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When the leaves begin to change and the school week ends, the football players put on their pads, the band polishes their instruments and the cheerleaders prepare to energize the crowd. Every tackle, every note, and every cheer pulls the student body together. As important as education is, the nights of studying or the failed tests will be only a small part of the whole high school experience. It's the Friday night football moments and others like these that will be remembered and romanticized. On Friday nights we were one, bonded with the simple notion that we would win. Caught up in the thrill of the game, the crowd roared...
we believe in...

Our Spirit

Student Life
The Harlem Shake was an Internet sensation that involved a group of people dancing crazily to an excerpt from the song Harlem Shake.

Junior, Kevin Wang, created his own social networking site similar to Twitter. The site was called “Slashtag” because in order to make a topic “trend”, you put a forward slash before the word.
History teacher, Ms. Kay, cracked open her 30 year old safe during the seniors' last week of school. The safe had been in Ms. Kay's classroom since before she started teaching at HHS. It contained old photographs and several dust bunnies.

At the home football game against rival school, Triad, a brave freshman cheerleader stole the infamous "Fourth Quarter Cock" from Triad. This launched an ongoing mascot war between schools.

The world didn't end? According to the ancient Mayan calendar, the world would have ended on December 22, 2012.

Silent Night? At the home basketball game against Triad High School, the home crowd remained silent until the team scored their 10th point; then cheered.
Changes of the
2012-2013
school year...

B.Y.O.D.
(Bring Your Own Device)

The 2012-13 school year brought with it a wave of technological advances, primarily the allowance of students to “bring their own device” for the use of studying. Students accessed the high school’s wifi with the help of Mr. Frederickson, via smartphones, laptops, IPads, or tablets. This was a quick and convenient way for students to be able to access information to aid them with projects, worksheets, or class assignments.

Snack Bar

The students, especially the class of 2013, were thrilled when the snack bar was put in the cafeteria after Second Semester. In 2011, the snack bar was taken out of the cafeteria, this is why its return was so sweet to the seniors, who had missed it for the previous two years. Some of the snack bar favorites were fruit smoothies, pretzels with cheese, popcorn chicken, and Bosco pizza.

September 2012

This year, due to the 175th Highland Jubilee, Homecoming Week was pushed back to the week after the dance. “Having homecoming Week before the dance is what gets me jiving. This year I wasn’t nearly as excited for the dance,” commented senior Tyler Stone.
Dress Code

Although there has always been a dress code at HHS, this year it was strictly enforced. Attire that had been permitted in past years was no longer allowed to be worn in school. The new rules targeted females more than males. Girls were strictly forbidden to sport tank tops, or strapless tops, as well as any shirt that revealed too much cleavage. Also, girls could not wear shorts that came above “mid-thigh”. The rule that most upset the ladies at HHS was the “no leggings or yoga pants” rule. “I had just bought a bunch of pairs of new leggings the weekend before the rule was made and was very upset that I wasn't allowed to wear them,” said Alyse Duncan, 12. Boys were not allowed to show their boxers, or wear cut-off shirts.

Did you like these CHANGES??

- Dr. Gauen: Vice Principal
- Mrs. Peden: Family Science Teacher
- Mrs. Case: English Teacher
- Mr. Elledge: Varsity Basketball Coach
- Mr. Oswald: Girls' Soccer Coach

- Only use assigned locker
- No drinks upstairs
- Air conditioning in the gym
- Sitting on the opposite side of the gym

Audience Choice
Gregory Holthaus

1st Runner Up
Aaron Kelso

Mr. Irresistible
Evan Duft

Representing the tennis team, Evan Duft, was crowned Mr. Irresistible, 2012. “Winning the title of Mr. Irresistible truly, truly humbled me,” said Duft.
Do you have what it takes to be irresistible?

The 2013 senior boys took the Elementary School Auditorium by storm Wednesday night, September 5th, with the annual performance of the all male beauty pageant. Each of the 16 boys represented a club, sport, or organization. The contestants participated in three different categories: sportswear, talent, and formal wear with an interview. Shae Weber said, “My favorite part was all the behind the scenes conversations we irresistible men had.” The crowd roared with laughter as the boys performed various talents. T.J. Hankins was asked what inspired his SNL performance. He said, “I have always been a huge Chris Farley fan. When I got the idea I didn't think it could have been any better.” The boys were judged not only by two female panel members from different schools, but also by the audience with a “People's Choice award”. John Iberg said, “I decided to participate in Mr. Irresistible because YOLO [You Only Live Once].”

by Jordan Barker

Contestants John Iberg, 12, Logan Meier, 12, Evan Duft, 12, and Greg Holthaus, 12, react to the awards as Holthaus is crowned Audience-Choice.

Logan Meier, 12, ponders over his interview question conducted by the Mistresses of Ceremonies, Devynn Byrd, 12, and Laura Lunco, 11.

Participant, Logan Perez, 12, shows off his marching band attire in the sports wear portion of the contest.

Mr. Irresistible
This year's theme for the Homecoming Dance was “Under the Lights.” The events for this celebration were all Hollywood related. The festival was a little backwards this year with the dance being the first event of Homecoming. Members of Student Council, along with their sponsors, Mrs. Liza Basden and Ms. Tina Beyer, stayed Friday night before the dance setting up to make the dance extra special. They started with the backdrop, moved to decorating, built the “Hollywood Star”, and finished with laying out the red carpet that connected all of the decorations. On Saturday, students got all fixed up for the big night ahead. Many groups took pictures and ate dinner before going to the dance. Tyler Stone, 12, and his group of friends took pictures at Art Hill before eating in St. Louis at the Chase Park Plaza Steakhouse. The coronation started at 7:00 p.m. with the dance afterwards. During the coronation, the class officers of each class announced their court members while the court members walked down the gym on the “red carpet”. The court members were chosen the previous week by the students' peers. Amanda Wick and Aaron Kelso were crowned king and queen. During the dance, DJ Heart Breakers played a variety of dance music for the students. Two projection screens played a slide show of the students dancing. The night came to a close when Nick Allen sang “Good Riddance” by Green Day.

by Alyse Duncan and Gabrielle Geiger

What did you do to prepare for the dance?

“Well I woke up at 7:30 and went to football practice. Then I came home, watched some t.v. and took a nap. After I slept, I took a shower and got dressed and my dad had to do my tie. Then I went to Silver Lake for pictures.”

Ben Menke, 10

“I got my nails done Friday afternoon with my friends. On Saturday I woke up at 9:00, showered, and ate around 9:30. I got my hair done at 10:00, picked up flowers at 11:00, did my makeup at 11:30 and got dressed around 12:00. I went to visit my family around 1 for pictures and at 2:30 I went to get pictures with friends.”

Jessica Zobrist, 11

Juniors, Joe Duncan, Courtney Bilhartz, Jonathan Barth, Lauren Lutostanski, Nick Balkenbush, and Morgan Bargevi get together for a St. Paul reunion picture. The students sit together at Bella Milano’s before the dance.

Lydia Schuennhoffer and Amanda Ponce, freshmen, show off their first homecoming dresses.

Seniors Kelsey Newcomb, Alena Miller, Lacey Egbert, and Katie Sullens take their final year pictures in front of the fountain at the square.
Homecoming Court

**King & Queen**
Aaron Kelso & Amanda Wick

**Special Maid & Escort**
Devynn Byrd & Alex Koch

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior
Senior Court

Devynn Byrd and Aaron Kelso

Alyse Duncan and Tyler Zappia

Gabrielle Geiger and Evan Duff

Emily Keeven and Timothy Hankins

Kelsey Newcomb and Aaron Uhe

Shannon Ostrander and Andrew Ailsman

Amanda Wick and Alex Koch

Christa Williams and Austin McCloud
1. Wrapping up the homecoming parade, Mr. Lanxton gave a motivational speech about the homecoming football game.

2. Seniors Harmony Kapp, Jenn Ullman, and Tyler Zappia pose with the “Sacred 24”.

3. Cheering his class into victory, senior Zach Reinarman yells the 2013 chant into his megaphone.

4. Power Volleyball Coach Jesse Johnson, 11, and player Brock Portell, 11, get together for a pre-game picture before they play the seniors.

5. Leading the FFA float in the parade, Brandon Webb, 11, Ryan Busch, 12, and Alex Rode, 9, throw out candy.

6. Reba Burns, 11, shows off her school spirit the Friday of the homecoming game.

7. The Pep Club decorates the commons with window paint and streamers for the homecoming football game. Mitch Carriger, 12, Austin McCloud, 12, and Joey Miles, 12, finish their design during lunch.

8. Trent Carriger, 9, serves during Power Volleyball. The freshman lost their first game, which was against the seniors.
Lights, Camera, Action!

Homecoming Week

This year, homecoming week took place the week after the dance, due to Highland's 175th Jubilee Celebration. Homecoming week was kicked off on Monday, with each grade wearing their class shirts and the Pep Club decorating throughout the school. That night, the finishing touches were made on each grade's float for the parade. On Tuesday, the dress up day was "salad dressing" with seniors in togas, juniors in ranch gear, sophomores as Italians, and freshmen as "1000 Islanders". The powderpuff football game, which was scheduled for Tuesday night, was rained out and canceled. Wednesday was "clique day", in which students dressed as different stereotypes. The power volleyball games were held in the gym later that night. Many fans came out to support the boys, and each class made up chants to cheer their team into victory. The seniors swept away the younger competition, playing their final match against the juniors. Thursday's dress up day was movie genre day. This included the juniors dressed as super heroes and the sophomores decked out in wild west garb. The homecoming parade also took place Thursday night. Most clubs, sports, and organizations were recognized with their own float in the parade. Afterwards, the school gathered at the square for class cheers and an encouraging speech from Mr. Lanxton and the Varsity Football team. Friday was spirit day, and many students came to school in their class colors with their faces painted. The pep assembly was held in the morning, where the cheerleaders and dance team preformed routines to pump up the school. The excitement of the week reached it's peak when the Bulldogs defeated the Civic Memorial Eagles.

by Alyse Duncan and Gabrielle Geiger
The Color Guard salutes the flag during the National Anthem. Later, they preformed a routine to the school song.

Will Thomas, 11, and Darrin Reinhardt, 10, excitedly wait for the pep rally to begin. The band preformed the school song at the end of the assembly.

'Hey Highland, What's Your Number?'

Ending homecoming week, the school came together for one last event before the big game. The pep assembly was held Friday, September 28th, a week after the homecoming dance. The cheerleaders kicked off the assembly with a pumped up routine. They continued the excitement with class cheers and a tie was determined between the junior and senior classes. The assembly took an aggressive turn when the classes went head to head in a tug-o-war contest. The juniors came out on top. The Varsity Dance Team kept the crowd going with a dance including the senior boys. The audience enjoyed watching the boys shake their “bulldog” and show off their feminine sides. Next, all court members were announced and the senior court put on a special show. The seniors were asked to act out their version of Hollywood Blockbuster musicals such as Grease, High School Musical, Footloose, and Mamma Mia. After the dances, the juniors and seniors faced off in a rematch of the class cheers. The seniors were victorious. Coach Warnecke brought the school back together when he congratulated the football team and invited the school to come out and cheer them on against Civic Memorial. The pep assembly came to a close when the football cheerleaders and the band performed the school song.
At the early morning assembly, the football cheerleaders perform stunts and cheers to pump up the students.

Seniors Brooke Terrill and Blake Swearingen perform a dance along with the Varsity dancers and the senior boys. The boys were out of their comfort zone when forced to “shake their bulldog”.

Posing in their junior spirit wear, Lexi Benton, 11, Zoie Waymoth, 11, and Lauren Hammel, 11, prepare for the tug of war contest. The team was selected by class officers. They were defeated by the juniors.

Senior court members Alyse Duncan and Tyler Zappia square dance to the music of Oklahoma. The court members were asked to act out classic musicals.

by Alyse Duncan & Gabrielle Geiger

SPIRIT-O-METER

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“What pep rally?”
-MaKenna Stewart, 12

“It was alright. The tug of war was the best part.”
-Grant Riggs, 10

“It was a lot of fun! I loved hearing all the different class cheers.”
-Jenna Spies, 9
Medea (Miller) and her husband, Jason (Thomae) argue over the fate of their children and the reasons that Jason claimed to have betrayed Medea's heart.

Medea (Miller) begs King Creon (England) to allow her to stay in the city after he banishes her to protect his daughter and future son-in-law believing that she is dangerous. Medea is granted a day in which to make arrangements. She uses the day to take her revenge upon them all.
Murderess Medea...

The Highland Drama Club captivated their audience in a stunning recreation of the Greek play, *Medea*, by Euripides. Medea (Kayla Miller, 12) filled the audience with terror as she plotted to steal the future of her husband, Jason (William Thomae, 11). Jason betrayed her love to secure the riches and wealth of a younger bride. Enraged by Jason's trickery, Medea made her grief outwardly known to the people. The chorus (Amanda Wick, 12, Alicia Burris, 10, Kelsey Neier, 12, Taylor Riechmann, 12 and Vanessa Rivera, 10) pitied the once proud woman who had betrayed her family and was now denied the love of a man she sacrificed everything to be with. King Creon (Mitch England, 12) banished Medea aware of the threat against his daughter, Jason's soon-to-be bride. Medea did not go without a fight. She arranged for a safe haven in the palace of King Aegeus (Samuel Fredericksen, 10). A messenger (Josie Kutz, 11) described the horrific fate by poison of the king and princess. In Medea's desperate struggle to settle the score against her enemies she was led to kill her sons (Joey Kutz, 6 and Brendan Varner, 8) to prevent her enemies from killing them. Medea escaped, leaving behind a devastated Jason and a leaderless kingdom. In the case of Medea, revenge conquered all.

by Jordan Barker

"When Medea was selected for this year's fall play, I was ecstatic. I enjoy reading Greek tragedies, and after reading *Medea* in class, I was overjoyed with the decision."

-Carliann Huelsmann, 12

"I liked how we did a Greek classic with all these different theatrical elements of tragedy and comedy, and we pulled it off so well. It was pretty awesome."

-Jordan Comish, 11

Highland Presents... Medea
The Highland High School Madrigal choir is a highly esteemed chorus where students exhibit not only their voices, but their 15th and 16th century clothing and music style. To kick-start their year, the Madrigals were invited to attend the Kansas City Renaissance Festival, annually held in Bonner Springs, Kansas. The Madrigals are a favorite musical group among the director of “RenFest”, Jim Stamberger because of their authenticity in costume and music choice to the Renaissance time period. After RenFest, the Madrigals prepare some new, and some repeated songs to take to competitions, such as Music in the Parks, held at Six Flags in Eureka, Missouri, the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State Contest, and the Solo and Ensemble Contest, where the choir is given the opportunity to break into smaller groups, or compete as soloists. On top of competitions, the Madrigals are also frequently requested to perform at local events. Every year, the Highland Madrigals are asked to sing at the Lighting of the Square, an annual event where the Mayor of Highland turns on the dazzling lights at the Square to celebrate the start of the Winter season. This is one of the various appearances that Madrigals make during the Christmas season, one of their busiest times of the year. The most anticipated event of the Madrigal season is the annual Madrigal Dinner in December. This year, the 25th annual Madrigal Dinner sold out all three nights of performances again. Each year, a different story is told at the dinner, and this year’s story was a “wild” one. The show featured Tarzan, (Tanner Zimmerman, 11) a wildman from the jungles of Zimbabwe. In order to make the story believable, the high school commons were transformed into a 15th century castle. From the upper class Madrigal singers, to the kissing merchant who went around begging guests to buy a kiss for 5 cents, every actor sold their part. The head table members sang 4 part Renaissance tunes about love, lust, or God, making for a full 3 hours of entertainment. The guests were supplied with a delicious meal, a figgy pudding for dessert, dancing gypsies, flirtatious wenches, and wandering minstrels. Beauagard Alledocious Whimsy, Earl of Braggart, (Alex Koch, 12,) says “It gave me a chance to grow a beard and to make a ridiculous British accent, and I do so love getting recognition for my phenomenal performance.” To end their successful season, the Madrigal singers were rewarded with smashing a whip cream pie in the face of their director, Mrs. Reubhausen.

"I like entertaining people with great musical literature and sly humor. It's neat."

- Jordan Comish
Lady Jane, (Amanda Wick, 12) instructs her test subject, the illiterate Tarzan, (Tanner Zimmerman, 11) the basic words of the English language.

The mythical fairies, Leah Ericson, 9, Olivia Hickey, 11, Danielle Mollet, 11, and Kylie Burdick, 10, play tricks on the audience members.

The Madrigal cast consisted of nearly 100 high school students, freshman through senior. Each character in the madrigal dinner was cast as a unique roll. A group of students acted as fairies, some as wenches, and some as noble men and women. The characters are based off of the hierarchy of society that existed in the 15th century.

by Amanda Wick & Christa Williams
Dressed to the nines, Alex Koch, 12, sings “Sway” by Dean Martin. Koch preformed twice at the cabaret, also preforming a cover of “Tangerine” by Led Zeppelin with the local band Head Zeppelin.

As the crowd roars with laughter, Mitch England, 12, and Will Thorne, 11, act out the popular “Seth and Stefan” Saturday Night Live skit.

Accompanied by her older brother, Logan Perez, 12, Pacey Perez, 9, sings “Home” by Edward Sharp and the Magnetic Zephyr.

Joshua Case, 11, plays a tasteful saxophone rendition of “Careless Whisper” by Wham! Case served the popular 80’s group justice.
Students show off their talents by participating in Coffee House Cabaret, a school wide variety show.

The Coffee House cabaret is put on every spring to showcase the hidden talent of HHS. For one night, the gray-walled commons are transformed into a sophisticated coffee house where the audience can enjoy pastries served by FCCLA while watching students show off their talents. The show is not a talent show because there is no judges or prizes; it’s simply a variety show for pure entertainment. Students audition weeks prior to the show with Mrs. Reubhausen. This year’s show included about 30 acts, each performer having their own forte. Students could perform more than once as long as they acted with separate people. Alex Koch, 12, performed twice, once with the band “Head Zeppelin” and another time singing with Elijah Counts, 12. Logan Perez’s, 12, guitar talents were put to use as he played in his own band, Head Zeppelin, and also accompanied many other singers. Alaina Kosydor, 12, and Carrie Gibbons, 11, were a crowd favorite as they did a cover of “Wonderwall.” “I loved being able to get up on stage and sharing my talent with everyone,” said Gibbons. Samuel Kutz, 9, added variety to the show by preforming stand-up comedy and gave the women in crowd a thrill as he did a rendition of the “truffle shuffle.” Mitch England, 12, who preformed often said, “Whether it’s two guys doing a skit from Saturday Night Live, a soloist, an Elvis tribute artist, a stand up comedian, or a duo dance group, the crowd is sure to stay entertained all night long!”

by Tyler Stone

Coffee House CABARET
The Spring musical packed a full house due to the popularity of the movie reproductions of the musical in 1982 and 1999. The audiences' hearts were warmed as Annie (Kristy Hindman-Cook, 9) sits on the knee of Daddy Warbucks (Samuel Frederickson, 11) in a very familiar scene.

