LIVE (student life 4)
larger
LEARN (academics 30)
together
PLAY (sports 44)
harder

Abby Hediger, Sr.; Mike Adams, Sr.; Katie Judge, Sr.

President Abe Lincoln a.k.a. Ms. Kay

Justin Lowe, Sr.; Colten Shimer, Jr.
(graduation 172) **GROW**

**Wiser**

(people 132) **BE**

**Yourself**

(activities 110) **REACH**

**Farther**

Anthony Oliveira, Sr.; Andrew Heffron, Sr.

Brittany Bracken, Jr.; Ashley Johnson, Fr.

Senior Powderpuff Football Team
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The Lady Golfers compare fancy footwear after their Conference meet.

Because this was their last Homecoming, Seniors Kale Frank and Bill Watts hold hands while reminiscing on past years. Bill said he was thinking of only one thing, "If only this could last forever."

Justin Robitsch, Sr. and juniors Annie Winter and Emily Sawyer review senior pictures at lunch.
Live. Learn. Play.

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With all of the changes that our school was faced with when we began the 2006-2007 school year, including a change in principal as well as a loss of a few of HHS’s favorite teachers, our Iris yearbook staff found it necessary to pick a theme that represented the strength our school would have to adopt in order to embody an idealistic year despite the grim changes. With that said, we decided upon: Live. Learn. Play. Be HIGHLAND. As students we lived our lives to the fullest and kept our morale up despite difficult times. We also continued to learn, laugh, and love. We proceeded to learn about ourselves, others, and our ever changing lives. Following Bulldog tradition, we played hard on fields, courts, gyms, mats, and in our personal lives. Finally, we were still able to be the growing individuals we have always been. We continued to be friends, classmates, confidants, and most importantly ourselves. As a school we remained successful athletes and scholars no matter what challenges we faced. Our final accomplishment was our ability to remain the school we have always been proud to call our own, because, essentially we will always...

1. live. TV and radio students have some fun before they go back to start the news.
2. learn. Senior Ami Caniff paints a portrait of a Uganda orphan. Only select students were chosen to participate in the Memory Portraits Project. They were sent pictures of orphans from Uganda and then sent the valuable keepsakes back to the children.
3. play. Practice for football is strenuous but necessary.
Beyond the classroom, students sought the familiarity of friendships and activities to shape who they would become. Beginning a new stage of interaction, freshmen discovered their high school identities, while seniors went on to the last stage of self-discovery. After leaving the stress of school behind at 3:00 p.m. students enjoyed a variety of activities. When asked “What do you do outside of school?,” Andrew Harris, senior replied “I balance my job at D.Q. with late night Jack in the Box & White Castle runs, oh, and I also hang out with Erin Leitschuh.” Senior Brittné Zobrist, said “I go home and hang out with my friends and don’t worry about the things in school that stress me out. I’m a very good procrastinator.” Jeremy Duft, junior, said he likes to, “run my gas boat when the lake is choppy, it’s a whole lot of fun.”

Enjoying their last few weeks of summer, seniors Bryce Kastelein, Adam Allen, Michael Luis and Cory Vosholler celebrate a friend’s birthday party.

Seniors Mike Adams, Katie Judge, and Abbie Hediger share a laugh in the hallway before class. Students found time in between classes to talk and tell stories before their six minute passing period was over.
Sophomore Garret Weis works diligently on his latest welding project. Because Garret worked for his uncle, he learned firsthand the skills required to become a successful welder.

"Mmm...Toasty" jokes Junior Chelsa Sanders, as she prepares a sandwich for a customer. Quiznos specialized in making gourmet sandwiches and soups that helped them become one of the most popular restaurants in Highland.
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Senior Kayla Littlefield spends the majority of her time outside of school working at McDonalds. McDonalds served as a popular spot for students to socialize after school. Checking out a customer at Wal-Mart, Junior Rachel Wiegand, busily passes the time until her shift is over. Wiegand learned a lot in regards to work ethic and responsibility because of her part time job.

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With dinner time approaching, Taylor Michael, So. fills a water glass at Michael's restaurant. Because the restaurant is a family owned business, Taylor not only lives with relatives, she works with them too.
Coach Steve Perry watches the game as Varsity team members look on, waiting to enter the action. The Bulldogs’ skilled roster helped them place in the middle of the Mississippi Valley Conference, a great accomplishment.

Blake Bircher, So., and Kale Frank, Sr., defend the goal against the Peacon Dragons. Assistant captains, Frank, Sr., and Brady Riechmann, Sr., and captain, Adam Allen, Sr., provided leadership throughout the Bulldogs’ season.

When asked to define the hockey club in his own words Ryan Newton, So., replied, “When the right people are on the ice the team plays well and the hockey club is like hockey, there is not much to explain.”

This year, Ben Eilerman, Jr., says that he joined hockey because “it is fun and he gets to hang out with his friends.” Being in the hockey club also has many rewards along with “Being selected to the metro east conference all tournament team.” says Brady Riechman, Sr. But Hockey isn’t just all fun when it comes to balancing hockey and school Jimmy Hoffman, Fr., said, “It is sort of hard because most of the members play on both teams and practices are at weird times in the morning.”

Hockey

Starters Jimmy Hoffman, Fr., and Justin Lowe, Sr., skate past Justin Troxell, Fr., as he enters the play with teammate, Colten Shimer, Jr., watching from the bench. Head coach, Jeff Deortch, used many subs and line changes to boost the intensity level of his team.
Fellowship of Christian Athletes, is a group that meets at least once a week in the evening. Meetings are opened with prayer followed by a report on current sports. Lauren Barker, Sr., said, “The goal of FCA is to bring kids to know the Jesus Christ by focusing on athletics. We have weekly meetings where we do activities that span from catch phrase to ultimate frisbee. We also have a themed lesson or message for part of the meeting, and then we eat yummy food.” Not only do members share, play, and learn, there’s also an opportunity to meet new people, and develop a stronger Christian attitude for sports, studies, and everyday life.
Scott Jackson, Sr.

"I think kissing is okay but keep the tongue in the mouth and then it will be alright."

Jackie Kleinhoffer, Jr.

"Sweet kisses in between classes is fine but we don’t need a three hour makeout session."

Devin Dumstorff, Fr.

"It’s mighty fine as long as I don’t see any of it."

(public display of affection)
The long skinny jeans. I hate them! They should disappear forever!"

"I really wish people would stop wearing chains on their pants. What's the purpose of it anyway?"

"Girls who try to wear smaller clothes just to impress people, and their flab hangs out over their jeans."

"The trend are you tired of seeing in the halls?"

Danielle Starko, Jr.  Gage Williams, So.  Mary Komeshak, Fr.
Paige Fox, Jr. and Kara Potthast, Jr. work on their float, and keep with the theme “A Night to Treasure.” The juniors float won first place in the float contest.

Referees of the Powderpuff Football game, Mr. Strong and Mr. Hawkins, converse during a timeout. The refs did a great job, and were very much needed to control the girls’ spirited play.
Junior boys and senior girls alike enjoy a meal at Sonic after the powderpuff football game. Although the seniors and juniors rivaled each other in the championship game, both grades came together for fun afterward.

Freshman court members Lukas Korte, Hannah Lucco, Kelly Fulton, and Dakota Gilbert ride in the back of a truck during the homecoming parade.

To promote the pirate theme and school spirit, students participated in many activities throughout homecoming week. The girls also played in the traditional powderpuff football game. After a grueling second half, the seniors dominated and took home first place. The following night, the boys competed in the power volleyball tournament. After two nights of competition, the juniors won first place. All students were also invited to the traditional bonfire, which had to be rebuilt after it mysteriously burned the night before. The homecoming parade was held on Wednesday night instead of during the school day to include the community. The floats consisted of everything from pirate ships to Johnny Depp look-alikes. The junior class float was crafted from cardboard and the senior class used an actual boat. After much deliberation, the junior class’s float earned 1st place. To end the week of fun our football team beat the Civic Memorial Eagles, 19-7.

With his fist in the air, Principal Carmitchel ignites school spirit during the pep assembly.
Arielle Michael, Jr., and Cameron Schneider, Sr., share a special dance. Earlier, the couple ate dinner with friends at Rigazzi's in St. Louis.

Long time friends Annie Moss, Jr., and Lauren Aebischer, Jr., realize that they only have one homecoming left after this year. The group ate at the Trenton House before attending the dance.
Attending Homecoming as a couple, Sadie Geiger, Jr., and Josh Long, Sr., take pictures with friends at Silver Lake before the dance. The couple had the luxury of driving a corvette for the evening.

Brittany Kloss, Jr., Cami Kennett, So., Beca Lutes, Sr., and Brittany Sellers, Jr., mimick Charlie’s Angels at Kloss’ house.

A pirate’s ideal dream: a chest full of treasure and an extravagant ship awaiting a captain, or in this case the King and Queen. This dream was brought to life as the student council presented this year’s homecoming, “A Night to Treasure”. Unlike previous years, the King and Queen were announced at the homecoming football game. At the dance, Master and Mistress of Ceremony, Todd Bergman and Kayla Ammann, introduced the couples who entered the gym from the flanking staircase. Each court member met her escort in the center of the floor to be introduced to the audience and students. The last couples introduced were Special Maid, Jana Cook and Special Escort, Brett Korte along with the newly crowned King and Queen, Dan Engelke and Alyssa Eason. With the ceremony over and congratulations extended, the students gathered on the gym floor for a night of dancing. Arrrrgh! Hats off to the student council for giving us a night to treasure.
Homecoming King Dan Engelke and Queen Alyssa Eason

Left: Special Maid Jana Cook and Special Escour Brett Korte

Right: Mistress and Master of Ceremonies, Kayla Ammann and Todd Bergman


Sophomore Court: Back- Brad Merkle, Zach Bethel, Alex Crandall, Brittany Hammel, Brandon Koisher, Randy Knebel. Front- Ashlie Landolt, Kristee Elliott.

Freshman Court: Lukas Korte, Hannah Lucco, Kelly Fulton, Dakota Gilbert.
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Members of the fall play gather around one of their main props, Snoopy's dog house. The cast enjoyed performing Charlie Brown, a favorite cartoon of everyone.

Capturing the attention of the crowd, the play begins with the characters describing which role they will be playing. Jordyn Noonies, Sr., as Lucy, stood next to Austin Meffert, Jr., as Linus, and told the character of Charlie Brown that he was a failure.
Ariel Frey, So. enjoys her giant lunch as the little red-headed girl. Actors and actresses worked hard to really become their parts.

All of the actors join together at the end of the play and sing a song to Charlie Brown in hopes of brightening his mood. Jordyn Noones, Sr., said, “It was great being able to act like a five year old and boss people around.”

This year’s fall production of You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown was a smash hit. After the play, good reviews resounded from the audience. The cast included lovable characters such as Lucy, Linus, Pigpen, and of course, Charlie Brown. Tim Osborn, So., said, “I was very happy to receive the part of Charlie Brown since I’m only a sophomore. It was a great accomplishment.” Rich Zimmerman directed the play which included many scenes from the classic comic strip. Zimmerman said, “It was really great to see such a talented group of young people re-create one of my favorite old comic strips.” The play turned out to be a great success.
Kim McAfee and her mother Mrs. McAfee, played by sisters Chrissy Noones, So., and Jordyn Noones, Sr., argue over Kim’s maturity. Chrissy said, “Kim McAfee was an awesome part. I was happy to play it. All of the cast members were awesome and I knew everyone who did the show.”

Hitting the high notes, Amanda Williams, Jr., Chrissy Noones, Fr., and Brooke Welge, So. sing with excitement about the soon to be kissed Kim.
Conrad Birdie, played by Zach Dupureur, Jr., sings his last song to Kim McAfee on the Ed Sullivan show. Dupureur said, “Playing this part was amazing. It was like I was in my own world.”

Playing nervous parents, Jordyn Noones, Sr. and Austin Meffert, Jr. worry about how their daughter, Kim, will make their family look.

Dancing, singing, and acting, what more could you want? Bye-Bye Birdie was this year’s spring musical. The story, set in the 1950’s, was about a time when girls drooled over rock and roll stars, and getting “pinned” was a big deal. The plot centered around a rock and roll star, Conrad Birdie, who was drafted into the army. Conrad’s manager planned a farewell performance where Kim MacAfee kissed Conrad. As this was going on, Albert, Conrad’s manager, proposed to his love interest, Rosie Alvarez. The high school cast was led by Thomas Pruett as Albert Peterson, Samantha Campos as Rose Alvarez, Zach Dupureur as Conrad Birdie, and Chrissy Noones as Kim MacAfee. As a four year participant in the Spring Musical, Senior Jordyn Noones commented on her last performance, “I made so many new friends and memories with my co-actors. I’m going to miss being on stage.”

Spreading the news about Kim and Birdie, Ursala, played by Ariel Frey, So. wants everyone to hear about what her best friend, Kim, gets to do. Ursala was also president of the Birdie fan club.

Dressed to impress, the Madrigal singers show off their Renaissance gear at this year’s Renaissance Festival. The whole group enjoyed their time at Ren Fest and were sad when their weekend of extravagant clothing and singing was over.

Senior Becca Lutes and Junior Austin Mefert sing in harmony side by side. The Madrigal singers were placed next to each other based on the tone and pitch of their voices.
After their last performance together, the senior Madrigal singers group together for a picture. Senior Tom Pruett commented on his years as a Madrigal singer, "It was a lot of good people and good times."

Giving constructive criticism, Madrigals sponsor, Mrs. Ruebhausen, talks to her singers about their performance. The Madrigal singers were always looking for ways to improve their performance.

The 2006-2007 Madrigal singers performed at many locations this year, including the Kansas City Rennaissance Festival. The group also performed locally for the Jaycees, the Rotary club, and many other organizations. The singer’s highlight, however, was the annual Madrigal Dinner. In this year’s performance, the Queen suddenly left the kingdom and the search was on for a new ruler. Through acting, singing, and humor, the Madrigal singers were able to put on a performance worth talking about. Junior Nate Poth said about the Madrigal Dinner, "It was a really great experience. The dinners are always such a blast to do. I can’t wait to do it all over again next year, but I will definitely miss the seniors from this year who made the whole experience a lot of fun!"

Juniors Conner David and Nate Poths put their best acting skills forward at this year’s Madrigal Dinner. The Madrigal singers always looked forward to the dinner because it provided them with the opportunity to show off the talent and hard work put into their performance.
Entering the auditorium, audiences had the pleasure of listening to the “No Talent Talent Show Band” led by Mr. Vance and Tom Pruett, Sr. Mr. Vance said, “It was great to be a part of the show. I’ve never felt so young.”

Mr. Keeney and Mr. Volgeman finish their ballet dance with a touchingly sweet pose. The dance performance by the two men was a favorite with the students.

Did Elvis Presley make a cameo performance at this year’s No Talent Talent Show? No, it was Mr. Hirsch in his Elvis-like costume that kept the audience screaming for more.

Who knew that Mr. Thomas could look so good in a dress? The surprise appearance of Mr. Thomas dressed in women’s clothes left the audience laughing.
Opening the No Talent Talent Show, Mrs. Ruebhausen and Mrs. Hoffman provide background information about the show. Ruebhausen and Hoffman brought an unusual musical aspect to the performance.

No Talent Talent Show

Who says that teachers are no fun?

Not the students of HHS. For the third consecutive year, the staff of Highland High School has written, directed, and performed in the No Talent Talent Show which created money for the Angel Fund, a charity that helps children in need. Not only is the show put on for a good cause, but it is also a much anticipated event among students. Teachers sing, dance, dress up, and perform hysterical skits to keep the whole audience entertained. Some highlights from this year's performance were Mr. Thomas in drag, and Mr. Vogelman and Mr. Keeney in tutus.

Performing the skit "Leader of the Pack" Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Henricks, Mrs. Bolk, and Mrs. Braundmeier play the parts of jealous secretaries. The No Talent Talent Show incorporated faculty from all areas of the school.
A Night in Las Vegas

Caught in mid jump, are some male prom goers. Pictures were generally the first of many steps in the Prom process.

