opening

For seniors it was the beginning of the end. For freshmen it seemed like just the beginning. But for all students it was the start of another year which would rapidly fill with successes and disappointments, with stress and exhaustion, with the essential highs and lows that make a school year memorable and forgettable at the same time. Walking through the halls of a freshly remodeled building that first day represented a glimpse of the year to come. Within the halls echoed future class lectures, while the occasional silence spoke of the quiet tension of upcoming tests. It was the beginning, and some looked on it with great anticipation, while others looked on it with grief. Regardless of their feelings, a new year had started which accompanied a new school and a new millennium.

Showing his exasperation with another day of school, Andy Messerli, 12, sits back and contemplates the meaning of life.
On the eve of another varsity girls volleyball game Alicia Weiss, 10, Erica Ross, 10, Jamie Zurlene, 10, and Hsiao lei Miller, 10, plan to express their school spirit by cheering on the team.

Overwhelmed by the pressures of school, Lindsay Hess, 11, voices her frustration with the fact that there are just not enough hours in the day.

With time running out, Chad Koch, 11, watches Joe Finley, 12, display his annoyance with another homework assignment while Mike Jascur, 11, sits quietly in the background working on his computer.
“Live all you can; it’s a mistake not to. It doesn’t so much matter what you do in particular, so long as you have your life. If you haven’t had that, what have you had?”

Henry James

student life
A group of seniors make sure their presence is known amongst the crowd at the Homecoming Coronation ceremony.
boot up!
by: ani herzberg & natalie ingram

The kick-off to an entertaining and exciting week of homecoming events started on a sunny Sunday afternoon. Students involved in various sports, clubs and classes met at the middle school, and loaded on to their designated floats. The parade route that led down Poplar Street consisted of forty floats headed to the Highland Square. When everyone arrived at the square, students awaited the judges decision on the winning float. For the third consecutive year, the junior class pulled out a victory. Following the results of the float contest, the band played the school song and other spirit filled tunes. The football cheerleaders fueled the fire of energy by directing many motivating cheers. The afternoon concluded with some students heading to the high school to engage in the annual volleyball tournament. The big winners were Mark Blakey, 12, Ryan Henrichs, 12, Jared Goestenkors, 12, Stephanie Trame, 12, Crystal Uhe, 12, and Kristin Johnson, 12.

Float winners: As the first place junior float rides by, Chelsey Kanter, 11, Jene' Knebel, 11, Jessica Ribbing, 11, and Monica Cruthis, 11, enthusiastically wave to the crowd along the parade route.

Fanatic fans: Towering high above a crowd of seniors, Shauna Holczmann, 12, energetically cheers on her class.
Cheering loud: After the parade, Captain Stephanie Neudecker, 12, leads a cheer to get the crowd pumped.

Hay day: Allison Campbell, 12 launches a hay attack on Nathan Mezo, 12.

School spirit: With flags flying, the color guard helps pump up the school spirit at Sunday’s pep rally.

Parade pick
“My favorite float was the root beer float! No, actually it was the junior float that was my favorite.”

Cory Done, 11

Memorable night
“My favorite part was the person I went with. It was a blast! It was a very memorable night.”

Andrew Buck, 10
No competition

"The best part of activities week was the volleyball tournament. Of course the other teams weren't any competition. When you have a team as good as mine, it's hard to find competition."
Mark Blakey, 12

Singing fools

"Activity week is an awesome way to pump everyone up for the game and the dance. Personally I am quite amused by those people who get the guts for the karaoke and make complete fools of themselves."
Jessica Plocher, 11

Couch potatoes: The winners of the couch party sponsored by FMCC, Stephanie Gruender, 9, Brooke Potthast, 9, Rhonda Mettler, 9, John Chapman, 9, and Ben Shea, 9, enjoy their front row seats at the homecoming football game.

Dress to impress: Justin Cryder's, 12, dance moves don't seem to impress Janae Barker, 12, much.
active desktop
by: natalie ingram & ani herzberg

Students woke up bright and early on Monday morning, and came to school dressed in their favorite pajamas to begin the homecoming activities week. Tuesday, students karaoke'd to various tunes, and the favorite group from each lunch hour won the honor to sing at Friday's pep rally. Wednesday, hungry students scarfed down tropical flavored jello. After eating, eager students engaged in the arm wrestling contests. The hula hoop contest was the main event on Thursday. On Friday, leis were around necks and Hawaiian shirts crowded the halls of the school. Later that afternoon, the student body gathered in the gym for the much awaited pep rally. During the rally, the senior fall athletes and the dance team performed their version of "That Don't Impress Me Much." Colin Cronin, 9, went as low as he could go and won the limbo contest. The afternoon concluded with an inspirational speech from Mr. Hawkins to the football team.

Fast food: Kyle Warren, 11, and Randy Peery, 10, face off in the race to win the jello eating contest.

How low can he go: While descending towards the wood floor, Colin Cronin, 9, inches closer to the limbo championship.

Jam time: The newest member of Bon Jovi, Darren Gress, 11, plays the air guitar to "Shot through the Heart."
As the students entered into a "Hawaiian Nights" landscape, formerly known as the gym, girls complimented each other on their gowns and boys loosened their ties. The disc jockey got everyone dancing with good music and videos. The decorations, music, and atmosphere made for a truly unforgettable evening. Whether the students were dancing with their friends or sharing a moment with a special someone, the dance was a success. **Chris Schmidt, 12,** and **Jessica Boeser, 12,** were crowned king and queen, and there were two special maids this year, **Shauna Holcmann, 12,** and **Cassie Sherman, 12.** The special escort was **Casey Zbinden, 12.** Following coronation, the king and queen shared a dance to commemorate the special event.
Diva's: Rae Barnett, 11, and Amanda Reimann, 11, flaunt their sassy style.

All in a row: Jamie Moore, 9, Lorien Fetsch, 9, Rebecca Hilmes, 9, and Michelle Frey, 9, line up to show off their glimmering gowns.

Time out: Dale Sweetnam, 12, Bryan Boudouris, 12, and Jeremy Wildhaber, 12, pause for a second to rest. "Homecoming was different this year. It seemed like all the seniors decided to cut loose and have fun; even Bo and Jeremy tried to dance a little," said Sweetnam.

Big night out
"Hanging out with my friends, having a good meal before hand and seeing everybody get dressed up was my most memorable moment of homecoming."
Joe Crawford, 11

Dance fever
"I had a great time with my friends. It was fun getting all dressed up. My favorite part was the dance."
Angela Becker, 9
Homecoming Court
1999

Freshmen: Dane Barker, Abbey Plocher, Jamie Zurliene, David Trame.


Sophomores: Tammy Walls, Louis Staley Emily Johnston, David Harvick, Renee Korte Colin Durbin, Lindsey Gilomen, Chris Frey.
Senior Court Members

Courtney Hochuli & Justin Cryder

Jessica Boeser & Casey Zbinden

Brandi Oliver & Ryan Henrichs

Eileen Holthaus & Nick Zaloga

Stephanie Neudecker & Kyle Ribbing

Shauna Holcmann & Chris Schmidt

Rachel Plocher & Jared Goestenkors

Cassie Sherman & Eric Nanney

Master & Mistress of ceremonies: Jim Rachal & Amy Kealey
Fall play participants took on many difficult roles in William Shakespeare’s comedy, *The Taming of the Shrew*. The show contained interesting and funny characters, all essential to the complex story line. Not only did the actors have the difficult task of learning many lines, but they had to learn them in Elizabethan English. With ‘thous’ and ‘thuses’, it was very easy to get confused when delivering a long monologue. “One of the most difficult parts of the play was learning to speak in old English. I wasn’t used to saying ‘ye’ and ‘sirrah’ all of the time. It would be quite a challenge for an actor of less capability,” noted Bryan Boudouris, 12. With beautifully decorated costumes and very elaborate scenery, the effect of old Italy was achieved. “It’s amazing what one can do with cardboard, plywood and a bit of duct tape,” stated Andy Messerli, 12. Cast members were responsible for finding their own period costume, which often took many hours of searching through closets or sitting in front of sewing machines.

Ah, Verona: Jason Pike, 12, explains why he has come to Verona. His character came to the town to try and find a wife, possibly tame a “shrew”... and to maybe make some money in the process.

Pucker up: Lucentio, Jason Salee, 9, and Bianca. Leah Bennett, 12, steal a secret kiss in the garden while no one else watches. Salee’s character uses trickery and the Latin language to swindle Bianca into marrying him. There was only one catch to his ingenious plan, Bianca’s sister Katherine must first be married off before Bianca can be wed.
Practice makes perfect: Mary Maxfield, 9, and David Wise, 11, practice a scene for the play. Practices were long, tedious and demanding. More than often practices would run over the scheduled time; however, the sacrifice was well worth it in the end. A professional attitude was expected from the cast at all times.

This is a man!! With a confused look, Cathy Eley, 12, realizes that Colin Durbin, 10, is actually a man and not a woman as her husband Petruchio had told her. Petruchio tried to show power over his wife by forcing her to believe everything that he said, even if what he said was false.


A tough cast

"I had an awesome time with the whole cast and even though we ran into a few collisions, or heads, we stuck it out and made it through! Thanks for a wonderful time!"

Julie Pye, 10

A new experience

"I enjoyed being a part of The Taming of the Shrew. It was a neat experience because it had no music. I am used to musicals so this was a new treat for me."

Whitney Degge, 10
A new member
"Singing in the choir was not only fun, but it was also inspiring. It made me want to continue my singing in high school. I can't wait until next year's dinner."
Whitney Degge, 10

Server boy
"Being part of the Madrigal was a lot of fun. Thanks to the gruesome face paint, I looked incredibly massive and imposing."
Dave Duffin, 12

The madrigal singers: From left Lords and Ladies, Amy Kealey, Stephanie Kerin, Jason Sallee, Rebecca Thole, John Severs, Anne Emig, Peter Babic, Janae Barker, Jason Pike, Sarah Brueggemann, Andrew Messerli, Lindsay Hess, Scott Ammann, Carrie Munie, Adam Meffert, Kate Cox, Sean Williams, Whitney Degge, Amy Cook. Not pictured Matthew Brown.

A bit of Christmas cheer: Dressed in their holiday finery, Amy Kealey, 12, Matt Brown, 10, Carrie Munie, 12, Adam Meffert, 12, Kate Cox, 12, and Sean Williams, 11, serenade a room full of medieval diners.

Money for the poor: Darcy Huckleberry, 12, delighted the audience with her antics as the little beggar girl.
medieval modems

by: adam meffert

“Hip, Hip, Huzzah!” What a familiar phrase for the singers and participants of the madrigal dinner. The dinner added many new characters and more entertainment. The dinner involved a threefold theme consisting of family, fun, and generosity. The Archbishop Charlie Keller, 10, promised a sacrificial lamb as a scapegoat should anyone in the hall not possess the Christmas spirit. The role of scapegoat was played by an unknowing school administrator. Unfortunately, the king, Mr. Steve Moore, was in a poor mood because his daughter, Princess Sarah Vogelman, had not contacted him since her marriage a year ago. Trying to please the king, the Madrigal singers prepared an abundance of new songs to perform for the king. They even had time to incorporate a beautiful medieval love dance into the festivities. Midway through the show, Little Joe, the king’s jester and personal fool, presented the king with an oriental dragon dance and invited members of the audience to participate. Finally, Princess Sarah presented the king with her newborn son, and the king’s Christmas spirit was renewed. As the night ended in song, the overwhelming applause was proof that yet another saga in King Steven’s court had successfully come to a close. Earlier in the year the madrigal choir had attended a renaissance festival in Kansas City. This was a very good experience for the singers as it helped the newer members experience the tension of performing in front of a large crowd. In all, the madrigal season was a successful one filled with fun for all.

Beg and grovel: Many beggars and other pathetic souls plagued King Stevens’ court this year. There were so many that a contest was held to uncover the most pathetic beggar in the kingdom. Jason Luitjohan, 10, bowed out, “I works hard to be this pathetic,” after being crowned “the king of beggars”. He was awarded a large amount of golden coins to help buy a meal to put some meat on his bones.

That’s entertainment: One of the evening’s highlights was the very special performance of “The Twelve Days of Christmas” by Cathy Eley, 12, and Joe Crawford, 10. The audience especially liked Cathy’s portrayal of six geese a laying!
This year’s spring musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, was a huge success. After two months of rigorous rehearsals, costume fittings, and set construction, director Julia Daniels and her cast opened their show on April 7th with two more performances on the 8th and 9th. Scott Ammann, 10, played Joseph, and his rendition of “Close Every Door” was simply beautiful. Narrators, Janae Barker, 12, Stephanie Kerin, 12, and Amy Kealey, 12, set the quick moving pace of the show. Brothers Reuben, Levi, and Simeon were played by Sean Williams, 11, Adam Meffert, 12, and Jason Pike, 12. They added to the upbeat rhythm of the play with their solos. Pete Babic, 12, and Allison Campbell, 12, as Mr. and Mrs. Potiphar were “cool and so fine” in their show stopping scene. The best entrance of the evening belonged to the Pharaoh, Andy Messerli, 12, who roared into the spotlight on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. This play was truly delightful; it will be remembered by the cast and community for many years to come. When asked for her impression director Julia Daniels commented, “I couldn’t have asked for a more talented cast and crew. It was a wonderful musical and I am proud of all who participated. Go, Go, Go Joe!”
Brotherly love: Joseph’s brothers, played by Jason Pike, 12, Sean Williams, 11, Pete Babic, 12, and Adam Meffert, 12, plot how they will get rid of Joseph and his coat of many colors.

Pride and joy: Jacob’s second wife, Leah, played by Katie Landers, 12, is disgusted by all the attention Jacob shows his first and favorite wife, Rachel, played by Amy Urban, 12.

Beautiful but evil: As the unfaithful wife of Potiphar, Allison Campbell, 12, tries to win Joseph with her seductive dance moves.

Best of the best
I enjoyed musical this year because the cast and Miss Daniels tried to make Joseph the best musical Highland has ever produced. It took hard work and dedication but it was worth it.”
Sean Williams, 11

Good attitudes
“I loved the cast this year. Everyone got along really well and there was always a positive atmosphere during rehearsals.”
Whitney Degge, 10
Strength in numbers: Even though they greatly dislike Joseph, the brothers show off their strength and occasionally kind hearts by giving Joseph a lift.

Expression
“This year’s musical allowed me to express the artistic side of my personality.”
Zoran Tasic, 11

Pushing buttons
“Musical was a lot of fun this year because I was able to spend time with my friends and together we would misbehave a lot. It was also nice getting to know people better.”
Kate Cox, 12

The dreamer has to go: Joseph’s brothers devise a plan to get rid of him and his dreams.

Storytellers: Narrators, Janae Barker, 12, Stephanie Kerin, 12, and Amy Kealey, 12, were in charge of singing the storyline of the musical.
Lights, camera, makeup: Director, Miss Julia Daniels, helps prepare Lindsay Hess, 11, for the big show by making sure her make-up is done just right. Julie Pye, 10, patiently awaits her turn.

There's one more tear in my eye: Levi, played by Adam Meffert, 12, tries to deceive his father, Jacob, by telling him that Joseph has died in a battle with a goat. Little does Jacob know that Levi and the rest of the brothers really sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites as a slave.

Big brother: Sean Williams, 11, displays his confidence and acting abilities as Reuben, the oldest of the twelve brothers.
Paying close attention to directions, Jason Drda, 10, and Jenni Mitchell, 12, hope to conduct a flawless lab.
“The desire of knowledge, like the thirst of riches, increases ever with the acquisition of it.”

Laurence Sterne

academics
Following their study of the great American playwright, Tennessee Williams, Mrs. Martz's Honors English III classes performed two of his most acclaimed plays. Chris Stahl, 11, and Lindsay Hess, 11, portray Gooper and Big Mama in Cat On A Hot Tin Roof.

Ben Gitersonke, 11, and Megan Gause, 10, try to get a good understanding of their Algebra assignment. The numerous equations and problems seemed to be a challenge for many students, but they soon realized that they were easy with enough practice.

Adam Weidner, 11, plays Stanley in A Streetcar Named Desire, while Stella, played by Brandi Starko, 11, listens with disbelief and tries to cope with the shocking truth about her sister Blanche.
formulating a database
by: Teri Hammer

Patiently awaiting the completion of their new rooms, the English teachers temporarily adjusted to the new wing. Throughout the year they helped the students express themselves in many different ways. Some English teachers used creative activities such as acting out plays, writing poetry, doing projects, and reading novels. All these activities helped students improve the skills that they will use in their everyday lives, no matter what career they choose. One positive aspect of English was that it allowed students to read about other people's lives, like Romeo and Juliet or Gatsby and Nick. The classic novels and dramatic plays included many ups, downs, twists, and turns, but were easy to relate to real life.