The cast worked for a week prior to the opening of the show on set building. Volunteers and cast members paint and build the town of Hooverville.

Lily St. Regis (Carli Huelsman, 12), Rooster (Will Thome, 11), and Miss Hannigan (Amanda Wick, 12), end a musical number with a pose.

The three Boylan sisters (Kacey Miller, 11, Caroline Menz, 11, and Pacey Perez, 9) sing "Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile" for Bert Healy (Darrin Reinhart, 10).
This year, the drama club selected *Annie* as their annual Spring musical. *Annie* is a Broadway musical based upon the popular Harold Gray comic strip “Little Orphan Annie”. The original Broadway production opened in 1977 and ran for nearly six years. Since that time, there have been countless reproductions of the classic, from Broadway, all the way down to the stage at Highland Elementary Auditorium. With the help of Mrs. Amy Kloss, and the director, Chris Wilson, *Annie* became one of the biggest hits that the drama club has put on to date. The iconic cast was made up of students grade nine through 12. Miss Hannigan was played by Amanda Wick, 12, Oliver Warbucks by Samuel Fredericksen, 11, Grace Ferrel, by Hannah Louvier, 12, Ben Healy, by Darrin Reinhart, 10, The Boylan sisters, by Kacey Miller, 11, Caroline Menz, 11, and Pacey Perez, 9, Lily St. Regis, by Carli Huelsman, 12, and the lead role of Annie, by Kristy Hindman-Cook, 9. “It was an amazing cast full of great people and great actors and actresses. I had a blast on set and the final product was a great show. I couldn't have asked for a better experience to end my musical career at HHS,” said Louvier after the closing night of *Annie*. Wick said “Acting strengthens relationships because not only do you learn how to become another person, you learn how to interact with people with that new persona.”

Kristy Hindman-Cook, who played the lead role, Annie, warms up to Patriot, the dog, at a practice. With the help of his trainer, Carla, Patriot played the roll of Sandy.

Grace Ferrel (Hannah Louvier, 12) converses with Oliver Warbucks (Samuel Fredericksen, 11) about the well being of orphan Annie (Kristy Hindman-Cook, 9).

Miss Hannigan (Amanda Wick, 12) puts her feet up in her office after a long day’s work. Hannigan served as the comedic relief in “Annie”.

The orphans are visited by President Roosevelt and a servant (Zach Wesselman, 10).
At the dance, one of the attractions was a photo booth. Throughout the night, juniors and seniors took a break from busting a move on the dance floor and dressed up in ridiculous hats and accessories to pose for the photographer. Seniors, Gabrielle Gieger, Alyse Duncan, Jenn Ullman, Andrea Gutzler, and Katie Douglas show off their true personalities.

A group of junior girls, Carrie Elerman, Emily Holtclaw, Kristin Potthast, Lauren Lutostanski, Courtney Billhartz, Morgan Bargetzi, Sydney Lammers, Hannah Hartlieb, and Chloe Potthast, laugh in between photos being taken by their parents before prom. The group took pictures at junior, Brock Portell's house before eating dinner at Rigazzi's on the hill as they have every year.

Prom 2013

One of the perks of being an upperclassman is being able to attend Prom. Prom is a formal dance for juniors and seniors only; however, a junior or senior is permitted to bring an underclassman as a date. The theme of this year's Prom was "A Whole New World". The Highland Knights of Columbus Hall was decorated with richly colored beads and scarves, and a large elephant, clad in "Bollywood" style drapery. Before the dance, groups of juniors and seniors met in various locations to take photos. Despite the rainy weather, photos went on without delay. After pictures, students typically went out for dinner. Some popular restaurants included Popeye's Chop House in St. Rose and The Spaghetti Factory in St. Louis. After dinner, students arrived at the Knights of Columbus Hall and danced or took photos in the photo booth until 11 o'clock. At midnight, the festivities picked back up with Post Prom at the high school. Students enjoyed food donated by local restaurants, bounce castle obstacle courses, card and dice games, and door prizes.
A small group of students took pictures at senior, Nicole Koentz's house. The group consisted of both juniors and seniors.

Senior, Madison Frank, sits patiently as she gets her hair done. Girls schedule their hair appointments as early as six or seven in the morning the day of Prom.

Juniors, Ashley Hosto, Jaden Jarvis, and Emma Drury, sit in the back of a limo that will take them to the restaurant for dinner. Some students rode in limos, some took party busses, and some drove their own cars.

What was your favorite song played at Prom?

"I didn't have a favorite song, but I thought that the DJ this year was a lot better than last year's prom."

Senior, Abby Rinderer

"I wish that the DJ wouldn't have played any country."

Junior, Paige Lampe

"My favorite was Baby Got Back by Sir Mix A. Lot...always is."

Senior, Nick Flanigan
Queen & King
Alicia Hallemann  Evan Welz

Prince & Princess
Devin Ammann  Shannon Ostrander

Royalty Court Members 2013
Senior, Brooke Terrill, braves a ride on the mechanical bull. The bull one was of many popular events at Post Prom. "Yee haw!" said Brooke.

The bounce houses were a popular event at Post Prom. There were three types; this one involved an obstacle course where two people raced each other.

Juniors, Kolby Mueller, and Tyler Vonderhaar, carry a balloon between their stomachs and race to the opposite end of the gym. Although they attempted to beat the seniors, they ended up with a loss.

Senior, Alyse Duncan, deposits her ticket into a prize box. She said "I thought that I would have a better chance of winning the laptop if I put all of my tickets into the can, but in the end, I didn't win it."

Blake Swearingen and Jenn Ullman, 12, won a relay race against the junior class. Jenn and Blake pose as "prom king and queen".
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Academics
In order to graduate, students needed to obtain four English credits. Core classes were offered at basic, regular, and honors levels. The English Department offered not only mandatory classes, but also a variety of elective classes which broadened student's opportunities. These classes allowed students to read literature at a deeper level and make connections with other subjects. For example, classes such as Greek Mythology challenged students to read beyond the books and look at the history of Greek gods and goddesses, Greek myths, and Greek heroes like Achilles and Hercules. Classes, such as Creative Writing and Public Speaking, were offered to push student's creativity and expression. “From the dreaded English Workshop freshman year to the research paper junior year, your English teachers have been there to support you,” said Mrs. Meyer.

by Alyse Duncan

Revising their argumentative papers on immigration, seniors Mitch Carriger and Madison Frank work attentively in the computer lab in Mrs. Kloss' composition class.

Juniors, Jordan Twyford and Will Thomae act out a scene from the play The Crucible in Mrs. Martz's Honors English III class.

Lexie Hagler, 9, answers questions to a study guide on the novel Night in Mrs. Case's English 1 class.
From Geometry, to Algebra, to Calculus, all levels of math built upon each other. Each new problem and formula was crucial in understanding the next lesson. In this way, math was like life. Mathematics took a series of steps and processes to reach the correct answer. Through the persistence and patience from Mrs Duncan to Mr. Misick's famous phrases such as “hot Butter, you're on a roll” learning math was simplified. With new technologies like the projection Elmo and Inspire calculators an array of math functions were displayed on screens. One of the most important subjects, math was required for at least three years. It's a necessary skill used in everyday life.

by Evan Duft
Examining a lamb heart's chordenae tendineae, aorta, pulmonary valves, tricuspid valves, atriums, and ventricles are Anastasia Wilde, 12, and Kodi Burdick, 11.

Seniors, Claire Boyer and Elizabeth Bruchauer patiently wait for their solar-powered frogs to gather sunlight and start hopping. Mrs. Golder's Physics class constructed the frogs to learn about solar energy.

In an A.P. Chemistry class, Nick Flanigan, 12, measures a solution of HCl using a buret during a titration lab.

Greg Holthaus, 12, volunteers to participate in an experiment demonstrating the Law of Conservation of Energy. "I was scared that the metal ball would hit me in the face, but it didn't because the friction of air stopped it," said Holthaus.

"Science classes provide an opportunity for students to investigate processes and make connections between what they learn in class and the world around them," said the science teachers when asked about the importance of their department. Through the science education, students better understood how the earth functioned. Many areas of science were taught such as: Life Science, Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy, and Physics. Through dissections, labs, observations, and experiments the students became aware of the properties of the world around them because, science is everywhere.
The History Department offered about as many electives as King Henry the Eighth had wives. To provide students with the three required social studies credits, students took an array of courses from Eastern Geography with Ms. Beyer to A.P. Macroeconomics with Mr. Holt. While freshman took their required World History course, juniors prepared for the required U.S. and Illinois Constitution tests. In psychology classes, taught by Mr. Strong, students analyzed dreams, studied the Freud theory and took quizzes to determine if they were left brained or right brained. In A.P. SPARC the students in economic classes played on-line stock market games. Ms. Kay, having been a teacher at HHS for 29 years and retiring this year patriotically said “Give me Liberty, or give me retirement.”

by Amanda Wick

A Long Time Ago...

History Department

In Mr. Bradley’s 2nd block Geography class Zeke Kaufman, 9, fills out a study guide on the Arabian Peninsula.

Will Thomae, 11, startles the class with his realistic interpretation of John Brown, an abolitionist who led a bloody raid on Harper’s Ferry, that Will demonstrated with a hidden pouch of kool-aid.

Thirty seniors in Mr. Strong’s psychology class were hypnotized on in April.

Darrin Reinhardt, 10, and Jordan Comish, 10, take part in Ms. Kay’s Trial of Louis XVI in AP European History Class. Darrin impersonated Marat, accusing Kylie Burdick, Charolotte Corday, of murdering him.
In Mrs. Wagenblast's Spanish II class, Michelle Ferguson, 10, conjugates the verb, ser, in front of her fellow peers.

“My favorite part of Spanish is my teacher, Mrs. Twyford, and the excitement of learning a new language.”

-Blake Hustedde, 11

Alex Stoff, 12, gives a presentation on his “dream trip to Somalia” using travel vocabulary in Mrs. Deets’ Spanish IV class.

Focusing on a Spanish warm-up are freshmen, Reagan Stowers, JR Tcherney, Alexa Ruskus, and Parker Wrobbel. Mrs. Twyford always began class with a quick warm-up.

Students ranging from Spanish I to AP Spanish IV advanced their knowledge of culture and language in the foreign language department. There were many opportunities to explore the Spanish culture throughout the year in various food and holiday units. Students also participated in projects as well as studied vocabulary and grammar. Speaking played an important role in exploring the Spanish language. Mrs. Twyford emphasized the importance of speaking with Spanish “passwords” that her students recited before they could enter her classroom. SWIC Spanish III and IV focused heavily on applying the vocabulary and grammar learned in Spanish I and II in oral presentations. The AP Spanish students strove to earn college credit on the AP exam. The way Spanish built upon itself connected all the levels of Spanish classes.

“Creemos”

(we believe)

Spanish Department

by Jordan Barker

38 Academics
French was one of the two foreign languages offered this year. The French Department focused on enhancing the students knowledge of, not just the language, but also the history behind the Language. Year round activities involving the history of the French Language were a part of the French curriculum. Students in all French classes also challenged themselves in learning to speak the language fluently through oral presentations. Mrs. Schwartz educated her French students through numerous lessons sharpening the students skills in vocabulary, verbs, conjugates, sentence structure, and grammar. Mrs. Schwartz did a great job educating her students and giving them the opportunity to succeed at speaking another and understanding another language.

by Allison Ferguson

I greatly enjoy teaching French at Highland High School! The students are very creative and I get to witness them using their skills and talents in a foreign language! Since I teach all four levels of French, I also get to know the students fairly well: they grow and mature so much from freshman to senior year. I have to say I am proud of the young men and women they become and I enjoy witnessing how their ability to understand and speak French has improved. If I am lucky, they even come back and visit once they are in College!"

– Mrs. Schwartz
The Business Department offered classes that taught students skills to prepare them for the real world. Classes such as Computer Concepts, Spreadsheets and Databases, Computer Graphics, Computer Animations, Web Design, and Desktop Publishing taught students computer skills. Students who took these classes developed skills such as letter formatting, Microsoft Excel, Adobe Photoshop editing skills, and fun ways to spice up self made Internet Websites. Computer classes were not all the Business Department offered; Accounting, Jobs For Illinois Graduates, Business Ethics, Co-Op, and Consumers Education were also provided. These classes taught the students how to handle their money and finances in the future. Also how to find and apply to jobs the proper way. These classes provided students with responsibility, money management skills, and knowledge of career readiness for the future. According to Mr. Vance “[The Business Department] gives students an opportunity to look at and try out some of the different possibilities in the business arena, and so they can find out if it’s something they like.”

by Allison Ferguson

Morgan Sikora, 11, puts the finishing touches on a flier she created in Mrs. Jansen’s Word Processing class. Sikora makes her page stand out by adding a blue background to her heading.

In Mrs. Perkes’ Computer Animations Class Logan Runge, 12, draws a stationary black circle and continues to animate his image so that the ball appears to bounce around the computer screen.

Grant Geppert, 11, reads through his work book in Mrs. Jansen’s Word Processing class to assure that he follows directions correctly and gets his piece finished.
Mallory Rutz, 10, pours pancake batter in a pan in Mrs. Jones Foods I class. Mallory and her foods group received an A for the day and enjoyed their meal when it was finished.

Part of the requirements of Mrs. Peden's Child and Daycare Services I class is for students to observe daycares. Amy Coyle, 11, develops her childcare skills by interacting with a child at Wee Care Day Care.

Lauren Wright, 9, gets ready to take the fake baby home for the weekend. Making sure everything she will need for the long weekend is packed and ready to go.

Life Skills

Family and Consumer Science

The Family and Consumer Science Department helps students learn many life skills. Classes including Foods I and II, Child Development, Child and Daycare Services I and II, Adult Living, and Parenting help students learn about adult life. What the real world is like. The Foods I and II focuses on cooking, setting the table, manners, and sanitation. The other classes such as Child and Daycare, Child Development, Adult Living, and Parenting focus on nurturing and caring for children and being able to deal with them on a daily basis. Students get the chance to take a mechanical baby home for a weekend or visit child care services to observe child behaviors.

by Carrie Eilerman
The Community Service program was available to juniors and seniors who were interested in volunteering throughout the community. The class offered a variety of job choices to students. Depending on certain interests, students could choose whether to volunteer at nursing homes, local schools, businesses or animal shelters. Students were required to complete seven hours of community service each semester on their own. Some students who were in the class a full year were given the opportunity to mentor students at Highland Elementary. This program encouraged individuals to volunteer more in their community as they get older. Because of budget cuts, the program will not be offered next year. Mr. Cipicchio's last words for the program were "It's sad that it's gone; it was good life experiences for the students."

by Cori Rehkemper
As always, the Physical Education Department was a class for freshmen through seniors to take as an elective. This year, the routine was different; as a warm up the class split up into groups and went through stations of cardio. This included exercises such as squats, line jumps, sprints, calf raises, and sit ups. After completing the stations, students started their unit. The class had different units of activities such as basketball, volleyball, pickle ball, dodgeball, and more.

A favorite unit among students was bowling because the students were able to leave the school and spend the class period at Hi-Top Bowl. Physical Education teacher, Mr. Houchins, said, “What I loved about my job again this year is that I get to see kids in an environment other than the classroom. That's the best part.”

by Hannah Hartlieb

No Pain, No Gain

Physical Education

Sit ups were a part of the daily cardio activities of Mr. Houchins' physical education class. Mireille Beaubien, 10, said, “I really liked P.E. this year because I got to be with my friends and the sports were fun.”

After learning the fundamentals of volleyball, the students participated in four-way volleyball tournaments. Brooke Hustedde, 10, practices serving a volleyball in class.

The students had the opportunity to lift throughout the year. Ben Walker, 9, does a pull up in the weight room during class. Walker said, “I like lifting in P.E. because it makes me bigger and stronger.”

Brendan Sands, 10, shoots a three pointer during the basketball unit. Which included intense knock out and scrimmage games.
Jesse Sowell, 11, Chris Weis, 12, and Shane Skelt, 11, work on “The Paper Tower Project” in their level three engineering class.

“I like how hands-on engineering is.”
-Chris Klostermann, 10

In their Civil Engineering and Architecture Class Jacob Troxell, 11, Lauren Hammel, 11, and Zach Goring, 11, use the design process for the task of renovating the library.

Using the Inventor program, Jorden Buske, 9, creates an interlocking cube using the inventor program in his Project Lead the Way Class.

The Engineering Department classes were popular for students this year. Some of the classes were Intro to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture, and Engineering Design and Development. These different classes were most commonly taken as electives by students interested in pursuing a career in engineering. Nick Flanigan, 12, said “I love this class. Every time I have to solve a problem, I just picture the design process.” The engineering department allowed kids to learn in different ways. Student used hands on activities and worked on the computers to create their own projects. Engineering teacher, Mr. Durbin, said, “My favorite part about teaching this subject is that it is diverse and allows creativity. It’s a process for students to learn.”

by Chloe Potthast

Engineering Department

Engineering Success
The Agriculture Department was not just a place to get a daily Ski fix. In fact, many students used the Ag wing for a variety of activities such as welding, woodshop, construction, floral design, greenhouse, business management, and home repairs. In the classes offered, students gained hands-on experience with every day situations such as learning the proper way to grow plants, repair a light socket, and weld. In Introduction to Agriculture, students learned about the different breeds of farm animals and how to measure various tree dimensions with a Biltmore Stick.

"Taking Ag classes prepares me for what I want to do after graduation. I learned a lot more in my shop class than I do in math. The Agriculture Department was a good place to learn without sitting at a desk," said Greg Holthaus, 12.

by Gabrielle Geiger

"Agriculture is the future of America."

-Aaron Eller, 12

In Agriculture Machinery, Zack Stieb, 12, repairs a lawnmower. "Teachers sometimes ask if we can help them fix their car or lawnmower before taking it to the shop" said Stieb.

Juniors Brennen Webb and Austin Stanek rebuild a motor in Agriculture Machinery.
The Construction Trades class worked all year to complete the sixth house supported by the Business Education Alliance. Mr. Bruce Deibert led the class. Construction Trades was available to juniors and seniors who were interested in construction, plumbing, or architecture after graduating from high school. “Construction was a cool opportunity for me to learn about carpentry work and I learned the skills it takes to build a house. How many people can say they built a house in high school?” said Aaron Eller, 12. Students worked on the house for half of the school day; they worked through almost all weather conditions. The house was built on Glory Road, near Sportsmans’ Lake. Construction began in August 2012 and concluded in April 2013. Building was done using the most recent codes and standards. After it was approved by a house inspector, the home was put on the market.

by Gabrielle Geiger

Josh Issac, 12, Tyler Korte, 11, and Jase Kennett, 12, measure wood planks for the rear side roof using a tape measure.

