
Karissa Hsu
Kyle Hunt

Noah Hyatt
Ronald Isley
Emery Johnston
Shawn Jones
Jake Keane
Hailey Kendrick
Livy Kodner
Abby Kunde

Zach Laughlin
Cal Leighton
Hunter LeMoine
Tristan Loehr
Dawson Malcom
Austin McCarthy
Ally McDonnell
Lochlan McGowan

Hannah Lindsey, sophomore, laughs in response to a funny trivia question. Lindsey consistently attended monthly competitions and helped the team in their defeat of opposing teams.



Angelina Spencer, sophomore, smiles in response to her team answering the question correctly. This was Spencer's second year being in Scholar Bowl; she was a great asset during the bonus questions of each successful round.



Pearl Johnson, sophomore, prepares the group to start as she untangles all of the buzzers. "I wanted to join Scholar Bowl because it's an easy way to learn interesting facts and history in general," said Johnson.



Elizabeth Hickel, eighth grade, aims at the target before releasing her shot. Making sure she remained focused from the time she aimed her bow until she released her grip was crucial for making her shot close to bullseye.

STAYING *focused*



Isabel Draper, freshman, gets excited as she prepares to answer a trivia question during a meeting. She always came to Scholar Bowl with a smile on her face and ready to learn. Draper was an essential asset during competition, and she was a teammate that others were able to rely on.

Students in both Scholar Bowl and Archery Club gave insight on what they learned specifically in each club.

Although there were some students who chose to only think about history during history class, members of Scholar Bowl loved to learn about history in their free time and shared similar passions as history was their favorite subject at school. "I wanted to join the Scholar Bowl because it's an easy way to learn interesting facts and about History in general," said Pearl Johnson, sophomore. Being apart of this club granted students the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the history of the world in a game setting, similar to trivia. "I joined on a whim because I like trivia. The best part is learning new information and competing against other schools. It can be serious but we have a lot of fun with it too," said Isabel Draper, freshman. Taking part in monthly competition gave club members something to look forward to, and it also gave them experience in a real life setting. Students often chose not to participate because it was structured around history, but the ones involved loved every aspect of it.

Another club that helped students learn new skills in a unique way was Archery Club. Students of this club met weekly in the gym to practice and perfect their skills. This club was one that was special to the Westminster community because not all schools had a club specifically for archery. Most schools had clubs that generally explored outdoor activities, but students were excited to see that a club had been formed specifically for archery. Unless students were fortunate enough to have space in their yard to practice at home, this club provided a space and time for people to come no matter their skill. Archery was a sport that many people did not take the time to learn. However, because of the different activities done during the meetings, this club helped students at both the beginner and intermediate levels.



RJ Walker, sophomore, thinks hard in hopes to arrive upon the answer to one of the practice trivia questions. Walker loved being a part of Scholar Bowl and encouraged others to join throughout the year.

NOAH *hyatt's*

LOAD



AIM



FIRE



Lydia Muehleisen, freshman, smiles in response to her perfect shot. With her dad leading the club, she always came ready to learn and practice a new skill.



Case-Edward Miller
Luke Moeller
Evan Montandon
Nicole Morcos
Kelsey Muschick

Blake Musielak
Sophie Nall
Evelyn Nienhuis
Ella Orellana
Parker Ortvals

Cameron Patton
Daniel Penner
Gabi Perozo
Lauren Pollack
Ella Porter

Ethan Purewal
Jacob Ranheim
JD Robertson
Grace Rush
Izzy Russell

Roman Ryker
Joey Schloss
Parker Schlueter
Elijah Schmidt
Dylan Schoen

Wyatt Schopp
Katie Shoemaker
Lucas Simmons
AJ Snyder

Enny Sun
Stephen Thompson
Gavin Tonkin
Lauren Turley

Anna Turner
Lilly Vogel
Isaiah Warren
Mia Watson

McKenna Wittenauer
Camille Wittock
Ben Wooldridge
Molly Zell

Students joined Debate Club not knowing how much they would end up enjoying it.

UP FOR *debate*



ROY BUCHANAN TROJANS



The boys in Debate Club huddle to pray before their debate tournament.

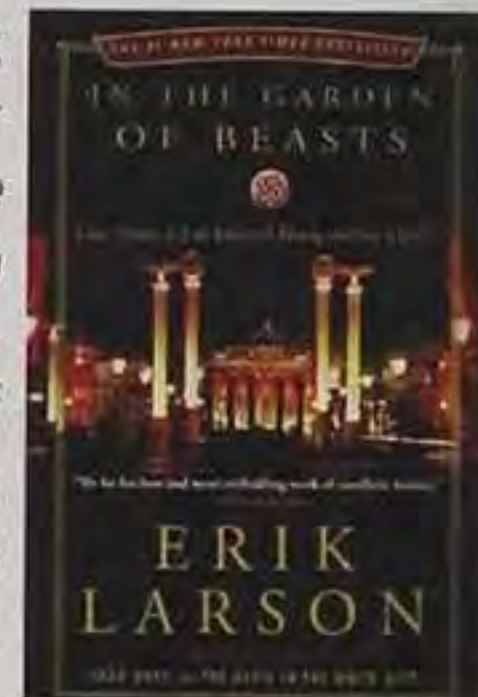


Byryn Moser and Tyler Collison, freshmen, pose with their trophies after one of their debate tournaments.

Debate Club was a fairly new club at Westminster and consisted of eight students in the upper school. Most of the club members chose to join because they enjoyed speech class and performing in general. "I've done speaking in the past and I was in a lot of plays in middle school and liked the speaking and performing aspects so I thought that debate would be a good combination of those things and I've really enjoyed it," said Tyler Collison, freshman, when asked why he decided to join Debate Club. Although, not all students started out like Collison, wanting to participate in Debate Club, they learned to enjoy it along the way and actually had a lot of fun with it. "At first I was kind of dreading debate and I just wanted to get it over with but I started to really like the performing and the preparation that goes along with it. It also really helped me be more confident in English class which was really nice," said Byryn Moser, freshman.

FAN *favorite*

The overwhelming fan favorite book read in the Bookfest Club over the course of the year was *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson. *In the Garden of Beasts* was a non-fiction book highlighting a family of American Ambassadors living in Hitler's Germany and the struggles they endured.



COULD THIS BE *the end?*

Bookfest had been a club at WCA since 2015, but sadly might come to an end next year. Bookfest consisted of ten students, seven of which were seniors heading off to college next year. With the possibility of the club ending the students savored each Thursday meeting.



Lea Despotis, senior, enjoys reading a book and talking about it with the other students in the club.



Sydney Moore, senior, reads one of her favorite books, *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis, during a club meeting.

"I love the historic aspects and tend to lean towards these types of books."

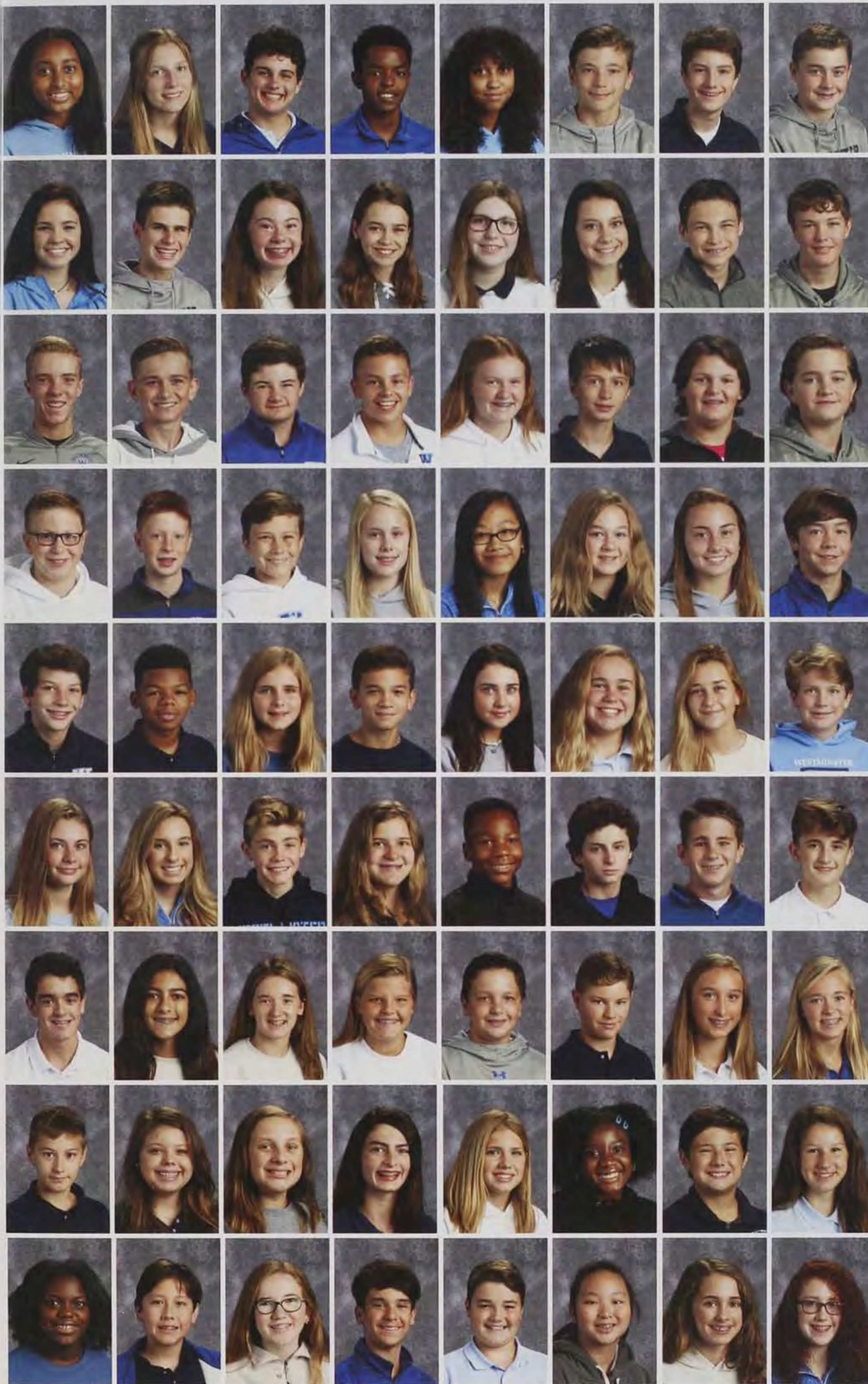
-Katherine Bauer
senior



"I loved being able to see a different perspective on the Nazis and World War Two."

-Lily Wendel
sophomore





Rebecca Abebe
 Emma Allen
 Colby Alpert
 Asher Amanuel
 Hailey Anderson
 Cole Andrews
 Ben Atkins
 Joshua Avery

Meredith Bahnak
 Harrison Bailey
 Emma Ballew
 Betsie Barnes
 Ashley Beam
 Ava Becker
 Eric Bellamy
 Matthew Bergman

Isaac Boss
 Walker Brand
 Finley Brauer
 Caidan Brophy
 Molly Kate Bugh
 Max Burgdorf
 Mason Burnham
 Peter Busch

David Cahill
 Drew Cahill
 Elliott Campbell
 Lexi Cella
 Skylar Chan
 Elsa Chapell
 Maddie Collins
 Caden Collison

Anthony Cook
 Devin Coulter
 Maggie Dalby
 William Dana
 Maddie Dean
 Emma Dempsey
 Hannah Drooger
 Kohen Earleywine

Natalie Edwards
 Anna Enger
 Aidan Espy
 Grace Fadlovich
 Isaiah Farquharson
 Trey Feeney
 C.J. Francois
 Mason Fricke

John Galakatos
 Hannah Georgy
 Lauren Gingerich
 Lane Goodwin
 Ryder Grega
 Ryan Guebert
 Alexis Hackmann
 Huntleigh Hager

Michael Harris
 Rebecca Heienickle
 Elizabeth Hickel
 Sabrina Holohan
 Gracey Horn
 Aniyah Howard
 Aidan Irby
 Kaylynn Janes

Cadence Jefferson
 William Jinkins
 Ella Johnson
 Ridley Jowdy
 Cody Kilgore
 Deborah Kim
 Avery Kline
 Lucy Knerr



Westminster's National Thespian Society Members enjoy their time at the National Thespian Society Convention in Kansas City. The convention consisted of different hands-on classes and intensives centered around improv, physical acting, dancing, set design, and directing.



Patrick Park, junior, Hannah Stevenson, Max Nelson, and Ethan Rush, seniors, drive to see a theatre production with the rest of Drama Club. The club saw a variety of plays and musicals outside of Westminster together.

REACHING *new levels*

Talented students grew closer and made memories through their love of drama and theatre.

Westminster reintroduced National Thespian Society to drama students interested in exploring drama beyond Westminster's walls. Many of the students knew each other from Westminster's drama productions and theatre program and joined to continue spending time with their fellow actors and actresses. Some members, such as Abby Johler, sophomore, grew closer to upperclassmen over a weekend in Kansas City at the National Thespian Society Convention in January. "When we went to Kansas City I roomed with someone I didn't know that well before, and we became better friends," said Johler. During the convention, students tried dancing, acting, circus skills, and improv workshops together to explore new aspects of performing arts while being encouraged by other creative individuals. "Being surrounded by people talented in aspects that I don't usually gravitate towards, like dance, makes me want to try new things and reach their level," said Hannah Stevenson, senior. The unique and outgoing atmosphere of friendship set Westminster's Thespian Society apart from other groups due to the memories the close-knit community shared both in and beyond the walls of Westminster.

“One of my favorite memories is when we all went to McDonald's to get pancakes at 12 am after seeing *Twelfth Night*.”

-Ella Polski
senior



Ella Polski, senior, balances a feather on her head during a circus skills course led by guest speakers. "I choose a circus class because it was something I had never tried before," said Polski.



Hannah Stevenson, Alyssa Pritchett, and Ella Polski, seniors await the beginning of the production, *Twelfth Night*, put on at Webster University. "Since we already had done *Twelfth Night* at Westminster last year, it was interesting to see what the cast and directors did differently," said Stevenson.



Quin Lawrence
Hannah Lawson
Angela Lee
Gabriel Liu
Grace Lojka
Nick Londono
Nathan Long
Bryce Lord



Jaime Marshall
Guy Matthews
Poppy McCauley
Hadley McConkey
Hennessy McGowan
Kennedy McGowan
Elijah Merritt
Grace Mitchell



Faith Moeller
Joey Morici
Lydia Muehleisen
Lew Murray
Jack Nelson
Hannah Nguyen
Shepard Nye
Nehemiah Oginni



Mallory Pfuetze
Amila Pieris
Corinne Plumb
A.J. Powers
Maya Raleigh
Ellie Reel
Fern Revel
Ava Rockwood



Julia Roemerman
Maddox Rosenberg
Rebecca Rothrock
Florence Sarra
Kyra Schelker
Mia Scheulen
Cameron Schlegl
Sadie Schmidt



Morgan Schulte
John Schweppe
Genevieve Selk
Katherine Shaw
Alex Shoemaker
Matt Small
Allison Stilt
Cooper Sturr



Brendan Su
Logan Swenson
Ben Taylor
Colin Torretta
Alex Ungles
Raymond Valley
Kate Van Zee
Anneka Vander Velde



Sam Villa
Gwen Wardenburg
Levi Weik
Henry Wenger-Stickel
Elizabeth Whaley
Tamara White
Peyton Whitley
Drake Wilkerson



Asher Will
Gabrielle Willette
Mason Wittock
Malaina Wright
Sydney Wright
Christian Young
Sophia Zara
Rocco Zavaglia

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FOOD PANTRY & HOMELESS SERVICES

The Veterans and First Responders Club members pose for a picture after serving at a food pantry during the Thanksgiving holidays. These members were some of the 56 members in the club.



SERVING WITH A smile

The founding generation of Veterans and First Responders began to step away as their senior year closed.

When it came to serving the community, no one did it better than Westminster Christian Academy and its students. With hundreds of opportunities to serve, it was hard to pick out which one was the best. However, the work Veterans and First Responders Club put in for the often-overlooked-heroes of our nation was second to none. "They gave so much to us, so it's only right and fair that we give them something back," said Bennie Anderson, senior, when asked about the club's purpose. In November, the club had their "Loaves and Fishes" outing. Here, they completed a multitude of services: hours of loading and unloading truckloads of food, organizing canned goods and toiletries into boxes, and sending flowers with nice messages to all of the family members "It feels good to do good things for the people who deserve them the most," said Camryn McMurry, senior. Although only started four years ago, the Veterans and First Responders Club made a mark not only in the Town and Country community but the greater St. Louis area as well. Even though the core group of club founders were seniors, the club continues to do good for those that deserve it the most.



Lea Despotis, senior, brings two whole chickens inside. As the founder of the Veterans and First Responders Club, Despotis worked hard to get the job done.



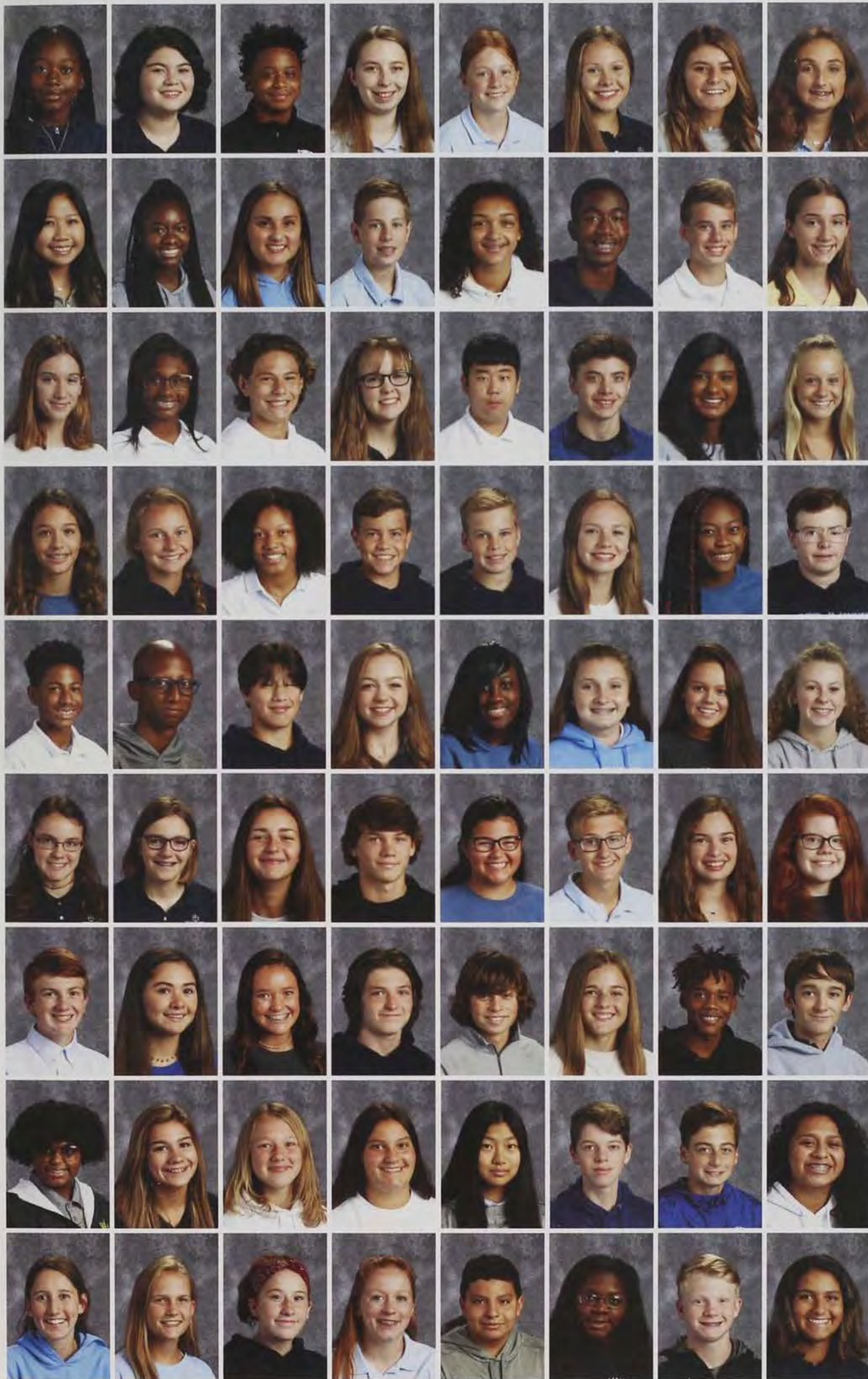
Logan Jones, freshman, carries a load of food and goods inside for injured combat veterans. Jones loved helping the veterans and planned to participate in the club in future years.



Hannah Carter, senior, carries a bag of food over her shoulder in order to take less trips out to the truck. Carter loved helping the veterans and even worked as a volunteer EMS worker as her senior service.



Kaitlyn Cragg, Mia Hayden, and Milan Cleveland, seventh graders, pose after unloading multiple turkeys and canned goods. With younger participants in the club, there was hope for it to continue as the leaders went off to college.



D'Naija Ammons
Katie Anderson
Josh Baker-Mays
Elizabeth Bauer
Reagan Beachy
Amelia Bendick
Bria Benes
Becca Berkmeier

Leah Berutti
Tara Bobo
Kate Bohlmann
David Boylan
Sydney Bradley
Christopher Braggs
Braden Brasfield
Hope Bratch

Morgan Bratch
Kyla Bynum
Dylan Caccamo
Brooke Carter
Aaron Chae
Jack Chelew
Anica Cherian
Lucy Christian

Emily Claus
Elizabeth Clawson
Julia Coleman
Tyler Collison
Henry Counts
Lizzy Crowe
Yemi Daramola
Tommy Davidson

Brysan Davis
Joshua Dawit
William DeBoer
Sarah DeClue
Christiana Dew
Lucy Diedrich
Eleanor Disper
Kyla Dix

Addie Draper
Isabel Draper
Haley Drooger
Alex Ebling
Reagan Engel
Blake Engelmeyer
Christina English
Lily Evans

Sam Evans
Emma Fairchild
Maegan Fleming
Nathan Fox
Will French
Megan Fuller
Larenz Giddings
Drew Gingerich

Sanaa Giasper
Alyssa Greco
Olivia Greenlee
Emily Griege
Vega Guo
Ben Gustafson
Crawford Hall
Ever Grae Hall

Rosa Hargrove
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Kathryn Harris
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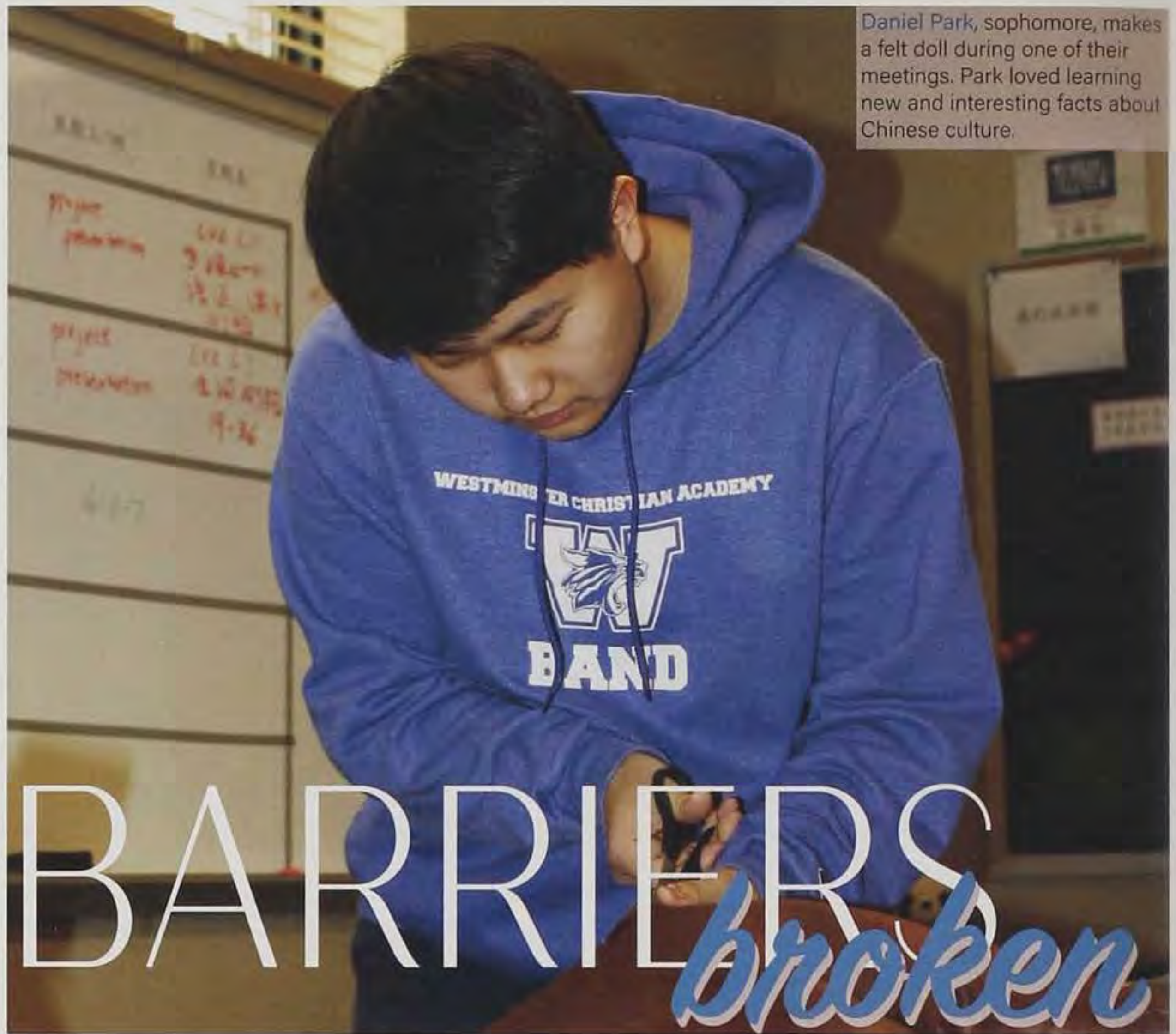
Katie Anderson, freshman, cuts fabric to use for her doll. Anderson enjoyed hanging out with her friends after a stressful day of school.



Jonathon Lee, freshman, works on making his doll for the orphanage. Lee loved spending time to learn about Chinese culture with friends.



Emilee Burney, junior, threads a needle to make her doll. Burney was one of the presidents of Chinese club this year.



Daniel Park, sophomore, makes a felt doll during one of their meetings. Park loved learning new and interesting facts about Chinese culture.

Members of Chinese Club shared not only a sense of fun, but a love to learn the language.

Walking down the sophomore hallway, it was always easy to tell when it was dumpling day in Chinese Club. Chinese students took the class for the fun of it, but the people who were serious about learning the language are a part of Chinese Club in addition. One interesting activity they did was making felt dolls to send to an orphanage in China. "This experience was really cool. I enjoyed making the dolls and it was nice to know we were doing something that will impact others," said Jonathon Lee, freshman. Other activities included: making and eating dumplings, and learning more about the interesting culture. "We love making food together. We get to eat dumplings once a semester. They were Ms. Li's recipe and we all help to prepare them. They were so good!" said Emilee Burney, junior. "I love this club because there are not many clubs about Eastern culture. I have been the president for two years," said Katelyn Jeong, senior.

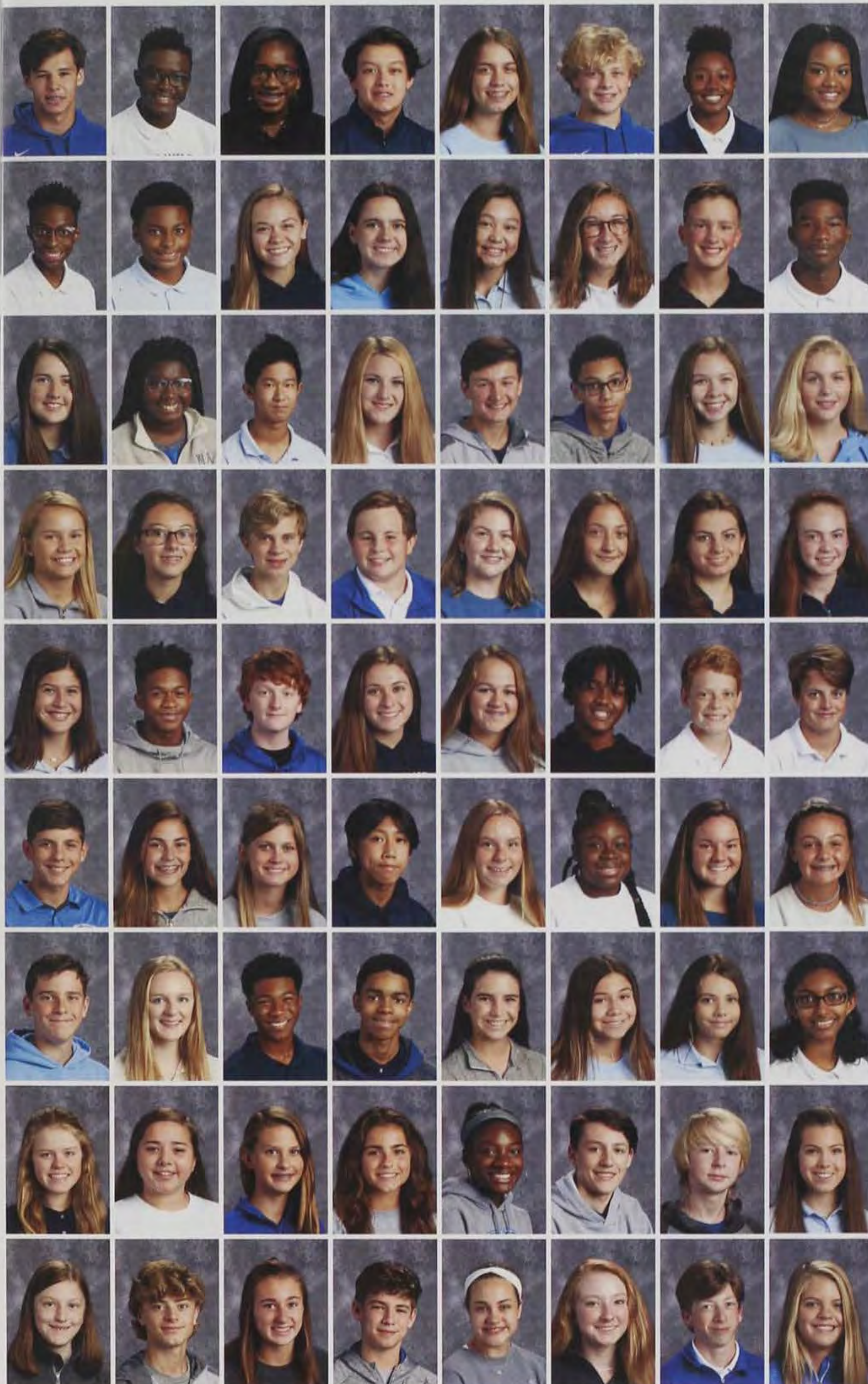


Favorite anime:
Land of Lustrous and made in abyss
Lian Lee, junior



Favorite anime:
My Hero Academia
Peyton French, sophomore

Anime Club came back and drew students who shared the same love for Japanese art. "Anime is a sub-genre of animation originating from Japan," said RJ Walker, sophomore. In other words, this club is dedicated to watching Japanese comics together. "All of my friends watch anime. We became a club because of our similar interests," said Ian Henderson, sophomore.



Tyler Hott
Patrick Howard
Taniya Jessie
Roger Jinkins
Brooke Joachimstaler
Mike Johnson
CJ Jones
Jessika Jones

Logan Jones
Evan Jordan
Hannah Kendrick
Hannah Kennedy
Nyah Kim
Molly Kirby
Ben Knisley
Jordan LaGrone

Ashlyn Lane
Tia Langhorn
Jonathan Lee
Samantha Lee
Zach Leeker
Jaron Lewis
Anna Grace Likes
Sarah Logan

Allie Lytle
Sami Mabry
Jimmy MacDonald
Jack Maher
Kaitlyn Mann
Lucy Marsh
Julia Martin
Jocelyn McAliney

Margaret McDaniel
Darius McFall
Max Mentel
Arden Menzel
Gabby Merrifield
Sabian Moore
Jake Morris
Byron Moser

Ahren Muehleisen
Carolann Muschick
Kate Nall
Jeremy Nguyen
Anna Niekamp
Myah Nienhuis
Jamie Obertop
Lulu Olszweski

Holden Orrick
Ella Ortals
Noah Parks
Kenneth Patrick
Jadyn Patton
Hannah Pederson
Elizabeth Pepmueller
Anagi Pieris

Annika Pollack
Caroline Rahal
Kylie Robertson
Audrey Rohlfing
Jenaye Ross
Luke Ryan
Wesley Rye
Sarah Sadtler

Elisabeth Saltmiras
Grant Sawyer
Sara Schloss
Brandon Schoen
Lydia Scull
Sophia Shaver
Tim Shoemaker
Abby Siess

BONDING *over tea*

The Scrabble and Tea and Movie Clubs had inclusive environments to help people make new friends.

Making friends was not always an easy task to accomplish. It could be hard finding people with the same interests and viewpoints. Joining clubs was a simple way many members of Movie Club and Scrabble and Tea Club chose to meet new people as well as spend time with current friends. Movie Club is a place where students watch films and evaluate them together. Scrabble and Tea Club was a competitive game where students worked their minds as well as relaxed with tea and cookies. "Going to Movie Club has allowed me to meet new people with the same interests as me," said Caleb Adams, sophomore. Some members stuck with these clubs since middle school. "I started going to this club in middle school. It is a fun time relaxing and playing with friends," said Adeline Jowdy, junior and Scrabble and Tea Club enthusiast. Beyond being a club member, club leaders had immense responsibilities that were difficult yet rewarding. "I have fun talking with people of all grades because it allows us to become better acquainted with each other," said Elizabeth Nolting, junior and Scrabble and Tea Club Leader. Going to Scrabble and Tea Club as well as Movie Club allowed students to grow in their relationships with others as well as form new lasting friendships.

Adeline Jowdy and Ian Gilbert, juniors, laugh together as they play a game of scrabble. Gilbert was winning until Jowdy pulled ahead at the end of the game.



FAVORITE *movies*



MATTEO ZAVAGLIA,
JUNIOR



IAN MCKIE,
JUNIOR



Calvin Ritze and Caleb Adams, sophomores, discuss the movie after watching it. They were members since they entered high school.



Sam Wardenburg sophomore, pours tea at Scrabble and Tea Club. Wardenburg was about to begin his next match against the undefeated champion.

“This club has helped me to make more friends.”

- Calvin Ritzema
sophomore



Tyler Smith
Lauren Sowers
Mae St. John



Avery Stanfill
Cole Stephens
Masha Stephens



Kayden Stokes
Greg Strauss
Libby Thuro



Aydan Trawick
Shelby Truitt
Connor Vennemann



Sophie Volding
William Warren
Kate Wessels



Libby Wessels
Casen White
Brynn Whitley



Cheyenne Williams
Jordan Williams
Kobi Williams



Bria Witherspoon
Annie Wood
Logan Yantes



Jonah Zell
Gary Zhang



MICHAEL
STURM,
JUNIOR



Luke Bequette, sophomore, stares at the scrabble board as he decides his next move. Bequette was a frequent attendee of the club.

FOR THE conversation



Chloe [Name], senior, and Evan Harris, junior, work on a poster for UNITY Club. The club came up with the idea to make a poster to hang up that represents the clubs ideals and morals. All of the members got to decorate it and sign their names.

With a variety of different activities to participate in, UNITY Club wanted to make sure everyone could participate.

HOODIE SZN

Unity Club members were excited to finally get something that was long awaited: sweatshirts! Lauren Simpson, English teacher, and Aaron Layton, coordinator for minority communities, gave each student the opportunity to design a sweatshirt that would represent the club well and that students would be proud to wear. Despite the new and stricter rules Westminster has enforced on how outerwear should look, the students were still able to come up with unique and detailed designs they loved.



(left) Jeremy Sheffield, sophomore, listens as Syrai Lovelace, sophomore, shares a verse from the Bible which she was reminded by due to their topic of discussion. (right) Nancy Morcos, senior and president of UNITY Club, listens as a fellow member shares their opinion on women in important roles of power.



Pick a topic! Any Topic! No stranger to diverse subjects, UNITY Club continued to include a wide array of current events and hot topics in their Wednesday morning meetings. While the donuts were an attraction for students to attend UNITY Club, there was no doubt that one of the real reasons students went was for the conversation. "We talk about everything in UNITY Club. I've been a part of UNITY Club since my freshman year, and I love how it is a space for everyone to talk about different current topics and offer their own opinions," said Tori Jessie, senior. The topics of conversation ranged from current events happening in different communities, minority and race issues, politics, and even religious opinions. "My favorite thing about UNITY Club are the different things we talk about and how we communicate." Said Syrai Lovelace, sophomore. UNITY Club offered a beneficial and safe space for students to learn how to have hard conversations. UNITY Club was going into its fifth year of existence, (it was formerly known as SEED Club), and its sponsors, Mrs. Simpson and Mr. Layton, had already seen its positive effects on students' outlooks on life and even prepared them for the different circumstances they would encounter every day.

UNITED NEIGHBORS IN TODAY'S YOUTH

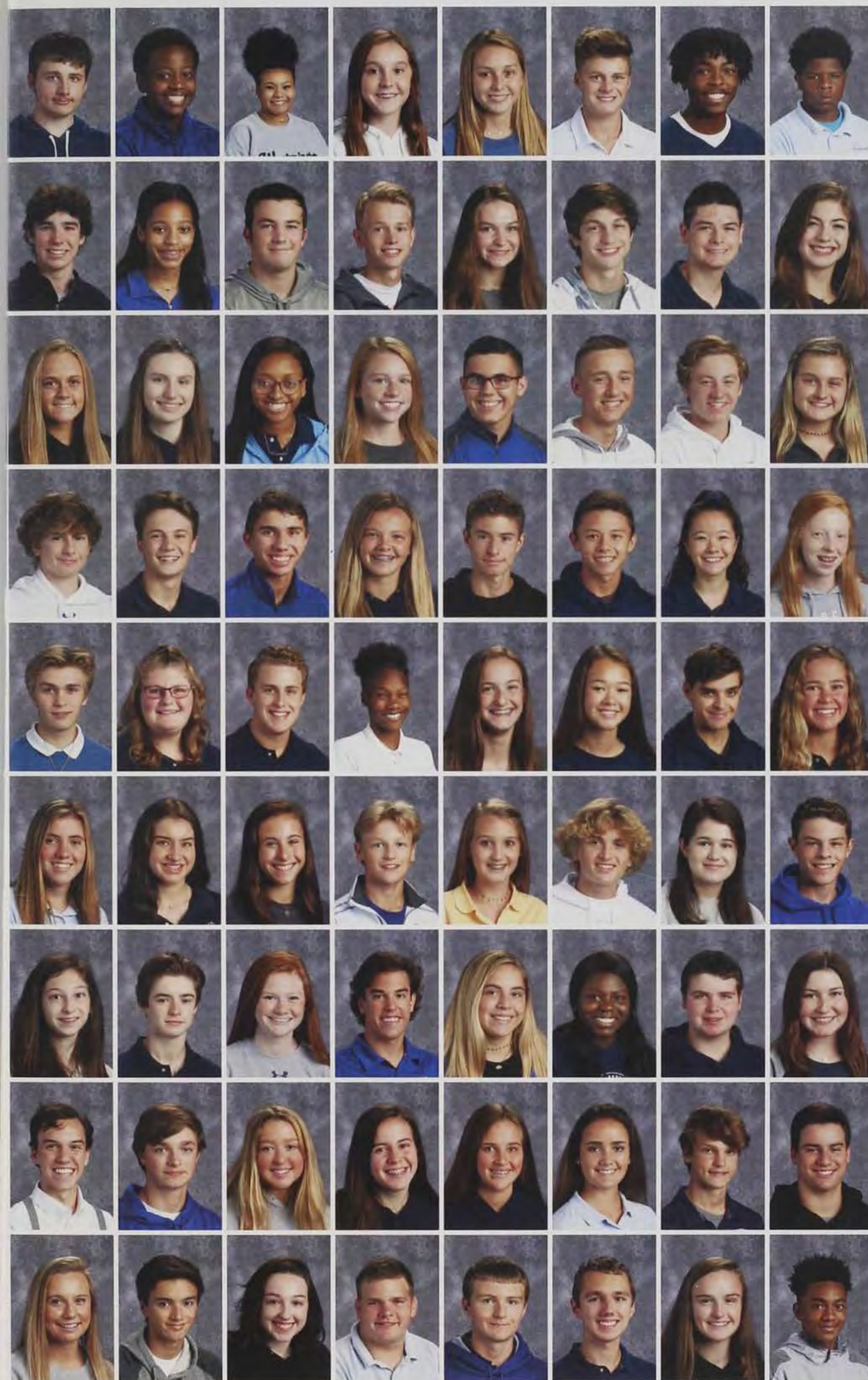
Sterling Webb, and LJ Minner, sophomores, have independent discussions before beginning a group activity.



Evan Harris, junior, listens as Gretchen Gorline, math teacher, shares a personal story regarding a topic being discussed.



Dymond Clay, and Aseanti Boone, sophomores, brainstorm ideas and decorations to put on their UNITY Club poster.



Caleb Adams
 Ahmad Alexander
 Amber Allen
 Katie Allen
 Meghan Allen
 Griffin Alm
 Josh K. Anderson
 Joshua E. Anderson

Nathan Bahnak
 Nalini Bailey
 Jack Baker
 Luke Beachy
 Miranda Bellamy
 Ryan Benes
 Luke Bequette
 Ava Berutti

Lexi Birk
 Corinne Boerner
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 Kaitlyn Butler
 Sarah Cahill

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 Michala Crooks
 Elinor Dana
 Paul Dearman
 Kate Dempsey

Olivia Diedrich
 Sarah Dixon
 Madison Doehring
 Gus Duda
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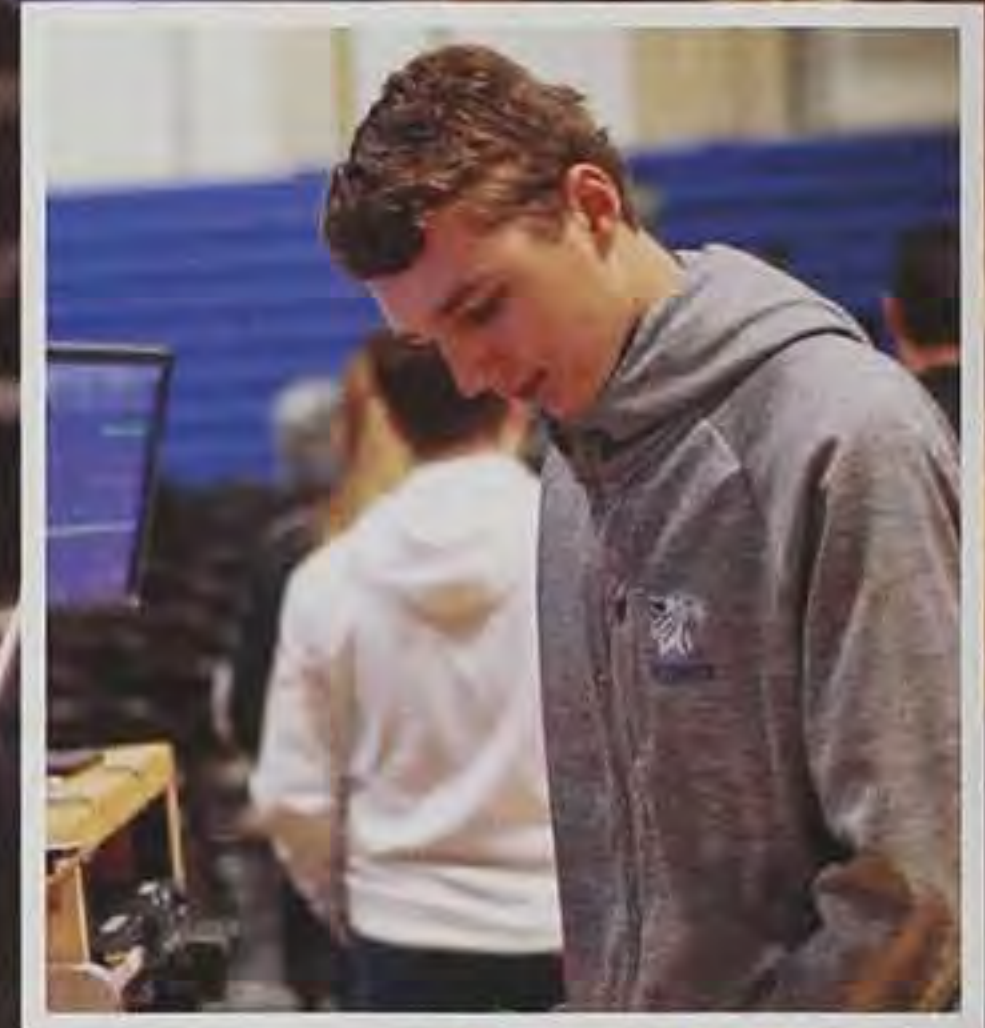
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 Matthew Heintz
 Riley Heironimus
 Ian Henderson
 Brooke Highmark
 Rob Hines

learning from EXPERIENCE

AV Club taught skills outside the classroom.

AV Club became a lifestyle for the few high schoolers whom decided to expand on their hobbies involving technology. Though many decided to join AV club due to their desire to decorate their college résumé with all of their accomplishments and experiences from the club, many joined on accident. "I started AV club because all my friends joined to get out of middle school advisory. Then I soon realized how much I enjoyed the club," said Isaiah Thompson, junior. The reason many students continued to participate in AV was due to the opportunity AV gave them "to learn things you can't really learn in a classroom. AV club teaches real-life things like that," said Ian Henderson, sophomore. Many of the seniors on the AV team participated in this club for their whole high school career, and became role models for many underclassmen. AV ran all of the lights and sound at chapel, during Spirit Week, and many of the performing arts performances. AV is what kept Westminster running by making all productions top-notch. "In order to operate techs during events such as chapel or a concert, a great amount of learning is required. Although the time commitment could sometimes be stressful, I personally enjoy operating technologies and AV equipment. I personally find the club activity extremely worth it," said Henry Jung, senior, one of the leaders in AV Club. Jung made the benefits of not only participating in AV for knowledge but also as a hobby a reality. This club allowed students to bond together and learn real-life skills outside of the classroom all while reaping the benefits of adding to their college résumé.



Ian Henderson, sophomore, is one of the many people behind the scenes during chapel every Wednesday. Henderson worked on making the slides play at the correct time with the songs.

Colin Milburn, sophomore, helps prepare for chapel later that day by sorting out the mics. Milburn loved working with the people on AV and enjoyed learning about technology.



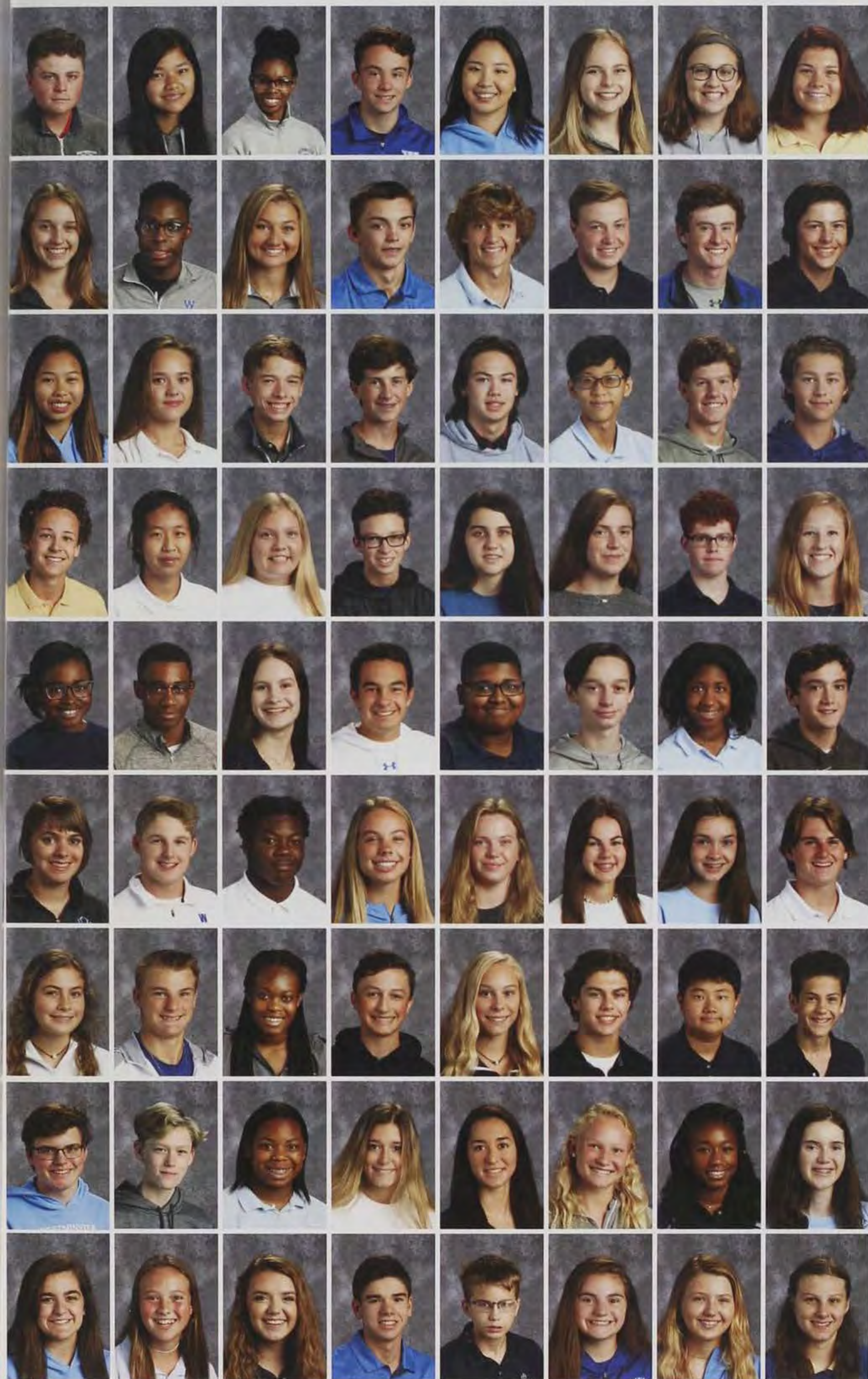
Cole Willyard, junior, is spotted running the camera in the look-out towards the back of the Arena during Spirit Week and in chapel. Willyard loved filming chapel from the birds' eye view because he could see all the action from his angle.



Jimmy MacDonald, freshman, controls one of the AV cameras during Spirit Week celebrations. MacDonald helped film the up-close video footage during Spirit Week that was used on the livestream and on the screen in the arena during assemblies.



(top) Isaiah Thompson, junior, smiles behind one of the many computers that AV club uses to make the magic happen. Thompson enjoyed helping the chapel slideshows flow smoothly. (bottom) Journee Henry, senior, waves at the camera while at early morning AV sound check. Henry was on the AV team most of her high school years.



Will Hogan
Katie Huang
Indya Hutchins
Jonathon Hyatt
Ella Jeong
Abby Johler
Ellie Johnson
Lily Johnson

Pearl Johnson
Avery Jones
Ellie Jones
Nolan Jones
Jackson Keane
Zack Kilgore
Evan Kohn
Reid Kresko

Charlotte Rose Lackey
Mary Lauer
Jackson Lawrence
Lucas Lawson
Tommy Le
Dani Lee
Caleb Legters
Noah Leingang

Jack Lemp
Selena Lin
Hope Linam
Isaac Lindley
Hannah Lindsey
Maggie Lindstrom
Jackson Loehr
Anna Lojka

Syrai Lovelace
Adam Lyles
Ella Martin
Payton Mathews
Xavier May
Jake McConkey
Rachel McCoy
Connor McMillin

McKenna Milberg
Colin Milburn
LJ Minner
Madison Moeller
Peyton Moore
Morgan Morici
Sarah Moyer
Tucker Mulick

Sara Cate Murray
Isaac Niekamp
Oreofe Oginni
Carter Olszweski
Tatum Osmon
Harry Ottsen
Daniel Park
Jacob Park

Brandon Parker
Carson Pautz
Kennedy Pearson
Katie Pederson
Marisa Penner
Kharis Perona
Sayva Phillips
Caroline Porterfield

Hailey Pritchett
KK Pruett
Katie Reid
Will Richards
Calvin Ritzema
Emmy Robson
Alaina Ronning
Ellen Rose



Caroline Porterfield, sophomore, helps carry in a couple chairs. A family anonymously donated new chairs and a table.



Lauren Borchelt, sophomore, and Africa Gomez, freshman, became closer friends through Spanish Club. Even though Africa is back in Spain, they still keep in touch over FaceTime and text.



Caroline Porterfield, sophomore, makes Valentine cards with the kids on Valentine's day. All of them made cards for their families and friends.



Caroline Porterfield, sophomore, says, "You get the chance to interact with kids that have different backgrounds. It's the best feeling when they hug you goodbye even the ones who seem rough on the outside."

GOOD *all around*

Two hours did not seem like enough time to make a difference when there were only teenagers and young kids involved. However, the members of Westminster's Spanish Club proved otherwise. "It's really cool to see the kids that come every time because you get to know them more each time and you can see that they recognize and look up to you," said Caroline Porterfield, sophomore, about the mark club members leave on the children. Unlike other clubs, a small group drove into the city together. Through car rides, new and old members have the opportunity to learn more about each other. "Not only are we building good relationships with the kids at Refugio but also with our classmates who go with us," said Izzy Trost, sophomore. Not only were the members who attended Refugio making a mark on the kids, but the kids were making a mark on the members. "I don't see it as just a once-a-month commitment. When you start to connect with them, you include them in your prayers, you do extra things like making valentines, and you wish it was more than once-a-month," said Sarah Moyer, sophomore. Spanish Club was a unique experience that broadened members' view of the Saint Louis Hispanic community without leaving our city.

WILL YOU BE MY *valentine?*



Moorea Atkins, junior, and Nancy Morcos, senior, write Valentine's Day cards in Spanish for the children at Refugio. Other members put together bags of candy.



Izzy Trost, sophomore, one of the regular members, says, "I come every month because it's very important to see the kids and have relationships with them. I want to help them."



Africa Gomez, freshman, takes care of one of the younger kids at Refugio. She is one of the Spanish exchange students, and plans to come back for her sophomore year.

Caroline Porterfield and Izzy Trost, sophomores play the floor is lava. Izzy Trost and two boys work on a railroad system that stretches across a table.



AGRADECIDO *grateful*



Izzy Trost and Jackson Loehr, sophomores, and Ava Bidner, senior work together after school to make a scarecrow. Spanish club paired up with Los Vecinos, a tutoring center, to plan a Thanksgiving party. They had different activities like pin the nose on the scarecrow and making pumpkins out of strips of paper that had things the kids are thankful for.



“The kids have taught me every time to just be happy no matter the circumstances.”

-Izzy Trost,
sophomore

Sarah Moyer, sophomore says, “You get attached to these kids and treat them like a little sibling. Many are bullied, so every-time I go through that door, I promise myself



Kendall Sadler
Emma Sadorf
Triston Scales
Taylor Schindehette

Jacob Schloss
Sage Schulte
Layla Selk
Ethan Shao

Jeremy Sheffield
Daniel Shultz
Emma Smith
Miriam Smith

Parker Smith
Angelina Spencer
Belle St. John
Hunter Stegmann

Daniel Stengel
Avery Surber
Davis Terry
Abbie Terschak

Caleb Thompson
Kendal Torretta
Izzy Trost
Sam Vestal

Austin Vick
Carlie Vick
Lexie Vick
Jack Villa

RJ Walker
Sam Wardenburg
Sterling Webb
Lily Wendel

EJ Williams
Alex Wittenauer
Jack Wooldridge
Emma Yost
Bella Young (no picture available)

FELLOWSHIP *and food*

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes met on Tuesdays to meditate on their faith with other believers.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes started originally in Kansas City, Missouri, and spread across the country. It impacted many high schoolers everywhere in the United States, and some high schoolers even committed their life to Christ through this program. Many public schools had their own huddles, although not everyone attended due to the school being public. Several students in the high school community at Westminster loved to attend FCA every Tuesday night from 7-8:30 p.m. The session consisted of eating food (usually pizza), a small worship session, and a student-led devotion which reminded athletes they could show their God-given abilities through different themes such as leadership, selflessness, and loyalty. Many Christian athletes incorporated these themes and ideas into their sports and reminded themselves to keep these beneficial habits. Before the devotion and worship, many of the athletes liked to goof around and crack many jokes to make each other laugh. FCA at Westminster perfectly mixed seriousness and goofing off in the perfect way, creating a great night filled with fun yet spiritual activity. The FCA huddle at Westminster stood out among other huddles due to its fun atmosphere and happy athletes. "We try to do fun events such as caroling, and other crazy things that no other FCA does," said Aiden Davitt, senior. FCA at Westminster had an advantage over many schools because it was already Christian based. FCA was a place where athletes felt comfortable sharing what they believed and did not have to feel shy about what they believed. The leaders were welcoming and empathetic to others who were struggling with their faith. Anybody could express their beliefs without feeling embarrassed or uncomfortable. FCA was a great way to focus on empowering athletes to spread the word and love of Christ to athletes who may not have known Him before.



Anna Fregene and Griffin Alm, sophomores, battle it out in a rock-paper-scissors tournament. Alm was the winner of the best-of-three tournament. Most of the time, FCA was at someone's house, but the kick-off for the first and second semesters was held at school.



Daniel Shultz, sophomore, eats dinner at the Mabry's house during FCA. Dinners were always brought by a different huddle member. This particular week pasta was on the menu.



Luke Laughlin, junior, watches the ball fly past him during a game of spikeball. Spikeball was a popular game played among many students at FCA.



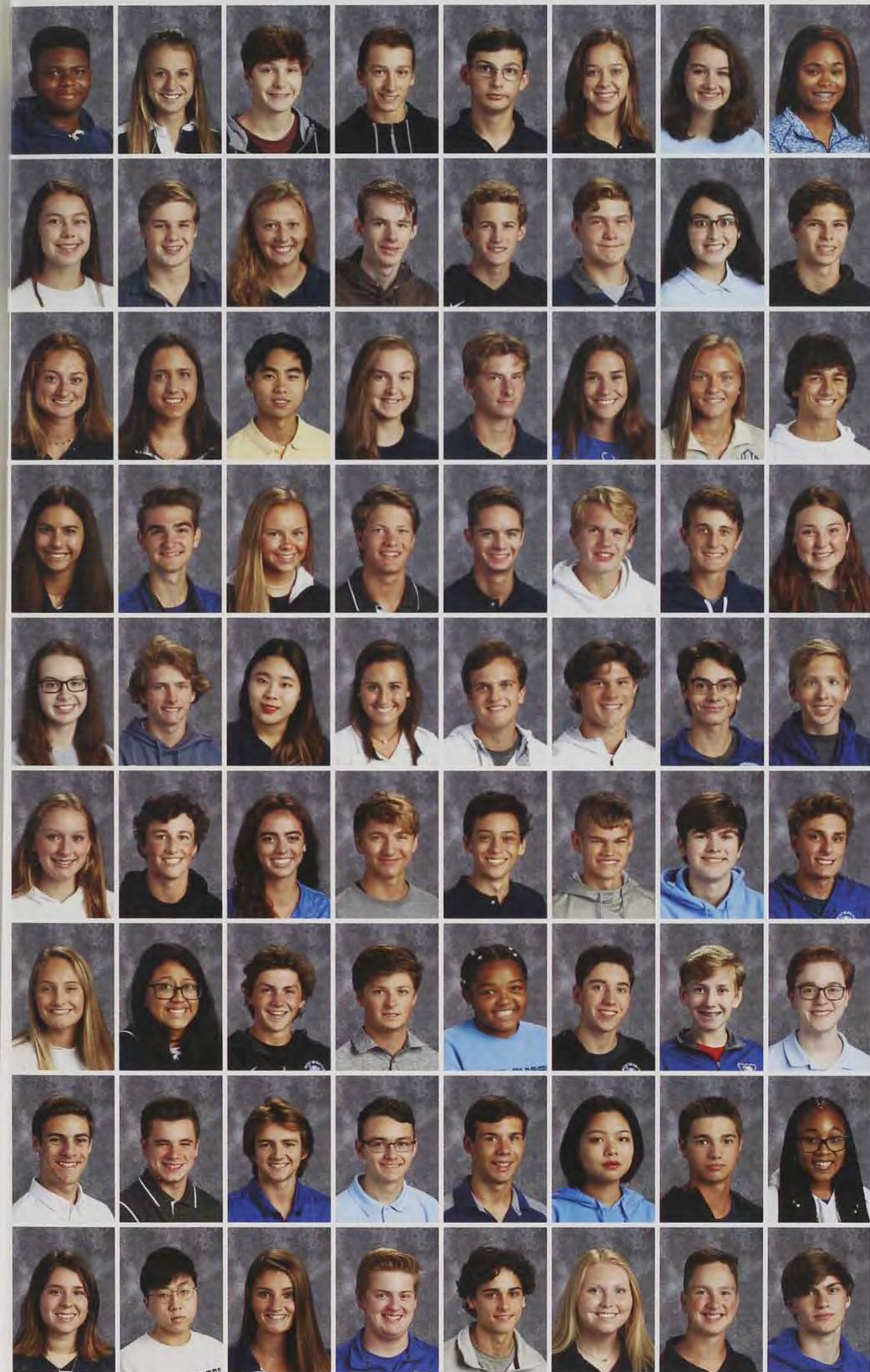
Margo O'Meara, junior, and Sabrina Granata, senior, fill their plates and start a conversation at the table. Students from all grades bonded over their faith in Christ during their time at FCA.



Sam Vestal, sophomore, and Aiden Davitt, senior, pile up plates of food before the student-led devotion. Many people loved to stock up on food before the event began.

“One of my favorite things about FCA is that it feels like you have a second family outside of school. I always look forward to Tuesday nights.”

-Sami Mabry
freshman



Joshua Adamson
 MJ Akins
 Charlie Allen
 Zach Allen
 Sam Anderson
 Grace Andrews
 Moorea Atkins
 Marissa Barnes

Olivia Bauer
 Kirk Briden
 Marty Briner
 Jacob Brown
 Mark Brugner
 Matthew Burgess
 Emilee Burney
 Kevin Caccamo

Ellie Callier
 Nicole Chelew
 Austin Chen
 Becca Chimento
 Lincoln Chimento
 Caroline Claus
 Grace Clement
 Adam Clements

Sophia Clifton
 Luke Coco
 Hailey Colley
 Noah Coomes
 Aiden Cowie
 J.T. Crowe
 Zachary Dantuono
 Gracie Dark

Josette de Villiers
 Evan Diedrich
 Rebecca Do
 Caylin Doehring
 Troy Dorsey
 Adam Ebling
 Jack Freeman
 Hunter Freiner

Abbey Fritz
 Luc Fuller
 Kara Galakatos
 Ian Gilbert
 Vaughan Goff
 Thomas Gorline
 Kyle Graham
 Dominic Grasse

Winter Gray
 Luisa Grbcich
 Reed Grimm
 Ryan Gross
 Arista Hampton
 Lincoln Hargrove
 Evan Harris
 Jackson Harris

Carter Hickel
 Connor Hines
 William Holt
 Elias Hyatt
 Nolan Irby
 Whitney Jia
 Landen Johnson
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MOM MADE ME *do it*

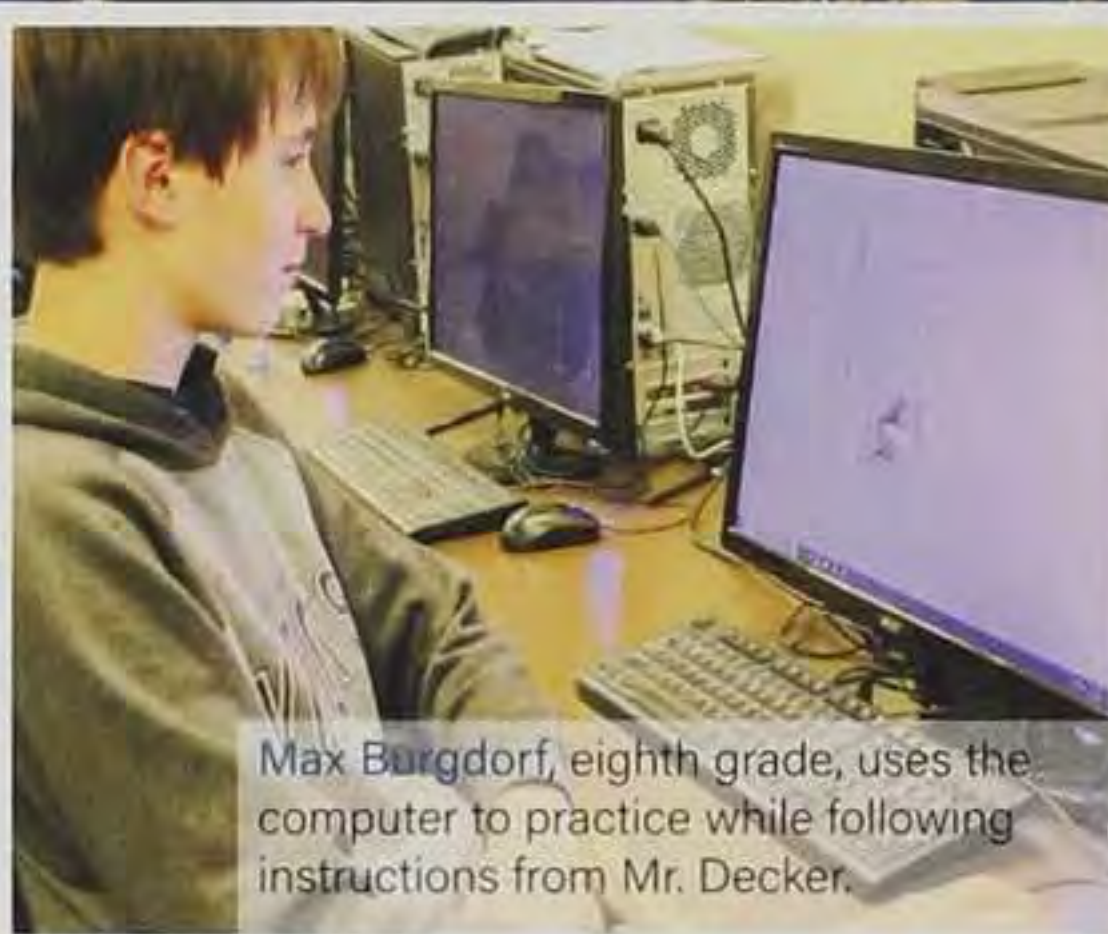
Many students were forced to join clubs so they could meet new people, but the members did not need to be asked twice to attend Coding and French Club.



Katherine Bauer, senior, and Pearl Johnson, sophomore, enjoy French treats during French Club. Part of being in the club was about fully immersing into the culture, including the cuisine.



Ava Elias, sophomore, and Rachael McCoy, freshman, attend coding club after school on Wednesdays.



Max Burgdorf, eighth grade, uses the computer to practice while following instructions from Mr. Decker.



Pearl Johnson, sophomore, finds the baby in her cake. Finding a baby in your food is part of the holiday around Christmas.



Ian Henderson and Sam Wardenburg, sophomores, listen as they eat their cake. Henderson and Wardenburg were both in French three honors.

