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Bri Kovan (12) and ACTION Junior member

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Turn on Channel 6 News at five o'clock, and one will most likely hear events about the seemingly never-ending war overseas, the devastations in Haiti, home and school shootings, and undoubtedly less-than-positive events. The events ignored, however, are typically the memorable events that you don't hear on TV. The students that tripped to Peru to teach the underprivileged English,

tripped to provide for the needy in Atlanta, or those who learned another culture in Africa, are the people who learned to **connect** with the rest of the world. When we, the students of Okemos High School, come together to form friendships, teams, clubs, and friendships, we learn to **coexist**. In the midst of a coexisting community where teams and friendships are formed, people

learn to **compete** while maintaining the ability to get along. Although there may be hardship and frustration on a global or community level, when people of differing backgrounds collectively **combine** for the sake of lending a hand, some may consider it a miracle. Heartwarming situations such as those allow a view into the world that has the ability to brighten people's days; when we

continue to come together to do so, or to just pay it forward, these choices and genuine acts of kindness spread like wildfire. In the midst of a troubled world, take a moment, lend a hand, experience the world and the different cultures genuinely sprinkled throughout society. See, feel, touch, embrace, and learn the way individuals **coexist** with one another. It is a sensation worth experiencing.

we cOexist



Claire Wroblewski (12), Lauren Landsdale (12), Lisa Hanna (12), Laura Harding (12), and Sophia Bauer (12)

(Picture by Lizzy Rinner)

(Page by Shelby Robinson)



Whether one is experiencing their first football game, their first time getting lost on their way to class, their first winter break with their new friends, or attending their last school dance, students of any age have the ability to learn what high school has to offer in a similar way. Even though there may be memories or events that are a blur years from now, the exhilarating feeling experienced at that moment

in time is unforgettable. Years down the road, you could be sitting in a coffee shop with a middle school friend you haven't had the ability to stay in contact with, reminiscing with one another. With the opportunity at hand, such events and memories that are long since passed can be recovered, achieving the ability to **connect** with one another cohesively. In a more global aspect, people are

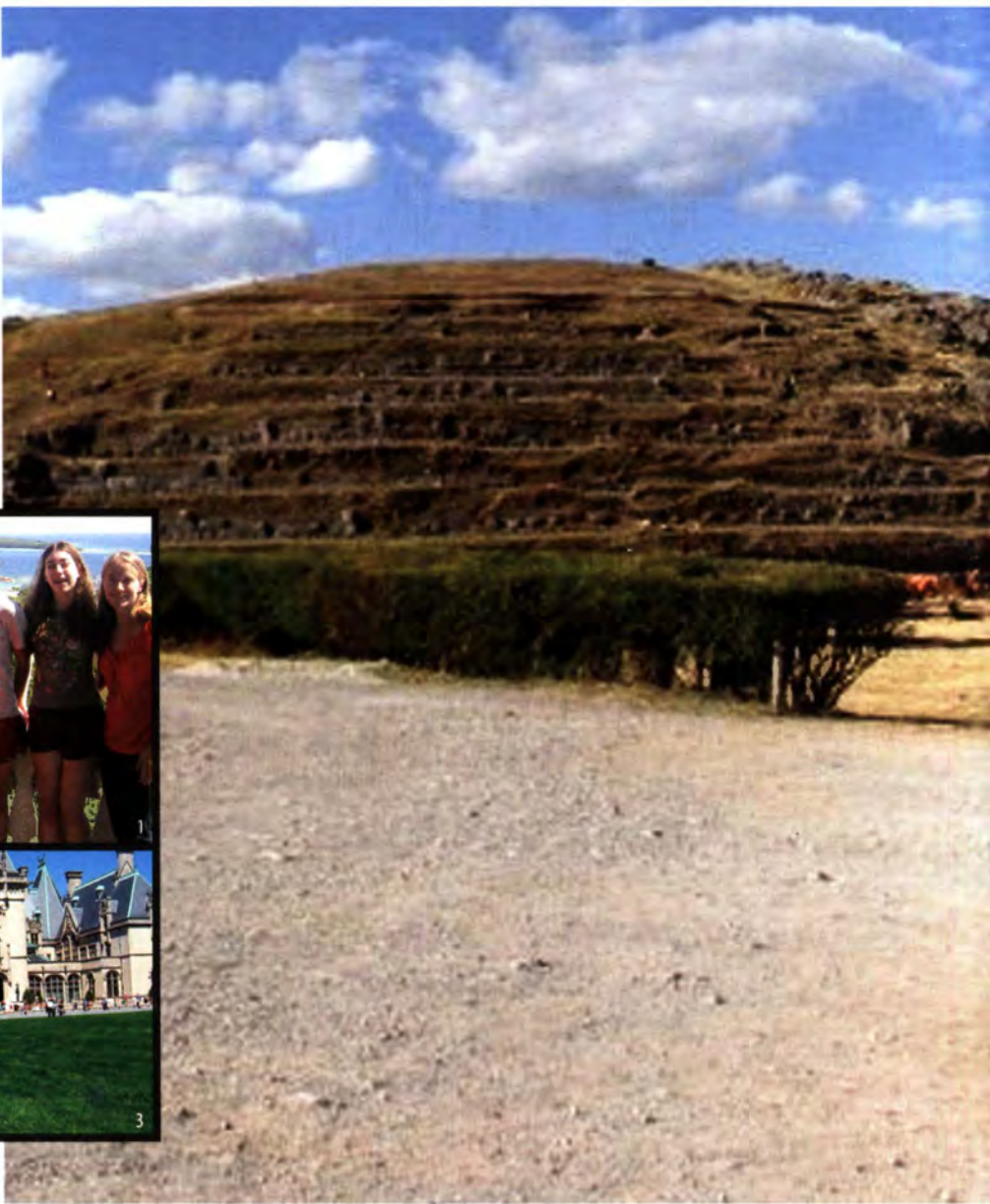
learning to communicate and live in the midst of one another every day. Special events, say, a World Cup game, New Year's Eve, an unlikely scientific discovery, or a change in season, undoubtedly brings people together, reminding them that they have similarities in a world full of differences. Amid the hatred, century-deep rivalries, elementary school fights, or petty middle school drama, specific times and events

allow people to **connect**; allow them a moment's time to sit back, smell the flowers, or to just embrace and experience what it is that the world and its beings have to offer. In the midst of a prime time of 1,446 students' lives, are events that take place and memories that will, one day, be forgotten. How we choose to experience such events, however, is up to the experimenter.

we cOnnect

The Journeys Shared

1. During the girls cross country training trip to Charlevoix, Michigan, they meet Governor Granholm at her cottage on Mackinac Island for a fun surprise. *(Picture by Jessica Kovan)*
2. While up north, **Matthew Henry** (10) and **Jordan Kosloski** (10) mess around on the dock before going out for a boat ride. *(Picture by Brooke Sauchuk)*
3. While vacationing together, **Whitney Caruth** (10) and **Melissa Herrington** (10) visit the Biltmore in North Carolina. *(Courtesy Picture)*



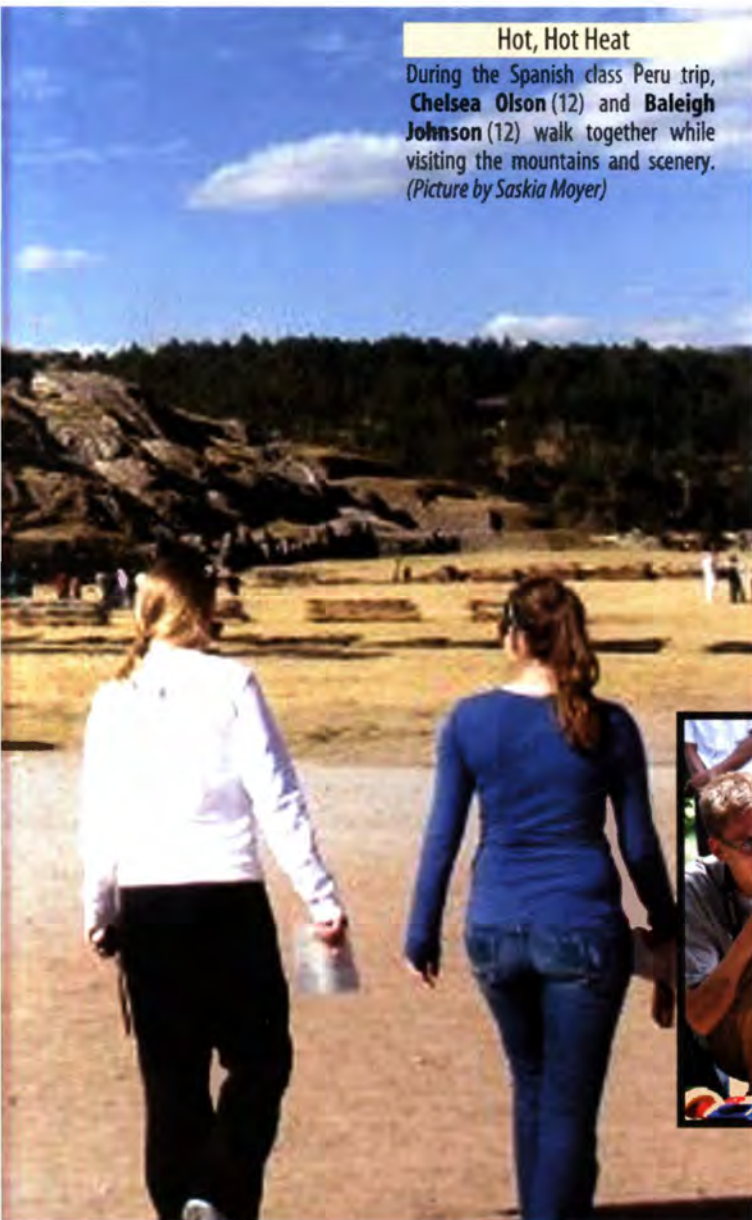
Light a Candle

During her visit to former foreign exchange student, Sonja Ehrengreber, **Melanie Bernard** (12) lights a candle in the Kolner Dom, a cathedral in Cologne, Germany. "I was lighting a candle for my grandmother," said Melanie. "I stayed with Sonja there, who was my foreign exchange student for a year. Her family was my host family in Germany." *(Picture by Sonja Ehrengreber)*

Jet Ski Boys

Students **Samuel Chappelle** (11), **Benjamin Klaver** (11), and **Kyle Briggs** (11) take a trip together to Harbor Springs, Michigan. "It was the last bit of fun of the summer, since we had school the week after. It was just a really fun, laid back vacation!" said Benjamin. *(Picture by Mrs. Klaver)*





Hot, Hot Heat

During the Spanish class Peru trip, **Chelsea Olson** (12) and **Baleigh Johnson** (12) walk together while visiting the mountains and scenery. (Picture by *Saskia Moyer*)

O Splashing Summer

School is over, but students stick together

When the final bell rang to announce an end to the busy school year, the hot blast of summer wind allured students to start a journey outside of school. Instead of staying at home, many students chose to be together while doing something meaningful. **Raji Singh** (12), as a member of Tarana dance team, participated in the Fogana Indian Dance Competition in Florida with ten other Okemos students. The group won first place in the Folk category. "I love meeting new

teams and competing against the top dancers that go to nationals," Raji said.

As a good preparation for the pep assemblies, football games, and performances, the band members practiced a lot during the summer. **Anna Goodson** (10) said, "Band practice this summer was really hard and very sweaty, but it was also really great! We made a lot of progress in a short amount of time, which was very satisfying." (Page by *Michelle Zhao*)



Tanzanian Man

A trip to Tanzania provides unforgettable memories for **Matt Currie** (12). With a group of other students, Matt spends part of his summer exploring Tanzanian culture and communicating with the people. (Picture by *Mrs. Johnson*)



All Around the World

1. Northern Michigan allows **Chloe Zdybel** (10), **Blake Ellsworth** (10), **Nicki Tague** (10) and **Danny Ludwig** (10) to spend time skiing together. (Picture by *Kim Higgins*)
2. During a trip to northern Michigan, **Matt Bill** (12) and **Lauren Bill** (09) spend time on the lake tubing together. (Picture by *Chuck Bill*)
3. During a mission trip with a group of other students to Nicaragua, **Patrick Bloom** (12) learns to make pottery with one of the locals. (Picture by *Emily Wesley*)

It's All About the

Summer Jobs

"I worked with my grandpa splitting logs and selling and delivering them. It was a good job because I was able to work with someone I know." **Zach Nowicki** (12)

"My office job itself was a little boring, but the people around me made it amazing!" **Laura Grannemann** (12)

- 3 tips for getting a job -
1. Find something you really like to do
 2. Be professional and be prepared for interviews
 3. Be confident

"It's a non-profit job, but I love teaching art. There's nothing like a child's smile that brightens the world!" **Kriya Betzig** (11)

The Road To Change

Drive Slow
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STOP
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KEEP THE
ROADS
SAFE

"I have been going to many meetings with the OHS parent group and the OHS traffic committee I have met with Ingham County Sheriff, the State Police, Meridian Township Police, and people from the Ingham County Road Commission. They have been doing road studies and tests to see what can be done." **Katie Victor** (11)

A Walk to Remember

In honor of their friend, Adam Nevelles, **Virginia White** (11), **Andrew Altman** (12), and **Dan Jorgenson** (12) gather around candles and memorabilia at a candle lit ceremony in Adam's neighborhood the day after his death. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



At the Carwash



Sydney Swierenga (12) and **Hunter Landay** (09) help out at the band class' annual car wash in order to raise money for new uniforms. (Pictures by Shelby Robinson)



Pump That Chieftain Spirit Up

1. With the drumline's new performance, the school anticipated their results. **Emily Leong** (11) and **Arian Koochesfahani** (11) concentrate while the rest of the school erupts in cheers and dances to the beat of their instruments. (Picture by Nandini Wahi)
2. In order to help teach the school the Okemos fight song, **Pat Buetow** (12) and **Matt Nauss** (12) rap to the students in an easy sing along way during the pep assembly. (Picture by Nandini Wahi)



It was so surreal!
I was looking
around and then
realized, whoa
I'm the oldest
person here.

Mackenzie Lawler (12)

I was so scared
and intimidated
by all the upper
classmen.

Emma Baker (9)

Love. Learn. **REMEMBER**

Week back creates unforgettable memories

It was that time of the year to finally dust off one's old school binders and find their back pack, as the long, fun filled summer started to come to an end. A variety of events were arranged at the start of school, welcoming students. Whether getting pumped up by the pom pon team, entering the high school for the first time, helping out an important cause, or hearing about a heartbreaking situation, students were guaranteed to experience something new. The arrival of the 1,446 students, from brand new freshmen to re-entering

seniors, essentially brought the school together in more ways than one. **Katie Victor** (11) made it her mission to make driving safer around the school after the loss of her friend, Adam Nevelles. "My days have been very busy with working on lowering the speeds around the school," said Katie. Whether or not the speed limit is changed, students will always remember the loss on that September night. New losses and experiences at the beginning of school year guarantees to bring students together. (Page by *Lindsay Stockwell*)

Got LINK?

To help the freshmen get ready for high school, the link leaders play ice breakers to get to know each other better. The idea was to allow freshmen to break out of their shells and meet new people. The link leaders went through a hard two day training to prepare themselves for the big freshmen orientation. "It was a lot of fun doing Link," said leader **Brad Dotterer** (11). (Photo by *Shelby Robinson*)

Powder-TUFF

Football proves to not be just a man's sport

For some, the initial thought of a bunch of high school girls playing a game of football seems pretty comical. People who feel that way should have come to watch the juniors and seniors duke it out in the crisp Tuesday night air. "It was a lot more competitive than I would have expected," said **Tom Keenoy** (11). However, one could not truly appreciate the intensity of the game unless they were on the field. **Ari Helgesen** (11) came down with a dislocated knee-cap while chasing down **Raisa Yewah** (12). To break this tense air, **Brenda Duong** (11) belted "Don't Stop

Believing". The seniors ultimately prevailed in the intense game 14 to 6. Despite their loss, many juniors were happy with the experience. "I think we all got along really well and had a lot of fun!" said **Ali Chance** (11). **Jenna Dakroub** (12) was also proud of how they played. "I was happy we won, it was expected of the seniors," said Jenna. Overall both squads had a blast, and brought students together despite the deep rivalry that took place. "I would most definitely play on Friday nights!" exclaimed Raisa. (Page by Cooper Sigourney)

Juniors or Seniors?

1. They had been planning on cheering on their senior team, so **Cody Eggenberger** (12), **Patrick Bloom** (12), and **Danny Balogh** (12) march out wearing costumes, bearing a tuba and dancing. (Picture by Kate Sumbler)
2. Breaking through the senior defense, **Abby King** (11) sprints toward the goal line in hopes of scoring. (Picture by Kate Sumbler)
3. After receiving an interception, **Ali Chance** (11) celebrates with her teammates. (Picture by Cooper Sigourney)



Down to Business

During the game, **Emily Behm** (12) gives her defense squad a pep talk to get them hyped and ready to play. (Picture by Cooper Sigourney)

Go For It

Raisa Yewah (12) runs the field chased by junior defense including **Lelia Boniadi** (11). "I was honestly just thinking about not falling flat before I got to the goal line, because I had some bad experiences with that last year," said Raisa. (Picture by Cooper Sigourney)



She Could, Go, All, the...

In hopes of scoring, **Morgan Brehm** (12) sprints down the field, ball in hand, while chased by **Brenda Duong** (11) and **Christie Hickox** (11). (Picture by Kate Sumbler)



Time to Heat it Up

The fire allowed for students like **Ashlynn Emler** (11) to enjoy themselves as well as the heat during the cold night. (Picture by Shelley Turzewski)



Keep The Fire Going

To make sure that the fire stays strong throughout the night, **Patrick Cruitt** (12) and his brother **William Cruitt** (10) help the fire fighters keep watch. (Picture By Sydney Swierenga)



Have Some Fun

To avoid the chilly night air, **Landon Cally** (11) and **Danny Balogh** (12) stand by the bright fire while laughing and joking around with one another. "Yea, we were being weird but we had fun at our last bonfire," stated Danny. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Performance

The band accompanied students at the bonfire with their performance. **Rachel Creemers** (12) stated, "It was a lot of fun to hang out and play at the bonfire. It was nice to actually have one this year!" (Picture By Shelley Turzewski)

Enjoy the Heat

Jesse Hernandez (11), **Adam Powell** (11), **Justin Baker** (11), and **Conner Mahoney** (11) sit next to the fire as they enjoy the warmth. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

Handle the Heat

Cold weather doesn't stop students from enjoyment

As winter came around the corner, students began to question whether the annual bon fire would be cancelled as it was in previous years. Thankfully, the weather allowed the bon fire to continue and allowed students to enjoy a wonderful night full of music and fall treats. **Caitlin McGehee** (12) stated, "It was nice to be warm and cozy around the fire." Along with the bon fire, students were accompanied by music from the

band, drum line, and former student Denny Means as DJ. "Although it was pretty cold, it was fun to play in front of the fire. It looked really cool," stated band player **Emily Leong** (11). **Erin Madden** (12) said, "The bon fire was so cold, but it was still lots of fun! The fire itself was pretty big this year." It is safe for one to say many students still enjoyed the bon fire despite the chilly weather. (Page by Nandini Wahi)



SENIORS

Morgan Chavez (12) stated, "I've gone to the bonfire every year and it is going to be a tradition that I will miss very much."



FRESHMEN



Morgan Dean (9) stated, "I liked seeing all my friends and hanging out around the fire. It was a great first bonfire at Okemos."

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We've Got

Spirit

Nerd vs Jock Day

Tomato Day

Would you still be my friend if I wore this...? Day

Chieftain Day

Class T-shirt Day



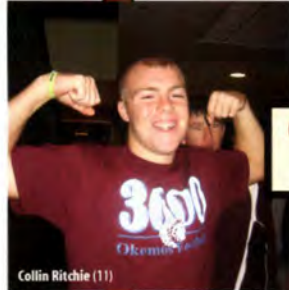
Mariya Smith (12) and Caleb Seals (12)
Picture by Shelby Robinson



Katie Collier (09), Kara Hall (10), Paige Kelliher (11), Robin Malcolm (12)
Picture by Cristia Earp



Amelia Rogucka (11)
Picture by Andrea Dantus



Collin Ritchie (11)
Picture by Lindsay Stockwell



Pictures by Victoria Bingman

That Chieftain Pride

1. The chilly Friday night air didn't stop Alexander Bez (10) Ryan Casler (10), Jonathon Guthrie (10), Jonathan Bolas (10), Mitchell Beckman (10), and Spencer Bonofiglio (10) from showing their school spirit. Bolas said, "I was cold at the game until the very end." (Picture by Victoria Bingman)

2. The Saturday before spirit week, Amber Smith (11) helps build the castle for the junior float for the parade. Smith said, "It was great to work with everyone and make this float better than the past two years." (Picture by Victoria Bingman)

3. The drumline shows off their new routine, including jumping over their drums at the pep assembly. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)



Enemies of the Heir, Beware

During the Monday of spirit week, sign day allows many students to put their creativity to use. **Kelly Squiers** (12) finger paints 'Enemies of the heir, beware,' a famous quote from J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series to go along with their Harry Potter house theme itself. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



A Magical Week

Potter Homecoming brings out magic in students

When the votes were in on that summer day and Harry Potter Houses was declared the year's Homecoming theme, the overjoyed members of Student Council couldn't wait to inform their fellow classmates. During the week of Homecoming, the school was divided into the four houses from Harry Potter: the seniors were Slytherin, juniors were Gryffindor, sophomores were Ravenclaw, and freshmen were Hufflepuff. After a week of competing for the most spirited class, the seniors proved to be victorious as chants of "senior power" engulfed the crowd at the annual pep assembly. Like many

other juniors, **Haley Williams** (11) said, "I was angry because I was expecting our float to win or at least get second place." While the seniors ultimately prevailed during spirit week, one could hear talk amongst the sophomores still asking their peers, "Would you still be my friends if I wore this?" **Elizabeth Esdale** (11) thought that was one of her favorite days during spirit week and said, "It was so funny to dress up crazy." Homecoming was full of spirit and magical spells that overall, proved to be a very Harry Potter Homecoming. (Page by Victoria Bingman)

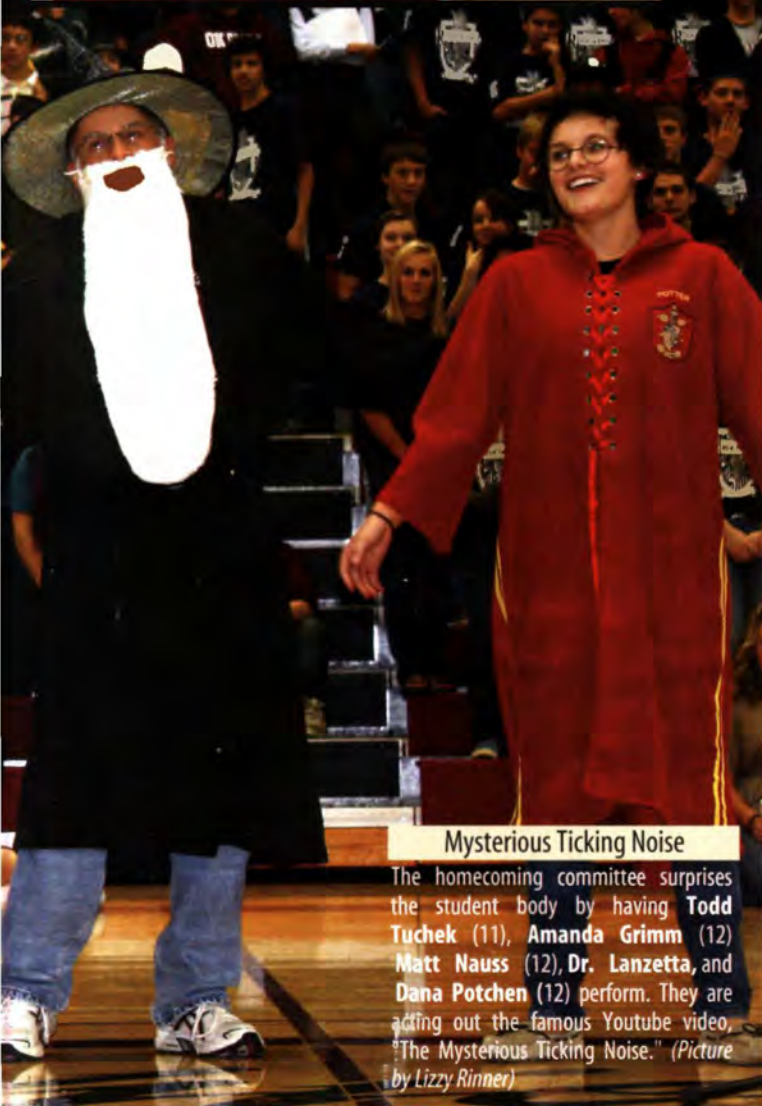
The Girl Behind The Mask

Katie Ruthenberg (11) prepares herself to perform during halftime at the football game. Ruthenberg said, "Wearing the mask is kind of hard because you can barely breathe, but great because no one knows who you are." (Picture by Victoria Bingman)



Candy Tossers

While riding in the back of a truck with their float being pulled behind, **Kathryn Hollis** (09) and classmates throw candy to the parade watchers. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)



Mysterious Ticking Noise

The homecoming committee surprises the student body by having **Todd Tuche** (11), **Amanda Grimm** (12), **Matt Nauss** (12), **Dr. Lanzetta**, and **Dana Potchen** (12) perform. They are acting out the famous Youtube video, "The Mysterious Ticking Noise." (Picture by Lizzy Rinner)

Homecoming King and Queen

Band members who voted for **Caleb Seaks** (12) and **Claire Wroblewski** (12) were excited when they found out that their leaders had won Homecoming King and Queen. Caleb commented on winning King, "I was so shocked but very excited, it was very cool to hear everyone cheering at the pep assembly." **Robin Malcolm** (12), a band member, remarked, "I was happy to see Caleb win Homecoming King, but it was no surprise with all the band members who voted for him." Friends of Claire in the band were pleased to see that she had won Queen, saying that she was very deserving. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)



Homecoming Fever

1. Before the night's festivities begins, **Katie Raynak** (11) helps **Tim Tschida** (11) put on his boutonniere. (Courtesy Picture)
2. To make their night even more memorable, **Peter Stuckey** (11) and **Jenna Lademan** (11) take time to slow dance together. (Picture by Shelley Turzewski)
3. Slow dancing together allows **Alyssa LaFrance** (11) and **Trevor Stayton** (10) to enjoy their night at the school dance. "This was one of the best homecomings I've ever been to," Alyssa noted. (Picture by Shelley Turzewski)

Can I have this Dance?

Homecoming King **Caleb Seaks** (12) and **Kelly Maxwell** (12) show off their dance moves while students gather around to watch. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)

Freshmen



Rachel Rosenthal and Aziz Maredia

Sophomores



Abby Cassella and Jackson Miller

Juniors



Brenda Duong and James Otis

Seniors



Caitlin McCarthy and John Turkus



First Dance

Their first homecoming allows **Samantha Sophia-Fairmont** (09) and **Tristan Eggenberger** (09) to learn the ropes of the dances by putting on both corsages and boutonnieres. (Courtesy Picture)

THE *YULE* ball

Cafeteria transformation allows students to enjoy their night

The high school commons were turned into Harry Potter's very own Great Hall on this October night. **Brittany Clifford** (11) exclaimed, "The commons would have even impressed Snape!" Tables were decorated with house colors and by the end of the night they were covered with coats, cameras, and other things too. Freshman felt like they were now a large part of the school by joining the other classes at the dance. **Jamie McGrath** (9) commented about the dance and said, "It was really fun, I got to hang out with my

friends and it was good to finally be a high schooler." But the homecoming fever was not limited to the school dance. The alternative dance hosted by **Freddie Abood** (12) at Walnut Hills, allowed a night of dancing for several students as well. **Erika Frankfort** (11) compared the school dance to the alternative saying, "There were definitely more people at the alternative." With the new dance rules still enforced, it is safe to say that students enjoyed a night at both dances equally well. (Page by Paige Kelliher)

trick or treat

Halloween brings out students' alter egos

With Halloween only a day away, the last Friday of the month gave students a chance to showcase their costumes at school. From scary to unique, the wide variety of attire resembled the diversity of the student body. Full of parties, pumpkins, festivities and candy, the weekend brought many friends together to enjoy the holiday as well. Although the weather was chilly, many groups of friends could be found running through neighborhoods trick or treating, despite people's perceptions that halloween is just for little kids. **Shelby Retherford**

(11) said, "Halloween is the one day when older kids don't have to act their age". Aside from those who went trick or treating, other kids passed out candy, went to parties, or saw a scary movie. Even though several students were out and about, the cold weather and flu season caused some kids and families to stay home. "I hung out at my house and passed out candy with one of my friends, but we only had about 8 groups of kids who rang our doorbell!" **Nicole Baron** (10) said. Halloween brought a whole weekend full of fun and holiday spirit. (Page by *Shelley Turzewski*)

Brides and Peas and Rockstars, Oh my!

1. Wedding gone wrong? **Jenna Lademan** (11) turns heads with her dashing white (and red) wedding gown. (Picture by *Shelley Turzewski*)
2. Dressed as a lost cowgirl, **Erin Eagan** (11) gallops around the school with her fake horse, cowboy hat and all, displaying her own sense of Halloween spirit. (Picture by *Shelley Turzewski*)
3. **Nathanael Hempel** (10) cranks up the volume this Halloween by dressing in costume as a member of KISS. Nathanael brings out his inner rockstar, complete with electric guitar and platform shoes. (Picture by *Shelley Turzewski*)

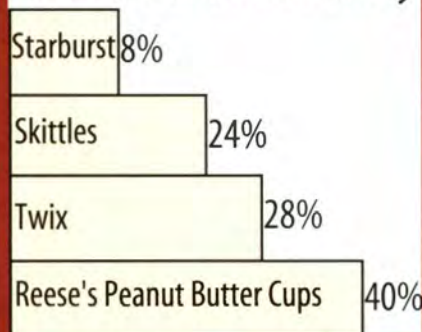


Bubble Bubble Toil and Trouble

1. **Erin Chon** (11), **Hannah Houghton** (11) and **Amelia Rogocka** (11) show their Halloween spirit. Amelia said, "I love to act and hence I live for the chances to dress up in fabulous costumes. I just happened to have a blonde wig and blue dress in my dress up closet, so I thought: Glinda The Good!". (Picture by *Lindsay Stockwell*)
2. **Patrick Cruitt** (12) sits at his desk geared up as a Storm Trooper. (Photo by *Michelle Zhao*)

POLL:

Favorite Halloween Candy



Two Peas in a Pod

Imaan Abbasi (12) and **Maryn Zwier** (12) display their friendship by dressing up like two peas in a pod. "Everyone thought we were dressed as pregnant vegetables when clearly we were two peas in a pod!" said Imaan. (Picture by *Shelley Turzewski*)

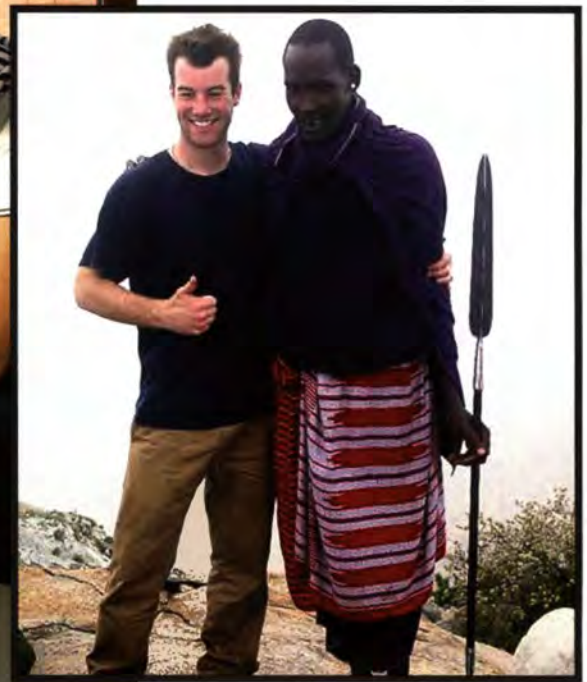


Baked Goods

During the efforts to raise money for Invisible Children in Africa, **Ram Choi** (11) holds a bake sale. (Picture by Lizzy Rinner)

Learning and Helping

In Tanzania, **Matt Currie** (12) spends time with the locals where he learns the culture and serves his time helping. (Courtesy Picture)



Helping Hands

While in Nicaragua on a service trip, **Emily Wesley** (11) spends her time working with children and helping the villagers by doing manual labor. (Courtesy Picture)

Cans for a Cure

After the devastations in Haiti, **Ms. Haner** and her classes come together to provide medicine and non-perishable items. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



going global

Students help to improve the world in a variety of ways

In efforts to make the world a better place, students take time outside of school to put forth their best effort. Whether students spend their time helping others through donations and efforts, raising awareness on the poverty of the world, directly working with third world countries, or helping make the earth a greener place, all work put forth makes a difference. In efforts to serve and help with the homeless and needy, **Mr. Fahy** took a group of students to Atlanta for his second year. Going overseas, several students spent vacations, summers, or their spring break outside of the country to try and relate to other cultures and learn the cultures and needs of the world outside of the United States. This past summer allowed **Patrick Bloom** (12), **Isaac Kusima** (12), **Emily Wesley** (11), and **Brad Dotterer** (11) to

serve in Nicaragua with a group from their church. When students don't have the opportunity to travel, they bring their efforts close to home. **Ram Choi** (11) created an Invisible Children group at the school, raising money for the efforts in Africa. **Colin Donaldson** (11), who is in and out of remission with Leukemia, held a bone marrow donation at Chippewa Middle School for donations across the globe. Natural disasters also allow individuals to come together to help a certain region; with the Haiti earthquakes and devastations, several students and teachers, including **Ms. Haner**, raised money and food donations for the people of Haiti. Students and teachers of Okemos provide for the world outside of their community in efforts to make the world a better place. (Page by Shelby Robinson)

Q: If you had to eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?



A: "I would eat fried chicken."
Jeremy Mansfield (11)

"I would probably choose pasta."
Kelly Phillips (10)



Rap it Up

Besides the serving norm, hosts **Patrick Buetow (12)** and **Marcus Baldori (12)** go around from table to table entertaining underclassman **Philip He (10)** during lunch with their rapping and beat-boxing abilities. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)



Dine and Dash

As soon as each lunch is done, **Brittany Amor (12)** and **Sarah Ludwig (12)** rush to get set up and ready to serve more underclassmen. "Serving the students was challenging at some points, especially when we had to remember what drinks everyone wanted," said Brittany. (Picture by *Victoria Bingman*)



Let's Eat

Other than just serving the underclassmen, server **Kelly Maxwell (12)** feeds **Emma Floyd (10)** to help make her Touch of Class experience a little bit more memorable. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)





Serve and Entertain

1. As a hostess, **Sarina Seger** (12) escorts **Mr. Pline** to his table. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)
2. This event was a very time consuming, but worthwhile project for **Erik Bertilrud** (11), **Erin Philips** (12) **Dr. Lanzetta**, and **Rebecca Reisdorff** (12). The event was made possible by this small, but meaningful committee. "When we had to get the Mercedes into the gym, Doc let us drive it down Jolly to the back of the school. We crammed five of us into the car and tried convincing Doc that it was Erik's first time driving!" said Rebecca. (Picture by *Emily Behm*)
3. Other than serving tables, **Stephen Dougherty**, (12) works at the beverage table providing each server with ready-to-take drinks for their tables. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)
4. Server **Jarrold D'Valentine** (12) brings **Christie Hickox** (11) and **Bradley Sauchuk** their drinks before they get their meals. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)



Be Our... GUEST

Underclassmen are served by seniors during Touch of Class

It was finally that special day where underclassmen got to be treated like celebrities. From being escorted by the seniors down the red carpet, to back massages, the lunch is essentially all about you. Not only is Touch of Class put on by the high school, other companies help to support this event. Meijer's Bakery donated bread, Sohn Linens supplied the table cloths and napkins, and Okemos Auto Collection loaned a fancy Mercedes for display. "It's pretty stressful, but when it's over it's a good feeling to know that the hard work paid off," said **Erin Philips** (12) who was a

chairperson along with **Erik Bertilrud**(11) and **Rebecca Reisdorff**(12). To promote Touch of Class, tickets were sold during lunch for a few weeks, a video was made, and the students in charge dressed up and went from class to class to remind everyone to attend. In all, around \$3000 was donated to charity from this occasion. "It is a great way to have fun and give back to the charity," **Mackenzie Lawler** (12) commented. Students were able to get involved and help out a good cause in the community. (Page by *Lindsay Stockwell and Shelby Robinson*)

Bumpy Hills

Greg Mankowski (12) sleds down Cherry Hill on Hatch Road with his friends. (Courtesy Picture)

Secret Santa

At a Secret Santa exchange party with her friends, **Joslynn Bauer** (12) laughs about a few of the presents given. "Erin's Snuggie was the best present, she was hilarious trying to put it on because she could barely move," said Bauer. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



winter not wasted

With time off, students relax while doing some exploration

Visit an Okemos student during winter break, and a wide array of activities, or non-activities, could be expected. There could be smiling faces surrounding a warm fire sharing old stories, to excitement from opening a new present. Whatever may be happening, winter break is a time for students to take a few deep breaths and be relieved from the everyday trials of school. Along with relaxation, many students took the opportunity of having no school work and spent time with family and friends outdoors. Northern Michigan provided many skiing, snowboarding and cabin visits, while the warm shores of Florida

or another warm coastal region allowed students to experience warm weather for a change from the frigid climate in Michigan. **Kelly Maxwell** (12) and **Kristen Hull** (12) traveled to a warm place, where they spent most of their vacation on the shores of Hawaii in Luau. Whether students stayed in Okemos to spend time in the snowy weather with friends and family, traveled to Northern Michigan, or traveled elsewhere to a warmer climate, winter break always gives students a much needed relief from school for those precious two weeks vacation. (Page by Cooper Sigourney and Shelby Robinson)



Aloha, Hawaii

In Hawaii, **Kristen Hull** (12) and **Kelly Maxwell** (12) spend time with one another, discovering the oceans. (Courtesy Picture)



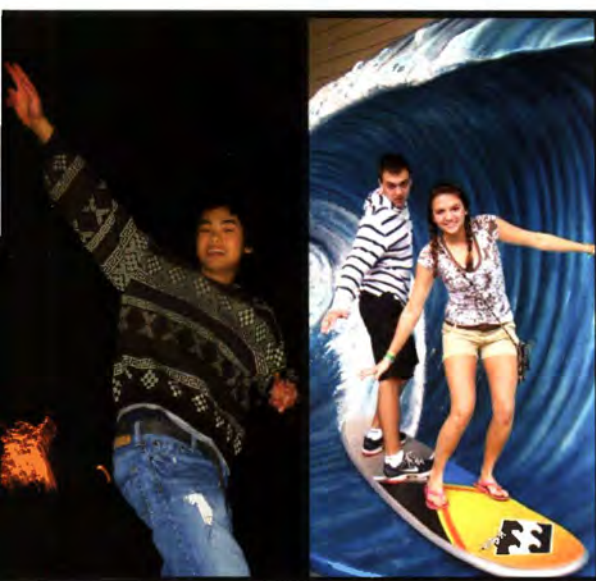
Snowball Attack

In the midst of a snowball fight with his friends, **Piet Braun** (10) builds the perfect snowball in attempts at winning the game. (Courtesy Picture)



Sled Time

Winter break allows for many students to take part in the outdoor activities that snow and cold weather bring. At a sled hill with friends, **Emma Floyd** (10) and **Cari Marcotullio** (10) rest before flying down the hill. (Picture by Sophie Floyd)



Winter Festivities

1. At a holiday party, **Cody He** (10) takes part in his portion of the scavenger hunt. (Picture by Oka Wong)

2. At Disney World, **Calvin Zdybel** (12) and **Chloe Zdybel** (10) pretend to surf on a fake surf board. (Courtesy Picture)

snow or sunshine?

"I went to Luau in Hawaii, it was the best trip I've ever been on," said **Kelly Maxwell** (12).

Zac Enness (10) would rather stay in Okemos for winter break, he likes to hangout with friends and go sledding.

all you need is love

A new twist on Sadies brings a night full of fun for the student body

With Valentine's Day just a week away, the Beatles-inspired theme of the Sadie Hawkins dance made the night a perfect combination of music, dancing, and fun activities. Although it is an annual event, the dance was a little different this year. In addition to a dance floor and a DJ, karaoke, cornhole, volleyball, basketball, and a blow-up obstacle course gave students other ways to have fun besides dancing. Sophomore class presidents **Stuart Hammond** (10) and **Doug Peters** (10) spent a lot of time planning this event and worked hard to make sure the dance received a great turnout as well as a

positive reaction from the student body. In addition to the dance, spirit week gave students a chance to have fun during the week. Spirit days ranged from Woodstock Day to a reunion of old freshman t-shirts and the annual Okemos spirit day. Friday's pep assembly brought a roar to the crowd with a dunk contest and another flawless performance by the drumline. On Saturday, whether students were busting a move out on the dance floor or racing their friends on the obstacle course, those who attended the Sadie Hawkins dance had an event-filled evening of friends. *(Page by Shelley Turzewski)*



YMCA

Immersed in a crowd of students on the dance floor, **Liz Esdale** (11), **Peter Stuckey** (11), and **Brian Kocheiser** (11) dance to the YMCA song. Taking requests throughout the night, the DJ played a variety of songs which was one concern of students about previous dances. *(Picture by Shelley Turzewski)*



We knew that people were becoming more and more disenchanted with the school dances so we had to find a way to spice things up and bring them back.

Stuart Hammond (10)

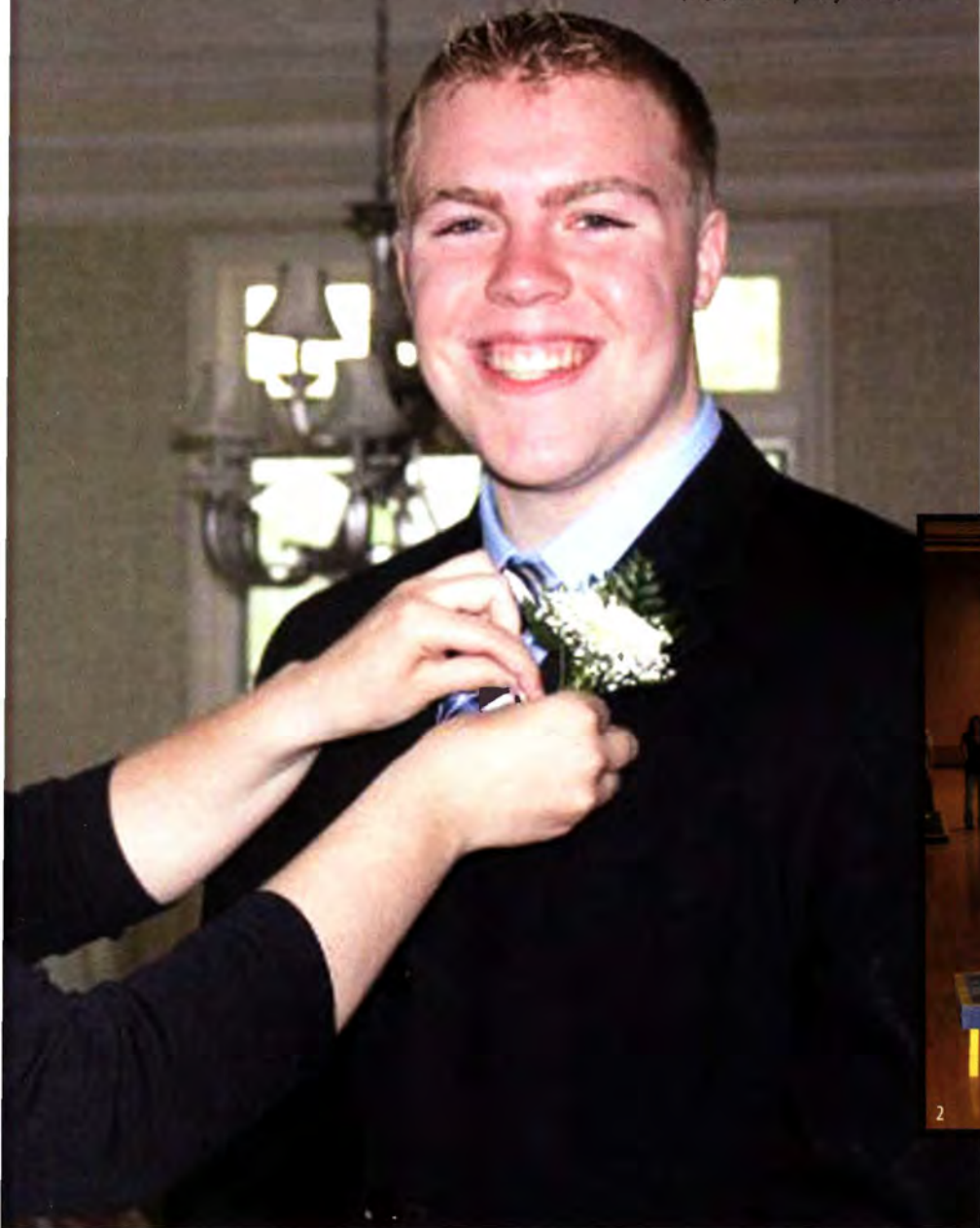


On Your Mark, Get Set...