After arriving at Prom, Juniors Vanessa Knebel and Ariel Michael meet up to enjoy the dance together. Knebel said, "I thought it was a lot of fun. The decorations were really neat!"
Seniors Allie Reutiman and Marissa Bowman take a picture together in front of the fountain in rememberance of their last Prom together. The square served as a popular picture taking spot.

A group of Senior girls gather together before leaving for J. Bucks. Hours of planning and preparation went into what the girls were wearing.

Sharing a romantic moment before prom, Juniors Becca Lutes and Brandon Goebel enjoy their first prom together. Prom served as an opportunity for couples to show their affection towards one another.

When we first walked into HHS’s 2007 Prom, we entered into a room full of decorations that truly made it “A Night in Vegas.” The Junior class officers put together a Prom that the Seniors will forever remember. Junior class president Jordan Howard commented, “It was really hard work to organize Prom preparations, but once it all came together, I think it looked really good.” Once the music started, favorite songs among the students were played and it appeared that everyone was having a great time. Some of last year’s favorites were back such as the chocolate fountain, and the backdrop available for pictures. As the night dwindled down, the anticipated Prom king and queen were announced, and Abby Dyer and Austin Wilken were crowned. When Prom finally ended, a sadness fell over the Seniors, knowing that their last dance together was over. Senior Brett Korte said, “It doesn’t really hit you that you’re almost done with high school until your Senior Prom is over. I’m glad that I got to spend such a momentous night with my best friends.”
A Night in Las Vegas

A large group of Seniors gather together in honor of their last prom. Senior Chad Schrage said, "I had a great time this year. I was sad when it was over."

Embracing the beautiful Spring weather, Juniors Jennan Bolk and Eric Voytas hold hands and walk together. The prom goers had perfect weather for outdoor pictures.
What could follow an amazing prom better than an exciting post prom. Emily Kloss, Sr. said it best, “Post prom was the bomb.”

At post prom there was no lack of activities. The gym held a variety of fun things to do such as a blow up obstacle course, toilet races, dance dance revolution, and a dodgeball tournament. If that didn’t interest attendees, post prom goers also had the opportunity to play bingo, watch movies, or enter into the euchre tournament. Students also came for the free gifts that were donated by local businesses. This years prizes included ipods, televisions, a mini refrigerator, and even a recliner. The biggest prize of $1000 went to Senior Chris Capalupo. He wasn’t the only one with luck though, Senior Michael Gress said, “Post prom was alright. I got two televisions. The best part was when I won my fishing pole. Think about it.” Whether we were winning prizes or just relaxing with friends, this year’s post prom was a success.

Prom Cont.
With a vast number of classes to choose from, students took classes to better prepare them for their futures, along with special interest courses. From Ag classes to AP calculus, students took the core classes they needed, while also exploring the offered electives such as Art, Science Applications and Technology, and Foods. Senior Emily Gaehle said, “I had the opportunity to take a number of different classes that could help me decide what I wanted to do in the future. It was fantastic!”

The school saw great achievements in all areas of study, while obtaining outstanding test scores on the PSAE and ACT.

Junior Lacy Toennis plays Funny Bones with two of her classmates in Spanish III. Spanish III introduced a vast number of new Spanish games to students.

Making a video for Oral Communication, sophomores Felicia Bearley and Kayla Descher dress up like aliens. Oral Communications was an elective that allowed students to learn what it took to sell products in the real world.
Putting on the finishing touches to his big project, Nick Frey, Sr., goes over his work very carefully with the spray paint, he made sure not to miss a spot.

Taking advantage of her limited time in the greenhouse, Sadie Geiger, Jr., carefully grooms her plant by picking of the dead debris.

What is the weirdest assignment you have gotten this year?:

"The weirdest was when we learned about milking and things that apply to cows." Ryan Keller, Fr. What class from the agriculture dept. would you recommend to other students and why?: “Any class in the ag. dept. because they all have great teachers, are fun, and cool to be in.” Ellen Frank, So. What is the best excuse you have heard for getting out of an assignment?: “I was walking into school and I had my paper in my hand and the wind blew it away.” Noah Haukap, So. What is the most memorable moment from one of your classes in the ag. dept.? “Selling a lot of Ski, eating whole bunches of Fun Dip, and the best thing... dying Mr. Jones’s hair.” Zach Resmann, Sr.

Agriculture

With a desperate attempt to fix their assignment before the end of class, Seniors Andre Garcia and Dave Zbinden team up to solve the problem.
In ceramics, Kelsey England, Jr., makes an oversized strawberry. She combined cubism and surrealism in her project. The styles she used made her project unique.

What is the best excuse you have heard for getting out of an assignment?: "The best excuse I heard was at home my dog chewed up all of my drawing pens." Alison Krump, Fr.

What is the most memorable moment from your art class this year?: "There wasn't just one moment in class. Being with my friends brought many memories. Plus, art is a very easy going class." Christina Coopland, Sr.

What was the weirdest assignment that you have gotten this year?: "We had to make blow up figures that were displayed in the cafeteria." Jessie Moss, Jr.

What class from the art department would you recommend to the other students and why?: "Painting, because it is really relaxing. You become more observant, and it is fun." Sarah Willing, Sr.

Alyssa Reiman, Sr., helps Anna Beck, So., screen print her self portrait. This was one of two projects that were crucial to the students grades for first semester.

Ami Caniff, Sr., concentrates on painting a memorial portrait. The picture was sent back to the Somalian child.
Steven Kilingbeil, Jr., the section leader, gets the other trumpet players ready for their performance at the University of Illinois. The band received 2nd place over all.

Sophomores Leah Nungesser and Sami Kampworth share an embrace during a break at practice. They were both tuba players.

What’s the weirdest/worst assignment you were given this year?: “The way we march.” Lee Stahlhut, So. What section would you recommend to other students?: “The best is the drumline.” Amanda Kidd, Jr. What is the best excuse you have heard for getting out of a parade?: “The band parents lost my dinkles.” Jennifer Webb, Jr. What is the most memorable moment from a parade this year?: “When we won at Washington, Missouri.” Jazmin Downing, So.

Courtney Miener, So., gets ready to start the flag routine for the competition at the U of I. The Flags started practicing their routine in March to prepare for the competition.
What's the weirdest/worst assignment you were given this year?: "We had to do something nice for someone and then had to write a paper on it."
Miranda Kilzer, Fr.

What class from the business dept. would you recommend to other students?: "Consumer education because you can sleep." Makenzie Gaines, Jr.

What is the best excuse you have heard for getting out of an assignment?: "That their homework was frozen to their bed." Michael Frey, So.

What is the most memorable moment from one of your classes in the business dept.?: "When Dr. Baker did a Rick Flare walk." Sierra Warren, Fr.

Getting in the Christmas spirit, Trisha Winfrey, Sr., wraps gifts for the Adopt-A-Family organization. The members of Jobs for Illinois Graduates class participated in the shopping and wrapping of all the donated presents.

Finishing up last touches, students complete the web pages that they designed in Web Design class. Taught by Mrs. Perkes, the students learned how to use many programs that will beneficial for years to come.

Seniors Kyle Farrice and Amelia Ashmann work as a team to complete mandatory projects for the JLLG class. Jobs for Illinois Graduates gave students opportunities to learn and experience skills that they can apply to real life.
Cami Kennett, So., and Austin Meffert, Jr., rehearse a song for the Madrigal Dinner. The Madrigal Dinner was the biggest production of 2007 at HHS. This year, over 100 students contributed their talents to the dinner.

Practicing for the Christmas Choral Concert, Tim Osborn, So., sings the Hallelujah Chorus. Tim was a member of the Acapella and Chamber choir. The Acapella choir competed at an Organizational Contest in April.

What was the strangest assignment you had in chorus this year?: “The strangest assignment was to go home and drink water until my urine was clear!” Dustin Randant, Sr.

Would you recommend your class to other students?: “I would recommend Acapella Choir to students interested in singing because it challenges you as a vocalist, and you learn a lot about music in general. The audition is intimidating, but it’s definitely worth it!” Anna Dennison, Jr. What was the best excuse you used for being late to class?: “The best excuse? There is no such thing as excuses in chorus.” Dylan Stanek, Fr.

What was your favorite memory in chorus this year?: “The best memories were finally getting the much deserved Friday massage.” Brooke Welge, So.

Dylan Stanek, Fr., practices scales while warming up. Every day members of the Acapella choir were required to warm up and sight read to prepare their voices for pieces they were about to sing.
Senior Angela Johnson participates in a game for Literature in Hollywood. The students matched up characters in their book with specific quotes. Amber Winfrey, Sr., said, "It was educational and fun."

What was the strangest project that you’ve had to complete?: “I had to make a symbolic mask for Fredericksen’s Honors English. It was hard trying to come up with an idea, because I’ve never had a strange project like that.” Ashley Nicoloff, Fr.

What class would you recommend to your peers?: “I would recommend Honors English III, because it is a great preparatory class. Plus, Mrs. Martz keeps teeth in her desk!” Stephanie Harris, Jr.

What is the best excuse you’ve come up with?: “My family was celebrating Kwanzaa, so I couldn’t finish my English project.” Brett Heinz, So.

What is your most memorable moment from English?: “My favorite English memory was dropping it.” Kaylee Tarris, Sr.

English

Trying to keep their attention, Mrs. Fredrickson finds new and intriguing ideas to keep the classroom full of excitement. Mrs. Fredrickson has been a member of the English Department for 13 years.

On his own, Shea Brendel, Sr., scrambles for the right words to say while presenting his project. The main AR project for seniors was challenging.
What was the worst assignment you've been given this year?:

“"The worst assignment I had to do was when Mr. Bradley gave us a gigantic packet with 215 questions about Asia. It took me a week and a half to finish!” Tyler Kathmann, Sr.

What class would you recommend?: “You should take any class Mr. Holt teaches because he is the mack daddy.” Molly Driscoll, Sr.

What is the most memorable moment from one of your classes this year?: “The student teacher, Mr. Blankenbaker demonstrated to us how he types when he gets angry.” Blake Ammann, Jr.

What is the best excuse you have had to come up with for getting out of an assignment?: “Ms. Kay is far too wise to be tricked by excuses.”

John Doll, Sr.
What class would you recommend to other students and why?: “I would recommend Spanish II, because you get to party like no other.” Aaron Niggli, So. What is the most memorable moment from one of your Foreign Language classes this year?: “My most memorable moment was the time Chad Schrage and I made Pan de Muerto (Bread of the Dead) in an inappropriate shape...and Deets ate it.” Ryan “stud” Melosi, Sr. What is the best excuse you have had for getting out of an assignment?: “I once heard someone say they were in the hospital and couldn’t do their homework, but they really weren’t sick at all.” Katie Horrell, Fr. What is the weirdest/worst assignment you have gotten this year?: “Mrs. Deets made us translate a massive paper about Christmas into Spanish.” Megan Frank, So.
Freshmen Haylee Korte and Mallory Frey work on their projects in Mrs. Taylor’s sewing class. Students in this class created pillows, clothes, and purses for everyday use.

After her cake was thoroughly baked, Megan VonHatten, Sr., carefully concentrates on making the icing look perfect. “Foods was so fun; especially when we made gingerbread houses. My group got so into it,” commented VonHatten.

What class from the home economics department would you recommend to the other students and why?: “Adult living allows you to realize the reality of life after your time in high school.” Emily Vincent, Sr. What is the weirdest or worst assignment you have gotten this year?: “Making pajama pants because they took a really long time.” Hailey Korte, Fr. What is the best excuse you have had for getting out of an assignment?: “I was driving really fast with my window down. The wind picked up and blew my paper out the window. I was late that day too.” Cody Connor, So. What is the most memorable moment from one of your classes in the home ec. department?: “Being with my homies, Sean-dog and Ian, while cooking food.” Joey Davis, Sr.

Concentration is what Zach Resmann, Sr., is all about as he carefully decorates a cake. Students in Mrs. Wagner’s class learned all different ways to ice and bake cakes, along with casseroles, chili, and soups.
What’s the worst assignment you have gotten this year?:
“The worst assignment we have gotten this year would be proofs.” Lauren Royer, Fr. What class from the math dept. would you reccomend to other students and why?: “I reccomend regular Algebra because it is easier than the honors class.” Chris Miles, So. What is the best excuse you have had for getting out of an assignment?: “Oh, I must have grabbed the wrong blue binder! Can I bring it in tomorrow? Works everytime.” Catie Beard, Jr. What is the most memorable moment from your class in the math dept. this year?: “When Kale Frank, Sr., tried to say asymptote and our entire class thought he said something else, including Mrs. Walker.” Krystal West and Erin Leitschuh, Sr.

In a rush Amanda Williams, Jr., zeroes in on her next math problem after completing her previous one with ease. Williams never lost focus during the quiz and completed it with plenty of time to spare.

Getting some tips from the teacher on a very important assignment, Tori Lampe, Fr., gives her full attention to Mrs. Massey in order to better understand the assigned homework.
Pushing to lift the weight, Ryan Huelsmann, Sr., is spotted by John Keefer, Sr. Both students said, "We loved every minute of conditioning. It helped us get stronger and stay in shape."

In hopes of getting stronger, Sam Munie, Jr. prepares himself to lift weights as Gary Kharibian, Jr. spots him. Conditioning students lifted and ran everyday, which helped them in sports they played.

What is the most memorable moment from your PE class this year?: “This one time a kid asked me if he could store his cologne in my locker and said, “ I don’t want to throw it away, because there’s still a few good hits in it.” I guess Mr. Stillwagon heard and thought the kid was talking about drugs so officer Riggs had to search all the PE lockers. It was pretty funny.”

Marcus Alvarado, Jr. What’s the worst assignment you have gotten in PE?: “When we got this big study guide that we had to study for finals with, it was really long and dumb because we’re in PE we shouldn’t have to do worksheets.” Justin Gifford, Fr. Regular PE vs. Conditioning, which do you prefer?: “ I would recommend conditioning with Coach Houchins because it’s easy and you get a good work out with running and lifting weights, Houchins Rocks!”

Lauren Beard, Sr. What’s the best excuse you have heard for getting out of PE?: “I’m sick to my stomach. Everyone uses that, like everyday.” Cindy Bainter, Jr.
Analyzing the information just collected in the lab juniors Alisa Churchwell, Courtney Bast, and Megan Frank review the results. Later that class period the entire AP Bio class took quizzes online.

What is the most memorable moment you have had in the Science Dept.? “My chemistry group had to test hydrogen and we were supposed to add a minimal amount of magnesium to make a ‘bark’. But my group put a whole bunch in there it made a really loud boom.” Randy Knebel, Sr. What is the best excuse you have heard for getting out of an assignment? “Ryan Melosi tore his assignment up and threw it out the window. I got a pretty good laugh out of the situation.” Sam Munie, Jr. What’s the worst assignment you have gotten this year? “I’ve never really had a bad or hard assignment, because I don’t do them. Blowing stuff up is pretty rad.” Ryan Melosi, Sr.

Juniors Sammi Gonser and Hollie Wallace are working on a pendulum lab in conceptual physics. They tried hard to determine the period of a pendulum.

Bailey Bricker, Fr., does a lab on sound waves. After pouring water in a beaker, she measured the sound waves with a tuning fork.
Could we imagine HHS with no sports, no packed football stadiums or camo clad fans for basketball games? What about no state champion dance teams or cheerleaders? Athletics played a crucial role in the life of every high school student. No matter if you were a spectator or a player, everyone had a favorite sport. Senior Shea Brendal said, “Dressing up for basketball games was great. The other team’s fans thought we were nuts!” In the fall, students had the opportunity to watch sports such as cross country, football, and volleyball. When the weather got colder, winter sports started and students took notice as Seniors Tyler Donladson and Carrie Walberg dominated the basketball court. In the winter we watched bowling matches and supported the dance team and cheerleaders as they defended their Championship titles. Spring brought baseball games, boys tennis, and track races. No matter the season, there was a sport for every athlete and fan.
Kneeling down in prayer, a small group of boys ask for safety and help during their next race. The boys did their best at regionals, but did not continue on to Sectionals.