After stapling down tar paper, seniors Devin Ammann, Aaron Eller, and Evan Welz, show off their guns.

Michael Shepherd, 11, works on cutting the roof boards with a circular saw. The wood is cut inside of the house and given to the workers on top of the house.
Artsy Fartsy

Art Department

The Art Department offered levels of classes from beginner to advanced. Classes ranged from Art I/II, Painting I/II, Ceramics, to Advanced Drawing and AP Art. Each of these classes taught a different technique of art using different mediums such as pens and pencils, pastels, and clay. Beginners in Art I worked on their shading using pencils. Students in Advanced Drawing took this shading to the next level by working on drawing portraits. The Art Department had a successful year after first being invited to put on a show at SWIC. Ten pieces were also picked to be in their area show. SIU-E chose two students' work to be in their high school exhibit and three first year students had pieces in a local business art show. “Art has the role in education of helping children become like themselves instead of more like everyone else”, said art teacher, Laura Wander-Vrell

by Alyse Duncan
Performing at the Christmas Concert, the Acapella Choir members are decked out in an ugly sweaters. The members of this audition only choir sing different repertoire in multiple part harmony.

In April Jerry S. Wilson, director of the Greenville College Chamber Choir gave the chorus students a clinic where they perfected their songs for contest, and performed a concert.

At the annual Spring Concert members Katie Manley, 11, Melissa McGrath, 10, and Emily Tiepe, 9, of the Mixed Choir performs their song "Hush, Somebody's Calling Your Name".

Megan Widman, 11, and Mary Austin, 9, sing soprano with the Jazz Choir who blew the audience away with their performance of "Over the Rainbow" at the Midwinter Concert.

And Thus We Sing

Lori Ruebhausen directed all four HHS choirs, which included the Madrigals, Chamber Choir, Jazz Choir and Mixed Choir. Acapella and Jazz Choir were audition only. The Acapella Choir, consisting of the Madrigal and Chamber Choir, attended their annual trip to perform at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival. At IHSA contests both the Acapella Choir and Jazz Choir received first place. Jordan Lynn,10, said “There's a special connection that choir members share. We can look at someone in the room and just bust out in laughter for no apparent reason.” The choir had multiple concerts and two clinics. The traditional Winter Concert was held at the Elementary Auditorium, and the Midwinter and Spring Concerts were held in the Kennel. Both Acapella and Mixed Choir performed at all the concerts, and the Middle School Choir and Swing Choir performed at the Winter Concert.

Chorus

by Amanda Wick
After Marching Band season, an audition was held to find members for Symphonic Band, directed by Clay Dugger, or Concert Band, directed by Trent Mason. The winter concert literature consisted of challenging musical pieces. The Concert band performed Frank Ticheli’s “Abracadabra” and “Encanto” by Robert W. Smith. The Symphonic band performed Variations On A Korean Folk Song by John Barnes Chance, Ralph Vaughan Williams’ Rhosymedre, and Satiric Dances by Norman Dello Joio. The Symphonic band participated in the Illinois State University competition, facing some of the best bands in the state. They proudly received a Superior ranking. The spring concert was held in April and was a fitting finale for an outstanding and memorable concert season.

by Harmony Kapp

Please, Don't Stop the Music

Band

Director Clay Dugger leads the Symphonic Band through a series of intricate passages as they perform “Variations on a Korean Folk Song.” Preparing for a concert takes weeks. This concert was at the Highland auditorium.

The Symphonic Band entertains the crowd in Highland with “Satiric Dances.” This song was the band’s favorite because of its upbeat rhythms and comical theme.

Flutists Ellen Denby, 12, Paige Kannall, 11, and Allison Zeller, 10, play on February 19th at the winter concert. The piece was “Rhosymedre.”

Emily Wiegand, 9, plucks the string bass as Ben Leman, 10, focuses on his music. The piece was “Abracadabra,” which depicted a carnival scene.
Alexis Workes, 9, performs dance work around trumpet soloist, Alex Koch, 12 at a home football game during the half-time performance.

The band marches in the Grantfork parade over the summer. Trumpet section Zander Hayes, 9, Anastasia Sopranova, 11, Brandon Bear, 12, and Alexander Koch, 12, play “Monster”.

By: Jordan Barker and Harmony Kapp
March to Victory

Marching Band and Color Guard

The marching band, led by Clay Dugger, band director, Michaela Davis, color guard instructor, and Trent Mason, assistant director, began their season with local parades in Grantfork, Highland, and Alhambra. Parades entertained the public and helped members perfect marching and performing skills. The Marching Bulldogs performed the theme show "The 47 Ronin" in competitions and halftime performances at football games. "The 47 Ronin" was a samurai warrior based show depicting the struggle, grief, and then revenge following the murder of their leader. It was comprised of three movements, "Lord Asano", "The Masterless Samurai", and "Death to Kira". Prior to band camp, the color guard members attended practices through the summer and a week long guard camp where they learned the fundamentals. At the end of July into the first week of August, the band and guard attended a week long band camp at Eastern Illinois University. The drought of summer was in full swing complete with a dried up field and scorching heat. Drill, routine, and music for the field show was the focus of the week long camp. Although the conditions of camp were challenging, members agreed that the struggles were well worth it. The color guard completed their season with four first place trophies, one second place, and one third place. The marching band earned a first place trophy, three second place trophies, and a third place trophy.

"Marching band gave me the voice I never knew I had."
-Anastasia Wilde, 12
"I believe that all you need is love."
- John Iberg, 12

"I believe in travel, horses, and retirement."
- Mrs. Martz

"I believe that the lights should be ON while we grind at homecoming."
- Brock Portell, 11

"I believe that Highland IS better than Triad AT EVERYTHING!!"
- Austin Busch, 9

"Boys, keep your pants up and Ladies, keep your girls covered!"
- Lunch Ladies
"I believe yoga pants are a necessity in high school... #AssetsForLife"
-Nick Czar, 10

"I believe that cheerleading is a way of LIFE!"
-Marylyn Dihn, 9

"I believe in Lincoln, Reagan and WILD BOAR!"
-Spencer Holzinger, 12

"Read and enjoy and enjoy what you read!"
-Mrs. Gentleman

"I believe in having a relationship with GOD"
-Jake Freeman, 9
we believe in...

Our Leadership

Clubs
Junior girls Lauren Hamel, Megan Widman and Rachel Dugan decorate the star for Homecoming which was the main centerpiece for the dance.

Corissa Williams, 11 and Cassy Lamzik, 11 wrap film pieces around a black column which stood in the center of the gym during coronation. The court members passed through these columns on their way to their seats.

Hanging up the backdrop was one of many difficult decorations to set up for the Homecoming dance. Sponsors, Mrs. Basden and Ms. Beyer help set up the backdrop of the dance with other student council members.

Student Council was an organization that helped out around the school. They planned Homecoming and helped the cafeteria organization create new items for the lunch menu. For Homecoming, student council chose the theme, Hollywood, and chose the title, “Under the Lights.” The club created dress-up, lunch, after school and pep assembly activities as well as decided on the decorations for the dance. The decorations included rolls of film, a large star, the red carpet and variety of balloons. The Friday before the dance all of the student council members met in the gym and put up decorations. After Homecoming ended, Student Council was in charge of small projects around the school. The organization leaders met with Sodexo leaders to discuss the lunch room food. This led to the addition of the snack bar which offered students pretzels, smoothies and bread sticks. In May, Student Council organized a trivia night for fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grade students at the high school. Student Council was led by presidents, Cori Rehkemper, 12, and Lauren Hammel, 11.
This year was monumental for Guard Dogs, because they went through a transition. Not only did they change their name from LifeSavers, they also transformed their ideas and methods in meetings and in the retreats. Guard Dogs stood for Group Unleashing A Real Difference, and this abbreviation could not have been more accurate for the work Guard Dogs did. They helped peers by hosting meetings each month. The meetings consisted of playing a game or doing a fun activity, along with listening circles. This was a way for members to let out feelings and talk to people about problems. The listening circles were great especially for those who did not have anyone to confide in. The Guard Dogs had a big event called the Guard Dog Retreat at the high school and Highland Hope church. This took place in November and lasted for four days. The last event of the year was the Senior Farewell, which took place at the high school in May.

by Harmony Kapp

Kelsey Koller, 10, blindly falls into the arms of fellow Guard Dogs Joey Hobbs, 9, Josh Hinkle, 12, Shae Weber, 12, Dylan Sparrowk, 10, and Mariah Voyles, 10. This activity takes place at Highland Hope and shows members that they can trust their peers.
Darrin Reinhardt, 10, representing the nation of the United Kingdom won an award for Superior Delegate at the Spring Model U.N. session.

by Amanda Wick

Model U.N.

Model United Nations combined part history and English, while incorporating skills learned on a speech or debate team. This year the M.U.N group represented the countries of Uganda and the United Kingdom. Topics such a Drone Warfare to Nuclear Proliferation were discussed. Meetings were after school from 3-4:30 on Mondays. Each student was required to write two resolutions, and some were required to write a position paper explaining one of their topics and their country's view on that issue. Conference was in Spring and Fall and took place at McKendree College with local schools from around the area, such as Lebanon, Triad and Staunton.

What was your most memorable moment?

"While in Plenary, team USA was annoying me with their constant note passing, I wrote a note to USA demanding a monetary repayment...especially for tea they spilled in their harbor."

"The chair starting snaps as the official form of applause in committee."

Sophomore, Darrin Reinhardt

Senior, Olivia Hickey
Our team was definitely the best looking, and I guess we were pretty smart too.

Senior, Alex Koch

Senior Morgan Fuehne, Brandon Lanham, Katie Brinker, Andy Dickman, and Elizabeth Bruchhauser are part of the Varsity team at the Comet Open.

The team, at the Comet Open, a competition between local high schools. The meet was a multiple school match held at Greenville High School.

Scholar Bowl

by Gabrielle Geiger

Alex Koch, 12, and Zander Hayes, 9, bond during down time between events at an O’Fallon meet.

Scholar bowl was a jeopardy-esque game that challenged students' memory and knowledge in the subjects of science, math, social studies, English, entertainment, and the arts. This year’s team was in two conferences, the South Central and the Metro-East Quad, which meant a lot of travel and a variety of schools. The team received first place in the Metro-East Quad, which was held December through February. The team also took home second place in the South Central Tournament, which took place from October to early December. The team's most difficult opponents were Litchfield and O’Fallon. “The team was great! I will miss the quirky personalities. Training Brandon was challenging but enjoyable,” said Coach Meyer.
Morgan Wheeler, 11, and Alyssa Kuzcha, 11, cut out decorations to put in their Christmas ornaments at their December meeting.

**What was your favorite part of French Club?**

"I loved that we got to go to the Fox this year to see *Les Miserables.*"

**Senior, Alena Miller**

"I liked the activities we did, and the meetings were fun because the snacks were good."

**Senior, Brandon Baer**


Senior, Chris Weiss, does the "thinking pose" in a fancy chair at the Fox, in St. Louis.

French Club

The French Club was open to any student in French class or who had taken French previously. Members were given the opportunity to expand their knowledge of both French language and culture. There were 33 members in club, four of them were officers; President, Ethan Renko, 12, Vice President, Brandon Baer, 12, Secretary, Elizabeth Bruchhauser, 12, and Treasurer, Anastasia Sapronova, 11. The club met monthly to enjoy snacks and refreshments and to partake in cultural celebrations. The group also discussed ideas for activities with their sponsor Mrs. Schwarz. The club funded these activities by selling candy bars. One activity the French Club organized was a field trip to the Fox to see the musical *Les Miserables*, based on the book by Victor Hugo. "It was a great play filled with a lot of French background," said Ethan Renko.

* by Alyse Duncan

Spanish Club

Spanish Club was open to anyone who wanted to be in it. Members ranged from freshman through seniors. The Spanish Club was run by the Spanish teachers; Mrs. Deets, Mrs. Wagenblast, and Mrs. Twyford. Spanish Club was also run by the seniors of Spanish Council; MaKenna Stewart, Allison Ferguson, Alaina Kosyder, Katie Wiegand, Molly Rinderer, Harmony Kapp, Nick Flanigan, Christy Hobbs, and Chelsey Kloss. Members of the Spanish Club met at various times throughout the year to take part in seasonal activities that had to do with the Spanish culture. This club was a great way to have fun with classmates, and to get more involved with school activities, but was also a great way to learn more about the culture hands on.

by Allison Ferguson

Jonathan Barth 11, and Chloe Potthast, 11 rock out to Love Shack by The B-52’s at “Karaoke y Queso” night. Spanish Club January meeting. Their performance evoked laughs from the Spanish club members!

What Made You Decide to do Spanish Club?

"To spend every minute I could with Deets! And it looks good on my college resume."

Senior, Molly Rinderer

"I wanted to learn more about the customs and traditions of the Spanish Culture. I was also honored to be chosen as a representative for my class."

Senior, Christy Hobbs
Every Sunday night before a busy sports week, the high school underwent a transformation. Supervising the school's renovations were Mr. Strong and Co-presidents Madison Frank, 12, and Devynn Byrd, 12. The commons, windows, and hallways were clad with streamers, paint, and posters. Each sport had its own area. Teams sports schedules were displayed on glass and announced on posters to inform the student body of upcoming games. The Pep Club was the backbone of the school's school spirit. Even during the Homecoming events, the gymnasium was decorated for the week. The club did not work with an empty stomach; each Sunday while decorating, the members were rewarded with pizza and the satisfaction of making the school look a little more spirited.
Lauren Stratton, 12, leads a group of incoming freshman through the high school on a tour on Freshman Day.

A group of freshmen led by juniors, Ryan Busch and Jordan Twyford, participate in a getting to know you exercise at a station on Freshman Day.

The Student Ambassador group consisted of juniors and seniors invited by the guidance counselors to assist new students and incoming freshman. The Ambassadors ran various activities to make the transition of coming to a new school easier. In the summer the group led tours of students and had ice-breaking activities at Freshmen Day. Once school began, group members helped out new students through the new student breakfast and acted as tour guides to find their classes. In the winter, ambassadors helped at Eighth Grade Parent Night. After guidance and staff members talked to parents the ambassadors gave tours as well as answered questions about high school academics, sports, and activities.

by Jordan Barker

On Eighth Grade Parent Night Shay Sanders, 11, Alyssa Voegele, 11, Kinsey Shelton, 12, Kelsey Newcomb, 12, Tara Stirewalt, 12, and Joey Miles, 12, hand out informational packets to arriving parents.
Before firing her project, Kaue Wiegand, 12,pray her clay to make it more pliable and easy to work with.

Olivia Hickey, 11, builds her clay house project by carving out the wet clay into what she wants her house to look like in Mrs. Wander-Vrell’s eighth block class.

Before firing her project, Katie Wiegand, 12, sprays her clay to make it more pliable and easy to work with. Emily Capelle, 11, works on her painting project the last week of class. This was her last project of her Junior year.

By Carrie Eilerman

NAHS

National Art Honors Society, NAHS, was in some rebuilding this year. NAHS had 21 members and sponsored by Mrs. Wander-Vrell. They put up several art shows, including two at SWIC. NAHS helps promote visual arts in the community. As members of NAHS students work in the summer with the elementary art camps and community projects. “This is the biggest group of NAHS members we have had. The talent is beyond belief. Even though we will miss our seniors next year we will have plenty of talent to fill their spots,” said Mrs. Wander-Vrell.

What was your favorite project?

“I made and painting clay houses was my favorite project of the year.”
—Daniele O'Connell, 10

“My favorite project this year was painting faces and learning about Chuck Close, a remarkable painter, photographer and printmaker.”
—Miranda Munguia, 10

Front Row: Kacey Miller, 11, Miranda Munguia, 10, Katy Daiber, 10, Megan Widman, 11, Danielle Moller, 11, Back Row: Olivia Hickey, 11, Taylor Lewis-Reichmann, 12, MaKenna Stewart, 12, Danielle O’Connell, Anastasia Saporonova, 11.
"I loved being a part of NHS because I enjoyed giving back to the community and the school."

Senior, Austin McCloud

The National Honors Society (NHS) consisted of juniors and seniors chosen by a panel of teachers. Accepted students displayed the characteristics of scholarship, leadership, character and service. Members were expected to complete six service hours and maintain a 4.5 GPA. The service hours included helping with concessions at basketball games, participating in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge and the Amazing Race, a night dedicated to showing 8th graders around the high school. Sponsor of NHS Mrs. Wagenblast said, "It was my first year running the club by myself. I cannot thank the officers and members enough for being so helpful and making this year memorable." President Katie Brinker, vice president Abby Rinderer, secretary Kelsey Newcomb, treasurer Ashley Walter, and historian Amanda Wick also contributed to NHS.
FCA officers were Joel Mason, 12, Abby Rinderer, 12, Ben Menke, 10, Jayden Shelton, 10, and McKinsey Shelton, 12. The leaders planned the activities for every week and gave lessons about faith and sports.

What was your favorite part about FCA?

"The food."
Freshman, Trent Carriger

"Hanging with friends and being a leader."
Sophomore, Ben Menke

FCA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, focused on strengthening athlete's faith and character. The club welcomed all students, whether they were involved in a sport or not. The theme this year was "In the Zone" and was incorporated into the lessons. The sponsors, Mrs. Twyford and Mr. Hawkins, held meetings on Wednesday evenings. The lessons prepared by the sponsors and leaders would bring students together to have fun and learn about their faith. The leaders were Abby Rinderer, 12, Joel Mason, 12, McKinsey Shelton, 12, Jayden Shelton, 10, and Ben Menke, 10. The club did activities such as capture the flag against Triad and relays. They also held Thanksgiving feasts, and went Christmas caroling to nursing homes around town. Jayden Shelton said, "It was my first year being a leader and I really enjoyed it. The members were always willing to participate and listen so it was fun."

by Hannah Hartlieb

Highland and Triad held up their medals from the Winter Olympics. The competition is a student favorite and is held every year.
The National FFA Organization was an American youth organization, with a focus on career and technology, that promoted and supported agricultural education. Highland FFA students took part in many activities; they had the annual FFA BBQ, they were judged at livestock and meat competitions, and they had many fundraisers throughout the year. The largest fundraiser that they hosted was the FFA Auction which was held on March 5th in the high school commons. The club was made up of freshman through seniors and was lead by seven individuals in varying classes, President, Amy Raymond, 12, Vice President, Chelsey Ammann, 12, Treasurer, Katelynn Rutz, 10, Secretary, Casandra Rode, 11, Sentinel, Ryan Busch, 11, Reporter, Erica Ellis, 12, and Historian, Shelby Gragert, 11.

by Cori Rehkemper

Seniors Chelsey Kloss and Chelsey Ammann take a funny photo with Mrs. Barr sleeping in the background on the way home from, Women Changing the Face of Agriculture.