Two freshmen take on the obstacle course in the gym and tumble out together. *(Picture by Shelley Turzewski)*

Preparation

Before the Sadie Hawkins dance, **Mari Quarnberg** (12) pins a boutonniere on **Collin Ritchie** (11). (Picture by Lizzy Rinner)



Shoot It

1. **Mitch Asmus** (12) dunks during the pep assembly for spirit week. After judging the roar of the student body, Mitch is announced the winner. (Picture by Cooper Sigourney)
2. Sophomore committee provides cornhole for students. **Ryan Casler** (10) tosses a beanbag during a game with his friends. (Picture by Shelley Turzewski)



Do the Chieftain Rumble

During the pep assembly, all four classes cheer their loudest as they watch the cheerleaders, pom team, drumline, and dunk contest. **Landon Cally** (11), **Elliot Welch** (11), **Wilson Whybrew** (11), **Erika Frankfort** (11), **Beniah Adelijah** (11), **Billyle Alman** (11), **Caleb Cantu** (11), **Connor Mahoney** (11) and **Bre Ramos** (11) cheer from the front rows of the junior section. (Picture by Cooper Sigourney)



Classic Moves

Sharing her Asian background, **Jenny Tsai** (12) performs a Chinese ribbon dance with colored ribbons and a choreographed dance. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Jazz Time

Member of the Jazz Band, **Jordan Lulloff** (11), plays along with the rest of the band for the audience. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



OUR backgrounds

Students discover the diversity and talent of all backgrounds

The annual diversity assembly not only expresses the diversity of the student body, it also reminds them of all the talent that comes with diversity. Every participant expressed their own form of diversity through either dance, music or singing. **Raji Singh** (12), one of many participants of an Indian dance to the famous song, "Jai Ho," said, "We choreographed the dance in three days so it felt really amazing to perform it and we were all really proud that we could put it together in a really short amount of time and pull it off. We all love dancing on stage and we've done it since we were five; it's what we do best." There were several different and unique performances at the

assembly, including an African-American "Step dance" routine, a song by Boyz II Men, a Chinese Ribbon dance, a jazz piece, an African song, and a modern Indian dance. Each performance was full of energy, and each participant expressed themselves through each piece they performed. Participant **Shamara Whitfield** (11) said, "We practiced for three hours everyday and it was tough. Some people weren't catching on as fast as others and that tested people's patience. There were times when we had to constantly drill one part so everybody could be together, but it worked out in the end. We had fun and loved every moment of it." (Page by Nandini Wahi)



Feel the Beat

One of several step dance performers, **TreVaughn Saxon** (11), slams his fists on the ground to contribute to the beats. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

Jai Ho!

Purvi Trivedi (10) dances to the well-known Indian song, "Jai Ho," showing her peers her Indian heritage. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Play Me a Song

Connor Mahoney (11) practices his electric guitar backstage with his friends. (Picture by Shelley Turzewski)

Before the show begins, **Shelley Turzewski** (11) practices her guitar in hopes of performing well on stage. (Picture by Andrea Dantus)



got talent?

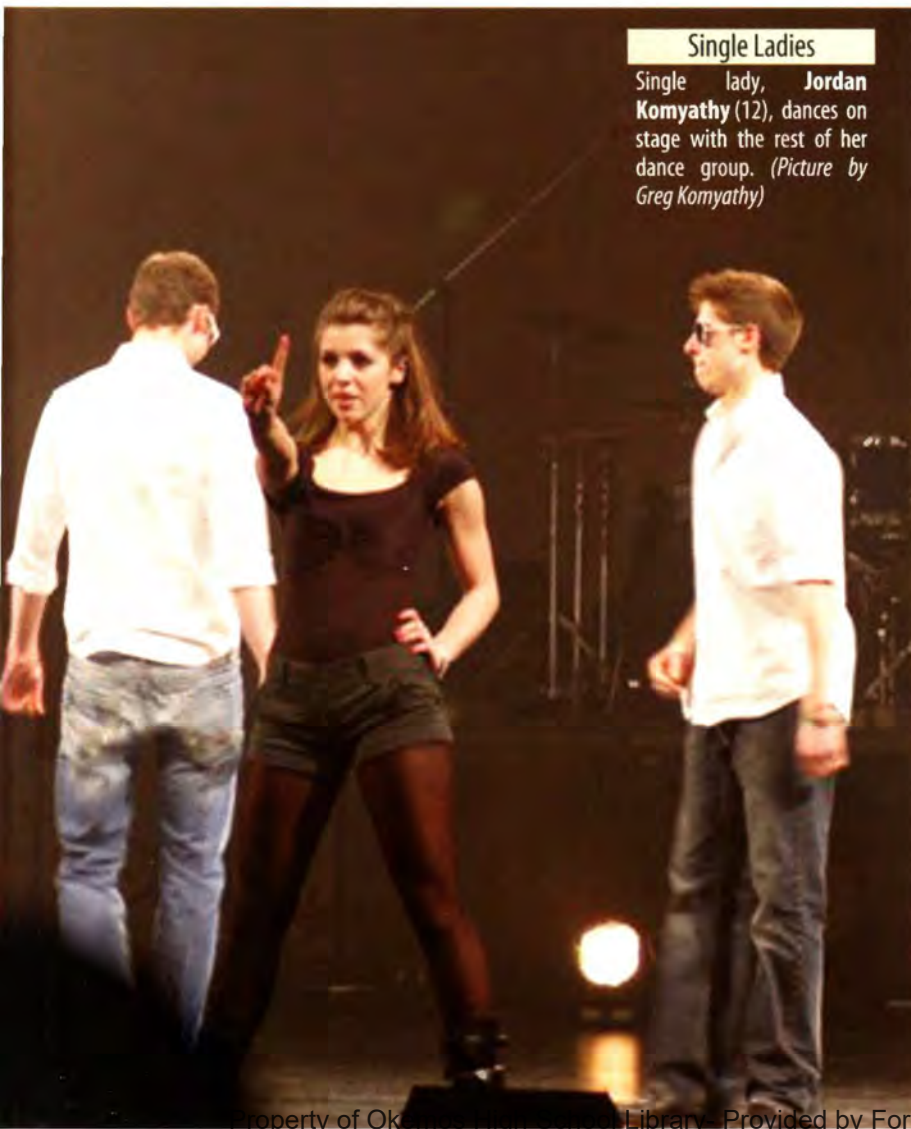
Student performers show their talents to the school

It was the final year for **Mr. Vickers** to host the Talent Show for the high school, it turned out to be a great success in several ways. Many students worked and perfected their different acts for the show, especially the few weeks before the performance where student judges along with Mr. Vickers held auditions. Some of the different acts performed included singing, dancing, and live bands. This event not only attracted several high school students to watch, but also brought members from the community to view

students' talents. Parents, friends, and teachers came to the Okemos High School auditorium to experience a wide range of talents on that Saturday night. Several guitarists, singers, and dancers, including **Kirsi Goldynia** (11) who played her guitar, were able to showcase their interests to the audience while courageously performing in front of a live audience. Performers and viewers alike proved to enjoy themselves on that winter evening full of talent and awe. (Page by *Shelby Robinson and Victoria Bingman*)

Single Ladies

Single lady, **Jordan Komyathy** (12), dances on stage with the rest of her dance group. (Picture by Greg Komyathy)



The talent show that Okemos High School contains is undoubtedly unbelievable; everyone sounded awesome that night.

Jeremy Mansfield (11)

So College

While on a road trip to visit colleges over their spring break, **Alison Climes** (11) and **Caitlin Climes** (09) stand in front of Duke after their tour and visit. (Picture by Teri Climes)



Touristy

To go on a fun trip, **Bri Kovan** (12) and **Sarah Kovan** (10) travel all the way to London with their mom and grandmother to visit all the tourist spots and enjoy themselves on their vacation. (Courtesy Picture)

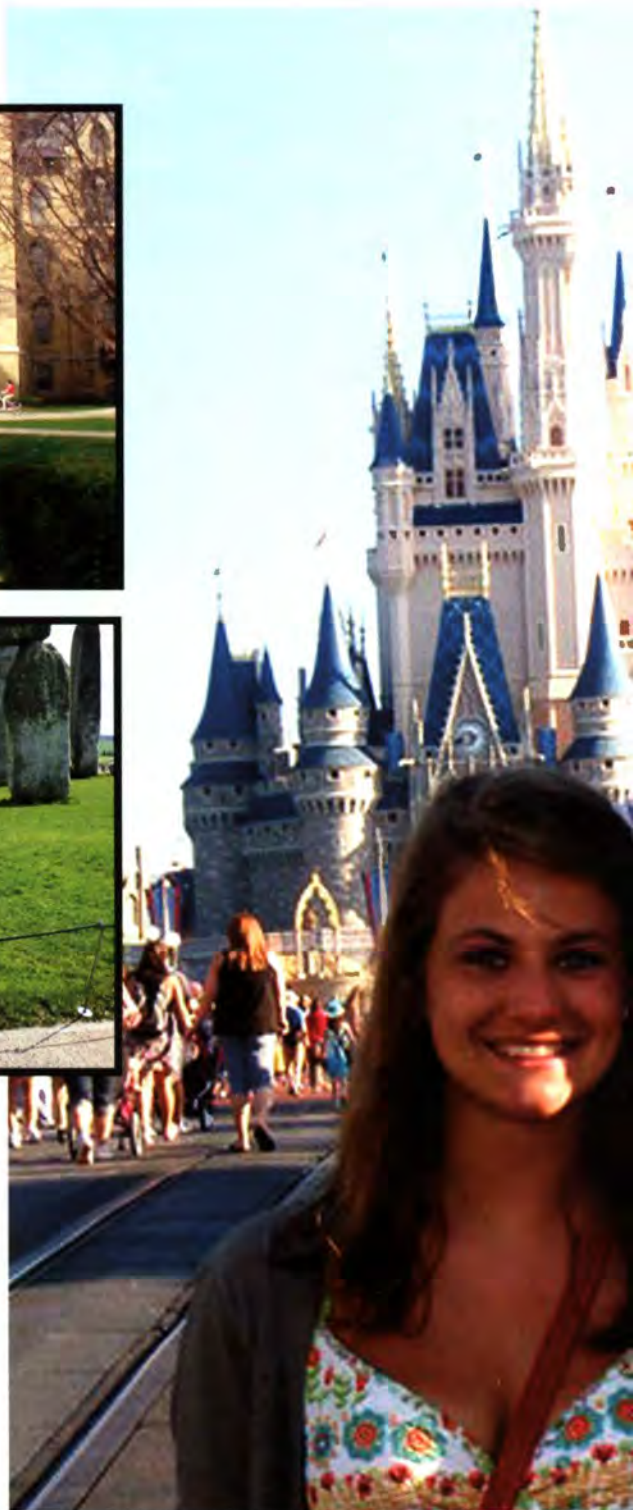


SPRING BREAK '10

Students enjoy their time off during their break

Spring break is the time where everyone counts down the days until they are able to go on vacation or just be away from school. From going to the beaches of Mexico, to an alternative spring break in Georgia, all different activities go on during this short but meaningful break. Being able to visit places all over is a great opportunity to have for several students. There is so much to do and see out in the world that many great experiences and stories come from, including **Angela Davio** (12), who had too many good memories that she couldn't even talk about just one. While in Florida with their family, **Rebecca Reisdorff** (12) and **Lindsey Corbett** (12) enjoyed their time in Disneyworld and being out in the nice

weather. It reminded them of their younger childhood days. Instead of a warm getaway, multiple juniors took the week off for school-related things, like looking at possible college choices for the future. A group of students also devoted their week to volunteering in Atlanta, Georgia for a whole week. They participated in activities such as going to retirement homes, working in multiple soup kitchens, making meals for the disabled, bagging food, and helping out the local humane society. For some, spring break wasn't just about having fun and taking a break, but also for making differences or a change for the better in some way throughout the community and nation. (Page by Lindsay Stockwell)



Best Spring Break Memory

"When I was scuba diving a fish was attacking my strings of my bathing suit and I couldn't get it away from me so I took my fin and swatted at it!" **Todd Tuchek** (11).

"My favorite part of spring break was the snorkling trip we went on. We got to be on a boat out on the ocean and then we went snorkling in a reef and it was so much fun!" **Carly King** (12).

"I would have to say blaring music from our balcony while having a dance party and having people honk at our house every time they drove by!" **Colleen Simon** (11).



Magical Times

While enjoying the sunshine, **Rebecca Reisdorff** (12) and **Lindsey Corbett** (12) spend their day at Disney World. (Courtesy Picture)



Heat Waves

Sitting in the shade for a moment, **Connor Mahoney** (11), **Colleen Simon** (11), **Charlotte Cally** (11), **Erin Eagen** (11), **Emily Morgan** (11), **Matt Nauss** (12), and **Landon Cally** (11) enjoy the Florida weather. (Picture by Terri Cally)

In the Sky

Ready to go parasailing on the ocean, **Alex Basford** (12) and **Sydney Ruhala** (12) get harnessed in before they go up into the sky. (Picture by Mrs. Basford)



All Around Fun

1. Gathered around in downtown Georgia on a volunteer trip, **Jamie Haak** (12), **Eric Shinabarker** (12), **Will Matus** (10), **Lindsay Stockwell** (11), **Hannah Hoffman** (11), **Kristen Hull** (12), **Amy Lego**, **Mr. Fahy**, **Kelly Maxwell** (12), and **Mical Ray** (12) have a fun time. (Courtesy Picture)
2. Visiting Quietwater Beach, FL, **Ashlynn Emler** (11) and **Megan Hayslette** (11) pose inside of a giant clam statue. (Coutesy Picture)
3. On a road trip home from Florida, **Sophie Floyd** (11), **Emma Floyd** (10), and their mom get a tour through some underground caves. (Picture by Don Floyd)

project runway

Night to shine with prom around the corner

Prom is always a night to remember for students. To get ready for this important event, the upperclassmen formed a Prom Fashion Show committee who organized the show, which was held on March 12. Getting ready for the fashion show was comprised of: trying on fancy dresses and tuxes, getting into pairs to walk the runway, and most importantly, coming up with unique runway walks. In the case of the Prom Fashion Show, practice definitely made perfect. The show gave

students in the audience a chance to see potential options for their prom dresses and tuxes from Lett's Bridal and Baryames. Profits made from the show went toward an organization called Project Prom, which helps kids from the school go to prom that couldn't normally. All the hard work of the committee and the models paid off in the end and provided an entertaining night for all who attended the Prom Fashion Show. *(Page by Shelley Turzewski)*

From the Hallway to the Runway

1. To complete his walk down the runway, **Humphrey Petersen-Jones** (12) pulls a red flower out of his jacket and hands it to his partner, **Molly Ellsworth** (12). *(Picture by Karin Conlon)*
2. While modeling their prom dresses, **Carly Edwards** (12) and **Stephanie Lazar** (12) flash smiles to the audience during their walk together in the show. *(Picture by Karin Conlon)*



Model Behavior

In preparation for the fashion show, **Lindsay Ackels** (11) helps **Emily Cornell** (11) with her make up before it's time for both of them to put on their dresses. Backstage, the greenroom was filled with beauty supplies so the girls could perfect their model looks. *(Picture by Shelby Robinson)*



I really had a blast working it out on the runway. Doing the opening dance was my favorite part!

Lindsay Stockwell (11)



Say Cheese

Billie Kaman (11) provides a photo of **Raisa Yewah** (12) as they pose on the runway. *(Picture by Karin Conlon)*

Servant

Throughout the day, servant **Chelsey Miller** (12) pushes **Kourtney Scott** (09) around in her chosen 80's outfit. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Fiesta Time

Erik Burtilrud's (11) senior servant, **Kelly Conlon** (12) gets decked out in a chosen outfit, sombrero and all. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Mullet

Servant **Cody Eggenberger** (12) enjoys the Noodles & Company lunch. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

Play Me a Song

During lunch, **Arjun Mahanti** (12) plays a ukulele for his underclassmen buyers. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



serving seniors

Senior Service Day fuels fun atmosphere at the high school

The week before prom, there is a special day that flip-flops who's in control in the high school. During Senior Servant Day, the seniors surrender their rights to any underclassman willing to place a bid for their services. Money is raised from the bidding process, which includes seniors adding their name to a list showing they are willing for any person to bid on them. Later, students can place bids on the seniors they see on the list with donations to the Boys and Girls Club of Lansing. The system works similarly to a silent auction. Often, bids for a senior start at one dollar, but can quickly escalate to over ten dollars. There is no limit to the number of seniors an underclassman can purchase, and

Annie Bartkowski (10) took advantage of this rule in its entirety. She purchased five seniors in total, intending for them to carry her to all of her classes on a raised throne. While Annie's demands were quite extreme, other underclassman stuck to a more conventional method of using a senior's services, including forcing them to dress in extravagant and embarrassing outfits, or making them carry their backpacks to class. Along with seniors serving the underclassman, there was a special all-school lunch catered by Noodles & Company. It is days of service like this that create such a fun environment in the school. (Page by Cooper Sigourney and Shelby Robinson)

outside *the classroom*

Students express their talents and interests

Outside of school is where the students of OHS participate in their most favorite activities. From various talents to community organizations, most students got involved in something to fill their free time throughout the year. For those who are musically inclined, student-led bands were a popular source of entertainment. Many students, including **Charlotte Cally** (11) and **Megan Hayslette** (11), spent their free time in dance studios, working on performances for their

upcoming recitals. There were also several students interested in other forms of art, such as photography. One event that took place outside of school that allowed students to have a fun night with their friends was the senior girls' sleepover. Held the night after the seniors' last day, the sleepover gave girls a chance to bond with each other. Over the span of the year's activities and events, extracurriculars proved to be fun for everyone, no matter the interest. (Page by *Shelley Turzewski*)

Show Stoppers

1. At Happendance dance studio, **Hillary Wilson** (12) practices her ballet routine for her upcoming show. (Courtesy Picture)
2. 'Hey Yo Scene Kids,' **Pat Buetow** (12) and **Matt Nauss** (12) show us their attitudes. Their high energy personalities are what make them stand out when they put on a show. (Courtesy Picture)



point and shoot

Photographer, **Connie Ly** (11), shares her favorite pictures that she's taken



"This photo of **Swati Sudarsan** (11) is one of my favorites because I was able to capture a moment of intensity. The colors are warm and the emotion on her face is captivating; you can really sense a deep moment of contemplation."



"I particularly like this photo because it's so vibrant but so simple at the same time. When I look at it, the two orange pins attract my attention, but then my focus gradually zooms out and follows the array of blurred pins into the light. The pins can also represent two distinct people in a crowd full of so many others. Many ideas can build off from there."



"This photo is one of my favorites because it has a slight elegance to it. The deep blue tones of the stones really pop out at you. I also really like the play on shadows, giving the photo a haunting quality."



In the Ayer
Skateboarder **Greg Mankowski** (12) shows off his impressive skills as he fearlessly jumps over a bike stand and **Will O'Neil** (12). (Courtesy Picture)



Rowena Ravenclaw
 Sophomores stand in their section of the bleachers during the Homecoming Pep Assembly while **Hannah Poore** (10) and **Anna Sheufelt** (10) enjoy themselves before the assembly begins. (Picture by Shelley Turzewski)

Time to Remember

1. Fencers **Daniel Wang** (12) and **Ilya Beskin** (10) end their match. (Picture by Cooper Sigourney)
2. **Charlie Braunlich** (11) ties **Owen Hughes'** (11) shoe after a dunk. (Picture by Cooper Sigourney).
3. In the junior section, **Jeremy Mansfield** (11), **Billyle Alman** (11), **Connor Mahoney** (11), and **Caleb Cantu** (11) cheer on the pom team. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)



Nothing like **family gatherings**

Pep Assemblies prove to be a memorable time for students

You get in there and the energy is crazy, it just makes me want to dance!

Chris Knupfer (11)

There were many times during the school year where all of the students gathered for pep assemblies. The first time where students gathered was the week before the Homecoming Dance, also known as Spirit Week. Each school day the students were given a theme to dress to. That Friday was class t-shirt day, so during the assembly, the freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors took their respective places on the bleachers in the gym, and began the classic chant, "Freshman! Freshman! Freshman!" The chant shifted to the sophomores and juniors, who

rightfully attempted to be as loud as possible, then finally the senior class screamed, "Senior power! Senior power," showcasing their dominance. It was these moments of playful class rivalry that students remember during pep assemblies. The student council pep assembly committee, including **Shelby Robinson** (12), **Erin Phillips** (12), **Kayla St. Claire** (12), **Raisa Yewah** (12), and **Emily Behm** (12), organized all of the happenings of the pep assembly and allowed the school to enjoy their special Fridays. (Page by Cooper Sigourney)

a night in hollywood

From walking the red carpet to dancing the night away

Every year when May rolls around, upperclassmen get ready for prom. This year's theme was "Old Hollywood" which included a plethora of black, white, and red decorations, cutouts of famous movie stars, and of course a red carpet. Whether students came with a date or a group of their best friends, each person who attended the prom could be seen with smiles on their faces, enjoying their evening. During the week before the big night, members of the junior class prom committee worked hard to finish last minute details and count the votes for prom king, queen, prince, and princess. It was clear that all of their hard work paid off, seeing that the Lansing Center was transformed into the ideal prom

atmosphere. After the students' last dance at prom, most headed back to the school, where post prom was held. Groups of Okemos parents turned the cafeteria, wood gym, rubber gym, and the wrestling room into a carnival, giving students a post prom filled with casino games, laser tag, massages, airbrush and henna tattoos, tealeaf readings, and several more fun activities. There was also plenty of food to feed everyone's appetite and various raffle prizes that were generously donated for the student body's enjoyment. Even though it was a long night, prom and post prom were events that were well worth attending and that will always be remembered by juniors and seniors alike. (Page by Shelley Turzewski)

Luke, I Am Your Father

With the Prom dance centered around an Old Hollywood theme, cardboard cutouts scattered throughout the room allow for **Greg Kohler** (12) to 'interact' with them. (Courtesy Picture)



Time to Shine

After their arrival to the Lansing Center, **Daniel Seggebruch** (12), **Rebecca Blaxton** (12), **Christina Marone** (12) and **Carrie Zhang** (12) stop for a picture before the dance. (Picture by Brian Williams)



Entrance

Upon entering the doors at prom, **Caitlin McCarthy** (12), **Dan Chapman** (12), **Carly King** (12) and **Mitch Asmus** (12) check in at the table and take time to cast their votes for prom king, queen, prince, and princess. (Picture by Brian Williams)





A Night to Remember

1. At the Prom dance, Prom King, **Caleb Seaks** (12), and Prom Queen, **Kate Rhodes** (12), smile after they are announced the winners. *(Courtesy Picture)*
2. At the Lansing Center, **Erika Frankfort** (11) dances with **Calvin Zdybel** (12) on the dance floor. *(Picture by Shelby Robinson)*
3. A group of Okemos parents organized the Post Prom event, occurring from 1:30 to 4:30 after the dance. **Emily Morgan** (11) and **Tom Patterson** (11) play blackjack to earn fake money for prizes. *(Picture by Shelby Robinson)*

"rules, shmules"

thumbs down

"The faculty just won't compromise, the rules are too over the top." **Emily Wesley** (11)

"Honestly, I don't see what's wrong with a little bumping and grinding." **Adam Glaub** (11)



Ian Horne (10), Coach Paul Palmer, Mack McKearney (11), Wilson Whybrew (11)

(Picture by Matt Currie)
(Page by Shelby Robinson)



we cOmpete

Like the intricate formation of a football play, the special positions in a softball or hockey game, or the specific stroke on a swim team, each player has their own specialty; their niche, if you will. Each player's specialty is far different than the next player, like a defenseman's ability to defend the goal, versus the offenseman's ability to be on the attack for the majority of the game. What happens when that

defenseman decides not to go to practice? Or communicate? Without each and every individual, a team would not be complete, would not be able to endure through the season, and would cease to exist for that matter. Despite these specialties, a team is not a team without each and every individual player. Alluding to a sports team to describe Okemos High School may sound absurd to some, but if one

looks at the aspects of the game closely, the similarities will begin to become clear. Without the teacher to teach the student, the administration to make sure things run smoothly, or without the narcs, Derm or Melissa, there would be complete and utter chaos in the halls, just like it would be on the field without coaches or referees. That is how we exist - by connecting, learning, and teaching

one another to keep the school going. In the midst of this working team we call Okemos High School, daily activities allow students to **compete** - in the classroom, on the field, in the halls, outside of school; each and every individual helps add to this competition with their specific talents and strengths. Without the ability to **compete**, games wouldn't be quite as fun. Life wouldn't be quite the same.



Heads Up

1. While playing against one of their biggest competitors, **Bradley Sauchak** (11) strides towards the ball. Brad said, "It was great being able to be a part of this team. We had good chemistry that allowed our team to be successful and compete for championships." (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

2. While sprinting past midfield, **Kyle Briggs** (11) takes the ball, runs towards the goal and then gets ready to pass it to another teammate. (Picture by Shelley Turzewski)

We Run This

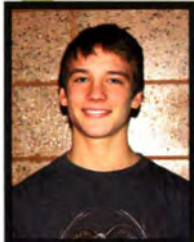
After tracking down the ball, **Isaac Kusiima** (12) picks up his pace and races a player from Holt. He keeps his eye on the ball and focuses on the goal ahead of him. (Picture by Shelley Turzewski)



2 of a KIND



Patrick Bailey (12) talks about being Varsity captain and mentions, "I really enjoyed the group of guys on the team, they made it great coming to practice everyday."



As a junior captain, **Sam Larsen** (11) had a lot to live up to. He explains, "I really liked helping out all the new freshmen on the team. It was a really fun season."

(Pictures by Shelby Robinson)

captains

Keep it Rolling

With the energy, **Alex Eason** (11) juggles the ball while trying to get to the goal in hopes of scoring. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Ready, set, GOAL

The Varsity boys soccer team shakes up the field

The soccer team kicked off their season ready to play. To prepare for their games in the fall, the boys put a lot of hard work into their practices during the summer. Positive attitudes filled the team and everyone was confident that it would be a good season. The coaches pushed each of the players to work hard and bring their best game to both practices and upcoming games. "Our team is very intense. Practices are hard and demanding, and the pressure is immense. The mentality and camaraderie of the varsity squad is completely different than JV or freshmen, and that is what makes it special," **Jeremy Mansfield** (11) said. The bond between the varsity members was clear to all spectators through their teamwork and cooperation. But to combat their effort, some obstacles hit the team unexpectedly. Injuries and illnesses forced the players to toughen up and work even harder to make up for those who could not play at the time. Despite these barriers, the team never gave up. The Varsity team consisted of the best

on the field, but they were not necessarily upperclassmen. A team usually consisting of juniors and seniors welcomed five freshmen to the field this year. These five stood out to the crowd and proved that they had the initiative and ability to strengthen their team. **Josh Robison** (09) said, "With four other freshmen on the team it kinda helped all of us out in terms of our transition to the high school." With a schedule packed with tough games, the team entered every one with a winning mind-set. Sportsmanship and respect were some of the best characteristics of the team. They always left the field with no regrets, no matter the outcome of the game. Family and friends of players on the team could always be found in the stands and on the sidelines at every game; the loyalty between the team and the fans was definitely displayed. Through a season of ups and downs, the varsity boys' soccer team never backed down and always strived to exceed the highest expectations. (Page by Shelley Turzewski)



Power Stance

Goalie **Landon Collier** (09) keeps his head in the game and eyes on the field as he prepares to let nothing get past him. (Picture by Alan Holben)

Just Keep Kicking

Patrick Bailey (12) leaps over a Mason bulldog and heads the ball high above all the players. (Picture by Alan Holben)

Catch Me If You Can

After chasing down the ball, **Waleed Yassine** (09) runs with it past the Grand Ledge team. Waleed shows that these soccer players truly put others' speed to the test. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Unstoppable

Up against the sideline, **Sean Sorenson-Abbott** (09) lifts his foot and gets ready to send the ball across the field. Even with a Holt Ram on his back, he is unstoppable. (Picture by Shelley Turzewski)

Just for Kicks

Boys on the JV soccer team show us their best moves

With high expectations for their season, the JV boys' soccer team got to work as soon as the practice window opened. Throughout the summer and into the school year, the boys always gave the highest effort when it came to playing the field. The JV team put all of their energy into every single game and truly showed how hard they had been working. Newcomers to the team agreed that all of the players came into the season ready to win, but that was not the goal. Instead, the objective was to find something positive to take away from each time they stepped onto the field. Every game was an individual challenge as well as one that required teamwork and effort from all of

the members of the team. **Kai Bertilrud** (09) said, "I thought we had a good team in the beginning and that we would do pretty well, but by the end of the season, everyone was more determined to win more games and we played more like a team". When the time came around to play their last game against Holt, the anticipation was at an all time high. The team was more focused than ever and they played with all their strength. Many fans came to show their support. When the final buzzer sounded, the JV boys' soccer team left the field with nothing to take back, only determination to move forward and prepare themselves for the following year. (Page by Shelley Turzewski)



Brick Wall

After watching the field like a hawk, goalie **Charlie Peters** (09) blocks this shot and puts up a wall between the goal and the other team. Charlie helped his team succeed many times this season. (Picture by Alan Holben)

Run Like The Wind

Far ahead of the opponent, **Yong Heo** (10) runs at top speed towards the goal. The team knows that every game is a race to score.

(Picture by Alan Holben)



Catch and Release

After saving a goal, **Grant Flanders** (09) picks up the ball and takes his stance to launch it back to his team.

(Picture by Shelley Turzewski)



Ready To Run

Peter Nichols (09) waits for the the referee to blow the whistle, which will signal him to kick the ball and go for the win against East Lansing.

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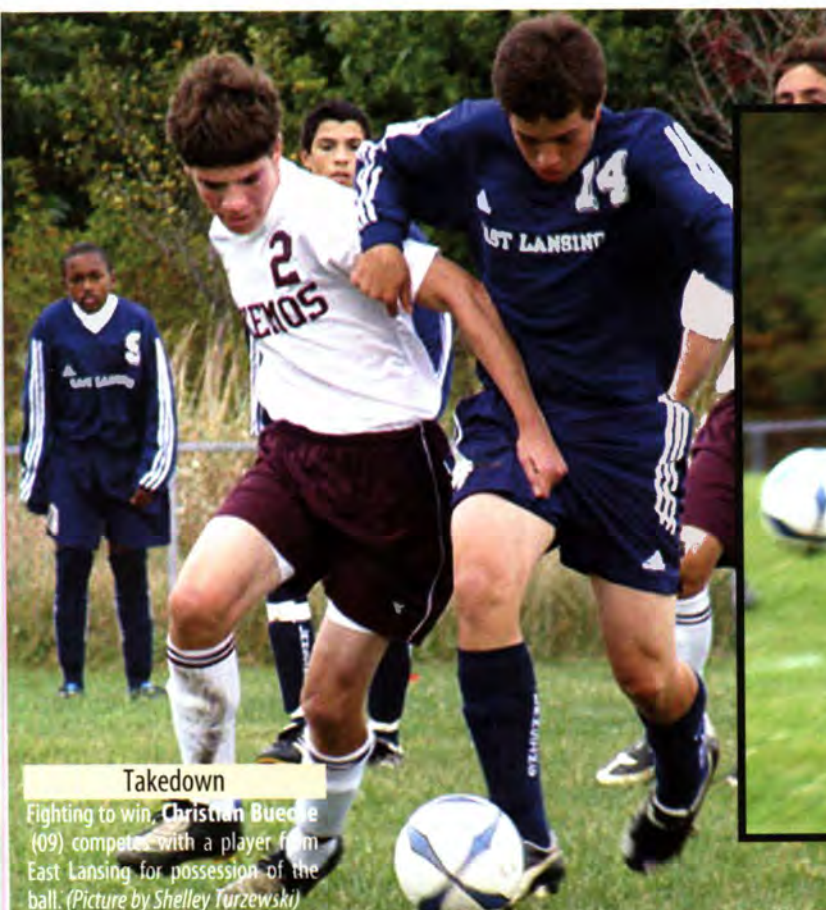


The Score's the limit

Freshmen boys prove they are fearless

Along with a new year in school, the boys on the freshmen soccer team started their first season as part of a high school sports team. This brought with it new friends, goals, and also new challenges to face. Transitioning to high school can be tough, but these players bonded quickly and became close friends. Throughout their first sports season, the boys quickly learned how hard they had to work, but that was not something for them to dread. The team made sure that fun was always incorporated into whatever they were doing. Practices were intense, yet enjoyable. Games were taken seriously, but exciting at the same time. When a tough

game was ahead, the boys boosted their energy and gave it their all. Focus was always important, but at the beginning of the year the goal was to get to know each other as a team. **Dong Kim** (09) said, "I was one of the captains and it was really difficult to know how each other played. At the end of the season, though, we understood each other a lot better and started winning more games." By the beginning of fall, the boys proved that they were going to come through and finish their season strong. The freshmen definitely left their mark during their first season. Win or lose, the freshmen boys' soccer team fearlessly ran the field every game. *(Page by Shelley Turzewski)*



Takedown

Fighting to win, **Christian Bueche** (09) competes with a player from East Lansing for possession of the ball. *(Picture by Shelley Turzewski)*



Let It Fly

Jacob O'Leary (09) pops the ball into the air and after, follows the ball down the field. During a game versus East Lansing, the freshmen boys' soccer team showed their courage and fought for the win until the last second. *(Picture by Shelley Turzewski)*

true champions

Varsity girls soccer starts the season ready for competition

A team is more than just people you play with on the field; it is a family outside of your home. The Varsity girls soccer has a team full of positive energy, life-lasting memories, and new members each year. Including different age levels, their love for the sport brings them together. "It is great to be able to have such a close team. We are always working hard and playing to win. It's also nice to be able to be competitive but still have fun out on the field," said **Ali Chance** (11). When they're not conditioning or playing on the field, the girls enjoyed random team bonding events to spend time together. This team had a significant quality of always playing their best to show off how hard they had been working, but at the same time each

player had great sportsmanship. "Soccer has been so much fun. The best times are during half time and the bus rides home from games after we are done playing," said **Chelsea Olson** (12). The underclassmen really look up to the seniors on the team and are proud of what they have accomplished while playing for the school. Even some of this year's seniors are headed off to play at the college level, like **Chelsey Miller** (12) and **Kelsey Mullen** (12) who will be playing at Michigan State University. As the season started coming to an end, the intensity of the team was seen to have picked up and their playing brought a whole different level than before. (Page by *Lindsay Stockwell*)

Determination

1. Focused on the game, **Kelsey Mullen** (12) gets ready to outrun the Mason defender down the field. (Picture by *Alan Holben*)

2. In attempts at getting the ball back, **Danielle Stanley** (11) and **Caitlin McCarthy** (12) use their defense skills to gang up on their opponent. With the advantage of two versus one, the girls have a good opportunity to steal the ball away. (Picture by *Alan Holben*)

3. While observing the game, Coach **Brian Guggemos** watches his players closer and critiques the game. (Picture by *Alan Holben*)





BUMP IT UP

1. Lined up for the National Anthem, **Caitlin McCarthy** (12), **Taylor Nordberg** (12), **Kelsey Mullen** (12), **Chelsey Miller** (12), **Chelsea Olson** (12), and **Danielle Stanley** (11) hold hands before their game. (Picture by Alan Holben)
2. Bumping the ball off of her head, **Chelsey Miller** (12) jumps in the air and tries to aim the ball to her teammates (Picture by Alan Holben)

favorite quote

If you are a caterpillar don't worry, you will be a butterfly and soar away!

Kelsey Mullen (12)

Free Fallin'

Soaring through the air, goalie **Molly O'Connor** (10) saves the ball. (Picture by Alan Holben)

playing to WIN

JV Soccer puts all of their effort onto the field

With no freshmen soccer team, the JV players had to start a new season playing with new and fresh faces. This challenge was difficult for most of the girls due to the fact that they had to get used to the way everyone played around them. "Playing soccer my first year at the high school has been a great time and I got to meet new people," said **Caitlyn Climes** (09). Having a team mixed with freshmen and sophomores brought the girls closer. "Everyone is always supporting each other and cheering at all times! The season has been so much fun that I don't want it to end," said **Emma Baker** (09).

For the girls soccer team, it has been a great way to end either their first or second year of high school. "The soccer season this year has been so much fun and we have such great memories," explained **Emma Floyd** (10). While always working as hard as they possibly could on the field, the girls always smiled and had a fun time with one another. The team showed all their experience and are now preparing for varsity. Their goal of getting to know each other has been beyond accomplished. Don't be fooled by their age, this team was full of true athletes. (Page by *Lindsay Stockwell*)

Taking The Stance

During an intense game, **Courtney Ware** (09) gets ready to guard her opponent to stop the other team from scoring. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)



Wind It Up

Ready to pass the ball, **Erica Tooker** (09) gets in the perfect soccer stance to send the ball away. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)



Going for Gold

Annie Bartkowski (10) uses her might to send the ball to one of her teammates. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)



Go For It

In a dead sprint down the field, **Erica Tooker** (09) attempts to get away from her opponent. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)



GOAL

Running towards the goal, **Megan Casler** (09) takes off with the ball to beat her competitors. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)

Quick Feet

The third base position calls for quick attention and focus due to the close proximity to the hitter and pitcher. **Nicci Russell** (09) waits for the pitch and hit that will ultimately determine her role in the play. (Courtesy Picture)

Cheer 'Em On

Players **Kaylee Gonzales** (09), **Hannah Cannarile** (09), **Jennifer Maisner** (09), **Nicci Russell** (09), and **Hannah Greenberg** (09) wait in the dugout along the fence while watching their teammates playing on the field. (Courtesy Picture)

bring it home

JV Softball brings home the wins

Since there was no freshman team this year, **Coach Bartel** stepped up to coach at the Junior Varsity level. Previous JV Coach, **Chrissy Schoonover**, took over the position of coaching the varsity team while **Coach Tandoc** took time off to spend with her newest baby and family. The JV team consisted of mostly freshmen, mixed in with juniors and sophomores to create a diverse team. Captains **Emily Cornell** (11) and **JoAnn Ballor** (10) led by example, while **Nicci Russel** (09) gave the team a different way to get pumped up. **Leah Bloomquist** (10)

helped the team as well by keeping the book of runs and averages, while also keeping teammates focused and ready to play. Although the team consisted of several new players who were new to playing at the high school level, the team was able to come together with a new coach and come up with game strategy and plays that worked for them. Each of the players were sad to end the season, but were excited to have made bonds and memories that will continue for many seasons to come. (Page by Leah Bloomquist and Shelby Robinson)



Hey Pitcher, Look at Me

Pitcher **Kaylee Gonzales** (09) winds up in preparation for the perfect pitch to strike out the batter. (Picture by Nicci Russell)



First Base

First basemen, **Siera Lopez** (10) gets in her ready position so she will be prepared when the ball comes her way. (Picture by Nicci Russell)

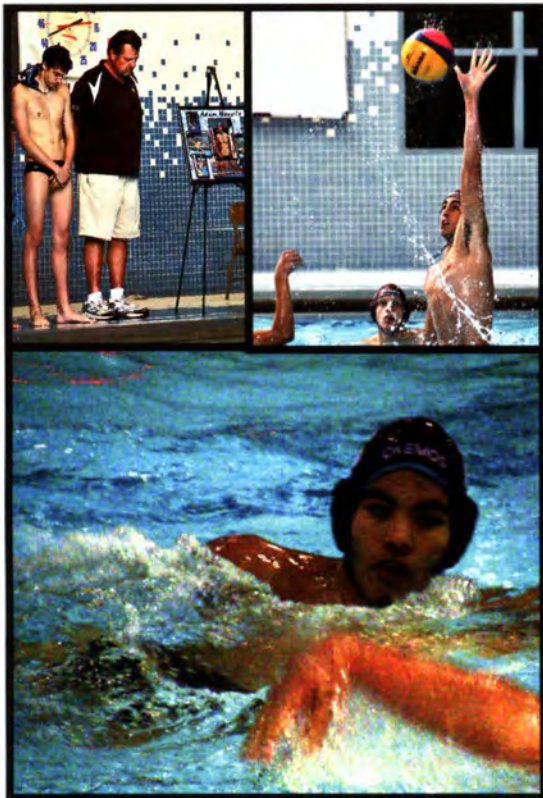


Batter Up

Before the pitch is released, **Jennifer Maisner** (09) gets ready to smack the ball, in hopes of getting on base and scoring a run for her team. (Picture by Nicci Russell)

No One-Man Team

1. Before the game begins, **Greg Kohler** (12) and Coach Marsh stand for a moment of silence with the rest of the team in remembrance of Adam Nevells. *(Picture by Alan Holben)*
2. In hopes of staying on the offense, **Cameron Casher** (12) plays man-on-man defense against the opponent while flying high into the air, reaching for the ball. *(Picture by Alan Holben)*
3. In the game against Saline, **Andrew Fandialan** (12) plays tight defense to guarantee a win. *(Picture by Shelby Robinson)*



We are closer than any other team I have ever been a part of: football, swimming, track, or basketball.