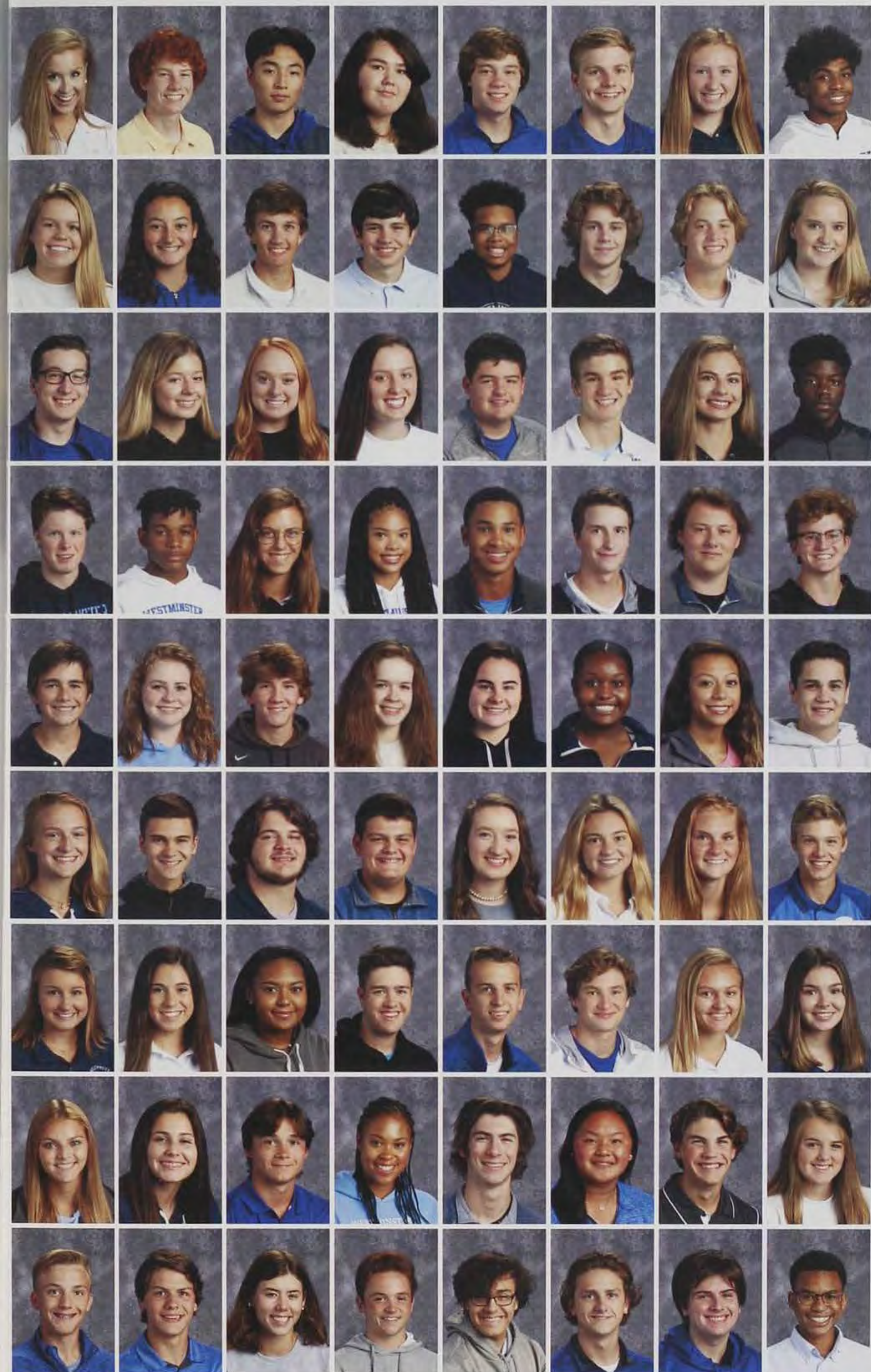
Participating in after school clubs was always fun, but sometimes it was not the kids who chose to participate... If students had nothing to do after school, often times parents made them participate in a club to stay busy and involved. Clubs were a great way to stay entertained while learning and having fun. Although the majority of students' parents forced them to sign up, kids soon learned to love their clubs and enjoyed growing with their classmates and friends. As for French Club, students were often forced by their parents to become members, but many found it was actually worth it. "I chose to take this club on my own not expecting much, but it was actually super fun," said Pearl Johnson, sophomore. As for some other students who chose to take the club on their own, most enjoyed it and were pleased with their decision.

For Coding Club, Ava Elias and Rachael McCoy, sophomores and members, both decided to participate in the club on their own. In fact, McCoy founded Coding Club when she was in seventh grade. McCoy brought up the idea to counselors, and they then decided to make the club. This was a big movement for McCoy and a great example of leadership. "I didn't realize how difficult it would be to form a club, but I am very proud of my idea", said McCoy. Lots of other students joined as soon as this club formed and continued to grow.

WHAT EVEN IS CODING?

Many students knew that coding had to do with computers and included a lot of numbers and words, but only few really could explain what coding actually was. Coding, or computer programming, was the process of creating a computer software. There were hundreds of different languages people could code in, but they all were for the purpose of creating computer software.

Cori Boerner, 10th



Katherine Kurop
 Luke Laughlin
 Jack Lee
 Lian Lee
 Nicholas Lee
 Drew Liddle
 Zoe Lintner
 Liam Lloyd

Ashley Lytle
 Nicole Mabry
 Logan Mann
 Daniel Martin
 Clayton Mayfield
 Collin McCarthy
 Henry McCracken
 Morgan McKee

Ian McKie
 Emily Melaragno
 Caroline Mentel
 Anna Minichiello
 Owen Minichiello
 Caleb Moellenhoff
 Abigail Moeller
 Andy Monga

Cullen Moore
 Ja'Cobe Moore
 Clara Moser
 Kourtney Moten
 Nicholas Moten
 Will Mueller
 TJ Mulholland
 Hugh Muschany

Seth Noel
 Elizabeth Nolting
 Joshua Norman
 Kristin Nyenhuis
 Margo O'Meara
 Jessica Orange
 Veronica Ortiz
 Patrick Park

Elsie Payne
 Jacob Pederson
 Teddy Peirick
 Jack Powers
 Jordan Preis
 Gwyn Raleigh
 Brooke Regeon
 Colin Ring

Megan Roche
 Avery Rosenberg
 Tioni Saddler
 Noah Schlueter
 Michael Schneider
 Jackson Selk
 Annessa Shively
 Allie Shreves

Abby Sickels
 Hannah Skrobonja
 Andrew Smith
 Emma Smith
 Brett St. John
 Joy Stevens
 Sam Parker Stillman
 Kaitlyn Stilt

Joshua Stratton
 Jack Straub
 Caroline Strauss
 Mark Stump
 Michael Sturm
 Brandon Swenson
 Jeremy Tallon
 Isaiah Thompson



Jordan LaGrone, freshman, competes against a CBC competitor. LaGrone loved competing against other teams so that he could test his skills. Chess Club was a fun activity for him to participate in after school on Wednesdays because LaGrone loved being with his friends and improving his knowledge in chess.

SKILL, FOCUS *and a bit of creativity*

Chess and Art Club were environments where students could use their gifts while having fun.

Many students, whether in middle or high school, had very busy schedules. Whether it was sports, academics, or family, there was always something occupying free time. However, every once in a while something opened up, and there was time for something spontaneous. On Wednesdays there were a few students that had this free time. These students chose to spend their time with friends doing what they loved. Chess and Art Club were great opportunities for them to have fun during their spare time. "I've been playing chess since second grade, so I've loved growing up with the people I've played with since a young age. I go every Wednesday, and practice at home. I love playing in the tournaments," said Jordan LaGrone, freshman, about why he liked participating in Chess Club. "I go to chess club as much as I can, but I always try to go to the tournaments," said Tyler Collison, freshman.

While Chess Club was more of a test of skill and focus, Art Club was a time where students could go and have a fun time creating. Whether you were with a group of friends or by yourself, Mr. Sarra's room was always open on Wednesday afternoons. "I enjoy going to Art Club every week because it is a good creative environment to be in where kids can just draw and be creative," said Florence Sarra, eighth grade, about her love for Art Club. "I love spending time with my friends and Art Club is a great place to do that. I love going to Art Club as much as I can so I can be with my friends," said Anneka Vander Velde, eighth grade. Art Club with friends was a painted picture perfect image of an ideal Wednesday afternoon at the Academy for these club members.

RJ Walker, sophomore, shares with John Sarra, art teacher, what he is creating during his time in Art Club. Walker loved spending time in the art room every Wednesday after long days at school.



"I love spending time with my friends at Art Club."

-Anneka Vander Velde

eighth grade

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Ashley Beam, eighth grade, loves making projects with her friends. This was the perfect opportunity to be with friends while creating something with her hands.



Moorea Atkins, junior, concentrates long and hard on her art work. Atkins put a lot of time and effort into her work and really enjoyed partaking in Art Club.



MADAME *president*



Molly Li, senior, was the president of Chess Club. "Chess is a mind game and I love to train my mind. Chess requires a lot of strategy and I love using strategy. I have made good friends in chess club that i do other activities with," said Li. Li enjoyed leading the club and said she would miss it.



Calvin Ritzema, sophomore, diligently predicts his opponent's next move. Ritzema loved chess and being apart of the matches he participated in.



Florence Sarra, eighth grade, draws on sticky notes during Art Club after school. Sarra enjoyed spending time with her friends while doing what she loved to do most.



Isaiah Tucker
Hayden Turley



Emma Ungles
Benjamin Van Zee



Dawson Verret
Emma Volding



Jon Walsh
Madison Washington



Zach Watson
Gracie Wessels



Braden White
Joseph White



Gus Wilkerson
Amelia Williamson



Cole Willyard
Tony Ying



Grace Yost
Matteo Zavaglia
Adam Zell

(left) Daniel Stengel, sophomore, throws pages of his torn-up book into the air.



(right) Jordan Williams, freshman, reads her book during her Global Conflicts class. Williams' class was taught by Dan Petke.

Lexi Birk and Sarah Dixon, sophomores, hold their books from English class in preparation to tear them up. They were both in Bennie Anderson's Western Civilization class.



(left) Byron Moser, freshman, listens to Dan Petke during a lesson over North Korea.



(right) Abbie Cannon, sophomore tears apart her book. Cannon used *Much Ado About Nothing* for destruction day.

DESTRUCTION day

The Western Civilization classes created an unusual way to learn about history: destruction day.

On February 24th, the sophomore class had their annual destruction day with Chris Knerr and Bennie Anderson Sr, sophomore history teachers. On this day, students brought in an object of their choice to destroy. Grace Fentress, sophomore, brought in her Green Book from her previous Bible class and Ashley Gordon, sophomore, brought in a clay pot she had made in her Intro to visual art class. Because of the mess it caused, some classes decided to take their D-Day outside. Some objects, like books, flew all over the parking lot leaving the students having to pick up pages. "I didn't even bring in a book, but since my friend did, I had to pick up pages of *Much Ado About Nothing* for like 10 minutes," said Parker Smith, sophomore. Even though this day was messy, the joy it brought to the students over weighed the time it took to clean up. Destruction day was a known favorite for all students because they had the opportunity to break things at school that they would normally have the opportunity to do.

TO: grandma

Ashley Gordon, sophomore, decided that for destruction day, she would break the clay pot she made in her intro to visual art class. This pot was made for her to give to her grandma for Christmas, but she did not finish the pot in time to give it to her. So, the pot sat in her locker for a few months until this day. "Destruction day was the perfect opportunity for me to get rid of that ugly pot," said Gordon.





Glenn Adams
 Amy Andersen
 Rosemary Anderson
 Heather Atkinson
 Emma Bailey
 Janna Bailey
 Peter Barrs
 Carol Becker
 Laura Berry
 Kenneth Boesch
 Evelyn Bowmam
 Karen Bowman
 Jenny Boylan
 Steve Bradley
 J. Kevin Brown
 Susan Brown
 Bogey
 Sherry Buis
 Daniel Burke
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 Dani Butler
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 James Butz
 Michael Chiu
 Ben Collison
 Shauna Collison
 Bryndyn Crutcher
 Kable Cunningham
 Brian Cupps
 Karen Dalby
 Luke Davis
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 Christina DeVerger
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 Jonathan Karburg
 Ivan Kawaler
 Marjan Kempen
 Amy Kendrick
 Andrew Kerckhoff
 Han Kim
 Kyle Klunick
 Christopher Knerr
 Jamie Kuhn
 Sara LaBarre
 Angela Lauer
 Heather Laughlin
 Aaron Layton

LAB DAY? *best day!*

Many students thought lab days and other projects were the best.

Making s'mores during school? That's not something done every day. By far the most interesting aspect to many students of math, science, and STEM were the fun labs and projects. Chemistry classes made s'mores during a lab by roasting marshmallows over the bunsen burner. "Making the s'mores was a really fun way to learn about a new topic," said Michala Crooks, sophomore. Other labs included car racing, tie-dye, and yogurt making. Many math projects were done to allow relaxation during Spirit Week. For example, the freshmen geometry class created paintings or drawings through the Grid Method. The juniors also started a project, hexa-flexagons. These were small paper origami that could be folded to show several faces. Middle school STEM additionally did a few interesting projects that combined creativity, building, and other technical skills. Hunter LeMoine, seventh grade, took STEM. "I really like the teacher, Mr. Decker, and when we get to 3D Print, we got to make skateboards," said LeMoine.

THE GRID *method*



The projects started by making a grid with one inch squares on a piece of large paper. The student picked a picture and made a grid on a smaller version. They followed the small picture box by box and put the same design on the larger paper. Students then either colored or painted the large version to finish.

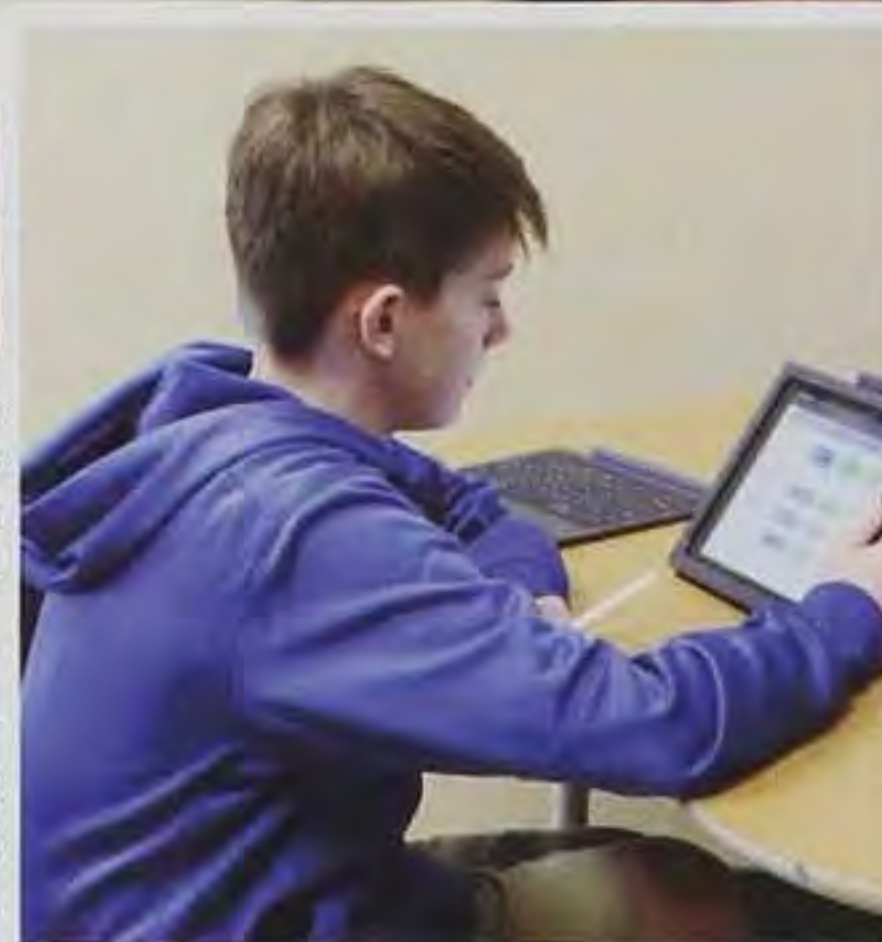


Elizabeth Saltmiras, freshman, colors in her geometry project with colored pencils. She created a small scale drawing to help reference to her larger work.

(left) Cal Leighton, seventh grade, times his partner during a life science lab. The students did as many jumping jacks as they could for a set time. They then used the time to help calculate rates.

(right) Collin McCarthy, junior, reads over his lab directions to make sure his group is doing the right thing. McCarthy's class calculated the velocity for race cars.

Mark West, senior, tests the algae levels of different water bottles. West was in Environmental Science, a science class that can only be taken by seniors.



Matthew Heintz, sophomore, draws his grid project. Heintz chose to draw a ram and color it in with many colors.



Juan Legters
 Kristi Lemp
 Melinda LeVar
 Ming Li
 Britt Lowery
 Sarah Loyal
 Lindsay Loyd
 Clinton Lum
 Kyla Lum
 Brian Maloy
 Heather Marsee
 Kathleen Martin
 Debra Massot
 Georgina Meeks
 Cara Moore
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 Jennifer Ritzema
 Carrie Roberts
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 Hallie Rockwell
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 Mallory Rohlifing
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 Jackie Scafide
 Gregory Schoenberg
 Allen Schwamb
 Mark Sell
 David Shapleigh
 Andrew Shaw
 Jeffrey Shultz
 Lauren Simpson
 Melody Sitzes
 James Snyder
 Margaret Sperber
 Anne Lybarger
 Kristi Terschak
 Heidi Thies
 Karen Thompson
 Kevin Todd
 Deana Vandegriff
 Kimberly Vander Velde
 Trish Vanvalkenburgh
 Elizabeth Vogel
 Scott Vonder Bruegge
 Karin Wagner
 Howard Warren
 Ricky Webb
 Lori West
 Lisa Westrich
 Jason Wilkins
 Kathryn Wilkins
 Sandy Winchester
 Bea Wittock
 Elizabeth Woodall
 Josh Yergler
 Jacob Yousef
 Todd Zell

Pierce Dunne, senior, jumps and grabs a ball out of the air in the first home game against Principia. He was a key component of the soccer team as well as the kicker for the football team.



Lincoln Chimento, junior, rolls a ball out to his defenders. Having two goalies allowed Chimento to gain experience while also being able to play in the field during games.



“It’s more than a game when you’re playing with your best friends.”

-Danny Sacco
senior



CAPTAIN *spotlight*



Mike Lemp, senior, battles for the ball against his opponent from Principia. “As a captain, I can help make a bigger impact on the team by leading as an example on the field and at practice,” said Lemp.



Danny Sacco, senior, winds up to kick the ball. Sacco earned a spot as one of the captains through his commitment to the team. “I love the intensity of the game and the discipline it brings,” said Sacco.



Andrew Smith, junior, protects the ball from his opponent. Smith was one of the leading goal scorers on the team, securing him a captain spot as only a junior, an unusual role to have before senior year.

CAPPING OFF *the season*

The spartan helmet became a new varsity boys soccer tradition.

After grasping victory at the end of a hard game, the boys huddled up in front of the fans, and a cheer erupted. Jumping on each other and going crazy, one boy emerged from the dog pile with a helmet on his head.

This was the scene of the esteemed spartan helmet.

Established at the end of last year's season, the senior captains decided to carry on the tradition of the spartan helmet. At the end of each winning game, the hardest working player would be awarded with the helmet. "The hat is just something fun we do whenever we win. We all talk about it and give it to the guy we think played the best," said Cooper Edgecombe, sophomore.

Along with the spartan helmet, two other players would be recognized as stars for their effort. Will Mason, senior, announced the stars after each victory this year. As part of the new tradition, a different leader on the team would give out the awards each year. "Next year, someone is going to have big shoes to fill," said Mike Lemp, senior. The spartan helmet added to the boys' victory celebration, motivating them to keep winning throughout the season.

"It's cool to see such a little, random thing start to become a Westminster soccer tradition," said Lemp. The spartan helmet became something the players, coaches, and fans enjoyed all season long.



Andrew Smith, junior, walks off the field with Andy Monga, junior, wearing the spartan helmet after scoring one of the goals in the home game against Principia.

STARTER *status*



Aidan Kline, junior, receives the ball, looking down the sideline for a pass. Kline started nearly every game as outside back, becoming a strong leader on the team defensively.



Jack Lemp, sophomore, winds up to kick the ball in the senior night game. Lemp has been on varsity since freshman year. He enjoyed playing with his older brother for two years.

Tyler Hott, freshman, fends off an opponent from Ladue. As a younger player on varsity, he worked hard to earn his position as starting center back. Hott was out for a few games this year due to a concussion.



HOWBOY *cat*

Each 'player of the game' received a cowboy hat to commemorate their play.

Due to one mispronunciation, the Boys JV soccer team found a new motivation for their season. Jackson Lawrence, sophomore, called their team's iconic cowboy hat a "howboy cat," and created the new catchphrase that the boys continually repeated throughout the season. "When Jackson Lawrence accidentally called it a 'howboy cat,' it became the name and we have called it that ever since," said Grant Sawyer, freshman. As the boys got riled up over this new word, they subconsciously made a new reason to play well in games - they now play "for the howboy cat."

The new tradition started as the second game rolled around. The team agreed on the rule that the "howboy cat" would be passed on to the MVP at the end of each winning game based on performance during the game. Even though the boys did not wear the hat in school, the player with the hat wore it after the winning game and in warm-ups at the next game. The winner of the cowboy hat from the previous game decided who deserved the hat next. "Before games, I think about the things from the last game that I can do better on in this game to get the 'howboy cat,'" said Davis Terry, sophomore. Not only did Terry work in games to get the hat, but many boys said that the "howboy cat" was a big motivation for them to play well. All of the guys looked forward to the end of a winning game when they saw who received the hat.

Luke Coco, junior, comes to a stop after carrying the ball down the field and passing off to another player.

Grant Sawyer, freshman, follows through after he takes a shot on goal.

Sadly, the shot was not a goal, but it was recovered and kept in the box to be set up for another shot.



Daniel Shultz, sophomore, winds up to throw the ball in down the line while trying to pick up momentum in their end of the field.



Davis Terry, sophomore, dribbles the ball down the field while playing against Lindbergh.

OFF THE FIELD

+ GRANT SAWYER
freshman

Q How has soccer effected you off the field?

A "It has given me some new buddies; I have also made new friends especially with the older guys on the team."

Q How has being on a Christian team impacted your spiritual life?

A "It has been easy to grow spiritually because of Coach. He always speaks the truth of God, incorporates it into soccer, and shows us how to play for God!"





William Warren, freshman, dribbles past the Lindbergh defender and down the field towards midfield.



JT Crowe, junior, dives across the goal to make a save from a Penalty Kick. He was forced to make the save after a foul in the box.



TACKLE KING

Jackson Lawrence, sophomore comes in fast from behind to steal the ball in an attempt to work it up field. Lawrence was known to use the slide tackle. It was a well known skill that Lawrence mastered throughout the season. He used it frequently during games to gain possession of the ball.

THERE'S ONLY *twelve?*

This year, C-team soccer consisted of only twelve boys with ten freshman and two sophomores. A few of the boys played soccer throughout middle school but the majority of them had never played before. Although having such a small team isn't super common, the boys like the close knit family they have become. "We don't even have enough people for a full field. I've never played on a team with this amount of people," said Kayden Stokes, freshman, about his particularly small team. This 12-person team might have looked small numbers wise but they didn't let that slow them down.

Kayden Stokes, freshman, kicks the ball to his one of his teammates at their C-Team game September 10th against Ladue. Stokes also played soccer throughout middle school.



Blake Engelmeyer, freshman, runs to steal the ball before his opponent catches up to him. Engelmeyer played soccer in middle school and plans to continue through high school.



William DeBoer, freshman, passes the ball to his teammate at their game against John Burroughs on September 6th. The C-team ended up losing but not without putting up a fight.



Riley Helronimus, sophomore, goalie, kicks the ball back on the field to his teammates at their game against Ladue on September 10th. Helronimus previously played on the freshman team and also played baseball.



Walker Brand, eighth grade, rushes up the field to take a buzzer-beating shot before half time. Brand finished the game with one goal in a 4-1 win against John Burroughs.



HAVING *mercy*

Some say the first game is the hardest, for the wildcats it was the easiest.

Middle school boys soccer got off to a hot start this season with a mercy rule win for their first game. Whitfield was in shock after not scoring a single goal in all 50 minutes of the game. The Wildcats won 8-0 with 10 minutes still left on the clock.

Home field advantage was real, but who knew it was so powerful. "Our first game against Whitfield was easy because they just weren't good. The rest of the season should be better competition," said Asher Ammanuel, eighth grade. In this game three players scored all the goals: Caden Collison had three goals, Caidan Brophy had four goals, and Sam Villa had one goal. This game wasn't decided by the team's defense, it was all about the offense. "They took a lot of shots that game, just none of them were on goal," said Quin Lawrence, eighth grade, goalie. This game was an offensive domination and the defense got to take the day off. "Most if not all of my goals come from my teammates working the ball up to me. They do the hard work and I'm just there to finish it," said Caden Collison, eighth grade, forward. In this game, Whitfield only had one actual shot on goal, which was saved by the Wildcats. Better luck next time Whitfield.



Sam Villa, eighth grade, clears the ball during a scrimmage after stopping a shot. Villa's team won this drill.

Kyle Hunt, seventh grade, nutmegs a defender. Hunt's team won this drill and then went on to beat Afton in the second game of the year.

Elliot Campbell, eighth grade, prepares to take a shot on goal. Campbell practiced his penalty kick before playing against Gateway Institute of Tech High School. The team scrimmaged many times before games.

Caidan Brophy, eighth grade, charges to the goal in a shooting drill while Max Burgdorf, eighth grade, runs up to guard his shot. Brophy made the shot and won the drill for his team.

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Coach Collison informs the boys which event is next in the swim meet. "In between events Mrs. Collison tells us the event and asks if anyone is comfortable enough to swim it," said William Dana, eighth grade. The boys enjoyed having options during the swim meets.



David Cahill, eighth grade, prepares to start off the block for his 200 meter IM. Cahill practiced his starts so that he could improve his times.

MRS. TO *coach*

The seventh graders aren't the only people new to the middle school swim team this year. As the boys hands gripped the blocks, Mrs. Collison's voice echoed in the air as she said four simple words "Take your marks, go!" During the day, Mrs. Collison worked as a guidance & counseling administrative, but from 2:25 to 3:30 she took on the role as Coach Collison. The boys enjoyed having a new change of pace. "Coach Collison focuses more on strength and conditioning while Kempen focused more on technique. I enjoyed both of them, and I still feel as if I am becoming a better swimmer," said Morgan Schulte, eighth grade. "It is slightly different from last year; it is a little harder, but water polo is our favorite game to play when practice is over," said Aidan Epsy, eighth grade. Even though the boys were challenged and pushed out of their comfort zone, Coach Collison made sure the boys were working hard. She challenged them and pushed them so that they would be rewarded in a meet. "It is not as hardcore, or as tough as club swim. But it is still challenging," said Zach Brauer, seventh grade. Coach Collison wanted the boys to work hard so that at the meets it would be a breeze to compete. "Once we finished our sets and warm-ups, we had the option to play water polo. Most of us stayed and played," said Asher Will, eighth grade. Coach Collison always made sure the boys enjoyed their time as a team.



John Galakatos, eighth grade, takes a big breath to fuel his muscles so he can get away from the shark. Another one of the boys' favorite game they played after practice was sharks and minnows.



Patrick Akins, seventh grade, plays a lane ball before practice ends. Akins enjoyed playing water polo with his fellow teammates.

WESTMINSTER vs. WHITFIELD *timeline*



“Our first game was easy because they [Whitfield] just weren't good.”

Asher Ammanuel, eighth grade



Austin Chen, junior, slices through the water with the butterfly stroke. Chen gave the Wildcats a great start in their medley relay against MICDS.



DRENCHED IN THE *competition*

With the combination of veteran and new swimmers, the varsity swim team excelled in their season.

Hheart pumping. Legs and arms burning. Rapid gasping for air. The Westminster Wildcats boys swim team pushed more than ever before. Consisting of a commanding senior team and dedicated underclassmen, the Wildcats hoped to continue their

domination of the competition and shatter expectations.

"We are here to win as much as we can. It's our last year so we aren't going to let up. Our foot is on the gas all year," said Daniel Herrera, senior. Herrera backed his words when he dropped 1.5 seconds in backstroke, which helped him consistently place in the top two contenders for the 100 and 200 meter events.

However, one or two exceptional placements did not win the meet for the team. Sometimes the Wildcats found themselves down in score, but with the help of great leadership their spirits did not wither. "We are teammates, we pick each other up, get hyped, and get at it," said Henry Hartshorn, senior. Hartshorn was no rookie to hyping his peers up, as Blue Crew Leader he mastered the craft of getting people up and excited. It was a valuable asset to be able to push everyone to perform their very best.

The Wildcats exploded late in the meet and came back to secure their win over Rockwood Summit with a score of 96-76. Sebastian Lacassie, senior, played a crucial role in assisting the team to a win. He posted within the top three of the 200 meter freestyle and the 400 meter freestyle relay to push the Wildcats ahead of their competition: "I just felt great that day and I swam my absolute best," said Lacassie after being asked about his performance.

The Westminster Wildcats were a perfect storm of veteran power and young talent that was truly out of the ordinary.



(right) Luke Ryan, freshman, gasps for air in the middle of a medley relay for the Wildcats. As one of the middle men he was an essential piece to keeping the tempo of the race and pushing the Wildcats to a win.

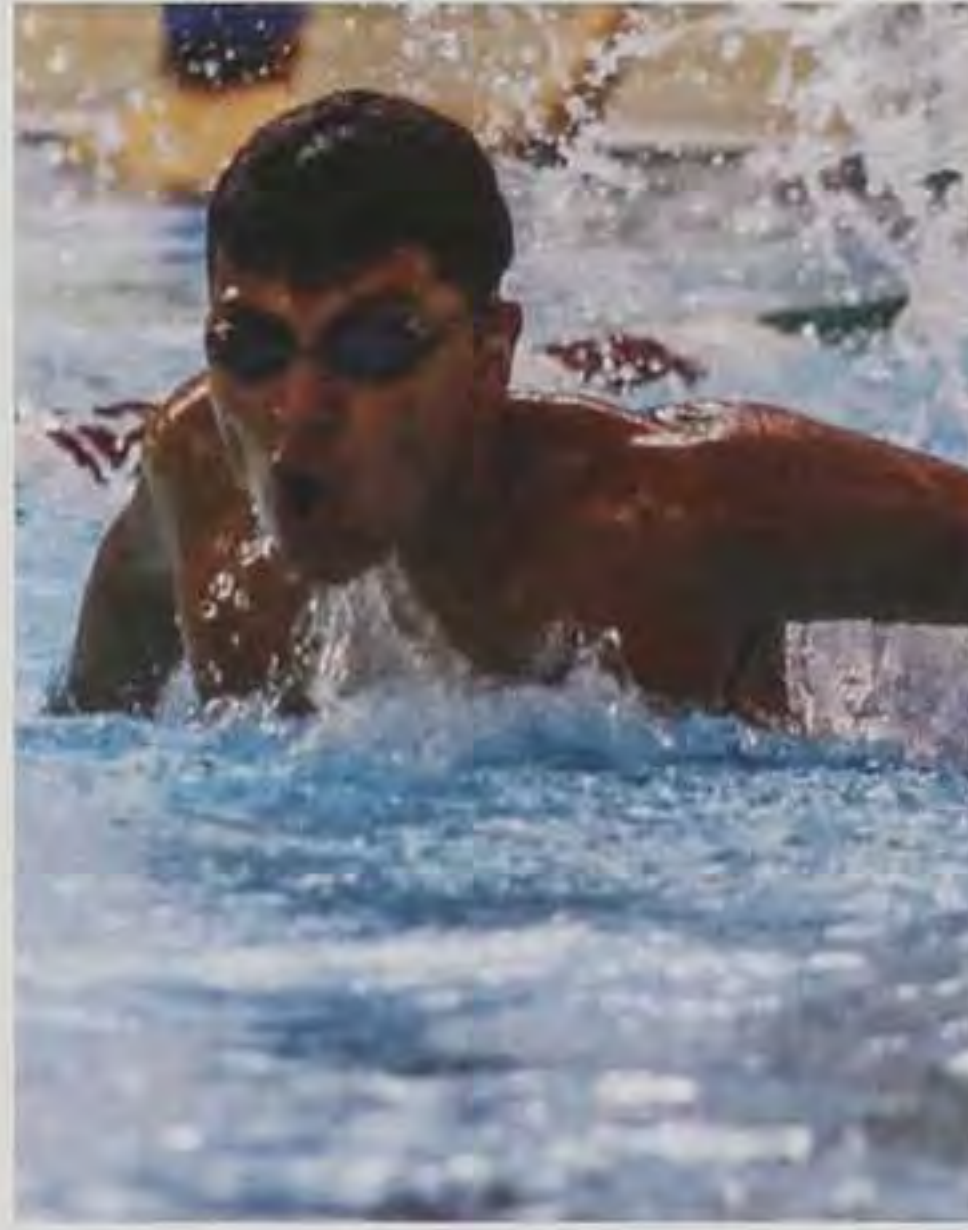
(left) Jacob Moyer, senior, flashes a smile after completing his warm-ups for the 100 meter backstroke. "Warm-ups are essential for a great performance," said Moyer after being asked about his routine.



Adam Clement, junior, smiles and shrugs after dusting his competition. Clement was a huge play maker against MICDS posting personal best times for both relay and individual races.

Jackson Loehr, sophomore, sets his hands for his dive. This was very important to maintain the greatest mechanics.

Daniel Hererra, senior, flings water behind him, propelling himself forward in the 200 meter butterfly stroke.



(right) Justin Fuller, senior, models his lucky speedo as he prepares to perfect his diving form during warm-ups.

(left) Jack Wittenauer, senior, calmly glides through the water in the back-stroke form against MICDS.

DIVE RIGHT IN



HUNTER KRAMER
SENIOR



JACOB SCHLOSS
SOPHOMORE



LUKE RYAN
FRESHMAN



ISAIAH TUCKER
JUNIOR

To some, diving might be seen as the start of the real competition of swimming. But to these boys it was one of the quintessential factors that could change a swimmer from sending his team from third place to first place. The Westminster Wildcats did not take this lightly. Hours and hours of practice were spent correcting the fundamentals of a dive that gave these swimmers the best possible chance.

"I always try to be as powerful as possible in my dive," said Henry Hartshorn, senior.

However, it was not all power. Diving can be tied to shooting a free throw in basketball, every person has their own routine. "I always tighten my goggles before each race," said Jack Wittenauer, senior.

Diving is an art form, it is different for all, and it could change the outcome of a race. There was absolutely no doubt that these Wildcats were ready and willing to dive right in.

Ben Parres, senior, moves the puck up the ice in a game versus Oakville. Oakville played a rowdy game, and Parres found himself in the penalty box for cross-checking.



Harry Ottsen, sophomore, skates the puck up the ice to make a play in a pivotal second game against Fort Zumwalt East. The game ended with a 4-4 tie, pushing the Cats forward in their Cup run.



Mike Johnson, freshman, shoots on the Parkway South goalie at Queeny Park on January 20. This was Johnson's first season on the varsity team.



Ben Parres, senior, passes the puck to a teammate. Parres had 17 goals and 13 assists total in the regular season and was a key player for the Wildcats.



Jack Freeman, junior, catches the puck to puts it down to shoot in the second game versus Oakville. Freeman played defense. "The defense on this team has a lot better chemistry than we've had in past years. The whole team just gets along really well," said Freeman.

REVENGE *tour*

Varsity ice hockey used past years' heartbreaks to fuel the season's success.

The varsity hockey team suffered a crushing defeat last season versus Duchesne High School when their postseason run for the Wickenheiser Cup was cut short in February. However, all the hurt and disappointment of last season was made up for on December 12, 2019, when the "Cats On Ice" faced Duchesne for the first time since their season-ending loss in early 2019. A three-game win streak ensued and was the new source of motivation for the team. "I would say our turning point was going to Edwardsville and beating them over Christmas Break after losing to them 10-1 the first time. Going into the end of the season, everyone had begun to build strong chemistry," said Aidan Penberthy, senior, and captain. Over the last few weeks, everyone has come really close. It has given our whole team a boost in morale as we have faced a decent amount of adversity this year and we have found a way to come out the other side every time. We have learned how to win in many different ways and it has been fun," said Penberthy when asked how the winning streak affected the team. To start the fateful comeback versus Duchesne, Westminster found themselves down 1-0 in the first period. However, Penberthy tied it up shortly after. In period two, the Wildcats dominated; Jack Bystrom, Ben Parres, Zack Kilgore, and Penberthy each scored a goal while Duchesne only racked up one goal to make the score 5-3. Lastly, in period three, it was clear just who would come out on top as the Cats scored three more times: one for Drew Gingerich, one for Dylan Wells, and one more for Jack Bystrom. The final score was 8-3, good vengeance taken on a team that took so much from the Cats last February. The team's success was not only due to the offense, though. The wins, including the game versus Duchesne, were also accredited to goalies Tommy Le, sophomore, and Emily Grieger, freshman. Le played the entirety of the game on December 12, allowing only three goals compared to Duchesne's goalie who allowed eight. Emily plays AAA and was a huge asset to the team throughout many tough games and trials. Whatever the trials, whether they be losses to rivals or injuries, this team united to face them together.

“We have learned how to win in many different ways and it has been fun.”

-Aidan Penberthy,
senior



Jack Bystrom, senior, shoots the puck on Parkway South High School in an attempt to give the Cats a bigger lead. The Cats beat Parkway South 8-4.



Brandon Swenson, junior, faces off with a player from Eureka High School at Brentwood Ice Arena. The Cats On Ice beat Eureka twice during the regular season.



Westminster brings out a huge white out Blue Crew to support the hockey team in their fight in the semifinals at Centene on February 28, 2020.



Emily Grieger, freshman, goal tends during a win on December 14 versus Eureka High School. Grieger debuted with the Cats on Ice this season. "Having Emily on the team has been huge help. She's fantastic," said Brandon Swenson, junior.

BUT IS IT *a sport?*

The football and cheer teams combined forces.

Starting off the season strong with nine seniors, the cheer-leading team brought immense enthusiasm to the sidelines of the football field and basketball courts. In October, the cheerleaders decided to have a fun trial run to teach the senior football players how to cheer because many of them and others claimed that "cheer isn't a sport." After meeting up on the Westminster football field, they began by showing the boys the different stunts they were going to perform. Zach Benes, senior, was chosen to be the flyer for the "prep" position. After that, the cheerleaders moved on to teach the football guys how to make a basket. After establishing a solid base, the football guys managed to combine their strength to toss Zach into the air, which surprised all of the cheerleaders. "It was so enjoyable to teach them because they always had smiles on their faces and laughed the whole time. They weren't perfect, but they did better than we thought they would do," said Tori Jessie, senior. All the seniors found this experience to be a bonding time between the sports and the athletes of these two teams. "It was so fun to see all the guys not really know what they were doing but constantly have a fun time learning. They all had positive attitudes and never got mad for not getting it right away," said Victoria Smith, senior.

Another bonding time these two teams came together to perform was to learn the "Git Up" dance for the Homecoming assembly. This kick-off performance was in front of the whole school, and it riled up school spirit and enthusiasm for Homecoming weekend. "It was so amusing to see the football team learn a Tik Tok dance because it got them out of their comfort zone. They were surprisingly so excited to learn it and got so eager when they finally learned the dance moves," said Sophia Mullen, senior. As the season came to a close, the football players could all agree that cheer was a huge asset to the game itself, not only to be there on the sidelines to cheer on the players, but also to help hype up the student section to get rowdy.



Caroline Rahal, freshman, cheers in front of the Blue Crew in between periods at a varsity boys basketball game.



Lucy Diedrich, freshman, goes into a prep as one of the main flyers on the team.



“Cheer can be exhausting and painful sometimes, but it is the most rewarding thing I have done in my life!”
 - Maggie Ellis
 senior

TIK TOK *turning*

Since the Tik Tok app became a hot phenomenon throughout social media, the team decided to make some of their own. "It was really fun to get to learn the dances with these girls, and they made me laugh so much while doing it," said Emilee Mitchell, senior. This particular Tik Tok was made during a rain delay. "It was the most fun team bonding because it gave us all a chance to be goofy with each other," said Victoria Smith, senior.



Sarah Cahill, sophomore, Kyleigh Ford, and Victoria Smith, seniors, stand in the extension position and they cheer on the Blue Crew student section at a home game. This was Smith's third year on the cheer team and Ford's fourth.



When the Christmas season came around in winter, the cheerleaders decided to bring Christmas cheer to the courts by wearing matching red and white striped socks during the first game of Christmas Break. "The Christmas socks were a fun way we got to bring the Christmas spirit into the game and get the student section ready," said Caroline Rahal, freshman.



Maggie Ellis, Emilee Mitchell, Grace Rahal, seniors, Sarah Cahill, Emma Sadorf, and Mary Lauer, sophomores, wave at the stands full of parents and students at the Westminster versus Priory game. This was one of the first games of the season, and the Wildcats were able to earn a win on their home turf.

WAVING GOODBYE to the seniors



SOPHIA MULLEN



MAGGIE ELLIS



KYLEIGH FORD



TORI JESSIE



EMILEE MITCHELL



KYLEIGH PEER



GRACE RAHAL



VICTORIA SMITH



CHARLOTTE SPENCER

As the cheerleading season came to a close, the nine seniors bonded over the time they committed - all for one and one for all. With years of experience under their belts, it was easy for them to give advice to underclassmen. The countless hours they spent learning new stunt formations, dances, and making Tik Toks were all memories the girls cherished long after graduating.

Caroline Claus and Emily Melaragno, juniors, were asked what they would miss most about their senior teammates. "We will miss their bubbly positivity," said Claus and Melaragno. They learned from the leadership they possessed in helping the younger cheerleaders. Caroline Rahal and Lucy Diedrich, freshmen, said they will specifically miss the nonstop support and how they "make the best out of every situation." Mary Lauer, sophomore, found her relationships grew with the upperclassmen during the little moments, such as the team freezing together at football games or being sleep deprived but still pushing through their tiring cheer camp practices. The girls hated the idea of the beloved seniors leaving but would always cherish the memories they made.

THE stunts



EXTENSION



PREP

WRAP AROUND



PYRAMIDS

LIB

SHOW & GO



Olivia Adams, Natalie Bradshaw, Katie Brown, Ava Gronek, and Arianna Henderson, seventh grade, perform their first dance of the winter season. The dance is called "The Middle," being the girls' favorite they learned.

TUMBLE IN THE *rough*

The middle school dance and cheer teams had rocky starts to their seasons, but they persevered and made memories.

Middle school cheer and dance had a rough start to the season. The dance team's performances were rescheduled multiple times which limited their chances to perform at basketball games. The first game they performed at was not until February 15th. Waiting till mid February was difficult, but it allowed the girls to create relationships with their teammates. "Having our first season start so late has been difficult, but the relationships I have formed at practices make me want to continue dancing throughout my time at Westminster," said Ava Gronek, seventh grade. Natalie Bradshaw, seventh grade, agreed with her teammate and also planned on continuing her dance career at Westminster. The constant reschedulings may have set the team back, but their performances looked better than ever with the extra practices they gained.

The cheer team, on the other hand, had several opportunities to perform but struggled to learn their cheers. Over half of the girls on the team were new and had never cheered before. The girls had to learn quickly and perform the cheers at football and basketball games. "It was difficult to remember and perform, but once everyone got it, the cheers became some of our favorites," said Lilly Vogel, seventh grade. "It was difficult for me and some of the other eighth grade girls to relearn the cheers instead of learning new ones, but it made me feel like a big sister to the seventh graders," said Kennedy McGowan, eighth grade, who was one of the only girls participating in cheer for her second year. Both teams had slow starts to their seasons, but dedication and long hours paid off in the end.



Charlotte Atkinson, seventh grade, stands on the top of a stunt. Atkinson was a flyer all season and planned on cheering throughout her time at Westminster.

DON'T LET THE POM POMS *fool you*



The eighth grade cheer team gets ready to cheer on their classmates at a basketball game. This was the first basketball game they cheered at.



Olivia Adams, Natalie Bradshaw, Anna Bernhardt, and Katie Brown, seventh grade, get ready to perform their dance. This was the only basketball game they performed at this season, impressing the audience.

“We just cheer for fun. There are a lot of different skill levels, so it takes the pressure away.”

- Avery Kline,
eighth grade

WHY WE DANCE



Ariana Henderson, seventh grade

Dance was a sport of expression; it allowed people to express themselves beautifully in front of a crowd. For many dancers, being in front of a crowd gave them adrenaline to reach past barriers and limitations. For the Westminster middle school dance team, many of the dancers had danced before, but they had to work to dance as a team and create chemistry. For many dance routines it was important, for the dancers to look like a team. Without teamwork, this was not possible. It took the middle school girls dance putting lots of time and practice in to learn how to dance as one unit.



Anna Enger, eighth grade, cheers for the middle school boys basketball team. This was Enger's second year of cheer, and she planned to cheer throughout high school.



Anneka Vander Velde, eighth grade, cheers with her teammates for the middle school boys basketball team. Vander Velde planned on continuing cheer throughout the rest of middle school and high school.



Arianna Henderson, seventh grade, shakes her pom poms for the middle school boys basketball team. Henderson was on both the cheer team and the dance team.

"The Godspell performance this year was a lot better than I imagined and I had a lot of fun watching it."

-Josh DeWitt, 9th

"IT WAS SUPER EXCITING AND SURPRISING TO BEAT THE STATE RECORD BY OVER 100 POINTS."

-MARGO O'MEARA, 11TH

"Junior powderpuff this year was surprisingly more fun than I expected."

-Ajé Jones, 11th

"I WAS REALLY SURPRISED THAT THE JUNIORS BEAT THE SENIORS AND WON LIP SYNC THIS YEAR."

-HAYLEY ADAIR, 12TH

"I didn't know what to expect going into high school but so far it's been my favorite year at Westminster."

-Lucy Christian, 9th



"WESTMINSTER SPORTS TEAMS HAVE BEEN HAVING VERY SUCCESSFUL SEASONS."

-AVA HOLLMANN, 12TH

"The 800 sporting broadcast of the basketball game was new and brought the community together to watch the big win."

-Casen Lawrence, 10th

"Things like the game of chicken and tug of war results with the sophomores beating the seniors during Spirit Week was surprising."

-Logan Jones, 9th

"I have learned so many new traits about people in the class of 22' over bonding through spirit week, classes, and simple conversations in the halls."

-ANNA FREGENE, 10th

"This year I was surprised that they changed CB into homecoming but I'm glad they did."

-Allison Hardin, 12th

"I love how there is always someone to talk to even when you're stuck at school late."

-Hunter Lemoine, 7th

"The swim team this year has had one of the best records and season and I'm so glad I got to be apart of it."

-CAYLIN DOEHRING, 11th

"OUR HOCKEY TEAM HAS BECOME CLOSER THAN EVER THIS YEAR THANKS TO TEAM DINNERS AT TOP GOLF." -AIDAN PENBERTHY, 12TH

"All the snow days made school feel shorter than other years and made weeks go by faster."

-Ben Gustafson, 9th

"THE FRESHMEN TEACHERS THIS YEAR HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND WITH NOT ONLY EDUCATION BUT ALSO RELATIONSHIPS."

-ANNIE WOOD, 9TH

"I wasn't expecting the junior class to be that hype during Spirit Week."

-Zoe Lintner, 11th

-Hunter Lemoine, 7th

"The first day of school when the lights went out was probably the most surprising moment for me this year."

-SYDNEY HOTT, 12th

"The sophomore class getting second in Spirit Week and beating the juniors was a very surprising highlight of Spirit Week."

-Caidan Brophy, 8th

"I WAS SURPRISED HOW MANY SENIORS SKIPPED ON SENIOR SKIP DAY AND WENT TO THE MOVIES."

-ELLA FIALA, 12TH

"The phone policy this year has been an adjustment."

-Maggie Dolan, 12th

"I'm suprised how fast senior year is flying by."

-KATE JOHNSON, 12th



“THE HOCKEY SEASON THIS YEAR AND THE WAY WE TURNED AROUND OUR SEASON HAS BEEN A HIGHLIGHT OF MY YEAR.” -JACK FREEMAN, 11TH

“This year I’ve taken a lot of different classes that I have suprisingly enjoyed a lot more than I would’ve thought.”

-Camryn McMurry, 12th

“THE POWER OUTAGE AT THE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL SURPRISED ME THE MOST.” -ASHER EMMANUEL, 8TH

“I have made tons of new friends and have even grown stronger relationships with the friends I previously had!”

-Kendall Toretta, 11th

“ALTHOUGH I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HARD, I ACTUALLY DON’T REALLY NOTICE THE NEW PHONE POLICY.” -ANNESSA SHIVELY, 11TH

“We’ve gotten a ton more snow days than years past and it’s been surprising yet fun.” -ASHLEY LYTLE, 11TH

“COMING INTO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND FINDING A LOT OF NEW FRIENDS HAS BEEN FUN AND SURPRISING TO SEE ALL THE NEW PEOPLE.” -PARKER SCHLUETER, 10TH

We asked students what was suprisingly good about their year and what turned from chaotic into something fun.

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OUTSTANDING

Jacob Hanson, Daniel Shultz, and Tanner Brand, sophomores, pose during their Community Night performance of 'Men In Black'.



During Thursday B-lunch, junior and senior boys started dancing, jumping and singing to the music playing. After a few minutes, Chef Deb jumped into the mob and started dancing and singing with the students.



Harrison Bailey, eighth grade, performs during Community Night in his blow up dinosaur costume. These costumes were a huge hit among the crowd.

(left) Kourtney Moten, junior, wins an arm wrestling battle during the junior/senior rally before the Friday assembly.



(right) Lydia Scull, freshman, adds finishing touches to the freshmen art board. The freshmen had the theme 'Decades' and used bright colors and records on this section of the board.



COIN wars

At the end of the week, the seventh graders came in first and Westminster as a whole raised a total of \$1800. Of this \$1800, Westminster was putting \$900 towards Faith in Action organizations sponsored by each grade. This new addition to Spirit Week made an impact beyond the walls of the school building.



Zach Leeker, freshman, slides across the court strumming an inflatable guitar during his performance of 'Decades.'



Adam Ebling, junior, goes against Mr. Muehleisen in a push-up contest before the Friday pep-rally.



Belle St. John, sophomore, sits on the ground painting a giraffe for the sophomores safari themed art board.



Olivia Diedrich, sophomore, performs to the song 'Best of Both Worlds' for the sophomores theme of 'Hannah Montana.'



Jeremy Nguyen, Connor Vennemann, and Roger Jinkins, freshmen, practice their boys poms routine in the Blue Gym.

NEW AND *improved*

A variety of new activities appeared on the schedule for Spirit Week 2020.

Spirit Week 2020 upgraded from the previous years with many new events and fun activities. Westminster added coin wars, an extra late-start on Friday, class cheers, and even a pre-game rally for the juniors and seniors before the pep rally on Friday. With all of these new additions, students took it into their own hands to add something of their own: a mosh pit during lunch. This mosh pit was instigated by the senior boys dancing to the music played by senior girls on the speaker they brought to lunch. Students gradually gravitated from their tables to join in the dancing. To top it all off, Chef Deb, a lunch lady, joined the students and danced to the upbeat music. No one was expecting Chef Deb to join, but her presence formed an even greater sense of joy. "It was crazy. No one thought Chef Deb was actually going to dance with us, but she really do be hittin' it tho," said Jackson Selk, junior. This dance party was a great new addition to kick off the final day.

Another very new addition to Spirit Week 2020 was the coin wars. Each grade had an empty, plastic water jug with their class color on it to represent their grade in the Grand Entry. Throughout the week, students brought in coins and even some cash to add to their jug. The winners of the coin wars gained additional points for their grade's overall score for the week. The money went beyond the Westminster community and further into organizations that Westminster partners with including the Albert Pujols Foundation and African Vision of Hope.



Masha Stephens, and Lauren Sowers, freshmen, enjoy a water break during the long lip-sync practices. This practice was at Kirk Day School.



Brooke Regeon, Megan Roche, Caroline Strauss, and Marissa Barnes, juniors, dressed as bikers from *Teen Beach Movie*, look at the surfers.

DAYS OF THE *week*

Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue.



Parker Smith, Ella Jeong, Mary Laufer, and Lexi Birk, sophomores, are all dressed for their class color day. Face painting was a big hit throughout the whole school during Spirit Week.

Country vs. country club, class theme day, and Disney day were the brand new days for Spirit Week 2020. Of course, the week had its oldies, blue and white and class color day, but the student body was ecstatic about STUCO's new takes on dress-up days. Country vs. country club day was a common dress-up day theme for spirit weeks in schools across the nation. The idea went viral on a social media app, Tik Tok, from which STUCO borrowed the idea. Students had to pick a side, country or country club, and then dress up to that side.

The second new dress-up day was class theme day. Each class decided on a theme, and on Wednesday, students came to school dressed up for their class's specific theme. The seventh and eighth grades had superheroes, freshmen had decades, sophomores had a safari theme, juniors had childhood, and the seniors had occupations. Each class's theme for class theme day also coincided with that class's art hallway.



Lauren Bohlmann, Riley Merrifield, and Lauren Gates, seniors, pose with their homemade sign. The seniors made many signs to cheer on their grade.



A group of junior boys dressed up in onesies wait for the class to get out so they can head down to the assembly.

THE NAME OF *the game*



TUG OF WAR



CHARIOT RELAY



TAG ROYALE



MATHLETES VS. ATHLETES



MATTRESS SURFING



JUNK RELAY

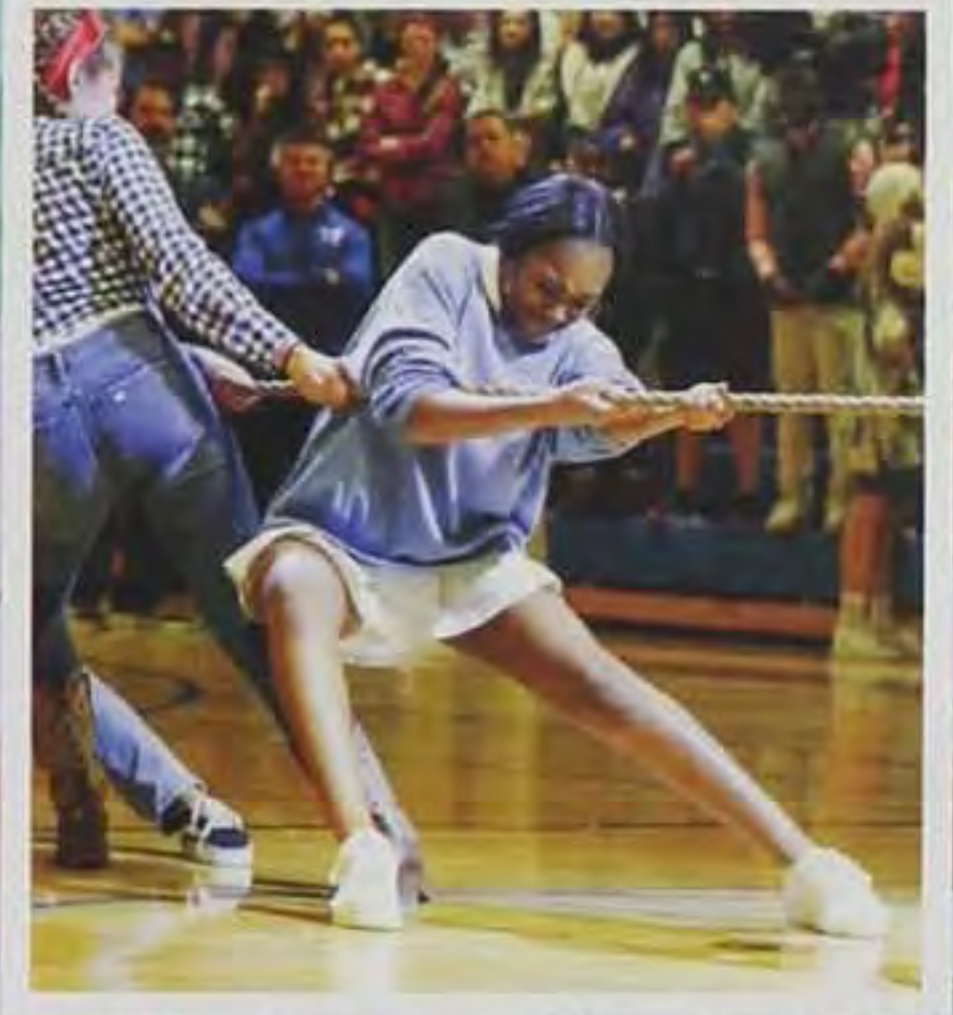


HALF COURT SHOT



ULTIMATE CHICKEN

Jordan Williams, freshman, pulls at the front of the line for freshmen girls versus sophomore girls tug-of-war on country versus country club day.



(top) Dylan Schoen, seventh grade, rides on a blanket in the chariot relay as he is pulled by his fellow classmate and points out his class in the crowds. Although they finished in last place, the seventh graders would never forget their first Spirit Week.

(bottom) Kinsley Lawrence and Lily Duda, seniors, walk in with their matching Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head costumes for Disney day. Many students worked on their costumes the weekend before to create something different than their friends.



Amelia Bendick, Sarah DeClue, and Kylie Robertson, freshmen, hang out and read their choice books in English class. With a wide range of choices for what to dress up as for Disney day, the costumes varied greatly.



Alex Wittenauer, Evan Kohn, Gus Duda, Tucker Mulick, and Jack Lemp, sophomores, wear their best safari gear on class theme day. The sophomore's theme was safari.

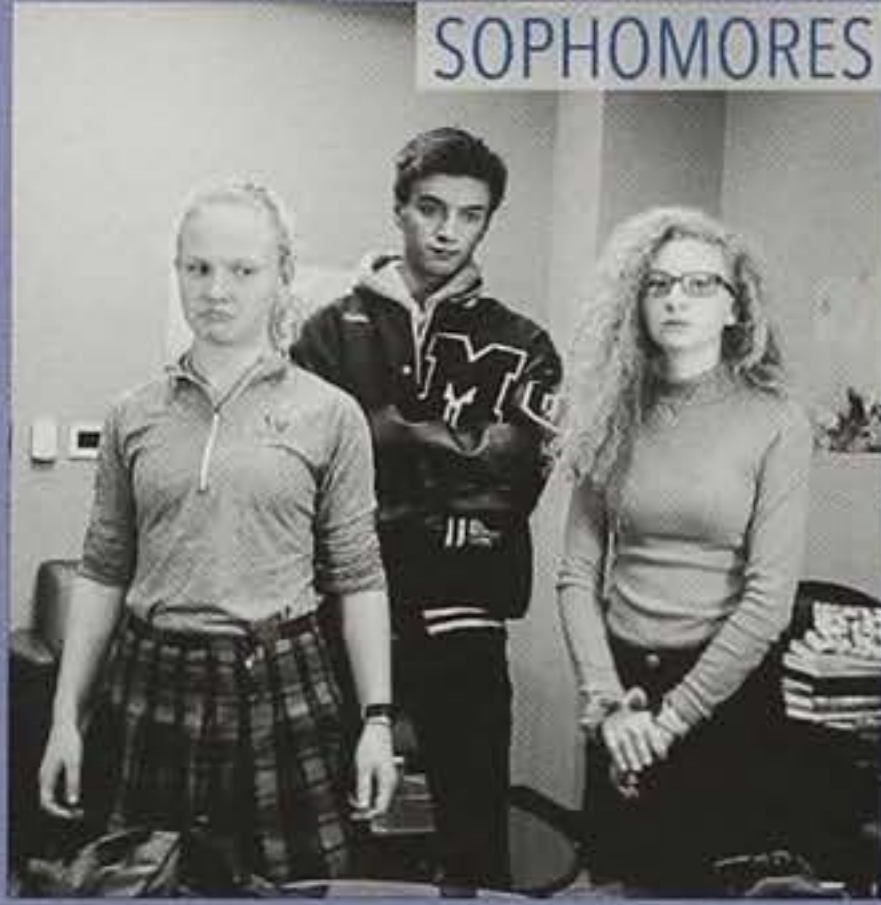


FRESHMEN



Patrick Howard, Masha Stephens, and Sarah DeClue, freshmen, show their acting abilities and skill in the film project.

SOPHOMORES



Kharis Perona, Jacob Hanson, and Lily Wendel, sophomores, star as the main character in their class film. These three showed their acting abilities as they performed for the camera for all to watch.

JUNIORS



Elizabeth Nolting, Michael Sturm, Patrick Park, and Hayden Turley, juniors, come together at the end of their film to protect the present family portrayed in their film. These four did an outstanding job at portraying a fake film family.

SENIORS



Bennie Anderson and Justin Fuller, seniors, grab hands as they come together in friendship during their film project. Anderson and Fuller both participated in film project just to have fun with each other.



A group of seniors and one junior pose with their final art board product. The seniors did not have many participants in art board until the very last day, thus they had to cram in order to finish in time. This made for a very fun afternoon together during Spirit Week.

CREATED TO *create*

The film and art hallways encouraged passion.

Art board and film project helped many students express themselves and pursue their passions in the competitive environment of Spirit Week. Also, this gave them a chance to expand their work from small scale to a much larger scale and allowed them to display it for a much broader audience. The students who participated in these hallway artworks had a passion for art. "I love to make my own work without specific given guidelines," said Belle St. John, sophomore. St. John loved to create her own art at home in her personal studio and build her portfolio in hopes of helping her earn scholarship money for college. Even sophomores, such as St. John, who participated in art board for the first time, had their work fully displayed and rewarded as the sophomore class's art board won with a safari theme. The most interesting part of art board was that the small art boards turned into sections of one hallway; each grade received a section of the same hallway. This was similar to what was seen at the old campus since the Spirit Week art boards used to fill each grade's entire hallway. Placing from first to fifth was the sophomores, juniors, middle school, seniors, and freshman.

Another way students showed off their talent was with film projects. This was a chance to participate in something the students loved to watch. "I love to watch movies, so what's better than making my own with people who have a passion for this?" said Matteo Zavaglia, junior. Zavaglia looks to continue his love for movies by going into the film industry in college. Juniors won film with a story focused on a family "The Bonabard's." The teachers created a film that blew the students away showing the talents of the teachers' acting skills and the abilities of Mike Rohlring, marketing and media communications director, who shot and edited the film. Coming in first through fourth place for film was the juniors, sophomores, seniors, and freshman.



Belle St. John, sophomore, looks towards to project as she paints a giraffe. St. John loved art and had her own studio at home to create personalized work.



Katie Huang, sophomore, leans over as she sketches out a design to paint and place into the hallway design. Huang spent most of her Spirit Week time working hard and trying to finalize the sophomore project.



Oreofe Oginni, sophomore, pushes tissue paper into the chicken wire placed over the wall to add texture. Oginni helped the team with her hard work.



Marissa Penner, sophomore, squats down as she paints and furthers the design of the project. Penner not only helped with the hallway designs but also had a significant role in the film project.



Eleanor Disper, freshman, stands on a ladder to reach the top of the wall as she staples flowers into the design. Disper played a important role in finishing the project.



Stewart Geisz, sophomore, goes full out until the very end of the dance. Geisz volunteered to not only participate in the actual dance, but also to coach and lead the grade.

, freshman, puts his arms around his classmates. "I really liked hanging out at practice. It was a great opportunity to be together with close guys," said Stokes.



Sam Parker Stillman, junior, acknowledges his boys during the routine. "Something different from this year to years past is that everyone upped the effort which changed the whole vibe of practices," said Stillman.

GAME faces



Although there are many components to boys poms that make the routines especially entertaining, there is one main factor that can set a team member apart from the rest, an intense facial expression.

Gavin Tonkin, seventh grade, busts a move in his camouflage cast. The seventh graders' theme was the Adam's family.

THE RESULTS



seniors
1st
Aiden Davitt, senior, leans back in the front line of the routine. The seniors had a very clean dance with lots of difficult moves to learn. The boys had to have a lot of practice time to perfect every section.



juniors
2nd
Liam Lloyd, junior, hypes up the crowd as he goes in for the next part of the dance. The juniors had double the amount of participants as they had in years past.



sophomores
3rd
Josh Anderson, sophomore, grooves during the boys' 'Men in Black' themed dance. "My favorite part about this year was putting the dance all together and just being together as a class," said Anderson.



freshmen
4th
Patrick Howard, freshman, plays the air guitar. Doing boys poms freshman year was much different from middle school because it was more independent and student-run.



7th grade
5th
Parker Schlueter, seventh grade, performs his first ever boys poms. The seventh graders debuted their kip-ups and break dancing skills.



8th grade
6th
Ben Atkins, eighth grade, rocks his inflatable dino costume. The eighth graders split up between playing roles of cavemen and dinosaurs.

WE CAN DO *anything*

Max Nelson, senior, stands in the spotlight, controlling his classmates. This was the second year in a row the senior class started their routine with the lights off.



The junior boys broke their losing streak in style.

The class of 2021 did not have the best luck when it came to boys poms. Every year since seventh grade, the boys have placed last. They were determined to demolish their losing fate during Spirit Week 2020. Each member came in with a whole new outlook on the activity. "The positive outlook on boys poms really motivated us. It helped us keep our heads up even when we messed up," said Joseph White, junior.

The encouragement did not stop there. The boys even took it one step further by revolving their practices and performances by one phrase, 'we can do anything.' "It started when one of our coaches asked a question in our group chat. Andrew Smith responded with 'we can do anything' and then everyone repeated what he said. After our performance, 'we can do anything' was spammed in our group chat," explained Clayton Mayfield, junior. The juniors used 'we can do anything' to lift each other up and get hype about performing. Anytime teammates were struggling to get a new trick or stunt, the entire team would crowd around them and cheer them on. They would create celebratory mosh pits, play basketball during breaks, and even make cheers on their way to and from practice.

The juniors ended up placing second, mere points away from the winning seniors. Their ranking was four places higher than the rest of the school expected of them. "I got kicked off last year, so this year was an improvement in all aspects," said Max Kraemer, junior. Next year, the junior boys hope to win by a landslide and leave their losing streak far behind them.



Isiah Thompson, junior, starts the routine facing the crowd. The boys decided to use Wii remotes as props in the beginning to "control" the music.

DANCING

Spirit Week, also known as the best week of the year, was full of tradition, with assemblies, games, dress-up days, boys poms, and most importantly,

lip sync. It was another year full of surprises that shocked everyone and brought out the creative sides of many students as they performed an originally choreographed dance. The leader, who volunteers to make up the dance and teach their grade, had a big commitment.

"It was so fun to lead lip sync because I got to create a bond with the girls. Although it was hard at some points, I would definitely lead lip-sync again," said Emma Sadorf, sophomore. Sadorf was one of the leaders of the sophomore grade lip sync along with Sarah Cahill, sophomore. The two girls collaborated together to teach the dance and make the routine performance-ready. "It was cool to see how it all came together at the end and what we accomplished as a grade," said Kate Wessels, freshman, who was one of the four girls that led the freshmen lip sync. Lip sync not only is a huge tradition, but it created a friendly competition between grades, who were fighting for the first place spot. The big surprise that shocked many was the first place winner: the junior class beat the seniors with their 'Teen Beach Movie' themed dance. It was a huge surprise for both classes. Many believe the senior class has a leg-up with the judges and usually wins. This upset demonstrated how this competition is truly fair between all grades.

The juniors broke the record for the number of boys in their lip sync routine which helped them earn more points. Despite the junior class winning the coveted first place in lip sync, the seniors were still able to clinch the title of overall Spirit Week winners.



The senior class takes a final bow after their lip sync dance, holding hands together and sharing the bittersweet moment.



FLIPS *and* TRICKS:



Kennedy McGowan and Hennessy McGowan, eighth grade, take the center and perform many flips during lip sync.



Emily Claus, freshman, transcends into a backflip during her lip sync. Claus was a cheerleader and used her skills during the dance.



Margo O'Meara, junior, does a back handspring in the front center. O'Meara's perfect form and high flip grabbed the audience's attention.



Kyleigh Ford, senior, flies into an extension during lip sync, along with many cheerleaders, who performed stunts in the dance.

queens

Spirit Week was a very special occasion with a huge surprise that shocked everyone.

Abby Moeller, junior, dances in a biker outfit, which matches their theme of Teen Beach Movie. Moeller used facial expressions to capture the audience's attention. She was on the varsity dance team and used her incredible talents in the competition.

Faith Moeller, eighth grade, follows in her sisters' footsteps as she dances and takes the center to perform a solo. Moeller's football jersey costume was designed to match their theme, 'Remember the Titans.'



Peyton Edgecombe, seventh grade, dresses as a character from 'Alvin and the Chipmunks'. Edgecombe was one of the main dancers and steals the audience away.



Anna Niekamp, freshman, dances to the music from 'High School Musical', which captures third place, surprisingly beating the sophomores.

Lily Johnson, sophomore, takes the lead in lip sync as she dances, disguised as 'Hannah Montana', on a center platform.



Lauren Zone, senior, gets ready to dance to a 'Mamma Mia' soundtrack mix, which takes second place. 89 girls participated in their final lip sync dance.



- RESULTS:**
1. JUNIORS
 2. SENIORS
 3. FRESHMEN
 4. SOPHOMORES
 5. EIGHTH GRADE
 6. SEVENTH GRADE



Lauren Bohlmann, Lexi Jo Altv, and Luci Hilboldt, seniors



Abbey Fritz, junior



Madison Bugh, sophomore



Kelsey Muschick and Livvy Kodner, seventh grade



Lucy Marsh, freshman



The seniors pose with the Spirit Week victory plaque after finding out they won at Friday night's game. The senior class had won every Spirit Week since 2012.

