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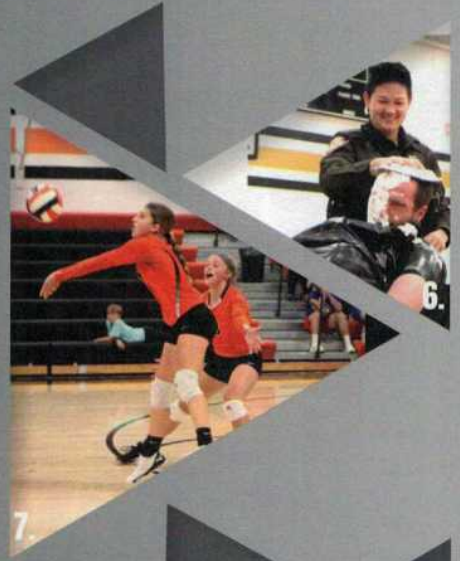
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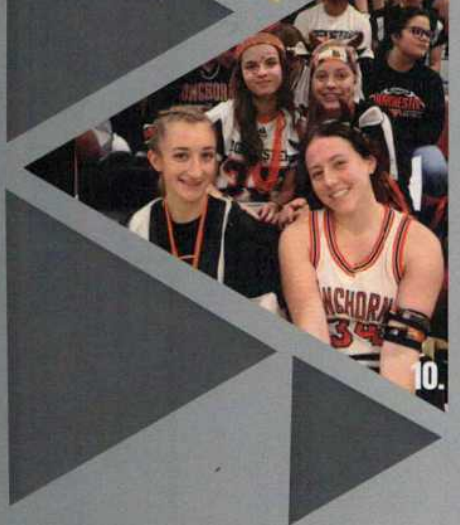
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MORE Action, MORE Cheering, MORE Fun, and LESS Inhibitions. Sophomores AyLynn Schwisow, Atley Zoubek, Baylor Behrens, and juniors Dusty Banks and Addison Lehr cheer loudly.



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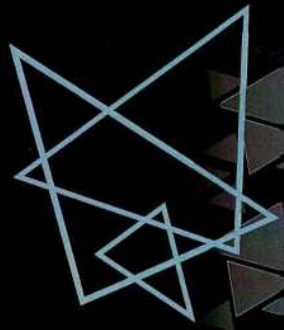
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The team of sophomores Baylor Behrens, Owen Vyhnalek, Andrea Pavlish, & Mackenzie Luzum work together to unscramble the letters as fast as possible to gain **MORE** points for their class.



The final bell rings on Friday, signaling a **More or Less** relaxing weekend ahead. Now one might ask, "What makes this bell so much **More** special than any other?" The answer is that it shortened the Friday schedule to an hour and a half **Less** than previous years (2:00). However, this came at a cost: 10 more minutes to each day, 5 minutes earlier (8:05), and five minutes later (3:35).

Only 10 more minutes on the school day may seem minor, but many students could argue otherwise. "I thought it was kind of annoying," said sophomore Gabby Theis. "I didn't have enough time in the morning to get ready so I was late a lot."

The students were not the only ones against the change. Many teachers noted it was harder to get through material on Friday's shortened periods, especially for quizzes and tests. "I did like getting out early on Fridays," said seventh grader Max Novak, "but if I had a test, we sometimes went over by a couple of minutes."

The time cut off for students was not cut off for teachers because they had professional development, which meant sports and other practices were the same times. This made it

hard for some students to figure out whether to go home or wait it out. "It was nice to get out at 2:00," said junior Amber Kotas, "but with practices and where I live, it didn't make sense to go home so it didn't really change much for me."

However, the **Less** time at school on Friday, meant **More** time at home for most students. "When I get home on Fridays I have more time do things like homework, play outside, or watch TV," said seventh grader Antonio Loarca.

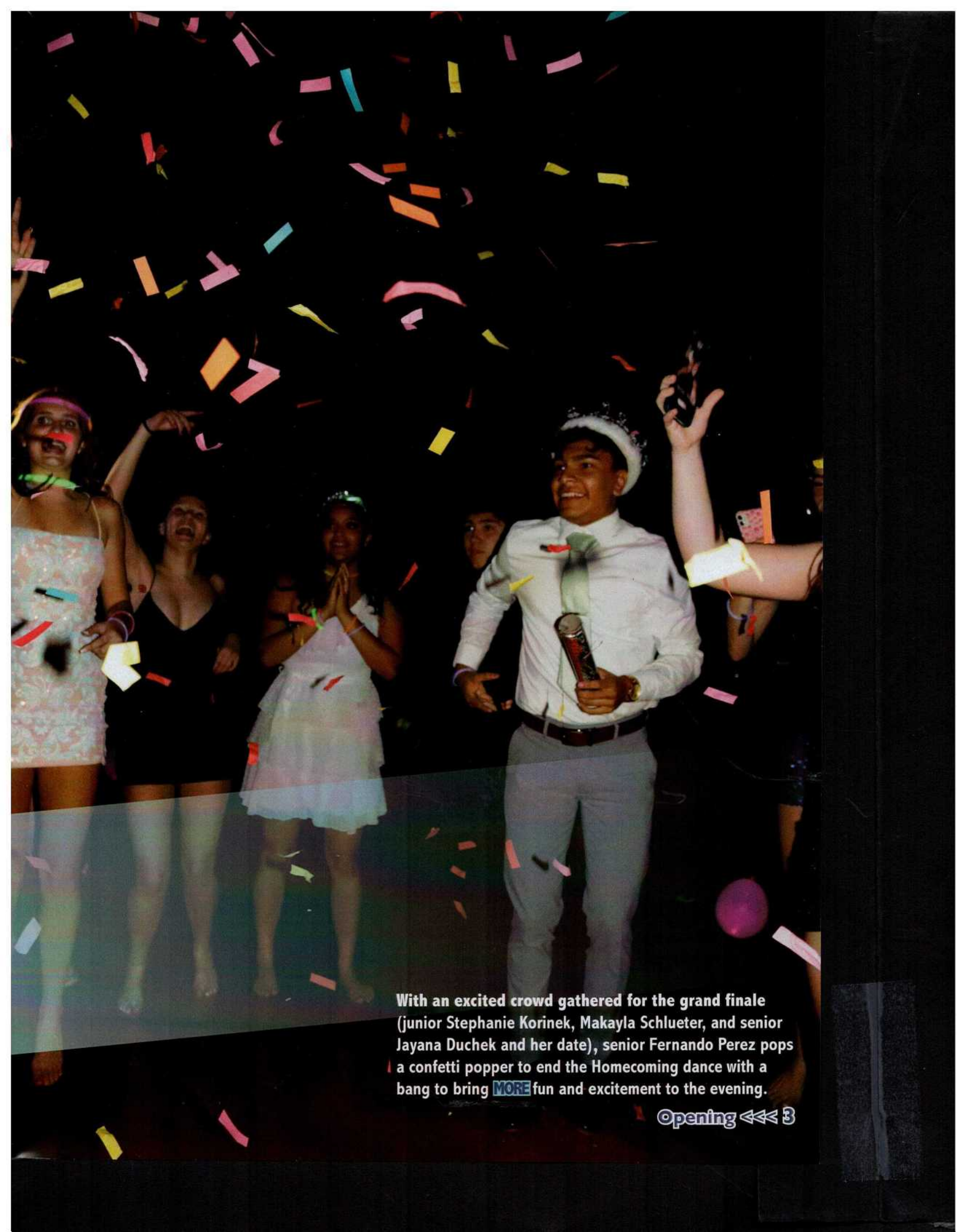
Others enjoyed relaxing. "I use that extra time to take a nap," said seventh grader Kendall Kasl.

More teachers also added to the mix with different positions, new faces, and much **More**. Thirteen new staff members made the school a changed place. Some faces returned from previous years which made them **More or Less** new.

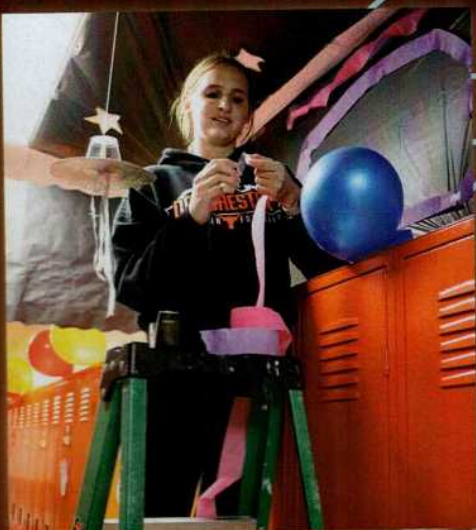
A program was also added on the early-out Fridays called ASI (Academic Support Intervention), which gave **More** help for students who needed it.

Whether it was in the field, on the court, in the classroom, or at home, students found a way to make the year a great one, **More or Less**.

MORE *less*



With an excited crowd gathered for the grand finale (junior Stephanie Korinek, Makayla Schlueter, and senior Jayana Duchek and her date), senior Fernando Perez pops a confetti popper to end the Homecoming dance with a bang to bring **MORE** fun and excitement to the evening.



Hanging up bright pink streamers, junior Stephanie Korinek decorates her hallway to make it look like their outer space theme.



Kicking their feet out to the beat, juniors Amber Kotas and Bryer Shaw and senior Harley Hagen dance to "The Cupid Shuffle" at the Homecoming Dance.



Throwing the hula hoop over his head, freshman Caden Axline tries to get it over to freshman Bailey Theis during a Spirit Week Game.



Linking their arms together at Prom, juniors Hailey Schweitzer and Quinn Kasl go round the circle as they dance to "Cotton-Eyed Joe."

More or Less

With **MORE** students putting all their time and dedication into school there was **LESS** stress among the students. The students then had **MORE** time to enjoy themselves when it came to many fun activities like Spirit Week, the Homecoming Dance, and Prom.

During the week of Homecoming, there was **LESS** togetherness and **MORE** rivalries between the students. This is the one week of the year that was brought to life and was well-remembered. The students dressed up, decorated hallways, paraded around the town, competed against each other, and ended the week with the Homecoming Dance. "My favorite memory from the week was taking group pictures in our outfits with my friends," said eighth grader Livia Schweitzer. "We all looked pretty crazy."

"My favorite memory from the week was being able to win points," said sophomore Atley Zoubek. "My class and I really like winning so that's what we strive for."

Prom was another memorable moment. students were under "A Starry Night" and danced the night away. The juniors enhanced the gym with twinkle lights to give **MORE** of feeling like they were under a "Starry Night" and **LESS** of a feeling they were under a roof. "The gym really made it feel like I was out star gazing," said sophomore Andrea Pavlish. "It honestly was a night to remember."

Outside of school, students spent lots of time with their friends or working. **MORE** took on another responsibility where they had to keep up with school and work, so that meant there was **LESS** time for them to be with their friends. For the students that spent **MORE** time with their friends, **LESS** stayed at home and hung out and **MORE** decided to get out and explore new places. "Now that I'm able to drive I've driven to places that I have never been to before," said sophomore Keith Kemerling.

"It's been difficult to manage all the things that I have going on daily, but I'm glad I get to make **MORE** memories with my friends and learn new things," said sophomore Ariana Tellez.

MORE or LESS the students brought life back to every activity by making them **MORE** energetic and **LESS** lifeless. "I love all of the fun times we have," said junior Ashton Jirsa. "It makes the school year **MORE** enjoyable."

STUDENT LIFE

Dressing up

To have fun, be creative during Spirit Week

From characters to royalty, Spirit Week was quite the experience. Many students enjoyed showing their creativity and being able to wear whatever they wanted without judgment. "My favorite part of Spirit Week is that it is one of the few days where I can dress up for fun, and I won't look weird," said senior Jacob Cerny.

Monday was Celebrity or Character Day. Students could make their debut as their favorite pop culture icon. "My favorite day was Celebrity/Character Day because it was cool seeing what everyone had dressed up as, also it was one of the easier days for me to participate in," said sophomore Joseph Peacock.

Tuesday was Royalty Day. Many students wore their old prom dresses or other attire fit for royalty. "My favorite day was Royalty Day because I enjoyed dressing up nice," said eighth grader Lily Lehr.

Wednesday was Match Your Hallway Day. Many students enjoyed this day because it's something different and makes

them more creative. "My favorite day was Match Your Hallway Day because it challenged me to think outside the box and to be more creative than other days because the theme is less limited in a way," said sophomore AyLynn Schwisov.

Thursday was Senior Citizen or Baby day. Many students enjoyed acting older or

younger. "Senior Citizen/Baby Day was my favorite because I dressed up and acted like an old lady, and a few other people did the same thing so we made up old lady names for each other," said junior Quinn Kasl.

Other students rather dressed up as babies. "Senior Citizen/Baby Day was my favorite because I dressed up as a baby, and

I got to just wear my pajamas to school," said seventh grader Lindsay Del Toro.

Finally, as always, Friday was Orange and Black Day. Many students dressed up as they could just wear their Dorchester shirts and gain easy points for their class. "My favorite day was Orange and Black Day because it's very easy to dress up for because I already have most of the items in my closet," said senior Brett Ladely.

Overall, sophomores placed first, juniors were second, seniors were third, seventh grade placed fourth, eighth grade placed fifth, and freshman were sixth. "I'm glad my class got first because we worked really hard to beat the juniors," said sophomore Andrea Pavlish.



The Junior Class was out of this world on Dress Like Your Hallway Day. The class's theme was aliens and outer space. Some students dressed like stars, and others opted for alien-like creatures. Back Row: Victor Lopez, Jacob Hatfield, Madison Theis, & Amber Kotas. MR: Victoria Leavitt, Kayli Carey, Stephanie Korinek, and Marcos Gonzalez. FR: Addison Lehr, Makayla Schlueter, Quinn Kasl, & Hailey Schweitzer.

Celebrity/ Character Day *Monday*



Jacob Cerny, Jayana Duchek & Marcelle Shinzato (12th)

Andrea Pavlish, Owen Vyhnalek, & Mackenzie Luzum (10th)

Makayla Schlueter, Kayli Carey, Quinn Kasl, Hailey Schweitzer, & Addison Lehr (11th)

Tuesday **Royalty Day**



Atley Zoubek, Ariana Tellez & Andrea Pavlish (10th)



Thor Nerud, Ella Vyhnaek & Faith Elkins (7th)

What was your favorite part of dressing up for Spirit Week?

Dress Like Your Hallway Day *Wednesday*



Jacob Cerny, Jayana Duchek & Garrett Tachovsky (12th)



Bailey Theis, Elvis Lopez & Eva Elkins (9th)

**"I dressed up as a baby and got a saggy diaper."
- Colton Harrison (8th)**

Thursday **Senior Citizen/ Baby Day**



Bailey Theis (9th)



Colton Harrison, Livia Schweitzer & Lily Lehr (8th)



Fernando Perez, Jacob Cerny & Jayana Duchek (12th)

**"Surprising our Spanish teacher on zoom with our senior citizen costumes."
- Addison Lehr (11th)**

Orange & Black Day *Friday*



Livia Schweitzer, Lily Lehr & Jace Yager (8th)



Sierra Sherwood, Hadley Brandt & Kendall Kast (7th)

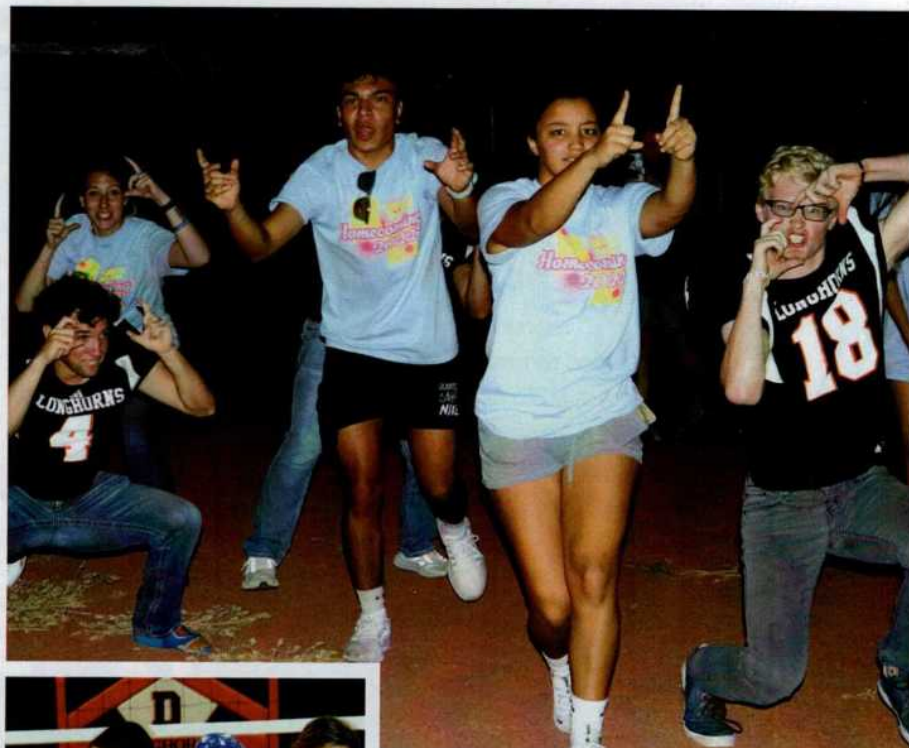
**"When Owen Vyhnaek dressed up as Michael Jackson and Michael Jacksoned all over the place."
- Joseph Peacock (10th)**

*What was
your favorite
Spirit Week
Game?*

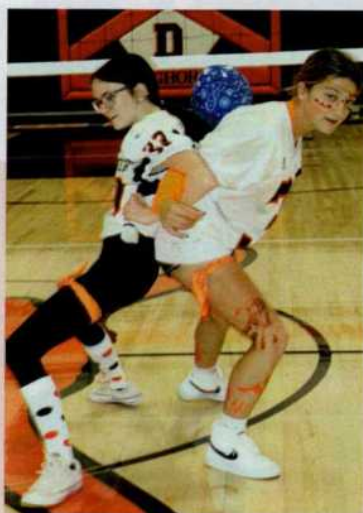
**“The balancing books
race because it was
funny to watch and one
of the harder games.”**
~ Baylor Behrens (10th)

**“Balloon-on-backs
shuffle was my
favorite because it
was fun to work as
a team.”**
~ Benji Beckley (8th)

**“Matching quotes
from popular movies
because it was
easy.”**
~ Veronica Tercero
(11th)



By the bonfire, seniors Brett Ladely, Harley Hagen, Fernando Perez, Jayana Duchek, & Jacob Cerny show off their best impressions of Mrs. Severance during “Let Me See Your...” chant.



Shuffling together, sophomores Mackenzie Luzum and Gabby Theis balance a balloon between their backs to win for their class during the Spirit Week Games.



Focusing on keeping it steady, sophomore Keith Kemerling tries to balance a book on his head to win the race while sophomores Andrea Pavlish, and Gabby Theis, and freshman Eva Elkins watch on to see which class wins.



Decorating their hallway for Spirit Week, eighth graders Jace Yager and Briana Tellez spruce up the flowers in the hopes of winning the hallway decorating contest.

Fun & Games

*Working together
in Spirit Week
Activities*

Going through life relay, school spirit, and fun competitions were all a part in making the Spirit Week Games memorable.

On Wednesday afternoon the evening started with a parade. "My favorite part of the parade was riding on the float," said junior Quinn Kasl. "I liked yelling class cheers and throwing out candy to the kids as we drove by."

The students worked hard to prepare their floats for the parade. "I loved decorating the float and hanging out with my friends," said sophomore AylLynn Schwisow.

After the parade, everyone gathered at the back school parking lot for the annual bonfire and hamburger feed sponsored by the Booster Club. There were freshly grilled burgers, a variety of chips, and delicious desserts. "My favorite part was the grilled burgers," said senior Brett Ladely. "Everything was good."

Then, the parents of the seniors lined up with their child, showed baby pictures, and talked about them which soon had

Helping her classmate, junior Madison Theis assists junior Kayli Carey and Quinn Kasl through a hula hoop to try to win the Hula Hoop competition.

the crowd laughing. "I liked hearing about our seniors when they were younger," said freshman Elvis Lopez. "It's entertaining and sweet to see the parents talk about their kids."

The night ended with classes around the "D" to watch it burn and cheer chants. "I enjoyed the chants because I liked seeing everyone shout chants together," said junior Kayli Carey. "It was fun seeing everyone bond together."

On Friday the last day of Spirit Week started off with fun competitions. In the first one, students tried hard to balance books. "It was hard keeping the book on my head and trying to win the race," said



At the Homecoming Bonfire, freshmen Micaela Loarca, Savannah June, Elvis Lopez, Carter Cerny, Caden Axline, and Eva Elkins link arms and sing school chants.

senior Garrett Tachovsky.

Students also had to link arms with a balloon between their back and shuffle across the gym. Then in another game, students lined up, held hands, and worked to pass hula hoops with their bodies down the line. To finish the competition off, they matched quotes from popular movies. "I was rushing to get everything matched," said junior Addison Lehr. "I had fun with my classmates helping each other match things."

In the end, the sophomores won the day's competitions and the entire Spirit Week. "I knew we were going to win when Keith Kemerling did well in the balancing books race," said sophomore Mackenzie Luzum.

The students enjoyed the week of class rivalry. "My favorite part was beating the juniors," said sophomore Atley Zoubek. "Our classes are both pretty competitive."



Taking a big bite from her hamburger, sophomore Atley Zoubek enjoys her meal provided by the Booster Club at the Hamburger Feed.



Colorful Lights

Equal a
memorable
night

Flashing sunglasses lit up the dance floor as hands waved back and forth to the beat of the music. Students posed in front of the sparkly backdrop to mark the night of lots of dancing and smiling. Glowsticks and a big pop of confetti also marked the night to be something really special.

Many began planning for the Homecoming dance long beforehand. "I wore a minty-colored sequin one-strap dress from Windsor," said junior Quinn Kasl. "I bought it over a month in advance."

Others decided to take a riskier route by rummaging through their own clothes. "I just went through my closet and picked," said freshman Chase Tachovsky.

Either way, plenty of people chose to put extra preparation towards the celebratory dance, no matter where they found their clothes. "I went to Windsor

to get my dress," said junior Madison Theis. "I picked out the very last one I tried on."

Some had them shipped straight to them. "I ordered my dress from online," said senior Jayana Duchek. "It was easier to find what I wanted."

Just beforehand, the football and volleyball players were crowned victors at their games, as well as the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen. The all-around wins made the night more enjoyable. "I saw a lot of people dancing that night," said freshman Bailey Theis, "some who I had never seen dance before."

In charge of decorating for Homecoming, the seniors decided to implement flashy, light-up glasses for each attendee to lighten-up the experiences. "The light-up glasses stood out to me," said freshman Caden Axline. "When the lights went off, they were the only thing you saw."

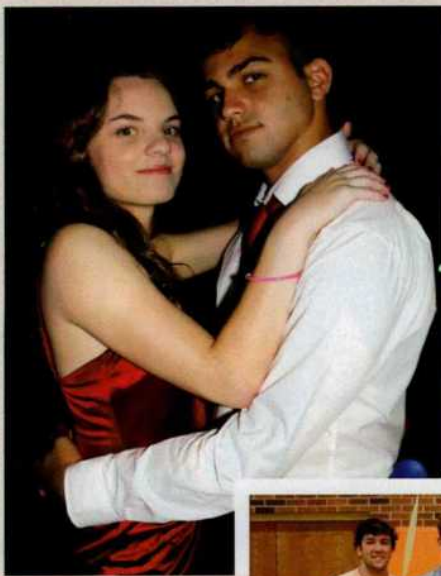
They also decided to keep the tradition alive of keeping pizza for hungry party-goers. "I was so disappointed when I didn't even get a slice," said junior Marcos Gonzalez. "Everyone ate all the pizza before I got there."

Many students danced the whole evening. "I tried to dance as many dances as I could," said junior Addison Lehr.

The night ended by popping balloons and blinding everyone with gym lights to slowly restore the gym back to its former glory. "With all of the decorations, food, and fun," said sophomore Baylor Behrens, "it'll definitely be hard to top the night off in the years to come."



By knowing the song by heart, juniors Bryer Shaw and Quinn Kasl belt out the song lyrics to "Last Friday Night" to everyone else on the dance floor.



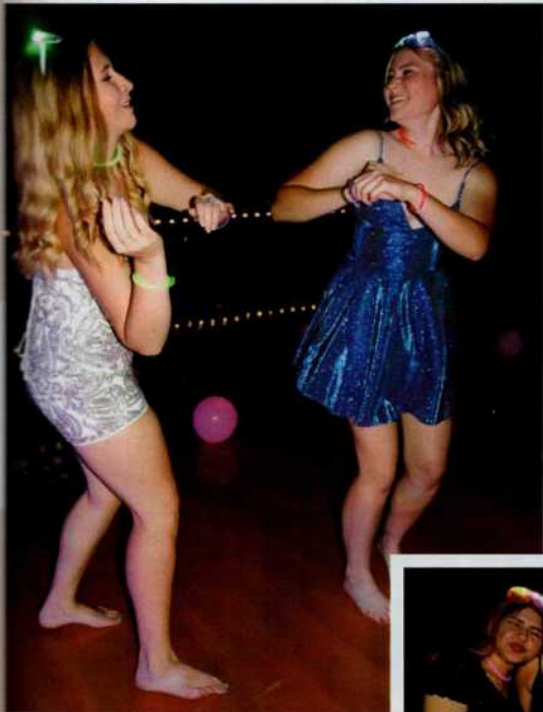
Sharing a slow dance together, juniors Kayli Carey and Marcos Gonzalez enjoy the night and make it one to remember.

Homecoming Court.
BR: Brett Ladely, Garrett Tachovsky, Jacob Cerny, Harley Hagen, Marcelle Shinzato, & Emma Paiz.
FR: Queen Jayana Duchek and King Fernando Perez





Lighting up the dance floor, junior Addison Lehr, sophomore Baylor Behrens, juniors Bryer Shaw, Stephanie Korinek, Hailey Schweitzer, & sophomore Atley Zoubek, hold up their glowsticks to "Fergalicious."



Grooving to "Our Song," senior Harley Hagen and her friend enjoy dancing to the beat of the song.

With matching flashing glasses, sophomore Alisson Nuñez, junior Suyapa Armas, friend Dulce Del Toro, juniors Nancy Alcaide, and Mitzu Real share a moment before going back to dancing.



Jamming out to the song, "Footloose," junior Victor Lopez steps into the middle of the dance circle to show off his moves.



What was the most memorable song?

"Perfect because we won the football game & I danced with Mackenzie Luzum."
~ Adrian Alcaide (9th)

"Last Friday Night because it was hype."
~ Brett Ladely (12th)

"Either Cupid Shuffle or Perfect because I danced with lots of friends."
~ Savannah June (9th)

What was
your favorite
part about
the Christmas
Party?

**"Playing games with
my friends."
~ Mason June
(8th)**

**"Eating pizza and
watching movies."
~ Savannah June
(9th)**

**"Playing Spoons
because I haven't
played it in a
long time."
~ Colton Harrison
(8th)**



Focusing on their drawings, eighth grader Jace Yager and seventh grader Ella Vyhnaek enjoy doing art in the art room which was one of the options.



Enjoying the movie, senior Harley Hagen watches *The Grinch* at her last Christmas Party celebration.



Waiting to make her next move, junior Makayla Schlueter and sophomore Isabella Cornejo play a game of Uno in the science room. Many students enjoyed playing card games.



In the library, sophomore Julian Tellez decides what to bid while playing pitch with his friends. Many students were learning for the first time so received help from some fellow teachers.

All Wrapped Up

Celebrating the
season together

The special time of the year had approached again. That time of year when cheer and joy is spread around the school. It was Christmas time and the hallways were filled with laughter and conversations of plans being made for the holidays as the students enjoyed the day of movie watching, playing games and art crafting before heading off to Christmas break.

If all of the students' assignments were done, they were able to choose from multiple activities to enjoy; although, some students didn't attend due to basketball practice. "We had practice early because it was going to storm after school. We were able to enjoy some time though," said junior Quinn Kasl. "I walked around with Atley Zoubek, and we talked about our plans for the break."

Some students could be found in the music room or in the high school English room watching movies and hanging out, sharing their break plans.

"We watched *Home Alone* in the music room, and it was fun because we got to just relax," said senior Emma Paiz.

"The Jim Carrey *Grinch* movie is better than any other *Grinch* movie, in my opinion," said junior Victoria Leavitt. "It was very funny."

"I really had to enjoy this last Christmas party because it would be my last time," said senior Cabbott Kemerling. "I did enjoy it too; it was very fun and relaxing."

Other students could be found in the library or in the science room playing games. "I played Uno," said eighth grader Benji Beckley, "and I

almost won, but it was still very fun."

Many of them also had fun, enjoying making arts and crafts in the art room. "I got a break from doing school work," said eighth grader Jace Yager. "I made some crafts for my friends, and it was great."

Students were also treated to snacks of popcorn, chips, and cookies provided by the Student Council. "We had a snack cart that we pushed around to the different rooms," said eighth grader Emilia Perez. "It was a fun time especially with my friends."

Overall, the Christmas party was a relaxing time for many of the students even if the party was moved to the end of the day Wednesday due to weather forecasted for Thursday. "I was super excited because we got an extra day off," said junior Mitzu Real. "I really enjoyed it."

Playing cards, Principal Jake Wiese gives advice to seventh grader Blake Cerny as they work together to win the round in the Pitch game.



Playing Apples to Apples together, eighth graders Thomas Ziemann, Jonathan Hernandez, and Benji Beckley enjoy the game and snacks.



Pushing the snack cart around, eighth graders Emilia Perez, Lily Lehr, Livia Schweitzer and Briana Tellez help by passing out snacks to each classroom.

Hoop in' It

Up with the hee
haws

Zebra and cheetah print, stripes and polka dots, water and electronics, donkeys and basketball. What do these all have in common? Nothing. They don't go together. The FBLA was able to take two things that didn't go together and create a fundraiser and entertainment for a large crowd. "I loved watching donkey basketball," said seventh grader Faith Elkins. "The donkeys didn't always cooperate."

Planning for donkey basketball took months. First, they had to sell tickets, \$7 ahead of time and \$10 at the door. "It was very important that we sold tickets so we had enough to pay for the donkeys and for the State Leadership Conference," said Mrs. Claire Tachovsky, the FBLA sponsor.

Next, they had to find people to ride the donkeys. "I was told that I was going to be riding a donkey," said social studies teacher Spencer Kotas. "I really didn't have much of a choice."

FBLA members helped make donkey basketball run smoothly by announcing, running the scoreboard, selling concessions, taking tickets, and taking care of the donkeys. "I loved helping with the donkeys," said sophomore Baylor Behrens. "I only had to clean up poop once."

It might have seemed that it would be easy to ride a donkey and make baskets, but it was harder

than it looked. First, they had to get on the donkey, which could be quite a task. Some even used a foot stool for assistance. "I had a hard time getting on, but I just yelled for Deb Burrows (librarian and teammate), and she'd come with the step stool," said para Danielle Duba.

Some donkeys wouldn't move so the players would try to pull them closer to the basket and then jump on the donkey to shoot the ball. "My donkey wouldn't move for me," said Deb Burrows, "so when I had the ball I just got on and chucked it at the hoop."

Another challenge they faced was getting thrown off the donkey. Many riders fell, but Lisa Lautzenhiser, the second grade teacher, fell the hardest. "I fell so hard on my back that the next day it hurt to move."

While seniors Jacob Cerny and Fernando Perez announced, Spencer Kotas struggled to get on his



Charging their way down the court, fourth grade teacher Cassidy Olson and her teammates Amanda Easley and Maddie Bird try to work together to get a basket.

donkey and Chris Nelson, science teacher, was hopping on and off like a natural. "My donkey was a jerk," said Kotas. "He just wouldn't let me stay on."

Asses on Asses took the lead over Kickasses and never faltered. They ended up winning the first game 6 to 0, which advanced them to the championship. "I rode the donkey named Super Stupid, but I preferred to call him Bongo, which I did to gain his trust," said Nelson.

The next matchup was between Bud's Ballers and Bad Asses. It was a tight game all the way through. Bud's Ballers was down by one, but in the last minute Bailey Schindler, kindergarten teacher, scored making the score 2 to 2. "I made one of my seven shots and finally got one in," said Mrs. Schindler.

The tie led to a "Chicken Dance" dance off between one member of each team, para Mrs. Deanna Bird and school resource officer Jennifer Warning. The crowd cheered their loudest for Deanna Bird, therefore, advancing Bud's Ballers to the Championship. "I thought they both danced really well, but I ended up cheering the loudest for Mrs. Bird," said junior Addison Lehr.

In the championship game, Bud's Ballers were ahead by two points and ended up winning. "Our team won two games including the championship," said Bird. "My goal at the beginning was to lose earlier so we wouldn't have to play again, but winning the championship was great, too."