The math department seemed to have more difficulty relating mathematics to everyday life as students continued to ask the age old question, "When will I use this equation in real life?" The answer was not always clear, but it soon became evident that success was more easily achieved when students had a good understanding of algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and even calculus. Even though math was not number one on some students' list of favorite classes, it was a class where they were sure to find a challenge. That challenge was always presented due to the many years of teaching experience in the math wing. The experience and variety of teaching styles proved to make math more enjoyable for the students as well as the staff.
History was a well-respected subject among students this year. Students busily filled their minds with images of world wars, branches of government and the good old stories of how our great nation came to be what it is today. Students' eyes were opened to a whole different world that existed before them.

While history was popular among the student body, science and biology classes gave the department a little competition. Students involved with science in any way had the wonderful opportunity to expand their horizons by learning about the worlds of physics, biology, and chemistry. Science was a subject of much deeper meaning than what was expected. Although fascinating, science was a difficult subject for many students and the dissection portions seemed to be the most challenging. Because of the teamwork between students and teachers, memorizing, dissection and taking notes became much more enjoyable and interesting.
Ms. Kay keeps tabs on her history students as she collects late homework and gives out the final midterms.

Neurons and dendrites are the topic of Mrs. Hirsch’s thought provoking lecture. Listening intently are her devoted students, Stephanie Trame, 12, Barbie Klaus, 10 and Kelly Hardas, 10.

Students in Mr. Vogelman’s history classes are diligently working on their assigned questions.

Light up my life
"Science is enlightening and it opened my eyes to the physiological side of our world. I just loved learning about neurons and dendrites."
Sheryl Timmermann, 10

Land of the free
"Modern World History, like any history class was good to be in because we got to learn about our country’s past and more things to come in the future."
Stephanie Neudecker, 12
This year's participants in the Safe Driving Rodeo were Justin Rottman, 12, Paul Scherschel, 12, Danny Klaus, 12, and Jami Potthoff, 11. Thrilled, Paul Scherschel, 12, continued, "It was awesome. The rest of the driving team and I proved to have the best driving skills in the area."

Showing his abounding strength, Dave Harvick, 10, pumps some iron during his conditioning class. His spotter, Chad Jakel, 11, exaggerated, "This class helped me fill out the 'S' on my chest." Conditioning PE consisted mainly of weight training, running, and calisthenics.

During their PE class, Jeff Schroeder, 12, and Jarett Sisson, 11, battle against each other's strengths by doing push-ups.

Stop!
"Because of behind-the-wheel, I will always remember to stop at green lights when turning left, because otherwise you could fail and get in an accident!"
Lauren Campbell, 10

Mmmmmm!
"I loved behind-the-wheel because every morning we got to stop and get doughnuts from Casey's!"
Eric Zobrist, 10
Most people would agree that staying in shape is an important part of life. Students who were looking to better themselves, but did not have the luxury of joining a gym, turned to the school's physical education program. PE classes were not only for physical purposes, but also helped students learn skills like hand-eye coordination, competition tactics, and how to deal with victory and defeat. Students had the opportunity to run track events, lift weights, learn the basics of other sports, and even go bowling.

Another important event in all high school careers was the completion of safety and behind-the-wheel classes. Students learned in class different driving techniques and basics. To get their permits, students were required to pass a written test. After the students received their permits, they were scheduled to take behind-the-wheel. Beginning drivers got in a school-owned car with a very trusting instructor, and from there they got out on the roads and learned real driving. Upon completion of behind-the-wheel class, students were required to take a driving test. Students scoring an "A" or "B" were not required to take another driving test at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Every sophomore was required to take health, a semester class that taught students life-saving techniques including the Heimlich maneuver and CPR, along with learning all about the human body and its interactions with disease. Students also examined fitness and nutrition.

Excited about the possibility of helping out someone in need, Mark Ellers, 10, emphasized, "The training we received will help us if we are ever in an emergency situation."

With hardly a drop of sweat, Cheyenne Starbuck, 9, shows off her push-up ability.
The various classes offered this year gave students a chance to explore their imagination. Teachers helped to take these ideas and show the students how to turn them into reality. Home Economics classes taught students the fundamentals of cooking and sewing. In Clothing and Textiles, basic guidelines were given so that the finished projects primarily reflected on the personality of the creator. Foods and Nutrition demonstrated how to make a variety of dishes while reinforcing the importance of a balanced diet. Computer classes, like technology lab, introduced a few of the many amazing things that can be done by a simple touch of a button. Students worked on anything, ranging from the carving of chess pieces to designing mousepads and T-shirts all by computer. The new Television and Radio Productions Class focused on what occurs behind the scenes of movies and news broadcasts. WDOG6 telecast, where the students received the daily announcements, was a product of these creative minds. Classes in the shop department provided knowledge of the basic techniques of welding and woodworking safely and correctly. Combined, these classes gave students an opportunity to use their hands and their imagination to produce finished projects that they can be proud of.
Workin' hard: Attempting to transfer his ideas onto the computer screen, Matt Horstmann, 10, takes advantage of the high tech programs offered to students.

Power nap: After hours of exhausting work in technology lab, Stacey Marks, 12, dozes off while no one was looking.

Lights, Camera, Action!: The newly established television class gave Amy Urban, 12, Allison Campbell, 12, and Kateri Shiffer, 12, a chance to learn how it's really done in the big time.

Join the club
"I took Clothing because I saw all the cute things other people made and I wanted to know how to do it."
Jenni Branch, 12

Future occupation
"Now I want to be an anchorwoman. It was a new experience and everyone should have taken TV and Radio Production class."
Amy Urban, 12

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“There is no hope of joy except in human relationships.”
Saint-Exupery

clubs
Doing their part to benefit the community, FMCC members Matt Smart, 12, and Christin Michael, 12, prepare Zandra Loyet, 12, to have her blood drawn.
"The most memorable experience from this year's marching season, was hearing 'and in first place, the Highland High School Marching Bulldogs' after every competition."
- Andrew Buck, 11 -

"Winning everything at the Centralia Halloween Parade was definitely the most exciting part of the band season."
- Nancie Gause, 9 -

member info
Director: Mr. Jim Childers. Drum majors: Sarah Brueggemann, Cathy Eley, Jessica Plocher.

pregame pep
Watching carefully for her cue, Deana Cruthis, 9, helps to set the mood at the football pregame show. The band honored our country with the playing of the National Anthem, and instilled school spirit with the school song before every home football game.
soundWAVs
by: cory done

The Marching Bulldogs high-stepped into one of the best seasons in many years. After two years of rebuilding the band program, band director Jim Childers guided the band to many strong victories over tough competition. The music selections for this year’s field show contained three Russian classics, and the parade song was a Spanish selection called “Los Cuervos.” The Marching Bulldogs travelled up and down the state of Illinois to numerous contests during the fall. They journeyed as far north as Illinois State University to march in their homecoming parade competition. At the opposite end of the state, the band competed in Marion, where rain forced the field show inside to the Marion High School gym. Possibly one of the most exciting and successful competitions for the Marching Bulldogs was the Centralia Halloween Parade competition. There, the band swept every category, taking first place honors in flags/auxiliary, drumline, drum majors, and band, overall. No matter what the event, or the strength of the competition, the Marching Bulldogs made a strong showing at every contest.

long hours
Band rehearsals ran for four or more hours a day during the summer. Despite the rigorous practice schedule, Dana Bourland, 11, still manages to have a little fun during a break.

capital punishment
A good season requires hard work, and Jeremy Schmidt, 9, is finding that out the hard way. To be able to perform as well as the band did, each member had to be well-disciplined.
This school year, the Instrumental Music Department consisted of three ensembles: Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Band. Both the Concert and Symphonic Bands contained approximately 60 members, while the Jazz Band was made up of about 22 selected musicians. The Jazz Band performed at popular events such as the Band Parents' Chicken Dinner/High School Open House, and the end of the year Faculty Banquet. The Jazz Band made their annual tour, which included stops at Alhambra Elementary, Highland Upper Elementary, and Faith Countryside Apartments. All three musical groups made an appearance at the Lights, Camera, Music event at Universal Studios, Orlando. The six day trip gave visitors the chance to hear HHS's many talented musicians. While in Orlando, both bands attended a clinic at the University of Central Florida, where they were critiqued by the Professor of Instrumental Music at the university. The Symphonic Band attended the IHSA Band Contest in O'Fallon, Illinois, in April. The group achieved first place scores from all three judges, and a first in the sight reading category. This marked the second straight year that the band secured a Division I rating at IHSA Contest.

strong tones
During the Jazz Band's performance at the Band Parents' Chicken Dinner, the melodies of Colin Durbin, 10, Andrew Buck, 11, and Mike Beck, 10, blend perfectly. The Jazz Band played at numerous events throughout the community this year.

jazzing things up
All three band ensembles performed at Universal Studios, Florida, for the Lights, Camera, Music event. During the Jazz Band's performance, Cory Adolph, 11, entertained Universal Studios visitors, with a solo on his tenor saxophone.
"The highlight of the concert season was receiving four first place ratings from the judges at IHSA Contest, and Florida was alright, I guess."
- Andy Messerli, 12 -

"My highlight was playing a bell solo in Florida and going to the beach in the rain, not to mention quality bonding time spent with fellow band members."
- Cherie Rogier, 11 -

striving for perfection
It takes strong concentration and a large amount of practice when preparing a piece of music. During study hall, Katie Mollet, 12, runs through her challenging solo for the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest.

four on the floor
Coordination must be a drummer's strongpoint, and Ben Hall, 11, shows the crowd how it is done. The Concert Band benefitted from the purchase of new equipment this year, which included the brand new drumset.
IN WHAT WAY HAS CHORUS INFLUENCED YOU IN YOUR LIFE?

"The best thing I ever did in high school was become a "chorus kid". Rueby became my second mom, and with her help, music came to infuse my very being. Chorus has forever shaped who I am."
- Jason Pike, 12 -

"My choir experience began in sixth grade when I wandered into the chorus room and was held prisoner for six months... by the time the chains came off, I was hooked. Explains a lot, doesn't it?"
- Katie Landers, 12 -

high notes
After a hard day of singing, Janae Barker, 12, and Sarah Brueggemann, 12, take a bonding moment to relax.
sound bytes
by: nikki williams

The sound of harmonic voices could be heard echoing down the music hallway most everyday. Under the direction of Mrs. Lori Ruebhausen, the students involved in chorus shared a special bond that was evident in all the activities they took part in. A group of chorus students paid tribute to their school nurse, Dorcas Fisk, by singing at her funeral. Each fall and spring, the chorus took a day to go to the jr. high auditorium and present an assembly for the Highland Primary, Upper Elementary, and Middle School students. Chorus students also took the opportunity to sing for the elderly at Faith Countryside Apartments. During the Christmas season, chorus members also carolled around local neighborhoods. Members of the Jazz Choir sang at conventions such as the Highland Optimist Club Sweatheart Dinner, the Highland High School Coffee House Cabaret, Highland Senior Citizens group, the Childrens Miracle Network Afternoon of Music Benefit Concert, and the Music in the Parks Festival and Competition. Jazz Choir also, as a fund raiser, sold carnations and balloons for Valentines Day. As a whole, chorus students had a very successful year.

play it again
While working in a practice room, Anne Enig, 12, Carrie Munie, 12, Bethany Gauen, 12, and Kate Cox, 12, attempt to hit all the right notes.

practice makes perfect
Or at least that is the philosophy of these chorus members as they prepare for an up-coming concert.
windows of learning
by: catherine timmermann

The year started out slowly for the Student Council. With the new addition being completed, freshmen tours were canceled, but members found other ways to help. They helped the secretaries by doing odd jobs and the Iris staff by selling yearbooks. When the school year started, homecoming became the main attraction for Student Council. They were in charge of decorations and creating a theme, and the theme they chose was “Hawaiian Nights.” Homecoming came and went but Student Council remained busy as ever. Members introduced a new activity to the high school during the holidays. “Stuff the Stockings” was a contest held in all lunch study halls where students brought in toys, clothes, canned food, and money for a local charity. The amount of money was then matched by the Council and given to the food pantry. Soon the Student Council began making preparations for the Kaskaskia District of Student Council (KDSC) Convention. Held at the Highland Community Church, Student Councils in the Kaskaskia district came to learn how to be better leaders in their school. The second annual “Sexy Legs” contest in the spring brought Student Council to a successful close. This colorful contest concluded a great learning experience for all members.
"My most memorable event was last year when John, Sherrie, Rachel, and I went out to buy items for the family we adopted. I got to take pictures of us having fun and it set the mood for Christmas."

- Nick Zaloga, 12 -

"As a Student Council member my most favorite event was homecoming. It is always fun to go to the football game and then go decorate the gym. We get to see the gym before the school."

- Ani Herzberg, 12 -

rolling out the runner
Isaac Corn, 9, Andrew Fitzpatrick, 9, and John Gantner, 10, roll out the runner for the homecoming court. Isaac and Andrew apply the tape while John carefully positions the runner.

member info
Sponsors: Mrs. Jeanie Probst, Mrs. Pam Watts. Officers: President-Catherine Timmermann, Vice President-Nick Zaloga, Secretary-Breanne Potthast, Treasurer-Zandra Loyet.
WHAT IS THE MOST VALUABLE THING YOU HAVE LEARNED SINCE BEING IN LIFESavers?

“I have learned to talk things out. It was great being the king this year. Leading the retreat with Carrie Munie was stressful but it turned out good, I survived.”

- Justin Rottmann, 12 -

“One of the many ways that lifesavers has helped me is to associate with other people. I have learned a lot and I encourage you to join lifesavers because it’s fun and you can learn a lot.”

- Annie Donlon, 9 -

guiding trust
Pseudo blind girls Audra Sparlin, 9, and Emily Munie, 10, put their trust and well-being in the hands of their peers Abbey Stocker, 12, and Stephanie Merkle, 11.

member info
Sponsors: Mrs. Sherry Thomas, Mrs. Cary Iftner, Ms. Julia Daniels, Mr. Steve Konopcka, Mrs. Cinnamon Blanchard. Officers: King- Justin Rottman, Queen- Carrie Munie.
positive feedback
by: amiee bochantin

Lifesavers was a program designed to help teens and adults in hard and sometimes deathly situations. During the course of the school year the students held monthly meetings, decorated a Christmas tree at Faith Countryside, adopted a HIS KIDS family for Christmas, and held a retreat where students learned about drugs, suicide, sex, family roles and other crucial factors in life. They also started a program entitled “Each One, Stop One” where they rode around on homecoming night with the police and helped with pullovers. The program went very well, and they even received some recognition for it. “It was a fantastic year! I was really excited with the interest this year and the enthusiasm of the new members. We were able to undertake a lot of fun “extras,” and I’m really anxious to hear about how they expand in the future! It was a great experience,” stated Carrie Munie, 12, about the overall program. Along with all these activities, the Lifesavers program also did the Yellow Ribbon Program, which helped to prevent teenage suicide.

high energy
At the fall retreat, Austin Bray, 9, and Kanji Hatano, 12, pretend to come to blows.

restful retreat
Some of the many seniors, Justin Rottmann, 12, Amanda Brooks, 12, Abbey Stocker, 12, Sarah Limestall, 12, Bobby Reidelberger, 12, and Carrie Munie, 12, are enthused to be a part of this year’s successful retreat.
Contrary to popular belief, FFA was not just cows and plows. FFA gave its members a chance to learn more about the rapidly changing field of agriculture. Many members also participated in agricultural-related competitions, such as cattle and crop judging, and even speaking contests on ag-related issues. “By attending public speaking contests, I overcame my fear of speaking in front of others,” said Mary Schwarz, 12. As always, the FFA chapter was as busy as ever with club meetings, competitions, national conventions, and doing community service projects. One of the most visible projects was giving safety tips and distributing bags on Halloween for area youth. The FFA continued many old traditions, such as the auction, fruit sales, FFA fair, and banquet, as well as adding new ones, like the first annual FFA barbecue. Along with the typical club officers, FFA also had a reporter, Kara Gruenenfelder, 12, a sentinel, David Ernst, 11, and a historian, Julie Zurliene, 12. The job of the reporter was to send articles to the newspaper about FFA happenings, the sentinel’s job was to help run the meetings according to FFA standards, and the duty of the historian was to keep records about meetings and functions.
“FFA is the best thing HHS has to offer. It builds you closer to your friends and teachers. It makes you successful not only in Highland, but across the country.”
-Kara Gruenenfelder, 12-

“FFA has shown me what kind of stuff I can expect in the real world.”
-Adam Vosholler, 10-

HOW HAS BEING IN FFA MADE YOU MORE SUCCESSFUL?

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member info
Sponsors: Larry Jones, Don Schmitz, Chris Clemons. Officers: President- Mary Schwarz, Vice President- Zach Knebel, Secretary- Cherie Rogier, Treasurer- Kristen Hunsche

floating away
Members of the FFA ride in the back of Mr. Schmitz’s pickup truck as a float for the homecoming parade. The FFA was always visible in the community.
"I enjoyed it because I was involved with a group of people who helped me, along with the rest of the group, learn more about God and how to use faith in everyday life."