Melissa Walter, Fr., and Brittany Hammel, So., run in the Mississippi Valley Conference race at the Highland VFW. The course was 3.1 rolling miles and was the team's only home meet.

To prepare for the upcoming race, the cross country team ran sprint-outs to warm up their muscles. The team warmed up the same way before every practice and meet.

Getting ready for an MVC race at the Highland VFW, Brett Korte, Sr., stretches to loosen up his muscles. He said, “Even though this season wasn’t our most successful, I think the whole team would agree; it was satisfying and a lot of fun.”

Cross Country

For the cross country team, August brought new challenges and new opportunities. An all new coaching staff, coupled with a smaller team meant new obstacles to overcome. After 20 years of coaching, Mr. Brad Hyre left the reins of the team to former middle school coach, Mr. Doug Bradley. "This year's season was a learning experience for both the runners and myself, because I was their old coach and their new coach. Together we learned to have fun and be competitive," said Coach Bradley. In October, the boys received 2nd place in Conference, while the girls placed 3rd. In addition, Darren Hooks, Jr., Tyler Weis, So., Katie Ullman, Jr., and Alyssa Reiman, Sr., qualified to advance to the sectional meet. Hooks, Weis, Ullman, and Reiman were also recognized for the Belleville News Democrat All-Area cross country team. Most practices consisted of running between 5-10 miles. The practices varied according to the upcoming meet's course. With only three seniors leaving next year, the Bulldogs look forward to continued success in the future.

Sports Talk

1. What did you think about while running?
   1. "Either food or girls."
   2. "Doing a good job for our new coach's first season."

   Brett Korte, Sr.

2. What or who was your inspiration for the season?
   1. "Finishing the race."
   2. "My brother, Joey."

   Brittney McCubbins, Jr.

   1. "I don't really think about anything while I'm running. I just focus on my time."
   2. "Darren Hooks."

   Eric Stoff, So.
Analyzing her shot, Emilee Hargis lines up her putt on the green. This uphill shot was difficult to accomplish, but Hargis performed this task with ease.

Sinking her putt, Allison Moenster, Sr., successfully makes her shot. Taking on the role of captain, Allison led the girls through a successful season.

Following through with her drive, Maddy Michael, So., strikes the ball forcefully. Using these techniques the girls team qualified for sectionals.

Before competing at the MVC match, the girls listen to Coach Hirsch read the rules and regulations set for the course.

Front: K. Henricks, J. Bolk, C. Gramlich, K. Randant, S. Fraser
Middle: M. Jakel, T. Cipiechio, A. Moenster, N. Korte, J. Howard
Back: Coach Hirsch, M. Michael, M. Whaley, E. Hargis, S. Harris, A. Buehne
Like many sports at HHS, the girls golf team succeeded not only with their outstanding record, but with many friendships and memories too. The girls were easily able to juggle their difficult competitions and opponents. Despite the teams’ overall young age, captain Allison Moenster, Sr., took on her position and led the girls to yet another successful season. Coach Gina Hirsch said, “What a great group. I have great memories of funny music, cell phones in trash can, and great shots on the golf course.” No doubt we will see great things of the girls golf team in years to come.
Boys Golf

Highland High School’s boys golf team enjoyed a winning season despite the loss of some key players. This year, the golf team advanced far into the season, and ended with an overall record of 16-3. Coach Jeff Faulkenburg was very pleased with his team. He said, “It was another fine year. I couldn’t be more proud of what my team has accomplished.” With only a handful of Seniors, the golf team had an abundance of young players. One of the Seniors on the team, Dustin Randant, expressed his happiness with the team, as well as his individual performance, “Even though I was injured half of the season last year, I was able to play well this year and improve my overall scores.” The team struggled with difficulties throughout the year, but were able to come together as a team which helped them end with an overall excellent record. Fellow teammate Luke Henricks, Sr., said, “We had a fantastic season. Everyone improved their scores and had a great time while doing it.”

Sports Talk

1. Why did you choose to play golf?
2. Is it hard to balance school and golf?

1. "It's my passion."
2. "Not at all. The golf schedule works very well with other after school activities." Mitch Giloman, Jr.

1. "I think it's a very unique and interesting sport."
2. "No, if you have good self discipline then it's not a challenge." Steven Klingbeil, Jr.

1. "Because I'm not really good at anything else."
2. "No, because golf doesn't take up too much time." Carson Baugher, So.

1. "Because I live next next to a course and my dad always played a lot."
2. "Not too much, Golf is pretty fun and it's not too difficult." Brenden Bargetzi, Fr.

Studying the green, Tyler Donaldson, Sr., checks one last time for a break before he puts. The golf team spent many hours perfecting their style on the putting green.

Teeing up the ball, Carson Baugher, So., prepares to drive. The boys spent much time at local driving ranges practicing for matches.

Practicing his putt, Steven Klingbeil, Jr., lines up his shot to sink the ball. It takes patience and concentration to make a putt in the first one or two attempts.

Striking the ball with intensity, Luke Henricks, Sr., makes his drive on hole 2 at the Highland Country Club. The boys practiced and had many matches there.

Waiting on the sideline, Amanda Williams, Jr., Kaylee Durburrow, So., and Jenna Bentlage, So., prepare to pump up their team before the start of the game. Coaches Tami Manhart and Michelle Murphy, talking in the background led the JV team to a very solid season.

Preparing to return a serve Kristy Frey, So., and Jenna Bentlage, So., communicate about an upcoming play. The JV lady bulldogs ended up defeating Collinsville adding to their overall record.

Preparing for a tough match against Collinsville, Sophomores Rachel Keller, and Nicole Wernle, warmup. The girls used warmups to improve their spiking, passing, and setting for the game.

Team members listen carefully to coach Manhart’s lecture during a timeout huddle. The girls discussed strategies and game plans with each other and the coaches to prepare for a win.

Front: E. Brown, N. Wernle
Middle: A. Williams, K. Durburrow, A. Frank, R. Keller, J. Kloss
Back: Coach Manhart, K. Frey, K. Weis, J. Bentlage, Coach Murphy
"I had a great time this season I got to know a lot of the Freshman and my teammates better, also we got close as a team with a new coach," said Jenna Bentlage, So. The ladies were led by a new head coach, Tammy Manhart. Don't be deceived by the records though. The JV were very hardworking and determined at practices and also in games. "I had a lot of fun, I played with a great group of teammates and I look forward for better years to come," said Nicole Wernle, So. Even though there were a lot of injuries on both teams, they played every game with energy and conviction. Because of injuries, many JV players, like Amber Koch, Fr., filled Varsity spots. At the end of the season Coach Manhart said, "We were a young team with a couple junior leaders. It was an up and down kind of season but we had some moments of greatness, which is very exciting for the future. We have the potential to be a great team down the road."

Sports Talk

How did you think this season was going to be?
"I thought this season was going to be good because there were good seniors and strong captains."
Kristy Frey, So.

What is your favorite part of the game?
"Having a good set to make a kill."
Elisha Brown, Jr.

Do you have any advice for your teammates?
"Give 100% every match!"
Nicole Wernle, So.

What was the most memorable moment for you this season?
"Moving up from the freshman team to JV"
Amber Koch, Fr.
Emily Kloss, Sr. along with teammate Kelsey England, Jr., wait for a teammate to serve. The Lady Bulldogs put up a tough fight but came up short in the end against Collinsville.

Pump, Set, Spike! Senior Mary Malisia, reaches high for a set during warmups before the game. “Everyone got very close on the team this year and I learned a lot, which made my senior season very memorable,” said Malisia.

Junior Hillary Held comes down after attempting a block alongside her team member. The girls relied on a teammate to dig the ball up as Erin Leitschuh, Sr. looked to help.

Coach Manhart tosses the balls in warmups, giving the girls a chance to work on their hitting. Paige Fox, Jr. helped shag balls along with Fr., Cami Gramlich and Taylor Pruett.

Front: P. Fox, E. Kloss, M. Malisha
Middle: C. Bast, E. Leitschuh, K. England, A. Frank, J. Kloss
Back: Coach Manhart, K. Leitschuh, H. Held, K. Frey, K. Klosterman, Coach Murphy
Varsity Volleyball

When it comes to the Varsity the records for the season were not the best. Having a new coach made the team work harder and step it up on and off the court. Varsity ended up with a 3-7 Mississippi Valley Conference and then 9-23 overall for the season. After not beating Triad in both Conference games the Varsity girls were down on themselves until they found out they would be playing them in the MD tournament. They went to the Conference with determination to beat Triad and they did. After that, their confidence went through the roof and they continued playing hard and not giving up. Going into the Regionals they won their first game against Carbondale. After winning, Highland, a lower seed, went up against Mater Dei, the top seed. Because the ladies lost to them two times already they were fired up to play them again. Our girls played tough but lost to Mater Dei with game scores of 17-25, 20-25. Coach Manhart said “From the beginning to the end of the season the girls grew as a team and they grew individually. It is exciting as a coach to see that growth and development in a team. We had some great wins over Triad and Waterloo and played many teams really close this year. Even though our record may not show it, in my eyes we had a successful year.”

Sports Talk

1. How do you warm up before a match?
2. What’s your least favorite drill?

1. “We pass with a partner.”
2. “The soccer drill, I hate that drill.”
   Jamie Kloss, So.

1. “We pepper and stretch.”
2. “Half circles and driving drills.”
   Kelsey England, Jr.

1. “We run out on the court and pepper until captains are called.”
2. “Walking progressions, they’re terrible.”
   Emily Kloss, Sr.
As a pre-game ritual, the Bulldog soccer team warms up together. Loosening their muscles before the game helped the team play to their full potential.

Trying to collect their thoughts before game time, Coach Knebel announces his team's starting line-up. In hopes for good competition, Coach Knebel put his best players on the field.

To end their warmup, the team lined up to take shots at the goal. This exercise, along with many others helped the Bulldogs to become better prepared for the game.

Determined to win, Junior Varsity coach Brent Knebel watches his team's performance closely. Coach Knebel brought many ideas and innovations to his first year of coaching.

The JV boys had a successful season with a record of 4 wins, 6 loses, and 4 ties. Although it was not a winning season the boys worked as a team and played well against a lot of difficult teams. The team came back and beat Belleville West after being tied for a majority of the game. Belleville’s team was composed of all Sophomores and Juniors, while the Bulldogs were represented only by the Freshman and Sophomore classes.

The boys were ecstatic as they went to shake hands with the Belleville players, having just defeated a very difficult team. Coach Brent Knebel commented, “Our record of 4-6-4 did not reflect the talent of the team. We had a good group of guys that will only continue to get better. I hope they had as much fun as I did this season, and I’m looking forward to an even better one next year.”

**Sports Talk**

What is your advice for teammates?

“You should pick up the pace and don’t slack off.”

Marshall Rinderer, Jr.

What is your least favorite practice drill?

“Brazilians. They are a lot of running forwards and backwards and weaving through cones.”

Andrew Kimmel, So.

Do you prefer Gatorade or water?

“I like Gatorade over water because it has a flavor.”

Ryan Keller, Fr.
Capturing the attention of the crowd, Evan Schumacher, Jr. pushes through the opposing team’s defense as he takes the ball down the field and in hopes of scoring a goal.

During halftime the team gathers around both of their coaches to discuss their play in the first half. Also, the coaches congratulated them on the hard work they showed.

Zach Bethel, So., and Dakota Gilbert, Fr., move the ball forward by working together. Running a give-and-go forced the opposing defense to split.

Senior teammates Eddie Delmore, Jason Mayes, Bobby Sylvester, and Josh Skrabacz reflect back on their last four years of high school. The boys played together for most of their high school careers.


Bringing in a new coach can be stressful to a team, but Coach Tim Marks was no stranger. Highland soccer alumni Coach Tim Marks was not new to our soccer fields. The boys had a record of 9 wins, 10 loses, and 3 ties. Seniors Eddie Delmore, Jason Mayes, Josh Skrabacz, and Bobby Sylvester stood as role models as the only Senior class members of the team. Coach Marks noted the entire season was a favorite moment and “hopefully there will be many more to come. They [are] a great group of kids, and the players graduating will be greatly missed!” The team lost five games by only one goal and tied three, therefore their record could have easily been 17-5. The varsity soccer team was a young team with a lot of talent and next year they are favored to win conference. Overall Coach Marks was pleased with the success the team accomplished this year. “This team had heart, determination, and drive which made my first season [as a coach] a great one.”

**Sports Talk**

1. Is it worth the time and effort?
2. What were your predictions for the season?

1. “For me all soccer is worth the time and effort.”
2. “At the beginning I thought it was going to be a struggle with the new coach, but after a few weeks I realized that we could compete.”
   - Marcus Alvarado, Jr.

1. “Yeah, totally!”
2. “I thought it was going to be good. There was a lot of good, young talent.”
   - Eddie Delmore, Sr.

1. “Yes, 2-a-days may kill you, but we have a good time out there after we get in shape.”
2. “I thought it was going to go like it did because we got a new coach, but we still did so-so.”
   - Chris Miles, So.

1. “Yes, of course! Soccer is my favorite sport.”
2. “I thought it was going to go better than it did. At the beginning of the year we started off strong and then faded out.”
   - Dakota Gilbert, Fr.
The tennis team heads off to an away match at Greenville. Freshman Jessica Nave said, "This one school had the coolest bathrooms I've ever seen!"

Alex Rinderer, So., hits the ball to try and defeat her Triad opponent. The girls played away at Triad.

With much enthusiasm, Danielle Starko, Jr., tries to win her practice match. Screaming was a fun way to try and scare opponents at practice.

Anjum Perfetti, Jr., Wendy Zurliene, So., and Katie Wiese, Fr., watch the Varsity team play at home. The younger team learned a lot from watching the older girls play.

The girls tennis team had its best run in a number of years. The ladies pulled off a winning 10-4 record; a great accomplishment. In addition to earning an impressive record, the girls also won first place in the Highland Invitational. Another accomplishment was taking home second place trophies at the MVC Championships. The girls have boosted the reputation of the team for many years to come. Even though the girls succeeded in their matches, they still managed to find time to have fun.

The girls had to deal with the absence of assistant coach, Connie Kraus. Despite the loss, the girls found admirable attributes in the new assistant coach, Bethany Muck. Her knowledge and assistance helped to lead the girls to success. The girls looked forward to their annual trip to Imo’s after sectionals, where they enjoyed delicious pizza and salad. No matter what the team was doing, they worked hard and came together to conquer with their winning attitudes.

**Sports Talk**

**Do you feel pressure on the court?**

“No, not really. I just try to stay calm, have fun, and win.”

Jesse Moss, Jr.

**How do you warm up before a match?**

“I practice hitting ground strokes back and forth.”

Margaret Wiese, Sr.

**What is your favorite part of the game?**

“Favorite part of the game? When I smashed it!”

Liz Stumpf, So.

**What were your predictions for the season?**

“I thought it was going to be somewhat hard since it was my first time on the team and on the court against someone else.”

Allison Krump, Fr.
Football Cheerleading

The football cheerleaders yet again showed us their spirit at football games with their dedication and hardwork. The cheerleaders devoted many after school hours working on their cheering and gymnastic skills. Whether the game was home or away, the team braved the cold weather and took on difficult stunts to get the crowd excited. These stunts included lib, heel stretches, and arabesques. The cheerleader’s spirits were not only limited to football games. They also cheered to large crowds at the homecoming pep rally and bonfire. When asked what the most challenging part about football cheerleading was Cheyenne Coleman, So. said, “You have to overcome the fear of being on top of a stunt.” When asked about the overall season Ashley Hess, Jr., said, “This year was really great because all the girls got along well and we really bonded with each other. There was no drama at all!” The girls had a great season and are anticipating next year.

Sports Talk

1. Best cheerleading moment.
2. Favorite part of the game.
3. Advice for teammates.

1. "Hanging out before practice, laughing, and having a good time."
2. "When the game starts: kick off."
3. "The season is over before you know it so make it last."
Katie Long, Sr.

1. The bus rides were fun!"
2. "Half time."
3. "Yell LOUD!"
Erica Maurer, Fr.

1. "All the practices were fun."
2. "When our team got tough downs."
3. "Be tight and smile!"
Lindsey Milner, So.

