Faculty, students, and our building experienced changes over the summer and during the year. Several new teachers were hired to replace retiring teachers, and a number of repairs and renovations were done to the building. This issue of Iris #97 was dedicated to documenting student life and the changes that happened this year.

New tennis courts were installed over the summer.

New chromebooks were available for students to use.

Eleven new teachers came to HHS.
All windows and doors were installed over the summer.

All grades parked in the big lot.

Some dual credit classes were changed and added.

A new water fountain that filled water bottles was added.

The Art Department and Mrs. Wander spruced up the grey walls.

We had new spice choices in the cafeteria.

A phone "garage" policy was introduced and phones were "parked" in every class.

Aubrey Hacke, 12, announced birthdays every morning.

Marching Band sported their old uniforms for the last year.

The week of spring break was removed from the calendar.

with the CHANGES
ROLLING INTO
OUR STUDENT LIFE
While performing in the talent portion, Brent Rapien, entertains the audience with his synchronized swimming routine. He was accompanied by fellow seniors Luke Jones, Jack Landmann, and Ben Thomae.

Jacob Mitchell shows off his dance moves for the talent portion of the contest. The crowd laughed hysterically during his reenactment of the dance from the movie "Napoleon Dynamite".

It was nerve-wracking, but worth it, even though I didn't win. I was nervous because I was in front of my peers dancing and doing stuff I normally wouldn't do.

Jacob Plocher

Mr. Irresitible
Ben Thomae

First Runner Up
Draven Doyle

People's Choice
Ben Thomae
The seventh Mr. Irresistible contest was held on September 7, 2016 in the elementary school auditorium. The Drama Club sponsored the event in order to raise money for their plays and musicals. Different clubs, organizations, and sports elected a senior boy to represent their groups in the contest. Mrs. Case, the director of the competition was impressed by the boys’ performances. “The boys did an excellent job on stage. I think they were really dedicated and they put on a good show. Especially because I roped most of them into it,” said Case. To determine which contestant would be named Mr. Irresistible 2016, the 11 senior guys competed in four areas: Sportswear, Talent, Formal wear, and Interview. The winner gained prizes for himself, along with money for the group he represented. The three female judges were current students at Triad. The contest started with the contestants showing off their dance moves to the song “Me Too” by Meghan Trainor. In the next category, the boys modeled their favorite sport and leisure wear for the audience. Next, each contestant performed a special talent. The last category was Formal wear and Interview where each boy was asked two different questions. During intermission, the judges deliberated while the audience voted for the People’s Choice Award. The boys waited anxiously to hear who would be announced the winner. The contestant who was voted People’s Choice was Ben Thomae. The first runner up was Draven Doyle, and Ben Thomae was crowned Mr. Irresistible 2016.

The competitors pose for a picture in the chorus room before the show begins. After the picture, the boys rehearsed their opening dance.
The theme for homecoming was “Shine like a Diamond”. On the Friday before the dance, student council members and the class sponsors, Ms. Beyer and Mrs. Basden, stayed after school to help transform the gym into a dazzling field of diamonds. Students filed into the gym around 7:30 and coronation started promptly at 8:00 followed by the dance ending at 11:30. During coronation, the class officers announced the court members as they walked down the aisle. While dancing, the DJ sprayed the crowd with a mist to cool them down. This allowed the students to dance just a bit longer. The homecoming week festivities came after the dance.
A group of freshmen boys and girls pose for a picture at Highland Silver Lake before their limo ride to dinner and the dance.

I had the most fun going to dinner at Peel with everyone because we all got our own individual pizzas.
- Destany Morland, 11

Sophomore girls Brooke Wilson, Alexis Gibbons, Hannah Kernan, and Carly Rakers smile for a quick picture while waiting for their dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory in St. Louis.

The pumped up students throw their hands in the air at the dance when Chris Brown's hit song "Yeah 3x" played. Justin Gill, 12 said "When this song came on the whole crowd started jumping up and down, and the strobe lights were flickering. It was awesome."

"I shined the brightest because I looked the prettiest this homecoming."

"I was pretty much the star of homecoming this year."

"I felt like I shined because it was my senior year, so I went all out."

by hannah luitjohan and emma moos
HOMECOMING COURT

Trent Rakers & Nicole Beaubien
King and Queen

Carter Wiegman, Lauren Oberkfell, Lid Basden, Brylee Portell.

Freshman Court


Sophomore Court

Shane Yetter & Bailey Wills
Special Escort & Special Maid

Elliott Prout, Kayla Davis, Justin Melosi, Abby McFer, Zane Robertson, Lacey Crawe, Rece Portell, Connor Pinsker, Lauren Baer, Sean Snyder, Whitney Roberts and Garrett Marti.

Junior Court

Student Life
1. After the spike, Justin Melosi, 11, covers his face in disappointment. "I'm so ashamed!" said Melosi.

2. Juniors, Stephen Schniers, Ben Braun, Colin Peterson, Connor Pinsker, Brock Troxell, Luke Landmann, and Justin Melosi get together for one last huddle before their big match. Coach Megan Sands, 11, knew this would be a tough match.

3. Ben Bruchhauser, 9, serves the ball over to the seniors in the first game. The freshman lost the first two matches ending in fourth place.

4. On the square after the Homecoming Parade, Captain Trent Rakers, 12, hyped up the crowd for the upcoming homecoming football game. The parade was Wednesday night and all sports teams, clubs, and the community came out to enjoy the festivities.

5. Freshman Adrian Wille, Sam Henghold, and Tess Korte show off their colorful leis on Thursday for salad dressing day.

6. Sophomores, Paris Waldman, Audrey Wilke, Kayla Eads, Lily Garbet, Alex Thies, Lily Becker, Lexy Gilliam, and Dayna Chastin killed it in their goth attire on Thursday.

7. After a victory over the senior kickball team, the juniors posed for a winning photo. They came out on top in the last inning with an ending score of 3-2, on Monday night.
SHINING THROUGH
Homecoming Week

WHAT CHANGED FOR
YOU THIS
HOMECOMING WEEK?

“What changed for me this year was that my grade did better in the sports and achieved first place at the end of the week,” said Elliott Prott, 11.

Monday
Freshmen: Irish green
Sophomores: Royal Blue
Juniors: Cherry Red
Seniors: Black

Tuesday
Freshmen: Thespians
Sophomores: Goth
Juniors: Jocks
Seniors: Nerds

Wednesday
Freshmen: Valentine’s Day
Sophomores: St. Patrick’s Day
Juniors: Halloween
Seniors: Christmas

Thursday
Freshmen: Thousand Island
Sophomores: Italian
Juniors: Ranch
Seniors: Caesar

After a night full of diamonds, the student body continued the excitement with a full week of spirit wear competitions. On Monday each grade wore their specific class color. That night was the second annual kickball tournament; the juniors kicked off the week with a win. Tuesday was filled with holiday cheer. Since powderpuff was banned, bubble soccer was this year’s replacement. However, not enough students signed up and the event was cancelled. As a result, no points were added to the board after Tuesday night. Clique day followed on Wednesday. That evening at the homecoming parade, the football team competed against teammates and coaches through various activities on the town square. At school on Thursday each grade dressed as a different salad dressing. Leading into power volleyball that night. The seniors served a win and bumped up their points for the week. At the pep rally on Friday, each class dressed in bulldog apparel to get the student body ready for the big game against Civic Memorial. Although the night was full of rain, this did not stop the fans from cheering the football team to the win.

Seniors “Kicked Ace” Thursday night at power volleyball, taking home their first win for the week. The boys defeated the freshmen and moved on to win the final game against the juniors.
Trent Langhauser, 12, hits his mark at the end of their humorous routine. The Varsity dance team taught the senior boys a comical routine, which they performed in the middle of the rally. For preparation, practices for the dance started weeks in advance in the gym.

Stopping for a quick smile, the junior band members prepare for the class cheer.

The Varsity football cheerleaders display their mount after their perfectly executed floor routine. The girls also performed this same mount at the homecoming game later that night.

**GET LOUD**

**Homecoming Pep Rally**

The homecoming celebrations came to an end with the annual pep rally. On September 30, students poured into the gym to watch the activities unravel. The Varsity football cheerleaders kicked off the assembly. After their stunning performance and mount, the cheerleaders dispersed to their own grades to lead the class chants. The seniors and juniors battled for the loudest chant but, the juniors ended in a close defeat to the winning senior class. The noise carried on to the next performance as the Varsity dance team, accompanied by some very talented senior guys, took the floor. The crowd cheered while they watched the boys "juju on that beat."

Next up for the rally was the classes pulling for a win in the tug-o-war challenge. The junior team, carried by Dylan Knebel and Colten Knebel, used all their might for their victory against the seniors. The freshman through junior court members took the floor in a difficult boys vs. girls challenge. Their objective was to link hands and lay down and proceed to get back up the same way. The girls barely beat the boys in this challenge. To wrap up the pep rally the senior court members raced against each other to finish the relay objectives.

byabby mcteer and claire pabst
Yelling proudly, the seniors chanted during the class cheers. The seniors beat out the other classes for a first place win.

Before their performance, Steven Diaz, 12, rallies his fellow male dancers. The boys wore matching shirts during the performance to look unified.

Captain Kyle Lane, 11, gives a speech regarding the game. To add emphasis, he dropped the mic and walked away.

The junior class pulls their hardest to grasp a final victory for spirit week. They beat the seniors by 40 points.

Reece Portell, 11, leads the freshman through junior court members in the race against the boys. The girls barely beat the boys for the win.

After the senior court challenge, Hope Imming, and Ally Becker, try to catch their breath. The girls were paired together since their partners, Jack Landmann and Luke Jones were at a soccer tournament in St. Louis. They beat out the other couples in a series of relays.
Dr. Gauen sings “God Bless the USA” for the show. She used her vocal talents to entertain, as well as help raise money for the Angel Fund.

In an homage to the presidential race, Mrs. Case dresses as candidate Hillary Clinton.

"The No Talent Talent show was the most exciting part of the school year" - Katie Etter, 11

Mr. Lewis, sings an auto tuned, Justin Bieber-esque song during the English Department skit. The rookie teacher wowed the crowd with his musical performance.

Mr. Becker, Mrs. Wander, and Mr. Case, sing a parodied version of “American Pie.” They rearranged the piece to fit with the historic winning of the World Series by the Chicago Cubs.
The No Talent Talent Show took place Friday, November fourth in the auditorium at the Highland Elementary School. All money made from the three dollar entry fee was donated to the Angel Fund, a fund established to help kids in need. People packed the auditorium to watch staff members and teachers perform. Most skits were comical, goofy acts that required "no talent." At times, the crowd was also shocked to see true talent. For example, Mrs. Ayer and Mr. Becker showed off their voices by singing. Halfway through the show, tip jars were passed around if the audience wanted to give any additional donations to the Angel Fund. The No Talent Talent Show was an opportunity to see teachers perform outside of the classroom. Dr. Gauen said, "I have been doing this since 2005 and it is just a great way to help the kids."

1. Teachers get ready for the big performance backstage. They tried to calm their nerves before going out in front of a packed auditorium.
2. Mrs. Jackson asks for advice from Mr. Konopka in a guidance spoof.
3. Elementary teachers dance on stage along with "Donald Trump." The teachers dressed in red, white, and blue for the upcoming presidential election.

"Our favorite part of the No Talent Talent Show was watching Mr. Lewis spit rhymes."
-Devin Wills, 10, and Nicolo Di Maggio, 10

"My favorite part of the talent show was getting to see other teachers act in a way that I have never seen before."
-Mrs. Busch

"Watching Mr. Holt impersonating Donald Trump was the best part of the show for me."
-Isaiah Harmon, 11

by ethan billhartz, jack landmann, and nich dugan
The full cast gathers on the stage at their final show Sunday night to say goodbye to the seniors and Mrs. Ruebhausen, who has been involved with this event for more than 20 years.

Kicking off Mrs. Ruebhausen's last year as the chorus director, the Madrigals had flawless performances all three nights. This year ended Rueby's 20 years of directing the music for madrigals. After long days of planning and countless working hours, the cafeteria turned into a magical Renaissance Christmas setting. A new sound system, full lights, and extra scenery were added to make the night more festive. For the dinner, the singers dressed in 15th century outfits. A delicious meal was served to the guests as they enjoyed watching the fairies and gypsies dance. The cast interacted with the crowd by choosing individuals to dance or preform embarrassing punishments for their "crimes". Junior Brigid Range, a three year performer said, "This was the best madrigal cast and performance by far."

Dale Miller, 9, Heather Kim, 10, Kelsey Cook, 11, Lily Becker, 10, Brigid Range, 11, and Danny Osborn, 11, stand for a picture after the last Madrigal dinner on Sunday night. Miller said, "The Madrigals are really fun and you meet a lot of awesome people."

During the gypsy dance, Andrew Schuepbach, 11, Jennifer Taylor, 10, and Katie Bussett, 12, dance with hand picked audience members.
To end the show, all the members of the head table gather in the center of the cafeteria. They performed a formal 15th century dance called the Pavanne under the stained glass lighting.

Mackenzie Bishop, 12, plays Patrizia Brancacci during the dinner. Bishop laid down on the floor to take a nap instead of fighting for a husband.

1. Nigel Bennett, 10, Johannah Comish, 12, Justin Wheeler, 11, and David Palenchar, 11, sing “Silent Night” to end their performance. The head table sang Christmas and German songs with a twist to make it their own. 2. In preparation for the Madrigal show, seniors Kaitlan Busch, Jenna Swindle, and Emily Baldock decorate Christmas trees after school. 3. Anna McArthur, 10, and Lauren Oberkfell, 9 are forest fairies.

4. Shane Yetter, 12, and Andrew Schuepbach, 11, carry the figgy pudding for dessert to serve the head singers’ table.

“This was by far my favorite year. The Madrigal Dinner is so important to me, and I’m so proud to have been a part of it for all four years”.

-Johanna Comish, 12 Soprano Post

by polly czar & amanda korsmeyer
To bring a twist to the cabaret, Justin Wheeler, 11, sings a country classic "Ring of Fire" by Johnny Cash.

Brytani Powell, 10, and Spencer Smith, 11, rehearse their piece in Mrs. Reuphausen's room before hitting the stage for their performance of "House of Gold" by Twenty One Pilots.

Logan Wieter, 11, rocks out to "The Sky Is Crying" by Stevie Ray Vaughan on his electric guitar.