- Tim Nagel, 11 -

"I liked FCA because it was a great break in the middle of the week to come and listen to stories about God, and the games were always tons of fun."

- Christina Huelsmann, 10 -

food and fellowship
Anticipating a delicious Thanksgiving feast, girls FCA members pause a moment, with plates in hand, before digging in. Boys FCA members held a progressive dinner for Thanksgiving, where they went to each other's houses for different courses.

member info
Sponsors: Miss Daniels, Mr. Hawkins. Officers: Justin Cryder, Josh Thuenemann, Danny Thomas, Matt Lewis, Rachel Hooker, Janae Barker, Cassie Sherman, Linnea Sorge.
passport to heaven

by: Janae Barker

On Wednesday nights, members of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, shared their thoughts and opinions about sacrifice, sports and salvation. FCA’s purpose was to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to fellow students and demonstrate God’s love in the school and community. Meetings usually consisted of a brief game or icebreaker and an intense discussion of God’s Word. Several fun activities or theme nights were also interspersed throughout the year. FCA kicked off in September with a huge fall bonfire attended by eighty people. Other fall activities included Capture the Flag and a Scavenger Hunt on the high school campus. In the winter, members went ice skating, sang Christmas carols at local nursing homes, and supported the boys hockey team. Spring activities included a girls hoedown, the boys’ favorite meeting, Billy the Basketball, and lots of outdoor fun.

big dan the man

Trying to help them keep warm at the Steinberg Ice Skating Rink in Forest Park, Danny Thomas, 12, huddles up with Linnea Sorge, 11, Rachel Hooker, 12, and Janae Barker, 12, while Chris Schwarz, 12, also tries to join in on the fun.

close shave

Unable to use his hands, Matt Lewis, 11, puts all his trust in Justin Cryder, 12, to give him a clean shave. This was a beginning activity to the evening’s meeting which was all about putting your trust in God.
WHY DID YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY?

"I applied to be in NHS because the little time I do have, I decided to fill with honoring the school by being on NHS. It also developed my leadership skills. Seriously, it was a great honor."
- Catherine Timmermann, 11 -

"I applied for NHS because it is a pretty awesome honor to be part of that group! It also looks great on resumes... and I get to wear blue cords at graduation!"
- Carrie Munie, 12 -
leading the way
As the addition and the newly remodeled portions of the school were finished, parents and taxpayers were invited to take student-led tours at an open house. These tours were led by members Lindsey Hess, 11, Ryan Watts, 11, and Stephanie Merkle, 11.

busy, busy, busy
Due to the crowded schedules of NHS members, two group photos were taken to make sure each member had a chance to be included. Field trips took away many members on the first attempt at a group shot.

member info
Sponsors: Mrs. Cary Ilten, Ms. Jackie Schneider. Officers: President- Janae Barker, Vice President- Bryan Boudouris, Secretary- Amy Kealey, Treasurer- Dale Sweetnam.

nhs.org
by: cory adolph

The hand-picked inductees of NHS pledged before faculty, parents, and peers to uphold scholarship, service, leadership, and character the entire year. The students upheld this pledge with dignity and grace. Each one kept their grades among the highest in their classes while busying themselves in numerous outside activities. Each year the NHS organization performs at least one sizeable service project as their main objective. This project can be most any activity or event, but needs to benefit the people of the community in some way. This year’s project was a senior citizens prom. This student-led and planned activity provided for the community’s senior citizens a night to step back many years and remember how dances used to be. Everything was well decorated for a prom-like atmosphere. There was even a live band to provide music from the past. The band Four of a Kind led all the dancers in various old favorites, from the big band and swing eras to modern hits. This night added a little pleasure to the lives of a few valued citizens in our community. NHS is an honor to each member involved, whether just for a chance at more scholarships, for the boasting of blue cords at graduation, or simply for the honor of being involved. The students included in NHS have a great future ahead of them, and with the skills they learned in high school, and through NHS, they should be able to take on the world with much experience behind them.
working girls
A group of BPA girls gather together at dinner to relax and reflect over their busy day.

winning awards
Amy Urban, 12, is honored at the State Convention with a third place plaque in Verbal Communications Extemporaneous I.
another win

Jonathon Halvorson, 12, models his plaque after receiving a first place finish in the Economic Research Project Individual.

and the winners are...

The small business management team consisting of Lisa Hamblin, 12, Andrea Schatte, 12, and Katie Gause, 12, is recognized for their first place finish as a team, while each also received a first, second or third place plaque for individual contests.

coopera tive protocol

by: dena tebbe

Cooperative Education and Business Professional students ended the year with a feeling of success. Students worked day and night to better prepare themselves for the upcoming State conference. Whether it be on the job or in the classroom, students of BPA and Cooperative Education never had a dull moment. The state convention for Business Professionals of America was held in Chicago where students spent the night at the Hyatt Regency Oakbrook. There were an immense amount of speeches, interviews and other brutal contests. Nine dedicated students qualified for the national convention to be held in Minneapolis. Although not every competitor could receive such an award, every student still cheered them on in the stands. With all the hard work and rewarding memories, students were able to exceed their expectations and reach the stars.

workin' 9 to 5

Michelle Mugler, 12, glows with pride while showing her plaque for her sixth place finish in the computer-aided graphics contest.
saving students

by: jessica plocher

Students Against Destructive Decisions was one club that impacted every student at our school. The SADD chapter was composed of approximately 100 students of every class level. Each class was represented by a SADD member of that respective class. SADD was designed to provide students with positive role models and opportunities to realize the effects and consequences of destructive decisions, including alcohol and drug abuse. One of the main events of this year’s SADD chapter was the field trip to the SADD Conference in Mascoutah on February 15. Anyone interested was invited to attend a day of factual assemblies, a motivational speaker, and the opportunity to ride a Seat Belt Convincer. This device gave riders the chance to experience the importance of seatbelts during a seven mph accident. All students involved in SADD agreed that it proved to be a worthwhile experience that not only affected their peers, but their personal comfort with standing up to their peers and saying no.

how gross is that!
Ben Hall, 11, and Ben Gitzsonke, 11, marvel at a Drug Identification Guide at the SADD Conference that displayed different forms of illegal drugs.

that’s leadership
SADD president, Sarah Bruegeman, 12, conducts business at a meeting. She stressed, “As President I really enjoyed interacting with the members of the group at our meetings.”
"Being in SADD has enlightened me to new experiences. SADD has taught me how to stand up to my peers and not be influenced by bad behavior."
- Sean Williams, 11 -

"SADD has taught me that very different people, involved in very different things, can unite under a common goal and make a real difference!"
- Katie Mollet, 12 -

ouch?
Josh Berneking, 11, bravely rides the Seat Belt Convincer available at the SADD conference and experiences the impact of seatbelts in an accident.

member info
Sponsors: Mrs. Karen Gauen, Ms. Jody Harrison. Officers: President- Sarah Brueggemann, Vice President- John Severs, Secretary- Scott Ammann, Treasurer- Rebecca Otis.
changing drives
by: scott schuetz

The seniors out early proposal was only one of the many accomplishments of the Student Advisory Council. The eighteen students on SAC were nominated by faculty members for their leadership abilities. The most important functions of the SAC were to promote effective communication between students, faculty, and administrators and utilize student feedback to try and improve the school. Besides the seniors out early proposal members worked on improvements in food service, the addition of two college visit days, and much more.

paying close attention
Andy Messerli, 12, Carrie Munie, 12, and Catherine Timmerman, 11, listen closely as Officer Manville presents his proposal for a Senior Picnic.

talking it out
Sarah Brueggemann, 12, and Scott Schuetz, 11, voice their opinions on the numerous issues that come before the SAC.

member info
Sponsor: Mr. Harsy.

WHAT WAS THE BEST PART OF BEING A MEMBER OF SAC?

“The greatest part of SAC was the opportunity to work with students to improve the school.”
- Steve Harsy, Principal

“The best part of SAC is being a sounding board for students and giving them a voice.”
- Jonathan Halvorson, 12 -

“The best thing about SAC is its open forum for any ideas that students might have. It’s a wonderful liaison - what more can I say?”
- Katie Mollet, 12 -

“The administrators were interested in our ideas and willing to work with us. This was very helpful in achieving our goals.”
- Janae Barker, 12 -
spreading christmas cheer

Many FMCC members volunteered hours and hours of their time to make the decorations and put up this tree at Faith Countryside Homes.

down but not out

Feeling a little woozy after donating blood, Leyna Drazen, 12, rests. Taking care of her is not one but two FMCC member, Leann Hemker, 12, and Jenni Mitchell, 12.

windows first aid

by: natalie ingram

Future Medical Careers Club accomplished many of its goals this year. Under new leadership with Mrs. Grove and Mrs. Klingsick, the students were able to organize such events as the Great Smoke Out, decorating a Christmas tree at Faith Countryside Homes, and the blood drive. The Great Smoke Out raised student awareness about the dangers of smoking. At the blood drive this year, the school successfully donated 117 pints of blood. Next year the members of FMCC hope to do even more.

“I’m interested in the medical field and FMCC has given me many experiences such as the blood drive. It gave me interaction with people and a realistic view of what it’s like to be a doctor.”
-Paul Scherschel, 12-

“The Christmas tree contest was really fun, and it helped our group come together. We really got creative and used all the medical supplies we could. I learned how to work well in a team.”
-Britny Dillier, 11-

“I really enjoyed helping with the blood drive because it was a rewarding experience that gave me insight into my future career.”
-Sarah Brueggemann, 12-

“FMCC was a great experience because I got a real feel for what the medical world was like. It really helped me choose a medical profession.”
-Rachel Savas, 11-

member info

The senior Spanish students bounded into Chicago and slipped through a window of Spanish culture. They experienced a viewing of a Spanish artist and various murals painted throughout the Pilsen District. Besides Chicago, Spanish Club underwent many exciting activities thanks to Mrs. Deets’ ambitious endeavors. The students crafted paper mache pinatas, concocted delicious cuisine, and danced to Mexican melodies. They had a wonderful year that helped to enlighten their cultural persona as well as having fun with their peers.

**difícil decisions**

Crystal Uhe, 12, ponders over which candle would accent her room, while investigating the Spanish barrio of Chicago.

**toga party**

After a long day in the barrio, Spanish students opt to loosen up. They wear some Caesar attire while lounging around their hotel suites.

**member info**

**Sponsor:** Mrs. Michelle Deets  
**Officers:**  
President- Chris Schmidt, Vice President- Justin Cryder, Secretary- Shawn Harvick, Treasurer- Janae Barker

**WHAT IS THE MOST INTERESTING THING THAT HAPPENED ON THE CHICAGO FIELD TRIP?**

- “All the seniors wrapped ourselves in sheets which inevitably wrapped ourselves in fun.”  
  - Allison Campbell, 12 -

- “Deets taped us in our rooms and we snuck out later and had room service tape us in at 6:00 in the morning.”  
  - Ryan Henrichs, 12 -

- “We walked in a Spanish neighborhood and heard Spanish spoken openly. It was so cultural, and we never get much of that in Highland.”  
  - Crystal Uhe, 12 -

- “I met the Russian Carnival Folk who were in town. They were an interesting crowd.”  
  - Aaron Albregts, 12 -
The highlight of this year's French Club was the senior trip to Chicago. While in Chicago, the students visited the Chicago Art Museum. Here they studied impressionist painters such as Vincent VanGogh and Claude Monet and some modern artists. Back at school, with the help of their sponsor and teacher, Mrs. Thebus, the club members sharpened their French language skills and learned about French customs.
Science Day presented the science club with the challenging task of designing, performing, and explaining scientific demonstrations to numerous groups of young students. The science club members created this Science Day to demonstrate some scientific concepts and let younger students get a "hands-on" approach to science, rather than just read it in a textbook. This reflected the main goal of the club, which was to promote learning in the scientific field.

Talking it out
Members of the science club get together and talk things over before their science day at the other campus.

Planning ahead
President, Cathy Eley, 12, instructs club members on how the science day at the primary campus will work.

Member info
Sponsor: Ms. Kohnen. Officers: President- Cathy Eley, Vice President- Rachel Hooker, Secretary- Nikki Williams, Treasurer- Mark Eilers.

Why did you join science club?
"The best part of being in science club was being able to work with younger students to improve their knowledge of science."
- Mark Eilers, 10 -

"I joined science club to help all the younger students become interested in science and how it works."
- Cathy Eley, 12 -

"Science was a great opportunity to work with kids and teach them science. I enjoyed this year."
- Nikki Williams, 12 -
water from home
Charlie Keller, 10, represents the club by bringing water from Highland. This was the annual opening ceremony ritual at the Peoria conference.

shoes for life
Sarah Fite, 12, and Paul Scherschel, 12, are collecting shoes to send to needy families in Kenya. A contest was held between second hour classes to see who could bring in the most shoes.

member info
Sponsor: Mr. Meyer. Officers: President- Bryan Boudouris, Vice President- Paul Scherschel, Treasurer- Bryan Schallenberg, Secretary- Jennifer Klostermann.

HOW HAS THE ECOLOGY CLUB TAUGHT YOU ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT?

"Being in Ecology Club has shown me that doing small acts of conservation, like recycling, can make a big impact on the Earth."
- Bryan Boudouris, 12 -

"Recycling has taught me two things: that there is both management and labor involved. Namely, Bryan: Management and me: Labor."
- Blaine Touchette, 12 -

"Being in this club has taught me that paper is my friend."
- Jennifer Klostermann 12 -

"Being in Ecology club has taught me that helping the earth and working together with other people can be a great thing."
- Paul Scherschel, 12 -

recycle bin
by: kateri shiffer
Continuing the tradition of two trips and a recycling program, the Ecology Club did its best to give back to the Earth. With over 80 members, the club donated many hours and hard work to the school and environment. Once again, they travelled to Peoria for the River Conference, which was held to promote clean waters in the Missouri and Illinois regions. The members went with the goal of saving wildlife prairies and prairie grasses. This year they were also involved in helping collect shoes to send to Kenya for needy children.
The Math Team finished the competition season on March 24. In all, the team had over 40 different representatives at six competitions this school year. The season began with the Southwest Math Conference competition. The award winning efforts of the students involved allowed them to capture second place overall in their division. The team’s final competition was the Math Field Day at SIUC. This was an all day event in which 22 individuals participated.

"I will remember when everyone else won besides me, even though we won second place overall. I’m surprised my score did not bring down the whole team."

- Bryan Boudouris, 12-

"This year was a lot of fun. Everyone did well, and I think we had the most team spirit of anyone there. It was a great year."

- Jason Stoff, 10-

"At first I was only going to try it. I went to a competition and got first place, so I decided to stay with it."

- Rachel Buckler, 9-

making money, not math
Sponsor Mrs. Watts supervises a few of the Math Team members who raised money this season by selling concessions at a girls basketball game.

member info
Sponsors: Mrs. Pam Watts, Mr. Max Uhls.

WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER MOST ABOUT MATH TEAM?

"It was a great experience for me. We had a lot of fun going to the different competitions at different colleges."

- Stephanie Merkle, 11-

winning combination
Stephanie Merkle, 11, Zoki Tasic, 11, Chris Stahl, 11, and Tim Nagel, 11, capture the fifth place trophy in their grade level at the Excellence in Math Contest.
chess club

practice makes perfect
Bradley Boudouris, 10, challenges Nick Finley, 10, to a battle of the mind. Each of them work hard to defeat their worthy opponent.

checking the program
by: teri hammer

Chess club has only been available for the past two years, and this year it was composed of thirteen members. They competed in various competitions and tournaments throughout the area. Their hard work and determination helped them achieve many awards and allowed them to compete at the state level. At state they placed fifty-ninth out of one hundred teams. This was an outstanding end to an exciting season.

member info
Sponsor: Ms. DeAnna Douglas. Officers: President- Bradley Boudouris, Vice President- Nick Finley, Secretary- Jonathan Halvorson, Treasurer- Charlie Keller.

member info

practice makes perfect
Bradley Boudouris, 10, challenges Nick Finley, 10, to a battle of the mind. Each of them work hard to defeat their worthy opponent.

knight on the move
Jonathan Halvorson, 12, and Bradley Boudouris, 10, are two dedicated chess team members. They continuously work to perfect their skills.

I always played chess in study hall. I joined chess club because it makes me look smarter than I actually am."
- Aaron Albregts, 12 -

"Chess is a great game. You have to put your mind against your opponent's. It's not like other games like basketball or soccer, you don't use physical skill to accomplish your goal."
- Nathan McPherson, 12 -

"Although chess has been considered a man's game, I think women do pretty well at it."
- Janna Ledbetter, 9 -

"Chess is one of the few games in the world that totally eliminates the element of chance. That is why it is so great."
- Charlie Keller, 9 -
The photography club was established last year by Mrs. Grice, and the number of members has grown greatly this year to a total of sixty-six. On November 8, the photography club visited the Botanical Gardens where they had a chance to take pictures of the beautiful flowers, statues, and waterfalls throughout the park. The club also practiced taking photographs on their second field trip to the Laumeier Sculpture Park in St. Louis on March 27.

pursuing the shot
Tim Duffin, 9, and Colin Durbin, 10, search for the perfect scenery for their next picture at the Botanical Gardens.