1. "The bus rides there and on the way back we would always goof around and have a good time."
2. "Getting the crowd pumped up, even if we were losing."
3. "You have to work together to build a strong squad."
Arielle Michael, Jr.

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Hillary Rickli, Jr., sits down to secure her footwear before the game. Cheerleaders had to keep every part of their uniform nice for the football season and only wear them during games.

Cheyenne Coleman, So., Melissa Klaus, Jr., and Lindsay Milner, So., concentrate while practicing before the game. While stunting they had to remember to be safe so no one would get hurt.

Performing an arabesque during the game are Nicki Wiegand, Fr., Kristi Elliot, So., and Chelsey Schneider, Fr. Difficult stunts were always a crowd pleaser.

Front: T. Tiller, K. Rehberger, C. Coleman, S. Short Front Middle: E. Maurer, A. Hess, A. Michael, N. Wiegand Back Middle: S. Surmeier, K. Elliott, V. Knebel, L. Milner, C. Schneider, M. Klaus, H. Rickli Back: S. Huelsmann, A. Switzer, K. Long

Nicki Wiegand, Fr., Stephanie Short, So., and Kristi Elliot, So., cheer on the sidelines. Cheerleaders did a number of activities during the season, including a carwash fundraiser and a cheer camp for young girls.
Players listen attentively to Coach Holt while other players prepare to continue practice. The JV football players took all advice seriously to make improvements.

Players get ready to practice punting before a game. All aspects of the game were practiced beforehand.

Defensive players watch their fellow teammates. The defense and offense knew it was important to understand both strategies.

JV football players get into their positions ready for a scrimmage.

The HHS Junior Varsity Football Team
The Highland Junior Varsity Football team set very high expectations for the 2006 season. "Going into camp, the other coaches and I knew we had a great deal of talent to work with. Although much of the talent was raw, we knew that if we worked hard and came together as a team, the outcome would be a positive one," said Coach Jim Warnecke. The JV Dogs did exactly this, as they cruised to a second undefeated season in many years. They completed their '06 campaign in dominating fashion, outscoring their opposition 196-46. The highlight of the season came when the JV squad faced off against rival Triad Knights. Played on Triad's home turf, the team pulled out the victory, 20-6. Coach Todd Strong said, "JV football went great; for the second year the guys went 8-0. This was a complete team effort! Offensively, the team put up some big numbers, led by Sean Gagen's rushing and with help from Jimmy McNeil. Defensively, they shut down teams. Bobby Ostrander, Keith Lane, and Tony Zajac led the way as Triad scored the most points (14) against the team all year. The Triad game was exciting with both teams going back and forth with the Bulldogs prevailing 21-14. The Varsity future looks very bright." Coach Warnecke said, "In describing this year's team, I would have to say that they possessed more passion for the game of football than any other team I have coached. Coach Nick Scheibel, Coach Strong, and I are extremely proud of this year's team, and what they have accomplished. We could not have asked for a better group of young men."

Sports Talk

What was your favorite part of the game?
"The meals before the game."
Nick Spinlin, Jr.

What was the most memorable moment of the season?
"When we stomped TRIAD!
Cody Spellmeyer, So."
Varsity Football

Although this football season was not one of our finest, the Bulldogs did have many close games and outstanding wins. Coach Steve Lanxon said, "I must tell you that this group of young men were very enjoyable to work with. They worked hard from start to finish, from the first day of camp through the last week, and finished at a very high level of play. They certainly improved as much as any squad we have ever had at HHS. Something that might also be noted is that this year's schedule was very tough. The combined record of the teams we lost to was 39-10. Five of our nine games were against playoff teams and four of those five teams won at least one game in the playoffs. It was quite an accomplishment for these kids to gut it out and continue to work hard and win three of their last four games." As usual the football team played an outstanding season and most importantly brought the students of HHS together for the sake of school spirit.

Sports Talk

1. What was the best moment of the season?
2. What's your favorite part of the game?
3. Any advice for teammates?

1. "Opening kickoff"
2. "Playing defense"
3. "Don't hold back"
   Andre Garcia, Sr.

1. "My 30 second run where I only went 3 yards."
2. "The bus rides home with Coach Keeney singing 'Down By The River'."
3. "Work hard and don't hold back."
   Travis Becherer, Sr.
Andrew Harris, Sr., and Travis Becherer, So. get ready for the kickoff at an away game. The Bulldogs pulled off a victory against rival school Triad.

After a game winning touch down against rival team Triad the team celebrates their victory.

Keith Lane, So. hikes the ball to quarterback, Travis Becherer, So. to score against the Charleston's defense, during the last game of the season.

During practice, Andre Garcia, Sr., tackles Justin Shaw, Jr. Coaches and players began practice in the sweltering August heat.

The HHS Varsity Football Team
Using all of his power, Bobby Ostrander, So., forces his man to stay on the floor. Bobby showed lots of potential by competing on both JV and Varsity levels.

Blake Ohren, Sr., attempts to hold his man down by using all of his strength. Blake was one of the four captains chosen for the Varsity team.

As Tyson Wilken, So., maneuvers to find a good position, his opponent struggles to get free.

Pinning his man down on the mat, Justin Wolf, So., uses his position to stay in control of the play.

The HHS wrestling team pulled out a winning season this year. Wrestling takes both physical and mental strength which is just what the team had this year. The team was led by Senior captain Blake Ohren as well as Coach Matt Welner. Ohren has over four years experience and his knowledge of the sport greatly improved his own record and the team’s as well. When asked what his most memorable experience was, Ryan Graminski, So., said, “My most memorable moment was when I beat my opponent from Triad. It wasn’t even a close match, plus a win against Triad is always good.” Graminski wasn’t the only team member to come out victorious. Despite obstacles, the Bulldogs were able to “grapple” their way to a winning season.

In a hard battle, Ryan Graminski, So., struggles to get on top of his rival.
At the line, shooting two, Allyson Buehne, Jr., with support from her teammates, sinks both of her free throws with ease. Buehne helped lead her team to a victory at home against Triad.

While playing outstanding defense, Catie Beard, Jr., denies her opponent the ball in a close game against Mascoutah at home. Beard was awarded many steals for her hard work during that game.

In a great defensive stance, Lauren Royer, Fr., patiently waits for a chance to steal the ball away from her opponent. The girls beat Civic Memorial and ended their season undefeated.

Jamie Kloss, So., holds the ball in triple threat as she looks for an opening.

Front: A. Buehne, J. Kloss, C. Beard, M. Michael, B. Martin
Back: Coach Diane Voss, B. Morgan, K. Frey, C. Junge, J. Bentlage, R. Keller, Coach Bruce Deibert
The JV girls basketball team had a successful year just like the Varsity squad under the direction of Coach Bruce Deibert. The team had an overall season record of 15-1. The girls went on a 13 game winning streak, but ended with a loss to Sacred Heart Griffin. Winning back to back games against Waterloo and Mascoutah showed that they did not want to give up without a fight for the conference championship. Coach Deibert said, "In a team sport like basketball, everytime you help somebody else, you help yourself. This proved true as the JV team challenged the Varsity in practice. The end result was a great success for both teams." Using their entire bench from Freshmen to Seniors, the Junior Varsity squad finished undefeated in the MVC Conference.
The Seniors award Coach Elledge a basketball for his 100th win at HHS. "It was a great accomplishment to be a part of," said Kassi Deibert, Sr.

Dribbling with her head up, Sarah Cagle, Sr., scans the floor for an open teammate to pass to. Cagle's performance was pivotal to the team's many record breaking wins.

After the rebound, Carrie Walberg, Sr., looks to push the ball up the floor. Walberg's offensive talent was a key factor to the Lady Bulldogs' success.

The girls and the boys practice squad pose after their newly won Regional Championship. The boys practice squad really pushed the girls to work harder and become more physical in play.

Front: J. Kloss, M. Michael, C. Beard, A. Buehne
Middle: C. Junge, K. Deibert, B. Zobrist, S. Harris, R. Wilson
Back: Coach Elledge, Coach Voss, C. Walberg, K. Knuf, H. Held, S. Cagle, Coach Deibert
Varsity Girls Basketball

With returning starters, the Varsity girls basketball team came back with all their dogs barking! This team will be remembered for the many records they set. "It's nice to be able to look back and say you were a part of one of the best teams in school history. I hope that we can build on the accomplishments we made this year and make Highland more of a threat in years to come," said Sarah Cagle, Sr. They had 27 wins which is the most wins in the boys and girls programs, and won the Mississippi Valley Conference for the second year in a row with a record of 10-0.

The girls also won the Mascoutah Girls Invitational Tournament for the first time in the program's history. Junior Kayla Knuf said, "We went in as the underdogs, not expected to place, and came out on top. It was a wonderful experience." Coach Matt Elledge proudly stated, "A Regional Championship and Sectional Championship appearance for the second time in three years has raised the bar of excellence for years to come."

Sports Talk

1. What was the most memorable moment of the season?
2. Is basketball worth all the time and effort?

1. "The best moment of the season was winning regionals. It was an awesome accomplishment."

2. "It is definitely worth it because it was very rewarding and I had a lot of fun." Jamie Kloss, Fr.

1. "The most memorable moment was when all the students came out to support us at Sectionals. Girls sports don't get much attention, but this year definitely changed that."

2. "Basketball is totally worth everything we put into it. Especially this year, all of our hard work paid off, and we were Regional Champs!" Carrie Walberg, Sr., and Kassi Deibert, Sr.

1. "Winning Regionals and making our appearance at Sectionals were the most memorable times."

2. "I think being on the team was a great experience. I can't wait until next year." Allyson Buehne, Jr.
Performing at JV Finals in Bloomington, the girls show off their precision and unity in their dance routine, "Heartbreaker." The ladies remained undefeated in the JV Dance category all season.

Showing off her advanced technique, Kyleigh Lewis, Fr., executes her turning sequence with ease. The entire squad's excellent technique played a vital role in the ladies' success.

Freshman Alyssa Freker and Sophomore Lauren Heim perform their lyrical routine, "The Real Me". The squad added their lyrical routine to their performances, making HHS JV the squad with the most competitive routines in the state.

At the Highland Regional Competition, the squad shows off their flexibility during their lyrical routine. The ladies swept all three categories that day, adding to their already outstanding record.

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"The JV Dance Team had a great season. Except for one 2nd place finish, the team received nothing but first places on their three routines: hip hop, dance, and lyrical. "Even though I had a small team this season, the girls really came together and worked hard to defend their two state titles," said Coach Tiffany Conzelman. Throughout the season, the girls received five 1st places and one 2nd place for their hip hop routine, six 1st places in the dance category, and two 1st places for their lyrical routine. They received the Most Memorable Routine Award in Hip Hop and the highest JV score at every regional. Dance Team member Kyleigh Lewis received the Rising Star Award for standing out to the judges at the Edwardsville IDTA competition. The six ladies went on to defend their two state titles in the lyrical and dance categories at JV Finals in Bloomington.

Sports Talk

What was the most memorable moment of the season?
"Winning two firsts at JV Finals. It was a great way to end a terrific season."
Lauren Helm, So.

Why did you choose to do dance team?
"I heard from other girls that it was a lot of fun, and I really wanted to be a part of such a successful program."
Emily Wellen, Fr.

What's your favorite part of dance team?
"My favorite part is the carbo parties the night before a competition. It's when we really got to bond as a team."
Whitney Zobrist, Fr.
Brigette Michael, Sr. is leading the girls on the floor for their pom dance routine at the Edwardsville regional competition. Michael said that, “we worked really hard all year and in the end it all paid off. We ended up going to state and getting two first places.”

The dance team placed first with their lyrical dance to the song, “Born to Be Wild” at the Triad competition. Alisa Churchwell, Jr. said, “It was the only dance I was in due to my car accidents. It was really fun and we won!”

Jessica Schmitz, Sr. said, “Sacudemos neistras culos.” The ladies entertained the crowd with their hip-hop routine “Espanol” at the Highland regional.

"The Varsity Dance Team this year has had the closest group of girls the team has ever had, we’re like sisters, RTBMF!" commented their senior member Tara Wellen. The team competed in the pom dance, hip hop, lyrical, and dance categories receiving over ten 1st place titles. The girls competed in five competitions, including Lindberg, Granite City, Edwardsville, Triad, and Highland. They received 1st place in both dance and lyrical routines at the O’Fallon supersectional. The girls then went on to claim two first place titles for the same routines at the State competition.

This was the first time in history Highland obtained two championships at the state level. The team’s other awards consisted of most memorable dance for hip hop, best choreography for pom dance, and best technique for their dance routine. Coach Michelle Deets commented, "I am so proud of this team! They worked hard for their two 1st place state championships. The team had great leadership with captains Brigette Michael, Emily Gaehle, and Jessica Schmitz. By the end of the season, this team had become more than friends they became a family!"

**Sports Talk**

Do you feel pressure as a member of the dance team?

"It’s very nerve racking because everyone expects us to win at every competition." Brigette Michael, Sr.

What is your favorite part of being on the dance team?

"I love the relationships that have formed between the girls and Deets. We’re like one big family!" Ashley Wahl, Jr.

Is it hard to balance school and dance team?

"It is hard to balance school during the day and dance at night plus trying to do your homework and have a social life." Briana Gilomen, So.

Why did you choose to be on the dance team?

"I have danced with a lot of the girls already on the team and was excited to compete with a new group of dancers." Kelly Fulton, Fr.
The boys work hard to be in "sync" with each other at the Edwardsville Regional. The boys proved themselves as dancers.

While at the Edwardsville Competition, the boys showed off their athletic talent while executing their gymnastic skills. This was the highlight of their routine.

As the boys take the floor for the competition, with nerves flowing, and the crowd cheering the boys pulled together a stellar performance. They then qualified to compete at supersectionals.

During awards, the boys show off their dance knowledge by performing "The Electric Slide" together.

Front: J. Strackeljahn Front
Middle: M. Alvarado, G. Kharibian, R. Delmore Back
Boys
Dance Team

Here at HHS there are clubs and activities for everyone of all interests. One of the most unique and exciting sports offered is the Boys Dance Team. The boys were very successful throughout the season and always entertained the audience. Coach Kim Romero said, “I really enjoyed working with such a great group of boys this year. They were always willing to work hard, and really wanted to do well at every competition.” In fact the boys did exceptionally well, qualifying for the Super Sectional competition, at the Highland Regional, for only the second time in the program’s history. Blake Ammann, Jr., said, “Being on the dance team was really fun and extremely rewarding. We accomplished one of our really big goals for the season and, I even got pinched by a female fan!”

Sports Talk

1. What was the most memorable moment this season?
2. Why did you choose Boys Dance Team?

1. “When we qualified for Super Sectionals. That was one of our big goals for the season.”

2. “All the attention from the older women!”
   Brett Korte, Sr.

1. “When Marcus Alvarado won the Rising Star award. I was totally jealous.”

2. “To show everyone my dance moves”
   Gary Kharibian, Jr.

1. “When Gary fell on his neck at practice trying to do his tuck, and ended up in the hospital.”

2. “For the ladies”
   Marcus Alvarado, Jr.
This year the boys basketball team had a new face on the side line with new coach, Sam Weber. The team ended the season with a 10-6 record. Coach Weber said, "I had one goal: to compete every game. I felt we accomplished that goal, and we were able to beat teams with our defense and determination." With that goal in mind, the team won more games. Brandon Koisher, Sr., said, "There was good chemistry this year. I loved playing with this group of guys and I can't wait until next year." They had tough teams to beat this year, losing one game to the Triad Knights. The next time they played, they came back and beat Triad for the last game of the season. Dakota Gilbert, Fr., said, "The last game was great and it really inspired us to help the Varsity team win too."
As Coach Weber jots down the next play, the team listens intently for instructions. Coach Weber was the assistant to the Varsity basketball team as well.

Looking for an open man, Brandon Koisher, So., quickly decides whether to dribble, pass or shoot. Brandon was not only one of the starting five for JV, but also played occasionally for Varsity.

Driving his way into the paint, Dakota Gilbert, So., tries to draw the foul. The JV team ended their season with a record of 10-6.