What is your favorite event in FFA and why?

"The teachers' breakfast was my favorite because we were giving back to the teachers for all their hard work."

Senior, Chelsey Kloss

"I like the FFA livestock judging team. It's a good way to meet friends and learn more about the industry."

Freshman, Lane Rinderer
W.Y.S.E.

Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) was a club that challenged members' knowledge on various subjects and created a drive to excel. The club consisted of 16 members. At the competitions the club attended, members took individual tests on material based on senior high school and freshman level college curricula. The subjects included biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering graphics, English, mathematics, and physics. Members prepared for these tests by reviewing old tests. The club's first regional competition was held at Southwestern Illinois College on February 1. Many members advanced to the sectional competition held at McKendree University. Morgan Fuehne, 12, Katie Brinker, 12, and Kevin Wang, 11, received first place in their subjects, and Aaron Uhe, 12, received second place in his subject. They all advanced to the state competition which was held at the University of Illinois in Champaign. At State, Wang placed sixth place in computer science and first place in engineering graphics.

To prepare for the regional competition at SWIC, Austin Fischer, 12, studies an old test. Austin took tests in subjects including chemistry and math.
Freshmen Brode Portell, Allison Zobrist, Lexie Plocher, and J.R. Tscherney earn fifth place at Excellence in Mathematics at St. Louis Community College.

The team took home third place overall for their individual and team tests at the fourth Southwest Math Competition in October.

Math Team

Math Team was composed of students who excelled in mathematics and had a desire to showcase their knowledge. The season began with four competitions in the fall, held at SWIC. Students took qualifying tests to earn positions in the competition. The team's division included Carbondale, Collinsville, Mascoutah, and Waterloo. Many of the students brought home medals and ribbons after each individual competition. The sum of the points from all four competitions earned Highland a third place trophy. The team also participated in the Excellence in Mathematics Competition in St. Louis. The individual scores earned the freshmen fifth place out of 24 schools. At the ICTM Regional Math Competition at SIUE, the Math Team overall brought home a second place trophy. There were 14 students who went to the State competition at U of I in May.

by Gabrielle Geiger
FCCLA

FCCLA or Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America was a club dedicated to training leaders in the community and families. The club held meetings every week during SPARC but also conducted several fundraisers and events throughout the year. During Valentines Day, the club sold pink, frosted cookies for students to send to their special someone. The organization celebrated national FCCLA week starting on February 11. Activities such as baby diapering races and cupcake eating contests were played at lunch. The club attended the National FCCLA Convention in Springfield and also traveled over the river to the Saint Louis Galleria for their final event.

Buying a cookie from the FCCLA booth before Valentines Day is Desire Mauer, 12.

What will you remember most about your time spent in FCCLA?

"The Poptarts we got during the meetings."

Senior, Harmony Kapp

"Baking the cookies, for the Valentines Day fund raiser."

Senior, Ethan Renko
"Drama Club is something that is important to me. Without such a club our school wouldn't be able to put on certain shows with such good quality."

Mitch England, 12

The Drama Club went on a field trip to the Repertory Theatre in St. Louis where they watched the live theatre's performance of "Brighton Beach Memoirs."

The Drama Club is composed of students who enjoy theater, be it behind the scene work or acting on stage. Drama Club members attended local theater productions to support the arts. But, Drama Club members don't need to be into acting, there are other things the club offers. You can work lights, backstage and sound at the school's musical, or help paint set for the Fall play. The club is sponsored by Mrs. Kloss. The group meets once a month to have a meeting to discuss local plays. The group took a field trip to the Repertory Theater at Webster University. The members attend Improvisation nights in the Kennel where they played acting games, and the group fund raised by hosting the Pizza Hut nights on Thursday's throughout the year.
During the Trebuchet Competition at Lewis and Clark College, Dalton Smilek, 11, Derek Richter, 11, and Cameron Luitjohan, 12, prepare to launch their designs.

What was awesome about tech club?

"Tech club is a great experience to meet new people. It requires teamwork and decision making skills while immersing yourself in technology."

-Junior, Kevin Wang

"It entertains me. I got to meet people in a relaxed atmosphere."

-Freshman, Jacob Wiseman

Tech Club

The Technology and Engineering Club of Highland or TECH was unofficially known around HHS as The Tech Club. The club consisted of three different “teams”, the Video Broadcasting Team, Robotics Teams, and Trebuchet Teams. Mr. Durbin acted as a sponsor, coach, and mentor for all of the various teams. The Tech Club officers included president, Kevin Wang, 11, vice president, Jesse Sowell, 11, treasurer, Cameron Luitjohan, 12, secretary, Derek Richter, 11, and Joshua Case, 11, as head of the video team. The teams had multiple accomplishments for the year such as reopening the video studio complete with new cameras and green screen and the Trebuchet team received $100 for winning third place on their Exploration Reports at competition. The video team captured video for school events such as Mr. Irresistible and Coffee House Cabaret.

by Jordan Barker
Hockey

Dedication was a must to be a member of the Hockey team. Practices took place at odd hours of the night in East Alton. A daily practice began with skating drills. The team then broke up into their positions of offense and defense to do more advanced drills. The newer kids went to a separate side of the ice to learn fundamentals such as stick handling, skating, and shooting. The team started out their season rough, however, their opponents were Division II whereas Highland was Division I. Division II has bigger schools and more skilled players than Division I. Highland began the season with a record of 1-7 and ended their year with a comeback record of 6-12-4. They beat teams the players did not even expect to beat. Their season was ended with a loss to Bethalto. Jeff Weinacht coached the Varsity team and Jared Gilomen and Jeremy Kirsch coached the JV team.

by Harmony Kapp

What was your most memorable moment?

"We always played tricks on the freshmen. One trick was we hung them on the coat rack in the locker room!"

"When we beat East Alton-Woodriver. We all ran out on the ice and hugged each other, because we just won the playoff series."

Sophomore, Jordan Medina

Junior, Trevor Klostermann

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In an effort to surpass past yearbooks, editors Devynn Byrd, 12, Tyler Stone, 12 and Christa Williams, 12, set out to create a book unlike the rest. The theme “We Believe” was inspired by the rowdy crowd’s chant that brought the entire school together. The editors carefully selected a staff, like the Gods of Olympus, to carry out their vision. As the staff created the “yearbook-licious” cheer on the way to UMSL for a yearbook workshop, they developed a bond and motivation that would carry them throughout the year. The editors created each layout by hand while the staff took pictures and gathered information for their respective sports, clubs, and academic layouts. Stress levels were high after spring break as the staff felt pressure to finish the book, but their dedication prevailed and they completed their goal.
Jr. Optimist

Jr. Optimist was led by Mr. Tim Hirsch. This year the club got together at Korte Meats Processing, in Highland, to make optimist pizzas in order to raise money. With the money the club raised they were able to put up a lamp out side of the gym. Jr. Optimist also set up a collection of canned foods in the commons that was later donated to the Highland Food Pantry.

Participating in Jr. Optimist are MaKenna Stewart, 12, Evan Duft, 12, Lexis Sandifer, 11, Kaelin Hirsch, 11, and Sponsor Mr. Hirsch.

Saturday Scholars

Saturday Scholars was offered to all students. It gave members the opportunity to attend math, science, and technology lectures. They went on different trips to visit places such as Melvin Price Lock and Dam, University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana. Seniors were offered scholarship opportunities worth $500.00. Saturday Scholars gave students the chance to shape their futures.

Front Row: Mary Austin, 9, Taylor Barker, 9, Lily Happold, 9, Kate Sikora, 9, Lena Giger, 11, Lexi Plocher, 9, Allison Zobrist, 9, Emily Duncan, 9. Back Row: Rachel Dugan, 11, Kevin Wang, 11, Darrin Reinhardt, 10, Mitch England, 12, Aaron Uhe, 12, Chris Klostermann, 11, Joshua Case, 11, Tanner Niggli, 12, Alex Capalupo, 12.

FBLA

Future Business Leaders of America was a club that focused on promoting business occupations for all students. This was the club's first year in over 40 years. The club had monthly meetings where they talked about future events and sold caramel apple suckers as a fundraiser. They attended an annual FBLA competition, Southern Illinois Area Future Business Leaders of America Conference 2013, out of the nine competitors eight placed in their categories. To wrap up the year they took a business etiquette class at L'Ecole culinaire. The club was led by Mrs. Jansen and Mrs. Perkes. The officers were Hannah Hartlieb, Gabby Geiger, Kevin Wang, Harmony Kapp, and Austin McCloud.

Front Row: Corissa Williams, 11, Molly Lamzik, 11, Kristin Potthast,11, Chelsey Ammann, 12, Bethie Rey, 11, Gabrielle Geiger,12, Elizabeth Bruchhauser, 12, Harmony Kapp, 12. Back Row: Austin McCloud, 12, Brock Portell, 11, Jared Bargetzi, 10, Ryan Owens, 12, Zachary Bramstedt, 12, Jesse Johnson, 11, Aaron Elledge, 11, Clay Voss, 12, Christian Schuepbach, 11, Joshua Case, 11, Nicholas Lange, 10, Kevin Wang, 11.
The Book Club had a busy year. The club had 20 members and met every other month during SPARC to discuss the chosen book and after school to watch the movie in the library, to compare and contrast. The book club theme was "Books to Movies" where a book was selected to read and the club then watched the movie to see the differences. The books read this year included Carrie, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, The Time Traveler's Wife, and When She Woke. In addition, the book club had a group outing where they made a trip to Edwardsville to shop at Books a Million, lunch at St. Louis Bread Company, and to the movies to see Safe Haven.


Meeting in the library are Sam Green, 12, McKinsey Shelton, 12, Madelynn Shively, 9, Abby Metzler, 9, Lillie Budwell, 9, Reagan Stowers, 9, Bianca May, 9, Emily Gutzler, 9, Kayla Green, 9, Elizabeth Bruchhauser, 12, Norma Smith, 12.

**FMCC**

The FMCC, Future Medical Careers Club, gave students the opportunity to learn about all different types of health careers. Members were given the opportunity to listen and ask questions of guest speakers that would visit throughout the year. Also FMCC took field trips to a variety of health care facilities such as Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis and toured Washington University campus in St. Louis. Students enjoyed this club because it gave them a look on the real jobs in the medical field.

by Hannah Hartlieb, Chloe Potthast, and Carrie Eilerman
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Our Athletics

Fall Sports
Racing to the Finish

Cross Country

Although Cross Country was a fall sport the majority of the boys and girls on the 2012 team started working toward their season over the summer. The Cross Country Team had early morning practices throughout the weekdays. Summer work outs were just the beginning for the team. Once school started, they practiced everyday until around 5:30. The Cross Country Team was rewarded for their accomplishments at the end of the season when the girls placed seventh at the IHSA Regionals, and sent two runners to the state meet in Peoria, Illinois. Emily Holtzclaw, 11, was sent to state after placing 11th at regionals. Allison Zobrist, 9, placed 50th, which also gave her the green flag to the state meet. At the state meet out of 209 runners Holtzclaw placed 103rd and just behind her Zobrist placed 107th.

Although the season was cut short for the boys who did not make it past regionals, Coach Doug Bradley said, “The season was one of the most successful in girls' history.”

by Allison Ferguson

What was your best run of the season, and why?

“Peoria, because it is where the state meet is held.”
- Grant Riggs, 10

“State, it was exciting to make it there, and I placed 107th!”
- Allison Zobrist, 9
At practice Alex Cranick, 11, prevents pulling a hamstring muscle by touching his toes, and holding that position.

August 28 - Collinsville
- Mater Dei
- Alton
- Triad

September 1 - Granite City
September 8 - Peoria
September 15 - Edwardsville
September 22 - Springfield
September 26 - Triad
September 29 - Jacksonville
October 6 - MC Champ.
October 11 - MVC
October 20 - IHSA Regional

Autsin Fischer, 12, Aaron Elledge, 11, and Zach Bramstedt, 12, stretch to get loose before practice to prepare for an upcoming meet.

Sate qualifiers Emily Holtzclaw, 11, and Allison Zobrist, 9, bust it to beat their running opponent at a home meet.

Front Row: J. Shelton, A. Rinderer, T. Prusa, L. Plocher, A. Zobrist, M. Hunsdorfer
“Golf is your friend, so have lots of fun while you play it.” said Coach Gina Hirsch before every match. The Lady Bulldogs stepped up this season after losing seven seniors. Although a young team, they accomplished many great things. “We exceeded all expectations; it was was one of our most successful seasons we’ve ever had,” said Coach Hirsch. The girls started off the year with a fourth place finish at the Lady Indian Invitational in Mascoutah. They didn’t give up though; they came back and won the MVC Tournament, received second at the IHSA Regional, and moved on to place seventh at the IHSA Sectionals in Bloomington. They ended their season with a 22-4 record, which pleased everyone. Coach Hirsch said “I will miss my seniors and the great camaraderie between all of the girls.”

22-4
Lady Indian Inv. 4th
Yorktown Inv. 5th
MVC Tourn. 1st
Gary Bair Inv. 2nd
IHSA Regional 2nd
IHSA Sectional 7th


As the ball rolls into the hole at Lockhaven, Cori Rehkemper finishes the hole with a par. Putting for birdie at the Highland Country Club, Morgan Bargetzi.
What was your favorite match and why?

"Yorktown because I almost beat the number one player from Nashville."
- Shanna Welz, 11

"MVC because we won by a lot and it was the most fun because it was pouring while we were warming up."
- Maddie Wilke, 10

After receiving their first place plaque for winning MVC, the Varsity girls stand with their proud coach, Gina Hirsch, at Belk Park.

The whole team piles onto senior, Cori Rehkemper's golf cart before practice at the Country Club on a Wednesday afternoon.

By: Cori Rehkemper
“My favorite part of the season was being around Coach Houchins everyday.

-Jay Hargis, 12

“My favorite part of the season was traveling to all the different courses and hanging out with my teammates”

-Griffin Welz, 9

“My favorite part of the season was tryouts.”

-Alex Young, 12

Tee Time

Boy's Golf

Looking back on his team's season Coach Caleb Houchins couldn't be more proud of his golf team and their success. Both JV and Varsity practiced all season and their hard work and dedication showed in their final records. The teams finished with impressive victories. Varsity ended their season with an overall dual match record of 14-6 taking first place at the Pioneer Invitational at Weibring Golf Course in Bloomington, Illinois and second place at the Orphan Invitational at the Greenview Golf Course in Centralia, Illinois. One of the biggest wins of the season was winning the Mississippi Valley Conference tournament. Coach Houchins said, “Having a really good group of young men, having a large group of good golfers, and having the boys genuinely like each other made my team successful.” When asked what he will miss the most, Jack Martens, 12, said, “I'm going to miss seeing Coach Houchins every day.”
Granite City, Triad, C.M.  2-1
Granite City, Triad, Edwardsville  1-2
O'Fallon & Triad  0-2
Waterloo & Mascoutah  1-1
Jerseyville & C.M.  2-0
Mater Dei  1-0
Waterloo & Triad  2-0
Collinsville  1-0
MVC  1st
Regionals  2nd
Sectionals  6th

"I will miss it all. The time I spent with Mr. Houchins and my friends. Most of all I will miss the laughs I had on the course."
- Tyler Larson, 12

At the Highland Country Club, Brock Portell, 11, practices on the putting green before the match against Collinsville. The boys won.

Following through on his swing, Don Hocker, 9, chips towards the hole at the match against Mater Dei. The boys won the match 1-0.

Chris Ehlike, 12, addresses his ball before hitting the shot at golf practice.

By: Chloe Potthast
Brooke Hustede, 10, shows off her jump serving skills at practice. The girls perfected jump serves to use as a great offensive weapon to score many aces during a game.

Together, Morgan Schneirs, 11 and Jaden Jarvis, 11, jump up to block a spike from the opposing Edwardsville Tigers. By blocking the spike, the girls saved their teammates from digging up a challenging ball.

Jumping up for a kill, Morgan Schneirs, 11, spikes the ball back to Mascoutah players. With many attacks like this, the ladies were able to defeat the Indians with a score of 25-11 and 25-20.
Take it to the Net
JV Volleyball

Starting August 9th, the day after tryouts, the JV team got to work early practicing every day except Sunday. They perfected their passing, setting, serving, and spiking skills during practice. They also came two mornings a week for intense conditioning. After all the grueling drills and workouts the girls endured, their persistence paid off. A month into practice, the girls played their first game against Granite City. They claimed the winning title and set a positive tone that encouraged them the rest of the season. “The JV team this year was exceptional—probably one of the best to go through Highland,” said Coach Dawn Hubbard. The JV team had an outstanding season coming out with a record of 21-4 and a conference record of 10-0. For the most part, the girls had a clean sweep of winning their games 2-0. Soon after their first game, the girls competed in the Edwardsville Tournament. Defeating five different teams, Highland JV won first place in the tournament. “Winning the Edwardsville Tournament was definitely the most memorable moment of the season,” said Molly Stumpf, 10. In order to have such an accomplished year, the girls had to have a great bond with one another. The girls had a lot time to develop great friendships with one another and with their coach. “I had a great time coaching them! They were not only athletically talented, but they were a wonderful group to work with on a daily basis. I will miss this team greatly, and thank them for a memorable year!” said Coach Dawn Hubbard.

By: Alyse Duncan

What gets you pumped up for a game?

“Going on top of the balcony and goofing off with the team before the game.”
Mireille Beaubien, 10

“Hearing the crowd start to clap and cheer while we are warming up.”
Adrianna Jakel, 10

“Listening to “My Humps with the team before every game.”
Olivia LaPorta, 10
What is the atmosphere like in the locker room right before a game?

"The locker room was full of energy. We were more excited than nervous."

-Ashley Walter, 12

"It's crazy in our locker room! The girls are pumped for the game and we all scream and dance... We are weird."

-Tara Stirewalt, 12

Varsity setter, Tara Stirewalt, 12, pushes the ball towards Emily Keeven, 12, during a close game with Mater Dei.

Together, Emily Keeven, 12 and Savannah Sells, 12, jump for the block against Belleville West.

Tate Gerhig, 12, digs for the ball during an after school practice. The girls practiced every day after school along with morning workouts with Erin Hoepfner.

During a home match against O'Fallon, the senior girls motivate one another after scoring a point. Unfortunately the team faced defeat with a score of two games to one.