“TThis picture of a single red rose was my favorite at the Botanical Gardens. It was easy for me to focus my camera on it.”
- Veronica Rickher, 10 -

“This angel was an interesting sculpture that contrasted well with the blue tinted sky.”
- Colin Durbin, 10 -

“I was fascinated by these fish as they scrambled in competition for their food.”
- Brooke Potthast, 9 -

“The ducks had no room for fear because the visitors treated them so well. This made them easy to photograph.”
- Dustin Luber, 10 -

all aboard
Amy Kealey, 12, Eileen Holthaus, 12, and Allison Campbell, 12, wait for the bus after a fun-filled day of picture taking.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT CAPTURED ON FILM THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB?

Sponsor: Mrs. Melissa Grice. Officers: President- Amy Kealey, Vice President- Veronica Rickher, Secretary- Allison Campbell.
hard at work
While concentrating on his work, Greg Bushong, 11, takes a closer look to finish his drawing before the bell rings for third hour.

drawing precisely
Making every mark drawn to the point, Shana Harbison, 12, and Jack Brown, 12, have a great time at a class/club meeting.

member info

creating works
by: amiee bochantin

Gathering together during class/club time, art students found many ways to express themselves creatively. The art club painted faces for PTO, ran studio nights where kids got to work on projects, and attended a Fairview Heights art show. On March 16th and 17th, the seniors joined in with the Spanish and French students on an exciting trip to Chicago.

“I love art and love to be around people who share my same interests. Another reason is the Chicago trip was a big thing, but mainly I joined because I love art!”
- Joey Uhls, 12 -

“The annual Chicago trip “lured” me into art club, but I’ll have to wait until I’m a junior or senior to actually go. My older brother is also another reason for being in art club.”
- Natalie Hoffmann, 10 -

“One thing I like about art is the creativity in it. You get to express yourself in a lot of different ways.”
- Carla Frey, 10 -

“I am drawn to art, because art is everywhere and inside everything so understanding art is learning more about life.”
- Shaun Huhn, 12 -
Saturday mornings filled with education and new experiences was once again the destination for the Saturday Scholars. Thirty students led by Mrs. Probst braved the February weather to attend two lectures and two field trips. The students journeyed to O’Fallon High School to hear lectures on crimes against and by students, and storm tracking. Other Saturdays included field trips to MidAmerica Airport and Command Center at Scott Air Force Base, and to Melvin Price Lock and Dam where the students observed an eagle show.

**on the lookout**
While at the Melvin Price Lock and Dam, Jennifer Rehberger, 11, keeps her eyes peeled for eagles in the distance.

**member info**
Sponsor: Mrs. Jeanie Probst

**WHY DID YOU SACRIFICE FOUR SATURDAY MORNINGS OF SLEEPING LATE IN THE NAME OF EDUCATION?**

- **Jessica Plocher, 11** - “Even though eight o’clock comes really quick on Saturday mornings, the field trips and lectures are usually fun and interesting.”

- **Andrea Schatte, 12** - “I chose to do this because for once the program sounded interesting and besides my dog always wakes me up by eight o’clock anyway.”

- **Zoran Tasic, 11** - “How else would I get to go to an abandoned airport or learn what shear is?”

- **Paul Scherschel, 12** - “It gives me an opportunity to learn about myself by learning from other people and what they have to say.”
spurred in
Charlie Keller, 10, rustles through the cords, ready once again to tackle a tough question.

member info
Sponsor: Mr. David Appel, Mr. Max Uhls.
Captain: Jonathan Halvorson.

I had trouble with any question dealing with derivatives. I don't even know what a derivative is... It bums me out when I don't know an answer.
- Jill Frey, 11-

The hardest question I was ever asked was to give the population of Luxembourg in 1991 within 10,000 people. I got it right.
- Bradley Boudouris, 10-

Mine was to name the British 16th century poet whose impact is famous in South American Revolutions. I didn't know what the answer was.
- Jonathan Halvorson, 12-

I don't know. Don't do anything, just let the other people answer it.
- Chris Schwarz, 10-

As aspiring new philosophers, the scholar bowl team looked to achieve a victorious season. They participated in many tournaments and grasped some victories. Many after school hours were devoted by the efforts of these participants to become a vigorous team. While lacking in seniority, they overcame many tough competitors and learned, while annihilating rivals with every brain wave. This group had mentality and a systematic memory that allowed them to hold their own on the court of battle, mind vs. mind.

WHAT WAS THE TOUGHEST QUESTION ASKED OF YOU AND HOW DID YOU INTERPRET THE ANSWER?
The friends of the library were the key to keeping the library organized. The members worked together to accomplish important tasks such as putting books back in their places, getting mail, and organizing various magazines and books. The members also helped with several projects including the Accelerated Reader program and participated with charities at Christmas to provide needy children with Christmas presents.

“Like to work at the library because when I lived in St. Louis I used to work in the public library, so I thought it would be fun to work at the high school library.”
- Sara Siddens, 9 -

The Illinois Career Association set high goals for its participants. Members were encouraged to develop leadership skills and to prepare for their future careers. They also had goals concerning social awareness and citizenship. The ICA participated in activities such as the leadership conference, and the kiss the pig contest.

“Being in Illinois Career Association is fun and exciting, and it really helps me plan for my future. We always learn new ways to prepare for future careers.”
- Josh Missey, 12 -
**sharing experiences**

Students from Focus St. Louis visit with Mr. Dietrich, a teacher from Chaminade High School. The students learned about others from Mr. Dietrich.

**member info**

**Sponsor:** Mrs. Geib  **Members:** Dana Bourland, Jessica Linenfelser, Chris Stahl, Jill Frey, and Alicia Goebel.

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**remembering the past**

Members visit with Maria to learn more about the Holocaust. Maria is a Holocaust survivor who took time to visit with them.

**in focus**

by: michelle frey

Focus St. Louis was a leadership program that helped to improve the St. Louis region. Through the efforts of the individuals involved, Focus St. Louis helped make St. Louis a better place to live and work. The students went on trips including a jail visit, and a trip to a Holocaust museum.

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What did you learn from being a member of Focus St. Louis?

- Dana Bourland, 11 -

"Focus St. Louis was a great way to have fun and meet new people at the same time. It was a fun experience for me."

- Jessica Linenfelser, 11 -

"Focus was a unique experience where we met new people and learned new ways of life."

- Alicia Goebel, 11 -

"Focus St. Louis was more than just learning skills and experiencing the community; it was practicing skills while immersing ourselves in different issues."

- Chris Stahl, 11 -

"The people we met and the speakers that came to us had a lot to offer. It was a really great experience."

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Model UN enjoyed its first year as an organization that enabled students with an interest in geography, government, and politics to gather amongst others and imitate a United Nations meeting. Before the mock gathering, each school was assigned a country to represent. The students researched the given country and then met with hundreds of other delegates to discuss, debate and pass resolutions concerning major world issues. This group was selected to represent three countries in two meets, both held at McKendree College.

**modeling un**
International buff, Paul Scherschel, 12, proves that it is possible to have both brains and the brawn.

**member info**
Sponsors: Mr. David Appel, Mrs. Melissa Grice.

**WHAT WAS THE MOST INTERESTING THING YOU LEARNED IN MODEL UN?**

"I learned that Rawanda has the highest number of STD cases in the entire world."
- Jayme Alexander, 12

"I found out that women are treated better in the United States than anywhere else."
- Melissa Davidson, 9

"I was surprised to see how involved people got over politics."
- Joe Crawford, 10

"Gambia is one of the only fourth world countries in the world."
- Charlie Keller, 10

**computing**
Hard at work, the Model UN members research and prepare for an upcoming meet.
doing what they do
Most of the cast and crew members from this year’s fall play were Thespians. This was not just for actors and actresses, but also for people who liked to work on set, sound, and lighting.

creative output
by: Andy Messerli

The Thespians led the way in many of the high school’s dramatic productions and constructed most of the set for the fall play. With sponsor Sarah Vogelman, the organization took a half year hiatus, due to her baby. The Thespians attended several theatrical productions, including high school shows and semi-professional productions and capped off their year with a party that included many theater games and the election of next year’s officers.

jacob and wives
Amy Urban, 12, Joe Crawford, 10, and Katie Landers, 12, perform a scene from the musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” The Thespians held many roles in the show.

member info
Sponsor: Mrs. Sarah Vogelman. Officers: President- Cathy Eley, Vice President- Andy Messerli, Secretary-. Treasurer Rebecca Otis.

"I joined Thespians because I love the arts. I love to watch and help with plays and musicals whenever I can.”
- Jill Frey, 11 -

"I decided to join Thespians because I love acting and I wanted to join a group with people that shared the same interest. I am glad I did it because it is a lot of fun!”
- Rebecca Otis, 12 -

"Being the Thespians sponsor gave me the unique opportunity to update students on scholarships, auditions, and production dates.”
Sarah Vogelman, Sponsor

“What Made You Decide to Join the Thespians?”

“I joined Thespians because I wanted to be able to express myself on stage. The theater games helped me open up and enjoy the time with other actors.”
- Joe Crawford, 10 -
Technology Students Association greatly expanded its number of members and participated in various activities this year. The more than 70 members have worked together on different fundraisers, creating personalized mousepads, t-shirts, and other useful items. The club officers attended the TSA leadership conference in October, and in March the club also hosted the State Conference where they competed over computer-aided drafting and problem solving.

**comedy hour**
Laughing hysterically, Leyna Drazen, 12, listens to one of Mr. Baelc's amazingly hilarious jokes.

**lecture time**
Various TSA members listen intently to Mr. Baelc's lecture on the importance of technology in everyday life.

**member info**
*Sponsors:* Mr. Loren Baelc. *Officers:* President- Shawn Harvick, Vice President- Adam Weidner. Secretary- Leyna Drazen, Treasurer- Jon Budde.

**What type of activities did TSA participate in that made the club interesting?**

- **Josh Best, 12:** "We participated in Habitat for Humanity and we helped design shirts for other clubs."

- **Shawn Harvick, 12:** "We have done a lot of projects to teach people how to use the modules in tech lab and we are going to Six Flags."

- **Jon Budde, 11:** "We went paint-balling and we learned how to better use technology as an advantage."

- **Leyna Drazen, 12:** "The officers went to a leadership conference in Bloomington and we learned valuable life skills that will help us in the future."

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**wyse**

**too much thinking**

Zoki Tasic, 11, takes a moment to rest his brain, after a long day of tests and intense thinking at a WYSE competition.

**wyse- 2K**

by: david wise

WYSE club had another exciting year and saw many of its members place at the February 4th competition. At the competition WYSE team members took a wide range of tests in different academic areas. Chris Stahl, 11, placed second in Biology. Bryan Boudouris, 12, placed fourth in Engineering Graphics and sixth in Chemistry. Blaine Touchette, 12, placed sixth in Engineering Graphics. Zoran Tasic, 11, placed seventh in physics. Marie Tudor, 12, placed eighth in Biology. Wise students made this year’s WYSE team greater than it has ever been before.

**the smiles of victory**

Rachel Buckler, 9, and Chris Stahl, 11, smile after placing at the February 4th WYSE Competition. Many WYSE team members were victorious and placed at the competition.

**member info**

Sponsor: Mrs. Deborah Massey
Showing the importance of teamwork, the Lady Bulldogs basketball team huddles up before taking the court.
"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don’t play together, the club won’t be worth a dime."

Babe Ruth

sports
The varsity football team kicked off the year with an incredible 70-0 win over Chicago Orr. This first victory set in motion an almost unstoppable team. Throughout the tackles and the touchdown passes they worked and played together. More importantly, however, they won and lost as a team. The juniors added a great deal of strength to the young team. One junior stand-out was Matt Lewis, 11, who led the conference in receiving yards. Nathan Mezo, 12, ran 74 yards for a touchdown to tie the game against the Mascoutah Indians in the second to last game of the year. In overtime quarterback Brendon Delaney, 11, led the team to a 26-20 victory, leaving one game before the post season. The following week the gridiron warriors defeated the Paris Tigers in our homecoming game to assure their position in the playoffs, where they were defeated 41-14 by Normal.

Water break: Intensely, Kyle Troxell, 11, kneels and ponders the next play while his teammates search for some water. After quenching their thirsts the team returns to the scrimmage.

Calm before the storm: Quarterback Brendon Delaney, 11, heads the team to the line and bellows out the call before the battle begins with the Jerseyville Panthers. Jerseyville proved to be one of only three losses for the team.

Dog pile: Trying to gain admittance to the motivational pregame ritual Mark Blakey, 12, leaps with arms extended. Teammate Joe Finley, 11, buries his head and enters the pile through the side.

Team unity
"We had a successful year. The younger players really helped us out. Our team had the best chemistry of any team I have ever been on, 'if you smell what the Rock is cooking.'"
Dave Duffin, 12

High hopes
"Our goals at the beginning of the year were to beat Triad, have a winning record and make the playoffs. We accomplished all three."
Nathan Mezo, 12
Going to battle: The JV football team marches out to battle. The determination to fight a good fight, to bring out the best in each other and the will to win can be seen on their faces.

The attack: Andrew Walker, 10, dives into the grass to save the ball from the advancing opponent. Fearless acts like this made the winning season possible.

On the brink of a new millennium, the hopes of football dynasties rested on the shoulders of junior varsity prospects. One prospect assured that no team would run the ball or score a touchdown without being punished. His name was Jeremiah Knackstedt, 10. Fifty-three times he challenged the offense that dared to score, and 53 times he pummeled the running backs who tried to sneak by their defense stronghold. When the time came to score Jared Missey, 10, and Andrew Walker, 10, created an offensive force that opponents feared. Missey threw 341 yards; Walker ran 169 yards and caught the ball 13 times. Together these offensive and defensive talents paved the way for victory which the junior varsity accepted with honor. This honor was never more evident than the 30 point victory over Mascoutah. As the 20th century closed its eyes, the junior varsity gave us a twinkle of hope for the future. With five victories and a mere three losses the future is bright.
sending shockwaves
by: crystal uhe

Bursting with pride, the varsity football cheerleading squad spurred our players on toward one victory after another. Through rain, freezing temperatures, or inevitable defeats, this group of dedicated girls could always be found along the sidelines sending their spirited support to the field. Starting the season off, the group was sent to camp where they underwent a week of nothing but lifting, jumping and cheering to prepare them for the demanding season to come. As the football games flew by, the girls were there to tally up every win and accompany the team on their journey to regionals. The squad demonstrated their skills outside of the stadium as well. Performing at Glik Park during the Alzheimer Walk, the girls helped to gain money for the charitable organization. All in all, whether the girls were cheering, motivating, or working on a homecoming float, they did it as a team. As the year reached its ending point, each member was able to leave the season with warm memories and everlasting friendships.


Power nap: Saving her energy for the big game, Amy Zbinden, 10, briefly dozes off dreaming of the victories to come.

Back Row: Megan Cruthis, Lacey Buzick, Jessica Gilomen.
Reaching for the top: Showing off for the crowd, the squad demonstrates their marvelous mounting skills.

Showing love for the Bulldogs: Expressing their deep affection for our school mascot, Jessica Gilomen, 9, and Amanda Riechmann, 11, give the Bulldog a pregame hug.

All smiles: Even the cold chill in the air could not calm the spirit in this group of cheerleaders.

Best memories
"It is a great feeling when you see someone accomplish something for the first time, that they didn't think they could."
Bobbi Lam, 11

Fun times
"I loved just being able to cheer on the same squad as all of my friends."
Lacey Buzick, 9
Get ready: Caught in mid-swing, Nick Barnett, 12, concentrates on placing the ball in the perfect position for his teammates. Barnett received honors such as 1st Team All-Conference and the team's best offensive player.

Poised and determined: With great ease, Matt Smart, 12, prepares to send the ball sailing across the field with a powerful kick. Smart was named to the 1st Team All-Conference and also to the All-Metro Team.

Anticipation: All eyes are on Nick Zaloga, 12, as he focuses on defending his zone and returning the ball safely to his fellow offensive players. During this game, Zaloga suffered a knee injury and was forced to sit out the rest of the season.
It was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the varsity soccer team, with only two full-time and two part-time starters returning. However, as Coach Jim Meyer commented, “The players were a group of overachievers who knew how to work well as a team and were able to come together to produce a conference championship season.” The boys led off with some confidence-boosting wins, but then encountered some tough battles with teams from Belleville West, Waterloo, O’Fallon and Althoff. They finished the regular season with a 7-1-2 conference record, earning them the conference championship title. In their first game of regional action they largely overcame Altamont and then went on to face Triad. The outlook appeared bright after their earlier defeat of the rival squad, but the odds were against them as they went on to lose the game by a narrow 0-1 margin. Although disappointed, the boys were still able to hold their heads high, taking pride in their successful 12-8-2 record.