Together Samantha Hawkes, 12, and David Palenchar, 11, sing "Fire in the Flood" by Vance Joy.

Senior students, Johannah Comish and Shannon Miller perform a duet on their ukulele. The duo played a medley of popular songs including "Closer" by The Chainsmokers and "Shape of You" by Ed Sheeran.

By Amanda Korsmeyer and Hope Imming
Abigail Cutler, 10, practices playing the song "Every Breath You Take" on her guitar before the Coffee House Cabaret show starts.

Every year, the Coffee House Cabaret showcased the hidden talents of Highland High School students. On the night of the show, the gray walls of the commons were transformed into a theatrical and musical coffee shop. The audience was served pastries and coffee while they watched students show off their unique talents. Even though the show included a variety of different entertainment, it was not a talent show. The cabaret was solely a variety show for pure entertainment. This year's show included over 25 quality acts. Performers auditioned with Mrs. Reubhausen weeks before and practiced inside and outside of school to perfect their acts. Anjuli Kampwerth, 12, a crowd favorite, said "It's fun to be able to throw something together and preform it in front of my friends."

One of the first acts, Sophia Sterzl-Mcmullen, 11, and Brigid Range, 11, steal the show by performing "Day Dream Believer" by David Cassidy.

Jacob Baldock, 10, and Mason Yates, 11 strum their guitars while Emily Baldock, 12, and Sam Hawkes, 12, perform the song "Lonesome Rider".
OUR ACADEMICS
by emma moos

In Mrs. Martz’s fifth hour Literature of the Holocaust class sophomores Samantha Strom and Emily Take participate in a mini group discussion over the novel “Frederich” by Hans Peter Richter.

New Beginning

English Department

To graduate from Highland High School, students were required to earn a total of four English credits. There were a multitude of classes to choose from in order to obtain those credits, including core classes, electives, and dual credit courses. The core classes offered were English I, II, III, and IV. There was also an honors track for students looking for a more intensive route. Creative Writing and Literature of the Holocaust were the most popular electives in this department while Composition, Public Speaking, and Interpersonal Communication were also offered as a way for students to earn both college and high school credit. This was the first year Composition was offered as dual credit through Saint Louis University which gave students the opportunity to earn a total of six credit hours. New changes continued with the addition of four new teachers in the English Department.
Highland High School was known for its exceptional math teachers. Whether students had Mr. Miscik for a rigorous AP calculus class or Mrs. Ayer for Algebra I, teachers made sure that all their students were prepared for the real world. Mr. Miscik said, "Sometimes in life you have to solve your own problems to adapt to changes." Although only three math credits were needed to graduate, many college bound students took four years. Freshmen enrolled in Algebra I or Honors Geometry. Sophomores took Honors Algebra II or geometry. From there, classes stemmed into Honors Pre-Calculus and Algebra II. Seniors were also offered Statistics, Pre-Calculus, or AP Calculus.

Seventh hour students listen intently as Mr. Uhls teaches how to find a reference angle. Pre-Calculus curriculum taught sophomores and juniors how to use a unit circle.

Luke Jones, 12, Ben Thomae, 12, and Trent Rakers, 12, double check their answers in Mr. Miscik's sixth hour AP Calculus class. Here students found the derivatives on an equation.

Carson Siedhoff, 11, crunches some numbers in Mrs. Ayer's seventh hour Algebra class. He used this TI-nspire to complete his nightly equations.

Mr. Hawkins explains to his sophomore geometry students how to find the slope of a line. Once they knew this, students could graph lines and shapes.
Seniors, Brendan Schrage and Montana Gilbert, study the skeleton, "Dead Fred". The boys prepared themselves for an upcoming color plate quiz in Mrs. Hirsch's Anatomy and Physiology class. After multiple hours of studying, they both earned A's.

In Mrs. Ramsey's Honors Biology class, Carter Wiegman, 9, measures a sample of sugar on the weighing scale. Wiegman and his classmates were instructed to form their own sucrose. From their creation, the class performed an osmosis diffusion lab to test how much sugar is in a potato.

**Science Department**

With a wide variety of class options, students enrolled in science classes always found something that interested them. Freshmen chose from Honors Biology or Integrated Science. Sophomores took Honors Chemistry or biology while the juniors were given more options; AP Biology, Chemistry I or II, or Anatomy and Physiology. Seniors could complete their science education by engaging in AP Chemistry, Chemistry II, physics or Anatomy and Physiology. During these classes, students participated in hands-on labs, experiments and even dissections. When asked why she enjoyed teaching Chemistry I and II to students Mrs. Simmons said, "Because chemistry is a challenging subject. I enjoy watching students grapple through thought provoking material and then observing them have a 'light bulb' moment." Students in Mrs. Simmons class learned how to solve problems, not only science problems, but also other problems. A new change to the Science Department was the addition of Mrs. Buss. Other teachers in the Science Department were Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Basden, Mrs. Hirsch, and Mrs. Golder.

*by katie kampwerth*
After taking several notes for an upcoming test in Mr. Holt's AP U.S. class, juniors Keely Rittenhouse and Nick Schaible memorize vocabulary from the chapter. Schaible said, "Before each test I read over the book to make sure I have a full understanding of the lesson."

In seventh hour psychology class, Mr. Strong reviews with his senior class before their big test on Friday. His tests prepared students for college courses and real life situations.

Sophomores, Kealy Korte and Megan Ramsey work to finish their AP European notebook project. Ms. Beyer provided her students notebook packets for every chapter.

The History Department offered many interesting classes and electives. Students could take a wide variety of courses in order to attain their required three social studies credits. Freshmen were required to take a World History course taught by Mr. Bradley, Mr. Strong, or Ms. Beyer. While at the same time sophomores were not required to take any history classes. Sophomores did have an option to take AP European History taught by Ms. Beyer or an elective like geography or government. Juniors either took the American History course taught by Mr. Warneke or Mr. Weber. Other juniors may have taken AP U.S. History taught by Mr. Holt. Those courses prepared students for the U.S. and Illinois Constitution tests. Seniors had the choice to take AP Microeconomics and Macroeconomics taught by Mr. Holt or they could take sociology and psychology with Mr. Strong.
Cramming for a Spanish I chapter two quiz, Isaiah Harmon, 11, studies his workbook during sixth hour.

Drew Hulvey, 10, reads to Mrs. Wagenblast’s seventh hour class about the culture in Madrid Spain. Hulvey works on pronouncing syllables correctly while reading.

HOLY GUACAMOLE

Spanish Department

From Spanish I to A.P. Spanish IV all classes were taught culture, vocabulary, and grammar from different Spanish speaking countries. New teacher, Mrs. Butchel was introduced to the Spanish Department teaching Spanish I and Spanish II students. Spanish I students focused on learning new vocabulary and how to pronounce syllables. Spanish II, also taught by Mrs. Wagenblast consisted of learning different tenses and more vocabulary. Mrs. Wagenblast and Mrs. Twyford’s Spanish III and IV students used their knowledge to make various presentations, oral conversations, and diaries. Spanish IV student Brett Korte, 12, said, “Spanish is so much fun, and the teachers really help you learn to speak the language.”

by polly czar

In fifth hour Spanish, new teacher, Mrs. Butchel helps Eden Immign, 10, with work book pages about present tense stem-changing verbs.
Travis Rehkemper, 11, works on a project for Mrs. Perke's Intro. to Computer Programming class. Rehkemper used photoshop and digital effects to adjust the cheek of a baby's face.

Students looking to pursue a degree in business were given the opportunity to take Personal Finance and Accounting where Mrs. Perkes and Mrs. Heinz prepared students for real life situations and computer skills. Students also learned how to handle money, balance a checkbook, and analyze transactions. Students obtained skills on how to find and apply for jobs when their lives change and they are no longer students. Future Business Leaders of America was a club specifically available to those looking to further their knowledge about this field. Computer classes offered were Computer Graphics, Computer Concepts, Desktop Publishing, and Computer Programming. Here students learned Microsoft Excel skills that they could use after graduation.

In Mrs. Hienz's third hour computer concepts class, Emily Allsman, 10, and Jennessa Kimmle, 10, practice their typing skills.

Quincie Hayden, 12, works on creating a resume during Mr. Vance's fourth hour Personal Finance class. Hayden said, "This resume will help me receive scholarships and hopefully a job in the future."
Family and Consumer Science

USE YOUR NOODLE

Classes including Foods I and II, Child Development, Parenting, and Adult Living were offered in the Family and Consumer Science Department. All of these classes were taught by Mrs. Jones. Students learned different aspects of life and how to deal with real life situations. Foods I and II were offered to all students. They learned how to prepare appetizers, main courses, and desserts in the department's brand new kitchen. It took all summer to replace the original from 1976. Different baking contests were held throughout the year to see who the best chefs were in the high school. In Child Development students took home a mechanical baby for a weekend and learned what day-to-day life was like with a child. Some students taught toddlers using songs and books. Adult Living was offered to juniors and seniors, only. Students adapted common skills needed to operate a household for a family. They planned for their future careers, weddings, and family life as well. "This class is very beneficial because it teaches students how to prepare for life as an adult," said Mrs. Jones.
Physical Education class had a variety of students ranging from freshmen to seniors. Students warmed up for class by stretching and walking laps on the gym floor. Activities in the class included football, volleyball, dodge ball, soccer, hockey, pickle ball and more. At the end of the semester, students ran a pacer test, sit ups, and push ups for an evaluation. Sophomores were required to take health class for a semester. Sophomores studied the human body and other subjects about humans. Mr. Vance said, “Physical education helps your flexibility, arm strength, stamina, and knowledge of the human body while having fun at the same time.”

Ms. Hall teaches her seventh hour health class the bones of the body. She had her class recite and dance to a song. The “Bone Song” was a parody of the song “Head and Shoulders”. It helped them memorize the positions of the bones on the human body.

During an intense game of pickle ball, Samantha Haller, 11, prepares to return a serve. Haller and the rest of seventh hour PE participated in the sport.

In fourth hour PE, Brayton Moss, 10, completes a pull up. 20 pull ups are a daily part of Moss's warm up routine.

Payne Waldman, 10, blasts a powerful slap shot during a game of floor hockey in fourth hour PE class. His teammate Eric Vice, 12, cheers on Waldman as he scores a goal.
In fourth hour Principles of Engineering, Nick Sikora, 10, and Jerritt Mettler, 10, construct cars in the commons for Engineering night presentation. This car was powered by a solar cell, a source of clean energy.

Sophomores, Emilie Hoepker and Anthony Gant, assemble a roller coaster out of VEX constructing materials in the commons for the classes open house.

While building a model shed, Michael Riffel, 11, and Britney Lackey, 11, work diligently. The model shed was a hands on project during fifth hour Civil Engineering and Architecture in the engineering lab.

**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

**Engineering Dept.**

The Engineering Department was composed of Intro. to Engineering and Design, Principles of Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture, Engineering Design and Development, and Tech Orientation, and a new course Computer Science Engineering. All were taught by Mr. Chris Durbin and Mr. Max Uhls. The courses consisted of four different components that summed up the majority of skills and knowledge needed for the field of engineering. The engineering courses were made by Project Lead the Way (PLTW), with the purpose of preparing students for engineering based futures. On October 26th the department held an open house night at the high school. Chandler Dugan, 10, said, "I enjoy the program and have learned that engineering is like peanut butter and pickle sandwiches; it is an acquired taste that some grow to love."

by nich · dugan
Plowing Through and Getting Things Done

Agriculture Department

"The Agricultural Department has been preparing me since freshman year for the career I plan on pursuing. I think this experience will put me ahead of others looking for jobs in the same field."

Dylan Cosgriff, 11

Sophomores, Lauren Townsend and Madison Clemons identify different plant species in Mrs Barr's class. "The hands on experience really helps you learn the material we cover all year," said Townsend.

Reid Fahrenholtz, 11 puts his welding skills to work as he fixes one of the department's trailers.

In Mr. Jones's sixth hour Greenhouse class, Nick Bottom, 12, waters the roses. The greenhouse is an outdoor classroom located outside by the gym.

While installing a wall outlet, Dylan Kloss, 10, first screws the socket into place before running the electrical wiring throughout the circuit.

by abby stulir

A unique part of the educational options at Highland High School was the opportunity to receive a quality agricultural education and learn valuable future life skills. The Agriculture Department offered a variety of classes including Introduction to Agriculture, Agricultural Science, Agricultural Machinery, Industrial Education I and II, Landscaping, Horticulture, Greenhouse, Pre-Vet, and Welding I and II. Mrs. Barr, Mr. Schmitz, and Mr. Jones were the teachers in this department. Students sold greenhouse plants twice during the year as a fundraiser.
Senior Emily Glenn, poses on the cobblestone road for the Lebanon Victorian Holidays event. Madrigals and the Chamber Choir caroled in the streets to encourage the community to embrace the Christmas spirit. Emily said, “This year’s season was more fun and fulfilling than any year before. The members on choir gave me a second family that I could always reach out to.”

Lacey Hanratty, 11, shows off her gold medal for being a performer at the Renaissance Fair. This year’s medal commemorated the 40th anniversary of the Kansas City Renaissance Festival.

The Chorus Department consisted of Mixed Choir, Jazz Choir, and Acapella Choir, which divided into Madrigals and Chamber Choir. Students auditioned for Acapella Choir and were put in either Chamber Choir or Madrigals. Madrigals performed at many churches and fund raisers throughout the year. The Madrigals and Chamber Choir attended and performed in Kansas City at the Renaissance Festival in September. They also performed at Victorian Days in Lebanon, IL. The Madrigals and Chamber Choir met during the second class period of every school day for rehearsal. The Jazz Choir met after school and performed at the annual Coffee House Cabaret. The Mixed Choir required no audition, making it open to all levels. All the choirs performed at both the Winter and Spring concerts. All choirs were under the direction of Mrs. Ruebhausen. She devoted her time and expertise to the department for 20 years and retired this year. The students involved in these choirs put together a special concert in her honor at the end of the year.

B SHARP

Chorus Department
Band teacher, Mr. Case, leads the band in their version of "The Final Countdown" during class. The musicians practiced many hours before the performance.