Hoping to make the shot, Andrew Kimmel, So., awaits the results of his free throw. Free throw shots were often the deciding factor in many games.

Front: A. Kimmie, B. Maedge
Back: C. Sudhoff, B. Kuper, B. Koisher, D. Ammann
Junior basketball players Wes Degroot, Danny Gifford, and Drew Bradley cheer on the girls basketball team. Both the girls and boys teams enjoyed rooting for one another.

Exhausted, basketball players await the next play. The boys tried to catch their breath so they could keep working hard towards a win.

Tyler Donaldson, Sr. proudly stands with Coach Strong as he is awarded for scoring 1000 points in his four years of playing basketball at HHS. Donaldson worked hard during his high school career to achieve this success.

During an intense time out, Coach Strong mentors the team. The players knew that listening to his advice was an important key to success.

The Boys Varsity Basketball stepped it up this year with a new head coach, Mr. Strong. Tyler Donaldson, Sr. was very excited about shooting 1,000 points over his four year basketball career. He commented, “I was very happy that all the Seniors played their last home game together.” The basketball team finished with a strong record, and an impressive finish in the Mississippi Valley Conference. Junior Wes DeGroot said “I had fun this year and I am going to miss the seniors next year, but I look forward to being a senior leader of the team.”

First time member Brian Carey, Sr. reflects on his participation in the basketball program by saying “We had a good year. We had fun playing together as a team and also were always entertained by Coach Strong. I wish I would have started it with my freshmen year than joining as a Senior.” Despite the team’s less than perfect record, they succeeded in boosting school spirit and bringing the student body together.

Sports Talk

1. What is your favorite basketball team?
2. What is the best brand of sportswear?
3. Do you prefer Gatorade or Water?

1. Highland Bulldogs
2. Nike
3. Water
   Bobby Sylvester, Sr.

1. Duke
2. Nike
3. Gatorade
   Jake Odorizzi, Jr.

1. Michigan State
2. Jordan
3. Gatorade
   Nick Boemler, Sr.
The cheerleaders were practicing their heel stretches for part of their routine. KayLynn Rehberger said, "It was a reality check on how much work it would take to get their routine down."

The JV cheerleading team is warming up and getting ready for a basketball game. Charis Hobbes, Jr. said, "It was a lot of fun, I had a good time that night."

Chelse Schneider, Fr., was cheering at home for a basketball game. She said, "The year started out slow but at the end it came around and ended up being a good season."

Before state, the cheerleading team sharpened their moves so they would be able to perform precisely. Bri Deuser, So., said "It was worth it in the end because we finished with a solid 5th place."

This year, the Junior Varsity cheerleading squad was determined to succeed. Although they faced many trials and tough breaks, in the end, they proved hard work is the key to a great team. The squad competed in January at the Kincaid Regional, where they placed first and qualified to advance to the ICCA State Competition. A few weeks later, the JV performed at the Mount Vernon Regional to get input from the other judges before taking their routine to state. The girls won 3rd place. “The week before state was really long and hard, trying to perfect every little detail, said Bri Deuser, So. The
team was ready to compete. Melissa Klaus, Jr. said, “When we went out on the floor, we had so much pride in ourselves that when something went wrong we all pulled together.” The team’s unity was evident. They even picked the motto “Together We Can” to represent their season. The squad competed to the best of their abilities and received fifth place at the State competition in Springfield. Coach Cheryl Hasselhorst commented, “The girls really came together as a group and worked together to achieve their ultimate goal. I am extremely proud of them all.”

**Sports Talk**

1. **What was the best moment this season?**
2. **Describe cheerleading in one word.**

1. “Getting fifth place at State was by far the best cheerleading moment.”
2. “Rewarding” Kristi Elliott, So.

1. “Probably when we stuck our routine for the first time. It felt great to finally do it.”
2. “Hardwork” Erica Maurer, Fr.
With 13 returning members and lots of support from the town and school, the Varsity Cheerleading squad was prepared to fight for their state championship title. In January, the cheerleaders competed in regionals at Highland and Mount Vernon in an attempt to qualify for the ICCA and IHSA State competitions. At the IHSA regional in Highland, the team placed third, earning their bid to the championship. In Mount Vernon, the squad solidified their spot at the ICCA State competition. The team worked to prepare themselves for the championship competitions. "I can safely say that cheerleading has consumed my life," said Stephanie Dolezal, Sr. "I think every cheerleader would agree that we spend more time with each other than anyone else. I guess that's what it takes to be the best." The squad went on to receive 7th place in the co-ed division for the IHSA State competition. One month later, the team performed a nearly flawless routine to place 2nd in the ICCA State competition. In regard to performing Dolezal said, "It’s a horrible feeling when you think about all the things that can go wrong in a routine, but once you stick it out on the floor, it’s the best feeling in the world!"

**Sports Talk**

1. **What do you think about while you’re performing?**
   1. "When I’m performing I think about what I can do to help the team win."
   2. "Going on the floor for the second time at ICCA State"
   3. "Keeping everybody happy" Allison Moenster, Sr.

2. **Best cheerleading moment?**
   1. "The skills that are coming up in the routine."
   2. "Getting to the finals at IHSA State"

3. **What is the hardest thing about cheerleading?**
   1. "Winning and getting the crowd into the routine"
   2. "The feeling of getting off the floor after putting on an awesome performance"
   3. "Spending hours with a whole bunch of girls when you’re the only boy" Todd Bergman, Sr.
Senior cheerleaders and basketball players sit together for one last picture during Senior Night.

Jana Cook, Sr., holds a scorpion in the finale of their State routine. The cheerleaders earned 2nd place at the ICCA State competition in Springfield.

The entire squad shows off their stunting skills during practice. The cheerleaders were required to attend long practices, which paid off in their successful season.

Senior Stephanie Dolezal shows off her flexibility during practice. The squad worked hard at practice, but still had a good time together.

Kim Qualls, Sr., goes for a strike during a daily team practice.

Aiming for the pins, Jessica Moss, Jr., concentrates on her form and technique.

Don Murray, Sr., watches his ball roll down the lane as his teammates show support with their "guns."

The Girls Bowling Team
Coach Wander-Vrell and her bowlers had an awesome season. In every match the teams worked hard to conquer the other teams, gave each other words of encouragement, and just had fun. The girls finished their season 10-6, ended 3rd in the division, and took home 5th in state. The boys did great too with receiving 4th in state, 8-6 for the season, and 2nd in the division. Don Murray, Sr., was the only bowler who went to state as an individual, and he finished 50th. Murray said “It was a pretty amazing feeling to go to state for the first time and the first Highland High School individual for bowling. It was great because my teammates supported me through the whole thing.” Freshman, Allison Krump, the only freshman to play Varsity said, “I had a lot of fun this year. I met great new people, and I have great memories of bus rides. My favorite time also going up to state in Decator.” Coach Wander-Vrell said, “It was a good winning season, and I look forward to new talent. I’m going to miss the seniors, and everyone improved.”

Sports Talk

Is bowling worth the time and effort?
“"I think so. Both teams are really fun people to be with and encourage each other to do their best." Jessie Moss, Jr.

What was the most memorable moment?
“"Getting 4th place in the state. It was a big accomplishment for our team and we were very happy with our season’s results." Dale Bohnenstiehl, Jr.

What was your favorite part of bowling?
“"Meeting all the new people. Being the only freshman, I was really apprehensive, but it was a really fun season." Allison Krump, Fr.

The Boys Bowling Team
The girls track team had a very successful year. Even though, towards the end of the season, the team had some trouble they still came out strong. Their final record was 61-8 and they placed 2nd in the Mississippi Valley Conference. "My most memorable moment was right after the conference meet. Although Triad won, we were more excited than them. We weren't excited for them winning, but that we ran as a team," said Allyson Buehne, Jr.

Despite the small number of Seniors on the team, the girls respected each other and learned what leadership really was. Lauren Haberer, Jr., said, "Even though we had many team differences, this season, we overcame them and finished the season out well."

1. What do you think about while you're running?
2. What was your inspiration for the season?

1. "Concentrate on the race and the people in front of me"
2. "To get in shape for cross country season"
Katie Ullman, Jr.

1. "I usually have a song stuck in my head."
2. "I really want to beat my time from middle school."
Emilee Hargis, So.

1. "Just relaxing and staying focused"
2. "Last year I set the middle school record, so I want to try to set the high school record too."
Taylor Cipicchio, Fr.
The girls track team does a victory lap after the Altamont and Madison meet. Junior Katie Ullman said, “Allyson and I are the track superstars!”

At practice Allyson Buehne works on her long jump distance. “We had a good track team this year. We had our highs and lows, but we made it through and had a great season,” said Buehne.

During a home track meet, Lauren Haberer, Jr., receives the baton from Allyson Buehne, Jr., in the 4 x 400 relay. Haberer said, “The track team had a really great season and I had fantastic time.”

At a meet against Triad, Alex Rinderer, So., practices her form for the discus event. Rinderer proudly said, “Our team ended up with a good record we worked together and became good friends.”

Middle: L. Mustain, A. Buehne, L. Haberer, A. Reiman, T. Sippo, K. West, J. Kleinhoffer, K. Ullman
Anchoring the last leg of his relay, Darren Hooks, Jr., uses his speed to keep in front of his opponent.

Junior Travis Brave completes a long jump. Brave was one of the strongest leaders in the long jump category.

Matthew Rezabek, Jr. comes close while finishing a high jump. Rezabek said, "I really enjoyed high jump. I always worked to improve."

Senior leader Brett Korte keeps the pace as he runs a marathon. Being the only senior, Korte tried to break his record times.

The boys track season started well before their first meet. After an off season of unprecedented hard work, the boys were ready to make some noise on the track. Along with new training methods came new coaches. Erin Strakeljahn moved from assistant coach to head coach, and Bob Vance took over as assistant coach. "I was really excited about our middle distance group, we were really strong in that area. Especially after losing some sprinters, it was good to hear that we still had a lot of good two-milers, as well as milers, and 800 guys," said Coach Vance. Junior Darren Hooks said of the team, "We had a lot of fun as a group and hoped to continue our season after sectionals." Despite injury and a shortage of members, the Bulldogs were able to achieve impressive times, distances, and heights this Spring. They finished surprisingly strong in the Mississippi Valley Conference. The team looks ahead with confidence in the next season, knowing that they will only lose one senior team member.
The Junior varsity girls soccer team faced a very tough season and every game was a tremendous challenge. With three seniors leading the team, the ladies played to the best of their abilities and always made the fans proud. Coach Danielle Petty said of her team, “The girls always gave me 100%. They worked hard for their wins and always made me proud.” With senior goalie Emily Hoffman leading the defense and wings Hannah Jamruk, So., and Deborah Oldenkamp, So., always at the top of their game, the team was a tough defense to break. The ladies offense was equally as impressive, with forewards April Lauchner, Fr., Jenny Zeisset, Fr., and Stephanie Vick, So., leading the scoring for the ladies. “I really enjoyed being on a team with such a great and fun group of girls. Our new coach worked really hard to make us a successful team and we all appreciated her hard work. This was a great way to end my high school soccer career,” said Lauren Stieb, Sr.

Sports Talk

1. Is soccer worth the time and effort?
   1. “Yes, it is.”
   2. “I absolutely hate running killers and figure eights. They’re the worst.”
   Emily Hoffman, Sr.

2. What is your least favorite practice drill?
   1. “Oh yes, it’s very gratifying to win a game that you’ve practiced very hard for.”
   2. “Killers and figure eights are both a ton of running; they’re definitely the worst.”
   Lauren Craft, Jr.

   1. “Yeah, especially seeing all the people’s facial expressions when you do something to help the team.”
   2. “Running figure eights”
   Deborah Oldenkamp, So.
Recooperating from the first half of the Jerseyville game, Sammy Gonser, Jr., Lauren Stieb, Sr., and Emily Hoffman, Sr., take a much needed water break.

On defense, Lauren Stieb, Sr., passes to an open teammate to get the ball back into Bulldog territory. Stieb was an important part of the ladies' defense and made many great plays.

The Lady Bulldogs demonstrate their team work as Lauren Craft, Jr., looks for open teammates to pass to. The team's offense improved greatly over the season.

Sammy Gonser, Jr., throws the ball back into play after an out of bounds kick. The ladies teamwork proved invaluable throughout the season.

Front: K. Short, S. Gonser, L. Stieb, B. Hammel  
Middle: L. Craft, S. Fraser, A. Lauchner, S. Vick, J. Zeisset  
Senior Sara Dumstorff attempts a goal while trying to keep it away from her opponent. The girls played at Mascoutah.

Nikki Skrabacz, Jr., Kayla Spellmeyer, Jr., and Sarah Fraser, Sr. sit down, get a drink of water, and listen to the coach during half time.

Sarah Cagle, Sr. tries to kick the ball to another teammate, before the other team tries to steal it.

Seniors Maragret Wiese and Sarah Cagle work together as Cagle runs to get open so that Wiese can pass her the ball.

Although the varsity girl’s soccer team didn’t experience a winning season this year, the lady bulldogs still kept positive attitudes and had fun. The soccer team had the new addition of Coach Knebel. Coach Knebel said, “It was my first year so I didn’t really know what to expect. I can honestly say that my team was very talented, and although we didn’t win as much as I think any of us would have liked, they were still a really talented group of young ladies. I see great things in the future of this program.”

The soccer team did experience a well deserved win against the Jerseyville Panthers. In the second half alone, the ladies scored four goals, making it a 4-0 blowout. Senior Sarah Cagle said, “I had a really great Senior soccer season. We didn’t win much, but the games we did win were really exciting. I’ll miss all my teammates a lot, the friendships made during this season were priceless.”

Sports Talk

1. What do you enjoy most about soccer?
2. Describe soccer in one word.

Margaret Wiese, Sr.
1. “I enjoyed my teammates the most. During soccer season we all became really close and share some hilarious moments.”
2. “Rough”

Jordan Howard, Jr.
1. “The games are the best part. No matter if we won the game or not, they were still really fun.”
2. “Intense”
Boys Tennis

HHS’s boys tennis team executed a composition of talent, mental and physical stamina, and lasting exertion. This year the team developed an impressive reputation among the Mississippi Valley Conference. The players’ attitudes towards the game reflected how they played. When asked what his most memorable tennis moment was, Senior Chad Schrage said, “Playing with no pants. It added some excitement to the game.” The boys had to acquire the skills of playing tennis, along with the ability of knowing how to apply those skills. The team had a successful season and ended up with a 8-9 record. Coach Tim Hirsch said, “I had a great group of boys this year. I wasn’t only their coach, but I felt like their friend as well. I’m proud of what we accomplished this season.” With determination and practice the boys tennis team built a foundation on the rookies of the team and soared with its stars.

Sports Talk

1. What is your favorite thing about tennis?
2. What are some tennis terms for dummies?

Kale Frank Sr
1. “Playing freeze tag with Coach Hirsch.”
2. “A lob, which is a high shot hit to the base line.”

Marcus Alvarado, Jr.
1. “Probably the guys on the team are the best part, plus our coach, he’s pretty great too.”
2. “Love, which is zero.”

Lukas Korte, Fr
1. “The matches are the best part especially if you win.”
2. “A drop shot, which is a hit that is really close to the net.”

Mark Steinbruegge, Fr
1. “Using the ball machine.”
2. “A net, which is something you don’t want your ball to touch.”
Junior Brock Stephenson out smarts his opponent during a match at home against Triad. Stephenson played a major role in the team's overall performance.

With his mind focused on the win, Coach Hirsh watches his team's performance very closely in order to secure the victory.

After a strong follow through, Lukas Korte, Fr. receives a point for his great effort, leading his team to another victory. Korte's reaction time was an important factor in his performance on the court.

Serving the ball back into play, Sam Pellock, Fr., is confident that he will beat his opponent. Pellock's strong serves throughout the year helped the team win many matches.