HOPE FOR *the future*

Many were shocked by the Spirit Week results.

TRADITION *tradition*

Choreographers spent hours preparing the boys for their big boys poms performance. Since often these choreographers were girls, they did not actually get to perform with the boys on community night. Westminster came up with a fun tradition: the two boys poms that win first and second perform the routine on the Friday night of Spirit Week, or Big Night, with their choreographers. "I had so much fun performing on Friday with the boys even though I didn't really know what I was doing" said Gracie Wessels, one of the junior boys poms leaders. Sometimes the leaders work went unnoticed, but with this tradition people saw all of their hard work.



Gracie Wessels, junior

Spirit Week 2020 came and went in the blink of an eye, but there were some differences from previous years. Some of the changes were the new coin wars, class cheers, and the 'Cool Cat' award. The biggest surprise that many students noticed was how the final rankings of the week came out. Friday Night ended with a Westminster basketball victory over John Burroughs with a score of 52-39 and an 'Around The World' themed halftime performance by the varsity dance team. Everybody gathered on the Arena floor after the Friday night basketball game to watch the top performances and hear how their months of hard work resulted in the final rankings. The junior's performed their 'Teen Beach Movie' lip sync and a 'Wii Sports' boys poms. Then the seniors got to perform their 'Mamma Mia' lip-sync and 'Jabbawockeez' boys poms. Unsurprisingly, the seniors won again, as was typically the tradition at Westminster.

All the seniors gathered at half court, grabbed their victory plaque, and went crazy. What shocked everyone, however, was how the class of 2022, the sophomores, beat the class of 2021, the juniors, for second place overall. This was unusual as the order of results usually went from the oldest grade to youngest, with the occasional exception of seventh grade beating eighth grade. "It was really exciting when we got second place. Overall it was very close, but we won more games like tug o' war and the half-court shot than the juniors, so I think that we deserved second place. It's given our grade a lot of hope for a first place finish next year," said EJ Williams, sophomore. The sophomores would have said they deserved second place over the juniors, but the juniors disagreed. "There is no way we should have gotten third place, I didn't expect first place, but we should have beat the sophomores. We won more major events than they did, they just won more games," said Drew Liddle, junior. Everyone was equally shocked by the results, and the class of 2021 and 2022 were likely never going to agree on who deserved second place.



Sophia Mullen and Kyleigh Peer, seniors



The senior boys, plus three seniors girls, gather in a circle after the lights turn on for their 'Jabawockeez' performance. Their routine got first place for boys poms.

seniors 1

The seniors had to get many of their additions approved like the use of spot lights in both their boys poms routine and their lip sync routine. Their 'Mamma Mia' lip sync lost to the juniors routine, earning second place. The boys poms won with their 'Jabawockeez' themed performance. They then earned third in both art board and film project. This was enough to give them the overall win in Spirit Week.



All the senior girls form a circle and hold hands at the end of their 'Mamma Mia' lip sync routine. The seniors had the most students in their lip sync and no boys.



Mark Brugner, junior, and Sam Parker Stillman, junior, shake hands over a jukebox during the junior 'Teen Beach Movie' lip sync routine.

juniors 3

The juniors were the first to perform in both lip sync and boys poms after the Friday night basketball game. A 'Teen Beach Movie' themed lip sync won the juniors first place. However, their 'Wii Sports' themed boys poms routine fell just short and earned them second place. The juniors then received second in art board/hallway and first in film project. Shockingly, all of this only was able to get the juniors third place overall in Spirit Week. This was especially odd considering that the two grades who beat them, the sophomores and the seniors, only had first place in one event and the juniors had first place in two events.



Luke Laughlin, junior, rides on the shoulders of Clayton Mayfield, junior, during their 'Wii Sports' boys poms routine.

AL in

After a rough start, the varsity football team turned their season around.

There was no doubt that the 2019 season pushed the football team pretty hard. With no wins until their 5th and 6th games, the team struggled to put points on the board at the beginning. However, the unfortunate back-to-back losses the team went through allowed the players to push themselves harder in practice and work on improving their skills and plays. The team had more intense practices, held meetings, and watched film to see what went right and wrong after each game. "You always want to stay positive even though sometimes it's hard, and you need to stay focused. You use the frustration to push yourself," said Lane Davis, senior, quarterback. An important takeaway the boys gained this year was overcoming struggle as a team. They welcomed the advice of coaches and peers all the while keeping in mind the popular motto for the 2019 football season: "All In," Colossians 3:23. The verse reminded the players daily to always give 110 percent, and work with all their hearts as they do for the Lord.

YALE COMMITTEE



After being offered thirty-two football scholarships and becoming Westminster's highest Three-Star recruit, Bennie Anderson, senior left tackle, proudly announced that he committed to Yale University to play football. Both he and his family were ecstatic. "It's very humbling, being offered all the opportunities that I have. It's a great opportunity for me and my family and I'm excited to see and become the man God called me to be," said Anderson. Along with his immediate family, his Westminster family was exceedingly happy for him as well and wished him all the best moving forward.



"This was my first year playing, and the best part by far was the bond that was formed with the boys."

-Ben Parres
senior



breakthrough

The football team also had some pretty memorable breakthrough quotes. At each home game, the team burst through a giant poster made by the cheerleaders, that had encouraging quotes painted on them. Some were relevant with the Blue Crew themes like, "Lets Glow Wildcats!" for the neon themed game. Others were just for a boost of confidence like "Your School, Your Field, Our Game."



Cody Smith, senior, breaks through Lutheran South's defense, scoring a touchdown in the Homecoming game.

Ben Chereji, senior, prepares to stiff arm an oncoming defender from Lutheran South.

Ben Parres, senior, fights his way through St. Mary's defense, gaining more yards for the team.

LJ Minner, sophomore, and Josh Baker, freshman, celebrate their first touchdown of the season.

Ben Straub, senior, goes all-out to receive a pass for a first down.



Ben Chereji, senior, avoids defense and gains yards on his way to the end zone.

Ben Straub, senior, LJ Minner, sophomore, and Josh Baker, freshman, celebrate a touchdown against Lutheran South.

Lane Davis, senior and Ben Broadhurst, sophomore, start the game with a prayer and the national anthem.



Ben Chereji, senior, gives a thumbs-up during a home game. "We were winning, so I was happy. But also, the boys were real close this year," said Chereji.

Josh Baker, freshman, checks in with the official to make sure he is onside for the play.

Lane Davis, senior, runs out-of-bounds, escaping various defenders.

BAND OF *brothers*

The middle school football team learned how to compete within their organized chaos.

Football is rowdy, chaotic and enthusiastic. The seventh and eighth grade football teams were especially this way. The boys sat in seventh hour, eager to escape the encapsulation of the classroom. Finally the bell rang, and athletes escaped to football practice, eager to learn new plays and win games. The seventh and eighth grade football teams were passionate about football, and clearly expressed how much they enjoyed it on and off the field. The teams provided opportunities for strong friendships to each other, especially the seventh graders since they had just started at a new school.

The teams played flex football, which was also known as flag football for the first part of the season. Later in the season, the seventh grade team converted to full-tackle football. This made the young players ecstatic, because they never understood why they even played flex in the first place. The seventh graders' excitement provided a great display for how much football can be enjoyed. All of the players on both teams loved the sport, and the eighth grade team will miss middle school football going into freshman year.



Matthew Bergman, eighth grade, talks to his buddies at halftime. Whether it was talking to friends, coaches, or just goofing around, Bergman was always in a good mood on and off the field. He expressed his happiness and comedic side to everyone around him.



Kohen Earleywine, eighth grade, throws the ball to his teammates before a huge game in the beginning of October. Earleywine loved playing pass before every game, because it helped him focus. "We get to learn and figure out our ability on the football field," said Earleywine.



(left) Colby Alpert, eighth grade, walks to the bench with confidence after making an incredible play against Afton on October 5th. Alpert was a key part of the team and always encouraged teammates after any play.

(right) Maddox Rosenberg, eighth grade, huddles the team in a game against Afton. In every game Rosenberg yelled "Huddle on me," as he clearly expressed his enthusiasm to his teammates. Rosenberg showed an even balance of goofing off with teammates and focusing on the tasks at hand in practice.



Dawson Malcolm, seventh grade, scopes out his opponents in the game. "I have played this sport since I was little, and I have always loved tackling people. I love my teammates, coaches, and basically the sport of football," said Malcolm.



Parker Schlueter, seventh grade, prepares for the next play in the game on October 5th. Schlueter was a huge asset to the seventh grade team and showed his coach with extreme energy about how much he loved being on the field.

Cody Kilgore, eighth grade, gets ready for the next play during a practice right before a game. Kilgore always loved to be put on the field and made great blocks on the field to lead his team to victory.



WILDCATS ON *three*



Shepard Nye, eighth grade, takes the field at practice. The middle school team started and ended all of their games and some practices with a loud cheer. "We always screamed really loud to celebrate wins, and good practices. we even had a designated cheerleader for the team this year," said Nye.

Sean Jones, seventh grade, awaits the next play in practice. Jones gave all his effort in practices and used every ounce of energy in him to work to the best of his ability.



I LOVE THE *team*
 I LOVE THE *coaches*
 I LOVE THE *sport*
 -A.J. Powers
 eighth grade

Senior parents come together and hold up their 'We Love Our Seniors' sign. The parents brought this sign to lots of sports games and everyone always loved it.



Junior girls huddle up with Coach Briden mid-game to decide which play to use. After much trial and error, eventually one of their plays won them their first and only touchdown.



Daphne Washington, Tori Jessie, and Bricyn Johnson, seniors, show their excitement after their 22-6 win against the juniors once again.

Grace Clement, junior, runs after gaining possession of the ball. Clement was a key player on the junior team and was known for her speed and agility. These characteristics came into play when she had the ball.



Reese Earleywine and Grace Dempsey, seniors, laugh and pose after the game with their face paint still on. All of the seniors sported this face paint for the game.



FAMILY ON *three*

On the morning of Saturday, November 3rd, the annual Powderpuff game was played. Along with the team of junior girls, the juniors brought along a massive fan section. Making up almost an entire section of the bleachers, the junior boys brought not only a huge speaker, but a trumpet. Ben Van Zee, junior, brought his trumpet and played lots of songs that pumped up the boys to cheer.

After the game, all of the juniors huddled up in the middle of the field and jumped and danced together to the music played by Van Zee. The boys all wore pink to support their team and had a lot of fun with the game. During this huddle, the junior coaches gave their speeches and then they had their closing chant, "Family on three," said Jackson Selk, junior. He was known to carry around a clip board with the team's plays as he played football every season except this past one. Feeling excited and pumped up, the coaches, players, and fans all yelled in unison, "Family!"





Grace Clement, junior, reaches to pull the flag off of Sophie Sacco, senior. Both girls were key players for their teams throughout the Powderpuff game.



Elsie Payne and Libby Kimberling, juniors, hug each other after Payne's touchdown that earned points for the juniors.



Avery Burkemper and Luci Hilboldt, seniors, smile as they walk out of the locker room before the big game.



MJ Akins, junior, messes around on the sideline while waiting to go back onto the field during the game.



Anna Minichiello, junior, poses during warm-ups. "Coach Selk definitely thought I was the MVP with all my hard work," said Minichiello.

ONE MINUTE *on the clock*

The senior team won their last Powderpuff game over the juniors with a score of 22-6.

Many late night practices and intensity from their coaches still did not prepare the juniors to catch up to the speed of the seniors. On the morning of Saturday, November 3rd, both teams got together in separate locker rooms to hype each other up before the big game. "We have a strong defense, but our problem is that we can't catch the ball so our offense is not as good as he hoped," said Kourtney Moten, junior. Even though their offense was not as strong as they wanted it to be, two varsity soccer players, Grace Clement and Annessa Shively, juniors, put their skills to use in the game. The seniors, on the other hand, knew they had strong, quick, and agile girls on their offensive line up. Players like, Grace Dempsey, Sophie Sacco, and Kyleigh Peer, seniors, showed their speed when running the ball down the field scoring the senior's winning touchdowns.

It was the fourth down with one minute left on the clock, and Elsie Payne, junior, and Clement looked at each other. Payne gave the reassuring nod. The whistle blew and Payne ran into the end zone to wait for the pass from Clement. When Payne caught the ball, she landed the juniors their first and only touchdown of the game. "I ran to Grace and hugged her and before I knew it, all of the girls were huddled around us," said Payne.



Kyleigh Peer, Ashley MacDonald, Sophia Mullen, and Lauren Zone, seniors, are full of joy after their big 22-6 win against the juniors.



Ben Straub, senior, walks out of the locker rooms with his senior team before the game.

FROM FRESHMEN TO *senior year*



As freshmen, Isabella Francois and Ava Hollmann, seniors, joined the cross country team. Both strong runners, the two put in countless hours, blood, sweat, and tears into the team and their dedication paid off.



Allie Lytle, freshman, runs in the pouring rain during time trials. Lytle ran two miles for time to qualify for an upcoming race. Because many of the runners on the team were injured, Lytle remained one of the only runners left.

THE LAST *mile*

The girl's cross country team developed over the years.

For three years in a row, the cross country team managed to make appearances in state with more than half of the team qualifying for different races. The impressive streak lasted through many changes, including new teammates. Both Isabella Francois and Ava Hollmann, seniors, stuck with the team through thick and thin. "With the loss of our seniors last year, it's hard to say if we will be able to keep up our streak of qualifying for the state meet as a team, so we're keeping our heads down and working toward districts, one day at a time," said Hollmann. Both seniors previously led the team to many individual and team victories and had the skill and experience needed to further progress their team in their state streak. "My favorite part of cross country is running for a team, because it brings us all together and makes running about something more than yourself. It's really fun and encouraging to know that your teammates are working hard for you - that encourages me to work hard for them," said Kharis Perona, sophomore. The girls cross country team worked hard in their season; runners like Hollmann placed fourth and fifth in meets. Hollmann finished her high school career strong at state when she placed ninth overall and was awarded as an all state runner. She had ups and downs throughout her four years of running, but finished her Westminster career on top.



Emma Smith, junior, runs her laps around the track during practice. The whole team ran around the track for their warm-up and cool down. Smith had previously been on the team for two years.



Savva Phillips, sophomore, and Ava Hollmann, senior, pose for a picture in-between their races. This year was Phillips' first year on the team, and she bonded with many of the other runners. "The girls were so amazing and encouraging no matter what," said Phillips.



Kharis Perona and Savya Phillips, sophomores, Ava Hollmann and Isabella Francois, seniors, Emma Smith, junior, and Reagan Beachy, freshman pose for a picture before their race.



(left) Reagan Beachy, freshman, runs in a race in Columbia, Missouri.



(right) Emma Smith, junior, stretches with the rest of the team during warm ups before a race.



Emma Smith, junior Kharis Perona, Savya Phillips, sophomores Ava Hollmann, senior and Allie Lytle, freshman run together during their warm ups after school. The girls team practiced from 3:30 to 5:30 and normally run around school and on Clayton Road.

girls that run together
WIN TOGETHER

“Cross Country requires more endurance than any other sport.”

-Kaitlyn Cragg
seventh grade



Emma Ballew and Sabrina Holohan, eighth grade, run laps around the track. The pair stuck together during practices to motivate each other to continue until the finish line.



Ava Gibeaut and Katie Shoemaker, seventh grade, run one lap focusing on increasing their speed. Gibeaut and Shoemaker were successful at many of the meets.

Caleb Moellenhoff, junior, warms up for practice by running around the track. He was one of the fastest runners on the team even after coming back from a recent injury.



JUNIORS TO THE *rescue*

The boys varsity cross country team consisted of eight leading juniors.

Benjamin Atkins, eighth grade, runs laps around the track during practice one day before the team's first meet.



Kyle Hunt, seventh grade, runs laps as he prepares for an upcoming meet. "Our coaches always motivate us during practice to run well so we can improve for our meets," said Hunt.



Varsity boys cross country experienced something they had never before. In past seasons, the team was overpowered by seniors, but this season the group consisted of eight juniors, making up half the team. The juniors took charge and helped their fellow teammates. They had huge success very early on in their season. "I think the number of juniors on the team now will help the program's future success since next year as seniors we will continue being the leaders," said Colin Ring, junior. Due to their experience this season, the juniors already have a leg up in leading next year. Ring and the rest of his fellow juniors continued to influence their younger teammates such as Luke Beachy, sophomore. "Having the juniors as the biggest part of the team pushed the rest of the team into wanting to continue to get better and train harder throughout the season," said Beachy.

Another runner, Hayden Turley, junior, also played one of the biggest roles on the team and encouraged his fellow teammates by a high standard of work ethic. "The day of a meet we try to get the whole team to dress nice at school by wearing a tuxedo or even a polo shirt. Doing this reminds us all throughout the day how important that day is because we need to bring our best effort for the team," said Turley. The boys cross country team used their sophisticated dress to hype up their races. They worked and trained very hard to achieve second in one of their biggest meets of the season.

A SPRINT TO THE *finish*



Luke Beachy, sophomore finishes his first meet of the season. Beachy helped the team take second place in one of their biggest meets of the season, the Gans Creek Classic Varsity Blue Division meet.



Thomas Gorline, junior, Luke Beachy, sophomore, Collin Ring, Hunter Friener, and Hayden Turley, juniors, receive medals after beating out John Burroughs and MICDS at the Metro League Championships. Everyone in the group placed in the top twelve category.



Collin Ring, junior, is on the way to the finish line at the Gans Creek Classic Varsity Blue Division meet. He carried the team with the help of his fellow juniors throughout the meet.



108 TEAMS COMPETING

101 VICTORIES

9 DEFEATS

“ I joined cross country to build endurance and strength, but the team has given me far more. ”

-Luke Beachy
sophomore

Thomas Gorline and Hayden Turley, juniors, finish their first meet of the season. The team received second place out of thirty-three teams in the meet.





Ashley Gordon, sophomore, and Elsie Payne, junior, cheer on the football team. The team played Ladue on a Friday night with the blue crew theme being 'snow day.'



Tyler Smith, freshman, gets on his friend's shoulders while cheering on the basketball team.

Eli Diedrich, senior, shouts and cheers for the boys basketball team at an away game against MICDS. The Blue Crew made sure they came to home and away games.



BIG HEAD takeover

The previous senior class started a tradition of printing out 'Big Heads' of all of the senior football players, and the tradition continued with the senior class of 2020. Big Heads were a fun way of cheering for a specific person on the team and always got a good laugh on the sidelines. "It's funny seeing my face printed out so big in Blue Crew. Whenever I'm on the sidelines and I look over at the Blue Crew, it always makes me laugh" said Tommy Briner, senior. Big Heads are a fun way to bring even more school spirit to the Blue Crew in a comical and unique way.



Lea Despotis, senior



Brennan Orf, senior



Henry Hartshorn and Ben Straub, seniors, react to the boys basketball game. Hartshorn was the leader of the Blue Crew and worked hard to bring the student body out for the games.

IT'S GAME DAY *baby*

Social media increased the size of the Blue Crew at many activities.

With extremely visually appealing graphics advertising Westminster's events on social media and on posters around the building, the Blue Crew seemed to have more and more people turn out for games to stand in the student section, and as a result, there was a widened influence of fans to other sports instead of just to football and basketball. Henry Hartshorn, senior, took the reins of the group. The new leader came in with big expectations for the group in size and influence. With new rules restricting some of the cheering abilities, Hartshorn had to find new ways to appeal students to attend the games.

One of the main ways Hartshorn and other senior leaders were able to bring students out to the games was through social media. This was not the first year the Blue Crew had a dedicated Instagram, but the account proved extremely useful since students at 800 Sporting were designing graphics of the players that could be put on the account. Hartshorn would put an announcement on the account's Instagram Story for a game's theme, and other seniors would repost it on their own story to spread the word to even more people. "The hardest part about getting people to come to games was escaping the idea that people had of Blue Crew based on past years. We wanted to revamp it. I worked with a few other people on boosting social media, creating connections with lower-classmen, and creating a welcoming environment within the student section," said Hartshorn.

On several occasions, the school provided treats and surprises for the first people to be at the games. At the December 13th game, Imo's Pizza was provided for the first fifty people to come to that game. This gave students an initiative to not only come to the game, but also get there early.

The goal every year of the Blue Crew leaders was to bring as many people out for the games as possible. The question was always how to convince high school students to give up their Friday night or Saturday to come support their school.



Henry Hartshorn, senior, dresses up as Santa Claus during the Christmas themed basketball game. Hartshorn always went all out with the themes of the games.

Mike Lemp, senior, cheers on the football team at a Friday night game against Ladue.



Daniel Shultz, sophomore



Josh Broyles, senior



Luke Laughlin, junior

SCREAM AND *shout!*

The Blue Crew was always coming up with new and interesting cheers for the basketball and football games. With the new rules given by the school to not cheer against the other teams, the Blue Crew had to come up with fun ways to entertain the crowd and at the same time be respectful to the other team. Many cheers made games engaging.



Jack Powers, junior



Pearson Georges, senior



Kaitlyn Mann, freshman

pick your own EDGE

When Ellie Johnson, junior, had a shot in the sand trap she chose to use her sand wedge. Johnson went to state and scored an 85 on the first day and an 82 second day. She finished in 20th place in the state.



When Morgan McKee, junior, had a short shot just feet from the green, she chose to use her pitching wedge. This was a common choice for golfers because of the length of the club.



Morgan McKee, junior, Kyleigh Peer and Sophia Mullen, seniors, pose with Coach Mr. Janssen and Coach Mr. Bradley at the districts tournament. McKee shot a 90, Peer shot a 93, and Mullen shot a 102 during the match.

Dayton Hayes, freshman, chips her ball out of the sand trap onto the green. Hayes played varsity most of the season and really enjoyed it. She concentrated and took her time at practice which paid off at her matches.



LIGHTNING *up the course*

During the first JV golf match, tornado sirens went off.

With a bad forecast all week and storms projected during the first golf match, coaches were skeptical if they would even get to play. Even with the bad forecast, the girls JV golf team headed south to Arnold, Missouri, to play against Lutheran South, MICDS, and John Burroughs. When the girls first got to Quail Creek golf course, they could tell it was going to storm, "I wasn't worried about the storm, I just wanted to play as long as we could, but as soon as we started playing it started to rain, thunder, and lightning," said Annika Pollack, freshman.

The girls started their 9 hole scramble just as it was starting to sprinkle outside, they knew this wasn't a good sign. The coaches decided to do a shotgun start, where everyone started on a different hole in order to begin playing as quickly as possible. Even with the speedy start, they only made it to their second hole. "We were teeing off on our second hole and the tornado sirens went off. I thought it was just the golf course sirens, but really it was the tornado sirens," said Lauren Sowers, freshman. "I heard the sirens and all I could think was 'Oh shoot!' and I didn't know what to do," said Hannah Carter, senior. The girls quickly ran to the clubhouse with their heavy golf clubs on their backs. Soon after they made it to the clubhouse, the match was canceled. The first match was eventful for the varsity girls golf team.



Kate Nall, freshman, uses an iron to chip the ball to the green. Nall played varsity and JV after playing golf in middle school for Westminster, even though she didn't attend Westminster in middle school.



Becca Berkmeier, freshman, takes her time to putt the ball into the hole. Berkmeier played golf in middle school so she could practice her skills for high school. She played both JV and varsity and was a great addition to the team.



Lauren Sowers, freshman, drives the ball straight down the fairway on her first shot. Sowers was a joy to have on the golf team as she was very encouraging to everyone around her.

PLAYING THE *short game*



Kate Nall, freshman, finishes up the hole with putting. "I make an invisible line in my head from the ball to the hole," said Nall when asked what her putting tactics were. Nall finished a hole this season with just one putt.



Dayton Hayes, freshman, puts the ball into the hole. "I concentrate on the ball and forget everything else around me and take my time," said Hayes.

JUST A LITTLE *starstuff*

Though *Peter and the Starcatcher* was an unusual production, the actors left a strong legacy with their ability to bring the strange show to life.

Sounds of tribal chanting filled the isles. Swarms of humans dressed in burlap skirts and shirts stormed the stage surrounding the young boys already on stage. Many audience members felt entranced by the surrounding actions of the theatrical production of 'Peter and the Starcatcher.' The director of the play, Mr. Butz, believed that this specific production would be performed in the Black Box, a smaller theatre at Westminster, usually used for middle school productions and improv shows.

With the ability to have a lower stage and smaller audience, not only did it help make the show seem more intimate but also allowed the actors interact with the crowd more freely. "My character was supposed to be super creepy and invasive, so I would periodically sit in audience members' laps just to freak them out. It was really funny to see everyone's reactions," said Matthew Culligan, senior, who played Blackstache in the production.

With the stage being in one corner of the room, there were many aisles left to be used as part of the stage. "Ian McKie and I had to act as if we were on a piece of wreckage from a ship at one point. It took forever to figure out how to get from one side of the room to the other without running into the stage and staying in character," said Hannah Stevenson, senior, who played Betty Bumbroke, Molly Aster's nanny. Although difficult to maneuver, the aisles proved to add to the story line. Some characters acted as an echo of Peter's voice and stood in the aisles, gradually making their voices decrease to a whisper. Many other effects like these could not have been possible without the unusual formation of the set.

Another interesting trait of the show was the fact that the stage was separated by levels. A small center platform rose up about seven feet tall in the back with two lower platforms to the left and right. A middle platform was all decked out as well as if it were a ship. Underneath the top platform were all twenty cast members staying 'back-stage.' "It was really hard, at first, trying to sit still all of the time and stay focused, but we did a good job at paying attention because we knew the whole audience could see us," said Josh Broyles, senior. Although an unusual set and show, the actors were able to use the unfamiliarity to go over and above with the production.

BEHIND THE *magic*



Ella Polski, senior, levitates on a plank of wood as she displays the way starstuff works. Many different "magic tricks" occurred throughout the show including the lights seen behind Polski, symbolizing the stars that shown in the sky. These tricks pulled the show together creating the magic it revolved around. The director, Mr. Butz, thought this would truly bring the creative childhood mannerisms into each of the actors.



Michael Lee, and Max Nelson, seniors, stand perplexed by the tribal people around them. During this scene, the tribal characters from the island of Neverland were brandishing their shades of green umbrellas as weapons at the lost boys. Lee, in particular, was praised for the intense facial expressions he made throughout the production.



(left) Alyssa Pritchett, senior, stares adoringly at Matthew Culligan, senior. Culligan and Pritchett were the infamous duo that played Blackstache and Smee. Culligan worked on the flamboyant behavior of Blackstache during rehearsals and became a leader in the cast with the confidence in his role.

(right) Ian McKie, junior, catches Hannah Stevenson, senior, in his arms as a romantic gesture when they are sitting in the bottom of the boat. As the play progressed, McKie and Stevenson had an acting romantic relationship grow. This resulted in cheesy lines that made the play even funnier.



(left) Alyssa Pritchett, senior, strums her ukulele hoping to lure the lost boys onto the beach. Pritchett grew in her skills as the rehearsals progressed, with glowing reviews from the crowd after each show.

(middle) Matteo Zavaglia, junior, declares his name to the island, soaking in the adoration from the other tribal people. Zavaglia played the role of Fighting Prawn, an eccentric, crazy tribal leader. Many words in his 'native' language were Italian foods. Many of Fighting Prawn's mannerisms were similar to Zavaglia's making them an entertaining part of the show.

(right) Mermaids pose at the end of their dance number during the beginning of the second act. The mermaids were originally fish, but they turned into mermaids by the starstuff. Their dance number explained how they turned into mermaids and was meant to be a goofy beginning of the second act.



Patrick Park, junior, Max Nelson, Ella Polski, and Michael Lee, seniors, peer off into the distance, trying to read Aster's message in Norse code. Norse code was similar to Morse code and was a symbol of dots and dashes. Polski amazed the crowds by memorizing the whole monologue in Norwegian and as she translated her father's message.

FROM GINGER to black



Matthew Culligan, senior, showed his dedication to the production by dying his hair black for the character of Blackstache. He continued to keep his hair black during show week by adding black spray on top of his semi-permanent dying. His leadership as a senior through the dying of his hair was well revered by the other cast members.



WE ARE *one*

The word "unity", which meant being joined together or as a whole, described the goal of Westminster's community.

Arthur Jordan, senior, plays the piano at the We Are One event in the theatre. Jordan was also on the football team.



(right) Amber Allen, sophomore, gives a brief introduction of the keynote speaker for the night's event.



(left) Aje Jones, junior sings "Like Oil," a South African praise song, at the beginning of the We Are One program.



The We Are One event emphasized the importance of unity amidst diversity. The word "unity," which means being joined together or as a whole, describes the goal of Westminster's community. Mr. Layton, teacher, and coordinator for minority community development and inclusion planned this event and encouraged many students not only to attend but also to be a part of the important evening. Aje Jones, junior, opened by beautifully singing, "Like Oil." "I'm so glad I was able to sing a song that had been on my heart," said Jones. "I felt extremely honored to be a part of the event because it was something that brought everyone closer together," said Amber Allen, sophomore, who was asked to introduce the keynote speaker. Another student that attended the event, was Grace Yost, junior. "I loved this event because it was so empowering and really informative," said Yost. Many other students throughout the student body attended the event. . Another aspect from the night was a performance by West Side Missionary Baptist Church Gospel Choir. Dr. Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, the keynote speaker, spoke about unity and how to live a life in a community with each other. She also elaborated on the history of African American educators and how they impacted the St. Louis area. The presentation was well-received. "My favorite part of the program was listening to Dr. Hardin-Bartley give her testimony about overcoming adversity and standing up for what is right," said Allen. This event captured the importance of living in unity through diversity as a school.

“Live a life of community with each other.” -Dr. Hardin-Bartley
keynote speaker



Dr. Gargrave leads a group of a band students in a few song selections before the program. The students provided a bit of entertainment for the event's attendees as they congregated in the Grand Entry.

TOGETHER IS THE PLACE
WHERE WE *learn*
HOW TO BE
ourselves.





Eleanor Disper, freshman, gets ready for her backstroke race in a meet against MICDS. Disper swam many different strokes throughout the season.

FAMILY *business*

The varsity girls swim team almost had a perfect season.

Caylin Doehring, Grace Andrews, and Ashley Lytle, juniors, and Caroline Kopsky, senior, smile on the deck before their race. The girls loved the friendships they had built while swimming in lane seven.



With only one loss underneath their belt, the girls varsity swim team remained on top, continuing their legacy of being conference champions and having state qualifying relay times. The relay consisted of three seniors and one freshman: Grace Skiljan, Camryn McMurry, Lauren Zone, seniors and Samantha Lee, freshman. Every year, the team remained strong due to the teamwork between incoming new swimmers and veteran swimmers gave the team numbers and strength. "This year on the team has been one of my favorite swim seasons and I've made so many new friends with both freshmen and seniors," said Lee. The chemistry each year caused the sparking of new ideas to create relationships among teammates, including a revived version of 'Swim Families.' "Every week we get together and just sit and talk with our families before practice. It's a way to get to know each other and waste time before practice," said Annie Wood, freshman. The season came to a close with a record of 12-1. "It's sad to think this is my last year on the team after doing it in both middle school and high school. This season has been one of our best seasons," said McMurry.



(top left) Maggie Lindstrom, sophomore, takes a quick break during her freestyle event. Lindstrom swam for her second year because of the strong camaraderie.



(top right) Camryn McMurry, senior, high fives her teammates during the senior night celebration.



Bria Benes and Becca Berkmeier, freshmen, sit together during a home meet. Both freshmen counted laps for their friends during the meet.

Isabella Francois, senior, gets ready to dive off the blocks. Francois competed in a 200 freestyle in a meet against Villa.





(left) Lauren Zone, senior, one of the captains of the swim team, prepares to
(right) Becca Berkmeier, freshman, comes up for a breath of air. Berkmeier swam 100 breaststroke.



Lucy Christian, freshman, dives off the block in her 400 freestyle relay.



Kate Wessels, freshman, swims 100 butterfly in a home meet at Westminster. Wessels became a key butterfly swimmer halfway through the season.



(left) Grace Skiljan, senior, checks her time after swimming. Skiljan swam 100 back against MICDS.

(right) Camryn McMurry, Isabella Francois, seniors, Lucy Christian and Annie Wood, freshman, cheer on their teammates. The Wildcats managed to win the meet against MICDS.



Grace Skiljan, Lily Duda, seniors, and Margo O'Meara, junior, smile behind the blocks before their race. The group of swimmers swam in the 400 freestyle relay.



SWIMMER OF THE *meet*

Samantha Lee, freshman, joined the team after seven years as a club swimmer for Parkway. Thanks to her skill in the 500, 200 IM, and medley and freestyle relays, she helped the Wildcats win many meets. Among the many new freshmen that joined the swim team, Lee stood out as a key swimmer of the meet, a tradition where swimmers were honored at the end of meets. Lee was the only freshman on the team that qualified for state.



MARGO O'MEARA
JUNIOR

KYLEIGH PEER
SENIOR

SARA SCHLOSS
FRESHMAN

NEW YEAR, *new records*



Margo O'Meara, junior, ends her season with many new accomplishments, such as, breaking school records, winning conference, and ranking in the top four divers in the country. O'Meara committed to Duke University for diving as a junior.

BLOWING IT OUT *of the water*

Middle school girls found a new way to practice.

of the water

Mia Hayden, seventh grade, surfs on top of the mattress during the relay. "It's not a lot of work because the people swimming do the hard part," said Hayden. Hayden thought it was something really fun to do during swim practice.



new coach



The middle school girls swim team uses the pool materials in their team photo. This creativity made the team photo more unique than it typically was.

Mr. McGowan was the new coach of the middle school swim team. There had been many changes of the team. The girls had really enjoyed the team because he was a goofy coach who liked to have fun. The girls also said that they practiced more specific skills such as starts and finishes rather than just swimming laps. Mr. McGowan was a great addition to the team for more enjoyment and encouragement.



Angela Lee, eighth grade

new team?



Caroline Engel, 7th grade



One thing not often seen at the swimming pool was inflatable mattresses. The middle school coach, Mr. McGowan, started the new tradition of mattress surfing relays during practice and at meets. When it was time to take a break from swimming, (coach's last name) blew up inflatable mattresses, threw one in each lane for the girls to jump on, and watched as they raced to the other side of the pool. . Because of the size of the mattresses, the girls used only their arms to pull themselves all the way across the pool while a teammate held onto the back of the mattress and kicked to get to the end of the pool. The third swimmer held onto the front of the mattress and pulled the "surfer" across.

McKenna Wittenauer, and Lochlan McGowan, seventh grade, play around during warm ups. McGowan enjoyed her dad being coach but at the same time "he's weird and crazy," said McGowan.

Macie DiGuiseppe, eighth grade, prepares to dive. DiGuiseppe had been swimming for seven years prior and spent some time swimming for a swim club called CSP.

Although mattress surfing seemed like all fun and games, it actually took a lot of strength to make it to the end of the race. "I ride on top and by the end of the lap my arms hurt so bad from paddling because it's so much work," said Sabrina Holohan, eighth grade. Their new coach came up with many creative ways to make exercise fun for the swimmers. "Mattress surfing is really fun because we switch teams and cheer on each other and it adds different things to practice," said Macie GiGuiseppe, seventh grade.



Sabrina Holohan, eighth grade, swims breaststroke during practice. Holohan was on top of the mattress surfing which is "very tiring" she said.



Amila Pieris, eighth grade, dives off the block. She has swam both middle school years and improved dramatically. "Mattress surfing makes practice more enjoyable," said Pieris.

These inflatable mattresses helped the team to get stronger as swimmers and also brought them closer together as teammates. Mattress surfing was a great addition to middle school swimming because it brought even more fun to practice and it even carried into meets. "I now look forward to practice and meets because we do something especially fun," said Hailey Anderson, eighth grade. Mattress surfing became a staple of the team and swimmers hoped it would become a tradition.



Rebecca Heinickle, eighth grade swims backstroke during the meet. "Backstroke is my favorite stroke to swim during the meets and at practice," said Heinickle.



Kaitlyn Cragg, eighth grade, prepares to swim backstroke. "I love the team and look forward to practice because we mattress surf," said Cragg.

SISTERS rule

The McGowan twins, Hennessy McGowan and Kennedy McGowan, eighth grade, and their little sister, Lochlan McGowan, seventh grade, were all on the middle school swim team. They also played tennis together. All three of these girls were talented swimmers.



Lucy Knerr, eighth grade, comes up for air. "I am planning on swimming in high school next year," said Knerr. Knerr swam in middle school both years.



Millie Farris, eighth grade, swims breaststroke which she said is her favorite stroke. Farris also decided to swim again in eighth grade.



Mark Stump, junior, battles St. Charles to get back on top and pin his opponent. Stump battled to a neutral position and won the match by using the pinning technique.



Roman Ryker, seventh grade, locks his opponent in the second period of his match. Ryker enjoyed wrestling because of the physical strength required.



Joey Schloss, seventh grade, listens to the referee as he explains the penalty. Penalties were sometimes called throughout the wrestling matches.



Luke Hornburg, seventh grade, prepares for the next part of his match after a penalty is called.



Zach Laughlin, seventh grade, stands in victory as he catches his breath after a long three period match. Laughlin wrestled as a new activity for himself.

BEGINNING OF A *good time*

Things did not always go as planned. In this case, many middle schoolers who wrestled did not know they were wrestling till the season came around. This sport came easier to some than others, but everyone enjoyed it. Zach Laughlin, seventh grade, had a successful season with a record of 18 and 4. Other wrestlers had different experiences with the season. "The beginning of the season was really rough, but towards the end I kinda got the hang of it," said Joey Fentress, seventh grade.

“It was very difficult at first, but it got much easier as the season came to a close.”

- Joey Fentress
seventh grade

SIDELINES TO *state*

Many wrestlers battled challenges on the road to state.

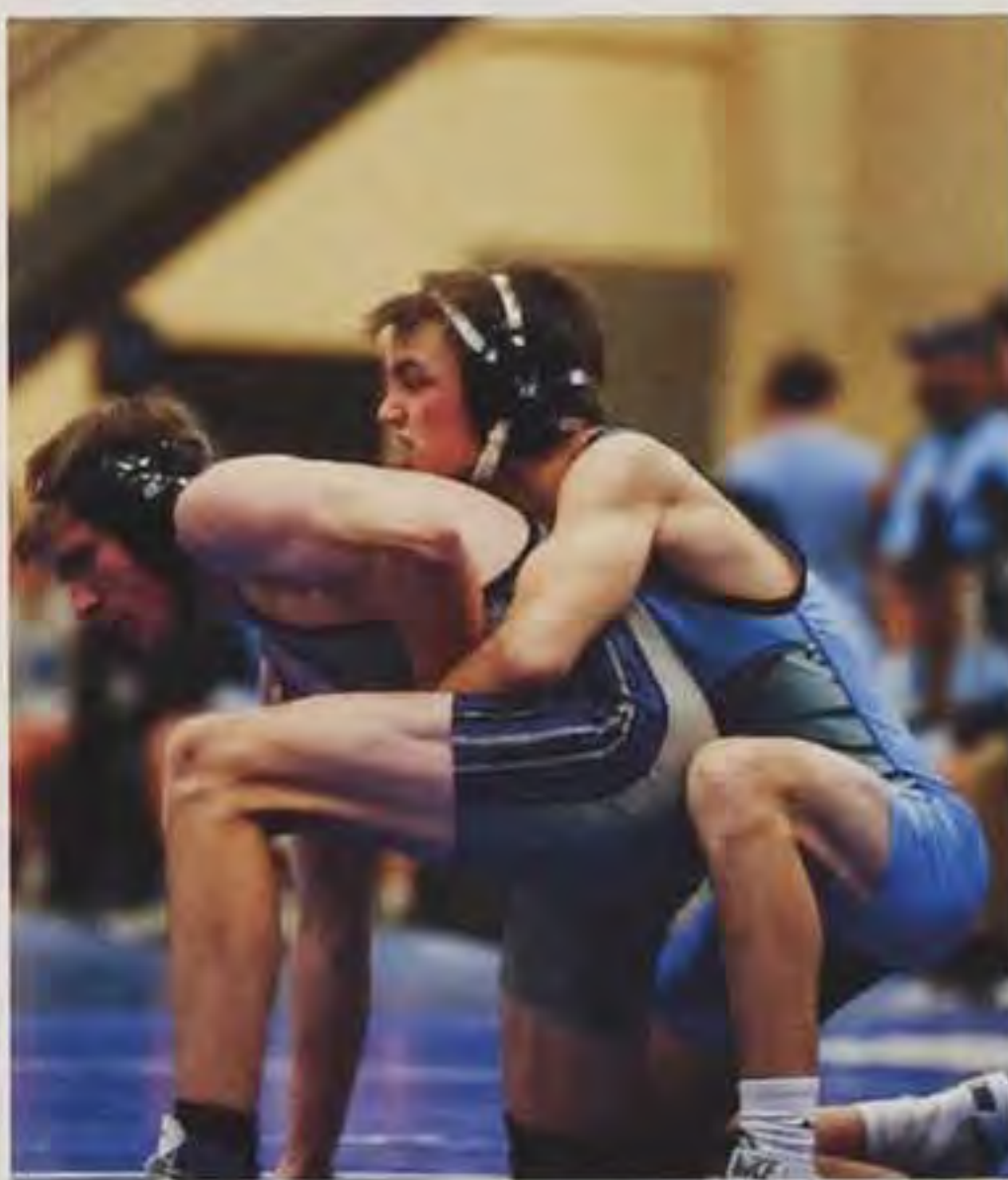
Brett St. John, junior, spent most of the season out with an injury, but came back fighting. He battled with this injury over the course of their season and was back and healthy and ready for state. St. John qualified for state and placed second in the district, but did not place in state. He was the only qualifier for state on the varsity boys wrestling team. Nolan Jones, sophomore, and Kirk Briden, junior, both lost in the bubble match, the match that if won, the player qualifies for state. "One thing we liked to do as a team after tournaments was go out to eat and stuff ourselves," said Nolan Jones, sophomore. During the wrestling season every wrestler was put in a class based on how much they weighed, and most of the players on the team were cutting weight. The players wrestled boys and girls in that weight class, and before every tournament or match, the individual players weighed in and needed to be within two pounds of their weight class in order to compete. This process went on for the entire duration of the season at each meet, so after a tournament was a good time when they could eat anything and still have time to cut back down and make weight for the next match.

Mark Stump, junior, favored the head and arm move and every boy on the team knew it. The most predictable thing during this wrestling season was that no matter what, at some point in Stump's match he was going to try and hit this move. The coach Wadley even chimed in "You got Stumped!" said Coach Wadley, when Stump would use a head and arm on someone.

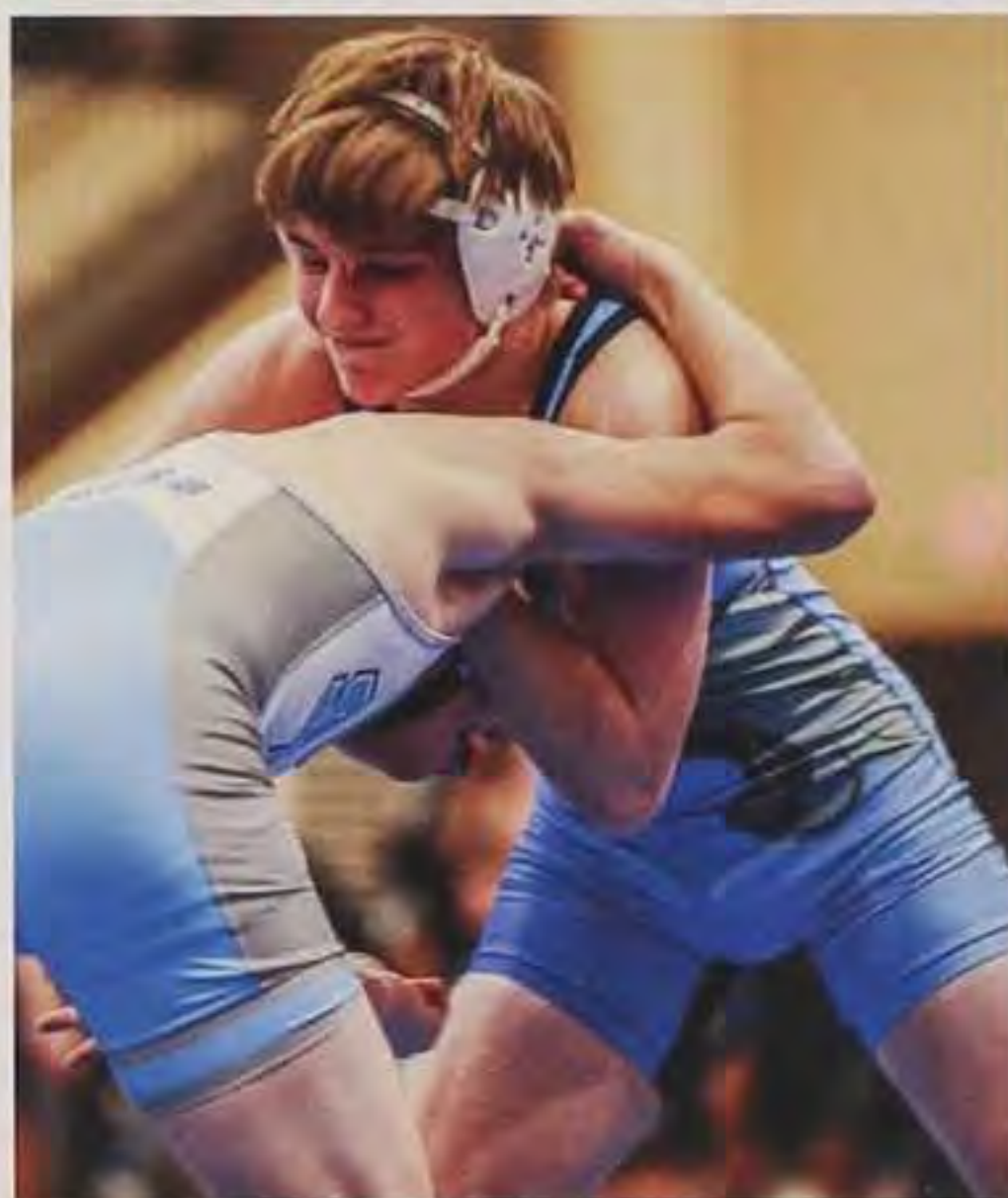


FAMILY *first*

Clayton Perona senior, wrestled all four years of his high school career. Perona did not qualify for state, but was a significant senior leader for the team.



(left) Nolan Jones, sophomore, gets behind his opponent to flip him to the ground. Jones fell just short of a state qualification after placing fifth in districts.



(below) Caelleb Crutcher, senior, lifts his arm in victory after a grueling match. Crutcher was a senior leader and encouraged the team during practices and at meets.



(left) Kirk Briden, junior, battles a neutral position in a difficult match against St. Charles. Briden ultimately won the match with a pin.

COMEBACK *season*

The Westminster varsity dance team came back strongly and with new energy.



Daphne Washington, senior brings her own sass and personality to their hip hop routine.

Luci Hilboldt, senior, showcases her training and flexibility while executing a high kick during the pom routine.

Abby Moeller, junior, holds a strong pose in the teams 'Around the World' themed hip hop routine.

Kate Bohlmann, freshman, smiles big during a performance of the team's pom routine. Following in her sisters' footsteps, Bohlmann is the third and final Bohlmann girl to participate on the dance team.

“Even though this was my first year on VDT, the girls made it feel like I had been there for all four years. It was nothing but love and fun, and I will definitely miss it.”

-Luci Hilboldt
senior

At one of the first home basketball games of the season, VDT showcases their fast-paced and high energy pom routine, that they also used to compete at competitions.



“I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls to learn, dance, laugh and grow with me these past four years. My life wouldn't be the same without them.”

-Lauren Bohlmann

senior

Every season posed new challenges and brought unique dynamics to each team. Once again, Westminster's varsity dance team (VDT) displayed just how powerful and mighty they could be. Working hard all the way from mid-summer boot camp, all the way through the end of February, the team pushed themselves hard but made sure to have fun while doing so. “Every season is always unique, and this year especially I've noticed how hard-working, yet fun and crazy this team is,” said Olivia Bauer, junior, who served as a captain. Many of the girls, especially the returners, agreed this was a “comeback season” for the team. The amount of girls on the team this year can vouch for that. Growing from six to ten members was an exciting result to see after tryouts in the spring. “It's exciting that the team has grown both skill-wise and in numbers. The difference in six to ten members shows and you're able to do a lot more with it,” said Lauren Bohlmann, senior, and head captain. VDT wowed onlooking audiences during both competitions and their halftime performances at football and basketball games. Their high energy routines worked to energize the crowd during games throughout the season, especially their routine for the Big Night during Spirit Week. The dance team fulfilled their duty of entertaining crowds as they continued to present show-stopping routines all season long. Every girl worked hard both individually and for the whole team, and it definitely showed as they placed third in their two poms routines at the Lindbergh dance competition. The dance team at Westminster was well loved and there was no doubt that they would continue to captivate crowds in seasons to come.



VDT takes the field during half-time of the Homecoming game, ready to dominate and wow onlookers with a sassy hip hop routine they call 'J-LO'. This was one of the teams favorite routines.



Amber Allen, sophomore, and Sarah Sadtler, freshman, hit the first move of the teams Homecoming routine with a ferocity that could be felt high in the stands.

Lauren Bohlmann, senior and Olivia Bauer, junior, yell a vocal while performing their pom routine. Vocals were a fun way to add dynamic to dance routines that helped keep crowds entertained and the dancers energized.



(left) Sarah Sadtler, freshman and Luci Hilboldt, senior, are the center of attention as they jump into the air and execute a toe touch. (right) An intriguing visual dynamic is created during the beginning of VDT's 'Around The World' hip hop routine.

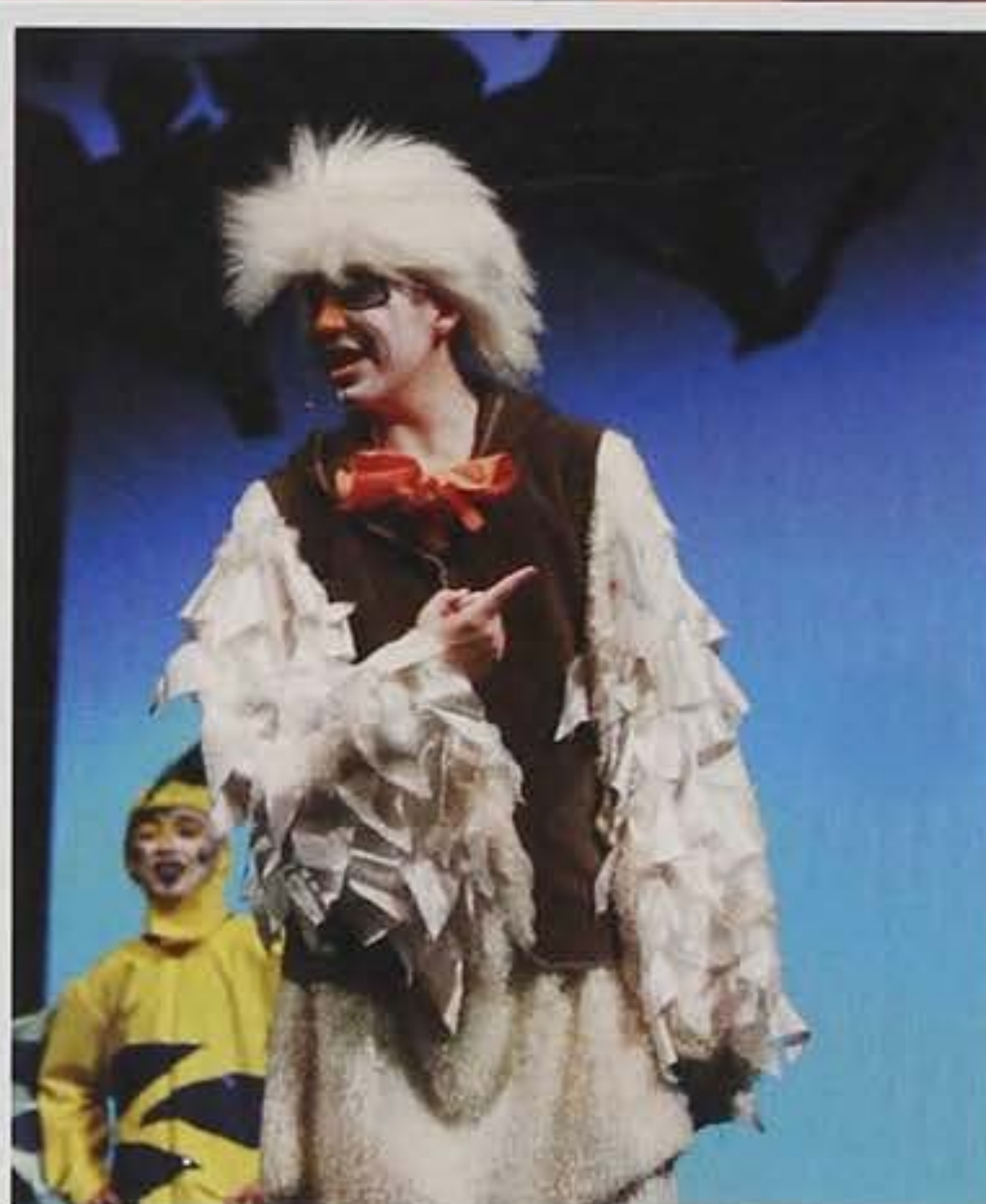


Libby [Name], freshman, Amber Allen, sophomore, Lauren Bohlmann, Luci Hilboldt, and Daphne Washington, seniors, strut down the court during their Valentine's Day routine.

Patrick Howard, freshman, opens up to the audience as he sings his solo. This was Howard's first year at the Academy, and his fun personality and charming smile stole the show during the fall musical.



Roman Ryker, seventh grade, strides across the stage as he sings "She's in Love" with the Merisisters. Ryker played Flounder and was excited to have such a large role in his first musical at Westminster.



Jonah Zell, freshman, reveals himself to the audience with the song 'Human Stuff'. He led all of the seagulls through each scene, and was able to leave a memorable impression on the audience with his total commitment to his character.



Leah Berutti, freshman, sings back-up with Flounder and the other Merisisters for the song 'She's in Love.' Berutti was apart of the arts in all of her previous years at Westminster in both her participation in theatre and choir.



(left) Joey Schloss, seventh grade, acts as a chef during one of the main scenes of the show. Schloss was a crowd favorite in his role as Pilot.

(right) Nehemiah Oginni, eighth grade, gives a monologue to encourage Ariel and Sebastian to come together and believe in themselves. Although he had a cold the week of the show, he pushed through and served his role.



Brake Wilkerson, eighth grade, addresses the crowd as he delivers his lines beside the King's court. This was Wilkerson's first theatre role as a middle schooler.

Poppy McCauley, eighth grade, passionately expresses her lines to the crowd as Ursula. McCauley enjoyed her first part in a Westminster production, and hoped to be in many more in the future.

UNDER *the sea*

Actors came together as a community to create a successful production.

With the help of various staff members, parent volunteers, siblings of current Westminster students, the AV team, and a combination of middle and upper school students, the production team was able to successfully put on Disney's Little Mermaid Jr. Even though the goal of plays and musicals was having a seamless show in the end, what happens behind the scenes was often what means the most to everyone involved. Since many of the students involved in this production were middle schoolers, being in this musical helped them build relationships and transition more smoothly into being a student at Westminster. "I really enjoyed being a part of something so big. The theatre community is like one big family. Everyone is so welcoming! Once you're in a Westminster show you can't go back. There are so many peers who love you like family," said Poppy McCauley, eighth grade, in her reflection on her experience being part of the cast. Since many students come to Westminster already knowing each other, it was often difficult for new students to find a friend group. Theatre gives everyone an opportunity to build relationships with different people.

The Little Mermaid was easily a Disney favorite for many specifically speaking, the characters are often the most memorable part. Similarly, the cast who played the characters in the show did an excellent job making sure their portrayal of the assigned role was accurate. "The most challenging part for me was learning my approach to playing Sebastian," said Patrick Howard, freshman. "Finding the perfect interpretation of Ursula was the challenge for me. I did so much research, and none of the previous actresses fit what I believed to be her. Ursula is such a complex and famous character, so I had to make sure I did her justice," said McCauley. When taking on such a famous Disney production, paying close attention to detail was crucial to the success of the show. There were so many pieces that went into the show to make it a success, and in the end, the musical was a memorable event that brought students closer together and exposed many to a large theatrical stage.

ARIEL THROUGH *the scenes*



McKenna Milberg, sophomore helps her buddy during a bean bag tossing game. "I didn't expect my buddy to be so reserved and shy, but we had a close bond by the end of the day," said Milberg.

Abby Johler, sophomore, shows one of the athletes her camera. Even though Johler could not have a buddy herself because she filmed for AV, she was glad to have the opportunity to interact with the kids and meet some of the athletes.



EXCEEDING *expectations*

"I was expecting my buddy to be younger, but I had the privilege of my buddy being someone my age and I was able to better connect with them,"

-Oreofe Oginni,
sophomore

THE INSIDE *view*

What Special Olympics was actually like for the athlete participating.

Jeremy Sheffield, sophomore, poses with his buddy and his buddy's classmate. Immediately after arriving at Westminster, the athletes gravitated towards Sheffield and wanted to show their basketball skills during the game and drills.



Belle St. John, sophomore, and Chloe Burnham, senior, hold signs made for their buddies' schools while leading the procession into the Arena for the opening ceremony. "I'm experienced in connecting with kids with special needs, so I was excited to be a buddy leader and help all of the kids in my group throughout the day," said St. John.



Westminster held Special Olympics, a day long, basketball-centered event for students with special needs and developmental disabilities from schools across the St. Louis County. While most Westminster students spent the day with special needs kids as buddies, some spent every day with them as siblings. Ava Elias, sophomore, is an older sister to her brother Jackson, who was invited to Special Olympics. For Elias and her family, interacting with special needs kids was a part of their daily routine and saw first hand what events like Special Olympics really mean to Jackson and his classmates. "After attending Special Olympics, he feels appreciated and loved. He and his classmates love having the opportunity to meet new people and become friends," said Elias. Similarly, Katie Huang is an older sister to a brother on the autism spectrum and has experience interacting with his classmates and friends that also have special needs. "Some disabilities are hidden and not physically visible. My brother and his classmates look just like me but struggle doing things on a day-to-day basis that we would expect them to not know that they have special needs," said Huang. Through Special Olympics, sophomores were able to get a glimpse of what it takes to be there for a student with special needs and experience a small piece of what their classmates experience everyday.

Parker Smith, Evan Kohn, Stewart Geisz, Gus Duda, Savvy Duncan, Josh K. Anderson, and Ella Jeong, sophomores hold up their posters made for each special athlete's team. "It was really cool to see how the kids were so excited to be cheered on by everyone when they walked in," said Smith.



Rebecca Do, junior, plays with her buddy at the balloon station at Victory Village. As a junior, Do chose to do Special Olympics for a second year to help the athletes have the best experience possible and encourage them throughout the day.



Miriam Smith, sophomore, talks with her buddy at a coloring table in Victory Village. "I learned to have more empathy and to love everyone who was at Special Olympics - it's amazing what they do despite their hardships," said Smith.



Daniel Shultz, and Jackson Keane, sophomores, watch as their buddies toss bean bags at a game in Victory Village. Athletes waited for their basketball games to start, and had the opportunity to win prizes after their games.



Grace Fentress, sophomore, and her buddy pose for a picture at Victory Village. Fentress' buddy was a huge Michael Jackson fan, so throughout the day Fentress and her buddy could be found having dance parties. Fentress' buddy also got first place in his set of basketball game.



Madison Moeller, sophomore, hangs out with her buddy while waiting for a game to start. "Special Olympics has given me an awesome opportunity to meet athletes that I would've never met before," said Moeller.

IT'S GAME TIME!

Kate Dempsey, sophomore, takes the game face off to share a smile with her opponent before throwing a ball at them.



THE champs



The team made of a mixture of freshmen and sophomores surprised the competition by making it to the championship and beating the only senior team in the competition. They went undefeated throughout the whole tournament and ended up taking home the trophy.



Ryan Benes, sophomore is ready to knock more opponents out. Benes proved to be quite the leader on his all-sophomore team who chose all pink as their team costumes.



Tatum Osmon, sophomore, fires a throw at the other team to try to keep her team alive towards the end of a game. Osmon came straight from lacrosse practice but was too excited to be tired.



Sam Parker Stillman, junior, puts on his game face to get ready to ref an intense game of dodgeball. Stillman was an officer on the STUCO committee, so he was an official for the night.



Aiden Davitt, senior, points out his freshmen/sophomore competition. Davitt was his team's captain and played the role of 'Pilot Pete.' The team did not win the trophy but did win a prize for best team theme.

CHUMPS *to champs*

The annual dodgeball tournament was an event traditionally dominated by upperclassmen, but underclassmen showed up and delivered.



DODGE, DUCK, DIP, DIVE, DODGE!

(top left) Peyton Matthews, sophomore, jumps in an attempt to avoid getting out but cannot get reach enough.

(top right) LJ Minner, sophomore, rolls out of the way of a teacher's throw and stays in the game.

(bottom left) Jack Martin, senior, recovers after dodging three back-to-back-to-back throws during the championship game.

(bottom right) Grace Dempsey, senior, ducks to dodge a ball and stay in the game. Dempsey was another student the teachers recruited to be on their team.

The student-led dodgeball tournament was a heated battle between veterans and newcomers. This was a tradition that has been going on for a few years at Westminster and this year it was led by senior STUCO officer, Will Mason. "Dani Mabry (class of 2019) was our fearless dodgeball leader for multiple years and when a new leader was needed, I was happy to do it. It's a great event to put on for the community that brings people together for a fun night," said Will Mason, senior. Mason's fellow seniors put together a team named 'Pilot Pete and the Final Roses' in honor of the most recent season of 'The Bachelor' and faced off against three other teams in their pool to make it to the championship. Tommy Briner, senior, and a veteran dodgeball player had been on a team all four years of his high school career. "I just love dodgeball! It's a once a year kind of thing, so I always participate because it is a good way to have some fun," said Briner. While Briner was confident his team would win the tournament, some underclassmen were ready to put up a fight. "I'm not really scared of playing against seniors. I like the challenge," said Jake Morris, freshman. Morris' teammate, though excited to play, was not as ready for competition. "It's a fun chance to come hang out with friends, but it took some convincing to get me to play," said Carolann Muchanek, freshman. On the other end of the spectrum, Katie Hobaugh, senior, jumped at the chance to join a team of her friends. "I love that it's an excuse to throw a ball at someone and not get in trouble for it," said Hobaugh. Though Hobaugh's team made it all the way to the finals, it was a group of first year players, a freshmen/sophomore team named The Chumps, who took the trophy home. No one assumed the new players would go undefeated let alone beat a team of veteran seniors in the championship.



Jake Morris, freshman, calls out his target before an intense match. Morris was a strong asset for the freshmen and sophomore team.



Dan Petke, history teacher, retrieves a second ball while Sam Vestal, sophomore, covers him and makes a throw at the opposing team. This was the first year the teacher team did not make it to the championship, but it also was the first year Petke recruited students to join him. Petke and Vestal worked together with FCA as well since Vestal was a leader and Petke was the teacher sponsor.




Freshmen and sophomore team, 'Wild Side' celebrates a big win against the teacher team. CJ Jones, freshman, was the lone survivor at the end of this game.



teacher trouble

Emma Bailey, ESL teacher celebrates as strength and conditioning coach, Greg Schoenberg, makes a diving catch on a ball.



Elias Hyatt and Whitney Xia, juniors, work on building and the crafting part of the club. There was a lot of different types of work involved.

Robotics was a very well known club at Westminster. It was conceived in October of 2011 by Jonathan Bopp. He had no experience but simply wanted to pursue his interests. Many considered it more than a club since it took up the same amount of time as a sport. The end goal of the year was to bring the robot to compete at the FIRST championships in Houston and Detroit. The projects they worked on took months. Students were well engaged and loved working on every aspect of the team, from finding information to collecting data, and building a masterpiece. "Over the years, this team has become a family to me. I am able to go to robotics and be myself around everyone. I have built many relationships and spent hundreds of hours working with my team to build the best robot we can. Everyone is always willing to help each other no matter what the job is," said Max Radloff, senior. This club was led by parents and mentors, but really the students took over. It was very exciting for Westminster students to see their own classmates participate and compete in such a student run program. "Robotics is a small chance to be a part in a cohesive community. We come together to discover and use our talents and skills to make a small part of something huge," said Joshua Adamson, junior.

WORKING FOR *competition*

The robotics team spent countless hours, with many different committees, working towards one big competition.

Joshua Adamson, junior, uses some tools to help out the robotics team. There were many skill sets needed for robotics.

Ethan Storer, senior, works on part of the robot. Storer loved being apart of the robotics team throughout high school.



“This team gave me something to do after school and gave me a community to be apart of.”

-Kirk Ellis
sophomore



Molly Li, senior, Evan Jordan, and Jordan LaGrone, freshmen, practice coding and put information together.

Ethan Shao, sophomore, practices with measuring and building. It was crucial that the measurements be accurate for the robot in order for success at the competition.



(left) Logan Jones, freshman, cuts string as part of after school robotics. Jones was new to robotics and truly enjoyed it.

(right) Max Radloff, senior, tests structural integrity of a critical component for the robot's climbing mechanism. [Photo Credit: Reagan Grass]

“Robotics is the single most rewarding commitment I've ever made. It's the hardest fun I've ever had.”

-Ethan Storer
senior



"I FEEL LIKE EVERYBODY IS REALLY WILLING TO JOKE WITH EACH OTHER; WE HAVE A GREAT CLASS ATMOSPHERE." -KATHERINE GAITAN, 12TH

"I MAKE THE BEST MEMORIES WITH THE GUYS IN MY CLASS EVERY SINGLE TIME I'M WITH THEM." -GUS DUDA, 10TH

"I love basketball games and how into it everyone gets and how well they support the team." -Madison Schofield, 10th

"The people who participated in Spirit Week got so much closer and created memories for our class."

-AVERY SURBER, 10th

"MY FAVORITE MEMORY WITH MY CLASSMATES WAS WHEN WE WON THE WICKENHEISER CUP." -AIDAN PENBERTHY, 12TH

"My favorite memory is when my grade did a service project together at a graveyard. It was fun to do something for other people as well as spend time with my grade." -Josh K. Anderson, 10th

"EVERY SPORTS GAME EVERYONE COMES OUT

TO WATCH. EVEN IF WE DON'T WIN, EVERYONE STILL WALKS AWAY HAVING HAD A GOOD TIME." -EVAN KOHN, 10TH

We asked students what they love about their grades and what their favorite memories are with their classmates.

LET'S TALK

Sight

We are more connected because of our senior retreat and the football game student election." -**Journee Henry**, 12th

My favorite thing was Homecoming. It was so fun to hang out with friends and take pictures." -**CHLOE BURNHAM**, 12th

I loved Powderpuff when we scored our first and only touchdown of the game." -**Ajé Jones**, 11th

FRESHMAN YEAR DURING SPIRIT WEEK WHEN WE ALL DRESSED UP IN CAMO AND WON THE SPIRIT STICK BROUGHT US TOGETHER AS A CLASS AND IT WAS FUN TO SEE THE TEAMWORK." -**EJ WILLIAMS**, 10TH

"I always loved getting asked to CB, especially freshman year." -**Sophia Sacco**, 12th

PARTING THE RED SEA DURING SPIRIT WEEK MADE OUR CLASS SO MUCH CLOSER." -**AMELIA WILLIAMSON**, 11TH

In the student body everyone helps and wants to make an impact." -**Paul Dearman**, 10th

"THE GIRLS WINNING TUG-OF-WAR IN SPIRIT WEEK LAST YEAR BROUGHT US TOGETHER." -**OREOFE OGinni**, 10TH

"My favorite memory was on my birthday, all my friends decorated my locker and put up a bunch of pictures of me. It was super sweet and fun." -**Faith Moeller**, 8th

"WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS, BUT WE CAN ALL START TO AGREE WITH EACH OTHER AND COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING." -**SANAA GLASPER**, 9TH

"We're all different with various personalities, interests, and beliefs. But, at the end of the day, we unite to create unforgettable moments." -**Josette deVilliers** 11th

"We are very energetic and drippy; we also have a good shoe game." -**Brandon Schoen**, 9th

"I FEEL LIKE WE ALL HAVE EACH OTHER'S BACKS, AND IT'S ALMOST LIKE A BROTHERHOOD." -**TJ MULHOLLAND**, 11TH

"I loved going to South Dakota." -**ELLA FIALA**, 12th

"GOING TO LOUISVILLE WITH THE LACROSSE TEAM IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM WESTMINSTER." -**SABRINA GRANATA**, 12TH

"One thing I am going to remember from high school is that one tater tot that has been sitting in the cafe since seventh grade." -**Calvin Ritzema**, 10th

"My favorite memory is during spirit week sopho-

more year, when Moses parted the Red Sea for our class." -**Kaitlyn Stilt**, 11th

"My favorite moment of the year was scoring two goals in the sweet sixteen for field hockey." -**Alyssa Legters**, 12th

"I will always remember TPing with our whole grade." -**RILEY MERRIFIELD**, 12th

"I love how there is always someone to talk to even when you're stuck at school late." -**Hunter Lemoine**, 7th

"My favorite memory is when my class went on the ninth grade retreat. It was super fun when we played games and we got to know each other more." -**MORGAN BRANCH**, 9th

"I LOVE GOING TO SENIOR SERVICE EACH WEEK WITH MY CLASSMATES. THE KIDS ARE SO CUTE." -**LAUREN GATES**, 12TH

"ONE THING THAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT MY GRADE IS THAT WE ARE VERY OUTGOING AND LOUD." -**SIMONE DUNCAN**, 7TH



student STARTER PACKS

As a new student, it can be challenging to get the hang of a new schedule. These starter packs included items that help students 'survive' school. These packs included items such as gum, pens, hand sanitizer, markers, and more. They were helpful to start off the new year on the right track. Mae St. John, Becca Berk-meyer, Anna Niekamp, Mike Johnson, and Hannah Kennedy, freshmen, all included many of the same items in their packs.