The 2016-17 symphonic and concert band was led by second year teacher, Mr. Case. The band members learned a variety of skills throughout the year, making a lot of progress before the concert held on January 19, 2017. This year it was pushed back due to scheduling issues. The band played many challenging pieces such as, "The Horse" by Cliff Nobles, "Frankenstein" by the Edgar Winters Group, "The Time Warp" by Richard O'Brien, and "The Final Countdown" by Europe. Alena Morillo, 12, said, "I have been playing since first day of freshman year and I believe we could not have had a better year!" Overall, the band department had a successful year for both the concert band and the symphonic band.

Emmaline Eyrich, 11, Chloe Watkins, 9, and Jennifer Taylor, 10, practice playing the French horn for their upcoming concert in January.

by katy dalton
Summer usually means rest for students but not for Highland’s Marching Band. Starting practice in July, they got ready for the half time performances at home football games. They also began to practice for competitions. Flute player Maya Zobrist, 11, said, “This year was tough, but we got through it. I am so proud of how everyone improved throughout the season.” The band and color guard took fourth when they competed at Belleville East High School Invitational and third place at O’Fallon High School Merto East Marching Classic and Triad High School Invitational, coming as far as the semi finals, before they were eliminated. After 20 years with the same uniforms, band members looked forward to new ones in the Fall. Changes include new a plume and breathable uniforms with a new design.
Waiting for the baton to drop, the brass section prepares to play the school song at the first football game of the season.

Percussion rallies the crowd for the prep rally on Friday, November 4. People poured into the gym at five in the morning to show school pride on the Channel Five News. The St. Louis news station KSDK chose Highland as their Prep Rally School of the Week.

By: destany morland

Sophomore, Anna McArthur catches her rifle during the half time show at the football game against Charleston.

Amber Waters, 11, says goodbye to her dance partner in the Marching Band's set, Connect-Us.

Drum Majors, Britney Lackey, 11, Shannon Miller, 12, Emmaline Eyrich, 11, and Kaitlan Busch, 12, pose at training camp at Smith Wallbridge, Eastern Illinois University. They learned what it took to be a drum major and how to keep in time with one another.

Lacey Hanratty, 11, and Ashley Prott, 11, prepare to throw their flags during the half time show at the Triad game.
In Ceramics II, juniors Abby Ermer, Dakota Smith, and Naomi Day start on their current project. The assignment was to create a twelve foot coiled pot.

RIGHT BRAINERS

The Art Department was headed by Mrs. Wander-Vrell. Her classes included, Art I and II, Painting and Ceramics, Advanced Drawing, and AP Art. "My favorite class to teach is Painting. I love the layering of color and the movement of the brush strokes to even express the simplest of things," said Wander-Vrell. If asked, most art students would have said that the art room provided a safe place to express their individuality. Each class offered different skill sets and prepared them for future careers in the art field. Students agreed the coolest part of art was getting to see how much they had grown and improved artistically over the year. AP Art was offered to seniors who were approved by the teacher. In total, students had to create 24 works throughout the year. Half of them were "concentrated" which meant they kept a theme throughout the twelve projects. The other half were "breath" meaning a different theme to each piece. A part of the Art Department, National Art Honor Society was an enormous privilege. It required students to create a portfolio with five original pieces to be evaluated and accepted.

by claire pabst

Advanced Drawing students observe their pieces before turning them in. They stepped back to look at the art because distance provided a different outlook on their projects.

2. Andrew Schuepbach, 11, Painting I, color filter painting.
4. Morgan Leady, 11, Painting II, unusual colored pets project.
Drivers Education was a quarter long class for students 15 or older. After completing 30 hours of classroom instruction and passing the written exam, students received their permits. Students then completed six hours of behind the wheel with Mrs. Hirsch, Mr. Elledge, or Mrs. Durbin. Some behind the wheel classes were held in the mornings before school or in the afternoon. To obtain their license, students were required to drive with their permits for nine months, drive ten hours at night, and 50 hours total. Students participated in a new activity this year, sponsored by State Farm, outside of the gym. They tried to complete a driving simulation to show the difficulty of texting and driving. Drivers Education was an important class at HHS, that taught students the skills they needed to make good decisions and proper driving techniques while behind the wheel. Mr. Elledge’s favorite piece of advice to student drivers was, “Arrive alive.”

by bailey wills

While participating in the State Farm sponsored driving simulation, Zachary Tucker, 11, attempts to complete the electronic driving course while also typing the message, “Hey what’s going on this weekend?” He wrecked the simulated car.

Mr. Elledge guides Lexi Gibbons, 10, as she drives in front of the high school on 160. This completed her six hour behind the wheel requirement with a teacher.

Reading from their Drivers Education books, Mr. Elledge’s third hour class studies a chapter about the rules of the road.
Trends

"Soccer" Haircut

Birkenstocks

Chokers

Chains

Michael Kors Wallets

Adidas Shoes

Watches
Crewnecks

Jean Skirts

Yeti

Over-The-Knee Boots

Camisoles

Hooded T-Shirts

Half-up Bun

Kendra-Scott Necklaces

byabby mcteer
OUR CLUBS
Student council was an organization that helped out around the school, where they were responsible for many student friendly activities. Students from all grade levels got together to create a friendly school environment. The council’s biggest project was organizing and hosting the homecoming dance in the fall. This year the student council members chose the theme ‘Shine Bright Like a Diamond’. Along with building decorations, members planned dress-up themes throughout homecoming week. The Friday before the dance, student council members met in the gym and assembled decorations. Not only did student council focus on homecoming, they also participated in planning teacher appreciation week. During that week, the members helped Mrs. Basden with last minute details. Student council was led by Mrs. Basden and Ms. Beyer.
Guard Dogs, an acronym for "Group Unleashing A Real Difference and Doing Other Good Stuff," was a club where members supported one another and discouraged the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. This group of passionate students was led by Beylee Stone and sponsored by Mr. Konopka. This year, several freshmen joined the group. It was originally made as a place students could go to feel safe and talk about things they experienced or observed in their lives. When the group gathered, they watched movies or talked about hypothetical situations so they would know the appropriate reactions. Guard Dogs was established in 2014 and has been a popular school club since then.

Guard Dog leaders Beylee Stone, 12, Ally Morris, 12, Anthony Gant, 10, and Abigail Ware, 12, give a demonstration of hypothetical scenarios at their Halloween meeting. The situations were about the dangers of partying and drugs.

SAFE SPACE
Guard Dogs

Eli Landers, 9, and Jarrett Kingsley, 9, pose for a picture at their Halloween meeting in the Kennel. The two participated in group activities and songs during the meeting.

Autumn Waters, 11, Karlene Rheaume, 10, and Madeline Wesselmann, 9, show off the prizes they won at the Guard Dogs Movie Night. The club showed "The Grinch" to their members and served popcorn and hot chocolate.

Karlene Rheaume, 10, Madeline Wesselmann, 9, Beylee Stone, 12, Ally Morris, 12, Taylor Miller, 9, and Elijah Landers, 9, gather around the concession stand in the Commons at their Christmas meeting.

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Members of Model UN interact with other delegates during a general assembly. A general assembly is the biggest of all committees.

Dietrich Gossmeyer, 10, prepares to answer a question during a debate at McKendree College in the fall.

**by hannah luitjohan**

After Katie Bussett gave a speech, she collects questions from her committee at the McKendree competition.

Model United Nations (Model U.N.) was a club that tested public speaking and debate ability using English and history backgrounds. The club revolved around the current issues in the world. Led by Mr. Holt and Mrs. Himsel, they met during FTT. During their meetings they spoke about their events. The club had two competitions, one in the fall and one in the spring. Both events were held at McKendree College. At the competitions, they were split into groups to speak on different political issues, which created a debate. They were then judged on how much information they knew about the topics that were given. This club was designed to encourage students to speak on current political issues. Courtney Hengehold, 12, said, “Model U.N. has given me an outlet to explore issues within our world, explore my own public speaking skills, and meet people with similar interests.”

**THAT’S DEBATABLE**

Model UN

Intently listening to the questions, the team prepares to hit the buzzer and beat their Collinsville opponents at our last home match of the season.

Jackson Marchal, 9, and Tristan Maslar, 9, prepare to answer a question during an extra practice round in January. The team improved their skills by using this time to review questions and refresh their memories.

Scholar Bowl was an extracurricular activity that quizzed students on their knowledge of both school and non-school related subjects, such as English, entertainment, social studies, math, science, and the arts. The 2017 scholar bowl team was led by first year coaches, Mrs. Danielle Case and Mrs. Sarah Bland. The team competed in the Metro East Quad League. Overall, the JV and Varsity teams competed in ten matches between December of 2016 and February of 2017. This year's team was led by the senior captains Justin Wagoner, Jacob Mitchell, and Caleb Denby. Mrs. Case said, "Mrs. Bland and I are so grateful to have a gifted and patient group for our first year coaching. We appreciate the teams' hard work and dedication, and we are looking forward to the coming scholar bowl seasons."

Sophomores, Savannah Frederickson and Hannah Jansen, listen to their teammate's answer while getting some extra practice before their next away meet.

by katy dalton
Spanish Club was an extracurricular to join if you loved the Spanish language, movies, tacos, and good times. It was open for all students who wanted to join, and members ranged from freshmen to seniors. Members did not have to be enrolled in any of the Spanish classes to attend the meetings. The club was sponsored by the Spanish Department teachers, Mrs. Wagenblast and Mrs. Twyford. This year the club was led by Mrs. Wagenblast, Since Mrs. Deets retired last year. Seasonally, the club met and enjoyed many different Spanish related activities. Fortunately for the students, Mexican food was always provided. Students had to chip in a few dollars to pay for their share of the meal. For their first meeting, the club members watched “Scooby-Doo” and the “Monster of Mexico.” The last movie included a Chubacabra which was a monster from urban legends in Spanish speaking nations. Not to mention, they got to eat tacos while doing so. When asked why he joined the club, Justin Melosi, 11, said, “I love tacos so why would I not join?”

Mrs. Twyford’s Spanish class helps her plan out an upcoming Spanish Club meeting. Throughout the year the teachers communicated with their students to ensure that meetings would be enjoyable for the members and all that attended.

Megan Frey, 12, Brady Feldmann, 10, and Jenna Gnaedinger, 12, watch a Scooby-Doo movie at their Spanish Club meeting at HHS in October.
At a basketball pep rally in the gym, some students wore school jerseys from previous years to support their team.

Rain pours on an enthusiastic crowd at the HHS stadium. The students packed the stands for the homecoming week game against Jerseyville.

Bulldog Nation was Highland High School’s official student fan section. It was led by seniors Ally Becker and Jack Landmann. Bulldog Nation supported all Highland sports year around. Whether it was being rowdy at a football game in the fall or watching the baseball team play on a warm spring afternoon, Bulldog Nation supported Highland athletes, teams and coaches. Bulldog Nation also chose game themes and bought supplies. Fans waved glow sticks, wore camouflage, and dressed in western garb. Confetti cannons, new this year, were also a popular accessory used by Bulldog Nation.
LEADERS IN MOTION by katie kampwerth

"Showing the freshmen around the school was fun because it reminded me of how excited I was for high school."

Lauren Baer, 11

Ambassadors

Juniors and seniors were chosen by the guidance counselors to serve as ambassadors to all incoming freshmen and new students. These students were selected based on their leadership skills in and out of school. All of the participants took time out of their summer to help prepare activities for freshman orientation days. The main goal was to make the freshmen feel welcome by including everyone in icebreakers, taking them on tours, and answering any questions about their transition into high school. Throughout the year, students and parents new to the district were assigned ambassadors to take them on tours and give them a glimpse of life as a bulldog. On the first day of school, new students were welcomed by a student breakfast and were given a senior ambassador to help them throughout the school day for a week.
by alisse koishor

National Honor Society (NHS) was an organization focused on scholarship, leadership, service, and character. In order to be accepted into this organization students had to have a 4.5 grade point average or higher and a detailed application listing volunteer service hours and involvement in extra curricular school activities. After students turned in their applications the NHS committee reviewed each application and chose a new group of students to induct into the organization. After new members were selected in the fall, all attended the induction ceremony held in the commons. New members received official pins and gathered in a circle to recite the NHS oath and light their candles. Each year the current officers decided on a guest speaker. Mr. Miscik was chosen to speak to the new members about their achievements. The main focus NHS members had this year was participating and volunteering with Special Olympics. Members had to receive six community service credit hours to stay in the organization. In the spring, National Honor Society gathered in the commons to celebrate graduation, accomplishments throughout the year, and eat cake. This year and for years to come NHS members will dedicate themselves to leadership in and out of high school.

K N O W L E D G E  F O R  A  C A U S E  National Honor Society

Members of National Honor Society who volunteered at the Polar Plunge Special Olympic event smile for the Highland NewLeader. Students raised money throughout the week for their favorite or not so favorite teachers to plunge. The teachers that raised $100 to plunge were Mrs. Heinz, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Case, Mr. Houchins, Mr. Becker, and Mr. Elledge.
GET ARTSY

National Art Honors Society

Student artists tried out for membership in National Art Honor Society during their sophomore through senior years. In order to be accepted, students submitted a portfolio that included five pieces of artwork and a full sketchbook. They also had to complete ten hours of art related community service, write an essay, and gather character and service voucher signatures. An official panel of artists judged each applicant’s portfolio on use of materials, technique, imagination, visual thought and intent, composition, style, format, and technical skill. All AP Art students were required to try out for NAHS in order to receive critiques on their portfolios. National Art Honor Society, led by Mrs. Wander-Vrell, taught students the highest standards in scholarship, character, and service through art.


Avry Wills, 12, poses by one of her pieces from her NAHS portfolio that was submitted for judging. Her art took numerous hours and effort to create.

Dakota Smith, 11, sculpts his clay project. Smith said, “Art takes imagination and creativity.”

After working on her artwork for days, Junior NAHS member, Leah Sutton completes her clay project.

Two year member, Morgan Leady, 11, gets a head start on her upcoming clay project. Leady, applied the new techniques she had learned in ceramics to ensure an excellent outcome to her work. Leady said, “Art is not for slackers.”

by kallie painter
RISE TO THE OCCASION

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) sprang into action at the beginning of the school year. They welcomed the new leaders of the club seniors, Ariel Smock, Braden Rehkemper, and Polly Czar. Junior leaders were Recce Portell, Evan Herman, Dustin Phelps, and Noah Schmitt. The leaders focused on the nation wide theme of RISE, Joshua 1:9, and strengthening the members faith and courage.