Having a dance off, Mrs. Deanna Bird and Deputy Jennifer Warning see which of their teams is going to advance into the championship.



Trying his best to get onto his donkey, social studies teacher Mr. Spencer Kotas tries talking to him nicely. Mr. Kotas spent most of the game just trying to get his donkey to let him get on and stay on.





Excited to finally be on his donkey, Mr. Spencer Kotas and Mr. Chris Nelson move towards the ball to try to make a bucket.



Leading donkeys during the donkey rides, junior Amber Kotas helps first grader Kaleb Fuller down the court while his father holds him steady.



Happy that her team finally made a bucket, second grade teacher Lisa Lautzenhiser celebrates. Sadly it was not enough to beat out the other team to advance into the finals.



Trying to stay on, Mr. Marvin Barlow holds on tight to the basketball while he also tries to hold on to the reins and make his way to the hoop.

Who was your favorite donkey basketball player?

“Mr. Kotas because he couldn’t get on his donkey most of the time.”
 ~ Kendall Kasl (7th)

“Mr. Barlow because he was so small compared to the donkey, and when he got on it just took off.”
 ~ Bailey Theis (9th)

“Mr. Nelson because he was by far the best.”
 ~ Jacob Cerny (12th)



Anxiety, Anxiety, Anxiety

Anxiety is like an ocean. The waves push you and pull you and sometimes you get stuck in the undertow. Anxiety can be a daily problem or a once in a while frustration for many students.

Anxiety can be defined as “a feeling of unease, such as worry or fear that can be mild or severe.” Everyone has a feeling of anxiety at some point in their life. It causes people to worry and stress over things that are happening to them.

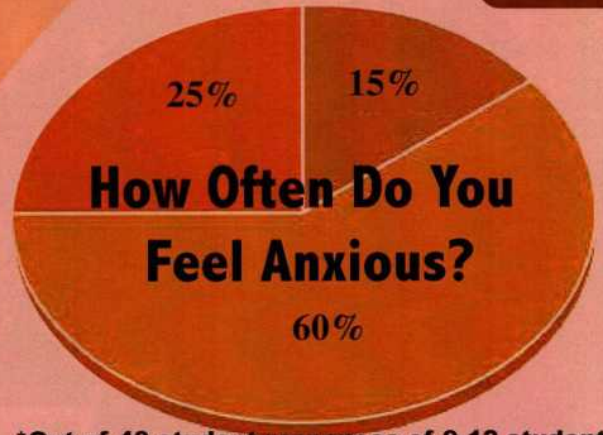
Having a huge workload or a busy schedule can cause anxiety. Anxiety was an everyday problem for many of the students. Problems caused by the load of school work, social media, peers, peer pressure, parents, other students, traumatic events, teachers, and everyday problems may have resulted in them having anxiety.

When surveyed, about 60% of students sometimes felt anxiety, 25% always had anxiety, and 15% rarely felt anxiety. Anxiety affected the students in many different ways mentally and physically.

When a student goes through anxiety, their ability to learn, concentrate and show good academic performances may be hindered. “Anxiety affects what I do and how I do it,” said junior Madison Theis. “It makes me second guess myself, and it affects how I do my school work.”

Anxiety can also make a student experience poor mental, emotional and physical health. “It takes away sleep and makes it difficult for me to talk,” said freshman Adia Gustafson. “It constantly affects my daily life and I have trouble speaking when I’m anxious and nervous. It stops me from doing everyday things.”

With that being said, anxiety affected students physically more than emotionally and mentally with symptoms like dizziness, nervousness, headaches, etc. Physical symptoms may even lead to greater health problems. “My hands start getting super sweaty, my body gets hot and my face turns red. I get super nervous and my voice gets shaky,” said sophomore Mackenzie Luzum.



*Out of 40 student responses of 9-12 students



However, there were ways that helped the students overcome their anxiety and its symptoms. From doing physical activity to quietly meditating, the students used different methods to help them calm down. “I try not to care and working out helps,” said sophomore Atley Zoubek. “I also pray and talk to my parents to help too.”

If anxiety starts interfering in a student’s life, he or she can also seek medical help. “Anxiety affects my life in so many ways, how I act, feel, think and how I focus; it hurts in a way,” said sophomore Gabby Theis, “but I take medications for it which makes it easier to deal with.”

Anxiety affected students in many ways, but there were methods that could help. Getting enough sleep, eating healthy, cutting down on eating junk food, and limiting energy drinks may help. Improving one’s mind, the way someone thinks, and adapting learning to face difficult situations can also help. “Each day can be stressful and make me anxious,” said senior Jayana Duchek. “I just try to face it and make the best of it.”



What Causes Anxiety?



CAFFEINE CONUNDRUMS



Caffeine, a drug found in many drinks such as soft drinks, energy drinks, tea, coffee, and so on, gives many a boost in energy. For some students, however, it was not just an occasional partaking, but an everyday occurrence. "I need a Red Bull for my day. I have to go to church, do my homework, and clean outside, so a Red Bull can really revive me for all of it," said eighth grader Jace Yager.

Caffeinated soft drinks were popular among students, and especially throughout the day. Some students drank more than one a day with some averaging 10-12 a week. Even in the morning, students would bring their favorite caffeinated pop to drink during class. "I drink 2-3 a day. I don't sleep that well, so I need it in the morning," said sophomore Angelina Cornejo.

It may sound like no harm no foul, but all of this caffeine can cause stunts in students' growth and health. However, that didn't stop most teens from craving it.

Teenagers were not supposed to consume more than 100 milligrams of caffeine. However, soda contains 30-40 milligrams of caffeine in 8 ounces. Because of this, just drinking three pops will put a student past the limit.

Coffee also has become relatively present as a drink among the students in the school. It only takes 8 ounces to reach the limit of 100 milligrams a day. That is only one cup a day to reach the limit.

Recently, energy drinks have become even more popular, and an 8 ounce drink can contain 40-250 milligrams of caffeine. More than sixteen students were drinking more than two daily.

Red Bull and other energy drinks have certainly become a staple to multiple students for its taste, and many students drank it multiple times throughout the day, to the extent that they even drank one before going to bed, which made them lose sleep. "Red Bull is a gateway to life. I have to have it in the morning," said sophomore Ariana Tellez. "If I don't have it I start shaking, I have a headache, and I will be in a terrible mood."

Having too much caffeine in the system can cause headaches, stomach pains, higher body temperature, and faster breathing and heart rate. Even with these health risks, students still continued to drink caffeinated beverages. "I usually drink 1 to 4 Mountain Dew's a day so I can stay up and have fun," said eighth grader Mason June. "One time I drank eight in an evening at a sleepover. We all ended up staying up past 3:00. I woke up the next morning and puked seven times, and then I slept four hours, and then puked some more. I won't do that again."

Most students at Dorchester already managed their caffeine intake. "I like the taste of Dr. Pepper, but I get tired after having one so I don't drink more than that," said seventh grader Faith Elkins.

"It wakes me up in the morning but causes me to hit a wall later, whereas if I don't take any, I usually wake up normally," said junior Addison Lehr. "Because of this, I try to not overdo it."

Sometimes students tried to wean themselves off of their caffeine addiction. "Around Christmas time I tried to quit my caffeine addiction. I was sober for roughly three weeks until the last day of school before Christmas break. My guy best friend bought me a pack of Monsters, and it went downhill from there. I had three in less than two hours, and I haven't tried quitting since," said junior Mitzu Real.

Students needed to be responsible for what they allowed to enter their body, and they needed to limit their caffeine intake. "I drink Mountain Dew during the weekends or when I go out to eat," said junior Amber Kotas. "I drink so much at night during the holidays, I can't sit still."

Drinking caffeine may have seemed natural to students since so many think nothing of how many they drank. However, managing caffeine could be achieved. "I limit myself to two coffees per week and between seven and nine o'clock so I don't have to deal with the consequences of being really hyper when I'm not doing anything," said freshman Caden Axline.

Overall, students who were already addicted to caffeine decided for themselves on their caffeine intake even in spite of what they knew wasn't good for them. Almost all said they could never give it up. "I just like the drink," said eighth grader Colton Harrison. "Even if the energy I need for school was gone, I wouldn't stop drinking it."

Average: 2-4 per Day



Students' Favorite

19

Caffeine: 30-40 mg

Average: 1-4 per Day



Students' Favorite

16

Caffeine: 40-250 mg

Average: 1-2 per Day



Students' Favorite

13

Caffeine: 80-100 mg

Average: 1 per Week



Students' Favorite

5

Caffeine: 25-75 mg

*Out of 53 student responses of 7-12 students

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU



FRIENDS



SPORTS

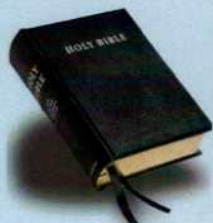


FAMILY



KEEP YOUR
EYES
ON THE
STARS
AND YOUR
FEET
ON THE
GROUND

INSPIRATIONAL
QUOTES
& POSTERS



RELIGION



Motivation

"Life ain't about how hard you can hit, it's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done."

When students think about what makes them happy, they might also realize that those things are also what motivates them. Staying motivated is a reason to keep pushing oneself, especially when things get hard or pile up. Everyone has different motivations, but in the end everyone relies on those motivators to keep them going.

One of the biggest motivators was families. Families are able to see the best and the worst, but they can always keep each other going. "I picked my family because when I am not feeling well they are there for me," said seventh grader Ella Vyhnalek. "My friends are also my family because all of my thoughts go to them, and they do the same for me. My family also keeps me motivated in my darkest hours."

"Everything I do is for them, especially my brothers," said junior Nancy Alcaide. "I want to give them better opportunities and help my parents achieve everything they want. I also want to be successful. I crave stability. If I'm doing well, my family will have one less thing to worry about."

Another big motivator for students was sports. Sports push athletes to go above and beyond their limits and keeps them active. Sports can be a distraction from the real world. It gives some athletes a break from reality. "I chose sports because they are my escape," said

*Out of 38 student responses of 7-12 students

sophomore Ariana Tellez. "Don't get me wrong, I love my friends and family very much, but sports mean a lot to me even though I can't do any right now."

"I think that sports have taught me a lot about myself and life," said sophomore Atley Zoubek. "It pushes me to want to be the best I can be for myself and for my teammates. I would never want to let them down, and that's why sports motivate me."

Some saw their friends as being even more important than family. However, friends push each other like families. They may be able to understand one another better and keep each other on track. "I chose my friends because they usually tell me what's right and also push me to do the right things," said freshman Caden Axline. "They also support me and the things I like."

"I chose my friends because without them I would be bored out of my mind," said senior Jayana Duchek. "I would be lazy and unmotivated so I thank them and my boyfriend."

When one sees quotes or posters that have inspirational sayings, they might feel inspired. They are able to help students believe in themselves more and give motivation to do and be the best they can be. A quote like, "If you can dream it, you can do it" by Walt Disney can make a large impression. "I chose inspirational quotes and posters because every time I see or hear a quote, it motivates me to keep doing sports or anything else that I want to do," said freshman Chase Tachovksy.

"I am inspired by quotes because to me it's easier to retain information from quotes and sources instead of local information," said sophomore Joseph Peacock. "For example, staying fit and maintaining a healthy weight works better via watching my calorie intake, protein goals, and exercise. When listening to my friends, they might recommend ancient Egypt torture methods that were used on peasants and thus led to the peasants experiencing weight loss. I'm good at learning by myself so I can understand my ideals, which do not include torture methods."

"I like inspirational quotes and posters because I just believe that quotes inspire me more than my friends and everyone else does," said senior Brett Ladely.

Religion motivated some more than anything else. "I chose religion because of my faith in God. He has



For a lot of students, sports is a huge motivator. Senior football players, Garrett Tachovsky, Jacob Cerny, and Brett Ladely get doused with water after their final home football game.

been there for me when I needed it," said freshman Adrian Alcaide. "He is the only person I need. He motivates me because he has a plan for me, and I know his plan for me is the best for me."

"I chose religion because my religion gives me strength and reading the Bible really has motivating quotes and verses that motivates me," said junior Elsy Loarca.

Staying motivated was really important for students' minds and brains because when students aren't motivated to do something, it most likely won't get done. Students were able to focus better, get a better understanding, and learn more about themselves and the world around them when motivated. "I'm glad when I can find anything to motivate me," said junior Victoria Leavitt. "It's not something that comes that easy to me, so when I find it, I hang onto it."



Family, whether parents, siblings, or other relatives are important to many students. Freshman Carter Cerny escorts his father Bret Cerny and mother Amanda Cerny onto the field during Parents Night.



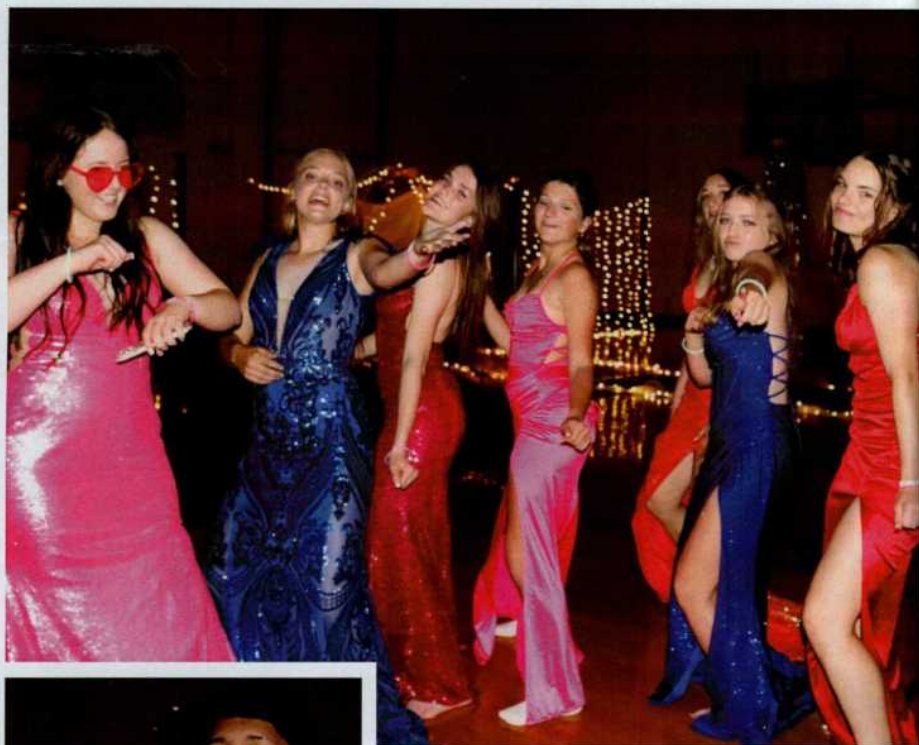
Friends were an important motivator for many students. Freshman Bailey Theis, and eighth graders Livia Schweitzer and Lily Lehr spend time together sharing cotton candy while watching a football game.

*What was
your favorite
part about
Prom?*

**"Hanging out with
my besties because
they are fun to be
around."
~ Mackenzie Luzum
(10th)**

**"My favorite part
about Prom is taking
pictures with my
friends."
~ Elvis Lopez
(9th)**

**"I liked dancing in a
group with all of my
friends."
~ Addison Lehr
(11th)**



All hands in, sophomores Atley Zoubek and Baylor Behrens, junior Addison Lehr, sophomore Gabby Theis, and juniors Hailey Schweitzer, Quinn Kasl, and Kayli Carey dance to "Dancing Queen."



Sharing a moment together, juniors Nancy Alcaide and Victor Lopez slow dance to "The Night We Met" by Lord Huron.



Enjoying the night, sophomore AyLynn Schwisow and junior Makayla Schlueter laugh and sing together while dancing in a big circle.



Dancing to "Single Ladies," junior Mitzu Real, Mitzu's date Tyleiah Gooding, freshman Bailey Theis, & juniors Dusty Banks & Bryer Shaw do the "Put a Ring on It" dance move.

Starry Night

*Dancing under
the stars, creating
lasting memories*

Twinkling lights, shiny gold and silver decorations, and extravagant clothing were just a few ways to describe the *Starry Night* of Prom. "I like being dressed up because it makes you feel good," said junior Andy Drake.

Walking through the archways lit with sparkling lights and balloon stars, students were greeted with many flashing cameras as parents took pictures during the Prom Preview. "I love posing for pictures," said junior Makayla Schlueter. "It is entertaining, and I get to do it with my friends."

When all the attendees chose a spot to sit, either with their dates or friends, the buffet was ready to serve. There were many choices including pasta with marinara or alfredo, multiple kinds of pizza, chicken wings, breadsticks, and salad, all provided by Pizza Kitchen. "The pizza was really good," said senior Brett Ladely. "I ate so much of it."

After dinner the lights went dark and the dancing began. "I was so excited to

dance," said freshman Bailey Theis. "It is definitely the best part about Prom."

A variety of songs were played ranging from "Last Friday Night" by Katy Perry to "Cotton Eye Joe." "I really had fun dancing in a circle to 'Cotton Eye Joe,' said junior Stephanie Korinek, "but you had to be careful not to run into others and you move forward and backward."

Slow songs were also played. "The Night We Met was my favorite song because it was also my main song for my quinceanera," said sophomore Ariana Tellez.

After Prom, attendees changed for Post Prom. Riding the new bus for

the first time, students were ready to continue the fun at the YMCA in York. Upon arrival, they were greeted with an assortment of breakfast food and treats before entertaining themselves with card games, basketball, volleyball, a pool with pool basketball, a hot tub, and pickleball. "I liked the hot tub the best because it was relaxing after a long day," said junior Kayli Carey.

To wrap up the night, every Dorchester student won a prize. "I won a dart board, a speaker, a gift card, and golf balls," said sophomore Baylor Behrens. "I was happy with my prizes because I will use them all."

Students finally made their way home after an eventful evening. "I loved it all; the decorating for Prom, being in charge of it, my dress, the pictures, the dancing, the music, food, Post Prom, and everything else in between," said junior Quinn Kasl.

Waving their hands in the air, sophomore Gabby Theis, senior Jayana Duchek, and guest date Kierra Corning dance like they don't care.



There is a place you can go, freshman Elvis Lopez, and sophomores Mackenzie Luzum and Andrea Pavlish dance along to "YMCA" by the Village People.



Singing to "Runaway," senior Jacob Cerny, juniors Jacob Hatfield & Marcos Gonzalez, senior Fernando Perez, & freshman Chase Tachovsky try to outdo the girls in a rap battle.

Hard Work

*Pays off for
scholars of
excellence*

Honors Night began with the induction of seven new NHS members, the largest number in recent history. As an NHS member read the activities the student was involved in, another NHS member walked near the student section and tapped the member with a rose. "I just didn't think that I would be one to get chosen for NHS," said sophomore Atley Zoubek, "but I really wanted to be in it because my sister was in it as well."

After the Induction Ceremony, the night continued with teachers handing out awards to their top students. Top Business Awards went to Andrea Pavlish, Baylor Behrens, Amber Kotas, Hailey Schweitzer, Gabrielle Theis, Madison Theis, Atley Zoubek, Owen Vyhnalek, and Chase Tachovsky.

In music, the Outstanding Vocalist was Ashton Jirsa and the Outstanding

Instrumentalist was Amber Kotas.

The John Philip Sousa Award went to Jacob Cerny. The Art Awards went to Gabrielle Theis, Elsy Loarca, Hailey Schweitzer, Jayana Duchek, Emma Paiz, and Marcos Gonzalez. The top journalism students were Hailey Schweitzer, Jacob Cerny, and Gabby Theis.

Forty-one students who were on Honor Roll for at least one quarter received the Honor Roll Award. The Big Twelve Award went to Jacob Cerny and Jayana Duchek for twelve semesters of being on the Honor Roll (7-12). Amber Kotas also received an award for perfect attendance.

The Student Leadership Award was given to a student from each grade that

was nominated by the teachers, and then voted on by NHS members. The recipients included: Jayana Duchek, Kayli Carey, Baylor Behrens, and Bailey Theis.

In addition, students who participated in Quiz Bowl, FBLA, Journalism, Thespians, Honor Bands, Honor Choirs, Student Council, and Speech were also recognized.

Jacob Cerny also received a Crossroads Conference Bronze Recognition for his ACT score; students who received an overall score of 30 or more received gold, 27-29 received silver, and 24-26 received a bronze.

NHS members served punch and cookies to attendees before and after the ceremony. Before the ceremony, NHS also sponsored an Honor Roll Pizza Party for students who were on Honor Roll the entire year. "My favorite part of Honors Night was the food," said freshman Elvis Lopez. "I liked the pizza and cinnamon breadsticks."

English Awards. BR: Chase Tachovsky, Jacob Cerny, Bailey Theis, & Madison Theis. MR: Garrett Tachovsky, Jayana Duchek, Addison Lehr, & Andrea Pavlish. FR: Fernando Perez, Baylor Behrens, Hailey Schweitzer, & Quinn Kasl. Not Pictured: Emma Paiz, Victoria Leavitt, & Angelina Cornejo.



Social Studies Awards.

BR: Ashton Jirsa, Chase Tachovsky, Jacob Cerny, Amber Kotas, & Bailey Theis. MR: Garrett Tachovsky, Jayana Duchek, Addison Lehr, Victoria Leavitt, & Andy Drake. FR: Fernando Perez, Kayli Carey, Hailey Schweitzer, Madison Theis, & Quinn Kasl. Not Pictured: Veronica Tercero, Bryer Shaw, Elsy Loarca, Elvis Lopez, & Micaela Loarca.



Math Awards. BR: Jayana Duchek, Gabby Theis, & Andrea Pavlish. FR: Carter Cerny & Hailey Schweitzer. Not Pictured: Marcos Gonzalez.

*What was
your favorite
part of Honors
Night?*



DEA Scholars Activites Awards. BR: Ashton Jirsa, Owen Vyhnaelek, Amber Kotas, Bryer Shaw, & Addison Lehr. 3rd Row: Garrett Tachovsky, Jacob Cerny, Chase Tachovsky, Elvis Lopez, & Ariana Tellez. 2nd Row: Andy Drake, Fernando Perez, Baylor Behrens, Gabby Theis, Andrea Pavlish, & Bailey Theis. FR: Kayli Carey, Atley Zoubek, Hailey Schweitzer, Madison Theis, Mackenzie Luzum, & Quinn Kasl. Not Pictured: Micaela Loarca, Isabella Cornejo, & Brett Ladely.



Student Leadership Awards. BR: Jayana Duchek & Bailey Theis. FR: Kayli Carey & Baylor Behrens.



After being tapped and given a rose by current NHS member, junior Hailey Schweitzer, junior Ashton Jirsa is led to the front of the gym during the induction ceremony as one of the seven inductees of the evening.

“Lettering in band because I didn’t even know they did that.”
~ Caden Axline (9th)

“Getting the Social Studies Award in American history because I owned that award 100%.”
~ Madison Theis (11th)

“Receiving the Science Award because I got a medal.”
~ Elvis Lopez (9th)

Science Awards. BR: Garrett Tachovsky, Jacob Cerny, Chase Tachovsky, Elvis Lopez, Addison Lehr, & Victoria Leavitt. MR: Jayana Duchek, Fernando Perez, Baylor Behrens, Gabby Theis, Andrea Pavlish, Bailey Theis, & Bryer Shaw. FR: Kayli Carey, Atley Zoubek, Hailey Schweitzer, Madison Theis, Mackenzie Luzum, & Quinn Kasl. Not Pictured: Angelina Cornejo, Isabella Cornejo, AylLynn Schwisow, Emma Paiz & Veronica Tercero.



What award were you most excited to receive?

“The Scrappy Award in basketball because I got a Scrappy-Doo to put on my bag.”
 ~ Gabby Theis (10th)

“The Defensive Basketball Player Award because I always have to guard our opponents number one player.”
 ~ Hailey Schweitzer (11th)

“Outstanding Male Wrestler because it shows how hard I have worked.”
 ~ Jacob Hatfield (11th)



Three Sport Athlete Awards. BR: Addison Lehr, Victor Lopez, Owen Vyhnaek, Marcos Gonzalez, & Adrian Alcaide. 3rd Row Garrett Tachovsky, Andy Drake, Jacob Cerny, Chase Tachovsky, & Elvis Lopez. 2nd Row: Kayli Carey, Atley Zoubek, Amber Kotas, Madison Theis, Baylor Behrens, and Gabby Theis. FR: Mitzu Real, Hailey Schweitzer, Quinn Kasl, Bailey Theis, Micaela Loarca, and Ariana Tellez.



Outstanding Athletes. Receiving the Outstanding Male Athlete Award is Jacob Cerny and receiving the Outstanding Female Athlete Award is Baylor Behrens.

Candidates for Athletic Banquet Royalty. BR: Fernando Perez, Jacob Cerny, & Brett Ladely. FR: Athletic King Garrett Tachovsky.



Receiving an honorable jersey for his 7 years he has worked at Dorchester Public School, Superintendent Daryl Schruk is presented his memento as he leaves to head Randolph Public Schools next year. He was especially thanked because he brought back football to Dorchester.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

*Hard work,
dedication pay off
in the end*

The Athletic Banquet was sponsored by the D-Club as a special night to honor athletes and their achievements. The athletes received their awards after they ate a delicious meal of pulled pork, green beans, Tabor Hall potatoes, and cookies provided by Mrs. Rochelle Bruha. "I loved the cookies," said junior Madison Theis. "Don't tell anyone but I had four cookies."

To start the night off, senior Garrett Tachovsky was crowned as the Athletic King. To be eligible, the athletes had to be in at least two sports and show leadership and hard work. There were no senior female athletes that were eligible. "I was shocked when I won," said senior Garrett Tachovsky. "I was happy that I was recognized for all of my hard work."

For girls sports, junior Hailey Schweitzer received the Outstanding Volleyball Player Award and Defensive Basketball Player Award. Sophomore Baylor Behrens received the Outstanding Basketball Player Award, Outstanding Female Track Award, Dawn Lisee Award, and Outstanding Female Athlete Award. Sophomore Gabby Theis received the Most Improved Basketball Player Award and Ms. Hustle Award. Sophomore Isabella

Garrett Tachovsky received the Brian Bruha Award. Jacob Cerny received the James Cochnar Award. Marcos Gonzalez received the Brian Bruha Award. Baylor Behrens received the Dawn Lisee Award. Garrett and Marcos were co-recipients of the Brian Bruha Award.

Cornejo received the Outstanding Female Wrestler Award and Most Improved Wrestler. "I was very honored to receive all the awards I did," said sophomore Baylor Behrens. "It just shows how all my hard work has paid off."

For the boys sports, senior Jacob Cerny received the Outstanding Male Track Athlete Award, Mr. Hustle Award, Outstanding Male Athlete Award, Dedicated Athlete Award, and the James Cochnar Award. Senior Fernando Perez received the Mr. Hustle Award. Senior Garrett Tachovsky received the Dedicated Athlete Award, Brian Bruha Award, Outstanding Basketball Player Award, Outstanding Football Player Award, and Defensive Football Player Award. Junior Marcos Gonzalez received the Brian Bruha Award. Junior Andy Drake received the

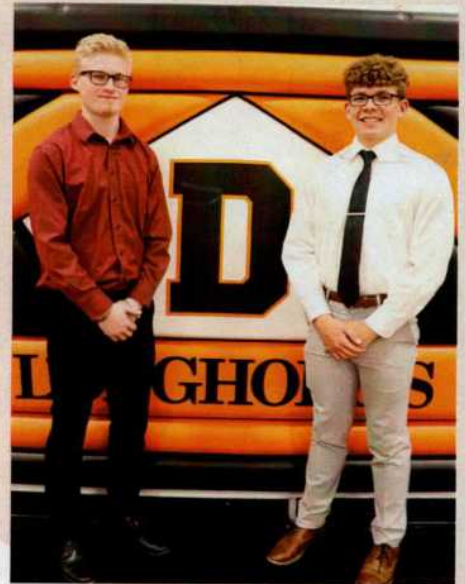
Outstanding Basketball Player Award. Junior Jacob Hatfield received the Outstanding Male Wrestler Award and Most Improved Male Wrestler Award. Freshman Chase Tachovsky received the Defensive Basketball Player Award. Freshman Adrian Alcaide received the Most Improved Football Player Award. "It was exciting to get the Brian Bruha Award," said junior Marcos Gonzalez. "He sounded like a really good football player who worked hard. It's an honor to win this award."

Superintendent Schrunk was given a number 7 football jersey because he had been at Dorchester for 7 years and was leaving at the end of the school year. "It was really special to be given that jersey," said Schrunk. "That night I shed many tears of joy and sadness because I am leaving this great place."

At the end of the night the athletes went home proud of themselves and their accomplishments. "I was so excited to get the awards I did," said sophomore Isabella Cornejo. "It's great to be rewarded for all of the time I put into wrestling."



Outstanding Athletes in Each Sport. BR: Garrett Tachovsky (Football & Boys Basketball), Andy Drake (Boys Basketball), Jacob Cerny (Boys Track, & Jacob Hatfield (Boys Wrestler). FR: Isabella Cornejo (Girls Wrestler), Baylor Behrens (Girls Basketball & Girls Track), & Hailey Schweitzer (Volleyball).



Dedicated Athlete Award. Jacob Cerny and Garrett Tachovsky both received the Dedicated Athlete Award for being in all three sports for all four years of their high school careers.

Final Walk

A happy, tearful ending, a new beginning

May 13th was finally the time for the seniors to receive the diplomas they had been working toward for thirteen years. The seniors were extremely excited to graduate, even before the ceremony began. "I was shaking really bad before the ceremony," said Garrett Tachovsky. "It was nerve-racking but so exciting!"

The seniors were also sad about leaving high school behind. "I had been ready to leave for weeks," said Fernando Perez. "Then on the day of graduation I was kind of sad because it hit me that it'd be my last time here with my friends."

During the beginning of the ceremony, Jacob Cerny and the choir sang "I'll Be on My Way," by Paul McCartney. The song reminded the seniors that this was a happy moment. "I chose the song because I listened to it once, and it sounded awesome," said Jacob Cerny. "It just happened to fit in with Graduation."



Listening to the Valedictorian Address, Cabbott Kemerling, Harley Hagen, and Jayana Duchek remember the good times they've had as a class and realize that they will be soon parting ways.

Graduation was also a way for seniors to thank their parents for everything they had done for them. "I cried a little during my speech but a lot when I gave my parents flowers," said Fernando Perez. "They're proud of me, and I have so much to thank them for."

The seniors handed lilies to their parents and to those they cared about as a sign of their appreciation. "It was so hard not to burst into tears," said Emma Paiz. "My mom was already crying before I was even close to her."

The Valedictorian, Jacob Cerny, and the Salutatorian, Fernando Perez, gave speeches full of thank you's and

reminiscences of fond memories the class experienced together. "Hearing all the memories during the speeches really reminded me of how much I love all my classmates," said Jayana Duchek. "We've had some really good times together. Being a small class really drew us closer together."

The seniors were also recognized for excelling academically. Those Graduating with Honors included: Jacob Cerny, Jayana Duchek, Brett Ladely, Fernando Perez, and Garrett Tachovsky. The CRC ACT Honor Graduate was Jacob Cerny. Those honored as Thespians included: Jacob Cerny, Jayana Duchek, and Fernando Perez. National Honor Society members also wore stoles.

As the Class of 2023 walked down the aisle with their diplomas, they listened to "Good Life" by Kanye West. They left excited for the new road opened ahead for them. "My future isn't certain right now," said Brett Ladely, "but it surely will be an adventure."

Class Ushers for the class of 2023 were juniors, Quinn Kasl, Ashton Jirsa, and Amber Kotas. They received this honor by being selected to Girls or Boys State.



Class of 2023.
Back Row: Garrett Tachovsky, Brett Ladely, Jacob Cerny, Fernando Perez, and Cabbott Kemerling.
Front Row: Emma Paiz, Harley Hagen, and Jayana Duchek.



Class of 2023



Thanking his brother and dad for everything, Garrett Tachovsky hugs his brother, Chase, and gives them both flowers during the parent appreciation part of the ceremony.



Receiving his diploma, Brett Ladely takes a selfie with Board President Steve Vyhnaek to remember the special moment and for a nice laugh.



Valedictorian, Jacob Cerny, and Salutatorian, Fernando Perez, received many academic honors for being at the top of their class. They also both gave speeches, thanking their family, teachers, and friends.



Walking out of the Commencement, Harley Hagen and Emma Paiz with their diplomas in hand leave to celebrate becoming the newest alumni.

Class Flower:
Lilies

Motto:
"Beats Me."

Quote:
"The biggest dreams aren't fueled by belief. They're fueled by doubt."
~ Kobe Bryant

Class Colors:
Boys: Grey and Gold
Girls: Grey and Teal

More or Less

Throughout the school year, everyone had their thoughts set on what was going to happen for the future, not knowing what there was going to be **MORE** of, and what there was going to be **LESS** of. It wasn't going to be an easy task, but the **MORE** hard work students put into improving and excelling, the **LESS** they would have to worry about not getting to be recognized for their feats.