MAE ST. JOHN, FRESHMAN



HANNAH KENNEDY, FRESHMAN



ANNA NIEKAMP, FRESHMAN



MIKE JOHNSON, FRESHMAN

“Do your homework and do it well.”

-Mike Johnson
freshman

“Try to get involved with activities and sports if you are feeling stressed.”

-Anna Niekamp
freshman



BECCA BERKMEYER, FRESHMAN

LYDIA *Abebe*

I've been blessed to spend my last four years at Westminster, and spend it with a great group of friends that have made my time amazing. Truly thankful for the amazing family I've been blessed to have. Big thanks to mom and dad for for being such good role models and consistently supporting me. Rebecca and David thanks for being there and loving on me. Beyond great full for everyone who has come into my life.



HAYLEY *Adair*

Mom and Dad, thank you for all of your sacrifices for me throughout high school. You have allowed me to travel more than I ever thought I would, you've spent hundreds of hours at my volleyball tournaments over the years, and you always gave me advice when I needed it. Noah, I couldn't have done it without you. I'm so lucky to have a built in best friend that has been through my whole life with me so far. College will be weird without you next year. My friends, thank you for making my high school experience so much fun. I will always remember our photoshoots and food runs. I love you all.



NOAH *Adair*

Westminster has been a place where I've made great friendships and memories. Things such as swim team, spirit week, and extremely long walks to starbucks to and from Westminster have made my high school experience like nothing I have ever expected. I want to thank my family for providing me with a great opportunity to attend Westminster. I also want thank my friends for all of the fun times we have had. I also want to thank my sister for driving me to and from school every-day. Lastly, I want to thank Westminster for providing me with all of these good memories that I have made during my high school experience.



SHELBY *Adkisson*

Thank you God for putting so many amazing people in my life. Thank you Mom and Dad for always supporting me and always encouraging me to be the best that I can be. Riley, thanks for being a great big brother. I always have a blast spending time with you. You have been a great role model for me and I couldn't be more grateful for you. The memories I have made with my friends through my years at Westminster are unforgettable. I will never forget our long car rides and nights filled with laughter. Thank you all for making a huge impact in my life.



LEXI JO *Alm*

Thank you, Jesus! I made it! Wow, I am so thankful for these past years at Westminster. To my teachers, you are amazing and have had an everlasting impact on me. To my friends, old and new, you are my rocks and being surrounded by you is one of the richest blessings of my life. To EJ, thank you for being you and for being the best advice giver I know. To Griff, you're a stud and I will miss our morning car ride conversations like crazy. Finally, to Mom and Dad- You are the best role models and the most brilliant parents a girl could ask for. Thank you for teaching me and supporting me, showing me grace and justice always, and for being absolute vessels of Truth and the Holy Spirit. Thank you everyone for loving me so well. I love you all endlessly.



ANU *Akinyede*

PUTTING NAMES TO *faces*



Lane Goodwin and Allison Stilt, eighth grade, share a smile with Mrs. Kuhn and Chef Deb. Goodwin loves to talk to chef Deb as she orders her food.



Parker Ortvals and Katie Shoemaker, seventh grade, buy lunch consisting of a student-wide favorite was hamburgers and fries.



Anne Porter, a lunch lady, puts out a new tray of fries for the middle school lunch. Many students loved the fries, especially the sweet potato flavored ones.

“I look forward to greeting the lunch ladies everyday. They're the best part about lunch.”

-Ella Fiala
senior

NEW AND *improved*



The lunch ladies at Westminster always found ways to brighten up students even on their worst days, providing a welcoming and friendly environment all grades during lunch time. This year, STUCO's Encouragement and Gratitude committee decided to give back to them in a small yet significant way with new name tags. The name tags included colorful drawings, stickers, glitter, and bright colors to add pop to the normal aprons the lunch ladies wear.

MASON *Andrasko*



BENNIE *Anderson*



“Reach high, for stars lie hidden in you. Dream deep, for every dream, precedes the goal”
-Rabindranath Tagore. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for working hard and sacrificing so much and sending me to WCA. I promise I'm going to make a great return on your investment. Thank you, Josh and Jo-Jo for just always being you. I'm blessed to have met some amazing people during my time at the “beige palace” I'm thankful to the different teachers, coaches, and faculty who've pushed me to be the best me I can be. I'm excited to take the next step in my journey, reach my goals and continue to work on being the man that God has called me to be.



ELENA *Angelin*

I thank God for the opportunities He has given me in my five years at Westminster. I am so blessed to have such an amazing family who has supported and given me everything they could. I am also so thankful for my friends and our memories here. The amazing teachers have helped me grow as a Christian and student. I recognize how blessed I am to have studied at WCA and will continue to carry on the path God has laid out for me.



MACKENZIE *Axford*

Thank you so much mom and dad for allowing me to go to this great school. Thank you for helping me grow into the person I am today. Thank you to all my friends for pushing me to work harder and always having my back. Thank you Mr. Knerr and Mr. Burke for imprinting an outline of Christian character and laughing at my dumb jokes.



NINA *Bacon*

Mom and Dad, thank you! Thank you for sending me to a school where I've been surrounded by so many of my favorite people. I am so grateful for the opportunity I've had to live life with loving, generous, and hilarious friends. But even more importantly, I have built a community of friends who pour Christ's love into me. Mom, thank you for all the "praying for you" and "wishing you luck" texts. Dad, thank you for pushing me to be and do my best. Lastly, Ellie and Ted, thanks for being the best siblings ever! Oh, and also for setting such a high standard for academics. I'm so proud to call you all my family.



KATHERINE *Bauer*

I cannot believe my time at Westminster is coming to a close. I've been blessed by this school in so many ways, and have been transformed into the person I am today. Throughout my time here, I've discovered who God created me to be and have seen glimpses of what He is calling me to do next. Thanks to my parents for their sacrifice to send me to this amazing school. Thanks to the teachers I've had for helping me discover my strengths and God-given talents and cultivating them. A huge shoutout to my friends for the wonderful memories I will never forget. I'm sad to say good-bye to the academy but I'm pretty stoked for the next 4 years.



THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Lauren Turley and Stephen Thompson, seventh grade

FIRST DAY *nevermind*



Students stepped out of their cars only to be met with darkness. Administrative leaders stood outside the grand entry and met students to quickly usher them into the arena. The arena was filled with students lined on every wall and heat rising off the floors. Random conversations echoed off the walls, "I was so confused because it just was not what I was expecting for the first day and honestly it was kinda stressful," said Maddy Moeller, sophomore. At 8:10 am, the school bell rang to go to first hour. First hour teachers told students that at 9:00 am they were free to go unless the lights came on. The clocks read 9:00 am and students rushed out the grand entry doors and back into their cars to enjoy an unexpected last day of summer.

(top) Debra Kim, eighth grade, Anagi Pieris, freshman, and Amelia Pieris, eighth grade

(bottom) Lily Evans and Molly Kirby, freshmen

Ella Martin, Sage Schulte, sophomores, Caelleb Crutcher, senior, Nate Bowman and Ava Berutti, sophomores



Katie Hobaugh, Abby Stewart, Josie Christen, Caroline Guempel, and Mackenzie Axford, seniors



CARSYN *Beachy*

I'd like to thank my mom and dad for all the trips they took us on and for all the time they invested in us. Thanks for always supporting me, pushing me to be better, and never letting me give up on my dreams. Thank you to Luke and Reagan for all the adventures and having my back and never failing to make me laugh. Thank you to my teammates for all the lessons that you taught me and for always pushing me to become a better player on and off the court(or field). Finally, thank you to Westminster for giving me some of my best friends/teammates and some amazing memories.

Love, Carsyn



ZACH *Benes*

I cannot believe my time at Westminster is over. I want to thank my Mom and Dad for sticking by my side throughout these years. Sean and Ryan, for the non stop laughs and memories. My friends, for making high school something I will never forget. And finally, I would like to thank God for providing me with everything and all these wonderful people who have made these six years at Westminster something I will remember forever.



AVA *Bidner*

Thank you God for the most incredible six years at Westminster and for blessing me with lifelong friends and the best family I could ever ask for. Mom and Dad, thank you for loving me unconditionally, for giving me the work ethic I have today, for coming to every field hockey game, and for providing me with a foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Cal, thanks for being the quirkiest, funniest, most adventurous, and most supportive older brother ever. Spice girls, thanks for always making me laugh, creating countless memories with me, and for always being weird. I love y'all more than words can say, and I'll miss y'all so much! 2 Timothy 1:7, Jeremiah 29:11



LAUREN *Bohlmann*

TSH, here's to never growing up right? Thank you for filling the past 6 years with so many memories & so much laughter. Going our separate ways makes my heart ache, but I can't wait to have little pieces of my heart scattered around the country. You are my girls forever. Mom & Dad, it's been a long journey, but we did it & I can't thank you enough. Kitty - my talented, hilarious, beautiful baby sister, cherish high school, all of the ups & downs, because it will fly by. Anna, thank you for being my biggest fan from 290 miles away. Class of 2020, thanks for being the best class Westminster's ever seen, it's truly the end of an era. Stay wild WCA.



CHEYENNE *Bowden*

I like nonsense. Ot wakes up the brain cells
- Dr. Seuss



EMILY *Bratch*

"Thank you Westminster for the best two years yet. I thought that transferring schools junior year was going to be really hard but you made it easy and fun. The friends and memories I have made here will never be forgotten and for this I am forever grateful! Mom and Dad, thank you so much for all of the love and support you have showed me throughout the years. Hope and Morgan thank you for being my built in best friends and Noah thank you for serving our country and making me the proudest sister I could ever be."



Nathaniel Sems and Blaise Matheny, Westminster alumni, and Adam Ebling, junior, stand together after a game



Jimmy Obertop, Westminster alumnus, and Adam Ebling, junior, stand together after one of their last games of the season.



Jimmy Obertop, Westminster alumnus, Jacob Worrell, Westminster coach, and Nick Moten, junior, walk off the field together.

RESPECTABLE *role models*

Coaches impact players heavily, but older players tend to have a more influential impact on younger players that admire them. Nick Moten, junior, played for Westminster's baseball team while high school. During his sophomore year, Moten grew in a relationship with Westminster alumnus, Jimmy Obertop. "I looked up to Jimmy because he was my catcher. He told me that 'If you work hard in your craft, you could be the best in the state.' When he told me that, it pushed me to prove that to him because he was the best in his craft and I wanted to be the best in mine," said Moten. This one thing said by Obertop impacted Moten to push himself to be the best player he could be.

Similar to Moten, junior Adam Ebling admired Blaise Matheny, another Westminster alumnus. During spring break of 2019, Ebling's sophomore year, he attended the varsity team spring break trip to Florida. There, the players sat on the beach and grew closer as a team. "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard enough," said Matheny at the beach. Ebling was deeply affected because he then realized that work ethic is more valuable than talent. As the older players poured into the younger players' lives, they continually shaped the motives and attitudes of the younger players. They were respectable role models.



TOMMY *Briner*

I'm so thankful to have been able to go to this school. You can't just find groups of friends like the ones I have. The last four years have been formative and amazing, and I hope that every life I've been a part of has been positively impacted by me. I wanted to leave something behind when I left, and I think I'll be able to say I did. There are so many people that have changed me in the past four years, but I'm mostly thankful for my mom and dad, who I've actually grown to like during high school, and Marty and Jackie.



DAVID *Brown*

"Most importantly, thank you God for blessing me beyond measure. To the fam, I can never thank you enough for your love, encouragement, wisdom and patience. Mom, you have the most beautiful heart. From the moment I could comprehend your kindness and compassion, I have always looked up to you. Dad, you have pushed me to be the best I can be since the beginning. I can't thank you enough for the sacrifices you have made for me. Gus, I can't imagine life without your hilarious, kind, and loving self. To all my people, I'm so lucky to have you. I love you all more than you will ever know. To Westminster, you have been such an amazing blessing."



JAKE *Broyles*

I wanna start by thanking God for blessing me with so many wonderful opportunities in my life. I also want to thank my Dad, Mom, my sister Sarah and my brother Josh for always supporting me and caring for me no matter how much of a schmuck I was being. It is an honor to receive this award. Good night America.



AVERY *Burkemper*

Thank you, Mom and Dad, for all the support and love you have given me through the past four years. Thanks for always pushing me to be my best and encouraging me to do great things. You have taught me to trust God and He will lead me the right way through the bad and the good. Thank you to all my friends for giving me the best high school memories!! I will always cherish those moments and they will never be forgotten. I couldn't have done it without you all. Lastly, thank you Westminister for giving me the best education and all of my friends these past four years.



JOSH *Broyles*

Thank you everybody

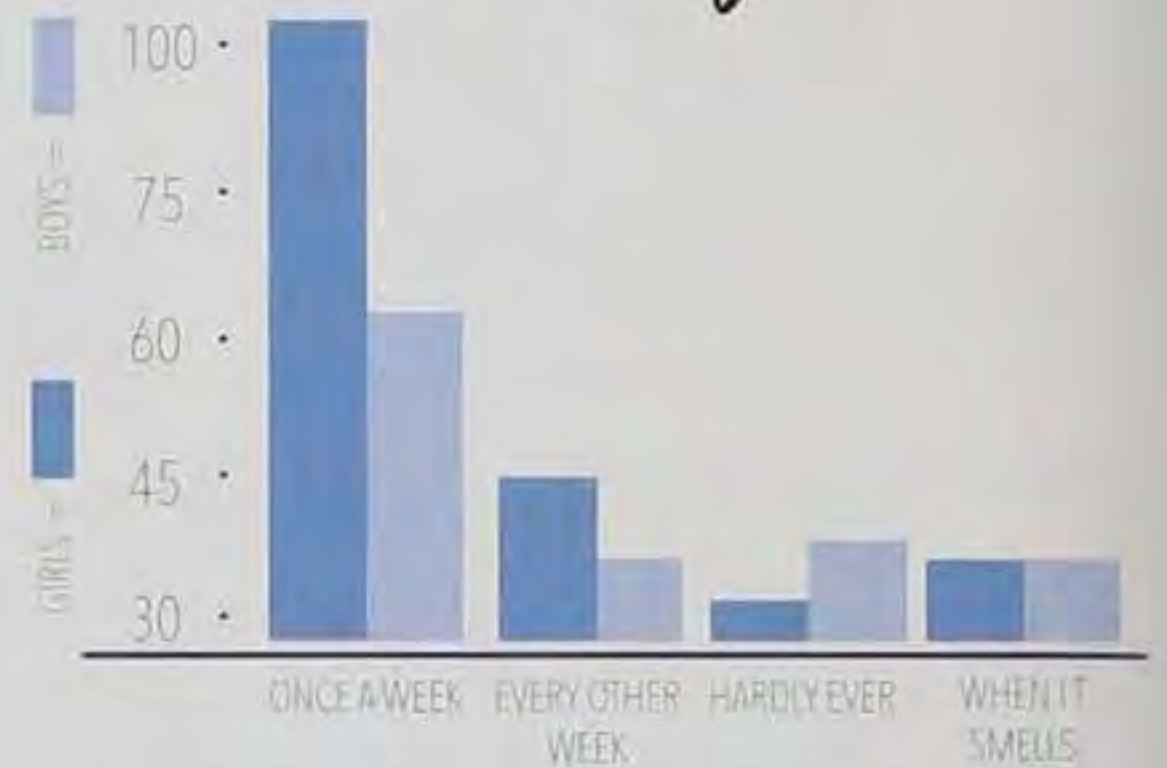


SARAH *Brown*

STINK, STANK, STUNK

I wash my uniform...

WHEN IS YOUR wash day?



Each student at the Academy is required to purchase a PE uniform to wear for class everyday. Although they are encouraged by teachers to wash them weekly, that is not always the case. When asked how often students washed their uniforms, many students had differing opinions. The majority of students responded saying that they washed their uniform weekly, however, there were students who shared that they could not remember the last time they took their uniform home.

HOPE *Burkey*

I want to thank my family, friends, and the teachers here at WCA that have made a profound impact on my life. Without the guidance and wisdom you guys have brought me I would not be where I am today. I will always have so much love for Westminster and it is sad yet exciting to leave these beige walls. Thanks again to my parents and grandparents for making it possible to be apart of this community. My memories here and the friends I have made at Westminster are ones I will never forget.



CHLOE *Burnham*

Thank you WCA for letting me call you home for the last six years. Mom and Dad, I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend WCA. Thank you for your guidance and encouraging me to work hard and do my best. I also want to thank you for sending me to a school where I have learned how important it is to always put Christ first. I want to thank my brothers, Collin and Harry, for your unconditional love. Thank you, Nana, Grandma and Lumpy for all your love and support. To all my friends, thanks for all the fun times.





JACOB

Byerley

There aren't enough words to explain how God has impacted my life with the people He has blessed me with. First, I want to thank my biggest supporters, my mom and dad. They encourage and guide me to become better every single day. I'm very thankful I've been blessed with parents that love and support me even when it's difficult. I want to thank my friends for uplifting and challenging me to stay on the path God has set for me. Lastly I want to thank my teammates, I would consider these guys my brothers in many aspects. I've formed many meaningful relationships on and off the soccer field and I'm grateful God has blessed me with them. Thank you all.



JACK

Bystrom

I'd like to start off by thanking my Mom and Dad for their unconditional love and support. Over the years you guys have taught me to appreciate and value family. Ryan, your not only a little brother but a best friend. Nobody will ever understand our language. Sydney, you have always been an amazing role model for me. Your drive, determination, and work ethic has always set the bar for me. Lucky to have you as a sister. Bridget, thank you for standing by me through this journey and making life more exciting. Your presence is a blessing. Lastly, a huge cheers to the boys for the six years of nothing but send. Never a dull moment with you animals and wouldn't want to do it with anyone else. Thank you Westminster!



THOMAS

Caccamo

I want to thank my mom and dad for guiding and caring for me, my brothers for encouraging me, my teachers for helping me with my work and my friends for making me laugh.



HANNAH

Carter

I think it's safe to say high school was quite a hoot. Moving from Georgia to Missouri definitely provided a fair share of trials, but without it, I wouldn't be who I am today. I want to thank my parents for always having my best interest at heart, my sister for always making me laugh, Buddy for eating the crispy bits of all my chicken nuggets, and my buddies (both here and 600 miles away) for always being there for me. Most of all, I want to thank God for blessing me with the friends and family that I have. (P.S. Big shout-out to Sebastian Stan for being such a peach and an excellent role model.)



WHO SAID *that?*



Pick the teacher who says the phrase.

"Hint hint, wink wink, chuckle chuckle."

ANSWER: Mr. Burkey



OR



"If you didn't study, poop on you."

ANSWER: Mr. Knerr



OR



"A growth mindset is better than a fixed mindset."

ANSWER: Mr. Perona



OR



OLIVIA *Cheng*



AVA *Cella*



I never thought the time would come for me to say goodbye to my home for the past six years. To my friends, thank you for making high school the craziest, funniest, and most memorable experience of my life so far. I cannot imagine my life today without you all. Mom and Dad, thank you for helping me know I can do whatever I put my mind to. Thank you for never failing to believe in me. To my siblings and cousins, Max and Caroline, God knew what he was doing when he placed you all in my life, not only as my best friends but as part of my family. To my family, I would not be who I am today if it were not for you all. Finally, I thank you God for everything you have done for me. I will continue to glorify you in all I do. Goodbye Westminster, and Sic Em Bears!





JOSIE *Christen*

Mom and Dad, thank you for always being there for me. Your constant love and support, as well as your help with my homework, has gotten me to where I am today. Callie and Sam, I am thankful that we have had so many lifelong memories. Friends, thank you for all the uncontrollable laughs and countless adventures we've had together these past 6 years. I wouldn't trade them for anything. Teammates, your kindness and encouragement has meant more to me than you will ever know. Coaches, the confidence you have instilled in me has grown me emotionally and spiritually both on and off the field. I'm blessed to have had you all in my life.



BEN *Chereji*

GRAHAM *Clawson*

Thank you so much mom and dad for allowing me to go to this great school. Thank you for helping me grow into the person I am today. Thank you to all my friend for pushing me to work harder and always having my back. Thank you Mr. Knerr and Mr. Burke for imprinting an outline of Christian character and laughing at my dumb jokes.



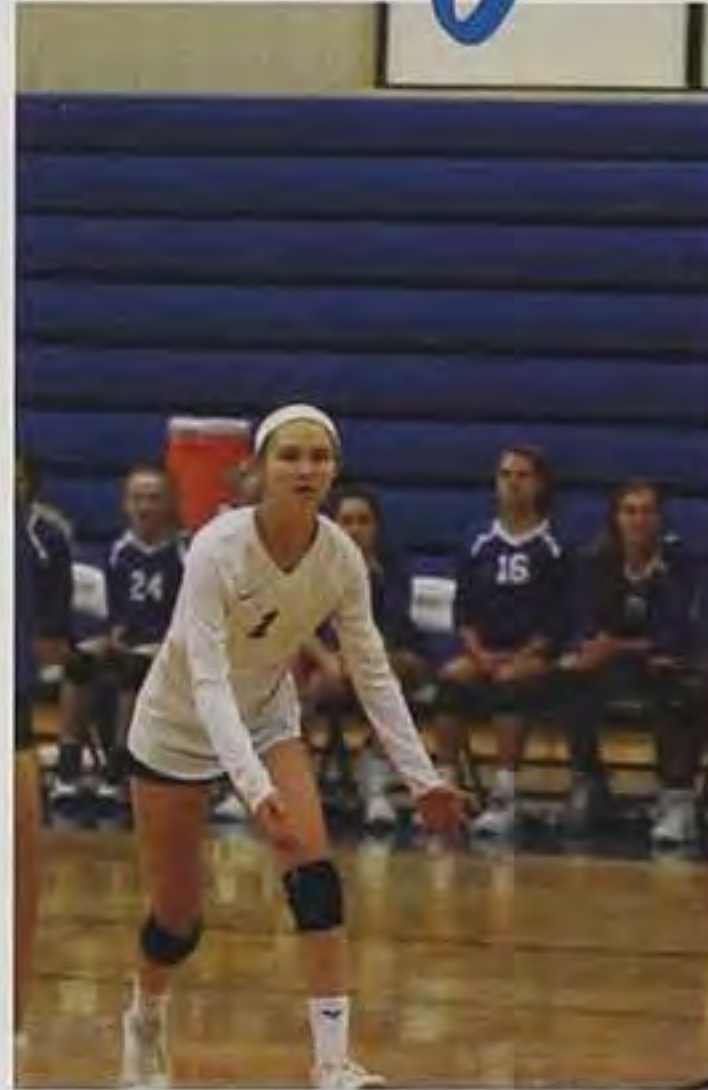
RUTH *Connelly*

Mom, Dad I made it through high school! Thank you for being my rock through it all, I love you both more than words can say. Elle, Vic, and Char, thank you for being the sisters I've always wanted, I could not have done life without you guys by my side. Sorry teachers that I missed so much for dance but thank you for being so understanding and always helping me catch up. To all my friends thank you for every moment we had together, I can't wait to see where life takes all of us! Finally thank you Westminster for allowing me to grow in my relationship with Christ while learning more about his world through my amazing classes!



STARTING *fresh*

Tyler Hott, freshman, dribbles the ball. He was a freshman starter on the varsity soccer team. "They have accepted me and treated me like family," said Hott. Tyler grew as a soccer player on and off the field throughout the season due to the peers he looked up to, especially Mike Lemp, Danny Sacco, and Will Mason, seniors. "Keep your head up and don't worry if you make a mistake," said Danny Sacco, senior. This really inspired Hott throughout the season to keep going no matter what happened.



Jamie Obertop, freshman, starter on the varsity field hockey team, hits the ball. She also played select field hockey. The most influential seniors to Obertop were Sabrina Granata, Bridget Sullivan, and Luci Hilboldt. "Play as one," said Sabrina Granata, senior, which really encouraged Jamie and reminded her she played a team sport not an individual one.



Avery Stanfill, freshman, sets up for the next point on varsity volleyball. Stanfill said that Heidi Hightower, captain of the volleyball team, had a great impact on her during this season because she worked everyone to their fullest but also had fun while doing it. "The team was always very hype during and before the game and included me," said Stanfill.



CAELLEB *Crutcher*



MATTHEW *Culligan*

"I've done a lot in my 4 years at Westminster. One of my favorite things I have done is theatre. Some of my best memories from school come from shows like "You Can't Take It With You, Twelfth Night, and Peter and the Starcatcher." I would like to thank some of the most inspiring teachers like Reverend Hughes, MA BOY, Jirdaddy, Jimtholomew Butz, and Mr. Lumonade. But in all seriousness, as my childhood comes to an end, I am proud to say that I was excited to go to school every day for these past 4 years, because I could not wait for the fun and laughter filled day I was about to experience. Aight --Imma head out."





EVIE *Cunningham*

I have found my best friends at Westminster and I have made some of my best memories on this campus. My friends have brought me so much joy and so much love throughout high school. Izzy, my twin sister, has allowed me to laugh and cry with her, she is the best sister I could have asked for. Thank family for always telling me to be the best version and for pushing me. Highschool goes by so fast and will soon be in the past, so my advice to other students at Westminster is to experience all of it because you only have four years. Thanks for the best four years of high school I could have asked for.



IZZY *Cunningham*

After coming to Westminster in 8th grade I had no idea how much these beige walls were going to form me. My family has never doubted my ability to succeed in this environment and that constant support has led me to where I am today. Thank you so much to all of my friends for the wonderful memories that you have given me, and thank you to my incredible family who has followed me every step of the way. Y'all have blessed me so much and I could not have asked for a better four years! Here is some advice: God gives us "failure" and suffering to grow us; suffering is not a sign of failure.



ALEX *Daiber*

"Mom and Dad, thank you for everything you have done for me throughout these four years; I know it's not easy dealing with me all the time. Sam and Clare, thank you for teaching me right from wrong and always being my best friends. I couldn't have made it through high school without you all. Love Alex"



ABRIELLE *Danna*

I'm so thankful for my past 4 years at Westminster. Mom and Dad, thank you so much for making my experience at Westminster possible and shaping me into who I am. Delaney, you're my best friend and I have the most fun with you. Hunter, you're the best baby brother in the world and you make my life 10x funnier than it should be. To everyone else I love, thank you for the memories that will last a lifetime and for making my high school experience so great.



MAKE IT *yours*



Margo O'Meara,
junior



Caroline Engel,
seventh grade



Caroline Rahal,
freshman



Jenna Akins, seventh grade, poses with her light blue hydroflask. She expressed herself by adding a sticker from her youth group.



Becca Berkmeier and Annie Wood, freshmen, show off stickers of their favorite brands and activities. Berkmeier made hers extra special by adding a bracelet she made over the summer.



Lexi Birk, sophomore, proudly displays her water bottle. She sticks to the red theme of her Hydroflask by deciding to have all red stickers. Her very unique stickers caught the eye of most during passing periods.

Water bottles have always been a big hit at the Academy. The water bottle brand "Hydroflask" was very popular not just at Westminster, but everywhere in St. Louis. Most people at WCA were going the extra mile and personalizing their Hydroflasks. Students add stickers relating to a certain theme, stickers that express certain qualities relating to them, and so much more. The endless amount of stickers made the Hydroflask more than just a random water bottle; it easily attracted the view of others and made it uniquely each student's own. The stickers said more than words to their owners and made them personalized.



ANNIE *Davidson*

I thank God for the support of my wonderful family and friends, especially the role my family has played in my life. Tommy, you never fail to brighten my day. Katelyn, I will always cherish your support and the time that you give to me. Taylor, I always look forward to our philosophical debates, and I am thankful for your guiding hand in my life. You are the best big brother a girl could ask for. Mom and Dad, thank you for caring for me and bringing me up in the love of Christ. I will dearly miss the memories I am leaving behind, but look forward to the growth I will encounter in this next step of life.



TOBY *Davidson*

How time has flown. It seems like just the other day I began my journey at Westminster. First, I want to thank God for the opportunity to attend Westminster. I want to thank my parents for being my biggest role models and supporters throughout high school. I also want to thank the football program for teaching me more life lessons than I thought I could learn in a lifetime. Thanks to my brothers for making high school more enjoyable and sticking with me through thick and thin. Thank you, Westminster.



KYLAN *Davis*

The next chapter of my life is upon me. What adventure is awaiting for me? I have spent the full seven years at Westminster Christian Academy and have so much to be thankful for. First, I would like to thank the teachers and staff of Westminster for pushing me every day to become a better student. Second, I would like to thank my family for all their love and support. Last, but definitely not least, I want to thank God for using Westminster to help me meet some incredible people along the way. I can't wait to see what the future holds for me.



LANE *Davis*

I am grateful to be given the opportunity to attend Westminster for six years. First off, thank you God for letting me be able to go to Westminster and strengthen my faith throughout my six years. Dad, thank you for being the best role model I could ask for and always being there no matter what. Sinclair, thank you for showing me the ropes through WCA and always being my go-to in any situation. Coaches, thank you for showing me how to lead and fight through adversity. Teammates, thank you for pushing me everyday with your hard work and dedication. Friends, thank you for making high school so much fun everyday. The lone wolf dies but the pack survives.



LINDSAY *Davis*

One journey is over, while another begins. Much gratitude to those who have helped me on this path. Great thanks to my teachers who pushed me and believed in me. And to my family—Mom, Dad, and Joshua—thank you for your love, encouragement, and the sacrifices you made for me. Now it's time to seek the plans God has for me knowing he will never leave me nor forsake me.

Jeremiah 29:11

Joshua 1:9

Psalm 1:1-2

As Winnie the Pooh reminds me "you're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

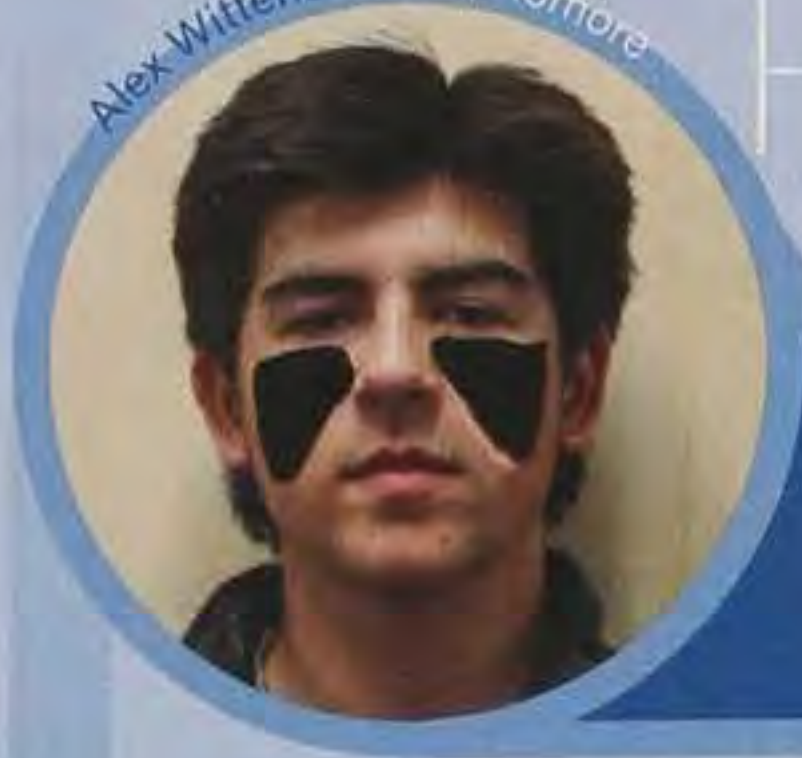


AIDEN *Davitt*

First and foremost, I'd like to thank God for loving a sinner like me and continuing to chase after me. Mom and Dad, thanks for how much you sacrifice for me. You truly display what it means to be a godly person. Being the only child at home has been a blast this year... Brothers, you gotta come home! Mason, thanks for being a role model and paving the way for me. Ethan, I love picking up pinecones with you. Colin, thanks for all your witty comments. Westminster football, thanks to the coaches who've poured into me and teammates, thanks for all the good times. Love you guys. Friends, thanks for sticking with me and all the crazy memories. Legoooo



Alex Wittenauer, sophomore



HOW TO BUILD A *lax boy*

Jackson Selk, junior



EYE BLACK

Eye Black is technically for reducing the glare of the sun in your eyes, but really the lax boys thought it was cool, so they put on a lot of it.



THE HAIR

The hair is what made a lax boy a lax boy. When they had this haircut you just knew they were a lax boy instantly.

Noah Coomes, junior



THE SOCKS

If you were really looking for that lax boy style, the thing to do was tuck your pants into your socks and to achieve maximum lax boy status.

Teddy Peirick, junior



THE SHOES

When it came to shoe game, New Balance's were an obvious choice for lax boys. So when you were assembling your lax boy outfit New Balance's were the way to go.

GRACE *Dempsey*

First I'd like to thank God for the countless blessings I've received over the years. Your unyielding plan has never ceased to amaze me. Mom & Dad - You have truly guided me throughout my highschool years, and I can't put into words how much I appreciate all your unconditional love and support. Kate and Emma - You two constantly give me joy and continue to amaze me everyday with your endless laughter and have always been my go-to's. You two are my absolute best friends, Drew - I'm joining the college life with you as we will both continue to procrastinate. Thank you for your advice, encouragement, and for being my role model. And to my friends - Thank you for all the endless laughs, memories, and nights I will never forget. You have made my years at The Academy ones to never forget. Thank you to everyone that has helped shape me into the person I am today.



LEA *Despotis*

As my time at Westminster comes to a close, I first and foremost thank God for the endless blessings in my life. To my parents: thank you for your unconditional love, for your life lessons, and for always representing Christian role models. To my sister Alyssa: thank you for the never-ending encouragement and for always making me smile. To my friends: thank you for the unforgettable memories and continual support. Finally, to Westminster: thank you for nurturing my faith and providing opportunities that have allowed me to develop into a caring servant leader. I am forever grateful for the impact each and every one of you has had on my life.





ELI *Diedrich*

I am grateful for the opportunity to go to Westminster and to receive such an amazing education. I want to thank my Mom and Dad for always supporting me in whatever I do and my sister for always managing to put a smile on my face. I want to thank the friends I've made along my journey for the memories that I will never forget. Last but certainly not least, I thank God for guiding me every step of the way during my time at Westminster.



MILES *Dix*

High school has been a memorable journey. I made friends, left some behind, played sports and had some eye opening experiences and lessons, and I'm grateful to have had WCA be a part of it. Westminster has helped me grow as a person. The school spiritually invests in all of us students whether we embrace or reject this message, and I am thankful for that. I walk to college a more spiritually grounded young man than I did when I first walked into the grand entry. I have also made some of my best friends today at this school, and shared some great moments here. As I walk away from this place, I walk with no regrets and ready for what life holds next. (P.S: Really gonna miss Spirit Week..)



MAGGIE *Dolan*

Thank you to my parents for being the best role models in my life and providing me with so much. I truly appreciate everything you guys have done for me. Connor and Kyle thank you for always encouraging me and giving me advice. Can't wait for Mizzou with you guys! To my friends thank you for making these past 6 years unforgettable. Thanks for all the laughs and the best memories. High school wouldn't be the same without you all.



LILY *Duda*

Most importantly, thank you God for blessing me beyond measure. To the fam, I can never thank you enough for your love, encouragement, wisdom and patience. Mom, you have the most beautiful heart. From the moment I could comprehend your kindness and compassion, I have always looked up to you. Dad, you have pushed me to be the best I can be since the beginning. I can't thank you enough for the sacrifices you have made for me. Gus, I can't imagine life without your hilarious, kind, and loving self. To all my people, I'm so lucky to have you. I love you all more than you will ever know. To Westminster, you have been such an amazing blessing.



SECOND *family*

After spending seven hours a day at Westminster, students began to form special connections with teachers. These connections became so strong, it was like having more parents at school. Everyone has a family at home, but having a second family at school made the day so much better.



Kennedy Pearson, Katie Pederson, and Sarah Dixon smile with Mrs. Gorline. They all formed a special connection with each other and their teacher who they affectionately called "GG".



Grace Yost and Ajé Jones, juniors, smile with Mrs. Theis. They started doing a Wednesday morning Bible study with their former English teacher to continue their connection with each other.



Tori-Jessie, senior, poses with Mrs. Thompson. "She's like my second mom. She's watched me grow up," said Jessie when asked about her connection to Mrs. Thompson.



Anna Fregene, Morgan Morici, and Emma Sadorf meet with Mrs. Vogel for their weekly Thursday hang-out and 'girl talk.'

"I feel the same connection to all my students but in different ways. It's all about embracing the kids for who they are and delighting in it."
-Mrs. DeRousse



PIERCE *Dunne*

Mom, thank you for constantly being there for me with constant love. Sam, thanks for being the best older brother I could have asked for. Dad, thank you for always pushing me to do my best and always being someone I can talk to. To my coaches and teachers thank you for believing in me. Finally, to my friends and Westminster thank you for the best 6 years of my life.



REESE *Earleywine*

After spending my five years at the academy I can easily say that it was quite the ride. I want to thank my family and friends that have been there to experience all the highs and lows of WCA with me. I couldn't have gotten through it without you. Thank you for making my time here worthwhile and guiding me through the exciting and life altering decisions that have impacted me in my walk in life. My faith has been tested and grown throughout my time here and I am so grateful. With the bittersweetness of graduating and moving on I am excited for what my future holds. Thanks for all the memories WCA it's been real.



DYLAN *Elias*



I'll be honest I'm surprised I actually made it this far. I've traveled a little too much, skied some sketchy spots, and climbed things I shouldn't have. But I'm blessed to still be here kicking it with friends and family, whom I'm thankful for putting up with me. I have most certainly cherished all the pranks and adventures I've had with my friends, even if I didn't know it at the time. My walk with the Lord hasn't always been straightforward but I'm blessed to know he's in my corner, or there's no way I'd be here. Here's to living every day like it's your last, and to Never Stop Exploring, because this world gets too bland if you don't.



MAGGIE *Ellis*



I am so thankful for the people Westminster has blessed me with as well and my parents who have supported me throughout my 6 years at this school. Thank you for all that you have done for me. The friends and teammates I have made here will always have an impact on my life. I am so grateful for the teachers and coaches who have made my experience here comfortable and amazing (and of course my favorite lunch lady, Barb for making me smile every day). Kirk, I'll miss walking past you in the hallways, even though you ignore me most of the time. Enjoy your next two years they are going to fly by. I am so grateful for Westminster and I am excited to see what the future holds!



HAYDEN *Engel*

My time at Westminster has been an incredible experience. I have made many amazing friendships and have been positively shaped by the coaches, teachers, and staff. Mom and Dad, Thank you for being by my side throughout this journey and Thank you for all that you have done. To Reagan and Harrison I have enjoyed our many laughs together and I'm thankful God put you in my life. Thank you God for blessing me to be able to have such a wonderful family and friends, and to get to attend such an incredible school. I will always remember my time at Westminster and all the wonderful memories I have made.



LUKE *Engelmeyer*

I am forever grateful of how I have grown over the years at WCA. I have been truly shaped by my parents, teachers, and peers. Thank you to my parents for teaching me to never give up and never give in to adversity. I could never repay you for the unconditional love and support you have shown me. Thank you to all my amazing teachers who put up with me and prepared me for the real world. I am so grateful for the sport of baseball. Through the ups and downs, all the persistence, hard work, and dedication paid off in the end.



WHAT'S THE *soundtrack of your life?*



"Survivor"
By: The Chipettes

"It just keeps me going; it motivates me to push myself because I know Alvin would," said Max Mentel, freshman, about the theme song of his life.



"From the Ground Up"
By: Dan + Shay

Margaret McDaniel, freshman, immediately knew this was the theme song of her life. "I'm a sinner, so I always mess up. I can wreck my relationship with God, and I can be the biggest mess, but God is the light above the mess," said McDaniel.



"Live Like You Were Dying"
By: Tim McGraw

"You only have one life so you should live it to the fullest," said Reagan Engel, freshman. Engel's favorite type of music is country so it was only fitting that this be her theme song.



"Footloose"
By: Kenny Loggins

Jonah Zell, freshman, knew his theme song without skipping a beat. "It is just motivational. It is very upbeat and has lots of energy just like me," said Zell.

ELLA *Fiala*



Boozie, thank you for always being there for me and being a constant support. Bill, you rock - thank you for all the hugs and constantly making me laugh. Dummy, thanks for always being down to hang and living up to your nickname. Hoop Dawg, thanks for dancing with me always and making me talk about my feelings. Wheezy, glad I'm not scared of you anymore and thanks for finally giving me hugs. All my nuggets, you all for real have made this year the best one yet. I have been in awe watching the Lord work in our lives this year. I cannot wait to continue to see him transforming our friendships. James 1:19.



SCOUT *Fleming*



"These past 6 six years have flown by. It seems like yesterday I was starting my first day as a seventh grader. Thank you Mom and Dad for your support, love, and giving me the opportunity to go to Westminster. I love you, and I couldn't have made it without you. Thank you to all my wonderful teachers and coaches who have pushed me to do my best during my time here. To all my friends, thanks for all the laughs and fun memories. I couldn't have asked for a better group of friends. Lastly, thank you God for continuing to bless me and giving me such a loving family.





KYLEIGH *Ford*

Coming to Westminster, I never could've dreamed the enormous impact it would have on my life. Thank you to all of my friends who helped me through the last 4 years and kept life fun. You never failed to make me laugh. Wishing for more time with you all and more memories! Thanks mom and dad for the being there through all the ups and downs and always supporting me. Your love is endless and I can't imagine how I would have done it without you. Brooks and Shane thanks for always making life an adventure and looking after your sister. I love you all and will miss you like crazy!



NATALIE *Ford*

When I came to Westminster in seventh grade I could have never imagined how much this place would impact me. I have had so many opportunities and amazing memories to look back on from my time here. Thank you to the ones who helped me along the way. Mom, I am inspired by you and thank you for always being there for me. RJ, I look up to you constantly and could not be more thankful for you in my life. Nick, thank you for always making me laugh through all the craziness. I wish you luck to the next two years of your high school career, do not let them pass you up. My friends, I wish the best of luck to you girls out in the real world. Thank you for making high school the best it could and I am excited to see what the next chapter holds.



ISABELLA *Francois*

I feel so blessed to have been able to spend the last six years in this place. I will miss all the hours spent in Von's room (especially the aloha fridays) and all the runs on Clayton Road. Thank you so much to all the amazing teachers and coaches that have put up with me all these years and to my wonderful friends who have made me laugh through it all. Thank you to my parents for supporting everything I have ever wanted to do. Thank you CJ for commenting on my driving every morning. As you start high school next year, truly enjoy your time here because it truly flies by. WCA is truly a special place where God is at work. Micah 6:8.



JUSTIN *Fuller*

Wow. I've finally made it. I'd like to thank the Academy for keeping me all these years, despite my various "misdemeanors" along the way. I'd like to thank my father and mother for supporting and loving me, despite our various "miscommunications" along the way. I'd like to thank my brother and sister for hanging with me all these years, despite our various "misunderstandings" along the way. I'd like to thank my friends for- you know what I'd like to thank you for. I love you all more than you could ever know, and more than I could ever show. To conclude, I'd to thank God, for blessing me so much, despite my various "misjudgments" along the way. Signing off, Fuller



RINGING IN *controversy*

Students share their thoughts on the new phone policy.

Westminster put in place a new phone policy this school year that frustrated many students and parents alike. The policy prohibited all cell phone use during school hours. Problems such as carpool scheduling, illness communication, private family matters, and the individual choice to use devices during free time such as lunch or study hall were many of the complaints. Although this policy was annoying, students found ways to tolerate the rule.

“It's all about the angles. I use my backpack and sometimes my pocket too. It's the move.”

-Lily Duda
senior

Troy Dorsey, junior, does not mind the phone policy because there is barely any service in school anyway. He wished he could use it during lunch.

Ella Fiala, senior, finds creative ways to use her phone during the day.



Hope Burkey and Camryn McMurry, seniors, pull out their phones on the bus ride to 'Loaves and Fishes,' a homeless shelter. Any chance students had, they whipped out their phones.



Sarah Moyer, Ellie Jones, Vaughn Goff, and Tommy Davidson are frustrated by the new rules.

Ella Fiala, senior, finds creative ways to use her phone during the day.



Amelia Williamson, junior, hides her phone behind her laptop during class.

“I had the same type of phone policy, but this one is easier because we are allowed to use our iPads, so this is less strict compared to my last school.”

-Madison Schofield
sophomore



KATHERINE *Gaitan*

Heavenly Father, thank you for everything. It is through Your love and grace that I've made it this far. I cannot wait to see where life takes me next. Mom and Dad, thank you for teaching me patience, confidence, self-love, and for always reminding me that I will be okay in this life. Dawson, thank you for making me laugh every single day, and I am so grateful that you are my brother! I love you all! To all of my friends, I will cherish the memories we created together. Teachers, thank you for your dedication to my academics over the last six years.

“One day she will look back and see that, all along, she was blooming.” - MHN



LAUREN *Gates*

These past 6 years at Westminster have been ones that I will truly remember forever. From coming in 7th grade not knowing anyone, to graduating senior year with more memories and friendships than I ever could have imagined, I have loved every second of this crazy journey. Thank you to my friends and family who have been by my side for the last 6 years, and thank you to everyone who has made high school so memorable!



PEARSON *Georges*

First and foremost, I want to thank God for placing me at Westminster. No other school would have shaped me into a better man and Christian. I also want to thank my parents for being by my side and supporting me these past six years. Nothing I have ever done could I have done without you both. To my brother, thank you for being a representation of who I should strive to be. To all the friends I have made, you boys stuck with me through the toughest times and I could never express how thankful I am for that. Lastly, thank you Westminster for molding me into the best man that I can be.



MATTHEW *George*

First off, I'd like to thank God and my family for enabling me to attend Westminster. Mom and Dad, thank you for shaping me into the person I have become and for teaching me about God and his grace. To my brother, Nick, please try to stay out of trouble. Lastly, thank you to all my coaches and teachers that I've learned much from through the years.



JAEALA *Ginger*

Thank you, God for giving me the opportunity to attend this amazing school. Mom, thank you for being my role model and for being my best friend. Dad, thank you for being my twin and biggest supporter!. Kennedy, thank you for being my support system through my whole life, I wouldn't be where I am without y'all! Besties, you ladies are the best!! I could not imagine life without you gals. I know each one of y'all are gonna do great things! WCA, thank you for the best 6 amazing years of my life!! Never thought I would have to ever say goodbye. Jeremiah 29:11



SABRINA *Granata*

Westminster, thank you for four incredible years full of love, joy, and growth. I would like to thank my mom and dad for being my biggest supporters, and for loving me unconditionally. Thank you to my sister and best friend Sofia who has shaped me into the person I am today. I also want to thank all of the teammates that I have had these past four years for making each and every season a blast and for challenging me to never give up. Finally I want to thank my friends for all of the laughs and unforgettable memories. I will forever cherish all of the friendships I have made and all of the lessons I have learned.



THE *hype* OF A STEREOTYPE

BECCA CHIMENTO



ON *"Christian Girls"*

The so called goody-two-shoes of the school are sometimes known as Christian girls. "I think initially if I was called one I would've been offended, but when I thought about it, that's what I believe in, so it's not a bad thing to be called one," said Becca Chimento, junior. While this 'term' was often used a joke to make fun of people, it truly acknowledges their beliefs. This was only one of many false stereotypes.

ELEANOR DISPER



ON *"VSCO Girls"*

VSCO girls started becoming popular this past summer through TikTok. While at first, it was seen as an aesthetic, it became a negative term that people were offended by. Some of Disper's friends began calling her a VSCO Girl as a joke, and she followed along. "If people called me one for real I would be offended because it is usually seen as a bad thing, but it doesn't really matter to me," said Eleanor Disper, freshman. Although she did some things that are the 'VSCO' style it did not mean she was the stereotype.

CALEB MOELLENHOFF



ON *"Honors Students"*

Almost every school has a few of those so called "Honors Students," the kids who take lots of hard classes and supposedly spend too much time studying. Some may call Caleb Moellenhoff, junior, one, but he did not mind. "I take a little pride in being called a 'honors student.' I work hard to glorify God. I really enjoy being in the hard classes, it's a good challenge for me," said Moellenhoff. While some see this stereotype as an embarrassing term Caleb does not.

High School brings about many stereotypes, most of them negative. Stereotypes are often things made as a joke to describe 'certain' groups of people. While they were light hearted at first, they often became offensive and derogative.



REAGAN *Grass*

Dear friends and family, I couldn't have made it through this year without your support. Thank you Dad for always teaching me new things and helping me become a better person. Thank you Meredith for being my best friend when I needed it. Lastly, I thank my Mom. I know if you were here today you would be spending every moment you could with me. I know our time together got cut short but I live each day in remembrance of who you were and I want to be like you someday. I'm ready for the long journey ahead and I will need all the help I can get, thanks everyone.



TRENT *Grass*

I just wanna give a big thank you to God, my family, friends, and everyone that has made my high school experience at Westminster so great. Mom and Dad, thank you so much for everything you've done for me and for providing me with a great education to grow in my relationship with God. I love you guys! Clayton, Dominic, Drake, Bella, and Chloe thank you so much for never allowing a dull moment in life. As annoying as you all can be sometimes, I couldn't imagine life without all of you. Lastly to all the friends I've made at Westminster. Thank you all for making these four years of high school unforgettable.



CAROLINE *Guempel*

First and foremost, to my family, thank you for putting up with me all these years. Mom, thank you for always being the coolest person out there and for being the best host for my friends. Dad, thank you for always motivating me and for being my business buddy, Emily and Elizabeth, I love you guys lots and I am lucky to have you two as big sisters and role models. And lastly to my friends, these past four years have been the best. Thank you guys for the many memories and endless laughs. High school is going to be hard to let go of and I don't know what I am going to do without you guys next year.



NICK *Gustavison*

I want to start by thanking my mother and father for sending me to Westminster. They always were there to support me and give me encouragement wherever I went. Secondly, I want to offer good luck to my sister who is going to be an incoming seventh-grader next year. Next, I'd like to thank Westminster for pushing me in academics, athletics, and religion; I think it has well prepared me for the future. To those who are coming after me, please, make sure you turn in all your assignments on time, study, and always remember, no matter how much it seems to the contrary, the teachers try their best to do what they can to prepare you for the future.



JOSHUA *Hanson*

There's 104 days of summer vacation, And school comes along just to end it, so the annual problem for our generation is finding a good way to spend it...Like maybe...Building a rocket. Or fighting a mummy. Or climbing up the Eiffel Tower. Discovering something that doesn't exist. Or giving a monkey a shower. Surfing tidal waves, Creating nanobots, Or locating Frankenstein's brain. Finding a dodo bird. Painting a continent. Or driving your sister insane. As you can see there's a whole lot of stuff to do before school starts this fall (Come on Perry). So stick with us 'cause Phineas and Ferb are gonna do it all!



ALLISON *Hardin*

First off, I would like to thank God for lovingly carrying me throughout my life and directing my path through all the twists and turns. Thank you to my parents for unconditionally loving me and for shaping the person I have become and am becoming. I love you guys tons. Johnny, stay goofy. You're my best friend and I can't thank you enough for your constant love, support, and laughs. To my whole family, thank you for being the best. To all my friends, thank you for all the memories and for loving me so well. I can't wait to see where you all end up. Lastly, thank you, WCA for an amazing 6 years.



POWER OF *tragedy*

About ten years ago, something tragic happened in the Pritchett family. Their house burned down, leaving ashes in its place. Alyssa Pritchett, senior, and Hailey Pritchett, sophomore, are 2 of 5 siblings. This impacted them, but it seemed to have a positive effect looking back.

Alyssa, the older of the two sisters, acted and sang in plays and musicals. She was in the theatre program starting her sophomore year and played a big role in every play she was in. Hailey played volleyball and was the only sophomore on varsity this past year. She always played above the level of her classmates in the sport.

Hailey was about six at the time with little to no idea of what was going on. She was with all her siblings at their neighbor's house just up the street, when they heard their house was smoking. The group of kids ran down the street when the shock factor of the burning house in front of them set in. Young Hailey did not have a strong grasp of what was happening. This tragedy moved the Pritchett family from a hotel, to a friend's house, into an apartment, and finally into a rental home for nine months while their house was restored. The young six-year-old Hailey had just started first grade felt lost. She poured herself into her sports at school playing volleyball and club soccer.

The activities that the Pritchetts filled their time with to distract themselves helped them cope with the loss of their home.



Hailey Pritchett, sophomore, prepares for a set in her varsity volleyball game at Westminster. She was a scholar-athlete and participated in STUCO as an officer. She prided herself on her hard work ethic and achieving good grades.



Alyssa Pritchett, senior, strums her ukulele in the play 'Peter and the Starcatcher' as the character Smee. This was her third year performing in a Westminster play. As she enters college next fall, she plans on continuing her acting career for fun and still hopes to audition for plays.

“The house fire destroyed almost everything we owned, but it made me realize that home is found in the loving people around me and not in the materialistic possessions we had.”

-Alyssa Pritchett
senior

HENRY *Hartshorn*

Thank you God, thank you to my family, and thank you to my friends. Thank you, God, for putting me in Westminster, getting me through Westminster, and for giving me all of the amazing opportunities in between. Thank you, mom and dad, for everything. Far too much to fit in one yearbook quote. Thank you, Hanna Kate, for being my role-model growing up, and still today. And thank you to the boys, I'll miss you guys next year. Finally, thank you, Mrs. Thompson, for being the first teacher to believe in my abilities, you did way more than you know. Also, to whoever takes the reigns of Blue Crew next year, please don't screw it up.



GRACE *Hemmer*

These past 3 years at Westminster have been unforgettable. Mom and Dad thank you for making this experience possible. Thank you for always encouraging me and pushing me to do my best. I would also like to thank all my teachers who went out of their way to help me succeed. And to all of my friends I'm beyond thankful for you guys and the memories we've made. I truly do not know what I would do without you. I am so grateful for my years at The Academy. Thank you & much love for you all, here's to the next chapter.





JOURNEE *Henry*



DANIEL *Herrera*



As I look back over the past three years, I am forever grateful for God's providence and care over me. Dad, thank you for inspiring me with your humility and work ethic. Thank you for your feats of endurance during our long car rides to school. Thank you Mom for all the countless music lessons and for being the best teacher I have ever had. Without your encouragement and love every step of the way, I certainly would not be where I am today. Most importantly, thank you guys for instilling me with a love of the LORD and inspiring me in your walk with GOD. I am forever grateful for my amazing Christian education at Westminster and unforgettable memories.



BEN *Hicks*

I'd like to take this time to apologize, to absolutely no one. But I would first like to thank my parents. To my Mom and Dad, from the bottom of my heart I thank you for everything you have done for me to this point. To my coaches, I thank you for helping guide me to the person I am today. To all my teammates and friends, we had an awesome run these 6 years and I know we will see each other again soon. I would not trade this time of my life for anything. I have made amazing memories that will go with me the rest of my life. Thank you to everyone and God bless America.



TAYLOR *Highmark*



To my Mom and Dad thank you for being my number one supporters. You never fail to encourage and uplift me in every aspect of my life. Thank you for always pouring into me and pointing me back to Jesus. You have truly helped me grow so much. To Brooke and Lane I'm beyond blessed to have you both as my sisters. Thank you for going on adventures with me and for always making me laugh. To my friends, I don't know what I would do without you guys. I love you all so much. I will cherish all of the memories that we have made throughout highschool and many more to come.



Q: What's a coxswain?

A: They are known as the 'brains' of the boat. A coxswain sits in either the front or the back of the boat and steers. This person also coaches during races.

Q: Do you still row when it's cold outside?

A: Sometimes. We mostly do erg (rowing machine) workouts indoors, but if the weather is nice on the weekend, we practice on the water.

Q: Where and how often do you compete?

A: Our regattas are usually in Ohio or Tennessee. We have a couple of regattas in the fall and several in the spring season.



Lane Goodwin, eighth grade, carries her boat before a race at the Blake Haxton Regatta in Ohio. This was the first regatta for the novice's fall season.

This September, three Westminster girls began rowing with St. Louis Rowing Club's Novice Team and contributed to one of their most successful fall seasons yet.

The girls spent six days a week after school on Creve Coeur Lake preparing for regattas (rowing meets) with grueling workouts, no matter the weather. "I knew while trying out that this sport was going to be extremely hard, and it was even harder than I expected," said Alexis Hackman, eighth grade. "Rowing is harder than any other sport I have played, but I have amazing teammates that encourage me," Lane Goodwin, eighth grade, adds.



Alaina Ronning, sophomore, and Alexis Hackman, eighth grade, stand with part of their crew after their 5k race at the Head of the Hooch Regatta. The girls' eight person boat was the only novice boat selected to race at the Hooch and placed in the top ten out of thirty-three boats.



Alexis Hackman, eighth grade, holds the boat while her crew waits for the start of their first race in Ohio. "I enjoy regattas because I get to miss school and spending time with teammates," said Hackman.



HEIDI Hightower

Mom and dad, thank you for always pushing and supporting me in all that I do and to help me grow into the woman I am today. Thank you to all my siblings; Hannah, for always being there for me and giving me advice in all aspects of life, John, for never failing to make me laugh and being my loudest supporter in everything, and Hayleigh Ava, for showing me nothing but love and kindness and for keeping me young. I love you all so so much. To all my friends and teammates, thanks for always making me laugh and feel so loved and for all the fun memories. Thank you WCA. for the greatest four years.



LUCI Hilboldt

Three years at Westminster went by so fast. I can't begin to thank my parents for everything they have done for me. Mom, thank you for pushing me to be more than I could imagine. Dad, thank you for always seeing the best in me; I appreciate your encouragement more than you know. Lastly, to the girls, thank you for taking me in sophomore year, thank you for waiting out my shy phase, and thank you for the endless memories. I seriously don't know what I would do without you guys.



KATIE *Hobaugh*

Class of 2020, I never thought this day would come! Thank you Westminster for incorporating faith into every aspect of my education. Mom and Dad, thank you for loving and supporting me through and through and all the RV road trips in between. Joey, thank you for being my personal paper revisor and my best friend, I couldn't have passed an english class without you! Lexi Jo and all my nuggets-thank you for being my rocks this past year, y'all have showed me what Christ centered friendships look like and I am forever grateful! Jesus, thank you for some of the best 6 years of my life, all the love -Mom/Kata Galatians 2:20



AVA *Hollmann*

"To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift." - Steve Prefontaine. Thank you to the God, parents, brother, cross country buds, and friends who helped me strive for this excellence throughout high school. Hi, kids!



SYDNEY *Hott*

First and foremost, to my family, thank you for putting up with me all these years. Mom, thank you for always being the coolest person out there and for being the best host for my friends. Dad, thank you for always motivating me and for being my business buddy. Emily and Elizabeth, I love you guys lots and I am lucky to have you two as big sisters and role models. And lastly to my friends, these past four years have been the best. Thank you guys for the many memories and endless laughs. High school is going to be hard to let go of and I don't know what I am going to do without you guys next year.



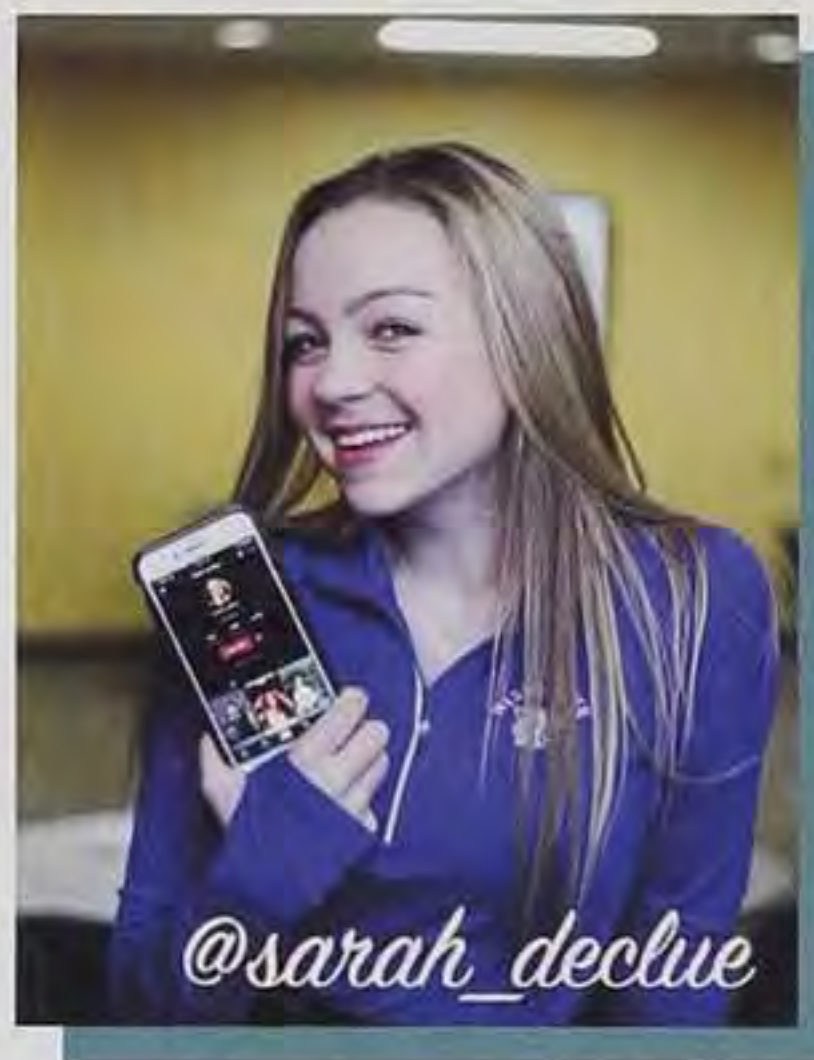
EMERY *Iven*

I am incredibly blessed to have such wonderful parents who gave me the opportunity to go to Westminster and for being my biggest supporters in all that I do. To my wonderful friends, thank you for your constant love and joy you've brought me these past four years. To my sister, Avery, I love you and always look up to you; you set the expectations high. Lastly, Lance, I am so lucky to have you in my life, and to have shared all my high school memories with you. I continually thank God for the loving community He surrounded me with and the unity of the best senior class, the Class of 2020.



AYO, *Tik Tok* CHECK!

After the downfall of Musical.ly, TikTok, the new video-creating app, swept the nation. It was one of the most downloaded apps for the past two years, and its popularity was only increasing. Many of its users have gone viral due their comedy, dance moves, and other talents. "I don't do homework anymore. I just lay on my bed and scroll through the 'For You' page, hoping one day I'll be on it," said Sophie Clifton, junior. Here were some of Westminster's most viral Tik Tok stars.



@sarah_declue

Sarah DeClue, freshman, did a 'theater kid check' where she showed off her Broadway-themed room and impressive collection of Playbills. She received over 15,000 likes and 106,000 views. "I love Tik Tok because of the creativity and comedy. There is always something different," said DeClue.



@childishambino

Henry Hartshorn, senior, received over 250,000 likes on his math Tik Tok. He explained that if $1/3$ is .33..., and $2/3$ is .66..., then $3/3$ must equal .99... and not 1. His favorite part about Tik Tok was how similar it is to the old social media app, Vine.

Shelby Truitt, freshman, went viral, receiving almost 600,000 views and 98,000 likes. In her video, she explained her encounter with a recruiter from her dream college, Penn State.



@shelby.truitt

“When in doubt, Renegade.”

-Macy Goodwin
sophomore



Macy Goodwin,
sophomore



Lexi Cella, eighth
grade



KATELYN *Jeong*

I can't believe high school is over. God, the last five years were definitely the toughest times of my life. And although I complained from time to time, I now clearly see what your plan was. Thank you for your unending and unconditional love. Mom and Dad, Thank you for being my biggest supporters of all time. I can't even describe how much I love you. Friends, I truly couldn't have survived high school without you all. I will never forget all of the silly laughter and endless complainings. Proverbs 16:9



TORI *Jessie*

First, I'd like to thank God for blessing me with the ability to go to the Academy for the past 6 years. I hope all of my classmates are able to pursue everything that they put their minds to. I want to thank my parents for sacrificing everything for me to go to this wonderful school. To my friends, you all are my EVERYTHING and I love you dearly even though you all get on my nerves. To all my kids still at the Academy, stay strong & keep pushing. Enjoy everything the Academy has to offer because the memories are worth it. Stay smiling.



BRICYN *Johnson*

To all of my teachers, coaches, friends, and family that have helped me get to where I am now 6 years later, I thank you for all that you have done in my life. A special thanks to my mom because without her hard work I wouldn't be at this school. These years went by faster than I expected, but I am glad I got to spend them with my best friends. I will never forget all the memories at WCA, and I'll definitely miss getting called "Bricken" everyday in the hallway.



CHARLIE *Johnson*



DANIEL *Johnson*

First and foremost, I want to thank God for bringing me to this point. Mom, thank you for providing wisdom, love, and most importantly my lunch every morning. Dad, thank you for always being there for me whether it's a sports event or pushing for Taco Tuesday. Grace, Brady, Peter, Julia, Anna, Lily, and Ruth, thank you for being the most entertaining bunch of siblings whether it be Quiplash or Avalon. Jelmer, thank you for becoming like a brother to me. Gus, thank you for being a truly wonderful dog. And finally, my "gang", thanks for all the laughs and moments that made my time at Westminster that much better.



KATE *Johnson*

Dad and Mom- Thank so much for all the unconditional love and support you have given me throughout my entire life. You both have sacrificed so much for me and I will never be able to thank you enough. Megan- Thank you for being the best big sister someone could ever ask for. Coach Crutcher- Thank you so much for being the best coach and always believing in me. You have taught me so many valuable lessons that I will never forget. Finally, the girls volleyball team, you all have been such a blessing to be throughout these 6 years. You guys have taught me so much about myself and have truly impacted me in so many great ways.



MAKING *history*



Think about the ideal teacher: kind, funny, and interesting. Then add a love of Nut and Honey cereal, new suits, and of course, history. Dr. Jeff Gall was a prized part of the Westminster community and even had the opportunity to work alongside his son, Micah Gall. He taught American History, a junior class, but many of his students noticed that it was so much more than a stereotypical class. "He is really nice and relatable. He always asks thought-provoking questions and engages us," said Grace Clement, junior. "I have never seen Dr. Gall in a bad mood. He tells such funny dad jokes," said Jackson Selk, junior. It

“Dr. Gall has a heart the size of a basketball. He’s the best.”

-Jackson Selk
junior

was clear that everyone that who came in contact with Dr. Gall was immediately taken aback by his incredible kindness and thoughtfulness. "It is obvious he really enjoys his job, which makes the class extra fun and enjoyable. He is enthusiastic and exciting and tells us all about the current news as well as the curriculum," said Teddy Peirick, junior. Dr. Gall had a lasting impact on many students at Westminster.



Noah Coomes and Kirk Briden, juniors, take notes in class. Dr. Gall used slides and videos to keep everyone engaged.



Max Kramer and Arista Hampton, juniors, listen and discuss during their class. Dr. Gall's presentations were always interesting and detailed.



Jackson Selk, Arista Hampton, Teddy Peirick, and Grace Clement, juniors, stand with Dr. Gall and show their love for him.