Alex Baker (11)



In the Goal

When asked to fill big shoes by Coach Marsh after the loss of the varsity team's goalie, Adam Nevells, **Alex Baker** (11) plays both football and water polo in the fall season to step up and help lead the team to recovery. *(Picture by Alan Holben)*

Let's Dominate

In a game against Saline, **Jacob Leski** (12) gets the ball and goes toward the goal in hopes of scoring and receiving a win. (Picture by Alan Holben)



A Captain's Critique
Captains **Sam Marsh** (12), **Zack Wozniak** (12), and **Greg Kohler** (12) watch their teammates play against Saline. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

Forever #1

Before the game begins, **Sam Marsh** (12) and his dad, Coach Marsh, tie Adam's water polo cap to the goal post to keep him part of their games during the season. (Picture by Alan Holben)

Play with strength

Varsity water polo team comes together despite losses

With a new season comes new people, new memories, and new wins. That's usually the norm with the start of the season for every sport. But on that warm September night, things drastically changed for the boys Varsity water polo team. A loss of a loved one, Adam Nevells, can provide no words for a team as close as the water polo team. As the varsity goalie, Adam was more than just a teammate to all water polo levels - he was a friend, a brother, and an inspiration. After the loss of Adam, it was hard for the water polo team to get on with their daily routines, but they eventually did. Picking up the pieces allowed the team to bond and get even closer with one another. Captain **Sam Marsh** (12) commented on the team's relationship and said, "We're smaller so it allows us to hang out as a whole team more often than others do. Plus were practically naked with each other the whole time how much closer could you get?" **James Otis** (11) provided another test of strength for the team. While James was in the hospital with cancer during the

season, the team had to come together and push through the season. "Oddly when we went to visit James in the hospital, we just had a really good time," said **Jacob Leski** (12). This bond proves that the team has a knack for sticking together and making anything bearable regardless of the hopelessness of the situation. Despite their losses, the varsity water polo team proved that they could overcome challenging situations through their strength in playing. Starting off the season as one of the best in the state of Michigan, the team had a lot to live up to, and right off the bat proved their game with a win against Jenison. With their biggest rivals being Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron, the team pushed through the season and these games and made their way to the Final Eight tournament, unfortunately losing to Birmingham Groves. Although the team didn't make their way to the desired number one position, the challenging obstacles they overcame proved to any team that they truly are number one. (Page by Shelby Robinson)

Always

#1

in their hearts



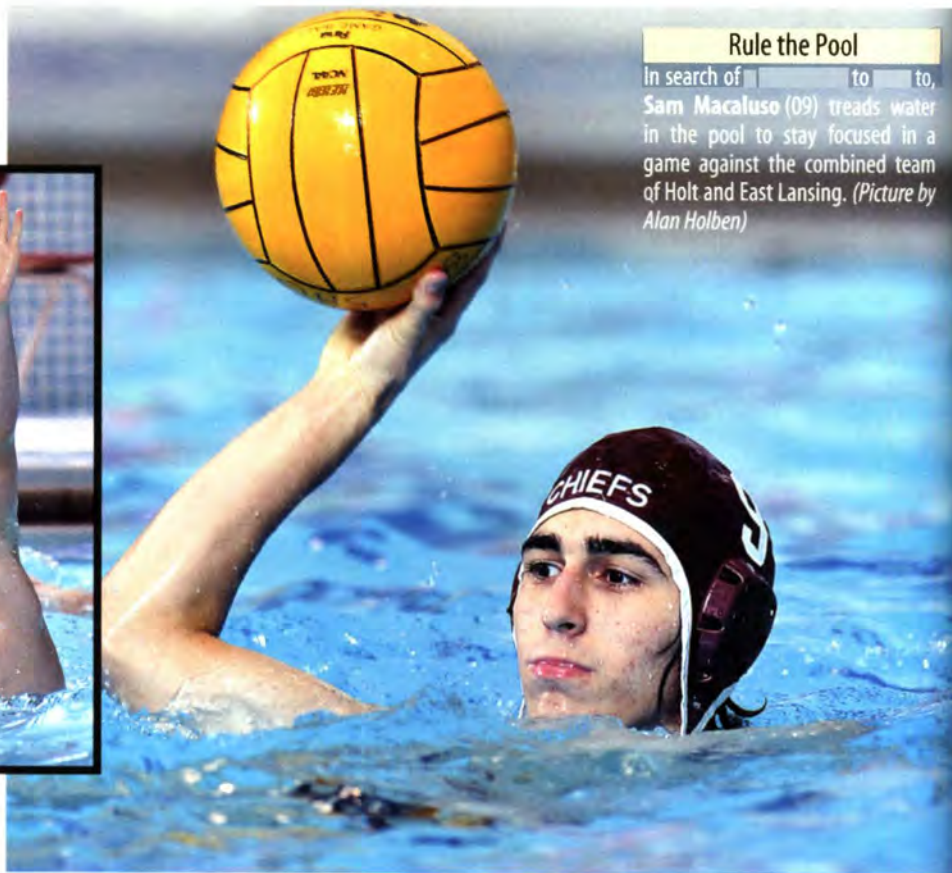
Tight D

In a game against the combined teams of Holt and East Lansing, **Oliver Tessmer** (09) plays tight defense to discourage the opponent from scoring. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Rule the Pool

In search of a goal, **Sam Macaluso** (09) treads water in the pool to stay focused in a game against the combined team of Holt and East Lansing. (Picture by Alan Holben)



All Your Might

In order to score more points for the win, **Wyatt Kuhlman** (10) shoots the ball with all of his strength against the Holt and East Lansing combined team. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Dominate the pool

JV players push through the season to create wins despite losses

As the Junior Varsity team, the boys do a great deal of looking up to the Varsity team. So when the Varsity team was going through a tough time at the start of their season, it was inevitable the JV players went through the same kinds of feelings. Picking up the pieces and following the Varsity team's lead, the Junior Varsity team managed to pull through the season despite losses. With their biggest rivalries being Ann Arbor Pioneer and Birmingham Groves, the team pushed through challenging games. "Water polo is like nothing you've done before," said

Michael Yeomans (10). "We train hard, and play even harder. If getting beaten up while treading and swimming isn't enough, you actually have to do something besides get pummeled from all sides." In addition to the rigor of the sport itself, the team considers themselves to be very close because of all the practicing, playing, and bonding they partake in. The JV team is surely a tough team to come by; despite their losses, each and every one of them managed to make the season unforgettable. (Page by Shelby Robinson)



A Captain's Routine

Before the game begins, **Taylor Reed** (10) and **Peter Weber** (10) shake hands with the opposing team. (Picture by Alan Holben)

Coming Out On Top

To prevent a shot, **Adam Marsh** (09) tries his best to block the opposing team. (Picture by Alan Holben)

making waves

JV polo girls work together to strengthen the team

With an invincible varsity team to take after, the JV girls' water polo team had to give their best at every game and work hard during every practice. Among a mix of newcomers and long time players, the girls had to make their team come together as one. Thanks to the fearless coaches and the great effort given by every individual, the players were indeed able to create a team that could work together and achieve success farther than what they had aspired for the season. Along with differing skill levels, the girls had a variety of personalities which allowed them to make new friends as well as new teammates. Improvement was a key goal for the season. The coaches' perseverance and the team's eagerness to play to the best of their

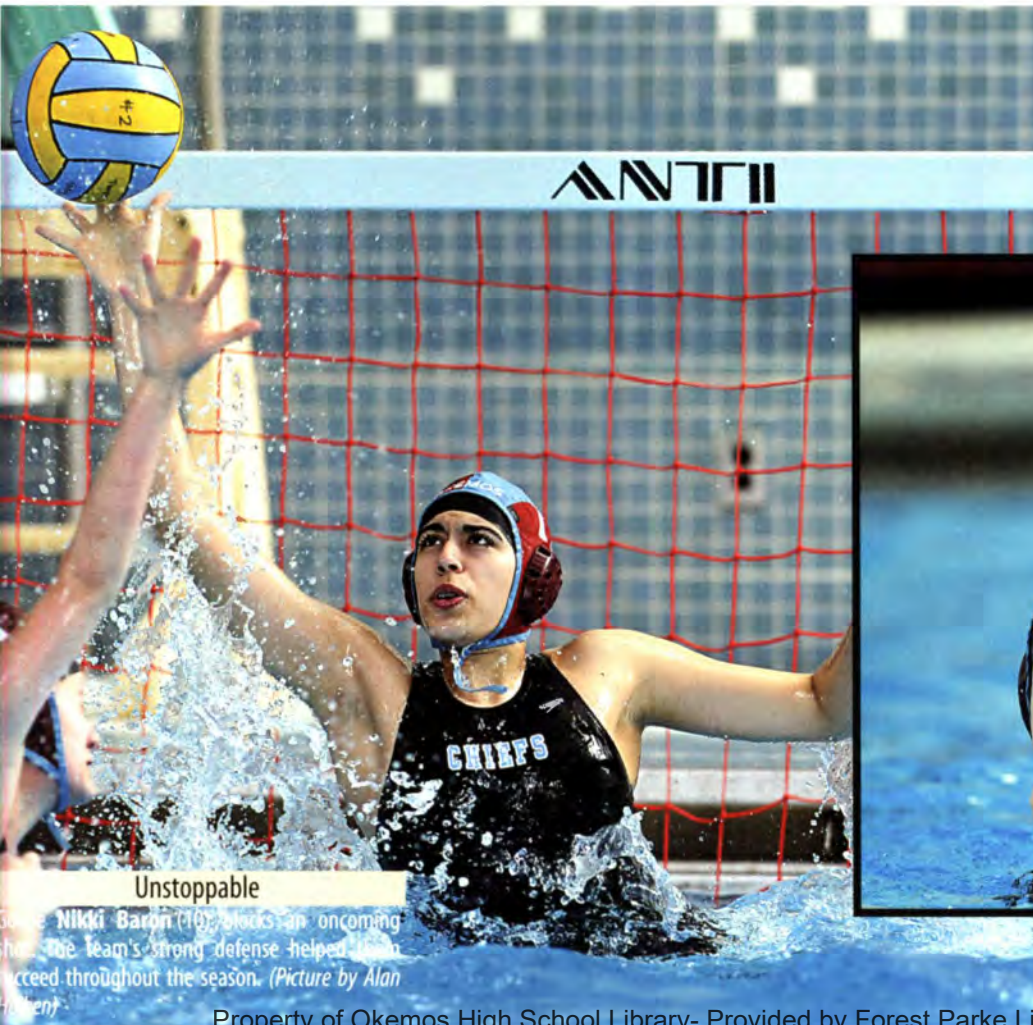
ability were traits that helped them achieve that goal. "Our team was always striving to learn new things and our coaches were willing to teach us no matter how long it might have taken for us to get it right," said **Kelly Schwaner** (11). Along with great coaches and JV teammates, the girls were able to learn a lot from watching and practicing with the players on the varsity polo team. At the end of the spring season, the girls showcased their improvement during the team's last tournament. No matter what the challenge was, the JV girls' water polo team never gave up. They grew stronger as a team while also accomplishing individual goals and creating an unforgettable season. (Page by Shelley Turzewski)



In It to Win It
Kenzie Krumm (09) keeps her head in the game as she prepares to pass the ball. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Attack
In a game versus Troy Athens, **Emily Laub** (10) works her way through the water to get the ball back. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Unstoppable

Nikki Baron (10) blocks an oncoming ball. The team's strong defense helped them succeed throughout the season. (Picture by Alan Holben)

Every Second Counts

Aubree Nim (12) stays focused and scans the water while holding the ball, searching for a teammate with an open hand to pass to. (Picture by Alan Holben)



make it last

"When **Mariya Smith** (12) made a reality TV show about our team." - **Andrea Dantus** (11)

"During a game, Coach Greg pulled us to the side of the pool and said 'So guys...the other coach was talking so i though i should too...Um so what do you want to do for dinner?'" - **Mariya Smith** (12)

"Shooting half court shots, watching **Lydia Roth** (12) take eight consectutive lob shots, being district and regional champs, and dancing with the team." - **Saskia Moyer** (11)

favorite team memories



mission:unstoppable

Varsity holds nothing back as they make their way to the top

The varsity girls' water polo team started off their season with high hopes and ended it with success. A combination of dedication and fun made every game memorable and every practice special. Captains **Lauren Dudley** (12) and **Lydia Roth** (12) made sure the girls were focused and always played to the best of their ability. Along with the captains, Coach Greg Jenkins was always keeping the team's spirits up and assuring that the whole team was having fun, whether it was time to practice or in the middle of a game. "I love that our captains and coach have awesome senses of humor, but they are also super dedicated to water polo and it's easy to see they're passionate about it," said polo player **Andrea Dantus** (11). The varsity girls are no different from any other water polo team in the fact that they want to play their best and win. However, the unique depth of their team and every player's individual determination are what set them apart from the rest. There

was never a game where you could find a single player facing the opposing team by herself because teamwork was incorporated every moment the team was in the water. With numerous opportunities for the players to bond, the team became like a family of their own which made them unstoppable in the pool and inseperable on land. The varsity girls' water polo team was one of the most successful teams of the year, with their hard work and talent making them both district and regional champions and taking them all the way to states. During every game, their non-stop energy was reflected by those watching. Friends and family members of the polo players were always present in the crowd to cheer them on and give them well-deserved support. No matter where their season took them, the varsity girls' water polo team was ready to accept all challenges and play their hearts out. (Page by Shelley Turzewski)



Always Strong

After she fearlessly takes hold of the ball, **Allie Gerras** (12) looks for an open teammate to pass to and remains focused as she treads through the water. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Nothing But the Best

1. **Mariya Smith** (12) and **Lauren Dudley** (12) celebrate and cheer on their team as they watch them compete with confidence against Athens. (Picture by Alan Holben)
2. Immediately following a pass from a teammate, **Emily Moore** (12) reaches up in attempt to catch the ball as it flies through the air. (Picture by Alan Holben)
3. As a key defensive player, Captain and goalie **Lydia Roth** (12) uses all her strength to jump out of the water and block a shot. (Picture by Alan Holben)



All For The Team

To prepare for a home game, the girls spend time in the pool where **Kylie Holden** (11) practices shooting before the first half begins. (Picture by Alan Holben)

Together

The varsity team gathers around Coach Greg Jenkins and put their hands in for a team chant after he encourages them to keep working hard. (Picture by Alan Holben)



FORnarnia

The Chronicles of Narnia was an inspiration for both the boys and girls cross country teams this year. It started out as an inside joke for the runners, then grew to be a phrase that was used to pump up players before meets and after tough practices.



Finishing On Top

While running, **Umakanthan Kavin** (12) takes long strides to get the best time or a personal record at the Greater Lansing Cross Country Championship. (Picture by Dan Carey)

Running Hard

The best part of cross country before the meets for **Jake Lee** (11) according to him was, "Pasta parties the night before, and the bonding party sleepover." To work off all the pasta, Jake and **Eric Arch** (11) run hard in the bad weather at the East Lansing Invitation. (Picture by Dick Hoekstra)



Top Speed

The team wouldn't be the same without **Brad Hull** (12), who has run cross country for his entire high school career. **Lindsay Hull** (09), his younger sister mentioned, "I loved having my brother on the team with me." (Picture by Ike Lea)



Keep it Up

1. Running towards the finish line, **Tyler Fisk** (11) takes long strides to beat his competitors. (Picture by Dan Carey)
2. On a fall day, **Patrick Cruitt** (12) beats out the other competitors and shows them the way to run cross country. (Picture by Joe Cruitt)
3. **Michael Glazer** (10) leads in boys which is how many of the meets were won this year. This is also the reason why the team did so well this year. (Picture by Dick Hoestra)
4. At the annual Greater Lansing Cross Country Championships, **Max Wilson** (12) leads the pack around the cross country course. (Picture by Ike Lea)
5. While running at the East Lansing Invitational, **Harrison Boruszewski** (09) keeps his lead against the competitors (Picture by Dick Hoekstra)

Making *Records*

Boys cross country team is a running intimidation

The boys cross country team set high goals this year, and surprised coaches with their drive during tough practices. When asked about making it to regionals and team goals, **Jake Lee** (11) responded with, "Getting to the state meet, and winning it all." To keep the participants' spirits up, *The Chronicles of Narnia* became a big inspiration. On senior night, **Bri Kovan** (12) remembered the moment when **Patrick Cruitt** (12) led the seniors in a chant, "They all started running with their arms in battle pose, yelling 'For Narnia'." After all the hard work came fun

too, pasta parties and team bonding sleepovers before each meet were one of the favorite parts of being on the team for many. A favorite tradition of **Umakanthan Kavin** (12) was "Everyday before practice, we toss the football around, and we always try to keep it away from **Dano Kochan** (10)." If the boys cross country team had not worked hard in practice and set high goals, then the fantastic success with winning in regionals and states that was achieved would not have been possible. (Page by Paige Kelliher)



Finishing Strong

After spending three years on the cross country team, **Maria Kelley** (12) takes each meet during her senior year seriously. Every stride, arm movement and muscle matters to her in order to get the best time. "The best thing about cross country is that everyone can join, and you get to meet lots of new people while making good memories," Maria noted. *(Picture by Dan Carey)*



Give Your All, Success Comes Along

The cross country races are mixed in with the boys cross country team for each meet. Here, **Eddie Wilson** (12) starts strong to help ensure an Okemos victory. Coaches and captains offer their advice to runners so they can achieve a personal record. Some of the advice given helps the participants while they run during meets or practices. *(Picture by Jane Reisdorff)*

Domination

While at the MSU Invite, **Roxanne Raven** (09) crosses the finish line strong, ahead of the pack. (Picture by Dan Carey)



Cross Country is truly a great team sport, and teammates bond really well.

Lindsay Hull (09)



Stretch It

Before practice, the team stretches together to prevent any injuries for future meets. **Maryn Zwier** (12) focuses on stretching to get in the racing mind set. (Picture by Lizzy Rinner)



Front of the Pack

At the start of a race, **Bri Kovan** (12) begins strong, bringing her close to the lead in the MSU Invite. Bri said, "All the hard workouts and long practices are worth it for cross country." (Picture by Dan Carey)

running on PASTA

Working hard pays off for the girls Cross Country team

If you are running with these girls, then you better be prepared for a challenging time. Hard work, persistence, and encouragement only adds to the fun and excitement of running on the cross country team. With the long, hard practices comes the reward of not only winning in regionals, but good memories, friendships and a great fall sport and hobby. The freshmen felt like they fit easily into the rather large team, **Lindsay Hull** (09) said, "It was fun having my older brother on the boys cross country team." Interesting stories are bound to be formed throughout the season, like **Maria Kelley** (12) who recalled a funny story and said, "We were running by the

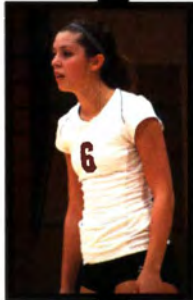
Great Traverse Pie Company, and we all decided to stop to have some pie." Maria continued to say that the coach found out about the pie, and gave them a hard time, but ended up laughing with the girls. Pasta parties before each meet were also a tradition for the team. **Bri Kovan** (12) noted, "We FLY through that pasta, and we've had some huge capture the flag games." A tightly knit team brings great enthusiasm to running the courses at meets which is why they were able to continue onto regionals. These girls proved to have fun despite the hard work needed to put in to make a successful season. (Page by Paige Kelliher)

favorites

What is your favorite part about volleyball?

"My favorite thing about volleyball is the competitiveness of the game. Each game brings a different level of intensity and as a player, you have to be able to adjust to that."

Jordan Komyathy
(12)



"I love the competitiveness of volleyball. I really just love the game in general, so tearing my ACL was really a downer for me this year."

Carly Edwards
(12)

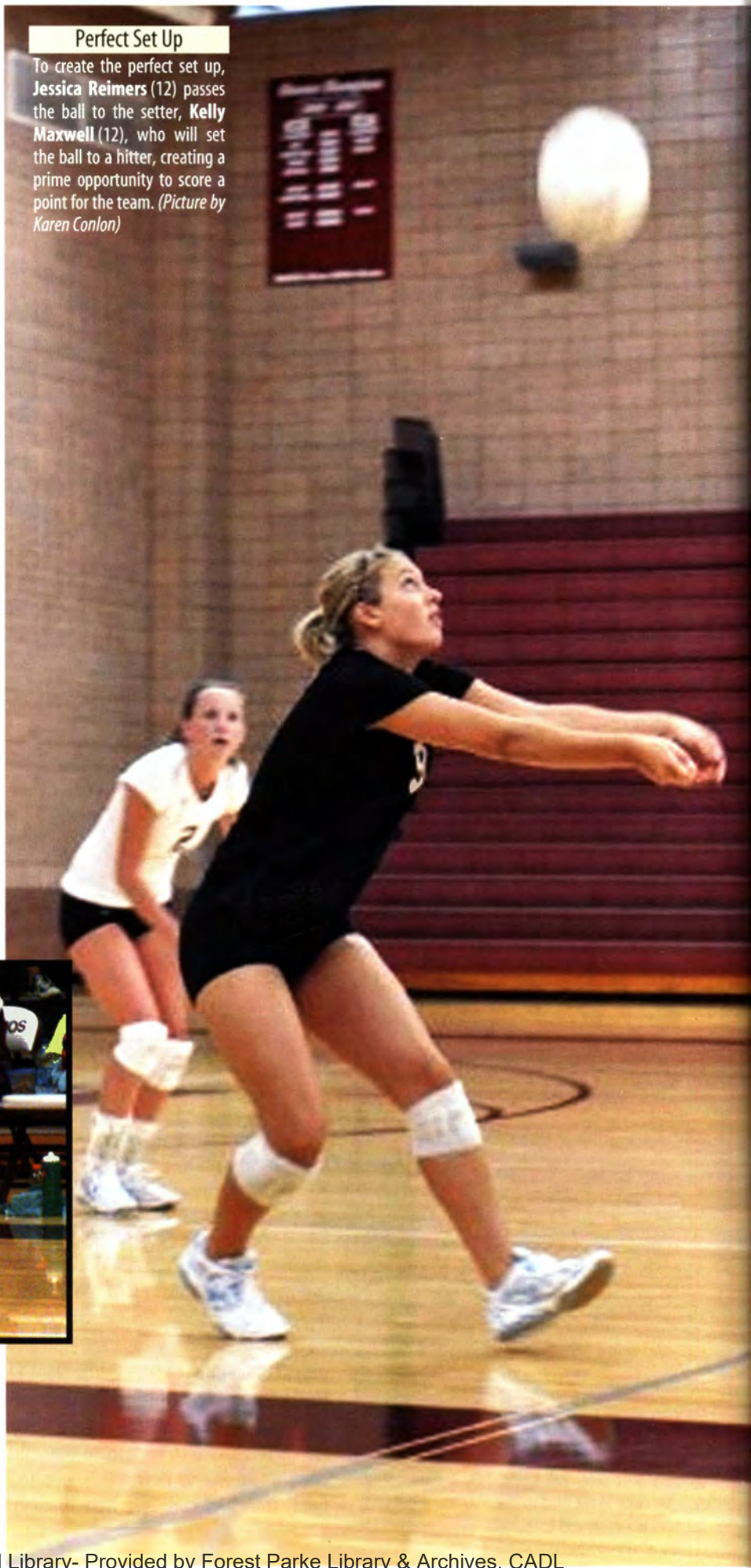


Ready Postition

During a home game against St. Johns, **Lindsay Greenberg** (11) gets in a ready position in hopes of making a dig on the defense. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

Perfect Set Up

To create the perfect set up, **Jessica Reimers** (12) passes the ball to the setter, **Kelly Maxwell** (12), who will set the ball to a hitter, creating a prime opportunity to score a point for the team. (Picture by Karen Conlon)





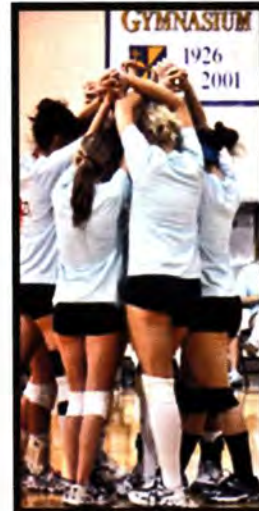
Coach Pep Talk

To encourage her players, Coach Lanni talks to the team during a break between matches, using strategy and uplifting words to pump them up before the next match. She is both a teacher at Chippewa Middle School as well as the middle school volleyball coach, who is able to juggle several responsibilities while maintaining a great team and establishing a successful season at the varsity level. (Picture by Karen Conlon)



Let's Go

During a home game against Lansing Christain, **Mackenzie Lawler** (12) high fives her teammates after coming in as a sub from the court. (Picture by Karen Conlon)



Huddle Up

Before a home match begins, the team huddles up and captains talk to pump up their players and encourage a win. (Picture by Karen Conlon)

Ready, Set, Spike

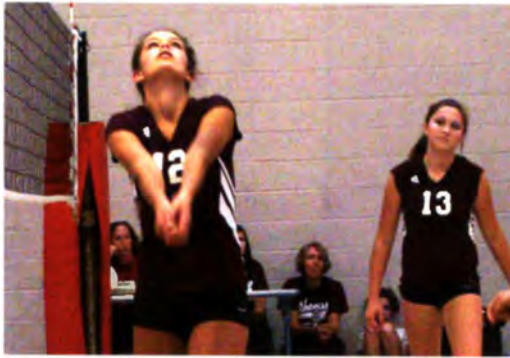
Volleyball girls show their talent during a memorable season

The Varsity volleyball team had an amazing season. The team was in their league and worked well together. One of the team captains, **Mackenzie Lawler** (12) stated, "It was a great season for us this year and I'm glad to be a captain of an awesome team! I'm going to miss volleyball when the season is over." Another team captain, **Kelly Maxwell** (12), stated, "This was my second and, sadly, my last year playing for the Okemos volleyball team. We had a great season and lots of fun along the way." The team went to regionals and played against a team that was second in the state. Unfortunately, the team lost the semi-final round. Team member, **Jordan Komyathy** (12), mentioned, "Even though we lost, being able to experience regionals with my teammates was a blast. We were all so excited to be there." Many of the members on the team have been playing volleyball for several years, which proves to account for the

team's success throughout the season. **Lindsay Stockwell** (11) stated, "I have been playing volleyball since I was in fifth grade. It's my favorite because it's a good team sport and it's exciting." Lindsay continued by mentioning an inside joke within the team, "We made random nicknames for each other on the team throughout the season. Rosco's army is all I need to say, the team will know what I mean." The rest of the teammates were very pleased with themselves because they achieved many of their goals throughout the season. The team won several games during Leagues and Districts and were very proud of themselves for being able to do so. Overall, the Varsity volleyball team truly showed their talent through playing and had a memorable and successful season while becoming closer with each other. (Page by Nandini Wahi and Shelby Robinson)

All the Way

In an intense third match that determined the winner during the St. Johns game, **Rachel Rosenthal** (09) goes for the ball while **Berkley Brogan** (09) watches for the set. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Ref Advice

Team captain, **Halle Thom** (09) listens to friendly advice from the referee after going off the court as a sub. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Ready To Go

In a game against St. Johns, the team proved their strength by winning the third match which consequently won the game for the Chieftains. **Libaro, Hannah Bez** (10), and **Rachel Schultz** (10) are prepared for any tough hits that may come their way to dig them and keep the ball alive, encouraging a win. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

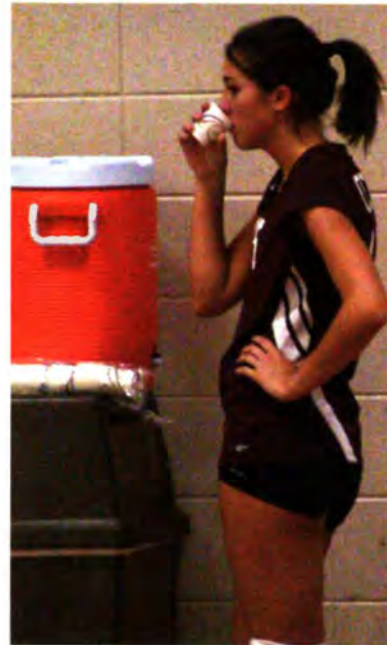


For the win

JV volleyball brings the heat, creating success

The junior varsity girls persevered during the fall season. The team was undefeated at the beginning of the season, which is an accomplishment for this team. The team especially enjoyed this season and had one special person they wanted to thank. Team member **Nicki Tague** (11) expressed, "I really want to thank the JV team's coach, **Mrs. Schoonover**. She is and has been an amazing coach for the team. I've been with her for two years now and she really is a great coach!" Many team members stated that they really loved all of the games and practices because of all the

time they spent with each other, supporting and encouraging one another as much as possible through hard work and supportive words. Because a lot of hard work can induce hunger, the team would run to get food before every practice and often afterwards as well. Along with these fast food runs, the girls have team dinners before every home game. Despite the fun dinners, practices and games, the best part of volleyball was clear: winning together. Hard work and determination paid off to achieve a successful season for the JV team. (Page by Nandini Wahi and Shelby Robinson)



Water Break

On the sidelines, **Courtney Torok** (10) catches a break from coming off of the court for a quick drink of water to prepare to get back into the game. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Determined

Team captain **Anna Sheufelt** (10) is waiting for the ball to come her way. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Set the Game

During the JV game against St. Johns **Lindsay Greenburg (09)** practices setting the ball during a break between matches. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

Off The Court

The team enjoys their time together outside of practice on a nice day. (Picture by Lee Ballor)



Sidelines

On the sidelines, **Emily Bereton (09)** and Chippewa Middle School teacher, Coach Ballor, discuss the game as they watch. (Courtesy Picture)

Win Big

The team shows their excitement while accepting a trophy after a tournament win at Lansing Catholic High School. (Picture by Lee Ballor)

Set it up

Tournaments bring about glory for the new team

New to the school, the freshmen team proved that they were anything other than new to the game. Overall, the team played in six different tournaments and won four of them during the season at regionals. Freshman team captain, **Caitlin Climes (09)** stated, "Our season went pretty well this year and we had lots of fun at games and practices." A few members on the team stated that it helps a lot to go to games and practices to make new friends as freshmen. "At our last tournament in Ann Arbor, five people from our team got stuck on an elevator right before the championship game. They were in

the elevator for an hour and a half! And me and eight other people had to play the championship game without them. We won!" shared **Abby Grimm (09)**. "One of the best things about volleyball was winning the tournaments and hanging out with the team to celebrate our win afterwards." **Natalie Wallace (09)** stated, "The best part about volleyball is having fun with the team on and off the court, all of our time together is always fun." Overall, the team had a great season as the new kids to the school, but not new to the game, with a final record of 5-1. (Page by Nandini Wahi and Shelby Robinson)



Base 46 Power on Go, Ready Break!

The Okemos Offense takes over on downs against Mason. "Because Mason has been our biggest rival for the longest time, it's cool to keep the flame going," said **Jarrold D'Valentine** (12). (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)

Ouch...

As a great block, **Todd Tuchek** (11) introduces a Mason defender to the Okemos grass during a quarterback throwback play. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)



We had a bond
that kept us up
and pushed us to
do it for each
other.

Patrick Fewins (12)



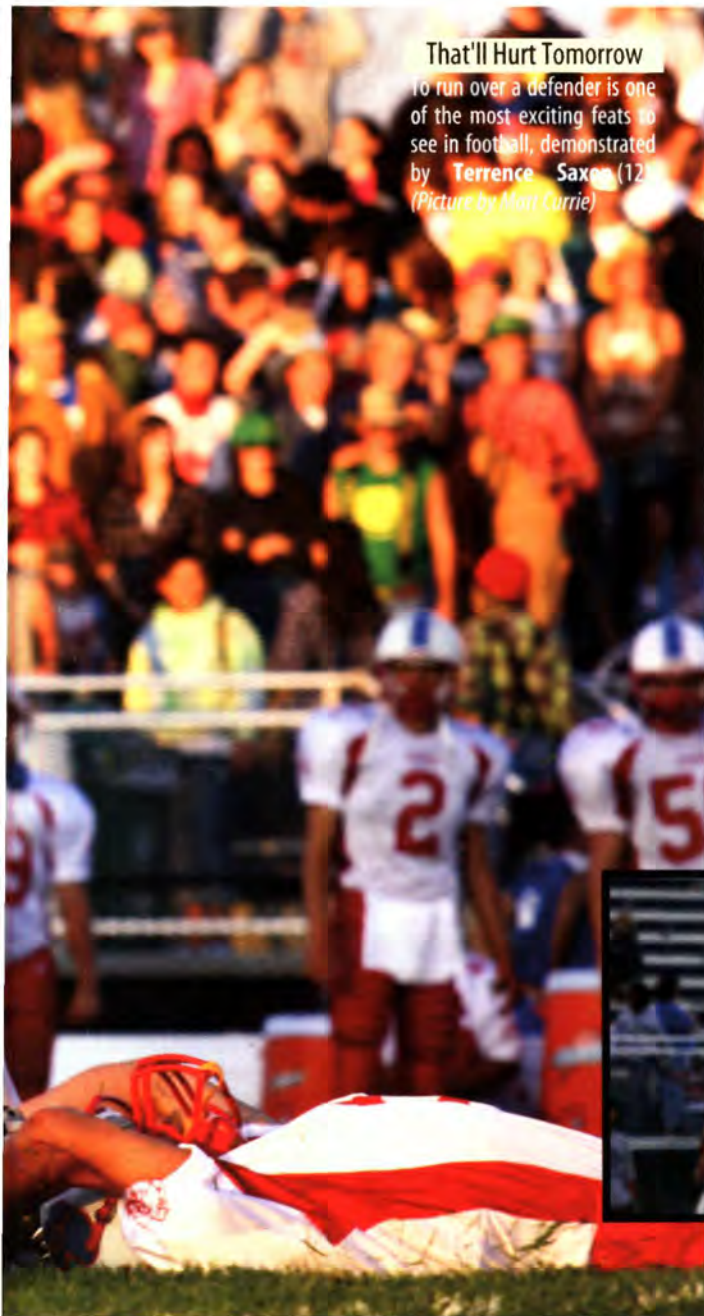
Deception

Carrying out his fake for the play, **Bailey Magsig** (11) acts as if he has the ball to lure defenders in pursuit away from the real ball carrier. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)



You Get Him

Taylor Moton (10), **Brian Budd** (11) and **Patrick Fewins** (12) line up against Eastern. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)



That'll Hurt Tomorrow
 To run over a defender is one of the most exciting feats to see in football, demonstrated by **Terrence Saxon** (12).
(Picture by Matt Currie)

It's *all* about inches

Friday nights will forever remain a special time

Far before the season started for the Chiefs there was talk. Mainly, the fact that there were just ten seniors on the squad, and only four that would start. Nobody gave the Chiefs a chance. However, the players and coaches involved with the program felt differently. "We all knew what we were capable of," **Sam Dickinson** (11) said. This was proven to everybody the first game the Chiefs played, with a 42-14 domination against Waverly. "After our first game we were all happy for what was to come," said **Bailey Magsig** (11). With the fans backing up the team, the sky was the limit. One may think this limit

was not reached, considering their 1-8 season, but numbers can be deceiving. "Losing five games by under seven points was a huge disappointment, our record didn't reflect how good our team was," said Sam. A few inches difference in just a few plays could have placed the Chiefs in the playoffs. In the end, things just didn't quite end up in favorable manner, but that doesn't take away from the hard work that the team put in during the off-season, mini-camp, and practices. "(Our) team accomplished team work and learned to trust each other," said **Michael Strauss** (12).
(Page by Cooper Sigourney)



QB Vision

In a gaze for open receivers, **Mack McKearney** (11) keeps his eyes downfield in a game against East Lansing. Unfortunately, dropped passes and broken defenses plagued the Chiefs. A last second pass from Mack was intercepted in the endzone, ending the game in great dismay. *(Picture by Matt Currie)*



Friday Night Tension

The Okemos Offense grabs a quick drink and focuses on the coach's ideas during a timeout while the sun sets and the lights come alive. *(Picture by Lindsay Stackwell)*

Face-Off With...

Terrence Saxon

Number
Number
Number

#21

- Q:** What kind of feeling was going around after the first win?
A: Everyone was really happy and it felt great.
- Q:** How did you feel about losing five games by less than seven points?
A: It did not feel good losing of course, but there is nothing I can do about it now.
- Q:** What was something the team accomplished together in your opinion?
A: We all came together as one.

Terrence Saxon (12) was named All-Conference as a Running Back

Triumph *is* Great

JV team overcomes many obstacles

Unity in a football program could quite possibly be one of the most important attributes a team can have. According to **Alex Bez** (10) they accomplished their number one goal. "We have come together as a team," he explained. The squad finished the season with a winning record of 5-4, an improvement from the year before. "Our team collected themselves in big moments and we really bounced back from our first three losses," **Jonny Bolas** (10). The team's unity was really tested in their bout with East Lansing. Even with some key players out sick for the game, they were still able to walk away with a 27-25 win. "In the East Lansing game there was a guy who went to East Lansing from Okemos

and we had fun giving him a hard time," said Alex. Another trait of this JV team is the fact that Keith Froelich was their coach for the second year running. "He really knows what he's doing and working with him for the second year made this season even easier," said Jonny. During the last game of the year against Haslett, the Chieftains won 27-21. "It felt good to beat a team no one thought we could beat and just show them up and then going crazy at the end," **Evan Leski** (10) said. This season provided not only great team training, but a good future for what lies ahead. It is good mindsets that allowed JV team to see themselves winning. (Page by Cooper Sigourney)

The Trenches

Offensive line is traditionally one of the most important parts of a football team, but least credited. **Weston McJames** (10) shows solid pass protection during a game against Grand Ledge. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Shipment by Air

An offense needs to have a balance of run plays and pass plays. **Jonny Bolas** (10) provides his half. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Chiefs on Three!

The Okemos team gathers to break up into individual drills before the East Lansing game. The game of football is famous for the team gatherings like this. Also, Okemos is popular for the, "All set? You bet!" chant. (Picture by Cooper Sigourney)



Passing Support

Okemos players have great support of those on the team above them. As shown here, the freshmen team give high fives to the JV team as they enter the field to play Jackson. Also since the freshmen won, it provides a great amount of support to the JV players. (Picture by Cooper Sigourney)



Is it a bird? A plane?

Diving for extra yards, **Jared Motley** (10) throws himself over Grand Ledge defenders. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Jumping with Joy

With a graceful jump, **Dan Brown** (09) celebrates his teams victory over Jackson. The win was the only one that the freshmen experienced, so there was a very special moment that ensued. Jackson was down by a touchdown, and driving the field for a last second score. Sadly for Jackson, the Okemos defense broke up the last pass to tie. *(Picture by Cooper Sigourney)*

The Front Four

Tim Edmond (09) and the Okemos defensive line match up against the East Lansing offensive line. Football fans and players often argue that games are decided in the battles between the linemen. In the game against East Lansing the Chieftains come close to victory, but huge plays by East Lansing wins them the game. *(Picture by Cooper Sigourney)*



Conquering Yourself

The battle within is the most important

In sports there are good and bad times; football is no different. The freshmen team learned a lot this season, while winning one game. "I saw how much our freshman football team has improved," said **Sylvain Rachol** (09). However, the wins and losses of the team don't show the kind of heart that the team had. "Even though we only won one game we played our hardest throughout the season," said **Matthew Ko** (09). In their winning game, the Chiefs defeated the Jackson Vikings 26-19. "I specifically remember a really sweet interception that Ali made that was awesome!" Matthew proclaimed about

the game. This was the fourth game that they had won as a team since sixth grade. "It was amazing and I plan on having that feeling a lot more next year," said **Jacob Devine** (09). For the freshmen, the team started below the official limit, but slowly the numbers started to increase during practice. "Asking friends to play and coaches calling players from last year asking them to play, we got players," said Sylvain. Through the good and the bad, the Okemos freshmen won the battle, not quite with other teams, but through strength within themselves. *(Page by Cooper Sigourney)*



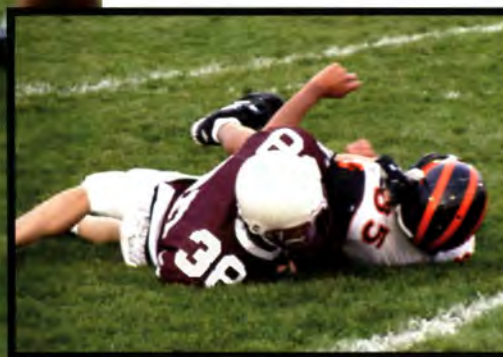
Breaking Free

With a lot of open in front of him, **Romeillo Cannon** (09) accelerates for a touchdown. *(Picture by Cooper Sigourney)*



The Head Hanzo

Coach Dick Comar was able to experience something new for him, coaching a freshmen football team. He decided to not adopt the traditional Single Wing Okemos offense, but he was in favor of an I-back formation. *(Picture by Cooper Sigourney)*



Faceplant

Okemos defender **Jonathon Lake** (09) takes down the Jackson quarter-back just after a pass is thrown. Jonathon still, however, rushes the passer into making a bad throw. *(Picture by Cooper Sigourney)*

Aiming for the BEST

The girls golf team shows what they are made of

After placing third in the league, the varsity team completed a spectacular season. They had a great time and bonded tremendously as time progressed. Team captains, **Sarah Ludwig** (12) and **Stephanie Lazar** (12) kept the team pumped up and ready to compete at all times. Not only that, but the captains set great examples for their teammates. **Emily Wesley** (11) said that, "Golf was really fun and I liked being able to meet a lot of new people by playing with them." The girls got to know one another well and also got to spend a vast amount of time out on the course with their opponents. The biggest rivalries were East Lansing and Holt, but the Okemos team fought with confidence. Different than

previous years, there were many new players added to the team and everyone improved their golf skills as the season went on. The new coach, **Dan Stolz**, kept the girls positive and ready to play throughout the entire season. Even though the days of the matches were long, the team got to develop into even better golf players. With hope, the outcome of the season was what the team had expected with many wins. Being out on the course alone shows the independence and strength each of the varsity girls individually contain. The team proves that golfing is more than just a game, it shows what one can accomplish if they try. (Page by Lindsay Stockwell)

Game Time

1. **Abby King** (11) and **Brittany Russell** (11) team up together and get ready to tee off. After their opponents hit, they are ready to show what they are made of. With each other's support, these girls are ready to compete. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)

2. Coach **Dan Stolz** keeps an eye on the girls while he drives around on his golf cart. He tries to watch all of them throughout their games to show his support. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)

3. **Katy Hollis** (09) focuses on her putting to try and keep her perfect score. "My favorite part of golf was going to the league tournaments because it was so fun with all my teammates and meeting new people from other schools around us, we just had a great time." said Katy. "I thought everyone improved so much over the season, and both the coaches were great to work with." (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)



Getting To Know Stephanie Lazar

Q: What is your favorite thing about golf?

A: I like the challenge of the game

Q: When did you start to play?

A: I played when I was little, but didn't start to take it seriously till freshmen year

Q: Do you have any funny golf stories?

A: I went to the wrong course for a match once...that was not funny at the time

Q: What was the best thing about the season?