With a class D school, there are **LESS** people than the larger school districts. However, because of it being smaller, there is always **MORE** to do. For any activity to be successful, **MORE** students need to be active. With that, there are many students who are in many **MORE** activities than would be in a larger school. "I like being in a lot of activities. It can really help me grow in a lot of ways," said junior Ashton Jirsa. "I like to play football, but I also like to sing and be in plays."

"I find that even though I didn't do any sports, I'm always busy," said sophomore Andrea Pavlish. "They always need **MORE** people to work concessions or take pictures at events, and I end up being that person a lot of the times. Because of that, I have **LESS** time than most people think I would."

In a small school, each person can make **MORE** of a difference. Having one **MORE** student on the team or activity can make or break how the activity performs. "I know that there are some activities that I participated in that I wouldn't necessarily had if there were **MORE** people," said senior Jacob Cerny. "However, having **LESS** time, didn't really faze me. I just seemed to take it day by day."

Teachers also felt the same way. "I know I can make **MORE** of an impact on students in a small school. I like that we have small classes so I get to know each student individually," said Mrs. Sandy Severance. "After teaching here for thirty-four years, I know I taught some of their parents, too."

Class sizes varied. The senior class was **LESS** than any for a long time with only eight graduating. "I liked our small class," said senior Emma Paiz. "We became really close and had to rely on each other."

The largest class was the juniors with twenty-five students. "Our class was so large that they had to split us into two sections for the core classes," said junior Victoria Leavitt. "It was different not being all together and made it harder for teachers when they wanted to address the class as a whole."

MORE or **LESS**, everyone knew that they were important, needed, and valued in our school. "I love going to a small school," said junior Amber Kotas. "It means I can be involved in everything I want to be, **MORE** or **LESS**."

PEOPLE



During a time out, juniors Victor Lopez, Jacob Hatfield, Andy Drake, and senior Fernando Perez lead the students in a chant. To show their longhorn pride during games, students came together and dressed in different themes like this summer beach theme to cheer on the Longhorns.



Dressed for a spirited time at the hamburger feed, junior Makayla Schlueter checks her phone to hear from her peeps and enjoys the sweets that were provided.

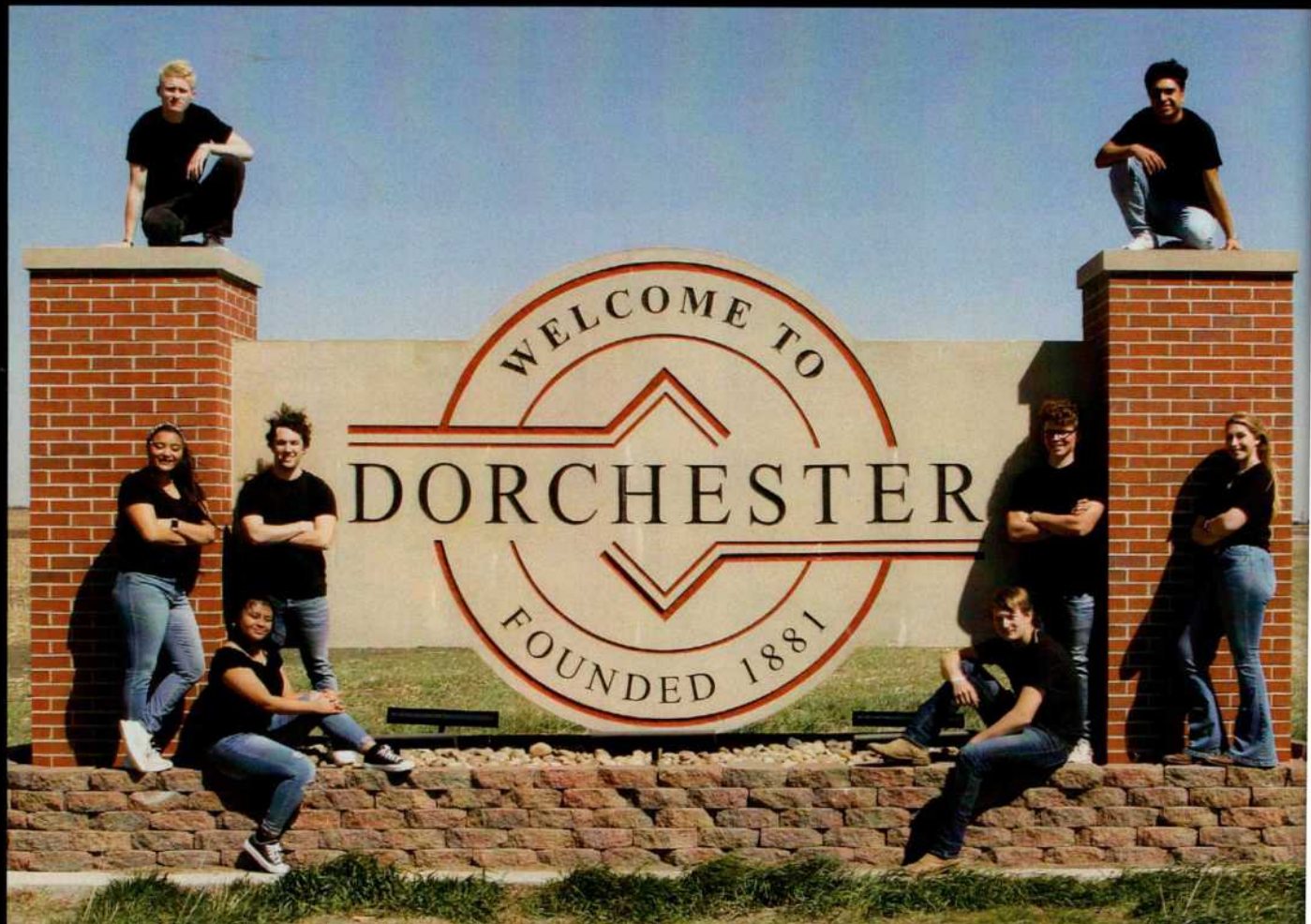


Dressed very flashily, senior Jayana Duchek shows off her orange and black to cheer on the football team. The dress up theme for the game was neon.

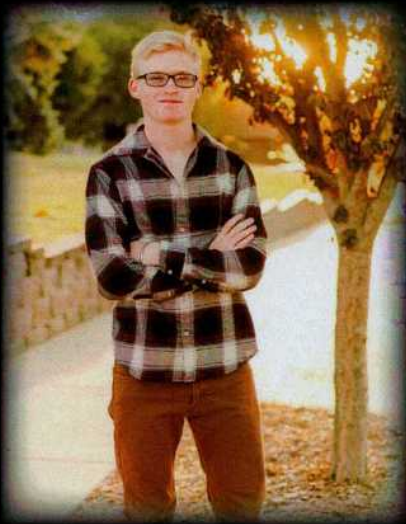


As part of Red Ribbon Week, Mr. Chris Nelson happily feeds a pie into Mr. Corey Bird's face because he won (or lost) the coin challenge.

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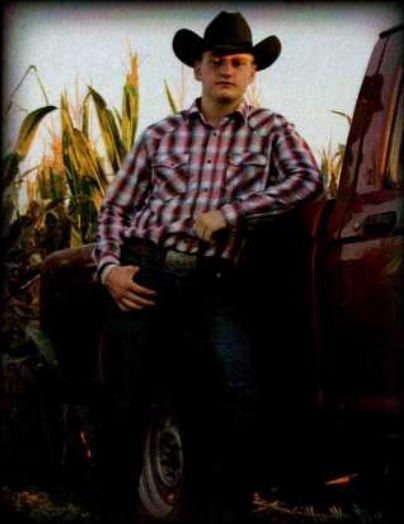
Seniors. Top: Jacob Cerny, and Fernando Perez. Bottom: Jayana Duchek, Emma Paiz, Brett Ladely, Cabbott Kemerling, Garrett Tachovsky, and Harley Hagen.



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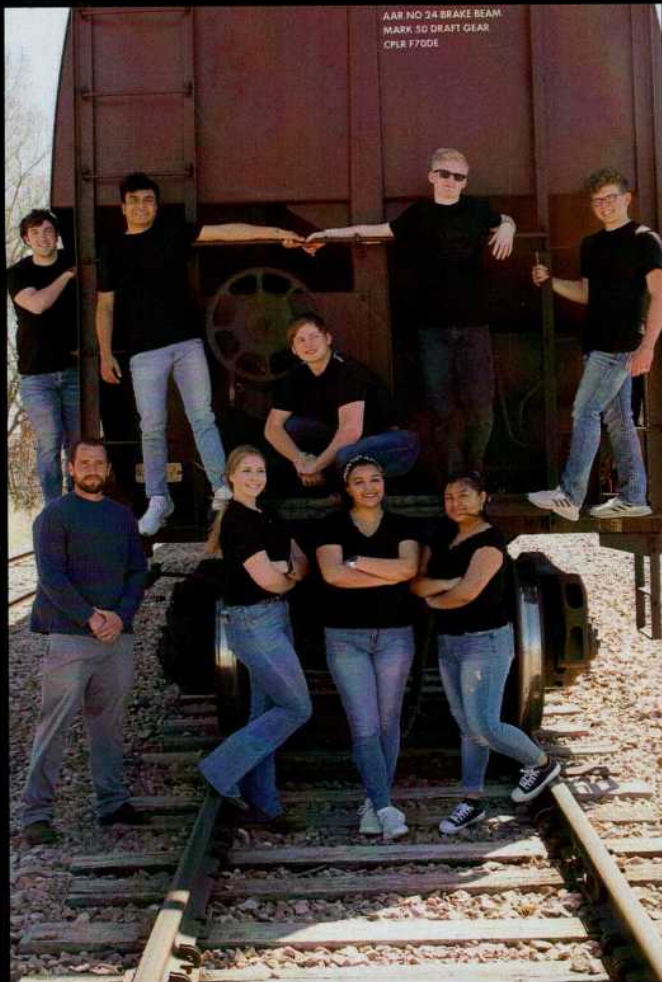
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Seniors. BR: Brett Ladely, Fernando Perez, Cabbott Kemerling, Jacob Cerny, and Garrett Tachovsky. FR: Senior Sponsor Spencer Kotas, Harley Hagen, Jayana Duchek, and Emma Paiz.



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LADELY



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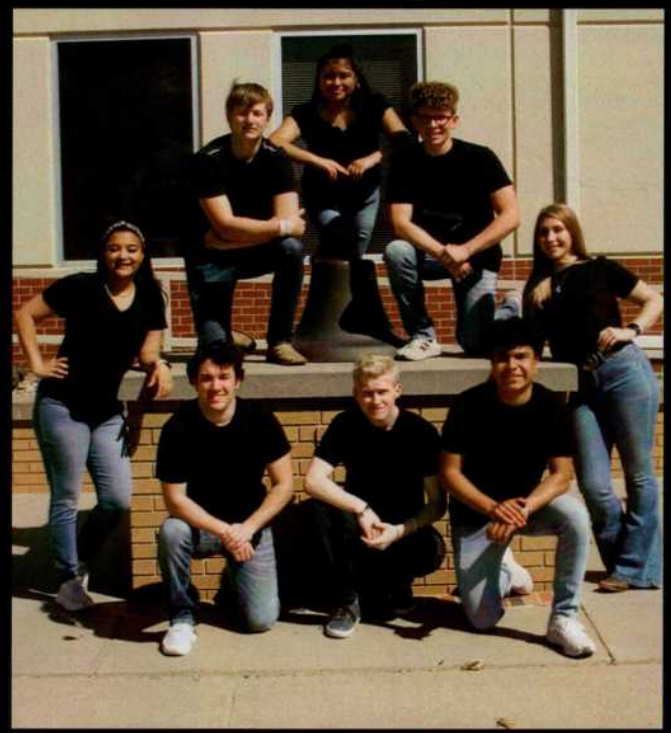


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Garrett Scott
TACHOVSKY



*Favorite
Thing About
Being a
Senior?*

"All the nostalgia I get walking through the halls."

~ Jayana Duchek

"I really enjoyed seeing some of the elementary kids looking up to me."

~ Garrett Tachovsky

"It was nice thinking about all the thirteen years of my school work was finally about to pay off."

~ Brett Ladely

"Spending the final moments of high school with my lifelong friends."

~ Fernando Perez



Blowing up balloons, Emma Paiz and Marcelle Shinzato help decorate for Homecoming, which the seniors sponsored.



Putting their heads together, Jacob Cerny, Jayana Duchek, Brett Ladely, Garrett Tachovsky, and Harley Hagen work together to solve a game during the Spirit Week games.



Dressed in red, white, and blue, Garrett Tachovsky, Brett Ladely, and Fernando Perez get ready for the serve at a volleyball game by putting their horns in the air. The boys were known for helping lead the student section.



Taping seniors' prison sentences to the wall, Jayana Duchek decorates the senior hallway for Homecoming. "It was fun to have everyone's mugshots on the wall and dress it up like a prison," said Jayana.

FAMILY feeling

making memories

The seniors were one of the smallest classes in the school. "It's kind of an honor to be so small," said Cabbott Kemerling. "Mr. Schrunk said we're probably one of the smallest classes ever to graduate."

The seniors were always a small class. For most of elementary and junior high, they were never more than eleven kids. In high school, they didn't get more than ten. "I've known these guys for plenty of years," said Harley Hagen. "We've been a family forever."

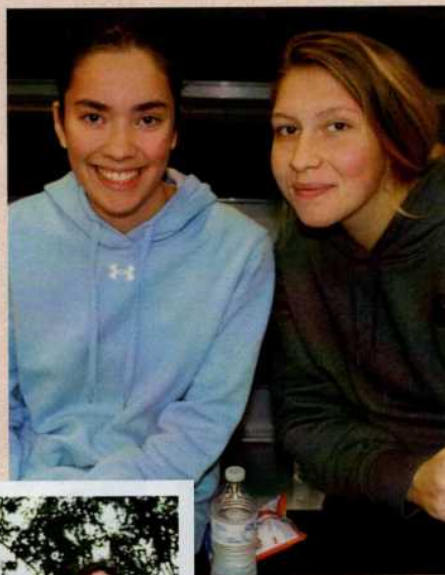
Being a small class, the seniors had plenty of good memories together. "I remember one time when we were sophomores we just kept covering Jacob with small pieces of tape," said Jayana Duchek. "We got yelled at by Mrs. Lutjemeyer to stop, but it was still pretty funny."

Even teachers held special memories of the close-knit class. "The seniors were always a wild bunch," said Senior Sponsor

Spencer Kotas. "They were always entertaining to be around, and some of them loved being late to school."

The senior class also welcomed an exchange student from Brazil, Marcelle Shinzato, for the second half of their junior year and the first half of their senior year. "I really liked the challenge of learning a new language, and the cafeteria food was different from Brazil," said Marcelle. "Everyone at Dorchester was always very considerate and kind to me."

Senioritis is the desire to graduate high school, resulting in a loss in productivity. For the seniors, this was very common.



Enjoying their snacks, Marcelle Shinzato and Harley Hagen wait for the excellence rally to begin.



The senior class readies themselves for the Homecoming Parade. "It was fun to decorate, but sad that it was our last parade," said Brett Ladely. BR: Garrett Tachovsky, Jacob Cerny, Fernando Perez, & Brett Ladely. FR: Marcelle Shinzato, Emma Paiz, Harley Hagen, & Jayana Duchek.

"During the last few weeks of school, everything was such a drag," said Jacob Cerny. "Most days I was lacking a lot of motivation."

Senioritis was hard to ignore. "All I could think about was the day we graduated, May 13th," said Brett Ladely. "I was so excited; it was hard to wait."

After four years of high school experiences, the seniors had plenty of advice for underclassmen. "Make sure you fill out your scholarships early," said Fernando Perez. "Also say yes a lot more and enjoy those last final moments of high school."

The seniors left a lasting impression and after a long thirteen years were ready to begin their next adventure. "I can't wait for the next chapter in my life," said Emma Paiz. "It's going to be so exciting."



Putting up shiny streamers for the Homecoming Dance, Cabbott Kemerling hands Garrett Tachovsky tape to make sure it stays put.

HUGE class

working together

The junior class learned about responsibility while preparing for the ACT, planning for Prom, and studying for tests. It took the majority of their time. "I liked decorating for Prom," said junior Dusty Banks. "It was fun coming up with ideas and seeing how it came to life at the end."

Some juniors took college classes online to be prepared for the future. "I took a medical terminology class so I could get a better understanding of what I want to go into in college and get a head start," said junior Kayli Carey. "The hardest part was it was college professors teaching you so they grade you like you are in college, and the assignments are harder, plus it's online."

Juniors had to face harder challenges such as the ACT test. They had several weeks to prepare such as watching videos in classes and taking the PreACT. "I took some online classes to prepare for the ACT test," said Madison Theis. "The practice test was harder than the actual ACT test."

They also took the ASVAB test that determined their entry for military services. "I didn't really mind the ASVAB," said Addison Lehr. "It wasn't exactly easy, but it was definitely easier than the ACT."

Juniors were also responsible for decorating and planning for Prom. They held lunch meetings to discuss the theme, catering, and layout. "It was pretty stressful as it got closer because it felt like we weren't prepared for it," said Amber Kotas. "In the end it all worked out, and it looked great."

The class was known as the largest in the school and because of that, they were split for all of their core classes for the first time. "It was nice having more room in the class instead of having twenty-five all jammed together," said Mitzu Real. "It was especially cool when we only had six people in American history for sixth period. It was a lot quieter and easier to work."

Overall, the juniors made memories and bonded as a class. "My favorite part about the year was when we all decorated the hallways for Spirit Week," said Makayla Schlueter. "We all got along super well and pitched in to work. We all had an amazing time together."



Dressed to impress, BR: Suyapa Armas, Makayla Schlueter, Bryer Shaw, Amber Kotas, Addison Lehr, Stephanie Korinek, & Madison Theis. MR: Hailey Schweitzer, Victoria Leavitt, Kayli Carey, Quinn Kasl, & Mitzu Real. FR: Ashton Jirsa, Victor Lopez, Andy Drake, & Marcos Gonzalez are ready for the Homecoming Dance.



Enjoying her day out on the float, Hailey Schweitzer, gets into character with the outer space theme which the class used for their hallway and float.



Marcos Gonzalez



Jacob Hatfield



Ashton Jirsa



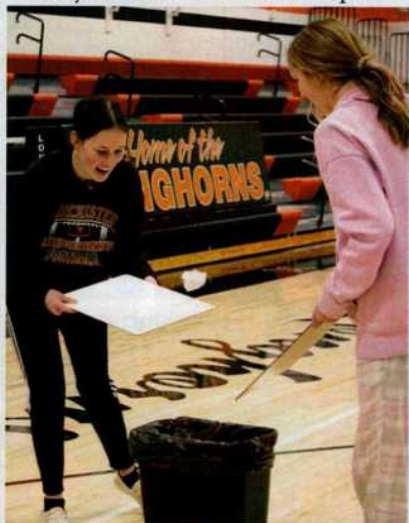
Elsy Loarca



Victor Lopez



Nicole Massa



At a pep rally, Makayla Schlueter and Stephanie Korinek work together to bounce a paper snowball back and forth across the gym and into the basket.



Makayla Schlueter



Bryer Shaw



Veronica Tercero



Madison Theis

Juniors



Nancy Alcaide



Suyapa Armas



Dusty Banks



Portraying WWI trenches in American history, Andy Drake and Victor Lopez try to make a hit while Elsy Loarca and Amber Kotas hide.



Kayli Carey



Israel Cornejo



Andy Drake



Quinn Kasl



Stephanie Korinek



Amber Kotas



Victoria Leavitt



Addison Lehr

What is your favorite memory?

"First Prom because it was the best."
- Jacob Hatfield

"I liked decorating for Prom with friends. It was fun, new, & exciting."
- Elsy Loarca

"I liked having more choices for classes."
- Victoria Leavitt

"I liked the bonfire pep rally. I liked chanting with my class."
- Mitzu Real



William Paiz



Mitzu Real



Showing the stars of Dorchester, BR: Hailey Schweitzer, Elsy Loarca, Kayli Carey, Amber Kotas, Victoria Leavitt, Addison Lehr, Suyapa Armas, Mitzu Real, Madison Theis, & Quinn Kasl. Front Row: Makayla Schlueter, Bryer Shaw, Stephanie Korinek, Andy Drake, & Victor Lopez ready to show their float in the Homecoming Parade.



Hailey Schweitzer



Mataya Schwisow



Yelling out chants at the bonfire, Andy Drake, Victor Lopez, Jacob Hatfield, Stephanie Korinek, Makayla Schlueter, & Kayli Carey come together to cheer on the Longhorns.

Working together, Stephanie Korinek directs, Jacob Hatfield, staple guns, and Israel Cornejo holds the ladder, as they put up lights for Prom to add a magical ambience.





Deciding what to put in his card, Sidney Gustafson writes a Valentine and decorates it for the elderly during Longhorn Lineup.

Sophomores



Baylor Behrens



Angelina Cornejo



Isabella Cornejo



Sidney Gustafson



Keith Kemerling



Mackenzie Luzum



Karina Maldonado

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

"I see myself living in a bunker watching WW3 happen."
-Owen Vyhnalek

"Probably graduated from college, employed, and making bank."
-Isabella Cornejo

"Hopefully radio broadcasting or script writing for some news network."
-Joseph Peacock

"Hopefully done studying and with a good job as well as starting a family."
-Ariana Tellez



Allison Nuñez



Andrea Pavlish



Joseph Peacock



AyLynn Schwisow



Ariana Tellez



All dressed up, Ariana Tellez, Gabby Theis, Atley Zoubek, Owen Vyhnalek, Joseph Peacock, Baylor Behrens, Andrea Pavlish, and Mackenzie Luzum are ready to enjoy Homecoming.



Julian Tellez



Gabby Theis



Owen Vyhnalek



Atley Zoubek



Carefully painting a "Marvel"ous sign, Mackenzie Luzum helps Ariana Tellez perfect her Homecoming proposal to ask her date to go with her to Homecoming.

Gathered together to show their school spirit, Karina Maldonado, Angelina Cornejo, and Isabella Cornejo cheer on their classmates during the Spirit Week Games.



FEW challenges

creating memories



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BRAVE explorers

finding new places

Entering freshman year is like getting your driver's license. Exploring new things, having parents worry, and finally getting to do a lot of things. "My favorite part about being a freshman is being able to drive to school," said Savannah June, "and my parents don't have to pick me up."

The freshmen faced challenges when transforming from being an eighth grader to a high schooler. "The sports are definitely a lot harder in high school than junior high. The athletes are taller, stronger, and faster," said Micaela Loarca.

High school had some amazing opportunities for the freshmen. Playing sports, having a role in One Act or the musical, and more class options were just some of the bonuses that came. "I like being in high school because I finally get a chance to play sports at a harder level," said Chase Tachovsky. "I even get to play with my brother on the field and court."

The freshmen class was very involved in sports, with 89% of the students active. Sports had a big impact on the freshmen class. "I like high school sports because I get to meet new people," said Carter Cerny, "and I get to hangout with my friends."

Freshmen also like other activities like art and theater. "One of my favorite things to do is art because drawing is one of my hobbies," said Adia Gustafson. "I try to draw all of the time, even when I'm out of class".

The freshmen had an exciting time experimenting in science. They made slime, volcanic eruptions, pancakes, and butter with toast. "Making slime was so cool, but it felt so weird to touch," said Adrian Alcaide. "Some people made a nasty color and it turned out looking like snot."

As freshmen they finally went to the Homecoming Dance. They danced to *Cupid Shuffle* and *Copperhead Road*. "One of the most remembered things of the night was the dancing circle," said Elvis Lopez. "We all shouted to some of the songs, and it was great."

The freshmen class had many exciting things happen and experienced lots of new changes. "We experienced a lot of new things as freshmen," said Elvis Lopez. "My favorite was going to dances and getting close to my class."



All dressed up, BR: Caden Axline, Carter Cerny, Elvis Lopez, Adrian Alcaide, and Chase Tachovsky. FR: Savannah June, Eva Elkins, Bailey Theis, and Micaela Loarca experience Homecoming for the first time. "It was definitely an experience I won't forget," said Bailey Theis.



In physical science, Adia Gustafson plays with the slime that she created. Each student's slime took on different reactions according to how well each followed the recipe.



Eating and waiting, Eva Elkins, Micaela Loarca, and Savannah June are enjoying their snacks at an Excellence Rally. Students were given different snacks throughout the year at the rallies.



Using poise, Caden Axline balances a book across the gym in a Spirit Week Relay while Eva Elkins, Bailey Theis, and Adrian Alcaide hope the freshmen come back with the win.



At Longhorn Lineup for February, Bailey Theis makes heart shape cards for Valentine's Day that were given to the Saline County elderly to brighten their day.



At the Homecoming Parade, Micaela Loarca, Eva Elkins, Savannah June, Bailey Theis, Caden Axline, Carter Cerny, and Chase Tachovsky get ready to show their float.



Ready to start, Adrian Alcaide and Elvis Lopez are hoping to win the game of tug a war in balanced forces for science.

Freshmen



Adrian Alcaide



Caden Axline



Carter Cerny



Eva Elkins



Adia Gustafson



Savannah June



Micaela Loarca



Elvis Lopez



Chase Tachovsky



Bailey Theis

What is your favorite class?

**"My favorite class is world geography because it's pretty easy."
- Caden Axline**

**"My favorite class is art because I like drawing."
- Adia Gustafson**

**"My favorite class was geometry because Mrs. Kori's a really good teacher"
- Bailey Theis**

**"My favorite class is world geography because Mr. Kotas is funny."
- Adrian Alcaide**



At the Spirit Week Bonfire Rally, Bailey Theis, Adrian Alcaide, and Chase Tachovsky chant along to bring up school spirit as they gather around the "D."

Before the Excellence Rally, Adrian Alcaide, Carter Cerny, Caden Axline, and Chase Tachovsky eat their snacks and wait for awards to start.



Laura Barlow: Reading Interventionist, Reading Classic
Corey Bird: Special Education, HS Boys Basketball, HS Track, D-Club
Deanna Bird: Paraprofessional, Bus Driver, Concessions Manager
Adam Briggs: Custodian
Brandon Bruha: Industrial Technology, JH & HS Girls Basketball, HS Track, D-Club



Deb Burrows: Library, Study Skills, JH Health, One Act, Bus Driver
Jessica Burry: ELL, Spanish
Jay Carlson: Bus Driver
Amanda Cerny: Head Cook
Jill Choyeski: Guidance Counselor



Danielle Duba: Paraprofessional
Elizabeth Feeken: Paraprofessional
Jennifer Feeken: Secretary
Karen Hrdlicka: Paraprofessional, Speech, HS Play, One Act
Steve Jirsa: Music, HS Musical



Leanne Josoff: Psychologist
Andrea Kamler: Cook
Randy Klooz: Math, Science, JH Sponsor, Science Olympiad
JeNae Kort: Math, Sophomore Sponsor
Spencer Kotas: Social Studies, JH Football, Asst. HS Football, JH Track, Senior Sponsor



Betty Luong
Cook



Stacy Lutjemeyer
Art, Student Council



The District honored years of service to Dorchester Public School. With their plaques are Mrs. Sarah Vyhnaelek (5), Mrs. Lisa Lautzenhiser (10), Mr. Steve Jirsa (5) & Mrs. Robin Musil (5). Not Pictured: Mrs. JeNae Kort (5), Ms. Audrey Schutte (5), Mrs. Karen Hrdlicka (15), and Mr. Brian Rut (20).

In elementary music, Mr. Steve Jirsa and student teacher Ms. Clara Smith sing to their students and go over notes and music.

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Making sure to aim, Mrs. Deb Burrows throws the shaving cream pie in Mr. Daryl Schrunk's face during a Spirit Week pep rally.



Linda Woolsey
Bookkeeper

Clint Zaptin
Custodian



Deputy Jennifer Warning
School Resource Officer



Putting up her political party poster, eighth grader Emilia Perez tries to get people to vote for her and her party, the Monkeys.

8th Grade



Mason June



Lily Lehr



Rosie Lopez



Brandon Luna



Michael Maldonado

What is your favorite class?

**"I really liked art because I like to draw."
-Faith Elkins (7th)**

**"English is my favorite because I got to read books."
-Rosie Lopez (8th)**

**"P.E is my favorite because my class plays fun games."
-Senaida Tercero (8th)**



Frank Matejka



Hunter McClintock



Emilia Perez



Livia Schweitzer



Briana Tellez



7th Grade

For shop, eighth grader Jace Yager works on painting her CO2 car. The class raced the cars in the back gym using a ramp to give the cars a boost.



Lyberty Bartlett



Hadley Brandt



Laura Garcia



Kendall Kasl



Antonio Loarca



Thor Nerud



Max Novak



Jorge Reyes



Sierra Sherwood



Ella Vyhnaek

NEW experiences

more opportunities



Showing school spirit, seventh grader Hadley Brandt paints on Kendall Kasl's face to cheer on the volleyball and football team.

Being in junior high brought a lot of challenges. Students started to have more homework and responsibilities, but they also had more opportunities to participate in other activities. "I liked that we got to play in sports," said eighth grader Lily Lehr. "A lot of us really like it, especially if we win."

"The best part about being in seventh grade was being in track," said seventh grader Sierra Sherwood. "I made many new friends."

Junior high was a great time for students to explore and learn through activities and to find out what they enjoyed doing. "My favorite class was science," said eighth grader Colton Harrison. "I liked learning about science and being with my friends."

"My favorite class was math," said eighth grader Mason June. "I liked solving problems and challenging myself."

For others math was a harder class. "Math is hard and I like other classes more," said eighth grader Briana Tellez. "It's hard to teach myself new stuff."

They also enjoyed their projects. In shop the students painted wooden ducks and cut out pieces for their CO2 cars. "Shop was my favorite class," said eighth grader Thomas Ziemann. "I liked doing projects in that class because they were always fun."

"I enjoyed making rockets because they were fun," said eighth grader Livia Schweitzer. "It was cool to make the rockets and then see them launch."

The seventh graders also enjoyed doing projects. "I liked doing the Trip Across Nebraska project in social studies," said seventh grader Faith Elkins. "It was fun planning out the trip and coming up with ideas."

"I liked doing the political party project," said eighth grader Emilia Perez. "I liked doing the research to back up my beliefs, and I liked to argue."

Jr. high also brought memorable times. "I liked working on our float. We made a lot of memories working on it," said seventh grader Max Novak. "Decorating the hall was also fun, and I liked that I got to work on the hallway with my friends."



Senaida Tercero



Jace Yager



Thomas Ziemann



Blake Cerny



Lindsay Del Toro



Faith Elkins



Learning CPR in health, seventh graders Thor Nerud, Ella Vyhnaelek, Jorge Reyes, & Blake Cerny all gather around the table to take turns giving the doll chest compressions. "I'm glad we learn CPR because you never know when you might need it to save someone," said Blake.

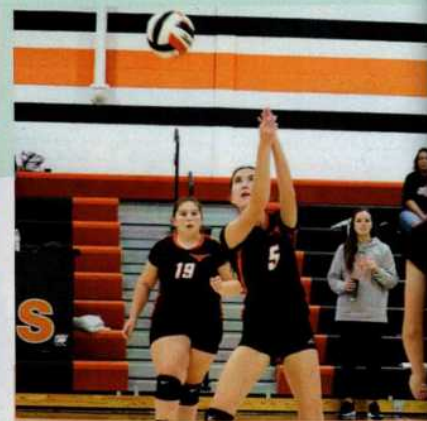


All dressed up for Hallway Day, seventh graders Lyberty Bartlett, Ella Vyhnaelek, Blake Cerny, Thor Nerud, Kendall Kasl, Hadley Brandt, Laura Garcia, & Sierra Sherwood embrace Toy Story for Spirit Week. "It was fun to dress up as a class and Toy Story was pretty easy to dress up for because there are a lot of characters," said Sierra.



Running to get under the ball, eighth grader Jace Yager passes the volleyball to set up a play against Friend.

Pushing through the Lewiston defense, eighth grader Frank Matejka, with the assistance of seventh graders Blake Cerny and Thor Nerud, and eighth grader Thomas Ziemann, wrestles his way past his opponents.



Bumping to keep the ball in play, eighth grader Lily Lehr tries to get a perfect pass as seventh grader Ella Vyhnaek moves into position.

Whether it was scoring a touchdown or hitting the ball over the net, the players tried their best to improve and succeed on the court and on the field.

Some of the boys had played in a league with Milford before so worked to adjust to the change. "It was difficult learning how 6-man worked and played out because I was so used to 11-man," said seventh grader Thor Nerud. "I managed to pull through and still get some good plays."