Mr. Hawkins, the huddle coach, made all of the new members feel welcome to the club as they worshiped God's word through their sports. Senior leader Ariel Smock said, "FCA really changed my mind set, and it made me work so much harder in my sport. I look forward to every meeting on Wednesdays." A change that occurred this year was that the group had record numbers of underclassmen attending meetings. Without a doubt everyone walked away with the knowledge of playing their sport through God.

Ariel Smock, 12, pours water into Noah Schmitt's, 11, mouth without using her hands. Their teamwork helped the team win the relay race.

Nicole Beaubien, 12, Noah Schmitt, 11, Victoria Thomae, 11, and Ariel Smock, 12, are excited to see new members at the opening meeting. Many new members from all grades joined FCA for food, fun, and fellowship.

Michael Riffel, 11, attempts to whistle the school song after eating a handful of salty Pringles. This was at the football field for FCA's annual Homecoming Havoc.
During a team building activity at an officer retreat, seniors, Ashley Prott and Hailey Landmann help Kat Maxwell climb over a ten foot wall.

Colby Davis, 9, Ashlen Deluca, 9, Taylor Ernst, 9, Cole Frey, 9, Kenzie Gelly, 9, and other new FFA members are inducted into FFA during the opening ceremony at Highland High School in the fall.

LIFE ON THE FARM

FFA, or Future Farmers of America, was a group of students interested in agriculture. FFA was led by President Alisha Kloss, 12, Vice President Kali Rutz, 11, Secretary Hailey Landmann, 12, Treasurer Sara Good, 11, Reporter Kat Maxwell, 12, Historian Sarah Frank, 12, and Sentinel Ashley Prott, 11. FFA members volunteered in different local events including The Relay for Life. For fund raisers, FFA members sold Optimist pizzas, held a food drive at the Highland food pantry, and hosted a Big Buck Contest. The money made from these events was used toward activities throughout the year. FFA members included students from freshmen to seniors. Justin Gill, 12, said, “The best part about FFA was the meetings and the events that took place throughout the year. I am glad I joined FFA as a freshman.”

by ethan billhartz
The Math Team was led by Mrs. Kimmle and Mr. James. This year the team consisted of members from each grade who traveled to schools and universities to battle against other teams. These competitions consisted of students taking an individual test followed by a team test where they worked together to solve problems. In the fall, the team participated in four Southwest Math Conference Competitions. At these competitions, the team finished with a total of 28 individual awards and one team award earning them the third place trophy overall. Regionals took place at SIU-E and the team placed second overall. Mallory Klostermann, 11, and Miranda Smith, 12, placed first in the oral competition, which allowed them to move on to state in May. Also advancing was both the junior/senior eight-person team and the freshman/sophomore two-person team. Individually at regionals Emilie Hoepker, 10, placed second on the Geometry test and Caleb Denby, 12, tied for second on the Pre-Calculus test further qualifying them for state in May.
At the Springfield Convention, Avery Wasser, 10, Olivia Loyet, 9, Sailor VanLoo, 9, and Samantha Segrist, 9, show what their group did for an activity. The activity was to tell how they helped better the world.

Seniors, Madisen Jones and Grace Curry pose for a picture with a service dog. The dog was at a conference the club attended to spread awareness of how dogs help the blind.

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, more commonly known as FCCLA was a club established to train students to be leaders in their families and communities. The president was Molli Pfister, 12, vice president was April Dew, 12, secretary was Grace Curry, 12, and the treasurer was Rose Ficker, 12. In the beginning of the year, the members took their annual field trip to a convention in Springfield, IL. At the convention this year, FCCLA members listened to a speaker on interior design. They also learned about service dogs. One visual aid dog was there. Mrs. Jones, the club sponsor, held monthly meetings in her classroom, or in the high school kennel. One particular meeting was their January meeting, which consisted of a late Christmas party where everyone participated in a gift exchange.

Club members show off their baking skills. During the November meeting, the club baked cookies cut out from different letters. They used the high school's foods lab as their baking center. Each month, the meeting had a different activity and purpose.

by emma moos
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The yearbook staff put in laborious work from the beginning of
the year to the end. The team assembled a main book and a
supplement and met 12 deadlines. Advisor Mrs. Susan Martz
and the staff went to the University of Missouri St. Louis to
attend the Herff Jones Yearbook Convention. Photography,
caption, and copy skills were learned at the various seminars.
The staff members used these skills throughout the year for their
academic, club, and sport pages. Editors, Alivia Meskil, Ally
Becker, and Ally Iberg designed the layouts of the book and
created the theme "Roll with the Changes", which they used
throughout the book. The yearbook was accented with various
colors and circles to illustrate that the 2016-2017 school year
was in many ways different from previous years.
Jackson Marchal, 9, John Vandersand, 12, and Carter McCall, 11, meet with the robotics team on a Tuesday. The team worked diligently to design and program a robot to perform specific tasks.

Junior Tristan Sorocko edits a video for the Highland High YouTube Channel. The video team also used this device to control the sound during morning broadcasts.

The Tech Club, which consisted of about 18 members, met every Monday and Tuesday. Ally Morris, 12, was president, Tanner Zbinden, 11, was vice president, Connor Mortland, 10, was secretary, Tristan Sorocko, 11, was treasurer, Carter McCall, 11, was chief video officer, and Jacob James, 10, was chief robotics officer. On Mondays, the video team met in the video room where they practiced broadcasting, edited videos, and brainstormed ideas for their YouTube channel. The members video taped the morning announcements, the annual Highland Basketball Shootout, Homecoming, the Veteran's Day Assembly, No Talent Talent Show, and Mr. Irresistible. The robotics team met on Tuesdays where they spent their time building and programming robotics. One change in the club this year was the addition of videoing at all of the home football games.

by katie kampwerth

Gabriel Sherrill, 11, films a series of basketball games during the annual Highland Optimist Shootout. Multiple members of the video team worked endlessly to create a live stream that was uploaded to their YouTube channel.

"My favorite part of tech club was having fun but in a professional way. Out of all the clubs I participated in this year, I enjoyed being a part of the video team the most."

-Ally Morris, 12
WYSE, or Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering, was a group of students that competed in academic competitions throughout second semester. Members of the WYSE club were hand picked by teachers. These students completed a 40 minute multiple-choice test in the subject of their choosing. Test material was drawn from senior high school and freshman level college curricula. The tests ranged in length from 30 to 100 questions. The tests were designed to present a challenge to the brightest students. Junior Caitlin Basden said, "The tests were challenging but it was fun getting to spend time with Mrs. Simmons and my teammates."

Zane Robertson, 11, warms up for his regional test by solving and completing practice sheets.

Brett Brown, 12, looks over his regional test in preparation for his sectional exam. Brown received first place at regionals in the 1500 division for Engineering Graphics and advanced to sectionals at McKendree University.

Members of WYSE, Caitlin Basden, 11, Brett Brown, 12, Evan Herman, 11, and Zane Robertson, 11, participate in the regional competition at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville.

SOME ARE SMART & SOME ARE WYSE

by amanda korsmeyer

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Ice Hockey

The drive to the ice rink may have been lengthy for their fans, but it was worthwhile to watch the 2016-2017 Hockey Club. Led by Coach John Criswell, the Hockey Team prepared for the season well before school even began. The was the first year for Coach Criswell. Before this year, Coach Weinacht led team for ten years. As members of the team and the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association (MVCHA), they played and practiced at East Alton Ice Arena and Granite City Ice Arena along with other local high schools and college teams. This limited their practice times; sometimes it lead to practices past midnight. During these practices they focused on drills to improve their offense and defense. After a great season, seniors Isaac Imming, Eric Vice, Hunter Micheletto, along with juniors Ryker Grover, Devin Korte, Brock Troxell, and Zack Korte were all named members of the All Star Team. Dedication was a must to be a member of the Hockey Team because it involved endurance on the ice along with long hours of practice and play. The Hockey Team finished its regular season with a record of 5-13-3.
Assistant Captain, Tyler Lange, receives the puck from a team member hoping to score a goal.
2. Obtaining the puck, Bryan Abbe, 12, gets it out of the goal crease before Edwardsville had the opportunity to shoot on the goalie.
3. Junior center Zack Korte, faced off against the Bethalto Eagles at the East Alton Ice Arena. Unfortunately the team lost against Bethalto with a score of 8-2.
4. During the Granite City game, varsity goalie, Hunter Michletto saved the puck. Being a part of the hockey team was a success for Hunter, “My favorite part of the year was always being able to lead the team out on the ice before every game and being a family not just on the ice, but off the ice as well.”

“...and that helped us with our success.”

My favorite part of the hockey season was every time we scored a goal.

-Lucas Korte, 9
Book Club was led by Mrs. Genteman and their president, Kennidy Riedemann, 12. They started out the year by reading Paper Towns by John Green and then took a trip over winter break to go to see the movie Sing. Elizabeth Meadows, 12, said, “Bonding with my fellow book nerds over winter break was fun despite the cold that came out of nowhere.” Gathering once a month after school, book club members discussed older and newer books that would present a challenge for the avid readers.

Saturday Scholars was a club ran by Mrs. Hirsch and Mrs. Wagenblast. The group of students traveled to attend many lectures throughout the year. Leah Sutton, 11, said “My favorite part was going and listening to Industrial Designers lecture concerning the designs of roller coasters.” They learned new skills: technology, math, and science. This year the students of this club had the opportunity at Barnes hospital to witness a cadaver lab. Saturday Scholars was introduced to give students the opportunity to experience a variety of new information and occupations.

Future Medical Careers Club or FMCC was a club designed for students who thought that they may want to pursue a career in the medical field. They met once a month to discuss career possibilities. Members also took a trip to Legacy Place, a senior living facility, where they learned about taking care of the elderly. Jack Landmann, 12, said,” My favorite part was learning about all the different medical fields.” This year FMCC took an interesting field trip to Mid-American Transplant in St. Louis to tour the O.R. rooms.

by: kallie painter, abby mcteer, destany morland, & claire pabst
The Jr. Optimist Club was sponsored by the Highland Optimist Club. They met and discussed possible community service projects to conduct throughout the year. This year they participated in a food drive for the Highland Food Pantry. They collected canned goods throughout the school during the first semester, with great success. They also sold Optimist pizzas second semester.

Drama Club

Drama Club, led by Mrs. Case and president Johannah Comish, 12 was busy this year. It was composed of students who participated in madrigals and school plays. Once a month they met in the kennel for a night filled with improv. The club also helped backstage with activities such as Mr. Irresistible and all high school and middle school plays.

Spectrum Alliance

Spectrum Alliance was led by Mrs. Case who said, "The goal of this club was to provide a place for students to express themselves." The club met every two months. Members volunteered at area animal shelters and helped care for the homeless pets. They also designed a safe place logo for the club.

Superhero’s Club

Superhero’s Club changed this year with a new sponsor, Mr. Lewis. They met every week. At their meetings they discussed possible fund raising opportunities and other tasks they wanted to complete throughout the year. The Super Hero’s club gave kids the opportunity to reach out and help others. This group was designed to be someone’s "super hero."
Ethan Drysdale, 10, dives into the Eisenhower Aquatic Center in Springfield, IL. He swam 50 meters of freestyle at the IHSA Boy’s Sectional. Drysdale said, “Swimming is a rush every time I dive into the water. My heart races the fastest it can from the moment I touch the water to the moment I touch my hand at the end of the race.”

The swim team consists of Victoria Thomae, 11, Alyssa Freimann, Nora Thiem, 9, Dylan Galbiati, 12, and Ethan Drysdale, 10. As a team, they swam in the events 50 meters freestyle, 100 meter freestyle, 100 meter backstroke, 100 meter butterfly, 100 meter breaststroke, and 200 meter individual medley.

Girl’s and Boy’s Swim Team

1. At the Eisenhower Pool in Springfield, IL, Dylan Galbiati takes his mark as he is about to swim the 100 meter butterfly. He got a time of 56.00 at the IHSA Boys Swimming and Diving Sectionals. 2. Juniors, Alyssa Freimann and Victoria Thomae smile after warm ups at IHSA Girl’s Sectionals. The girls felt good during warm ups and were ready to compete. 3. Over the summer, Victoria Thomae, 11, glides through the water performing the breaststroke in a 100 meter event. She placed first in this event at the Midwest Swim Conference in O’Fallon, IL.

The Swim Team at Highland High School may be small, but they are mighty. Swimming for the boys were Ethan Drysdale, 10, and Dylan Galbiati, 12. The girl’s team consisted of Nora Thiem, 9, Victoria Thomae, 11, and Alyssa Freimann, 11. The swim team’s season was from September to February. They practiced as a team at the Chuck Fruit Aquatics Center in Edwardsville and the Korte Rec Center in Highland. The team competed in meets all around Missouri and Illinois. The girls competed in the IHSA Girls Swimming and Diving Sectionals on November 12. Thomae advanced to State Competition on November 19 and placed 39th in the 50 meter freestyle and placed 29th in the 100 meter breaststroke. The boys competed in IHSA Sectionals on February 18.

by ally becker
RISE AND SHINE

KSDK Prep Rally

On November 4 at 5:00 a.m., students swarmed the gymnasium to show their school pride. Students prepared all week for the televised pep rally on Chanel 5 KSDK St. Louis. Students spent hours after school and made spirit posters adorned with glitter. Some students brought confetti canons and covered their faces in red and black paint to show school spirit. They all hoped to be caught on camera. The administration invited locals who owned pet bulldogs to bring them in for the rally. The entire band played the school song while the cheerleaders and dancers led the student section in the verses. After the cameras were turned off, free breakfast was served to everyone who participated before heading to class.

by abby stulir and emma moos

Highland High School students pose for a picture featured on the KSDK live stream as they show off their school spirit with their signs.

Juniors Brock Troxell, Chase Deprow, Nick Schaible, Brandon Munie, Mason Clarke, Michael Riffel, Gabriel Sherrill, and Jacob Funderburk show their school spirit with a creative spin using face paint.

Two canine Highland bulldogs smile, and wag their tails at the rally. The dogs enjoyed their time on tv just as much as the students.

Cheerleaders hold up the fat heads of KSDK reporters, Rene Knott, Ryan Dean, and Pat McGonigle. Dean was live and he broadcast to the other two at the station in St. Louis.

Administrators, Dr. Gauen and Mr. Becker, huddle together for a selfie during the pep rally. Mr. Becker posted this picture to his Twitter account later that day.

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Bottle flipping was banned.

Fifth hour FTT on lockdown.

The juniors won homecoming week.