A: The year was a lot of fun because it was a whole new group of people. Also playing states



(Picture by Marie Lazar)

Practice Makes Perfect

Before taking the big swing, **Brittany Persico** (12) prepares by warming up. While getting into the perfect stance, she is ready to hit the ball with all her might. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)



Green

Ready to compete, **Sarah Ludwig** (12) gets into a perfect stance. "The season was so much fun," said Sarah. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)



Made Of Iron

While analyzing the green, **Emily Wesley** (11) kneels down to get the best look and plan out her putt. "You can't make too many mistakes," said Emily. "Golf is all about focus and determination." (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)

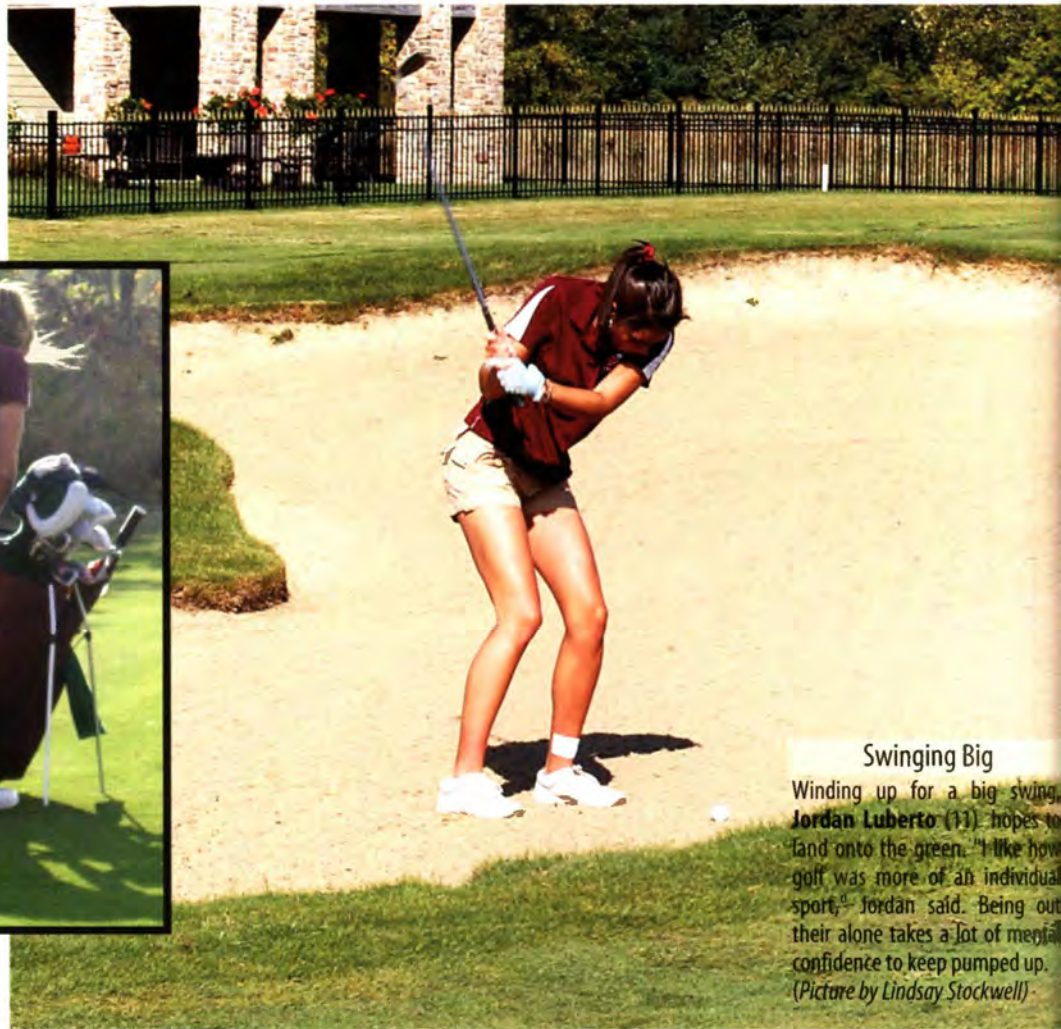
Bring It On

Team Captains **Sarah Ludwig** (12) and **Stephanie Lazar** (12) watch their opponents and wait until their turn is up. They prepare themselves to see the competition they are up against. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)



PARfection

Ryleigh Gordon (09) and **Maggie Mishra** (09) get their clubs ready to hit. Being stuck on a long hole, they must try to make it all the way to the green and beat their competitors. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)



Swinging Big

Winding up for a big swing, **Jordan Luberto** (11) hopes to land onto the green. "I like how golf was more of an individual sport," Jordan said. Being out there alone takes a lot of mental confidence to keep pumped up. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)

HOLE IN ONE

The Junior Varsity golfers rule the course

The junior varsity girls' golf team had a terrific season while being coached by Brian Harris. Not only did they place first in Leagues winning by thirty one strokes, but five of the six players placed top ten in the tournament. "Everyone on our team got along really well and enjoyed winning and having fun at the same time," said **Jordan Luberto** (11). Even though golf is considered an individual sport, everyone pulled through and did their best for the team overall. The biggest rival for the golf team this year was East Lansing. At first, the team had a hard loss to them at College Fields, but had a wonderful come back at the Falcon and at their league match at Wheatfield Valley with big victories. The girls' goal for the season was to be

undefeated, which they came very close to accomplishing. Coach Harris always told the girls during the matches that if they are not first, they are the last and the first loser. The season did not last very long, but the team played in a lot of matches on the new College Fields course by the high school as opposed to Forest Akers in previous years. "I really loved this season, I learned a lot and improved my game." said **Liza Wirt** (10) cheerfully. "The car rides on the way to matches were really fun with Brian and my teammates. **Dan Stolz** and Brian Harris were amazing coaches, I cant wait for next season." This young team had a lot of devotion and potential to accomplish great things. (Page by Lindsay Stockwell)

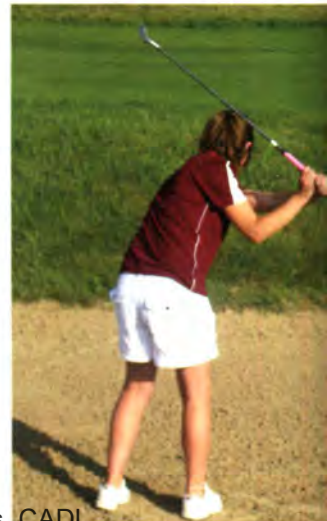


The Luck of the Tee

Taking her time to tee off, **Liza Wirt** (10) tries to get the perfect set up. With everything in place, she is ready to begin the match. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)

Escaping the Trap

While stuck in the sand trap, **Morgan Dahnke** (09) gives a powerful swing with her iron in hopes of landing on the green. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)





In Form

With eyes on the ball, hips square and driving through, **Collin Gatien** (09) hits a great drive at a home tournament against rival Holt. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

Focus
Once on the green, a golfer's focus and on-the-spot calculations can aid one's final score. With his ball back in its place, **CJ Hadlock** (09) is ready to putt for par. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



On the Green

With hopes his putt will go in, **Ryan Casler** (09) watches his ball roll closer to the hole. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

All Set

Set to tee off, **Nathan Lafayette** (09) takes a breath and concentrates on a solid drive. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



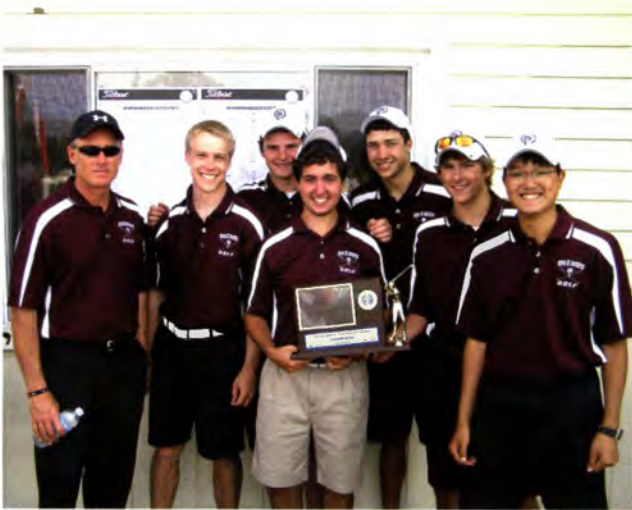
friends, fun, & golf

Junior Varsity Men see improvement, have fun

It is safe to say that every JV golfer saw substantial improvement in their game during the season. Lead by Coach Sean Petersen, the team performed well in several different tournaments. Coach Petersen, however, was more than a coach for the team. "Coach Petersen made this year a blast, he was a great coach and a fun person," said **Nathan Lafayette** (09). Part of the fun was a special tradition the team had. After each practice the coach would pick a spot where he would challenge his players to chip in a ball. If anyone made it in, Coach Petersen would

bring pizza for the whole team. Luckily, the team got to experience the delicious taste of free pizza once in the season. Although the team did not compete in many tournaments, the ones played greatly aided the team's skill, as well as their relationships as teammates. "Our team had great chemistry, and was always fun to be with," said Nathan. The main goals of the Junior Varsity team were to have fun and win tournaments; fun was achieved, but the win against rival Grand Ledge eluded them. The team's great chemistry and love for the game were the driving forces that made the season a memorable one. (Page by Cooper Sigourney)

Say, "Champions" After a successful league tournament, Coach **Dan Stolz**, **Chris Luoma** (12), **Patrick Bailey** (12), **Carson Castellani** (12), **Dan Chapman** (12), **Jordan Kosloski** (10), and **Jinho Kim** (10) get together to celebrate their victory, winning by just one stroke over rival Holt. (Courtesy Picture)



Deep Thought On the green, a golfer must study every inconsistency in the grass, then take a calculated putt in hopes it will make it to the hole. **Patrick Bailey** (12) gets close to the ground and considers his ball's path in hopes for a birdie or par. (Picture by Dan Stolz)



Careful Contemplation To prepare for a putt, **Carson Castellani** (12) crouches down to get a better look at the curvature of the green so he can make it in. (Picture by Dan Stolz)



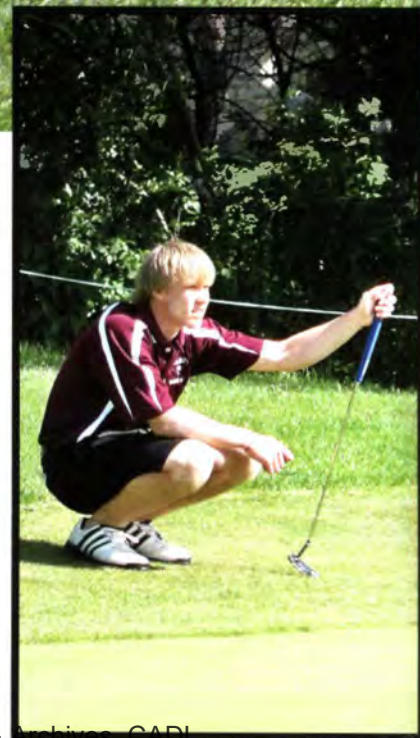
Success on the Green

Varsity golfers put forth great effort, receive dividends

Through determination and effort, the varsity men's golf team earned a league championship for the second year in a row. Part of the team's success was brought about by a talented group of seniors, including **Patrick Bailey** (12), **Patrick Bloom** (12), **Carson Castellani** (12), **Dan Chapman** (12), and **Chris Luoma** (12). The senior leaders set a great example for the younger golfers, including **Jinho Kim** (10), **Jordan Kosloski** (10), and **Jordan Freund** (10). Some important tournaments that the team had were against rivals Holt and Grand Ledge. With a solid team effort, the team was able to

edge them both out. Another big win near the start of the season was against Haslett, who was at the time number one in the state. First year head coach **Dan Stolz** mentored and maintained the men during the season, with a significant amount of help from assistant coaches Sean Petersen and Chris Bourke. The two main goals of the team were to win the CAAC Blue title, which was done, and to make it to the state tournament. The team's success would never have been achieved if it weren't for the amount of effort the men put in during the season, as well as the efforts by all coaches. (Page by Cooper Sigourney)

No Rush Every swing in golf truly makes a significant impact on one's final score. **Chris Luoma** (12) observes the green, not daring to rush through any swing or putt. (Picture by Dan Stolz)





The Post-Swing Stance

With confidence, **Dan Chapman** (12) slides his club down his side as he attempts to follow the ball he hit with his eyes. The fairway swing is an important, and sometimes difficult aspect of golf. (Picture by Dan Stolz)



Where is Hole Nine?

Before practice, **Patrick Bailey** (12) and **Patrick Bloom** (12) look over a map of the College Fields Golf Course, which just recently became the team's home course this past year. At the moment, a Junior Varsity tournament is taking place against rival Holt. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

It was only fitting
that I end my
high school
athletic career
with this team.

Chris Luoma (12)



Intense Shooting

In the pregame warm up, **Mackenzie Lawler** (12) shoots at the goal in hopes of imitating such throw in the game. (Picture by Dan Crites)

Long Strides

After stealing the ball, **Juhee Lee** (12) runs down the field away from the Brighton defenders. (Picture by Dan Crites)



On the Lookout

On the offense, **Joslynn Bauer** (12) looks for a teammate to pass to. (Picture by Dan Crites)



Winning back to back state championships is something that most people can't say they've done - the fact that we did it as a team makes it all the better.

Carly King (12)

Tight D

In a home game against Rockford, **Sarah Lowe** (12) plays tight defense to get the ball. (Picture by Dan Crites)



number *one*

Varsity Girls win second state championship

Starting the season as the number one team in the state and the number six defensive team in the country, the Varsity Girls Lacrosse team consisted of players that were far from amateurs to the game. With Coach Prahler's second year coaching at Okemos, the returning players were able to work with a familiar face while refreshing familiar plays and game strategy. While the team finished the regular season as an undefeated team, the girls still knew that their hard work at practice and during their games was necessary. "Everyone dreads doing stealers every Monday, but it conditions us and I think that's what makes our team more in shape than other teams," said **Joslynn Bauer** (12). A typical game for the girls lacrosse team could usually be seen as a win by more than ten points; however, in a regional

game against the number two team in the state, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Okemos took the win by a mere single point. The girls went into the state championship game as the number one team in the state, and were able to pull off a win, finishing the game at 20-6 against Flint Powers. As their second state championship, new and returning players as well as Coach Prahler and **Coach Abbott**, were able to feel the pride and glory that the state championship trophy entailed. As the season came to a close, players were able to come out of the season with an undefeated record, infinite memories, lasting bonds, plenty of pride from the parent and student fan section, and last, but certainly not least, a trophy to remember their second year state championship. (Page by Shelby Robinson)



Rocket Shot

Near the Rockford goal, **Grace O'Brien** (12) shoots and scores. (Picture by Dan Crites)

Warm Up

Before a home game against Rockford, **Abby King** (11) passes with a team game to warm up her throwing arm. (Picture by Dan Crites)

it's a win



"The win felt better for me this year because I was more involved than last year. After we won we had so much energy, especially the seniors, their excitement made it so fun to win." **Chloe Zdybel** (10)

Let's Get Together

During a time out, the team huddles together with their sticks in the middle to hear a pep talk from their coach. (Picture by Dan Crites)



Keep On Running

With the ball, **Angela Davio** (11) runs down the field passing opponents toward the goal. (Picture by Dan Crites)

lax LOVE

JV Lacrosse plays with strategy and confidence

With plenty of standards to live up to from their elders on the varsity team, the Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse team was able to separate themselves and form their own identity despite the Varsity team's expectations. Although they did not end with the perfect season, players were able to improve their game and strategy with the help of Coach Emily Pastula, Megan Higgins, and Courtney VanAntwerp. With no freshmen team, rookies were put onto the JV team, mixed in with both juniors and sophomores. Although these new players had never played on the high school level before,

their tough game and willingness to respect their older teammates brought the players closer together to form bonds that ultimately helped them succeed during their games. **Ellie Munoz** (10) said, "My favorite game would have to be when we played Pioneer because we beat them by only one last year, and were very fired up to beat them again this year." The season allowed new starts for rookies and new teammates and memories for the returning sophomores and juniors; the season ultimately proved to be a success on the JV team. (Page by *Shelby Robinson*)



Making It

Up against a Rockford defender, **Jessie Kue** (10) makes her way toward the goal in hopes of scoring. (Picture by Dan Crites)

Perfect Pass

Near the opposing goal, **Kelly Butler** (09) attempts to make the perfect pass to her teammate. (Picture by Dan Crites)





Perfect Showmanship

While riding her new horse, Molly, **Katy Kopf** (11) impresses the judges at the Ingham County Fairgrounds with her huntseat equitation. (Picture by Patricia Whitener)



New Competition

A fresh face for the equestrian team, **Corrie Loomis** (09), fearlessly enters the ring to show the judges what she is all about while doing western horsemanship. Being a freshman, Corrie seemed to bond well with the other girls on the team. (Picture by Patricia Whitener)



Ring Leader

After entering the ring, **Beth Whitener** (11) takes control of her horse by thrilling the judges when she's doing the saddleseat equitation. (Picture by Patricia Whitener)

True Horsemanship

Posing with her horse, Robbie, **Kali So** (11) is ready for western horsemanship at the Ingham County Fairground. (Picture by Patricia Whitener)

hoof POWER

A small team with a big heart

With only four girls and two coaches, the equestrian team had to work hard and put their best hoof forward. **Katy Kopf** (11) said, "My goal for this year was just to do our best and try." Whether it was western showmanship, running cloverleaf, or running a flag race, they gave their all. "Doing different classes on a horse named Robbie was fun," **Kali So** (11) noted.

Beth Whitener (11) mentioned, "The best part was when Katy took her horse to showmanship and almost ran over the judge!" The team had great competitors on their team, but going to States this year was not possible due to the lack of competitors. Despite the short season, the girls managed to create a memorable one. (Page by Paige Kelliher)



Strong Four

Giggling after a long day of fun, **Katy Kopf** (11), **Kali So** (11), **Beth Whitener** (11), and **Corrie Loomis** (9) smile for a team picture. (Picture by Patricia Whitener)



Taking Pain

Steven Freemire (10) takes a hard hit from a Holt player in order to protect not only the Okemos possession, but the goalie as well. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)



Ready to Hit

Connor McCowan (10) stands near the goal, ready to knock down any offensiveman that comes near the goalie. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)

Aggression

Going after the ball, **Cameron Hansen** (10) takes on the Holt player with strong aggression. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)



point snipers

JV team enters high school lacrosse with a positive mentality

The JV Lacrosse team had an exciting season with big wins and memories. The team beat Portage Central, a rival game, in overtime by scoring within the remaining few seconds of the game. Also, the dynamic of the team was different this year due to Coach Shaberg as the new head coach. The team enjoyed the time they spent together on the field, but amidst the good times were inevitably bad memories, including when **Connor McCowan** (10) said, "**Brody Luke** (10) got a penalty for falling

down on the ball by accident." Brody, a starting defender, set a new record for most hits by the ball in a season. But with all the fun throughout the season comes hard work too; the team set several goals for themselves, one including to get all loose balls in a game, helping them win. Another was to simply enjoy the season and have fun. JV Lacrosse achieved both of such goals and players were very happy with the success that the season brought. (Page by Paige Kelliher and Shelby Robinson)



Catch Me if You Can

1. Players hustle down the field when the opposing team has the ball. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)
2. With his passing skills in the game, **Hunter Holtrop** (10) throws to other teammates while moving the ball down the field. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)

Practice Makes Perfect

JD King (09) practices pitching and catching before the game against East Lansing. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)



Fast Pitch

During the game, **Cameron Meyer** (09) throws the strong pitch to strike out his opponent. (Courtesy Picture)

never too early to do great

JV baseball enjoys their season winning together

As spring wind brought happiness, the JV baseball players worked hard on their baseball field and enjoyed the process of playing and winning together. Even though the team was made up of younger players, most of them started playing baseball when they were kids, therefore gaining experiences with time and practice. The team was also well-united. They got along with each other and helped people out when someone made mistakes. "Our team has good team chemistry. We all work well together and have fun playing baseball as a team," said **Evan Long** (09). According to Captain

Ben Turkus (10), the team had a tradition of, "taking a jog to the red barn on Hulett Road". Other traditions included, "going to Okemos Dairy after the games," said **Alex Hruska** (10). The team players were highly motivated individuals who worked hard to achieve their goals. Many players set their goals to be a better hitter and win twenty more games. For the whole team, the goal was to, "win games and to perform at our best levels," said **Riley McCarthy** (09). "The biggest success of the season would be getting better and well rounded as a team," said Ben. (Page by Michelle Zhao)

Warm Up

During warm up before game, **Michael McKenna** (10) throws the ball to better prepare himself. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)

Team

Captains **Brycen Sorber** (10) and **Ben Turkus** (10) high five each other. (Courtesy Picture)

A Strong Force

1. After a good play, **Wilson Whybrew** (11) and **Kyle Cook** (12) fist bump. (Picture by Roger Rosentreter)
2. On the defense, **Brandt Rosentreter** (12) helps guard the goal. (Picture by Roger Rosentreter)
3. Up against a defender, **Jarrold D'Valentine** (12) jumps up to pass the ball. (Picture by Roger Rosentreter)



Goalie

Defending the goal from fierce competition, **Matthew Henry** (10) doesn't let any shots pass by him. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Coachable

Assistant Coach Nick Garry gives **Brandt Rosentreter** (12) a few pointers about the game. (Picture by Roger Rosentreter)





Detroit Country Day thought they were better than us, so it felt great to beat them for the second year in a row.

Jamie Haak (12)

it's goal time

Strong team, strong games, and strong goals

Lacrosse is a rough and fierce sport; the Okemos Varsity team was able to live up to the game's standards this season. Winning all of their games this season was a goal, and the team was able to pull through and win 15 games, ending with a 15-5 record. Big rival games against Holt and Detroit Country Day were the best games of the season according to several players. Making the season even better, the team beat both of their rivalries. When asked what made this year unique about the lacrosse team **Max Nyquist** (11) said, "We had to earn an addition to our uniforms by winning a game." Another intriguing thing that occurred this season was Coach Grady allowing the athletes to

wear blue shorts during the games. The players enjoyed the interesting change because it ultimately made this season much different than the past. In order for future Okemos Varsity players to prevail and win as many games as the team did this year, **Peter Stuckey** (11) gave some advice to striving lacrosse players, "Work on passing with both hands, not just your dominant hand." Interestingly enough, during games players would be forced to count passes before scoring on other teams in order to get practice on passing. Although the season wasn't perfect, players were able to remember their season with a smile. (Page by *Paige Kelliher and Shelby Robinson*)

Quick Feet

Trying to beat a defender down the field, **Cody Eggensberger** (12) races down to the opponent's goal. (Picture by *Roger Rosenreter*)



Run Off

Jamie Haak (12) runs off the field next to a Grand Rapids Catholic defender while another team mate runs out to replace him. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)

swim it *to* win it

The boys swim and dive team makes waves through the season

The boys on the swim and dive team are no strangers to competition. With tough meets scattered throughout the season, the boys always had to keep their attitudes positive and determination high. Most anticipated within their season were meets against St. Johns, Holt, leagues, and states. But even though they had to work hard during practices and meets, the team always made a point to spend time with each other outside of the pool; banquets and senior night were two events the team looked forward to the most. Swim Coach Patrick Saucedo, Diving Coach Mike Wagner, and Assistant Swim Coach Ron Marsh made sure the

boys were working to the best of their ability and such dedication was greatly admired. "Our coaches always know what they're doing. They know when to push us in relation to our abilities," said swim captain **Greg Kohler** (12). Along with their coaches, the team captains, Greg, **Zac Wozniak** (12), **Vu Hoang** (12), **DeAndre McFadden** (12), **Rhys Hertafeld** (12) and **Robert Langdon** (12) pushed their team as well. Individual goals and records were achieved and many memories were made this season as the boys swim and dive team set high expectations for their rather family-like team. (Page by Shelley Turzewski)



Swim Fast

1. **Cameron Casher** (12), **Greg Kohler** (12), **Matt Kolstoe** (12), **Zac Wozniak** (12), **Chris Landis** (12), **Walter Chou** (12), **Vu Hoang** (12), **James Otis** (11), and **Alex Baker** (11) hang in the pool. (Picture by Alan Holben)

2. **Alex Baker** (11) gives **Greg Kohler** (12) and **Zac Wozniak** (12) a pep talk before they swim. (Picture by Alan Holben)



High Speed Swimming

Cameron Casher (12) speeds down his lane while swimming freestyle in a meet at Jackson High School. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Dive In

1. During a swim and dive meet, **Robert Langdon** (12) keeps his strong composure. After focusing on the water, he launches himself into the air. (Picture by Alan Holben)

2. As his final high school season, **DeAndre McFadden** (12) tucks for a dive before landing in the water. DeAndre has to focus not only the success of his personal diving, but of his teammate's as well, as captain of the dive team. (Picture by Alan Holben)

I am really happy that I was able to come back to swim and be there to win our third straight league title. Now I'm just waiting 'til next year to win number four! **James Otis** (11)



Rule the Pool

As he pushes his way through the water, **Michael Yeomans** (10), swimming breaststroke, comes up for a breath of air. (Picture by Alan Holben)

Teamwork

During a meet early in the season, the boys on the team, along with coaches Mike Wagner and Ron Marsh, get together for a team huddle. Teamwork is one of the most dominant qualities of the team that stuck out through their success in each meet. (Picture by Alan Holben)



On the Side

On the bench, **Sophie Macaluso** (09) waits for her turn to swim. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Last Night, Last Memories

Senior night, the last home meet of the season, allows **Lydia Roth** (12) and **Mariya Smith** (12) to celebrate their swimming career and perhaps shed a tear in remembrance. (Picture by Alan Holben)



We have to get up around five in the morning, but it's worth it to see Patrick follow the yoga steps in a video of an ex-wrestler gone yoga-instructor.

Mariya Smith (12)

Two of a Kind

1. Diver **Carly Schaefer** (09) jumps off the diving board trying to make her best dive to gain points at the team's meet against East Lansing. (Picture by Alan Holben)
2. In a meet against East Lansing, **Jenna Lademan** (11) prepares herself for a dive that will help her receive her best score, ultimately determining the win for Okemos. (Picture by Alan Holben)



New Competition

In a meet against East Lansing, **Saskia Moyer** (11) swims the breast stroke to try and make her best time. (Picture by Alan Holben)



pre-game plan



Kylie Holden (11)

Pancheros

Arnold
Palmer's

Loud bus
rides

iPod

Locker room

Lauren Dudley
(12) dancing

Talks with
coach

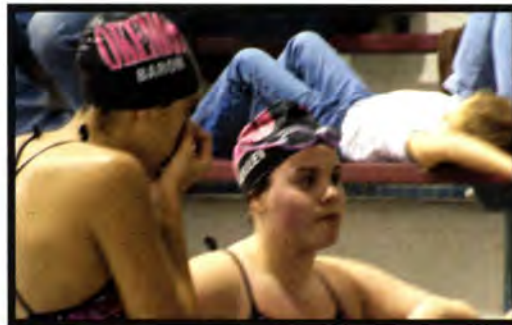
Warm up
music



Gabrielle Pemble (09)

Let's Chat it Up

While talking to their coach, **Nicole Baron** (10) listens to the advice given to apply this insight to their swimming in a home meet against Lansing Everett. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Swim Your Heart Out

In a home meet against East Lansing, **Mariya Smith** (12) swims free style in hopes of making her best time and securing a win with points that will add up for the team. (Picture by Alan Holben)



New Competition

While waiting for her turn to swim, **Emily Laub** (10) talks to her teammates for encouraging words. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

tough competition

Swim and Dive team creates memories and wins in and out of the water

The immediate rush of chlorine and cheers of girls upon entering the Okemos High School pool is enough to overwhelm anyone. But the Varsity girls swim and dive team is more than just meets, more than the chants and cheers they project; they are a family. With the team's five seniors and captains, **Lauren Dudley** (12), **Amelia Marsh** (12), **Lydia Roth** (12), **Mariya Smith** (12), and **Carolyn Wallace** (12), the girls have been able to come together to form a unique and hardworking team through the season. "Being a senior this year has been different than past years because we know that everyone is looking up to us now that we are the oldest," said Amelia. "The seniors and I on the team

have done our best to help our teammates out if they have any problems. I think that has made our team closer." In addition to this year's five senior captains, there are also new routines and memories. Coach Patrick Saucedo brought two new coaches into the mix this year, Coach Julie and Coach Brent, as well as something new for the girls to participate in. "We do yoga videos called Yoga for Regular Guys and Girls," said Lydia. "The guy who does the videos used to be an intense wrestler, so that's pretty fun to wake up to in the mornings." Pushing through the season while creating new memories is truly a goal for any team to have, as the Varsity Swim and Dive team has proven. (Page by Shelby Robinson)



Pregame Warmup

1. Before the home game against Eastern begins, **Haleigh Stelljes** (10), **Shannon Harman** (09) and **Angela Davio** (11) warm up with practice cheers. *(Picture by Victoria Bingman)*

2. During halftime at a home basketball game, Captain **Michealia Toles** (12), **Sydney Barosko** (09), **Claire Hug** (09), **Haleigh Stelljes** (10) and **Samantha Miller** (10) hit their final poses. *(Picture by Victoria Bingman)*

Cheer Out Loud

1. Halftime of the football game allows for Varsity cheerleaders to cheer with elementary and middle school admirers. *(Picture by Shelby Robinson)*

2. Games call for loud cheers from the team. **Lauren Lynn** (10) participates in a cheer with her squad. *(Picture by Shelby Robinson)*

3. With loud cheers and sharp moves, **Samantha Miller** (10) cheers during a home basketball game. *(Picture by Shelby Robinson)*



Clap and Stomp

Football game cheers are loudly chanted by the team, including cheerleader **Shannon Harman** (09).
(Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)

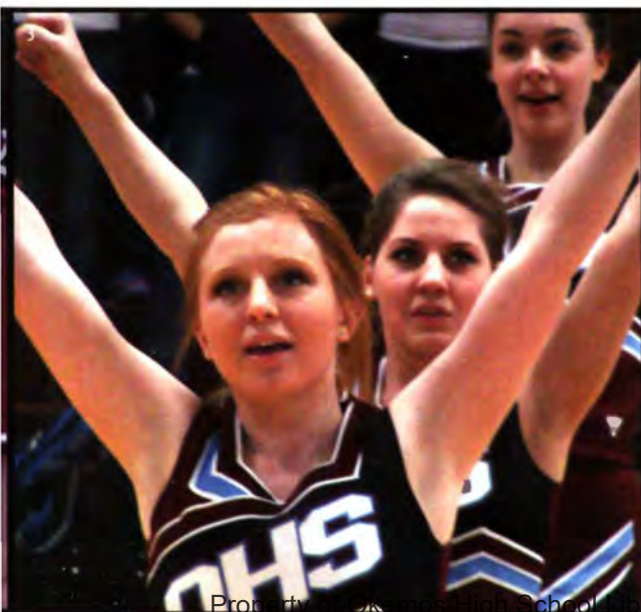


chiefs got the beat

Bringing out the Chieftain spirit

As a unique sport with seasons in both fall and winter, the cheer team gives girls a chance to perform their best two out of the three school seasons. Although members are added and subtracted from season to season, the girls never missed an opportunity to make the best of their time together. Coach **Melissa Biel**, also a narc at the school, coached the girls in their stunts, cheers, chants and performances with a leading example from Captain **Michealia Toles** (12). Travelling with the football and basketball teams, the cheer team proved many days of hard work throughout the season. Although some may say that their work is insignificant in comparison to the lengthy and tiresome practices for those in basketball, hockey, or soccer, cheer calls for just as much hard work

and dedication. Stunts can be extremely dangerous as members are flung into the air and are expected to be caught by the spotters down below. Going up to 5 or 10 feet into the air, there were bound to be accidents during practice. Also, some members with gymnastic experience could be seen doing flips, turns, cartwheels, and back hand springs in both practices and on late night basketball and football games. Similar to other sports, cheer had a week where they taught cheers and later performed at a home football game with elementary and middle schoolers. Although their work was primarily to pump up the student section and cheer on their team, the cheer team served as a symbol for hard work, dedication, and overall a team full of Okemos spirit. (Page by *Victoria Bingman and Shelby Robinson*)



If I had to make a cheer it would be...



"Ra ,ra, boys are cute, ra ra and lovers are cuter, Ra ra friends come last cause they are fake and eat cake."

Lauren Lynn(10)

pom on

Cheer team creates friendships while performing

The pom team is not seen as your average sport team at Okemos - it is seen as a chance to express one's self and pump up the fan section at both football and basketball games. The team not only performed for audiences at high school sporting events, but they performed at state-wide competitions this year. With the help and encouragement from Captain **Kayla Bishop** (11) and their coach, the girls were able to create a year full of memories and success. Performances ranged from dances to rock songs, to dances to rap, and were perfected after long hours of practices in the high school cafeteria after school and on the weekends. Typically, the girls could be seen performing during halftime shows at both the basketball and football home games, which is different than the

cheer team; cheer travels with the team and is known as more of a peppy squad who pumps up the team at home or away games. The pom team, however, plays not only to pump up the audience, but to showcase their hard work and talent to the Okemos fan section and student body. Although players could be lost or gained from the fall football season to the winter basketball season, the girls knew that their hard work and dedication was an important aspect of their success. Throughout two great seasons, the pom team was able to do a variety of performances at games and throughout the state to put their long hours of work to good use. *(Page by Victoria Bingman and Shelby Robinson)*





Show Your Moves

The homecoming week pep assembly allows Nicole Cady (11), Angela Davio (11), and Casey McQueen (11) to show their moves. (Picture by Nandani Wahi)

pom team captain



Q/A

How did you feel when you became captain?

"I was really surprised! Our coach didn't even tell us that she was picking captains."

Kayla Bishop (11)



Ready to Show Off

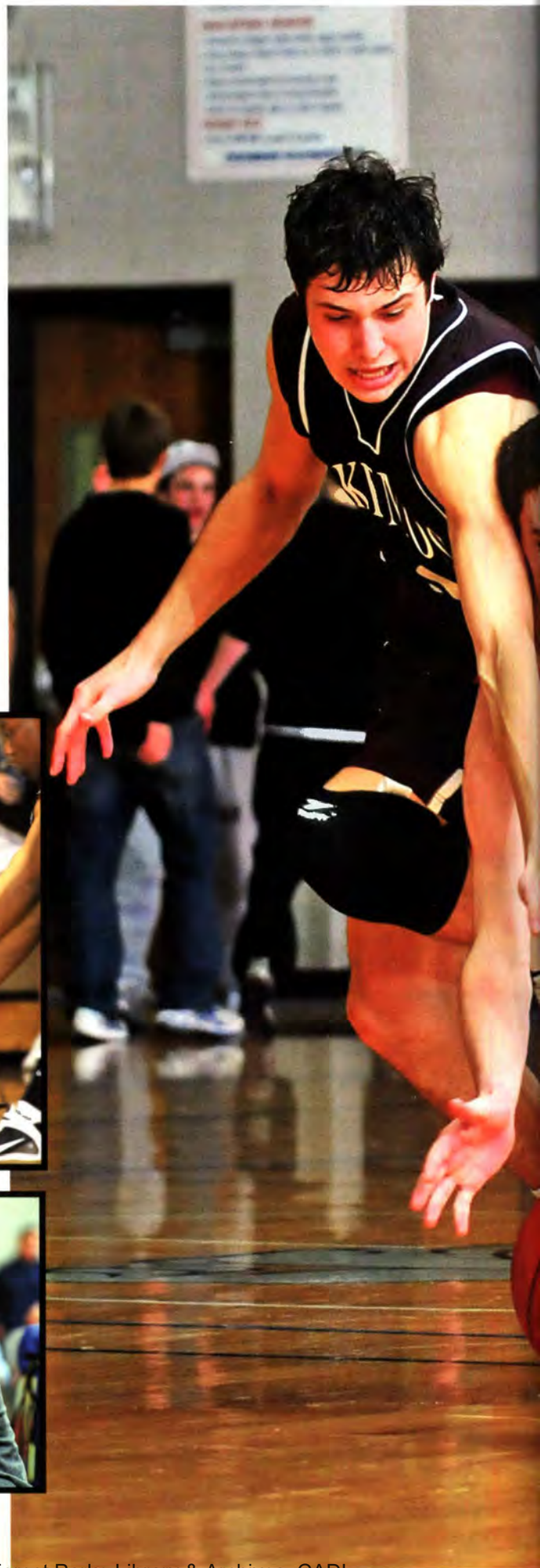
1. During a pom routine at a home football game, **Debriana Chaplin** (12) gets ready to perform. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)
2. The Pom team gets together after a football performance for a quick picture. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)
3. **Debriana Chaplin** (12) and **Israel Moore** (12) pom during halftime of a home basketball game. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)
4. While performing during a home basketball game, **Nicole Cady** (11) and **Taryn Bigelow** (10) wave their arms in the air to show off their pom talent. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)
5. Home football games allow the pom team to spend time with one another while performing their best. Here **Auriel Robinson** (12), **Israel Moore** (12), and **Angela Davio** (11) spend their down time with one another. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)

6th man *advantage*

Varsity team creates special environment in Okemos

When the black shirts go on sale, and the students come together as one powerful place that is the O-zone, it is called basketball season. "Feeling the intensity of the gym and the crowd boosts my adrenaline and gets me prepared for the game," described **Mitch Asmus** (12). This feeling of greatness does not just come about randomly; it is produced through a mixture of the fan's energy with the player's. "Having all of your friends in the student section gets you more into the game," said **Owen Hughes** (11). The Chieftains pulled off a 15-5 record, also making the district semi-final. Head Coach **Dan Stolz** and Assistant Coaches Carter Briggs and Sean

Peterson allowed the team to run smoothly from game to game. "Sean Peterson played an enormous role for our team. Whether it was playing in practice, informing us of an opponent's play, or just being a guy we could talk to and laugh with, he was great," said **Patrick Garnett** (11). This Okemos team was led by captains **Mitch Asmus** (12), **Quincy Lafayette** (12), and **Dan Chapman** (12). "We kept the team in check and were leaders by how we played 100%," said Mitch. In the end, the fans, coaches, players, and community came together to create a special basketball team that was more than just their time on the court. (Page by Cooper Sigourney)



Going for the Steal

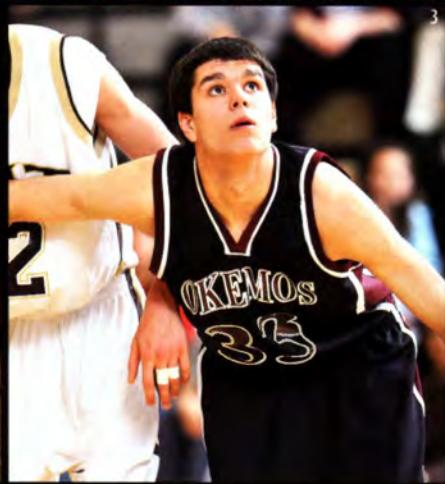
In a league game against Eastern, Captain **Quincy Lafayette** (12) gets low and attempts to steal the ball from an opposing player. (Picture by Alan Holben)

Intensity

To be the Head Coach of any basketball team can easily cause headaches. This holds true with the boys varsity coach **Dan Stolz**, who tries to keep his cool in tense games. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Class	1998-1999
Height	5'11"
Weight	165 lbs
Position	Guard
Number	21
Year	1998
Coach	Mr. [Name]



Take it from the Top

1. Guard **Chris Harrison-Docks** (10) takes the ball up-court and looks to set up the Okemos offensive possession. (Picture by Alan Holben)
2. A basketball team consists of six different components, five of which are on the court, while the sixth is in the stands. Okemos' "O-zone" shows great commitment and cheers their basketball team on from game to game, here in a "bro-themed" game against Holt. (Picture by Heather Varian)
3. Box-out defense is one of the most fundamental, yet important aspects in basketball. Here **Patrick Garnett** (11) gets in front of a Holt opponent to box him out. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Getting Physical
Although basketball is a non-contact sport, that does not stop Captain **Dan Chapman** (12) from holding back when a potential steal is presented. (Picture by Alan Holben)

Eyes Open
Captain **Mick Asmus** (12) plays a significant role in the Chieftain offense. Here, he works the ball looking for an opportunity for points. (Picture by Alan Holben)

Contest the Shot
With good defense in mind, **Mac McKearney** (11) jumps and puts his hand up to disrupt the opponent's shot in a game against Holt. (Picture by Alan Holben)

giant step forward

JV players improve together as a team

Some people may think that Junior Varsity basketball is lost in the shadow of the Varsity team, however, this team proved themselves to be very much ready and willing to fill the big shoes of the Varsity team. The team also proved that their athleticism and skill had an advantage over a majority of their opponents, generating wins. The team didn't achieve such great heights alone however; they received quality coaching from their head coach Tyler Hursey and Assistant Coach Ethan Fahy, both with experience in coaching the JV basketball teams throughout their career. The players appreciated the coach's occasional rough practices towards

the end of the year, where their conditioning really came in handy, to provide a winning season near the end of the winter. Most of the Junior Varsity players aspire to play at the Varsity level, and **Jackson Miller** (10) received a taste of Varsity when he was moved up to play with them towards the end of the season, to get more acquainted with the varsity practices and intensity. The team had a successful year because of their ability to work together during crunch-time, which allowed them to come out. With that trait kept in mind, the members pulled through the season not only creating a winning season, but memories. (Page by Cooper Sigourney)

Ball Control

Significant ball handling skills are an advantage in basketball. **Denny Hodge** (10) exhibits his skills in a game against Everett. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Drive to the Basket

With hopes for a lay-up, **Brycen Sorber** (10) drives into the paint while avoiding the Mason defenders. (Picture by Alan Holben)



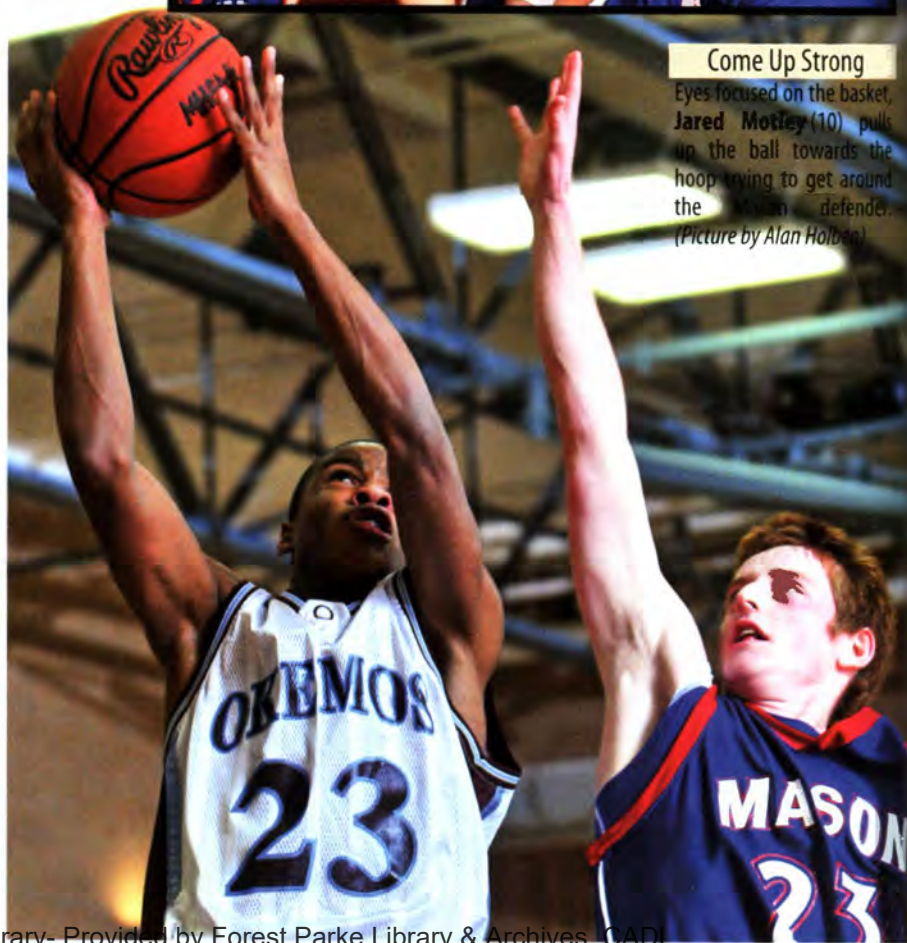
Defense

Successful defense in basketball could be one of the single most important aspects of the game itself. In a strong defensive play, **Danny Ludwig** (10) jumps up and gets his hand in front of the shot of the Everett opponent, preventing him from scoring. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Come Up Strong

Eyes focused on the basket, **Jared Motley** (10) pulls up the ball towards the hoop trying to get around the Mason defender. (Picture by Alan Holben)





Stuffed

Momentum can change in just one possession in basketball. **Eli Miksicek** (09) blocks the ball against a Mason opponent and gives the momentum back to Okemos. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Great Heights

Will McGrath (09) blocks a layup that a Mason member attempts to make. (Picture by Alan Holben)



signs of progress

Freshman move to faster play, show progress

The jump from middle school play and high school play is huge, but the freshman team played like the jump was just a simple step to varsity. The team battled through the year with a 5-15 record with some experiences that made the team grow up together. **JD King** (09) described a game against St. Johns where a twelve point lead was lost, but the team buckled down and finished with a win. A big advantage for the freshman team was some very tall players, including **Will McGrath** (09) and **Dan Brown** (09). Their presence was ultimately felt on the basketball court. "In previous

seasons we didn't really have "big men" to help us out. It took a lot of pressure off the rest of our team," said JD. Other aids were the coaching jobs of **Matt Dickerman** and Ben Pierce. Their experience in basketball allowed the team to progress. "[The coaches] helped by supporting us even if we lost or if we simply didn't do what we were supposed to do," said **Dong Kim** (09). The team's main goal was to have fun and progress as a team with one another. Progress was certainly attained, and they all achieved it with help from coaches, fans, and fellow players. (Page by Cooper Sigoourney)

Leave it on the Floor

After a long wrestle for the ball, **Peter Nichols** (09) gets out and is able to pass to a teammate. (Picture by Alan Holben)

Look for a Hole

On the offense, **Jacob Rabideau** (09) works along the three-point line. (Picture by Alan Holben)



the *dream* team

The Varsity Basketball Girls leave it all on the court

The Varsity girls had another rough yet exciting season. Even though many injuries occurred to three girls on the team, they pulled through and made it happen. "Even if practice or a game isn't going well we still know how to have fun and each game we play, we play for each other," said **Hannah Hoffman** (11). With all different grade levels, the talented group of players made their way to District Finals. When not on the court, the girls enjoyed team dinners and a fun game of laser tag with the Varsity boys' team. "After our coach leaves the locker room before each game we get together and pump each other up with

a pep talking usually led by **Whitney Turner** (12)," explained Hannah. The team always works hard together during the games to try and pull through to get a win. Basketball is not just about working as a team, but becoming a family. The girls managed to get along well and use each other's strengths and talents to make it possible. With everyone bringing something new to the court, it all balanced out to form a great team. Team captains **Morgan Brehm** (12) and **Whitney Turner** (12) brought a successful season and showed how the game of basketball should be played. (Page by *Lindsay Stockwell*)



Dive for It

Jordan Luberto (11) dives for a ball against a Holt opponent. (Picture by *Alan Holben*)

Game Time

Starting the game off right, Captain **Whitney Turner** (12) jumps as high as she can to get the tip off. "Whitney was definitely the biggest leader on the team. Not just in the games but even after she got hurt she was always there and encouraging us," said **Julia Grisdel** (10). (Picture by *Alan Holben*)



Coachable

In the middle of a game, Coach **Shaybergh** pulls **Hannah Hoffman** (11) aside so she can get some quick tips on how to help the team out and improve the game. (Picture by *Alan Holben*)





Standing Tall
Above her Mason opponent, **Hannah Hoffman** (11) looks to pass the ball to her open teammates. Filled with hope to win, Hannah is ready to get ahead on the scoreboard. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Going Strong
After the ball, **Morgan Brehm** (12) attempts to take the ball down the court with aggression and determination to score. (Picture by Alan Holben)



A Team Family
Mackenzie Lawler (12), **Raisa Yewah** (12), **Emily Wesley** (11), **Morgan Brehm** (12), **Amy Rusch** (12), and **Hannah Hoffman** (11) line up for the National Anthem. (Picture by Alan Holben)

player down

"The week after our first game I found out that I had a stress fracture from volleyball season. It ended up taking me about 5 weeks to heal so when I got back to practicing it was definitely a hard adjustment. Most of the playing rotations had been set but it was great to get back out on the court with my fellow teammates. I think in the end it made me appreciate playing more when I knew what it felt like to not be able to play."