The junior high boys didn't take home any wins this season, but they still improved. "I liked football because it was fun being able to hang out with my friends and joke around while also getting to play in games," said eighth grader Frank Matejka.

The junior high volleyball team was focused on practicing and improving on their positions on the court,

communicating as a team, and hitting the ball. "I feel like I improved after each game of the season," said seventh grader Sierra Sherwood. "We learned a lot of stuff to help us during the games."

Continuously working hard proved to pay off. "I managed to accomplish my goal of becoming really good at saving the ball from landing outside," said eighth grader Livia Schweitzer. "I also think I did pretty well when I was serving the ball for our team."

The girls ended their season with a record of 6-7. "I think us working together really helped us bond as a team and play better," said eighth grader Jace Yager. "My favorite game was when we played against Exeter because we all communicated well and had good hits. It felt like we were in sync."

FOCUSING

on improving

creates the path to success

JH Football. BR: Asst. Coach Brandon Sullivan, Blake Cerny, Hunter McClintock, and Head Coach Spencer Kotas. MR: Jorge Reyes, Thomas Ziemann, Frank Matejka, and Antonio Loarca. FR: Mason June, Michael Maldonado, Thor Nerud, and Max Novak.



JH Volleyball. BR: Coach Claire Tachovsky, Kendall Kasl, Livia Schweitzer, Lily Lehr, Jace Yager, Ella Vyhnaek, and Hadley Brandt. FR: Senaida Tercero, Emilia Perez, Lindsay Del Toro, Briana Tellez, and Faith Elkins.

GETTING better each game

working their hardest to win

JH Boys Basketball. BR: Thor Nerud, Mason June, Frank Matejka, Blake Cerny, and Coach Brandon Sullivan. FR: Jorge Reyes, Max Novak, and Michael Maldonado.



Improving their game and having fun was what the junior high basketball teams were determined to achieve, whether it was scoring shots or practicing passing, they all did it together.

Before the boys were on the court, they set goals for themselves to complete during the games and over the season. "My goal was to become really good at basketball so I tried my best during practices," said eighth grader Mason June. "I even practiced at home so I could get better at shooting and dribbling."

The boys ended their season with a score of 1-14. Even though it wasn't the score they were hoping for, they still had fun. "My favorite game was against Meridian. I shot four three-pointers during that game," said seventh grader Max Novak.

Even with their nonstop work, the team faced



Making a break for his chance to score, seventh grader Jorge Reyes drives past his Giltner opponents to go in for a layup.

Jumping past her Meridian opponent, eighth grader Livia Schweitzer flies in for a layup to get two points for her team.



JH Girls Basketball. BR: Coach Brandon Bruha, Ella Vynhalek, Lily Lehr, Livia Schweitzer, and Hadley Brandt. FR: Kendall Kasl, Faith Elkins, Briana Tellez, and Lindsay Del Toro. Not Pictured: Emilia Perez, Senaida Tercero, and Jace Yager.

challenges due to not having many players. "It was frustrating watching the team getting pushed around during some games," said eighth grader Frank Matejka.

The main goal for the girls was to always improve. "I really wanted to get better at basketball so I practiced a lot," said seventh grader Hadley Brandt.

The girls made many memories and even had before-game rituals. "Before the games we all huddled together and prayed for the team," said seventh grader Ella Vynhalek. "I think it worked because everyone seemed motivated to do well during the games."

The girls finished off their season at 9-5. "My favorite game was when we were playing in the Exeter tournament. I had lots of fun playing in games," said seventh grader Faith Elkins. "At the start of the season I thought I wouldn't like playing, but I enjoyed it a lot."



Working hard in the game against Giltner, eighth grader Mason June jumps high in order to add to the scoreboard.

DEDICATION

to competing

making strides to win



JH Track Team. BR: Benji Beckley, Hunter McClintock, Frank Matejka, Blake Cerny, Thomas Ziemann, & Antonio Loarca. 3rd Row: Jace Yager, Ella Vyhnaek, Mason June, Jorge Reyes, Sierra Sherwood, Hadley Brandt, & Lily Lehr. 2nd Row: Coach Brandon Sullivan, Thor Nerud, Kendall Kasl, Livia Schweitzer, Rosie Lopez, Brandon Luna, Jonathan Hernandez, & Coach Spencer Kotas. FR: Michael Maldonado, Emilia Perez, Lindsay Del Toro, Briana Tellez, Faith Elkins, Laura Garcia, & Max Novak. Not Pictured: Colton Harrison.

By focusing on the basic fundamentals, the junior high athletes were determined to improve in all aspects of track and wrestling.

Giving it their all in practices and meets, setting and beating PR's, and improving were the goals of the track team. Especially with two new first year coaches, the junior high track team had a lot to learn. "The best part of coaching the track team is that they were a fun group of kids," said Coach Spencer Kotas. "The improvement we saw throughout the season was one thing I'm proud of."

For the boys, there were many PR's that were beaten. "I beat my PR in high jump and cleared 5'4", said eighth grader Thomas Ziemann.

Seventh grader Blake Cerny made the finals in shot at the CRC meet at Cross County. "I was excited to do so well," said Cerny.

Arching her back, seventh grader Sierra Sherwood works to avoid scraping the bar in the high jumps and beating her PR which was 4'0 at the Deshler Meet.



For the girls, there were also many placings and many PR's that were beaten. "I placed first in the triple jump and PR'd in almost all my events at every meet," said eighth grader Lily Lehr.

Overall, the students excelled in all their events. "One thing that I'm proud of is the PR's made by all the athletes," said Coach Brandon Sullivan. "Seeing all the positive progress is really amazing to see."

The wrestling team had only one wrestler. "I joined because I thought it would be fun, and it was," said eighth grader Emilia Perez. "My highlight was winning my first match. I was very excited because I stayed very focused and was determined to pin her."

Overall track and wrestling season went well. "The best part of sports is focusing on making myself better," said eighth grader Livia Schweitzer.



At the McCool Junction Relay Meet, seventh grader Max Novak pushes himself to the finish in the 4x4 relay.

At the Dorchester Invite Wrestling Meet, eighth grader Emilia Perez uses all her strength to try for a takedown and possibly a pin.



At the McCool Junction Relay Meet, seventh grader Hadley Brandt runs with the baton after it was passed from her teammate eighth grader Rosie Lopez in the 4x1 race.



English Awards. BR: Emilia Perez, Livia Schweitzer, and Lily Lehr. FR: Brianna Tellez, Kendall Kasl, and Max Novak. Not Pictured: Thor Nerud and Rosie Lopez.

Math Awards. BR: Livia Schweitzer, Mason June, and Lily Lehr. FR: Antonio Loarca, Kendall Kasl, and Max Novak. Not Pictured: Thor Nerud.



Social Studies Awards. BR: Emilia Perez, Brandon Luna, Ella Vyhnaek, Colton Harrison & Michael Maldonado. MR: Kendall Kasl, Hadley Brandt, Livia Schweitzer, & Lily Lehr. FR: Faith Elkins, Sierra Sherwood, Briana Tellez, Antonio Loarca, & Max Novak. Not Pictured: Thor Nerud & Jorge Reyes.

Finally after all those extra hours spent studying or staying up late to finish a project, their hard work paid off on Honors Night. Students that excelled in academics and extracurriculars were given awards by their teachers.

"I like being awarded for all my hard work," said eighth grader Michael Maldonado. "It made me feel appreciated."

Teachers awarded the top students in math, science, English, social studies, art, computers, music, and guidance classes. The top guidance awards went to Max Novak and Livia Schweitzer. Sierra Sherwood, Kendall Kasl, and Lily Lehr were awarded top computer students. The top art students were Lindsay Del Toro and Livia Schweitzer. Top students for music included: Max Novak, Ella Vyhnaek, Emilia Perez, and Mason June. The top readers were Rosie Lopez and Max Novak.

Students who had +80 to +100 growth points on IXL

Math included: Lyberty Bartlett, Hadley Brandt, Antonio Loarca, Ella Vyhnaek, Thor Nerud, Kendall Kasl, Brandon Luna, Colton Harrison, Lily Lehr, Emilia Perez and Briana Tellez. The top Academic Growth students were Lindsay Del Toro and Mason June.

Certificates were also given for participating in Drama, Quiz Bowl, Student Council, Spelling Contest, and Honor Roll. "I'm glad that I received all my awards because I put effort into my grades to be on the Honor Roll," said eighth grader Benji Beckley.

After the awards, punch and cookies were served, everyone went home feeling proud of their accomplishments. "Knowing that I worked hard for my grades and being recognized for the activities I participated in was worth all those late nights," said seventh grader Ella Vyhnaek.

HARD WORK *in academics* leads to rewards, success



Science Awards: BR: Brandon Luna, Ella Vyhnaek, Livia Schweitzer, & Thomas Ziemann. MR: Faith Elkins, Kendall Kasl, Hadley Brandt, & Lily Lehr. FR: Sierra Sherwood, Antonio Loarca, Max Novak, Colton Harrison, & Mason June. Not Pictured: Blake Cerny, Emilia Perez, & Thor Nerud.

Guidance/Computer/Art/Music Awards. BR: Livia Schweitzer, Ella Vyhnaek, Mason June, & Lily Lehr. FR: Emilia Perez, Sierra Sherwood, Kendall Kasl, Lindsay Del Toro, and Max Novak.





JH County Spelling Contest. BR: Emilia Perez, Brandon Luna, & Thor Nerud. FR: Kendall Kasl, Colton Harrison, & Lily Lehr.

At the Science Olympiad Meet, seventh graders Faith Elkins and Kendall Kasl work to modify their catapult they worked on before presenting it.



JH Quiz Bowl Team A: Max Novak, Thomas Ziemann, Brandon Luna (Captain), and Blake Cerny placed third at the ESU#6 meet.

Competing academically gave students a chance to show off what they had learned in the classroom and against other schools.

For the Quiz Bowl team, students competed at the AMI Quiz Bowl, CRC Qz. Bowl, GFWC Middle School Qz. Bowl and the ESU#6 Middle School Qz. Bowl. "The best part was learning new facts and trying to remember them," said eighth grader Emilia Perez.

The teams placed well with their best placing being third at the ESU#6 Middle School Qz. Bowl. "My favorite part about quiz bowl was being with my friends and placing third," said Captain Brandon Luna.

Students also competed in the County Spelling Contest. After 18 rounds, there was still a tie between eighth grader Lily Lehr and seventh grader Kendall Kasl for fourth. They

did a spell-down with Kendall taking fourth place and Lily placing fifth. "They took us out of the room so we could see who would spell a word correctly," said eighth grader Lily Lehr. "It was nerve wracking."

Eighth grader Colton Harrison placed third. "The best part was winning third place because I didn't place last time," said Harrison.

Students in the Science Olympiad engaged in many events like Write It Do It, egg drops, building bridges, and catapults. "I did an egg drop with Ella Vyhnalek, and it was really fun. We couldn't stop laughing," said seventh grader Sierra Sherwood.

"We played with robots, and we also raced them around a classroom with other students," said eighth grader Mason June. "I really had fun, and I learned a lot, too."

EXCELLING

academically

to be competitive

JH Quiz Bowl Team. BR: Ella Vyhnalek, Blake Cerny, Lily Lehr, and Lyberty Bartlett. MR: Emilia Perez, Hadley Brandt, Thor Nerud, Colton Harrison, and Kendall Kasl. FR: Brandon Luna, Coach Sandy Severance, and Max Novak. Not Pictured: Thomas Ziemann.



Science Olympiad Team. BR: Emilia Perez, Blake Cerny, Mason June, Colton Harrison, Thor Nerud, and Thomas Ziemann. MR: Sierra Sherwood, Faith Elkins, Hadley Brandt, Kendall Kasl, and Brandon Luna. FR: Ella Vyhnalek, Michael Maldonado, Max Novak, Antonio Loarca, Livia Schweitzer, and Lily Lehr. Not Pictured: Coach Randy Klooz.

PROJECTS

field trips

bring fun to learning

Because they read *A Lantern in Her Hand* in seventh grade, the junior high visit the author's house in Elmwood where they learned more about her and how she wrote. It was their first stop of the day on their field trip.



The seventh grade class shows off their ducks that they made in shop. BR: Sierra Sherwood, Ella Vyhnalek, Lyberty Bartlett, Thor Nerud, Blake Cerny, Hadley Brandt, Jorge Reyes, and Kendall Kasl. FR: Lindsay Del Toro, Faith Elkins, Max Novak, Antonio Loarca, and Laura Garcia.

Junior high was a time where students could have fun inside and outside of the classroom.

In seventh grade they learned how to perform CPR in case of an emergency, and they practiced on the dummies. "I like health because we get to learn so many new things about our bodies and about how to use safety practices for emergencies," said seventh grader Laura Garcia.

In shop, they made ducks and their names. "I have a long name," said Antonio Loarca, "so I just used my nickname, Toni."

The students also created motion videos in Intro. to Business. "We drew dog balloons out, and we added highlights to make it look realistic," said seventh grader Faith Elkins.

"The motion videos turned out pretty cute," said seventh grader Ella Vyhnalek. "Some of them were gruesome though."

The eighth grade made CO2 cars in shop and then raced

them. "It was cool to race our cars," said Mason June.

In May, the junior high headed east for their field trip to the Bess Streeter Aldrich House and G.A.R. Hall in Elmwood. The students toured the house and learned more about the author's life. "I liked walking around the house," said seventh grader Lyberty Bartlett. "There were so many neat things, and we saw how she lived and some of her childhood memories."

"My favorite activity was doing the scavenger hunt," said eighth grader Senaida Tercero, "but it was funny when some student couldn't read cursive to get the answer."

Then they went down to the G.A.R Hall where they looked at war memorabilia. "Looking at the weapons and supplies that they used for WWII was very interesting," said eighth grader Frank Matejka. "It makes me wonder a lot about how brave they were."



Working together, eighth graders Mason June and Thomas Ziemann look at their list of items and examine the case to see if they can find them at the G.A.R Hall on their field trip to Elmwood.

At the Bess Streeter Aldrich House, the eighth graders listen to the guide tell them about the events that occurred in the house where the author lived.



Getting ready to race their cars, eighth graders Michael Maldonado and Briana Tellez wait for the signal to start.



Eighth graders Livia Schweitzer and Mason June wonder how they will get up to the trees, but are taunted by the monkeys, eighth grader Lily Lehr and seventh grader Ella Vyhnaek.

Reporting back to the head robber, eighth grader Micheal Maldonado tells seventh grader Max Novak what he just witnessed after he was startled by the other animals.



Looking down at the big whisker, seventh graders Ella Vyhnaek and Kendall Kasl show fear as eighth grader Emilia Perez hands them her whisker.

Have you ever had animals tell you old stories from around the world? Well, in the play *Folk Tales*, different stories were told that all had meaningful messages.

The play had six short stories from different cultures that were acted out by different animals and were told by different storytellers for each story.

The students dressed up like crocodiles, monkeys, turtles, donkeys, dogs, cats, roosters, coyotes, wolves, skunks, tigers, deer mice, porcupines, and robbers. "It was fun to dress up like an animal," said eighth grader Livia Schweitzer. "My favorite was the crocodile. You start wondering what it would be like to be that animal after awhile."

There were just a few challenges that the students had to overcome. "My biggest challenge was to not get stage

fright while on stage," said eighth grader Emilia Perez. "I worked hard on my lines so I took a deep breath and tried to remember them. I think it worked."

"My biggest challenge was trying not to laugh," said seventh grader Kendall Kasl. "There was a scene where I started laughing on stage, and I didn't even mean to."

The students also had many laughs and favorite memories to make the play enjoyable. "My favorite part from the play was when I got to use the silly string," said seventh grader Max Novak. "It made everyone laugh, and I got to have fun as well."

"My favorite part from the play was when we got to show it off in front of a crowd," said eighth grader Mason June. "It's always nice to show off our hard work to everyone."

MEANINGFUL folk tales

from around the world



JH Play. BR: Owen Vyhnaek (HS Mentor), Emilia Perez, Livia Schweitzer, Ella Vyhnaek, Mason June, Lily Lehr, Kendall Kasl, and Amber Kotas (HS Mentor). FR: Director Mrs. Karma Ridpath, Mackenzie Luzum (HS Mentor), Faith Elkins, Briana Tellez, Max Novak, Hadley Brandt, Andrea Pavlish (HS Mentor), and Director Mrs. Sarah Vyhnaek. Not Pictured: Michael Maldonado.

Opening up a bag of goodies, Briana Tellez, Livia Schweitzer, Hadley Brandt, and Mason June discover what the robbers had dropped and left behind. It was full of jewels and delicious foods that all of the animals were able to feast on.

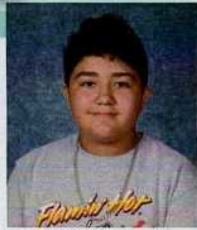


BIG changes

little challenges



Paxton Behrens



Javier Cornejo



Troy Dawes



Maribel Garcia



Malikhi Gooding



Joshua Gordon



Royce Gutierrez



Kadyn Kemerling



Erik Paiz



Landon Shaw



Faith Sherman



Trevin Steuk



Annaleah Tellez



Brennaly Vazquez



Dominick Winter



Cameron Yager



Mr. Brian Rut

Sweet or Salty Snacks?

"Sweet because I like sweet things like candy."
-Malikhi Gooding

"Salty because I would get too many cavities if I ate sweet snacks instead."
-Troy Dawes

"Sweet because it has all of my favorite treats!"
-Annaleah Tellez

Diligent, ambitious, and considerate were three words to describe the sixth grade class. "They are such a unique class," said Mrs. Karma Ridpath, reading teacher. "They strive to do their best."

One challenge they faced was changing teachers. Mrs. Ridpath taught sixth grade reading for the first time, but they were able to keep their science and math teachers instead of moving to junior high teachers. "I liked having Mrs. Ridpath," said Javier Cornejo. "She always tried to make learning fun."

Within the class, they had favorite classes. "My favorite class is art," said Maribel Garcia. "I love creating and designing new things."

"My favorite class is math because I like to do the order of operations," said Landon Shaw.

There were also classes they disliked. "My least favorite class is reading because it's my hardest class," said Trevin Steuk.

"My least favorite class is music," said Brennaly Vazquez. "I just really don't have a passion for singing."

In each class they played games to help them prepare for class. "My favorite is playing a reading Jeopardy game," said Paxton Behrens. "It helps us review for our tests."

"My favorite is The Greek Olympics," said Erik Bautista. "You compete with five groups and do different reading activities to compete."

The sixth graders concluded their year by going to the SAC Museum and the Nebraska History Museum where they learned about the physics of air and space travel and more history about Nebraska and life on the prairie. "Seeing all of the airplanes was cool because both of my parents were in the military," said Joshua Gordon.



Standing in front of the SAC Museum, (BR) Mr. Brian Rut, Cameron Yager, Paxton Behrens, Erik Paiz, Faith Sherman, Kadyn Kemerling, Landon Shaw, Trevin Steuk, Malikhi Gooding, Troy Dawes, & Javier Cornejo, (FR) Maribel Garcia, Annaleah Tellez, Brennaly Vazquez, Royce Gutierrez, Dominick Winter, and Joshua Gordon show off one of the biggest airplanes.



5th Grade

Adjusting the settlers, fourth grader Harrison Vyhnaek gets ready to test his wagon to see if it will float for their Oregon Trail project in social studies.

What was your favorite project?

"The poster for regions because I had fun with my friends."
- Embry Brandt (4th)

"Creating a volcano in science because it was really cool when it erupted."
- Myles Vyhnaek (5th)

"Floating our homemade wagons in a lot of water to simulate the Oregon Trail."
- Shane Dawes (4th)

Standing with the snow plow he named "Snow Pirate" & Mr. Larry Burrows is Boone Smith and the fourth graders. They submitted names for the snow plow contest & fifth grader Legend Smith won for the fifth graders with "Deep Trouble."



Jennifer Acosta



Juan Armas



Brenden Bergmeyer



Araceli Garcia



Ingrid Gonzales



Owen Hamilton



Braxton June



Grayson Leavitt



Hunter Sherwood



Legend Smith



Mason Vyhnaek



Myles Vyhnaek



Johnathan Ward

4th Grade



Dacoda Bartlett



Embry Brandt



Shane Dawes



Kasen Fuller



Miguel Loarca



Lenier Loriga



Wyatt McClintock



Darien Ramos



Alexa Reyes



Connor Shaw



Tanner Sherman



Boone Smith



Xavier Smith



Edgar Tercero



Bethany Vazquez



Harrison Vyhnaek



Taylynn Winter

CREATIVE minds

bring learning to life



At the SAC Museum field trip, fifth grader Payton Zoubek tries out the Bernoulli Blower where the blower blows a jet of air where the velocity is at its highest.

Excited, eager, and high energy were a few words to describe the fourth and fifth grade classes. Whether they were reading new books, painting in art, or starting a new project, they were having fun and were eager to learn.

They did many projects and activities. The fourth grade made wagons to see if they would float on a river on the Oregon Trail, researched and created STEM projects, and made balloons to represent the Macy's Day Parade. "My favorite project was the balloons over Broadway because I got to be creative," said fourth grader David Loarca.

In fifth grade, the students did several science experiments like making a mountain range, creating volcanoes, studying the water cycle, and making the solar system. "My favorite project was a slide show I made about Incas," said fifth grader Payton Zoubek. "It was fun because I showed my classmates the final project."

The fifth graders also read *Holes* by Louis Sachar. "They loved the book," said Mr. Brent Zoubek, fifth grade teacher. "We also watched the movie."

"It was a very good story," said Brenden Bergmeyer. "I liked where Stanley breaks his family's curse by carrying Zero up the hill."

In September, the fourth grade took a field trip for Ag day and the fifth grade celebrated an earth festival at Camp Jefferson. The fourth grade also went on a Pioneer Day in October. "It was a good experience for them," said fourth grade teacher Ms. Cassidy Olson. "It taught them a lot of things about agriculture, and about how the pioneers lived."

At the end of the school year, they (along with the 6th grade) went to the SAC museum and the Nebraska History Museum where they learned about airplanes used in past wars and more about their state. "The part where we had to spread our arms like wings was fun," said fourth grader Alexa Reyes. "It felt like we were actually flying."

No matter what the project, students found learning to be fun. "I had a lot of fun in math when we had to try to stack spaghetti with a marshmallow," said fifth grader Araceli Garcia. "It was really funny."



Broden Whitney

Payton Zoubek

Mr. Brent Zoubek



Estela Garcia

Mahayla Hetrick

David Loarca



On the 100 Days Of School, fourth graders Mahayla Hetrick, Bethany Vazquez and Connor Shaw work together to create popcorn towers. They were trying to see how high they could get their towers to go by using popcorn and toothpicks. "It was fun to try to see how tall I could get my tower," said Conner.



Ms. Cassidy Olson



At the SAC Museum, the fifth graders (Owen Hamilton, Hunter Sherwood, Legend Smith, Grayson Leavitt, Mr. Brent Zoubek, Araceli Garcia, Ingrid Gonzales, Jennifer Acosta, Broden Whitney, Mason Vyhnaelek, Payton Zoubek, Juan Armas, Braxton June, Johnathan Ward, Myles Vyhnaelek, & Brenden Bergmeyer) stand in front of an airplane.

MANY STUDENTS

lots of learning

3rd
Grade



Esme Beckley

Fun, loving, and confident were just a few words to describe the second and third graders. "The second graders are the largest class I've taught since I've been at Dorchester," said second grade teacher Mrs. Lisa Lautzenhiser. "They are a full of many questions and thoughts which make each of them so unique."

"There's just so many different personalities and interests among all of the third graders," said third grade teacher Mrs. Brenda Nerud. "They are also a very independent class and love all the things that I get to teach."

The students were eager to learn. "My favorite subject is reading," said second grader Matthias Gustafson. "We get to break into small groups, and I get to practice my writing skills."

"Art is my favorite subject because I like to paint," said third grader Ila Von Busch. "Mrs. Lutjemeyer also lets us listen to music while we work, and I love to listen to music."

At recess, the students like to play a variety of games. "My favorite game to play at recess is tag," said second grader Riggan Roesler, "because you get to run off your energy."

"My favorite game to play at recess is 4 square," said third grader Baila Brandt. "It's super fun and when you get to be the king and start with the ball, it is even better."

Many of the students also discovered their dream jobs and what they wanted to be when they grow up. "When I grow up I want to be a respiratory therapist," said third grader Lillian Pracheil. "I like to help people who are sick."

"When I grow up I want to be an archeologist," said second grader Brody Hansen, "because I like to learn about ancient civilizations."

To wrap up the year, they went to the Lincoln Children's Zoo and the Saline County Museum for a field trip. "It was cool to see all of the animals," said second grader Quinn Vrtiska. "Some were so cute I just wanted to take one home."

No matter what they were doing they always found a way to make things go from boring to exciting. "The part about being in second grade is probably Mrs. Lautzenhiser," said second grader Brayden Vazquez. "She makes learning fun."



Danica Ogundipe



Lillian Pracheil



Jaxson Sand



Ian Turquiz



Ila Von Busch



Aleah Wendelin



Aubrianna Brown



Rhett Elkins



Daniel Garcia



To celebrate the 100th Day of School, the third grade class shows off their projects by using different materials to create a variety of artwork to bring life into their classroom. They made items such as pompons on a t-shirt, a heart, and a Froot Loops shark.



On their field trip to the Lincoln Children's Zoo, the third grade class enjoys seeing the large variety of animals and exploring nature with their classmates.



Brayden Vazquez



Quinn Vrtiska



Baila Brandt



Miguel Gonzalez



Adesyn Kemerling



Jaxson Nerud



Celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday, the second grade class gather around hat-shaped cupcakes that represent Seuss's *The Cat in the Hat*.



Annie Smith



Isaac Steuk



Harvey Thalken



Mrs. Brenda Nerud



2nd Grade



Daniel Agler



Annnsley Albracht



Ava Bergmeyer

How many kids do you want?

"Seven, because that seems like fun!"
-Brayden Vazquez (2nd)

"A set of hefty twin girls"
-Ila Von Busch (3rd)

"Two because sometimes they're annoying."
-Sylas Sladec (3rd)



Matthias Gustafson



Brody Hansen



Hunter Havlat



Ryan Killinger



Lennon Kohout



Madelyn Lopez



Sawyer Nerud



Amelia Pracheil



Aubrey Pracheil



Rigginn Roesler

Racing for the finish line, second graders Hunter Havlat, Brody Hansen, Sullivan Smith, Brayden Vazquez, and Daniel Garcia push themselves to win at Elementary Field Day.



Sylas Sladec



Everly Smith



Sullivan Smith



Easmine Ward



Aubrey Whitney



Mrs. Lisa Lautzenhiser



1st Grade

Going back to back on field day, kindergartners Audric Thalken and Ezra Thalken, race to finish first in the race with Isaac Tercero just behind.



AnnaBelle Agler



Eletta Andersen



Ina Mae Andersen



Elias Bautista



Kaleb Fuller



Steven Garcia



Hannah Havlat



Yamileth Larios

What is your favorite animal?

"I like sloths because they are slow and I could catch it."
-Karson Palky (1st)

"I like cats because they are so cute."
-Ezra Thalken (K)

"I like cheetahs because they are very fast."
-Melissa Tellez (1st)



Chloe Schweitzer



Kenzi Schweitzer



Melissa Tellez



Zayn Vazquez



Onile Vodicka

Kindergarten



Gianna Albracht



Kyra Barley



Breckin Barlow



Aubree Fellows



Angel Gonzalez



Izabella Gonzalez



Isaiah Havlat



Soren Ogundipe

Celebrating the 100th day of school, the first grade class, Ms. Corbit, and Mrs. Vyhnaek gather around with their colorful hats they made commemorating the day.



Elijah Pracheil



Loren Pracheil



Alex Rodriguez



Madisyn Steuk



Audric Thalken



Ezra Thalken



Allison Turquiz



Bernyce Vazquez



Weston Brandt



Grayden Easley

FUN in learning

amazing activities



Samuel Loarca



Raelyn Neeman



Karson Palky

Outgoing, intelligent, and fun were just a few words that described the kindergarten and first grade classes. The kindergarten focused on letter sounds, how to write letters, and improving their handwriting skills. The children also learned basic math skills and the alphabet. "I learned how to read the alphabet and math skills," said kindergartner Elijah Pracheil. "It was hard and easy. I liked doing projects during math."

First grade focused on reading independently and writing complete sentences. "I had fun reading in class," said first grade Raelyn Neeman. "I liked reading all sorts of books, and I found out how easy it is to read."

The students had lots of fun learning new things. "My favorite subject was math," said kindergartner Kyra Barley. "I liked the projects we did, and it was so much fun."

"My favorite subject is reading," said first grader Steven Garcia. "I like learning to become a better reader."



Finley Vrtiska



Hank Willison



Ms. Audra Corbit

Kindergarten and first grade liked playing games in P.E. "I liked playing shark and minnows during P.E.," said kindergartner Isaac Tercero. "I loved playing with my classmates and trying not to get tagged."

Some other favorite games were dead-in-line tag or any sports games. "I liked the sports game we played in P.E.," said first grade Grayden Easley. "I liked learning about all kinds of sports, but my favorite one was soccer."

Towards the end of the school year, the kids participated in field day. "I enjoyed field day because I loved competing with my classmates and spending time with them," said kindergartner Madisyn Steuk.

At the end of the year, the first grade class went to the Children's Museum in Lincoln for their field trip. "My favorite memory was going to the Lincoln Children's Museum," said first grader Weston Brandt. "It was fun playing on all of the cool things they have there."

"I really liked going to the Children's Museum," said first grader Melissa Tellez. "I liked pretending to work at Runza and playing hide and seek with my friends in the prairie dog tunnels."



Damien Beckley



Zeppelin Dalebout



Jesse Del Toro



Easton Palky



Isaac Tercero



Celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday, the kindergarten class shows off their "Cat in the Hat" hats and enjoy red and white cupcakes that are shaped like hats.



Devanie Warning



Mrs. Bailey Schindler



Looking through a thermal camera, first grader Chloe Schweitzer moves the camera around to see how it reacts to the environment while first grader Karson Palky takes a sneak peek through her shoulder. The students were taught fire safety by the Dorchester Volunteer Fire Department.

BIG hearts

little hands



Full of energy, imaginative, and ready to learn described the preschool classes. The preschool had an eventful year learning to be kind to others and exploring new things.

The preschool was split into two classes, morning and afternoon. The morning class (three-year-olds) learned to stand in a line, sit on the floor, and share. "They are so excited to come to school," said preschool teacher Robin Musil. "They loved learning like their older brothers and sisters."

The preschoolers learned about dinosaurs, colors, and even flowers. "I like learning about flowers," said afternoon preschooler Hayden Havlat. "During centers I get to play with the flowers after I learn about them."

The preschool class had center time where they were able to choose an activity. They had so many games they could play with like sand, flowers, and even play house. "I love playing in the kitchen," said afternoon preschooler Blair Railsback. "I can make a bunch of different foods."

Some loved learning and some loved center time. "I love learning about the letter 'V'" said Carlos Avila, "and I love playing outside because I can play tag which is one of my favorite games."

"I love to play house," said afternoon preschooler Freya Sand, "and I even act like my dog Scooter who plays with me."

The preschoolers were very bright and willing to learn. The morning class wanted to explore and do more. "I really like painting at the easel," said morning preschooler Aubree Palky. "It's fun to be creative."

"I like to build with blocks," said morning preschooler Kyler Neeman. "It's fun to knock them down, too."

The afternoon class loved trying new things and being creative. "I love writing my name and news words," said afternoon preschooler Ester Loarca. "It's fun to be able to write new words."

"I enjoy watching the preschoolers achieve new milestones," said preschool para Dawn Persing, "and watching the students excitement when they explore and learn new things."

Graduating, afternoon preschooler Damon Loriga receives his diploma from preschool teacher Mrs. Robin Musil during the Graduation Ceremony held in the MPR.



Ester Loarca



Dayra Lopez



Kathi Lopez



Maverick Roth



Freya Sand



Lainey Warning



Afternoon Graduation. BR: Mrs. Robin Musil, Kypton Pracheil, Andre Reyes, Blair Railsback, Damon Loriga, Kathi Lopez, and Ian Andersen. FR: Carlos Avila, Dayra Lopez, Maverick Roth, Hayden Havlat, Lainey Warning, Hoyt Roesler, Freya Sand and Ester Loarca.



Exploring different kinds of insects, afternoon preschooler Lainey Warning plays with translucently encased bugs after learning about them in group time.

Afternoon Preschool

Morning Graduation.
BR: Mrs. Robin Musil.
FR: Kyler Neeman,
Aubree Palky, Jayzen
Winter, Hollis Kohout,
Wilder Thalken, and
Wyatt Brown .