By: Gabrielle Geiger
Setting Up Expectations

With only three girls coming in with Varsity experience, the Varsity Volleyball Team did an excellent job of stepping up to meet the challenge. “You couldn't tell that it was the first year of Varsity play for most of my squad. They - especially the seniors- had prepared very well over the summer to make the most of their season,” said Coach Tina Beyer. Practice began on August 8th, immediately following tryouts. The team participated in three summer tournaments at O'Fallon High School, Greenville College, and Lincolnland College. The girls also played in a summer league once a week at Belleville West, exceeding expectations. “League was mostly for fun. It was a great way for the team to practice in a game setting,” said Alicia Hallemann, 12. All of the hard work the girls did over the summer contributed to their wins during the season. Post conference games were played against Breese Central and Mater Dei. Unfortunately, the Varsity team was seeded in a regional with both teams. HHS opened up against Breese Central and lost a tough, well-played, three-game match. “The girls played very solid volleyball that night... We just didn't have enough to get past Breese Central,” said Coach Beyer. Earning the second best record in school history, the Varsity team won the MVC Championship by going a perfect 10-0 in conference. Their overall final record was 23-8-1. Coach Beyer said “With such a fantastic season, I think the record speaks for itself... They were a very impressive team!”

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Alicia Hallemann, 12, works hard on staying focused while serving. The girls were neck in neck in a game with Mater Dei.
The team warms-up before playing Triad at Highland. Warms-ups consisted of passing the ball between teammates and shooting.

"All the boys made great strides in their soccer ability and knowledge."
-Coach Lammers

Captains Eric Melosi, 10, and Ben Foppe, 10, shake hands with their Jerseyville opponents at the home senior game. Team captains discussed which team starts with the ball and which direction to attack.

Connor Reese, 11, winds up to kick the ball back into play. Mitchell Ponce, 12, anxiously waits to collect the ball and take it down the field at the home game against Mascoutah.

by Harmony Kapp
“My most embarrassing moment was when an opponent shot the ball at me and I blocked it, and then the ball hit me in the face.”

- Emil Garcia, 10

“I'm going to miss how close our team was this season.”

- Mitchell Ponce, 12

“My favorite part of the season was winning regionals!”

- Tanner Niggli, 12

Just Kickin' It

**JV Boys Soccer**

The JV Boys Soccer Team ended with a record of six wins, six losses, and three ties. Their Mississippi Valley Conference record racked up four more wins, four losses, and two ties. The team improved as the season went on. The seniors were helpful to their younger teammates because the upperclassmen knew what was expected and taught the novice players. The program veterans led by example. The JV philosophy involved playing at 110 percent and improving personal and team development with the goal of making the varsity roster next year. The best moment of the year was the comeback tie against Triad at home. Highland's, Ben Powell, 10, evened the score with ten seconds left. Toward the end of the game, the team came together and possessed the ball, helping them to control the tempo of the game. The team often played with minimal substitutions. “I was so happy after Ben tied the game that I ran up from my defensive position to congratulate him.” said sophomore, Ben Foppe.
The 2012 Highland Soccer Team went down in history this season. What this group of individuals lacked in skill level, they made up for it in their conditioning and hard-work. Many players had to adapt to positions that were foreign to them and were often expected to play all 80 minutes. “At the end of the year there was not another team that out worked us and that’s a testament to how well our boys were conditioned,” said Coach Oswald. Adding to the Bulldogs accomplishments was an impressive 16 goals during the season from Mitch Carriger, 12, and nine assists from mid-fielder Mitchell Duncan, 10. Also stepping up were teammates Lucas Rinderer, 11, with six goals, four assists and Brenden Stanfield, 11, with five goals on the season. Going into regionals, the team’s record was just above 500. They weren’t going to let their average record during their season affect their final outcome. They won the regional with an impressive 1-0 shut-out win against Triad. Goalie, Zach Stieb, 12, had an impressive nine shut-out games which helped the team have zero losses at their home field. The team lost in the sectional championship, but they were only the third team to ever make it that far. The team will be remembered for outworking their competition and operating as a unit. Their success could not be attributed to any one player; each player contributed to the team’s victory. “The team made it as far as any other team that has ever worn a Highland jersey and no one can take that away from them and I’m just happy they allowed us to be apart of it,” said Coach Oswald after their final loss.

by Evan Duft

What can be attributed to your success this season?

"The bribe of free pies from Coach Lammers."
Logan Meier, 12

"My one on one lessons from Coach Brent Knebel."
Mitch Carriger, 12

"All the assists I received from my dear old friend and teammate Mitchell Duncan, yo."
Tyler Kimmle, 10
Goalkeeper Zach Stieb, 12, leaps to catch a corner kick launched from an opposing Jerseyville player. Highland defeated Jerseyville in a 1-0 shutout.

In a 2-0 win against Waterloo, Cole Landman, 10, dribbles the ball past half with graceful ease.

Logan Meier, 12, battles for the ball against enemy Macoutah player under the stadium lights on the Highland Field. Highland clinched a win with a 1-0 victory.

After their regional victory, the team proudly shows their plaque. Front Row: Reid Abeisher, 10, Mitchell Duncan, 10, Josh Moore, 12, Logan Meier, 12, Joel Mason, 12, Mitch Carriger, 12, Lucas Rinderer, 11, Brenden Stanfield, 11, Tanner Niggl, 12, Back Row: Ben Powell, 10, Zach Stieb, 12, Mitchell Miller, 9, Peyton Barowski, 9, Tyler Kimmle, 10, Adam Zobrist, 11, Eric Melosi, 10, Ben Foppe, 10, Thomas Foppe, 12, Cole Landman, 10, Mitchell Ponce, 12, and Jase Kennett, 12.

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Ace, overhand, passing shot, spin, lob and pusher. These idioms are unrecognizable by many, but are part of the everyday lingo of a tennis girl during the fall season. Practices officially began in August, but over the summer Coach Matt Pellock offered optional practices. Pellock led the girls into the fourth year of his coaching. This was a young team, consisting of only freshman and sophomores. Stephanie Olivares, 9, said “It’s crazy being the number one player as a freshman.” The practices began with 20 minute warm-ups, including forehands, backhands, overheads, volleys, and serves. If lucky the girls played “Dingles”, a tricky game of strategy to control ball placement. At the end of practice the girl played one of their favorite games, Queen of the Court. This game consisted of the “queen”, one girl, versus the whole team, to test the queen’s reaction time. The girls had an overall score of 1-4. “This young team learned a lot in a quick season, and made some tremendous strides in their tennis abilities. I look forward to seeing them continue to improve in the sport, and they all have the attitude and work ethic to be a very successful group,” said Coach Pellock.

What did you do to prepare for a big Match?

“At games we warmed up with our doubles partners and then we usually had a little pep talk and we warmed up with our opponent.”

-Carly Duff

“I jammed out to my iPod”

-Melanie Wick

"At the MVC Tournament, Melanie Wick, 10, and Stephanie Olivaes, 9, play together on a doubles team."

"Liz Arend, 9, tosses the ball up to serve it to her opponent in a match against Jerseyville."

"Carly Duff, 9, Liz Arend, 9, Audrey Kosydar, 9, and Emily Gutzler, 9, get creative with an overhead racket shot."

"Liz Arend, 9, Emily Gutzler, 9, Carly Duff, 10, and Melanie Wick, 10, await the start of their matches at the MVC Tournament in Edwardsville."

By: Amanda Wick
"The thing I liked most about this season is how close our team got."

Meghan Smithey, 9

"My favorite part of this season was when it started pouring down rain and the fans still stayed to cheer with us."

Jordan Grawe, 10

"What I'm going to miss most about cheer is my team. We were like one big family this year which made it ever better when we cheered on the boys to victory. I couldn't have asked for a better senior year!"

Madison Frank, 12

Jump, Shake Your Bulldog

Football Cheerleading

"Shove that ball across that line," was the most popular cheer of the 2012 football season. The crowd roared "SHOVE IT!" in reply, as they cheered the football boys on to their five victories. The rain and bad weather couldn't stop the girls from standing strong on the track and as they supported the Bulldogs. Coach, Casey Fields, took on her third year of coaching the football cheerleaders. Fields, very proud of her team said, "Year after year this squad never ceases to amaze me. The amount of talent and heart each girl puts into cheering a game was amazing. This year was an awesome year and the squad meshed so well. I have a feeling that that had a lot to do with the dedication from the seniors, Madison Frank, Shannon Ostrander, Devynn Byrd, and Katie Brinker. They wanted the whole squad to look amazing, I feel that they did an excellent job. It was humbling to be a part of 'we believe' and I truly think each girl felt the same way."
The start of a new tradition, Madison Frank, 12, paints the face of Brooke Arbogast’s, 9, face for the annual senior night.

"I've never cried as much in my life as I did senior night! I don’t want any of the four seniors to leave. I love them so much I can’t believe it’s the end.”

Carrie Gibbons


Alexis Barker, 11, Megan Smithey, 9, and Ellie Imming, 11, perform a stunt at half-time of a home game. The Bulldogs needed extra support during this half-time because they were losing by 12 points to Jerseyville.

by Carrie Eilerman

Football Cheer 97
A goodbye to Coach Warnecke...

We would like to thank you for your dedication this season. Your countless hours of time you put in will never go unappreciated. You've helped us become not only better football players and prepare us for the Varsity level, but also making us better young men. We will miss having you around and hope to still see you next year. We hope we made your last season memorable and when you turn the page don't forget you're 2012 JV team.

-from your 2012 JV Team

Gage Geiger, 10, runs the ball against Mt. Zion. Geiger led the team in rushing yards and touchdowns.
As Coach Jim Warnecke entered his last season as JV Football coach, he had high expectations. Although he worked with a variety of players, he set a common goal for all, to improve from last season as a team and an individual. This goal became a reality when the team reached the end of their season with a near perfect record of seven wins and one loss. Leading with the most passing yards was sophomore Logan Geiger who also served as one of the quarterbacks. Gage Geiger, also a sophomore, led the team with a total of 791 rushing yards to end the season and also in player touchdowns with seven over all. Other leaders throughout the season were sophomores Mitch Wallace and Hunter Coker, and juniors Tyler VonderHaar and Ben Zuuccarelli who all tied in leading team in defensive touchdowns. Looking back on his team's season Coach Warnecke proudly said, “Every player got better and I think it showed on the field during every game this season.”

By: Hannah Hartlieb

What would you like to say about this past season?

“T'd like to thank Spencer Holzinger for being my mentor and the whole JV line for saving my life this season.

Logan Geiger, 10

Hambone and shout out to Troy Schneider #fullbackbros. I’d also like to thank the seniors for helping us learn so much over the summer and this fall.

Gage Geiger, 10

I want to thank all the cheerleaders for getting up on Saturday mornings to come and cheer for us.

Ben Zuccarelli, 11
"Be humble, work hard." Those were the words Coach Jim Warnecke said to his players before every game. This year the Highland Football Team proved that they could not be defeated. Going from 0-9 the year before to 5-4 this year was a nice improvement. Coach Warnecke said "It feels like a step in the right direction. It feels good to get some reward for the work put in." The boys started the season by winning their first game against Duquoin. They didn't stop with the wins there; they were 4-0 after defeating Duquoin, Mt. Zion, Mattoon and Mascoutah. The boys went on to defeat Civic Memorial at our Homecoming football game. The team ended up losing to Waterloo, Triad, Jerseyville and Charleston. With a season record of 5-4 the Bulldogs made it into the playoffs. They lost to Sacred Heart Griffith. The Bulldogs impressed many fans this season by improving their record from last year. Overall the Varsity Football Team had an outstanding year ending with an 5-4 record.
What happens on the bus to the away games?

"Once Ben Zucarelli shoved an entire banana down his throat on the way to the C.M. game."

-Joe Range, 10.

"After our first win, Drake Zappia gave a heart wrenching speech about teamwork."

-Shayne Ferguson, 10.

After the first win against Duquion, the team raises their helmets in triumph.

At the game against Triad, Zeik Hoffman, 9, punts from the 50 yard line.
we believe in...

Our Athletics

Winter Sports
“We break records, hearts, and bones!” was the motto that carried the Wrestling team through the season. A typical wrestling practice consisted of a warm up jog, drills, and live wrestling. This type of wrestling allowed the boys to enhance maneuvers and skills by practicing against each other. Conditioning mainly consisted of running stairs, push ups, and sit ups. Team members such as Tanner Farmer, 11, also maintained fitness outside of practice. His lifted weights in the morning at Xfactor and attended practices in Wood River. His hard work paid off with the first ever Highland state title as well as a 39-0 season. Working out was half the battle of wrestling; wrestlers must maintain a diet to make their weight class for weigh-ins at matches. The season concluded with a home meet honoring seniors, Daniel Dicken, Shae Weber, Zach Bramstedt, and Colton Brannon. In dual meets the team overall averaged a win record of 18 to 6. Some wrestlers were chosen to go on to wrestle at IHSA Regionals resulting with team members, Mason Lee, 10, Carsten Brauns, 9, Tanner Farmer, 11, Nick Czar, 11, and Zach Bramstedt, 12 moving on to IHSA Sectional. The match determined that Nick Czar, 11, and Tanner Farmer, 11, moved on to contend for State titles at the IHSA State-Championships. The coaching staff included Terry “Shorty” Ohren, Ted Cipicchio, and Kyle Graham. The team was also accompanied by team managers, Cheyanne Brauns, 12, and Kylie Burdick, 10, who kept match records. A team captain, Shae Weber, 12, said, “It was great being able to be in charge of a team that got together as well as ours. I am more than proud of every person on the team coming out every day and working as hard as they did. I appreciate them for embracing the grind and will miss everyone of them including the coaches.”

by Jordan Barker

Michael McGill, 9

The best part of the season was staying in the hotel during the Lincoln Tournament.

Daniel Dicken, 12

I was sad to see the end of my final season as a senior, but was proud to be a part of the team. Difficulty overcome is confidence earned.
During a Highland match in the 152-pound weight class against Vandalia on January 10, Zach Bramstedt, 12, holds his opponent in a chicken wing.

Tanner Farmer, 11, releases a celebratory yell after defeating his opponent from Springfield Southeast in the 285-pound IHSA Class 2A State-Championship Match in Urbana-Champaign at the University of Illinois.

Ben Zucarelli, 11, head locks an opponent from Litchfield at a Highland match on January 10 in the 170-pound weight class and lost in the last few seconds of his struggle.

Front Row: Ben Wheeler, 9, Colton Brannon, 12, James McCaw, 9, Austin Hickam, 9, Michael McGill, 9, Mitch Wallace, 10, Carsten Brauns, 9 Middle Row: Josh Issac, 12, Jacob Wiseman, 10, Jarrad Drzewucki, 10, Brody Kirsch, 9, Blake Perfetti, 11, Mason Lee, 10, Ben Zuccarelli, 11, Daniel Dicken, 12 Back Row: Jonathon Meadows, 11, Zach Bramstedt, 12, Shae Weber, 12, Austin Bush, 9, Tanner Farmer, 11, Nick Czar, 11, Austin Langenhorst, 12, Jake Wellen, 11, and Bryce Kuhner, 9
by Hannah Hartlieb

Training for the season, Emily Vonder Haar, 10, runs on the elliptical at Apex Fitness Center. Vonder Haar was a point guard for the team and a main shooter.

Mackenzie Kleinmann, 10, walks down the court during a dead ball. Kleinmann was a leading scorer and captain for the JV lady bulldogs.

Nothin' But Net

JV Girls Basketball

The JV lady bulldogs spent four months together, working every day by conditioning, lifting weights, and going through plays, in hopes of a perfect season. The team spent countless hours of time in the gym trying to get better. A combination of freshman, sophomores, and juniors, the lady bulldogs were able to end their season with an impressive record of 13-2. Mackenzie Kleinmann, 10, said, “Our team got really close this year and I think that led to us winning so many games.” Whether it was early practice before school, intense workouts, or late games, the lady bulldogs were busy all winter. Practices consisted of different drills such as Kentucky layups, which required the girls to meet a goal of how many layups they could make in two minutes. Other drills were shell drill defense, super rebounding, free throws, and scrimmaging. Coach Hartlieb said, “I think our success this year came from the girls getting along so well. When you have a team with three different classes, it is sometimes hard to learn to play together. That was not a problem with this team, and that was something special.”
During their game against rival Mater Dei, Coach Chris Hartlieb calls a timeout to talk to his team about their offenses. The game ended in a tough loss with a final score of 45-54.

Maggie Keeven, 10, uses the lat pull down machine at Apex. The team weight lifted there during the fall three times a week.
by Allison Ferguson

18-14

Home vs. Civic Memorial  46-49
Home vs. Triad  49-45
Home vs. Jerseyville  49-26
Home vs. Waterloo  51-35
Home vs. Centralia  53-46
Away vs. Mater Dei  39-60
Home vs. Breese Central  37-63
Home vs. Quincy Notre Dame  81-63
Mascoutah  45-28
Away vs. Civic Memorial  24-44
Home vs. Mt. Vernon  53-48
Away vs. Triad  60-36
Home vs. Jerseyville  68-39
Away vs. Collinsville  55-49
Away vs. Waterloo  65-47
Away vs. Mascoutah  50-40
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Bailey Leitschuh, 10, pulls up and shoots a jumper over the defending Vandalia player on Highland's home court. The ladies defeat Vandalia 58-40 at the Highland Tournament.

Amanda Ponce, 9, takes the ball to the end line on a breakaway steal flying past her opponents as she goes for the basket. The bulldogs unfortunately lose to Oakwawville 41-44.

Emily Manley, 12, gets the ball and proceeds to feed her teammate a push pass around the opposing Mt. Vernon player. Manley and the team beat Mt. Vernon 53-48.


"The coolest part of basketball was, no matter what the issue was on or off the court, we always came out as a team. That's what it takes to be a lady bulldog."

- Emily Manley, 12
Girls Varsity Basketball

The Varsity Girls Basketball Program began working towards a successful season in the early weeks of summer. The girls took part in conditioning work outs early in the mornings along with practices during the afternoon. At these practices the girls ran to get into shape. Along with running Coach Harris went over offensive plays and strategies to give the team the best chance at winning games. Among work outs and practices, the basketball team played in summer pick up games and tournaments. These games gave the girls a chance to get used to playing with each other, and get back in the groove of the game. Once the season started in late October the team had practices everyday. With only one senior, Emily Manley, the team was young and had to build around her experience. After making it to the regional championship the bulldogs season was ended abruptly with an unfortunate lost to Civic Memorial. Even with this loss the team was successful and finished the season with an overall winning record of 18-14.

Sydney Lammers, 11, receives the ball in triple threat against the Breese Central defender weighing her options as she searches for an open teammate to pass to. The bulldogs are unfortunately defeated by Breese Central 37-63.