Mackenzie Lawler (12)



GAME time

The JV Girls show off their skills on the court

Preparing for varsity, the Junior Varsity basketball team completed a victorious season. With a team full of motivation, the outcome was just what had been expected. The team set many goals for themselves at the beginning of the season including, "to go undefeated by New Year's and therefore we would be able to decorate the bus. Other goals were just to play our hardest, go through with our plays, and work together!" said new player **Maggie McWilliams** (10). A lot of time and devotion was put into the team to be successful. "I think we started out really well, but towards the middle kind of lost our spark. Luckily, we turned it up again at the end and ended up with a winning record!" said **Chloe Zdybel** (10). Even when

the team didn't do as well as they wanted, they knew how to fight back and turn everything out for the better. "I'd have to say the season was a complete success. We didn't win every game, but we gave it our all and in the end, it was a good time and really great memories! My favorite part of the season was probably riding in Sambear's huge bus, or our game against Eastern when we were down by 17, then pulled it together and got the win!" explained **Lauren Brunner** (10). The JV girls showed a great example to everyone about persevering through trials when things aren't going your way. From bus rides, winning tough games, and working together as a team, the team played well and ended successfully. (Page by *Lindsay Stockwell*)

Team Spirit

Sarah Metcalf (10), **Jenny McGee** (10), **Emily Laub** (10), and **Bobbie Hall** (09) support their team and hope for the best. (Picture by *Alan Holben*)



Jump Shot

In attempt to score, **Sarah Metcalf** (12) jumps into the air for a perfect jump shot. Getting by the Mason players, Sarah keeps the ball under control and gets her shooting form ready - even with all the defensive pressure, she still manages to get by with no problem to keep her team in the game. (Picture by *Alan Holben*)



Staying Focused

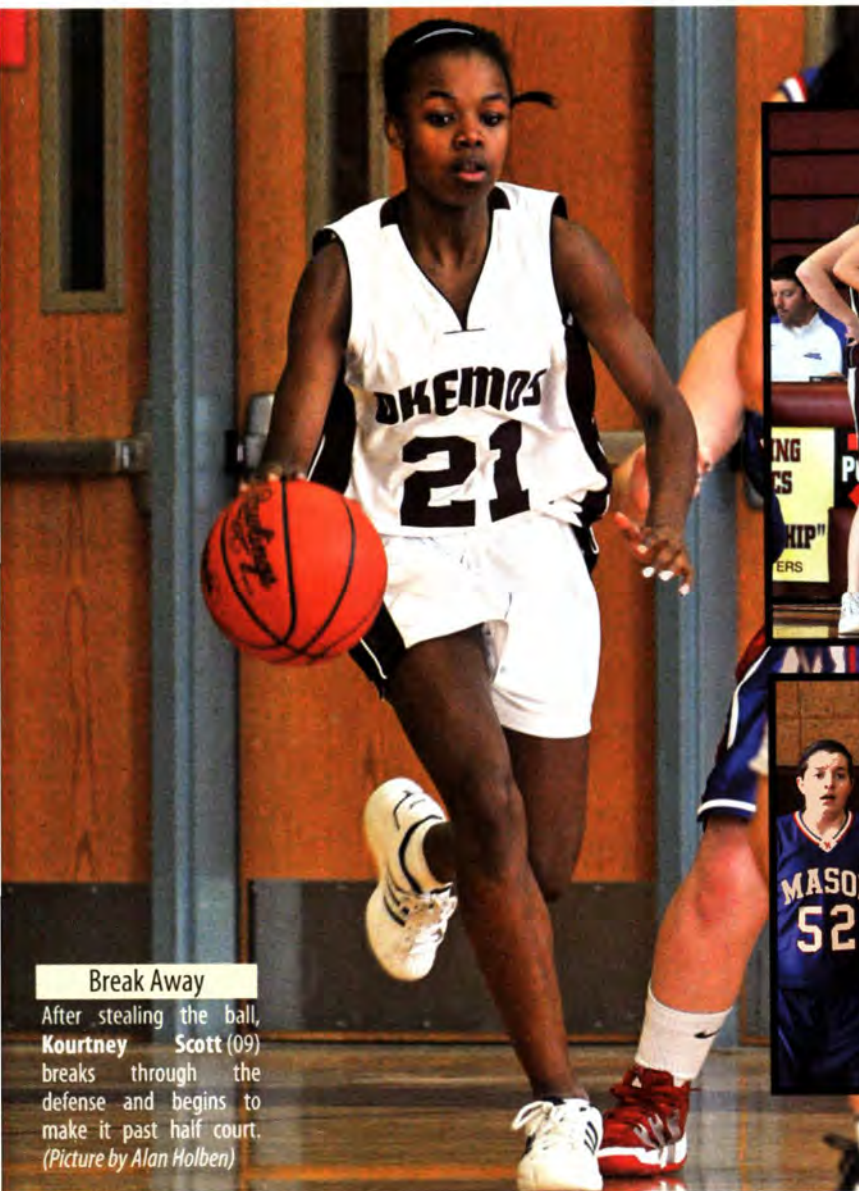
Making a break-away, **Chloe Zdybel** (10) keeps the ball down low and makes her way down the court. (Picture by *Alan Holben*)



Looking To Score

Attempting to start the play off, right, **Nicole Tague** (10) looks for opportunities to score. (Picture by *Alan Holben*)





Break Away

After stealing the ball, **Kourtney Scott** (09) breaks through the defense and begins to make it past half court. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Time Out

In the middle of a heated game, Coach Tina Benington calls a time out to give some quick tips to players **Erica Tooker** (09) and **Danielle Glogovsky** (09). The coach's aim is to give advice to gain points and win the game. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Posting Up

Getting ready to post up down low, **Susie Boniadi** (09) waits for the ball. "My favorite part about basketball is when we win games, especially when we work well together as a team to win," said Susie. (Picture by Alan Holben)



It's All About Defense

ing tall, **Kate Wilson** (09) gets ready to stop the e from scoring. While following the basic basketball he keeps one eye on the ball and the other one on the she is guarding. **Katie Hollis** (09) stands behind to guard any players that might get by. (Picture by Alan 7)

the *court* competition

Freshmen Girls prove themselves with a great season

The freshmen team picked up the new and advanced game of high school basketball as easy as ever. Coach Benington whipped the players into shape to create a winning season. Learning new plays and conditioning long hours was no sweat for this one of a kind team. "We all get along really well and are all friends outside of basketball. I think we are a unique team because each one of our players has strengths, and all bring something positive to the table," explained **Susie Boniadi** (09). Even off the court the team proves to have a bond while together. "My favorite memory so far was the team sleepover at the Holiday Inn," said Susie. All the girls had a

great experience sleeping over at the hotel and this activity has always been a great way to bond the team together every year when Coach Tina Benington holds it. The team captains **Erica Tooker** (09) and **Megan Casler** (09) proved to successfully lead the team in a positive way by always trying to hype the other teammates up before every game in their huddle. The tradition that the players habitually follow is to say a prayer before every game after getting pumped up for the win. The freshmen girls always showed good sportsmanship and strength against each team that they played, and were good role models to follow. (Page by Lindsay Stockwell)



Save the Goal

Goalie **Brian Hepworth** (11) gets in a ready position as the opposing Grand Ledge team attempts to score. (Picture by Cheri Speier)

Hit the Ice

During a home game at Suburban Ice against the Lansing Catholic Allstars, players including **Danny Balogh** (12) hit their sticks on the ice as a team ritual during the National Anthem. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



hockey terms

1 *dusty*

a glass helmet

2 *fishbowl*

B not very good at hockey

3 *flow*

C good hands, the ability to fake people out

4 *dangles*

C players that have great hair coming out of the bottom of their helmet

1-B-2-A-3-D-4-C

SCORE

Due to past losses against Grand Ledge, the rivalry during the game this season was significant. In celebration of a scored goal, players on the ice huddle up and get hiped for their lead against Grand Ledge. (Picture by Cheri Speier)



Offense

On the offense, **Danny Balogh** (12) uses his puck handling skills to get past the defender. (Picture by *Cherri Speier*)



on the ice

Club team creates new and winning season for hockey players of all levels

While some may say that hockey is a sport with many similarities in relation to soccer or basketball, there are more ways than one that hockey is a unique sport. The unique skill of skating on the ice while pushing a puck the size of your fist is challenging to many, while natural to hockey players. **Albert Feeny** (10) said, "the combination of a great sense of team community, amazing coaches, and the opportunity to play one of the most exciting sports makes Okemos hockey awesome to be a part of." As in many previous seasons of hockey, this club sport was always a challenge for the players, where the L's on the scoreboard typically outweighed the W's. This year was different, however. Right off the bat gaining never-before-seen wins against surrounding teams, the team ended the season with an improving 5-2 record. As many of the games, both home

and away, were played at Suburban Ice, there were also many away games throughout the season. "The away games were important this year because we had to learn how to play in front of tough crowds and deal with adversity," said Captain **Chris Luoma** (12). "Also the bus trips really helped the team bond together and just have a good time." Not only do the players on the ice contribute to the game itself, but the fans in the stands play a large role in Okemos hockey. Dedicated fan and hockey travel team player, **Karl Beckman** (12), said, "The student turnout was fantastic this year and I think everyone had a great time taking part in the "board bangers" section behind the opposing team's goalie." Whether the hockey team bussed to Traverse City, or stayed within the Lansing area, they were bound to bring their game to the rink. (Page by *Shelby Robinson*)



Fast

In a home game at Suburban Ice, **Tim Magee** (12) makes a drive toward the goal, attempting to score and continue their lead. (Picture by *Cherri Speier*)



Fans Make it Happen

1. **Caleb Seaks** (12) fist bumps **Danny Balogh** (12) before the start of the game. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)
2. Fans in the stands, **Brandt Rosentreter** (12), **Alex Salvadori** (12), **Matt Bill** (12), **Nick Finan** (12), **Pat Buetow** (12), **Calvin Zdybel** (12), **Cameron Casher** (12), **Karl Beckman** (12), **Andrew Fandialan** (12), **Ryan Schultz** (12) and **Kelly Conlon** (12) cheer for the hockey team during a home game. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)
3. Senior boys **Danny Balogh** (12), **Shayne Capone** (12), **Chris Luoma** (12), **Jamie Haak** (12), **Eric Shinabarker** (12), **Tim Magee** (12), and **Caleb Seaks** (12) hang on the goal. (Picture by *Cherri Speier*)

Fast Forward

Enjoying his last race of the season, **Carson Covell** (09) dresses up in a funny costume to follow the team tradition. (Picture by Mary VanWieren)



Speed

Sliding down the slope, **Sydney Hartle** (11) shows her ski skills in a Giant Slalom race with fast speed. (Picture by Mary VanWieren)



captain's corner

Betsy VanWieren (12)

Ken Johnson (12)



Best Memory:
Ski team weekend at my house
Favorite Slope:
Mt. Mole
Favorite Ski Resort:
Boyne Mountain
Favorite Part:
In the start gate
Best Finish: 9th



Best Memory:
States
Favorite Slope:
N.Mcclousth
Favorite Ski Resort:
Snowbird
Favorite Part:
Yelling coming out of the start
Best Finish: 4th

Fresh Start

As a rookie, **Brooke Bubolz** (09) masters her skills in ski quickly and flies down the slopes. (Picture by Mary VanWieren)

hit *the* slopes

The ski team has a fabulous year through their achievements

While most students stayed at home to avoid freezing temperatures this winter, the ski team members drove to Mount Brighton four days a week for training and regular league races. Their hard work throughout the season helped them achieve their goals. **Ken Johnson** (12) and **Hunter Holtrop** (10) made the All State team, and the girls finished third in their League. The team members trained together, raced together, and had several fun experiences together. "One time the chair lift broke and we had to hike the hill. It was cool because then there were fireworks," said **Haley Crites** (10). Together,

the team had dinner two or three times a week, and the bus rides provided for fun times for members to chat and to do homework. The small size of the team allowed the members to stay close to one another, similar to that of a family. "Although the boys and the girls' teams are separate in competition, we cheer for each other and always support each other," said captain **Betsy VanWieren** (12). The ski itself was exciting and intense, leaving the team members a lot of great memories. "It is very relaxed and anyone can do it and still have a good time," said **Emily Kotz** (11). (Page by Michelle Zhao)



Rock the Winter

In her white ski suit, **Haley Crites** (10) merges with the snow gracefully. (Picture by Mary VanWieren)

Lift Riding

During the ski team weekend at **Betsy VanWieren's** (12) house in Charlevoix, **Ken Johnson** (12), Betsy, Coach Ben Crockett, and **Katie Johnson** enjoy their time in the chair lifts. (Picture by Mary VanWieren)



About to Fly

When **Reed Taylor** (10) rounds the turn in a slalom, he stretches his arm to keep control of his balance. (Picture by Mary VanWieren)



All in this Together

1. Before the game starts, the varsity tennis boys get together and shout out "Go Chiefs!" (Picture by Michelle Zhao)
2. As a skillful player, **Rishi Shah** (11) will give his opponent a powerful hit back. "Tennis this year is special for me," Rishi said, "not only did we finish in the highest position since I got here, but it was the most fun season." (Picture by Alan Holben)
3. With a strong backhand stroke, **Herschel Ambekar** (09) demonstrates his tennis technique on the court. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)



What a Gong Show!

Six seniors name each other as:



Alex Salvadori
"Hard working"



Zachary Hopping
"Smart"



Chan-yang Joo "Serious" **Evan Pan** "Quiet" **Marcus Baldori** "Funny" **Nick Finan** "Consistent"

Jump for Victory

Shifting from junior varsity to the varsity tennis team, **Joncas Lucas**

(10) progresses a lot in his tennis techniques. "I was nearly undefeated last year, but this year, I met lots of good players and learned a lot. There is a lot more pressure in varsity, but it is more fun as well," said Joncas. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Beyond a *Magical* Serve

Tennis boys play together, win together

While the hot summer was cooling down, the back to school feeling allowed the varsity tennis players to start up another season. The varsity team beat their long standing rival, East Lansing, with the score of 6-2. On October 1st, the varsity tennis won the CACC Blue division League Tennis Championship. "It was the first League title for Okemos since the spring 2007 season," said Coach **Bryan Polston**, "We were also able to finish 3rd in the state. I am very proud of the season we had this year, especially for the seniors. We had four seniors win the League Championship and three seniors win the State Championship. It was a great way for them to end their careers." Tennis is a mental game that requires a

lot of strategy and energy. "It is important to be patient with yourself," said **Chan-yang Joo** (12). Most players played both doubles and singles in games. "Doubles moves in a fast pace, the players need to be good at volleying and communicating a lot," said **Karun Nair** (10). For players who played singles, tennis was more aggressive. "When you are on the court, nobody can help you. It is just two players against each other," said **Marcus Baldori** (12). However, as a team, the players established a good relationship with one another. "Our team is like a family. We are close to each other, even with the junior varsity," said Captain **Alex Salvadori** (12). (Page by Michelle Zhao)



Eye on the Prize

A good serve is an important aspect for a successful set. Staying focused on his serving, **Andrew Struble** (10) aces his opponent in the first place. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)



Good Luck!

Right before the game against Holt, **Brandon Baird** (11) high fives his teammates for good luck. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)

Quick Volley

Cooperating with his partner **Herschel Ambekar** (09) very well, **Chan-yang Joo** (12) reacts quickly to the coming ball and gives their opponent a strong hit back. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)

Sky Racket

The higher your goal is, the further you can go

Compared to the stressful season the varsity boys had faced, the junior varsity boys navigated their tennis season in a more relaxing way. The best part of their team experience was the bus ride to different tournaments. "The bus rides are awesome, but the best has to be our stops for food on the way back," said **Alan Li** (10) cheerfully. The team usually stopped by Wendy's for game dinner, and sometimes something fun would happen unexpectedly. "Once we drove over an hour to a match, after we got there and started to warm up, it started pouring rain and we got rained out and had to drive an hour home!" **Jacob Kania** (09) recalled. Besides the fascinating trips the teammates shared, the junior varsity boys practiced hard and made a lot of progress. They usually went to tournaments with the varsity team, which motivated them to play harder and allowed them to build lasting friendships. "As a freshman, it was helpful to get to know some other kids before school started. I like high school sports and plan on playing them in all my years to come!" said **Kyle Nussdorfer** (09). (Page by Michelle Zhao)



Get Ready

While **Reed Taylor** (10) is hitting the ball back to the opponent, his doubles partner **Zane Salem** (11) is ready for the next turn. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)



Nice Backswing

Parker Oka-Wong (10) shows off his impressive backhand technique and wins the set. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)

Smash Back

With a forehand stroke, **Jack Gilluly** (11) tries his best to get the ball and finally give his opponent a strong hit back. (Picture by Alan Holben)

Focus!

As a new member of the team, **Andrew Shinn** (09) learns a lot. "Mental focus is very important. It takes a lot to stay steady and focused for the entire match," said Andrew. (Picture by Alan Holben)



A Close Grab

Eager to save the ball, **Traverse Cottrell** (09) jumps to get the ball nearly out of reach. "The team is special to me because I'm playing for my school," said Traverse. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)



Quick and Agile
 With strong focus, **Kelly Ng** (12) swings her racket to hit the ball to the opposing side. (Picture by Ashley Allis)

Serve This
 In a match, **Diana Peller** (10) serves the ball to her opponent, hoping that with enough speed and the correct placement, she can gain a point. (Picture by Ashley Allis)



Let's Serve
 The JV team gets together to serve across the net as a warm up before their match. (Picture by Ashley Allis)

Smack Attack
 In an intense match against her opponent, **Monica Choo** (10) jumps to hit the ball to the other side. (Picture by Ashley Allis)

Love, Drive, Spin

Girls JV Tennis strives to play their best

Every year the Junior Varsity Tennis team works hard, and this year was no different. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors took over the Junior Varsity team by bringing their spirit and their love of the game to the court. **Diana Peller** (10) said, "I love tennis because I like hanging around with my friends and making new ones." With the serve being one of the most important parts of the game, once players were able to perfect such aspect of the game, the compassion and competition

began for players on the court. Coach Inkala, who coached both the Varsity and Junior Varsity tennis teams, was able to juggle two rather large teams while maintaining a successful season, a challenge to many coaches. Whether players were on the court, outside the fence cheering on their teammates, or snacking in between matches, the JV Tennis team was able to create a winning season with lasting memories and success. (Page by Victoria Bingman and Shelby Robinson)

Break Time

Home tournaments, typically occurring during school hours or on weekends, allow team mates to really bond and spend time with one another. During a home tournament, **Tanmayee Yenumula** (11) and **Farah Alam** (10) eat with their team before they play in their matches. (Picture by Ashley Allis)



Let's Play

While playing doubles at a home tournament, **Ali Hopping** (09) and **Ashley Allis** (12) prepare to serve from their opponents. Playing doubles allows teammates to practice and bond well with one another, forming friendships and lasting memories. (Courtesy Picture)



hey, captain



Favorite Match: Playing Mason in Regionals.
Favorite thing about that game: We came back and beat Mason when we lost to them earlier in the season.
Best Memory: When the seniors got to shoot squirt guns at all the underclassmen.
Favorite tennis term: Nomnom (the tennis team will get this).

Sarah Ludwig (12)

Hit This

In the midst of a match, **Tanmayee Yenumula** (11) serves to her opponent. (Picture by Ashley Allis)



Open Loop

Varsity Tennis climbs their way to the top

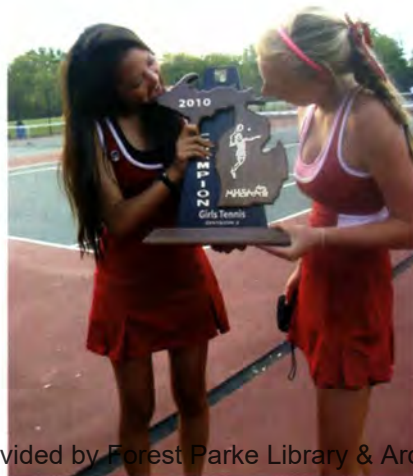
As the bright green ball bounced back and forth on the court, flashes of maroon and white could be seen as the Varsity tennis team advanced in the game. Even if players were sweating under the hot sun or playing in the rain, the girls were able to enjoy the thrill of sweet victory this year when they won the Division 2 Regional Crown and came in seventh in the Division 2 state tournament. After placing first in the regional competition, players were over joyed and were excited to keep playing. Head

Coach Inkala and Captains **Sarah Ludwig** (12) and **Jenny Tsai** (12) were able to push their team mates to individually do their best this year. Although as a team they did not win the state championship, players knew their hard work was rewarded. Whether they were in the midst of intense matches, on the sidelines cheering their teammates on, or simply practicing after school, the varsity team never missed a minute to over achieve for the game. (Page by Victoria Bingman and Shelby Robinson)



Ready

In a home tournament, **Katie Allis** (11) gets in a ready stance to hit the ball back to her opponent. (Picture by Ashley Allis)



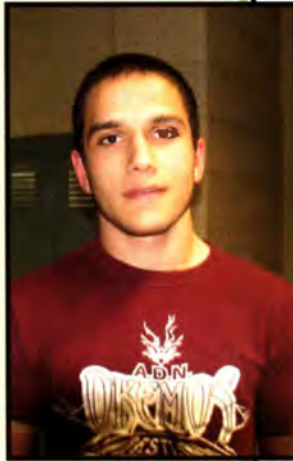
Champs

After the team won Regionals, Captains **Jenny Tsai** (12) and **Sarah Ludwig** (12) hold their trophy. (Picture by Ashley Allis)

what is it like to be a wrestler?

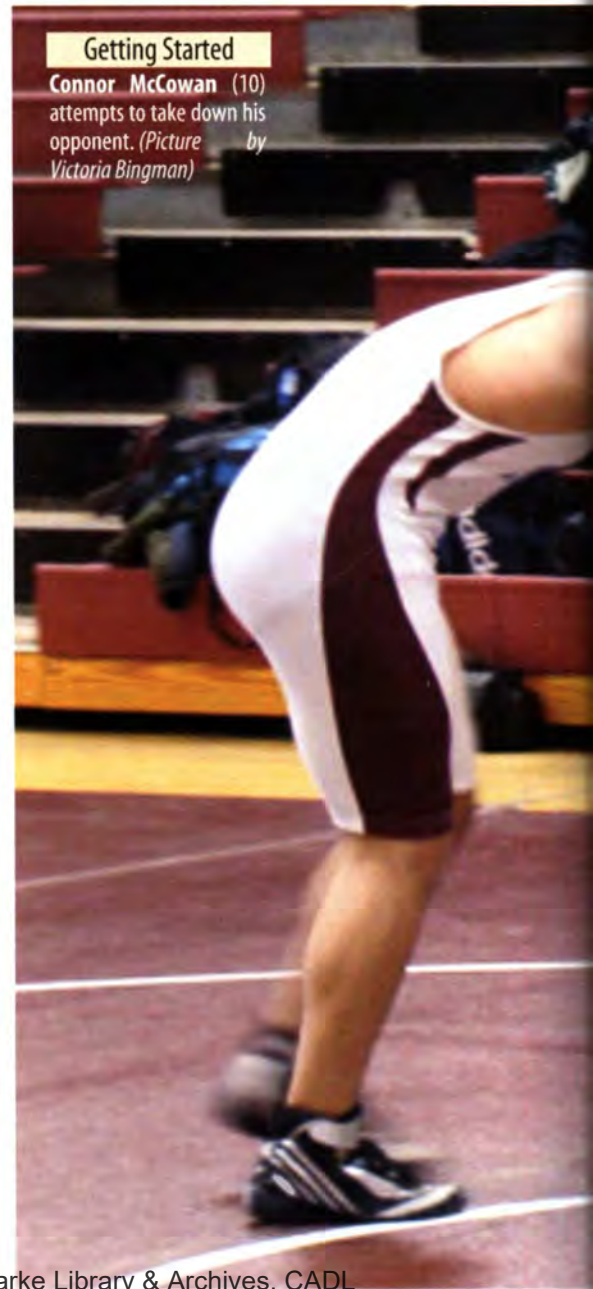
"To be a wrestler you have to know when to be serious and when it's okay not to be; it's a lot about self-control. In wrestling there are not that many injuries, they are usually in your mind. Wrestling is also about getting past your own mental barrier. Overall to be a wrestler you have to be committed."

Nabeel Kasim (11)



Getting Started

Connor McCowan (10) attempts to take down his opponent. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)



beat down

The wrestling team works their way to the top

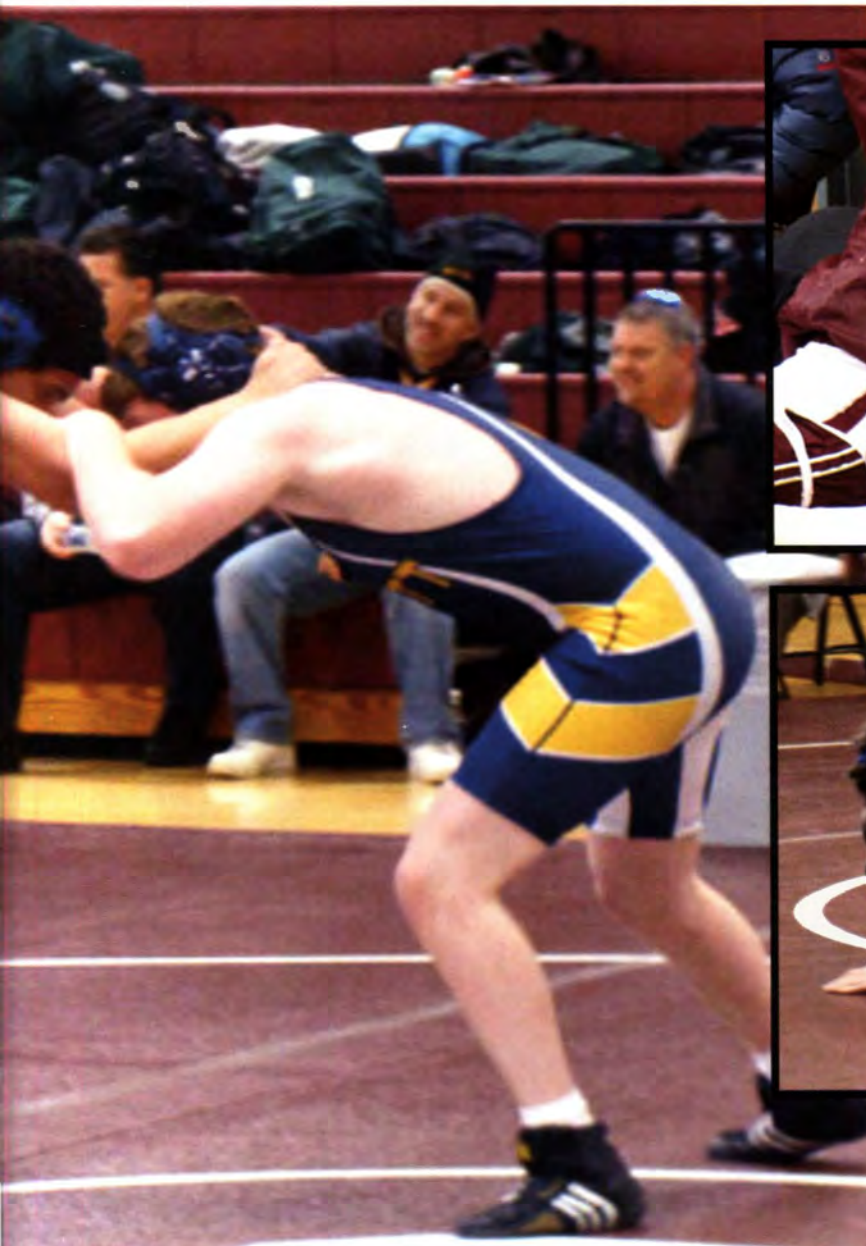
The start of the season was a challenge for Okemos wrestlers considering the unfortunate loss of their would-be only returning senior on the team, Adam Nevells. This forced all of the underclassmen to step up their game and pull through to provide a successful season. Although, in the midst of all their matches and tournaments, Adam was never forgotten. Holding up Adam's shoe in a team huddle after every match became a team tradition for the wrestlers. Despite all that could have held the wrestling team back, they chose to stand strong and complete this season with their heads held high, working hard all season long, with Coach Mundo pushing the team to

perform their best. "You know what you guys, today's practice was good, but it could have been better", Coach Mundo was known for saying. The team had fun memories when it came to **Zaine Shokohi's** (09) realistic impressions of their coach. Even though the team was not impressed with their outcome of this season, they are all looking forward to continuing wrestling in the future. The members of the wrestling team have great expectations for the coming years and expect to win many more matches and tournaments. They all know that their hard work, dedication and commitment will pay off in the end. (Page by Nandini Wahi)



Pinning the Competition

1. **Reza Shokohi** (11) and his opponent shake hands before they start the match. *(Picture by Victoria Bingman)*
2. The wrestling team huddles up after each match and hold up the shoes of Adam Nevells. **Reza Shokohi** (11) stated, "We all wish we could be as great as Adam was, but until we get there, we'll just hold him in our memories and try to live up to his greatness." *(Picture by Victoria Bingman)*
3. Coach Mundo tries to motivate **Romeillo Cannon** (09) to do the best he can before his match. *(Picture by Victoria Bingman)*



Sidelines

Captain **Nabeel Kasim** (11) watches his teammates during a match and mentally prepares himself for his next chance to wrestle. *(Picture by Victoria Bingman)*



Taken Down

Nate Bellaire (11) wrestles an opponent from Grand Ledge during a tournament at Okemos. *(Picture by Victoria Bingman)*

who's your STAR?

A chat with **David Anderson** (12)

Q: Who is your favorite baseball star?

A: Albert Pujols because he is a good hitter.

Q: Who do you think has the potential to be a star on your team?

A: **T. J. George** (11)



Batter Up

1. Before the game against Everett, Assistant Coach Mr. Hundt talks to the players about their strategy. *(Picture by Michelle Zhao)*

2. As a good hitter, **Blake Ellsworth** (10) hits the ball precisely and makes the game more exciting to watch. *(Picture by Alan Holben)*

3. With all his strength, **Bailey Magsig** (11) throws a perfect pitch to strike out his opponents. *(Picture by Alan Holben)*

4. With a strong position, **T.J. George** (11) sets eyes on his goal and determines to give his opponent a forceful pitch. *(Picture by Alan Holben)*





Victorious Smile

As the game goes on strongly, Captain **Kerry Mihelich** (12) runs with a smile on his face ready to win the game. (Picture by Alan Holben)



Focus

During the game against Holt, Captain **Nolan Loh** (12) concentrates on the coming ball and prepares for a strong hit. (Picture by Alan Holben)

Speed

Brad Dotterer (11) makes a fast run as he tries to get the second base, racing his opponents. (Picture by Alan Holben)

run to *victory*

Varsity baseball players strive for their best

With the memories of their good performances last year, the varsity baseball team started off their new season with excitement and confidence. The team also finished strong by making the Diamond Classic. "This year has been the best record in League," said **Zach Hayward** (11). The team was made up of a group of positive and cooperative people. They were willing to contribute their best on the field to achieve their goals. "Our goals for the season are to win our conference, win twenty plus games, and win the Diamond Classic," said **Brian Budd** (11). The baseball players not only learned skills and gained experiences from many games, but they also

enjoyed having fun with people who shared their same interests. "I really enjoy just being able to hang out with the guys on the team yet having fun playing the sport I love," said Captain **Kerry Mihelich** (12). For **Blake Ellsworth** (10), the best moment of the season was when, "We came back to beat Charlotte right before dark." There was also something interesting that happened during the season for a few players. "At the beginning of one practice, I put blocks of concrete in front of the tires of T.J's car and he forgot about them. So when he tried to drive away after practice, his car wouldn't move," said Captain **Nolan Loh** (12). (Page by Michelle Zhao)



on the *field*

Varsity softball players bring their game to the field

With the previous coach, **Ms. Tandoc**, not working with the varsity team this year, the varsity girls got to practice with a new coach, previous JV Coach **Chrissy Schoonover**. **Amy Rusch** (12) said, "Even though it was a hard season, we had a lot of fun." Although players did not win as many games as they would have wanted, teammates came together to work hard during practice and on the field during games. As a unique sport who plays 'double-headers' at both home and away games, the softball team proves to be different than your average sport. In between games, parents of players would bring dinner for the girls, as they would get hungry while playing. Full meals including hot dogs, sloppy joes, fruit, drinks, and other snacks for the players kept them

energized and ready to play on the field. The majority of the pitchers, including **Rebecca Garza** (10), **Kelly Phillips** (10), and **Michelle Wellman** (10), were underclassmen who fit in with the varsity team well. Returning players, as well as seniors, were able to reunite and create new memories while reminiscing on last year's season with one another. The underclassmen were able to transition onto the varsity level well with the positive influence and energy from the juniors and seniors, allowing for good team chemistry. The season allowed many players to perfect their hitting, throwing, base running, sliding, and field positions while maintaining relationships with each of their teammates. (Page by *Nandini Wahi and Shelby Robinson*)



All Focus

While **Michelle Wellman** (10) is up to bat, her teammates cheer her on. Her focus allows her to be prepared for any pitch, slamming it onto the green. (Picture by *Mrs. Fischer*)





Grand Slam

While up to bat, **Taylor Cheney** (12) winds up and swings as hard as she can in hopes of getting on base. (Picture by Mrs. Fischer)



Let's Eat

Players **Katie Victor** (11), **Rebecca Garza** (10), **Amy Rusch** (12), **Michelle Wellman** (10), **Maddie Fisher** (11), **Taylor McClelland** (10), and **Allison Rosenbaum** (11) take a break between games and eat dinner. (Picture by Mrs. Fischer)



Fast Pitch Softball

Pitcher **Rebecca Garza** (10) winds up to throw her hardest pitch. (Picture by Mrs. Fischer)



Sprinting Speed

1. Catcher **Dana Page** (10) helps the team warm up before their game begins. (Picture by Mrs. Fischer)

2. After winning their game on senior night, **Taylor Cheney** (12) and **Maddi Dasen** (12) celebrate. (Picture by Mrs. Dasen)

2. The team gathers around on the field with one another after playing. (Courtesy Picture)

4. First basemen, **Taylor Cheney** (12), guards the bag safely. (Picture by Mrs. Fischer)

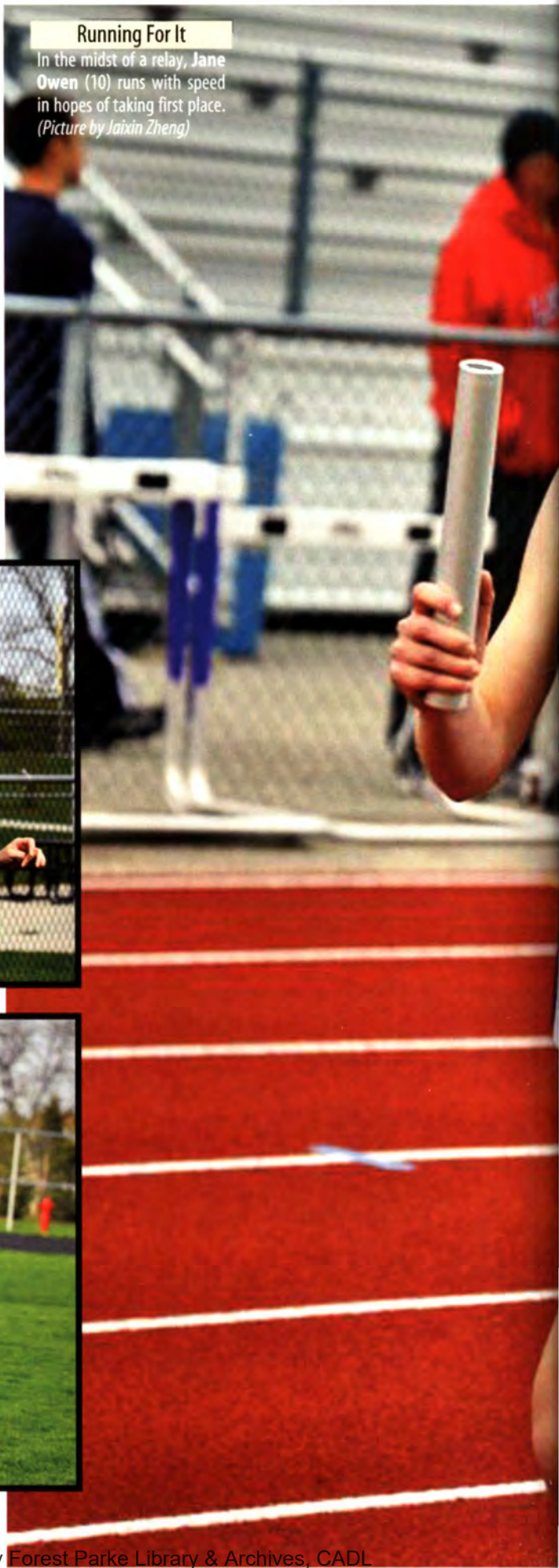


Regionals got pushed to the same day as Prom, so we were all frantically calling to change appointments - it's quite comical when I look back to that now.

Rebecca Reisdorff (12)

Running For It

In the midst of a relay, Jane Owen (10) runs with speed in hopes of taking first place. (Picture by Jaixin Zheng)



Team Work

In a relay, **Kristina Johnson** (12) hands the baton off to **Lelia Boniadi** (11). (Picture by Jaixin Zheng)

Sprinting Speed

The ability to maintain the perfect speed with her stamina allows **Rebecca Reisdorff** (12) to pass many of her competitors at a home meet. (Picture by Jaixin Zheng)





Time to Focus

1. In the midst of a sprinting competition, **Maria Kelley** (11) surpasses her competitors. (Picture by Jaixin Zheng)
2. The high jump is a challenge to many, but **Joyce Lee** (09) jumps over the bar gracefully. (Picture by Jaixin Zheng)
3. In a long distance race, **Emily Wesley** (11), **Lauren Brunner** (10), and **Roxanne Raven** (09) run the distance. (Picture by Jaixin Zheng)
4. **Hannah Hoffman** (11) makes the high jump, surpassing many of her competitors with height as an advantage. (Picture by Jaixin Zheng)
5. In a hurdle race, **Paige Bommarito** (11) and **Jenny Miller** (11) pass by their competition. (Picture by Jaixin Zheng)

strength and endurance

Track girls maintain speed and endurance throughout the season

The girls track had another successful season as a large team. Many of the girls made goals at the beginning of the season in hopes of achieving their personal best. While track is mostly an individual sport when it comes to events, it is a team sport when it comes to pushing each other to be the best that each person can be. They improved and grew closer as a team throughout the season with the help of hours spent at meets. Girls track is not only about strength and endurance, but is also about

the mental game; the girls kept going when they thought they couldn't go any farther, and stayed focused when there were several distractions along the way. With the combination of the team, their goals, and their focus, the girls track team had another great season against tough competition with the help of each other, their Captains **Kristina Johnson** (12), **Kim Cui** (11), and **Lelia Boniadi** (11), as well as their **Head Coach Brian Harrod**. (Page by Vicky Bingman, Leah Bloomquist, and Shelby Robinson)

School Record?

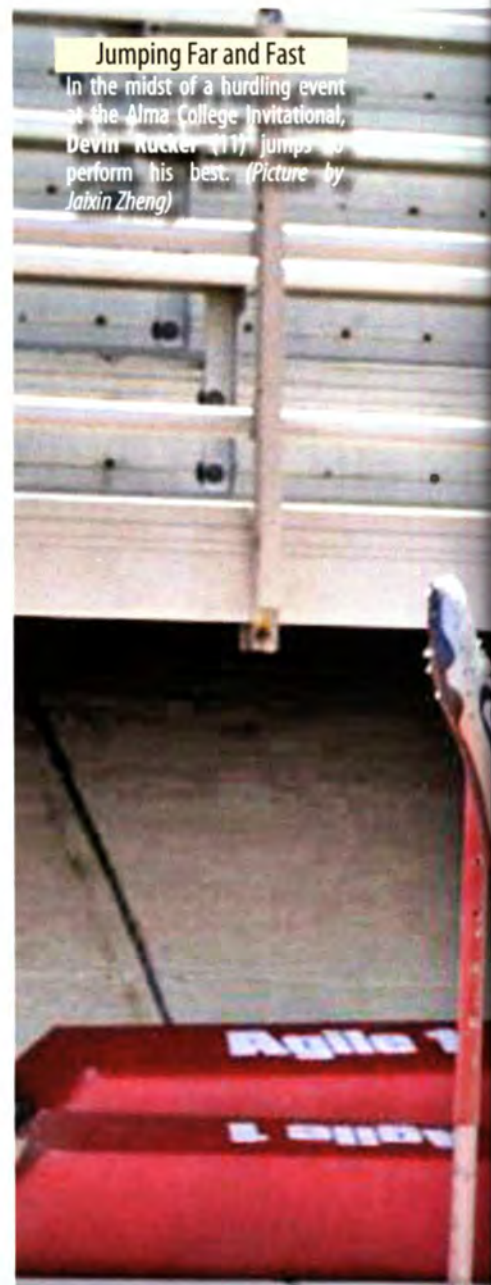


Devin Rucker (11) was on top of his game this year trying to beat school records and his own personal goals. Near the end of the season he did just that.