Ian Andersen



Carlos Avila



Hayden Havlat



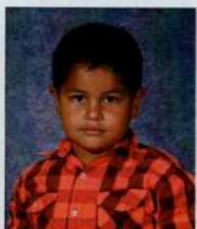
Damon Loriga



Kypton Pracheil



Blair Railsback



Andre Reyes



Hoyt Roesler

*What's your
dinosaur's name?*

**"My T-Rex's name is
Brontosaurus."
- Ian Andersen**

**"My T-Rex's name is T-Rexy."
- Hoyt Roesler**

**"My T-Rex's name is Rosey."
- Freya Sand**

**"My T-Rex's name is Pinky."
- Blair Railsback**

Morning Preschool



Wyatt Brown



Hollis Kohout



Kyler Neeman



Aubree Palky



Wilder Thalken



Jayzen Winter



Mrs. Dawn Persing



Mrs. Robin Musil



Standing proudly,
morning preschoolers
Kyler Neeman and
Aubree Palky say the
Pledge of Allegiance
to the flag at their
Graduation Ceremony.

Making art, afternoon
preschooler Hayden
Havlat gets her hands
painted to make an
artistic impression while
learning about *Red
Fish, Blue Fish* by Dr.
Seuss.



More or Less

Every student wishes to do well in academics so they can participate in the activities they love, and their wishes **MORE or LESS** came true.

Competitive academics had **MORE** success. In speech, many made it to finals. Quiz bowl had its own achievements with placing third at their CRC meet. "It was exciting to win because then we get a plate added to the plaque over the gym," said junior Ashton Jirsa.

Students had **MORE** to take for classes. One of the biggest changes was personal finance becoming required. This change impacted mostly sophomores, but also juniors as well. "Personal finance being required stressed me out because the juniors just found out, and I so I have to add it to my already full schedule for my senior year," said junior Mitzu Real.

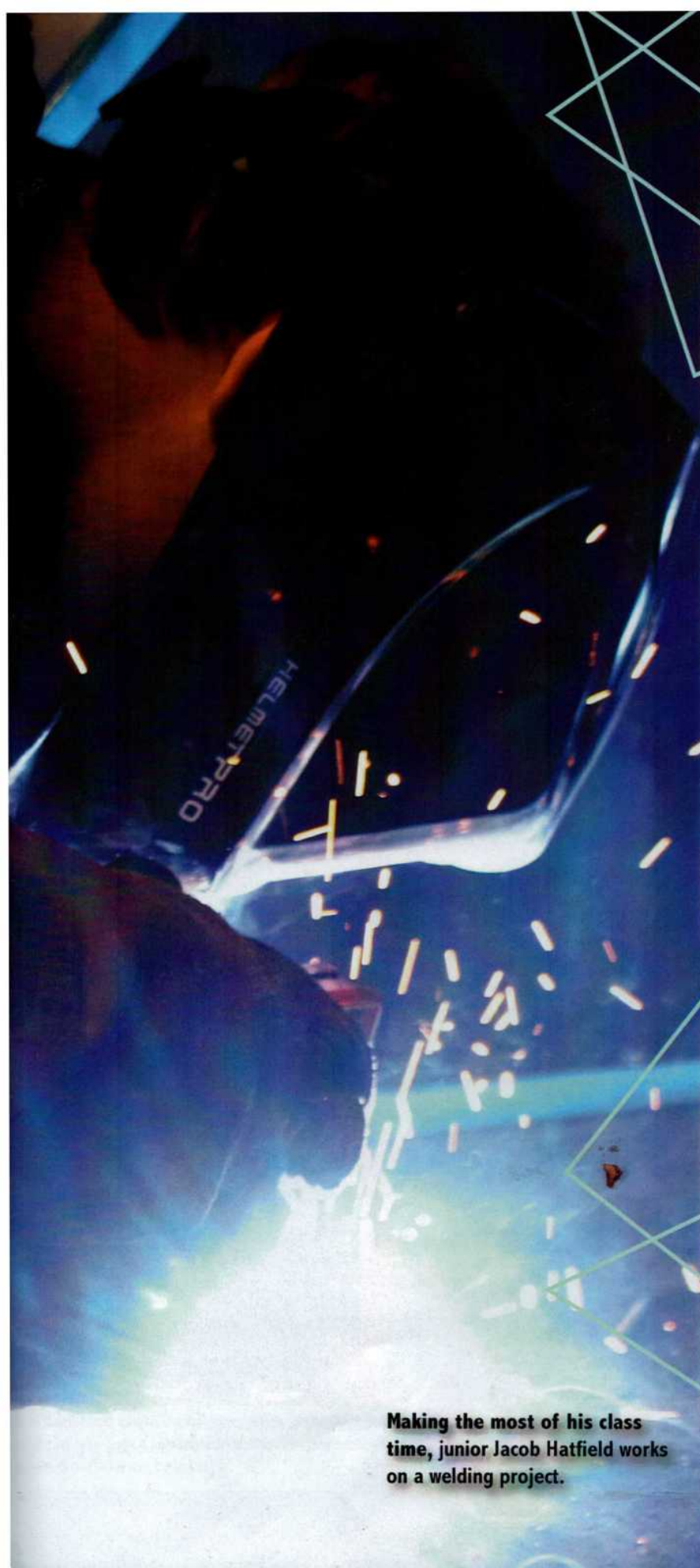
There were also **MORE** changes in teachers. The Algebra I class had Mr. Klooz instead of Mrs. Kort. Ms. Schutte taught 10th English instead of Mrs. Severance. Mrs. Ridpath taught 6th reading instead of Ms. Schutte, and the 6th grade also kept math with Mr. Rut and science with Mr. Zoubek unlike in previous years when they would have had Mr. Klooz for both.

There was also new faculty and staff, **MORE** than had been seen in a while, throughout the school. Mrs. Choyeski became the counselor; Mrs. Persing became the preschool para; Ms. Elizabeth Feeken became a para; Mr. Sullivan became the PE teacher; Mrs. Burry became the ELL/Spanish teacher; and Mr. Zaptin became the new custodian/bus driver.

There were even more faculty that were **MORE or LESS** new. Mr. Kotas, who previously taught JH math and science a few years ago and left, returned and now taught high school social studies. Mrs. Tachovsky, previously a long-term substitute, officially taught business classes. Mrs. Musil, who taught ELL and Spanish, moved to preschool. Mr. Bird moved from reading specialist to special education, and Mrs. Barlow took his job, after previously being a para. Mrs. Tuttle came back, after being gone a little while, to be a para. "I was surprised at all of the teacher changes," said sophomore Andrea Pavlish. "I didn't realize there were thirteen changes until we wrote about it in journalism."

Students did **MORE** to stay on top of their academics, and there were even **LESS** that found themselves in academic trouble. Students found the year to be **MORE or LESS** successful because students showed that if they worked hard, they had **MORE** success.

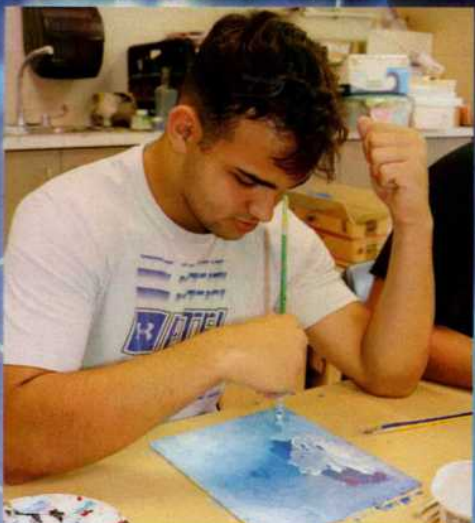
ACADEMICS



Making slime during a lab in science, sophomore Joseph Peacock carefully mixes glue into his beaker in the hopes that his concoction will be the right consistency.



Learning about the periodic table, freshmen Savannah June and Micaela Loarca try to figure out which elements are missing or misplaced.



In art, junior Marcos Gonzalez blends with paint to create his canvas. "He is very good at the technique and even helps other students," said art teacher Mrs. Lutjemeyer.

Making the most of his class time, junior Jacob Hatfield works on a welding project.



In biology, sophomore Mackenzie Luzum takes a closer look at the dirt specimen and examines what she can find.



Lining up their clubs, freshmen Elvis Lopez, Bailey Theis, Micaela Loarca, Savannah June, and Adia Gustafson work on chipping the ball in P.E.



Experiencing trench warfare, juniors Addison Lehr, Amber Kotas, Hailey Schweitzer, and Israel Cornejo defend their side in the WWI battle in American history.

Working together, seniors Cabbott Kemerling, Marcelle Shinzato, Emma Paiz, Harley Hagen, and Brett Ladely paint Grendel's arm for English class for the *Beowulf* unit.



Examining her grape, sophomore Atley Zoubek tests them and then puts them into different solutions to see whether they expand or retract in biology.

In psychology, sophomores Karina Maldonado and Angelina Cornejo play a card game while they learn about social behaviors.



On social media people complain, "Why didn't they teach me something useful like taxes, how to apply for a job, how to buy a house, or basic life skills? Instead, they taught things like trigonometry and parallelograms." Here at Dorchester, they started teaching Next Gen Personal Finance this year to help students prepare for the "real world."

On May 25, 2021, the Nebraska Legislature passed Legislative Bill 452 which stated that personal finance was now a graduation requirement. This made Nebraska the twentieth state with this requirement. Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, each school must include financial literacy instruction. It requires each student to complete a five-credit high school course of personal finance or financial literacy prior to graduation.

Students learned about credit, budgeting, investing, insurance, and taxes, all things relevant to everyday adulthood.

Since this was new to the school,

NEW GLASS

prepares students for real world

there had been a lot of preparation work to be done in order for this class to be taught. Business teacher Claire Tachovsky took on the challenge. "I had to take a course this past summer that they called The Personal Finance Institute," said Tachovsky. "It was five days in Kearney, and they brought in speakers every day to help cover all of the different topics."

Prior to this class, most students hadn't had much experience with finances. "After taking this class I learned how to be financially responsible," said junior Andy Drake. "What I have learned I am now able to apply to real life situations like being smart with my money in the future and getting all the things I need instead of what I want."

"In this class I learned about taxes," said sophomore Julian Tellez. "It will help me later in life when I need to pay them."

The juniors and sophomores took the class this year because the juniors didn't have the opportunity to take it before. However, next year the class will primarily be for sophomores so they can meet the state's requirements. "I learned how to budget and how taxes work," said junior Hailey Schweitzer. "I know that it will be important to know how to do both."

"I think it's an opportunity for high school students to learn a lot of those real world skills that everyone needs. Unfortunately, previous high schoolers didn't realize it until after they graduated, and then it was too late. It forces students to learn basic financial principles I think they'll appreciate."



In physical science, freshmen Elvis Lopez, Chase Tachovsky, Adrian Alcaide, Carter Cerny, & Micaela Loarca mix up their slimes to see what type of reactions are made.

Creating the perfect s'more, junior Madison Theis carefully heats her marshmallow over the fire to see it change physically and chemically.

SEALED WITH A KISS

stamped with a hoof

Pulling back their bow strings, freshmen Caden Axline and Savannah June take aim in order to hit their targets in P.E.



Pink, red, and white papers with hearts and stickers adorned the tables. Elementary, middle, and high school students worked together to create something special. It was the monthly Longhorn Lineup activity for February.

Principal Jake Wiese introduced Longhorn Lineup. "The goal was for students of all ages in the PK-12 building to interact," said Wiese.

This was accomplished by having the students work together on a project, eat snacks, and have a good time. "I liked helping elementary students. It was nice to sit in our circle and make Valentines for others," said junior Andy Drake.

"One thing I like about Longhorn Lineup is that it helps us high

school students to get to know the elementary kids, and I think it helps the elementary students get used to being around older kids so we don't seem so menacing in the hallways," said junior Amber Kotas.

However, magic was made during February's Longhorn Lineup. Students were tasked to create Valentine's Day cards for the elderly and so a collection of cards was created. "I think our group made eight cards, which was more than I was expecting since the groups are pretty small," said junior Madison Theis.

Love was among the many things created that day. Students had the chance to put phrases and meaningful words inside. "I wanted to create a nice card to make the elderly's

day better, so I put a heart and wrote some kind messages on it," said sophomore Atley Zoubek.

A majority of the students also loved the fact that they could put

whatever they wanted on the cards, as long as it was appropriate to the theme. "I made a card, but I thought it looked pretty ordinary for a Valentine's Day card so I added some kind phrases inside of the card," said junior Dusty Banks.

Students made memories as they worked together. "My goal was to create a decent Valentine's Day card, but I also wanted to know more about the little kids," said sophomore Baylor Behrens.

At the end of the day, more than 200 cards were created and given to the elderly, and students were glad they were given the chance to create something special. "I liked getting to create cards with younger students I wouldn't otherwise know," said junior Addison Lehr.

"I wanted to create a special card to make someone happy," said senior Brett Ladely. "I

helped a student make a Valentine's card, and he drew both of us holding a heart together. Having the chance to be a role model for younger kids and create special cards for the elderly made it an awesome experience."



Being sure to follow the recipe instructions in science, juniors Nancy Alcaide and Suyapa Armas mix their containers for the perfect slime concoction.

During the February Longhorn Lineup, junior Amber Kotas helps first grader Kenzi Schweitzer with her Valentine's Day Card.





Using black to blend the colors, sophomore Alisson Nuñez works hard to perfect her painting in the art classroom.



Playing around with Play-Doh, sophomores Isabella Cornejo and AyLynn Schwisow recreate human and plant cells.



Pushing the limits of how far her slime can stretch, sophomore Angelina Cornejo shows off her slime she created in science.



Using a smaller version of a microscope, sophomores Sidney Gustafson and Keith Kemerling look for living organisms in a random assortment of items to test.



Enjoying the process for making butter, freshmen Micaela Loarca, Bailey Theis, and Adrian Alcaide get a spoonful of it to see if it tastes like the store bought version.



Quiz Bowl: BR: Carter Cerny, Amber Kotas, Owen Vyhnaek, Ashton Jirsa, & Jacob Cerny. MR: Quinn Kasl, Bailey Theis, Elvis Lopez, Andrea Pavlish, & Victoria Leavitt. FR: Madison Theis, Baylor Behrens, Coach Sandy Severance, Addison Lehr, & Gabby Theis. Not Pictured: Hailey Schweitzer.

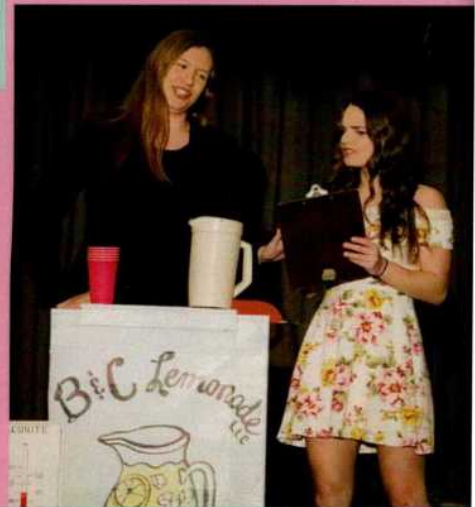


Speech Team: BR: Ashton Jirsa, Coach Karen Hrdlicka, and Jacob Cerny. FR: Andrea Pavlish, Mitzu Real, and Victoria Leavitt.



Begging her mom to help her get into college, Esther (Andrea Pavlish) implies that her mom (Victoria Leavitt) should bribe the college to get her up for success.

One Act: BR: Director Deb Burrows, Ashton Jirsa, Jacob Cerny, Owen Vyhnaek, Amber Kotas, Victoria Leavitt, and Director Karen Hrdlicka. FR: Gabby Theis, Andrea Pavlish, Kayli Carey, Jayana Duchek, Ariana Tellez, Mitzu Real, and Mackenzie Luzum.



Trying to run a marketing scheme, lemonade seller Breena (Amber Kotas) tries to sell her customer Cathy (Kayli Carey) a subscription to her lemonade service.

Trying to strangle the life out of the scientist (Ariana Tellez), the monster (Owen Vyhnaek) attempts to take his revenge for reviving him.

COMPETING

beyond the classroom



When conversation sparks surrounding competition, most people begin to think of sports. While this is true, there were many academic competitions students participated in as well.

The Quiz Bowl team competed in four different quiz bowls: the Women's Quiz Bowl, CRC Quiz Bowl, ESU#6, and Underclassmen Quiz Bowl. Their best placing was third at the CRC meet with the team of Andrea Pavlish (Captain), Victoria Leavitt, Jacob Cerny, Ashton Jirsa, Amber Kotas, Gabby Theis, and Bailey Theis. "One of my favorite moments from Quiz Bowl is when I had to face off against the McCool team's captain," said sophomore Andrea Pavlish. "Even though I lost, I still enjoyed it."

One Act performed *How to Get Into College* at CRC and Districts. The play was about a senior who was trying to make a college essay to submit to a college. Fresh out of ideas, two college admissions counselors show up to help.



They then outline ideas she can include from world conquest to bringing back the dead to catch the attention of any college.

Some enjoyed their parts in the play. "I enjoyed my part as Weems because I got to act strange, and it was fun," said junior Ashton Jirsa.

Others didn't enjoy their parts as much. "I was one of the college admissions counselors that acted as narrators, and I hated it because I hate narrators," said senior Jacob Cerny.

At CRC, Jacob Cerny, Jayana Duchek, Ashton Jirsa, and Amber Kotas received Outstanding Acting Awards. At Districts, Jacob Cerny, Jayana Duchek, Ashton Jirsa, Amber Kotas, Andrea Pavlish, and Owen Vyhnaek received Outstanding Acting Awards. At CRC the One Act placed third and at Districts the One Act placed fifth.

The Speech season was also successful, even though no one made it to State. The

Speech team competed at Wilber, Schuyler, Meridian, D.C. Aquinas, McCool Junction, Conference, and Districts.

At Districts, Jacob Cerny placed sixth in Humorous Prose and Victoria Leavitt placed sixth in Entertainment Speaking.

Every moment was memorable this Speech season. "My most favorite moment was the look on Victoria's face when she made finals for the first time at Districts," said Speech Coach, Mrs. Hrdlicka. "She had never done it before."

Overall competitive academics thrived. Students enjoyed themselves and were proud of their accomplishments. "I like competitive academics because it's fun to do your best and win," said junior Amber Kotas.



Interviewing different college candidates, the college admissions officer (Mitzu Real) tries to figure which would be a better student, Annie (Kayli Carey) or Ro (Andrea Pavlish).

Celebrating the true spirit of history of politics, Weems (Ashton Jirsa) and Bentley (Jacob Cerny) show Lola (Jayana Duchek) how to conquer the world.

More or Less

Because we are a small school, we may have **LESS** clubs and organizations to offer students; however, because there are **LESS** students, there are **MORE** opportunities for students to make a difference. Each student was needed to make each organization a success. Some students were in a lot **MORE** activities because of this fact and worked hard to excel.

Journalism tied with the record of sending eight members plus an alternate to State. The members brought home fourteen medals. "My favorite part about State was standing on the pedestal," said sophomore Gabby Theis. "I worked so hard to get all of my eleven entries finished so it was exciting to medal in five events."

In music, junior Ashton Jirsa made it to All State Choir for the third year in a row, and he received a one rating at Districts singing *If I Could Tell Her*. "I was so thrilled when I found out I made it to All State again," said Jirsa. "I hope I can make it next year for the fourth time."

Senior Jacob Cerny knew about doing **MORE**. He was literally in every extracurricular that DHS offered. "I'm not sure why I initially decided to participate in so much. Yet, there are now a number of factors at play. Some of them are because so many people rely on me. Other times, it's because I'm excellent at them and enjoy doing them. Other times, it's simply because I am inclined to do them for no apparent reason."

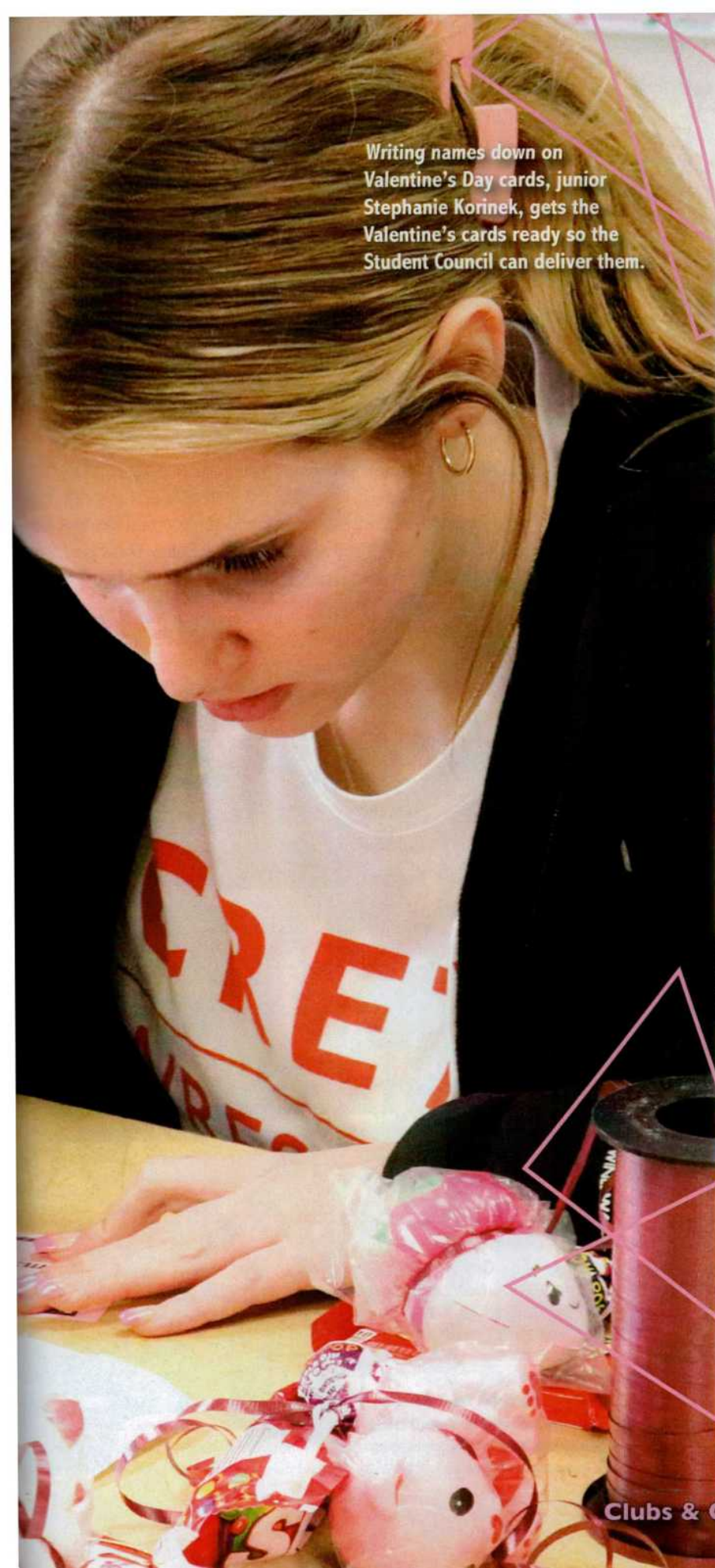
Even though Jacob was in everything, he still managed to have a favorite. "My favorite extracurriculars are Speech and One Act. I love them because I find them fun, and I'm great at them."

People might have seen him as an organized person, but in reality he just went on his day and once he got home he did nothing. He did sometimes regret being so active. "I sometimes think it might be better if I wasn't in so many activities because I have so much going on, and it makes my life a lot more difficult. It can be stressful. Sometimes it seems like I'm being pulled in many directions. I also can't put all my effort into every activity like I'd like."

Overall, being in **MORE** activities benefited Cerny in many ways. "Looking back I would do it all again. Each of the activities I do has something to offer to me. It's made me what I am, and I know it has prepared me for the real world."

Even if not everyone does **MORE** like Jacob, almost all students were involved in something they could enjoy, **MORE** or **LESS**.

CLUBS & ORGS



Writing names down on Valentine's Day cards, junior Stephanie Korinek, gets the Valentine's cards ready so the Student Council can deliver them.



Helping out with the donkey basketball, FBLA members junior Amber Kotas and senior Garrett Tachovsky, wait to give the donkeys to the teachers to ride.



Focusing on her subject, sophomore Gabby Theis, takes a picture of the students in the art room. Taking pictures was her favorite thing about journalism.



Cheering for the boys football team, junior Bryer Shaw, shows her school spirit by playing pep band throughout the game.

ENDING

on a good note

by making good music

Whether students wished to sing in the spotlight or would rather play band on the sidelines, the band and choir programs had lots to offer.

The band and choir performed at the elementary lunch, Christmas Concert, the Spring Concert, District Music Contest, and Graduation. The choir performed at Veterans Day Assembly and the band played at Yorkfest, the Memorial Day Service, and the State Fair. They were also found at football games and basketball games playing pep band to raise the team's spirits. "The State Fair is my favorite thing to go to because I enjoy playing band then getting to relax the rest of the day," said senior Brett Ladely.

At Districts, the band received a two with their performances of *Desert Caravan* and *American Volunteers*. At Yorkfest the band placed third. "It was cool that we did so well because we were

one of the smaller bands," said junior Amber Kotas.

At Districts, the choir received ones all around for their performance of *Follow the Drinking Gourd* and *Tongo*. "My favorite song was the *Phantom of the Opera Medley* during the Spring Concert," said freshman Bailey Theis. "*Phantom of the Opera* is one of my favorite musicals."

There were also many soloists at Districts. Jacob Cerny performed *Point of No Return* and received a one and an Honorable Mention Outstanding Musician Award. Ashton Jirsa received a one for *If I Could Tell Her*. Amber Kotas received a two for *Homeward Bound*. Victoria Leavitt received a two for *God Help the Outcasts*. Andrea Pavlish performed *On My Own* from *Les Misérables* and received a one. Bailey Theis performed *The Water is Wide* and received a two. "I was glad that I performed so well at Districts since it was my senior year," said Jacob Cerny. "I was especially surprised to get the Outstanding Musician Award."

Other opportunities to shine individually were available including CRC Honor Choir and Honor Band, Class D Band and Jazz Band, & All State. "CRC was a great experience, and one that I won't be forgetting anytime soon," said junior Ashton Jirsa.



At the Christmas Concert, junior Ashton Jirsa sings "What's This?" Ashton was also honored with attending All State Choir for the third time in a row. "I was nervous about not making it again so I was glad when I found out I did."



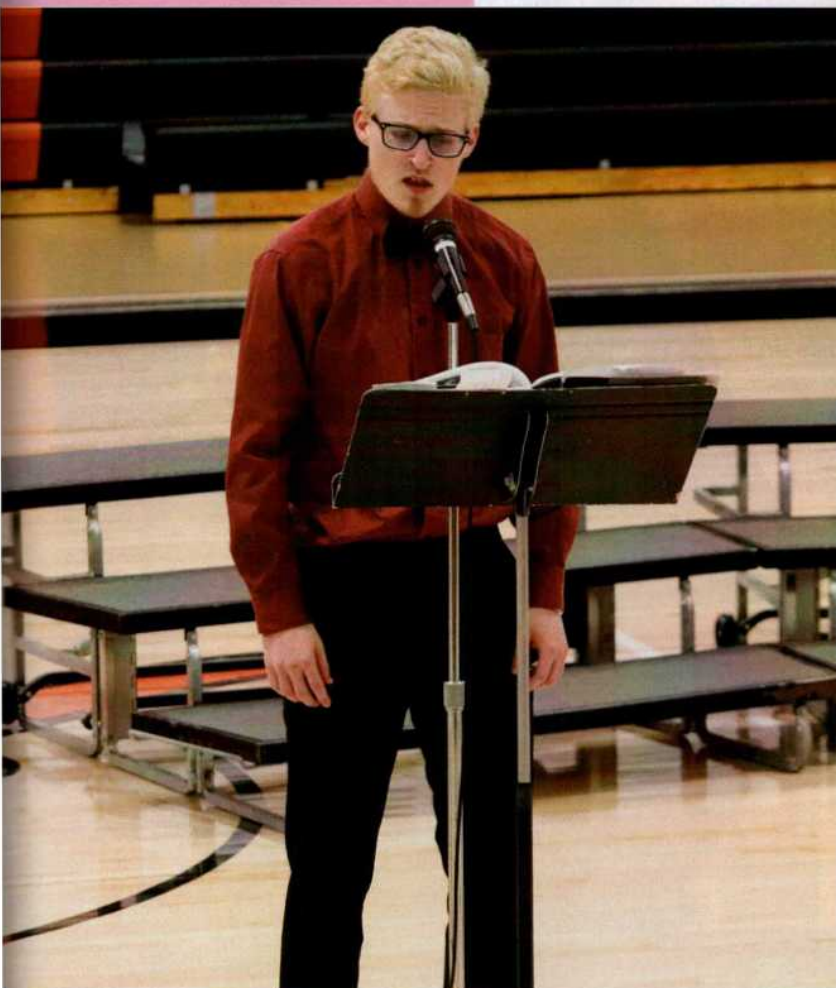
Choir: BR: Ella Vyhnalek, Andrea Pavlish, Amber Kotas, Owen Vyhnalek, Ashton Jirsa, Jacob Cerny, & Bailey Theis. MR: Director Steve Jirsa, AyLynn Schwisow, Kayli Carey, Mason June, Victoria Leavitt, Bryer Shaw, Emilia Perez, & Student Teacher Clara Smith. FR: Laura Garcia, Faith Elkins, Max Novak, Briana Tellez, Emma Paiz, Lindsay Del Toro, Ariana Tellez, Mitzu Real, & Veronica Tercero.

Playing pep band at the Spirit Week Bonfire Pep Rally, junior Bryer Shaw and senior Harley Hagen play "Cheyenne" one of the new songs added to pep band at the beginning of the year.



At the spring concert, senior Jacob Cerny performs his solo, "Past the Point of No Return" from *Phantom of the Opera*. He also performed this song at Districts and received a one where he was also honored with Honorable Mention Outstanding Performance.

The band performs "Anchors Aweigh" at the State Fair in Grand Island. Fairgoers stopped to listen to the band entertain them. "I really like going," said sophomore Andrea Pavlish. "There is a lot to see there, too."



CRC Honor Choir

Kayli Carey, Victoria Leavitt, Andrea Pavlish, Mitzu Real, Owen Vyhnalek, Bryer Shaw, Jacob Cerny*, Ashton Jirsa*, & Amber Kotas*

CRC Honor Band

Jacob Cerny* & Ashton Jirsa*

Class D Band

Owen Vyhnalek & Ashton Jirsa

Class D Jazz Band

Jacob Cerny*

All State Choir

Ashton Jirsa

***medaled**



Making Christmas come alive, the choir sings "Once Upon a December" at the Christmas Concert. The students also dressed up in ugly Christmas sweaters to add to the Christmas feeling.



Band: BR: Director Steve Jirsa, Brett Ladely, Adrian Alcaide, Amber Kotas, Owen Vyhnalek, Ashton Jirsa, Jacob Cerny, Fernando Perez, & Student Teacher Clara Smith. 3rd Row: Thor Nerud, Mason June, Victoria Leavitt, Andrea Pavlish, Harley Hagen, Ella Vyhnalek, Caden Axline, & Colton Harrison. 2nd Row: Emilia Perez, Livia Schweitzer, Kendall Kasl, Nancy Alcaide, Bryer Shaw, Hadley Brandt, Gabby Theis, Quinn Kasl, & Ariana Tellez. FR: Laura Garcia, Briana Tellez, Micaela Loarca, Mackenzie Luzum, Savannah June, Max Novak, Mitzu Real, & Antonio Loarca.



Trying to shoo the "ragamuffins" from the stoop, Mrs. Mushnik, (Victoria Leavitt) waits for the Doo-Wop girls (Amber Kotas, Bailey Theis, Mitzu Real & Kayli Carey) to state their excuses.

Realizing Audrey Two is hungry for blood, Seymour (Jacob Cerny) skeptically squeezes a drop of blood from a small prick to begin the gory diet of the plant.



What was your favorite part of the musical?

**"When I laughed like Peter Griffin after eating somebody."
- Ashton Jirsa (11)**

**"Performing in front of people so I can forget my stage fright."
- Bailey Theis (9)**

**"The dentist scene. It was super funny to watch and listen to."
- Mackenzie Luzum (10)**



Cast & Crew: BR: Director Mr. Steve Jirsa, Ashton Jirsa, Owen Vyhnaek, Bailey Theis, Amber Kotas, Jacob Cerny, Andrea Pavlish, Kayli Carey, Mitzu Real, Victoria Leavitt, & Director Mrs. Karen Hrdlicka. FR: Mackenzie Luzum, Mason June, Max Novak, Emilia Perez, Ella Vyhnaek, Briana Tellez, Ariana Tellez, & Ms. Clara Smith (Student Teacher).

Noticing the massive black eye on Audrey (Andrea Pavlish), Mrs. Mushnik (Victoria Leavitt) scolds her for sticking around with her insulting boyfriend.