Front: A. Oliveira, J. Gifford, N. Oliverira, M. Steinburggge,
Middle: N. Moss, M. Alvarado, L. Korte, S. Pellock, T. Rathmann,
Back: P. Basler, B. Stephenson, C. Schrage, K. Frank, Coach Tim Hirsh
Junior Shanna Wendler squints to see the ball through the sunlight. Wendler concentrated so she could catch the ball in her glove.

Getting ready to make her move, Jamie Kloss, Fr. keeps a look out for an opportunity to strike her opponent out. Kloss served as an asset to the softball team.

Shanna Wendler, Jr. watches her teammate to know when to take off for second.

Choking up on the bat, Ashley Schrage, Fr. focuses in on the pitch to come. Schrage played in the outfield for the team.

Warming up for their game against Jerseyville, the ladies discuss defensive strategies for the upcoming game.
The JV softball team had a tough start to their season playing some of the best teams early. Losing some games by a close margin, the team was driven to remain strong. Freshman Ashley Schrage said, "We had a pretty rough softball season this year, but I still had a lot of fun with the girls on the team." Memorable moments for the team included playing in Alton in 32 degree weather, as well as winning a three inning game at Jerseyville. The young team worked hard to pursue goals of winning and becoming better softball players. The highlight of the team's season was beating Triad five to one against their starting pitcher, "Beating Triad was probably one of the coolest things ever. It made our season a lot better." said Shanna Wendler, Jr. In the end, The JV softball team was able to overcome their problems and because of their dedication, they played to their full potential.

Keeping her eye on the ball, Kristi Frey, So. waits for the ball to hit her glove. Frey started the year as a first baseman, then moved to be a catcher.
The way the Varsity softball team played during practices determined the outcomes of their games; they worked hard to win games and defeat their competition. Although the season started out rocky for the girls, they united as a team to make their season successful. Senior Kassi Deibert said, "I learned a lot about teamwork this season. I'm glad that such a great group of girls were able to play with me during my final softball season." The qualities required to play softball well included confidence, tolerance, and maturity. This team possessed all of these attributes and were able to capture many wins for themselves and the school. Coach Christy Simmons said, "I really enjoyed coaching this team of young ladies. We certainly had our fair share of rough times, but overall, the season was a success. I couldn't be happier with the outcome."
Freshman Erica Mauer looks for the opportunity to strike out her opponent. Mauer was a first year member of the varsity softball team.

Warming up her arm, Kristy Frey, So. practices before the game.

Playing catch before the game, Cassandra Becker, Fr. tosses the ball to Shanna Wendler, Jr. The duo practiced throwing to and from first base.

Senior Mary Malisha gets ready to swing as the ball speeds towards her. Malisha was a four year member of the team.

With the Varsity baseball team playing at their full potential, the pressure was on for the JV team to play their very best as well. Sophomore Brent Maedge said, “The Varsity team was really good this year, so we wanted to have a winning season as well. I really enjoyed playing baseball this year, and can’t wait to play again next year.” The Bulldogs finished their season with a winning record, and a good standing in the Mississippi Valley Conference. The boys started their season strong with solid wins and great team chemistry. As the season progressed, the team hit a rough spot and lost several games in row; however, as the end of the season drew near, the JV baseball team was able to pull their talents together and finish strong. With another successful season finished, Randy Knebel, So. said, “I loved the team this year. Also, Coach Houchins was an amazing coach, I learned so much from him. He knew how to bring our team together, and gave us the skills we needed to win.” With the help of their coaches, and teammate support, the JV baseball team learned the fundamentals of baseball, which will help them next year when they step up to the plate once again.
At a home game, the team watches carefully. Andrew Kimmel, So. said, "Coming into the season we were already good friends, but as the season progressed, we became inseparable."

Sophomore Randy Knebel waits patiently for the new pitcher to warm up. When it was Knebel's turn to bat, he hit a double off the new pitcher.

At a home game against Waterloo, Chris Sudhoff, So. pitches as the game progresses to the third inning. Sudhoff said, "The season has gone pretty good so far. I really like pitching because it makes the games more enjoyable."

As the fifth inning begins, the Bulldogs get ready to win their third game in a row. Andrew Kimmel said, "We've had a really good season because we worked together and all got along."

Front: R. Eckstein, A. Kimmel, M. Trobaugh, C. Gale
Middle: B. Maedge, K. Prusa, J. Ammann, J. Huelsmann, G. Fuehne
Back: Coach Houchins, C. Sudhoff, B. Kuper, D. Reckmann, R. Knebel
Varsity Baseball

The 2006-2007 school year served as a successful and exciting season for the varsity boys baseball team. With an overall winning record of 30-6 and an outstanding performance in the Sectional competition, the boys' hard work paid off. Team unity played a major role in the success of the team. Senior Shea Brendel said, "Not only were we teammates, but we were friends too. We had fun practicing together, but what was even better was how after practice we would soak in the hot tub."

The team had a large number of Seniors, which served as motivation to end their high school baseball careers on a good note. The IHSA Class AA All State Pitcher award went to Jake Odorizzi. Coach Joel Hawkins said, "We are very fortunate that we had good people for our team, we are very talented, but hardworking which is a very enjoyable combination that works well."

Sports Talk

1. Why did you choose to play Baseball?
2. What's the advantage of playing together for so long?

Brandon Koisher, Sr.
1. "It's all I've ever done."
2. "You get to bond with other guys and everything comes together really well."

Jake Odorizzi, Jr.
1. "I've played it my whole life and it just comes naturally to me."
2. "You know each other and know what each other's capabilities are."

Nick Boemer, Sr.
1. "I love the sport and the game."
2. "You have big team chemistry, and it's just easier to play with people you know."

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Junior Danny Gifford winds up for a pitch. His pitching skills made his a real asset to the team.

Senior Brian Carey slides back to first base safely. Baseball players kept fans on the edge of their seats as they stole bases and scored runs.

Sophomore Brandon Koisher leads off of third base with the mentoring of Coach Hawkins. Baseball players had to trust their coaches and their judgement.

Standing on the plate, Travis Becherer, So. prepares to bat. Becherer was able to switch up the batting routine by being one of the team’s left handed hitters.

Freshmen

Boys Basketball

Baseball

Front: Tyler Gross, David Amman, Trent Kessmann, Kevin Keeven, Connor Kurrle

Sports


Girls Basketball


Volleyball
Just like any high school, HHS has a variety of students. On one end, we have artists, the students that add life and color to our hallways through the art projects they display. Highland also had a number of students who found activities such as Model UN and scholar bowl interesting. Besides these two groups of people, Highland has everything in between. Our school provides a number of different activities so that no matter what our interests, there is a club to join. For students interested in business, BPA provides a first-hand look at what skills are needed to be successful in the business world. Students who enjoyed working with numbers found a home on the Math team. Students could also choose to join our high school’s biggest organization, FFA, or learn about different languages by joining either the French or Spanish clubs. Freshman Ben Fieker said, “As far as clubs are concerned, there really is something for everyone.”

Being HHS’s only IHSA State Championship team, the pressure was on for the 2006-2007 Chess team. The Chess team was made up of primarily underclassman.

Senior Sarah Willig finishes up her project for Art club. As a four-year member of the Art club, Willig said, “I was really glad to be part of the group.”
The old NHS officers, A. Eason, L. Stieb, E. Vincent, and A. Dyer, initiate the new officers, J. Hartlieb, L. Haberer, and K. Kunf, by "kidnapping" them and taking them to Bobby’s for ice cream. Haberer said, "I was a little terrified at first, but then excited because we were going to Bobby’s!"

A group of NHS members sit around and wait for their guests to arrive. Members dressed in formal attire to help set the atmosphere for the Senior Citizens’ Prom.

Define NHS in your own words: “NHS is a club for students who excell with their education. We do community service and have meetings once a month.” Jordan Howard, Jr. What’s the most memorable moment from this year? “The most memorable moment this year was the Senior Citizen’s Prom. It was fun and helped me to get my community service hours done.” Abby Dyer, Sr. Why did you join NHS? “I joined NHS because it looks good on college applications. Plus, they throw a sweet party called Senior Citizen’s Prom.” Brett Korte, Sr. Is it hard to balance school and NHS? “It is not difficult to balance school and NHS. We only have to do eight community service hours, and all of our meetings are during EL.” Courtney Bast, Jr.

Senior Brittni Zobrist checks out a streamer to make sure it’s straight. NHS members made sure all the decorations were in perfect condition for all the senior citizens who attended.
A group of students participate in the mirroring activity during the annual LifeSavers retreat. Matthew Voss, Fr., said, "It took us a little while to get it down, but when we finally did, it was great. We all felt like we were a real team."

Define LifeSavers in your own words:
"LifeSavers is a support group where kids can go to have some good clean fun. Plus, who doesn't love an evening of sing along chants?"

Alyssa Eason, Sr. What's the most memorable moment from this year?: "The most memorable event of this year was the LifeSavers retreat when we were able to train a new group of students. And of course our Rock-A-Thon!" Jennilee Ishum, So.

Is it hard to balance out school and LifeSavers?: "It's really simple to balance school and LifeSavers because all of our activities revolve around school and we set aside times for meetings." Kala Spellmeyer, Jr.

Freshmen Jesse Vincent and Jason Scott have an absolute blast during their first ever LifeSavers Retreat. "This year was a really great learning experience," said Vincent. "I had a great time learning about myself and others as well."

Megan Fuhler, Sr., hesitates before taking the "trust fall". "Although the retreat was a lot of fun, I chickened out during this activity," confessed Fuhler.
Working as a team, Anna Beck, So., and James Hoffmann, Fr., look at a pig’s heart in a lab at St. Louis University.

Starting to feel sick, Austin Potthoff, Fr., probes a pig heart. The students were able to learn a lot about a heart's structure through dissection.

Define Saturday Scholars in your own words: “I think the club gives us a chance to hang out with our friends and see cool things too. For instance, we got to dissect a pig’s heart and I got squirted by blood.” Katie Long, Sr. What’s the most memorable moment from this year?: “When we lost our bus and it was pouring down rain. We ended up walking like half a mile!” Kayla Knuf, Jr. Why did you join Saturday Scholars?: “I joined Saturday Scholars because I thought it would be a good and fun experience.” Katie Ullman, Jr. Is it hard to balance school and Saturday Scholars?: “No, it isn’t that hard because the club is on Saturday mornings.” Mallory Lengermann, Sr.

Andrew Heffron, Sr., looks a little nervous about what's to come while dissecting a pig's heart. The Saturday Scholars attended an anatomy workshop at St. Louis University.
Define FFA in your own words: "Food, folks, and fun." Mr. Jones

What's the most memorable moment from this year?: "When a thing of milk rolled under the cooler in Mrs. Jackson's room." Malinda Rode, Jr.

Is it hard to balance out school and FFA?: "No."

Nick Woltering, Jr.

Why did you join FFA?: "Someone told me that there were people like me in it." Lacey Kueper, So.

Juniors Greg Semanisin and Bobby Zbinden fry bacon and eggs for the annual FFA Teachers Breakfast. FFA members have prepared and served breakfast to the teachers for the past ten years.

Calvin Pothast, Jr., carefully dumps landscaping rocks around a tree by the teachers' parking lot. In horticulture class, the students helped maintain the grounds of HHS.
Seniors Lauren Stieb, Abby Dyer, Lauren Komeshak, and Sara Dumstorff get all dressed up to eat at Hard Rock Cafe in New York City. The girls won first at state in the Global Marketing competition for two consecutive years.

Do they look good or what? Jim Nicoloff, Sr., Chris Miles, So., Amanda Hempen, So., and Amber Frey, Sr., goof off in the hallway of their hotel before attending the opening session at State.

Defining Business Professionals of America in your own words: “BPA is a club where you compete in business related contests.” Erin Leitschuh, Sr. What’s the most memorable moment from this year? “The most memorable moment was Erin Leitschuh’s fantastic parking job outside Dr. Baker’s house every Thursday night.” Andrew Harris, Sr. Why did you join BPA? “I joined because my sister did it last year and she said it was a lot of fun. It will also be beneficial for my future business career.” Amanda Hempen, So. Is it hard to balance school and BPA? “No, because Dr. Baker can usually meet up with you to work on projects after school or during your free time.” Annie Moss, Jr.

After a terrific dinner at Maggiano’s, Seniors Andrew Harris and Kyle Rommerskirchen wait for the leftovers to be packed up. “I’m pretty sure Maggiano’s is a new favorite restaurant of mine,” said Harris.
Define Future Medical Careers Club in your own words: “FMCC is a group of unique students who have a great interest in the medical field. We also enjoy field trips to hospitals and other medical facilities.” Zac Walter, Jr.

What’s the most memorable moment from this year?: “The field trips to Barnes Jewish Hospital are a lot of fun and we learn a lot every time we go.” Kristee Elliott, So.

Is it hard to balance out school and FMCC?: “Yes, because when we go on field trips it’s hard to catch up, but otherwise it doesn’t interfere with my school work very much.” Alex Rinderer, So.

Why did you join?: “When I was a freshman I wanted to work in pediatrics so I thought FMCC would be a good club to join.” Kaylee Potthast, Sr.
Experiencing something new, the French club rides the Ferry back from their trip to St. Geneive, Missouri. Kathryn Krev, So., said, "It was my first time on a ferry and it was really fun but scary at the same time."

While at St. Geneive, Missouri, the French club members saw first hand what a traditional French Christmas was like. Senior Bridget Gunn said, "It was neat to see how the people there still care about the French culture."

Define your club in your own words: "Spanish club consists of some pretty sweet taco parties and doing Deet’s dirty work such as shopping at Wal-Mart. Spanish club is pretty much the best club in the world.”

Megan Fuhler, Sr. What’s the most memorable moment from this year?: "One time in the Spanish class we were playing animal vocabulary charades and Susan Spencer acted out beaver in an inappropriate way. I think you get the picture.” Erin Leitschuh, Sr. Why did you join the club, how long have you been on it?: "Once I started to take Spanish III, I was admitted into the Spanish club. Being in the club has a lot of benefits, because it looks good on resumes and college applications.”

Courtney Blast, Jr. Is it hard to balance school and this club?: "No, there aren’t many demands.” Adam Carey, Jr.

Sophomore Anna Beck is working on a Valentine’s card in French club for Nick Ciszczon, Fr. "It is a lot of fun to make these cards each year. We do it because you never know who you are going to get to make one for.”
Define your club in your own words: “It’s the best club in the world because France is the best country in the world.” Dan Engelke, Sr.

What’s the most memorable moment from this year?: “My most memorable experience was hugging my car on the ferry on the way home from St. Genevive!” Chelsie Lesicko, Jr. Why did you join the club and how long have you been in it?: “I joined this club because Thebus is absolutely nuts and it’s funny to watch her try to be a leader.” Kala Spellmeyer, Jr.

Is it hard to balance school and this club?: “In French Club, it is hard to balance working concessions and all of my school work.” Anna Beck, So.

Senior boys Michael Gress, Josh Gagen, Matt Gorman and Anthony Ovlierra enjoy authentic Mexican food during their Spanish trip to Chicago. Gorman said, “The environment and the way they serve their food is very different than I am used to.”
Junior Chelsie Lesiko works quietly at her desk. Math team required a great deal of concentration and effort.

Define WYSE in your own words.: “WYSE is a group of awesome people who do awesome things. The fact that we can take two hard tests back to back is pretty sweet.” Kristi Todd, Sr. Why did you join WYSE and how long have you been in it?: “I joined this club because it looks good on resumes and college applications. This is my first year on the team.” Andrew Kimmle, So. What’s the most memorable moment from this year?: “My most memorable moment was watching all the people during awards. Our group was so funny!” Chelsie Lesicko, Jr. Is it hard to balance school and WYSE?: “It is sort of hard to balance school because we miss one day and you have to get everything to do, but most of the competitions are on the weekends.” Ryan Keltner, Fr.
Showing that math team isn’t all hard work, Anna Beck, So. strikes a fun pose. Beck was a two year member of the math team.

What’s the most memorable moment from math team this year?: “My most memorable moment was getting 8th in a competition.”

Andrew Heffron, Sr. Why did you join math team and how long have you been in it?: “This is my first year, and I joined because I like doing math problems, taking tests, and then seeing how I do on them.”