Not enough people signed up for bubble soccer.

The foods room was updated.
World

Donald Trump elected president.

Harambe died.

Lady Gaga performed at the Super Bowl in Houston.

The Mannequin Challenge was created.

Top 10 Songs

Billboard Magazine 2016

1. Starboy
2. Closer
3. Can't Stop the Feeling
4. This is What You Came for
5. Don't Let Me Down
6. 24k Magic
7. One Dance
8. Don't Wanna Know
9. Heathens
10. Black Beatles

Pokemon Go took over the world.

The Cubs won the World Series.

Vine shut down.

“Killer Clowns” were spotted nationwide.
ROLLING INTO
OUR SPORTS
FALL SPORTS
WHAT DO YOU DO BEFORE A BIG GAME?

"I only think positive thoughts. I don’t ever tell myself that I won’t or can’t win.” - Kennedy Riedemann, 12

"I drink three bottles of water pre-workout for hydration.” - Brayton Moss, 10

"Listen to Beyonce in the locker room and just groove out!" - Emmy Nyquist, 10

WHAT DO YOU DO BEFORE A BIG PERFORMANCE?

"I put myself into a good mind set. Chip and I put through a match successfully.” - Ben Braun, 11

"I practice my routine in the morning before every performance.” - Bailey Essary, 9

"I hang out with my friends. That puts me in a positive mood so I can perform well.” - Andrew Roach, 11
The Cross Country team worked toward their season with early morning practices in June. During these practices, the team participated in long distance runs around town with 100 meter strides afterwards. Practices continued when school started in August and through the end of October. The team worked diligently throughout their season in attempt to advance to larger meets, such as regionals, sectionals, and state, in October. The Boys and Girls Cross Country team made it to regionals at Triad High School. After that, they advanced to sectionals in Decatur. Despite the team’s best effort, they did not advance to state. Captains of the Girls Cross Country team were seniors, Courtney Hengehold and Sydney Nyquist. Jake Menz, senior on the Boys Cross Country team, said, “The most fun I had during the season was hanging with the guys during practices and meets. That was my best memory.”

Running head to head, Sam Hengehold, 9, and Sarah Beth Wiegman, 12, keep up their speed during their meet at Triad High School.

Nicholas Schaible, 11, sprints to the finish line at the Jacksonville Invitational. He finished the race in 12th place with a time of 18.05.
At the Edwardsville Invitational, Jacob Plocher, 12, leads the pack of boys at the start of the race. Plocher was a fourth year member and served as the boys' team captain.

by katie kampwerth

1. Lily Becker, 10, dashes ahead of the runner from Waterloo at the Triad Invitational. She finished with a time of 21.44.
2. Rounding the corner during the Peoria First to the Finish Invitational is Bret Cochran, 12.
3. Juniors, Keely Rittenhouse and Hanna Rose, trot through the straightaway at the Mississippi Valley Conference Meet.
4. Halfway through the course, Quentin Miller, 11, keeps up his pace at the IHSA 2A Regional.

SHE SAID

“I am sad cross country is over because it has basically been my life for the past four years. This team has become my second family.”

Sydney Nyquist, 12

HE SAID

“I always skipped out on stretches before a race, because I run better without warming up.”

Brylee Portell, 9
"Success is not always measured by the wins and losses but rather by the improvement that you show", said Coach Gina Hirsch. This quote summed up the year for the 2016 HHS Girls Golf Team. Coach Hirsch also said, "This was one of the most fun seasons that I have had coaching the girls golf team and that they were the greatest group of kids!" The Varsity Team ended the season with an 8-8 record. The JV Team record was 1-3. With no seniors to lead the team, returning juniors, Gabi Berolatti, Kayla Davis, and Rece Portell took the helm to help the young team "Roll with the Changes". The girls put up a fight and kept the team at the .500 mark going into the MVC Tournament at Belk Park on September 29. Portell placed sixth overall on the MVC All Conference Team. On October 5, the team headed to IHSA Regionals at Spencer T Olin where they placed sixth. Portell and Audrey Wilke, 10, advanced to sectionals where Portell missed qualifying by only five strokes. The season came to an end with Portell, Berolatti, and Wilke being named to the Metro East All-Area Team.

by claire pabst

Varsity golf team member Kayla Davis, 11, sinks her final putt on hole three. She helped her team to a victory at the Highland Country Club.

Driving the ball straight down the fairway, Rece Portell, 11, ends the hole with a par on a par-three hole.
Freshman Meridith Kleinmann, marks her ball so her opponent can putt without interference. Kleinmann scored lower than her competitor from Altoff Catholic High School.

With her seven iron, Gabi Berolatti, 11, hits the ball onto the green. Berolatti’s score was a 48, one of the lowest that day at the Highland Country Club.

Freshmen Kealy Korte, and Lia Basden, finish up their last puts on eight. Basden watched as Korte finished with a five, one over par.

Members of JV and Varsity hold hands while Coach Hirsh snaps the photo on the Highland Country Club golf course. The photo was used in a video that played at their end of the season banquet.

Geena Budwell, 10, tees off on hole six. Budwell’s drive traveled more than halfway down the fairway.

Audrey Wilke, 10, concentrates before her final shot. Wilke’s putt put her two strokes ahead of her competition.

After Coach Hirsh’s pep talk, Juniors Kayla Davis and Gabi Berolatti, pose for the camera. The pep talk gave the girls confidence and a positive attitude towards the day.
Connor Pinsker, 11, follows through with his swing at Spencer T. Olin during the Alton Invite. Pinsker scored a 102 at this match.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE SEASON?

"My favorite part was hanging out with my friends and playing a match together just to have some fun."

- Brylee Portell, 9

"I was able to go to sectionals for the second time in my high school career."

- Braden Rehkemper, 12

"My favorite part of the season for me was winning the Orphan Invitational."

- Ben Brauns, 11

"Playing at sectionals in Mattoon for my first year of golf and being with my team was my favorite part."

- Dylan Bargetzi, 10

Dylan Bargetzi, 10 walks to the green after hitting a nice approach shot at the Madison County Tournament.

by: hannah luitjohan

Coach James gives the team brief instructions before the match begins. Coach James said, "Stay positive and have a clear mind."

At the Sectional Tournament in Mattoon, the team stops for a picture in front of the scores.

Eying up his putt Braden Rehkemper, 12, tries to read the slope of the green. Rehkemper ended with a score of 46 at The Legacy match.

To help his team to a victory, Brandon Munie, 11, focuses on his final putt. In Tamarack, Munie scored a 39.

by: hannah luitjohan
Out Fore Victory

Boys Golf

The Boy's Golf team started their first tournament at the Alton Invitational, where they finished tenth out of 21 teams. Ben Brauns, 11, also finished tenth out of 105 players on August 16th, which earned him a medal. The team then went to Belk Park for the Madison County Tournament and they placed fourth out of the six teams that competed. Scoring a 350, they shaved off nine strokes from their previous total in Alton. Brauns and Brandon Munie, 11, medaled in the top ten as well. On October 4th at the Belk Park Regional, the team received second out of the eight teams and advanced to the Sectional Tournament for the second straight year. The Sectional Tournament was in Waterloo, where they battled tough course conditions throughout the entire day. The scores were elevated compared to their average. Connor Pinsker, 11, and Brauns almost made it to state. The cut was 84 and their scores were 85 and 86. This was Coach James second year with the team. "I was proud of the way the boys came together and performed at a high level all season. I was pleased to see hard work pay off," said Coach James.
Team members pose for a picture in the weight room before their first home game. Freshman Megan Vidmar said, "I love how close our team is, I think it really shows on and off the court."

At a home game against Waterloo Emmy Nyquist, 10, bumps the ball over the net, scoring the winning point.

How do you pump yourself up before a big game?

"I yell a lot during the pre-game warm-ups to try and get everyone else as pumped as I am!" - Morgan Mesle, 11

"I usually drink a blue frost gatorade and pretend I'm in one of their sponsored commercials." - Megan Ramsey, 10

"I listen to DJ Khaled's 'All I Do is Win' and visualize what I need to bring to the court."

- Addison Rinderer, 11

"All of the yelling, cheering, and encouragement really gets my head in the game." - Allie Kramer, 10
You Can’t Spike With Us

Led by Coaches Dawn Hubbard, Karen Twyford, and Tina Beyer the JV Volleyball team started off the year with practices several times a week over summer break in preparation for the upcoming season. Once school was underway the practices kicked up to two and a half hours spent in the gym Monday through Friday and most Saturdays. All of this hard work was not for nothing due to their record of 17-7. They worked together through the ups and downs of the season and celebrated with the annual banquet at the end of the year. Coach Twyford said, “This year, the girls all brought unique skills to the court, and when combined together they had a successful outcome.”

Standing together before their last home game are juniors Addison Rinderer, Morgan Mesle, and Sidney Harnetiaux.
Setting Records

Varsity Volleyball

Sarah Frank, 12, sets right side hitter, Amanda Korsmeyer, 12, during the second set of the game. The team played Mater Dei at home for senior night. The game resulted in a two set victory for Highland.

Blocking an outside attack against Triad, are Hayley Taylor, 12 and Alex LaPorta, 12.

After the match point in the second set, the team celebrates their win against rival, Mater Dei. Megan Frey, 12, said, “We were all so pumped for our last home game with all our supporters. We were determined to win.” This was the first time Highland defeated Mater Dei in over 18 years.

1. On September 13, Emmy Nyquist, 10, sends her signature serve over to conference team, Civic Memorial. Nyquist said “I love to serve because that is the one part of the game that I can control; it also gives me such a rush.”

2. The bulldogs started their season with a first place win at the Carbondale Tournament. In the championship match against Massac County, Sarah Frank, 12, sets up Claire Diercks, 10, to end the volley with a kill.
Senior, Megan Frey, sets up right side hitter, Hayley Taylor, 12, for a kill. The team defeated Breese Central for their first home game in two sets.

The Varsity Volleyball team, led by Coach Tina Beyer, started off their season with a 16-0 record to surpass the record for the best start in school history. Early in the season, the team played in the Carbondale and Granite City Fall Classic, where they went undefeated in both tournaments and took home the first place trophy. In the middle of their season the bulldogs hosted their own tournament, the Highland Bulldog Invitational, where they were undefeated yet again. Another highlight of the team's season was when Coach Tina Beyer received her 200th career win. On the 11 person team, seven of the girls were seniors. The team finished with a record of 30 wins, five losses and one tie. This changed the school record for most wins.

by: amanda korsmeyer
Taking a free kick, Philip Petri, 10, winds up to serve the ball down the field to his teammates. Highland defeated the Knights 3-1.

Using his body to keep the defender away from the ball is Blake Stulir, 11. This game was played and won 2-0 at our home stadium against Jerseyville.

Austin Roach, 9, looks out onto the field for an open pass to reset the play. The boys played at Tom Doll Field at Greenville High School.

Front Row: Austin Roach, 9, Jack Ruffini, 10, Zachary Linhart, 10, Ian Grandame, 9, Jack Drueke, 10, Troy Mehrten, 10, Wesley McMillen, 10, Austin Davis, 9, Evan Dapkus, 10. Back Row: Coach Brian Lammers, Alec Kustermann, 10, Philip Petri, 10, Maxwell Poston, 10, Connor Barton, 9, Riley Field, 10, Ryan Schrage, 10, Blake Stulir, 11, Ben Wille, 10, Bryce Smith, 10, and Coach Josh Oswald.
Alec Kustermann, 10, uses his foot skills, body, and speed to get around his Mascoutah opponent. The JV team along with Varsity put their sprint drills in practice to work during the game.

Closely watched by his Jerseyville opponent, Bryce Smith, 10, dribbles down the field in hopes of scoring a goal. The team ended the game with a win against the Panthers.

Ben Wille, 10, and Zachary Linhart, 10, celebrate a goal scored by Wille against the Greenville Comets. The bulldogs won 1-0.

The 2016 Highland JV Boys Soccer team kicked off their season with two-a-day practices in the summer. With guidance from Coach Brian Lammers, these practices conditioned our bulldogs to play to the best of their ability every game. Beginning in the mornings with jogs and moving to afternoons with sprint sets. The boys started off the season against Civic Memorial on September 1st. At each game, home or away, the players started with a warm up of stretches. Next they moved on to shooting and passing drills to regain accuracy. Once the whistle blew for the final minutes before the game, Coach Lammers gathered the boys up and gave them a pep talk before returning to the field. After the season ended Coach Brian Lammers said, “Expectations were passed due to hard work and determination. The team put in a lot of time and effort together to make a great season of both making friends and scoring goals.” “Both Coach Lammers and myself are looking forward to a team next year as determined as this group was!” said Coach Josh Oswald.

FIELD OF DREAMS

JV Boys Soccer

Goalie, Riley Field, 10, punts the ball down field to his teammates to reset the play. The boys played a tough game against the Collinsville Kahoks.

Dribbling down the sidelines, Maxwell Poston, 10, looks for a way around his opponent for a clean pass to his teammate. This game was played against Mater Dei on their home field.
This season was one for the record book for boys soccer. The team had a turnaround year, boasting a 14-5-3 record after only going 7-16 the previous year. Not to mention, they won the MVC title over Waterloo, the reigning state champions. While spending the majority of the season ranked within the top ten teams in the state, they fell short to Jacksonville in the regional championship match. Despite a rough loss, many players were recognized for their unmatched contributions to the team. Two players were named to the All-Sectional team and eight were selected for the All-Conference team. Coach, Josh Oswald, was accredited with the sectional’s "Coach of the Year."

The boys traveled to Burlington, IA to play a tournament in July. They ended the showing with a record of 3-1. This weekend kick started their phenomenal season.
Montana Gilbert, 12,
Luke Jones, 12,
Jack Landmann, 12,
Brendan Schrage, 12,
Cory Steib, 11,
Blake Hagler, 11,
Brett Korte, 12,
John Wick, 12,
Evan Herman, 11,
Lucas Ammann, 12.

Brent Rapien, 12, maneuvers around an Althoff defender with ease. Rapien went on to score at Glik Park in the Gateway City Classic.

Brent Rapien, 12, calls for the ball while Cory Steib, 11, looks to distribute. Parkway West traveled to Glik Park in early October only to fall 2-1 to the Bulldogs.

Luke Jones, 12, collides with a Mascoutah striker as he snatches the ball. On September 15th, the Bulldogs won 4-0.