Kristin Potthast, 11, gets height over her opponent and goes in for a layup. The defense could not stop her as she finished strong to the basket. The bulldogs go on to beat Vandalia 58-40 on Highland's home court.
The Junior Varsity Dance Team held up Highland's dance reputation proudly, by having a fantastic season. The team started their season by attending Push the Limit in Springfield Illinois. The camp offered many opportunities for the girls to learn new routines by various choreographers. The JV's first performance was at the Highland Kirchenfest. They performed an upbeat Pom Dance routine, which excited everyone for the rest of the season. Between October and December, the girls practiced on a daily basis in order to get their routines performance ready by the first competition at Lindbergh High School in Missouri. The squad performed their Hip-Hop and Jazz routines at the Lindbergh competition. They received a fourth place in Hip Hop and a first place in Jazz, which was an outstanding accomplishment for the first competition in Missouri. As the season went on, the girls were taught a lyrical routine over Christmas break. The first performance with their lyrical dance took place at the Althoff Catholic Regional, and it received a second place. Further into the season the girls kicked it into gear for their state competition in Springfield Illinois which took place on March 8th. Captains Morgan Reaka, Paige Lampe and Emily Capelle assisted Coach Lexi Deets when they cleaned and perfected each dance after school. At the state competition, the girls came out with good results. The team received a first place in Lyrical and second places in Hip Hop and Jazz. “We had a tough season, but I couldn’t be any more proud of these girls for what they accomplished this season” said Coach Lexi Deets.

Each girl strikes a pose in the middle of their Jazz routine at State. The girls received a second place with this routine in Springfield.

“This year was special because I know that the friends I made from the team will last me a life time.”

Nichole Cayson, 10

“Dance team was memorable this year because it was the closest team I have ever had.”

Paige Lampe, 11
Emily Capelle, 11, stretches through her fingertips at the start of the team's lyrical routine. They performed this routine at the Belleville East competition and earned a first place.

The girls create a circle star before a Friday night basketball game. At every home game the JV team performed either their Jazz, Lyrical, or Hip Hop routines along with the school song.

Morgan Korte, 10, does a front walkover stall during the Hip Hop routine at state. This was held in Springfield on March 8th. They did outstanding on their routine and they were awarded a second place that day.

On January 12th, the girls swept the competition and qualified all three of their dances at the Edwardsville Regional. The JV girls dance team consisted of Kaelee Baer 10, Morgan Reaka 11, Emily Capelle 11, Nicole Cayson 10, Paige Lampe 11, Lexi Hagler 9, Leslie Drueke 9, Morgan Korte 10, and Kaylee Jones 10.

by Cori Rehkemper
To kick off their hip-hop routine, senior, Alyse Duncan, holds a stall while senior, Madison Frank, prepares to jump over her. The team preformed various tricks like this during their routine to pump up the crowd and to enhance their difficulty score.

The team gets together for a motivational talk before taking the floor for their lyrical routine at Lindbergh. The girls had a team talk and prayer before every performance to encourage each other and mentally prepare themselves to give a flawless routine.

Katie Volker, 9, wows the audience with a front aerial during the team’s jazz routine at the Triad IHSA Sectional. This is a difficult trick that involves flipping in the air without the use of arms.

The varsity dance team celebrates after winning first place at the Triad IHSA sectional. The team was excited to advance to the IHSA State Finals.
After preforming their home routine at camp, the girls huddle together for a group picture. The girls practiced in the summer to perfect their home routine for camp and it paid off when they won first place.

"Being injured and sitting out all season was hard for me knowing it was some of my best friends' last year on the team. I wish I could've been on the floor performing with my team, but watching them was just as enjoyable."

-Carrie Eilerman, 11

"Everyone was so welcoming and it made my freshmen year better than I could have hoped for. There was never a dull moment! I love my team."

-McKenzie Rosen, 9

Take it to the Top

Varsity Dance Team

The Varsity Dance Team had a big season ahead of them competing for both the Illinois Drill Team Association and the Illinois High School Association. It was IHSA's first year offering dance team a competitive program which included five sectionals and a state competition. The team was made up of 16 members, seven of them, returning seniors. The girls started their season by attending the Universal Dance Association's summer dance camp held at the St. Louis University campus. At camp, the team competed with a "home routine" choreographed by captains Alyse Duncan, Christa Williams, and Madison Frank. The ladies took first place at camp, setting the tone for the season. Once the school year began, the team practiced everyday after school to get ready for the year ahead. The captains, along with Coach Michelle Deets, perfected all four routines which included AA Jazz, AA Lyrical, AA Hip-Hop, and AA Pom Dance. The team took these dances to various IDTA regionals in which each routine received exceptional, qualifying scores. The team also competed their jazz routine at the IHSA Sectional, held at Triad. The girls took first place and were qualified to compete at IHSA State in Bloomington. At State, preliminaries were held Friday and the top 10 routines in each division advanced to finals on Saturday. Under much pressure, the team competed against talented northern Illinois teams. After giving a flawless performance, the girls received first place at awards. At finals, the team finished with a third place trophy. The team proceeded to practice until IDTA State held in March. They traveled to Champaign to the University of Illinois and competed their lyrical, jazz, and pom dance routines for one last time. The team finished with a clean sweep. They received firsts in all categories and their lyrical routine received the highest score of the entire competition.

by Alyse Duncan

Varsity Dance 113
Where Them Girls At?
Male Dance Team

The Male Dance Team, also known as DOGS, were led by Lexi Deets. The boys achieved their goal of going to state by receiving a score of 80 out of 100 points! This is a monumental achievement, because they are the first male dance team to qualify for state twice in one season. At the Lindbergh, Missouri competition, the team finished 4th out of 8 teams. Competing at Mascoutah, the boys received a 3rd place out of 4 teams. At Edwardsville, Highland, and Belleville East competitions, the DOGS were second only to Highland Girl's Varsity. Christa Williams, 12, choreographed the routine. "I am proud to be apart of the team's success the year they qualified for state," said Williams. The theme of the dance was attracting women. The songs in the mix include "Where Them Girls At" by David Guetta, "The Whisper Song" by the Ying Yang Twins, Pitbull's "Go Girl," "I Know What Them Girls Like" by Ludacris, and Travis Porter's "Ayy Ladies." The dancers goof off a lot, but work hard when they need to. The majority of practices included cleaning the routine to make it competition worthy. Every Friday night before a competition, the boys had team bonding and feasted on pasta. On competition day, the dancers practiced hard up until they performed. Captain Josh Hinkle, 12, said he did dance team because "it is very rewarding and thrilling."
Because the DOGS are the only all male dance team in the IDTA program, girls from every team flock to the gym to watch them perform. The boys' routine included several "crowd pleasing" moments, including shaking their butts.

After nervously sitting through the announcement of results for AA Hip Hop, the Highland DOGS are announced in second place. With coaches, Christa Williams and Lexi Deets, the team immediately reacts by screaming and hugging. Because the DOGS made Illinois Drill Team Association history, the entire University of Illinois stadium was on their feet as Captain, Josh Hinkle, walked up to receive the trophy.

At the Highland IDTA Regional, David Dihn, 11, Dylan Spencer, 10, and Tanner Zimmerman, 11, point at the audience, and receive overwhelming cheers from all of their female fans.

The IDTA judging sheet scores each routine based on several aspects, one of them being "difficulty" of the routine. The DOGS dance team always scored high in difficulty due to team stunts such as this handstand into "the worm". The audience roared as the boys executed this trick at the Mascoutah Regional.

Tanner Zimmerman, 11, "works" his solo during the boys' routine at the Highland Regional. Tanner engages the crowd during his solo with facial expressions such as winks and licking.
As practices began in September, nerves settled in for the cheerleaders. The coaches, Chelsey Kantner and Shellie Fields, along with the girls knew that to win a state title they would have to give it everything they had. The teams' practices were from 6 to 9, Monday through Friday at the Middle School's Pup Pen. Practices consisted of tumbling, stunting, and perfecting their routine for their competitions. The girls placed third place at the Highland Regional, first place at Mount Vernon, and second place at state in Springfield, on February 10th. Coach Chelsey Kantner said, "Even with starting the year off rough with injuries and long hours of practice, the girls never gave up on their bulldog family. We pulled through when people doubted us. I could not be more proud of these girls." The team surpassed the obstacles of injuries and stress, making them close. Freshman, Emily Canterberry said," We became one big family this year. Even though we did not always agree we worked it out, which made us a better team in the end."

The team showcases their second place trophy at their state competition at the Prairie Capital Convention Center, in Springfield.

"My favorite memory was squeezing into a twin bed with Marylyn."

Jenna Melosi, 10

"My favorite part about the season was Jenna Melosi."

Maddie Nickerson, 10
Standing front row, Madison Zobrist, 10, Kelli Littlefield, 10, and Anna Heinold, 10, cheer at the home basketball game against Waterloo.

Nervously, the team awaits the results at their state competition in Springfield on February 10th. The girls placed second.

by Chloe Potthast

At the camp, the team stunts on the beach. This stunt group consists of flyer, Amber Terveen, main base, Devynn Byrd, side base, Shannon Ostrander and backspot, Landon Wolf. They competed in the “Best of the Best Stunt Group” competition and received first place.

After their final performance at IHSA State in Bloomington, Coaches Terri Aeberscher, Angie Fears, and Lauren Aeberscher, present the seniors, Devynn Byrd, Cali Rinderer and Shannon Ostrander, with flowers from the rest of their squad.

Before beginning a long day of practice, some of the team gathers on the beach to stunt, tumble and take some photos.

A banquet was held for the cheerleaders on the last day of camp. “Camp was amazing this year! We really took advantage of the time we had together and became really close,” said Cali Byrd, 10.

The team gives their final performance at IHSA State Competition in Bloomington, Illinois. They took home eighth place.

"This was the best season of cheer I have ever had. Our team was very close and we had drive."
-Carollyn Dinh, 9

"The best moment of the season was when we found out we did so well at IHSA State and we were all hugging."
-Jordyn Grawe, 10

Eat. Sleep. Cheer. Repeat.

Varsity Cheerleading

With three new members, the 2012-2013 Varsity Cheerleading squad was determined to succeed from the first day of practice. The team's head coach was Angie Fears and their assistant coach was Terri Aebischer. The cheerleaders began preparing for the season in the summer, participating in the Super CDA Cheer Camp in Chicago. The team dominated the competition by taking home the titles of Best Stunt Group, Best Tumbler, and Best Dancer. At camp, the team became much closer by bonding in the senior's hotel rooms. "We gave the freshman ugly makeovers, and ate lots of food." said Alexis Barker, 11. Unfortunately after camp, the team lost two girls due to injuries. With practices throughout the fall, the team's first ICCA regional took place in January in Bloomington. They placed second. The second regional was in Highland, where the team received a first place title. The third and final IHSA regional was at Mascoutah where the team received third place. Towards the end of January, the cheerleaders competed at IHSA State in Bloomington. After receiving fourth place the on the first day, the team fell to eighth place on the second day of competing. The final performance of the season was the ICCA Championship in Springfield. The team swept the competition, earning first place all girl stunt group, first place coed stunt group and second place overall.

by Gabrielle Geiger
by Carrie Eilerman

Number 31 Luke Thies, 9, dribbles down the court at a game against Granite City. Luke brings the ball down the court to score another two points for the team. “The best part of the season was meeting my best friend and hero Austin McCloud,” said Luke.

Shooting for three points, Will Greenwald, 9, helps the team score a win against Jerseyville. The team came out of the Jerseyville tournament as a championship team.

That's How We Ball Out

JV Boys Basketball

The JV Boys Basketball team started much before the actual season started. They began with pre-season workouts and open gym practices. The JV Boys Basketball team earned a record of 10-5 overall, and 7-3 in MVC play. Coach Todd Strong was the JV coach for his first year. “JV was fun, we played freshman through junior and moved guys around; it was JV poutpuri. I enjoyed getting to know this group of boys. The future looks bright for HHS hoops,” said Strong. Leading scorers for the team included Nick Balkenbusch, 11, Austin Elledge, 9, and Brock Portell, 11, who all averaged double digits per game. With freshmen, sophomores, and juniors on the court, the boys had to learn to work together and play as a team. Ben Menke, 10, a guard for the teams, said, “It was really cool to have Coach Strong as the JV coach, but my favorite thing about this basketball season was the bus rides home and singing the school song with the team.”

At the Mascoutah game, Coach Strong talks to his team. The boys got back in the game and pulled off another win.

At the game against Jerseyville Cole Landmann, 10, and Brode Portell, 9, struggle to get possession of a loose ball. The game ended with a win of 47-43.

Matt Beyer, 9, puts up a shot against Althoff to score two points for the team.
Pulling up for the jump shot over Salem's defense is Aaron Elledge, 11. The bulldogs rolled over Salem with a 50-29 win.

Caleb McKee, 11, jumps up to score over Roxana's player. The team won 55 to 40 against Roxana.

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Joseph Duncan, 11, played hard defense against Triad player.

To start the game, Logan Meier, 12, tipped off against Waterloo. The bulldogs beat Waterloo 48 to 31.

"The most memorable moment of the basketball season was when there was poop in the hallway at the hotel we stayed at in Springfield."

-Donstan Portell, 11
This year was full of change for the Boys Varsity Basketball program. With a new head coach and only one returning starter, the team had their work cut out for them. "I could not have asked for a better group of kids to work with; they were patient and bought into the program one hundred percent," said Coach Elledge. The team began the season strong starting off winning nine of their first ten games. After facing Jerseyville and entering the Mater Dei tournament, the winning streak ended. However, the bulldogs had only two conference losses all season, both to Jerseyville. With two clutch wins against Triad and the rest of the conference, the team won MVC. After suffering a sprained ankle and missing the last three games (including two conference games), Mitch Carriger, 12, had 384 points on the season. Aaron Elledge also had an impressive 53 assists. The bulldogs lost in the first regional game against Civic Memorial but surpassed many expectations and ended the season with a 17-14 record.

Coach Elledge relayed a play during a time-out in the remaining seconds of the Mascoutah game. The bulldogs lost in a tight game 48 to 53.

During the Chatham-Glenwood Tournament against Salem, Austin McCloud, 12, goes up for a layup contributing to the bulldogs win.

Varsity Boys Basketball
The Varsity and JV teams pulled off the season strikingly well. The Varsity boys finished with a record of 15-1, and the JV boys were not far behind with a score of 14-2. Varsity Girls won with 10-6, Junior Varsity girls with 15-1. The five starters for the Varsity male team were Spencer Mueller, 12, Derek Frey, 11, Zach Chapman, 10, Jordan Buske, 9, and Spencer Holzinger, 12. The Varsity girls were Kaitlin Rutz, 11, MaKayla Smith, 9, Katie Manley, 11, Amber Hubbard, 11, and Lexi Korte, 9. Spencer Mueller, 12, went to state with a high bowling score of 2556, gaining 32nd place out of a group of over 100. Both teams practiced after school until 5:00 P.M., 5 days a week. They focused on their bowling form and techniques. A bowler must perform certain warm-ups before each game and be focused. A bowler must maintain focus. Derek Frey, 11, placed fourth in the Abe Lincoln Tournament in Springfield, and Ben Clayton placed first in the Individuals for JV at Springfield. At the Christmas Tournament Spencer Mueller, 12, received sixth place, and Zach Chapman, 10, came in tenth. Jordan Buske, 9, said “The team was very welcoming to the freshman.” Jordan’s highest score at practice was a 289. With a scale the boys Varsity team placed 14 out of 42 in the Panther Tournament in O’Fallon. The girls spent had bonding nights at Coach Wander-Vrell’s house and Amber Hubbard’s house where they watched television and got to know their teammates. The season ended with the annual bowling banquet held at Poplar Junction bowling which recognized members of the team with special awards of recognition. Coach Wander-Vrell said, “It was a very successful season for the boys Varsity and the girls JV, both teams winning the division. There was a lot of growth from the Varsity girls.” When bowling complete concentration and precise form it required. Bowling is not just a way to hang out casually with your friends, it is a competitive sport that requires acquired skill.

"We had a good season, and a good run at sectionals. This team was inspirational." - Zach Chapman, 10

"This was a rebuild year for the girls. We lost a lot of seniors but we made the best of the season." - Amber Hubbard, 11
Spencer Mueller, 12, the bowling team's All-Star, bowls his third strike, achieving a turkey at a practice.

Kaitlin Rutz, 11, and Katie Manley, 11, practice bowling techniques at the beginning of their after school practices held at Poplar Junction.

Before the Senior Night game against East Alton, Woodriver, Lexi Korte, 9, Katie Manley, 11, Amber Hubbard, 12, Kaitlin Rutz, 11, Makayla Smith, 9, and Megan Gruner, 10 huddle up.

by Amanda Wick

Front Row: Megan Gruner, 10, Lexi Korte, 9, Kaitlin Rutz, 11, Kylee Gutzler, 10, Liz Arend, 9, Miranda Seaman, 11, Second Row: Zach Chapman, 10, Jennifer O'Brien, 9, Amber Hubbard, 11, Shanna Welz, 11, Katie Manley, 11, Makayla Smith, 9, Devon Frank, 9, Third Row: Jordan Buske, 9, Chis Korte, 10, Mitch Dahm, 10, Back Row: Coach Wander-Vrell, Trevor Miller, 11, Brett Harrison, 10, Spencer Holzinger, 12, Spencer Mueller, 12, Ryan Long, 10, Ben Clayton, 10, Derek Frey, 11, Colin Chasteen, 10, and Assistant Coach Pam Schrumpf.
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Spring Sports
Twerk Team

Girl's Track

The unique, quirky personalities that made up the track team shaped the team to become one of a kind. The team participated in bonding nights, where they had pasta dinners before meets. The girls also preformed team cheers when a meet was finished. "We all helped each other out during meets. If it was cold outside, we shared blankets and hoodies. If it was warm out we shared our sunscreen," said MaKenna Stweart, 12. While many of the members were notorious for taking "selfies" during meets, the team also had the ability to excel in relays, shot puts, high jumps, and pole vaults. The indoor track season began in February and the outdoor season began in March. In April, the girls placed second in conference at a 24 team invite at Nashville, Illinois. In May, they once again won second, beating out Waterloo, Mascoutah, and Triad. The girls also tied for first place with Freeberg at the Mascoutah Invitational. Near the end of the season, Mireille Beaubien, 10, Jayden Shelton, 10, Emily Holtzclaw, 11, and Allison Zobrist, 9, ran a state qualifying 4x800 relay at Civic Memorial. At state, Zobrist, 9, received eighth place in the 3200-meter run. Lena Giger, 11, won first place in the shot put competition and fourth place in the discus throw. Although only four girls competed at state, overall Highland brought home 13th place for the 2013 IHSA State Finals.

"What was the best way to warm up?"

"Twerking... If you know what I mean."

-Jennifer Ullman, 12

"Warm up? I don't know what you mean..."

-Mireille Beaubien, 10

by Gabrielle Geiger
At a home meet against Granite City and Waterloo, Bailey Leitschuh, 10, takes first place in the 200m dash.

Katelyn Lucia, 11, practices her pole vaulting skills by warming up before a home meet. Lucia cleared the 8'6" jump, placing first out of three schools.

Trevor White, 10, races against a Granite City Warrior in the open 800 event at the stadium. He ended up passing his opponent and finished first in the event.

Gage Geiger, 10, sprints away with the baton from Ryan Bush, 11, in the 4x200 event. The other relay members were Logan Geiger, 10, and Brenden Sans, 10. The boys placed second in this event.