LANCE *Johnson*

Thank you Mom and Dad for letting me attend Westminster. The memories and people I met here will be cherished all my life. Your endless support in whatever I do provides such a firm foundation for my faith, goals, and aspirations. Because of you both, I get to wake up every morning (or afternoon) excited to follow my dreams and reality of becoming a successful musician with my best friends Jackson and Kaleb. I'm grateful for Ashley, Blake, and Evan who have greatly impacted who I am today. I'm so thankful I got to spend almost my whole high school time with Emery. She brings out the best in me and is one of the greatest joys in my life.



ARTHUR *Jordan*

I would like to first thank God for all He has done for me, and for leading me to Westminster. Mom, Dad and my entire family, I thank you for your endless support and love. Throughout my six years at Westminster, I have been blessed with great friends, cool teammates, and the best teachers one could ask for. These years have gone by so quickly. But, Westminster has provided me with friendships, experiences, and memories that will last a lifetime. As I enter college, I'm confident that Westminster has prepared me very well for the future. I would also like to thank the WCA teachers, coaches and mentors for sharing their knowledge, guidance and inspiration.





RILEY *Kilgore*

I cannot begin to express how grateful I am to have gone to such a wonderful school for the last four years. Westminster, you have taught me everything I need to know about not only academics, but how to be a better Christian and show my faith through everyday life. Thank you to my teachers who always challenged and supported me. Finally, I am thankful for family and friends who made this journey through high school bearable. Mom and dad, thank you for putting up with me and pushing me to do better in school. And Belela. I am so blessed to have met such an amazing group of friends. I love all of you. 2 Corinthians 9:8



HENRY *Jung*



ALLIE *Kluttz*

First giving honor to God for allowing me to be a wildcat at WCA and make such amazing memories during these four years. I am so grateful for the amazing people I met, and I couldn't imagine life without them. Mom and dad, thank you for shaping me into the person I am today and for always being there for me. To my sister Chereka, thank you for being such a great role model for me to look up to, and thank you for always giving the best advice. To my brother AJ, thanks for all of the great laughs and ice cream trips, you make everyday better. I love you all so much. Let's go class of 2020!



CAROLINE *Kopsky*

I am forever grateful for my experiences at Westminster. I've learned how to push myself further than I ever knew I could, take every opportunity, and never waste a second. Mom & Dad, I can only hope to be half of who you are! You challenge me to improve everyday, and that has taken me many great places. Claire & MaryKate, thanks for leaving such a great legacy. You both inspire me daily and are the absolute best friends I could ask for. To all my friends, y'all taught me how to love deeply and be the best version of myself. Yearbook, it's been an absolute blast. Thanks for being apart of my story! Ephesians 4:29



gearing-up FOR AN ADVENTURE *theatre starter pack*

When one thinks of theatre what comes to mind? Is it the drama? Or maybe the extremely long hours? "You only need your body," said Stewart Geiz, sophomore. "Putting a production together is a lot of hard work, Lots of caffeine is essential," said Elizabeth Nolting, junior. There were many different assets needed when putting together a theatre production. One of the many productions Westminster held was 'Peter and the Starcatcher.' This was a tale about Peter Pan before he met Wendy and her brothers. Because of the amount of time and effort put into the production, Westminster's productions never cease to amaze their audiences.



Elizabeth Nolting, junior, dances across the room dressed as a mermaid.



Josh Broyles, senior, crouches in anticipation for his trip to the long boats.



Patrick Park, junior, talks to the Lost Boys in the bottom of a ship.



Abby Johler, sophomore, sings a short song about her life as a pirate.



Matthew Culligan, senior, and Stewart Geisz, sophomore, embrace during a stage fight.



HUNTER *Kramer*

I'm beyond thankful for the amazing opportunity the Lord has blessed me with and I'm excited to see how God will shape my path. Family: I love you all so much and am so thankful for you all. The example that you all have set for me to glorify God above all else has impacted me tremendously. Mom and Dad, thank you so much for loving, cherishing, and guiding me every day and always challenging me to grow. Kathryn, thanks for being an amazing sister and always watching out for me. DM, you have grown and learned so much in the past year and I can't wait to see how you will continue to flourish, growing in character and closer to God. The Cousins, Aunts, and Uncles: You all have challenged me in my walk with Christ and taught me so much about understanding the Lord, through this, you all have truly love others. The Boy's: Thank you for always having my back and not being afraid to be better, I can't wait to see where the Lord will guide you all. I'm so thankful for Westminster: I firmly believe there is no better opportunity than Westminster. Teachers, you all have poured into me with not only school knowledge but wisdom to grow me into a more Godly man.



MASON *Kugler*

Thank you Mom and Dad



JAKE

Kyriakos

Thank you to my Friends and Family for supporting me. I would like to thank my mom for pushing me forward. I would like to thank my dad for helping me with boy scouts and going on campouts with me and a special thanks to my sister Ashley who gives me her support. My last thank you's are to the AV team, Mr. Kim and to the Fire department-I'm on my way. Thank you for having my back Virgil.



SEBASTIAN

Lacassie

I am thankful for everyone who has encouraged me over the years. I am thankful for my family for always being there for me in my times of need. You are the reason why I have been so successful. Your support has pushed me to better myself and I thank you for that. I have been blessed to have made so many memories in my time as a student at Westminster and there is nothing that can take that away from me. I am also thankful for all of my friends for having made so many memories that I will always cherish. I'm excited for the next chapter of my life to begin!



KINSLEY

Lawrence

I am so thankful for the people Westminster has blessed me with as well and my parents who have supported me throughout my 6 years at this school. Thank you for all that you have done for me. The friends and teammates I have made here will always have an impact on my life. I am so grateful for the teachers and coaches who have made my experience here comfortable and amazing (and of course my favorite lunch lady, Barb for making me smile every day). Kirk, I'll miss walking past you in the hallways, even though you ignore me most of the time. Enjoy your next two years they are going to fly by. I am so grateful for Westminster and I am excited to see what the future holds!



MICHAEL

Lee

The greatest question I ask myself is how will I be remembered. Will they know me down the years by being on chapel band, or the guy always on the stage. That's all well and good but what I want to be remembered for is my relationship with Christ. If I haven't been given anything at Westminster the one thing I will always take with Me is Jesus. Peace out Academy!



THE KANKEN *comeback*



Isabella Francois, senior, says that her Fjallraven Kanken is super durable and supportive, "A lot of my other backpacks hurt my back or the straps would break easily but this backpack has not caused those issues and is comfortable to wear!" said Francois.



Ellie Pierson, senior, poses with her backpack. She chose this specific backpack because it holds all her books and is super supportive. Pierson added a ribbon to her Fjallraven Kanken backpack to make it more her style.

Finding a durable backpack that lasts several years for a student is very difficult. The Swedish brand, Fjallraven Kanken made its way to one of the most popular backpacks for high school and college students. Making a huge comeback and becoming more popular, it attracted students. "I use this backpack for so many activities and it's very reliable for all my books and binders," said Isabella Francois, senior. This practical design stuck around because of the lightweight and versatile design, making many fake brands pop up. The Fjallraven Kanken backpack used to be very popular in 2017, and came back into style.



Grace Skiljan, senior, uses her Fjallraven Kanken backpack for keeping all her belongings organized for school.

Fjallraven FAVORITES



TEAGAN *LeVar*

Thank you to all my friends, family, and teachers for getting me through these past four years. What can I say? I'm glad it's finally over.



ALYSSA *Legters*

First and foremost, I'd like to thank God for placing me in a community, family, and group of friends that challenged me to grow my faith and showing me that His design for my life is much better than my design. To my mom and dad, thank you for supporting me in all the craziness of high school and showing me what it means to follow Christ unconditionally. To Caleb and Owen, thanks for being amazing little brothers and attending my many field hockey and soccer games. To my friends, thanks for some great memories, and I wish you all the best! Thank you coaches and teachers for pushing me to excel. ¡Adiós!





MIKE *Lemp*

Thank you mom and dad for loving me enough to send me to Westminster, I am truly thankful. Thank you guys for putting up with me all throughout high-school and attending every one of my games. Jack; Thank you for all the memories we made together attending the same highschool and sharing the soccer field for 2 whole years. Thank you to the best friends ever that made high school an experience I will never forget. Lastly, thank you coaches for giving me something to look forward to everyday after school. High school has been full of some of the best memories that I will never forget. It's crazy how fast four years of highschool can fly by. Enjoy it.



MOLLY *Li*

First and foremost, to my family, thank you for putting up with me all these years. Mom, thank you for always being the coolest person out there and for being the best host for my friends. Dad, thank you for always motivating me and for being my business buddy. Emily and Elizabeth, I love you guys lots and I am lucky to have you two as big sisters and role models. And lastly to my friends, these past four years have been the best. Thank you guys for the many memories and endless laughs. High school is going to be hard to let go of and I don't know what I am going to do without you guys next year.



MACEY *Lottmann*

Fam, thank you for being my biggest supporters and pushing me to be the best person I can be. Friends, thank you for making me laugh uncontrollably and for fueling my ice cream addiction. Basketball, thank you for giving me the best coaches and friendships that will last a life time. These past 6 years have flown by and I couldn't be more thankful for the friends and memories that Westminster has given me.



ASHLEY *Lipe*

Kharis Perona sophomore, laughs about how much she wishes she could do, but is unable to because she just had her ACL surgery. Her left leg had many stitches and tape covering what would be a scar vertically on her knee.



Perona's leg is wrapped in compression wrap to keep the swelling down. Her dog, Mango was a huge comfort to her in the first few days after her surgery.



saying SORRY

To an athlete, an injury can be the most devastating or revitalizing thing for them, but it's the scariest experience as well. Some are required to have surgery, and some just need a week or two to take it easy. Many athletes at Westminster experienced this injury. For Kharis Perona, sophomore, it looked like the longest and hardest recovery she had yet: a torn ACL and meniscus, with a small bone fracture. The crutches and hearing "I'm so sorry, that must suck" were extremely painful when all she wanted to do was be back out on the lacrosse field to cradle and take shots with some yellow rubber balls. Her surgery went well, but the recovery process was a long one. Months of physical therapy and pain post-surgery were required for her full recovery.

“I think that because I had my surgery, it will strengthen my knee, which in the future, will make me a better and stronger player.”

- Lindsey Birk

seventh grade

ASHLEY MacDONALD

My past six years at Westminster have been such a blessing. Thank you, Westminster, for the unforgettable memories and amazing friends, teachers, and opportunities. Mom, thank you for always being there for me and for shaping me into the person I am today. Dad, thank you for your constant love and support and always pushing me to do my best. Connor and Jimmy, thanks for putting up with me. I am proud to be your big sis! Lastly, to my girls, thank you for the constant laughter and endless memories. You have been such lights in my life, and I truly don't know what I'm going to do without each of you by my side. Class of 2020, you've truly made this the best six years ever.



GIGI Mahley

Thank you WCA for an amazing 6 years of my life. I have found friends that will last me a lifetime and have memories I will never forget. I want to thank my mom and dad for loving, teaching, and caring for me all these years. I want to thank each of my grandparents for supporting me through every step of my journey. Looking back, I realize how much God blessed me with such an extraordinary family and friends following my side. I am so excited to begin my adventure in the world and happy to know I am shaped into who I am today because of Westminster.





BROCK *Malcom*

"I first want to appreciate the endless blessings God has bestowed upon me that I have been given so many great opportunities such as Westminster. Also I am forever blessed for the selfless love that my parents have had for me since the day I was born, and the sacrifices they took to better my life. Dad, thank you for giving me a solid spiritual foundation to build my life upon and teaching me how to be the man I aspire to be. Mom, thank you for your giving heart and passing on your sense of humor. I am also so grateful for the extremely quick four years I've spent at the Academy. My experience at Westminster has assisted me on my path, not only academically but also spiritually. Westminster has also shown me the kind of people I need in my life; allowing me to meet some of the best friends that have become family."



JACK *Martin*

Wow, I can't believe I'm already writing this. Thank you Mom and Dad for for all the endless love and support. You both mean more to me than you'll ever know. To The Boys: It's been a blast filled with so many unforgettable moments. I can't wait to see where life takes us. And finally, thank you God for the opportunity to attend a school like Westminster. It truly is a privilege to learn from such great people. This school will always hold a special place in my heart.



WILL *Mason*

Thank you mom for working so hard every day and teaching me to do the same. You have poured your wisdom into me, and no matter how many times you repeat those things, I love you. Thank you Christina for keeping me sane, and thanks for being someone I want to go to with my problems. Aiden- You have been my best friend for the past 6 years and I cannot thank you enough for sticking by my side through everything. Netflix and Sandy. And Advil. Chlo- Thank you for turning my life around. Friends- Even though we have no official name or group-chat, I love you all, and thank you for helping me become the man I am today.



CAMRYN *McMurry*

I wouldn't have asked for the past 6 years to have gone any other way. Thank you Mom and Dad for valuing a Christian education, for choosing to send me to Westminster, and for loving me unconditionally. Thank you to the friends who have made Westminster unforgettable and stayed with me through everything. Thank you to all the teachers and coaches who pushed me to aim for the best.



YOU LOOK LIKE

This new "Gradient" app created a sparking phenomenon across the Westminster student body. As students uploaded pictures of themselves or their friends, the app created a gradual 4-picture transformation. The face in the picture transformed into a look-alike celebrity. The results created an uproar of laughter and smiles as the majority of look-alike pairs have been a stretch from actually looking like the celebrity. "Almost every look-alike on this app doesn't look anything like the person, which makes the app so funny to have," said Eleanor Disper, freshman. Gradient stretched across the entire Westminster community as hundreds of students downloaded the app. The wild transformations stunned students and have created an environment for students to find their one celebrity look alike!

BB The app was fun. I could see the similarities.
- Noah Adair, senior

Every time I look at my pictures, I wonder if everyone sees me as his twin.
- Abby Stewart, senior

Now, when I go out in public, I'm afraid people will confuse me with Michelle Obama.
- Gus Wilkerson, junior

I laughed so hard when I saw I got Liza because I look nothing like her.
- Ashley Gordon, sophomore *SS*

Mr. Petke to
Billy Ray Cyrus



Noah Adair to
Snoop Dogg



Abby Stewart to
Dwight D. Eisenhower



Gus Wilkerson to
Michelle Obama



Ashley Gordon to
Liza Koshy



RILEY Merrifield

I regret ignoring those who said high school would fly by. These past four years have influenced me to be the person I am today. I am truly so thankful for my family, friends, and others who helped shaped my life tremendously. Mom and dad...thank you for always pushing me to do my best while showing endless love and support. Candice, Gabby, and Noah...thank you for not only being my siblings, but my best friends. To my girls (SH), thank you for being my second family. I love you guys to no end. God blessed me by giving me the opportunity to attend Westminster Christian Academy. The memories that our 2020 class have made will be cherished forever.



EMILEE Mitchell

God, thank you for teaching me to lean on you when trials come my way and letting me grow and share your goodness and mercy throughout Westminster. Mom and Dad, thank you for sending me to Westminster and being my biggest cheerleaders! Both of you taught me how to work hard, find my passions and glorify God. Friends, thank you for all the memories and the endless laughs at cheer that I will never forget! I want to thank everyone in my life for shaping me into who I am today. I'm grateful for my teachers and coaches who helped me through my journey at Westminster! I cannot wait to see what God has in store for my future. ~Emilee



JAEDA *Moore*

My relationships throughout the years have changed tremendously but thank you to everyone who made me who i am today. Goodbye 2020, see you all when we start getting old and fat. JAEDA BOO OUT



COLLECT MOMENTS NOT THINGS



SYDNEY *Moore*

If there's one thing I learned at Westminster, it's efficiency. For example, sleep in your leggings and sweatshirt, keep your skirt, backpack, and makeup in the car, and store breakfast and creamer in your locker (some nice teacher should supply you with coffee).



NANCY *Morcos*

After reflecting on the time I've spent as a Wildcat, I can't help but be blown away by how much has changed. In six short years, I've become someone who I'm proud of, and it's all thanks to you guys. I would like to start by thanking all the people who lent me a pen or pencil—even though they knew they wouldn't get it back. And a special thanks to those who gave me gum, helping to rid me of my horrible coffee breath. To all of the teachers that stayed after school to build me up and debate the meaning of life, your love has shaped my worldview and aspirations. To my friends, I will always remember all the late night carpool karaokes, bonfires, and adventures around Saint Louis. Shout out to my family for having the dysfunction that gave me my sense of humor. Thank you for making my life beautiful.



JACOB *Moyer*

Thank you so much to all of the family, friends, and teachers that have supported me and helped me grow throughout my high school career. I found the strongest and most amazing friends one could wish for, most of which endured some of the hardest times with me. Rather that be my personal life or AP Chemistry, we made it, stuck together, and powered through the impossible. Our spontaneous late night ice cream excursions, endless "studying" sessions, and consuming gallons of iced coffee all created the strong person I am today. I can't wait to enter into the next part of our lives together and continue to grow and hopefully find a new Starbucks order.



colorful ROUTINES

A yearly tradition for the senior class, is to decorate Westminster's parking lot with an array of colors, names, and pictures to commemorate the beginning of the school year. While the senior class decorated the parking lot, the night ended with a saturated sunset above them. Covering the parking lot with their names, the seniors signified that though this was their last school year, their names will always be remembered at Westminster.



Allison Hardin, senior, laughs as she draws on the ground as a happy start to the school year. Ready to go to Mizzou, Allison committed to enjoying her senior year.



Camryn McMurry, senior, draws the final touches on her parking spot towards the end of the night. When she realized the fast approach of college it was soothing to take a second and draw with chalk.



Grace Dempsey, Ella Polski, and Victoria Smith, seniors, stand proudly in front of their finished masterpiece. After spending all of high school together they decided to start their last year together.



Avery Burkemper, senior, draws on the pavement after sports practice. Burkemper drew in the middle of the walkway which allowed more people to see it.



Heidi Hightower, senior, poses near her finally accomplished Jeep-themed parking spot. Since Hightower had a Jeep, she decided to create a parking spot surrounding that theme.



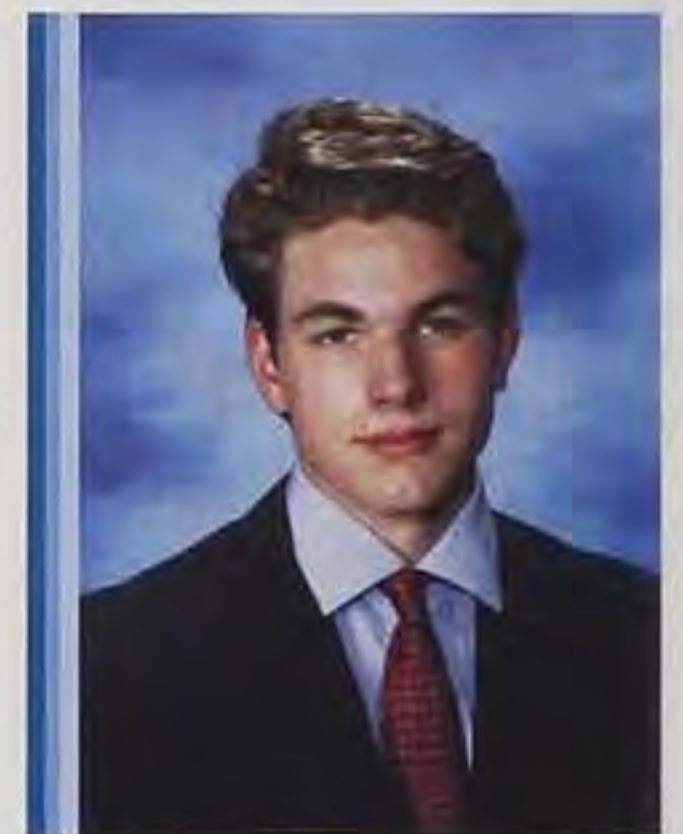
SOPHIA Mullen

I am so thankful for these past six years at WCA. God has made his grace and love for me abundantly clear through the friends and mentors he has provided me with throughout my time here. They have spoken His Truth into my life time and time again, and the adventures I have shared with them will stay with me long after I leave this place. I am grateful for the people who have led me here: my sweet grandparents, my parents, and my brother and sister. They have been my biggest supporters and encouragers through the ups and downs of high school, and I am so very blessed. The past six years have been unforgettable!



MAX Nelson

These past four years at Westminster have been a time that I will never forget. From the beginning of my Freshman year without knowing a single person, to finding my way into the theatre department, and a love for filmmaking and AV. I can't thank my wonderful teachers enough for helping me to find my way through these stressful years. From Mr. Kim, who led me to discover my love for videography, to Mr. Butz who shoved me onto the stage the summer of my sophomore year at COCA. Westminster has changed the course of my life, and I can't thank it enough for that. I'll be truly saddened to walk the crystal palace doors one last time, and leave behind the family I have gained here as well. God bless WCA.



BRENNAN

Orf

My past six years at Westminster have been such a blessing. Thank you, Westminster, for the unforgettable memories and amazing friends, teachers, and opportunities. Mom, thank you for always being there for me and for shaping me into the person I am today. Dad, thank you for your constant love and support and always pushing me to do my best. Connor and Jimmy, thanks for putting up with me. I am proud to be your big sis! Lastly, to my girls, thank you for the constant laughter and endless memories. You have been such lights in my life, and I truly don't know what I'm going to do without each of you by my side. Class of 2020, you've truly made this the best six years ever.



HANNA

Ottsen

Mom and Dad, I can't thank you enough for raising me into who I am today and for all the love and support that you've poured into my life these past years. To the fam barn (Maddie, Matthew, Mollie, and Harry), thanks for all the crazy adventures and for putting up with my laughter for so long. To my best friends, thank you for loving on me so well and for all the unforgettable memories. You have been the biggest blessings in my life. I'm so grateful to everyone who has made my time at Westminster so cherishable.



BEN

Parres

Grateful that I was at least able to use my phone for 3 of my 4 years in high school. "The lone wolf dies but the pack survives."



KELCIE

Patrick

First of all, shout-out to all of the people who made my high school experience great! Secondly, for anyone reading this who is still in high school, enjoy these moments because it's only four years. Time flies quickly so make the most out of it. Be expressive, be weird, and be yourself! If you know me, you know I am pretty bold and made my high school career what I wanted. Love others and love yourself, there are a lot of amazing people here! To my favorite teachers; I love you all! And last but not least, it's been real, Kel out. Peace



SHE DOESN'T FIGHT *alone*



Even after surgery, Madison Doehring, sophomore, still gives the camera an enthusiastic thumbs up to show her positive attitude, including in a selfie with her sister, Caylin Doehring, junior.



The day after her surgery, friends went to surprise Madison at the hospital. One of the friends who made the trip was Zoe Lintner, junior. "We wanted to support her and make sure she knew she had people there for her," said Lintner.

When faced with the decision to have surgery or not, Madison Doehring, sophomore, jumped at the opportunity. It was not the reaction you would expect from a highly competitive gymnast, but Madison was excited to have back surgery in hopes that it would fix the problem that had been causing her pain for nearly two years. Sidelined from the sport she played her whole life, Madison was told that she would likely never be able to do gymnastics again even with the surgery. However, this was a small price for her to pay in an attempt to alleviate the immense, daily pain she battled.

Though hopeful about her surgery, Madison still needed support through this long, challenging process. She found this support and community in her sister, Caylin Doehring, junior, and a group of her friends, also juniors. "They help me grow spiritually and support me in whatever I am going through," said Madison. Starting her freshman year, Madison loved hanging out with her sister's friends, and soon enough, they became just as much Madison's friends as they were Caylin's. "I wasn't really sure how it would work at first, but then I realized that Madison is my best friend too, so why not let her be friends with my other best friends?" said Caylin.

Starting down this long road of surgery and recovery, Madison knew she would need a lot of support, and her sister and friends were there to give her that. The process was slow and the road was long, but Madison knew that even if she could not go back to gymnastics, she had friends who still made her feel loved and valued.



KYLEIGH *Peer*

Thank you Westminster for bringing me the relationships I never thought I would have, the many friendships and teachers that have helped me through the years, and my family who has stuck with me through everything. I thank God for the countless blessings and experiences he has given me. Mom, Dad, and Kaden, thank you for being my rock throughout high school, for teaching me life lessons, and for always supporting me in everything. I'll never forget all my friends who have reserved so many laughs and memories in my heart. Thank you to everyone who has shaped me into the person I am today.



AIDAN *Penberthy*



I would like to thank my Mom and Dad for all that they have done for me. It was a blessing to go to Westminster for six years and I will always be grateful for my time spent there. Mom, thank you for always being there for me. Dad, thank you for everything you taught me, and being an example through how you have led our family in the last few years. You have both shown me what a good person should live like. Lane and Paige, thank you for all the little things that have stuck with me, every day with you guys is a blast. I love you all more than you know.



CLAYTON *Perona*

Thank you to my family, friends, and coaches.



ELLE *Pierson*

Thanks God, thanks family. Peace out Girl Scouts. Romans 15:13



ELLA *Polski*

I've been so incredibly blessed to have gone to a school as wonderful as Westminster for the past 6 years. I have had the most amazing, godly, and selfless teachers throughout my years here, and have absolutely loved being so involved with Westminster's theatre program. I've had the privilege of working on some incredible productions with Mr. Schwamb and Mr. Butz who have taught me so much about performing for the glory of God. Thanks to these shows, I've also made some of the best friends I could ask for. I'm so thankful for all of my friends for going on adventures with me, and always being there for me. Thanks Mom and Dad for being so supporting, loving, and for setting an example for what it looks like to lead a life pursuing God. Wherever life leads, I will always look back on my time at Westminster and all that I have learned here and be forever grateful that I have been so abundantly blessed. Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."



ALYSSA *Pritchett*

God, I cannot thank you enough for the hardships you've got me through and the blessings you've led me to! My 6 years at Westminster have been academically challenging but absolutely rewarding in terms of relationships I've created/fostered with classmates, teachers, and friends. I could not have done it without my amazing family supporting me every step of the way. Mom, Dad, Anthony, Olivia, Kyrstin, Michael, Hailey, you guys have brought me so much love, comfort, and strength in ways that only family can. My best friends, you guys have always been there for me and brought me endless amounts of much needed joy and laughter. I love you all so much! Good luck with your lives. Peace out!



STANLEY *in* SAINT LOUIS

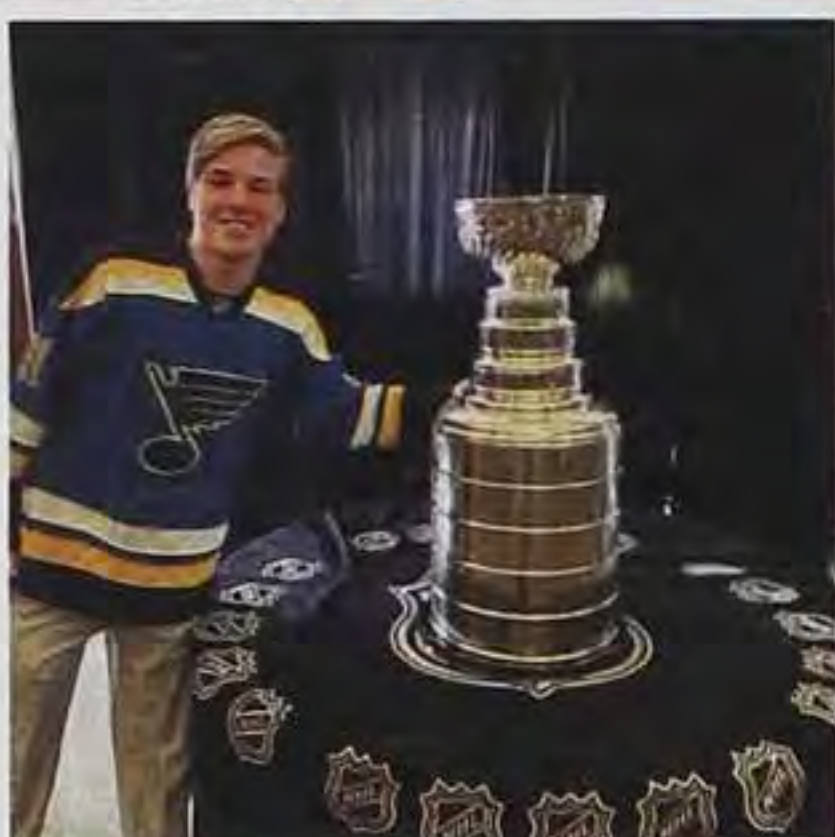
(left) Simone Duncan, Emma Yost, Jackie Briner, Kendal Torretta, and Savvy Duncan snap a picture with the cup during a night on the town.



(right) Abby Sickels, junior, shares a moment with the Stanley Cup before a Blue's meet and greet.



(left) Kirk Briden, junior, poses alongside the cup during the city's after party. "The celebration was crazy," said Briden.



(right) Riley Merrifield, senior, poses with the Stanley Cup alongside former Blue and NHL Hall of Famer Bernie Federko.

June 12, 2019. Game 7 of the Stanley Cup. What was usually a tradition of heartbreak came to an emotional end. In the final seconds, St. Louisans watched in disbelief as all 52 years of heartbreak washed away. The curse was broken and Westminster students and families all over the city rejoiced. "It was amazing to see the team that we've backed up finally win the cup," said Jack Bystrom, senior, when asked about the Blue's victory.

On top of all the years of heartbreak, the Blues pulled off the greatest comeback in hockey history. From last place, the morning of January 3rd all the way to first place and eventual Stanley Cup Champions. "The first half of the season was definitely frustrating but the city never lost hope," said Joshua Stratton, junior.

The Blues victorious season was one of the most strange, gut-wrenching, and unexpected seasons in recent sports history, but they gave St. Louis something to cheer about.

MAX *Radloff*



GRACE *Rahal*



Here is to the friends and family who got me through these 6 crazy years! To my parents, Dad, Mom, and Laurie I love you all endlessly, thank you for your encouragement and support always. Caroline, Jack, and Alex, thank you for keeping me laughing and enjoying life, you all are the biggest blessings. And to my girls, thank you all for the constant joy, never ending memories and for being the best people to turn to on hard days, I love you all so much. Still don't know how I'm supposed to survive without you all next year. It's been a time Westminster, I'm out. John 14:27-28





LAURYN *Rhodes*

These past four years have been filled with blessing after blessing. I want to thank my family for their unconditional love and support. Mom, Dad, Kyndall, and Grandpa, nothing makes me happier than knowing I will always have you standing behind me to encourage me no matter what. And to my friends, thank you for the countless number of memories that I will never forget. Although we're going our separate ways, I know that the distance won't change a thing between us. Lastly, I would like to thank God for bringing me to WCA. I am beyond grateful to have had this chapter of my life take place at Westminster, and will carry the things I've learned here into the rest of my life. Lil Rhodie out.



ANNA *Rockwood*



ESTEN *Ronning*

Thank you to my wonderful parents for giving me the chance to spend the last four years of my life at Westminster. You guys have not only been my biggest supporters, but my biggest role models. Thank you for always believing in me and pushing me to be my very best. Alaina, thanks for always being there when I need a good laugh, I know life is going to miss you. To my friends, thank you for all the fun times and great memories. And lastly, thank you God for guiding me each and everyday. I'll never forget these last four years!



ETHAN *Rush*

It's been a long four years, but years that I wouldn't trade for anything. I would like to thank all who stuck by me for this incredible journey. To my parents: thank you for your unwavering support and encouragement in all my endeavors. You've always been there when I've needed you most. To all my friends: we've had countless adventures together. Thank you for all the memories, and for always having my back. I'll never forget you guys. To Grace: life is what you make it, so follow your dreams and do what you love.



"give me two pairs, cause I need two pairs..."
STOMPIN' IN MY *air force ones*



COLE WILLYARD CAROLINE CLAUS LIAM LLOYD

"They're just comfy, and white and they match everything," said **Masha Stephens**, freshman.



Kourtney Moten, junior, shows off her spunky multi-colored, polka dot pair.

"JT Crowe painted mine. I like the platform, and the relaxed street-wear vibe," said **Sophie Shaver**, freshman.

Like many other trends, the old-school fashion staple of Air Force Ones recently made a major comeback in modern fashion. While the famous white shoe was always present in the young adult culture, it proved to be very prevalent during 2019. The Air Force One was been remade, repainted, and redesigned to fit different personalities and styles. "I like the patterns, they're pretty dope and you can style them in so many different ways," said Kourtney Moten, junior. Styles and trends come and go, so many people took the popularity of the classic shoe as an opportunity to enjoy the many diverse styles present while they lasted.



SABRINA GRANATA

HALL OF shoes



JESSIKA JONES



CAROL ANN MUSCHIK
LIZZI CROW



KAITLYN MANN



JOSH ANDERSON



DANNY *Sacco*

There aren't enough words to explain how God has impacted my life with the people He has blessed me with. First, I want to thank my biggest supporters, my mom and dad. They encourage and guide me to become better every single day. I'm very thankful I've been blessed with parents that love and support me even when it's difficult. I want to thank my friends for uplifting and challenging me to stay on the path God has set for me. Lastly I want to thank my teammates, I would consider these guys my brothers in many aspects. I've formed many meaningful relationships on and off the soccer field and I'm grateful God has blessed me with them. Thank you all.

SOPHIA *Sacco*

I'm so incredibly thankful for all of you who have helped me grow during the most crucial points in my life, and encouraging me to always strive for more. First and foremost, my family has been the biggest supporters of my soccer career and academic development. Secondly, my friends and my teammates have shaped not only who I am, but who I am on and off the field. It's been the best four years i could have been given, and I wouldn't trade my experience for anything.





KOBY *Schmer*

Mom and Dad, thank you for supporting me and guiding me throughout my high school career and for putting me at a place like Westminster. To my sister, thank you for laughing at all my dumb jokes while we were growing up. I strive to treat others as well as you do and I thank God for putting you in my life. To my friends, thank you for being the boys that have been by my side throughout the ups and downs in my life. Thank you for teaching me that "the lone wolf dies, but the pack survives." I love you guys. Lastly, I'd like to thank every teacher I've ever had at Westminster for dealing with me these past six years (I know it wasn't easy). Thank you for constantly pushing me to become a better student, a better Christian, and a better person. Class of 2020, we made it, and I know that God has big plans for each and every one of you as you move on from Westminster.



REBEKAH *Sems*



Mom and Dad, thank you for unconditionally loving me, supporting me, and encouraging me through some of the hardest and most challenging times. Benjer, Thanny, David, and Patch, you guys never make life boring, and I am so proud to have all four of you as my brothers. Elisabeth, you are my best friend and mentor; I don't know what I would do without you. I love you all so very much. Westminster, thank you for providing me with some of the best teachers and relationships I ever could have asked for. I will miss this place and the memories made here, but I am excited to see what the future holds!

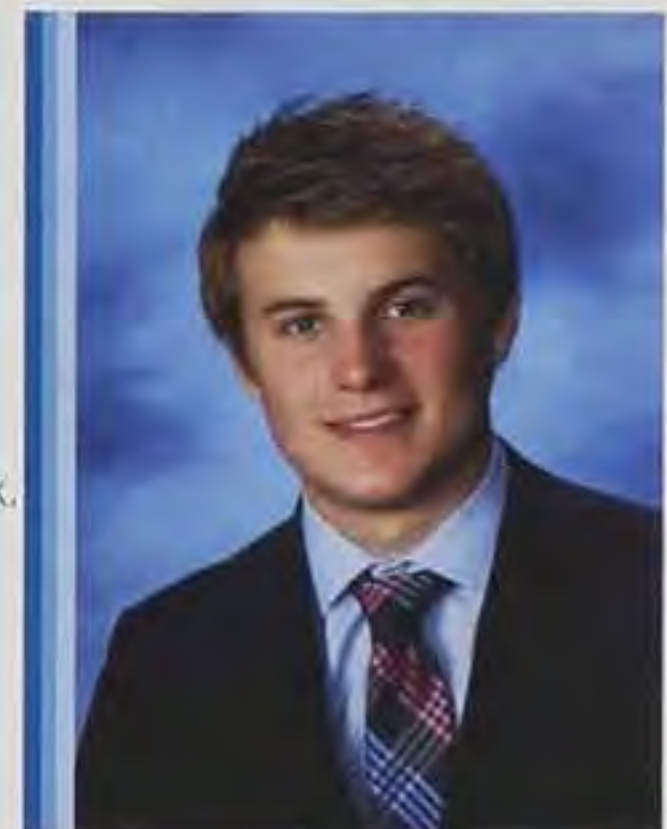


GRACE *Skilian*

Mom and Dad, thank you so much for your constant love and support, and for showing me what it means to be a Christian and how to love everyone around you. I love you both so much. Chris, thanks for being my best friend and for always standing up for me and reminding me constantly to be a better person and to let the little things go. You will always be my go to, can't wait to see where you go in life C. Sami, you are one of the happiest kids I know please don't ever change. Thank you for your constant smile and jokes that you shouldn't be saying yet, you make every situation better. Love you guys.



CODY *Smith*



Mom and dad thank you for always loving me, pointing me to Jesus, believing in me and pushing me to become the man God created me to be. Parker and Tyler, you are the best brothers. Thank you for always having my back. I can't wait to see what you accomplish in the future! Brennan, your friendship means the world to me.



CAPTURING *Victoria*

Victoria Smith, senior, discovered her passion for photography as a junior when friends started complimenting her photos. She made her photography Instagram account after taking sorority pictures for her friend. Her small business created quite the buzz around the WCA community, with most of her clients being students. Her favorite photo spots were any colorful background and flower fields. "I mostly take photos for girls from Westminster and some girls from other schools. I really love getting to know people better, and I think the photoshoots are so much fun," said Smith, when asked about her work. Smith hoped to continue pursuing her passion of photography as a side job in college but was not quite sure how that would look. "A lot of girls have come to me after they see pictures of their friends or pictures of girls they know that they like and want me to take pictures of them too," said Smith, when asked about how she thinks social media impacted her career. Victoria's photography continued to inspire the WCA community to capture their memories and pursue their talents.

Victoria Smith, senior, steps in front of the camera every once in a while, posing in front of blue photo wall.



Ella Polski, senior, gets photographed by Victoria at the selfie room in downtown St. Louis.



Isabella Francois, senior, poses during a photoshoot with Victoria in a sunflower field.



Ashley MacDonald, senior, has a photoshoot with Victoria in a sunflower field over the summer.



Charlotte Spencer and Victoria Smith, seniors, take photos in a flower field.

VICTORIA *Smith*

Wow high school really does go by fast. Thank you mom and dad for being there for me through everything and making me such an independent person. Thank you to my sister for loving me unconditionally. Thank you Westminster for some of the greatest friends I could ask for and for strengthening my faith in Jesus. You will be missed.



CHARLOTTE *Spencer*

Wow. I can't believe it's over! Vic, Ruth, and Jordan, I can't even imagine how the last couple of years would've been without you. Thank you for always making me feel loved and for driving me around aha. I will never forget our adventures! Mom and Dad, thank you for everything. Though I missed you like crazy this year, I am so glad I got to be here. Thank you for your countless prayers, constant encouragement, and endless love! You guys are my world! While my high school experience has turned out completely different than I ever imagined, I am so thankful to the Lord for His blessings and faithfulness over the last four years! :)



HANNAH *Stevenson*

God, thank you for every blessing and your love that never fails me. You are my Rock and my Salvation. Mom and dad, I love you both immeasurably. Your constant guidance and grace means so much to me. You encourage me to explore the world and be who God has made me to be. Emily, you are a great role model and such a soldier, always pushing forward. To Ava and Sydney and all my dearest friends, you guys sharpen me and have made these years extraordinary — I hope to be near you always. What a home Westminster has been to me! I will cherish these years forever. Peace out, Girl Scout.



ETHAN *Storer*

Mom and Dad, thank you for raising me into a happy, healthy adult. I know it wasn't easy, so I appreciate all the love and encouragement. I'll make sure to do something decent with what you and God have given me. Thank you to all my teachers. I would not be the same person without your collective wisdom and guidance. I will miss all of you. And to my friends, I look forward to seeing what the future holds for us. It's an exciting time to be alive, and I hope that we can always share that excitement together. "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift... that's why it is called the present" — MasterOogway "



ABBY *Stewart*

I cannot begin to express how grateful I am to have gone to such a wonderful school for the last four years. Westminster, you have taught me everything I need to know about not only academics, but how to be a better Christian and show my faith through everyday life. Thank you to my teachers who always challenged and supported me. Finally, I am thankful for family and friends who made this journey through high school bearable. Mom and dad, thank you for putting up with me and pushing me to do better in school. And Belela. I am so blessed to have met such an amazing group of friends. I love all of you. 2 Corinthians 9:8



NICK *Steck*

Applebee's

TO ALL THE BOYS *I've loved before*



Kinsley Lawrence, senior, bends down to pose with Aiden Davitt, senior, in the grand entry after school. They had an unofficial, awkward thing throughout the holidays of their eighth grade year. "This picture was the climax of our relationship," said Davitt.



Will Mason and MacKenzie Axford, seniors, take a picture together at Six Flags two years in a row. The first picture they took was part of the seventh grade field trip at the end of the school year. They never officially dated but were a thing for most of middle school.

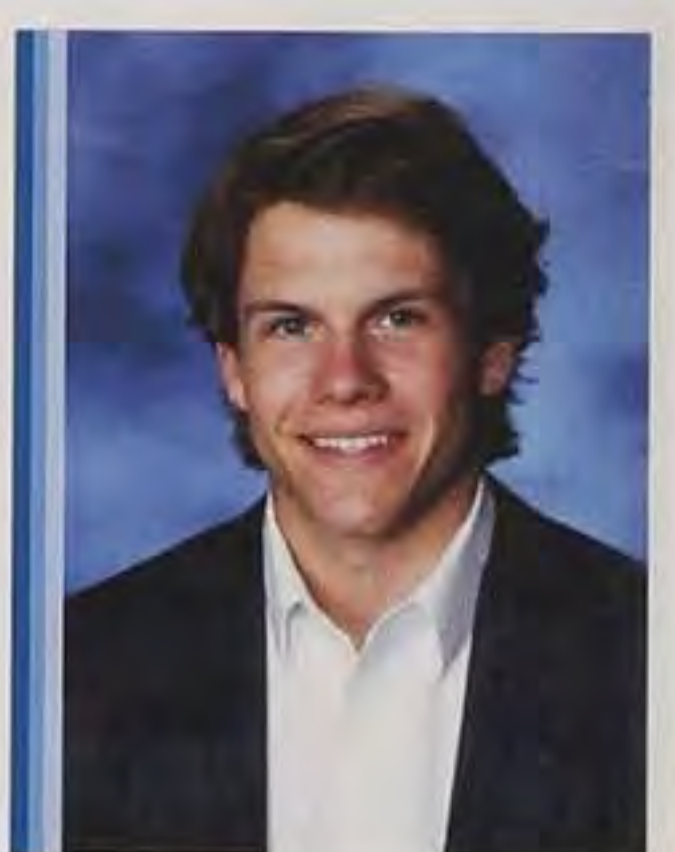
Lexi Jo Alm and Josh Broyles, seniors, celebrate Valentine's Day at her house after school. They dated for over nine months, starting in eighth grade and going into high school. Although they didn't last as a couple, they are still good friends to this day.



KATIE *Stout*

BEN *Straub*

I'm beyond thankful for my time being a wildcat. To my family, thank you for always supporting me and being the best role models I could ask for. Jimbo, thanks for keeping things interesting and making me laugh even when I don't want to. To my coaches and teachers, thank you for always demanding the best out of me and guiding me through my walk with Christ. To The Boys, thank you for endless laughs and wild memories. You are all like brothers to me. Don't forget, the lone wolf dies, but The Pack survives.





BRIDGET *Sullivan*

Mom and dad, I can never thank you enough for all the love and support you give me. Thank you for being my greatest role models especially through my walk with Christ. Hannah and Bryce, you both inspire me everyday. Thanks for all the laughs, I have no idea where I'd be without either of you. To my best friend, Jack, these last years have been the best and I'm truly grateful to have you. Coaches and teammates, thanks for all the encouragement and lessons. Thank you to all my teachers and friends who have helped me to learn and grow. I will forever cherish the friendships that were made and memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you Westminster, I love you all unconditionally.



CLAIRE *Summers*

I can't believe high school is already over! All I can say is thank you to all my friends who made this whole high school thing a blast and thank you to my family who supported me no matter what! At the end of the day, the only one who truly made it all work out is God. He gave me strength when I had none and discernment when I didn't know where to go. God has shown me what I am called to do with my life and that is nursing. Nursing has become a huge part of my life over the past year and it is truly what I have been called to do. Though I don't know what this next year will bring, I know my family, friends, and God have my back.



LIBBY *Thomas*

Mom and Dad, I cannot thank you enough for your love and support and always pushing me to do my best. To my big brothers, thank you for being my best friends and shaping me into who I am today. Elliott, I don't know if I would have survived high school if it weren't for you and all of our adventures. To my girls/nugs, thank you for making the last year of high school the best one yet. I wouldn't want to have it any other way. I can't wait for the many years of friendship to come. I'm forever thankful for the relationships God has placed in my life and for His great love that will forever be my guide.



JELMER *Ter Veer*

To everyone, although my home is technically 4000 miles away, this year has shown me that home truly is wherever you make it. I am blessed with amazing friends and family back home who have supported me throughout my journey to go to America. The minute I stepped foot in America, I felt so welcomed by everyone and everything. I want to thank the Johnson family, my new friends, and Mrs. Bowman and Ms. Bailey for making the transition as easy as it could be. This has made it possible for me to live an amazing year in this once in a lifetime opportunity. Thank you all.



ONE SECOND *at the academy*



(left) Libby Wessels, freshman, shares her Homecoming One Second. "I started One Second a Day because of my old PC leaders Maggie Ellis and Natalie Ford. This one second reminds me of some highlights I had this year," said Wessels.

(right) Sara Schloss, freshman, jumps in snow with friends. "I do One Second because when I graduate I think it will be cool to look back on all the highlights of high school," said Schloss.

(left) Emma Yost, sophomore, shares one of her favorite One Second snaps of the year below. "My family and I were in Michigan and we went to this beach to swim and watch the sunset!" said Yost.

(right) Natalie Ford, senior, captures a One Second of her dog, Willie. "I love to do my One Second because it shows me the progress of my year and can help me remember what I did," said Ford.



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CHARIS *Thompson*

I thank God for getting me through high school. Also, thank you, mom and dad, for encouraging and supporting me in everything, love you. Thank you, Caleb, for always making me laugh, love you too.



MADISON *Tucker*

Here's to the 6 years spent with the best people. Thanks to everyone who got me through them, my mom, the best friends a girl could ask for, and the best guardian angel - my dad. To my mom, thank you for everything you've done for me throughout the years, I couldn't have done it without you. To my best friends, thank you for always being there and for the best of times. To my dad, I wish you were here, but thanks for keeping an eye out for me and always protecting me. So thank you Westminster for the best 6 years, I wouldn't trade it for the world.





BRAYDEN *Wall*

These past five years at the Academy have created memories that will last a lifetime. From performing in Boys Poms to cheering on Wildcat athletics, Wildcat pride has been ingrained in my blood. To my parents, I thank you so much for everything you have done for me. You have taught me so much about life and what it means to be a man of God. To my little sisters, do not be sad that I am going to college, for I am always a phone call away. To all my friends, life goes on, people move away, but the memories we made together will never be forgotten, we will always be remembered as the class of 2020. Hang Loose!



DYLAN *Wells*

The past four years of my life have been filled with experiences I will never forget. Mom and Dad, thank you for loving and supporting me through every obstacle. I couldn't have done any of this without you. Carter and Fisher, there was never a dull moment with you guys around. I couldn't have asked for better brothers. Hunter, thanks for the awesome times, go lift your truck. Davis, people get it, you drive a BMW. Witty, you will always be the pizza man. Thank you Westminster, go Cats!



DAPHNE *Washington*

Wow bro. I made it, and I am so grateful. I probably would not have survived had I not had the family I have on my side. Mom and Dad, thank you for putting me in an environment where you knew I would grow and flourish. You have sacrificed so much for me and I realize that more and more each day. I thank God so much for the friends he has put in my path that have become family to me. Tori, Bricyn, Michael, Miles, y'all are the best sisters and brothers I could ever ask for. We've been through so much in such a short time, only God knows. Thank you to everyone in my life who has offered me endless encouragement and advice. I love you all deeply.



ISABEL *Warner*

"I love deadlines, I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by." – Douglas Adams



MR. SARRA

where are you?



...ns, junior, goes through an art book with Mr. Sarra to get inspiration for her project in AP studio art. She uses both warm and cool paints to balance her final product.

“WCA is one of my first real experiences with community. I didn't know such a thing could exist. I have had students, parents, teachers, and administrators show me genuine **kindness, patience, and trust.**”

-Mr. Sarra



LYDIA ABEBE



EMMA SMITH, JUNIOR



SCOUT FLEMING, SEN

“Even though I'm not the best at art, I decided to do this class because of Mr. Sarra's personality, encouragement for his students said Luke Bequette, sophomore

MARK *West*



JACK *Wittenauer*



High school has been some of the best times of my life. I want to thank my parents who have helped me with everything. Looking back, I couldn't have done it without them. I need to especially thank my Mom, who has always been my biggest supporter, she stayed by my side even when I screwed up, she is someone I truly look up to. Also thanks to Alex and McKenna, they have been with me through it all. My list wouldn't be complete unless I thanked the boys. Shout out to the ones who got rowdy with me every weekend, you truly made my life a lot of fun and I'm going to miss you all next year.





LUCY *Wood*

I am so thankful for these past six years at WCA. God has made his grace and love for me abundantly clear through the friends and mentors He has provided me with throughout my time here. They have spoken His Truth into my life time and time again, and the adventures I have shared with them will stay with me long after I leave this place. I am grateful for the people who have led me here: my parents, my sweet grandparents, and my brother and sister. They have all been the absolute biggest supporters and encouragers through the ups and downs of high school, and I am so very blessed. I'll never forget my time here - It has truly been so bittersweet and full of growth. Go Wildcats!



DAVIS *Worley*

Tripp, you have rubbed off on me in the best ways. Most of all though, you were able to help me mature from 600 miles away, and give me a (mostly) good example of how to handle myself as I go to college. Pops, watching you live has shown me what it's like to be a great father, and I can only pray I can be like you. Ma, thank you for the words of encouragement that I so badly needed, and will need in the future. Boys, we had a great time in high school, and hopefully we can all learn from our mistakes, and in return have an even better time in the four years to come.



COCO *Yu*

Mom and Dad, thank you for giving me the opportunity to study in the United States. Thank you for always supporting and encouraging me when I am helpless. I am also very grateful to my two homes. You have given me a lot of help and brought me warmth. Thanks to my classmates and teachers for all my support over the past four years. Finally, I am especially grateful to all the teachers of ESL for giving me the warmth of my family.



JENNY *Xia*



FIGHT FOR THE *vict'ry*

This powerful song was sung by the players and Blue Crew after every win on the football field, whether home or away. The players sang and clapped to the beat, and the Blue Crew joined in sync. This song had the entire Westminster community hyped up, and made the players rowdy when heading back into the locker room. It has been a tradition for many years, and will continue in the years to come. The Blue Crew was established back in 2004, and the fight song was then created as a school tradition was born. Although the team did not make it to state this year with the loss at Ladue, the team spirit still stayed strong. Football players blasted the song at the top of their lungs despite their defeated mood.



Blue Crew leader Henry Hartshorn, senior, hypes up the whole Blue Crew after the wildcats sang the fight song. Hartshorn did a fantastic job with leading the blue crew, and getting people ecstatic after every fumble, touchdown, or interception.

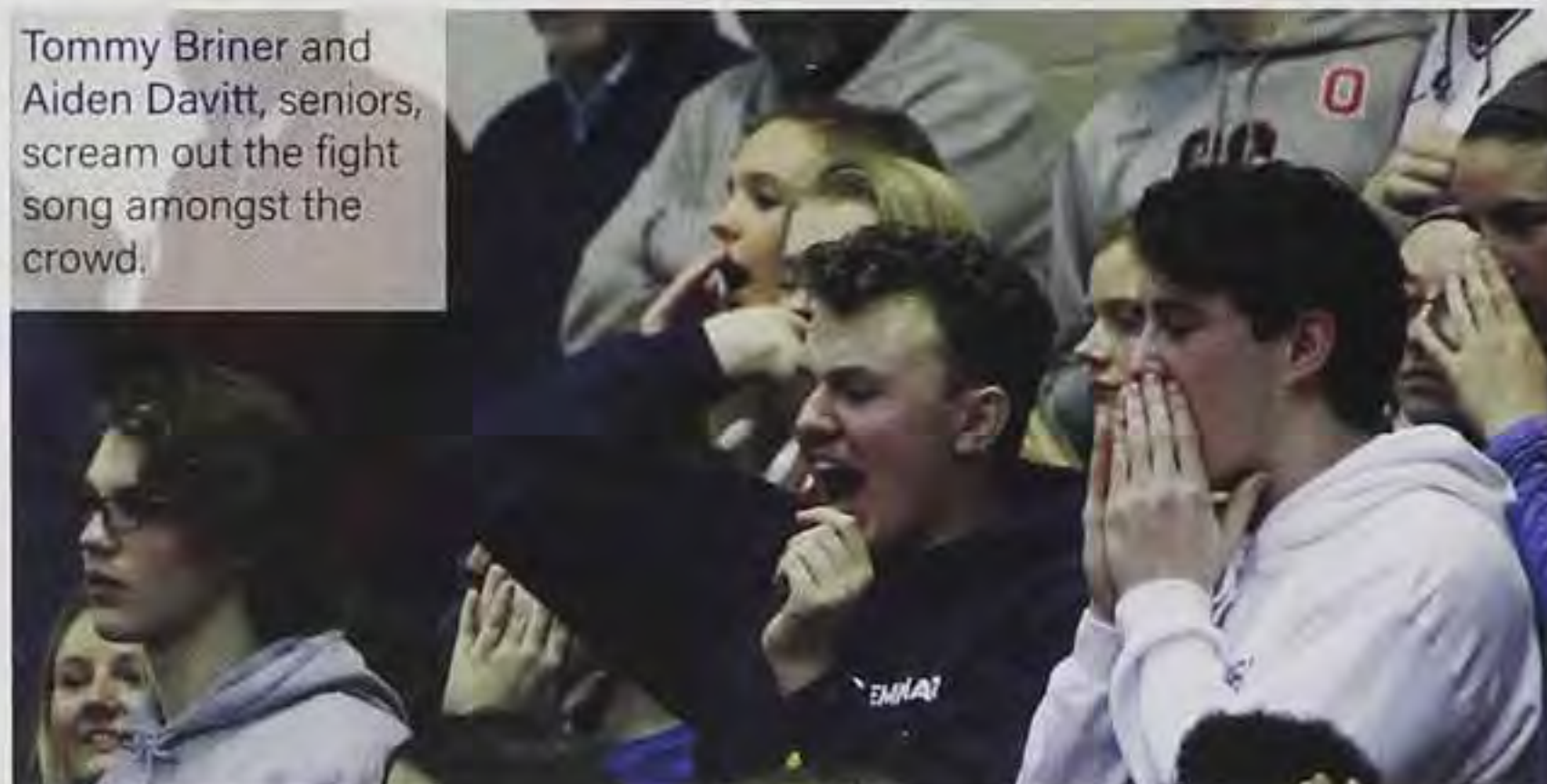
We will stand up and fight for the blue and white. Let our anthem ring out strong and clear; We will ever proclaim wildcat honor and fame. As the victory draws near! We will always stay true to the white and blue 'Til the bells of triumph ring; And we will fight, fight, fight, for our blue and white. And of the vict'ry we sing!
(CATS!)



Mike Lemp and Will Mason, seniors, help lead the fight song during the ski themed football game.



Lincoln Chimento, junior, gets the crowd excited in the final moments of the rivalry game.



Tommy Briner and Aiden Davitt, seniors, scream out the fight song amongst the crowd.



Jack Powers, junior, screams out the fight song after a victorious basketball game.

JAY *Zhang*

My name is Jay Zhang, nice to meet you guys and goodbye. I think my school is a very good school. As an international student, I feel the warmth of home here. My parents are very happy. I can study here. I have had a very meaningful three years, my English has improved very quickly, and although grade looks bad, I am very happy. NEW STUDENTS! ENJOY YOUR SCHOOL DAYS!



LUKE *Zhang*

Raised in China, I joined the Westminster community my freshman year. Thanks to my parents that funded me to study with these excellent Christians. The experience at Westminster not only paved my way to college, but also made me fall in love with American culture. Thanks to my host parents, Marry and Xiaofeng. You two are my second parents that guided and looked after me in the US. Thanks to all my classmates, friends and teachers. God bless Westminster!!



LAUREN *Zone*



Mom and Dad, I can't thank you enough for all that you have done for me. For loving me, supporting me, and for all your wisdom and guidance. Ash, thank you for being such an amazing role model throughout these years and for giving me the best advice. Chunk, thanks for always looking out for me and for showing me what a good time looks like. Westminster, thank you for giving me the best friends I could ask for. TSH, thank you for having my back no matter what in the past 6 years, for the unforgettable memories, and for ultimately making me a better person. Don't know how I'm going to survive college without you all.



CARSYN

Beachy

Carsyn, you are a complete treasure. You are filled with joy, determination, laughter and love. We are so proud of you! Your future is before you and we cannot wait to watch it unfold! Love you always, Dad, Mom, Luke and Reagan

It is the LORD your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him.



HOPE

Burkey

Dear Hope,

The years have gone by way too fast! We're thankful for the precious gift you are to your family and friends! We love your determination and drive in life and pray God uses your giftings and passions in amazing ways. Never forget how deeply loved you are by the Lord and by your family! We are thankful for the sure knowledge the Lord will guide and watch over you in this next phase of your life (Psalm 121).



GRACE

Dempsey

Grace - What an amazing joy and blessing you are. You have Godly character, maturity, faith, courage, and perseverance. Your smile and laugh is contagious. We are so proud of you and who you have become. Your identity is in the Lord. He has such great plans for you. We are excited to see where God takes you into your next season of life! Soar like an eagle!

Colossians 3: 1-3
We love you!



MAGGIE

Dolan

We love you and have had so much fun watching you grow up into the beautiful person you are. God has blessed you in so many wonderful ways but we're most thankful for your kindness to others, determination in everything you do and for the many great friendships you have formed. It's truly been an honor to watch you grow. We look forward to seeing what God has planned for your future. We love you. Mom and Dad.



ALLISON

Hardin

Sweet, smart, beautiful Allison, what a gift you are! I'm so proud to call you my daughter. I can't wait to see how beautifully God will sculpt your life!

Love, Mom Joshua 1:9

Trust your intuition. Your hard work and faith will serve you. Never give up!

Love, Dad

Your patience, honesty and humble nature gives me hope and inspiration. Your courage to do the right thing shall not go unnoticed. I love you!
-Johnny "That's my best friend!"



BRICYN

Johnson

Bricyn,

We have watched you persevere and face lots of adversity. Through God's grace and mercy, you've defied the odds! We couldn't be more proud of the young woman you are becoming! The only complaint and question we have is, why did it have to happen so fast? You've continued to amaze us through the years and we are watching with great anticipation to see what God has in store for you! We love you Pumpkin Patch!

-Momma & Daddy



DANIEL

Johnson

Daniel, we have so enjoyed watching you grow from the curious kid figuring out how things work into the intuitive young man who sees how people work. You are compassionate, kind, and loyal, and you keep us laughing. Your deep love for family and friends is a gift. God is going to do great things through you as you trust in Him and walk in His ways. We love you very much and are so proud of you!



WILL

Mason

Will,

It has been a privilege watching you grow up and conquer so many phases of the last 18 years - the best is yet to come! I am incredibly thankful God gave me you, albeit temporary. You are sweeter than sugar, thoughtful beyond measure and a perfect gentleman. I have enjoyed watching you be a friend to anyone and everyone. You are always positive, nonjudgmental and stand up for others. I love you. Romans 5:1-5
Mom & Nina



ELLA

Polski

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Rom. 15:13). You are a delight, Ella, and your zest for life is contagious. We can't wait to see what God continues to do in and through you!

Love, Mom and Dad



ALYSSA

Pritchett

Alyssa - We are so extremely proud of the young woman you have become. Your loving heart and caring personality has always made such a positive impact on our family. God has blessed you with so many talents and we are excited to see all of the plans He has in store for you. Stay true to who you are and live life boldly as you take on this next chapter of your life. We love you more than anything!

- PritchFam



ETHAN

Storer



Ethan, we are so thankful God gave you to this family! We are proud of the young man you have grown into. Over the years, we have seen you work and struggle, overcome and succeed. With this leg of your journey nearly complete, you have even more to look forward to. With God's guidance and grace, you will undoubtedly push forward with grit and determination, and we are so excited to see the plans He has for you. 1Timothy4:12
Love, Dad, Mom, Audrey, Evan, Ell

JELMER

Ter Veer



Jelmer, from first meeting you as a little six year old Dutch boy who knew no English but spoke the universal language of play to watching you grow up over the years, you have always been family to us. This year is the icing on the cake. You are selfless, kind, fun, and a definite 9! You've made our home a richer place and all of our hearts fuller. We love you and look forward to a lifetime of

WILL

Mason

To our only grandson, Will. You have immense kindness, see the best in all and show grace to everyone. You are determined, a protector and always put others first. You bring sunshine each day. We love you! Gpa & Gma



RILEY

Merrifield



We're blessed to be your parents and amazed at the person you've become. As you move into this next phase of your life, know God has a plan and purpose for you. Do what makes you happy, we love you!

DAPHNE

Washington

Jenelle—

You have already become more than everything we ever imagined. God has demonstrated His love for you and we are excited to see what's next!

Love,
Dad & Mom



SHELBY

Adkisson

Shelby, we loved you even before we met you; our little girl who always wanted to go places. We are excited to see all the adventures God has in store for you. You are His and He will completely fuel you to live the life He's calling you to live. As your biggest fans, we're cheering you on, always!



BENNIE

Anderson

To my first Grandson, Bennie Anderson, Jr., I am so proud of you. You have grown into an amazing young man. To watch you grow has been a Blessing. And for those who are not with us, but in spirit. Lois, Albert, and Emma are looking down on you and smiling. GG., and Uncle Bobby sends their Love as well.



DAVID

Brown

Dearest David,
Child of God, we are so proud of you, of the fine young man you are becoming!
We love you forever,
Mom and Dad
Psalm 139:7-10



CHLOE

Burnham

Beautiful Chloe,
Since the moment you were born you have been such a blessing to our family. We have watched you grow from a funny girl into a beautiful and determined young lady. We are so extremely proud of you and cannot wait to see what God has planned for your future. Continue to always trust God in all you do.



ANU *Akinyede*

Where have the years gone? Our baby girl who entered this world on what seemed like just yesterday. Born in the heart of New York City. A city that seems to have kept a little piece of your heart ever since. Despite the challenges you have faced you have indeed grown into a mature young lady and we are so proud of you.

Be proud of your heritage and remember where you come from always

Be respectful of yourself and those around you

Be Kind to yourself and those around you.

Be Humble enough to know that you still have very much to learn of the world.

Be Ambitious enough to know that you can do or be anything you want with hard work and prayer.

Be Confident enough to never let anyone tell you who you are.

Be wise enough to choose your friends carefully.

Be Mature enough to take responsibility for your actions.

Be Prayerful and remember to pray without season. God indeed answers prayers

Be Honorable and always do the right thing especially when no one is watching

Be sure that wherever you go and whatever you do you are loved beyond measure



JACK *Bystrom*

Truly blessed to see this sweet boy turn into an amazing young man. An old soul with a heart as big as the world he's entering. The best is yet to come, sweet boy. Knock 'em dead!

Love,
Mom and dad



EVIE *Cunningham*

Evie- You bring sunshine and kindness and joy to this world. You are our laid-back girl who also cares about others deeply. We love you! Numbers 6:24-26 Mom + Dad



IZZY *Cunningham*

Izzy -You bring light and fun and smiles to everyone. You are our bright-eyed first born, ready to take on the world. We love you! Numbers 6:24-26 Mom + Dad



JUSTIN *Fuller*

Justin - We're so proud of you and can't wait to see what God has in store for you next.

We love you.

Mom, Dad, Jonathan, Megan & Bogey



HAYLEY

Adair

Hayley,

We are so proud of the young woman you have become, and we are so grateful for your beautiful spirit and the love you have for your family. As you journey through this next chapter of your life, we will be continuously praying for God's blessings upon you! We love you!

Dad and Mom

"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Phil 3:8a



NOAH

Adair

Noah,

Your wit and humor keep us laughing, and we are so blessed by your kindness of heart. There is so much for you to look forward to and we can't wait to see what God has in store for your future. We are proud of the young man you have become and we love you!

Dad and Mom

"The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in His way." Psalm 37:23



BENNIE *Anderson*

Dear Bennie,
We are very proud of you. We thank the Lord for covering, and keeping you. We are amazed and humbled that God put you in our care. Remember, handle your business, stay focus, and 'know your God.'
"The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honor is humility," Proverbs 15:33.
Love, Mom and Dad



NINA *Bacon*

We can't believe our baby girl is graduating! Congratulations to our amazing, brilliant, and beautiful daughter!
"I am with you always," Matthew 28:20 Love, Dad, Mom, Ellie and Teddy



LEXI JO *Alm*

Dearest LJ,
The fact that you are graduating from high school seems impossible! When we think about you, LJ, the word that comes to our mind is JOY! Glass half full. Since you were a tiny baby you have been full of Sunshine, Happiness and Joy! We are immensely proud of the strong, faith-filled, beautiful woman you have become and we are so excited for you and your next chapter.

All our love,
Mum and Daddy-O
Deuteronomy 31:8

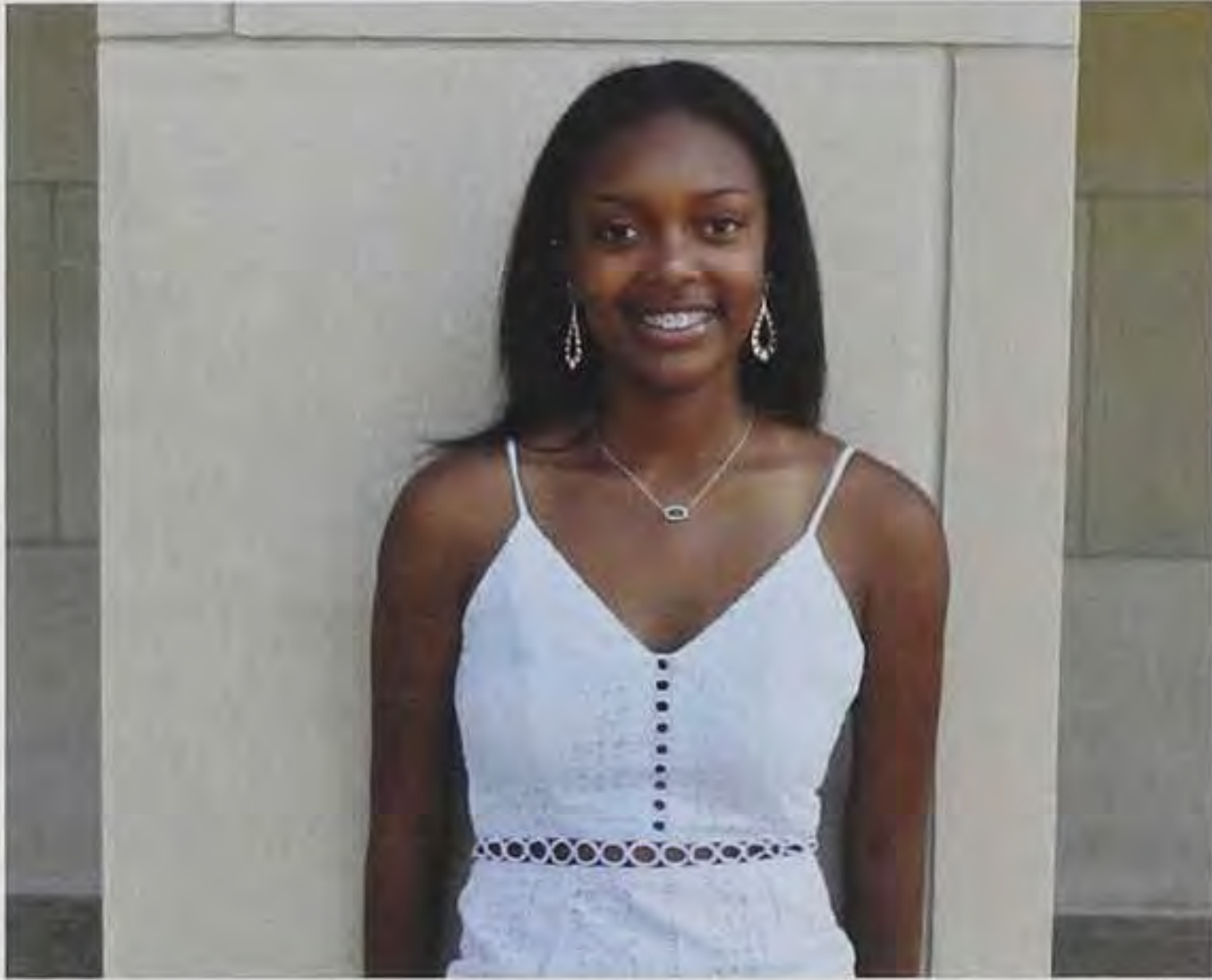


JAELA *Ginger*

Jaela,

You have exceeded all our expectations! You've grown into a beautiful, confident and smart young lady, remaining faithful on this journey. Continue to be a light wherever you are. We are excited about your future and looking forward to the many blessings ahead and what God has in store for you, our superstar!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Kennedy



HENRY *Hartshorn*



We've watched in amazement throughout your school years. We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what you do next! We love you, Mom, Dad and HK.