With a defender on his back, Evan Herman, 11, wins a header. Herman helped lead his team to a 3-0 conference victory at Triad High School.
The Girls Tennis team went through many new changes this year. They experienced what it was like to play on six brand new courts and cheer team mates on from under the new gazebo. Six new players join the girls from last year. Two freshmen, Ashley Basden and Kaitlyn Feldmann started varsity and Taylor Fleming joined Feldmann in varsity doubles. Varsity doubles duo Kirsten Plocher, 11 and Elisabeth Meadows, 12 led the team to state as the only players in varsity singles and doubles to have advanced past the semifinals. Plocher and Meadows played their last matches together at state. They advanced past the first round and won two out of three matches. Yet, the girls were sadly terminated in the second round. The team brought home first place in the Highland Invitational and JV Doubles Tournament, but took third in Alton’s Invitational.

Girls Tennis

“I am so proud of how we played this year.”

- Elisabeth Meadows, 12

Elisabeth Meadows, 12, and Noah Veitel, 12, duke it out during tennis practice. Due to an August rain delay, the team had to find their own entertainment while the courts dried.

Junior Kirsten Plocher gets ready to crush her opponent with her serve. Our lady bulldogs won the match due to Plocher’s victories in singles and doubles.
Staying on top of the game, Destiny Morland, 11, delivers the final shot with a match-winning volley.

Sydney Kesner, 12, shows off the latest trends for tennis athletic wear.

Hitting a ground stoke, Ashley Basden, 9, represents her team against the Triad Knights. The ball sailed over the net and won the point and match for Basden. It gave her the lead in the final set of the game.

Mallory LaFrance, 11, and Arianna Kampwerth, 11, take home first at the Highland Invitational.

As the rain pours outside, the lady bulldogs continued to practice by working on their coordination. By judging who sat next to one another, team members learned how to read each other. They found out how easy it was to lose if they were not paying attention to their surroundings.

by destany morland

The cheerleaders form the traditional tunnel at the beginning of the game. The boys ran through the tunnel at the beginning of every home game.

The Varsity Football Cheerleading squad cheered on the bulldogs during a phenomenal season. Coached by Casey Driemeyer, the girls accompanied the team to every game in order to keep the crowd excited and on their feet. "Six years of coaching brings its challenges. Every team makes me laugh, and at the very same time, makes me proud. This year has been no exception. I am thankful for their commitment and loyalty to their school and spirit program. To the seniors, thank you and I wish you the best of luck," said Coach Driemeyer. Not only did the girls cheer and perform at games, they also participated in a cheer camp to learn new material from the SIUE cheerleading team at SIUE. This year also included many changes with the team itself and new traditions the girls hope to see in the years to follow. Since the Varsity Football team made playoffs, the girls were able to extend their season, and support the team longer than they expected.

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CHEER ALL NIGHT

Football Cheerleading

Forming a circle, the girls perform their chant, "We'll Cheer All Night!" Tina Kernan, 12 led the cheer.

The cheerleaders lift the flyers up in the air before the first game kick off, letting the parents and fan section know the game is about to start. Rileigh Bent, 9, said, "Kick off is definitely my favorite part of the game!"

After an outstanding bulldog victory against Triad, senior captains, Tina Kernan, Claire Marchal, Sara Strom, and Mariah Thuenemann, smile while they proudly display the game ball.

Front Row: Tyler Zobrist, 11, Avery Wasser, 10, Sailor VanLoo, 10, Alyssa Voss, 11, Claire Marchal, 12, Madison Reeves, 11, Mariah Thuenemann, 12, Sara Strom, 12, Kelsi Dant, 10, Madyson Castile, 9, Middle Row: Elizabeth Wolf, 9, Alexis Banks, 10, Olivia Loyet, 10, Back Row: Kammy Daiber, 9, Candice Greer, 9, Molly Barry, 9, Kaylee Barth, 9, Katlynn Buneta, 9, Rileigh Bent, 9, Tina Kernan, 12, Hannah Kernan, 10, Catlyn Thomas, 10, Leah Sutton, 11.
Junior Varsity Football, began their season in July with weightlifting and routine practices, under the instruction of Head Coach Brendan Delaney. The JV Football team lifted nearly every day to be ready for the upcoming season. In July, JV joined the Varsity team in a camp at Illinois College. They learned new plays, bonded as a team, and set goals for the upcoming season. The team hoped to go undefeated and have 23 plus turnovers. During the fall, the boys practiced from 3:30-6:30. Games were either home or away and played at noon on Saturdays. Their record ended at 5-3. The team's best win was at Triad High School, their biggest rival. Payne Waldman, 10 said, "This season was a fun season that I will never forget. The work put in for the season was tough, but it was well worth it." To see the entire JV team photo check the Varsity page.
by nich dugan

Seeking an open path, Griffen Haller, 10, carries the ball down field at Mater Dei High School on October 18th. He ran 20 yards with the ball.

On October 8th, Anthony Finley, 10, ties down the offensive ball carrier at an away game against Triad. The score resulted in 24-21, with a Bulldog win.

At Triad High School, Dylan Apken, 10, jumps for the catch in the third quarter. He ran nine yards for a first down.

TACKLING THE ODDS

JV Football

Brock Swearingen, 11, tears through his defenders and carries the team closer to the end zone at Triad High School. Swearingen, co-captain, said, "I always would hope for the best on game day. I hoped that all the players would stay safe and play a great game. Looking back at the season, I realized that we did just that."
As the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year started, people were already talking about the Friday Night Lights. The football team consisted of 62 team players and five assistant coaches under the leadership of Head Coach, Jim Warnecke. The team left their mark on the school record with a 9-2 season. They rolled with the changes after many starters from the previous year graduated. Other adjustments occurred when starting senior running back, Trent Rakers injured his leg, and junior quarterback Garrett Marti injured his shoulder. The team came back stronger than ever and exceeded all expectations. The team made it to the second round of playoffs where their season ended at Metamora High School with a 28-7 loss. After a successful season, 16 seniors will graduate in May.

"My favorite memory of the football season was bringing the ship back to land. We fought through the battles and won." -Trent Rakers, 12
by polly czar

Sam LaPorta, 10, jumps to catch a pass but he is blocked. Metamora received a personal foul after interfering with LaPorta’s catch.

Seniors, Nick Bottom, Avery Evans, Jacob White, Brett Brown, Ian Fraser, Wade Clarkin, Trent Langhauser, Cayu Hartlieb, Brett O’Connell, Nick Vidmar, Jacob Fenton, Justin Bugger, and Andy Kampwerth line up after Senior Night and a victory over the Charleston Trojans.

The defensive team recovers a fumble from Civic Memorial during the third quarter of the rainy game.
Senior, Draven Doyle, falls down in a nervous fit during Romeo and Juliet. His goal was to appear as an insecure nervous wreck of a character.

Ophelia, better known as Ryan Rottman, 12, stars in Hamlet along with Danny Osborn, 10. On Sunday night the crew gave their final performance.

Rottman, 12, shows Doyle, 12 who is the superior actor during the first act of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged). Both actors, along with Osborn, 10, earned applause for their performance of 37 plays in 97 minutes.

THE ABRIDGED
PERFORMING ARTS

Fall Play


The Fall Play, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged), starred Danny Osborn, 10, Ryan Rottman, 12, and Draven Doyle, 12. The play included works from Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth, Othello, and many other Shakespeare classics. These classics, however, were portrayed in a most unusual way. The actors constantly interacted with the audience and even played a ukulele to distract the audience from what was about to occur. With only three actors, things got a little crazy when the role of a woman appeared. But, Rottman successfully played Juliet and Ophelia. The remaining actor played the role of the distraction. While his counterparts got ready for the next scene he used comedy to buy them the time needed to prepare.

The ever so devastating tale of true love, Romeo and Juliet takes new meaning when performed by Rottman, 12, and Osborn, 10. The dashing Romeo is played by Osborn while Rottman plays the beautiful maiden Juliet. In this scene Romeo tries to reason with Juliet over matters that are beyond their control. But Juliet ceased to listen to Romeo and demanded he handle the problem.

Playing the ukulele, Danny Osborn, 10, distracts the audience while the rest of the cast prepares for the next scene. Osborne said, "My favorite part of performing in the fall play was growing closer to Ryan and Draven."
WHAT DO YOU DO BEFORE A BIG GAME/ MATCH?

“Katie and I perform a dance for the team and get them pumped up with our good jams.”
- Lauren Baer, 11

“I usually drink a gallon of milk to stay hydrated.”
- Jacob Mitchell, 12

“My team and I listen to music in the locker room while Coach gives the team a pep talk.”
- Jake Kruse, 10

WHAT DO YOU DO BEFORE A BIG PERFORMANCE?

“I mentally go over my stunts, motions, and staying tight right after warm ups.”
- Rileigh Bent, 9

“I usually try to stretch and warm up like Michael Phelps would.”
- Dylan Galbiati, 12

“My team and I kiss a butterfly charm that we found on the floor at our first IDTA regional. It brings us luck every performance.”
- Paige Foster, 11
Bulldog wrestling started out their season strong with a win at their first quadrangular match in Effingham. Their success continued into their first tournament held at Civic Memorial where Jacob Mitchell, 12, placed second in 138 pound class and Devin Wills, 10, took first in his weight class at 160. The varsity wrestlers also traveled to Carbondale for their annual tournament where Trent Rakers, 12, took first in his weight class at 160. Moving on to the MVC, the boys placed sixth as a team. Individually, Rakers, Mitchell, and Wills, all placed first at the conference in their separate weight classes. On February 4, the team went to regionals at Jerseyville. The boys had to place top three to move onto sectionals at this tournament. Two wrestlers advanced, Wills in the 145 class and Rakers won his third consecutive regional at 152 lbs. Rakers placed first at sectionals at Mascoutah to move forward to state. On February 16, 17, and 19 Rakers battled for his state title and won his class at 152 pounds with a final match score of 1-0.

Sophomore Devin Wills rolls his opponent onto his back. He pinned him for a match win at Hillsboro.

Colten Brown, 10, dominates his Civic Memorial opponent. Brown placed sixth at the two day Lincoln tournament.
State winner Trent Rakers easily holds his opponent in a headlock. Rakers went on to win sectionals and state to wrap up his last year of high school wrestling.

Jacob Mitchell, 12, holds his opponent before rolling him to his back. Mitchell ended his senior with his most successful season out all four years of competing.

"We faced a lot of hard challenges this season but, with hard work and practice we overcame those challenges."

- Christian Zuccarelli, 11

by abby mcteer
Kayla Eads, 10, knocks down her signature shot on the baseline during the second half of a home game against Mascoutah. The JV girls gained two victories against the Indians this year.

Freshmen Ashlyn Klucker, Madison Clarke, and Kaitlyn Feldmann prepare to take video and stats at each varsity game. The video they took was very important when it came to player development and scouting different opponents.

Setting her feet, Taylor Fleming, 9, jumps to pull up a three against the Waterloo Bulldogs. Fleming said, “The biggest change for me this basketball season was learning how much foul trouble can affect a game.”

by alisse koishor
The junior varsity girls basketball team had a very busy start to their season. They participated in leagues, tournaments, and open gyms throughout the summer. Practices started in November with JV coaches Chris Hartlieb, Clint Hamilton, and Terri Menke. The practices consisted of conditioning, lifting weights, watching video, ball handling, and going over plays. The JV girls battled hard throughout the season finishing with an outstanding 15-1 overall record. Coach Hamilton said, “I am very lucky I had the opportunity to coach such great girls. I thought each and every player got better from the beginning of the season to the end.” This year was Coach Hamilton’s first year coaching the JV girls and he hoped to fill retiring Coach Chris Hartlieb’s place. Coach Hartlieb coached the JV girls for 12 years and coached the sport of basketball for 26 years. Coach Hartlieb said, “I have always been blessed to work with awesome young ladies when coaching. They went an outstanding 15-1, so obviously they are outstanding players. What I love is that they are even better people. The toughest thing about leaving coaching is knowing I will not be around such wonderful kids every day. I’m very glad Coach Hamilton is taking over and I look forward to seeing his contribution to the program.”
When asked her favorite memory, Kayla Eads, 10, said, "When a Central student walked into our locker room during our pre-game dance off...and of course all of the pasta dinners."

Freshman Ellie Brown dribbles the ball while looking to pass to one of her teammates during their home game against Belleville West.

Madison Wellen, 12, scores a free throw, making her the newest member of the 1000 point club.

Front Row: Emmy Nyquist, 10, Ellie Brown, 9, Breanna Frahm, 12, Abby Melosi, 12. Middle Row: Mae Riffel, 10, Madison Wellen, 12, Rece Portell, 11, Alisse Koishor, 12, Lauren Baer, 11. Back Row: Head Coach Mike Arbuthnot, Kayla Eads, 10, Katie Kampwerth, 12, Alex LaPorta, 12, Hayley Taylor, 12, Lexi Taylor, 10, Coach Chris Hartlieb, Coach Clint Hamilton.

by katie kampwerth

The team shows off their trophy after their win over Central, leading them to claim the regional championship title.
The girls accomplished yet another successful season under the watch of Coach Mike Arbuthnot and assistants Terri Menke, Chris Hartlieb, and Clint Hamilton. The addition of Coach Hamilton was a change for the team, because they had an extra coach to help them achieve a successful season. During the summer, the team practiced and conditioned in preparation for their upcoming season. In addition, they went to summer camps at Vincennes University, Saint Louis University, and Purdue. The official season started in the beginning of November. The team practiced for multiple weeks and finally played their first games at the annual Salem Thanksgiving Tournament. The girls went 3-2 in the tournament and walked away with a second place trophy. At the Mascoutah Christmas Tournament, the girls defeated Mater Dei in the championship game to claim first place. The team made history when they captured the first place trophy at the annual Highland Girls Tournament. This was the first championship win for us in 30 years. The team tied for conference champions, finishing 9-1. In post season, the girls defeated Breese Central on their floor with a score of 41-36, to claim the regional championship title. When competing at Waterloo, the team fell short of a sectional championship title with their loss to Civic Memorial. The Lady Bulldogs ended their season with a final record of 29-4.

**HOOP, THERE IT IS**

*Varsity Girls Basketball*
During the IHSA State awards, the girls accept their 1A first place trophy. They competed their lyrical routine against 30 different teams. Two points separated them from being the highest scoring routine out of all three divisions.

What was your favorite part of the season?