Ryan Keltner, Fr. Is it hard to balance school and math team?: “It’s not really hard because it’s only a couple of days out of the year.”

Kara Luitjohan, Jr. Define math team in your own words.: “Math team is really fun because I love math and I get to hang out with other math lovers. I think the bus conversations are the best.”

Kelsey Frey, So.

Seniors Andrew Heferon and Betty Gu finish up their math test. The duo often practiced together in order to challenge one another.

Setting her things down and preparing for the day, Betty Gu, Sr., gets everything ready for the day’s events. The rest of the team assembled together to discuss what future challenges lay ahead.

Loading on to the bus before heading off to a competition, the gang shows off their brain snacks for the ride. Jazmin Downing, So., said, "I loved being a part of this team, we all learned a lot about various topics, but more importantly about ourselves. It was a great experience and I know next year will be a blast."

After working hard discussing very important topics, the team decides to take a break and test their buzzers prior to competition. Practice made perfect for this group of students.

"Define scholar bowl in your own words:" "It's a group of kids that compete against other teams from other schools to see who knows more." Jazmin Downing, So.

Why did you join scholar bowl?: "I joined to be more involved in school activities and I knew some people on it." Emilee Hargis, So. What's the most memorable moment from this year?: "In general the bus rides and stopping to eat were really fun." Jacob Strackeljahn, So. Is it hard to balance school and scholar bowl?: "No they kind of just go hand in hand." Alex Bowman, So.

With great enthusiasm and pencil in hand, Betty Gu, Sr., begins to quickly record the answer to the previous question with her teammates help. Gu was a key part in the team's overall performance in their many, many competitions.
The graduation ceremony for the class of 2007 was held in the gym. Students walked in to the traditional "Fanfare and Processional" played beautifully by the high school band. Vice President Kale Frank, Class Treasurer Christiana Mesle, and Class Secretary Brian Carey all shared the microphone in welcoming the graduates and their families to the special occasion. Carey even took the welcome a step further by inviting everyone to his graduation party. Our Superintendent, Marvin Warner presented Betty Gu with the Valedictorian award and Kristine Plocher with the Salutatorian award. The senior farewell was presented by Class President Sara Dumstorff held back tears as she wished her classmates the best of luck in life.

Silly string and everything else (except the caps because they are dangerous) shoot through the air as the graduates celebrate the end of their high school careers.
Todd Bergman, Sr. and Tara Horn, Jr. construct several mini buildings made out of paper. Together they built an entire mini city, including buildings and castles.

Alyssa Reiman, Sr. works on a paper mache project as Andrew Heffron, Sr., paints. “We do a lot of fundraisers. They’re cool because some of the money goes toward unique causes like third world countries. It’s fun to be a part of.”

Define your club in your own words: “Art Club is an amazing and exciting club. Every meeting holds new magical surprises.” Sarah Willig, Sr. What’s the most memorable moment from this year?: “I joined this club because I like art! Plus Mrs. Burns is so fly. I was in art club all four years.”

Ami Caniff, Sr. Why did you join this club, how long have you been on it?: “My most memorable art moments were painting with our toes during the “summer art experience” & building our super awesome Lichtenstein-esque Homecoming float.” Sadie Giger, Jr.

Is it hard to balance school & this club?: “It takes a lot of devotion. I’ve stayed up many a moon hard at work on my art club projects.” Jeramy White, Jr.

Senior art student Kate Jamruk listens to music while finishing a painting. Members of the art club dictate much of their time to perfecting a wide range of projects.
John Owen, Fr. stares deeply at the chess board while practicing with a teammate before a match. "The teams hard work and practice, won the team first place in a ninth and under tournament, and that is outstanding," said Coach Cippichio.

Define your club in your own words:
"We’re just a group of kids who play chess."
Simon Menz, Fr.

What’s the most memorable moment from this year?: “The most memorable moment was going to tournaments. They were a lot of fun.” Tim Rose, Fr.

Why did you join this club, how long have you been on it?: “I joined because no one expects a girl to school them in chess. Last year was amazing, John Doll is a stud.” Amber Frey, Sr.

Is it hard to balance school and this club?: “Not really so much this year because practice was right after school.” John Doll, So.

Members of the chess team stand proudly with their well deserved trophies. Ryan Keltner, Fr. Simon Menz, Fr. and Brandon Dudley, Fr. received individual trophies, while John Doll, So. displayed the trophy won by the performance of the entire team.

Resting in the “skittles room” Simon Menz, Fr. thinks about an upcoming match. The skittles room was used to practice and relax in. Menz’s fun Christmas hat helped keep him in a relaxed mood.
While working on their Public Awareness Poster, the group relaxes in the sun. Junior Brittany Kloss said, "I felt really strongly about our project. The word needs to be spread on issues in today's society."

The members of Focus St. Louis work together on a project created to help the community. The group decided to make PSA's that provided information on issues such as teen pregnancy and suicide.

Define Focus St. Louis in your own words: "Focus St. Louis is a group of Juniors from HHS who drive to St. Louis to interact with other Juniors from the St. Louis area." Brittany Kloss, Jr. Why did you join Focus St. Louis and how long have you been in it?: "I filled out an application my sophomore year because it sounded like a great leadership opportunity." Arielle Michael, Jr. What's the most memorable moment from this year?: "At the first retreat we had, my group and I were sitting outside deciding on a PSA announcement, when I sat on a wooden fence and broke it." Blake Korte, Jr. Is it hard to balance school and Focus St. Louis?: "It can be hard to balance school and Focus St. Louis because we have two field trips each month. We miss a lot of school, but it's definately worth it!" Jeramy White, Jr.

Blake Korte, Jr. entertains his teammates by dressing up as a girl. The group needed comical relief after long hours of working.
Seniors Josh Gagen and Anthony Olivera research topics for an upcoming debate. Gagen pointed out what he thought would be a key issue concerning National Security.

What's the most memorable moment from Model UN this year?: "My most memorable moment in Model UN would have to be going to the first meet and being the only sophomore in security council." Cami Kennett, So. Why did you join Model UN and how long have you been in it?: "I joined Model UN because I like to debate about topics both politically and economically." Jennifer Lance, Fr. Is it hard to balance school and Model UN?: "It's not hard to balance school and Model UN because for most of the year it's only one meeting a week." Bridget Cahalan, Jr. Define Model UN in your own words.: "It's been another successful year. We practiced a lot, yet still had a great time." Josh Gagen, Sr.

After finishing up their project about issues in schools, Jeramy White, Jr. and Arielle Michael, Jr. climb a tree to the delight of other Focus members who cheered them on.

Discussing debate topics on the white board are Jennifer Lance, Fr. and Emilee Hargis, So. Lance and Hargis worked together to become a strong team.
CANDIDS
While correcting her layout on the computer, Jenna Diaz, Jr., is helped by Lauren Aebischer, Jr., as Tiffany Nation, Sr., concentrates on completing her task in the back. The students each had a specific portion of a layout for every topic covered in the yearbook.

Seniors Kelsey Leitschuh and Lauren Barker finish the copy for the people pages. "Teamwork helped us finish a bunch of our jobs, because we bounced ideas off each other," said both girls.

Yearbook is not just frequent coffee runs and escaping school to sell ads. Many aspects like pictures, captions, copywrites and layouts are involved in creating the best yearbook possible. With the help of yearbook advisor, Mrs. Martz, and this year's editors, Emily Gachle, Britney Jones, and Lauren Stieb, the yearbook staff worked to meet frequent deadlines and stay on task. The staff is also constantly on the run interviewing club and sport participants, taking candid shots, and catching the latest events. Last summer the editors racked their brains for something new for this year's book. Then the new theme was born with the idea of original art that resembles a graphic t-shirt design entitled, "Live, Learn, Play, Be Highland."

Smile for the camera! Nick Woltering, Jr., takes some time out of class to play dress-up. How ironic that the only male student on this year's yearbook staff was the only one wearing a dress that class period!
Working hard or hardly working? During Emily Gaehle’s, Sr., nap and Megan Fuhler’s, Sr., coffee break, seniors Lauren Komeshak and Lauren Stieb discuss their work as Britney Jones, Sr., creates a layout on the computer. Although they had lounge and relaxation time, the staff worked hard until the yearbook was a success.

Lauren Aebischer, Jr., Lauren Komeshak, Sr., Allison Moenster, Sr., and Tiffany Nation, Sr., hold up their classmates, Alyssa Reiman, Sr., Gabi Netzer, Sr., and Jenna Diaz, Jr., After long days, the girls take some time to show off their cheerleading skills.

Lauren Stieb, Sr., and co-editor of the yearbook, interviews sophomores Jackie Woehl and Magan Zeller for quotes on their dos and don’ts of fashion. One of the staff’s goals this year was to cover the entire student body.
"I just can't believe it's over!" exclaimed Senior Katie Long on the Senior class’s last day of school...ever. For four years the class of 2007 has roamed the halls, but, as of May 14, 2007 they were officially finished with their high school careers. The Junior class may have one more year to go, but the thrill of being an upcoming Senior was felt as soon as the Seniors left, and they were the oldest group of students remaining at HHS. Junior Megan Frank said, “I guess I’m technically a Senior now. That’s pretty exciting, but also really scary.” While both the Sophomore and Freshman class’s have two and three years left of high school, both groups were excited about the end of another school year, and also felt the thrill of being one year closer to graduation.

Seniors Jordyn Noones, Kelsey Leitschu, Tiffany Nation, and Lauren Komeshak play dress up. Nation said, “Being a Senior has its perks, such as being able to roam the halls wearing a pink wig.”

Boys will be boys. No one saw how this unusual scene occurred, but, everyone agreed that it looked like this group of friends was having fun.
Faculty

Andrew Carmitchel, Principal
Steve Lanxon, Assistant Principal
Barry Thomas, Assistant Principal
Mike Allen, Band Director
Arlen Baker, Business
Liza Basden, Science

Tina Beyer, History
Pj Bolk, Library Asst.
Doug Bradley, History
Tina Bradley, Office Secretary
Karen Branger, Special Education
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Dawn Jones, Home Economics
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Brenda Korte, Special Education
Beth Limmer, Special Education
Deborah Massey, Math
Brenda Mertes, Science

Suzanne Meyer, English
Michelle Murphy, Science
Linda Nelson, English
Jim Nickerson, Business
Melissa Perkes, Business
Wendy Phillips, Special Education

Jodie Ramsey, Science
Randy Riggs, DARE-Officer
Kimberly Romero, English
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Joseph Schaefer, Industrial Arts
Kate Schaefer, Special Education

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Hilary Wagenblast, Spanish
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Judy Wagner, Home Economics
Katie Walker, Math

Michael Wartick, Guidance
Pam Watts, Math
Sam Weber, History
Cathy Weiss, Special Education
Chris Wilson, Band Director
Cheryl Wolfe, Business
Kaleb Aegerter
Robin Allen
Alicia Alvarado
Marin Amizich
David Ammann
Paige Ammann

Kimberly Anders
Dean Anderson
Samuel Ankrom
Charity Atchison
Joshua Barger
Brendan Bargetzi

Phillip Barker
Tyler Barr
Michelle Bearley
Abigail Beavers
Cassandra Becker
Tyler Becker

Chynna Bellm
Megan Blackburn
Victor Blanchard
Katie Bodi
Alex Bond
Kelly Bone

Jacob Bosen
Martha Bourbon
Michael Boyer
Rebecca Braundmeier
Bailey Bricker
Jacob Broadhurst

Rebecca Brown
Daniel Bugger
Edward Bugger
Stephanie Burnett
Jacob Burns
James Cagle

Colleen Cahalan
Brittany Callahan
Samantha Campos
Taylor Cipicchio
Nicholas Ciszczon
Trisha Clark
The class of 2010 began their high school career with a bang. Being the new students in the school, not knowing where classes are or what to expect from teachers, and adjusting to block scheduling, the freshman class adapted quickly to the new environment. They looked forward to new experiences like their first homecoming dance and the week long activities. Going from eight classes to four each day was a big change for the newbies. Some of the general classes for freshmen included integrated science, algebra I, world history, English I, and Spanish I. They were also introduced to fun electives such as foods, child care, clothing, computer concepts, and web design. As the year went on, the large freshman class became more comfortable with the teachers, classes, and halls of HHS.
Brannon Haller
Sarah Hamn
Brandon Hanna
Alexander Harris
Amara Hartnagel
Ben Hazel

Joshua Heffron
Corey Heimsath
Corey Hemann
Chelsey Henschel
Johnathon-Mi Hitch
James Hoffmann

Emily Hokanson
Jordan Holtgrave
John Holthaus
Karl Horn
Katherine Horrell
Andrea Hosto

Brandon Hosto
Justin Huelsmann
Dylan Hucy
Brad Jackson
Carrie Jackson
Megan Jakel

Jeremy Jenkins
Angela Johnson
Ashley Johnson
Breanna Johnson
Joshua Johnson
Timothy Johnson

Meghan Jorgensen
Deven Joyce
Tenor Kapp
Tyler Kathmann
Kevin Keeven
Ryan Keller

Charles Keltner
Raymond Kernan
Trent Kessmann
Miranda Kilzer
Travis King
Travis Knebel
Amber Koch
Mary Komeshak
Kari Koopmann
Alexander Korte
Dale Korte
Haylee Korte

Lukas Korte
Kelsey Koyanagi
Alison Krump
Tiffany Kuhner
Mark Kunz
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Dylan Kurz
Jennifer Lance
April Lauchner
Robert Lawrence
Kelsey Lemarr
Kyleigh Lewis

Caysea Love
Hannah Lucco
Emily Lucia
Adam Lutes
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Jordan Mettler

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Ashley Miller
Jacob Minney
Dylan Moad
Amanda Montayne
Jessica Mooney
One year closer to graduation! Although they were not yet upper classmen, they were no longer lowly freshman. The class of 2009 finally got their licenses and began to feel the privilege and independence of driving. With one year under their belts, the Sophomores were able to more successfully find where they fit into the whole high school picture. The second year of high school brought more school spirit, participation in varsity sports, and more responsibility. Health and Pathways is required for all 10th graders.
Sarah Dickman
Anna Dilow
Salvatore Dimaggio
John Doll
Tyler Dothager
Jordan Duft

Devon Damstorff
Callie Durborow
Michael Eckert
Ryan Eckstein
Kaci Ehlers
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Leah Emde
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Brandon Eversgerd
Daniel Fancote
Robert Fetterer
Jacob Fillingim
Taylor Fisher

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Brandon Frerker
Ariel Frey
Kelsey Frey
Kristy Frey

Ray Fromme
Gabriel Fuehne
Travis Funderburk
Sean Gagen
Patrick Gee
Briana Gilomen

Brennan Girdler
Lindsay Glockner
Logan Graham
Ryan Graminski
Lindsey Hahn
Matthew Hall
The gateway from being a Sophomore to reaching Senior year finally arrived for the Junior class. This year, the Juniors could finally park in the high school parking lot and enjoy the simple pleasures of being an upper classmen. They were able to leave their afternoons spent in EL behind them, and took their turn in planning the 2007 Prom. The Juniors learned to balance complicated chemistry equations and celebrated the fact that they no longer had to take exams.