HUNGRY for blood

humans' specifically



What do a geeky botanist, an underqualified dentist, and a predaceous plant all have in common? Well, the first two ended up inside the latter in the musical *Little Shop of Horrors* by Howard Ashman.

It started with Seymour Krelborn, senior Jacob Cerny, who discovered a new species of plant that would give him money and fame. He quickly learned that both came with many sacrifices, literally. The blood-thirsty plant, named Audrey 2, voiced by junior Ashton Jirsa, grew larger and larger with each body it swallowed. "It was great playing the voice of Audrey 2," said Ashton Jirsa. "I didn't have to be on the stage at all!"

The story began in a run-down florists' shop on Skid Row with hobos on the stoop and grumpy old Mrs. Mushnik, junior Victoria Leavitt, kicking them out and starting to close up the shop, for good. That was until

Audrey, sophomore Andrea Pavlish, encouraged Seymour to introduce his strange plant to Mushnik and the world. Doubt crossed Mushnik's mind, until an intrigued customer, seventh grader Ella Vyhnalek noticed the oddity in the window.

Soon after, the plant grew in popularity as well as in its appetite. It revealed its blood-digesting tendencies to Krelborn, who ended up killing and feeding Audrey's abusive dentist-boyfriend, sophomore Owen Vyhnalek, to the plant.

The elaborate plant puppet was an expensive rental that was key to making the whole show work. The plant revealed its true motive to take over the world so Seymour tried to stop it. The plant won with vines wrapped around each of its victims, waiting for its next prey. "I really liked the part where Jacob [Cerny] tried to kill the plant," said sophomore Ariana Tellez. "It looked pretty ridiculous from backstage."

"The coolest part of the musical was the plant. It was scary how it grew and talked, and, of course, ate people," said eighth grader Emilia Perez.



Thespians. BR: Fernando Perez, Amber Kotas, Owen Vyhnalek, Ashton Jirsa, & Jacob Cerny. MR: Jayana Duchek, Andrea Pavlish, Victoria Leavitt, & Mrs. Karma Ridpath (Sponsor). FR: Mackenzie Luzum, Nancy Alcaide, Kayli Carey, Ariana Tellez, & Mitzu Real.



The dentist (Owen Vyhnalek) forces Seymour (Jacob Cerny) to open up for a sketchy dental examination, after Seymour pitifully attempted to turn him into plant food.



Holding his love, Audrey (Andrea Pavlish) now dead, Seymour (Jacob Cerny) mourns her death as the Audrey 2 opens wide to prepare for his fresh and tasty dinner. Seymour did it all for her, and now she died.

LEADING

students

serving the community

Helping others and enhancing the community was a focus for the FBLA. Members helped host the annual trunk-or-treat by decorating vehicles, dressing up, and passing out candy. "My favorite activity was trunk or treat," said junior Hailey Schweitzer. "Seeing the kids' Halloween outfits was fun."

In the fall, they hosted the blood drive. "I helped by scanning ID's into the system to confirm their appointment," said sophomore Gabby Theis. "I also donated blood."

At the Veteran's Day program, they handed out breakfast to veterans. In addition, they also helped promote being environmentally friendly by wearing green to school during Going Green Day. "It was cool to see everyone wearing the colors to support the environment," said junior Kayli Carey.

Before winter break, the chapter volunteered at Morning with Santa where members helped kids create seasonal crafts,

handed out goody-bags, and put on temporary tattoos. "I helped at Morning with Santa by helping kids make crafts," said sophomore Atley Zoubek.

In late January, they hosted donkey basketball. "My favorite event by far was Donkey Basketball," said senior Jacob Cerny. "It was really fun to announce and wear those hats."

Other members took tickets, stamped hands, or cleaned up poop. "Although it sounds gross," said junior Amber Kotas, "I thought it was really fun to be the designated poop-scooper."

They finished up the year by attending SLC in Kearney where they participated in many competitions. "One of my events was Intro. to Public Speaking," said sophomore Baylor Behrens. "I had to pre-record a speech and send it in."

Many members were rewarded at State. Fernando Perez, Garrett Tachovsky, and Owen Vyhnalek placed 3rd in Mobile Application Development; Gabby Theis placed 7th in Graphic Design; Jacob Cerny placed 7th in Data Analysis; and Andrea Pavlish placed Honorable Mention in both Intro. to Business Concepts and Accounting I. "I was surprised when we were called to the stage," said senior Garrett Tachovsky, "but it was very exciting to place and qualify for nationals."



Waiting for the next hungry veteran, senior Jayana Duchek dishes out frosted cinnamon rolls on Veterans' Day prior to the Veterans Day assembly.



Announcing incoming riders during Donkey Basketball, seniors Fernando Perez and Jacob Cerny take turns hyping up the crowd for the festivities.

Led by junior Amber Kotas, preschooler Lainey Warning poses after a free ride across the gym during the half time of one of the donkey basketball games.



Letting Rapunzel pick out her favorite treat, junior Victoria Leavitt hands out candy to any dressed-up trick-or-treater during the annual Trunk or Treat event.

Working together, sophomores Atley Zoubek and Baylor Behrens, freshman Chase Tachovsky, and juniors Addison Lehr and Quinn Kasl help check in donors at the October American Red Cross Blood Drive.



Why did you join FBLA?

**"I just wanted to be involved."
- Atley Zoubek (10)**

**"it's another thing to put on my college application."
- Baylor Behrens (10)**

**"To be more involved in school activities and because I like business."
- Hailey Schweitzer (11)**



Carefully placing sequins on the glue, preschooler Freya Sand works to create a colorful and festive popsicle stick reindeer at Morning with Santa hosted by the FBLA.

FBLA. BR: Fernando Perez, Garrett Tachovsky, Amber Kotas, Owen Vyhnaek, Jacob Hatfield, Jacob Cerny, & Chase Tachovsky. 3rd Row: Stephanie Korinek, Lily Lehr, Andrea Pavlish, Victoria Leavitt, Addison Lehr & Baylor Behrens. 2nd Row: Sponsor Mrs. Claire Tachovsky, Jayana Duchek, Livia Schweitzer, Atley Zoubek, Makayla Schlueter, & Sponsor Ms. Cassidy Olson. FR: Mitzu Real, Quinn Kasl, Kayli Carey, Gabby Theis, & Mackenzie Luzum. Not Pictured: Hailey Schweitzer.



First Time D-Club Letter Winners. BR: Caden Axline, Chase Tachovsky, Elvis Lopez, & Adrian Alcaide. FR: Micaela Loarca & Bailey Theis. Not pictured: Carter Cerny.

Handing out candy, freshman Savannah June helps deliver valentines sold by the Student Council to eighth grader Mason June. "I really liked handing out candy and stuffed animals because seeing everyone's reactions when they receive their present is amazing," said Savannah.

What is your favorite event?

"I liked helping set up for the Make-A-Wish Auction because there were some pretty cool items to bid on."
 ~ Lily Lehr (8)

"The Athletic Banquet because it was simple to set up and tear down."
 ~ Brett Ladely (12)

"The JH Volleyball Tournament because my job was easy, and I got to watch the games."
 ~ Madison Theis (11)



D-Club. BR: Sponsor Mr. Corey Bird, Victor Lopez, Andy Drake, Jacob Hatfield, Owen Vyhnaelek, Ashton Jirsa, Amber Kotas, Jacob Cerny, & Sponsor Mr. Brandon Bruha. 3rd Row: Stephanie Korinek, Fernando Perez, Marcos Gonzalez, Garrett Tachovsky, Addison Lehr, and Brett Ladely. 2nd Row: Nancy Alcaide, Kayli Carey, Makayla Schlueter, Baylor Behrens, Atley Zoubek, Jayana Duchek, & Madison Theis. FR: Elsy Loarca, Emma Paiz, Quinn Kasl, Gabby Theis, Ayllynn Schwisow, Isabella Cornejo, Ariana Tellez, & Mitzu Real. Not Pictured: Hailey Schweitzer.



Making the road beautiful, senior Fernando Perez, juniors Jacob Hatfield and Elsy Loarca, and sophomore Andrea Pavlish pick up any trash that was left on the side of the road. The Student Council sponsored trash pick up and then any students that wanted to could help and get community service hours.

SUPPORT for others

always there to help



Always ready to help, the Student Council and D-Club worked hard to volunteer their time, helping the community, and raising money for charities.

Student Council had many roles and responsibilities. "I joined to be a bigger part of our school," said junior Addison Lehr, "and also to help address our school issues."

The Student Council picked the dress up days for Homecoming week and ran the corresponding activities. "My favorite thing to do in Student Council is picking dress up days," said junior Quinn Kasl. "I like to see the different options, and I love going all out on the week. It's definitely one of my favorite times of the year."

They also sold valentines with many varieties of candy and stuffed animals. Students bought them for their friends

or their loved ones. The best part is that members of the Student Council get to hand out the gifts. "I love handing out the gifts," said freshman Bailey Theis. "I especially love seeing the little kids light up when they get a present."

The Student Council also donated items to be bid on for the Make-a-Wish Auction including painted bottles, shop supplies, food items, and potted plants which raised \$900.00. "I think it's great that we can help others," said eighth grader Livia Schweitzer.

D-Club also was busy hosting many events. They ran concessions, the scoreboard, and kept track of stats at tournaments. They also helped set up for the Athletic Banquet and then tore it down when it was over. "The activities that I helped with were Alumni Tournament, JH Volleyball Tournament, and the Athletic Banquet," said sophomore Atley Zoubek. "I think it is important to help, and I can get community service out of it."

These organizations helped the school and community. "It feels great knowing that I'm making a difference," said junior Ariana Tellez. "Also, it's fun to do the activities when you are with your friends."



Student Council. BR: Lily Lehr, Fernando Perez, Amber Kotas, Jacob Cerny, Andrea Pavlish, & Addison Lehr. MR: Sponsor Stacy Lutjemeyer, Atley Zoubek, Stephanie Korinek, Bailey Theis, Baylor Behrens, & Sierra Sherwood. FR: Quinn Kasl, Livia Schweitzer, Michael Maldonado, Thor Nerud, Gabby Theis, & Savannah June. Not pictured: Hailey Schweitzer.



Getting ready for the Athletic Banquet, sophomore Baylor Behrens and junior Amber Kotas help the D-Club by putting streamers on the tables. "I really liked helping decorate," said Behrens.



Celebrating Valentine's Day, freshman Bailey Theis helps make valentines for Student Council to hand out to everyone. "I liked helping because I knew that I was going to make some children really happy," said Theis.

LEADING *achieving*

by showing character, service

Character, service, leadership, and scholarship are the four qualities that one must have to become a member of the National Honor Society.

To be eligible for NHS, a student must have a GPA of at least 92% or higher. Then they had to complete an application. The new members were chosen by the NHS Faculty Council based on the four pillars: character, service, leadership, and scholarship.

On Honor's Night the new members were inducted. "I was happy to be chosen as a new member of NHS," said sophomore Andrea Pavlish. "It was even better when Amber Kotas was the one to escort me because we are good friends."

Many were surprised that a total of seven new members were inducted, bringing the total number of NHS to fifteen members. "I think it is really awesome we have so many great students that we even have to order more NHS shirts to accommodate the larger number of members," said Adviser Mrs. Sandy Severance.

NHS members kept busy with multiple activities. In March, they were in charge of the American Red Cross Blood Drive. Members called donors and scheduled appointments ahead

of time. On the day of the blood drive, they were in charge of hanging up posters, checking people in, giving people drinks and food, and cleaning up when it was over. "I took donors' names and guided patients to where they needed to go," said junior Madison Theis.

NHS was also in charge of the Junior High and High School Honors Nights. Prior to the start of Honors Night, NHS members held the Honor Roll Pizza Party. Students in grades 9-12 who were on Honor Roll for all quarters were invited to enjoy pizza and cinnamon bread sticks before the big event. "It's nice to have a free supper to celebrate getting good grades," said freshman Chase Tachovsky.

The members of NHS worked hard to set up and decorate the evening by printing programs, decorating the stage, setting up chairs, and preparing the cookies and punch table. "I set up the rows of chairs," said senior Garrett Tachovsky, "and I helped decorate the stage with balloons and streamers."

Working hard and representing their leadership and service, NHS members continued to be role models for their peers and their school. "I really enjoy being a part of NHS," said junior Amber Kotas. "However, my favorite part is watching the student's faces when they are trying to find out who is being inducted and when they realize that it is them."



Signing his name, senior Garrett Tachovsky helps complete the finishing touches on the decorations for the Junior High and High School Honors Nights.



The new members inducted into National Honor Society were Kayli Carey, Victoria Leavitt, Ashton Jirsa, Owen Vyhnalek, Andrea Pavlish, Baylor Behrens, and Atley Zoubek during the 43rd ceremony for Dorchester NHS.

Helping at the March Blood Drive, juniors Madison Theis, Quinn Kasl, and Amber Kotas greet and check in arriving donors. "I think it's a pretty fun day. You get to save lives and greet people from the community," said Kasl.



Tapping a new member, junior Addison Lehr escorts sophomore Atley Zoubek after being handed a white rose at the NHS Induction Ceremony.



Donating at the American Red Cross blood drive, junior Ashton Jirsa waits patiently while giving blood to help save lives. "I think it's great that I can save up to three lives."



What was your favorite NHS Activity?

"Speaking at Honors Night because I like speaking in front of an audience."

**~Jacob Cerny
(12th)**

"I enjoyed running the blood drive because I know it saves lives."

**~Madison Theis
(11th)**

"It was fun inducting the new members into NHS."

**~Addison Lehr
(11th)**



Adding more tape, junior Quinn Kasl makes sure the Honors Night poster is secure as she adds finishing touches to the stage.

National Honor Society Members. Back Row: Addison Lehr, Jacob Cerny, Amber Kotas, Fernando Perez, and Garrett Tachovsky. Front Row: Madison Theis, Advisor Mrs. Sandy Severance, and Quinn Kasl. Not Pictured: Hailey Schweitzer.

Nebraska Press Women's HS Competition

Madison Sherwood: Hon. Mention in YB Copywriting

Jacob Cerny: 3rd Place in YB Copywriting

Elsy Loarca: 2nd Place in Graphics/Photo Illust.

Andrea Pavlish: Hon. Mentions in Feature Story & News Story

Mackenzie Luzum: Hon. Mention in Graphics/Photo Illust.

Hailey Schweitzer: Hon. Mentions in YB Photo, YB Copywriting, & YB Layout, & 1st in Graphics/Photo Illust.

Gabby Theis: 1st Place in YB Photo:
4th Place Nationally

JEA Competition

Jacob Cerny: Hon. Mention in YB Sports Feature Writing, & Excellents in YB Theme Copy Writing, Feature Photo., & Photo/Artistic Illust.

Hailey Schweitzer: Hon. Mention in YB Theme Copy Writing & Excellent in YB Layout

Elsy Loarca: Excellents in Action Photo. & Infographic Design

Andrea Pavlish: Hon. Mentions in YB Layout & YB Feature Writing

Mackenzie Luzum: Hon. Mention in Infographic Design

Gabby Theis: Hon. Mention in Action Photo.

The Team of Jacob Cerny, Hailey Schweitzer, & Andrea

Pavlish: Hon. Mention in YB Theme Dev.

NSAA State Competition

Gabby Theis: 6th in YB Feature Writing, 8th in YB Sports Feature Writing, 7th in News/Feature Photo., & 4th in Sports/Action Photo.

Hailey Schweitzer: 2nd in Newspaper Layout & 5th in Photo Illust.

Jacob Cerny & Ariana Tellez: 2nd in Broadcast Public Service Announcement

Jacob Cerny & Elsy Loarca: 5th in Broadcast News Story

Andrea Pavlish: 6th in Photo Illustration

Mackenzie Luzum: 4th in Newspaper Layout

Victoria Leavitt: 3rd in YB Feature Writing

Joseph Peacock: Alternate in Newspaper Feature Writing

DHS placed 7th overall in Class C (schools of 149 or below) with 154 points out of 25 schools competing at State, and 43 schools overall. (Only 6 pts. From 6th place and 8 pts. From 5th).

Working hard at their computers, junior Hailey Schweitzer and sophomore Gabby Theis stay in during the summer to work on the yearbook. Gabby and Hailey were two of the students who received journalism student of the year, along with senior Jacob Cerny.



Winning Awards from Nebraska Press Women's Competition were Mackenzie Luzum, Gabby Theis, Andrea Pavlish, Jacob Cerny, Hailey Schweitzer, & Elsy Loarca.

Steadying herself in order to try and get the perfect photo, junior Mitzu Real focuses in on students in the high school social studies class as they participate in the state elections.



PREVAILING

in expertise

rewarded for excellence

students worked hard and even stayed during the summer to put in hours to finish it. "I thought working on the yearbook was going to be tiresome, especially since I was helping with the design process," said sophomore Andrea Pavlish. "Luckily, there were others that made it easier to stay."

Journalism wasn't just about taking pictures for the yearbook. It was about designing the yearbook, writing copy for pages, recording events throughout the year, and more. "I love being in journalism because it's exciting to see everyone's hard work come together to create the yearbook," said sophomore Mackenzie Luzum. "I also love being able to take photos. I learned that you need to watch out for lighting and specific angles in order to get good pictures."

To improve their skills, all members went to two workshops, the Walsworth Workshop at Mahoney State Park and the NHSPA Fall Convention at UNL. "Going to the Walsworth Workshop gave me a lot of inspiration for layouts," said junior Hailey Schweitzer. "It's hard coming up with new ideas and designs to use."

Even though creating the yearbook is a long process,

One highlight of the year was attending State Journalism. Nine students made the trek to State in Norfolk, (including one alternate). A total of fourteen medals were brought home. "It's difficult coming up with ideas so getting to go to State for something I created was very shocking," said junior Elsy Loarca.

"I enjoyed going to State. I can't believe I placed in so many different categories and brought back five medals," said sophomore Gabby Theis.

Students also tried broadcasting for the first time in the class. "It was fun to do broadcasting. The process allowed us to really get creative," said senior Jacob Cerny. "Also Ariana Tellez and I won the Gold Award (1st place) at the NBA Contest for our PSA, which was really exciting."

However, no one was more proud of the students than Advisor Mrs. Sandy Severance. "I was just so excited that so many students made it to State. I'm just so proud of them."



Winning medals from the NSAA State Journalism competition in Class C were Advisor Mrs. Sandy Severance, Hailey Schweitzer, Joseph Peacock, Victoria Leavitt, Elsy Loarca, Jacob Cerny, Ariana Tellez, Andrea Pavlish, Mackenzie Luzum, & Gabrielle Theis.



Winning awards for the JEA Competition were BR: Gabby Theis, Jacob Cerny, and Andrea Pavlish. FR: Mackenzie Luzum, Hailey Schweitzer, and Elsy Loarca.



Journalism Staff. BR: Victoria Leavitt, Andrea Pavlish, Jacob Cerny, & Bailey Theis. MR: Joseph Peacock, Advisor Mrs. Sandy Severance, & Gabby Theis. FR: Elsy Loarca, Ariana Tellez, Mackenzie Luzum, & Mitzu Real. Not Pictured: Hailey Schweitzer.



Driving in the lane to finish a layup, junior Addison Lehr works to add two more points against Heartland Lutheran.

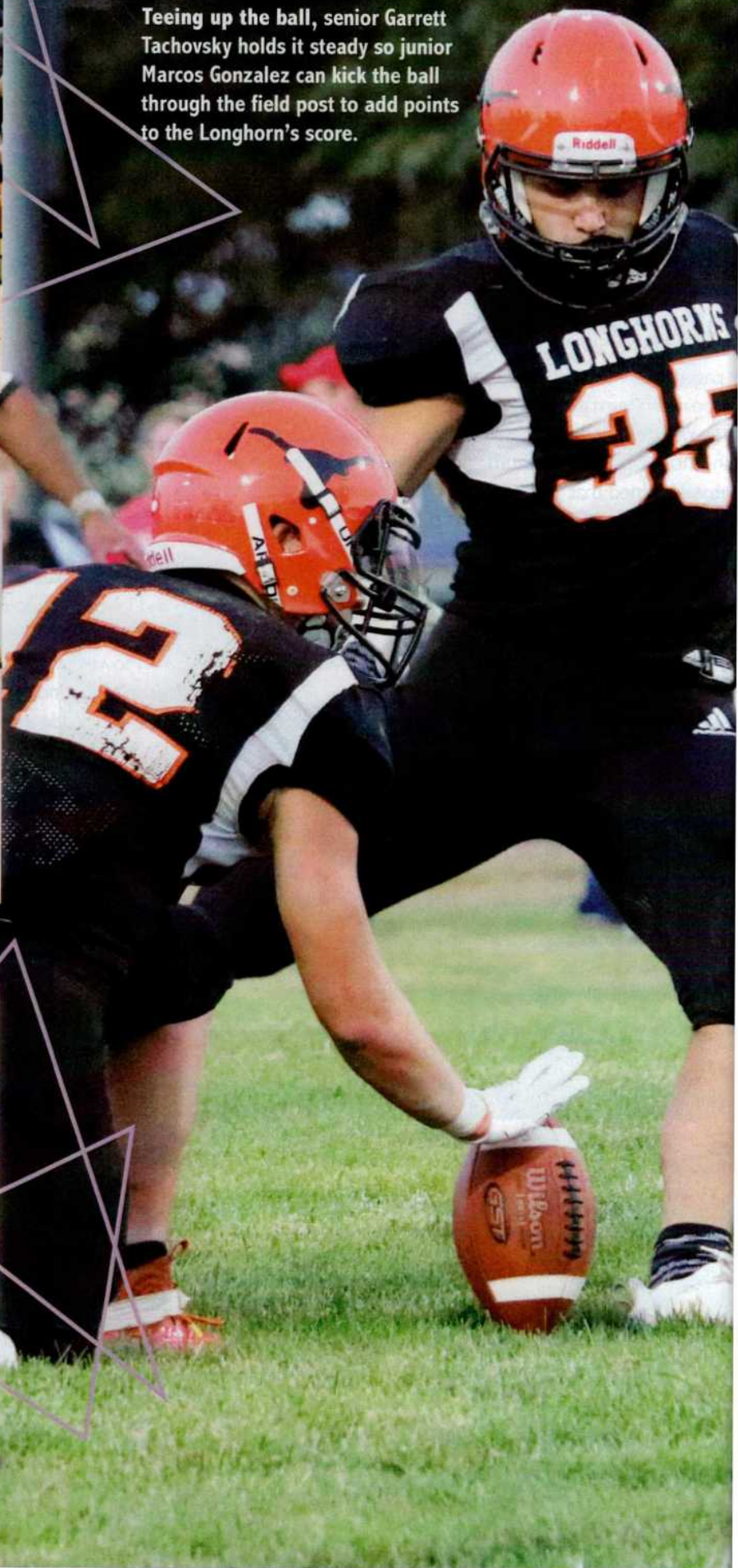


Sprinting to finish on his fast break, junior Andy Drake makes his way down the court as he goes up against the Giltner Hornets.



Finishing her last hurdle, sophomore Baylor Behrens breaks her previous school record in the 300 meter hurdles for the third time this year, and then again at State.

Teeing up the ball, senior Garrett Tachovsky holds it steady so junior Marcos Gonzalez can kick the ball through the field post to add points to the Longhorn's score.



More or Less

MORE or LESS, the sports season came with a lot to be excited about. Records were broken, there were many injuries, and there were even state qualifiers. The athletes strove to do their best on and off the field, track, mat, and court. They pushed themselves to be the best they could and to go as far as they could in their sports.

Football faced some challenges with injuries, but that didn't stop them from breaking the school record for **MOST** points scored in one game, scoring 72 points against Lewiston. "I am really proud of how we competed," said Coach Brent Zoubek. "I was so proud of how we played Lewiston and never quit even though we were ahead."

Volleyball gained a new assistant coach, Raymi Polk, who was a defensive specialist and helped them improve their defensive skills. "As a libero I loved that Coach Polk helped us improve our defensive skills," said senior Jayana Duchek. "She was a special addition to our team and helped us become better overall."

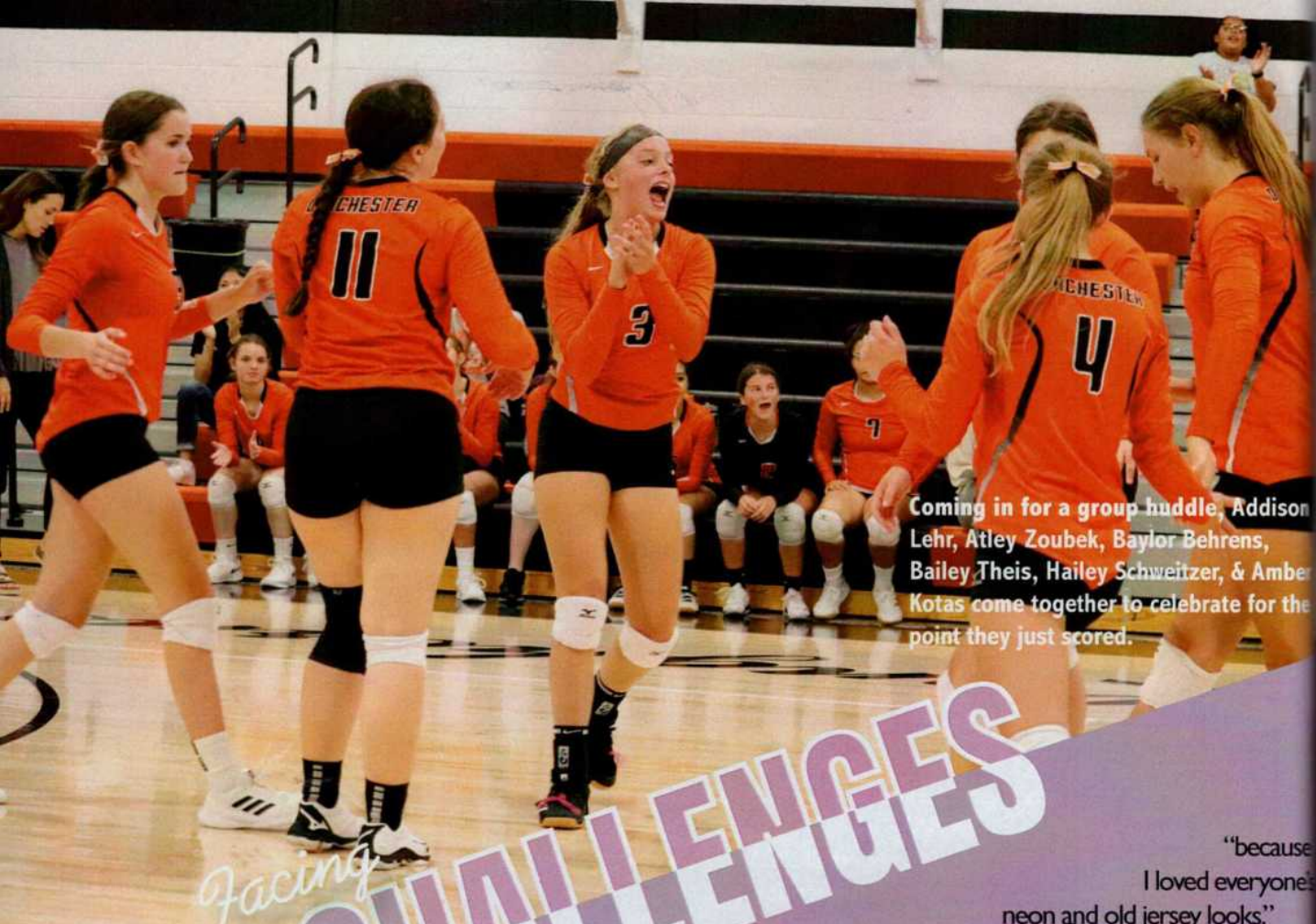
The Lady Longhorn basketball team had a winning season. Having some tough competition didn't stop them, but instead helped them fight. They made **MORE** opportunities when they won one first round of Sub-Districts beating Pawnee City. "It was awesome to make it farther than we did last year," said junior Hailey Schweitzer.

The girls and boys wrestling team gained six new athletes, two girls and four boys making them **MORE** of a force as a team. This was also the year that they officially added a separate girls wrestling team, with a separate schedule and meets. "I am so proud of how all of the wrestlers did this season," said Coach Chris Nelson. "It was a challenge to teach all of the new wrestlers skills they never did before, but they really took to the challenge."

The track team sent five athletes to State Track which was the **MOST** in recent Dorchester history. Both Bailey Theis and Baylor Behrens brought home a medal. Theis placed 8th in shot put, and Behrens placed 4th in 300 meter hurdles, breaking her previously set school record four times. "I was so happy when I beat my record the first time," said sophomore Baylor Behrens. "Then I knew that I wanted to keep breaking it every time I ran."

Through all the challenges, Dorchester athletics, **MORE or LESS**, had successful seasons, and they still managed to have **MORE** to be proud of.

SPORTS



Coming in for a group huddle, Addison Lehr, Atley Zoubek, Baylor Behrens, Bailey Theis, Hailey Schweitzer, & Amber Kotas come together to celebrate for the point they just scored.

Facing CHALLENGES

From having only one senior to having a new assistant coach, the team faced challenges together. "Coach Polk was a huge asset to the team," said Coach Tachovsky. "Her depth of knowledge on defense really helped us in practice, and she also did a really good job giving feedback during games."

Having a new assistant coach was exciting but also an adjustment. "I liked Coach Polk," said sophomore Atley Zoubek. "She helped with other skills while Coach Tachovsky worked on other stuff."

"Coach Polk was incredible," said junior Addison Lehr. "She taught us new things from a slightly different

perspective." The team started the season going to summer camps and doing open gym. "I think club volleyball created an opportunity to practice and play outside our comfort zone with girls or coaches that weren't our high school teammates or myself," said Coach Tachovsky. "We also trained with our grade level, which made drills more competitive and allowed for more specific feedback from coaches."

They also tried new drills to perfect their skills and for fun they had theme practices. "The idea for theme practices came from a presentation I saw at the NSAA Coaches Clinic in July," said Tachovsky. "Coach Polk and I also got some of our ideas from practice games from Instagram."

"My favorite theme practice was the 90's theme," said freshmen Bailey Theis,

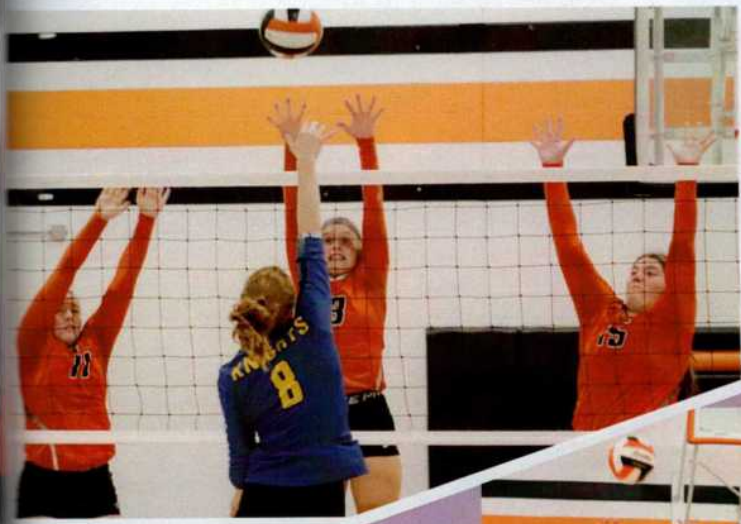
"because I loved everyone's neon and old jersey looks."

There were a few favorite games. "My favorite game was the Friend game," said junior Quinn Kasl. "It was so fun to beat our rival team and the energy was amazing. We were all so hyped up."

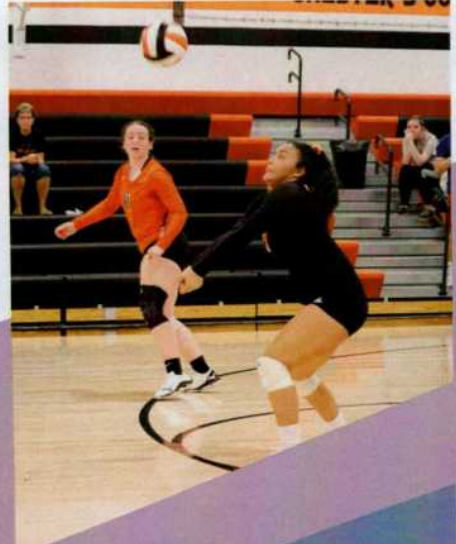
"My favorite game was against East Butler," said senior Jayana Duchek. "We played really well, and it was just a fun game overall."

Even through all the changes, the girls had a great season and made great memories. "My favorite team bonding was when we had District dinner," said junior Hailey Schweitzer. "It was so much fun to sing karaoke and play games."