300m hurdles at 39.3 seconds, 59.9 in the 110m shuttle hurdles

Jumping Far and Fast

In the midst of a hurdling event at the Alma College Invitational, Devin Rucker (11) jumps to perform his best. (Picture by Jaixin Zheng)



It's the Speed That Matters

Beruk Scarlett (10) checks out the crowd and the competition behind him during a relay race. (Picture by Jaixin Zheng)



Sprinting Speed

While running a relay, Clayton Barnes (12) attempts to surpass several competitors. (Picture by Jaixin Zheng)



Running for the Fun of It

1. Captain Max Wilson (12) runs in a relay race during a rainy meet. (Picture by Jaixin Zheng)
2. While running the mile, Rodney Weng (12) and Matthew Mantica (10) take the lead for Okemos. (Picture by Jaixin Zheng)
3. In the midst of the hurdles event, Ian Horne (10) takes the lead, ultimately allowing Okemos to get a win. (Picture by Jaixin Zheng)





surpassing competition

Boys Track members prove to be more than just a team

Rain, snow, shine, and Michigan weather doesn't stop the boys track from running. Being a part of the track team means being stronger, running faster, jumping with all your heart and throwing far. But to many on the team it is more than being faster than the person on your left and right, "It's like a family that you hang with everyday after school and take road trips with," said **Devin Rucker** (11). As one of the larger sports, boys

track offers many events to choose from. **Dan Jimenez** (12) said, "I love track because I love hanging out with my friends and meeting new people at the track meets." Running on a team that feels like a family helps the team perform better, while having the feeling of family helps the team beat the competition. (Page by *Victoria Bingman and Shelby Robinson*)

the chiefs



Boys Varsity Soccer: (Back Row): Assistant Coach Andy Floyd, Coach Brian Guggemos (Third Row): Landon Collier, Christian Mullen, Alex Eason, Greg Hickox, Rylan Rognan, Dan McGrath (Second Row): Mario Goetz, Sam Larsen, Brad Sauchak, Patrick Bailey, Jeremy Mansfield, Kyle Briggs (Front Row): Jack Grady, Bartosz Gawarecki, Josh Robison, Isaac Kusiima, Bilylle Alman, Connor Mahoney



Boys JV Soccer: (Back Row): Jordan Kosloski, Matthew Mantica, Yong Heo, Jun Kim, Waleed Yassine, Jacob Chappelle, Coach Keith Miller (Middle Row): Amir Alavi, Nishant Jain, Manoj Padmanaban, Benuk Scarlett, Kai Bertilrud, Michael Eason (Front Row): Ben Hite, Carson Covell, Sean Sorenson-Abbott, Charlie Peters, Sean Ketner



Girls JV Volleyball: (Back Row): Berkeigh Brogan, Jessica Bauer, Rachel Rosenthal, Kara Palmer, Courtney Torok, Audrey Flood, Halle Thom, Stephanie Archambeau, Coach Chrissy Schoonover (Front Row): Anna Shuefelt, Alexis Bailey, Kellen Schalter, Hannah Bez, Rachel Schultz, Kelly Phillips, Nicki Tague



Girls Freshman Volleyball: (Back Row): Megan Casler, Emma Baker, Corie Loomis, Marie Lazar, Jule Schatz, Emily Brereton, Abby Grimm, Bobbie Hall, Coach Lee Ballor (Front Row): Julia Gerras, Erica Tooker, Caitlin Climes, Alexandra Hopping, Nicole Rawso



Boys Freshman Football: (Back Row) Coach Bob Tuchek, Coach Dick Comar, Coach Damian Fisher (Fourth Row): Brelon Hill, Nathan Hall, Andrew Stewart, Tyrell Caldwell, Tim Edmond, Daniel Brown, Shaquin Patterson (Third Row): Ryan Garcy, Lucas Banks, Riley Fisher, Tyler Lantrip, Eric Staky (Second Row): Romelillo Cannon, Jacob Mossholder, Mac Banks, Antonio Bueno, Nik Barrett, Jacob Devine (Front Row) Douglas Brantley, Eddie Potchen, Sylvain Rachol, Jeremy Zack, Matthew Ko, Jonathan Lake



Boys Cross Country: Coach John Quiring, Deb Mitchell, Brian Harrod, Ann Hallgren, Eric Arch, Alexander Armada, Tyler Belyea, Harrison Boruszewski, Andrew Campbell, Shayne Capone, Ethan Claucherty, Patrick Cruitt, Joseph Dabrowski, Andrew Dike, Daniel Douches, Alex Findlay, Tyler Fisk, Remington Gerra, Michael Glazer, Jamieson Haak, Stuart Hammond, Bradley Hull, Dan Jimenez, Jake Johnson, Umakanth Kavin, Daneil Kochar, Matthew Kolstoe, Anan Koochesfahani, Jacob Lee, Jason Letavish, Aziz Meredia, Gregory Parker, Douglas Peters, Henry Pointon, Yujung Ruan, Devin Rucker, Kyle Schroeder, Eric Shinabarker, Joshua Stark-Dykema, Christopher Walter, Lee Wang, Rodney Weng, Raymond Wilbur, Maxfield Wilson, Steve Xiao



Boys Freshman Soccer: (Back Row): Coach Kevin Reiman, Peter Nichols, Grant Anderson, Dong Kim, Christian Bueche, Colin Patrick, Will McGrath (Second Row): Arian Jaber, Dinesh Sahu, Bob O'Leary, Paul Koons, Danny Hagan, Mick Larsen, Eli Miksicek (Front Row): Nick Edwards, Ketan Brodeur, Ben Anderson, Ben Edwards, Tyler Fox



Girls Varsity Volleyball: (Back Row): Allison Ianni, Hannah Hoffman, Emma Floyd, Brittany Amor, Kelly Conlon, Taylor Colony, Lindsay Stockwell, Sophie Floyd, Carly Edwards, Coach Jamie Ianni (Front Row): Kelly Maxwell, Jordan Komyathy, Lindsay Greenberg, Alison Climes, Mackenzie Lawler, Jessica Reimers, Kristen Hull



Boys Varsity Football: (Back Row): Coach Paul Palmer, Coach William Young, Coach Kelly Carrier, Coach Ethan Fahy (Fifth Row): Taylor Moton, Cooper Sigourney, Brian Seggeburch, Kaylon Me, Grant Bloembergen, Corbin Romig, Chris Trebilcote, Adnan Abbasi (Fourth Row): Tom Keenoy, Sam Atkinson, Alex Baker, Dan Emmerich, Kevin Jacob, Benjamin Klaver, Todd Tucek, Bailey Magsig, Nathan Bellaire (Third Row): Cameron Bogle, Jesse Hernandez, T.R. Hollis, Kenny Johnson, Ian Horne, Mack Kearney, Zach Peck, Wilson Whybrew, Brad Dotterer, Devontaye Pruitt (Second Row): T.J. Barker, Martis Woods, Matt Morgan, Kyle Cook, Brian Budd, Brendan Hoshal, Michael Strauss, Robert Langdon, Peter Morrison (Front Row) Patrick Fewins, Jarrod D'Valentine, Collin Ritchie, Terrence Saxon



Boys JV Football: (Back Row): Coach Keith Froelich, Coach Zach Guthrie, Coach Andy Moore (Fourth Row): Jon Guthrie, Keenan Noyes, Cody He, James Rozell, Zach Enness, Zach Bellaire, C.J. Magyar (Third Row): Jimmy Luke, Jared Motley, Denny Hodge, Brycen Sorber, Mike McKenna, Suleiman Sumbal, Dan Gilley (Second Row): George Park, Hunter Holtrop, Alex Bez, Blake Ellsworth, Spencer Bonfiglio, Devante Lepak, Steve Freemire, Max Fagan (Front Row): Weston McClames, Matthew Guthrie, Evan Leski, Connor McCowan, Johnny Bolas, Jackson Miller, Michael Schmidt



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Boys Tennis: (Back row): Traverse Cottrell, Kyle Nussdorfer, Andrew Shinn, Herschel Ambekar, Jacob Kania, Ashton Hoffman, Nathan Janick (Third row): Reed Taylor, Prabhu Raguathan, Lucas Joncas, Marshall Logan, Jordan Lulloff, Andrew Struble, Jordan Freund, Jack Gilluly (Second row): Pritam Mishra, Zane Salem, Karun Nair, Agney Deshpande, Jaeyoung Choi, Brandon Baird, Rishi Shah, Parker Oka-Wong (Front row): Kyle Haak, Marcus Baldori, Franklin Liu, Alex Salvadori, Nick Finan, Chan Joo, Evan Pan, Zach Hopping, Coach Bryan Polston



Boys Water Polo: (Back Row): Coach Ron Marsh, Peter Weber, Wyatt Kuhlman, Landon Lefler, Mike Yeomans, Assistant Coach Matt Latham (Third Row): Jon Geva, Oliver Tessmer, Forest Taylor, Nicolas Madan (Second Row): James VanSteel, James Otis, Andrew Fandialan, Sam Marsh, Adam Nevells, Zac Wozniak, Gregory Kohler (Front Row): Adam Marsh, Sam Macaluso, Greg Mankowski, Mike Jorgensen, Jacob Leski, Cameron Casher



Girls Golf: (Back Row): Coach Dan Stoltz, Assistant Coach Bryan Harris (Third Row): Maggie Mielke, Ryleigh Gordon, Morgan Dahnke, Katy Hollis, Savannah Smith (Second Row): Jordan Luberto, Emily West, Abby King, Brittney Russell, Ashley Naughtin, Liza Wirt (Front Row): Rachel Weiss, Brittney Persico, Sara Ludwig, Stephanie Lazar, Marie Lazar



Girls Swim and Dive: (Back row): Coach Patrick Saucedo, Brent Pohlansky, Julie Kahn, Kristen Stahley, Mike Wagner, Kaja Wichman (Fourth Row): Madison Batchelor, Kylie Holden, Kenzie Krumm, Sophie Macaluso, Emily Laub, Katie Collier (Third Row): Grey Smith, Nicole Baron, Samantha Crooks, Sally Yan, Laura Kruger, Christina Bolema, Chelsea Kelley, Gabrielle Pemble (Second Row): Carly Schaefer, Marie Marsh, Andrea Dantus, Saskia Moyer, Colleen Simon, Monique Pentecost, Kelly Schwaner (Front Row): Lauren Dudley, Amelia Marsh, Lydia Roth, Mariya Smith, Carolyn Wallace



Boys Swim and Dive: (Back Row): Coach Mike Wagner, Coach Ron Marsh (Fourth Row): Nick Edwards, Santos Hernandez, Adam Marsh, Mike Jorgensen, Yi Chih Lee, Matthew Ko, Harrison Boruszewski, Mick Larsen (Third Row): John Schraft, Nick Madan, Forrest Taylor, Mike Yeomans, Wyatt Kuhlman, Peter Weber, Amir Alavi, Micah Thompson, Borna Abdullahi, Sam Larsen (Second Row): Matt Edwards, Sam Macaluso, Tim Sherman, Oliver Tessmer, Alex Baker, Sven Wichman, Landon Lefler, Matt Esfahanian, Matt Kolstoe (Front Row): Rhys Hertefeld, Robert Langdon, DeAndre McFadden, Walter Gregory Kohler, Cameron Casher, Zachary Wozniak, Chris Landis, Vu Hoang



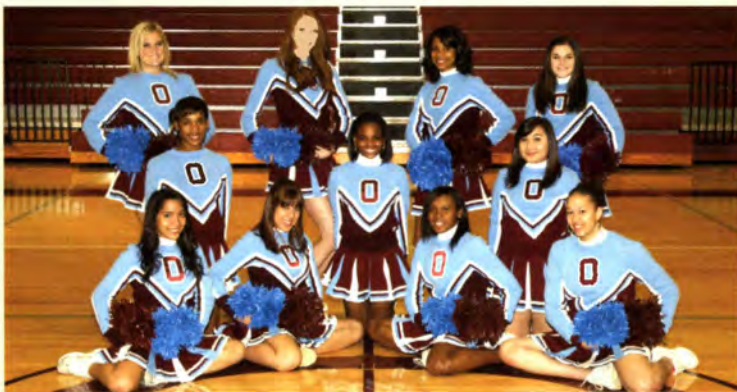
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Boys Varsity Basketball: (Back Row): Head Coach Dan Stolz, Assistant Coach Sean Peterson, Taylor Moton, Mitch Asmus, Pat Garnett, Owen Hughes, Quincy Lafayette, Matt Morgan (Front Row): Dan Chapman, TJ George, Chase Benson, Chris Harrison-Docks, Matt McKearney, Kyle Briggs



Girls Cheer: (Back Row): Assistant Coach, Haleigh Stellijes, Angela Davio, Erin Dewey, Sydney [unclear], Destiny Hawkins, Ashley Cross, Coach Melissa Biel (Front Row): Sami Miller, Shannon Harman, [unclear], Alia Toles, Claire Hug, Grey Smith



Girls Pom: (Back Row): Casey McGehee, Nicki Cady, Kayla Bishop, Molly Magen (Second Row): Azhana Littlejohn, Taryn Bigelow, Cheyenne Jagers (Front Row): Jackie Cook, Nahal Hosseini, Debriana Chaplin, Isreal Moore



Girls Equestrian: (Front Row): Beth Whitener, Kali So, Katy Kopf, Corrie Loomis



Ski Team: (Back Row): Allison Rosenbaum, Brooke Bubolz, Sydney Hartie, Emily Kotz, Coach Crites (Second Row): Reed Taylor, Beau Buehler, Marshall Logan, Grant Bloembergen, Bess Bardy, Haley Crites (Front Row): Christian Bueche, Carson Covell, Kenneth Johnson, Betsy Vanwieren, Hunter Holtrop



Boys JV Basketball: (Back Row): Head Coach Tyler Hursey, Evan Leski, Jared Motley, Ludwig, Brody Luke, Jackson Miller, Corbin Polec, Boris Ngouajio, Assistant Coach Ethan Fahy (Front Row): Brycen Sorber, Alex Bez, Jordan Sudduth, Josh Robinson, Robby Kribs, Denny Hodge



Boys Freshmen Basketball: (Back Row): Assistant Coach Ben Pierce, JD King, Parker Peltomaa, Nathan Janick, Will McGrath, Daniel Brown, Austin Sims, Dong Kim, Nathan Lafayette, Head Coach Matt Dickerman. (Front Row): Broc Edwards, Riley McCarthy, Austin Mashburn, Tyler Minette, Eli Miksicek, Will Bishop, Peter Nichols, Jacob Rabideau



Girls Varsity Basketball: (Back Row): Coach Tom Schaberg, Jordan Luberto, Whitney Turner, Hannah Hoffman, Amy Rusch, Julia Grisdela, Rachel Weiss, Assistant Coach Joe Levandowski (Front Row): Mackenzie Lawler, Morgan Brehm, Kristen Hull, Raisa Yewah, Emily Wesley



Girls JV Basketball: (Back Row): Coach Jerry Sambear, Lauren Brunner, Jenny McGee, Emily Laub, Alison Crites, Rachel Rosenthal, Bobbie Hall, Sarah Metcalf (Front Row): Kerry Rogers, Allison Tamborini, Nicki Tauge, Kelly Rogers, Chloe Zdybel, Maggie McWilliams



Boys Track: Mitchell Abood, Billye Alman, Chris Anderson, Eric Arch, Alex Armada, Clayton Barnes, Nathan Bellaire, Zach Bellaire, Tyler Belyea, Alex Bez, Josh Blaxton, Johnny Bolas, Douglas Brantley, Tryelle Caldwell, Andrew Campbell, Jon Cichy, Ethan Claucherty, Patrick Cruitt, Sef Dabroski, Josh Davis, Drew Davis, Ken Deneau, Sam Dickinson, Andrew Dike, Dan Douches, Zac Enness, Alec Findlay, Ayrton Fineot, Tyler Fisk, Remy Gerras, Adam Glaub, Michael Glazer, Sam Glogovsky, Jon Guthrie, Cody He, Breton Hill, Denny Hodge, Ian Horne, Owen Hughes, Brad Hull, Kevin Jacob, Andrew Jacobson, Nishant Jain, Dan Jimenez, Jake Johnson, Chan Joo, Nabeel Kasim, Ben Klaver, Daniel Kochan, Sreem Kota, Jonathan Lake, Sam Larsen, Jason Letaavish, Matt Mantica, Aziz Maredia, Donald McLeod, Mario Mills, Jared Motley, Keenan Noyes, Manoj Padmanabhan, Greg Parker, Mayank Patke, Pranay Pentaparth, Doug Peters, Henry Pointon, Eddie Potchen, Nik Reed, Alan Ruan, Devin Rucker, Terrence Saxon, Trevaughn Saxon, Beruk Scarlett, Josh Stark-Dykema, James Vansteel, Abel Wagaw, Lee Wang, Rodney Weng, Martin Woods



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Girls Varsity Soccer: (Back Row): Caitlin McGee, Kourtney Scott, Danielle Stanley, Jess Tuffnell, Ali Chance, Vanessa Lacosse, Assistant Coach Andy Floyd (Second Row): Danielle Glogovsky, Haley Crites, Raisa Yewah, Molly O'Connor, Baleigh Johnson, Emma Irwin, Sarah Kovan, Liz Mullin (Front Row): Bria Kamdem, Caitlin McCarthy, Jenna Dakroub, Kelsey Mullin, Taylor Nordberg, Chelsea Olson, Chelsey Miller, Sarah Dudgeon



Boys JV Baseball: (Back Row): Assistant Coach Hal Morley, Head Coach Eric Skowronski, Assistant Coach Matt Dickerman (Third Row): Devante Lepak, Ben Turkus, Corbin Polec, Brycen Sorber, Mick Mckenna (Second Row): Alex Hruska, Keenan Scribner, Derek Tubben, Cameron Meyer, Ray Wilbur (Front Row): Riley McCarthy, Evan Long, JD King, Tom Gazella, Harrison Boruszewski



Freshmen Basketball: (Back Row): Assistant Coach Joe Levandoski, Kate Kourtney Scott, Danielle Glogousky, Marie Lazar, Caitlin Catt, Susie Boniadi, Coach Tina Benington, Assistant Coach Josh Benington (Middle Row): Erica Tooker, Morgan Dahnke, Kenzie Krumm, Kaylee Gonzales, McKean (Front Row): Natalie Wallace, Megan Casler, Katie Hollis, Hannah Cannarile



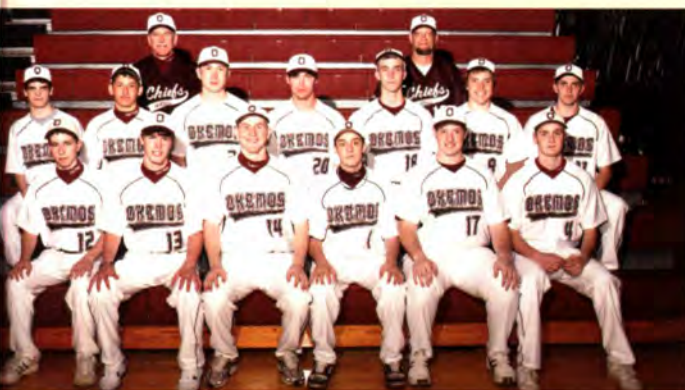
Boys Hockey: (Back Row): Albert Feeny, Cameron Meyer, Zachary Hayward, Shayne Capone, Mark Speier, Brian Kochheiser, Derek Tubben, Patrick Korth, Mitchell Beckman, Christopher Farris (Front Row): Justin Baker, Danny Balogh, Caleb Seaks, Chris Luoma, Brian Hepworth, Austin Holden, Jamie Haak, Timothy Magee, Eric Shinabarker, Ryan Restum, Patrick Hagan



Girls Waterpolo: (Back Row): Coach Greg Jenkins (Third Row): Alexis Crocker, Laura Katie Collier, Susie Boniadi, Marie Marsh, Nicole Baron, Kenzie Krumm, Sophie Macaluso (Second Row): King, Reycheil Rozell, Andrea Dantus, Monique Pentecost, Kylie Holden, Saskia Moyer, Kelly Schwaner, Ian Batchelor, Wendy Liu (Front Row): Emily Moore, Allie Gerras, Aubree Nim, Lauren Dudley, Lydia Roth, Smith, Charlotte Hutchens, Emily Kraus



Girls JV Soccer: (Back Row): Elena Flores, Amy Kamdem, Emily Chen, Wendy Potter, Paige McKeon, Sarah Wakeman, Coach Keith Miller (Second Row): Erica Tooker, Caitlin Climes, Haley Larsen, Rachel Rosenthal, Anna Sheufelt, Cari Marcotullio, Annie Bartkowski (Front Row): Megan Casler, Emma Baker, Courtney Ware, Ashley Rosser, Hannah Poore, Emma Floyd



Varsity Baseball: (Back Row): Head Coach Phil Magsig, Assistant Coach Bob (Second Row): Andrew Johnston, Spencer Bonofiglio, Nolan Loh, Brad Dotterer, Danny Ludwig, Brian TJ George (Front Row): David Anderson, Blake Ellsworth, Bailey Magsig, Matt Guastella, Zach Hayward, Emmerich, Kerry Mihelich



Girls JV Lacrosse: (Back Row): Kerry Rogers, Abigail Anderson, Taylor Roth, Julia Gerras, Juyoung Lee, Jessie Kue, Kelly Rogers, Caitlin Catt (Second Row): Erin Donahue, Hannah Lindow, Summer Star, Corrie Loomis, Angela Davio, Jamie Guild, Kelly Butler, Emma Pittsley (Front Row): Nicole Cade, Jess Hicks, Kim Higgins, Ellen Munoz, Abby King, Tess Potchen



Girls Varsity Lacrosse: Coach Bill Prahler, Coach Sarah Abbott (Back Row): Swati Sudarson, Nicki Tague, Chloe Zdybel, Haley Williams, Bobbie Hall, Abby Cassella, Maria Knupfer, Lauren Holzman (Second Row): Juhee Lee, Melanie Bernard, Kayla St. Claire, Morgan Brehm, Carly King, Jordan Luberto, Lindsay Stockwell, Erika Frankfort, Laura Donahue (Front Row): Grace O'Brien, Joslynn Bauer, Dana Potchen, Kristen Hull, Sarah Lowe, Mackenzie Lawler, Casey Hall, Betsy VanWieren, Brittany Persico



Boys JV Lacrosse: Coach Tom Schaburg (Back Row): Ryan Garcy, Maxwell Peck, Lucas Banks (Fourth Row): Hunter Kulka, Hayden Wheeler, Tristan Eggenberger, Grant Flanders, Cameron Hansen, Will Matus (Third Row): Parker Hintzman, Kyle Nussdorfer, Robert Zwier, Anthony Holden (Second Row): Beau Buehler, Mackenzie Banks, Jacob Mossholder, Peter Nichols, Mitch King, Mitch Beckman (Front Row): Weston McJanes, Steven Freemire, Max Fagan, Connor McCowan, Kalis Greer, Hunter Holtrop



Boys Varsity Golf: (Back Row): Coach Dan Stolz, Coach Sean Petersen, Coach Chris Bourke (Second Row): Brian Hepworth, Chris Rockwell, Brennan Andrews, Jinho Kim, Jordan Freund, Jordan Kosloski (Front row): Chris Luoma, Carson Castellani, Patrick Bloom, Patrick Bailey, Daniel Chapman



Girls JV Tennis: (Back Row): Ashton Gallagher, Hillary Brazee, Liza Wirt, Brooke Buback, Neha Buch, Meg Scribner, Cassidy Murphy (Third Row): Lydia Itsell, Alina Agha, Amanda Wojan, Sydney Hartle, Christina Evenson, Sarah Casman, Mackenzie Desautel, Emily Long (Second Row): Essie Shachar-Hill, Rachel Kabagabu, Kelsey Belyea, Diana Peller, Gabrielle Petroff, Caroline Nugent, Jenna Shouldice (Front Row): Alisha Ching, Erin Chon, Kelly Ng Feng, Monica Choo, Navneet Kaur, Shubhi Kwatra, Hea Oh



Girls Varsity Softball: (Back Row): Brittany Russell, Katie Victor, Stephanie Harron, Chrissy Schoonover (Second Row): Allison Rosenbaum, Kelly Phillips, Michelle Wellman, Dana Page, Rebecca Garza, Taylor McClelland, Maddie Fisher (Front Row): Rachel Weiss, Maddi Dasen, Taylor Cheney, Amy Rusch



Boys Varsity Lacrosse: (Back Row): Cooper Sigourney, Zach Peck, Jackson Miller, Tom Keenoy, Brody Luke (Third Row): Matthew Luberto, Max Nyquist, Peter Stuckey, Charlie H, Brian Seggebruch, Sean Garcy (Second Row): Grant Bloembergen, Isaac Peters, Stuart Hammond, Wilson Whybrew, Calvin Zdybel, Jamie Haak, Shayne Capone (Front Row): Danny Balogh, Jack Brandt Rosentreter, Jarrod D'Valentine, Kyle Cook, Cody Eggenberger, Brendan Hoshal



Boys JV Golf: (Back Row): Kyle Anderson, Nathan Janick, Nate Lafayette, Broc Edwards, Coach Sean Petersen (Front row): Ryan Casler, Nicholas Sambaer, Collin Gatien, Jay Burzych, CJ Hadlock



Girls Varsity Tennis: (Back Row): Coach Al Inkala, Emily Davis, Saloni Shah, Natasha Marie Lazar, Coach Matt Pfeiffer (Second Row): Reverna Moore, Irene Ng, Farah Alam, Tanmayee Jala, Samantha Sophia-Fairmont, Ali Hopping (Front Row): Katie Allis, Maya Saxena, Jenny Tsai, Sarah Ashley Allis, Emily Doster



Girls JV Softball: (Back Row): Kelly McCracken, Siera Lopez, Hannah Greenberg, Coach Katie Bartel (Second Row): Nicci Russell, Kaylee Gonzales, Lexi Palmiter, Hannah Cannarile (Front Row): JoAnn Ballor, Jen Maisner, Ari Zarbinian, McKialla Nagera, Christina Wels



Amber Smith (11) and Nick Bu...

(Picture by Victoria Bingman)

(Page by Shelby Robinson)



The everyday toils of school may be a bore to most, but the time spent in the school, improving the community, learning a new way to build a robot, or practicing a new song, are memories that bring Okemos High School students closer together. By channelling specific interests and talents into a club, students can thrive in given situations, 'find' themselves, and learn to **coexist** with all people.

In the midst of a world where the everyday routines of life become monotonous, events have the ability to spice up lives. Whether it's a weekly meeting, an event to get elementary school students involved in community service, or a meeting to discuss ways to make the school a greener place, clubs give students the ability to take a break outside of their homework and home lives to **combine** with

another in hopes of escaping the real world. Through intense budget cuts that eliminated certain clubs all together, students have pulled through to create their own 'student-led' organizations, continuing to thrive and fight back. Classes, on the other hand, don't see as many cuts, but do in fact see changes. Whilst teachers and staff are rotated in and out of the school, students have had the ability to

remain consistant in their classroom life and studies. Adding new independent studies, AP classes, and increasing graduation requirements, is enough to make one's brain overload. But with the help and the staff and student's abilities to **combine** with one another, it can be noted that changes, don't in fact, change the overall make-up and pride of

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teacher, *author,* friend.

English teacher **Amy Huntley** speaks about her new book and what it is like to be an author

Q What is the biggest difference for you between being a teacher and being an author?

A I guess the biggest difference is that as a writer I don't get to know my readers in the same way that I know my students. Another big difference is that criticisms of my book impact me less emotionally than criticisms of my teaching do.

Q What made you decide to write a book?

A I decided back in middle school that I wanted to write a YA novel. That dream got put on hold, though, for a number of years while I focused on teaching and my family. Then one day I revived it. What was the original spark way back in middle school that got me thinking about writing a book? Reading them.

Q What aspects from teaching help you as an author?

A I watched students struggling for so many years with the writing process. I kept trying to reassure them that each writing experience was one to learn from and that there was value in keeping at it even when disappointed with the assessment of the writing. Saying that over and over again meant that I had to believe it for myself, too, no matter how many rejections I got in the process.



born to teach

New and returning teachers enter the year ready to teach

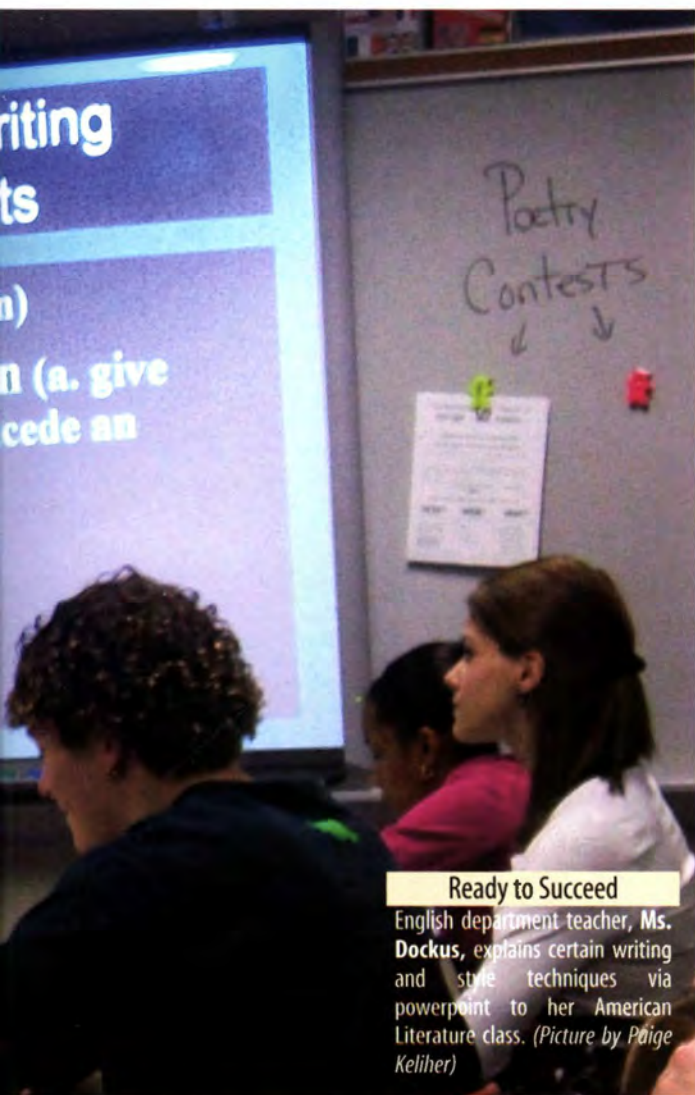
Each teacher has their own unique goals and expectations for their students, but they all have one thing in common: their positive attitudes. The reputation of the Okemos staff is beyond what many schools could ever hope for; whether it's a math equation, a vocabulary word, or even a personal question, there is always a teacher there to help. Apart from their helpfulness, the teachers also have the similarity of being determined to give every student a successful education. From old to new faces, the staff never fails to impress. This year, several teachers including **Ms. Jackson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Erdman, Mr. Turner, and Ms. Body** were welcomed into the Okemos family. Along with their knowledge and skill,

they brought with them new teaching styles and new ways to make school fun. The school also welcomed back former teacher, **Mr. Swan**, to the social studies department after his years of being the principal at Kinawa Middle School. Even though their job is to teach, every teacher will tell you that they themselves learn a lot through their experiences. Their talent and skill complements the intelligence of the students. While students must get used to the high school setting, new teachers must as well, but with the assistance of the returning teachers the new teachers and students undoubtedly got used to the friendly, positive environment that Okemos High School has to offer. (Page by *Shelley Turzewski*)



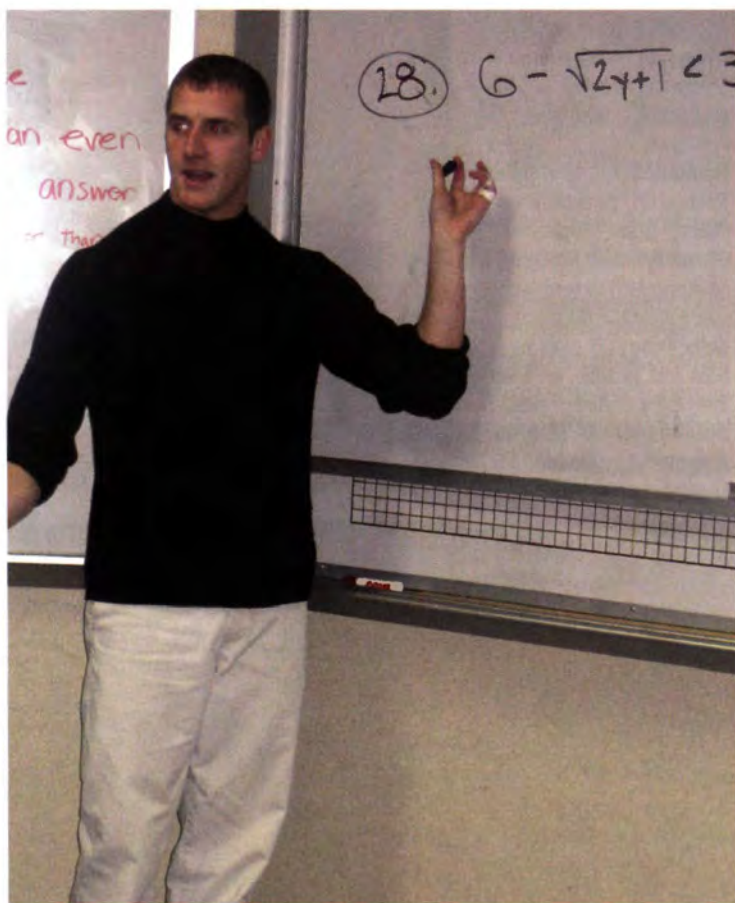
Never A Dull Hour

As a teacher of Psychology, AP World History, and AP US History, **Mr. Morrison** presents each of his classes with important information in many ways. Along with that, he is one example of a teacher who has the ability to show his personality to his students through his teaching. (Picture by *Michelle Zhao*)



Ready to Succeed

English department teacher, **Ms. Dockus**, explains certain writing and style techniques via powerpoint to her American Literature class. (Picture by Paige Keliher)



You Are What You Teach

At the beginning of class, **Mr. Fahy** takes questions from students as they review the last night's homework assignment. **Katy O'Leary** (11) said, "I laugh a lot in Mr. Fahy's class. He's really funny and he's a great teacher,". The many other students of his also find his class one of the most enjoyable. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)



Teach Me Moore

Before class begins, **Mr. Moore** checks his e-mails and announcements. Everyday he prepares himself to teach his class some new and interesting things about Chemistry in the community. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)



A Second Family

Ms. Canestraight, a chemistry teacher in the science department, helps students with titrations, mols, acids and bases. (Picture by Paige Keliher)



The Results Are In

AP Bio teacher, **Ms. Palmer**, spends some time doing what many teachers dread and others don't mind: grading tests. Teachers of advanced placement courses spend the majority of the year preparing their students for the AP exams, which come up every spring. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)

Let's Go Green

Along with several reforms in Student Council, the sophomore class, led by Presidents **Stuart Hammond** (10) and **Doug Peters** (10), participate in a "Going Green" movement. (Picture by Cooper Sigourney)



D.E.A.R.

Kelly Feng (11) picks up a book just in time to "Drop Everything And Read," allowing her to read for enjoyment. (Picture by Cooper Sigourney)



4 Steps to Saving Your School

- 1 Round up your friends
- 2 Make signs
- 3 Go to the capitol and...
- 4 Rally for your education

Students including **Erin Phillips** (12), **Emily Behm** (12), and **Chelsey Miller** (12), participate in an education rally to protest the new school state-wide budget cuts.



Chaotic Competition

During a game of cornhole, **Todd Tucheck** (11) throws a beanbag hoping to make it to the next round of the first annual Cornhole Chaos. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

OHS vs. EL

A student from East Lansing High School and Okemos High School exchange ideas during the Student Council exchange day. Students exchanged new ideas, formed new relationships, and started a new tradition. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



A Day In The Life

Students from East Lansing High School join Okemos students during the Student Council exchange day. Students exchanged new ideas, formed new relationships, and started a new tradition. (Picture by Jeremy Mansfield)

what's new?

Changes happen throughout the school

Each year, changes are made throughout the school by both the administration and the student body. Whether it's a new event, organization, or idea, every change proves to tweak some part of the school make-up. In efforts made by the school to "go green" and become more energy efficient, lights in most hallways were turned off during classes. This helps to save not only energy, but money as well. Student-made recycling bins could also be found scattered within the school along with a flat screen tv that was purchased with money from the new technology bond. Outside of school, one event that sparked the interest of students was a rally that took place at the capitol. The students spoke out against issues directly affecting the school, most importantly the recent massive budget cuts to the district and the elimination of numerous clubs at OHS. While many clubs were cut, a new program for juniors

and seniors was introduced. LINK, a program that focuses on helping freshmen transition to the high school atmosphere, had many activities throughout the year such as freshman orientation and tutoring for final exams. Cornhole Chaos was another new event this year created by the Engineering classes. This event gave students a chance to compete in a cornhole tournament with both students and teachers. The competition proved to be a success with the impressive turnout it received. Taking effect at the beginning of the year, **Ms. Tandoc**, and **Ms. McNeil** were both on maternity leave. Students and teachers congratulated the mothers and shared the joy of their new babies with them. With all the changes happening around the school every year, the overall positive attitude of the entire OHS family always remains the same. (Page by Shelley Turzewski and Shelby Robinson)

a new vision

HEY!

I bet your parents are wondering how you did on the PSAT. If you haven't already, please pick up your scores in the Guidance Office during lunch or after school.



What do you think of the new flat screen TV in the hallway?

"I think it's a great way to incorporate technology into our school. Also, it's convenient to see announcements that you might normally miss."

Kirsi Goldynia (11)

In the Dark

Photo Class allows **Ari Hegleson** (11), **Ashley Moore** (11), and **Humphrey Peterson-Jones** (12) to bond while developing their photos. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)



A Shakespeare Tale

Near the beginning of performing in **Ms. Haner's** Brit Lit class, **Erik Bertilrud** (11) explains the story dressed as an old man. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



requirements for...

brit lit presentations

Shakespearean Comedies

1. Groups of five or six students.
2. Read Comedy completely in about two weeks.
3. Choose scenes to act out, then create a ten minute long video of the scenes.
4. Implement at least twenty lines from the actual Comedy.
5. Choose a frame tale to have in the classroom, must have excuse to show video. Have scripts for frame tale.
6. Give background of play, its origins, and the idea behind it.



Belt It!

In her science class, **Katy O'Leary** (11) puts soap on her hands and lights it on fire. (Courtesy Picture)



opportunity meets creativity

Students partake in several projects and experiments

In nearly every class offered, students are asked to perform many different types of experiments, projects, or presentations. Such moments of exhilaration and humiliation could never be forgotten, especially in science related classes. For a constant reminder of the exciting moments of experimentation, one can walk into **Ms. Canestraight's** room. There a student can find a large burn mark on the ceiling above one of the lab tables due to an experiment gone wrong. Along with these mixtures of chemicals, there are mixtures of imaginations amongst classmates in the various presentations they are asked to complete. In her Lit/Comp 10

class with **Ms. Spadafore, Annie Bartkowski** (10) and her group acted out a scene from a certain act in William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. She sung a parody of "Defying Gravity" from the play *Wicked* in her own words, to express Claudio's love for Hero to Don Pedro. Across the hallway in **Ms. Haner's** room, her British Literature classes are required to read Shakespearean Comedy with a group, and recreate scenes of the play by acting them out live in the classroom. Even though the projects were challenging, the students still showed creativity when they worked together. (Page by Cooper Sigourney and Shelby Robinson)



Hyperventilation

With full attention, **Greg Kohler** (12) blows air into his balloon car that was made in physics class while his partner **Juhee Lee** (12) laughs from the funny face. The contraptions 'run' by using the thrust created by the balloons blowing out air once released. (Picture by Brian Williams)



Laughs All Around

1. **Annie Bartkowski** (10) acts out a scene from a Shakespeare play in her Lit/Comp 10 class. (Picture by Mindy Spadafore)
2. **Sarah Lowe** (12), **Marcus Baldori** (12), and **Brian Kochheiser** (11) feel the rush of a static charge in physics class. (Picture by Brian Williams)
3. In the middle of a Psychology experiment, **Mr. Morrison** teaches the class about classical conditioning, spraying **Jonathon Turkus** (12) with a water bottle. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Fair is Foul, Foul is Fair

AP English student, **Kelly Conlon** (12), views her program at the Shakespeare Theatre Festival in Canada. Both British Literature and AP English classes tripped to Stratford to see Shakespeare's *Macbeth* performed. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)

The Youth

Students in government classes, including **Jenny Miller** (11) and **Kelsey Taber** (11), trip to the capitol to participate in a program called Youth in Government. (Courtesy Picture)



Harsh Critics

The yearbook staff's day trip to MSU allow **Paige Kelliher** (11) and **Michelle Zhao** (12) to view and critique other yearbooks between workshops. (Picture by *Mindy Spadafore*)



Beach Time

In the Advanced Earth Science Class, **Ramyann Murali** (11), **Kasey Sorushian** (12), **Walter Chou** (12) and **Gareth Gustafson** (12) explore Lake Michigan with **Mr. Chapman** on a field trip to the coast. (Courtesy Picture)

day trips

Students and teachers trip to further education

Look at the clock. It's 10:35 as you yawn and try to stay awake during your calculus class. *Just six more hours to go...*

Field trips provide students with a chance to get away; a chance to further one's education while avoiding the everyday routine of class. Whether it be during a certain class or with a group of classes, field trips are entertaining as well as educating. The AP English and British Literature classes took a day trip to Stratford, Canada which allowed several students to experience a new place while seeing *Macbeth* performed. Along with field trips that promote educational experiences, other trips such as the Student Council

East Lansing Exchange Day allowed students to experience a different social atmosphere while developing strong ties with a neighboring school. In contrast to field trips of the educational norm, high school counselors of seventh grade camp for both Chippewa and Kinawa Middle School allowed students a week's getaway from an average school week. Chippewa counselor, **Sam Dickinson** (11), said, "Watching Andy scream like a girl at skit night was the funniest thing." Whether students trip to further education as counselors or for social purposes, they are bound to experience adventure outside of the classroom. (Page by Shelby Robinson)



Skit Night

Counselors **Zach Towslee** (12), **Jack Gilully** (11), and **Jack Grady** (12) participate in skit night during Chippewa's seventh grade camp at Spring Hill with their cabin groups. (Courtesy Picture)

We did experiments on the research vessel on both Muskegon Lake and Lake Michigan.

Shannon Karpinski (12) on the Advanced Earth Science field trip



Survival of the Fittest

1. After a long year of testing, writing essays, reading articles, and following the news, **Ms. Ives'** AP Government students **Julia Adams** (12) and **Erin Phillips** (12) exchange money for their well-deserved "Conservative Libertarian" class t-shirts. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)

2. AP Calculus students, **Jamie Haak** (12), **Rishi Shah** (11), and **Mark Speier** (11) model their shirts after the exam. "Calc is really fun, but very challenging sometimes," said Rishi. (Picture by *Jordan Komyathy*)

it's all history



AP World student, **Purvi Trivedi** (10) explains her study habits and said, "For tests, I usually studied two weeks in advance and when the test date came near I studied with friends."



AP US History student, **Kevin Jacob** (11) explains his study habits and said, "I mostly just read over the chapters that the test was over once or twice, and that seemed to work."



AP Government student, **Elaine Cao** (12), explains her study habits and said, "A group of us went to Beaner's and went over practice exams that **Ms. Ives** gave us before the exam."

It's Coffee Time

With many late nights of homework and studying, several students trip to quieter places such as a coffee shop or the local library. **Emily Han** (12), **Kristen Shirey** (12), and **Kelly Squiers** (12) study at Biggy Coffee for AP Government. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)





i will survive

AP Classes promote long hours of work and studying

Advanced Placement courses, designed to challenge students with harder rigor and a heavier class load, take precedence over many other things in several students' school lives. Primarily taken by upperclassmen, AP's provide students with exceptionally long hours of work, while bringing one another together; hours spent studying with each other advances relationships and bonds that would normally be a strictly school relationship. Students would call each other up days before an important exam, and meet to begin reviewing. Several meeting places such as the Okemos Library, a friend's home, or a coffee shop, such as Bigby Coffee, allow students to study while maintaining their focus. AP Chemistry student, **Kelly Conlon** (12), said, "Before every test or

quiz, someone would stand up during 5th hour and say, 'Okay, guys, Beamer's at six.' So we'd all meet there and have a chem cram session, from six to close." Other AP's differing from more academic based courses, such as AP Art or AP Computer Science, allow students more hands-on experiences throughout the year. For AP Art, instead of a typical exam, students work on a portfolio all year that is submitted in May to be critiqued and scored by judges. Several AP's may be considered 'easier' than others by students, including **Alex Salvadori** (12) who said, "AP Government was definitely my easiest AP," while other students consider certain AP's to be significantly harder, like AP Chemistry, "we knew we'd fail together," said Kelly. Overall, AP courses challenge students in a variety of ways, to work harder and longer hours as well as establishing certain study habits to succeed. (Page by *Shelby Robinson*)



Dissection

In their AP Biology class, **Chelsey Miller** (12), **Chelsea Olson** (12), **Emily Behm** (12), and **Sarah Lowe** (12) work on a lab with one another. "Even though Bio was pretty challenging sometimes, I loved doing the labs and the fact that **Ms. Palmer** let us pick our own partners," said Chelsea. (Picture by *Michelle Zhao*)



English Nerds

During an AP English presentation in **Ms. Holmes** class, **Andrew Dike** (12), **Patrick Cruitt** (12), **Pat Buetow** (12), and **Alex Salvadori** (12) put on a show for the class. (Picture by *Michelle Zhao*)

TEACHER & STUDENT VOICES



Ms. Ives commented on Senior Servant Day saying, "It's a great way for students to earn money for charity and it's fun to see all the seniors dressed up crazy." (Picture by Paige Kelliher)



Nicole Kramer (11) said, "Ms. Rozeboom is my favorite teacher because her classes are always laid back and she tells the best stories." (Picture by Paige Kelliher)



In and Out of the Classroom

1. **Mr. Hursey** plays his guitar for seniors on their last day of school. Younger students typically enjoy playing songs by Jack Johnson or John Mayer while Mr. Hursey plays a variety of older tunes including "Sweet Home Alabama" and "American Pie." (Picture by Shelby Robinson)
2. Students and teachers, including **Ms. Schoonover** and **Mr. Fahy**, show their school spirit in the halls. (Picture by Vicky Bingman)
3. Students are not the only ones getting caught for texting, teachers text too. **Dr. Lanzetta** is spotted texting at a hockey game. "I text a lot because it's another way that I can keep in touch with my kids," Doc said. **Jaeyoung Choi** (11) said, "I've caught teachers texting in health, science, and band." (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



agree or disagree?