GRACE *Hemmer*



Grace,
You are such a blessing to us and we are very proud of who you have become. Can't wait to see what God has planned!
Love,
Mom and Dad



LUCI *Hilboldt*

Anna Luci Hilboldt
Have dreams that are worth more than your sleep! You will never cease to amaze us with your determination, wit, and love! We love you and are excited for your future.

Love ... Dad, Mom, & Zack



BENNIE *Anderson*

Bennie T. L. Anderson Jr.

Congratulations nephew!!!
I am so proud of you!
Your steps are ordered by God. The
journey continues.
Jeremiah 29:11
Love,
Antie Tina



KATHERINE *Bauer*

We are so proud of the young woman God has created you to be.
He has made you a compassionate young woman.
As you head into the world, on the path He has chosen for you, always trust in His strength and
remember His love for you.
We love you
Dad, Mom, Elizabeth & Christopher

Jeremiah 29:11
Proverbs 3:5-7
Proverbs 19:20-21
Psalm 37:4



LAUREN

Bohlmann

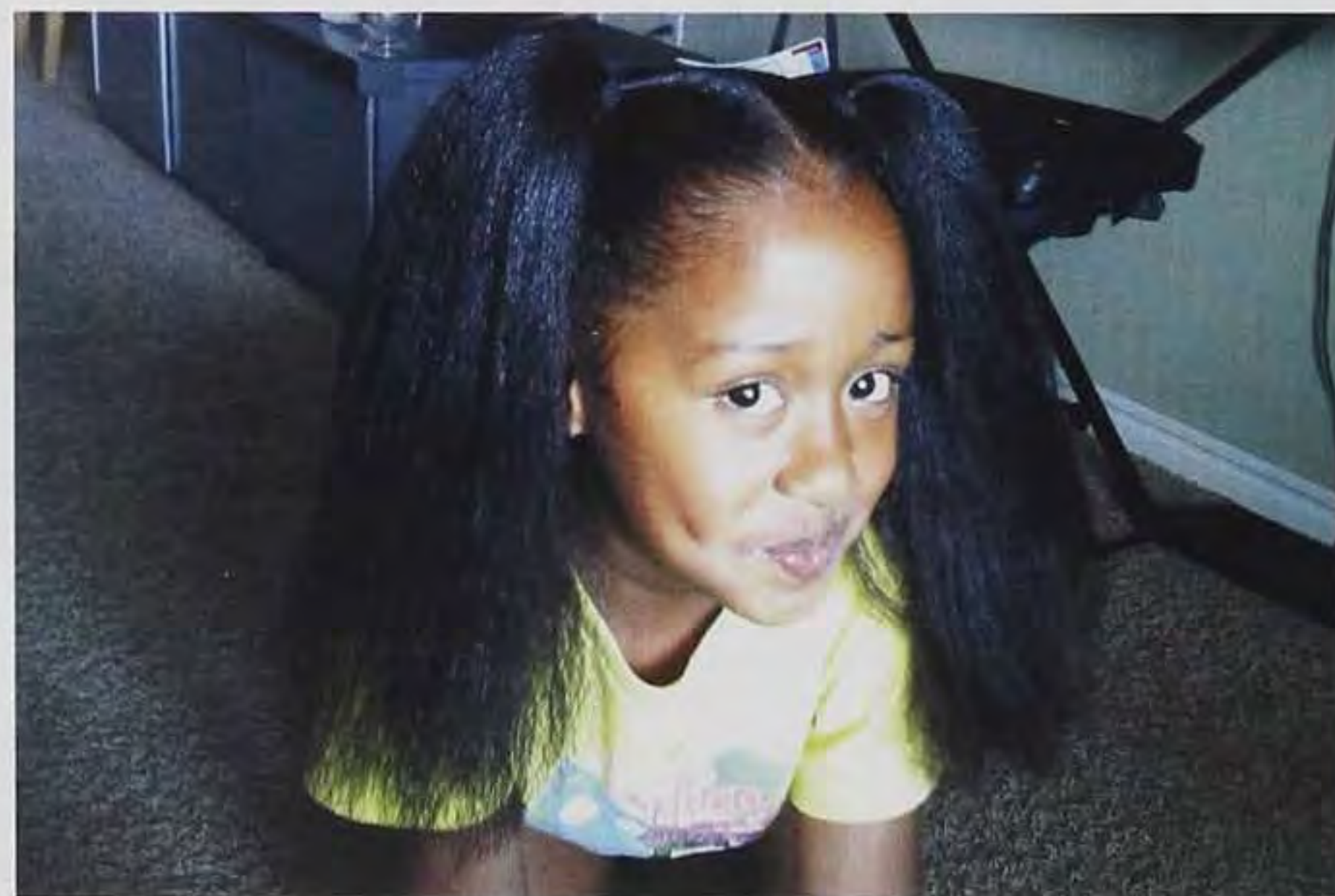
Where did the time go (again)? How could someone so fun size in stature be so big in personality? Through all the dance recitals with your bright eyes wide open and softball games with them mostly closed, you always bring a big smile and a quick wit. With you, we cry the hardest and laugh the loudest. We can't wait to see how your story continues and to be there every step of the way. So proud.



CHEYENNE

Bowden

Cheyenne Leryn, you are forever Mommy's "Pud", Daddy's Baby, and the best big Little Sister to Syd & Jay. Deep dimpled smile (the one you try so hard to hide) with a heart of pure gold. We've watched proudly as you continue to blossom into the best version of YOU! You work tirelessly to complete the tasks set before you. Such a kind and caring friend. Always the giver and never wanting anything in return. We love you, Match & Daddy!



AVA *Bidner*

Wow! We blinked and you're graduating from high school! Congratulations, Ava! We could not be prouder of who you are! You have always been exceptionally focused, driven, goal-oriented and hard-working but, more importantly, you have desired to please God and pursue His special purpose for your life! You give everything 110%... from being a genuine and compassionate friend to excelling in academics to playing field hockey to caring for babies at church to serving children in Guatemala!! You have a humble servant's heart and a fierce love for Jesus! We know God has unbelievable plans in store for you, and we cannot wait to watch them unfold! Remember - with God, all things are possible... chase your dreams, Sweet Ava!
We love you to the sun and back! (It's farther!) Love, Mom & Dad
Colossians 3:23-24



KATIE *Hobaugh*

Katie,
What a blessing it is to watch you grow into a beautiful, amazing young woman who inspires us to be better everyday. Continue to use your gifts to brighten and heal the lives of those around you. We are SO proud of you and look forward to what God has in store for you. We love you lots! Mom, Dad & Joey

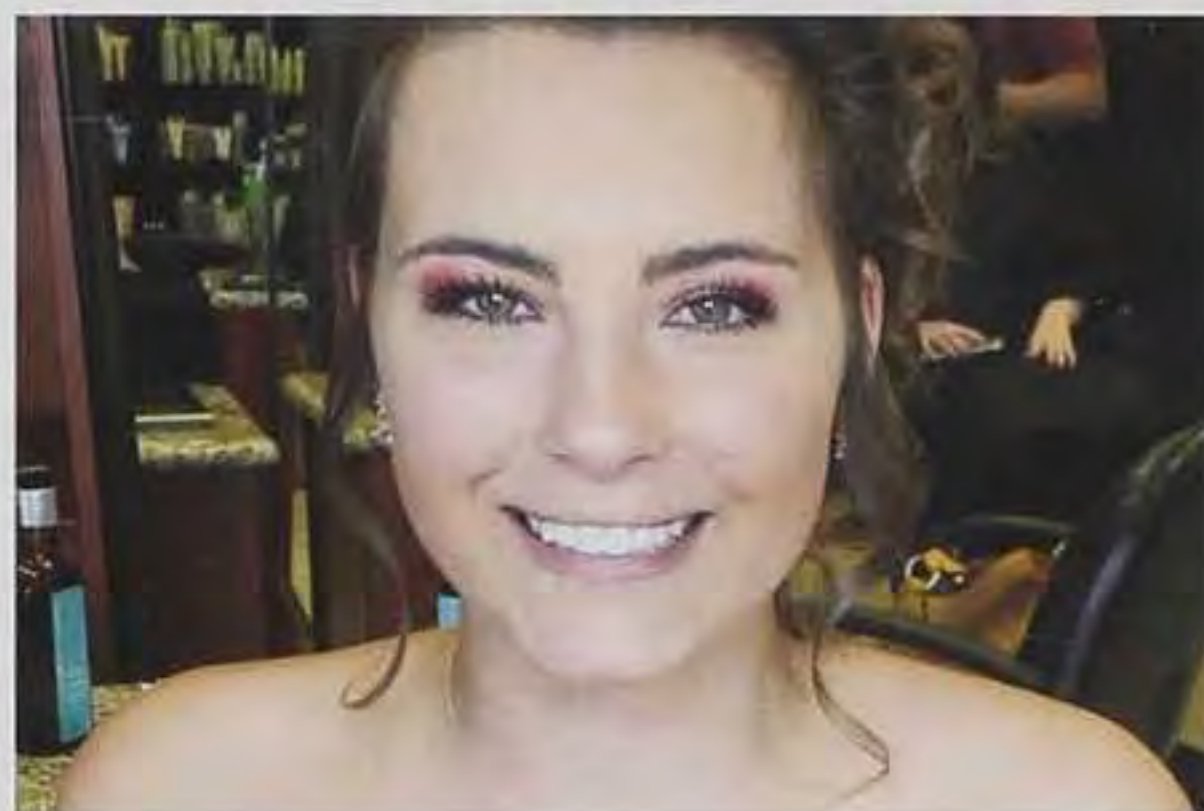


RILEY *Kilgore*



Riley,
We are so proud of your accomplishments! You are loving, compassionate, thoughtful, and bright. Continue to trust in God to guide your way. Proverbs 3:5

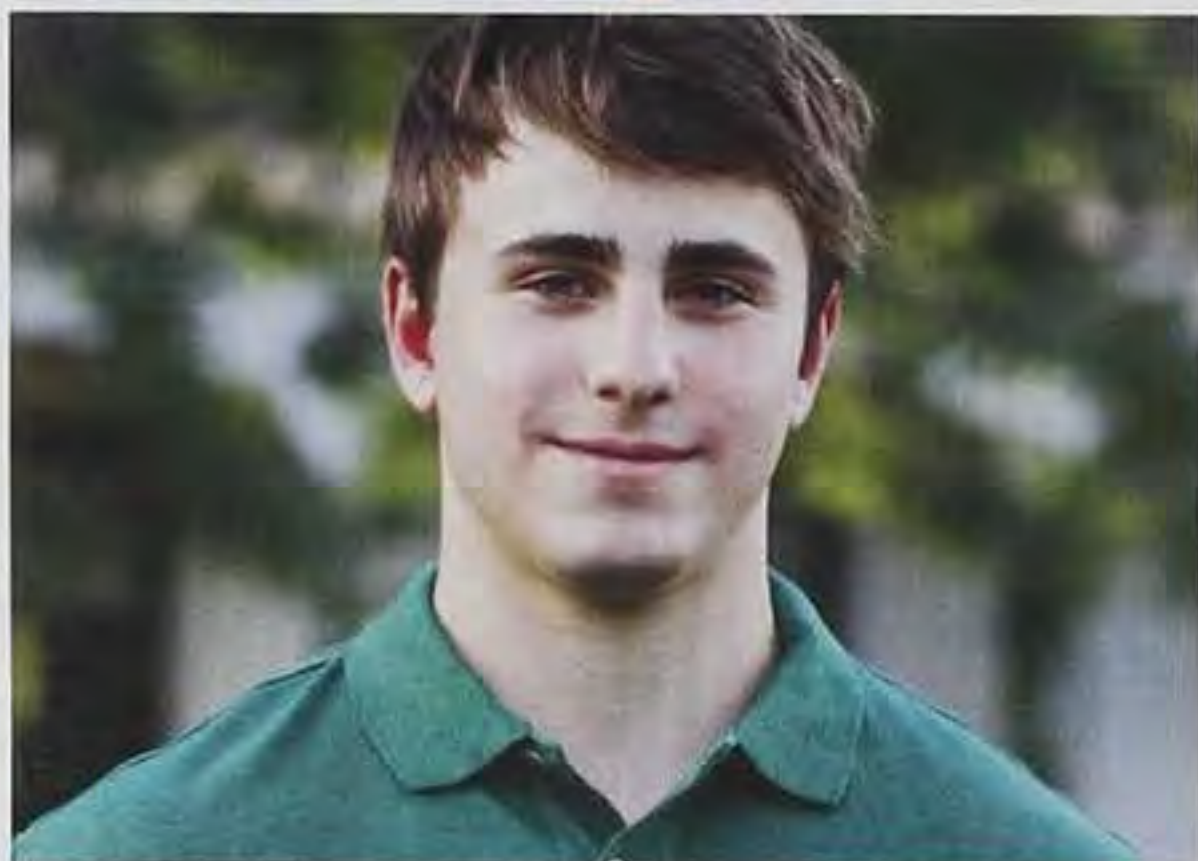
We all love you!



MASON *Kugler*



Mason, you navigate life with integrity, kindness, humility, and a gentle caring nature. We are excited to see all you will do with this amazing life you have been given!



ALYSSA *Legters*

Alyssa,
The Lord has blessed us with your laughter, wisdom, compassion and grace. May the Lord continue to bless and guide you in your journey. Love, Mom, Dad, Caleb & Owen



TOMMY *Brunner*

Keep your eyes peeled for dinosaur sandcastles that might interfere with your route. Even if the unexpected dinosaur knocks you down, dust off the sand and keep going. We will ALWAYS be here rooting for you and will be your proudest supporters.



AVERY *Burkemper*

Avery,

Your signature laugh, style and fierce independence brings joy to our entire family and those around you! We love your strong, quiet sense of confidence and sassy sense of humor! Trust God in all you ways! Love you to the moon and back, Avie Baby!

Love,

Dad, Mom, Owen & Bennett



JACOB *Byerley*

Jacob Byerley -

We are SO incredibly proud of you! We look forward to seeing what your future holds. You are a blessing and loved so much by us all!!!



GRAHAM *Clawson*

Graham,
You are a blessing to our family. We are very proud of who you have become. We look forward to seeing what God has planned for your life.
Love,
Mom & Dad



HANNAH *Carter*

We are so proud of the beautiful young lady you have become and excited for the future that is ahead of you. You are very loving and caring of others and so full of life, fun and excitement. Let's not forget full of wonderful jokes as well. Praying you make many more great memories with family and friends. We are blessed to call you ours.

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14

Love,

Mom, Dad and Brooke



MIKE *Lemp*

What a privilege and honor it is to be your parents. Your strong yet tenderheart is unparalleled. God has a great plan for you!
Love Mom and Dad



GIGI *Mahley*



To Our Gigi, Gabby Grace, G, Gracie, Gabrielle Grace, Gabrielly, Geepers...

No matter what we call you, you'll always be our girl, and we'll love you forever!

☒ Mom, Gram, and Your Fam ☒



SOPHIA *Mullen*



Soph!

You inspire us with your love of life, fun loving personality, and HUGE heart.

Can't wait to see you take on the world! We love you.

LOVE,
Mom, Dad, and Michael.



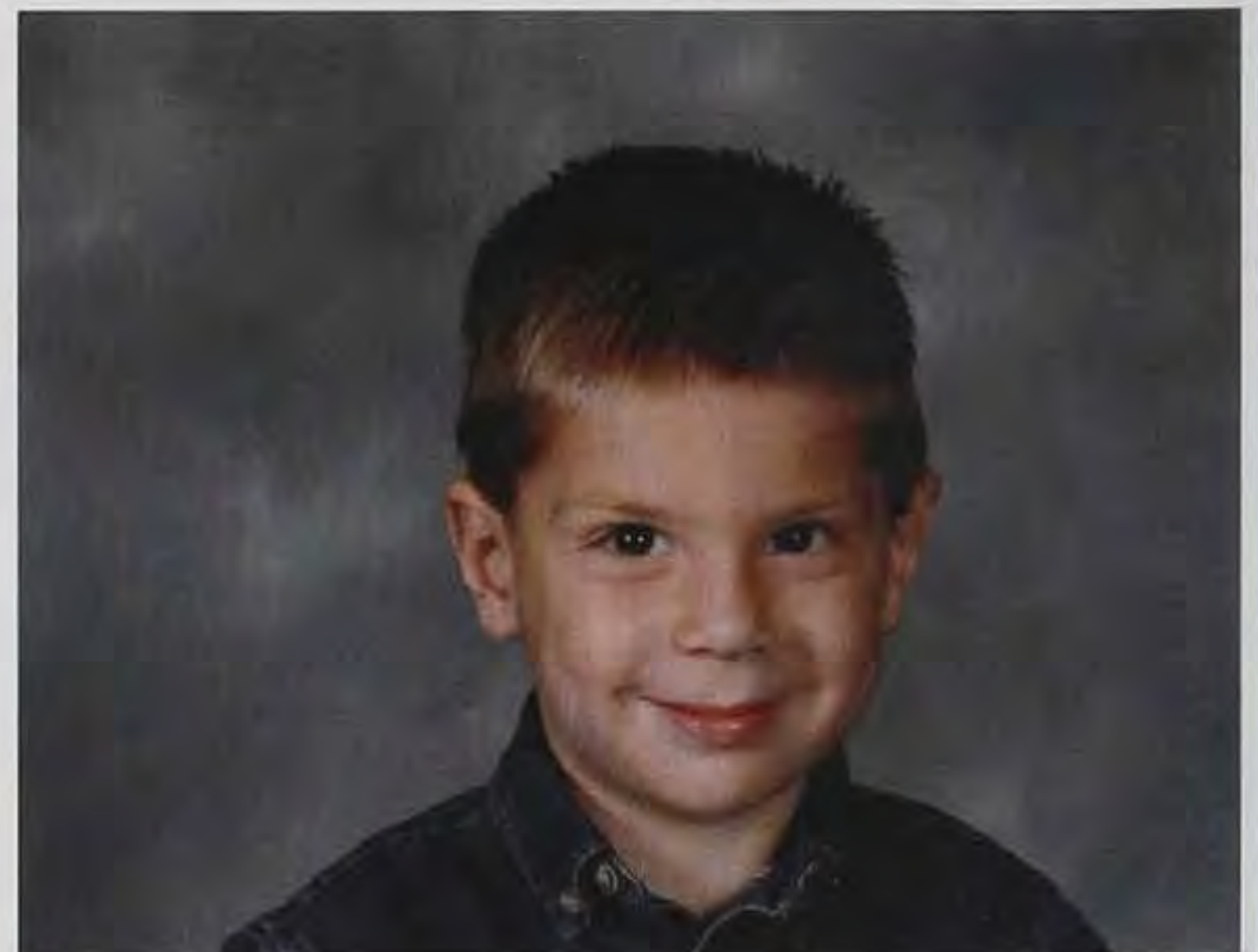
BEN *Purres*

Benny,

Congratulations, we're so very proud of you and love you more than you'll ever know! Go show the whole wide world what an amazing young man you are!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Alex, Eric and Evan



RUTH *Connelly*

Dear Ruth -

What a blessing that you, our only daughter, have been to us! Your grace and beauty in dancing is wonderful, and you've opened new horizons in the creative arts to us. You're equally graceful and beautiful as a person - a tremendous friend, wonderfully compassionate, genuine, outgoing, funny, faithful. Your determination to succeed is outstanding and inspirational. Most of all, you're walking in the truth of Jesus Christ, which is our greatest joy (3 John 4).

All our love,
Mom & Dad



MATTHEW *Culligan*

Matthew Paul Culligan - I have had THE MOST FUN raising you and watching you experience life! Your sister and I have laughed through the last seventeen years. I am SO proud to be your mom. You bring light and life everywhere you go - watching you bring joy and laughter on the stage is one of my favorite memories of your high school experience. I laugh and beam with pride when I see you doing what you love. I know you have a bright future ahead of you. You are one special man too - you have a heart after God, and your paths will be clear and full of hope! Thank you for everything you've taught me. I am a better person because of you. I love your perspective, your courage, and your curiosity. What a great son I have! I promise I won't turn your bedroom into a spa/workout/office yet...I'll wait until September. I love you my Lloydie.



ALEX *Daiber*

Alex,

We are very fortunate that you are part of our family. Your intelligence, kindness, and zest for life make you a joy to be around, and we all love you very much.

We are proud of the young man that you have become, you have limitless potential, and we are excited about your bright future.

We will always be there for you.

Love,

Mom & Dad

Sam & Clare



ABRIELLE *Danna*

Abrielle,

You came into our lives and changed it forever! You are a blessing to our family as you are to all who know you. We are thrilled at the amazing person you have become and are so excited to see what your future holds.

Love you so much!

Mom, Dad, Delaney & Hunter



AVA *Cella*

Our beautiful Ava, you are an inspiration to our family. Your steadfast character and warm heart define you. When you live your life with God as your guide, you are assured it will be an everlasting adventure. Through him, your life's purpose will be revealed. Joshua 1:9 Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you everywhere you go. Be steadfast in prayer Ava, and God will open your eyes to the beauty of the world. We will love you deeply and unconditionally for the rest of time.

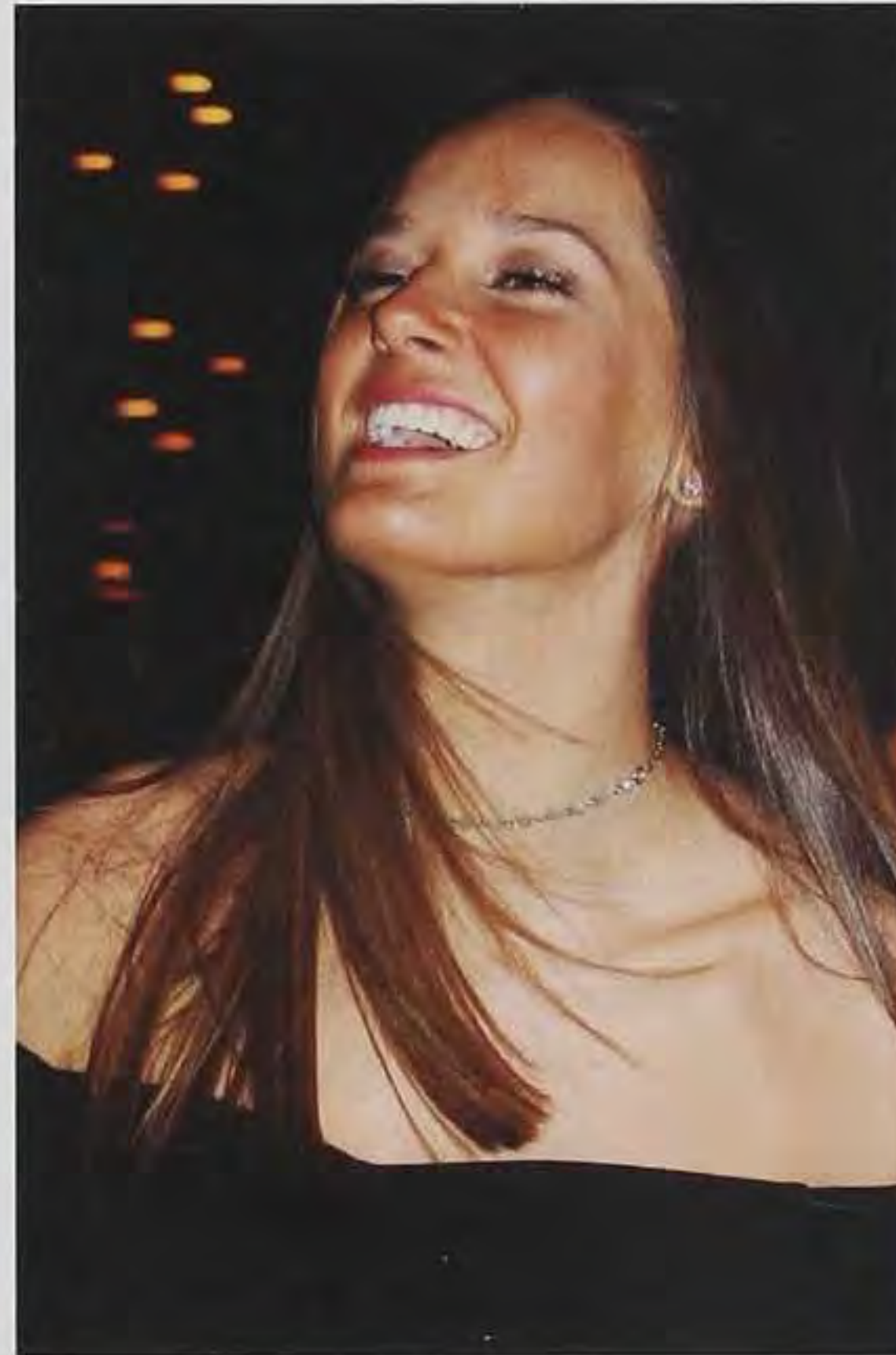


KELCIE *Patrick*

We are so blessed to have such a beautiful, loving, intelligent, and talented daughter! You make us proud everyday. God has given you many gifts, use them. Love, Mom and Dad



ANNA *Rockwood*



Our beautiful treasure, Anna, You complete our family. You are pure JOY- strong, confident, hilarious, loving and courageous! Learn from the past; embrace your promising future. Never change. Follow your heart and conscience; Pray daily and surrender to His will for you. God will go with you wherever you go! All our love and support, Mom, Dad, Julia & Ava

KOBY *Schmer*

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

Keep Shining, Koby!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Haley,
and Smokey



GRACE *Skiljan*

You bring us so much joy by just being you! Your future is bright and we can't wait to see what the Lord has planned. We love you so much!



TOBY *Davidson*

Toby,

Thank you for being you. You have always known who you are, what you stand for, and who you stand with. You are an honorable young man of great conviction and we are very, very proud of you! We know God has great plans for you and we can't wait to see where those plans take you. Enjoy the ride!

Love - Mom, Dad, Sammie, and Trey



KYLAN *Davis*

Kylan - gift; You are a gift to us. Use the gifts that God has created you with to bring Him glory & to bless others.

Ethan - strong & optimistic; Remain optimistic about the future God has planned for you. Your strength lies in your faith.

Kole - victorious people; As a child of God, you are victorious over all of life's challenges.

Davis - beloved; Know that you are loved & adored. We love you for who you are today & for the man you will become.



AIDEN *Davitt*

Aiden, Your smile and care for others draw people to you. Use this power wisely. We're proud of you!

Dad, Mom, Mason, Ethan and Colin

Isaiah 41:10
I Timothy 4:12



LEA *Despotis*

Dear Lea,

We love the beautiful young lady you have become. May God continue to inspire and bless you throughout life's journey.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Alyssa



ANNA Davidson

Dear Annie,

We delight in you and all that He has created you to be! It has been such a joy to see you grow from our little pixie into such a beautiful young lady! We admire your strength, intellect, and creative spirit! Most of all, we respect you sweetheart for your faithful and discerning heart.

She is clothed with strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of the future.

Proverbs 31:25

Annie keep a song in your heart and keep singing your song...praising your Savior your whole life long!

Love, Mom, Dad, Taylor, Katelyn, Tommy & Henry



BRIDGET *Sullivan*

"B", Bridget Bear, "2-3"

You are a Beautiful Blessing with unbelievable Godly Gifts! You are artistic, athletic, nurturing, an amazing cook, strong, brave, a little stubborn but have a HUGE HEART!

You make us laugh & a little nutty too but we couldn't be more proud of you! We look forward to this next chapter & you making a difference in the world!

We love you with all our hearts
Mom & Dad



BRAYDEN *Wall*



Brayden,
We are so proud of what you have accomplished. We can't wait to see where the journey takes you next. Godspeed little man!

All our love,
Mom and Dad



EMERY *Iven*

Emery Nichole we are so proud of you! You are growing up and becoming an amazing woman. We cannot wait to see what God's plan is for your life. Em, we love you and will always be your biggest fans. Love, Mom, Dad and Avery



DYLAN *Elias*

Dylan,
You have grown into an incredible young man. We could not be any prouder of you! We love that you have high aspirations yet a happy go lucky spirit. Continue following God, seeking truth, offering kindness to all, and believing in yourself. Always enjoy the journey! We are so grateful that we are your family and can't wait to see where your adventure takes you! All our love!
Mom, Dad, Ava, Jackson, and Lucy



KYLEIGH *Ford*

To our sweet girl who loves adventure ~ the past 18 years with you has been the greatest gift. We love your goofy, passionate, humble, kind, loyal self. Thank you Kyleigh for providing us with endless laughter and joy. We think you are amazing!

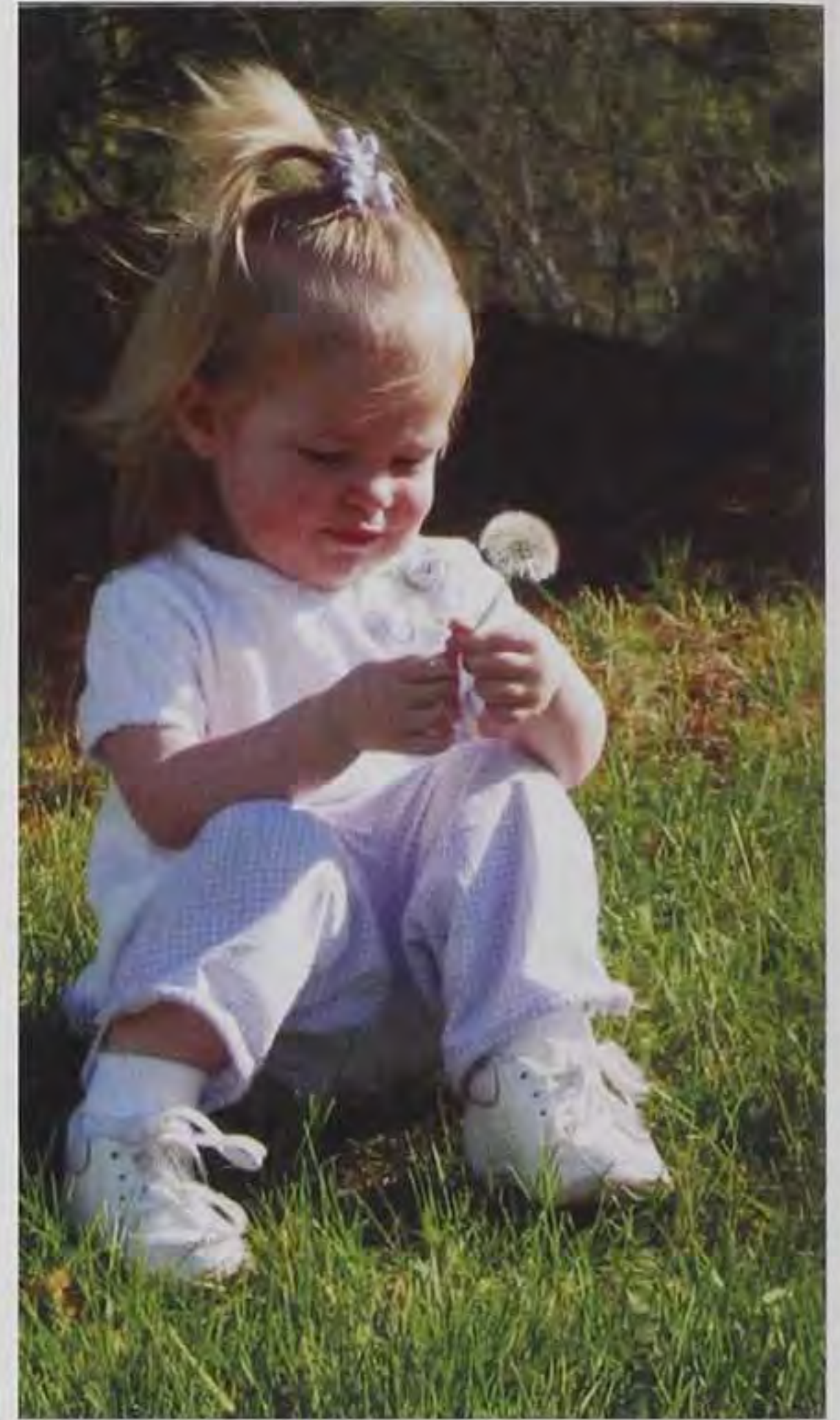


NATALIE *Ford*

Natalie Ann,

We have never seen anyone work as hard and be as organized as you have been the past four years and we know you will go so far and have such fun in this next exciting phase of your life. We are so proud of the kind, smart, genuine, funny, caring women that you have become. Keep being you our sweet friend and we love you the most.

Love, RJ and Mom



LAUREN *Gates*

Lauren,

You have brought so much love, laughter and joy into our lives. You brighten our world, every day! We are so very proud of the talented, beautiful, kind and loving young lady you have become. As you enter this next chapter of your life, trust that God will always guide you and be beside you on your journey.

Go let your beautiful light shine onto the world!

We love you sweetie,
Mom and Dad



ELI *Diedrich*

Eli,
Our family is truly blessed to have you as our son and big brother. We admire your inner strength and caring nature and it is these gifts that will carry you to succeed in whatever you do. Stay true to your values and keep close to God's word. He has your back always, as do we.
We wish you ridiculous amounts of happiness, Eli! Your infectious smile and laugh will be desperately missed while you are away at school—so call us daily (especially your momma)!
We love you,
Mom, Dad and Olivia



REESE

Earleywine

Reese-you are truly one in a million. Your smile, your genuineness, your kind heart, your determination, your ability to make friends everywhere you go, your work ethic, your honesty, your love for Christ-these are all qualities your dad and I admire. Thank you for making our job easy. Never stop being true to yourself, stay focused on your future and you will do great things in this big world. Because of your never quit attitude you have achieved so much already. Never forget where you came from. Dream big kid! It's your time to soar!

Love,
Mom & Dad



MATTHEW

George

Matthew-
It is hard to believe this day is finally here! We feel so blessed to have you in our lives and you've brought us so much joy over the last 18 years. We love your kind heart, smile, work ethic, and sense of humor. You're a great son, brother, teammate, and friend. God has blessed you with many gifts...use them to honor Him and to bless others. Follow the Golden Rule, and embrace the future. Prayers for many blessings as you embark on this next chapter of your life.
Love, Mom, Dad & Nick



PEARSON

Georges

A young man now stands where our boy once stood-18 years have passed in a blink.

Strength of mind, deep in faith, a character with true character.

We wouldn't change one moment, not even if we could.

Equal parts Pride and Gratitude - and limitless Love for you Pearson.



SABRINA

Granata

Sabrina,

There are not enough words to describe how much we Love you! We are so proud of the amazing young woman you have become and your future is bright. Always allow God to guide your steps, stay true to what you believe. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever Psalm 107:1 We Love you to the Moon and Back Mom,Dad and Sofia.



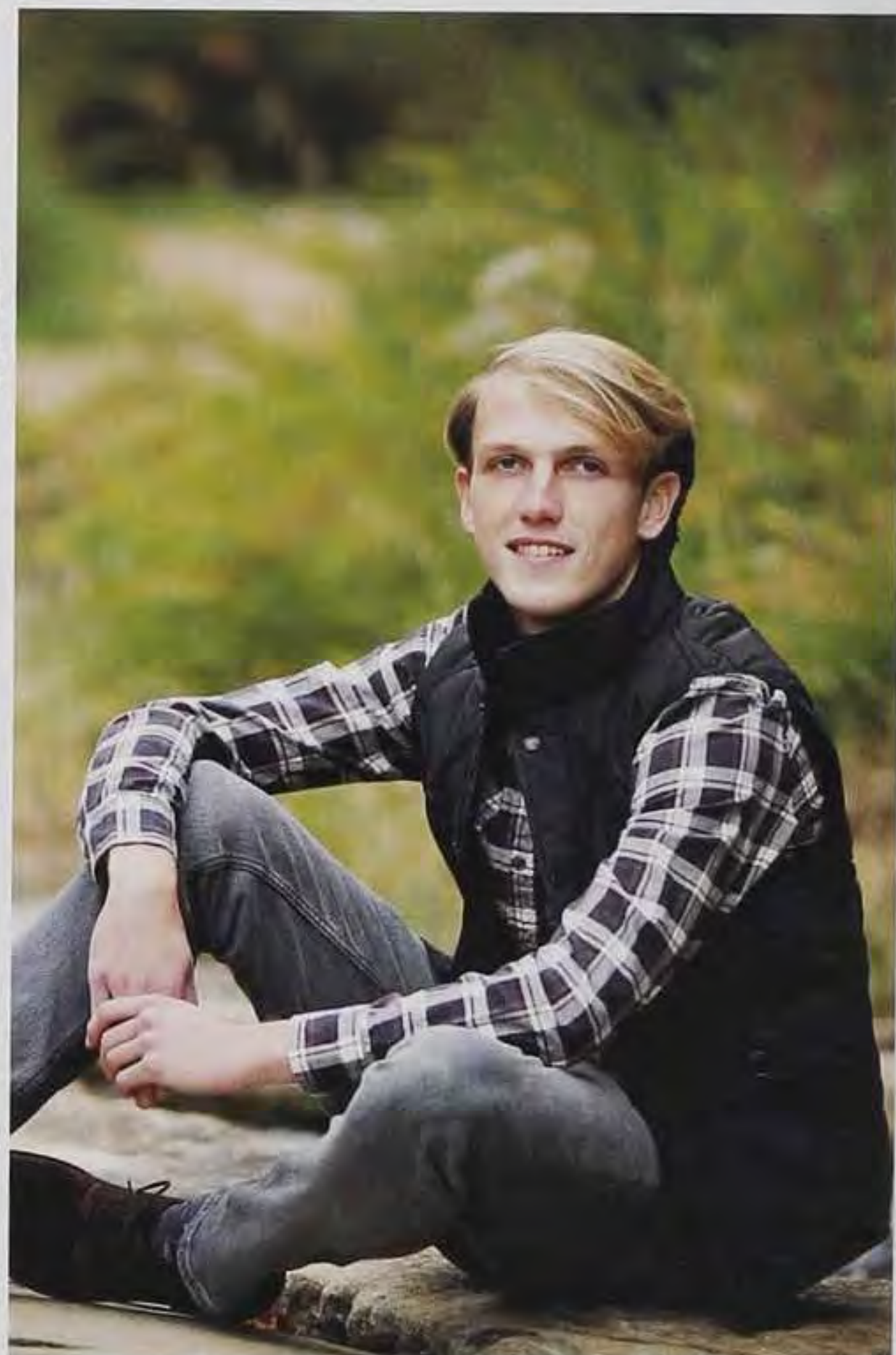
TRENT

Grass

Trent,

You are a gift to our family. There are many words to describe you, but we've narrowed it down to our top 5: (1) Pure Soul, (2) Caring, (3) Hard Working, (4) Intelligent, and (5) Handsome. Continue being you and loving your Lord, and you will undoubtedly make a big impact on this world. We love you with all our hearts, and look forward to the adventures that lie ahead!

Mom, Dad, Clayton, Trent, Dominic, Drake, Bella and Chloe



ELLA *Fiala*

Dearest Ella/105,

Congrats on a wonderful experience at the Academy. We be so proud!

We wanted to roast you, but we didn't have it in our heart because you are such a kind and loving soul. (Okay, maybe just a small comment on over-sleeping until 5th hour :) We're soooo excited for May 1 to see where you ultimately/hopefully decide where to go to college. And if you still cannot decide, the basement bedroom is all yours - but noooo cats.

You are the sweetest, kindest, most loving, most hugging kid ever! We love you more.

Hugs,
Boozie and Bill/106



SCOUT *Fleming*

Congratulations, Scout! You are such a blessing to your family! - Always have been and always will be! Keep the faith as you start your next journey! We love you!



CAROLINE *Guempel*

Caroline,

The day you were born was such a blessing for our family! We are so proud of the beautiful person you have become. We know you will do great things with your life.

Love, Mom, Dad, Emily and Elizabeth



NICK *Gustavison*

Nickolas (Chief, Pickles, Bubby),

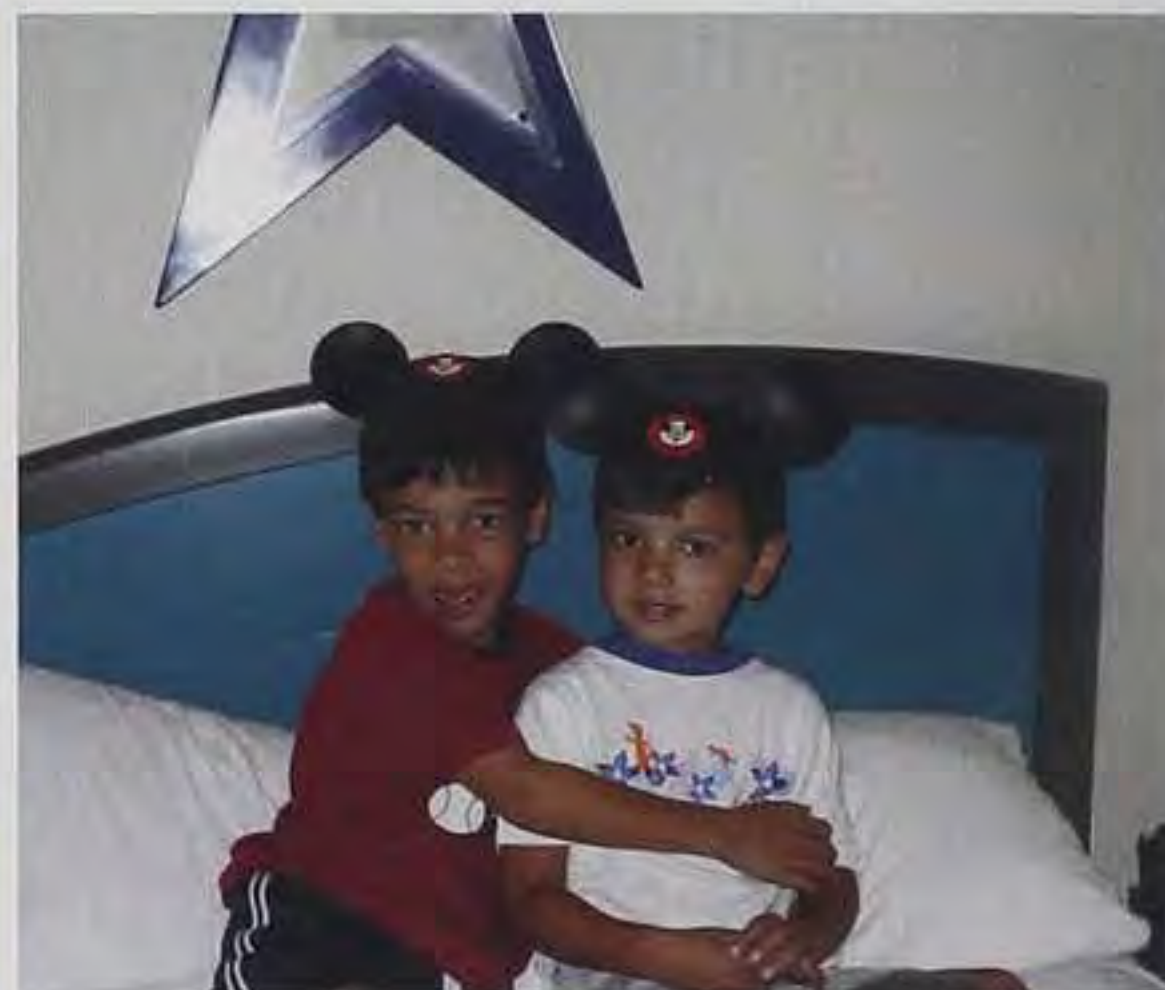
We couldn't be more proud and know you will flourish wherever God leads. Always stay true to who you are.

Your biggest fans,
Dad, Mom, Haelee



JOSH *Hanson*

Josh,
We are so proud of the amazing young man you have become. Your joyful heart is a true blessing and we love you dearly. We know God has big plans for you!
Love, Mom and Dad



JOURNEE *Henry*

It is with great joy that we celebrate all of your outstanding accomplishments Journee! You are so very deeply loved! Bravely walk into your future sweetheart because God's got you!!



ISABELLA

Francois

Isabella,

You entered our world a miraculous gift from God. He has blessed you with wisdom beyond your years, and a heart full of grace and love for others. Your persistence and work ethic are astonishing. We are certain God will use you for His kingdom work, and we can't wait to see what the future holds.

We love you! Mom, Dad & CJ

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation by prayer and petition with thanksgiving present your requests to God. And the peace of God that transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ.



KATHERINE *Gaitan*

"She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future." Proverbs 31:25

Dearest Katherine Elizabeth,
You have brought such joy, happiness, and peace to our lives. Words cannot adequately express how incredibly proud we are of you. May God always keep a hedge of protection around you in all that you do. As you enter into this new chapter of your life, remember the Lord is with you. He will guide you with his righteous hand.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

We love you so very much,
Mom, Dad, and Dawson



TAYLOR *Highmark*

Taylor,
We are so proud of you and the young woman you've become. God is continuing to do His good work in you every day and we see that evidence every day. You inspire us with your gentle heart, sweet and loving spirit and your steadfast determination. You have worked so hard to get to this point, and we can't wait to see what God has in store for you in your next season. Phillipians 1:6
Love mom, dad, Brooke and Lane



HEIDI *Hightower*

SUPER HEIDI!

Congratulations for your many accomplishments, leadership and compassion for others. You enrich all who know you in the best of ways.

Love Dad, Mom, Hannah, John, Hilary & Hayleigh!



AVA *Hollmann*

Ava Tatiana ("Punkie"),

What a joy and blessing it has been to be your family. Your creativity, compassion, and endurance have taught us so much. Words cannot express how proud we are of you! May God always bless you and guide your path!

1 Samuel 1:27

Mom, Dad, and Alec



SYDNEY *Hott*

Sydney,

We have cherished many adventures together: Disney, sand-filled beaches, snow-capped mountains, and national horse shows. We're proud of the young, caring woman you have become!

Love,

Paul, Angie & Tyler



ALLIE *Kluttz*

All'Lexia, our heartbeat #2, and part of the reason why we breathe. You have made us so proud. We thank God for you every day and we are so grateful for the beautiful young lady you have become. You are living proof that God's promises are true. Hold fast to God's unwavering word. We know you will be the world's best veterinarian. What a blessing you will be to all of God's creation. The world is a better place because of you. We all love you so much.
Love,

Dad, Mom, Chereka, and AJ



SEBASTIAN *Lacassie*

Dear Sebastian,
We are so blessed to have you in our lives and we are so deeply proud of all that you have done and look forward to see what your contribution will be to the world!
We know that you have a kind and gentle heart and we trust that God will always guide you and he will show you the way.

Son, we love you so much and you can always count on us!!
Be the best version of yourself!!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Sebastian,
Congratulations, on graduating high school! You have come such a long way and I am so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You are becoming such an amazing person and I'm so happy I am able to be there for you for the start of this new, exciting chapter in your life. I love you so much, Andrea



ESTEN *Ronning*

Esten Christopherson,

It has been a blessing to watch you grow, play sports, and most importantly, accept Jesus as your Savior. Your dry wit has kept us in stitches, and your kindness to others has been evident. Always remember Rom 5:1-5 wherever you go and whatever you do! We love you so much and are so proud of you!

Love, Dad, Mom, Alaina, and Daria in heaven



KATE *Johnson*

Congratulations Kate!

We are so proud of you and pray that God will continue to bless you today and in the future.

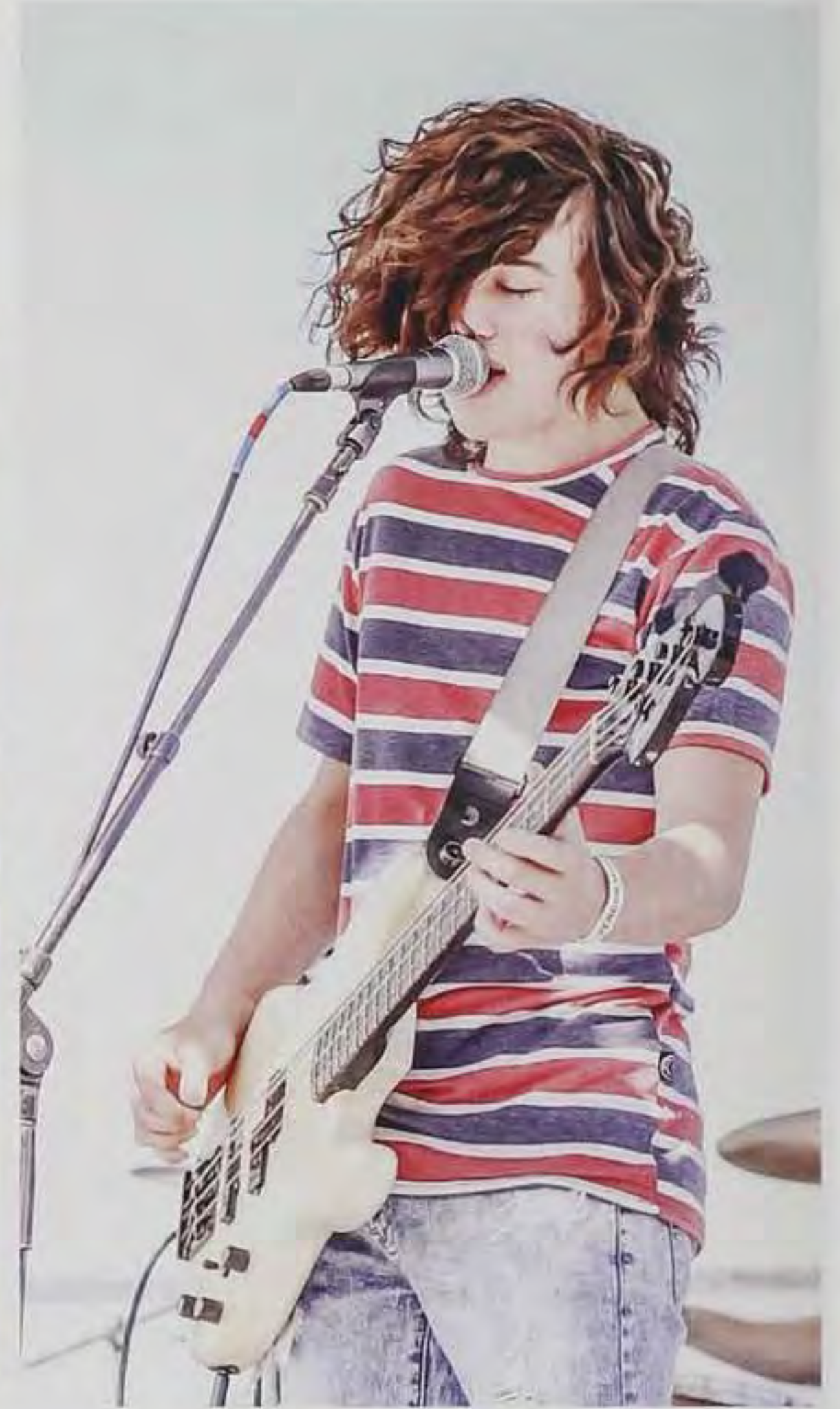
With all our love,

Dad, Mom and Megan



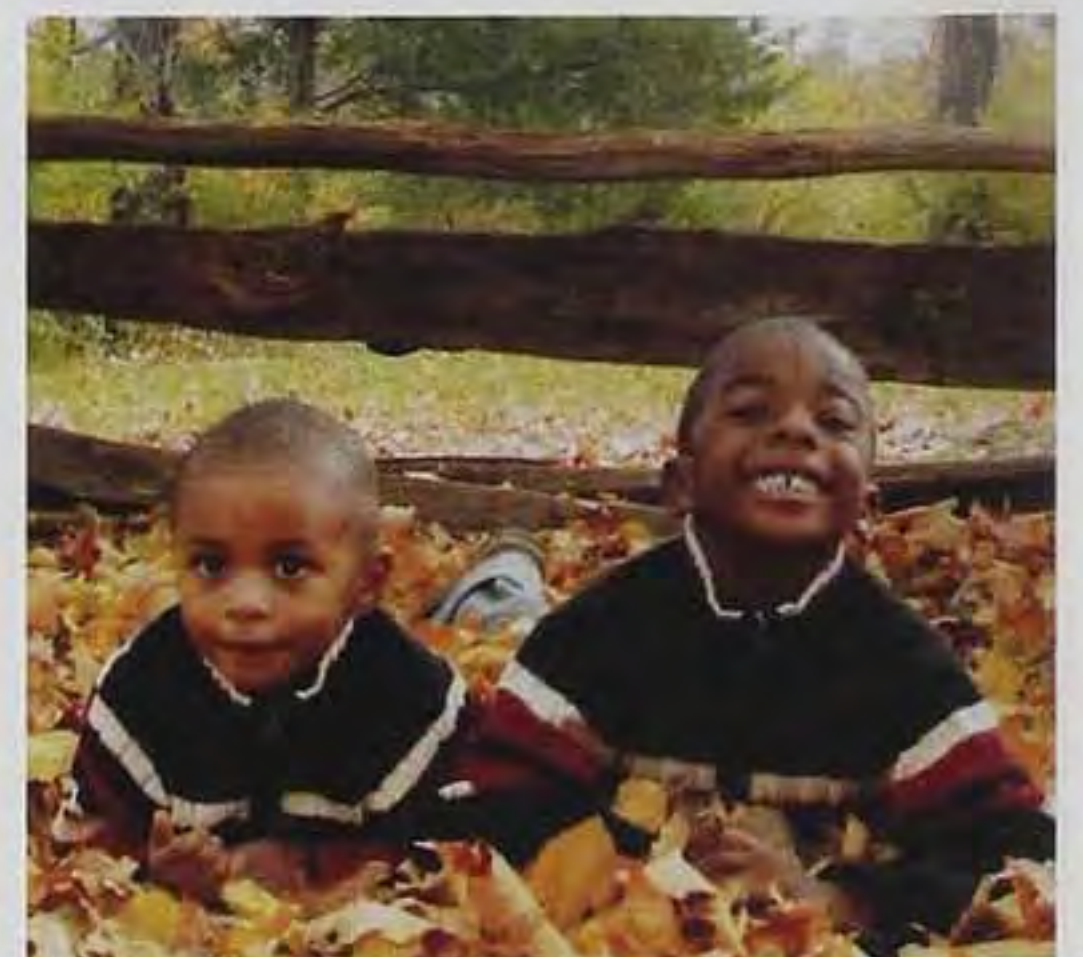
LANCE *Johnson*

With your beautiful heart for Christ and others, go shine your light and share your God-given talents with the world! We're so proud of you son and love you incredibly!



ARTHUR *Jordan*

Arthur, you are such a blessing to us. We're so proud of how you glorify God with your many wonderful talents. We love you and are truly overjoyed.



ASHLEY *MacDonald*

Ash,

We couldn't be more proud of the person you have become.
Everyone goes through life's ups and downs, but it's how you handle those challenges that determine your fate.
Everyday, you make life better for those around you.
It is through you we become better people.
Remember to put God and others first.
Remember to be true to yourself, and remember what's important.
If you need guidance, we are here to help.
Ask God for direction and be gracious for the gifts he has given you. Use His gifts wisely.
You are a treasure. You will do great things, both big or small... they will be GREAT!

Love always,

Mom, Dad, Connor and Jim



MAX *Nelson*

Max, Good grief, what a delight it's been to be your parents & to see you grow into the young man you are! Since you were little you've been a deep thinker with an earnest & kind heart. We are enormously proud of you & can't wait to see the story God is writing with your life. Whatever that story is, we will always be here and will always be so grateful you're our son. Well done, Maxwell. We love you! Mom, Dad, Hannah, Jack & Gracie

"Keep to the old roads...."

Go back, go back to the ancient paths
Lash your heart to the ancient mast
And hold on, boy, whatever you do
To the Hope that's taken hold of you
And you'll find your way" -- Andrew Peterson



CAROLINE *Kopsky*

You are such a blessing to all of us and continue to bring our family immeasurable joy! We love your quick wit, creativity, and free spirit. You'll always be our precious caboose!

Always remember your value in Him!

Love you so much!

Mom, Dad, Claire, and MaryKate



JAKE *Kyriakos*

"You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, so that

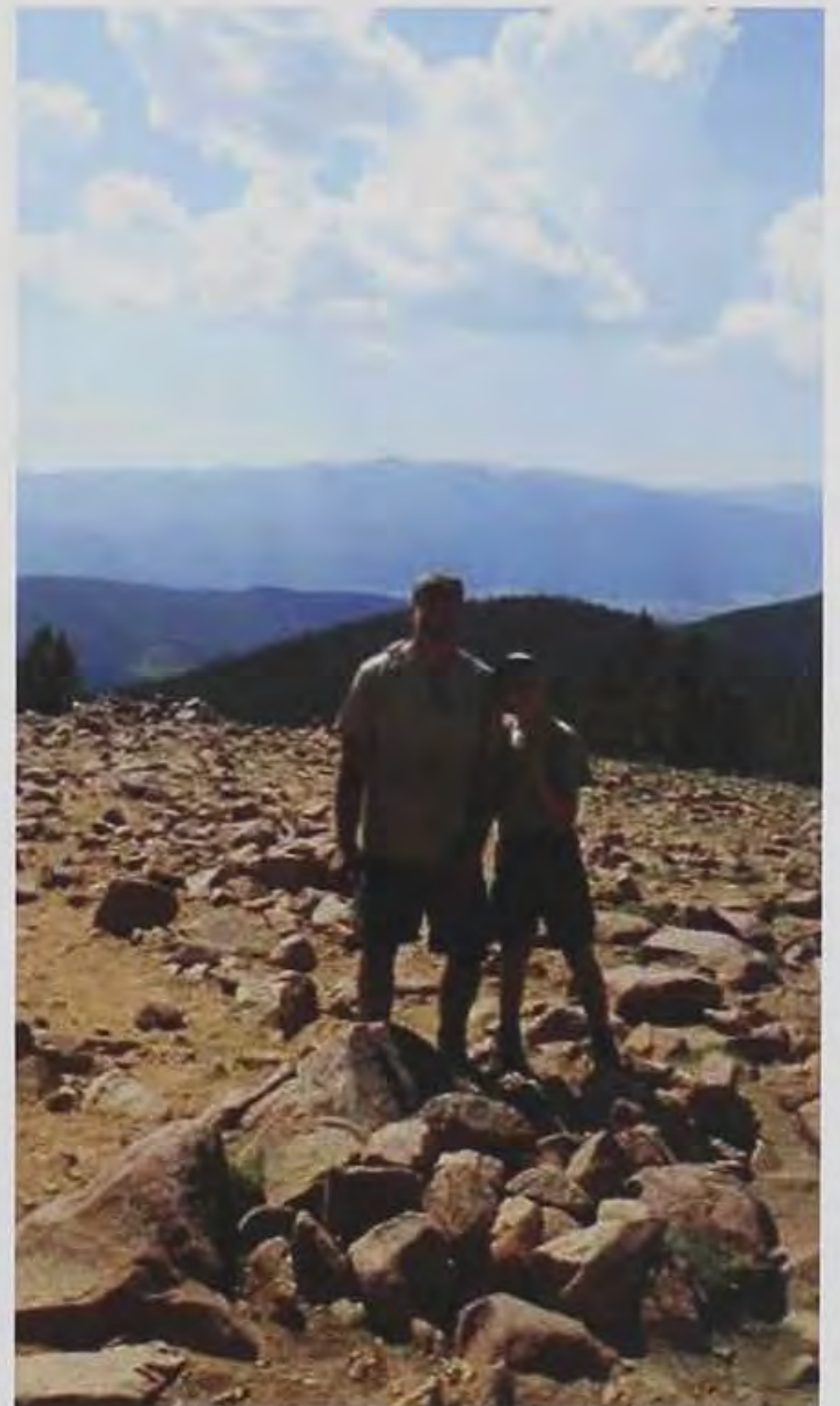
they may see your good works and give glory to your

Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16

Jake - You are such a blessing to all who know you. Let your light shine. We love you and are so very proud of all you have overcome, all you have accomplished and can't wait to see all that you will bring to the world.

XOXOX Mom and Dad



JACK *Martin*

From the first day, you were a bright light in our lives. We watched you grow from a shy, observing little boy with a unique, loveable personality into a confident young man with his own dreams. Witnessing your maturity through sports, studies and spirituality has filled us with pride every day. We love you, Jack Martin. Congratulations! Can't wait to see what God has in store for you next!

Mom and Dad



EMILEE *Mitchell*

Emilee, we are so proud of your servant's heart and how you always encourage those around you in life. God has given us such a wonderful daughter. You are a blessing to us. We can't wait to see how God will continue to use you. He has many plans for you! "May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you." Numbers 6:24-25 Love, Mom & Dad



BRENNAN *Only*

Brennan Richard,

Senior year is here and time at WCA is flying by. God blessed our family the day you were born. You are kind, humble, dedicated, hardworking and wise beyond your years. You have made us better parents and you will always be the favorite brother to Elizabeth and Logan.

You're a leader and a true friend to so many. We are so proud of you, we can't wait to see what the future brings at SIUE.

Always continue to be true to yourself and follow your heart. Thank you for being such a wonderful son, grandson, brother and friend. You are loved more than you will ever know. We will always be your biggest fans.

We love you Mom and Dad.

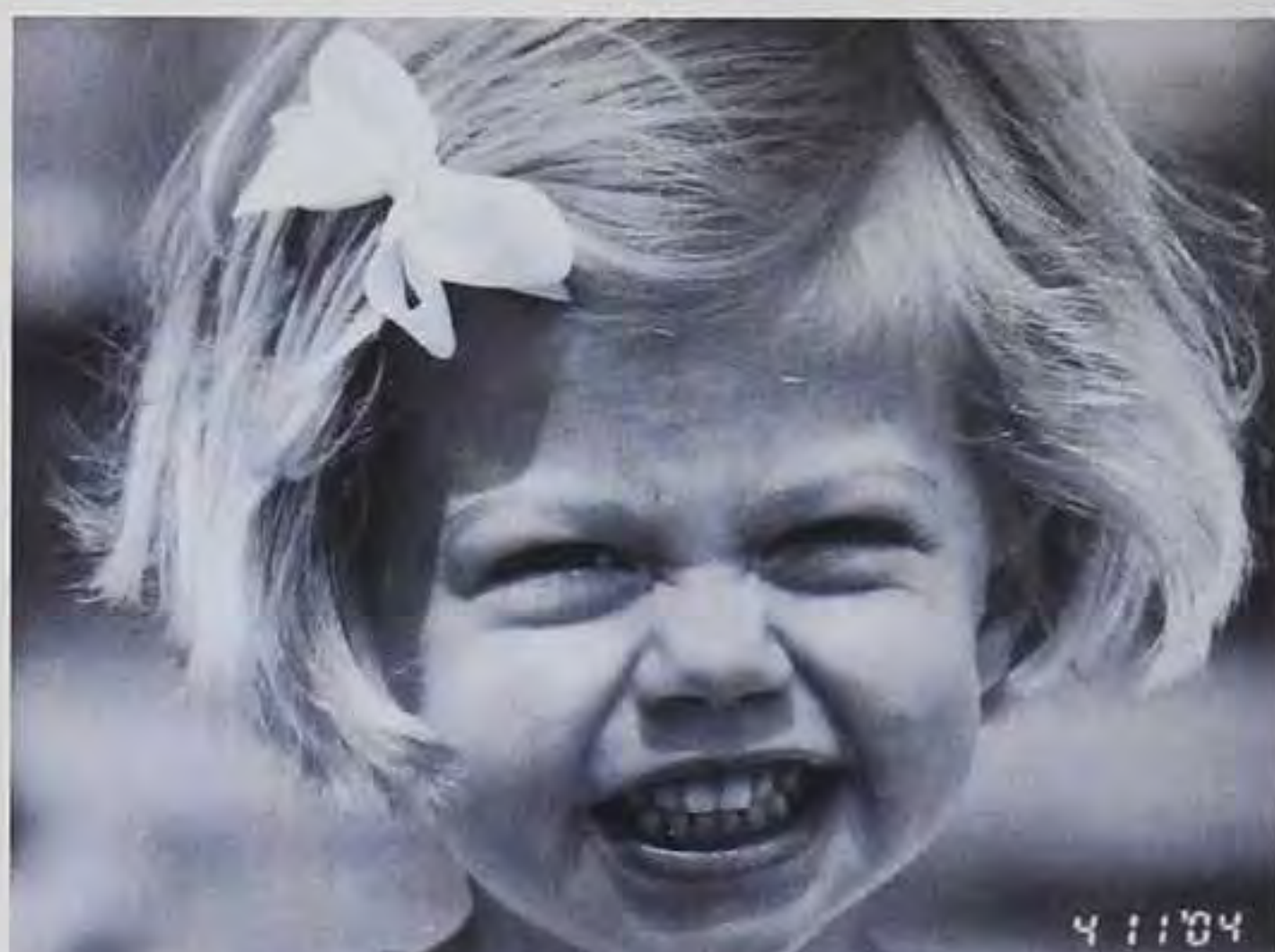


HANNA *Ottsen*

Hanna, your constant joy and laughter is infectious. We are so proud of you and your many, many accomplishments. You've grown into a beautiful and determined young woman, and we can't wait to see what God has planned next for you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Maddie, Matt, Mollie & Harry

"I can do everything through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13



NANCY

Morcos

Nancy, from the moment you came into this world you have been a fountain of pure joy for us. We blinked, and now you're graduating. We can't believe that you're already an adult. You are gifted in so many ways, and I know that God has amazing plans in store for you. We will always love you and feel so blessed that we can call our daughter. We look forward to watching you succeed in the next phases of your life.



KYLEIGH

Peer

Kyleigh,

What a Blessing you are.. Our hard working, fun-loving, talented girl! We are truly thankful for the young lady you have become and so very excited about your future.

We love you so much,
Mom and Dad



AIDEN *Perberthy*

Aidan Forbes,
With you, our family was completed.
You have literally been our sun(son)
shine.

From the little boy who always had
a smile of pure joy on his face to
the funny, sports loving, young man
with unwavering integrity, it's been
an honor for us to watch your jour-
ney.

You are well equipped for your
bright future.

Philippians 1:27 Whatever happens,
conduct yourself in a manner wor-
thy of the gospel of Christ.

Love, Dad, Mom, Lane and Paige.



GRACE *Rahal*

You have always given us so much to cheer about! I can't wait to see what God's plan is for you. It is going to be great! BOOMER!

Love, Mom

"And He said unto me, My Grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 Corinthians 12:9



GRACE *Rahal*

CONGRATULATIONS GRACEANNE!