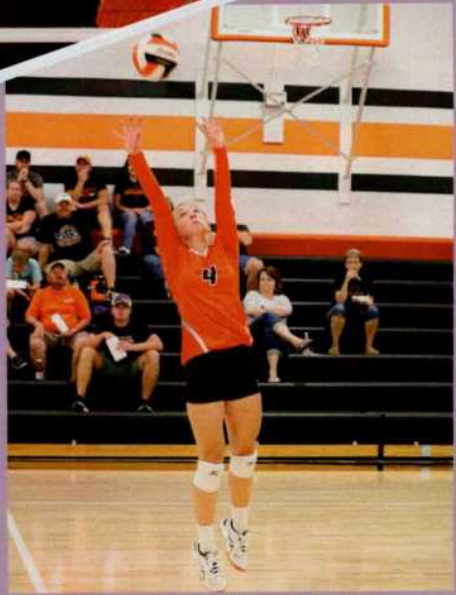
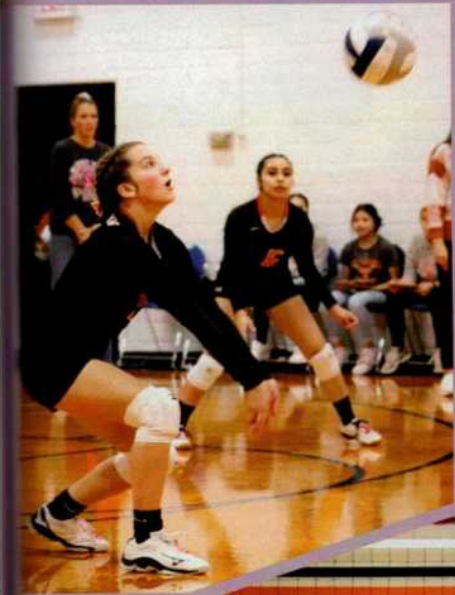
Special recognition was given to Bailey Theis who received All Conference Honorable Mention and Hailey Schweitzer who received Omaha World Herald Honorable Mention. "I was so happy that all of my hard work paid off," said Schweitzer.



Getting under the ball, senior Jayana Duchek sends a perfect pass to her teammate as sophomore Atley Zoubek moves in to assist.



Going up against Nebraska Lutheran, sophomores Atley Zoubek and Baylor Behrens and freshman Bailey Theis block the ball to keep their opponent's hitter from scoring.



Deciding who to set the ball to, junior Hailey Schweitzer, makes the quick decision by sending the ball to score a point against Nebraska Lutheran.

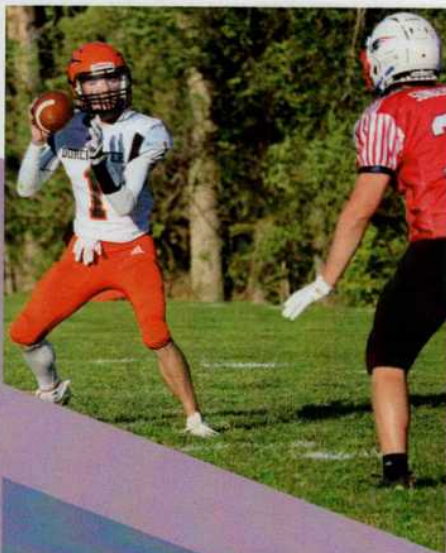
Getting in position, sophomore Gabby Theis, bumps the ball to keep it in play while junior Mitzu Real readies herself to assist at the Exeter-Milligan and Cross County triangular.



Girls Volleyball. BR: Head Coach Claire Tachovsky, Atley Zoubek, Baylor Behrens, Bailey Theis, Amber Kotas, Addison Lehr, Stephanie Korinek, Madison Theis, and Assistant Coach Raymi Polk. MR: Student Manager Lily Lehr, Gabby Theis, Kayli Carey, Hailey Schweitzer, Quinn Kasl, Mitzu Real, and Student Manager Ella Vyhnaek. FR: Savannah June, Jayana Duchek, Micaela Loarca, and Student Manager Livia Schweitzer.

Scores

Opponent	Us-Them
East Butler	3-0
Palmyra	0-2
Weeping Water	2-1
College View Academy	3-1
Hampton	2-0
Giltner	0-2
Red Cloud	3-0
Nebraska Lutheran	3-0;2-0
Friend	3-1
Harvard	3-0
Osceola	3-1;2-0
Shelby/Rising City	1-2;1-2
High Plains	0-2
Omaha Christian Academy	2-0
Parkview Christian	2-0
Sterling	0-3
Meridian	0-2;0-2;0-3
Diller-Odell	1-2
Cross County	1-2
Exeter-Milligan	1-2
McCool Junction	2-0
BDS	0-2
Pawnee City	3-0



Preparing to throw the football, junior Andy Drake looks for where to pass before his Parkview Christian opponent can tackle him.



Finishing off the job, senior Jacob Cerny takes his Sterling opponent to the ground for the tackle.



Outrunning his St. Edward opponent, junior Marcos Gonzalez prepares to juke him to try and go in for the touchdown.



Pushing off his opponent, sophomore Owen Vyhnaelek holds his Parkview Christian opponent in place to get ready to go for the ball.

Scores

Opponent	Us-Them
St. Edward	16-27
Red Cloud	14-53
Harvard	24-20
Meridian	34-48
Sterling	18-24
Lewiston	72-41
Parkview Christian	0-64
Pawnee City	20-50

Special Recognition

1st Team All District
Garrett Tachovsky (Punter)

2nd Team All District
Marcos Gonzalez (Kicker & Running Back)

Garrett Tachovsky
(Defensive Back)

Honorable Mention
All District:
Jacob Cerny (Offensive End)
Andy Drake (Defensive Back)



Football Team. BR: Head Coach Brent Zoubek, & Asst. Coach Spencer Kotas. 3rd Row: St. Manager Paxton Behrens, Carter Cerny, Chase Tachovsky, Adrian Alcaide, Elvis Lopez, Caden Axline, & St. Manager Thor Nerud. 2nd Row: St. Manager Payton Zoubek, Victor Lopez, Andy Drake, Marcos Gonzalez, Ashton Jirsa, & St. Manager Mason June. FR: St. Manager Landon Shaw, Ariana Tellez, Garrett Tachovsky, Brett Ladely, Jacob Cerny, Owen Vyhnaelek, & St. Manager Trevin Steuk.



Putting it all in for a

Touchdown

Trying to prevent a tackle, senior Garrett Tachovsky stiff arms his Parkview Christian opponent in an attempt to get away.

As the ball soars through the air, it is snatched up by a Dorchester football player and taken into the end zone. The crowd goes wild as the speakers announce "TOUCHDOWN!"

The Dorchester Football season was full of dedication and teamwork. Every player gave their full effort every game. Many players felt like the team's defense was one of the best they'd had in recent years. "I thought our defense was extremely strong," said sophomore Owen Vyhnalek. "We held the line a lot during games."

The team gained five new freshmen who were excited to play. "I looked forward to playing football before the season even began," said freshman Chase Tachovsky. "I was able to play with my buddies and my brother."

Practices were also intense and full of energy. "I really enjoyed the practices," said junior Victor Lopez. "We always worked hard, but we also joked around."

Practices consisted of the

fundamentals of football and a lot of conditioning. "I understand the running is good for me," said freshman Elvis Lopez. "It still doesn't make it any easier." Each player persisted through the tough times and became stronger.

The highlight was breaking a school record during the Lewiston game. "Lewiston was a close and intense game at the beginning," said junior Marcos Gonzalez. "Then we ended up scoring six touchdowns in the second half."

The football team set a new record for most points scored in a game with 72 points. "It's my first year being an assistant coach, and the team beat a school record," said Assistant Coach Spencer Kotas. "Every person on the team definitely deserves it. They worked extremely hard, and they especially did during the Lewiston

game."

The season was a teaching, learning, and intense experience. The seniors taught the new freshmen, and the freshmen learned from their experiences. "I really appreciate the underclassmen being able to listen," said senior Brett Ladely. "I think that with enough hard work and dedication they can be great football players."

The season will be one to look fondly on. "I am extremely grateful for the upperclassmen being good role models," said Head Coach Brent Zoubek. "All the hard work that was put into the season didn't go unnoticed. They were a great bunch of players who really worked hard to make it a great season."



Teaming up against their Friend opponent, sophomore Gabby Theis and freshman Bailey Theis work together to steal the basketball.

Making IMPROVEMENTS

Teamwork, dedication, and improvement were what the team focused on. With all the same athletes returning, plus a few freshmen, the girls were able to play better as a team. "My goal was to win at least half of our games, improve, and make the overall program better," said sophomore Baylor Behrens. "We achieved this because we overall meshed better as a team and our winning record made teams start scouting us."

Another positive was having three sisters playing together; all named Theis. For Madison (junior), Gabby (sophomore), and Bailey (freshman), they had the opportunity to share game time.

Naturally, there was competition

between them, but that just made them be better players. "After games, our parents compared us and made it seem like one sister was better than you and your other sister. It's almost like they make it a competition, but they usually favor Madison more," said Gabby Theis.

"I like playing with my little sisters," said Madison Theis. "I enjoy it a lot more when we get along, but when we are mad at each other outside of playing the sport, it can get heated between us."

Having the Theis girls play together really helped the team. "Getting to play with the three sisters added a great dynamic to our team, and it wouldn't be the same without them," said junior Amber Kotas.

There were many highlights to the season including the game against Osceola. Securing the win with 38

points, they got their long awaited revenge from losing to them in the previous years by a last minute shot. "After we won the game and all ran into the locker room, the energy and excitement was awesome," said sophomore Atley Zoubek.

Another high point was the Exeter-Milligan game. "It was super fun beating a team that normally acts as a mental road block for us, especially since it was our last year ever playing them," said junior Addison Lehr.

The team ended with a winning record. "I know there's always those games we could have won or played better, but overall they did great, and I'm proud of them," said Coach Brandon Bruha.

At the end of the season special recognition was awarded to Baylor Behrens who received CRC 2nd Team All Conference. Baylor Behrens and Gabby Theis both received Honorable Mention in the Lincoln Journal Star.



Eyes on the prize, junior Amber Kotas jumps high in order to get the ball to her teammates for the start of the game.



Backing into the lane, sophomore Atley Zoubek attempts to get a better position against her Friend opponent.



Going up for a layup, sophomore Baylor Behrens knocks down her Exeter-Milligan opponent as she goes up for the shot.

Guarding the ball from her Sterling opponent, junior Hailey Schweitzer dribbles down the court.



Girls Basketball. Back Row: Hailey Schweitzer, Head Coach Brandon Bruha, Madison Theis, Addison Lehr, Amber Kotas, Bailey Theis, Baylor Behrens, Atley Zoubek, Assistant Coach Audra Corbit, and Kayli Carey. MR: Micaela Loarca, Quinn Kasl, Gabby Theis, Savannah June, and Mitzu Real. FR: Student Managers Lily Lehr, Kendall Kasl, Livia Schweitzer, and Hadley Brandt.

Scores

Opponent	Us-Them
Meridian	23-45
Exeter-Milligan	41-37
BDS	35-47
Harvard	49-13
Osceola	38-24
Cedar Bluffs	52-11
Lewiston	38-41
College View Academy	38-25
Sterling	34-46
Friend	40-16
East Butler	48-31
High Plains	31-24
Cross County	30-44
Shelby-Rising City	35-47
Neb. Lutheran	37-41: 52-56
Heartland Lutheran	63-30
Giltner	39-12
Hampton	49-28
McCool Junction	33-59
Pawnee City	42-17
Johnson-Brock	33-59



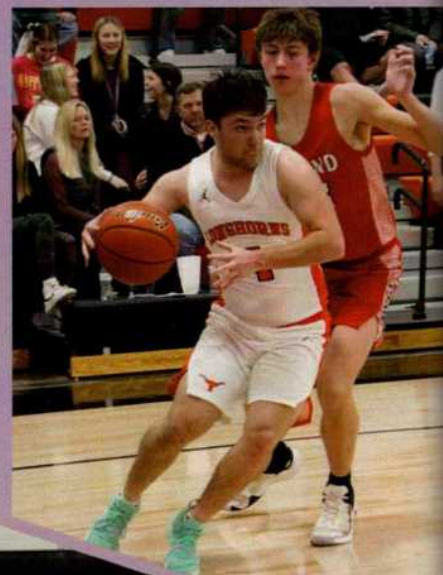
Trying to add to the scoreboard, junior Andy Drake goes up for a layup against the Sterling duo.



Flying past his Sterling opponent, senior Garrett Tachovsky puts on his hot wheels to bring it down to the hoop.



Going in between his Nebraska Lutheran opponents, senior Fernando Perez brings the ball high to add two points to the scoreboard.




Driving past his Meridian opponent, senior Brett Ladely works it in for a chance at a basket.

Scores

Opponent	Us-Them
Meridian	22-43
BDS	12-52
Harvard	40-52
Osceola	21-68
Cedar Bluffs	26-28
Lewiston	41-69; 32-53
College View Academy	46-40
Sterling	29-37
Friend	18-72
East Butler	35-49
High Plains	41-75
Cross County	24-74
Shelby-Rising City	33-54
McCool Junction	23-72; 23-63
Heartland Lutheran	38-49
Nebraska Lutheran	15-54
Giltner	34-52
Hampton	31-33
Exeter-Milligan	30-62



Boys Basketball. Back Row: Head Coach Corey Bird, Andy Drake, Owen Vyhnalek, Jacob Cerny, Garrett Tachovsky, and Assistant Coach Brandon Sullivan. FR: Student Manager Trevin Steuk, Fernando Perez, Brett Ladely, Chase Tachovsky, Carter Cerny, Student Manager Paxton Behrens, and Student Manager Mason June.



Working his way into the lane, freshman Chase Tachovsky gets into position to score.

With only eight players, every player had to give everything they had for the team to be successful. "The team was small but dedicated," said Assistant Coach Brandon Sullivan. "I have never seen such dedicated athletes while only having eight guys."

One of the positives to having only eight players was that everyone was able to get time on the court. "My main goal was to get into a game," said freshman Carter Cerny. "I was so excited to play, even if it was against guys a lot older than me."

Having a small team had advantages and disadvantages, but no matter what the season was demanding. "The season was hard and challenging for everyone," said freshman Chase Tachovsky, "but it was a good learning experience to play against players with more experience. It helped me really work on my skills."

Having a small team made practices a lot tougher than they normally would be. "During practices we didn't get a lot of time in between drills," said senior

Jacob Cerny.

"This made everyone tired, especially at the beginning of the season."

The season didn't go as well as everyone would have wanted, but the team celebrated when they could. "I really enjoyed the College View game," said senior Fernando Perez. "It was the one game we won, and it was Coach Bird's first win. We were so excited for him that we gave him a present full of chips, chocolates, and candy."

The season became even harder towards the end of the season when junior Andy Drake was injured. "I ended up tearing my ACL," said Drake. "It sucked having to miss the last few games."

The team then had to play with only seven players, which gave some players even more time. "It was fun playing with my other senior buddies," said senior

Brett

Ladely. "It was weird though when you thought about how we were half of the team with four of us being seniors."

There were lessons to be learned. "The best thing I learned is that basketball is a game and it's meant to be fun," said Head Coach Corey Bird. "Also, don't get on yourself because of a record. Have a growth mindset and put your best effort out on the court and live with the results."

At the end of the season special recognition was awarded to senior Garrett Tachovsky who received CRC Honorable Mention. "It was pretty cool to receive the award," said Garrett. "I'm glad I can say all my hard work paid off."

Small Team Brings Many Opportunities

Fighting to break from the hands of his opponent, junior Jacob Hatfield works to win a reversal.



More Athlete Makes Better competition

Two girls changed the course of Dorchester wrestling forever last year when freshmen AyLynn Schwisow and Ariana Tellez came together to compete in girls wrestling. The girls, however, were not able to compete as a separate girls team, but instead competed with the regular team. This meant that they had to compete against boys. "I really wanted to be able to compete just against girls," said Tellez. "It helped me to avoid awkward situations that happened last year. A guy asked me to Prom, and then I had to wrestle him the next week, and I beat him."

Finally, their dream came true. Starting this year, Dorchester was able to have separate girls and boys wrestling teams. "I love that there is a girls team so it gives them a better chance to compete," said Coach Chris Nelson. "I know the girls like it better, too."

In addition to the team, they gained two girls, junior Stephanie Korinek and sophomore Isabella Cornejo. They also gained four more

boys freshmen Adrian Alcaide and Elvis Lopez, and juniors Marcos Gonzalez and Victor Lopez. "I decided to do wrestling because Victor convinced me to," said Elvis Lopez.

To be able to split the duties of having two separate teams that many times competed at separate venues, Assistant Coach Marvin Barlow was hired. He helped at practice, and when the boys wrestling had a meet the same day as the girls team, he would go with the girls while Nelson went with the boys. "Marvin was a good addition to the team," said Nelson. "It was really useful when he could go to the girls meet when I went to the boys meet at the same time."

The wrestlers faced challenges such as injuries, ineligibility, and the challenges of learning a new sport. Ariana Tellez tore her ACL during football season and wasn't able to wrestle so she decided to do basketball instead. "I hated not being able to do the sport I love because of my injury," said Tellez.

AyLynn Schwisow strained her sciatic nerve, and Isabella Cornejo injured her sternum and shoulder. "Getting injured hurt a lot, but because I didn't want to have to sit out, I wrestled through the pain," said Cornejo.

Luckily none of the boys faced challenges with injuries. However, they did face the challenge of learning new skills. "It was hard at first to learn the new skills," said freshman Elvis Lopez. "Eventually I got the hang of it and was able to learn the new skills faster."

Another challenge was ineligibility. AyLynn Schwisow was out with a stomach issue that made her miss too much school so she was no longer able to compete. "It was awful. I hated not being able to wrestle," said Schwisow. "I still tried to go to all the wrestling meets to support them."

They all might have loved wrestling but everyone's favorite part always seemed to be the van rides. "The van rides are the best. We have so much fun talking and singing," said Marcos Gonzalez.

"One of my favorite memories is when Victor [Lopez] won his first match," said junior Jacob Hatfield. "He was so excited and we were all so excited for him."

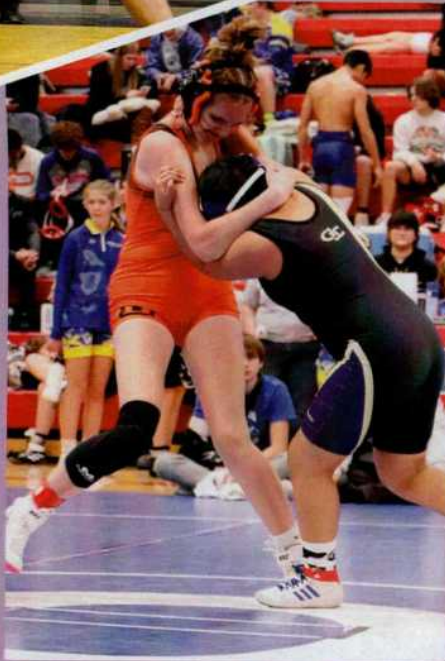
It might have been a rocky season, but that didn't matter to the wrestlers. The only thing that mattered was improving their skills and building better bonds with the rest of the wrestling team. "We're like a little family; we're comfortable telling each other anything," said Isabella Cornejo. "I really look up to Mr. Nelson and the team a lot, and I'm proud of how well we did."



Fighting to get position for a takedown, junior Marcos Gonzalez maneuvers his way into a good position.



Girls Wrestling Team: AyLynn Schwisow, Coach Chris Nelson, Stephanie Korinek, & Isabella Cornejo.
Not Pictured: Assistant Coach Marvin Barlow.

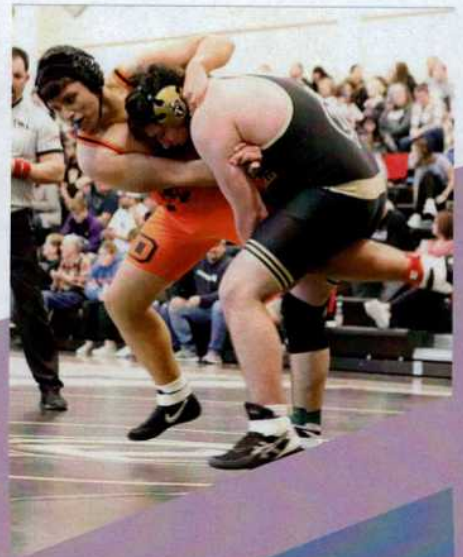


On the attack, junior Stephanie Korinek takes control of the situation and works to take her opponent down to the mat.



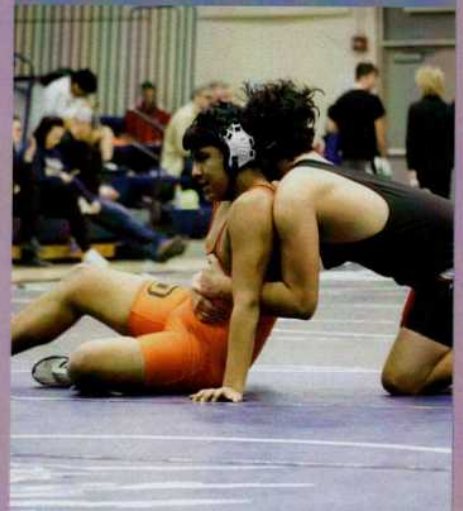
Boys Wrestling Team: BR Jacob Hatfield, Coach Chris Nelson, & Victor Lopez. FR: William Paiz, Marcos Gonzalez, & Ashton Jirsa. Not Pictured: Elvis Lopez, Adrian Alcaide, and Assistant Coach Marvin Barlow.

Working to get out of the grip of his opponent, freshman Elvis Lopez navigates to get control of the match.



Records

Athlete	Win-lose
Adrian Alcaide	6-21
Marcos Gonzalez	22-12
Jacob Hatfield	21-19
Elvis Lopez	6-19
Victor Lopez	4-21
Isabella Cornejo	10-17
Stephanie Korinek	5-13
AyLynn Schwisow	1-9



Biding his time, freshman Adrian Alcaide works to get points for a reversal.



Passing the baton off, sophomore Gabby Theis and freshman Micaela Loarca run as fast as they can in the 4x8 at the Del Wicks Invite at Deshler. The team finished with 12.52.72 run.



Arching her back, junior Stephanie Korinek works to avoid scraping the bar in the high jump to get over 4'8" at the Doane Invite in Crete.



Using all his momentum, freshman Chase Tachovsky pushes himself to do his best in the long jump at the Thayer Central Invite and jumped an 18'6.5".



Using all of her strength, freshman Bailey Theis launches the shot put high into the air and throws a 39'9.5" placing first at Districts.

Meets

Meets	Dates
Doane Invite @ Crete	3/16
@ Thayer Central Invite	3/21
Turkey Creek Relays @ Friend	3/28
Mustang Invite @ Friend	4/3
Del Wicks Invite @ Deshler	4/13
Friend Invite @ Friend	4/18
@ McCool Junction	4/24
CRC Meet @ Osceola	4/29
@ McCool Junction	5/4
District Meet @ Pawnee City	5/10
State Meet @ Omaha	5/19-20



Track. BR: Coach Brian Rut, Coach Corey Bird, Victor Lopez, Garrett Tachovsky, Owen Vyhnaelek, Jacob Cerny, Adrian Alcaide, Jacob Hatfield, & Coach Brandon Bruha. 3rd Row: Ariana Tellez, Chase Tachovsky, Fernando Perez, Marcos Gonzalez, Elvis Lopez, & Atley Zoubek. 2nd Row: Hailey Schweitzer, Madison Theis, Addison Lehr, Amber Kotas, Stephanie Korinek, Baylor Behrens, & Bailey Theis. FR: Isabella Cornejo, Kayli Carey, Gabby Theis, Micaela Loarca, Quinn Kasl, & Mitzu Real.



Speed, agility, and power were all needed to set and beat their personal records. The athletes did their best to improve throughout the season and place in events.

Track was more than a sport to these athletes. It was about improving, reaching their personal goals, and breaking their PR's. "I participated in track because it betters me as an athlete for my other sports," said junior Kayli Carey.

Others liked being in track because it gave them something to do. "Being out for a sport takes a lot of time, but I enjoy it and it keeps me busy," said junior Jacob Hatfield.

The team had many goals. Some teammates wanted to beat their PR's and other athletes' goals were to medal. "I was so excited when I medaled in the mile at the Doane Invite," said freshman Micaela Loarca. "I pushed myself at every meet so I could medal."

There was a good number of athletes on the team which meant a lot of opportunities. "I always like having a big

team," said senior Fernando Perez. "Having more people means having more team points."

Everyone on the team lettered in track by either placing in an event or beating their personal record three times. "Having everyone on the team was great," said junior Madison Theis. "It showed everyone was trying their best and improving."

Some pushed themselves even farther: Sophomore Baylor Behrens broke the 300 meter hurdle school record five times. "I knew I could get a faster time each time," said Behrens. "It pushed me more and more each race to try and beat my time from the last meet."

Juniors Amber Kotas and Kayli Carey, sophomore Baylor Behrens, and freshmen Bailey Theis and Chase Tachovsky qualified for State.

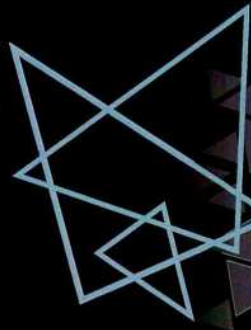
Passing his opponents, junior Marcos Gonzalez runs as fast as he can at the Del Wicks Invite at Deshler in the 100 meter where he ran 12.44, a personal record.

Striving for EXCELLENCE

At State, Kotas placed fifteenth in shot put; Theis placed eighth in shot put; Carey competed in the 100 meter dash but didn't place. Tachovsky competed in the 200 meters and 400 meters but didn't place. Behrens competed in the 100 meter hurdles but didn't place, but placed fourth in the 300 meter hurdles.

"It was amazing to be able to do my best and finally take home a medal at State," said Behrens.

Even if all the athletes didn't make it to State, they all pushed themselves to do their best. "Seeing all those other schools really made me more competitive," said sophomore Isabella Comejo. "Track can be really fun when you medal and are with your friends."



Receiving her retirement plaque after seven years at DHS from Board President Steve Vyhnalek, Mrs. Linda Woolsey is recognized for her hard work and devotion. The **Loss** of her as bookkeeper will be greatly felt.



More or Less, everything changes. As the year came to a close there were wonderful accomplishments, but it was also time to look at the **Losses** to come.

The year was filled with **More** excitement, achievements and success. Teachers Claire Tachovsky and Chris Nelson were both adding **More** to their family with each expecting a baby in the summer.

There were **More** State qualifiers and medalists in track than in past years with five competing and two bringing home medals. They all waved as they drove past the large crowd of supporters on their way to Burke. "There were way **More** people cheering us on than what I expected," said freshman Bailey Theis.

At Honors Night and excellence rallies there always seemed to be **More** and **More** rewards for the Journalism students, whether it was for State placings or national competition awards the line of certificates never stopped. "It was nice to be recognized for the hard work we put in throughout the year," said sophomore Andrea Pavlish.

The senior class had even **Less** students to make up the

graduating class of 2023, with only eight donned in gray on the special day. With so few students, they were able to develop a close bond. "It felt like we were a family because we were always around one another," said senior Jacob Cerny.

Students had to say goodbye to some of their favorite staff who were moving on to **More** attractive opportunities. Linda Woolsey, the bookkeeper, retired after seven years. Audra Corbit, the second grade teacher and high school girls basketball coach and Daryl Schrunk, the superintendent also finished their time at DHS. "I am going to miss Mr. Schrunk," said Mr. Brent Zoubek. "He has done so much to help improve our school like bringing back football to Dorchester."

Deb Burrows, the school librarian, junior high health and study skills teacher, and speech coach dedicated sixteen years to DHS. "I could always count on her to get the books I wanted," said junior Victoria Leavitt.

Graduation finally brought the year to a close. "Overall, I really enjoyed my experience here," said senior Fernando Perez. "It may have been a small school, but I got so much **More** out of it. It became **More or Less** like a family."

MORE *less*



Adding a little **More** fun to their graduation ceremony, seniors Cabbott Kemerling, Harley Hagen, and Jayana Duchek set off their confetti poppers.

At NSAA State Journalism in Norfolk, sophomore Gabby Theis competed in YB Sports Feature Writing (8th), News/Feature Photography (7th), & Sports/Action Photography (4th).



Representing DHS, senior Jacob Cerny and junior Ely Loarca receive 5th in Broadcast News Story.

Winning awards, Ariana Tellez & Jacob Cerny place 2nd for Broadcast PSA. They also won the Gold Award (1st place) for their PSA at the NBA HS Contest.



After competing, Victoria Leavitt receives third & Gabby Theis receives 6th in YB Feature Writing.

On opposite ends of the stage, Hailey Schweitzer receives 5th and Andrea Pavlish receives 6th in Photo/Artistic Illustration.

In Newspaper Layout, Gabby Theis places 3rd, Hailey Schweitzer places 2nd, & Mackenzie Luzum places 4th.



But Wait,

State Track Qualifiers. Baylor Behrens in 100m hurdles & placed fourth in 300m hurdles, Kayli Carey in 100m, Chase Tachovsky in 200m & 400m, Amber Kotas in shot put, & Bailey Theis placed eighth in shot put.

There's More!



After winning first place in the state, sophomore Gabby Theis receives fourth place at the National Federation of Press Women High School Communications Contest for her photography.



Representing their school at the Nebraska Statehood Presentation at the State Capitol, junior Hailey Schweitzer, sixth grader Malikhi Gooding, and second grader Daniel Garcia show off their certificates. Not Pictured: Baylor Behrens.

Being a 2023 NSAA Believers & Achievers Honoree, senior Fernando Perez is selected out of over 600 nominees as one of 48. Out of those, he was 1 of 8 selected to receive a \$500 scholarship.

Placing 1st at Nationals in

Trap and Handicap Trap, senior Garrett Tachovsky (3rd from left), junior Ashton Jirsa (4th from left), and the rest of their team show off their trophies.

Sixth grader Erik Paiz Bautista wins the Cursive Handwriting Contest not only for the school, but for the entire state of Nebraska.



For three years in a row, junior Ashton Jirsa was selected for the NMEA All-State Chorus. Nearly 3,000 students auditioned for the NMEA events.