Team player: Scanning the field for open teammates, Justin Cryder, 12, stays in control while edging out his opponent. Cryder was essential for the team’s success and earned several awards. He was named to the All-Sectional Team, 1st Team All-Conference and as the team’s MVP.

Front Row: Blake Harris, Michael Johnson, Ryan Poss, Danny Klaus, Todd Luitjohan, Josh Oswald, Jacob Poss, Cory Frey, Adam Wilke, Ben Shea, Chad Eversgerd, Bobby Watts. Back Row: Coach Jim Meyer, Matt Smart, Chris Schwarz, Tim Gould, Justin Cryder, Chris Stahl, Nick Barnett, Ben Gallatin, Phil Pender, Brent Knebel, John Severs, Nick Zaloga, Aaron Albregts, Coach Terry Marks.
# kickin' it in the net

by: veronica rickher

The junior varsity soccer dogs faced a challenging season. With a young team, many of the freshmen players stepped up to the challenge of playing for both freshmen and JV teams. Four freshmen and four sophomores started for the JV games. Four starters for JV earned a position on the varsity level. The players endured grueling drills and exhausting practices. As a result of their hard work and determination, the team was undefeated against their infamous rivals, the Triad Knights. Coach Terry Marks proudly stated, “JV soccer, overall, had a good year. I’m especially impressed with our defensive ball, allowing less than one goal per game.” The season ended with a record of 7-5-3, and the MVP award was given to Ryan Poss, 11. The combination of the talent and ability of these young players led to another successful season.

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Front Row: Chad Eversgerd, Andrew Fernandez, Ty Renko, Sean Riggins, Michael Johnson, Blake Harris, Cory Frey, Adam Wilke, Bobby Watts, Eric Lengermann, Michael Ulrich.  

Thebrickwall: Taking their position, Mike Johnson, 10, Cory Frey, 11, Josh Yann, 10, Brent Knebel, 11, make a defensive wall to block an incoming goal kick.
Taking a break: While stopping for a breather, members watch the action on the field.

Hustle pays off: Charging after the ball, Chad Eversgerd, 9, catches up to his opponent and steals the ball. Eversgerd doubled his time on the field by playing freshmen and JV soccer.

Taking a bow
“The best part of JV soccer was getting to watch the varsity games. I'll never forget when Aaron Albrechts took a bow after receiving a yellow card.”
Ty Renko, 10

Varsity material
“I was honored to have the opportunity to wear a varsity uniform my freshmen year. I'm glad I got the extra experience while playing with the older players.”
Ben Shea, 9
Group huddle: As the varsity girls get ready for another game, they gather for their nightly ritual and discuss strategies for the game.

Great turnout: "Even though our team lacked experienced seniors, we ended up doing pretty good in the end. I am really proud of the team," stated Amanda Gallatin, 10.

Slam it: Players work hard to return the volley by the opposing team. Teamwork is always an obvious element on the court.
server shutdown
by: kateri shiffer

“Aaahhh ace!” This exclamation frequently came from our side of the volleyball court this year. The beginning of each game led to the success of the varsity girls volleyball team. The long, hard hours of practice and work proved to be worth it in the end. The team brought home a first place win in regionals and went on to sectionals. “The team did unexpectedly well. We were 11-1 in conference and also the conference champions,” commented Coach Jodi Plater. “My seniors didn’t get much playing time, but without them we wouldn’t have done as well as we did. The seniors had really good leadership, and this made the season fun. They were always encouraging the players that were on the court to do their best and put all their effort forth.” Stephanie Trame, 12, Kristin Johnson, 12, and Michelle Frey, 11, were named First Team All Conference. “I also want to thank my assistant coaches for their support and great job this year; the parents also made this year a great one. They stuck by us all the way.”

Team player: “I had a great time on this team and I got a lot of good experience.” Stephanie Trame, 12, has been recognized many times over. She has been named Team MVP, Best offensive player, 2nd Team All Area and 1st Team All Conference.


Varsity Record
(19-15)
Granite City
W 2-0
Wescin
W 2-0
Collinsville
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CM/Bethalto
W 2-0
Triad
W 2-1
Cahokia
W 2-0
Columbia
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Valmeyer
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Waterloo
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Gibault
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Central
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Jerseyville
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Waterloo
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Edwardsville
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Mascoutah
W 2-0
Civic Memorial
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Triad
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Waterloo
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Mascoutah
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serving over the net

by: nicole rezabek

After losing several players, the JV squad was faced with the difficult task of training new individuals. The team lost two setters to the varsity team and looked toward a new group of girls to fill the vacant positions. Despite some trying losses, the girls never failed to defeat their rival, the Triad Knights. The JV MVP award was given to Amanda Gallatin, 10, the middle hitter. “I thought we had a very good season. The girls played well together and gave 100%. They were fun to coach and I look forward to seeing them next year,” remarked coach Jamie Murphy. The freshman volleyball team worked together to bring home a first place victory at the Jerseyville Tournament. They played hard and also defeated Southwestern, Jerseyville, and Alton. The Freshman MVP award was given to Jamie Zurliene, 9, the middle hitter. The team gained valuable experience and will be prepared for next year.


Reaching for the sky: While coming closer to the ball, Amber Heimsath, 11, spikes the ball over the net as Jenny Zurliene, 11, covers her hitter.

JV Record
(5-11)
Granite City
W 2-0
Wesclin
W 2-1
Collinsville
L 1-2
CM
L 0-2
Triad
W 2-1
Central
L 0-2
Jerseyville
W 2-0
Waterloo
L 1-2
Edwardsville
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Mascoutah
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Triad
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Jerseyville
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Mater Dei
L 0-2
Waterloo
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Frosh Record
(7-12)
Granite City
L 1-2
Wesclin
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Collinsville
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CM
L 1-2
Triad
W 2-1
Breese Central
L 0-2
Jerseyville
L 0-2
Waterloo
L 0-2
Edwardsville
L 0-2
Mascoutah
L 0-2
CM
W 2-1
Southwestern
W 2-0
Jerseyville
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Alton
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Triad
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Mater Dei
L 1-2
The anticipation builds: While taking a break, Sarah Rinderer, 10, Jamie Zurliene, 9, Jennifer Harsy, 10, Michelle Watts, 10, Hsiao-Fei Miller, 9, Jennifer Halvorson, 10, Tasha Brown, 9, and Nicole Taylor, 9 sit and watch intently as their teammates work for a victory.

Down and dangerous: Showing a great deal of determination, Jackie Koerkenmeier, 10, dives to the floor to get to a hard hit ball.


Fond memories
"One of my most memorable moments during volleyball season was when Hsiao-Fei and I walked into the locker room after a game to find our clothes hanging from all the locker doors throughout the locker room."

Rhonda Mettler, 9

Setting stress
This volleyball season was great. Being a setter on JV was a big responsibility, but we all pulled through with a really fun season."

Erica Ross, 10
Nice threads

"Not only did we have a good year, but thanks to the donation of our shirts, we walked on the course with style."

Justin Bolk, 12

Strong leadership

"We had a great season. Hopefully next year we'll have even more leadership with five seniors and be able to win the MVC Championship."

Ryan Fulton, 11

In the rough: Diligently searching for a lost ball, Jared Zappia, 10, wears a confident smirk. Losing a ball is one of the most frustrating parts of the game, and it can sometimes cost a stroke or two.

Another win: After a strenuous match between Alton Marquette and Wesclin, the team poses for a quick picture in the setting sun. Despite the tough competition, the golfers pulled through to win the day.

Perfect lie: After a great tee off, Chris Frey, 10, adjusts his collar while walking down the fairway towards the ball. Consistent shots led to consistent scores, and the team was rewarded with a good year.
Team Record
O’Fallon Invitational 3rd place
Greenville Invitational 4th place
MVC Championships 4th place
Edwardsville Invitational 1st place
Breese-Mater Dei
1st place
Columbia
2nd place
Alton Marquette and Wesclin 1st place

hard drive
by: cory done

With a strong win over Breese Mater Dei at home, the golfers “swung” into another great season. Under the strong leadership of three seniors, the team scored consistently throughout the season and defeated many competitors. With a 2-1 record at home, the team also competed well by winning other matches in the area. The team brought home the first place award for the Edwardsville Invitational, and they placed well in the other various tournaments during their season. However, they did suffer disappointments. Matches were extremely close at times, and they sometimes lost by one stroke to their opponents. In spite of these trying times, the team managed to come together and win a few of those close matchups. The team ended their season with a strong score at the IHSA Regional Match. No single player earned the team its record. Everyone “chipped” in and they were rewarded with a prosperous season.

Crushed: Chad Jakel, 11, follows the ball in hopes of it landing on the fairway. Chad led the team this year, and in addition, he went on to qualify for the Sectional Match.

**mega chips**

by: amiee bochantin

Being such a young team comprised mostly of freshmen and sophomores, the girls golf team performed extremely well this year. Under the direction of Mrs. Gina Hirsch, the girls worked hard and pursued goals that they inevitably reached this season. Although the team lacked experience, they had plenty of talent. They ended the season with a 20-10 record while taking MVC for the third year in a row, advancing Jami Potthoff, **11**, to sectionals. Making the Belleville News Democrat All-Area Golf Selection was first team Kristi Novak, **12**, and third team Jami Potthoff. Kristi also took high places in two important tournaments, fifth place in the Mascoutah Invitational and first place in the conference. “These girls were overachievers. They worked extremely hard over the summer. Many of them improved their averages over 10 strokes. These golfers are not only great athletes but great individuals. I enjoyed working with each and every one of them,” quoted coach Hirsch.

**Reigning champs:** Taking the Mississippi Valley Conference for the third year in a row was a major accomplishment for this year’s team. They proudly show the plaque and medals off that they won while flashing their pearly whites.

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**Team Record**
(20-10)

**Mascoutah Invitational**
6th place

**Edwardsville Invitational**
5th place

**IHSA Regional**
8th place

**Alton and Belleville East**
1st place

**Belleville West and Greenville**
1st place

**Triad and Mascoutah**
Tied for 1st place

**Edwardsville**
2nd place

Checking the numbers: In between holes at the conference match, Dena Korte, 10, and Katie Ehlke, 9, add up their score card to see if the numbers match up to what they have written down.

Smiling seniors: Shauna Clayton, 12, and Kristi Novak, 12, proudly show off the Mississippi Valley Conference plaque that they helped the girls golf team earn this year.

Victory lunch: The girls enjoy their annual tailgating lunch before starting this year's homecoming parade, it was a ritual for the golf team to go out to dinner when coming home from their long road trips.

Season's dreams
"This was my first year on the team and I think that the season went good even though we didn't go to state. We had a lot of fun and learned a lot.”
Emily Munie, 10

Freshman fears?
"I thought it was fun! Golf is a good sport, and I've been playing it for a while. I thought the seniors were going to pick on me more, but they didn't. I'll definitely be on it for the next three years.”
Leah Jacoby, 9
Senior notes

“What I’ve learned most through cross country is dedication and determination to never give up. Through the year I have grown real close to the team and will miss them greatly.”

Jenni Mitchell, 12

Work it, girl!

“This season was memorable to me because every runner had something unique about themselves. Our seniors were great and I cherish all the fun practices and the hard workouts that finally paid off in the end.”

Jennifer Rehberger, 11

Words to run by: “Cross country was the best experience of my life. I would do it all over again if I had another year.” Nathan McPherson, 12, was a first year member of the team and excelled as a runner on the boys varsity team.

Spirit of a runner: “The sport of cross country is the easiest and the hardest. It has the simplest concept, one foot in front of another, but the hard part is doing it mile after mile,” explained Kathy Dauderman, 11, a 13th place medalist at the Madison County meet.

Race to the finish: “Cross country is one of the best sports. During the first meet of the ‘99 season I had to run in front of a runner trying to finish the race. It was hard but fun. Over all, cross country is the best,” insisted Ivan Enriquez, 11.
Boys’ Record
Highland 3/5
Tiger Fall Classic 9/13
Wesclin 6/13
Hazelwood 9/12
Madison Co. 4/8
Centralia 10/12
MVC Champ 1/5
Regionals 7/11

Girls’ Record
Highland 1/4
Granite City 10/18
Tiger Fall Classic 9/13
Peoria Woodruff 23/31
Wesclin 1/11
Edwardsville Invitational 4/12
Hazelwood 6/8
Madison Co. 2/8
Centralia 5/10
MVC Champ 1/5
Regionals 6/11

running the program
by: jessica plocher

The cross country team discovered that 1999 was a year for setting and achieving goals. Both boys and girls varsity teams brought home the MVC championship plaques while Daniel Strackeljahn, 10, and Stephanie Gruender, 9, grasped the first place MVC individual placings. It was more than tightly laced spikes and Gatorade that brought the team to victory—it was sheer determination. The runners excelled in a sport where the mind overrides the body and the only choice is to give each race and each practice everything. The team capped a stellar season with the advancement of five runners to sectionals: Daniel Strackeljahn, 10, Jason Schmitz, 9, Stephanie Gruender, 9, Jenni Mitchell, 12, and Stephanie Capalupo, 9. Unfortunately the team says good-bye and good luck to five seniors: Jenni Mitchell, Sarah Fite, Courtney Hochuli, Nathan McPherson and Kanji Hatano. Their spirit and leadership drove the team to keep achieving.

Not just beginner’s luck; “This was my first HHS race. It was nerve-racking, but overall cross country turned out to be rewarding.” Adam McFain, 9, began his high school running career with a great start as a member of the varsity team.

Front Row: Erin Ruebhausen, Stephanie Capalupo, Amy Wise, Stephanie Gruender, Ashley Sexton, Cheryl Cawi, Carla Weiss, Brooke Potthast.


Third Row: Nathan Piurek, John Tebbe, Ivan Enriquez, Adam McFain, John Gantner, Kyle Talleur, Jason Schmitz.

Ad in, ad out would be an adequate phrase to describe the girls’ tennis team. With only three returning varsity players, it was time to “ad in” new faces to the line up. A new team also meant lots of practice and inevitable challenges. However, the players proved fearless. They won the annual Highland Doubles Invitational at the start of the season and ended with a second place finish in the varsity Mississippi Valley Conference. The JV team also made a good showing by tying Triad for first place in the Junior M.V.C.

Coach Plocher remarked, “This year’s team really stepped up to the challenges they were dealt and faced them head on. For many of the players, this was their first year filling varsity spots. Veteran players Allison Campbell, 12, and Jennifer Klostermann, 12, were solid, enthusiastic leaders; we’ll miss them.”

**Service with a smile:** With her power packed serve Charlotte Weiss, 10, gets a leg up on the competition. Charlotte proved an intrical doubles player with a first place finish at the Mississippi Valley Conference.

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**Front Row:** Julie Genteman, Brittany Turner, Kim Byers, Wendi Shimer, Suzanne Rogier. **Back Row:** Lindsay Hess, Courtney Winet, Charlotte Weiss, Jennifer Klostermann, Erin Clark, Allison Campbell, Veronica Rickher.
In the position for perfection: First year player Veronica Rickher, 10, focuses in on the tennis ball determined to make the perfect forehand shot. As a sophomore, Veronica triumphantly worked her way into a varsity doubles position.

Ready for rest: Following their intense matches, Allison Campbell, 12, Charlotte Weiss, 10, Suzanne Rogier, 10, and Lindsay Hess, 11, enjoy some much needed R&R. In the position of number one singles, Suzanne Rogier battled her way to first place at the MVC.


Game time
"Tennis was really hard in the beginning, but throughout the season we made up new games to make our regular practice drills more fun. The name game rocks, thanks to Al, Kim, Britt and me."
Wendi Shimer, 11

Paying respects
"I had a blast playing tennis and making new friends. I owe all my success to the upper classmen and Mrs. Plocher."
Julie Gentleman, 9
Miles of memory
"My favorite memory would have to be going into Triad's newly built gym and beating them. However, watching Darius Miles at the Shootout was also a great experience."
Justin Cryder, 12

Last second shots
"Some of my favorite basketball memories are all of the last second shots we had against Triad, Civic Memorial, and Althoff."
Kyle Degroot, 10

Prepping for the pass: While balancing on his toes, Tim Gould, 11, directs his opponents with a hands off attitude towards defense.

Pile on: In a middle mess with arms stretched and legs flying, Nick Barnett, 12, and Chris Frey, 10, are stuck in a less than perfect position for a rebound.