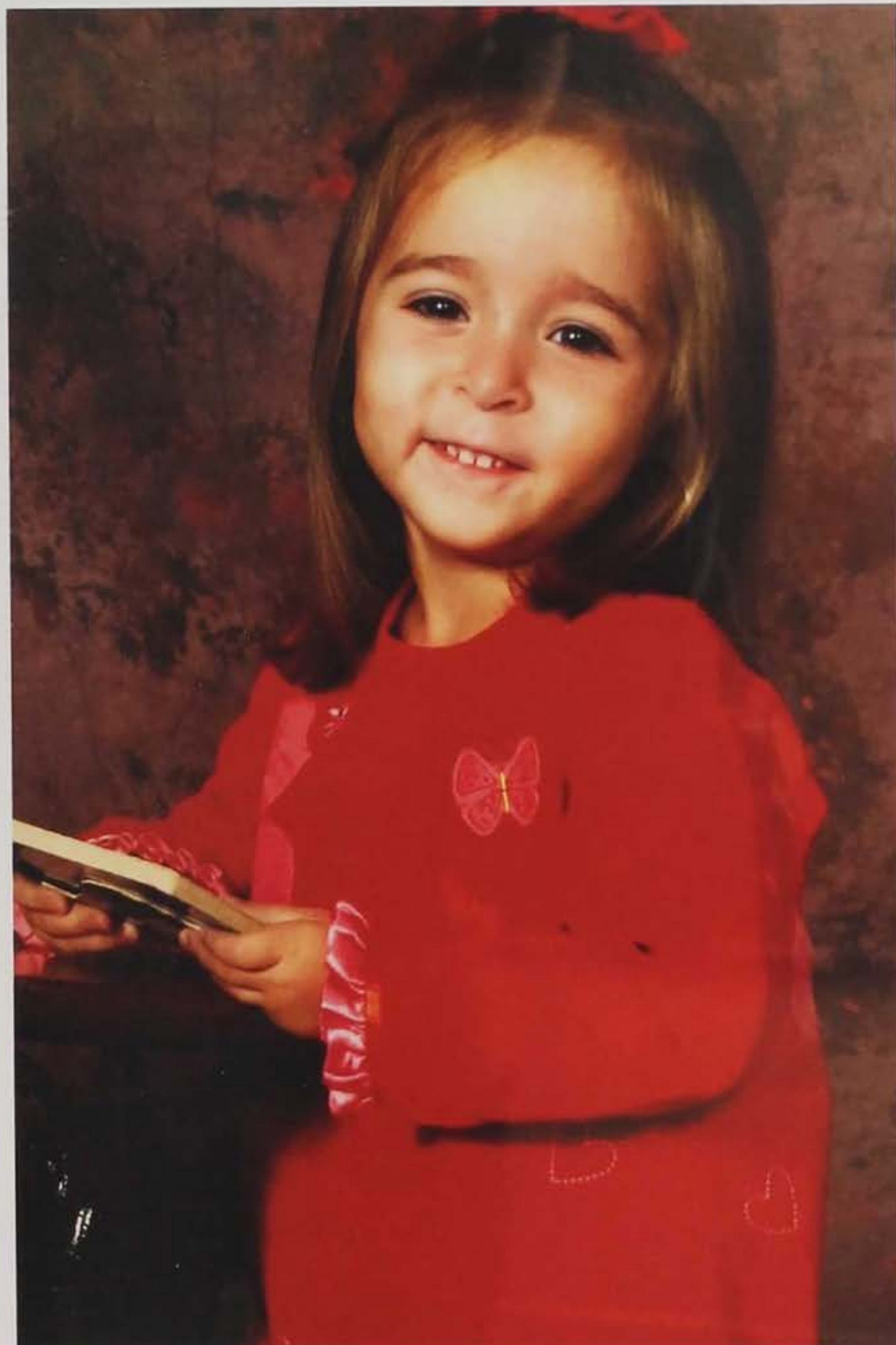
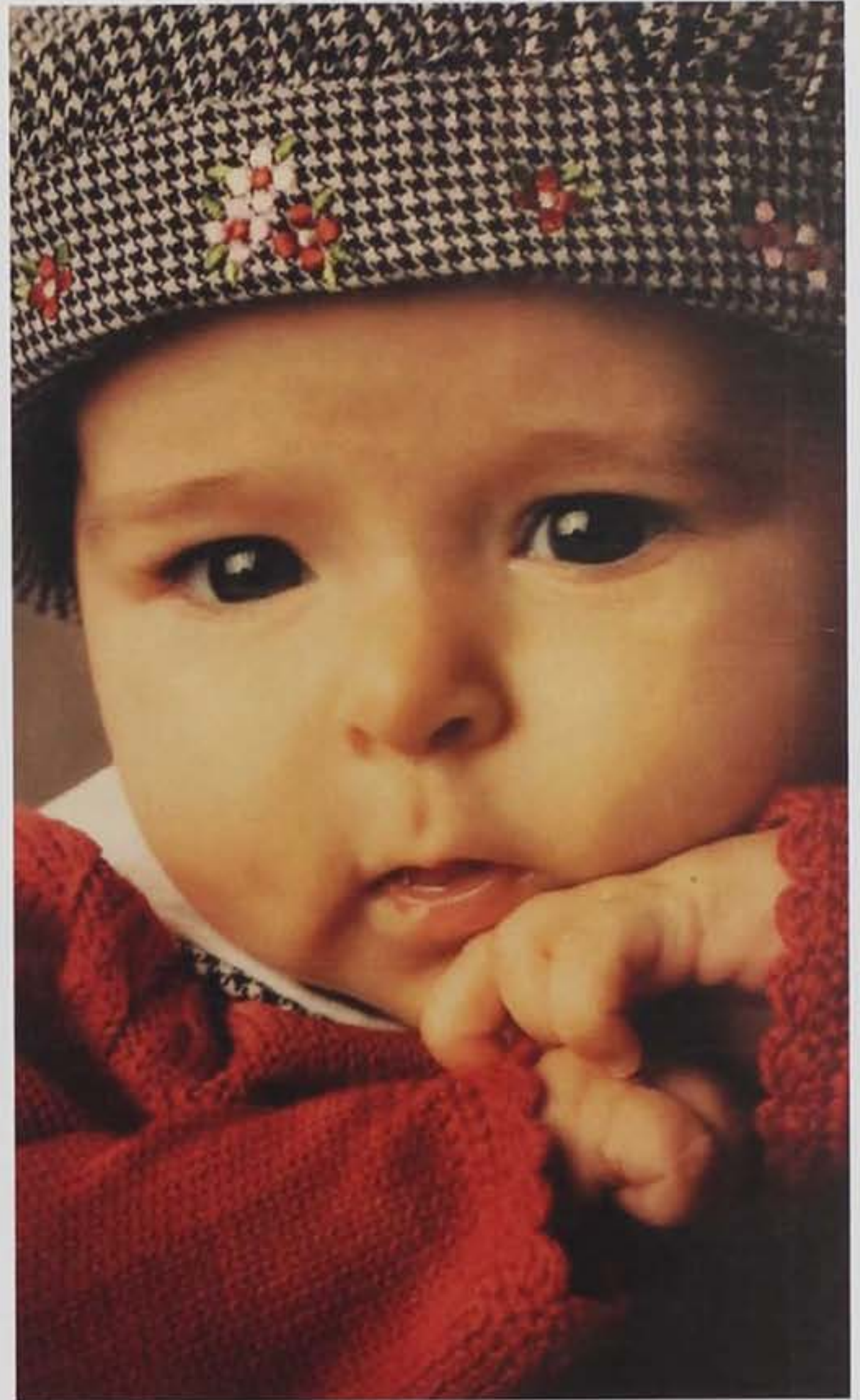
We love you and are so proud of you.

Best wishes for a bright future at OU and throughout your journey.

BOOMER SOONER

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Dad, Laurie, Jack & Caroline



ETHAN *Rush*

Ethan,
We are so proud of the kind, intelligent, and hard-working man you have become. God has blessed you with many gifts and talents which He will continue to reveal to you each passing year. You willingly approach new challenges and opportunities with humility and determination. You bring us each such joy and laughter. We love you with all our hearts!
Love, Mom & Dad
"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength" Philippians 4:13



LAUREN *Zone*

May you continue to be sunshine to everyone you meet in your journey ahead of you! You have showed such amazing grace and mercy to your family and friends! We love you!



REBEKAH *Sems*

Congratulation on completing 4 years of hard work in high school! You are amazingly resilient and persistent, Rebekah, and we couldn't be prouder of you! Always keep your eyes on Jesus and keep doing the next right thing. We love you!

Is. 33:6

~Mom & Dad



VICTORIA *Smith*

Victoria,

Congratulations on your graduation. Your passion for life and engaging personality is infectious and has brought us tremendous joy. Hold tight to your faith and let Jesus guide your way.

Love,

Mom and Dad



HANNAH *Stevenson*

Dear Hannah,

You've entertained us, shared great hugs, inspired deep thinking, and served like Christ your entire life! We've enjoyed every single minute! Press on!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Emily



CODY *Smith*

Cody, we are so proud of you! You have a contagious spirit that lights up a room. You are a great big brother to Parker and Tyler and we are so thankful for the way you've gone first. Don't ever stop enjoying life and sharing the hope you have. You have wrestled well despite the difficulties you have faced and become stronger in your walk with the Lord. It brings us such joy to see all He has done in you and are confident He will use you. We are excited to see all God has in store for you! All our love ~ Mom and Dad
"You have been set apart and chosen for His purpose." Deuteronomy 14:2



NICHOLAS *Steck*

Nick,
Congratulations! We could not be more proud of the young man you have become. Your caring, kind, and witty personality will take you far in life. We look forward to watching God's plan for your life unfold.

Love,
Mom, Angelina & Christine
P.S. #VN - Bob Saget



ABBY *Stewart*

Cody, we are so proud of you! You have a contagious spirit that lights up a room. You are a great big brother to Parker and Tyler and we are so thankful for the way you've gone first.

Don't ever stop enjoying life and sharing the hope you have. You have wrestled well despite the difficulties you have faced and become stronger in your walk with the Lord. It brings us such joy to see all He has done in you and are confident He will use you. We are excited to see all God has in store for you! All our love ~ Mom and Dad

"You have been set apart and chosen for His purpose." Deuteronomy 14:2



BEN *Straub*

Ben,
We have enjoyed watching you grow and mature throughout your years at Westminster. You are disciplined and determined and those character traits will serve you well in the years ahead. It has been a joy to watch you compete in multiple sports and how you've grown in your leadership abilities. You have surrounded yourself with great friends and you are a great brother to your siblings. We are proud to be your parents and we love you tons!
Mom & Dad



CLAIRE

Summers

Dear Claire,

In a flash, you've grown from this child on her first day of kindergarten into an amazing woman. Go after your God-given dream to bring healing to this world. We'll always be in your corner cheering you on!

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."

Love, Dad, Mom & Ella



ISABEL

Warner

Isabel,

We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become...and we can't wait to see where your journey takes you. As you go on your journey, always be true to yourself, find joy in each day, remember to count your blessings, we are sure it will be a wonderful adventure.
Mom and Dad



CHARIS *Thompson*

Charis

We are proud of what you have accomplished during your years at Westminster Christian Academy. We have been granted grace by our heavenly father to watch you grow into a phenomenal Christian young woman who loves Jehovah God. You Charis Eliya Thompson have blessed our hearts beyond words. As your parents, we encourage you to continually cultivate your relationship with God and your success is guaranteed (Joshua 1:8-9). We look forward to seeing what God does in the next phase of your life with college and career. Congratulations on your graduation!

We Love You,

Dad, Mom & Caleb



MADISON *Tucker*

My wish, for you, is that this life becomes all that you want it to,
Your dreams stay big, your worries stay small,
You never need to carry more than you can hold,
And while you're out there getting where you're getting to,
I hope you know somebody loves you and wants the same things too,

This is my wish.

- Rascal Flatts

We are so proud of you!
With much love,
Mom, Chris, Kelly, John, Harper, John Michael and Tucker



JACK *Wittenauer*

Our sweet Jack,

We are beyond thankful that God chose us to be your family! You have always been a ray of sunshine in our lives and provided us with so much joy! Your big heart filled with compassion and kindness mixed with your fun loving, zeal for life has brought your family and friends much happiness! We look forward to seeing what God has in store for you; the best is yet to come!

We love you so much!

Dad, Mom, Alex & McKenna



DAVIS *Worley*

Since the day you joined our family you've made us smile. We're so proud of your loyalty, intellect, compassion, integrity, and authenticity. You're a gift, son... we can't wait to see the man you become. You inspire us and challenge us, and we couldn't love you more.

"The Composer of time and space has given you a part in this great symphony. This is your moment!" - J. Foreman



HUNTER

Kramer

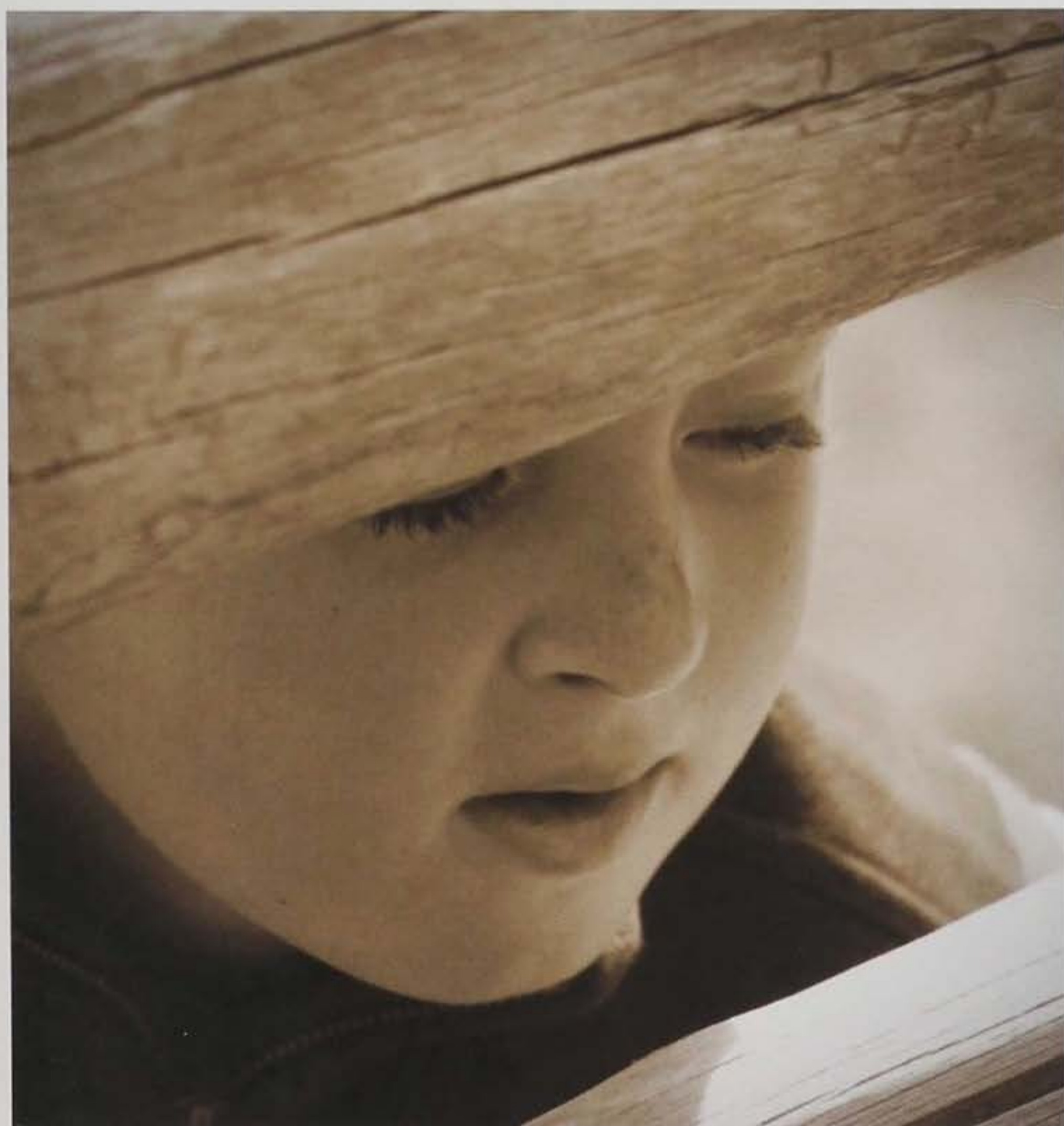
Psalm 1:1-3: Blessed is the man... who walks Not in the counsel of the wicked... Nor stands in the way of sinners, Nor sits in the seats of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he Meditates day and night. He is like a tree firmly planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in Season, and it's leaf does not wither...

Hunter, at a very young age God began to reveal to us how he created you. You have been a joy, a love, intentional, deliberate, focused, and a lover of your family and friends – we are so proud of You! You are truly growing into a special young man. We pray, as you continue on this amazing journey that God has you on, that your identity will be deeply rooted in Christ and you will go forth courageously. We Love you so much, Mom and Dad



DYLAN *Wells*

Dear Dylan - Your years at WCA have gone so fast. May your graduation and years ahead be the best they can possibly be. We love you more than you will ever know and always remember that we are your biggest advocates. Love you so much, Mom and Dad



OUT OF THE *blue,*
THE YEAR HAS COME *to*
THROUGH
EACH *test,*
EACH *practice,*
EACH *rehearsal,*
WE GAVE IT OUR *all.*

an end.



WE



LIVED EACH DAY FULLY
& MADE *memories* TO
LAST A *lifetime.*



A large crowd of people, likely at a sporting event, is shown. Many individuals are wearing face paint, including black and red designs. Some are holding up red balloons. The crowd is diverse in age and appearance, and the overall atmosphere appears to be one of excitement and celebration.

WE LOOKED AT TRIALS
AS *opportunities*
& ENJOYED THE
unexpected moments
LIFE BROUGHT US.



WE GREW AS PEOPLE &
NOW WE ARE *prepared*
TO GO OUT & *change*
THE *world.*



WITH each other.
& equipped



UPPER SCHOOL

team pictures



Varsity Girls Tennis: Hailey Colley, Avery Surber, Charis Thompson, Journee Henry, Caroline Kopsky, Caylin Doehring, Annie Davidson, Josie Christen

Varsity Girls Volleyball: Heidi Hightower, Izzy Cunningham, Grace Skiljan, Kate Johnson, Emma Fairchild, Hailey Pritchett, Sophie Shaver, Abby Siess, Emma Volding, Emily Bratch, Avery Burkemper, Haley Adair, Allison Hardin, Bricyn Johnson, Avery Stanfill

JV Girls Softball: Victoria Fuller, Emily Griege, Reagan Engel, Dyanmond Clay, Katie Pederson, Hope Linam, Kennedy Pearson, Julia Martin, Savvy Duncan, Megan Fuller, Emma Yost, Sarah Dixon

JV Girls Tennis: Margaret McDaniel, Libby Kimberling, Anna Lojka, Ava Hornburg, Eleanor Disper, Gracie Dark, Lucy Christian, Cheyenne Bowden, Lexi Jo Alm, Joy Stevens, Haley Drooger, Abby Stewart, Kate Dempsey, Ellie Jones, D'Naija Ammons, Scout Fleming, Mackenzie Axford, Caroline Guempel

JV Girls Volleyball: Emma Fairchild, Tatum Osmon, Morgan Morici, Lexie Vick, Elsie Payne, Julia Coleman, Evan Harris, Taylor Schindehette, Marisa Penner, Abby Siess, Shelby Truitt, Sophie Shaver, Alyssa Greco

Varsity Boys Basketball: Zach Benes, Matthew George, Matt Buchanan, EJ Williams, Kobi Williams, Casen Lawrence, Luke Beachy, Lane Davis, Brennan Orf, Bennie Anderson, Sam Vestal, Austin Vick, Caleb Thompson

Varsity Girls Field Hockey: Kendall Sadler, Bridget Sullivan, Jamie Obertop, Libby Thomas, Sabrina Granata, Ava Cella, Riley Kilgore, Ellie Callier, Elizabeth Clawson, Luci Hilboldt, Jaela Ginger, Ava Bidner, Madison Bugh, KK Pruett, Hope Burkey, Elle Pierson, Alyssa Legters, Abrielle Danna, Lucy Wood, Abby Sickels

C Girls Volleyball: Brooke Carter, Rosa Hargrove, Lily Evans, Julia Coleman, Kylie Robertson, Emma Harris, Kyla Dix, Yemi Daramola, Sarah Logan, Anna Grace Likes, Kyla Bynum

JV Boys Basketball: Ahmad Alexander, Avery Jones, Jack Lemp, Daniel Shultz, Drew Liddle, Zach Watson, Joshua Anderson, Dominic Grasse, Will Richards, Aydan Trawick

JV Girls Field Hockey: Olivia Greenlee, Audrey Rohlfing, MJ Akins, Kara Galakatos, Brooke Regeon, Kendall Torretta, Sara Schloss, Lily Wendel, Jocelyn McAliney, Jessica Jones, Cheyenne Williams, Anna Niekamp, Sarah Moyer, Annie Wood, Amelia Bendick, Katie Huang, Emma Ungles, Hannah Pederson

Varsity Girls Softball: Dyanmond Clay, Nicki Mabry, Sami Mabry, Hope Linam, Jadyn Patton, Gabby Merrifield, Victoria Fuller, Marty Briner, Katie Hobaugh, Lauren Gates, Reese Earleywine, Carsyn Beachy, Grace Yost

Freshmen Boys Basketball: Will DeBoer, Darius McFall, Brysan Davis, Jaron Lewis, Jack Chelew, Braden Brasfield, Will Warren, Ben Gustafson, Josh Baker-Mays, Brandon Schoen, Noah Parks, Sabian Moore, Dylan Caccamo



Varsity Boys Soccer: Jack Lemp, Tyler Hott, Caleb Legters, Jelmer Veer, Liam Lloyd, Danny Sacco, Mark Stump, Andrew Smith, Cooper Edgecombe, Trent Grass, Aidan Kline, Andy Monga, Ben Van Zee, Will Mason, Pierce Dunne, Luke Laughlin

Varsity Boys Football: LJ Minner, Dylan Caccamo, Roger Jenkins, Arthur Jordan, Ben Hicks, Ben Broadhurst, Josh Baker, Dominic Grass, Jack Mayer, Nolan Jones, Brandon Schoen, Clayton Mayfield, Mason Kugler, Hayden Engel, Aiden Davitt, Tommy Briner, Brandon Parker, Pierce Dunne, Ben Straub, Justin Fuller, Parker Smith, Nathan Fox, Max Radloff, Ben Chereji, Jack Powers, Bennie Anderson, Joshua Anderson, Jimmy Kinsley, Lane Davis, Toby Davidson, Ben Parres, Issac Niekamp, Sterling Webb, Jake Broyles

Varsity Boys Wrestling: Roger Jenkins, Kirk Briden, Brett St. John, Mark Stump, Nolan Jones, Nate Bowman, Wesley Rye, Clayton Perona, Caelleb Crutcher

JV Boys Soccer: Jack Baker, Luke Coco, J.T. Crowe, Michael Schneider, Riley Heironimus, Daniel Schultz, Jackson Keane, Tyler Collison, Nathan Bahnak, Jacob Park, Grant Sawyer, Jackson Lawrence, Davis Terry, Will Warren, Jake Morris

Varsity Girls Cross Country: Isabella Francois, Carsyn Beachy, Emma Smith, Reagan Beachy, Sayva Phillips, Lily Duda, Allie Lytle, Ava Hollmann, Emma Yost

Varsity Girls Basketball: Carsyn Beachy, Brooke Highmark, Macey Lottmann, Reilly Brophy, Sydney Bradley, Carlie Vick, Marty Briner, Julia Coleman

C Boys Soccer: Kayden Stokes, Brayden Brassfield, Blake Engelmeyer, Aaron Chae, Christopher Braggs, Logan Jones, Byron Moser, Joshua Dewitt, William DeBoer

Varsity Boys Cross Country: Daniel Martin, Ethan Storer, Colin Ring, Caleb Moellenhoff, Vaughan Goff, Hayden Turley, Logan Mann, Clayton Perona, Tim Shoemaker, Hunter Freiner, Thomas Davidson, Owen Burkemper, Thomas Gorline, Conner Vennemann, Luke Beachy

JV Girls Basketball: Sanaa Glasper, Lexi Birk, Jordan Williams, Hope Linam, Tara Bobo, CJ Jones, Vega Guo, Kylie Robertson, Lexie Vick, Bria Witherspoon, Aseanti Boone, Emmy Robson

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Varsity Girls Swim: Macy Goodwin, Katherine Bauer, Madison Doehring, Anna Lojka, Gracie Wessels, Taylor Highmark, Margaret McDaniel, Samantha Lee, Grace Skiljan, Grace Andrews, Miranda Bellamy, Eleanor Disper, Caroline Strauss, Addie Draper, Becca Berkmeier, Margo O'Meara, Sabrina Granata, Lucy Christian, Sara Schloss, Kate Wessels, Abbie Terschak, Maggie Lindstrom, Bria Benes, Sara Cate Murray, Isabella Francois, Caroline Kopsky, Allie Lytle, Ashley Lytle, Caylin Doehring, Madison Bugh, Molly Kirby, Annie Wood

Varsity Hockey: Jack Freeman, Jack Wooldridge, Dylan Wells, Jack Bystrom, Aidan Penberthy, Jon Lane, Zack Kilgore, Matthew Burgess, Mike Johnson, Harry Ottsen, Collin McCarthy, Emily Griege, Logan Yantes, Tommy Le, Gus Duda, Caleb Bross, Drew Gingerich

Middle School Girls Tennis: Lacey Brown, Ashley Beam, Hannah Gerorgy, Maggie Dalby, Alexis Hackmann, Grace Rush, Mallory Pfuetze, Katherine Shaw, Mia Watson, Lauren Turley, Lauren Pollack, Clare Essenburg, Lochlan McGowan, Anna Enger, Cooper Hook, Coco Francisco, Kyra Schelker, McKenna Wittenauer, Raquel Herrera, Simone Duncan, Amila Pieris, Gwen Wardenburg

7 Girls Basketball: Emery Johnston, Karissa Hsu, Katie Shoemaker, Jenna Atkins, Olivia Adams, Cooper Hook, Kelsey Mischick, Mia Hayden, Grace Rush

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8 Girls Field Hockey: Sadie Schmidt, Sophie Zara, Huntleigh Hager, Molly Kate Bugh, Mia Schulen, Faith Moeller, Hannah Drooger, Julia Roerman, Ava Rockwood, Maddie Dean, Lucy Knerr, Peyton Whitley, Rebecca Rothrock, Corinne Plumb, Meredith Bahnak, Hannah Lawson, Maya Raleigh

8A Girls Basketball: Ava Gibeaut, Natalie Bradshaw, Lauren Pollack, Molly Zell, Lily Vogel, Jackie Briner, Macie DiGuseppe, Ava Gronek, Izzy Russell, Lindsey Birk

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7 Girls Field Hockey: Camille Wittcock, Livvy Kodner, Millie Farris, Nicole Morcos, Kate French, Molly Zell, Kelsey Muschick, Lochlan McGowan, Jenna Akins, Lilly Vogel, Abby Kunde, Avery Abbonizio, Ella Porter, McKenna Wittenauer, Ella Orellana, Lindsey Birk, Mia Hayden, Izzy Russell, Hailey Kendrick, Julia Berryman, Coco Francisco, Taryn Cunningham

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7A Boys Basketball: JD Robertson, AJ Synder, Charlie Baker, George Desloge, Jack English, Cameron Patton, Isaiah Warren, Ridge Cathcart, Evan Montandon, Cal Leighton

8B Girls Basketball: Gabrielle Willete, Kaylynn James, Mia Scheulen, Maggie Dalby, Emma Ballew, Molly Kate Bugh, Sophie Zara, Kate Van Zee, Aniyah Howard

8 Girls Volleyball: Ava Becker, Fern Revel, Ellie Reel, Lauren Gingrich, Emma Allen, Candace Jefferson, Elsa Chapell, Emma Dempsey, Rebecca Heienickle, Genevieve Selk

8A Boys Basketball: AJ Powers, Cameron Schlegl, Isaac Boss, Colby Albert, Asher Amanuel, Devin Coulter, Shepard Nye, Harrison Bailey, Sam Villa, Caden Collison



Middle School Boys Swim: AJ Snyder, William Dana, Isaac Boss, John Galakatos, Eric Bellamy, Aidan Espy, Stephen Thompson, Morgan Shulte, Zach Brauer, Asher Will, Aidan Irby, David Cahill

Middle School Girls Swim: Sabrina Holohan, Peyton Edgcombe, Angela Lee, Huntleigh Hager, Rebecca Heinickle, Camille Farris, Katelyn French, Ella Essenberg, Taryn Cunningham, Mia Hayden, Ella Orellana, Raquel Herrera, Maya Raleigh, Lochlan McGowan, Ella Porter, Rachel Hon, Sophie Nall, Lydia Muehleisen, Ava Rockwood, Kennedy McGowan, Natalie Bradshaw, Hennessy McGowan, Kaitlyn Cragg, Macie DiGuseppe, Simone Duncan, Amila Pieris, Elizabeth Hickel, Hailey Anderson, McKenna Wittenauer



8 Boys Football: Mason Wittcock, Colby Albert, Nehemiah Oginni, Mason Burnham, Shepard Nye, Finley Brower, Christian Young, Mason Fricke, Josh Avery, Maddox Rosenberg, AJ Powers, Ryan Guebert, Alex Shoemaker, Peter Busch, Kohen Earleywine, Cole Andrews, Ridley Jowdy, Cody Kilgore, Isaiah Farquharson

Middle School Boys Wrestling: Cole Andrews, Joey Fentress, Luke Hornburg, Matthew Bergman, Joshua Avery, AJ Snyder, Alex Shoemaker, Zach Laughlin, Carson Clark, Zach Brauer, Michael Harris, Luke Moeller, Joey Schloss, Roman Ryker



8B Boys Basketball: Quin Lawrence, Nehemiah Oginni, Guy Matthews, Maxwell Burgdorf, John Galakatos, Ryder Grega, Andrew Cahill, Finely Bauer, Aidan Espy, Bryce Lord

8 Boys Soccer: Gabriel Liu, Asher Amanuel, Quin Lawrence, Max Burgdorf, Sam Villa, Caidan Brophy, Caden Collison, Drew Cahill, Ryder Grega, Alex Ungles, Elliot Campbell, Levi Weik

7 Boys Football: Luke Downey, Jack English, Chase Borage, Trey Davidson, Case-Edward Miller, AJ Snyder, Nehemiah Oginni, Dawson Malcom, Brock Benes, Carson Clark, Cal Leighton, Zach Brauer, Austin McCarthy, Dylan Schoen, Sam Villa, Sean Gross, Cameron Patton, Shawn Jones, Parker Schlueter



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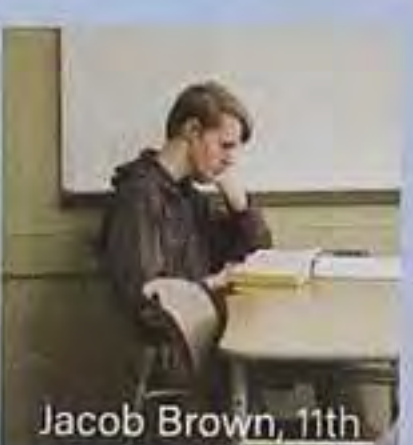
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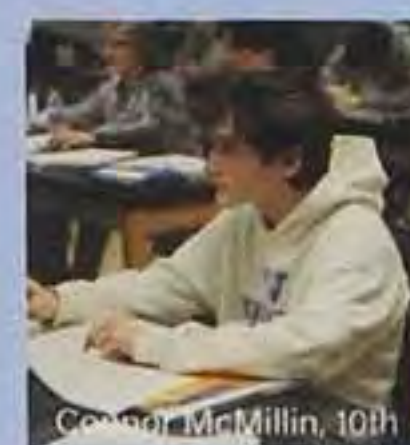
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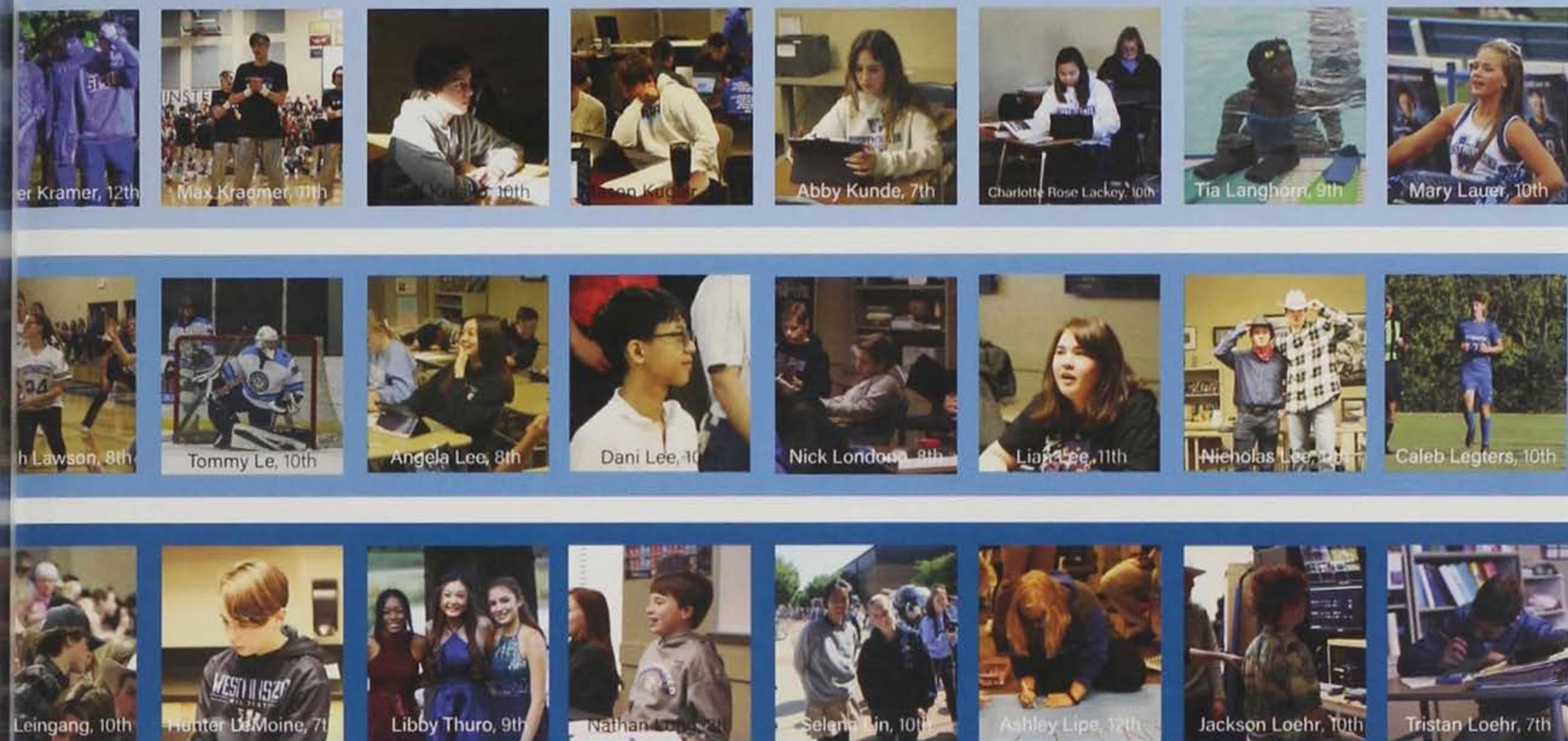
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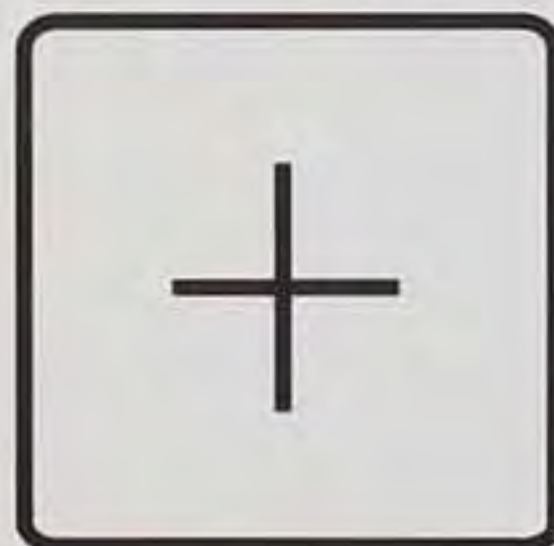
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A CASE OF *the blues*

These past few months had been much different than expected. No spring sports, clubs, or even social gatherings took place. Because of quarantine, students had to find other ways to keep themselves busy. There was some disappointment to many students who were missing out on key moments of school.

"The worst part of quarantine has been that I will never get to celebrate the last days of high school and all that has to come with it," said Sebastian Lacassie, senior. "I have had to live in my basement for the past few weeks so I don't get my grandma sick which has been really difficult," said Sophie Clifton, junior.

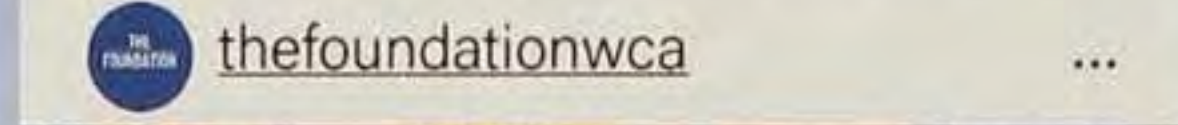
Although staying home was a bummer, there were also some positive sides to COVID-19. "The best part of being in quarantine is that I can talk to my friends whenever I want because they aren't busy, even though I can't see them in person. I've been cooking and baking a lot more, and I definitely get more sleep," said Ajé Jones, junior.

Students found ways to keep busy under their circumstances. "I have had time to watch a lot of movies," said Emily Melaragno, junior. Others joined their families during quarantine. "I have spent a lot of time with my family, playing games and cooking meals," said Owen Minichiello, junior. Although COVID-19 brought a lot of disappointment, it was a unique time period students will never forget.



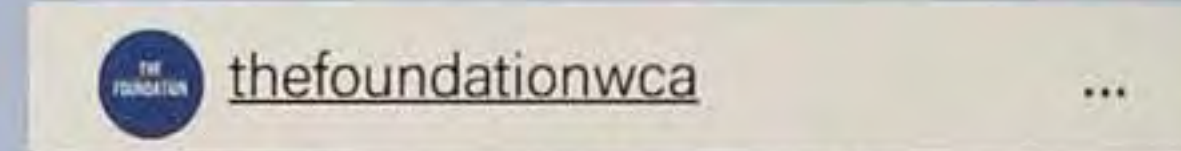
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Daphne Washington, senior, paints a picture with her choice of paints in front of her. Every spring, Washington painted a canvas for her family. "Painting helped me pass time and relax during stressful times," said Washington.



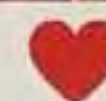
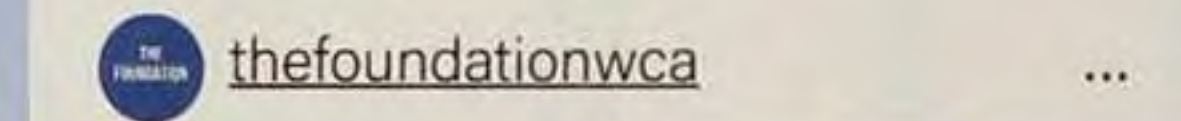
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Abby Johler, sophomore, and her family celebrate time off from school during Spring Break at home with beach-themed items from Party City. As their busy schedules were absent, the Johler family used the quarantine to grow closer and do activities together. They planned events like movie nights, family dinners, and group runs for passing the time.



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Aiden Davitt, senior, displays one of his newly developed skills with his brothers. Davitt's personal mission was to learn a new skill every day including spinning a basketball, juggling, hula hooping, walking on his hands, and playing the piano. He even documented each skill on his Instagram stories. His older brothers came home from college due to the coronavirus, so the new skill each day became a family activity.



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Hannah Skrobonja, junior, spends time in the kitchen with her family. Quarantine blessed many families with lots of time to try out new recipes together. "One of my favorite things to do with my family is cook," said Skrobonja.



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Lucy Wood, senior, and her brother build a puzzle. They found new ways to entertain themselves, mainly indoors. One activity they enjoyed was working on a 1,000 piece puzzle. "Pretty soon, my whole family joined in on the fun and we all had something to do together," said Wood.



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Taniya Jessie, freshman, watch movies together with their family at least one night each week. Although spending weeks in their house seemed miserable at first, they both came to enjoy the extra time they could spend with their family. From going on spontaneous walks with the dog, having family game night, and watching movies, the Jessie family loved having the opportunity to spend quality time with one another.



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Luke Englemeyer, senior, spends his days in quarantine with his dogs rather than with his friends. Although Englemeyer wished he could be playing baseball with his team for his senior season, he was able to play many games with his family and enjoyed walking his dogs. "It is the smart and most responsible thing to do," said Englemeyer.



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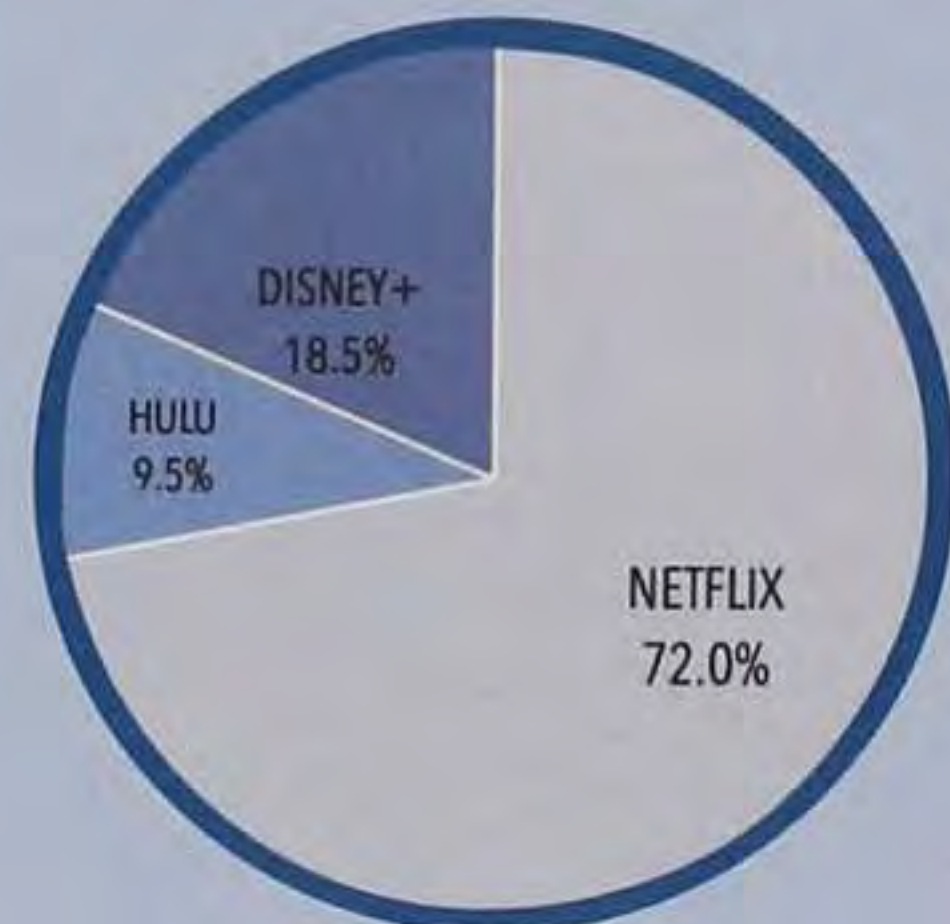


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Ella Fiala, senior, celebrates her birthday in quarantine-style. Her friends brought her balloons, flowers, and treats; they left them on her front porch for her to enjoy on her special day. Fiala was able to spend the whole day reading, one of her favorite activities, instead of doing schoolwork.

- 1 OUTER BANKS
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Westminster students were surveyed about what they preferred watching during quarantine and which streaming service was their favorite. Above are the first, second, and third place winners of shows.



WHATCHA watchin'?





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 Evan Kohn, sophomore, pets his dogs as study breaks during online school. Kohn had three dogs before adopting his puppy (shown at the top right). Since the family brought the puppy into their family only a few months before the pandemic broke out, Kohn was very excited to have a new companion to play with while in quarantine.



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 Nina Bacon, senior, decides to spend her quarantine baking. Because of all Bacon's free time, she worked hard on many recipes each day. Instead of making a quick cookie recipe, Bacon had time to make her favorite homemade cinnamon rolls that took four hours and were usually only made for holidays



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 Sarah Moyer, sophomore, reorganizes her room during quarantine. While sorting, Moyer came across a stack of cards dating back as far as 2014. In these, Moyer found some notes from her neighbor who had passed away a couple weeks before. These cards brought back many joyful memories to Moyer during the lonely time.



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 Lexi Birk, sophomore, and Lindsey Birk, seventh grade, enjoy their Dunkin Donuts treats in quarantine. The Birk sisters spent their time making Tik Toks together which required hours of learning new dances. Then, they shared them with friends to help stay connected during the time apart.



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 Libby Wessels, freshman, rides her bike around her neighborhood while under the 'stay at home' order. Although Wessels knew her soccer season would likely be canceled, she wanted to stay in shape in case they had the chance to play. Biking and running were some of the main ways she preferred to exercise.

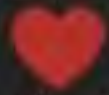


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 Nicole Chelew, junior, and her family smile in front of their completed puzzle. Puzzles were not the only activity Chelew participated in with her family during their quarantine in Michigan. They played board games, finished puzzles, and experimented with food recipes. Chelew and her father made a different meal every night for family dinner which kept them very busy.



UNTIL tomorrow

Many students participated in an Instagram challenge called "Until Tomorrow" where they posted embarrassing photos of themselves when they were younger and planned to delete them the next day.



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Jon Walsh, junior, smiles with joy as he plays with his dog, Snowball. Snowball was frequently confined inside all day while no one was home before quarantine was Camryn declared. "I get to go outside with her. It is good for both of us," said Walsh.

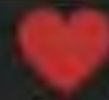
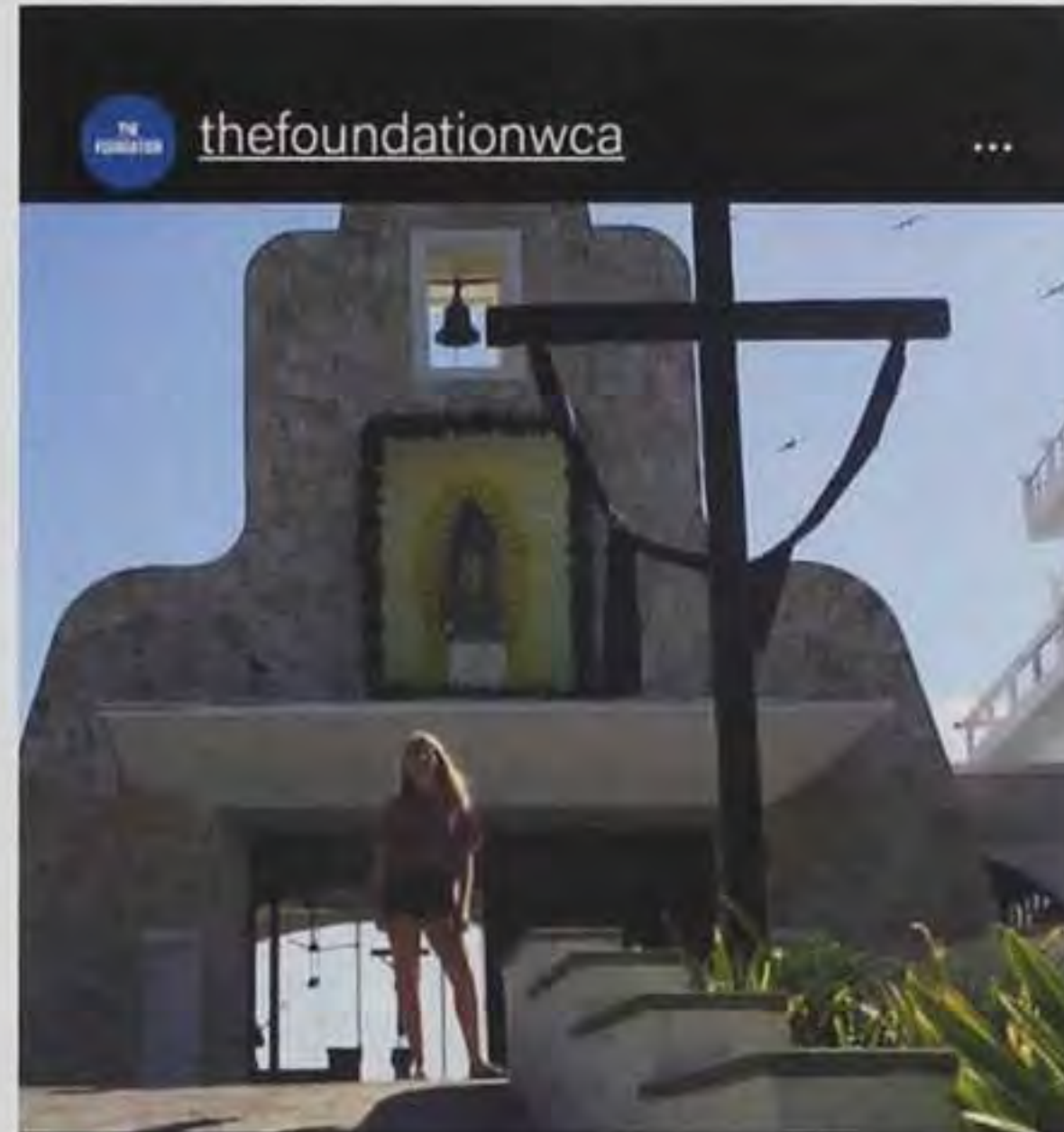


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"I'm trying to hold up the market. I tried to keep these stocks from falling. Unfortunately, there aren't any sports to watch, so i was forced to watch the markets move," said Matthew Kinney, junior.



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Flynn Klinge, junior, stands in front of a church in Isla Mujeres, Mexico. Klinge had traveled to Isla Mujeres many times, and she went again over Spring Break. "Behind the church is an amazing view of the ocean that you can see from all angles inside of the church which makes it my favorite spot," said Klinge.



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Evie Cunningham, senior, takes a long walk through Queeny park with her family. After finishing many hours of online school, the Cunningham family loved to enjoy the outdoors. Cunningham was able to forget about all the chaos in the world while being outside.



Shelby Truitt, freshman



Grace Rahal, senior



Jamie Obertop, freshman



Zach Leeker, freshman



“Online school-work has been very time consuming and I really haven’t had time to relax or read a book.”

-Elisabeth Saltmiras
freshman

“Quarantine means lots of birthday parades and even more ice cream.”

-Katie Shoemaker
seventh grade

“With all the extra time, I’ve started reading again and am learning how to play tennis for fun!”

-Elena Angelin
senior



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Zoe Lintner, junior whips us a ham-and-cheese panini for lunch. She wanted to add a little normality to her first day of online school, so she made a panini. Zoe went to the panini line almost every week during the school year.



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Gracie Wessels, junior, plays with her new puppy, Hayden. Her family planned on getting a puppy at the end of March, but after the ‘stay at home’ order was issued they brought him home earlier. “I love having a new puppy around, especially because now I have so much time to play with him,” said Wessels.



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Camryn McMurry, senior, spends her time out in nature on a hike. Since the start of quarantine and online school, McMurry had much more free time and liked to spend it at parks such as Creve Coeur. McMurry enjoyed walking around with her friends while keeping a safe distance.



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Adam Ebling, junior, smiles on Miami Beach with his brother, Alex Ebling, freshman, and dad during the sunset on his Spring Break vacation. Adam had planned to travel with the varsity boys baseball team to Vero Beach for the week, but it was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Ebling family ultimately decided to travel to Miami where they hung out at the beach and the pool.



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Brooke Regeon, junior, works on her laptop while studying outside for an upcoming test. Regeon wished that she would have appreciated seeing her friends and teachers every day. She also missed her lacrosse team practices and workouts.



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Michael Lee, senior, and his cousin spend time together blowing out his kinky coils. Lee and his cousin tried their hand at numerous hairstyles throughout the quarantine. Lee's family loved seeing different hairstyles every day since they spiced up their life and made it more interesting.

PARKING LOT party



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Annessa Shively, junior, laughs while being the subject of a photo shoot with photographer Nicki Mabry, junior. Shively had originally planned to go on a cruise, but her family canceled as issues progressed with COVID-19. Their family resorted to playing games, and Shively went on a photo shoot with Mabry to make the most of their unexpected time at home.



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Emma Yost, sophomore, while on Spring Break in Florida, enjoys the views with her sister Grace Yost, junior. Yost's family was planning on visiting colleges, but since the schools shut down and they were unable to go on campuses, they decided to head to the beach instead.

One way many students were able to see their friends during quarantine while still practicing social distancing was to meet in parking lots. Sydney Hott, senior met her friends in a parking lot in order to get out of the house and do something fun. Since their cars were more than six feet apart, many students used this as a way to see their friends while under quarantine.



Luci Hilboldt, Avery Burkemper, Sophia Mullen, and Ashley MacDonald, seniors, sit in the back of their trunks and talk while keeping a safe distance from each other. Due to their days at school being cut short, the friends wanted to see each other since they were all planning to attend different colleges and knew their time living in the same city was short.





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Molly Kirby, freshman, decides to have a solo photoshoot inside, in hopes to bring some fun to her quarantine. Kirby grew used to hanging around the house and decided to work with what she had to enjoy herself. "By doing this I was able to still have fun even though I had to stay inside," said Kirby.



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Anna Minichiello and Libby Kimberling, juniors, hug each other on the beach in Marco Island, Florida. Minichiello and Kimberling travelled with others from school to take a break from being at home. Their vacation was taken before the government advised citizens to stay in their homes.



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Caroline Mentel, junior, poses with her cousin, Ava Cella, senior, in a polaroid picture. While quarantined on a farm, Mentel and Cella worked on puzzles, made Tik Toks, baked, and played numerous games. "We commemorated this unique time in one of our favorite ways, and the polaroids are now hung up on my wall. I'm reminded of this once in a lifetime experience every time I look at them," said Mentel.



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Sarah Logan, freshman, shows off her book collection. Logan was able to read many books during her time in quarantine with all the extra time on her hands. "I've read so many books lately," said Logan.



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Michala Crooks, sophomore, uses her creative talent to make chalk art on her driveway. It was hard to find interesting activities to do because of the 'stay at home' orders, but Crooks enjoyed going outside when the weather was nice. She had lots of young neighbors, so making art for them around her street was a fun pastime.



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Mason Andrasko, senior, gets reps in with his father from weights they found in the basement. Andrasko did not have the same access to workout facilities after being locked down in his house. "We're basically the dynamic duo of pumping iron," said Andrasko. The Andrasko family was clearly unfazed during this difficult time as they tried to keep up with their daily routines.





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Izzy Trost, sophomore, walks with her mom and dogs to get out of the house during quarantine. While at home, the family played board games together, binge-watched Criminal Minds on Netflix, and FaceTimed family. Trost lived in Illinois, so she appreciated the break from driving back and forth from Westminster.

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Jordan Preis and Katherine Kurop, juniors, sit on top of their cars and watch the sunset. The two were good friends and wanted to meet up during the quarantine as they knew it would be a fun and safe way to hang out. Many friend groups did this since they missed seeing each other yet wanted to stay safe while doing so.

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Nick Lee, junior, rests in his bed, procrastinating the school day to come. Lee has been enjoying the ability to sleep in late. "I'm just living the quarantined life. I truly hope it will never end," said Lee.

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Izzy Cunningham and Evie Cunningham, seniors, smiles with her family during a day trip to Johnson's Shut Ins. Her family had enjoyed being able to go outside more frequently since quarantine took place. Cunningham appreciated not being as busy as usual because of all the cancelled events.

DREAMS TO *reality*

Waking up at 10 a.m., staying in pajamas all day, and binge-watching Netflix sounded like a dream or even summer vacation. But quarantine was unexplainable. Although many wished for down time and no schedule or commitments, quarantine wasn't exactly the ideal way to relax and rejuvenate.

There were, however, many upsides to the sudden halt of regular everyday life. "Honestly, the best part is getting to see my family all day," said Ashley MacDonald, senior. Normally, the fourth quarter called for a very busy schedule full of sporting events, travel, dances, and, finally, graduation. However, it was often hard to spend time with family when students barely spent any time at home. They were also worn out and many were sleep-deprived. "This quarantine has been the best way to catch up on sleep," said Lily Duda, senior.

Although it may have been a nice way to help many tired students, being isolated from society brought lots of downsides as well. For many seniors, April and May should bring some of their most cherished memories. "Missing things like JSB, graduation, and all other final traditions is really sad," said Ava Bidner, senior. These losses were significant along with many others for other students as well. It was definitely hard to miss sports, activities, and social life. With everything canceled and birthday parties turned into car parades, the COVID-19 pandemic was definitely unlike anything the world had experienced before.

PAINTING THE
day away



Moorea Atkins, junior, spent much of quarantine painting and doing art projects. "This Mustang I painted is probably my favorite thing I've made so far," said Atkins.



Adeline Jowdy, junior, completed many different art and painting projects with all of her extra time at home. "I've been doing a lot of painting lately, some of it is for my watercolor class but I've also been painting for fun a lot," said Jowdy.

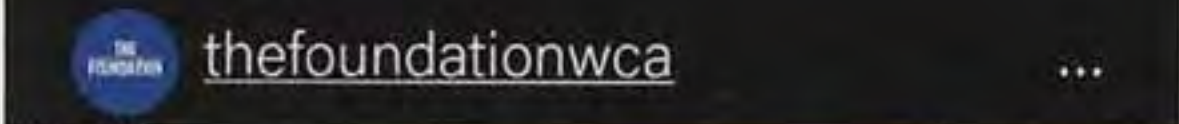


Peyton Whitley, eighth grade, paints watercolor to pass time during quarantine. Whitley missed her friends and having a set schedule, but she enjoyed learning something new.



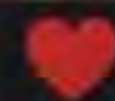
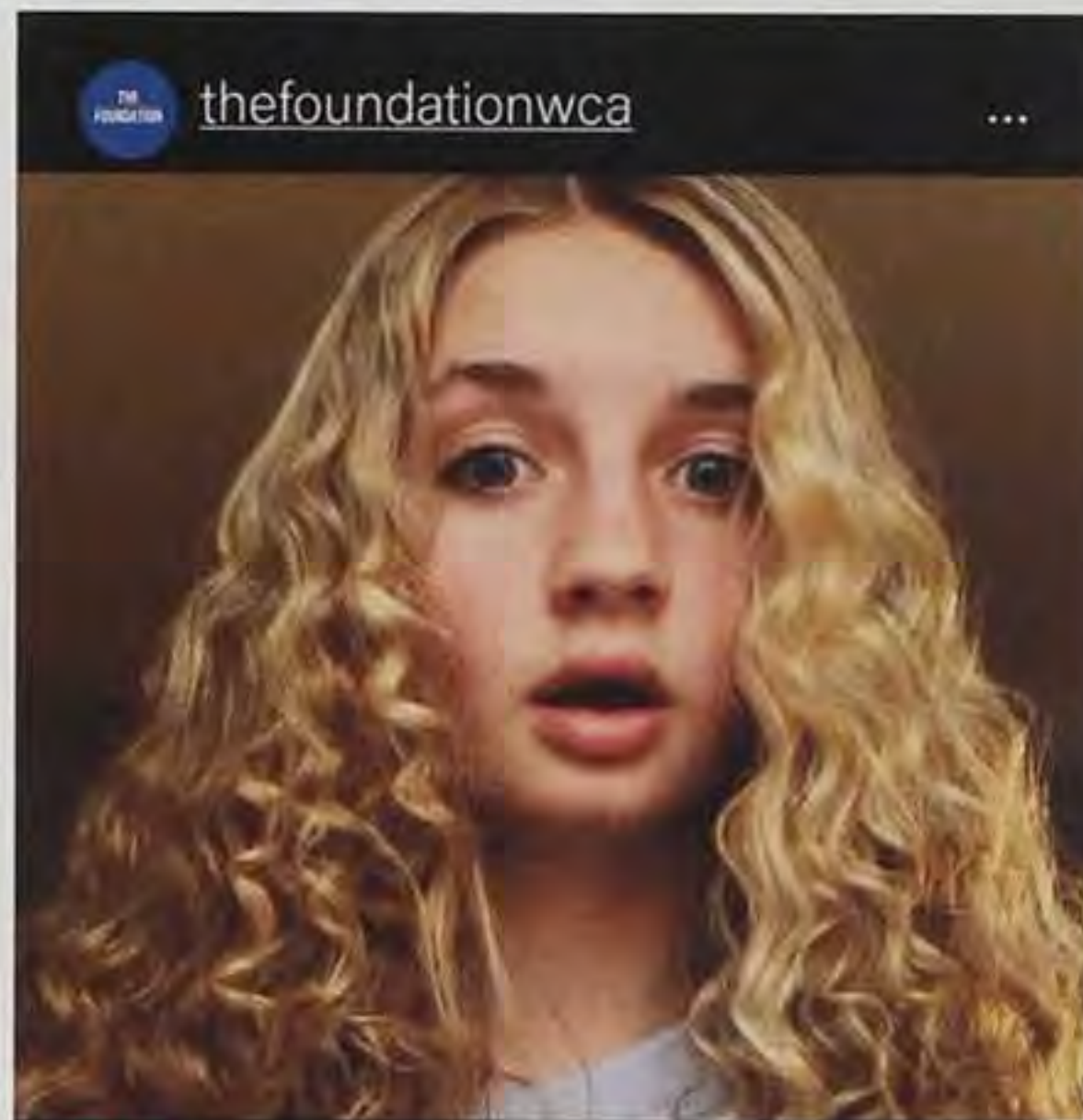
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Alaina Ronning, sophomore, rides her bicycle to prepare for her rowing season. Because rowing season had only been postponed, Ronning continued her training off the water. Ronning took the opportunity to be outside by biking and running in preparation for her season.



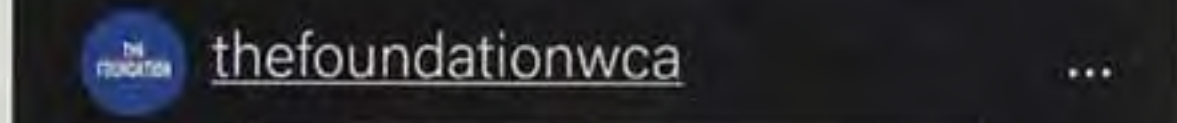
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Ben Gustafson, freshman, plays ping pong against his father. Although finding quarantine odd, Gustafson planned to make the best of it by improving his ping pong skills. Gustafson was also able to hang out with his sister, who had come back home from college.



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Lauren Sowers, freshman, curls her hair with a pencil and a flat iron. Sowers' Spring Break was cut short, and with so much extra time, she decided to try something new. "I have been home for a couple weeks now and am about to lose my mind," said Sowers.



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Darius McFall, freshman, plays a video game with his controller. The McFall family spent time together by discussing current events and playing a variety of games. "I've mainly spent most of my time playing video games though," said McFall.



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Grace Dempsey, senior, poses with her dad during the White Night on the beach in Florida on Thursday night of her Spring Break. White Night was a tradition for many seniors on Spring Break as they all dressed in white and took pictures with their friends and parents.

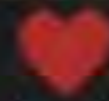


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Sara Schloss, freshman, and Jacob Schloss, sophomore, dive into their backyard pool. The Schloss family ignored the 30 degree weather, swimming in their pool for entertainment and practice. Both Sara and Jacob were on Westminster's swim and dive teams, excelling as athletes throughout each of their teams' seasons.

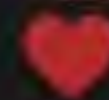


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Jackson Keane, sophomore, poses with Lexi Birk, sophomore, after swimming in the ocean at Seacrest Beach, Florida. Before the 'stay at home' order was issued, Keane, with family and friends, traveled to Florida to enjoy their final time before being quarantined. "After thinking about the dangers, we decided to enjoy the fun," said Keane.



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Nicki Mabry, junior, takes advantage of the scarce amount of sunshine streaming into her room by laying next to her potted succulents and keyboard. Since Mabry's parents strongly enforced social distancing from the beginning of the quarantine, she found ways to fill her time by playing music, taking care of plants, and finding any sunshine possible to boost her mood.

“ Quarantine 2020 has been the most unexpected blessing I’ve ever received. In the beginning of being forced to stay home I was struggling daily to stay calm, and I was sick of seeing of only seeing the same walls every single day. I thought I would die from boredom, but little did I know that there was a whole world in my neighborhood that was perfect for mid-day bike rides and time consuming adventures. I’ve learned that cooking is my new favorite art, and I’m not half bad at it. each day, I’ve grown closer to my family members, and although I miss my friends dearly my family has gotten to see my true personality that I only show around my friends. I’ve learned that I miss my teachers and seeing their faces on Zoom calls brings me great joy. ”

-Josh K. Anderson, sophomore



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 Caleb Legters, sophomore, runs on the treadmill to stay in shape while in quarantine. Legters' goal was to build muscle and prepare for the upcoming 2020 soccer season. At the beginning of quarantine, many spring sport student-athletes continued training in hopes that their seasons would resume.



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 Sara Cate Murray, sophomore, watches the sunset every night to make quarantine more bearable. Murray enjoyed reflecting on her past day as she watched, and she loved sharing the photos she took of the sunsets with her family at the end of each day.



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 Kara Galakatos, junior, and John Galakatos, eighth grade, take a selfie while riding bikes in Florida. Their family escaped to Florida for the quarantine as an extension of their Spring Break. Many families extended their vacations since they were already away from home.



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 Colin Ring, junior, and his younger siblings spend some quality family time together doing yard work during quarantine. Having two younger siblings definitely made quarantine more interesting for Ring, but he enjoyed the extra time with his family as he was usually very busy.



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 Joseph White, junior, trains before he was aware of his track season being canceled. This was White's first year on the team, and he hoped to have the remainder of his season but it was to no avail. White enjoyed hanging out with friends and learning running techniques for the partial time of the season he had.



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 Natalie Ford, senior, and her mom go shopping at Whole Foods. Shopping for groceries proved to be difficult because of the quarantine, so Ford joined her mom to lend a helping hand. "We found some good stuff. It's all about teamwork," said Ford.

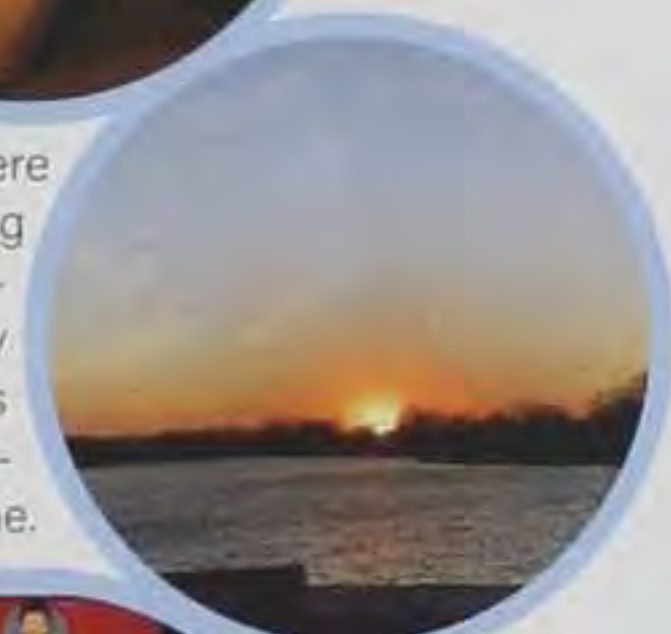


QUARANTINE essentials

Video Games were essential to many people during the 'stay at home order'. Matthew Burgess, junior loved to play Call of Duty Modern Warfare Warzone.



Sunsets were another thing that brightened many students days during quarantine.



Kendal Torretta, sophomore spent a lot of her time playing Game Pigeon with her friends.



Caroline Strauss, junior loved walking and playing with her dogs in quarantine.



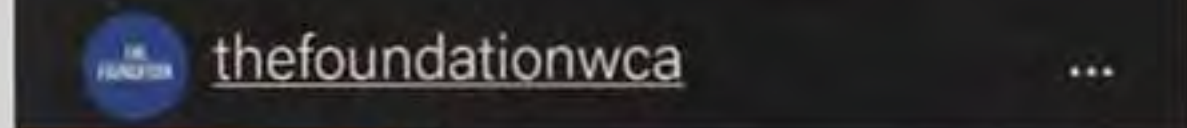
Many students found it helpful to FaceTime their friends because they could not go see them in person.



Students also found that puzzles were a great way to stay busy while stuck at home.



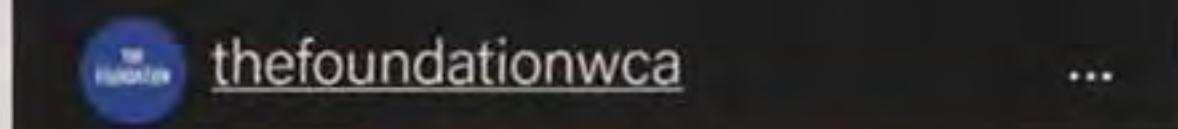
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Zoe Lintner and Marty Briner, juniors, have a Zoom meeting with part of their PC Group, Jackie Briner, Nicole Morcos, McKenna Wittenauer, seventh grade. This was their first year leading together. Since in-person meetings could not happen, the girls decided they still wanted to connect with their group, so they conducted a Zoom meeting.



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Olivia Kodner, eighth grade, holds up a can and paint brushes in front of the freshly painted wall in her room. Kodner used tape to make multicolored shapes on an accent wall. "It was a good way to spend quarantine because it killed a lot of time and it was something new for me to try," says Kodner.



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Sophia Sacco, senior, practices her soccer juggling although her senior soccer season was canceled. Sacco was on varsity soccer all four years of high school. After many years on the team, Sacco still remembered the variety of memories and fun that came from past seasons.