With college on the horizon, the Juniors stressed and studied in order to take the ACT in the spring, and began to search for the perfect college. The Juniors were a celebrated class that had presence in almost every varsity sport and took some of the most difficult classes available. As the 2007 school year comes to an end, the Junior class prepares to dominate the school next year as Seniors.
Jesse Sauls
Emily Sawyer
Matthew Schallenberg
Evan Schumacher
Lindsey Schumacher
Kara Schwend

Catherine Seefeldt
Brittany Sellers
Gregory Semanisn
Colin Sexton
Justin Shaw
Colten Shimer

Aaron Sinnard
Courtney Sippo
Nicole Skrabacz
Kayla Smith
Tyler Smith
Nicholas Sparlin

Kala Spellmeyer
Danielle Starko
Brock Stephenson
Nicole Stoff
Katlin Streel
Tyler Thole

Paul Timmermann
Larissa Toenies
Miles Toenyes
Sara Trout
Austin Trowbridge
Grant Truccano

Kayla Turley
Emily Uhe
Katelyn Ullman
Justin Varner
Dustin Vosholler
Eric Voytas

Ashley Wahl
Hollie Wallace
Marcus Walter
Zachary Walter
Alyson Warden
Crystal Wasson
With one final chapter left to their high school career, the class of 2007 was prepared to make it the best year yet. The class of 2007 was welcomed to high school their freshman year by Principal Andy Carmitchel. The freshmen made their mark with an impressive undefeated freshman football team. As the class moved into their sophomore year, they were introduced to a new principal for the next two years, Jason Leahy. Junior year brought new responsibilities such as the ACT and privileges like being allowed to attend prom. The junior class also proved to be the best and most spirited when they won the coveted spirit stick. Senior year brought on the most excitement and anticipation. They kicked off the year by winning the spirit stick, yet again. The girls' basketball and girls' golf teams achieved stellar results, both advanced to sectionals. With Andy Carmitchel leading the pack once again, he helped them succeed and together they exited the high school.
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Barbara Amizich
Kayla Ammann
Brenda Anders
Amelia Ashmann

Debbie Baldwyn
Lauren Barker
Lauren Beard
Todd Bergman
Alyssa Bircher

Nicholas Boemler
Marissa Bowman
Adam Bray
Shea Brendel
Matthew Bugger

Sarah Cagle
Samantha Caldwell
Ami Caniff
Christopher Capalupo
Ashley Carey

Brian Carey
Derek Christman
Eric Compton
Jana Cook
Jayme Crundwell

Jared Dale
Ryan Dale
Alex Deibert
Kassi Deibert
Zackery Deien
Edward Delmore III
Derek Descher
Nicholas Dewaelle
Christopher Dicken
Stephanie Dolezal

Tyler Donaldson
Ashley Donnelly
Sean Dothager
Molly Driscoll
Sara Dumtorff

Abigail Dyer
Alyssa Eason
David Elliott
Kenneth Elliott
Sean Elliott

Daniel Engelke
Joel Ficker
Cory Flamm
Marie Fosberg
Kale Frank
Abby Hodger
Andrew Heffron
Chad Henningfeld
Lucas Henricks
Drew Herzberg

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Lindsey Hodge
Emily Hoffmann
Kelsey Horner
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Robert Sylvestro  
Kaylee Tarris  
Kristi Todd  
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Emily Vincent
Seniors
Alysha,
You are an amazing young woman! I admire, adore, and love you. I know that this graduation will be one of many successes in your life to come. It is an incredible honor to mother you. May your life to come be filled with joy, ample opportunities, experiences to grow, and an overwhelming sense of confidence. I Love You, Mom

Justin,
I'm very proud of you. I wish the best for you to have a wonderful future. I hope you have a lot of great memories with your friends and hockey. Love,
Mom, Jeff, Jessica, Cody, and Katie

Eddie,
There is no more perfect a son and brother than you. Having you in our lives has proven to be a rich blessing. Words cannot express the pride that we have in you and your accomplishments. You kept your eye on the prize and you closed this chapter of your life with an exclamation of resounding success. As you begin this new chapter of your life, remember we will always be here cheering you on! We'll love you forever. As long as we're living, our Eddie you'll be. Mom and Ryan

Ashley Carey,
Congratulations on your high school graduation and your acceptance to U of I. We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We wish you success and happiness in all that you do. We will always be here for you.
Love Dad, Mom, Adam, and Angie

Kale Frank,
Congratulations on your success at St. Paul and HHS! God has blessed you with many gifts and we know you'll use them wisely. We are so very proud of you.
Love,
Logan, Blair, Mom, and Dad

Nicholas Frey,
Finally graduation, we all love you and wish you the very best in everything and anything you decide to do. We are proud of you and wish for you to have a long and healthy life.
Love Mom, Dad, Candyce, Marky, Brett, Grandparents and Family

Joel,
As Anna Freud once said, "I was always looking outside myself for strength and confidence, but it comes from within. It was there all the time." You have found your inner strength and confidence which we always knew was within you. You are our dream come true! As your life unfolds always remain faithful to God, hold family dear, enjoy laughter with friends, be true to yourself, and make the most of each wonderful day. Best of luck at Rankin Technical College. We love you, Mom, Dad, and Steven

Emily,
We pray happiness follows you as this chapter of your life closes and a new book begins. You are an exceptional child and it has been our honor to share this wonderful journey with you. Never forget to show the world the warmth of your smile...May all your dreams come true! We love you and are very proud to be your family. Dad, Mom, and Jesse
Alyssa,  
We can’t believe the time has come for you to graduate, but we want to say congratulations, we are very proud of you and what you have accomplished. Good luck with the future. We know you will do well in whatever you choose to do.  
We LOVE you,  
Dad, Jamie, and Brayden

Allison,  
May your high school achievements be only the beginning of a lifetime of opportunities.  
We’ll love you forever!  
Mom, Dad, and Mitchell

Congratulations  
Kayla! You are ending one part of your education, and embarking on the next part of it. We know that it has not been easy for you. We are very proud of you, and all that you have accomplished. We wish only the best for you.  
Love, Grandpa and Grandma

Michael,  
We’re proud of your many achievements in high school. No matter what your career field, we realize that it will be something the world receives as exceptional. As a scholar, you’re Einstein. As a writer and poet, your words become magic. Your love for our pet Prince, makes us think of you as a future veterinarian, and your compassion for others reminds us of a medical doctor. Whatever you do, you will succeed. We love you and are proud of you. “I have miles to go before I sleep.”

Alyssa,  
18 years have gone by too fast! What will we do without our “little” girl? You’ve accomplished so much in those years- Madrigal actress, musician, flag corps, lifesavers, artist, SADD, honor roll, homecoming queen. The list goes on and on. It’s why you are such a remarkable person. You are the daughter all parents wish they had. We know you’ll reach all of your goals. Now, go show Drury University what they’ve been missing!  
Love you! Mom and Dad

Megan Von Hatten,  
We are proud of all of your accomplishments and hope all of your dreams come true. Your future will be bright with all your hard work and dedication. Good luck in college and we wish you happiness and success in the future.  
Love.  
Mom, Dad, and Logan

Congratulations  
Stephanie!!!  
As you move forward in life, the belief in the value and beauty of your dreams allows you to accomplish anything and gives you the power to forge a path to success. We are so proud of you! Reach for your happiness.  
With all our love,  
Mom, Dad, and Adam

Sara,  
We are so proud of all of your many talents and accomplishments. What a joy it’s been to watch a daughter with such a warm heart and smile grow through the years into such a wonderful person. You truly are kind and caring. We wish you a future of happiness and dreams that come true. You are loved more than you know.  
Mom, Dad, and Ryan
Abby Dyer
We are so proud of you for all you have accomplished. You will do great at Mizzou and we are sure you will excel in everything you do. You have grown into such an intelligent, creative, and beautiful young lady. We love you. Mom, Dad, and Emily

Dear Lauren,
Congratulations on all of your accomplishments throughout your grade and high school years! You have worked hard, given much, and done it all in your own unique style, which we are so very proud of. As you move into this new chapter of your life, always remember that we love you, and are here for you.
Love Dad, Mom, Rachel & Kevin, William, and Mary

Lauren Stieb
Congratulations Sweetie! We are so proud of you. High school is behind you, and as you begin the next phase of your life remember the essence of this poem.
"My will shall shape my future, whether I fail or succeed shall be no man's doing but my own. I am the force; I can clear any obstacle before me, or I can be lost in the maze, my choice, my responsibility. Win or lose only I can hold the key to my destiny." Good luck and love always,
Mom and Dad

Elizabeth,
Congratulations. It's been so much fun watching you and all you've accomplished at HHS. We are so proud! Always keep smiling and believe in yourself and your dreams will come true! Enjoy Illinois College. We love you! Mom, Dad, Geoff, and Chrissy

Becca
From the moment you were born, everything about you was unique and special...born in Alaska, 72 below zero, the day before Valentine's Day. Everyday between then and now has been amazing! We're so proud of the person you've become. You inspire everyone with your wit, wisdom and beauty. Wherever life takes you, you'll do amazing things and touch many lives. I know the blank pages that lie before you now will be filled with many more accomplishments. Now go share your gift with the world! Love you!
Dad, Mom, and Adam

Abbie,
Congratulations! You've turned into a wonderful, beautiful young lady and we are very proud of you. Good luck in college and remember...you can achieve anything you set your mind to! Don't ever settle for anything but the best! Love your Mom, Dad, and Chelsie

Josh,
Our wish for you is that this life becomes all that you want it to, your dreams stay big and your worries stay small. We hope you know we love you! Remember there isn't anything you and God can't do!
Lotsa Love,
Mom, Dad, Eric, Stephanie, Kaitlyn, Michael, & Sarah
Kaylee,
Thank you for all the wonderful memories you’ve given me over the years. I’m so proud of the person you’ve become, and I know that you’ll be able to handle anything that comes your way in the future. Remember to always follow your heart and it will lead you to the path of true happiness. Love always, Mom

To our wonderful daughter Gabi-
We could not be more proud of you and all you have accomplished so far! You have a personality that is unparallelled- filled with kindness and caring, which will serve you well at Mizzou and beyond. Always remember just how much we love you and will always be here for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Nick, Sean, and Tori

Congratulations Alyssa!
We are so proud of the strong woman that you’ve become. Your talent and personality will allow you to do anything that you want in life. Stay true to who you are. There is no limit to what the future holds for you!
Love, Mom, Doug, Derek, and Michael

Jessica Perigen,
Congratulations! You are a daughter to be very proud of. Remember to always follow your dreams and you can achieve anything. Your mind and heart will take you wherever in life. Good luck in college. We love you very much! Mom & Dad

Congratulations Megan, our special graduate of the class of 2007. As an important chapter of life is completed may you grow from your experiences and face future challenges head on down the road of achievement. The future is yours, embark on it with the same determination, free will and compassion that has made you who you are today. God Bless. Love you always.
Mom, Dad, and Emily

Congratulations Kelsey!
We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. You are a beautiful person inside and out. It has been a true joy watching you grow into a lovely, young lady. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Always believe in yourself and know we will be there to love and support you through the years ahead of you. Love,
Mom, Dad, Lindsay, and Casey

“O Sweet Nicole” you have grown into a very special young lady. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. We know you can accomplish anything you put your mind to. Good luck in college and remember we will always be there for you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Matthew
Samantha,
As you go off to college, we will all be here to cheer you on. Reach for the moon. Love; Mom, Dad, Grandma, Chris, Lauren, Emma, Jaime, Aaron, Andrew, Austin, & Alex

Ashley,
We’re proud of you and the beautiful young lady you have become. Best of luck at Mizzou! Love, Mom, Dad, Bryan, and Kyle

Brittne’ Zobrist,
Thanks for all the wonderful memories. We were so proud of you as we sat and cheered you on at the games. We were so proud with your academic success. And we are so proud of the beautiful young lady you have become. With your determination, you can achieve all your goals. Wishing you happiness as you follow your dreams. Know that your family is always here for you. Love, Mom, Dad, and Shane

Jordyn Marie Noonace,
You are a beautiful soul. Put God first and always let God shine through everything you do. Inspire friends and foes through your actions. Your body is a temple, don’t defile it. Stand for something when it’s right even when ridiculed. Love what you choose to do. We will miss the plays, the concerts, the basketball games, the swim meets and your beautiful friends you’ve grown up with. You were as perfect as a child could be. 0 problems, thank you! We love you! Mom, Dad, Chris, Dad, and all of your Grandparents

Dear Sean,
Congratulations on your graduation! As you begin your new chapter in life, we want you to know how proud we are of you for what you have accomplished and wish you the best of luck for whatever life has in store for you. Your musical ability just keeps on amazing us. We hope that your dreams of becoming a rock’n roll star become a reality. We love you very much and hope that your life is full of happiness and life’s richest rewards. Love, Your Family

Kaylee,
You went from Daddy’s “little girl” and Mommy’s “precious” to a beautiful young lady in a blink of an eye! With your kind heart, desire to succeed and love of God, you can achieve anything you attempt. We are so proud of you and love you so much. Dad, Mom, and Lauren

Rach, It has been a great joy watching you grow into such an amazing young lady. You have made us very proud. Trust in God and follow your dreams. You have a bright future ahead. Best of luck at SLU. Love you always- Mom, Dad, Becky, and Hannah

Shea,
Congratulations! You made it! The past 18 years have gone by so very fast! We have watched you grow into a fine young man. No matter what challenges you have given us we have always loved you. With your personality, sense of humor, spirit, laughter and big heart you have made us proud! Good luck in college. We will always be here for you. Thanks for the memories! Love you always, Mom, Dad, and Chelsey
Dan, we are so proud of you and your accomplishments. You’ve brought tons of happiness into our lives and we will miss you tremendously when you go to college. We love you very much.
Dad, Mom, and Grandma

David,
We are so very proud of you. You can do anything you set your mind to...reach for the stars!
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Randy, and Kevin

Bobby- It seems like only yesterday that you started school in Nebraska and now you are graduating and heading off to the next phase of your life. Your mom, sister, and I are very proud of the young man you have become. You have a big heart and I’m confident you’ll make a positive impact in the world. Keep your Christian beliefs strong and strive to do what your heart tells you. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for you.
Love 
Dad, Mom, and Megan

Britney Jones,
It has been so much fun, watching you grow up as you progressed through each new school year. Now as you prepare to begin your college years, we wish you much success and happiness.
In the words of Thoreau, “Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.” Love, Mom, Dad, Logan and Luke

As you journey into your college years we want you to know how proud we are of the beautiful and intelligent young lady you have become. Because of your accomplishments you will attend SLU this fall. Given your proven track record we know you will continue to strive for excellence in your academic endeavors. We are very proud of you and look forward to your continued success.
Love Mom and John

Marissa Bowman,
We are very proud of you and the successes you have achieved throughout your school career. You have learned so much during the past 18 years; it is amazing to see the wonderful young woman you have become. We encourage you to continue to challenge yourself in the future, as you have in the past. As you leave High School choose a path that will be rewarding and make you happy.
Love Mom, Dad, Alex, and Ryan

The sweetest, most considerate daughter parents could have. Barbara is a gem. She has grown through self discipline, thoughtfulness for others, especially family, and friends. Barbara works to improve herself diligently and is pursuing nursing. She is extremely social and a natural leader. Barbara loves children, singing, dancing, acting, hanging out with friends, playing DDR, watching movies. To our beautiful, well rounded daughter who has many times startled us with her wit and wisdom, we wish her all that is enriching within her guest in life, and pray her dreams come true.

Lauren-
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments during your four years at HHS. It went too fast sweetheart! We wish you the best in the future and may all your dreams come true!
We love you!
Mom and Dad
Your life has been a wonderful blessing from God and to your family. Those moments that define your character and humor are special and should be built upon not forgotten. We have always cherished the time God has allowed us to share with you, times that will be remembered with joy. Now it is your turn to make new memories, moments of joy, and hope that will build the life of who you have become. Keep your faith in God, your love of others and the sweetness that makes up who you are. All our love forever. Mom and Dad

Brigette Michael.
As you take this next big step just remember, wherever you are, and whatever you do, we will be thinking of you every day of your life. You will always hold a special place in our hearts! It has been a joy watching you grow up and we wish you happiness in whatever you choose to do. Thanks for the wonderful memories. With all our love,
Your Family

Congratulations! We’re proud of you. Good luck at Northern and always follow your dreams.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Grandma G.

Congratulations and good luck in the future. We are very proud of you and are behind you 100%. May God bless all your future endeavors. We love you.
Mom and Dad

You have gifts of humor, compassion, loyalty, spirituality, values, logic, and music is in your soul. Go rock on the Stage of life! We are proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Taylor, Trish, and Tara

We look forward to your future with much anticipation. You have been blessed with many gifts, the gift that stands out the most is service. Look to God for guidance and your family for support. Keep the lemon-aidle out of lemons attitude and you will continue to attract the best that God has to offer. Go make an impact in the field of education! We love you.
John, Mom, Carle, Megan, John K., and Elijah
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