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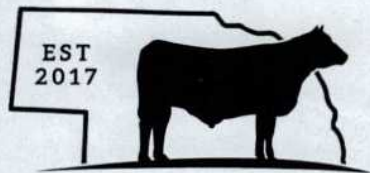


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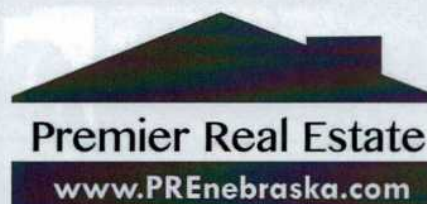
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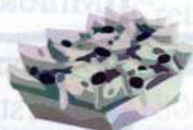
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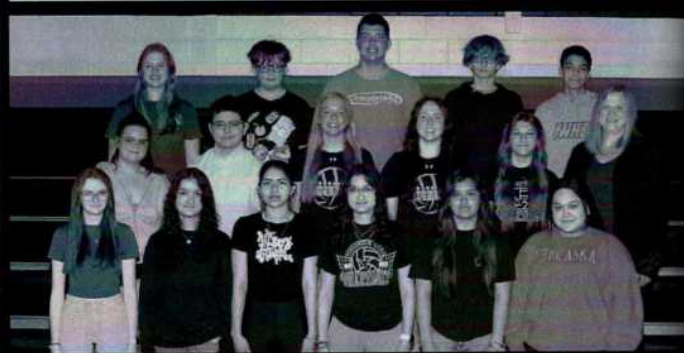
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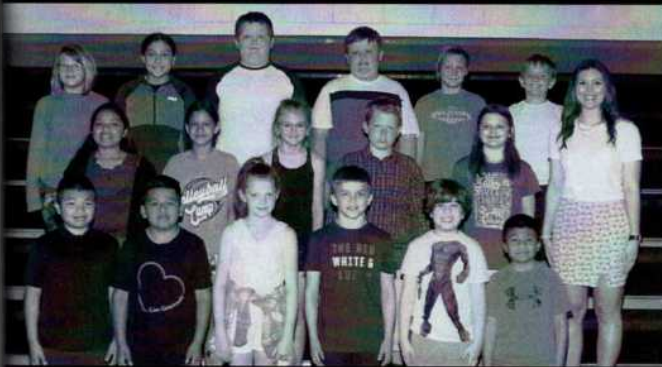
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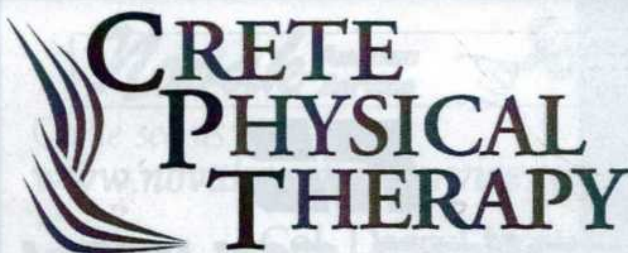


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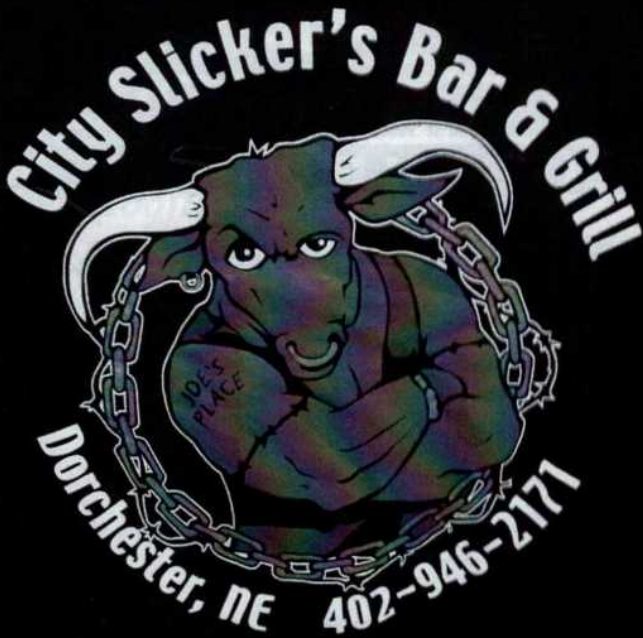
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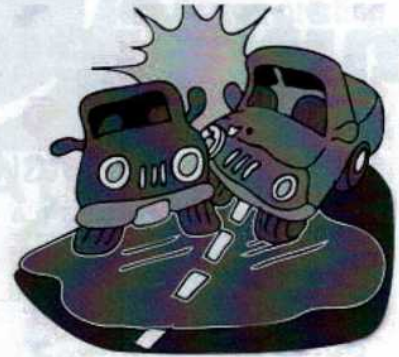
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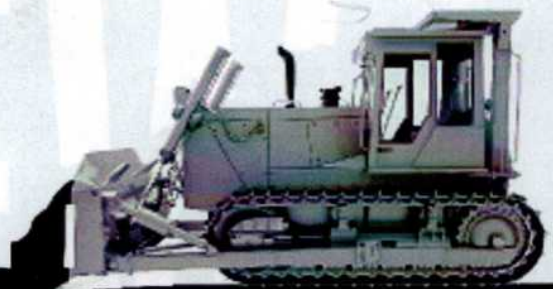
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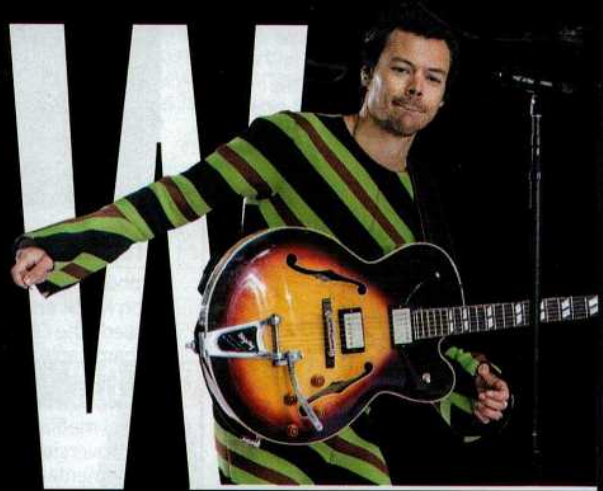
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YEAR IN RE VIEW

NEWS
& TRENDS

the longest reign

Thousands of mourners line the Long Walk to watch the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II as it arrives at Windsor Castle. Britain's longest-reigning monarch died Sept. 8 at the age of 96 after 70 years on the throne. Her oldest son became monarch upon her death and assumed the title of King Charles III, while his oldest son and heir, Prince William, was granted the Prince of Wales title. Photo credits: Newscom



MICROTRENDS

#SHEINHAUL

Low-cost fast-fashion company SHEIN makes microtrends accessible to many.

CHEUGY

The rapid cycling through trends spawns a new word: cheugy. It described someone who is out of date or trying too hard.

BEREAL

The "anti-Instagram" social media app BeReal encourages users to post more authentic snapshots of their lives.

BARBIECORE

Margot Robbie's portrayal of Barbie and Valentino's fall/winter collection feeds the Barbiecore aesthetic trend on TikTok with bright shades of pink, from neon to bubblegum. Photo credit: Newscom



BYE, BYE BIRDIE

A phone displays the Twitter account of billionaire Elon Musk and his tweets from Nov. 15. He was already the CEO of Tesla and SpaceX when he became sole owner of Twitter for \$44 billion, and plunging stocks caused him to lose his rank as the world's richest man. Upon taking over the social media platform, Musk made a series of controversial decisions, including mass layoffs, implementation and then de-implementation of the Twitter Blue account verification program, and asking remaining employees to commit to working "long hours at high intensity" or leave the company. Photo credits: Newscom





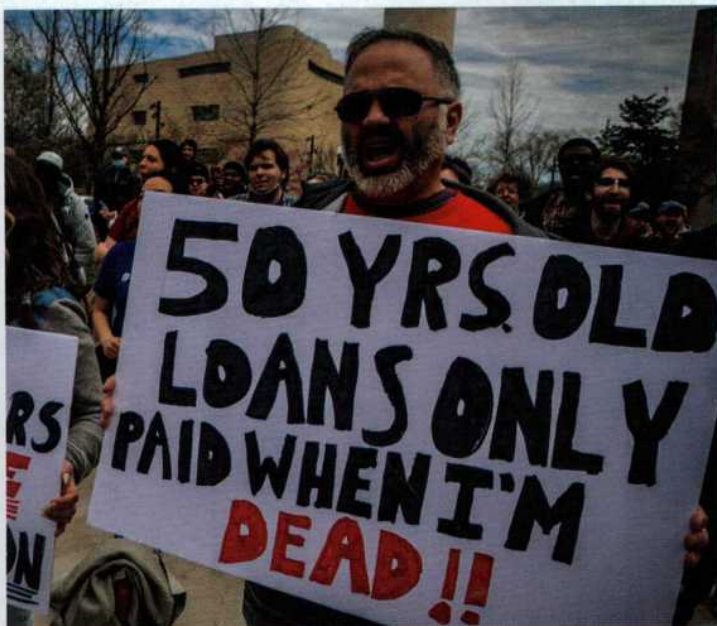
PAY UP

Protesters rally outside the Department of Education, calling on President Joe Biden to abolish all student loan debt. Their demands were partially answered in August, when Biden signed an executive order forgiving up to \$20,000 of debt for millions of Americans. The legislation was quickly challenged in court, with opponents claiming the president didn't have the authority to carry out the order. Photo credit: Newscom

ICYMI Biggest Self-Care Trends on TikTok

1. Affirmations – 9.2 billion views
2. Journaling – 5.4 billion views
3. Meditation – 4.3 billion views
4. Gratitude – 1.3 billion views
5. Breathwork – 363.5 million views
6. Aromatherapy – 352.4 million views
7. Sound healing – 315.2 million views

Source: Beauty Daily by Clarins UK



BRITTNEY'S BACK

WNBA star Brittney Griner steps onto American soil for the first time in 10 months. The two-time Olympic gold medalist was detained on drug charges when she flew to Russia to play in the off-season. Despite international calls for her release, Griner was convicted and sent to a penal colony to serve her nine-year sentence, but returned to the U.S. in December as part of a prisoner swap with Russia. Photo credit: Miguel Negron/U.S. Army

ELECTION YEAR

The makeup of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives changes following the Nov. 8 election. Control of the House flipped to Republicans and the Senate remained in the hands of Democrats. The vote for Speaker of the House was notable because it took four days and 15 rounds of voting to elect Kevin McCarthy, the most rounds since 1859 and the first time since 1923 it took more than one vote.

SENATE



HOUSE



Photo credit: Stephanie Streicher

YEAR IN RE VIEW

NEWS & TRENDS

SERVING JUSTICE

Ketanji Brown Jackson becomes an associate justice for the United States Supreme Court, replacing retiring justice Stephen Breyer. Justice Jackson was nominated by President Joe Biden after Breyer announced his plans to step down. She was the first Black woman to serve on the nation's highest court. Photo credit: Newscom



SKY HIGH

A shopper compares the price of groceries at a supermarket. Rising inflation caused the costs of goods and services to rise — particularly the cost of groceries and energy. Consumers managed by buying less, switching away from name brands, driving less and some turned to food banks for help. Photo credit: Newscom

WORDS OF THE YEAR

GASLIGHTING

Merriam Webster

GASLIGHTING (VERB): to psychologically manipulate (a person) usually over an extended period of time so that the victim questions the validity of their own thoughts, perception of reality, or memories and experiences confusion, loss of confidence and self-esteem, and doubts concerning their own emotional or mental stability

GOBLIN MODE

Oxford

GOBLIN MODE (SLANG): a type of behavior which is unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, slovenly or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms or expectations

DUTY TO SERVE

K-Pop superstar group BTS takes a two year hiatus as the members enlist in the military. South Korea required all able-bodied men to complete a mandatory 18 months of service. As the oldest member, 30-year-old Jin was the first to complete basic training. Photo credit: Newscom



the cost of war

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy attends a candlelight vigil at the "UA: Human Rights in Dark Times" international conference in Kyiv. Russia's attack on the Eastern European nation continued, creating long-lasting and long-reaching effects. Countries that had previously received much of their grain from Ukraine faced food shortages, while others faced rising fertilizer and fuel prices or shortages. Photo credits: Newscom



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ALL THE HARRY DETAILS

The world gets an intimate look into the life of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, through Prince Harry's memoir *Spare* and their Netflix series "Harry & Meghan." The man fifth in line to the British throne detailed his strained family relationships, military career and decision to step away from royal life with shocking revelations. Buckingham Palace did not offer any public response, which left many wondering if Prince Harry would be invited to his father King Charles' coronation. Photo credit: Jordan Andrews

A CALL FOR HELP

A young woman uses her phone in a promo for the new 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. The FCC replaced the old 10-digit number with easy-to-remember 988. The service was made available nationally with text, call and chat functions. Photo credit: FCC

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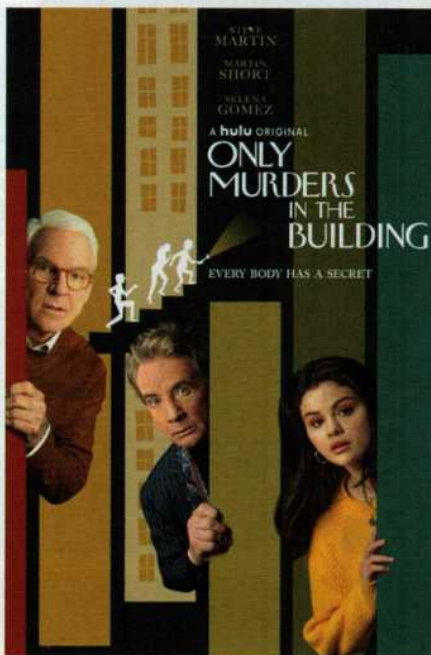
PLAY IT AGAIN

Lizzo plays President James Madison's 1813 crystal flute in the flute vault at the Library of Congress. The Grammy-winning pop artist and classically trained flutist was invited to tour the flute collection, which is the largest in the U.S. Later that evening, Lizzo briefly played the 200-year-old crystal flute on stage at her concert in Washington, D.C. Photo credit: Shawn Miller/Library of Congress



ONLY STARS IN THE BUILDING

Teasers emerge for season 3 of "Only Murders in the Building" as A-listers Meryl Streep and Paul Rudd sign on to join Selena Gomez, Steve Martin and Martin Short. The podcasting trio found themselves suspects in the death of another Arconia resident in season 2. The show and its three stars landed Golden Globe nominations for their work. Photo credit: Newscom



WEDNESDAY'S CHILD

Wednesday Addams, portrayed by Jenna Ortega, works to solve a mystery at her private school with her handy assistant, Thing. The Tim Burton-directed series "Wednesday" broke the Netflix record for most-watched English-language show in its first week with 341 million viewing hours. Ortega choreographed a dance scene shown in episode four, which quickly became an internet sensation and was replicated in many TikTok videos. Photo credit: Newscom

POPULAR ARTISTS OF THE YEAR

BAD BUNNY

BEYONCÉ

BLACKPINK

BTS

CAMILA CABELLO

DUA LIPA

GLASS ANIMALS

HARRY STYLES

JACK HARLOW

KENDRICK LAMAR

LIZZO

LUKE COMBS

MACHINE GUN KELLY

MILEY CYRUS

STEVE LACY

SZA

TAYLOR SWIFT

ZACH BRYAN

Photo credits: Newscom





CRUISING TO SUCCESS

Captain Pete "Maverick" Mitchell, portrayed by Tom Cruise, celebrates in *Top Gun: Maverick*. The sequel to the 1986 *Top Gun* film saw many of the original actors, including Cruise, return to their original roles. The action film was well-received and earned more than \$1.4 billion worldwide. Photo credit: Newscom

QUEEN OF EVERYTHING

Beyoncé performs at the Glastonbury Music Festival. Queen Bey set the Beyhive to buzzing when she released *Renaissance*, her first full-length solo album since 2016. Beyoncé won four categories at the 2023 Grammy Awards, making her the most-winning artist in history with 32 total awards. Photo credit: Newscom



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siren song

Max Mayfield, portrayed by actor Sadie Sink, looks for the source of a paranormal sound in season 4 of the hit Netflix show "Stranger Things." The show was so influential that the character's favorite song – which plays an important role in the season's plot – jumped to number three in the U.S. Billboard Top 100. What made this remarkable was that "Running Up that Hill" by Kate Bush was released in 1985, but only rose to number 30 at the time it debuted 36 years earlier. Photo credit: Newscom

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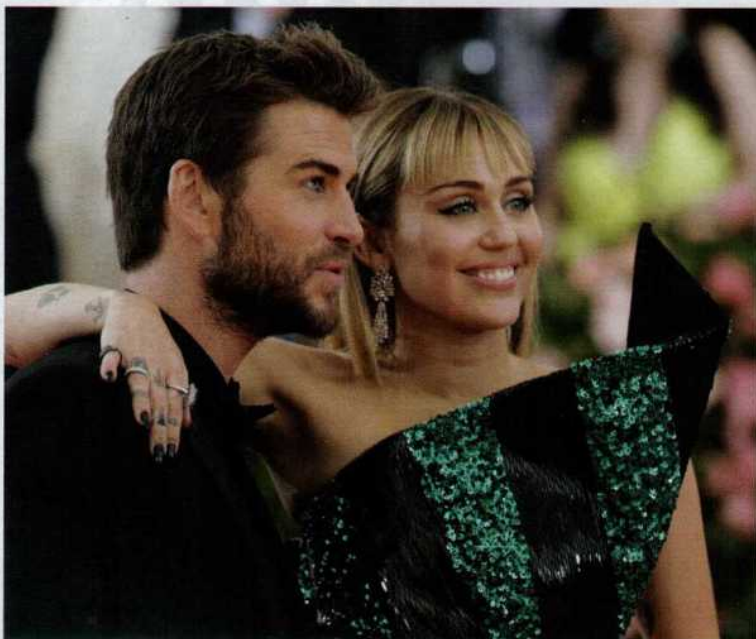
THE EX-FACTOR

Better-off-without-their-ex themed songs top the charts with "Flowers" by Miley Cyrus – shown here with then-husband and likely inspiration for the hit, Liam Hemsworth – breaking records. Cyrus dropped "Flowers" on Hemsworth's birthday, and the single broke Spotify's record for one-week streams. Hit songs like Shakira's "Out of Your League" and SZA's "Kill Bill" also capitalized on breakups. Photo credit: Newscom

a saturated sequel

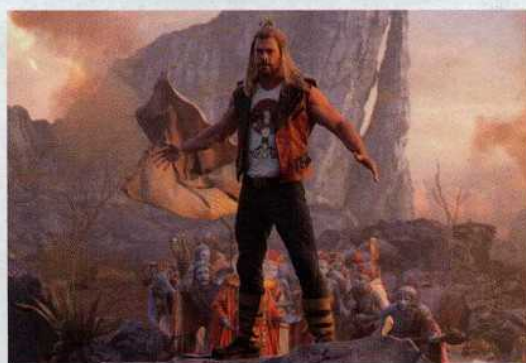
The Na'vi must flee the forests to join the underwater clans as human colonizers invade Pandora in *Avatar: The Way of Water*. The sequel to 2009's *Avatar* became one of the top 10 highest-grossing films of all time within a month of its release. Part of the reason for the 13-year delay between movies was the wait for technology that would allow director James Cameron to film motion capture scenes underwater.

Photo credits: Newscom



A SWIFT RISE TO THE TOP

Taylor Swift shows off the trophies from her wins at the 2022 American Music Awards. The pop artist broke records when she became the first person to hold all of the top 10 spots on Billboard's Hot 100 Chart at the same time after the release of her new album, *Midnights*. Presale tickets for her 2023 *Eras* concert tour went on sale Nov. 15, and the volume of would-be buyers, plus fans not qualified for the presale and bots used by scalpers, crashed the site. Photo credit: Newscom



MARVEL AT IT ALL

Ramonda and Shuri, played by Angela Bassett and Letitia Wright, defend their home in *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*. The Marvel Cinematic Universe closed out Phase Four of its years-long release schedule on a high note. *Thor: Love and Thunder* and *Doctor Strange and the Multiverse of Madness* joined *Black Panther* as some of the highest-grossing films of the year, and series like *Moon Knight* received positive reviews. Photo credits: Newscom

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POPULAR BOOKS OF THE YEAR

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Casey McQuiston

Family of Liars
E. Lockhart Verity

It Ends with Us
Colleen Hoover

A Court of Thorns and Roses
Sarah J. Maas

Project Hail Mary
Andy Weir

The House in the Cerulean Sea
T.J. Klune

The Summer I Turned Pretty
Jenny Han

The Final Gambit
Jennifer Lynn Barnes

One of Us is Lying
Karen M. McManus

Source: Goodreads
Photo credits: Stephanie Streicher



YEAR IN RE VIEW

SPORTS

IMPORTANCE OF CPR

Following the on-field collapse of NFL football player Damar Hamlin, the American Heart Association reported a 620% increase in page views on its CPR pages. According to the CDC, follow the below steps if you see someone in cardiac arrest:

1. Call 911 right away.
2. Give CPR. Push down hard and fast in the center of the chest at a rate of 100 to 120 pushes a minute. Let the chest come back up to its normal position after each push. The American Heart Association recommends timing your pushes to the beat of the song "Stayin' Alive."
3. Continue giving CPR until medical professionals arrive or until a person with formal CPR training can take over.

Photo credit: Alex Streicher



THERE GOES THE GOAT

Serena Williams reacts to winning her first match of the 2022 U.S. Open. This was expected to be the 40-year-old champion's final tournament after announcing she planned to "evolve away from tennis." Williams made her professional tennis debut in 1995, and career highlights included 39 Grand Slam titles and four Olympic gold medals.
Photo credit: Newscom



LOVE FOR DAMAR

Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen and offensive tackle Ryan Bates watch as emergency medical personnel tend to teammate Damar Hamlin. The 24-year-old safety suffered a cardiac arrest and collapsed on the field during the Jan. 2 game against the Cincinnati Bengals. Fans showed their support by donating to a GoFundMe Hamlin had previously created to buy toys for kids in need, donating \$8.6 million as he recovered in the hospital.
Photo credits: Newscom



MEDAL OF FREEDOM

President Joe Biden presents the Medal of Freedom to gymnast Simone Biles. U.S. Soccer star Megan Rapinoe was also among the 17 people honored with the award in 2022. They were the fifth and sixth female athletes to receive the nation's highest civilian honor. Photo credit: Adam Schultz/The White House

FIFA WORLD CUP

1st

Qatar 2022 was the first-ever FIFA World Cup to be held during the Northern Hemisphere winter months, opposed to the traditional summer competition.

4 million

fans gathered in Buenos Aires to celebrate Argentina's World Cup-winning team.

19.9 million

viewers tuned in to watch the Black Friday match between the United States and England.



kick up your heels

Forward Tim Weah and defender Antonee Robinson celebrate Team USA's first goal in their first match of the FIFA 2022 World Cup in Doha, Qatar. During and leading up to the World Cup, critics called for a boycott, citing concerns about corruption and human rights abuses in host country Qatar. Argentina won the tournament, beating out France 4-2 on penalty kicks in an exhilarating final match. Photo credits: Newscom

YEAR IN RE VIEW

SPORTS

bowled over

Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce celebrates his team's 38-35 Super Bowl win with his brother, Philadelphia Eagles center Jason Kelce. Super Bowl LVII was the first NFL championship where two brothers played on opposing teams, as well as the first time two Black quarterbacks faced each other. Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes was named MVP, and Rihanna performed the halftime show, surprising viewers when she revealed a baby bump. Photo credits: Newscom



ICE, ICE BABY

Ilia Malinin competes in December's Grand Prix Final figure skating competition in Italy. Malinin was 17 when he became the first person to land a quadruple axel in competition at the U.S. Classic in September. He attempted the most ambitious routine in history at the U.S. Championships in January and won gold for his performance.

Photo credit: Newscom

AN ASTRO-NOMICAL WIN

Cristian Javier of the Houston Astros pitches against the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 4 of the World Series. The Astros won 5-0 in what ended up being the first no-hitter in a World Series since 1956. They went on to clinch the series in game 6.

Photo credit: Newscom





WIN AND REPEAT

After a touchdown, Georgia offensive lineman Tate Ratledge lifts teammate Ladd McConkey into the air during the College Football National Championship Game on Jan. 9 in Inglewood, California. Georgia defeated TCU, 65-7, in a lopsided blowout to win its second straight national title. The Bulldogs were the first team to repeat as national champions in more than a decade. Photo credit: Newscom



GOODBYE FOR GOOD

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady plans a pass in his final game with the NFL. Brady announced on social media in January that he was retiring "for good" after 23 years with the NFL. The 45-year-old previously retired in February of 2022 before un-retiring 40 days later, which many speculated was a factor in his divorce from supermodel Gisele Bündchen. Photo credit: Newscom

WOMEN IN PRIME TIME

Members of the Portland Thorns rush the pitch to celebrate their 2-0 win over the Kansas City Current at the National Women's Soccer League Championship. It was the first time an NWSL game was aired during prime time and the match drew a record-breaking television audience of 915,000. In another step forward for the popularity of women's sports, ABC announced plans to broadcast the 2023 championship game of the NCAA Division I women's basketball tournament in April. Photo credit: Newscom

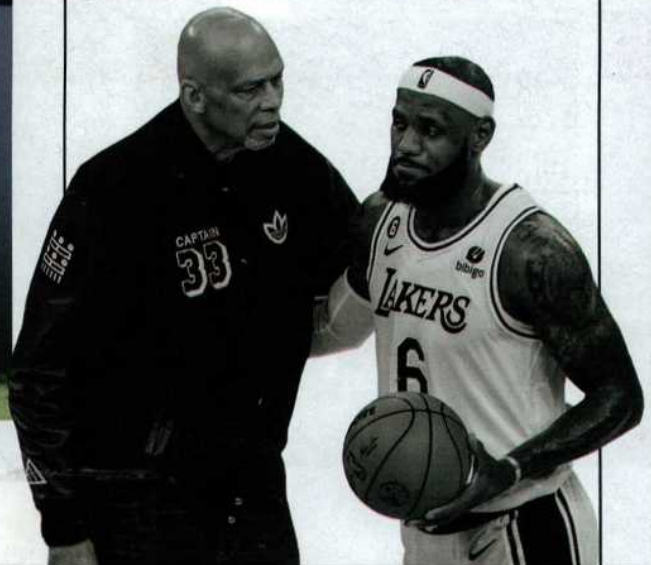


THE NAME OF THE GAME

Dustin Johnson takes a shot on hole 3 during the semifinals of October's LIV Golf Invitational in Miami. LIV Golf was a controversial new league due to its source of funding: Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund. Saudi Arabia was accused of using "sportswashing" to distract the public from allegations of human rights violations. Photo credit: Newscom

THE NEW KING OF THE COURT

Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James shares an emotional moment with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar after breaking the NBA's all-time scoring record. James made his 38,388th point in the Feb. 7 game against the Oklahoma City Thunder. This broke the record set by Abdul-Jabbar in 1984. Photo credit: Newscom



YEAR IN RE VIEW

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LET IT FLOW

Tourists watch Hawaii's Mauna Loa and Kilauea volcanoes erupt in tandem for the first time since 1984. Fountains of lava as high as 200 feet tall burst from Mauna Loa on Nov. 28, just 21 miles from its smaller neighbor, Kilauea, which had been erupting for the previous year. The twin eruptions did not endanger local homes but worried officials when the flow crept close to roads and highways connecting the island.

Photo credit: Janice Wei/National Park Service



to the moon & back

Launch director Charlie Blackwell-Thompson looks out to watch the Orion spacecraft as it's carried to the launch site. The spacecraft took off Nov. 16 on a path to circle the Moon and return to Earth. This was the first stage of NASA's Artemis program, which prepared the agency to send humans to the Moon again and eventually to Mars. Photo credits: NASA/Joel Kowsky



DISASTER STRIKES



Sept. 15 – The boil water notice order in Jackson, Mississippi, is lifted after extreme flooding damages the city's water treatment facility, leaving 150,000 residents without clean drinking water for weeks. Photo credit: Staff Sgt. Connie Jones/U.S. Army National Guard



Sept. 28 – An animal services worker in Fort Myers Beach, Florida, transports a cat lost during Hurricane Ian back to its owner. The Category 4 storm caused at least 146 fatalities in Florida, just ten days after Puerto Rico suffered major damage from Hurricane Fiona. Photo credit: Newscom



Feb. 14 – Surrounded by the destruction from a 7.8 magnitude earthquake, Turkish residents await a hot meal at a food distribution point. The quake hit Turkey and Syria Feb. 6, killing more than 47,000 people and leaving millions of people without permanent shelter. Photo credit: Newscom



LISTEN UP

A young woman rocks out to music through headphones, which experts say should be done with precautions in place. A study published in the journal *BMJ Global Health* revealed that listening with headphones at loud levels and attending loud venues like concerts is putting 1 billion young people at risk for hearing loss. Experts said hearing loss could be prevented by turning down the volume when wearing headphones and using ear protection at concerts. Photo credit: Shutterstock

A STAR IS BORN

One of the first images from NASA's James Webb Telescope shows the "Cosmic Cliffs" in stunning detail. Images of this star-forming region of the Carina Nebula were captured with infrared light that allowed Webb's cameras to see through cosmic dust and reveal never-before-seen areas of star birth. Although they looked somewhat like cliffs we'd see on Earth, these Cosmic Cliffs were made up of gas and space dust, with the tallest peaks stretching seven light years high. Photo credit: NASA/Space Telescope Science Institute



SHARE IT ON SOCIAL

Percentage of teens age 13-17 who say they post about these topics on social media:

43%
Accomplishments

34%
Family

25%
Emotions and feelings

12%
Dating life

11%
Personal problems

10%
Political beliefs

9%
Religious beliefs

Source: Pew Research Center

YEAR IN RE VIEW

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & PLANET

GOOD NEWS

WILD TIGERS

The World Wildlife Foundation announces July 29 that the number of wild tigers in Nepal has nearly tripled.

BLUE WHALES

The Mediterranean Shipping Company, which is the world's largest shipping line, voluntarily changes its shipping routes to protect endangered blue whales.

MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

The 2022 monarch butterfly population increases 35% compared to the previous year. Photo credit: Stephanie Streicher



alarm in california

Teresa Vaughn clears mud from the yard of her Santa Barbara home. Massive flooding killed at least 17 people and caused massive damage across central and southern California in the first half of January. The previously drought-stricken state received rainfall amounts 400% to 600% above average. Photo credits: Newscom



OH-ZONE SHE DID IT

NASA finds continued improvement of the ozone layer over Antarctica. The U.N. announced that the ozone – a thin layer of gas that protects the earth from radiation – was on track to recover within about four decades. This success was attributed to the Montreal Protocol, which was adopted in 1987 and phased out the use of ozone-depleting chemicals like chlorofluorocarbons that had previously been widely used in aerosol cans and as refrigerants. Photo credits: Newscom



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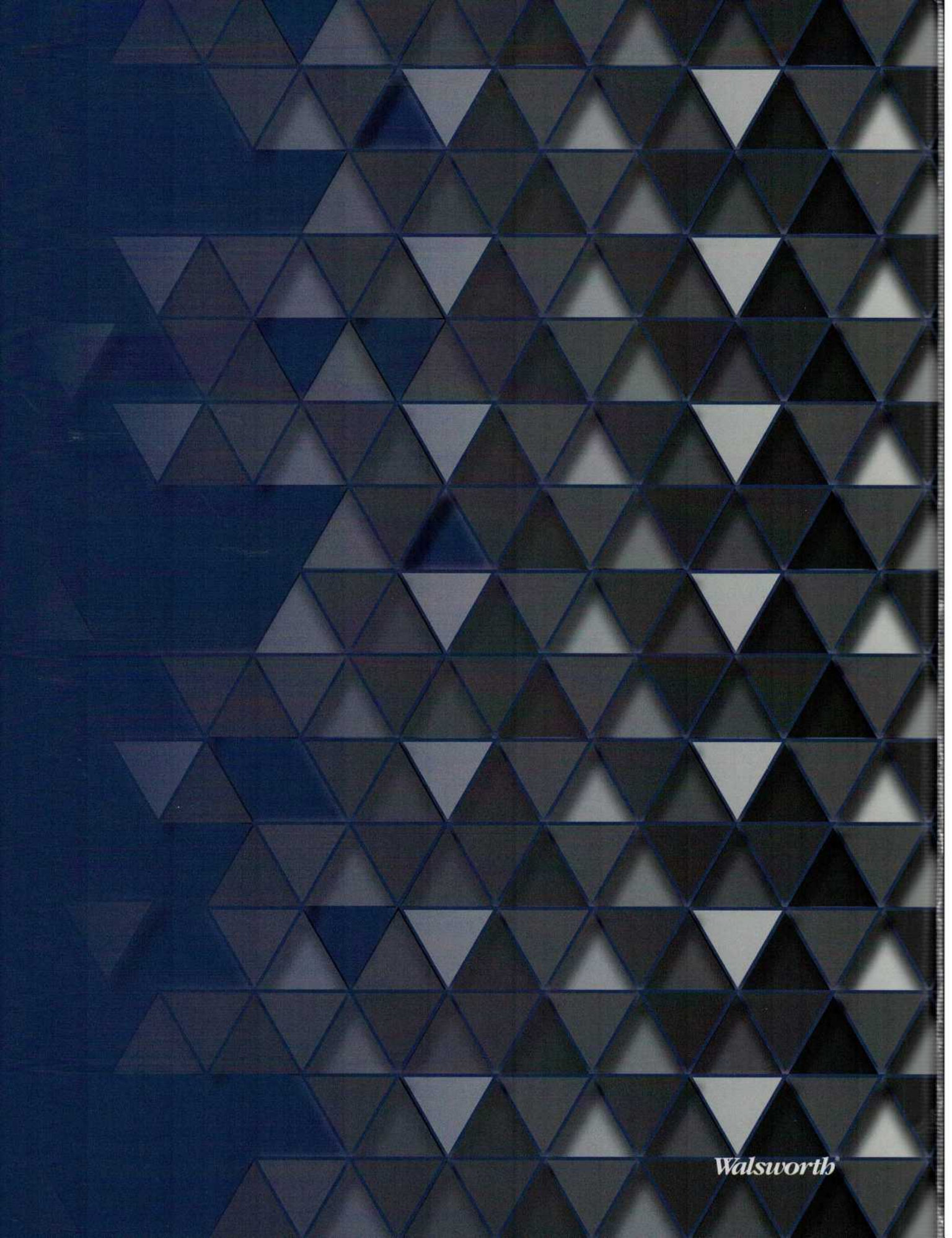
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2. Junior Andy Drake
3. Senior Jacob Cerny and junior Jacob Hatfield
4. Seventh grader Antonio Loarca & eighth grader Colton Harrison
5. Senior Jayana Duchek
6. Deputy Jennifer Warning and Mr. Spencer Kotas
7. Sophomores Gabrielle Theis & Baylor Behrens
8. Sophomore Ariana Tellez
9. Seventh Grader Faith Elkins
10. Junior Kayli Carey, sophomore Baylor Behrens, junior Hailey Schweitzer, and sophomore Atley Zoubek. (In background: sophomore Aylynn Schwisow)



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