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Max Mentel, freshman, spends his quarantine hanging out with his dog, Charlie. Mentel enjoyed his extra time with his dog by taking him on walks, teaching him new tricks, and feeding him. "Charlie is the best dog I will ever have," said Mentel.



Jack Chelew, freshman



Ally McDonnell, seventh

QUARANTINE *creatives*

Throughout quarantine, the students were exposed to many creative ways to keep themselves busy. Allison Hardin, senior, recognized that despite being locked up and feeling as if she was doing the same thing, the best part of quarantine was having time to do things like organizing her room or other productive activities.

Since China had to begin quarantining, there was less factory pollution and fewer cars on the road, which contributed to the lowered carbon dioxide emissions. Not only was the environment benefiting from the stay at home orders, but family relationships flourished. "The best is getting to spend all of this family time together that we normally wouldn't have," said Emily Bratch, senior.

The worst thing about COVID-19 was the lack of social interactions and the many cancellations. The seniors were struggling especially because of the loss of their last days of high school. "The worst thing about this is missing out on senior experiences like the last JSB, an on-time graduation, and not being able to travel," said Claire Summers, senior. Many trips were canceled due to the limits on flying. Although social distancing was annoying, the environment and family relationships improved.



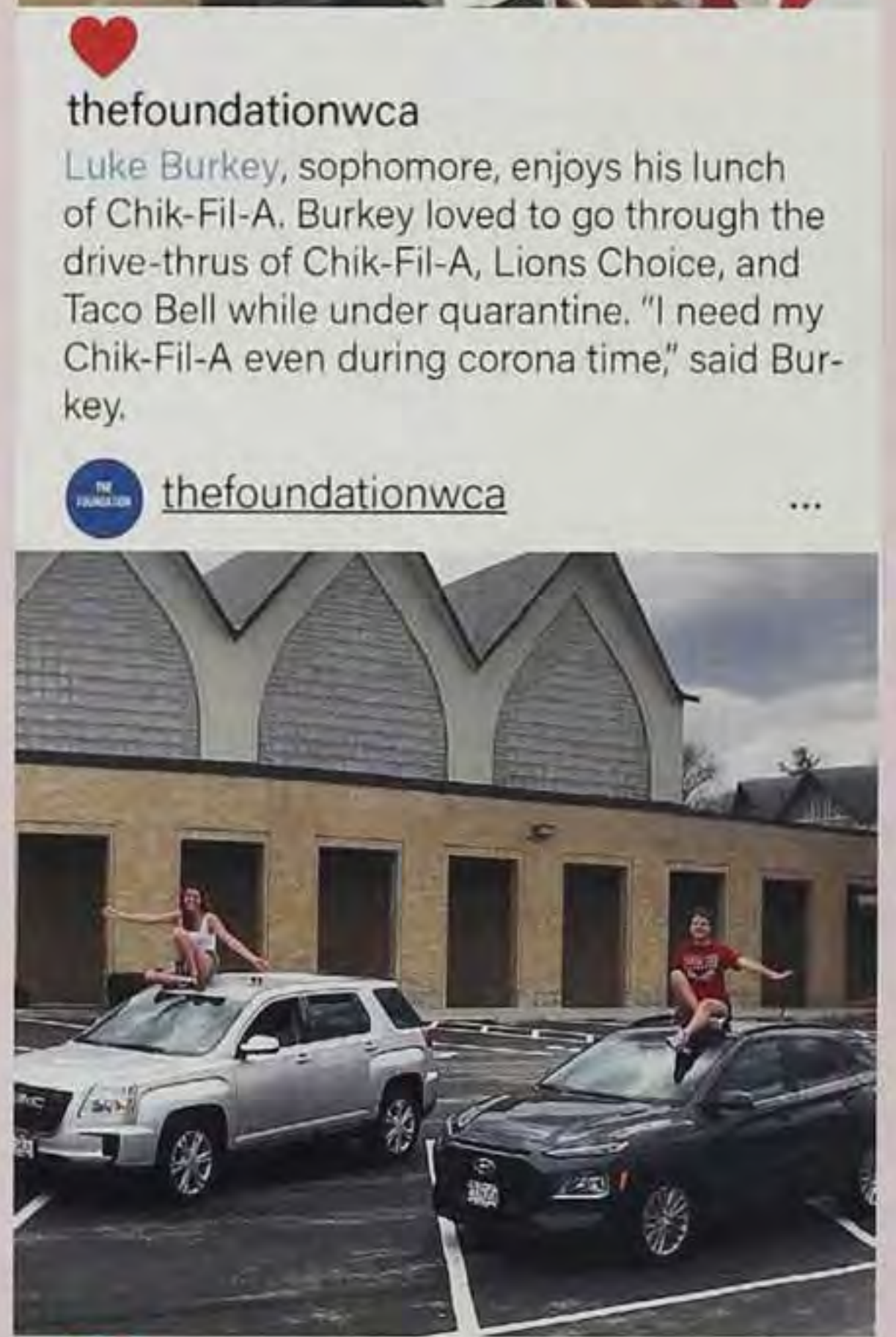
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Luke Bequette, sophomore, and his father clear a path for him to ride his ATV through the woods near their house. Bequette had more time to explore the outdoors, something him and his father had been meaning to do for a while. It took lots of time and effort, but they enjoyed their ATV ride together.



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Brock Malcom and Charlotte Spencer, seniors, FaceTime each other and watercolor paint together to stay in touch. They painted while sitting outside in the 80 degree weather but were just happy to be together via FaceTime. "This time was so special for me because we are missing out on getting to see each other and our friends everyday like we would in school," said Malcom.



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Luke Burkey, sophomore, enjoys his lunch of Chik-Fil-A. Burkey loved to go through the drive-thrus of Chik-Fil-A, Lions Choice, and Taco Bell while under quarantine. "I need my Chik-Fil-A even during corona time," said Burkey.



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Kara Galakatos and Emma Volding, juniors, celebrate Galakatos' birthday from a safe distance on top of their cars. Galakatos' friends surprised her by meeting up in an empty church parking lot. "This was an awesome way to celebrate my birthday, even though I am in quarantine," said Galakatos.

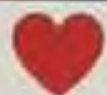


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Margaret McDaniel, freshman, plays wiffle ball in a street in Florida. After many hours of hard work with school, McDaniel and her siblings enjoyed experiencing the beautiful outdoor weather. McDaniel and her family decided to extend their Spring Break and stay with their grandma. "Somehow my siblings and I manage to get along long enough to play,"

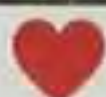


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Jake Morris, freshman, plays his video games. Morris was able to communicate with his friends through Xbox games which made them all feel closer. "My favorite game to play has been Call of Duty Warzone," said Morris.



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Michael Lee, senior, and family play with his dog. Lee used his time at home to hang out with his family and dog and grow closer to them. Since Lee was often busy with theatre rehearsals, quarantine allowed him to spend more time with his family.



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Reese Earleywine, senior, and Kohen Earleywine, eighth grade, pose with their cat. The Earleywine family designed a room to be like a classroom so that Reese and Kohen could focus on their schoolwork in an uninterrupted setting. "My mom has also been really good with making us have lunch as a family making things more bearable as gives us time to relax and just talk about anything and everything else other than quarantine," said Reese.

THE NEW fashion



Jack Powers, junior, A.J. Powers, eighth grade, and their little brother show off their St. Louis Cardinals masks. Many people made masks which supported their favorite sports teams.



Kirk Briden, junior wears his mask to mail something with his father. During the quarantine masks was one of the things that became a part of peoples routines whenever they needed to leave their house.



Ashley Enger, sophomore, wears a mask while horseback riding. Because horseback riding is outdoors she was able to continue riding, but had to stay caution and wear a mask.



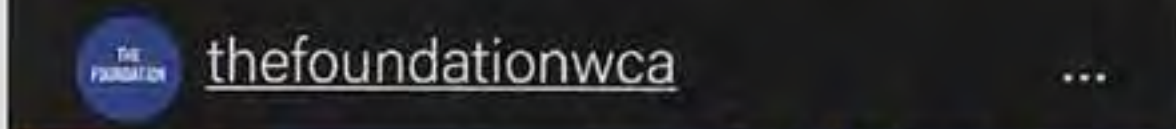


“Over quarantine, going outside is a great activity for passing time. Fresh air is super important if we want to maintain our sanity when we’re stuck at home. I have been going on runs and walks with my family most days and playing tennis near my house to spend time outside. Quarantine provides a great opportunity to get healthy and fit.”

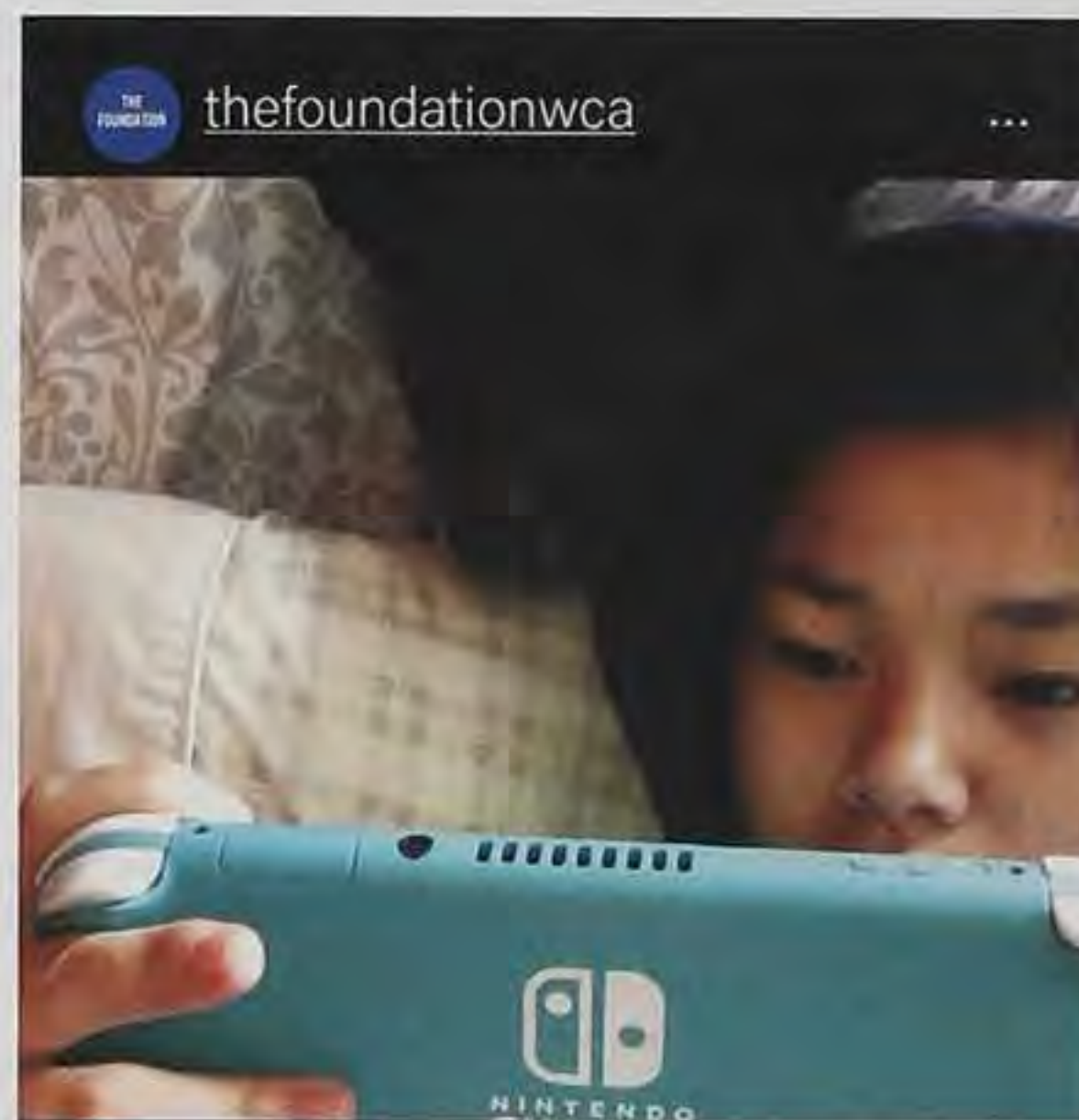
-Abbie Terschak, sophomore



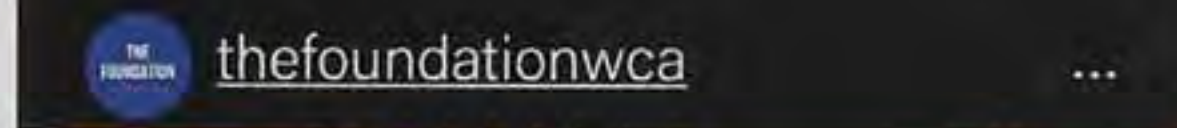
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Drew Cahill and David Cahill, eighth grade, play a game of Spikeball in their backyard as taking time to be outdoors was important to the Cahills. Both boys played a lot of tennis and Spikeball and found many ways to have fun despite the 'stay at home' order.



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Natalie Edwards, eighth grade, sits by the pool with her cousin in Florida. Edwards was able to stay in Florida longer because of on-line school which allowed her to spend more time with her cousin. Edwards missed her final middle school soccer season, but was glad to be in Florida.



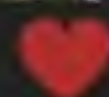
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Katie Huang, sophomore, plays Animal Crossing on her Nintendo with her dog, Sadie. The game had become very popular among bored teens during quarantine. "I'm in serious debt to Tom Nook," said Huang.



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Olivia Bauer, junior, and her little brother pose by their finished puzzle. Bauer and her family completed many puzzles together since the 'stay at home' order began, the candy puzzle counting as their second finished puzzle. Although they were constantly in the house, they truly enjoyed spending quality family time together around the table as they worked on puzzles.



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Graham Clawson, senior, takes a hike with his family on the Al Foster Trail before the parks begin to shut down. It was important to Clawson's family to get one final day on the trails. "I really wanted to get outside before the quarantine was mandated everywhere," said Clawson.

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Libby Thomas, senior, celebrates her eighteenth birthday while in quarantine. She had some of her friends over for a "social-distancing" picnic in her backyard where they all sat on spread-out blankets on the grass. The party involved crepes with toppings, music, badminton, and a birthday sash.

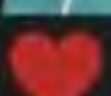
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Ashley Lytle, junior, enjoys seeing her friends from a distance while sitting in their cars in a parking lot. Lytle enjoyed having a break from the house and talking with her friends. "Drinking iced coffee and talking with friends is the best way to feel good during this confusing time and is like a breath of fresh air," said Lytle.

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Sabrina Granata, senior, takes a selfie with some painted cards. Many Westminster students became pen pals with each other as a fun way to keep in contact. "My church friend reached out and convinced me to paint little cards for our friends. It was such a good way to kill time, and it was honestly so fun to make them all different," said Granata.

TIME TO *cook*



Lucy Christian, freshman, makes avocado toast for breakfast during quarantine. "I know it's not special, but it helps start the day with something good," said Christian.



Katie Shoemaker, seventh grade, makes lunch for herself during the 'stay at home' order. Many people had to get used to a different schedule and routine of cooking lunch for themselves because there was no school.



Elinor Dana, sophomore, makes avocado toast for her breakfast during quarantine. For many, making breakfast for themselves was a start to a productive day.





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Bricyn Johnson, senior, uses her extra time in quarantine to declutter her room. While sorting, Johnson came across many items she did not previously know were in her room. Although Johnson decided it was a tiring and time-consuming task, she was glad to discover new and old items like her baby pictures.



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Victoria Fuller, sophomore, takes a picture of her dog, Baxter, who enjoys the outdoors during quarantine. Fuller loved spending more time with her dog while at home. Although the 'stay at home' orders were frustrating at times, it was nice to be able to go outside more and spend time with family and pets.



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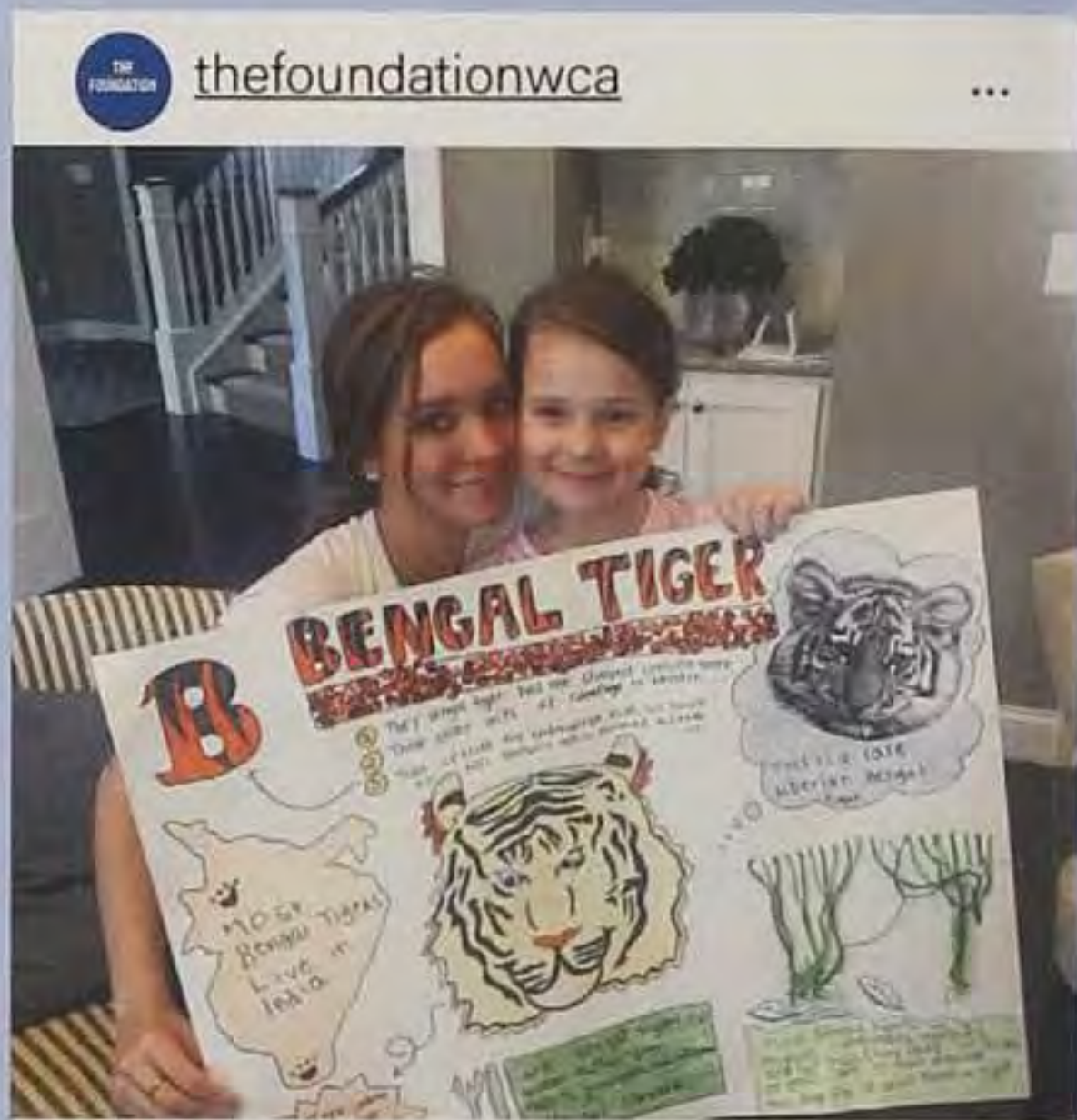
Hayden Turley, junior, works on his Spanish assignment for the day. Turley missed being able to talk and interact with people in person. "I have such great teachers and friends that I look forward to seeing every time I enter the building," said Turley.



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Kourtney Moten, junior, paints her room. With so much free time, Moten found new ways to occupy herself but still missed being in the actual school building. "I miss my 4th hour U.S. history class with Dr. Gall. No matter how bad of a day I was having, I was always happy in that class," said Moten.



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Kinsley Lawrence, senior, poses with her younger sister after helping her with a school project. Lawrence enjoyed hanging out with her family during quarantine but also missed several aspects of being at school. "I miss getting Pawprint on the way to first hour and getting to talk to everyone in the Grand Entry," said Lawrence.



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Lexi Jo Alm, senior, poses in her mirror after dancing in her basement, an activity she enjoys. Along with dance, Alm did a lot of baking and woke up early to watch the sunrise. "I really miss class discussions about things that are entirely off topic but still very valuable," said Alm.

Braden Brasfield, freshman



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Davis Terry, sophomore, works on his schoolwork while enjoying time at home and the ability to sleep in. Terry missed being able to see his friends everyday but loved hanging out with his family everyday. Terry was most excited about his sister being home from college earlier than expected.



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Genevieve Selk, eighth grade, and Layla Selk, sophomore, rediscovered their love for sidewalk chalk from their childhood and created a large mosaic on their driveway. Though they enjoyed the nice weather, both girls missed their friends at Westminster. "What I miss most about school is getting to see the tired but happy looks on my friends faces and being able to hug them without even thinking twice," said Genevieve.



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Hannah Stevenson, senior, practices the guitar at home. Many students used the extra time to pick up new skills such as learning how to play new instruments.

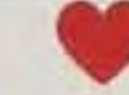


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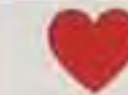
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Maddy Moeller, sophomore, eats lunch with her dad. Moeller missed being able to have lunch with her friends everyday at school in the Cafe. Moeller was supposed to play soccer during the spring season but was unable to because of the 'stay at home' order.



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Miriam Smith, sophomore, Zooms her friend group since she misses seeing them everyday. Like most students, she missed being able to see them in person and hug them. Although Zoom was not the same as real life, it was something her and her friend group did weekly with different activities to do over the call.



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Macie Digiseuppe, seventh grade, smiles with her dog. She missed school and seeing her friends every morning. "It was a lot more fun than eating breakfast with my brother and dogs," said Digiseuppe.



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 Kate Wessels, poses with her cooking utensils after making food for her family. Wessels' family enjoyed her cooking as she helped make many meals for the family to enjoy together. Finding this new hobby allowed Wessels to have more fun while in quarantine.



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 MJ Akins, junior, sits with her squishmellows while thinking about life in quarantine. Akins could be seen with pink hair that she dyed during her stay at home. "It is not until after you have been talking to your stuffed animals for five days that you realize how much you need human interaction," said Akins.



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 Grace Andrews, junior, celebrates Christmas in March with Christmas cookies and other festivities. Andrews and her family opened "joke" presents, made cookies, and even dressed up for the holiday. They decided to have "the themed days of quarantine" so they could add variety to their lives while they were at home.



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 Ashley Gordon, sophomore, spends an hour restocking her fridge after being out of town and preparing for the quarantine. Gordon traveled to Rosemary Beach, Florida with her friends over Spring Break and was glad to spend time with them before the seemingly endless quarantine. "This [reorganizing of my fridge] may sound tedious, but I find it entertaining and very satisfying," said Gordon.



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 Hanna Ottsen, senior, and Harry Ottsen, sophomore, read from a Christian living book. During their quarantine, their father led a family bible study after dinner each night. "It's really thought provoking and assuring for me during this global pandemic," said Harry.



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 Patrick Howard, freshman, watches a video for his French lesson. This was Howard's first year at Westminster, and he was definitely not expecting it to end with no school for the fourth quarter. "I think it is a good opportunity for me to work on creating a schedule to manage my workload, but I don't like it just because I don't get to see my friends at school everyday and I don't get that one-on-one teaching with my teachers that I normally do when I'm struggling," said Howard.



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"After many hours in my house, I am going stir-crazy in a confined space. I discovered I can still do some of my old gymnastics moves I learned in kindergarten. This picture was taken using the self-timer on my phone," said Caroline Kopsky, senior.



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Isabel Warner, senior, smiles with her new college shirt on. She had a large amount of senioritis, counting down the days until school was out. Warner joyfully reminisced about the final days of senior year. "I miss hustling to class everyday actually, watching everyone rush to class at the last second. I will also miss Dr. Holley's devotions in the morning," said Warner.

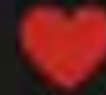


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Megan Roche, junior, spends her time studying at home. Roche missed the social interaction with her friends every morning before school started. Although Roche missed seeing them in person, she connected with many of them via FaceTime.



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Grace Fentress, sophomore, sits on her couch beside her sister who works to complete online schoolwork. Fentress and her sister spent their quarantine days looking at places to vacation to while reminiscing on their past fun. Although Fentress was bummed about being in quarantine, she was excited that her sister came home earlier than expected from college.

"School's been nice because I can get all my homework done whenever I want. This means I get to go outside and do stuff like fish or golf and get to come back and get my work done at night."

-Cole Willyard, junior

STAYING *fit*



Elizabeth Clawson, freshman gets in her exercise for the day by playing soccer. Even though she did not have her spring soccer season, she still wanted to stay in shape and get ready for next season.



Tim Shoemaker, freshman stays in shape by riding his bike around his neighborhood. Biking was a way for many students to get outside and exercise while under quarantine.



Maggie Ellis, senior uses her CycleBar bike to exercise while in quarantine. Even though CycleBar was closed they were able to livestream classes so that people could still get a workout in.



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Ben Hicks, senior, took his time over quarantine to learn how to dunk a basketball. Hicks was 5'10", so dunking was no easy feat. "I wasn't gonna let my height stop me, so I set my mind to dunking. I was going to get it done," said Hicks.



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Tatum Osmon, sophomore, plants flowers and vegetables around her pool. Osmon planted a variety of foods such as celery, herbs and candytufts. Although it was a tiring job, Osmon enjoyed spending time with her mom and getting out of the house during quarantine.



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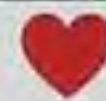
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Lulu Olszewski, freshman, laughs while on a long walk with her family. Olszewski enjoyed her last few days before quarantine at home, taking adventures with her family. "We liked going on long drives as a family, listening to music and singing at the top of our lungs," said Olszewski.



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Jack Freeman, junior, practices social distancing by having six feet apart picnics at Westminster. Freeman struggled with not seeing his friends, so picnics were a good compromise. "It's so fun to see the people I miss," said Freeman.

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Esten Ronning, senior, holds up a panini maker while attempting to make a late-night sandwich. "The one thing I miss most about Westminster are the paninis I used to get at lunch. At home, I try to recreate them, but they never taste as good as the ones made at school," said Ronning.

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Julia Coleman, freshman, reads a cookbook she has been using during quarantine. Coleman and her mother spent much of their quarantine making these recipes in hopes of improving their cooking skills and trying new foods. Many students discovered new favorite recipes during their extended time at home.

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Elizabeth Bauer, freshman learns how to play the guitar while in quarantine. Although Bauer always had a guitar, she never had the time. She missed hanging out with friends in the morning and getting drinks from Pawprint coffee, but she found her guitar to be a nice distraction.

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Charlotte Spencer, senior, poses with her family on a dress up night they planned. Although Spencer missed school and her friends, she was excited to hang out with her family during quarantine. "My family had a dress up night and all got fancy because we were tired of seeing each other in pajamas," said Spencer.

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Hope Burkey, senior, smiles with one of her newfound hobbies, Tik Tok. Tik Tok was a popular app which included dances and funny stories. Burkey worked hard to learn each dance. "I've learned about four new dances that I am excited to show off. I have set a goal and it is to become Tik Tok famous over this break," said Burkey.

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Hannah Kennedy, freshman, plays hockey with her younger brother. Kennedy enjoyed spending time with her brother instead of being preoccupied by school. Board games were popular family-favorites for some, but others played more physically active games.



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Maggie Lindstrom, sophomore, hangs out with her dog outside in her hammock. Lindstrom enjoyed being with her dog and picking up more hobbies, but she did not necessarily love the quarantine life. "It is hard to deal with not seeing my friends and not being able to leave the house," said Lindstrom.



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Joey Fentress, seventh grade, practices his baseball skills. Fentress hoped to play for Westminster during the spring but was unable to because of the quarantine complications. "Missing baseball is the worst part of this experience but the best is having extra time to practice," said Fentress.



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Jackson Lawrence, sophomore, and Quinn Lawrence, freshman, spend quarantine with their family in Florida. Jackson and Quinn spent most of the time in quarantine playing golf with their older brothers. "The worst part is that I can not see my friends, but we are in Florida so I think it makes it more fun than at home would be," said Jackson.



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Allison Hardin, senior, throws a football with her dad. Hardin enjoyed being able to sleep in every day and spend time with her family playing fun outdoor games. "The worst part was doing the same thing over and over again," said Hardin.



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Masha Stephens, freshman, smiles with Emily Claus, freshman, during quarantine. Stephens found a way to abide by 'stay at home' order while still seeing friends she was missing. "The best part of quarantine is spending time with my family and the worst part of quarantine is not being able to go to school and see some friends," said Stephens.



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Evan Hook, freshman, practices baseball at the Westminster fields. Hook missed his friends and his freshmen baseball season that he was very excited for. "The worst part of quarantine for me was missing the baseball season," said Hook.

CHANGE OF *plans*

According to many students, the best part of being in quarantine was having more than half of the day to do whatever they wanted. The downside was that they had nowhere to go. Another upside was that school did not start until whenever the students chose to brave the Google Classroom assignments, giving them late bedtimes and the ability to sleep late into the day. According to some students, another downside was once students finished with school, the options were to sit on their bed watching videos on an app called Tik Tok where people make short dances, or to go on yet another family walk around the neighborhood. "During quarantine, I've mainly tried to stick to my routine that I've kept since freshman year: wake up early, eat a big breakfast, watch YouTube, then after school work, run and eat a big dinner," said Ava Hollmann, senior.

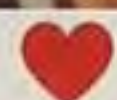
Although some, like Hollmann, found comfort in sticking to their old routines as if nothing had happened, others like Camryn McMurry, senior, sought out new ways to adjust to the hard times. "I've participated in a few challenges on Instagram and I think those are a kind of fun way to keep people engaged and positive online. I've also found new trails to hike, some even in my own backyard," said McMurry, senior. Instagram challenges had arisen as a new trend, featuring both students and teachers in the WCA community who challenged others to participate in anything from trick shots to acts of kindness in an attempt to spread positivity during the hard times. Although Instagram became a huge platform for these new challenges, Tik Tok also kept audiences engaged and trying new things. "I saw this activity on Tik Tok where you print out pictures and paint them in by numbers. It's really fun and I've actually kept myself busy trying new things from Tik Tok," said Allison Hardin, senior.

Quarantine, for most, meant taking shelter where they were staying, yet for a group of exchange students at WCA it meant the exact opposite. "Because of this lockdown I had to find the first flight I could back to Korea. I didn't want to be stuck here not knowing if and when I could go back home, so I decided to risk it and fly home as soon as possible," Katelyn Jeong, senior. Jeong had to end her senior year back in her home country, away from her host family and friends. The worst part about the coronavirus was it seemed to have taken away, for many, their last moments with their friends in finishing out the school year, especially for the seniors. "It sucks because I won't be able to be here for graduation after four years of hard work. I guess I am just looking forward to when this is all over and things go back to normal," said Jeong.



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Alyssa Pritchett, senior, and Hailey Pritchett, sophomore, enjoy the extra family time, especially with their siblings who have come home from college. The Pritchetts found many creative ways to hang out together and enjoy the quarantine, including making an Instagram account called "Keeping Up With the Pritchetts." Alyssa even made a carnival in their basement in hopes to bring some variety to their lives.



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Sophie Shaver, freshman, focuses on her YouTube channel during quarantine. Shaver spent most of her time plotting and filming fun videos to take with herself and her family. Many students found creative outlets during quarantine to occupy their time and were able to start projects they had always wanted to begin.





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Annie Wood, freshman, enjoys Easter brunch with her family. Though definitely different, this Easter was one to remember. "It was weird having to have Easter Sunday at home this year, but we had a lot of fun making up new traditions," said Wood.



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Mary Lauer, sophomore, works on a paper for her English class. Lauer and her friends lined up in the same parking spots every day and enjoyed talking across their cars. "I miss sitting in the parking lot with my friends before school and walking in two minutes before class started," said Lauer.



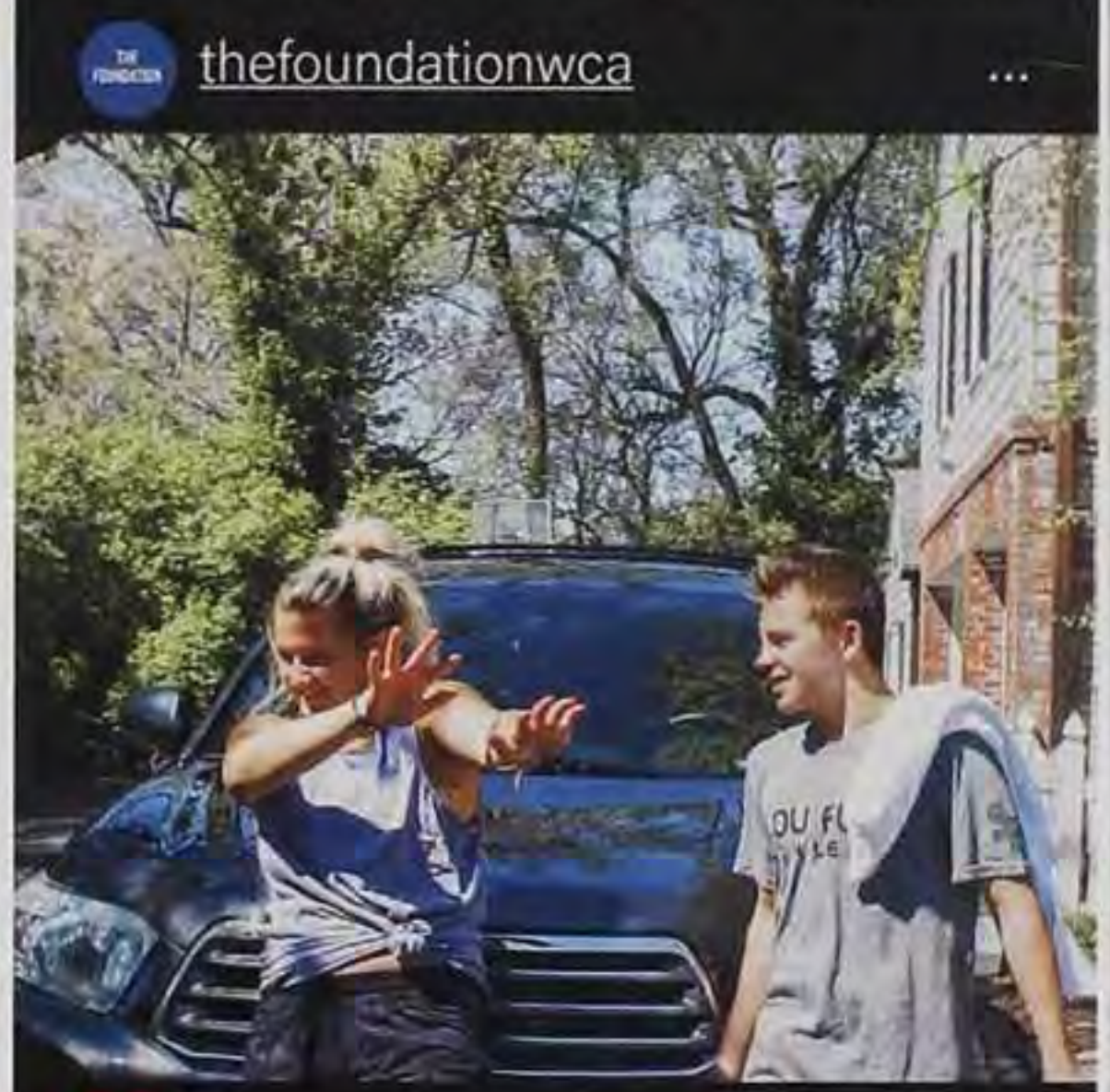
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Reilly Brophy, sophomore, hangs out outside with her brother, Caiden Brophy, freshman. They cleaned their family's cars to pass the time as well as learn new skills. Reilly missed her friends and the in-class learning but enjoyed the opportunity to spend more time with her brother.



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Zach Laughlin, seventh grade, Luke Laughlin, junior, their dad and older brother take advantage of their family's interest in sports and play soccer and tennis in their driveway. Though Luke enjoyed the family time, he also learned that he missed school more than he thought he would. "Turns out I actually enjoy school. I love seeing my friends and interacting with people. Once this is all over, I'm going to enjoy seeing my friends and walking through the halls of Westminster," said Luke.



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Jordan Preis, junior, and Charlotte Spencer, senior, smile during a photo shoot with each other over FaceTime. Preis and Spencer found a creative way to take photos even though they were not together in person. Many people came up with creative ways to have fun with their friends during quarantine even if they could not be together in person.



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Elizabeth Bauer, freshman, works on her computer during online school. "I didn't think I would end up missing school as much as I do now. It's definitely a completely different environment," said Bauer.

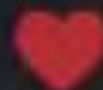


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Matt Buchanan, Parker Smith, sophomores, Tyler Smith, freshman, and Cody Smith, senior, pose on the beach during Spring Break. "I miss the grind of each season. I loved going out on the field with my boys everyday and getting the job done. There's something special about being part of a team like the one we did, and I am really going to miss that this year," said Buchanan.



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Camryn McMurry and Allison Hardin, seniors, sit six feet away on the Westminster tennis courts to enjoy dinner and the sunset view. McMurry and Hardin took precautions to social distance and wear masks when hanging out. The most popular social distancing hangout spot was the Westminster parking lot.



THE STAFF *says...*

By: Ashley Gordon

Never did I ever think I would spend my sixteenth birthday in quarantine. I thought I would wake up, get my license, drive to school, and see my friends. Instead, my day was even better due to the amount of work my mom and best friend put in to make my day great.

To start the day off, my mom decorated the kitchen, and my best friend, Mary Lauer, sophomore, organized a drive-by parade with a ton of my friends. Grace Clement, junior, leaned out of the passenger window yelling, "Happy birthday, Smash! Happy sixteenth!" One after another, my friends threw gum and candy out the window into my front yard. Later there was another parade with a ton of my field hockey teammates and even my coach.

Seeing the people I loved and cared about was great, but not being able to give them hugs was so hard. I wanted to thank them with more than my words. I believe that was the worst part of quarantine: not knowing how long it would last. Our time was limited, and a lot of it felt wasted.

Psalm 90:12 says, "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." I believe we were supposed to make use of the time we were given by God to glorify him and spread his love, with or without physical touch. Quarantine may have been hard, but with God and the love of others, we would hopefully be able to go back to our normal lives.

TIME FOR puppies



Journee Henry, senior, holds her dog amidst their long day of playing in quarantine. Henry had picked up other hobbies like reading and cooking while stuck at home. "The first thing I'm doing when quarantine is over is going to eat Chipotle with all my friends," said Henry.



Hope Linam, sophomore, spends a lot of time in quarantine with her dog and brother. Linam has enjoyed hanging out with her brother who was back from college. Once it is over Linam plans to hug all of her friends she hasn't been able to see.



Kate Johnson, senior, gets to spend a lot of time in quarantine playing with her dog. Many students used their pets as a way to keep them busy during quarantine.

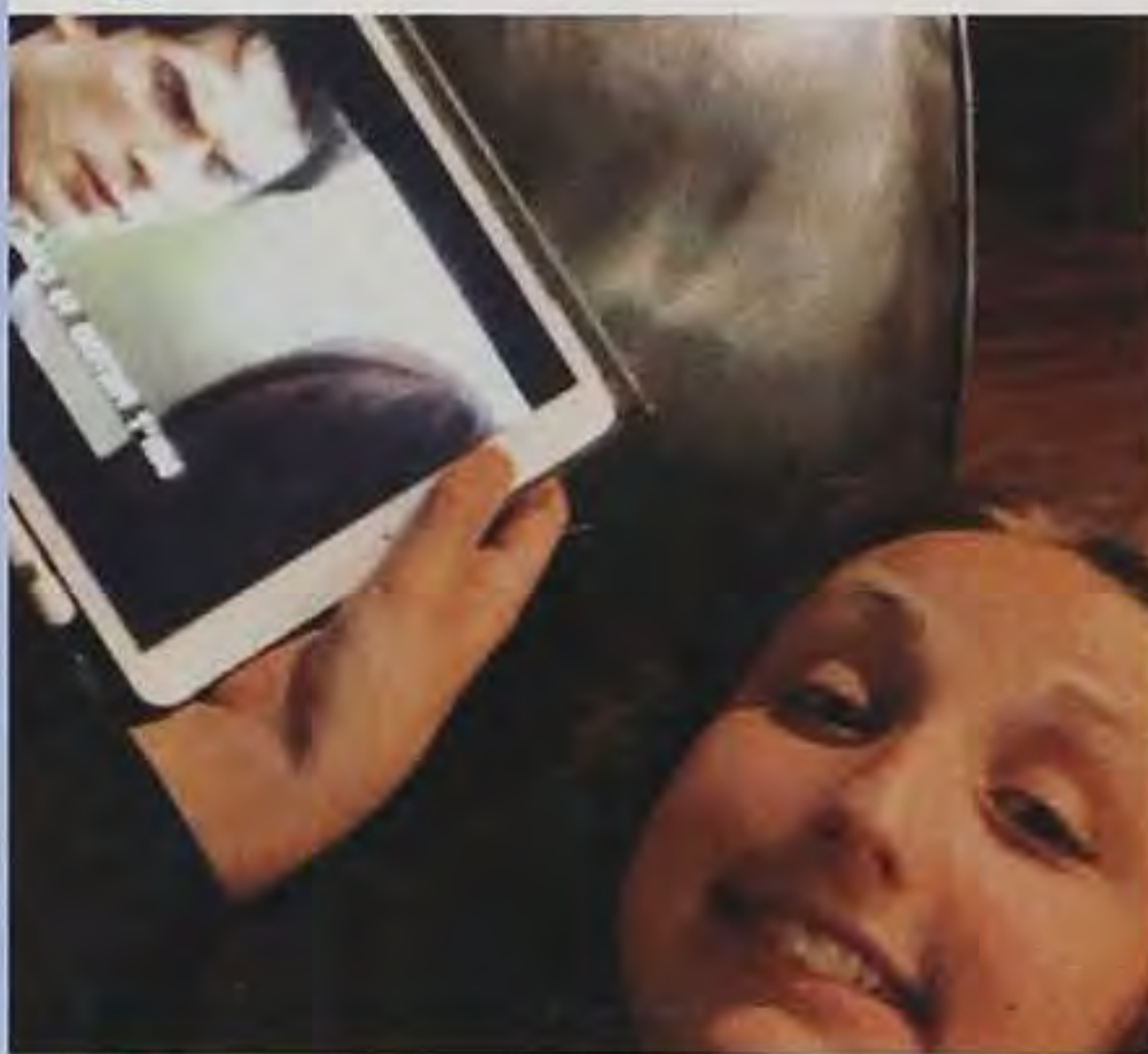
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Ben Broadhurst, sophomore, rides a jetski with his sister. Broadhurst was able to enjoy the lake and participate in school at the same time because of online learning. "I definitely took school for granted because I have missed seeing my friends in classes," said Broadhurst.

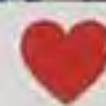
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Becca Berkmeier, freshman, watches Vampire Diaries during quarantine. Berkmeier enjoyed spending time with her dog and hamster. Although she was quarantined and was tired of being inside, Berkmeier enjoyed the free time.

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Ava Hollmann, senior, relaxes with her dog during quarantine. Hollmann always enjoyed the connections she made with teachers and missed them. "In general, I guess I'm just grateful for the amazing experience that I've gotten to have for four years, and unfortunately, minus two really fun months," said Hollmann.

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Miles Dix, senior, takes a picture and edits a second picture of himself into it. "I miss the last bit of high school I never got. It was the chance for me and my class to really get close before we parted ways. You should never really take any day for granted," said Dix.

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Morgan McKee, junior, studies for her biology test. She believed she took in-person school for granted. "Spending time with my friends and teachers is something that was so important to my learning, and I didn't realize it until it was gone," said McKee.

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Heidi Hightower, senior, poses with her older sister while dressed up for a Tiger King watch party. "At Westminster, we build relationships with classmates, teachers, coaches, and staff, and this bond between students and school is the reason why students work hard. I am beginning to learn that without the social aspect of it, school is just another chore," said Hightower.

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Zach Allen, junior, spends his 'stay at home' order on his family's farm turkey hunting. Allen considered hunting an enjoyable pastime. "I go every single morning with my dad, and I try my best to bag one. So far I've gotten two and I am looking for more," said Allen.

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Max Mentel, freshman, Zooms with a group of his friends. Mentel enjoyed using Zoom to connect with others. "I miss not seeing my friends face-to-face at school, but school taught me how to use Zoom. To me that's better than nothing," said Mentel.

"I had fun as an introvert for like a week - not so much anymore."
-Logan Mann, junior

"Baking, sleeping, watching Netflix, having FaceTimes with friends, and not doing schoolwork? Yeah that sounds like quarantine to me."
-Miriam Smith, sophomore

"I'd say having to time to reflect and actually take care of myself is a highlight."
-Aseanti Boone, sophomore



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Daylin Doebling, junior, puts her arms up during a sunset in Watercolor, Florida. The Doeblings stayed in Florida after Spring Break at their house and were able to enjoy the warm weather. "The first thing I want to do when quarantine is over is go to the beach with my family, although we are in Florida, the beaches are closed," said Doebling.



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Brysan Davis, freshman, smiles while sitting at a clear desk. "The first thing I will do when this is over is go over to my friends' houses. I haven't been able to see any of my friends in like a month. I most likely won't be at my house for more than a day for a while," said Davis.



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Zach Leeker, freshman, takes a picture of the music he was working on. After quarantine, Leeker planned on going to the rescheduled Zac Brown Band concert as he was planning to go to the concert with his family originally.



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Becca Berkmeier, freshman, makes a silly pose while meeting with a friend from a safe distance. Berkmeier spent her days meeting with friends who wore face masks and caught up with them.



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Sophie Clifton, junior, spends some time outside while helping her sister take out the trash. "The first thing I am going to do once quarantine is over is go to a restaurant. I am getting sick of eating the same food every day," said Clifton.



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Jessica Orange, junior, hugs her parents at the airport after coming home from Spring Break. Orange knew that the first thing she was going to do after quarantine was go out to eat with her friends and travel. Although Orange enjoyed spending all of quarantine with her family, she couldn't wait to see her friends again.



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Corianne Jones, sophomore, smiles in the car while quarantining. "When things open back up I'm gonna wait a little bit and then I'm just gonna go out to eat and shop. I'll also probably be going to a lot of events out of state," said Jones.

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Mason Andrasko and David Brown, seniors, pose with their muscles strong after a workout. Andrasko most looked forward to hitting the gym when social distancing restrictions were lifted. "As soon as this is over me and my buddy Dave are gonna go lift again. That's what I'm most excited about," said Andrasko.

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Reagan Beachy, freshman, Luke Beachy, sophomore, and Carsyn Beachy, senior, stand in Target with their mom while wearing their masks. Reagan missed being around people. "I miss going to the store and seeing other people. Having to go everywhere wearing a mask is very tedious!" said Beachy.

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Sami Mabry, freshman, and Nicki Mabry, junior, and their older sister toss pizza dough while making homemade pizza for dinner. Though Sami enjoyed the extra time with her older sisters, she wanted quarantine to end. "The first thing I am going to do is go see my friends. I don't care where, but I just can't wait to see them in person," said Sami.

"My favorite part of quarantine and social distancing has been getting to spend quality time with my whole family. my siblings do 50/50 custody at my dad's so being able to see them more than i normally would has been a huge blessing."

-Savvy Duncan, sophomore

HIGHS AND LOWS *of quarantine*

Many students struggled with quarantine. "The best part about quarantine is a more flexible schedule, but I miss face-to-face interaction with friends," said Jeremy Sheffield, sophomore. Sydney Bradley, freshman, agreed and also enjoyed getting house projects done. A large number of students had more flexible schedules and enjoyed taking their time during school assignments. The part most people said was the worst was not being able to see their friends as much as usual.

Students also liked how they got to spend more time with family. "The best part is probably spending time with my family more than I was. The worst part is definitely missing all my friends and taking school for granted," said Kobi Williams, freshman. Most people's favorite part of staying at home was seeing their families more.

Others were devastated because their spring sports were canceled. "The best would be that I get to stay at home and chill, but the worst part is not playing baseball. It stinks not being able to play because I'm not used to being this inactive in my life," said Nick Moten, junior. Jamie Obertop, freshman, felt similar to Moten, feeling strange without sports in her life. Many students were sad that their sports season was canceled due to the coronavirus.



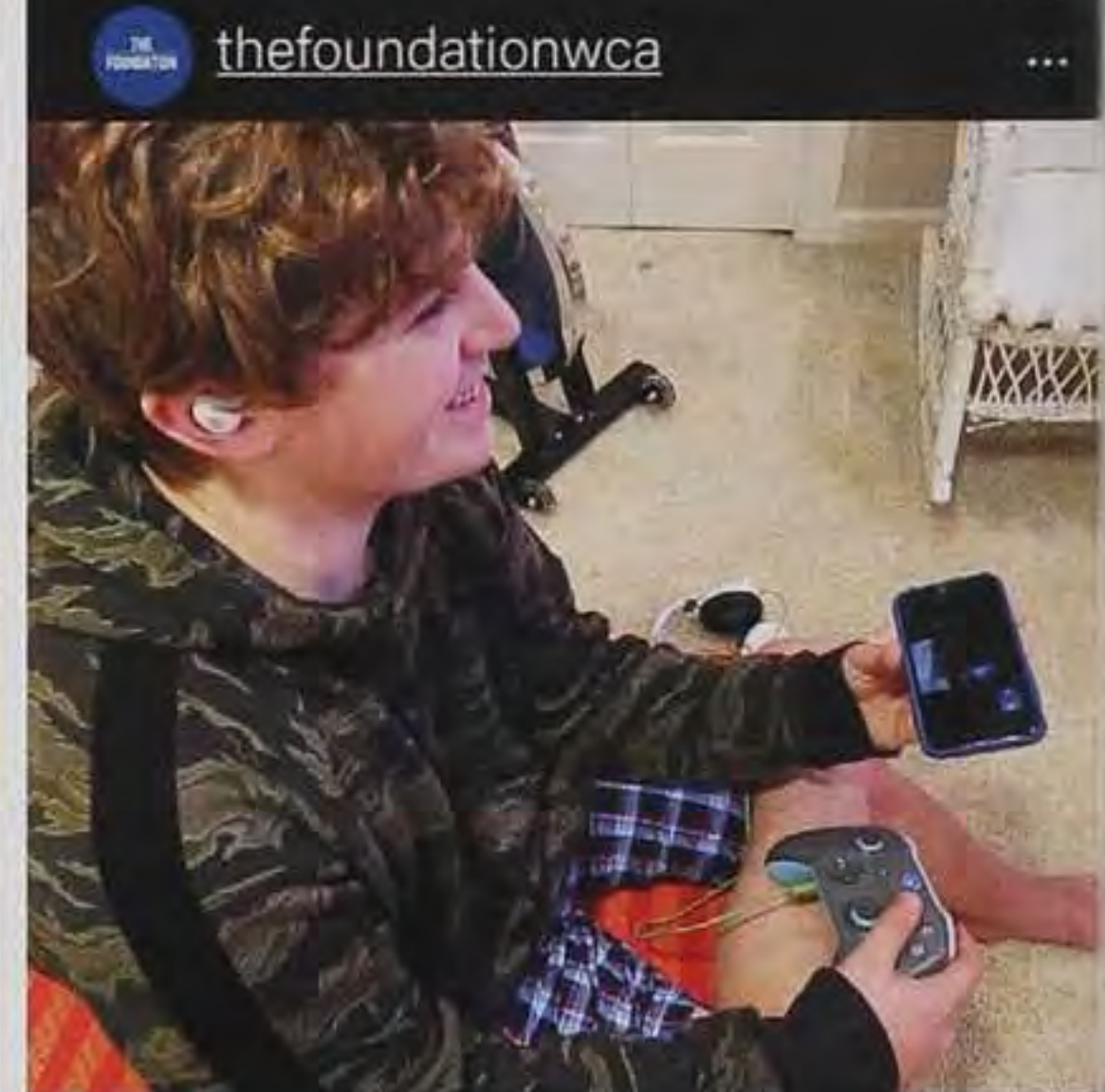
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Emma Volding, junior, and Sophie Volding, freshman, take a selfie before going on a walk. The Volding sisters missed their friends during the quarantine and were excited to see them after it ended. Emma was planning on going on the South Dakota trip which she was very excited about and hoped it would not be canceled.



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Clayton Mayfield, junior, goes to Forest Park with his brothers to take some time out of the house. For the Mayfield's, going outside was a good distraction for all that was going on around them. "Quarantine was boring, but having my brothers around made it more entertaining," said Mayfield.



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Belle St. John, sophomore, studies the eighth commandment for her Bible class. St. John enjoyed the free time she gained during quarantine. "I think Westminster is doing great with online schooling. I really like the freedom aspect of it," said St. John.



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Dominic Grass, sophomore, smiles with his video game headset on. Grass said that the first thing he was going to do after quarantine was go out to eat at Taco Bell and spend time with his friends.

Since the senior class did not have the traditional last day of senior year, Westminster teachers signed up for different students and delivered signs to each one of their homes, making for a very bittersweet end to their high school careers!



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Aidan Penberthy, senior, drives around Kirkwood as a newly joined Postmates member. Through quarantine, Penberthy was able to find a new source of income after his last place of work, Amp Up, was shut down. "Sign up using my code FL-APENBERTHY to earn \$750 in your first month!" said Penberthy.



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Caroline Porterfield and Miriam Smith, sophomores, enjoy a beautiful warm day. Like many others, Porterfield urgently awaited seeing her friends again. She took extra steps to talk to them everyday and even organized a socially distanced party for one of her friend's birthdays.



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Gus Duda, sophomore, smiles in his car on his 16th birthday. Duda's birthday was on April 28th during quarantine. The first thing he wanted to do was go to the DMV to get his driver's license. Duda, along with many other students, were at the DMV first thing after the 'shelter in place' restrictions lifted.



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Elizabeth Bauer, freshman, and Ellie Reel, eighth grade, have fun on a Zoom call with their youth group. Canceled youth group was one event that changed schedules for many students although most churches and youth groups were able to stay connected through Zoom.



Caroline Kopsky, senior, receives her senior sign from Scott VonderBruegge, her yearbook teacher for four years. He even brought fireworks and sparklers to make the day more special but kept a distance from Kopsky with a six foot board. Teachers tried to match with students they had in class and had a genuine relationships with,



Madison Tucker, senior, smiles next to the two signs in her yard just after her sign was delivered by Ashley Woodall and Susie Brown. Tucker planned to attend the University of Mississippi in the fall of 2020 to study exercise science.



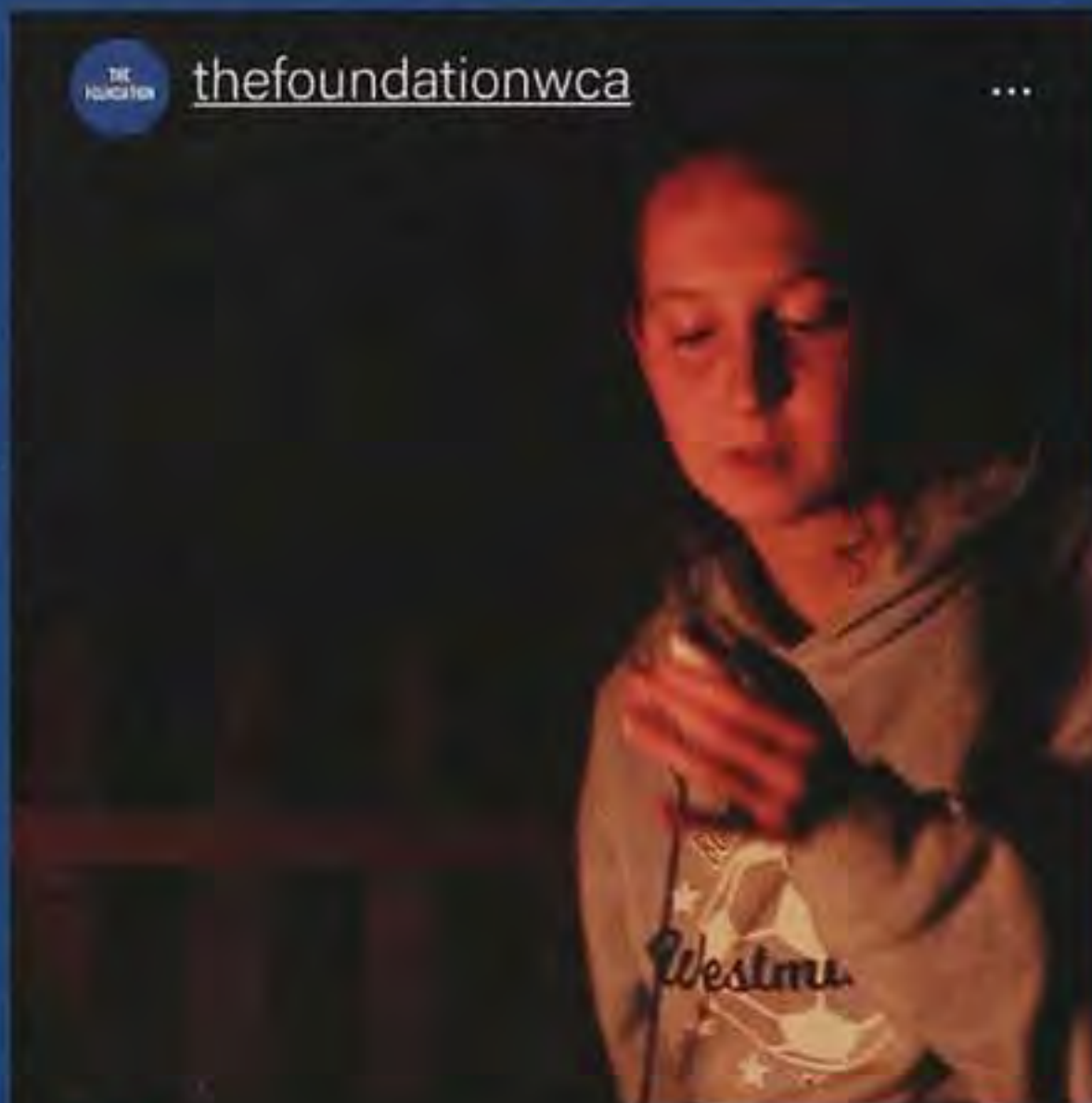
Ethan Storer, senior, smiles with his senior sign. Storer planned to attend Valparaiso University to study biomechanical engineering.



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 Ahren Muehleisen, freshman, catches a fish while on a fishing trip with his dad. He fished in a small boat on a lake near his house. Fishing and hunting was a way the Muehleisen family got out of the house and did something fun.



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 Ally McDonnell, seventh grade, jumps on her trampoline. McDonnell and her family decided that a baby goat was the quarantine pet for them. The family went to a local farm where she was able to pick a goat of her choice and bring it home.



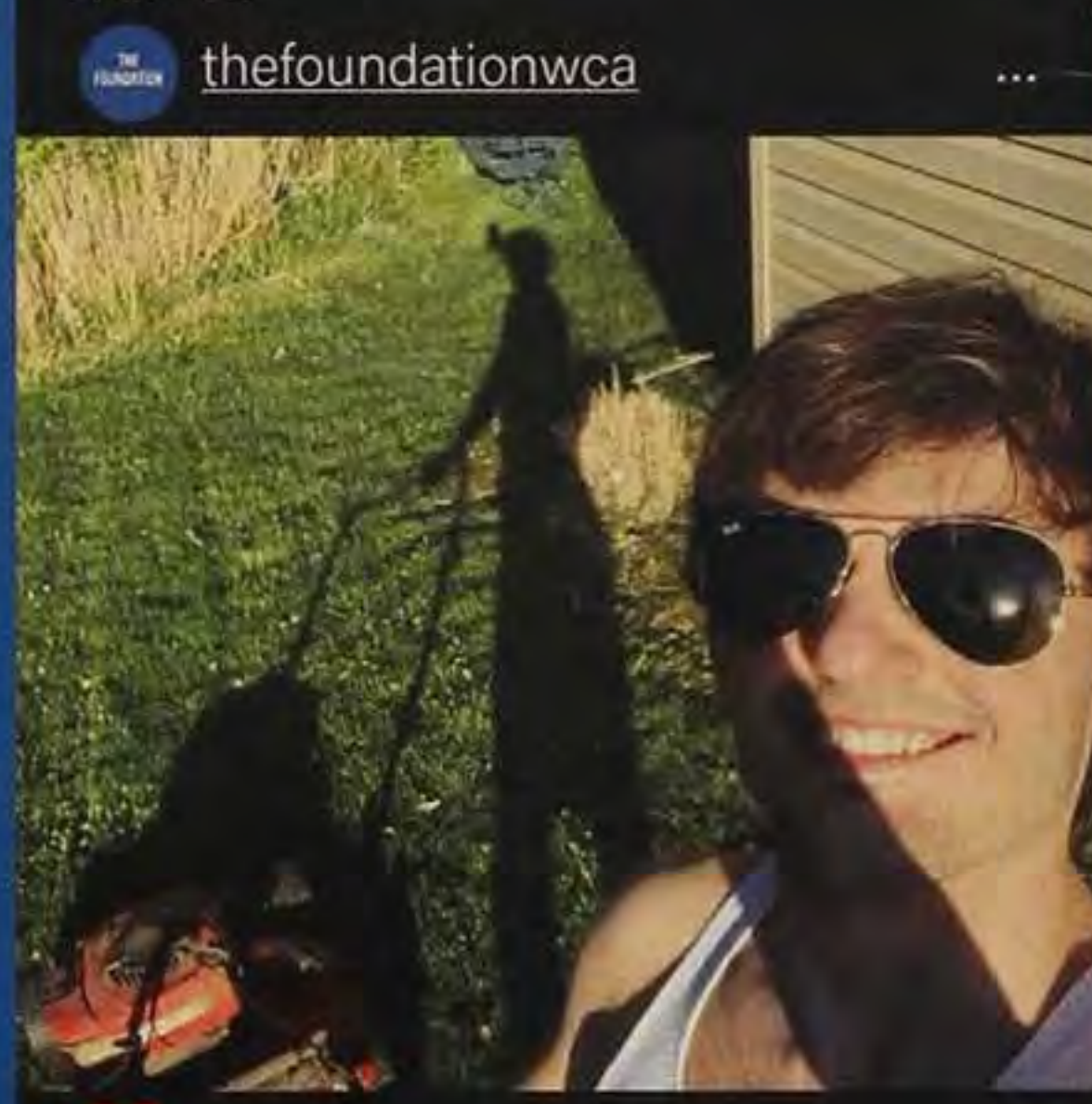
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 Alyssa Legters, senior, roasts a marshmallow over a fire. Legters was able to gather with friends and make s'mores while staying six feet apart. "The first thing I'm going to do once quarantine is over is walk my dog with my friends and their dogs," said Legters.



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 Henry Hartshorn, senior, takes a picture next to his senior sign given to him by one of his teachers. Each senior was given a yard sign to show that they were appreciated even though they could not have a traditional end to their senior year with all the typical events. Although the signs could not make up for what happened, the teachers hoped it would bring a smile to each senior's face.



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 Kate Harper, freshman, spends her time in quarantine painting and writing cards to send to her friends. She wrote encouraging messages on each of the cards including bible verses and uplifting phrases. She mailed them out to her friends and family to give them a smile during this confusing and difficult time.



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 Justin Fuller, senior, spends his 'stay at home' order fixing his old lawn mower into working condition to get some much-needed yard work done. Keeping homes clean and prepped during quarantine was very important and a good way to stay busy. "Sometimes you just need to use a little elbow grease," said Fuller.



EMBRACING

the unexpected

As the school year was officially called to finish online, many Westminster students found themselves reflecting on what they missed most about their school experience as well as looking into the future with an open mind. "It's so nice being able to get more sleep and mentally rest with more free time on my hands, but it's also sad to see my lacrosse season come to an end," said Kevin Caccamo, junior. Haley Drooger, freshman, also enjoyed the rest, but enjoyed seeing her family. "The best part of all this is my older sister got to come home from college early, and I've gotten to spend more time with her," said Drooger. Jack Martin, senior, found himself hanging with friends six feet apart during this quarantine. Martin said he was sad to miss his baseball season. He enjoyed the extra time on his hands to play more video games.

Many seniors made the most of their situations. "The worst part of all this is that I can't see my friends in person" said Toby Davidson, senior. And even though this was the case for the whole senior class, many found a way to find light amidst the craziness. Natalie Ford, senior, found selfless ways to create memories with her family by baking for them. Ford also found time to write some sweet letters to her friends to send her love their way. "All us, seniors, have been in denial about how the year is going to end online, but the teachers have been very encouraging and have made our class feel very loved throughout the whole process!" said Ford. Kate Johnson, senior, found herself enjoying being outside in nature a lot more and spent more family time with her parents before she went away to college.

As online schooling led to students being able to manage their own work, many began sleeping in and enjoying the rest. Maddy Moeller, sophomore, was glad she was able to catch up on sleep and loved being able to spend more quality time with her family and pets, although she was very bummed that her soccer season was forced to end early. "I actually feel like I have so much more free time to do things I never got to enjoy before because of my busy schedule, but I definitely miss hanging with my friends and going out," said Veronica Ortiz, junior. Although there were many downsides, people were enjoying their free time and their families.



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Scout Fleming, senior, cooks dinner for her family. Many students found cooking and baking a way to keep themselves busy while under quarantine. Learning how to make and cook new foods became a fun challenge for Fleming.



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Lauryn Rhodes, senior, smiles with her friends during quarantine. Rhodes enjoyed hanging out with them on the day they were supposed to celebrate their last day of high school. "The first thing I'm going to do is hang out with my friends," said Rhodes.

DRIVE-THROUGH *birthday*

A birthday in quarantine? Okay, let's celebrate!

Students found unique ways to make birthdays feel special even though they could not see their friends in person. Many had "drive-by" parades where their friends lined up and honked their horns, wishing them a happy birthday. They could talk to each other from the car window yet still keep their distance.



Ashley Gordon and Bella Gibeaut, sophomores, smile for a picture. Gibeaut came to Gordon's house for her birthday and surprised her with flowers.



Tori Jessie, senior smiles on her birthday while her friends all drive by her house for a parade. One way people celebrated was by putting sticky notes on their car.



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Brooke Carter, freshman, smiles for the camera. During quarantine Carter found it helpful to get up and get ready for the day. She found that it made her feel productive.



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Emma Ungles, junior, writes a paper for her history class on her computer. Ungles missed her friends and teachers the most during the unusual tough time, but enjoyed having free time and hanging out with her family.



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Patrick Howard, freshman, plays chess with his dad to pass the time. Many students found board games and card games to be a fun distraction during quarantine. "Chess and other board games were very fun to play with my family," said Howard.



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Patrick Park, junior, and Hannah Carter, senior paint their house while staying six-feet apart. A lot of students found quarantine a good chance to do work around their houses because they were stuck there. Painting was a good way for Park and Carter to stay busy.



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Patrick Akins, seventh grade, skimboards in a homemade puddle in his backyard. They put a tarp down so they would not mess up their grass. Since Akins' time on Spring Break in Florida was cut short due to beaches closing, this was his way of practicing his technique on his skimboard.



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Katherine Bauer, senior, and Elizabeth Bauer, freshman, chalk the sidewalk with encouraging words for their neighbors. This gave them something fun to do outside and also hopefully brought a smile to their neighbors' faces. The sisters used their creativity to make their family and neighbors happy.



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Lauren Pollack, seventh grade, holds her newly adopted puppy. The Pollack family chose to adopt their puppy for their time in quarantine. "I am excited to spend so much time with [my puppy] during quarantine since I will not be going to school," said Pollack.



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Taylor Highmark, senior, smiles and holds her senior sign. Because the end of the seniors' year was unexpected, the teachers did their best to still make it special. Although the signs were a small action, it made each senior feel appreciated.



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Macey Lottmann, senior, takes a selfie in the car with her brother and dog. Lottmann found car rides a fun way to get out of the house. Car rides were helpful for many students to listen to music and relax.



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Carolann Muschick, freshman, rides her bike around the neighborhood with her sister and neighbors. Bike-riding helps Muschick to get exercise during quarantine but was also a fun way to get out of the house. "Biking with my neighbors was a lot of fun," said Muschick.

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“Quarantine has been challenging for many reasons, but it’s also been a blessing.”

-Heidi Hightower
 senior

“It was very unfortunate we couldn’t finish the year out the way we wanted, but I will cherish the great moments I had with my classmates.”

-Lane Davis
 senior

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school went online after Spring Break until the end of the school year

seniors graduated in August instead of May

JSB was rescheduled for the end of the summer

spring sports and arts events were canceled

social distancing by staying six feet apart was the only way people could see each other

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