Full speed ahead: Racing against the Comet defense, Chris Frey, 10, charges towards the basket with Brendon Delaney, 11, and Joe Malisia, 11, bringing in the rear.
Varsity Record
(12-16)

Carlyle
L 42-68
McLeansboro
L 52-54
Sparta
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Memorial
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Mascoutah
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Wesclin
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Nashville
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Greenville
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Central
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Central
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Edwardsville
L 63-37
Waterloo
W 49-32
Jerseyville
L 71-66
Civic
Memorial
W 56-51
Troy Triad
W 73-63
O’Fallon
L 71-50

networks
by: allison campbell

The delicately placed construction beams of the Triad Knights newly built gymnasium had barely settled into place before the Bulldogs marched onto the new turf to resume an ancient battle. The 4th conference game of the Bulldogs began and the Knights struggled ahead with a seven point lead at the half. Hastily, the Bulldogs brought the game to a tie during the third quarter. In the last seconds of the game a stand still of 45-45 lit up the scoreboard. With less time and more drive the Bulldogs pushed a final play through the Knights ending with a 47-45 win. Although the victory over Triad was probably the most exciting of the season, there was much success to come. They went on to earn a 8-2 record in the conference. This was good enough to secure a 2nd place finish in the Mississippi Valley Conference. Many players were given All-Conference honors, including **Brendon Delaney, 11, 1st Team, Nick Barnett, 12, 2nd Team, Chris Frey, 10, Honorable Mention, and Justin Cryder, 12, Honorable Mention.**

Sure to be on top: Towering to new heights, center **Nick Barnett, 12**, reaches desperately for a rebound as **Chris Frey, 10**, looks on with anticipation.

Front row:Dylan Faulkenberg. 
nothin’ but net
by: veronica rickher

The junior varsity basketball team’s 6-14 record did not reflect their hard work and dedication. With the majority of the team’s players being sophomores, they were able to demonstrate good leadership and training skills for the freshmen. Coach Jay Cryder optimistically stated, “This year’s team had a bunch of guys that worked hard and improved each day. If they continue to do this, they have a chance of having successful careers at HHS.”

With the noticeable daily improvements and the added experience that these young players gained throughout the season, they will have what it takes to play at the varsity level next year.


Going up strong: Unyielded by his surrounding opponents, Mike Bange, 10, plays offensively and makes a successful jumpshot.
Tough defense: In a defensive position, Trent Schauster, 9, guards his opponent from driving into the lane.

Game face: Kyle DeGroot, 10, focuses as he attempts to make a three-pointer. Teammate, Colin Durbin, 10, follows the shot and is prepared for the rebound.


"A" for effort
"My most exciting moment this year was during the conference tournament. We were playing against Jerseyville, and we played our hearts out to try to take the lead. We ended up losing, but I was still proud of the team's effort."
Matt Malisia, 9

Looking ahead
"Things could have been better this year. We lost a lot of close games, but we still had a lot of fun as teammates. Next year will be better with the experience we gained this year."
Brian Schwierjohn, 10
Breaking the press: Stacey Marks, 12, cautiously dribbles past her Comet opponent in an afternoon contest at the Highland Girl's Invitational.

Fast break: After speeding by her defenseman to the basket, Michelle Frey, 11, attempts to get a shot off.

Fighting until the end: With a look of determination on her face, Ani Herzberg, 12, fights over the possession of a loose ball.
The varsity basketball team approached the season with a bit of inexperience, but a lot of positive attitude. With three senior leaders on board, there was some room for the varsity bench to be filled by younger talent. The team concluded the season with twelve girls ranging from freshmen to seniors. Although the group was young, they showed their true confidence in each game by out hustling and out running their opponents. **Julie Genteman, 9,** showed her ability in the second conference game against the Wesclin Lady Warriors, leading the team with a record breaking nine steals. Another teammate who made an impact on the season, was **Jennifer Mettler, 11.** Mettler lead post season play all the way to the state three-point competition, held at Illinois State University. **Stacey Marks, 12,** was placed in the top fifteen scoring records. Marks finished the season with 609 points and was named to the second all-conference team for the Mississippi Valley Conference.

My shot now: In a tough battle with Mater Dei, **Jamie Wildhaber, 10,** attempts a shot for the basket.

Front Row: Jennifer Reberger, Courtney Hochuli, Sara Ulrich, Michelle Frey. **Middle Row:** Jennifer Mettler, Stacey Marks, Jackie Koerlemier, Jamie Wildhaber. **Back Row:** Coach Jill Cryder, Coach Theresa Tucker, Ani Herzberg, Jessie Koerlemier, Coach Dawn Steiner.
navigating the court
by: michelle frey

Although the JV girls basketball team had a tough season, they worked hard and made many memories. The JV team finished their season 3-15 with a win over Wesclin and two victories over Waterloo. The JV team was led in scoring by Jackie Koerkenmeier, 10, and coached by Theresa Tucker. Her comment on the season was, “Although our record doesn’t show it, I think the girls played well together and they all got along with each other. I think that next year we should have great start.” The freshman team also had a tough season. They ended with a 6-14 record. They had some close battles, like when they defeated Okawville 47-43. In recent years Okawville had beat Highland severely. Next year the girls basketball program is hoping for a winning season.


Who’s got the ball anyway?: Hsiao lei Miller, 9, tries to get the ball as she is attacked by the other team’s members. Miller ended up gaining possession of the ball.

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Freshman Record
(6-14)
| Central   | L 76-28 |
| Salem     | L 38-30 |
| Belleville East | L 38-32 |
| Metro East | W 39-23 |
| Cahokia   | W 37-32 |
| Edwardsville | L 31-27 |
Taking it to the hoop: Jackie Koerkenmeier, 10, rushes down the court in pursuit of making a basket. Her only barrier is a guard from Mater Dei. Later Jackie defeated the guard and made the shot.

Box out: Kristine Tucker, 9, and Jess Bohle, 10, line up around the free throw line, waiting patiently to get the rebound after their teammate shoots a free throw.


Teamwork
"I think we had a good season even though our records didn't show it. We worked hard everyday and played to win. We worked as a team and our seniors set a good example for us."
Nicole Westerman, 9

Looking forward
"I had a lot of fun this year with all of the players. We were all really close and we got along well. I can't wait until next year."
Michele Watts, 10
An overwhelming greeting: The varsity cheerleading squad welcomed the opposing squads to our school while showing off their skills at the same time.

Giving it all they got: The girls performed at their best while thousands of spectators watched during the ICCA State Cheerleading Competition in March.

Guarding the treasure: The task of keeping the championship trophy out of the reach of the undeserving is left to Kim Byers, 11, while she reflects upon the many events that lead to this moment.

Memories
"Even though we had a young team and so many injuries, the outcome was great. This is a year I will never forget."
Brandi Oliver, 12

Unforgettable
"I'll never forget the feeling I had after the announcer said we had won."
Ashley Hemann, 9
technical support
by: crystal uhe

The squad began their season by attending a summer training camp. It was here that the girls set the foundation for the upcoming season. After several months of vigorous practicing, the season finally began in November. At the end of December the squad entered the annual Mater Dei Christmas Tournament where they received first place honors for their performance during the games. In January the girls were prepared to begin their journey to State. At the Highland Regional they finished with high marks which qualified them to attend the ICCA State Competition in Springfield. The squad also placed first at the Mt. Vernon Regionals a few weeks later. Then came the hard part. For the next month the squad gave everything they had to prepare themselves for the competition. Their efforts proved to be worthwhile. Once again Highland Varsity took home first place in the Large Varsity Division. A proper ending to a unbelievable career for retiring coach Terry Aebischer.

New uniforms?: Despite the resemblance between these swimsuits and the actual uniforms worn by the varsity cheerleading squad, Chelsey Kantner, 11, simply did a little practicing outside of the gym.

executing heights
by: teri hammer

With an uncertain outcome of the upcoming year, Cheryl Haselhorst took the challenge of coaching a squad composed of ten sophomores and twelve freshmen. The squad had a rough start which included many injuries and changes. They quickly learned how to overcome any obstacles that stood in their way. The team’s hardwork and determination put them on the road to success. Their countless practice hours allowed them to qualify for state at the Highland regional. After placing first at the Mt. Vernon regional, the girls had a little more than a month to prepare for their greatest challenge yet: the I.C.C.A. State Competition. There the girls performed a new routine against twenty other JV squads from all over the state. Pulling off a flawless and amazing routine, the girls held on to their first place title for one more year. Earning this title made them the sixth squad to bring home a first place trophy in the past seven years.


Mounting high: During their final home game of the season, bases Alicia Weiss, 10, Amy Zbinden, 10, and Lacey Buzick, 9, help Kim Zeisset, 10, stick a perfect liberty.
V for victory: Kristen Gianino, 10, tries to get the crowd involved by showing her school spirit and enthusiasm. Even after losing the double overtime game against Triad, the cheerleaders kept their spirits high and cheered the team on.

Preparing for camp: Kim Zeisset, 10, Brooke Tally, 10, and Lindsey Gilomen, 10, prepare for a long, hard day at camp. The squad traveled to Kentucky to attend a private camp where they were taught several new skills.

Front row: Brandi Wilson, Danielle Seifried. Back row: Michelle Maedge, Amanda Klaus, Kate Kampwerth.

Success
"My most memorable moment was when we won state. The team worked together and became really close friends. I learned that those qualities are important to be successful."
Kristen Gianino, 10

Dedication
"We had a rough start this year considering some of us never cheered before. With Cheryl's help and the squad's dedication we came out on top."
Nicki Alexander, 10
Crazy day: The dance team struts their stuff wearing body paint and wild hair at their summer dance camp at Fontbonne College in St. Louis.

Bust a move: All eyes are on the dance team, as they show off their pom dance routine to "Knock On Wood" at the IDTA State Competition at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

Patiently waiting: Along with their stuffed animals, Coach Deets and the girls pass time in the lobby before awards at the state competition.
disk-o-dancing
by: amy kealey

The dance team began their season at a UDA dance camp where they received a second place for their home routine, “Un, Dos, Tres”. Then in August, they traveled to the Illinois State Fair pom competition and took home a second place. By competing in several regional competitions, the team was able to perfect their two routines entitled “Don’t Pass Me By” in the dance category and “Knock On Wood” in the pom dance category. In the process, the girls became very close friends and truly learned how to work as a team. Because of this, they not only advanced to supersectionals, but to the state level as well. At state, the dance team gave their two best performances of the year. They earned a fifth place for “Knock On Wood”, and a second place for “Don’t Pass Me By, missing first place by only half a point. This was the highest that the dance team has ever placed at the state level. It was a successful and fun-filled year for the team.

Proud smiles: After a strenuous performance of “Don’t Pass Me By,” the girls take a moment to be recognized for their excellent routine.

Front row: Christin Michael, Katie Heidbrink, Niki Cooper, Erica Voss, Marissa Brave, Danielle Schrumpf.

Back row: Amy Kealey, Renee Korte, Jackie Eilers, Dawn Davidson, Linnea Sorge, Janae Barker, Tiffany Parnell, Lindsay Austin, Megan Tebbe, Allison Campbell.
wrestlers take a byte!

by: dena tebbe

The wrestlers had an outstanding season this year. The team had the best dual meet record in the history of the school’s wrestling program. Finishing at 17-4 for the year, it was safe to say that the team walked proudly off the mat. Regionals were held at Triad High School. From there seven members of the wrestling team were sent to sectionals. One other outstanding accomplishment went to Colby Schrumpf, 11, who later in the season qualified for the state competition. The wrestlers were a force to be reckoned with throughout their season and made a name for themselves through their incredible talent and strength. The team ended the season with a remarkable, yet memorable conclusion.


Dog tired: Adam Weidner, 11, and teammate Aaron Meffert, 11, snuggle to stay warm while taking a short siesta between matches.

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Take down: With family, friends and fans cheering, Andrew Ernst, 11, battles his opponent. Later, using all his strength, he took his opponent down and then finished the job with a pin.

Break it down: As teammates cheer him on, Andy Sauls, 11, gets a good grip on his opponent. After positioning his opponent he attempted to break him down into the mat.

Heave-ho: A frustrated and tired Travis Navickas, 10, heaves his opponent across the mat in an attempt to make the pin.

Winning season
It was a good season with good leadership." My favorite part was pigging out after meets."
Aaron Meffert, 11

Beating records
“We had a great season. I’m glad we beat the all time dual meet record.”
Adam Weidner, 11
Early success
"Our first year has been great. We won conference and also made it to state and took 12th place. How much more could we ask for? Only that we are taking first next year."
Gino Paoletti, 11

Fond farewell
"I had a great year. I'm sad that it is my last year, but I am hoping to succeed in the future. I will miss all of my teammates."
Steve Carey, 12

Just another strike: Steve Carey, 12, releases his ball one more time in hopes of another strike. Steve led the varsity team this year as a captain and also placed number two in the Southern Illinois Bowling Conference according to average.

Girls to spare: The bowling team this year had a great turnout of female bowlers for both varsity and JV. Here Shana Harbison, 12, shows her skills as she throws another ball as a captain for the women's varsity team.

Turkey moves: Every motion, style, and form of a bowler can determine the outcome of every throw. Matt Beck, 11, displays perfect form after the release of his ball. This could be the first of three strikes Matt throws, in hopes of a turkey.
The millennium brought with it many new ideas, inventions, and technologies. This new year also brought forth the birth of a new athletic team. Bowling began this year with a bang. From the very beginning, tryouts were packed. This resulted in many prospective bowlers being sent away empty handed. Our city’s support helped greatly as Highland’s own Hi-Top Bowl welcomed our budding new team with open arms, giving them a place to practice and to hold local matches. Throughout this year’s state competition and twelve individual matches, this premier team had an outstanding year. The varsity boys, varsity girls, JV boys, and JV girls all worked together as a team, cheering each other on and giving each other suggestions for improvement. This team’s camaraderie was strong enough to provide the vital backbone needed for a winning team to stay strong during their fierce competitions.

Cheering the team: The excitement level was abounding during each competition and practice. The team shows this excitement as they wait for their turn to show up their teammates.

This year was a year of triumph for the boys varsity baseball team as they met all obstacles head on and dominated the Mississippi Valley Conference. The team was a force to be reckoned with. The team was led by six seniors who demonstrated the experience and dedication expected out of veteran players. The six seniors who went to bat for the team included Nick Barnett, Dave Duffin, Jeremy Wildhaber, Chris Schwarz, Eric Nanney and Justin Cryder. Both young and older players combined together to produce a successful season. With dominate wins over Jerseyville and Waterloo, the team proved it’s worth as a conference contender. The younger members of the team learned many skills from the seniors and will spend the next few years passing those very skills on to younger generations of ball players. Throughout the entire season the younger players worked together with the older generations to create a sense of teamwork and dominance as they finished their successful season.

- Front row: Tom Chapman, Todd Luitjohan, Tim Nagel, Chris Frey, Justin Cryder. 
- Middle row: Jarett Sisson, Josh Oswald, Chris Schwarz, Jeremiah Knackstedt, Eric Nanney, Manager Bobby Reidelberger. 

The wind-up and the pitch: Hoping for a perfect strike, pitcher Eric Nanney, 12, sends one sailing across the plate.
Waiting for the signal: After making it safely to third base, Justin Cryder, 12, looks toward the coach to determine his next step of action.

Warming up: Before the start of another intense game, Tom Chapman, 11, works his arm in order to throw a winning strike three.

Fire Ball: Kyle DeGroot, 10, fires a fast ball into the in-field later dropping the bat and sprinting for first base.

Mixing work and fun
“We have all had a lot of fun this year. It has also been my best year of baseball in my high school career.”
Eric Nanney, 12

I love you man
“This was the best baseball team we have had in many years, and I have had a lot of fun playing with these guys.”
Andrew Buck, 11
Triad triumphs
"The second game against Triad was very fun. We beat them 6-4. It was the best game of the year. Mr. Wright was a lot of fun."
Jeremiah Knackstedt, 10

Showing gratitude
"This was the second year that Mr. Wright was my coach, and I have learned a lot from him."
Brian Drazan, 10

Getting down and dirty: On hands and knees, catcher Jeremiah Knackstedt, 10, doesn't let this Triad Knight home. Dave Harvick, 10, stands ready to back the play.

Battling the bench: Tackling both tasks of watching the game and keeping the stats are Jonathan Elliott, 10, John Messerli, 10, C.J. Weis, 10, and Jared Missey, 10.

With bats swinging and balls flying the boys charged into baseball season. The dedicated gentlemen battled against opposing teams and the oppressing rainy weather to complete a successful season. A special highlight to the season was the remarkable feat by Mike Gragert, 10. During a late season game versus Waterloo, Gragert hit not one, but two grand slams, filling his team mates and fans with excitement. In the same game he also batted in 11 runs. This amazing game was enough to satisfy most, and yet Mike went on to pitch a perfect game versus Jerseyville the same week. He allowed no runs or walks which helped the team to beat Jerseyville in the 5th inning with a score of 10-0. Coach Wright had only positive remarks on all the players. He said, “This was a great group of guys that I have enjoyed coaching for the past two years.”
no errors
by: amiee bochantin

The Varsity Lady Bulldogs had a rough start to the year, with Shauna Holmann, 12, and Amy Henschen, 11, both out for injuries. However, the team stuck together to overcome the many obstacles. While the team lacked older players, they sure didn’t lack experience. “Despite a lack of varsity experience in a few positions, the team performed to their capability. They were a great group of girls who enjoyed coming out everyday and working hard,” stated Coach Jodie Ramsey. Despite all the mishaps that took place, it didn’t take the team long to come together and accomplish the many goals they set, including ending the season with a solid record. There were all different personalities on the team, and each one attributed some unique trait that helped the girls gel right from the start and play as a team, rather than thirteen individuals. The team looked good in their new away uniforms and also received a whole new field to go along with their new appearance this year.