"My favorite part of this track season was when Hayden Smart de-pantsed Zach Bramstedt."

- Logan Geiger, 10

"My best memory was pole vaulting a 12'9'', achieving the school record."

- Zach Bramstedt, 12
"Train, puke, run some more! Train, puke, feed them more!" This was the boys' motto for the season. Practices consisted of stretching and doing running workouts. An example of one of the workouts was called Poopers in which the team ran 500 meters, followed by a 400 and a 300 at race pace with a small break in between. A meet began with field events. These included jumping events such as the high jump, triple jump, and long jump, throwing the shot put and discus, and pole vaulting. After the completion of the field events were foot races. Coach Vance, Sgt. Yohannes, Erin Cotto, and David Giger coached the boys. In duel meets, the boys finished 7-0, beating Granite City, Waterloo, Mater Dei, Mascoutah, Civic Memorial, Okaville, and Altoff. They placed fourth out of 16 teams at the Granite City Invitational. The team placed third at the Mascoutah Invitational out of six teams. At Roxana, the boys finished second out of six teams. They finished third out of six teams at the Madison County Invitational. The freshman-sophomore team finished third out of six teams at the Jerseyville Invitational. At the O'Fallon relays, the boys placed sixth out of nine teams. They came in 16th out of 20 teams at Belleville West. At Collinsville, the team came in 14th out of 21 teams.

Relieved to see the finish line in the 4 x 800 is Alex Cranick, 11. His team placed first. The team consisted of Trevor White, 10, Grant Riggs, 10, and Kody Grey, 11.

Jacob Troxell, 11, passes the baton off to Brenden Sans, 10, in the 4 x 400 event. Their team placed third at the Highland regional.

Finishing strong in the 800 meter event is Nathan Prrott, 9. He placed sixth in his event. The 800 was one of the toughest events to compete in because it requires running half a mile at a quick pace.

by Harmony Kapp
“Soccer is our lives. We are not a team, we are a family.”

-Michelle Ferguson, 10

“In soccer you have to have dedication, team work, and determination, but most of all, just have fun.”

-Kailey Allison, 11

“On the field we don't just take the ball and run, we work together to thrive.”

-Lauren Bardill, 9

Lauren Bardill, 9, settles the ball down in front of Jerseyville’s, net while Lauren Flesh, 10, makes a run behind her at an away game on April 26.

Racing down the field with an opponent from Mascoutah is Maria Mungia.

Lilly Happold, 9, shoots a free kick after a foul at the top of the box at a home match on April 30 against Civic Memorial.

Front Row: L Happold, 9, M Wick, 10, L Flesh, 10, M Ferguson, 10, A Bitticks, 9, L Schutzenhofer, 9

Middle Row: E Esquibel, 10, S Olivares, 9, M Wilke, 10, C Beckman, 10, R Koehnemann, 10, M Mungia, 10, A Barker, 11, S Szoke, 10 Back Row: Coach Cloin, b Nation, 10, C Amaro, 11, N Esquibel, 10, A Allison, 11, I Michael, 10, C Callahan, 9, A Deluca, 9, V Rivera, 10, T Netzer, 9
Melanie Wick, 10, plays as a striker dribbling around the defending opponents at an away game on April 26 against Jerseyville.

Defender, Alison Deluca, 9, challenges an opponent at a home match against Civic Memorial April 30.

K. Allison, 11, L. Flesh, 10, S. Olivares, 9, A. Bitticks, 9, A. Barker, 11, L. Schutzenhofer, 9, Szoke, 10, V. Rivera, 10, M. Ferguson, 10, T. Netzer, 9, L. Bitticks, 9, A. Barker, 11, L. Shutzenhofer, 9, Szoke, 10, V. Rivera, 10, M. Ferguson, 10, T. Netzer, 9, L. Bardill, 9, and I. Michael cheer on their team from the sidelines at an away match against Civic Memorial on April 22.

"Be a hero!" was a favorite phrase often heard at practices. Coach Scott Cloin used this phrase when he wanted the girls to score goals. The team was coached by Josh Oswald, Chris Fry, Brent Knebel, and Scott Cloin. The season began with conditioning work-outs followed by a rainy week of try-outs. A typical practice began with a warm-up lap, stretches, and then daily footwork that then went into various drills that changed daily. Junior, Christina Amaro, led the season with the most goals for the team followed closely by sophomore, Becca Nation. Miranda Mungia, 10, Erin Esquibel, 10, Maddie Wilke, 10, Lauren Bardill, 9, and Melanie Wick, 10 were also goal scorers. Goal keepers Samantha Szoke, 10, and Nicole Esquibel, 10, stepped up after goal keeper, Vanessa Rivera, 10, was injured midway through season. The team’s final record was 5-0-7.
This past year the varsity girls soccer program underwent a few changes. The program was fortunate enough to hire Josh Oswald, who also serves as the boys coach, after the resignation of the former coach. Coach Oswald and his assistants Scott Cloin, Chris Fry, and Brent Keneble whipped the girls into shape from January through their entire season ending in May. The girls had plyometrics three days a week starting in January. Here they worked on fast foot work, balance, and agility. The team also had an open gym session every Sunday so the girls could get touches on the ball. Outside of the school workouts a majority of the girls played on an indoor team so they could play competitively before the season. Once tryouts were held in early March, the team had a full week of straight conditioning. This all paid off when the girls were able to play full games and beat their competition. Coach Oswald said, “When I was first approached about the girls soccer coaching vacancy I was hesitant. I wasn’t sure I would enjoy working with the girls like the guys. But now as this season is in its final weeks I know that is not the case. These girls have completely exceeded my expectations. They have made our time as coaches very memorable from the laughs that we shared to the hard work they have put into make themselves and the team better. I couldn’t be happier that I gave these girls a chance as they gave me; I look forward to working with the girls program for many years to come.” The ladies improved their overall record from last year ending with an 11-8-2 record.

**What is your most memorable event from the season?**

“Walking to get ice cream in Carbondale, or Mad Dog saying “yeah give a senior a piece of gum.”

—Molly Rinderer, 12

“Most memorable was Cloin's speech, most fun was froyo in Carbonale.”

—Morgan Sikora, 10

Varsity starters Morgan Sikora, 10, Abbey Johnson, 10, Devan Kauffman, 11, Kate Sikora, 9, Alena Miller, 12, Jordan Barker, 12, Allison Ferguson, 12, Harmony Kapp, 12, Abby Rinderer, 12, and Christy Hobbs, 12, take the field in Carlinville. The ladies won in a well fought battle which gave them a three game winning streak.

Senior Soccer players Harmony Kapp, Jordan Barker, Alena Miller, Allison Ferguson, and Abby Rinderer enjoy a nice muddy practice. To get the team winning more balls out of the air Coach Oswald had the girls practice diving headers.
pow wow before a tournament

Row: Kate Ikora, 19, game in Carbondale. The girls Crytal Beckman, 10, Jordan do their "The Lid" chant to get

Barer, 12, Rachel Kochernann, 10, Abbey Johnson, 10, Christy Hobbs, 12, Molly Rinderer, 12, Amanda Ponce, 9, Crystal Beckman, 10, Kate Sikora, 9, and Abby Rinderer, 12 get ready for a team bonding dinner to Buffalo Wild Wings. They took over the hotel lobby and celebrated their performance in their tournament.

by Allison Ferguson

Front Row: Harmony Kapp, 12, Melanie Wick, 10, Alena Miller, 12, Christy Hobbs, 12, Abby Rinderer, 12, Allison Ferguson, 12. Middle Row: Kate Sikora, 9, Crystal Beckman, 10, Abbey Johnson, 10, Jordan Barker, 12, Rachel Kochernann, 10. Back Row: Coach Scott Clain, Maddie Wilke, 10, Devan Kaufman, 11, Christina Amaro, 11, Amanda Ponce, 9, Becca Nation, 10, Molly Rinderer, 12, Morgan Sikora, 10, Coach Josh Oswald.

The team huddles up for a team pow wow before a tournament game in Carbondale. The girls do their "The Lid" chant to get fired up to play.

Coach Josh Oswald plays guitar hero to relieve some of the day's stress after coaching two well played tournament games. Although the ladies lost the first two games of the Fralish Cup Tournament, they came back the next day and left with a win. The ladies ended with a record of 1-2 for the tournament placing them in seventh place.
Putting a forehand volley away, is Jared Bargetzi, 10, during a home match against Greenville. The Bulldogs won 7-3.

The team rested when they endured a long bus ride to Effingham. The guys lost 7-2.


"The tennis team may be the quirkiest group of guys I've ever met but I'd take them over a star group of athletes any day."

- Tyler Stone, 12

"Tennis is life."

- Zach Plocher, 10
Swingers

Boys Tennis

The tennis team returned three starting varsity seniors this year: Evan Duft, Lucas Pinsker, and Tyler Stone. With the addition of newcomer Jack Martens, 12, and Sophomores Zach Plocher and Ryan Long, the team had a strong top six. "We had a good group of underclassmen step up and play well with great leadership from our seniors. It was extra satisfying to see the hard work pay off with some nice results in conference and sectionals," said Coach Matt Pellock. The seniors took the underclassmen under their wings and molded them into great tennis players. Underrated at the conference tournament, the Bulldogs clenched the third place title. Contributing to the bronze medal was Zach Plocher who fought hard for a second place finish in singles and third place in doubles with Evan Duft. Ryan Long and Jack Martens also battled for third place and finished in doubles. Sectionals, held in Centralia, proved successful for the team. Evan Duft, with a second seed, qualified for the state tournament in Schaumburg. However, he did not place. "This was a very successful and fun season with lots of enthusiasm," concludes Coach Pellock. No one will forget the tennis team of 2013.

Applying another grip to his racket is Lucas Pinsker, 12, to prepare himself for his next match.

Setting up to hit the forehand, is Evan Duft, 12, against Jerseyville. Evan went on to win the match 6-1, 6-0.

Zach Plocher, 10, strikes a forehand winner against a Hillsboro opponent. The team won 8-1.

by Evan Duft
"The season was memorable because it went by really quick and it rained a lot."

-Addison Rosen, 11

"Not only did individuals improve on our team, but the team as a whole improved."

-Caitlin Lammers, 9
Lauren Wright, 9, gets ready to lead off third base at a home game against Civic Memorial.

Playing third base, Ashlyn Fenton, 9, gets ready to field the oncoming ball.

The girls watch their teammates go up to bat at their game against Triad. Unfortunately, the girls lost.

**Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend**

**JV Softball**

With record rainfall this spring, the JV softball team did not let it stop their games. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors made up the team. The girls practiced in the afternoon Monday through Friday and in the morning on Saturdays when they did not have games. Their practices consisted of hitting, fielding, and drills. Freshman, Brianna Becher said, “My favorite part of practice was out fielding because I like working with the out fielders.” In order to improve the JV, the Varsity girls joined them at practice to create greater competition. The practices were ran by the Varsity coach, Mrs. Schmitz, and JV coach, Mrs. Lowder. The girls encouraged each other to work hard and get better throughout the season. Coach Lowder said, “Work hard everyday and it will pay off! Play as a team the the team will succeed.”
The Highland Varsity Softball team ended with a record of 10-16. Coach Schmitz was back for her eighth season as head coach. The girls practiced throughout the winter and spring. Hitting sessions were offered prior to the season for girls not participating in a winter sport. During the regular season, practices were held before and after school to strengthen the girls' bodies and softball skills. Mornings consisted of workouts that were ran by the trainer, Erin Hoepfner. They did cardio, weightlifting and plyometrics. After school practices was the time for different drills like the star drill, hitting and pitching practice, and fielding. The team's work showed in their final stats. Their combined batting average was .292. Over half the starters hit .250 or higher. Brooke Hug, 11, led the lady bulldogs with an average of .475 and was followed closely by McKayla Parker, 12, who had an average of .423. The team together averaged 6.3 runs a game. Schmitz said, "Our defense improved with each game but our offense was the strongest part of our team. It was a tough year because of all of the canceled games. Less games meant less experience. Overall, I was extremely pleased with this group of girls and their season."

"Team bonding when we all got together and hung out."

Kristin Potthast, 11

"Making vines on the bus going to games."

Mallory Rutz, 10
Addison Rosen, 11, winds up to throw a pitch. Rosen was one of three main pitchers this year along with McKayla Parker, 12, and Mallory Rutz, 10.

By Hannah Hartlieb

During their game against Belleville West, Amanda Peterson, 11, catches a fly ball in center field. Peterson played the outfield and was lead off hitter throughout the season.
In the shade of the dug out, the boys sit in batting order, focusing on their teammates as they circle the bases.

Mitch Duncan, 10, makes a lead off of first base. He went on to score a run.

Sam Greene, 9, eyes up the pitch that is flying towards him. Greene hit the ball to left field and advanced to first base.

Sophomores, Tyler Kimmle, Cody Bentlage, Ben Menke, Mitch Duncan, and Justin Bruggemann, meet with Couch Houchins at the pitcher's mound to discuss their strategies for the next inning.

"I had a blast this season. I couldn't have asked for a better team! Coach Houchins made it really fun!"

- Ben Menke, 10

"Coach Houchins made my season."

- Mitchell Duncan, 10
The JV Baseball Team was comprised of mainly sophomores. Coach Houchins led practices after school until five o’clock, Monday through Friday. Practices started with stretching, then the boys warmed up their arms by playing catch. The end of practice entailed a run of the campus. The team pitchers were Justin Bruggeman and Mitch Duncan. It was normal to see Zach Chapman on first, with Ben Menke on second, and Tyler Kimmle, Hunter Coker, or Cody Bentlage at short stop. Andrew Winning and Sam Greene were the only freshmen on the team. Coach Houchins said, “This team has been a real joy to coach. Very rarely do you find a group of young men whose only interest is in winning. Usually there are players on a team who have selfish motives and are worried about themselves, but this group only has the best interest of the team in mind. That is a very unique trait in a team and one that makes this group so successful and fun to coach.”

Front Row: Andrew Winning, 9, Mitch Wallace, 10, Sam Greene, 9, Chris Polini, 10, Ben Menke, 10 Middle Row: Matt Augustine, 10, Pete Baumgartner, 10, Tyler Kimmle, 10, Mitch Duncan, 10, Mitch Munie, 10, Zach Chapman, 10, Back Row: Couch Houchins, Justin Bruggemann, 10, Logan Kharibian, Hunter Coker, 10, Riley Zimmerman, 10, Brett Harrison, 10.

by Amanda Wick
"If we win, we have a party. If we lose... we have a bigger party."

-Austin McCloud, 12

“This year, we didn’t play baseball. We played country hardball.”

-Greg Holthaus, 12

“The 2013 baseball team set very high expectations and worked very hard to live up to these standards. This team is a great mix of talent, enthusiasm, and personality. This has been a spring full of snow, rain, and limited sun, but fun because of the young men that composed the team.”

-Coach Hawkins

Senior, Jake Haberer, follows through on a curve ball as he strikes out a Mascoutah batter. The boys won 4-1.

Jake Haberer, 12, hits a base hit into the left field gap at Busch Stadium. Haberer broke the average single season record with a batting average of .504 and RBI’s with 49.

Senior, Mitch Carriger, fires a pitch to the plate against Belleville East. The boys won 2-1.

Senior, second baseman Joel Mason, fields the ball and delivers a strike to senior, Zack Stieb, at first base.

The boys warm up on the Cardinal field by playing catch with each other. The boys took a win at Busch Stadium against Collinsville.
Coach Hawkins brings the boys in for a pep talk. He does this during many games to get them going and try to spark a big inning.

The varsity boys line up along the field at Busch Stadium for the National Anthem.

Up at bat, Grant Geppert, 10, hits a line drive during a game against Jerseyville. With many hits like these, the boys defeated Jerseyville 6-3.

Go Crazy, Folks

Because of the outstanding season the team had last year, the boys had high expectations for this year. The boys had pre-season workouts in the morning and continued the workouts throughout the season. They also started hitting sessions and practices about two months prior to their first game against Roxana on March 19. Their season started out as hoped for with a 6-0 record, opening with a win against Central High School. They then hosted their two most northern opponents, Burlington Central and Lakes High School and won both contests to their Chicago foes. The boys, who are in the large-school Metro East Division, were ranked fourth in the area for most of the season. The boys had the opportunity to play at Busch Stadium this year against Collinsville. “It gave me chills as I walked onto the field knowing that professional players played here. It was the nicest field I’ve ever played on and I’m glad I got to experience it”, said Joe Duncan, 11. The boys came out on top with a final score of 8-7. The boys closed out the regular season with a 7-6 win against Effingham leaving them on a 7-1 tear. The boys moved on to regionals held at Triad. They took a 13-3 win over Civic Memorial, but lost to Triad 6-1 for the Regional Championship.
Catchin' Some Bass

Bass Fishing

The fishing team had a great season. Beginning with tryouts in August, it was obvious that this group of fishermen had a tremendous amount of talent. The team which included the returning state champion and a cast of other great fishermen, faced a challenging competition throughout the season. “The highlight of this year’s season was winning the sectional on Coffeen Lake for the fourth year in a row,” said coach Jon Rinderer. Taking home the sectional championship was Boat One which included the teammates of Joey Bardill, 11, Blake Schumacher, 9, Shane Campbell, 11, and Austin Niggli, 11. Winning sectionals gave them a chance at the State Championship once again. Evan Welz, 12, said, “The thing I'll miss most about bass fishing is getting to fish with the team, we had such a good team and a strong connection with one another.”

What was your biggest catch?

"My biggest catch was 3.75 pounds caught at Coffeen, Illinois.

-Blake Schumacher, 9"

"My biggest catch was 4.5 pounds at my uncle's farm pond in Highland.

-Evan Welz, 12"
At Coffeen Lake during sectionals, Joey Bardill, 11, and Shane Campbell, 11, flip jigs up onto the rocks.

Evan Welz, 12, and Eric Luitjohn, 11, get ready to weigh the fish after the tournament.

Finishing fifth at sectionals, Coach Scott Sautman, Evan Welz, 12, Coach Jon Rinderer, and Eric Luitjohn, 11, finish off the day with five fish weighing in at 10.8 pounds.

by Carrie Eilerman
we believe in...

Our Students

People
Holly Ayer
Angela Barker
Liza Basden
Tina Beyer
Douglas Bradley
Tina Bradley
Gail Braundmeier

Staci Brown
Dianne Buch
Rose Cann
Danielle Case
Theodore Cipicchio
Joe Dant
Michelle Deets

Bruce Deibert
DeAnna Dobbs
Karen Duckworth
Margaret Duncan
Christopher Durbin
Katherine Eaker
Heidi Fredericksen

Dr. Karen Gauen, Vice Principal
Nancy Genteman
Frederick Geppert
Christy Golder
Derek Hacke, Principal
Jody Hall
Jen Harxy

Patricia Hernandez
Ragina Hirsch
Tim Hirsch
Ronald Holt
Cheryl Holtzclaw
Caleb Houchins
Mary Jackson

Best Dressed
Mrs. Ramsey, Science

Coolest
Mrs. Duncan, Math

Best Hair
Mr. Hacke, Principal
Freshmen
Class of 2016

Have you experienced anything new this year?