"Being a part of this team and leading a team to success was the best part of the season. We could not have had a better season. I also enjoyed competing and becoming Miss IDTA."

- Ally Becker, 12

"My favorite part of the season was winning first place at IHSA. It was so cool to win two years in a row. This year definitely topped last year!"

- Paige Foster, 11

"This year was the most fun I have had on the team. We worked very hard and everyone got really close and it showed in our dancing!"

- Brooke Wilson, 10

"The best feeling of the season was when we hit our spit lift at IHSA, after receiving a five point penalty for it at prelims. We had to change the lift last minute, but it was worth it!"

- Bree Etherton, 9

The dance team holds their beginning pose for their Pom Dance routine at their first competition at the Lindbergh Invitational on December 3. They received first.

by claire pabst and hannah luitjohan

Varity Dance
The Highland Varsity Dance team experienced a big change by gaining a new coach, Emily Wellen who was assisted by Whitney Zobrist. The team consisted of 14 girls. They held practices everyday after school to execute their Lyrical, Jazz, and Pom Dance routines. Their team was lead by Captain Ally Becker, 12. They competed in both IDTA and IHSA competitions. During the summer they performed their Pom Dance routine at the annual Kirchenfest on August 27 and 28. The team qualified all of their routines for IDTA State at the local regional competitions of Edwardsville and Highland. Along with qualifying for state, the girls also placed first in all three of the routines at each competition. They attended the IHSA Sectional in Mattoon where they placed first for the fifth year in a row. With a score of 94.72, the team placed first in their division at IHSA. This made them “Back to Back” state champions. They also won three state titles in Jazz, Lyrical, and Pom Dance at the IDTA State Finals. While at IDTA Finals, they won the highest score of the entire weekend with their Jazz routine and received the title of 2A Grand Champions with all three of their scores combined. Ally Becker, 12, competed a solo at IDTA regionals and qualified for state. She placed first with a score of 298 out of 300. The dance team achieved many accolades this year.
Flyers, Kelsi Dant, 10, and Samantha Kutzgar, 9, wave their hands to the crowd while in an extension.

On December 3, at the Highland Regional flyers, Kelsi Dant, 10, Olivia Loyet, 10, and Samantha Kutzgar, 9, wave their hands to the crowd while in an extension.

Parisse Waldman, 10, shows off the teams state shirts. Olivia Mueller, 9, makes a funny pose behind her.

The team poses with their coaches and third place state medals after awards. Front Row: Grace Zobrist, 9, Olivia Loyet, 10, Samantha Kutzgar, 9, Kelsi Dant, 10, Elizabeth Wolf, 9. Middle Row: Claire Diercks, 10, Alexis Banks, 10, Catlyn Thomas, 10, Sophia Hartlieb, 9. Back Row: Coach Hayley Reidelberger, Tyler Zobrist, 11, Mikayla Bloemker, 10, Joey Kutz, 11, Claire Friederich, 9, Madysen Castile, 9, Coach Shellie Saltier, Coach Sarah Eilers.

The team checks the scoreboard before calling their next sideline cheer.

Flyers, Kelsi Dant, 10, and Samantha Kutzgar, 9, show off their flexibility and technique during their stunt at the ICCA state competition.

Freshmen, Sophia Hartlieb, Samantha Kutzgar, Grace Zobrist, and Claire Friederich, rally the students up at the KSDK Prep Rally that was held at 7:00 AM.

Over the summer, the team practices for their first performance at Kirchenfest. The team stuck their mount for the crowd.
The 2016-2017 season was nothing short of success for the JV cheerleaders. Two rounds of tryouts were held for the team. The first was in the spring of the previous school year, and the second was in the fall of 2016. The team practiced five days a week, 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Those days were spent working on their competition routine. Every effort aimed to make their routine strong, clean, and deduction free. Unlike the rest of the week, Wednesdays were spent focused on stunting and tumbling. Stunting was held from 5:30 to 7:15, and tumbling started later from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Each new tumbling and stunting skill added difficulty to their routine. By competition time, all the team's hard work paid off. They continued to take first place at all of their regionals and second place at their invitational. By ICCA state, the team was awarded third place. Coaches, Hayley Reidelberger, Shellie Salter, and Sarah Eilers were nothing but proud of their team. Salter said, "The team's hard work was extraordinary and I am so happy it paid off for them." After the competition season ended with ICCA state in January, the annual cheer banquet was held in February at Michaels restaurant in Highland.

The team runs to greet their families and fans after a successful routine at ICCA state. The team members were so excited after successfully executing their stunts and tumbling. They ended up placing third.

Junior, Tyler Zobrist poses proudly with the team's third place state trophy. This was her first year on the team and it was a great success.
The varsity cheerleading squad started their season with tryouts in April and finished at the IHSA State competition in February. A team composed of 16 girls practiced throughout the summer and attended a camp at Carthage College, Wisconsin. At camp, many girls qualified for the All-American team. They sold Cardinals' tickets for a fund raiser, and then performed at the Cardinal game on September 19. Later, three new freshmen joined the squad for a total of six, which is the most underclassmen the head coach, Angie Fears, has ever had. The team worked continuously to get to where they needed to be for their first competition at Waterloo. They gave a flawless performance, and they placed first and qualified for the ICCA Championships. At ICCA State, they also performed a perfect routine to earn them second place. They moved forward to place second at their IHSA Sectional, which advanced them to the IHSA State Prelims. Performing a strong and nearly perfect routine the girls finished off their season as the 12th best team in the state.
My favorite part of the season was going to ICCA in Springfield and having fun with my team the whole weekend!

-Karley Broske, 9
During their season, the JV Boys Basketball Team went 2-15. The basketball program went from years of mostly freshmen and sophomores on the JV team, to including many juniors. However, their record and change of the team dynamic did not discourage them. The boys worked hard at practice, and played their best at games. Practices were held every day after school in the high school gym. At practices the team worked on both offense and defense skills. The players ran full and half court defensive drills. They also played a variety of positions. Along with drills, the team did a lot of conditioning, by running at every practice. The team was coached by Head Coach Todd Strong, and Assistant Coach Austin Welz. "We are proud of the hard work this team put in during a tough season," said Coach Strong.

"I would not have let the losses get me down. We may have not have had the record we wanted, but we constantly worked hard and kept improving each game."

- Michael Barth, 10

by emma moos
Robert Sigman, 11, goes up for a basket as a Civic Memorial player attempts to block him. He made the basket and scored two points for the Bulldogs.

At a home conference game against Triad, Justin Melosi, 11, shoots a free throw after being fouled by a Triad player. He made one out of two shots.

Facing their rival Triad at a home game, Deakon Thornton, 11, dribbles down the court, hoping to make a basket. Teammates raced after him and tried to block Triad's players. After a good fight, Triad ended up winning the game.

Trent Lammers, 10, keeps an eye on the ball while blocking the opposing team at a home game against Civic Memorial. They rushed for the rebound.
Boys Varsity Basketball

This year was full of change for the Boys Varsity Basketball program. With a new head coach and no returning starters, 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 in practice they gave one hundred percent. They are an outstanding team and I could not have asked for more from them,” said Coach Brian Perkes. The team started the season off slowly, only winning two out of five games in the Mater Dei tournament. However, the Bulldogs had only two conference losses to Mascoutah and Triad. Later in the season, the boys beat Triad 56 to 54 in overtime. The team surpassed many expectations this season and they won seven out of ten conference games.
During a home game against Centralia, Cameron Altadonna, 11, drives past a Centralia player and passes the ball to Stephen Torre, 11.

Brady Feldmann, 10, prepares to shoot a free throw at the Highland vs. Jerseyville game. He scored both free throw points.

The Varsity Basketball team runs onto the court after Sam LaPorta, 10, shoots the winning basket at the Highland vs. Triad home game. The boys claimed their victory in the last second of overtime, winning the game 56-54.

The most memorable part of the season was when we beat Triad by two points in the last two seconds in overtime.

- Stephen Torre

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Pulling up for the jump shot is Stephen Schmitz, 11, at the game against CM.

During the Mater Dei tournament, Sam LaPorta, 10, jumps up for a slam dunk against Metro East Lutheran.
The men's and women's bowling season was memorable and busy. Coach Laura Wander-Vrell's men's team had an 8-2 record in conference play. The team practiced at Poplar Junction Bowling Alley in Highland. The boys and the girls both practiced together. The team fell short of a spot at state. However, Collin Korte, 12 individually qualified for state and finished 35th overall. Seniors Collin Korte and Tanner Huelsman led the team to several important victories. Junior Brandon Munie said, "I will miss the seniors a lot next year because I have known them for so many years." Senior Molli Pfister was the leader of the women's bowling team. The girls finished 3-7 in conference play. Senior Molli Pfister, Junior, Emma Schuster, and Junior Haley Basler all advanced to sectionals. Senior, Collin Korte said, "Our team has come a long way over the years and I am proud to have represented this school."

Collin Korte, 12, prepares his bowling ball before a home match against Triad High School. Korte bowled a high series against Triad.

Brandon Munie, 11, puts spin on the ball as he tosses it down the lane. This was one of Munie's many warm up tosses before his match against Mascoutah.
The girls listen to instructions before warm-ups against Mascoutah. Warm-ups prepared the bowlers mentally for the match.

Coach Wander-Vrell has a pre-game discussion with the Mascoutah head coach before a home match against Mascoutah on January 10.

Delaney Grimes, 10, Kayla Rutz, 9, Kali Rutz, 11, Mollie Pfister, 12, Emma Schuster, 11, and Haley Basler, 11, pose for a picture holding a plaque they won at the Southern Team Challenge. The team finished in second place.

by ethan billhartz

On Senior Night, Tanner Huelsman, Mollie Pfister, and Collin Korte pose for a picture. Each player was given a bowling pin with all their teammates names and balloons to celebrate their bowling careers at Highland.

Sisters, Kayla Rutz, 9, and Kali Rutz, 11, point to their matching shirts at the end of the match against Civic Memorial.

Sending the bowling ball down the lane is Adam Buske, 11. He successfully picked the spare in the ninth frame of his team’s victory against Mascoutah.
Fresh Start

Freshman Sports

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Front Row: Ashley Knackstedt, 9, Tess Korta, 9, Kara Braundmeier, 9, Ashley Buchmiller, 10, Reagan Crask, 9, Middle Row: Megan Ramsey, 10, Olivia Jansen, 9, Nicole Knackstedt, 9, Carlie Mettler, 9, Ashlyn Deluca, 9, Megan Vidmar, 9, Back Row: Coach Tina Beyer, Abbey Beyer, 10, Alexis Taylor, 10, Sydney Coker, 9, Coach Karen Twyford.

FOOTBALL

Front Row: Connor Sands, 9, Brylee Portell, 9, Landyn Oestriinger, 9, MIDDLE ROW: Owen Kobbeman, 9, Christian Alexander, 9, Jack Beiermann, 9, Tyler Frank, 9, Back Row: Kain Thornton, 9, Carter Wiegman, 9, Trent Beard, 9, Hunter Seibertich, 9, Dylan Litzenburg, 9, Peyton Strong, 9.

Having a job was just one duty that students at HHS balanced in their daily lives. On top of the job, they juggled sports, clubs, homework, extracurricular activities, and even a social life. From track practice to calculus homework, they found time to bring in a little extra cash. Restaurants, retail stores, and even the local vet office were just a few examples of jobs held by our students.

Kaitlan Busch, 12, works the register at KFC Taco Bell.

Carli Fields, 11, works at the Highland Animal Hospital. She completes a variety of tasks including taking care of the animals that have received surgeries and taking care of the boarding animals.

Working at Rural King are Seniors Evan Capelle and Luke Jones. They can be seen caring for the baby chicks or on the floor helping customers.

Noah Schmitt, 11, spends his summer making snow cones at our Tropical Snow stand in Highland. “It is a great place to work in the summer because I get to eat free snow cones whenever I want!” said Schmitt.
Ollie Pfeiffer, 12, and Brent Rapien, 12 pose with the Izzy Bear sign at the Gateway Grizzlies ballpark. They found time after their homework to help set up the field before and after games. They also picked up trash and cut grass. Their favorite part was cruising in the Gator golf cart.

Chloe Beard, 11, works at her dad's tattoo parlor in Edwardsville, Illinois after school. She schedules appointments, files paperwork, and answers calls.

At San Gabriel Memory Care, Eden Imming, 10, pours water for dinner. "I enjoy hearing the residents' stories. Every Saturday, they remind me that it is date night," said Imming.

Working the counter at Bronze Tanning is Jamie Hickam, 10. She cleans the beds and greets the people checking in at the front desk.

Junior Kyle Lane loads a Sam's pizza in his car for delivery.

Sitting on stand at the Korte Recreational Center pool is Peyton Nagel, 11. Nagel is a certified lifeguard and swim instructor. He manages to work throughout the week and participate in the school's marching band, pep band, and concert band.
Mr. Lewis is not only the “cool new teacher” he also strums a mean guitar, and he studied Japanese in his free time at college.

Mr. Welz has little cartilage in his nose, allowing him to fully flatten it.

Mrs. Martz and her Arabian mare, Jaden, trail ride in Springfield.

Cafeteria worker, Robin Ermer spends her extra time clowning around at local events like the PBJ Festival.

On her down time, Mrs. Heinz likes to cozy up with her needle and threads.

Mrs. Bland enjoys dabbling in the arts.

by claire pabst, abby mcteer, kallie painter, and destany morland
Down in the Spanish Department, Mrs. Wagenblast claims she's the toughest kickboxer around.

Matchmaker, Mrs. Hall, has successfully put together seven couples.

Other than teaching art during the week, Mrs. Wander is the best blocker in the 618.

After solving chemical equations all day, Mrs. Basden goes home to enjoy her free time by playing piano.