Hard contact: Stepping up to the plate, Nicole Westerman, 9, takes a hard, solid swing at the ball.
Taking a break: After a hard inning of defense, Rachel Hooker, 12, Amiee Bochantin, 12, Becky Schreiber, 12, and Shauna Holcmann, 12, relax on a cold and windy day.

A close play: As a Waterloo player slides into third base, Shauna Holcmann, 12, waits for the ball as Hsiaolei Miller, 9, covers second base.

Throwing heat: While warming up between innings, Rachel Hooker, 12, prepares to throw a strike while Becky Schreiber, 12, prepares the other defensive players.

Senior memories
“Throughout the last four years I’ll remember how we all became a big family of girls and we have been there for one another through thick and thin.”

Jenni Branch, 12

Muddy mess
“My most memorable time of the year was at practice when Amy Henschen and I had a mud fight. We were both covered from head to toe within five minutes.”

Michelle Frey, 11
Team support

"I have been doing really good with pitching this year. I never have to worry about my teammates backing me up. We have all really bonded as a team."

Courtney Winet, 10

Positive energy

"We are always enthusiastic about playing and cheering for our team. We really get into the game and whenever someone makes a mistake we always make sure to pick each other up."

Jenna Rozum, 9

Clutch hitter: Quickly swinging her bat, Charlotte Weiss, 10, prepares to hit the game-winning homerun.

All bundled up: Huddled together for warmth on a frigid game day, Veronica Rickher, 10, Nicki Alexander, 10, Courtney Winet, 10, and Angela Becker, 9, enjoy watching the varsity softball team beat their opponents.

Speed demon: With speed and precision, Jennifer Harsy, 10, throws the perfect pitch to a terrified batter.
log on to softball
by: nicole rezabek

The junior varsity team had a great season due to their tough practices and teamwork. They relied on the coaching abilities of their new coach Ms. Kohnen. Coach Kohnen commented, "They are a young team with a lot of determination and heart who should really be successful in the future." The team was composed of nine freshmen and only six sophomores. They spent most of their free time improving their softball skills in order to ensure a fun and exciting season. Defensively, the girls were strengthened by pitchers, Jennifer Harys, 10, and Courtney Winet, 10. The team's RBI leaders were Angela Becker, 9, Chelsea Brendel, 9, and Charlotte Weiss, 10. Deana Cruthis, 9, also matured as a catcher during the course of the season. The girls' hard work and dedication led them to a victorious season. They played well as a team and built up confidence throughout the season.

“This year’s team was strong and state bound. We will never, ever lose a match at the sectional,” said Bryan Boudouris, 12, shortly before they debuted at the sectionals. The dynamite tennis squad erased the possibility of any upsets early on in the season. With the many returning seniors, the backbone of the team was in perfect condition. They destroyed every team in the conference with their dominant agility and ever impressive quick strokes. This was all made possible through the edition of Mr. Hirsch as their coach. He pushed his team through grueling practices so they would become prosperous on the courts when dealing with rivals. Even though the team had to face his discipline, the team still enjoyed the season with several laughs around the bench after once again celebrating a victory in their own honor. These men could not be stopped. They knocked down every door they encountered to finish the season with an impressive record.

Team
Record
(13-1)
Roxana
W 7-0
Jerseyville
W 6-1
Civic
Memorial
W 7-0
Metro East
Lutheran
W 7-0
Mascoutah
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Waterloo
W 7-0
Greenville
W 6-1
Granite City
W 6-1
E. St. Louis
W 7-0
Troy Triad
W 4-3
Effingham
St. Anthony
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Collinsville
W 5-2
Vandalia
W 9-0
Mississippi Valley Conference
1st Place
Centralia
W 6-3
Fierce form: A flick of the wrist sends a bullet propelling in-bounds, when Nathan McPherson, 12, is behind the racket.

Easy strokes: Lobbing the ball over the net scores Bryan Boudouris, 12, the points he deserves.

Rough and ready: Bradley Boudouris, 10, waits with the intent to pass yet another hard shot across the net.

Triumphant teamster
"We have a strong team this year. Mr. Hirsch is a good coach."
Jon Morton, 11

Sectional supremacy
"Tennis is fun. Mr. Hirsch is a great coach, and the sectionals are ours."
Andrew Fitzpatrick, 9
It’s about time
“I’m really glad that our school finally has a girl’s soccer team. It will take time for our program to build, but we had fun and learned a lot this year. We got to know each other and worked well as a team.”
Sarah Fite, 12

Competitive kickin’
“Our first soccer season went over pretty well. We all worked really hard together, and realized that we can compete even with the best teams.”
Brandi Starko, 11

Making a wall: The girls block a direct kick in order to deny the other team a goal.

Facing the opposition: Nisa Korte, 9, fakes out her opponent with her fast and fancy footwork while Brandi Starko, 11, awaits a pass.

controlling the ball

by: amy kealey

The girls’ soccer team had an exciting first year. The program consisted of thirty-eight members, and only three of them were seniors. The team worked together through a difficult schedule. Many of the girls had never played on a soccer team before, so this was a learning year. The team planned to build the program and become extremely competitive. The first goal in their history was scored by Stacey Marks, 12, at the first game of this year’s season, against Civic Memorial. The team played in two tournaments. The first was the Carbondale tournament where they played Perryville, Champaign Central, and Minooka. Later they played Morton and Champaign Central at the Springfield tournament. The girls also purchased new away uniforms for a touch of style. This year, however, the girls took to the field sporting the guy’s soccer uniforms. Despite their attire the girls performed well during their first season.
up and running
by: david wise

Boys track was off to a fast and exciting start after taking second place at the Greenville and Roxana Relays. The team also managed a fourth place finish at the competitive Madison County meet. The upperclassmen led the boys track team to a great season, but not without the help of a younger generation of track stars. Dale Sweetnam, 12, took third in county in the 400 meter dash, second at the Mississippi Valley Conference meet, and also took first places in the race at Jerseyville and Wood River. Danny Klaus, 12, also added to the team leadership by running in the 400, 800 and 1600 meter relays. Nathan Robinson, 10, and Daniel Strackeljahn, 10, were the sophomore leaders and broke four sophomore records between the two of them. Robinson set a new sophomore record in the 110 meter high hurdles race, and Strackeljahn set new sophomore records in the half mile along with the one and two mile races. At the MVC meet the individuals came together to put forth a great deal of effort in route to taking a second place finish behind conference rival Jerseyville. Together, the experienced upperclassmen and the budding talent of the underclassmen track athletes, got the boys track team up and running and kept it running throughout the season.
Breaking the finish line: Dale Sweetnam, 12, crosses the finish line as the anchor leg of the 3200 meter relay at the Greenville meet. Highland finished first in this event.

Over the hurdles: BJ Ross, 10, clears the hurdle during the low hurdle shuttle relay with grace and speed.

Flying high: Soaring over the long jump pit, Louis Staley, 10, works toward another victory.

First time
"I joined track this year because I wanted to challenge myself as an athlete and compete one more time before I graduate. I had fun this year in track and made new friends."
Josh Thuenemann, 12

Record breaker
"This year I ran the 110 meter hurdles in under 16 seconds and broke a sophomore school record."
Nathan Robinson, 10
Perfect arch: Jamie Wildhaber, 10, clears the bar in an attempt to win the high jump contest.

Triple jump: A hop, skip, and a jump and Leyna Drazen, 12, flings her body into the deep sand pit.

Long distance throwing: Balancing and spinning, Heather Thole, 11, begins to launch a discus with all her might.
running the hard drive

by: ani herzberg

With a new track in use, the girls varsity track team ran in with a young group. Tying for third in the Madison County meet and taking second in the Mississippi Valley Conference meet, the harriers refused to show their youth by running two of the best overall races of the season. At the conference meet, the girls proudly took home 17 out of 33 gold medals, and they won four out of five relays for the second year in a row. Jenni Mitchell, 12, had a perfect MVC meet with four gold medals for the events that she ran. The Lady Bulldogs were also successful in bringing home the third place trophy from the Roxana Relays. Stephanie Gruender, 9, was the leading scorer for the team and Jenni Mitchell, 12, proved herself as MVP. All Conference awards were given to Stephanie Capalupo, 9, Amanda Gallatin, 10, Jamie Wildhaber, 10, Michele Watts, 10, Jennifer Rehberger, 11, Vanesssa DeBourge, 11, Jenni Mitchell, 12, and Leyna Drazen, 12.
"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away."

Henry David Thoreau
Displaying her individuality and petite frame, Michelle Frey, 11, emerges from one of the new lockers on the first floor.
Faculty

“My joy in learning is partly that it enables me to teach.”

Seneca

It appears that Ms. Douglas is giving one of her students either a third warning or a third chance!

Pam Watts
Cathy Weiss
Cheryl Wolfe

Support Staff
Phylis Bolk
Tina Bradley
Gail Braundmeier
Sherry Flecher

Support Staff
Terry Frey
Glenda Klingsick
Scott Manville
FRESHMEN
by: cory adolph

"Other people may be there to help us, teach us, guide us along our path. But the lesson to be learned is always ours."
Melody Beattie

Immediately getting involved in student organizations, SADD members Matt Scheibel and Aaron Blake look into the horizon as Mark Boekhout notices a camera on this SADD fieldtrip.

Roaming the halls during their free time, friends Kristine Tucker and Deana Cruthis find a time to stop and flash smiles to anyone passing by.

"Freshman year was great! I transferred from Triad and like Highland a lot better. Even though this year was great, I am really looking forward to the next few years of high school."
Seth Bohnenstiehl

"Freshman year was neat, but I hated being an underclassman."
David Johnson

"This year was full of unexpected surprises. It was a great change from last year. I look forward to spending next year with all my friends."
Jared Thuenemann

"This year was awesome! I can't wait until next year!"
Emily Hohl
Antwinette Dongton
Evan Downey
Ryan Driscoll
Timothy Driscoll
Keith Duffin
Ronie Duff
Andrew Durbin

Miranda Edwards
Katie Ehlke
Travis Eilers
John Emig
Timothy Endicott
Katie Ernst
Serena Everett

Chad Eversgerd
Michelle Fay
Kelly Feder
Andrew Fernandez
Lorien Fetsch
Steven Ficker
Andrew Fitzpatrick

Christopher Fohne
Jordan Foster
Michelle Frey
Sarah Frey
Nicholas Friederich
Eric Frohn
Andrew Fulton

Robert Funderburk
Tara Gaffner
Katrina Garcia
Heather Gauen
Nancie Gause
Kyle Gehrig
Garret Gelly

Julie Gentleman
Justin Gibbons
Eric Gibson
Travis Giger
Jessica Gilomen
Joseph Gitersonke
Ashley Gombos

Crystal Gray
Shandi Greve
Aaron Griffith
Stephanie Gruender
Ashley Haas
Cathy Hammer
Lindsay Hanlon

Stacy Hayden
Janelle Hecht
Aaron Hediger
Katie Heidbrink
Anthony Heimssath
Ashley Hemann
Phillip Henschens

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It was fun while it lasted, and I'm glad it's over, but I have a lot of memories I will treasure for the rest of my life.

Natalie Herzberg
It startles me how fast this year went by, but it was quite a jovial time while it lasted. I anticipate next year, and will continue to pursue my aspirations.

Conrad Dale
I thought the year would go very slow, but it sped by like a train. I look forward to all the things next year holds in store for me.

Andrew Fitzpatrick
At their premier homecoming, freshman court members Jamie Zurliene and Dane Barker put on smiles before the parade begins. A JV member of the brand new bowling team, Jaclyn Roughly lines up a shot.

Taking time out from their dancing, Serena Everett, Molly Bergman, and Angela Becker show their stylish sides.

Jason Sallee attempts to comfort Crystal Kirsch on stage during a practice for the Fall play. Sean Netzer shows his band spirit as Sarah Delashmit plays along to the parade song.
"I am always ready to learn; but I do not always like being taught."
Winston Churchill

Mrs. Martz's English student dress up for 60's day.

These girls are happy to be in the homecoming parade.

"Sophomore year was ok but I'm looking forward to being an upperclassman next year."
Twyla Rittenhouse

"My sophomore year was very fun because of my involvement with the wrestling team. I can't wait until next year."
Mike Sidwell

"Being a sophomore was fun but I can't wait to be a senior!"
Vicki Thompson

"This year was a lot better than last year because we didn't get picked on as much."
Chris Harbison
Sophomore year was pretty cool. I was in the Color Guard and we rocked because we won first place.

Roxanne Gillespie
I had a lot of fun as a sophomore, but I think next year will be better because I get to go to prom.

Mike Beck
Kristen Marti
Wesley Martindale
Jessica Massey
Ashley Maurer
Robert McDonald
Brett Merkle
John Messerli

Gabriel Michael
Kelly Miller
Ashley Missey
Jared Missey
Paul Morence
Emily Munie
Daniel Myers

Travis Navickas
Nicholas Netzer
Thomas Nier
Beau Ohren
Karina Oliveira
Matthew Omans
Nina Paeth

Randy Peery
Randall Pierson
Ryan Pirok
Garret Plocher
Kevin Plocher
Luke Plocher
Heather Plog

Matthew Pople
Stacey Port
Richard Porter
Jacob Post
Ember Price
Julie Pye
Courtney Rakers

Zachary Rakers
Jenna Reidelberger
Erin Remelius
Ty Renko
Jeremy Reynolds
Veronica Rickher
Joel Rinderer

Sarah Rinderer
Michael Ripperda
Twyla Rittenhouse
Nathan Robinson
Amy Roblek
Suzanne Rogier
Charles Rose

Bryan Ross
Erica Ross
Andrew Sauls
Danielle Schrampf
Elizabeth Schrampf
Kyle Schuster
Chris Schwarz
Kristy Frank, Ashley Zurliene, and Dena Korte get a few minutes to gossip before the bell rings.

Eric Lengermann digs through his school locker and tries to locate a missing Geometry assignment.

Jennifer Halvorson diligently works to make the perfect finishing touches on her sketch.

Lauren Campbell gives the camera an innocent smile.
The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart.

Elisabeth Foley

Chilling out after a long, tiring band hour, Sean Williams and Ben Gitersonke chit-chat before heading off to their next class.

Showing the classic signs of motion sickness, Cory Done contemplates just how long he’ll have to ride the bus to school.

“The most fun I had this year was in my horticulture class. We went out to the greenhouse almost every day, and one day we sprayed Jeremy Zurliene with the hose. He wasn’t too happy with us after that.”

David Ernst

“This year was a blast! I loved homecoming when we got to see everyone all dressed up. I can’t wait until next year when we will be seniors.”

Julie Bohnak

“I had a lot of fun with the seniors this year, and I am going to miss them next year. Well, as I see it, I’m going to get out of here next year and people will miss me!”

Jennifer Graham

“This year has been pretty cool but I don’t really like all the new video cameras that we have now.”

Adam Weidner
Jill Frey
Lori Frey
Michelle Frey
Quinn Frey
Destiny Fritz
Ryan Fulton
John Gaffner

Megan Gause
Crystal Gillespie
Ryan Gimmy
Benjamin Gitersonke
Alisha Goebel
Timothy Gould
Jennifer Graham

Darren Gress
Ian Grinter
Daniel Gunning
Benjamin Haberer
Derek Haberer
Amber Hagan
Benjamin Hall

Teri Hammer
Jennifer Harvey
Nicholas Hayman
Justin Hedtkamp
Lindsay Heim
Amber Heimsath
Jordan Heisner

Amy Henschen
Derek Herzberg
Lindsay Hess
Brian Hill
Dan Hobson
Robert Hock
Ann Hoerchler

James Holloway
David Ivey
Daniel Jacober
Chad Jakel
Nicole Jakel
Michael Jascur
Martin Jenkins

Tanya Kampwerth
Chelsey Kantner
Abby Katich
Erica Kayser
Jeremy Kirsch
Christa Kloss
Derek Kloss

Kyle Kloss
Brent Knebel
Jene' Knebel
Chad Koch
Amy Korte
Bria Korte
Amanda Lairson
I had a lot of fun in band this year and we did really good. With me as drum major next year, we will be even better.

Andrew Buck
This year was really cool, we had some pretty cool seniors, and we had some good times.