Students and teachers find ways to coexist in the classroom

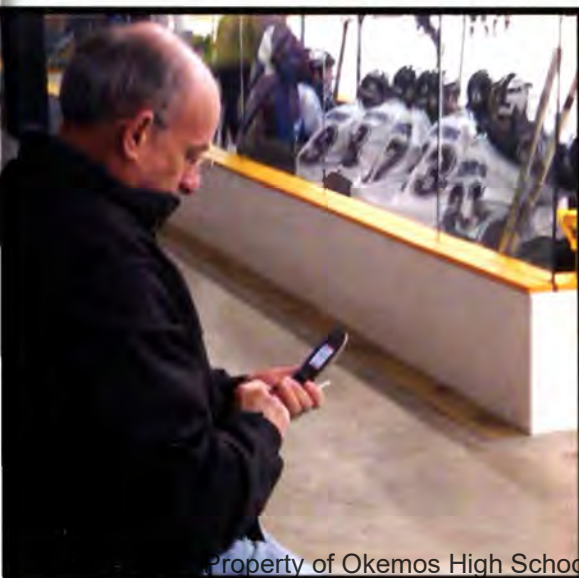


Work Together

After the AP Government exam, **Mr. Whitmyer** and his students including **Emily Behm** (12), **Caitlin McCarthy** (12), and **Chris Luoma** (12) help put together a 'Fill the Bus' Fundraiser where returnable cans turned into money go to the Okemos Education Foundation. Working together, Mr. Whitmyer and his students raised a total of \$650 for OEF. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

Imagine a school year without any athletic events and clubs. This year's budget cuts in clubs and other daily activities concern students and teachers alike. Students have been expressing their views about the district spending money on things such as the new computers, smart boards or tablets, and the plasma screen television in the hallway. Even though some may say that the spending is superfluous, the excessive technology additions are direct causes of the area's technology bond. Many students and teachers believe that the bond should have been for something other than technology. Despite the budget cuts, math and science teachers also complain about the wifi not working correctly. "It's very frustrating," **Ms. Carpenter** commented. In attempts at saving energy and money, things such as turning off the lights, laying off teachers and counselors have been inevitable. "I know that turning off hallway lights saves money, but it can get irritating," **Paige Kelliher** (11) said. Minus money issues, students and teachers have found ways to have fun. Students from both East Lansing and OHS student council had an exchange, which was interesting for the members and advisor **Georgia Styka** who was in

communication with the East Lansing advisor. In addition to school issues, new cultural waves affect both students and teachers. With the ever-so-popular Facebook, cell phone use, recent Twitter social networking site, and the changing music, students and teachers can find more ways to relate other than daily classroom activities. "From the time that I told **Mr. Swan** that I saw Tool in concert at Lollapalooza last summer, we've been tight ever since," said **Erin Phillips** (12). In addition to similarities, teachers and students find more ways than one to disagree on certain issues within the classroom. Pranks that seem harmless to students, such as swearing in the classroom, blowing bubbles during silent work time, or zip-tying a friend's backpack can earn a student a one way ticket to detention. While talking to **Patrick Buetow** (12), hallway narc, **Melissa Biel**, said, "I saved your detention of 'bubble blowing in the classroom' because I found it hilarious." Although teachers may not agree on punishments or students and teachers may not agree on the same issues, both can find ways to coexist and cooperate peacefully in the classroom. (Page by Paige Kelliher and Shelby Robinson)



facebook



Facebook can be helpful to contact students. **Ms. Samluk** said, "I get on 4-5 times a week." She uses Facebook to send important messages to students.



"I think younger teachers get on Facebook more than I do," **Meagan McGee** (11) said. Facebook is not just for students any more, teachers use it just as much.

getting to know **TODD**

Todd Tuchek (11)



Favorite Song: Delicate by Damien Rice
Favorite Artist: Chris Mann
Favorite Part about singing: Expressing myself and it's just fun

singing out loud

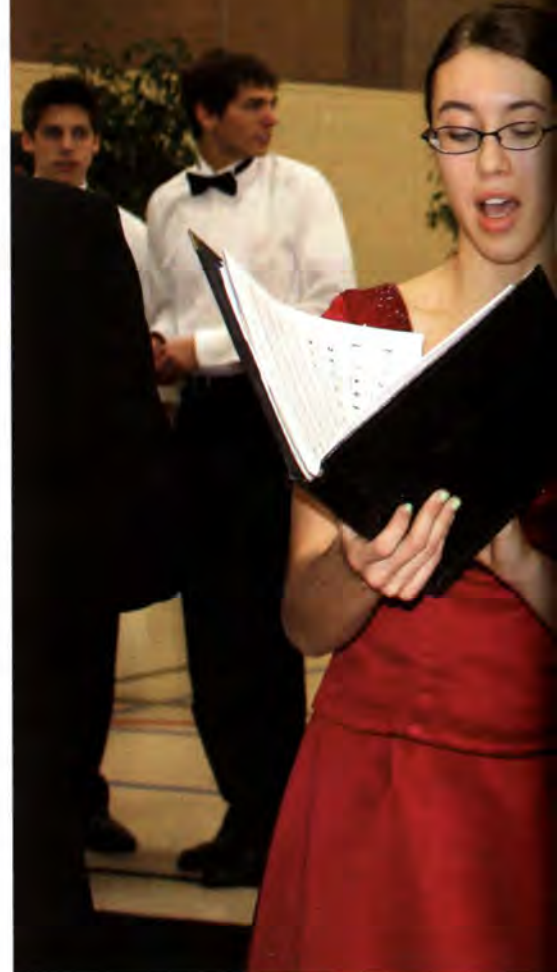
The girls and boys of choir let their voices be heard

Singing is a great way to express yourself during the school day. "It's a good environment. You're in a class where you get to do something you love that everyone else around you loves too. **Mr. Dewald** is such a passionate director and he puts so much into his groups. We appreciate him and I'm glad it's something I've been able to do," said **Ashlynn Emler (11)**. The choir groups are well known throughout the community and the school as they offer so much to the students. Even trips are taken to show off the voices of the talented students, like going to sing in New York. "My favorite part about choir is being all the different singing competitions like solo, ensemble, and choral festival!" **Julie Jones (10)** explained. Many

good experiences come from these classes; not only do they sing in competitions, but they entertain. Someko performed for students during the Touch of Class fundraiser. Also they helped out at Taste of Okemos by working with different companies to help serve food to the customers. "I think my favorite part about choir besides being in a class with a bunch of my friends is that since it is my first hour, it wakes me up!" said **Ellie Munoz (10)**. Overall, choir proves to be a niche for many students. Each year the program only seems to exceed to new and improved levels. The competition grows, as well as the talent of the singers and director, **Mr. Dewald**. (Page by *Lindsay Stockwell and Shelby Robinson*)

Entertainment

During Touch of Class, **Chelsea Bolas (12)**, **Eric Horwood (11)**, **Grace Mackson (12)**, and **Geneva Ruppert (12)** entertain the tables. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)



I Love NY

1. While in New York, **Megan Hayslette (11)**, **Erin Madden (12)**, **Sarah Bence (11)**, and director **Mr. Dewald** stop to grab a bite to eat. (Courtesy Picture)
2. The choir group gets together for a quick picture outside in New York. (Picture by *Meghan Hastlette*)
3. During the bus ride, **Matthew Bill (12)** and **Landon Cally (11)** wear their hats and shades while jamming out to songs on their iPods. (Courtesy Picture)





Sing Your Heart Out

At the annual Collage Concert, Someko singers, including **Lindsey Corbett** (12), **Olivia Banks** (12), and **Eric Horwood** (11), sing practiced pieces for the rather large audience. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Sing Me a Song

Choir Director, **Mr. Dewald**, directs Concert Choir including **Landon Cally** (11), **Emily McKay** (10), **Evan Hertefeld** (10), **Megan Hayslette** (11), **William Cruitt** (10), **Ari Helgeson** (11), and **Lindsay Snyder** (10) in the front row. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

Play With Your Heart

1. On the night of the winter concert, former Okemos conductor, Marilyn Kesler, returns to conduct all three orchestras along with the band and choir. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)

2. Celloists in the Concert Orchestra show their holiday spirit during a concert performed for the student body before winter break. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)

3. A quartet showcases their orchestra skills while playing a unique piece in the collage concert. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

4. A group of seniors pose for a picture in front of the Rock and Roll Hall of fame during their trip to Cleveland. (Picture by Shelly Madden)



no strings attached

Members of the orchestra continue to display their true talents

For the orchestra, music is a daily part of school. Whether they are sight reading or practicing a piece for an upcoming concert, all three orchestra classes always fill the room with sound and harmony. In the fall, a trip to Cleveland rewarded the group with the chance to see a concert, explore the city, and even spend the day at Cedar Point. But like any other class, hard work and dedication is still expected from each and every orchestra student. The Philharmonic Orchestra, an Advanced Placement class, gave their best efforts throughout the year during the school day and also after school. The annual Children's Concert was an event in late February that allowed elementary school students to

come to the high school and listen to the Philharmonic Orchestra perform. Both the orchestra students and their director, **Ms. Lee**, looked forward to continuing this yearly tradition. In March, the orchestras attended a District Orchestra Festival which gave them a chance to not only showcase their talents, but to also receive feedback and critique from a group of judges. With all the hard work aside, students get a chance to bond everyday during class and at concerts and festivals. Although all three orchestra classes were already above exceptional at the start of the year, they never passed up a chance to learn and improve. (Page by Shelley Turzewski)



Ready to Play

1. **Dan Parker** (11) prepares for the collage concert by putting rosin on his bow. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

2. **Isabel Kwon** (10) practices a piece before going on stage to play in the collage concert. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)





2009-2010 Orchestra Members

Freshman Orchestra: Bess Bardy, Elizabeth Baschal, Brianna Bergmann, Ketan Brodeur, Brooke Bulbolz, Neha Buch, Traverse Cottrell, Morgan Dean, Nicholas Edwards, Liam Fisk, Natasha Ghose, Danielle Glogovsky, Ashwin Gopalakrishnan, Sarah Graham, John Groetsch, Kaelyn Helson, Santos Hernandez, Arian Jaber, JiYeon Kang, Minju Kim, Matthew Ko, Sreeman Kota, Natalie Lee, Stacy Li, Caitlyn Librian, Julie Liu, Jennifer Maisner, Paige McKeon, Cameron Meyer, Ashley Moore, Mandy Nilsen, Gabrielle Pemble, Quiana Pershinske, Emma Pittsley, Sylvain Rachol, Aishwarya Ranganath, Alison Rhodes, Rachel Rosenthal, Andrew Shinn, Micah Thompson, Meghan Towner, Andy Tran, Michaela Voit, Sarah Wakeman, Shannon Wang, Vivian Wang, Kate Wilson, Daphne Zhao

Concert Orchestra: Zach Bellaire, Noah Benallack, Madeline Betterly, Mercedes Bohr, Troy Boyd, Kailash Brodeur, Charlotte Cally, Taylor Cheney, Erin Chon, Laura Clark, William Cruitt, Andrea Dantus, Ellen Davis, Kenneth Deneau, Erin Dewey, Erin Eagan, Jonathon Geva, Colin Gordon, Mikhail Gorelik, Jake Johnson, Rachael Kabagabu, Amy Kamdem, Chelsea Kelley, Chris Knupfer, Ryan Landay, Emily Laub, Evan Lownds, Jeremy Mansfield, Reuben Ng, Christina Nguyen, Max Nyquist, Isaac Peeters, Duncan Peterson-Jones, Henry Pointon, Ashlee Reeder, Meron Scarlett, Purvi Trivedi, James VanSteel, Melanie Walker, Claire Webb, Peter Weber, Amanda Wojan, Tanmayee Yenumula, Michael Yeomans

Philharmonic Orchestra: Brittany Amor, Kevin Anderson, Alex Basford, Melanie Bernard, Paige Bommarito, Mei Breshnahan, Fiona Campbell, Andrew Campbell, Andrew Chen, Jody Chou, Kim Cui, Mike Darnell, Albie Feeny, Kirsi Goldynia, Laura Granneman, Stuart Hammond, Emily Han, Nate Harrington, Rhys Hertafeld, Lauren Holzman, Zach Hopping, Ken Johnson, Maria Kim, Isabel Kwon, Chris Landis, Juhee Lee, Joseph Letner, Brock Lewandowski, Alan Li, Franklin Liu, Wendy Liu, Erin Madden, Arjun Mahanti, Yared McGheetefera, Hayley Mulcrone, Irene Ng, Parker Oka-Wong, James Otis, Dan Parker, Erin Qi, Brannon Rockwell-Charland, Alan Ruan, Essie Shachar-Hill, Josh Stark-Dykema, Rachel Swink, Alex Theuer, Caitlin Urban, Anna Wager, Lee Wang, Dan Wang, Elliot Welch, Mendy Yang, Aisling Zhao
Band Members in Concert and Philharmonic Orchestra: Alex Armada, Marcus Baldori, JoAnn Ballor, Danny Balogh, Zhawoosh Bardy, Sarah Bence, Devin Berry, Erik Bertilrud, Ben Doyle, Anna Goodson, Lisa Hanna, Stephenie Harron, Steven Homan, Jennifer Kang, Su Yeon Kang, Sarah Kells, Joshua Kim, Maria Knupfer, Aidan Kolstoe, Devon Koning, Arian Koochesfahani, Patrick Korth, Will Matus, Chris Newman, Paxton Ostler, Taylor Rawson, Kate Rhodes, Amy Rusch, Matthew Sedatole, Alina Tamborini, Oliver Tessmer, Rui Zhang, Jia-xin Zheng



Practice Makes Perfect

Before going on stage to perform during the collage concert, **Josh Stark-Dykema** (10) takes a moment to tune his viola and practice one last time. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



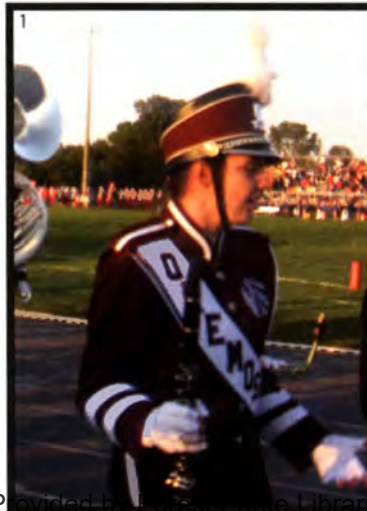


2009-2010 Band Members

SWE: Brennan Andrews, Alex Armada, Brandon Baird, Marcus Baldori, JoAnn Ballor, Danny Balogh, Sarah Bence, Devin Berry, Erik Bertilrud, Leah Bloomquist, Sarah Casman, Emily Chen, Steve Choo, Matt Cooley, Abby Craft, Rachel Creemers, Saloni Dagli, Ben Doyle, Mario Goetz, Anna Goodsen, Claire Granskog, Lisa Hanna, Laura Harding, Stephanie Harron, Zach Hayes, Steven Homan, Anthony Huynh, Jennifer Kang, Sarah Kells, Joshua Kim, Maria Knupfer, Brian Kochheiser, Aiden Kolstoe, Devon Koning, Arian Koochesfahani, Patrick Korth, Wyatt Kuhlman, Lauren Lansdale, Emily Leong, Brock Lewandowski, Jordan Lulloff, Greg Mankowski, Daniel Mantica, Emily Mata, William Matus, Kyle Nekritz, Christopher Newman, Grace O'Brien, Paxton Ostler, Evan Pan, George Park, Tom Patterson, Max Pittsley, Taylor Rawson, Kate Rhodes, Kary Richardson, Mateo Rosalez, Allison Rosenbaum, Brandt Rosentrater, Amy Rusch, Kellen Schalter, Caleb Seaks, Matthew Sedatole, Evan Spreng, Sydney Swierenga, Alina Tamborini, Oliver Tessmer, Brian Trimble, Kathryn Victor, Claire Wiggings, Andrew Wood, Tyler Woodford, Claire Wroblewski, Rui Zhang, Jia-Xin Zheng.

Concert Band: Kyle Anderson, Kyle Burgess, Alisha Ching, Jaeyong Cho, Monica Choo, Nolan Craft, Samantha Crooks, Alex Dean, Zach Enness, Elizabeth Esdale, Christina Evenson, Chris Everett, Kelly Feng, Alec Findlay, Graham Goble, Kalis Greer, Benjamin Griffiths, Cody He, Nathanael Hempel, Jess Hicks, Boris Hsieh, Jay Hwang, Colin Jackson, Nishant Jain, Danny Jorgenson, Jinho Kim, Jordan Knickerbocker, Daniel Kochan, Michael Kraft, Hope Kroll, Jenna Lademan, Duke Lee, Luther Makori, Robin Malcolm, Marguerite Mann, Matthew Mantica, Daniel McGrath, Sarah Metcalf, Megan Motz, Cassidy Murphy, Ashley Naghtin, Adam Nevelles, Seth Nichols, Keenan Noyes, Will O'Neil, Daniel Page, Michelle Page, Dana Page, Aleksander Pasma, Rachel Pavona, Nathan Pence, Shelby Retherford, Alexandria Rose, Dane Ruhala, Kaitlin Ruthenberg, Tabea Schatz, Sydney Schumann, Andrew Struble, Peter Stuckey, Forrest Taylor, Benjamin Turkus, Nicholas Vogt, Christina Weiss, Haley Williams, Alexander Williams, Justine Zwingman.

Freshman Band: Herschel Ambekar, Sydney Barosko, Jessica Bauer, Megan Burgess, Jay Burzzych, Kelly Butler, Ryan Casman, Stephen Check, Katie Collier, Summer Dean, Erin Donahue, Sarah Dougherty, Elena Flores, Grace French, Tyler Grinn, Charles Hadlock, Matthew Hammerly, J.P. Harron, Mitchell Jacobs, Andrew Keith, Hunter Landay, Eric Layhe, Joyce Lee, Juyoung Lee, Andrew Lee, Melissa Loveridge, Sophie Macaluso, Jennifer Madden, Tulsu Malavia, Abigail Marvin, Jaime McGrath, Preeti Mohan, Micah Ng, David Pentland, Edward Potchen, Hailee Reilly, Megan Rick, Nicholas Sambaer, Morgan Schumann, Saloni Shah, Sean Sorensonabbott, Katharine Swasey, Connor Thomas, Brianna Thorpe, Justin Vagnozzi, Elizabeth WhiteHatton, Julia Wiggings, Tanner Winkelpleck, Jeremy Zack, Robert Zwier. (Pictures by Okemos Studios)



SWEet beats

Band members battle through training to uphold excellent standards

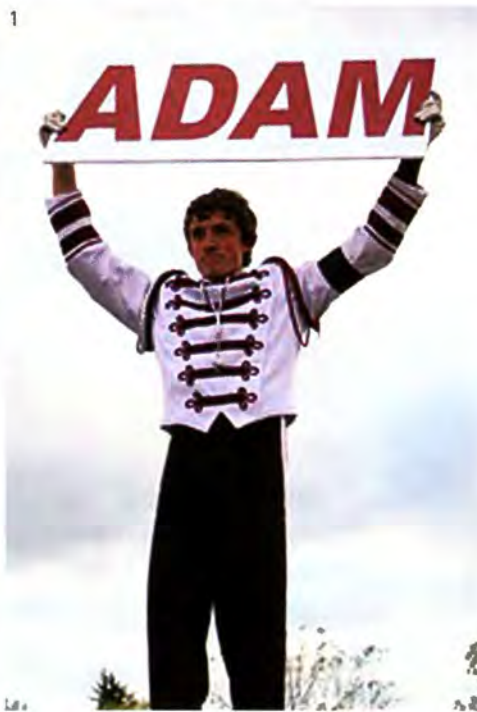
One of the shining qualities of Okemos High School is its students who partake in band; more specifically, the Freshman Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Marching Band. The nearly two-hundred members get their class started far before school even starts, practicing for marching band for four hours a day, in mid-August. These rigorous practices are necessary for the great performances the Marching Band delivers during halftime in the football games, pep assemblies, and the Homecoming Parade. They also compete at both the Grand Ledge and Michigan State University Marching Band Invitational. After the football season, the Band

becomes primarily the Freshman, Concert, and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble. The Freshman Band, consisting of all freshman, performs concerts including people from sophomores to seniors who wish to improve their playing skills in a manner not as demanding as the SWE Band (consisting of mostly upper-classmen who are very experienced). Throughout the year the Band Boosters run three different fundraisers for their class: The Car Wash-A-Thon, selling KeyCards, and Meijer Community Rewards. All in all, the experiences that the band members have before the school year and during, along with a trip to Cleveland, make a memorable year for each member. (Page by Cooper Sigourney)



The Best Band

Before the kick-off of a football game, the marching band introduces the Chieftains. (Picture by Sandra Enness)



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For Adam

1. In honor of **Adam Nevells**, Drum Major **Caleb Seaks** (12) holds up a sign during the Grand Ledge Invitational to show the respect the band has for their former band member and friend. (Picture by Sandra Enness)
2. In the midst of a four-hour long summer workout, Marching Band members **Brennan Andrews** (11), **Brandon Baird** (11), and **Joshua Kim** (11) backpedal with their instruments to help train their sense of orientation. (Picture by Sandra Enness)

Great Experience

1. With the football game against Mason about to begin, Marching Band member **Alex Dean** (11) walks to his reserved section to sit. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)
2. Color Guard members **Sophia Bauer** (12) and **Laura Harding** (12) greet their fifth grade admirers during the Elementary Band Show. (Picture by Sandra Enness)
3. In the Homecoming Parade, Color Guard member **Jenna Lademan** (11) shows her routine. (Picture by Sandra Enness)
4. Drum Line members **Zach Hayes** (11), **Erik Bertilrud** (11) and **Devin Koning** (12) converse while leaving the field. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)
5. Assistant Drum Major **Sarah Kells** (11) directs the band after a touchdown. (Picture by Sandra Enness)



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the club grid

<i>club name</i>	<i>advisor</i>	<i>presidents</i>	<i>what it's about</i>	<i>famous events</i>
A.C.T.I.O.N.	Rachel Freeman	Lindsey Corbett and Bri Kovan	ACTION allows students to give back to the community while experiencing new things	Kick Butts Day, Kindness Week, Carriage Lanes, Soup Kitchen, Ronald McDonald House, Bowl-A-Thon
Aurora	Hedlun Walton	Robert Langdon, Brannon Rockwell-Charland, Sarah Bence	Promoting writing and visual art by publishing it for the school in a book	Meetings, Magazine
Book Club	N/A	Mary McGrath, Essie Shachar-Hill	Sharing and discussing literature while having fun	Meetings
Debate	Orion Smith	N/A	Students enjoy healthy discussion and learn techniques of debate	Competitions
Good News Club	N/A	Jessie Kue	Studying the Bible, how it relates to the world and every day life	Meetings, Bake Sales
Key Club	Minnie Martinez	Juhee Lee, Ben Cassidy, Kristen Shirey, Elane Cao, Allison Whitten	A community service club geared to help children and adults in the community and globally	Making wreaths, Food Drive
Math Team	Kristen Heethuis	Umakanthan Kavin	Promoting and enhancing the importance of understanding of math	Competitions
National Honor Society	Katie Atkins and Chrissy Schoonover	Raji Singh, Sydney Ruhala, Elizabeth Wilson, Jenny Tsai, Casey Hall, Laura Grannemann, Arjun Mahanti, Valerie Shroeder	Improving and helping the community as well as getting students involved	Food Drive, Blood Drive and Volunteer events
Newspaper	Joyce Haner	Grace Aylmer, Emily Moore and Lizzy Rinner	Creating a newspaper that represents the student body and is up-to-date on school happenings	Deadlines
P.A.L.S.	Andrea Hallead	Sydney Ruhala and Raji Singh	This peer assistance leadership group works to make our school a more welcoming place	ESL Halloween Party, PAL exchange day, Suicide Awareness
Quiz Bowl	Matt Morrison	Ian Nilsen	Academic team of students who compete in various subject areas against local and state teams	WKAR Quiz Buster Tournament
Robotics	Dean Buggia	Irfan Mir	A team that builds robots within 6 weeks and competes	Novi Kick-Off, Lansing Championship Competition, National Championship
Science Olympiad	Laura Richter	Jenny Tsai	Encouraging group learning by designing events that form alliances with physics and geology technology	Write it! Do it!
S.E.A. Club	Dave Chapman	Emerson Hendry and Walter Chou	Students focus on keeping the earth green and environment-friendly	Highway clean up, Solar Over Fundraiser, Conservation day

<i>club name</i>	<i>advisor</i>	<i>presidents</i>	<i>what it's about</i>	<i>famous events</i>
Student Government	Georgia Styka	Lindsey Corbett and Bri Kovan	Students work together to build a positive environment at the school	Powder Puff Football, school dances, IM Sports, Doc Week
Yearbook	Mindy Spadafore	Shelby Robinson	The staff works to create a memorable yearbook for students	Deadlines, Ad Sales, Senior Ads, Attending workshops

student-led clubs

CiNeMA CLuB



According to
Taylor Colony
(12)

"The best part about being in the club is being exposed to so many amazing films, ones I probably would not have seen if it weren't for the club."

Mod by Paige Kelliher

CHESS World

"The chess team is an opportunity to compete in a statewide chess tournament in a team format. Along with being able to put it on your college resume, it is a chance to interact with chess players from other schools"

- **Max Wilson** (12)

(Mod by Michelle Zhao)

(Grid by Vicky Bingman, Nandini Wahi, and Shelby Robinson)

On My Mind

Odyssey of the Mind members, including **Mercedes Bohr** (10), work on building their project with a \$125 limit. (Courtesy Picture)

Bill Nye

The Science Olympiad club prepares themselves for their competition while doing an ice breaker before they compete. (Courtesy Picture)



Mind Games

Odyssey of the Mind members play around before one of their competitions at regionals. (Courtesy Picture)

Work Together, Compete Together

While preparing for their Robotics competition, **Amber Smith** (11) helps build her team's creation. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)



The Limit Does Not Exist

g their Math Team competition, **Umakanthan Kavin** (12) and **Parker** (09) prepare themselves to perform their best. (Picture by *eeethius*)



competition preparation



"For Robotics, we helped out at Edgewood Elementary School with Lego League. We taught the kids there how to build robots and helped them program them as well."
Julia Adams (12)

Prep

Before competing, Science Olympiad member, **Caleb Chapman** (10), helps build for his team. (Courtesy Picture)



the competitive side

Students show their talent through friendly competition

Despite the lack of clubs due to budget cuts, the students who are a part of the several clubs proved that there was no lack of competition. Students participated in many different competitions and kept Okemos High School's name in great standing. The several clubs such as Robotics, Math Team, Quiz Bowl, Science Olympiad, and a student led club, Odyssey of the Mind, all were involved in some type of competition. Odyssey of the Mind happens to be an organization outside of school. **Mercedes Bohr** (10) described the club and said, "Odyssey of the Mind is a club that teaches us a variety of skills. From working with tools, to acting styles, and product management. Not only do we learn these skills, but learn what it means to work on a production like this as a group. We compete in a regional, state, and national competition. We are judged on creativity, style, as well

as engineering. We have to do all this on a \$125 budget and the time allowed for the production is seven minutes, with one to set up stage. We do spontaneous activities as part of our competitions." The Robotics team is a unique club at the school because of its outside help it receives from students from other schools and other adult volunteers. President **Irfan Mir** (12) was able to lead a club while maintaining the ability to compete, including at the Michigan State Regionals competition. Science Olympiad, split into an A and B team, was advised by **Ms. Richter**, who led the teams to several competitions with the help of their scientific knowledge and talent. Students of all ages and grades learn to partake in friendly competition with other schools and one another with the help of several clubs the school has to offer. (Page by *Nandini Wahi and Shelby Robinson*)

Loading Food

Ram Choi (11) helps put food from the National Honor Society food drive into the trucks. The non-perishable items that were collected were sent off to help needy families in the community. (Picture by Arjun Mahanti)



Playground Fun

During ACTION Juniors, a club at Bennett Woods that gets elementary students involved in community service, **Kayla Silverstein** (12) plays on the playground with the members. (Picture by Ali Van)



key club



Key Club Presidents work hard to organize events for members to participate in - they make wreaths, do food drives, and participate in other various events associated with the Ingham Kiwanis Club.



Volunteer Your Time

NHS member, **Kailash Brodeur** (11) helps out at the annual blood drive. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



At Carriage Lanes, you'll make someone a card and they are so appreciative - a lot of people take that stuff for granted.

ACTION President **Caitlin McCarthy** (12)

chip in, *do your part*

Students help others for the greater good

Many of the clubs help make the community a better, but there are only a select few clubs that do that the whole year. ACTION, Key Club, and NHS are the most popular volunteering clubs for the majority of students, where members are active year round. ACTION Advisor **Ms. Freeman** and ACTION Presidents **Caitlin McCarthy** (12), **Lindsey Corbett** (12), and **Bri Kovan** (12) work to get students involved in soup kitchens, at Carriage Lanes, mentoring at several of the Okemos elementary schools, and many other events around the area. The Key Club and National Honor Society are similar in the sense that they help students volunteer, but have several

different events. The National Honor Society helps the community with their annual blood drive, that brings the drive right to Okemos High School, making it easier for students at least 17 years old to participate in. The Key Club is closely associated with the Kiwanis Club of Ingham County, making it more community oriented than school oriented. Whether students volunteer for solely the purpose of 'NHS hours' or whether they feel the need to make a change in the world, whatever the case, community service proves to keep students active and providing for their community (Page by *Vicky Bingman and Shelby Robinson*)



Helping, Saving, Working

1. During ACTION's Central Mentoring program, **Christina Marone** (12), **Andrew Fandalian** (12), and **Molly Elsworth** (12) head outdoors to play on the playground with their kids. (Picture by *Kelly Squiers*)
2. At the National Honor Society blood drive, **Dan McGrath** (11) volunteers to give blood. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)
3. At The Taste of Okemos, **Ashlee Reeder** (10) and **Samantha Miller** (10) help out at the State Side Deli table. (Courtesy Photo)
4. During ACTION's Central Mentoring, **Kelly Squiers** (12) plays with elementary students on the playground. (Courtesy Picture)

eventful days

A variety of club events enrich student's interests

Despite the pressure from academic courses throughout the school year, students develop their interests by participating in different club events. Even though many clubs have been eliminated due to budget cuts, students remain enthusiastic about the events that are available. Book Club members meet regularly to discuss the book of the month, play games, and win prizes. "Book club is a great place to get together and talk about literature and eat the world's most delicious baked goods. The officers in charge take in everyone's opinion so it is a very open, accepting environment," said **Emily Morgan** (11). The Key Club continued to serve the community with their

efforts. According to Captain **Allison Whitten** (12), the club does things like painting pumpkins with the elderly at IMCF, holiday decorating at the Historical Village, giving cookies to the children at Haven House, helping out a Christmas party for foster kids, and digging paths at nature centers. The PALS Club had a successful student exchange day with Ovid-Elsie PALS as well. "We did a scavenger hunt around the school, took them to our third hour class and had a pizza party at lunch," said Captain **Sydney Ruhala** (12). Clubs prove to cater to many interests of the diverse student body, despite club cuts. (Page by Michelle Zhao and Shelby Robinson)

Good News

Sharing their faith and understanding of the Bible, **Jessie Kue** (10), **Abby Cassella** (10), **Wendy Potter** (10), **Amelia Monroe** (10), and **Ashley Naghtin** (10) enjoy their discussion in the Good News Club meeting. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)



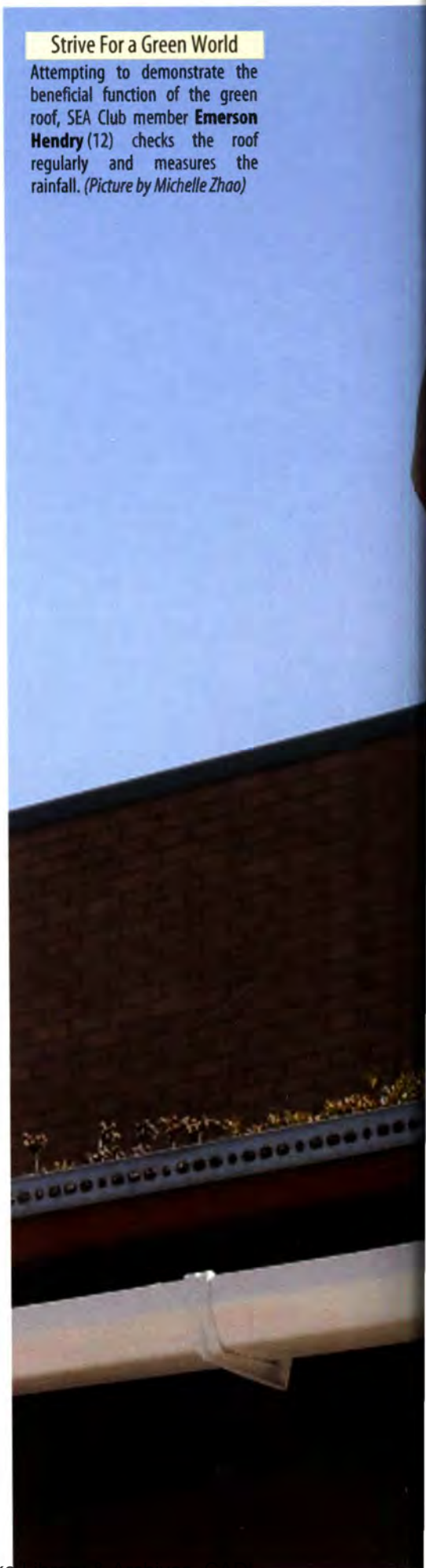
We Meet, We Learn

During the Aurora Club meeting, club members **Patrick Korth** (11) and **Meagan Cosand** (11) learn a lot from **Ms. Huntley's** explanation about the writing and public procedure of her new book *The Everafter*. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)



Strive For a Green World

Attempting to demonstrate the beneficial function of the green roof, SEA Club member **Emerson Hendry** (12) checks the roof regularly and measures the rainfall. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)





Hand in Hand

During the exchange day with Ovid-Elsie's PALS program, **Aisling Zhao** (11), **Mendy Yang** (11), **Wendy Liu** (11) and **Jaeyong Cho** (11) build "human knots" during a team building exercise. (Courtesy Picture)

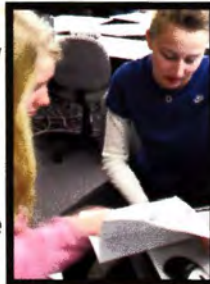


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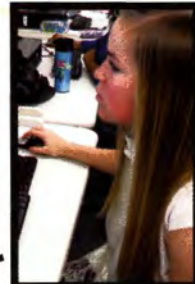
While preparing for tutoring the freshmen for their final exams, **Tanmayee Yenumula** (11) discusses questions with another LINK member **Iqra Sumbal** (11) during lunch time. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)

journalism vs yearbook

"We start working early and stay focused for deadlines."
Carly Edwards (12) and **Edie Wilson** (12)



Deadline Crash



"Deadlines are pretty stressful, but once everything starts to come together they're worth it."
Shelby Robinson (12)

Goods For a Cause

1. At the Bowl-a-Thon for donations to ALS, **Beniah Adelajah** (11), **Dan Mcgrath** (11), **Alex Basford** (12), **Jenna Lademan** (11), and **Angela Vaszily** (12) get ready to compete. (Picture by Matt Currie)



2. Before the start of their IM Volleyball match raising money for prom, **Rebecca Reisdorff** (12), **Jamie Haak** (12), **Shayne Capone** (12), **Mark Speier** (11), **Timothy Magee** (12), **Sarah Ludwig** (12), **Eric Shinabarker** (12), **Caleb Seaks** (12), and **Danny Balogh** (12) huddle together for a quick team picture. (Picture by Erin Phillips)



3. The annual Pancake Supper raised money for Haiti through donations to the Red Cross. **Sarah Lowe** (12) stuffs her face during the pancake eating contest in hopes of winning. (Picture by Joslynn Bauer)



NHS food drive



"We didn't just collect food, we also collected toiletries for the drive."

Ryan Landay (11).



Helping Hands

1. Hockey players **Justin Baker** (11), **Brian Hepworth** (11) and **Brian Kochheiser** (11) participate in a pancake breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's to raise money for their club sport. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)
 2. **Amy Rusch** (12) and **Sarah Kells** (11) work as a team to raise money for new band uniforms and instruments. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Giving To The Kids

Preparing for the Toys for Tots bake sale, **Carolyn Wallace** (12) and **Kelly Squiers** (12) start to get things organized for the pre-schoolers to arrive. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

helping haven

Life Skills class creates a fundraiser for students to donate to during lunch.

"All the money that we get will be going to the Haven House which is for abused and neglected children, teens, and mothers. We will take the money and buy them anything they need from toothpaste to clothes. The winner will get one free pizza delivered to them at school every Friday for a month!" **Megan Hayslette** (11).



Robots for Tots
 Robotics president, **Irfan Mir** (12), works with kids to raise money for their club. "All in all it was a mutual learning experience and I was proud to see that my guidance and some peaceful competition got the students interested in science and technology," said Irfan. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)



Coat Brigade

With their hands full, **Zane Salem** (11) and **Fiona Campbell** (11) carry bags of donated coats which were collected by **Mr. Pline's** sixth hour. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)

making a difference

Students get involved and help various fundraisers

From making money for a class, to helping out others, one of the school's biggest priorities is to give back to the community and make a difference. "I think that fundraising is a good way for students to get in touch with the community and help out. It is also a good way to support other school groups that are no longer funded this year," said **Kelsey Taber** (11). The Non-Fiction class taught by **Ms. Freeman** had kids from a pre-school come in to help sell baked goods during all lunches; all the money that was raised went to Operation Santa, allowing less fortunate families to fund their Christmases. The members of the Robotics team raised money

for their club by helping kids learn how to build robots on the computer, costing fifty dollars per child to be a part of the program. The band held a car wash to make money for new uniforms, and raised money through donations only. In the winter, a coat drive led by **Mr. Pline's** classes also helped collect jackets for those in the Lansing area in need. Supporting the ALS fundraiser and to remember a former counselor, Maggie Miller, many teams were formed to compete in the annual Bowl-a-Thon for ALS. Each fundraising event at the school allows students and teachers alike to participate in important events. (Page by Lindsay Stockwell)

the clubs



ACTION Captains: (Front Row): Kelly Squiers, Bri Kovan, Sydney Ruhala, Erin Phillips, Elaine Cao, Caitlin McCarthy, Amy Chen, Sarah Kovan (Second Row): Sarah Dudgeon, Kelly Conlon, Jordan Luberto, Laura Grannemann, Edie Wilson, Jenny Tsai, Kristen Shirey, Carrie Zhang, Umakanthan Kavin, Casey Hall, Lindsey Corbett, Clayton Barnes, Emily Leong, Katie Ruthenberg, Kimberly Cui, Sam Crooks, Maryn Zwier, Ali Vanoverbeke



Aurora Officers: Patrick Korth, Brannon Rockwell, Sarah Bence



Good News Club: Gareth Gustafson, Jessie Kue, Anna Sheufelt, Abby Cassella, Wendy Potter, Amelia Monroe, Ashley Naghtin, Heath Sartorius



Key Club: (Back Row): Ms. Martinez, Juhee Lee, Ben Cassidy, Kristen Shirey (Front Row): Elane Cao, Allison Whitten



Book Club: (Back Row): Meg Scribner, Forrest Gupta, Liz Swaynie, Nicole Baron, Linda Nilsen (Front Row): Essie Shachar-Hill, Kate Rhodes, Sarah Casman, Mary Math



Debate: Claire Webb, Daphine Zhou, Orion Smith



Math Team: Dan Parker, Mayank Patke, Umakanthan Kavim, Greg Parker



National Honor Society Officers: (Back Row): Casey Hall, Laura Grannemann, Jenny Tsai, Edie Wilson (Front Row): Raji Singh, Valerie Shroeder, Sydney Ruhala, Arjun Mahanti

the clubs



Newspaper: Brannon Rockwell-Charland, Rachel Creemers, Taylor Colony, Sarina Seger, Claire Wroblewski, Matt Currie, Mariya Smith, Carly Edwards, Nazie Jamalifard, Hannah Lindow, Heather Comstock, Edie Wilson, Imaan Abbasi, Juhee Lee, Anna Stollhans, Jessica Reimers, George Khasin, Lizzy Rinner, Grace Aylmer, Emily Moore



PALS: Lydia Roth, Shubhi Kwatra, Wendy Lui, Mendy Yang, Ms. Hallead, Aisling Zhao, Lisa Hanna, Jaeyoung Cho, Rebecca Stow, Kelsey Komyathy, Sydney Ruhala, Raj Singh, Valerie Shroeder



Science Olympiad: Ketan Brodeur, Vivian Wang, Natalie Lee, Natasha Ghose, Mayank Patke, Isabel Kwon, Erin Qi, Jody Chou, Ilya Beskin, Alan Li, Caleb Chapman, Amir Alavi, Kailash Brodeur, Lee Wang, Shubhi Kwatra, Mendy Yang, Wendy Liu, Aisling Zhao, Joseph Letner, Daniel Parker, Ryan Brown, David Brusstar, Tanmayee Yenumula, Kyle Nekritz, Wooram Choi, David Shafer, Maria Kim, Jenny Tsai, Ian Nilsen, Amy Hua, Danny Vanoverbeke, Brian Elliott, Franklin Liu, Laura Donahue



Student Council: Greg Kohler, Jordan Komyathy, Sarah Dudgeon, Lindsey Corbett, Bri Kovan, Sarah Lowe, Carly King, Kelly Squiers, Amanda Grimm, Jenny Tsai, Shelby Robinson, Erin Phillips, Pat Bloom, Kayla St. Claire, Maryn Zwiier, Hayley Mulcrone, Emily Han, Laura Grannemann, Molly Elsworth, Emily Behm, Iqra Sumbal, Wendy Liu, Doug Peters, Stuart Hammond, Manoj Padmadaman, Nishant Jain, Greg Parker, Emma Baker, Meghan Casler, Erica Tooker, Tanmayee Yenumula, Shubhi Quatra, Andrea Dantus, Jon Cichy, Erik Burtirud, James Otis, Rishi Shah, Maren Scarlett, Shelley Turzewski, Alec Findlay, Natalie Lee, Liz Mullin, Savannah Smith, Michelle Zhao, Bri Kamdem, Raisa Yewah



Quiz Bowl: Mayank Patke, Cody He, Meg Scribner, Mary McGrath, Max Wilson, Ira Clark, Ian Nilsen, David Brusstar



Robotics: Ayrton Fineout, Maynak Patke, Steve Dougherty, Victoria Bingman, Amber Smith, Nick Bush, Julia Adams, David Anderson, Dan Jorgenson, Mike Jorgenson, Irfan Mir, Kevin Anderson, Jacob Dunn, Mr. Buggia, Dinesh Sahu, Lee Wang



EA Club Captains: Emerson Hendry, Walter Chou



Yearbook: Nandini Wahi, Victoria Bingman, Cooper Sugerney, Paige Kelliher, Michelle Zhao, Selby Robinson, Shelly, Lindsey Stockwell, Ms. Spadafore

Back to *Salem*

A classic play that brings about deep thoughts

As the audience took a standing ovation for the entire cast on stage, it was shown that the fall play ended successfully. Based on the real witch-hunts of 1692 in Salem, Massachusetts, *The Crucible* written by Arthur Miller not only brought the audience back to the shocking historical event, but also encouraged people to think about the underlying moral and social issues. Each character in the play was a challenge to portray, but with the help of the director **Marc Vickers** and other members of the stage crew, the talented and hard-working members of the cast were able to put on an outstanding show. "Mr. Vickers always picks shows that are challenging, and we are all very thankful for that. Once everyone really got a feel for their character and for the show

as a whole, we were able to put on a tremendous production," said **Emma Kron-Deacon** (12). The play started out as townsfolk using witchcraft to explain Betty Parris's illness, until the accusations got out of control and developed into a tool for obtaining profit and taking revenge. "The characters are mainly very hypocritical in that they point fingers at each other for their own selfish sense of comfort," said **Olivia Banks** (12). Participating in this impacting play was an excellent experience for many actors. "I was personally impressed with everyone in the cast, because everyone had legitimate acting skills. It was one of the only shows where I was satisfied with absolutely everything!" said **Landon Cally** (11). (Page by **Michelle Zhao**)

Judgmental Judge

As the presiding judges for the witch trials, **Evan Snyder** (12) and **Matt Nauss** (12) listen to each case carefully. (Picture by **Holly Bodjanac**)



Backstage Insight

Most of the time during rehearsal, the actors will sit in line and listen to the director and techies' instructions. (Picture by **Holly Bodjanac**)



Here Comes the Witch

Accusing **Sarah Bence** (11), **Emma Kron-Deacon** (12), **Melanie Walker** (10), and **Reina Guthrie** (10) cry out and fall into hallucinations. (Picture by **Holly Bodjanac**)

Laugh out Loud

Behind stage, **Matt Bill** (12) jokes around with **Zach Trelstad** (12) and **Emily McKay** (10) while on break from performing. (Picture by **Holly Bodjanac**)



Best Support

Even though the turmoil frustrates them, Elizabeth and John Proctor (**Amanda Grimm** (12) and **Pat Buetow** (12)) begin to understand one another at the end of the play. (Picture by **Holly Bodjanac**)

A Piece of Play

As a man who possesses great admiration for pagan beliefs of Africans, Jack [**Pat Buetow** (12)] exchanges his British colonial tricorne hat for a less valued hat with Gerry [**Todd Tuchek** (11)]. (Picture by Holly Bodjanac)

As a crucial character of the play, **Landon Cally** (11) plays the narrator who dictates the performance on stage and portrays each character to the audience. (Picture by Holly Bodjanac)

Inspired by the lively music from the radio, **Olivia Banks** (12), **Ari Helgesen** (11), **Amanda Grimm** (12), **Hayley Mulcrone** (12) and **Emma Kron-Deacon** (12) hold hands and dance to enjoy the best part of their day. (Picture by Holly Bodjanac)



Dancing All the Way

With the help of accompanying music, **Hayley Mulcrone** (12) and **Ari Helgesen** (11) burst into dancing. (Picture by Holly Bodjanac)

Hold Hands and Dance

A small cast brings out an extraordinary play

As the last show for the director, **Mr. Vickers**, to conduct at Okemos High School, *Dancing at Lughnasa* by Brian Friel was special to the cast, the crew, and the audience. The stage crew tried to make the show successful and dedicated each aspect to Mr. Vickers. The show was a memory play narrated by Michael [**Landon Cally** (11)] about an unforgettable summer he spent with five unmarried women who had raised him—his mother and four maiden aunts. Each suffered with poverty and despair, yet they remained optimistic toward life. The intermittent Irish folk music from a radio nicknamed “Maroni” was a colorful and romantic part of their life, which caused the ladies to outburst with dancing. Each family

member took great responsibilities for their family, especially Maggie. “She is much like me in that she would rather avoid problems and confrontations, but she is also a large mother figure in a family of five women. She tries very hard to keep her family together,” said **Olivia Banks** (12) who played the role of Maggie. The show only had a cast of eight people, allowing each actor to study their role thoroughly. **Todd Tuchek** (11), who played Michael’s father Gerry, explored his character by himself. “I did not look on YouTube for other guys acting Gerry, so I took it upon myself to make his role uniquely mine. He is a sly, comical character, and Gerry and I personally share the same characteristics,” said Todd. (Page by Michelle Zhao)



Set the Stage

Mr. Vickers, **Ms. Bodjanac**, **Kyle Wolfe** (11) and **Liam Fisk** (09) build a garden for the stage setting. The long days of work that the crew put in plays an important role for the success of the show. (Picture by James Reinhart)

Come Back to You

When Linda comes back to Robbie, **Haley Mulcrone** (12) sings to **Matt Bill** (12) about getting back together. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)



Let's Dance

While dancing at the Bar Mitsvah, **Ari Helgeson** (11) and **Matt Nauss** (12) share a romantic moment about their past relationship. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)



I loved The
Wedding Singer;
the cast did a great
job!