"More homework."
"The classes are much harder and everyone is very tall."
"I learned to watch who I share my secrets with."

36% have a job
64% do not have a job

What is your opinion of sitting senior through freshman at sporting events?

"It's fine...I just want people to stop being rude to freshman."
"You can still talk to people in other classes- it shouldn't change."

On a scale of 1-10, have you been academically challenged at HHS?

33% of freshman have done something against the law this year.

Do you think that the drinking age in the United States should be lowered?

34% yes
66% no

Where do you stand on bullying?

I am a bully 11%
I have been bullied 29%
I have prevented bullying 59%

Should marijuana be legalized in Illinois?

37% yes
63% no

28% said that their friend group changed
59% said that their friend group did not change
Anna Abert
Samuel Ahlmeyer
Summer Allen
Trenton Allen
Victoria Allen
Alyssa Anderson
Bridget Anderson

Jessica Andrews
Brooke Arbogast
Jason Arbogast
Elizabeth Arend
Mary Austin
Alexander Bandy
Lauren Bardill

Brett Barker
Payton Barowski
Kristen Barth
Austin Baublitz
Christopher Beard
Brianna Becherer
Matthew Beyer

Samantha Beyer
Chase Bircher
Alyssa Bitticks
Kyle Blankley
Kaelyn Blunt
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Nicholas Borror

Cheyenne Brase
Carsten Brauns
Austin Brown
Lillie Budwell
Austin Bush
Jorden Buske
Cally Callahan

Dillon Cameron
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Ana Cantrell
CheyAnne Cantrell
Morgan Capelle
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Miranda Kustermann
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Kelsey Lane
Seth Levad
Brady Logan
Seth Luitjohan

Alexandra Mahan
Bianca May
Brenden May
Shelby McCarthy
Blake McCaslin
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Michael McGill

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Brayden Menke
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Morgan Oldham
Stephanie Olivares
Lucas Pena

Pacey Perez
Alexandra Plocher
Michael Pohl
John Pollard
Amanda Ponce
Brede Portell
Gavin Potthast

Michaela Potthast
Morgan Potthast
Samuel Potthast
Simon Potthast
Breanna Powell
Jocelyn Prante
Nathan Pratt

Freshmen 155
STAYING TRUE ...to yourself

Coming to high school brings new experiences and new pressures. Freshmen express what they hope never changes about them.

“My sense of humor.”
- McKenzie Rosen

“My friendly personality.”
- Austin Elledge

“I hope to keep an open mind.”
- Zander Hayes

“I hope to keep the same group of friends.”
- Amanda Ponce

“I hope I don’t turn into a jerk.”
- Griffin Welz
Have you experienced anything new this year?

"I've gotten closer with people who make me happy."
"I've survived an AP class."
"The Kind Assembly."
"I've made upperclassman friends."

57% have a job
43% do not have a job

What is your opinion of sitting senior through freshman at sporting events?

"It should stay the same. Everybody is a baby and complains now but when we are seniors we'll love sitting in the front."
"The energy in the crowd was really low this year...cough cough."
"I like it."

On a scale of 1-10, have you been academically challenged at HHS?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

55% Should marijuana be legalized in Illinois?
23% yes
77% no

43% of sophomores have done something against the law this year.

69% said that their friend group changed
31% said that their friend group did not change

Do you think that the drinking age in the United States should be lowered?

62% yes
38% no

Where do you stand on bullying?

I have been bullied 35%
I am a bully 15%
I have prevented bullying 50%

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162 People
"I'm in love with Harry Styles, from One Direction."
-Morgan Korte

"I'm addicted to eating Fudge Rounds."
-Gage Geiger

"I'm addicted to being called Big Pappa."
-Cole Landmann

"I'm addicted to cows! I have one on a keychain."
-"Malcow" Rutz
Have you experienced anything new this year?

"The ACT and PSAE."
"Mrs. Deets."
"Prom."

61% have a job
39% do not have a job

What is your opinion of sitting senior through freshman at sporting events?

"Everybody should just sit where they want."
"Freshman stay in the back. The seniors can go wherever they want."
"I think it's fair that seniors sit in the front."

On a scale of 1-10, have you been academically challenged at HHS?

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37% percent of juniors have done something against the law this year.

Do you think that the drinking age in the United States should be lowered?

54% yes 46% no

Where do you stand on bullying?

I have been bullied 22%
I am a bully 4%
I have prevented bullying 74%

Should marijuana be legalized in Illinois?

32% yes 67% no
Blake Abbe
Amir Afshar
Paige Ahlgren
Nicholas Allen
Sutton Allen
Kailey Allison

Rachael Amaro
Danielle Balint
Nick Balkenbusch
Joseph Bardill
Morgan Bargetzi
Alexis Barker

Jonathan Barth
Alexandra Benton
Courtney Billhartz
Patricia Brown
Matthew Bruning
Dustin Buchanan

Kodi Burdick
Reba Burns
Ryan Busch
Erika Caldwell
Lauren Campbell
Shane Campbell

Steven Canada
Emily Capelle
Joshua Case
Katie Clark
Erik Cochran
Codi Coleman

Amy Coyle
Alexander Cranick
Angela Cruz
Taylor Cygan
Jordan Dahm
David Dunh

Emma Drury
Rachel Dugan
Joseph Duncan
Carrie Eilerman
Aaron Elledge
Jennifer Emery

Tanner Farmer
Lauren Fenton
Olivia Ferguson
Harley Fetterer
Sara Fischer
Kaitlyn Frank

Juniors 165
Lauren Lutostanski
"...you back into a football player's car in the parking lot and the whole team laughs..."

Jake Wellen
"...Drake challenges A-Wint to a rap battle and wins..."

Morgan Reaka
"...a senior catches you trying to fit into a locker..."

Drake Zappia
"...you and Mitch get in trouble for doing wrestlemania in the bathroom..."

Troy Schneider
"...Ben eats it at the basketball game against Lovejoy trying to do a back flip..."
Have you experienced anything new this year?

"My first serious boyfriend." 
"This school getting messed up and the administration trying to take away yoga pants." 
"The thrill of driving 100 miles per hour."

"I tried being more outgoing this year and made a lot of new friends because of it."

82% have a job
18% do not have a job

How many hours do you spend on homework per week?
0-1 51%
2-4 29%
5-6 11%
6-more 9%

What is your opinion of sitting senior through freshman at sporting events?

"Seniors always get the front row. No questions asked."
"I've never gone to a game so I don't care."
"It's a privilege to sit closer to the game which you earn as you get older."

On a scale of 1-10, have you been academically challenged at HHS?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

60% of seniors have done something against the law this year.

44% said that their friend group changed
56% said that their friend group did not change

Do you think that the drinking age in the United States should be lowered?

67% yes 33% no

Where do you stand on bullying?

I have been bullied 25%
I am a bully 18%
I have prevented bullying 57%

Should marijuana be legalized in Illinois?

51% yes 49% no

170 People
Andrea Gutzler  Jacob Haberer  Alicia Hallemann  Christine Hamil  Timothy Hankins  Joshua Hanna
Jay Hargis  Briley Hart  Janna Heilig  Hunter Hillesheim  Josh Hinkle  Christine Hobbs
Gregory Holthaus  Spencer Holzinger  Austin Hoelsmann  Carlann Huelsmann  John Iberg  Joseph Iberg
Austin Ingle  Joshua Isaac  Anthony Jackson  Kaleb Kampwerth  Harmony Kapp  Melissa Kapp
Emily Keeven  Aaron Kelso  Jase Keneit  Victoria Kineke  Emily Klobuchar  Chelsey Kloss
Alexander Koch  Nicole Koentz  Harley Kohlbrecher  Jordan Kocyc  Amber Korsmeyer  Alaina Kosyodor
Senior Superlatives

Nick Flanigan & Katie Brinker
Chris Wiess & Michaela Blackburn
Zack Stieb & Molly Rinderer
John Jbers & Erica Ellis

Best Brain
Brooke Terrill & Alex Young

Best Dressed
Amber Korsmeyer & Kyle Gruner

Class Clown
Katie Douglas & Devin Rode

Most School Spirit
Tyler Stone & Alaina Kosydar

Most Likely to Be a Model
Harmony Kapp & Thomas Foppe

Sweethearts
Best Smile
Best Hair

Biggest Flirt

Best Car

Christa Williams & Evan Duft
The final event of the 2012-2013 school year fell into place at graduation. It was the last opportunity for the seniors of 2013 to say goodbye to Highland High School. As they sat as one united senior class and watched the ceremony progress, the emotions kicked in. The seniors listened to speeches from their principal, Mr. Hacke, as well as their Valedictorian, Katie Brinker, their Salutatorian, Nicholas Flanigan, and their senior class officers, Tyler Stone, Alaina Kosydar, Allison Ferguson, and a farewell from Kelsey Newcomb. The choir performed for the last time with their graduating seniors, and finally it was time to walk up to the stage, one by one, and receive their diplomas. To make their imprint on Mr. Hacke, as his last senior class before leaving his position as Principal of Highland High School, each senior placed a single red, white, or black feather into his palm as they shook hands. This was an inside joke that made the senior class of 2013 a unique one, and also united them with their junior, sophomore, and freshman peers. As the ceremony concluded, the seniors stood up to the sound of the cheers that enveloped the gym. Balloons dropped from the ceiling and the graduates sprayed each other with traditional silly string. As they glanced around the walls of the gym one final time, there was no doubt that each of them heard “We Believe” echoing in their ears.
Cia. Kel ey
President,
Kelsey Newcomb,
celebrates graduation
with best friend, Carly
Dillow. “I will always
remember sitting in the
gym in our caps and
gowns. It’s crazy to
think that that was the
last time we will be
united as a class!”

Katie Douglas proudly exits the
gym as a graduate of Highland
High School. “Graduation was
bittersweet...I couldn’t believe
that it was finally my turn!”

Shannon Ostrander and Brooke Terri laugh
as they talk about high school memories that
are now behind them.

Aaron Eller and Bret Eilerman make
their way to the stage to receive their
diplomas. The diplomas were handed
out by Superintendent of Schools, Mike
Sutton.

The seniors were surprised at the
graduation ceremony with a balloon
drop provided by It’s Party Time, a local
business. As the balloons fell and the
silly string flew, the ceremony came to a
close.
Christa,
Congratulations on a great Senior Year! We are so proud of all that you have accomplished. Your future is so bright and I am excited to come watch you dance at Ole' Miss!

We love you-
Mom, Dad, Amanda and your whole Family!

Congratulations, Devynn!
Words cannot express how much we love you and how proud we are of you! May God guide you as you start this exciting new journey in life. Follow His leading and you will accomplish great things!

All our love,
Dad, Mom, Caitlin, Cali, Camryn, Chayse, Jackson, and Cruz

Kippy,
A heartbeat ago, you were chasing your brothers and sisters around the front yard when your diaper fell off! Now, you're a graduating high school senior! We've enjoyed the growing-up journey with you, from scoring more goals than your rival to being a beautiful young lady attending her last prom! We believe your future is unlimited! We love you and the wonderful person that you are!

Dad, Kelly, JK, Charis, Katie, Joey

Congratulations Katie!“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”—Henry Stanley Haskins

Love,
Mom, Dad
Rory & Grant

Congratulations McKayla! We are so proud of the person you have become.

Love you,
Mom, Dad, Cory, Alisha, Jessica, Phoenix and Alexa.

Aaron
We are so proud of you and the young man you have grown into. You are admired by many. We have watched you excel in ways that has at times surprised us. Keep reaching for your dreams and goals, and keep your beliefs in God as strong in the future as they are today. With His help, you will excel in everything you want to do. The Future is yours!

Love, Mom, Dad, Emily & Chris
Hannah "Bonesy" Markezich
When are you coming home to get your dog?
Make us proud!
We love you!
Momma Bones and Jaeger Meister

Jessica,
I can't believe you are graduating high school already! I have enjoyed watching you blossom into a strong, and caring young lady. I know you will succeed at anything you put your mind to through hard work and dedication. Remember to relax and be positive. I'm so proud of you! Have fun at Eastern.
Mom, Steve, and Ashley

Congratulations Aaron!
The time has gone by SO fast. We couldn't be more proud of you. You have grown into a wonderful young man. We are excited to see how God will use you in the future. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your path straight. Prov. 16:3
Love you, Mom, Dad, Adam and Ali

Brianne Goebel
We are so proud of you and all that you've accomplished during your high school years. It has been such a joy watching you grow into a beautiful, intelligent young woman. Keep your goals, dreams, and God in sight and you can accomplish anything you want out of life.
Good Luck at SIUE
We Love You,
Mom, Dad, and Brandon

Congratulations RJ!
We are so proud of the man that you have become, and prouder yet that you have decided to join the Army and serve your country. Get out and see the world it is a wonderful and exciting place. Let your sense of humor shine, because so very few people see it. You mean the world to us!
Love you Forever and Always,
Mom, Dad, & EMA

To our lovely Victoria,
The time has come where we must let you fly on your own. You have always made us proud of all you have accomplished and how you have become so responsible. In the future we will watch you go about your life with such class, character, and compassion! Good luck for all you dream and remember what we always said, "All dreams come true as long as you try your best."
Mum and Dad
Congratulations
Alex!
You did it!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Craig,
Danielle, and Ava

Congratulations to our precious
Harmony, the most special girl in our lives,
Your strong work ethic has caused you much stress and sacrifice, but achieving your goals is a sweet reward. We are proud of our Graduate of Distinction. We believe in you and are confident of your bright future. Keep your standards high and success will follow both at Missouri State and throughout your career.
All our love,
Mom, Dad, & Tenor

Cori,
You have given us so many things to be proud of over the past four years! You have worked hard at everything you do and have become a beautiful, strong, loving person who knows exactly where she wants to go in life. Keep being yourself and enjoy your next chapter at SLU, we can’t wait to watch your dreams come true!
You’re an amazing daughter, sister and best friend
Love,
Mom, Dad and Braden

Congratulations Zack! It’s hard to believe you’re done with High School already. We are so proud of the young man you have become. “We Believe” you will have great success in whatever the future holds for you.
We Love you buddy!
Mom, Dad and Blake

Congratulations Josh! We are so proud of you and all you’ve accomplished!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Sam, Eli and Nathan

Brooke,
You have grown into a beautiful young lady both inside and out. We are so proud of your accomplishments and look forward to what the future holds for you. As you graduate from high school and begin the next chapter of your life, remember to stay true to yourself, follow your dreams and live each day to the fullest.
We love you Brooke Terrill! – Dad,
Mom, Greg & Adam
Congratulation Brett!
We are so proud of the young man you’ve become. Looking forward to where your path is going to take you.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Ben & Carrie

Congratulation Shannon!
We couldn’t be more proud of you! Thanks for making our lives easy and being such a great teenager—we have loved every minute of it! We are excited to see what the next chapter brings—we know you will be successful no matter what you decide to do :-)
Love,
Mom and Dad

Madison – It’s hard to believe you are graduating from high school. It seems like yesterday you were our adorable little girl with dimples and now you are a beautiful young woman. We have enjoyed sharing your high school career with you. You and your friends have brought much laughter and fun into our lives and we will certainly you all next year. We wish you the best of luck at SIUE but know you will not need it. Your sparkling personality and zest for life will guarantee your success.
We are very proud of you and love you very much – Mom, Dad and Megan

Alaina,
You are an amazing young woman with strong faith, integrity, intelligence, talent and beauty. We are so incredibly proud of who you are and all that you have accomplished. As you begin the next part of your life’s journey, stay true to yourself, serve others, be a good friend, and let your light shine!! Above all, look to Heaven when you need a guiding light.
We Love You, Mom and Dad

Congratulation Andi on a job well done!!
We are all very proud of you and wish you the best.
We love you, Grandma and Grandpa Cramer, Great Grandma and Grandpa Kirchhoefer, Dad, Sheila, Katlynn, and Taylor
Good job Little Girl!!
Tanner
We are convinced that you will be very successful and respected in anything you choose to do. We are proud of your choice to serve your country. This is not an easy decision in this day and time, and we are honored and truly support you.
Mom and Dad

Way to go Cameron.
We are proud of you!
We believe that you will go far!
Love
Dad, Mom, Seth, and Candace

Congratulations Haley!
We are so proud of you and wish you all the best in the coming years.
Love you,
Dad and Mom

MagMoo,
Words cannot express how proud of you we are. The world does not know what a beautiful young woman it is receiving!
Congratulations!
Love, Mom, Dad and Sam

Congratulations, Kelsey!
We are all so proud of you! We believe that you can achieve whatever you put your mind and heart to. We wish you the best of luck at Greenville College and in all of your future endeavors. We love you!
Love,
Dad, Mom and Rich, Kyle, Corey and Matthew

Congratulations, Josh!
It's hard to believe it's already time for you to graduate. You have made us so proud of the young man you have become. We know you have what it takes to succeed at whatever you set your mind to. Believe in yourself, and remember, we will always be there for you. We love you with all of our hearts!
Mom, Dad, Jack and Madi
Congratulations Aaron! What a wonderful young man you have become, and such a gift for us. God has blessed you with a kind heart, a hard working attitude, and a great sense of humor. And God has blessed us with an incredible son! We are so proud of you and are excited for you to start a new chapter in your life!

We love you always!
Mom, Dad, Jesse, and Claire

Congratulations Allied! We can’t believe how fast time has flown by, and want you to know that we are incredibly proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Good luck in the next chapter of your life at Webster University, we can’t wait to watch you play some Gorlock soccer!

Love, Mom, Dad, Shayne, Jaqlyn, and Collin

Congratulations Alena! The time has come for you to start the next stage in your life. No matter where life takes you, know that the one thing that will never change is our love for you. You can achieve whatever you want in life; all you need to do is believe in yourself.

Pueo is watching over you.

Aloha nui loa from you
Ohana

Congratulations Allison! We can’t believe how fast time has flown by, and want you to know that we are incredibly proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Good luck in the next chapter of your life at Webster University, we can’t wait to watch you play some Gorlock soccer!

Love, Mom, Dad, Shayne, Jaqlyn, and Collin

Today is your day, my sweet Briley! You will make a difference in people’s lives and touch people’s hearts. You, aspiring to be a nurse is your calling. You have such a strong spirit and we are proud of who you’ve become. We love you! Go get’em RED!

Love,
Mom, Bill, Payden. Bailey, Nana, and Grandaddy

Congratulations Taylor Bing! Remember to always color the world with Art – cuz you don’t like “eh”… Color outside the lines, always be yourself and there is no doubt that you can be anything that “you” want to be. With all of our love and support…you make us proud!

Love, Mom, Dad & Lexy
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