Todd Luitjohan
Tiffany Parnell
Philip Pender
Jessica Plocher
Aaron Poehling
Daniel Polich
Ryan Posh
Victoria Potter

Jami Pothoff
Barry Quade
Preston Rachal
Jennifer Reberberger
Michael Reiff
Amanda Reiman
Nicole Rezabek

Jessica Ribbing
Amanda Riechmann
Elizabeth Rinderer
Michael Robinson
Cherie Rogier
Rachael Savas
Elizabeth Scaggs

Ashley Scherschel
Natalie Schieper
Cory Schneider
Rachel Schoen
Kara Scholl
Colby Schrumpf
Scott Schuetz

Stephany Schwalenberg
Christopher Schwend
Brent Schwierjohn
Brea Scott
Rebekah Shea
Wendi Shimer
John Siegner

Christine Siever
Jitinder Singh
James Smith
Rachel Soares
Linnea Sorge
Christopher Stahl
Samuel Stahlhut

Brandi Starko
Alex Stoyanoff
Zoran Tasic
Heather Thole
Tara Thole
Timothy Tift
Catherine Timmermann

Nathan Tinker
Kyle Troxell
Brittany Turner
Sara Ulrich
Eric VonBokel
Jennifer Walter
Daniel Warnecke
This year was a blast! I had a lot of fun with all of the seniors, and I am going to miss them next year.

Brea Scott
“The distance is nothing; it is only the first step that is difficult.”
Marquise du Deffand

“I’m lazy and didn’t get involved in much, so my friends and I amused ourselves by going to less attended sporting events and turning them into a circus. Horsemens 4-life!”
Jim Rachal, 12

“The most memorable event of my senior year has yet to come. It will be when I receive my diploma.”
Rebecca Otis, 12

“I’ll miss towering over all the little freshmen everyday in the halls.”
Jeremy Wildhaber, 12

“My senior year went by so fast. It’s too bad that it is my last.”
Kim Frank, 12
I have a feeling I’ll miss little things like hallway conversations and the nerves before a track meet.

Dale Sweetnam
I will miss all my friends from high school. I will always remember the great times we had together.

Christin Michael
I am certainly going to miss all the quality time and individual attention I received from Mr. Thomas and Mr. Toennies.

Anthony Hultz
I'll mostly miss my friends, but I'll also miss freezing in class, complaining about school food and stupid things like that.

Eileen Holthaus
Memories are made of this as, Kate Cox, 12, and Rachel Hooper, 12, share a special moment.

Displaying their school spirit, senior girls show off their midriffs at a football game.

Chow time is no fun in the cafeteria unless you eat with friends, as Blaine Touchette, 12, Kateri Shiffer, 12, and Erin Miller, 12, are doing.

Even Bulldogs like Eric Nanney, 12, and Ani Herzberg, 12, can give bear hugs.

Adam Meffert, 12, climbs the ladder to the ceiling in the new journalism room, which hopefully will not be the "high" point of his academic career.
With the end of the millennium and the dawn of a new one, came many new and interesting fashions. Every senior, had his or her own style which gave their class uniqueness and personality. Although clothes do not define personality, they can, however, express it. These expressions are manifested in these pictures which tried to represent every fashion and every personality that made up the senior class.

Sporting a fresh new look, Rachel Plocher, shows her Hawaiian side. Jason Esmon represents the small population of " punks." Dave Duffin is definitely proud of his physique judging by the all-popular muscle shirt.

Andrew Deiters supports the trendy, sleek Hawaiian shirt look.

Shauna Holcmann, Stephanie Neudecker, and Kristi Novak take pride in their cheerleading accomplishments.
Dressed for success, Sarah Brueggemann is ready to increase her knowledge.

Jared Goestenkors positions himself for the cover of *GQ*.

Heading out to the field to march, Andy Messerli clads himself in his favorite camouflage attire.

Rachel Hooker provides her favorite band, Phaze 2, with some free publicity.

Three of the four horsemen, Jim Rachal, Justin Cryder, and Kyle Ribbing sport old warm-up jackets.
According to Amy Kealey and Mark Blakey, the lunchroom look includes the latest styles plus ice cream in hand. Bus fashion for Breanne Potthast consists of everyday attire and a trendy necklace. The polyester king, Bobby Reidelberger, displays the retro revolution with this sweatsuit.

Good pals, Kate Cox, Carrie Munie, Nikki Williams, Sarah Bruegge mann, Cassie Sherman, Rachel Hooker, and Janae Barker show their dizzy side.
Dance team members, Janae Barker, Amy Kealey, and Allison Campbell, dress elegantly before a competition.

In style and totally cool, Kurt Haller advertises for designer Ralph Lauren.

Full of dazzle and charm, Ty Robards sports a comfy blue shirt.

Fleece and plaid, as seen on Abbey Stocker and Eric Nanney, were both very popular styles.
Bit by bit the journalism staff created a dynamic entourage of memories relating them to the Y2K theme. Their job was to make sure every part of the year from beginning to end was included, and this proved to be fun, exciting, and at times stressful, for all the staff members. The staff started the year with a field trip to the University of Missouri-Saint Louis, where they learned the ropes of basic journalism plus the latest trends and styles. The staff was held together by editors, Janae Barker, 12, and Dale Sweetnam, 12, who attended a Herff Jones summer camp at Millikin University to introduce them to the important aspects of the editorial position. They spent numerous in-school and out-of-school hours editing and re-editing layouts. Computing geniuses, Bryan Boudouris, 12, and Scott Schuetz, 11, backed up the system by designing layouts and handling computer problems. Photographers made sure that pictures were taken of every event, sport and class, and the rest of the staff was in charge of various layouts throughout the book. The whole clan of computer nerds was directed by Mrs. Martz.
Taking it like a man, Cory Done, 11, stands patiently while Natalie Ingram, 12, vents her frustrations.

Journalism students display their various personalities which was essential to getting every perspective on the year’s events and students.

Going with the book’s computer theme, every staff member flaunts his or her intellectual side.

Having a blast
“It was hilarious when we had to dress up like nerds for our staff picture. Amy Urban had a huge wedge, Bryan Boudouris had the highest pants, and Scott Schuetz didn’t even have to change his clothes.”

Veronica Rickher, 10

Tough decisions
“Journalism was the best class I have ever taken. Deciding between which movie to watch or what birthday treat to bring were the most difficult choices I will ever have to make.”

Crystal Uhe, 12
wonderful 2night
by: kateri shiffer

This year's junior-senior prom was a blast, and everyone in attendance looked "wonderful tonight" as they danced the night away at The Gateway Center in Collinsville. The week leading up to prom began with an all school assembly and a program featuring the inspirational speaker, Mr. Dan Davis. His powerful speech related his own tragic life experiences to everyone in the audience. His main message was to make wise life decisions. With the Class of 2000 graduating so early this year, prom seemed like it came and went quickly. The prom committee worked hard on the decorations which would create a pleasing atmosphere. Since the student body was able to participate in the music that was to be played, there was a wide selection of rock, pop, country, and rap. **Jonathan Halvorson, 12,** took center stage with his stunning rendition of "Zoot Suit Riot." **Scott Ammann, 10,** and **Jason Pike, 12,** also entertained the group by showing off their moves to the song "Bye, Bye", sung by N'Sync. The post prom that followed was also exceptional. There were many prizes so that everyone would have a better chance of winning. The music, provided by DJ Willis, was great. He provided the students with a wide variety of tunes. Among the winners were **Kate Cox, 12,** with a microwave and a cash prize of $200.00. Prom and post prom served as a suitable way to send-off the class of the new millennium.

**Kateri Shiffer, 12,** and her date say hello and goodbye to the dance floor one last time.

**Aaron Meffert, 11,** and **Lindsay Hess, 11,** get ready to dance the night away in their psychedelic formalwear.
Miranda Stalhut, 12, and her date share a smile with friends. Jill Frey, 11, and Jason Sallee, 9, share a romantic moment after dinner.

Amy Henschen, 11, Michelle Frey, 11, Teri Hammer, 11, and Jami Potthoff, 11, will always remember this night.

Friends forever
“The thing that I will remember most about my senior prom is that my friend came all the way back from Virginia to go to prom with us. We had a great time and it’s one I’ll never forget!”
Erin Miller, 12

First timer
“For being my first prom, I thought it was great. I liked the post prom the best. I really liked the idea of gambling because we can’t do that in school. I had a wonderful time!”
Matt Beck, 11
Kate Cox, 12, Andrea Schatte, 12, Cory Adolph, 11, and Sean Williams, 11, joke around before attending one of the best nights of their lives.

Jack Brown, 12, patiently waits with date Shana Harbison, 12, until the next song.

Erin Miller, 12, and date happily stroll towards the dance floor.

“Whatever
“All I have to say is, SODO your rolls!”
Jason Esmon, 12

Excitement
“I had so much fun, I’m not sure where to begin. It was the best dance that I have ever gone to, and I am definitely going back next year!”
Heather Thole, 11
Kristi Drda, 11, and Nathan McPherson, 12, slowly dance away the night to the sweet rhythm of the DJ.

Josh Thuenemann, 12, and Emily Munie, 10, anxiously await the night’s events.

In his best attire, Casey Zbinden, 12, busts a move, while others look on and smile.
On Sunday, May 21, 2000 the class of 2000 graduated at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony was held in the gym which was filled to capacity with the graduates’ families and friends. The weather cooperated this year making the gym pleasantly cool and very comfortable. As the band played the Processional, the senior class filed in and took their assigned seats, creating a sea of black and red caps and gowns. Everyone rose and faced the flag while Pete Babic, Sarah Brueggemann, Kate Cox, Anne Emig, Amy Kealey, Stephanie Kerin, Adam Meffert, Andy Messerli, Carrie Munie, Jason Pike, and Becky Thole sang the National Anthem. Amy Kealey, class secretary, and Paul Scherschel, class treasurer, welcomed the seniors and the audience, followed by an inspirational class greeting by Justin Cryder, class vice president. The class of 2000 produced four valedictorians Bryan Boudouris, Breanne Potthast, Jessica Henkhaus, and Janae Barker. They each delivered very personalized class comments to their fellow peers. Mr. Burgett awarded the valedictorians and the salutatorian, Stephanie Neudecker, their awards. Deserving graduates accepted their diplomas from their class sponsors. Upon completion, Mr. Harsy presented the class to the audience who replied with rounds of applause. When asked what made this ceremony special, school secretary, Sherry Fletcher replied, “The class officers planned the program and they did an excellent job.” On this memorable day the graduating class of 2000 began its journey into a whole new world filled with endless possibilities.

Waiting anxiously: In the line up before the actual ceremony, Jenny Swift and Melinda Straube ponder their futures as high school graduates.

Senior stance: Amy Urban and Bryan Schallenberger wear their gold cords with pride.
When will it be my turn?: Graduates sat quietly and waited patiently to hear their names called.

Happiness is...: For valedictorians, Bryan Boudouris and Janae Barker, happiness was simply this moment.

Calm, cool, and collected: The upcoming ceremony has obviously not flustered Jeff Schroeder, Becky Schreiber, Chris Schmidt, and Justin Rottmann.

It's over
“I am immensely relieved that this craziness called high school has finally come to an end.”
Jayme Alexander, 12

Reflections
“I'm so glad to be graduating, but I know I will miss high school and my friends.”
Barbie Walberg, 12
Congratulations Chris! Good luck to you in all that you do. Always remember that you have a guardian angel watching over your shoulder. You are the best brother a person could ever ask for.
We love you,
Beth, Andrew, Shandi and Ashley

Pete, you have worked hard and had a lot of fun too! Now it’s time to Celebrate!!
Congratulations!
We love you,
Mom, Dad & Janice

Amy,
Congratulations! We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Don’t ever stop chasing your dreams. We will be behind you every step of the way.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Angie

Dawn,
Congratulations! Always remember you can accomplish whatever you want in life if you go after it. We are very proud that you are our daughter and love you so much! Walk with angels!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Shannon Marie,
You are a wonderful daughter and we are so proud of all that you have accomplished. May all your dreams come true.
We love you,
Mom, Dad Lindsey and Katelyn

Jennifer,
Congratulations to our honor student who did a great job all through school. We wish you the best of luck as you enter college and know you will be successful in your business career.
Love always,
Art and Janet Branch
Kateri,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Follow your heart and you can achieve anything. We love you very much and will always be here for you.
Love,
Mom, Jim and Austin

Kristi,
Congratulations! We're all so proud of you. The last four years have been wonderful and memory filled. Best of luck in college and on the links.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Jason

Bob,
You've overcome many battles, but this is one of your greatest victories. We love you and we're very proud of you.
Love,
Dad, Mom and Terrisa

Kelly,
Congratulations! Though to you it took a lifetime to become so confident and tall, we feel as if a moment's passed since you were so small. We've watched with joy and wonder all the accomplishments you've had, and we wanted to let you know you have a very proud Mom and Dad.

Conratulations Sarah! We are proud of you! Follow your dreams!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Lisa,
You made it! We are very proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Matt and Sean
Big Dan,
We love you! We really enjoyed watching you play this season. What an improvement! We are so proud of you!
From your biggest fans,
Dad, Mom and Patricia

Dan,
Congratulations! We are very proud of you and wish you good luck in the future.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Renee, Kim, Joel, Jim Jr. & Nic

Jennifer "Our Living End",
We know you'll be successful in your years of college. The best of luck to you. Just remember that your family always supports you.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Amy, Kurt, Peggy, Susan, Bob, Gabe and "Bailey"

Congratulations Adam! We are so proud of the special young man you have become. May each day in your new journey bring you closer to all that you hope to achieve and all that you hope to become.
We love you.
Mom, Dad, Aaron and Austin

Ben,
You're a blue-chipper in every way. Congratulations on graduation and good luck with college.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jeremy, Emily and Amanda

Congratulations, Janae! We are so very proud of you and all you have accomplished!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Dane and Lauren
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Bethany Lynn,
Congratulations! We're so proud of you. We know you'll succeed in everything you do.
Love,
Mom, Brett, Heather, Elizabeth, Jessica and Leslie

Congratulations Breanne! We love you and wish you all the best in your future.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Brooke, Alyssa and Kara

Justin,
You made it! We're so proud of you. Best of luck and all the happiness in everything you do in your future. Always know that we love you and will always be there for you.
All our love,
Mom, Dad and Jennan

Congratulations Amiee! We're so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Always keep your goals in sight. May life bring you much happiness and success and remember to keep on smiling.
We love you,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations Marie! We are very proud of you and we are going to miss you. You are our biggest joy! We wish you luck in the future. God bless!
Love,
Don, Mom, Michael and Brock

Christin,
We're so proud of you! Over the last 18 years you have been a joy to us. We wish you the best of luck in the future and always remember that we love you very, very much.
Your family,
Mom, Dad, Bryant and Brigette
Dear Shauna,
Thanks for all the wonderful memories. We have truly enjoyed being a part of it all. We are proud of all that you have accomplished. You have a bright future.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Chris

Jamie,
Believe in yourself. Work hard, play hard, love life. Success will be yours. We are very proud of you and will always be there for you.
Love,
Mom, and Dad

Here's to unyielding bonds and unending friendships. Though distance may grow and our locations may change, the memories are ours to keep forever. Here's to the EXTREME, and there's to the Dizzy Girls, the best friends a person could ever have. You are the best! I love you all!
Love,
Nikki

Congratulations Danny! We are very proud of you!
All our love always,
Dad, Mom & Patricia
"The higher the climb, the broader the view."

Stephanie,
We are proud of you and all of your high school accomplishments. Follow your dreams and keep striving hard and we know you will achieve your goals. We love you and remember we will always be here for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Tracee, Grandma and Grandpa

Bethany,
Already? Amazing! Congratulations!
We're truly proud.
Love,
Dad, Karen, Chris and Heather

Eric,
We are proud of you! The time has gone by so fast. We wish you God's blessings on whatever and wherever life may take you.
Love,
Dad, Mom and Adam

Dena,
Watching you grow into the beatiful person you have become has been truly an adventure. Your self-confidence and strength will serve you well in all you achieve. You have made our dreams a reality. Now its your turn to make your dreams a reality!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Jason

Amy,
Good times and adventure since May of '82. Our lives have been thrilled with you. Amy Sue. Past, present and future we will always love you, wishing you the best in all you do!
Love,
Dad, Mom, and Eric
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You had a tough senior year recovering from your knee surgery. Being parents, we also felt your pain. Your whole future is out there, Nick, give it your best. We love you.

Mom and Dad

Nick.
The year finally rolled to a close, and with all the work completed and all the lockers emptied, the students walked into the summer air with a relentless sense of satisfaction and freedom. Some left with memories flashing through their minds, while others walked out with every intention of forgetting the year and focusing on a seemingly endless summer ahead of them. The halls were once again empty, and voices of students slowly began to fade. For some, this was the end. High school was now a memory, and college was their future. Others knew in a few short months they would return to disrupt the silence that consumed the halls. The year had ended, and minds would be forever changed by education, experience, and people. Into the summer air students walked, signifying an end to a school year, but feeling well-prepared to continue a new millennium.

Signing Off

Stained in jello, Danny Thomas, 12, flexes and laughs about just ruining his brand new senior tee-shirt.
With style and a great deal of talent Chris Schmidt, 12, plays his guitar at the senior picnic while Jim Rachal, 12, backs up the band with lyrics laced with enthusiasm.

A handful of some of the bravest senior females take a dip in an inflatable pool filled with a tasty mix of jello.

A group of mud-covered seniors enjoy the events of their last day together. Senior picnic committee members made the day very memorable with an awesome band, great food, and fun games.