Mrs. Ayer from the Math Department sings in her free time. She almost tried out for American Idol.
Holly Ayer, Math
Rene Barr, Agriculture
Liza Basden, Science
Jason Basso, English
Chris Becker, Assistant Principal

Tina Beyer, History
Sarah Bland, English
Jessica Bollman, Secretary
Douglas Bradley, History
Dianne Buch, Aide

Stephanie Buchtel, Spanish
Vicky Buehne, Aide
Carrie Buss, Science
Danielle Case, English
Joseph Dant, Building & Grounds

DeAnna Dobbs, English
Karen Duckworth, School Nurse
Margaret Duncan, Math
Christopher Durbin, Engineering
Katherine Eaker, Special Education

Matt Elledge, Special Education
Kirk Essenpreis, Building & Grounds
Karen Gauen, Principal
Nancy Genteman, Librarian
Angela Germagliotti, Aide

Glenn Goforth, Special Education
Christy Golder, Science
Jody Hall, Physical Education
Molly Hayes, Physical Education
Michele Heinz, Business

Ragina Hirsch, Science
Ronald Holt, History
Cheryl Holtzclaw, Secretary
Caleb Houchins, Assistant Principal
Mary Jackson, Agriculture
Thomas James, Math
Jami Jansen, Secretary
Larry Jones, Agriculture
Valerie Kimmie, Math
Steven Konopka, Social Worker

Brenda Korte, Special Education
Matthew Lewis, English
Carrie Lieberman, Guidance
Jenna Loveless, English
Khourtney Lowder, Special Education

Susan Martz, English
Christina McGlasson, Secretary
Susanne Michael Himsel, English
Meshell Michaelis, Aide
David Miscik, Math

Jodie Ramsey, Science
Katherine Reinacher, Aide
Lori Ruebhausen, Chorus
Donald Schmitz, Agriculture
Kristie Simmons, Science

Amber Spaeth, Guidance
Gayla Stirewalt, Special Education
Todd Strong, History
Claire Sylvies, Special Education
Rebecca Tissier, Aide

Karen Twyford, Spanish
Joseph Uhls, Math
Robert Vance, Business
Hilary Wagenblast, Spanish
Laura Wander-Vrell, Art

James Warnecke, Physical Education
Samuel Weber, History
Tamra Wellen, Aide
Austin Welz, Special Education
Marilyn Wolters, Aide
Bitmoji is an app where people create their own personal emojis. It has become popular over the past year. This app is used to send fun and cool pictures through either Snapchat or over text. Match the Bitmoji with its owner.

1. Maggie Weiss, 9, and Abby Hester, 11, Phillip Petti, 10, Kayla Kampwerth, 12, and Jessica Wilson, 10, Claire.
2. Kermon, 12, Ross Spies, 10, Morgan Mosaic, 11.
3. Payton Stinnett, 9, Brooke Wilson, 10.
4. Justin Gill, 12, Megan Frey, 12, Carson Sheffield.

It Looks a BIT Like Me!
CLASS OF 2020
FRESHMEN
LEAST FAV CHANGE
1. Cell Phone Pouches
2. Wearing ID
3. Spring Break Change

MOST FAV CHANGE
1. Focused Tutor Time
2. More Freedom Than Middle School
3. Longer Class Periods

Class of 2020

HOW MANY TARDIES HAVE YOU HAD THIS YEAR?

- 53% 1 Tardy
- 16% 2 Tardies
- 13% 3 Tardies
- 12% 4 Tardies
- 6% 5+ Tardies

WHAT HOUR DO YOU SNACK IN?

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HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOU TO GET READY?

- 31% 15 Minutes
- 25% 30 Minutes
- 23% 45 Minutes
- 12% 60 Minutes
- 9% 90+ Minutes

WHAT IS THE MOST CREATIVE WAY OF GETTING OUT OF HOMEWORK?

- "I stayed home from school and pretended to be sick."
- "I told my teacher that she never assigned the homework, and she believed me."
- "I distracted the teacher at the beginning of the hour so that he forgot to collect the homework."
- "I lost it."

BEST OF THE YEAR

Homecoming
Christmas Break
FTT
Making New Friends
KSDK Prep Rally

"I left my homework at home"
Matthew McCallister
Blake McCall
Kylie McFarland
Liam McMullen
Carlie Mettler
Garrett Metz

James Metzler
EmmaLee Michaels
Dale Miller
Taylor Miller
Sierra Miranda
Allen Morillo

Bella Mueller
Olivia Mueller
Mackenzie Myer
Cam Nelson
Helen Nguyen
Lauren Oberkfell

Landyn Oestriinger
Hunter Ohrt
Taylor Olliges
Calvin Parsons
Claire Pfeiffer
Lucy Phillips

Alejandra Pike
Taylor Pinkel
Bylee Portell
Dillon Powell
Faith Prather
Alexander Price

Kameryn Ragan
Alexander Reed
Keria Riedemann
Christian Rieke
Austin Roach
Kaley Rodebaugh

Mason Rolland
Alexie Rose
Tefike Rushiti
Kayla Rutz
Connor Sands
Isabell Scaggs

Freshmen 131
## Freshmen

**Scared About High School?**

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**Where Are You Traveling This Summer?**

- **Allen Morillo**
  - Dominican Republic
  - Virgin Isles

- **Autumn Walters**
  - Virgin Isles

- **Cam Nelson**
  - Bahamas
CLASS OF 2019
SOPHOMORES
LEAST FAV CHANGE
1. Cell Phone Pouches
2. Ban on Bottle Flipping
3. Assemblies

MOST FAV CHANGE
1. Parking in the Big Lot
2. New Teachers
3. Nachos on Monday

Class of 2019

HOW MANY TARDIES HAVE YOU HAD THIS YEAR?

- 32% 0 Tardies
- 20% 1 Tardies
- 23% 2 Tardies
- 19% 3 Tardies
- 6% 4+ Tardies

WHAT HOUR DO YOU SNACK IN?

- 37% 4th
- 23% 7th
- 2% 6th
- 4% 5th
- 12% 2nd
- 4% 1st

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOU TO GET READY?

- 36% 15 Minutes
- 25% 30 Minutes
- 19% 45 Minutes
- 17% 60 Minutes
- 4% 90+ Minutes

MOST CREATIVE WAY OF GETTING OUT OF HOMEWORK

- "I bribed the teacher with a cookie to get him to hold it off for one more day."
- "I did my homework in Sharpie, so that the ink smeared all over the page and no one could read it."
- "I went to the bathroom for 20 minutes hoping the teacher would forget about me. He didn't."
- "I told my teacher a dramatic story that happened over the weekend, so that she didn't have time to collect at the end of the hour."

TOP FIVE SONGS THAT DESCRIBE YOUR YEAR

1. Halfway There by Big Time Rush
2. Don't Grow Up by Taylor Swift
3. The Lazy Song by Bruno Mars
4. Same Mistakes by One Direction
5. Somewhat Damaged by Nine Inch Nails

BEST OF THE YEAR

Homecoming
Christmas Break
The Day After Exams
Presidential Election
New Classes
Austin Albritton
Sullivan Allen
Emily Allsman
Jordan Ames-Bourn
Ian Anderson
Hannah Angel

Dylan Apken
Leonel Armendariz
Miranda Arnold
Jacob Baldock
Alexis Banks
Dylan Bargetzi

Michael Barth
Jacob Barton
Lily Becker
Taylor Becker
Brianna Bennett
Nigel Bennett

Abbey Beyer
Cody Blackburn
Albert Blackmon
Mikayla Bloemker
Kara Boatman
William BonDurant

Andrew Brace
Tricia Braundmeier
Bailei Broniec
Colton Brown
Ashley Buchmiller
Geena Budwell

Wesley Bullard
Tanner Burke
Eli Burns
Adam Buske
Marissa Cameron
Abbey Casper

Garrett Cates
Tyler Cawthon
Dayna Chastain
Madison Clemmons
Tanner Cook
Elaina Cooksey

136 Sophomores
Laney Cooper  
Blake Cuppett  
Abigail Cutler  
Kelsi Dant  
Evan Dapkus  
Bryce Dennison

Nicolo Di Maggio  
Claire Diercks  
Cole Diesen  
Frederick Donini  
Jagger Donohoo  
Jack Drueke

Ethan Drysdale  
Chandler Dugan  
Jaida Duncan  
Kayla Eads  
Cali Engelmann  
Taylor Ernst

Jack Etter  
Brady Feldmann  
Ethan Fenton  
Jaqlyn Ferguson  
Riley Field  
Anthony Finley

Laurence Fischer  
Mitchell Focht  
Alicia Forehand  
Christopher Forys  
Jacob Fowler  
Griffin Frahm

Savannah Frederickson  
Kaleb Fuller  
Blake Gaddis  
Anthony Gant  
Lily Garbett  
Wyatt Garde

Lexi Gibbons  
Lexy Gilliam  
Clayton Goodall  
Dietrich Gossmeier  
Megan Griesbaum  
Delaney Grimes

Sophomores  137
Makenna Grobmann
Jakob Gruenenfelder
Kelsey Gruenenfelder
Jason Haase
Ryan Hacke
Griffin Haller

Tiffany Hamel
Rebecca Hammer
Alexis Hartman
Lydia Hayes
Jayden Head
Emily Hess

Jamie Hickam
Emile Hoepker
Shelby Holzinger
Caleb Hooton
Ryan Hormann
Tyler Howard

Abigail Huckfeldt
Drew Hulvey
Dylan Hummel
Cody Iberg
Marion Imming
Jacob James

Hannah Jansen
Annabel Jones
Isaac Jones
Mackenzie Jones
Andrew Kaminski
Sarah Kampwerth

Madyson Kapp
Ali Kelso
Hannah Kerman
Heather Kim
Jennessa Kimmie
Dylan Kloss

Kennedy Klucker
Drew Koehnemann
Brianna Korte
Kealy Korte
Allie Kramer
Jake Kruse

138 Sophomores
DO YOU LIKE PARKING IN THE BIG LOT?

67% YES

33% Parent

11% Friend

37% Self

32% Other

51% HEALTH OR PE?

49%

Holland Wrobbel
Mason Yates

HOW DO YOU GET TO SCHOOL?

Cattlyn Thomas
Blake Tinsley
Stephen Torre
Lauren Townsend
Bailey Trame
Sailor VanLoo

Cameron Verson
Parisse Waldman
Payne Waldman
Ryan Walter
Avery Wasser
Kara Weiss

Madeline Wesselmann
BayLee Wetzel
Ian White
Thomas Wick
Christian Wiedle
Nick Wiegand

Wyatt Wiese
Mackayla Wieter
Mackenna Wieter
Audrey Wilke
Ben Wille
Jacob Willis

Devon Wills
Brooke Wilson
Caitlyn Wilson
Hannah Wilson
Isaac Winter
Sole Woodcock

Sophomores 141
1. Cell Phone Pouches
2. SAT/ACT
3. Sophomores in Big Lot

1. No More Exams
2. Mr. Lewis as a Teacher
3. Being Upperclassmen

"I left my backpack in my car, but the office won’t let me go out to my car."

"I told the teacher I was sick and I needed to go to the nurse."

"I had a bloody nose that dripped on my work and ruined it."

"I scribbled random words on my paper since it was just a check grade. That didn’t work."

"Keep Holding On" by Avril Lavigne
"Wild Ones" by Flo Rida
"Here I Go Again" by Whitesnake
"Cry, Cry, Cry" by Johnny Cash
"Under Pressure" by Queen

"WHAT HOUR DO YOU SNACK IN?"

1st: 3%
2nd: 21%
3rd: 36%
4th: 22%
5th: 11%
6th: 4%
7th: 3%

"BEST OF THE YEAR"

Homecoming
Long Christmas Break
Upperclassmen
Bowling in PE
Football Season
Zane Robertson
Abigail Regier
Dylan Rofingsmeier
Callie Rose
Hanna Rose
Samantha Rustin

Kali Rutz
Megan Sands
Nick Schaible
Kierstin Schlater
Noah Schmitt
Stephen Schniers

Andrew Schuepbach
Emma Schuster
Seth Schwappach
Dylan Shaw
Gabriel Sherrill
Cameron Shively

Kevin Shoemaker
Carson Siedhoff
Robert Sigman
Chandler Smith
Dakota Smith
Spencer Smith

Sean Snyder
Tristan Sorocko
Sophia Sterzl-McMullen
Cory Stieb
Holly Strader
Ben Straub

Blake Stulir
Hannah Sullens
Katrina Sumner
Leah Sutton
Brock Swearengen
Victoria Thomas

Deakon Thornton
Brock Troxell
Zac Tucker
Taylor Udy
Alyssa Voss
Cory Walter

148 Juniors
One of my closest friends stole my front license plate from my car one night.

Ever since the sophomores got to park in the big lot, I’ve been stuck constantly looking for spots in the morning.

Someone stole one of my headlights while I was at the movie theatre.

Everyday after school in the parking lot someone decides to cut me off.
LEAST FAV CHANGE
1. Sophomores in Parking Lot
2. Cell Phone Pouches
3. FTI Backwards

MOST FAV CHANGE
1. Mrs. Twyford Selling Snacks
2. Co-Op
3. Last Year of High School

HOW MANY TARDIES HAVE YOU HAD THIS YEAR?
- 36% 0 Tardy
- 19% 1 Tardy
- 9% 2 Tardies
- 22% 3 Tardies
- 14% 4+ Tardies

WHAT HOUR DO YOU SNACK IN?
- 3rd 50%
- 2nd 11%
- 1st 5%
- 4th 27%
- 5th 5%
- 7th 1%

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOU TO GET READY?
- 38% 15 Minutes
- 36% 30 Minutes
- 15% 45 Minutes
- 7% 60 Minutes
- 4% 90+ Minutes

MOST CREATIVE WAY OF GETTING OUT OF HOMEWORK
- "I told the teacher I had senioritis and I couldn't possibly do it."
- "I left my homework in my car and then I left school."
- "I turned in the wrong paper and in a few days when I had it done I turned it in."
- "I copied my friend's homework."

TOP FIVE SONGS THAT DESCRIBE YOUR YEAR
1. "Dirt on My Boots" by California Sunrise
2. "I Love College" by Asher Roth
4. "I Don't Care" by Ariana Grande
5. "What Hurts the Most" by Rascal Flatts

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**BEST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL**

40% **SENIOR**

25% **JUNIOR**

20% **SOPHOMORE**

15% **FRESHMAN**

**PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?**

94% **YES**

6% **NO**

13% 2 year college

70% 4 year college

5% Job

7% Military

5% Undecided

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**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY OF HIGH SCHOOL?**

"**ROUGH**" - Madisen Jones

"**ICONIC**" - Luke Jones

"**POLITICS**" - Tyler Higgins

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"My favorite memory was my senior year where I went to IHSA Bowling State and placed 35th."

**MIRANDA SMITH**

"My senior year was my most memorable year because I changed from the crier to lady in the Madrigal dinner."

**OLLIE PFEIFFER**

"Being Alivia Meskii's date and her being my girlfriend senior year was the best part of high school."

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