Robin Malcolm (12)

Don't Miss Your Cue
Matt Bill(12) rocks out on stage, surrounded by zombies, in the midst of 'Casualty of Love'. (Picture by *Mrs. Mulcrone*)

Perform Your Best
In the Bar Mitsvah scene, **Landon Cally** (11), **Matt Bill** (12), and **Matt Nauss** (12) perform 'Today You Are a Man.' (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)



Cry to Your Grammy

Matt Bill (12) cries to his grandma, **Olivia Banks** (12), after his fiance leaves him hanging at the altar. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Work it Out

In the midst of an aerobics work out, **Julia**, (**Emily McKay** (10)) interrupts **Olivia Banks** (12) questioning where **Robbie** is. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

Work it Out

While singing 'Single,' boys of 'The Wedding Singer,' including **Matt Bill** (12) and **Nico Pigg** (11), preach about the positive aspects of being single. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Lookin' Like the 80's
Before the play begins, **Carina Teoh** (10) curls **Nick Edwards'** (09) hair. (Courtesy Picture)

Flower Time

Ready to throw her bouquet of flowers, **Taryn Bigelow** (10) is surrounded by all the girls who want to fight for her bouquet. (Courtesy Picture)



just married

Wedding Singer cast puts on a fun performance

The musical, 'The Wedding Singer' was very successful this year. In order to perform the musical, many lines had to be censored because they were either non-PG or were too explicit. But students who have seen the movie said that the unspoken lines did not ruin the play, it was just a little different. While the audience enjoyed the play, the students enjoyed putting it on. **Sarah Graham** (09) has participated in several middle school plays, and she enjoyed her experience with the older students. "Being in plays is interesting because you have to ask random

strangers for help on either makeup or costumes." The cast is like a big family, and each play practice is fun for the cast. **Amelia Rogocka** (11) said, "I love acting in plays because I get to spend time with people I don't usually see at school during the day." **Emily Morgan** (11) also said, "I just enjoyed the time I spent with the other people; I made new friends and got really close with them during the musical." The Wedding Singer cast and director Mr. Dekatch proved to put on a successful and humorous show. (Page by Paige Kelliher and Shelby Robinson)



Terrence Saxon (12)
and Adair Noel (12)

(Picture by Shelby Robinson)
(Page by Shelby Robinson)



From your best friends, to your friends in the classroom, whom of which you would never call to hang on the weekends, your acquaintances, to the people you pass everyday between fifth and sixth hour, each and every day students are forced to interact with one another. How we choose to interact is up to us, however. It may be just 'one of those days' where you snap at your best friend or a

stranger in the halls, but school life forces students to **coexist** with one another. In the classroom, students and staff share friendly weekend stories, ask about their teacher's kids, share similar interests in music and hobbies, and form bonds while procrastinating the day's lesson. The ability to do so allows students and staff alike an escape from the monotonous routines of everyday school.

allowing students to **continue** to form relationships. Years from now, half of the friendships and relationships formed in high school will be lost, but remembering the ability to **coexist** and interact with a school full hundreds of people, is a talent and memory that is indeed worth noting. The moments spent passing notes in Flex, laughing so hard that milk squirts out your nose, reminiscing

with your friends about your freshman year, or attending Prom with your crush, are moments in time that allow students of Okemos High School to wish to **continue** to form bonds. Relationships beginning strongly, ending harshly, or just simply 'falling out', are inevitable in a society full of different kinds of people. The ability to interact peacably, however, is a skill worth keeping.

we cOntinue

I have spent 31 years
at Okemos High
School, and no one
could ever ask for a
more satisfying,
invigorating, or
enjoyable career than
I have had here.

Dr. Lanzetta



Leaders *of Learning*

Unseen aid of staff makes the school as great as it is

There is an elite group of personnel that students don't truly understand at the school. These are the people that work behind the scenes at nearly every single event that takes place at the school, inside or outside. At the same time, certain staff clean up after 1,446 high school students every day. These are the custodians, or commonly referred to as janitors. "The difference between a custodian and a janitor is that a janitor just cleans, while custodians do everything," **Mike Miller** said about his profession. In just one normal day of work, custodians will open all school doors at 5 A.M., shovel snow if needed, clean the lunchroom, setup activities for sports, setup banquets, setup presentations, then do any necessary cleaning. A custodian can be at the school until midnight. During the summer, the floors must be buffed and waxed, desks cleaned and buffed, gym floors

refinished, classrooms totally emptied, and every window cleaned. These are up to 18 hour days. The custodians' jobs are tough, however, they are not the only people that allow the school to run smoothly. Secretaries **Ms. Gibbard, Ms. Latham, and Ms. Stow** make sure that students obtain messages left for them and are reliable sources for information for both students and staff. Counselors **Ms. Gillespie, Ms. Hallead, Ms. Josephson, and Mr. Walton** talk to students about problems and questions they have about nearly everything. Along with these important roles, lunch staff prepare food for every student and teacher. Last, but not least, the administrators **Mr. Verrell, Ms. Wilcox, and Dr. Lanzetta** oversee all aspects of the school. Mix all of these important people together, and you have one outstanding staff. *(Page by Cooper Sigourney)*





New and Knowledgeable

1. In the office of **Ms. Hallead**, a new counselor at Okemos, she is able to answer questions for **DeShaun Trune** (12) during the day. *(Picture by Cooper Sigourney)*
2. For both marketing and engineering classes, teachers **Mr. Buggia**, **Ms. Butler**, and new teacher, **Ms. Jackson**, help put on a Cornhole Chaos event for students. *(Picture by Shelby Robinson)*
3. Secretaries **Ms. Gibbard**, **Ms. Latham**, and **Ms. Stow** run the office helping students and staff. *(Picture by Cooper Sigourney)*



Stand Strong

No one could ask for any better administrators at Okemos. **Dr. Lanzetta**, **Ms. Wilcox**, and **Mr. Verrell** are three of the people who keep the school running as it does. *(Picture by Cooper Sigourney)*



Fresh Officer on Duty

If a student skips class, they can meet up with one of several narcs, **Kyle Tansile**. He also picks up students from class and escorts them to the office. **Lindsay Greenberg** (11) is escorted into her classroom. *(Picture by Cooper Sigourney)*

What a Schedule

Take a look at the calender of the custodians, and one will be dumbstruck with all that needs to be done. **Mr. Miller** and **Mr. Thorne** look on as **Mr. Soule** mops the cafeteria floor after lunch. *(Picture by Cooper Sigourney)*

faculty and staff



It's All in the Staff

1. During Touch of Class, **Dr. Lanzetta** directs the Someko choir in place of **Mr. Dewald**. (Picture by Shelby Robinson) 2. **Mr. Fahy** explains homework problems to the students (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell) 3. **Morgan Brehm** (12), **Greg Kohler** (12), and **Dan Chapman** (12) crowd around the computer for a lesson taught by **Mr. Buggia** on how to use Microsoft Word. (Picture by Paige Kelliher) 4. On Halloween, **Mr. Swan** tries to keep the students engaged in his important lecture. (Picture by Michelle Zhao) 5. Students wait patiently for **Ms. Carpenter** to check in their homework from the previous night. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)

Ms. Katie Atkins
Ms. Katie Bartel
Ms. Holly Bodjanac
Mr. Rick Brown
Ms. Karen Brunner



Mr. Dean Buggia
Ms. Rebecca Butler
Ms. Karen Canestraight
Ms. Alyssa Carl
Ms. Nita Carpenter



Ms. Nora Carroll
Mr. Dave Chapman
Ms. Jennifer Crites
Ms. Lisa Crites
Mr. Frank De Wald





Ms. Canestraight

Working in a dentist office, **Ms. Canestraight**, a chemistry teacher, spoke about her first job experience and gave advice for students entering the work force. On the first day of the job she said, "I learned how to do lots of things. Everyone was very friendly." Some advice Ms. Canestraight gave was, "Be ready to be flexible. People can be really strange."

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Ms. Dockus

English teacher, **Ms. Dockus** had a job delivering newspapers. Although she didn't like delivering papers on Sundays because they were heavy, the money she made went towards pop and candy. On the first day of the job Ms. Dockus said, "I got to ride my bike around and make money." Some advice she would like to give students is, "If they want the cash, they just need to smile and do the job."

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(Mod by Paige Kelliher)



Ms. Marilyn DeBruler
Mr. Larry Erdman
Mr. Ethan Fahy
Ms. Ruth Ferry
Ms. Sandy Fields
Ms. Sue Friend

Mr. Keith Froelic
Ms. Jennifer Garmon
Ms. Deb Gibbard
Ms. Sara Gillespie
Ms. Andrea Hallead
Ms. Pat Hatcher

Ms. Brynn Hawks
Ms. Joyce Haner
Ms. Kristen Heethuis
Ms. Tammy Hetfield
Ms. Connie Holmes
Ms. Hosbach

from work to

working out

Teachers share their thoughts on the importance of working out.

"Excuse me, but which way to the gym?"
Mr. Whitmyer

"I love working out. There is no better feeling than leaving the MAC and knowing I just had an amazing workout."
Ms. Freeman

"Exercising is awesome!"
Ms. Abbott

"I have to work out so that I can keep up with my two boys."
Mr. Moore

"It's important to exercise your mind and body."
Ms. Reed

(Mad by Lindsay Stockwell)

Ms. Lindsay Jackson
Ms. Beth Josephson
Ms. Anne Kelly
Ms. Nancy Klug
Dr. John Lanzetta



Ms. Jean Lee
Ms. Missy McCarthy
Ms. Margie McJames
Mr. Mike Miller
Ms. Renee Maniaci



Mr. Matt Morrison
Ms. Colleen Palmer
Ms. Eilene Peck
Mr. Bryan Polston
Ms. Dawn Reed



[2 truths and *a lie*]

Ms. McCarthy

1. I've owned 10 dogs in the past 2 years.
2. I've traveled to 11 different countries.
3. I went to high school with 4 people who've played or currently play in the NBA and WNBA.

Lie: Number 2

Ms. Abbott

1. I lived in my car.
2. I worked at Disney World.
3. I am engaged to Mr. Dickerman

Lie: Number 3

(Mod by Shelley Turzewski)



Ms. Laura Richter
Ms. Gloria Rozeboom
Ms. Kim Savage
Ms. Chrissy Schoonover
Ms. Whitney Sholler
Mr. Brian Smith

Mr. Chris Smith
Mr. Bruce Soule
Ms. Mindy Spadafore
Mr. Mark Stice
Ms. Taylor
Mr. Roger Thorne

Mr. Justin Turner
Ms. Elly Urban
Mr. Russell Verrell
Mr. Marc Vickers
Mr. Hedlun Walton
Mr. Kortney Whitmyer

freshmen

class of 2013



not pictured

Bana Abo	Savio Erimya
Hiba Abu-Haltam	Alexandria Hopping
Tawney Bennett	Eleni Lindsay
Hillary Brazee	Dinesh Sahu
Devon Cooper	James Thomas III

New Freshmen Enter the School with High Hopes and Confidence

1. In the greenhouse, **Elizabeth Mullin** (09) tours the room with other student council members. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)
2. At the Homecoming Parade, **Hannah Greenberg** (09), **Julia Gerras** (09), **Kelly McCracken** (09), **Megar Casler** (09), and **Abby Anderson** (09) sit on their float. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)
3. Touch of Class allows **Brian Trimble** (12) to escort **Caroline Otis** (09) and **Haley Larson** (09) to their tables (Picture by Shelby Robinson)
4. At the Cornhole Chaos event, **Jacob Chapelle** (09) and **Ryan Casler** (10) take on another team for the win (Picture by Shelby Robinson)
5. **Grant Flanders** (09), **Eli Miksicek** (09), **Susie Boniadi** (09), **Gabriella Goodsir** (09), **Jennifer Jimenez** (09), and visitor enjoy their first pep assembly during the "freshman!" chant. (Picture by Nandini Wahi)



Isha Abbasi
 Shahmeer Abbasi
 Margaret Abood
 Carlos Alfonso
 Bridget Allen
 Ryan Allen
 Herschel Ambekar



Abigail Anderson
 Christopher Anderson
 Rosalind Arch
 Robert Aultz
 Emma Baker
 Lucas Banks
 Mackenzie Banks



Waawaakonensh Bardy
 Michaela Barker
 Jacob Barondess
 Sydney Barosko
 Nikolas Barrett
 Elizabeth Baschal
 Jessica Bauer



Kelsey Belyea
 Brianna Bergmann
 Christopher Bergmann
 Kai Bertilrud
 Lauren Bill
 Nathan Bisel
 William Bishop



Joshua Blaxton
 Matthew Boboltz
 Lowell Bolton
 Susanne Boniadi
 Madison Bonofiglio
 Anna Boruszewski
 Harrison Boruszewski



Arianna Bott
 Casey Bozarth
 Douglas Brantley
 Mehar Brar
 Alexa Brehm
 Emily Brereton
 Ketan Brodeur



Berkleigh Brogan
 Daniel Brown
 Brooke Bubolz
 Neha Buch
 Christian Bueche
 Antonio Bueno
 Megan Burgess



Joseph Burzych
 Nicholas Bush
 Kelly Butler
 Brittany Bynum
 Tyrell Caldwell
 Hannah Cannarile
 Romeillo Cannon

Megan Casler
 Ryan Casman
 Caitlin Catt
 Jacob Chappelle
 Stephen Check
 Oha Choi
 Caitlin Climes



Katie Collier
 Landon Collier
 Traverse Cottrell
 Carson Covell
 Alexis Crocker
 Ashley Cross
 Morgan Dahnke



Drew Davis
 Morgan Dean
 Summer Dean
 Asa Derbandi
 Mackenzie Desautel
 Jacob Devine
 Erin Donahue



Sarah Dougherty
 James Douma
 Alexander Eason
 Michael Eason
 Matthew Eaton
 Timothy Edmond
 Benjamin Edwards



Broc Edwards
 Nicholas Edwards
 Tristan Eggenberger
 Breckan Erdman
 Justin Farr
 Riley Fisher
 Liam Fisk



Grant Flanders
 Elena Flores
 Tyler Fox
 Grace French
 Leslie Frisch
 Martina Fu
 Ryan Garcy



Collin Gatien
 Katie Geith
 Julia Gerras
 Natasha Ghose
 Erica Gilley
 Danielle Glogovsky
 Kaylee Gonzales



Gabriella Goodsir
 Ashwin Gopalakrishnan
 Ryleigh Gordon
 Benjamin Gottschalk
 Sarah Graham
 Hannah Greenberg
 Abigail Grimm





Tyler Grinn
John Groetsch



Mohan Gupta
Kyle Haak



Charles Hadlock
Daniel Hagan



Gerris Hagemann
Bobbie Hall



Nathan Hall
Matthew Hammerly



Collin Hanson
Shannon Harman



John Harron
Hillary Hause Brazee



Destiny Hawkins
Brelon Hazellett Hill

Bella Goodsir (09)

Sleepy head

Q: Do you need a lot of sleep to last the whole day?

A: No I don't need a lot of sleep at all!

Q: What is the least amount of hours of sleep you have ever had? Most?

A: Least is probably about three hours, most... twelve hours probably.



(Mod by Lindsay Stockwell)

all around the world

Top 3 places to visit according to Ms. Freeman's Lit/Comp 9 Class:

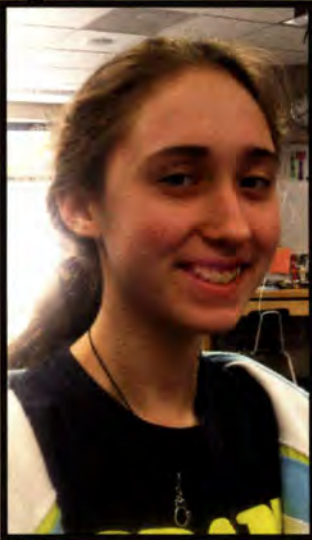
"My mom is Irish and Scottish and my dad is Jewish. All together we are very unique because they both have their separate cultures and I go by my own culture. I'm very proud of where I come from, though."

Leslie Frisck (09)

1. Germany
2. France
3. Greece

show time

favorite songs to play



" Mr. Dewald has a great variety of songs for us to perform, and we have a lot of fun in this class. Someone always brings in cookies once a week!"

#1 Rhythm of Life

#2 Carmina Burana

#3 The Pasture

Reychell Rozell (09), a member of the freshman orchestra, explains her favorite songs and part of the class.

(Mod by Michelle Zhao)

Kaelyn Helson
Santos Hernandez



Gregory Hickox
Parker Hintzman



Ashton Hoffman
Anthony Holden



Kathryn Hollis
Darrylla Horton



Claire Hug
Scott Hughes



Lindsey Hull
Diamond Ingram



Arian Jaber
Mitchell Jacobs



Andrew Jacobson
Nathan Janick



(Mod by Michelle Zhao)

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#1 Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

#2 The Twilight Saga: New Moon

#3 Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

according to the freshmen



Jennifer Jimenez
Jessica Jimenez
Michael Jorgensen
Jiyeon Kang
Keenan Kangas
Jacob Kania
Joshua Kares

Austin Karlzen
Andrew Keith
Megan Kidder
Dong Kim
Min Ju Kim
Jerald King
Matthew Ko

Paul Koons
Sreeman Kota
Kenzie Krumm
Hunter Kulka
Prateek Kulkarni
Nathan Lafayette
Jonathan Lake

Hunter Landay
Tyler Lantrip
Mitchell Larsen
Haley Larson
Eric Layhe
Marie Lazar
Andrew Lee

Grant Lee
Joyce Lee
Ju Young Lee
Natalie Lee
Sumin Lee
Yi Chih Lee
Jason Letavish

Stacy Li
Caitlyn Libiran
Amber Lindsay
Julie Liu
Emily Long
Evan Long
Corrie Loomis

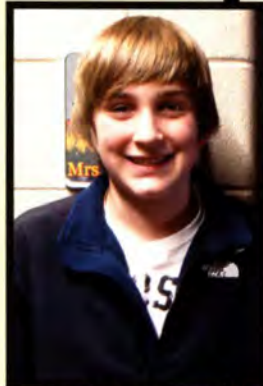
Melissa Loveridge
Matthew Luberto
Sophie Macaluso
Emily Mackson
Jennifer Madden
Eli Magen
Jennifer Maisner

Tulsi Malavia
Aziz Maredia
Adam Marsh
Marie Marsh
Abigail Marvin
Austin Mashburn

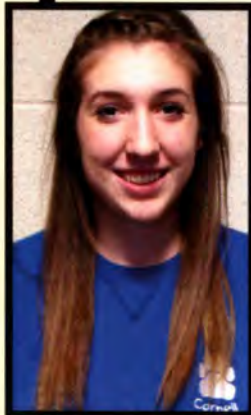
Oh, Brother!

Oh, Sister!

Austin McGee (09) and **Jennifer McGee** (10) share their favorite part about being siblings in the same school.



Austin McGee (09)



Jennifer McGee (10)

"The best part is that we can tutor each other in Spanish."

"The best part is that she can help me on my Spanish homework."

(Mod by Victoria Bingman)

What's better *facebook* or *twitter* ?



John Schraft (09) shares his social network preference.

"Facebook definitely - it's like twitter with more features. I guess it makes more sense to have friends than following people."

(Mod by Victoria Bingman)

Andrea Maynard
Riley McCarthy



Kelly McCracken
Amanda McDowell



Austin McGee
Jamie McGrath



William McGrath
Paige McKeon



Cameron Meyer
Eli Miksicek



Tyler Minette
Margaret Mishra



Preeti Mohan
Ashley Moore



Jacob Mossholder
Amira Muhammad





Elizabeth Mullin
 Madzhid Muradov
 Nargiza Musayeva
 Mekiella Nagera
 Micah Ng
 Erica Ngouajio
 Peter Nichols

Amaris Nickerson
 Amanda Nilsen
 Madaleine Norman
 Holly Nostrant
 Caroline Nugent
 Kyle Nussdorfer
 Jacob O'leary

Caroline Otis
 Alexandra Palmiter
 Gregory Parker
 Mayank Patke
 Colin Patrick
 Katherine Patterson
 Shaquin Patterson

Maxwell Peck
 Parker Peltomaa
 Gabrielle Pemble
 David Pentland
 Benjamin Permoda
 Quiana Pershinske
 Charles Peters

Gabriella Petroff
 Emma Pittsley
 Artrease Pope
 Edward Potchen
 Keon Pourboghrat
 Jacob Rabideau
 Sylvain Rachol

Sneha Rajakumar
 Aishwarya Ranganath
 Roxanne Raven
 Nicole Rawson
 Eric Reddick
 Hailee Reilly
 Alison Rhodes

Megan Rick
 Joshua Robison
 Kerry Rogers
 Niles Rognon
 Genevive Root
 Rachel Rosenthal
 Ashley Rosser

Reychell Rozell
 Nicollette Russell
 Nicholas Sambaer
 Carly Schaefer
 Jule Schatz
 George Schraft
 Kyle Schroeder

Morgan Schumann
 Kourtney Scott
 Keenan Scribner
 Andrew Sell
 Niket Shah
 Saloni Shah
 Andrew Shinn



Mohammad Shokohi
 Bakhara Shugayeva
 Barguzal Shugayeva
 Chapin Sigourney
 Desiree Silva
 Austin Sims
 Samantha Sophiea-Fairmont



Sean Sorenson-Abbott
 Charles Staky
 Andrew Stewart
 Nicholas Stump
 Katharine Swasey
 Noah Symanzik
 Connor Thomas



Brooke Thompson
 Micah Thompson
 Brianna Thorpe
 Charles Timmons
 Erica Tooker
 Meghan Towner
 Andrew Tran



Melanie Trimble
 Derek Tubben
 Justin Vagnozzi
 Kyle Van Zwoll
 Anna Vanarsdalehoo
 Clare Vansteel
 Michaela Voit



Paige Wakeland
 Sarah Wakeman
 Natalie Wallace
 Shannon Wang
 Vivian Wang
 Courtney Ware
 Hayden Wheeler



Alexander Whitbeck
 Elizabeth Whitehatton
 Julia Wiggins
 Raymond Wilbur
 Jonathan Wilson
 Katherine Wilson
 Tanner Winkelpleck



Zachary Woronoff
 Tawney Wuycheck
 Waleed Yassine
 McJefferson Yewah
 Jeremy Zack
 Ariana Zarbinian
 Luke Zarembo





Daphine Zhao
Robert Zwier

freshmen **FEARS**



"My biggest fear is either throwing up or people around me throwing up."
Samantha Sophiea-Fairmont (09)



"If it is school fears it is most likely getting up and reading a paper to the entire class and then having your paper be very bad, then you look like a fool. Or having Mr. Partlow call on you in Latin and not knowing what is going on. But if it's things outside of school then it would be having something wrong with me that doesn't let me do something I like to do."
Jacob O'Leary (09)

(Mod by Lindsay Stockwell)

holiday tunes

Top 3 Holiday Songs
according to Ms.
Abbott's Spanish
One Class

1. Jingle Bells
2. All I Want for Christmas
3. Oh, Christmas Tree



Q. What is your favorite part of the holiday season?

A. "I love being with my family and spending some quality time with them; it's one of the few times we can all get together and have fun."
Marie Marsh (09)

(Mod by Nandini Wahi)

sophomores class of 2012



not pictured

Yeonho Choi	Francesca Lobato
Alexandra Cohen	James Luke
Devon Harkness	Chioma Maduka
Yong Eun Heo	Ryan McDonagh
Denzel Hodge	Nicole Osburn
Alexander Hruska	Kali Pahl
LaQuila-Kani Jackson	Shaquielle Patterson
Jennifer Kang	Payton Spellman-Darmer
Selim Kirk	Russell Steele
Alan Li	Robynne Stevens
Azhana Littlejohn	Alekzander Verdun
William Liu	Alexander Wartinger

Sophomores Make their Way through School with Experience

1. **Chris Newman** (10) presents a speech to his Literature/Composition 10 class. (Picture by Mindy Spadafore)
2. Members of SEA Club, **Kary Richardson** (10), **Emily Chen** (10), and **Saloni Dagli** (10), paint bake sale sign to fund their club. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)
3. The East Lansing Exchange Day allows **Doug Peters** (10) to enjoy lunch outdoors with fellow Student Council members. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)
4. **Yared McGhee-Tefera** (10) and **Mimi Tran** (10) stop in the halls to pose on Halloween. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)
5. During the Cornhole Chaos event, **Mitch King** (10) fills out his bracket to keep track of their wins and loss (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Rita Abbawi
 Borna Abdullahi
 Alina Agha
 Omer Ahmad
 Farah Alam
 Amir Alavi
 Tykiria Allen

Kyle Anderson
 Stephanie Archambeau
 Shawn Aslam
 Natasha Baig
 Alexis Bailey
 Benjamin Baker
 Joann Ballor

Seon Yeong Bang
 Nicole Baron
 Ann Bartkowski
 Rebecca Basson
 Terri Battle
 Mitchell Beckman
 Samuel Bell

Zachariah Bellaire
 Ilya Beskin
 Madeline Betterly
 Alexander Bez
 Hannah Bez
 Taryn Bigelow
 Shameeka Bills

Morgan Blankenhorn
 Leah Bloomquist
 Mercedes Bohr
 Jonathan Bolas
 Spencer Bonofiglio
 Kayla Bowers
 Troy Boyd

Piet Braun
 Vernon Brown
 Lauren Brunner
 Beau Buehler
 Brittany Butler
 Nicole Cade
 Mark Cameron

Whitney Caruth
 Ryan Casler
 Jessica Casner
 Abigale Cassella
 Michael Caston
 Chad Catt
 Clarissa Chamberlain

Caleb Chapman
 Emily Chen
 Seungah Choo
 Szutsen Chou
 Daniel Chung
 Ayisha Collins
 Mariah Collins

Michaela Cosand
Nolan Craft
Alison Crites
Haley Crites
Ian Cross
William Cruitt
Joseph Dabrowski



Saloni Dagli
Melissa Deleka
Kenneth Deneau
Agney Deshpande
Erin Dewey
Emily Doster
Cristia Earp



Sarah Eifert
Ahmad Elbast
Blake Ellsworth
Michael Engle
Sonia Engle
Zachary Enness
Kiara Everett



Maxwell Fagan
Alex Fewins
Ayrton Fineout
Travis Firmingham
Audrey Flood
Emanuela Florean
Emma Floyd



Sloane Forbush
Stephanie Foster
Steven Freemire
Jordan Freund
Ashton Gallagher
Rebecca Garza
Thomas Gazella



Remington Gerras
Jonathan Geva
Elloha Ghulam Mohammad
Ilias Ghulam Mohammad
Daniel Gilley
Michael Glazer
Anna Goodson



Colin Gordon
Mikhail Gorelik
Kalis Greer
Benjamin Griffis
Julia Grisdela
Jamie Guild
Jonathon Guthrie



Matthew Guthrie
Reina Guthrie
Kara Hall
Jonathan Hamilton
Stuart Hammond
Cameron Hansen
Nathanael Harrington





Chris Harrison-Docks
Philip He



Nathanael Hempel
Matthew Henry



Melissa Herrington
Evan Hertafeld



Jacob Hicks
Jessica Hicks



Kimberly Higgins
Benjamin Hite



Hunter Holtrop
Emily Hong

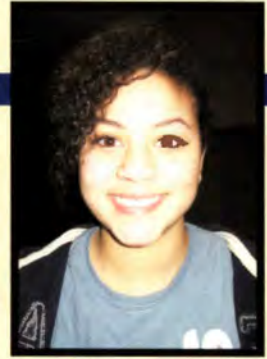


Ian Horne
Boris Hsieh



Clayton Hull
Colin Jackson

think *fast*



Q: What's the first thing you think of when I say...

Breakfast: Burrito

Park Bench: Laughing. It's a Taylor Swift song.

Ferris Wheel: Ferris Bueller

Lamp: Shade

Karate: Chop

Octopus: Garden

Radio: Radio

Magic: Harry Potter

Alaska: Cold

Bookshelf: Libros

Sunshine: Daisies

Mailbox: Sara Kovan (10). She has a pretty mailbox!

Duck:...ling

Cheese: Wheel

→ **Savannah Smith (10)** ←

(Mod by Shelley Turzewski)

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"My perfect snow day is a day with lots and lots of hot chocolate."

Doug Peters (10)

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"On my perfect snow day I would sleep in but not too late so I don't waste away the day. Then I would go sledding with my friends and drink hot chocolate with a ton of marshmallows of course!"

Annie Bartowski (10)

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(Mod by Shelley Turzewski)

textaholics

Q How long can you go without texting?

39% One Day
 31% Less Than A Day
 18% Forever
 12% Two Days

Q Do you text in class?

73% Yes
 27% No

Surveys conducted by Ms. Spadafore's Lit/Comp 10 class

(Mod by Nandini Wahi and Shelby Robinson)

I'm *unique* because...



"I teach Chinese Yo-Yo."
Alan Ruan (10)

"I'm a composer and I play the french horn."
Chris Newman (10)



"I own a sugar glider - it's like a flying squirrel."
Ian McDonall (10)

(Mod By Nandini Wahi)

Cheyenne Jagers
Nishant Jain



Afokeoghene Johnson
Connor Johnson



Jake Johnson
Nathan Johnson



Lucas Joncas
Julie Jones



Yoo Lim Jung
Amy Kamdem



Navneet Kaur
Aaron Kelley

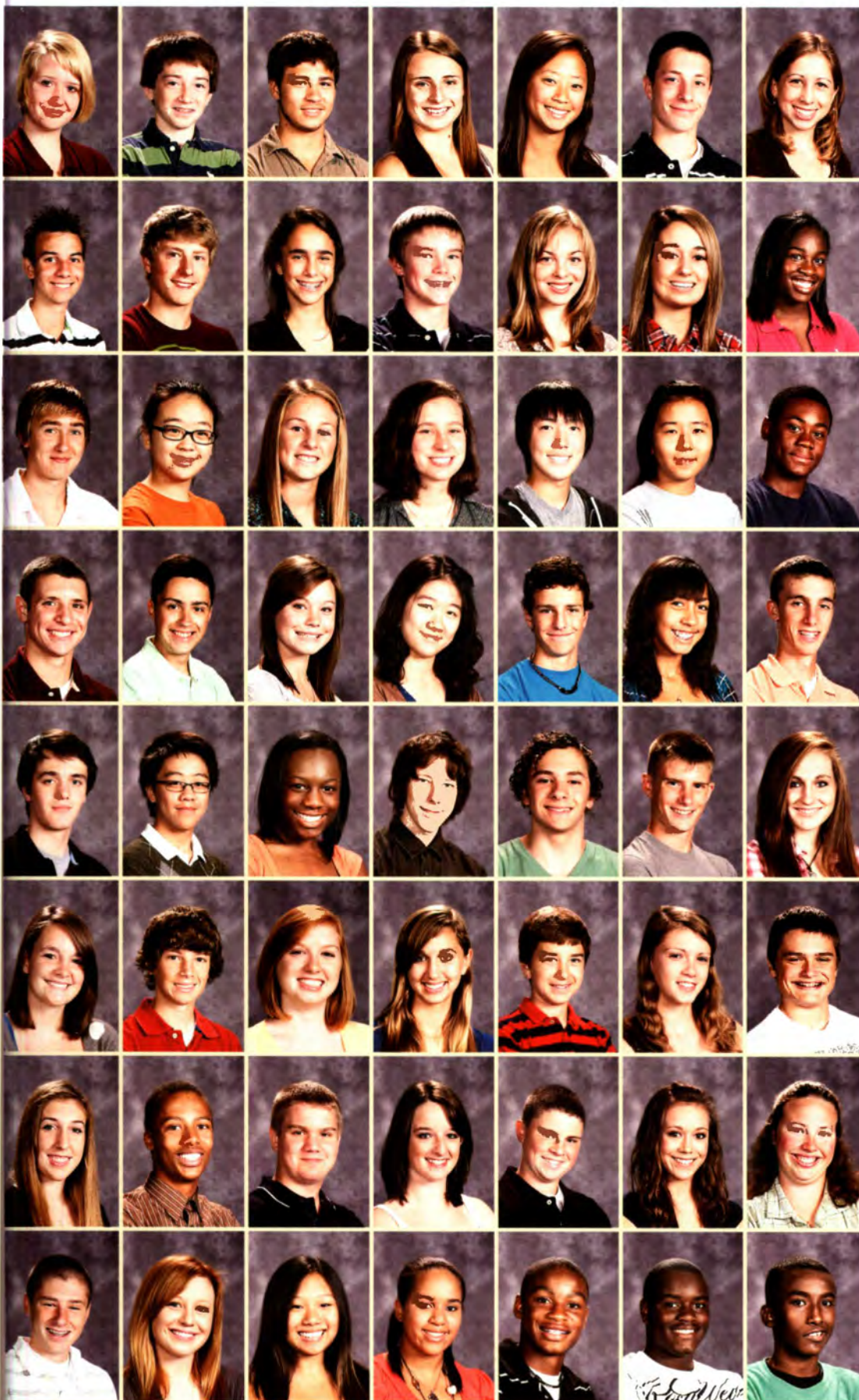


Chelsea Kelley
Joshua Kent



Sean Ketner
Jinho Kim





Alex Kimmel
 Mitchell King
 Jordan Knickerbocker
 Briana Knox
 Leta Knupfer
 Daniel Kochan
 Kelsey Komyathy

Devon Koning
 Jordon Kosloski
 Sarah Kovan
 Robert Kribs
 Hope Kroll
 Heidi Kroos
 Jessie Joyce Kue

Wyatt Kuhlman
 Isabel Kwon
 Vanessa Lacosse
 Emily Laub
 Duke Lee
 Hyunjin Lee
 Devante Lepak

Evan Leski
 John Lewandowski
 Hannah Lindow
 Vivian Liu
 Marshall Logan
 Sierra Lopes
 Daniel Ludwig

Brody Luke
 Adam Ly
 Lauren Lynn
 Ian Macdowell
 Nicolas Madan
 Christopher Magyar
 Ashley Mamula

Marguerite Mann
 Matthew Mantica
 Cari Marcotullio
 Jessica Marone
 William Matus
 Taylor McClelland
 Connor McCowan

Jennifer McGee
 Yared McGheeTefera
 Weston McJames
 Emily McKay
 Michael McKenna
 Megan McWilliams
 Sarah Metcalf

Jackson Miller
 Samantha Miller
 Amelia Monroe
 Reverna Moore
 Jared Motley
 Taylor Moton
 Abdelkarim Mukhtar

Ellen Munoz
 Cassidy Murphy
 Ashley Naghtin
 Karun Nair
 Christopher Newman
 Irene Ng
 Boris Ngouajio



Vanessa Noecker
 Kaitlyn Nowicki
 Keenan Noyes
 Andrew Nugent
 Molly O'Connor
 Seung Oh
 Parker Oka-Wong



Grace Olivier
 Jane Owen
 Manoj Padmanabhan
 Dana Page
 Michelle Page
 Kara Palmer
 Yash Pandya



Tae-Hyun (George) Park
 Aleksander Pasma
 Virginia Pavlick
 Rachel Pavona
 Diana Peller
 Nathan Pence
 Pranay Rahul Pentaparth



Riley Penton
 Lorena Perez-Flores
 Douglas Peters
 Duncan Petersen-Jones
 Kelly Phillips
 Nicholas Pigg
 Michael Pilditch



Henry Pointon
 Corbin Polec
 Hannah Poore
 Daniel Posthuma
 Nicole Potchen
 Tess Potchen
 Wendy Potter



Alexander Pulice
 Ashley Puryear
 Erin Qi
 Prabhu Rangunathan
 Geanina Rahilly
 Ashlee Reeder
 Ryan Restum



Kary Richardson
 Jennah Roberts
 Kelly Rogers
 Nicholas Rosalez
 Alexandria Rose
 James Rozell
 Yujung Ruan





Logan Ruppert
Heath Sartorius



Sevila Satayeva
Beruk Scarlett



Madeline Schaetzi
Kellen Schalter



Michael Schmidt
Rachel Schultz



Sydney Schumann
Sharissa Seger



Brian Seggebruch
Jonggil Seo



Sureel Shah
Anna Sheufelt



Laura Shirey
Narguzal Shugayev

successful celebrities

Jonas Brothers

5%

Michael Phelps

6%

Michael Jackson

24%

Taylor Swift

32%

Pat Buetow (12)

33%

Survey conducted by 79
students in Ms. Spadafore's
Lit/Comp 10 classes

(Mod by Cooper Sigourney)

sophomores

go green



Class Presidents, **Stuart Hammond** (10) and **Doug Peters** (10), as well as other members of student council made their goal to help Okemos become a more "green" school. Members placed boxes throughout the halls to give students incentives to recycle bottles.

(Mod by Cooper Sigourney)

freshmen vs. sophomore year

Q What is the biggest difference between your freshmen and sophomore year? Would you want to go back and change anything?



A "The biggest difference would have to be the drama. There was so much more drama last year than this year. Everyone's more cool with each other this year. No, I wouldn't change anything because people make mistakes, but those mistakes make them who they are today."

according to
**Haleigh
Stelljes (10)**

(Mod by Victoria Bingman)

stop, speed, text

67% of sophomores have ran a stop light or stop sign

79% of sophomores speed by accident

26% of sophomores text and drive

Poll taken out of 48 sophomores in Ms. Spadafore's Lit/Comp 10 class

(Mod by Victoria Bingman)

Maria Sine
Matthew Smeak



Grey Smith
Niall Smith



Savannah Smith
Lindsay Snyder



Brycen Sorber
Kyle Squiers



Joshua Stark-Dykema
Haleigh Stelljes



Andrew Struble
Christopher Sudduth



Taylor Sullivan
Suleiman Sumbal



Nicole Tague
Alina Tamborini





Forrest Taylor
Reed Taylor
Carina Teoh
Alexandra Theuer
Halle Thom
Alexis Timmons
Courtney Torok

Mimi Tran
Lauren Trebilcote
Purvi Trivedi
Benjamin Turkus
Caitlin Urban
Alison Van Overbeke
Nicholas Vogt

Abel Wagaw
Anna Wager
Melanie Walker
Christopher Walter
Claire Webb
Peter Weber
Christina Weiss

Michelle Wellman
Austin-Tyler Welter
Rachel White-Andrews
Claire Wiggins
Devon Williams
Elizabeth Wirt
Michael Yeomans

Sangeun Yun
Chloe Zdybel
Jia-Xin Zheng
Justine Zwingman

juniors

class of 2011

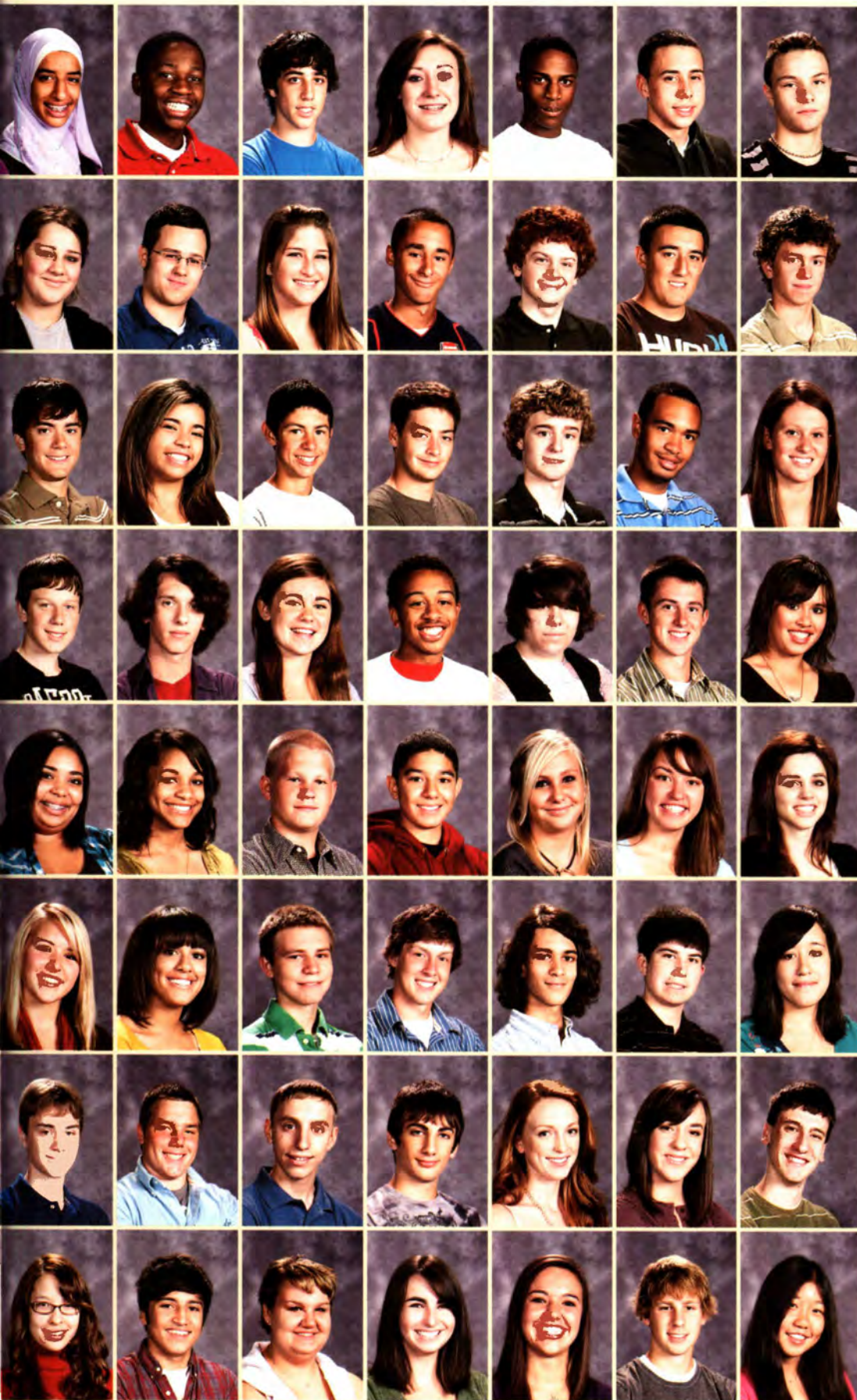


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Shayna Cooper	Ryan Petrie
Robert Fisher	DeVontaye Pruitt
Lindsay Greenberg	Rylan Rognon
David Hensley	Evan Spreng
Nabeel Kasim	Brittany Toth
Jun Gi Kim	Lee Wang
Christopher Knupfer	Charles Wibert
Kyurim Lee	Sven Wichman
Luther Makori	Sung Soo Yun
Ivie Martin	

Junior Year takes Students to Prestigious Upperclass Level

1. **Mary McGrath** (11) and **Elizabeth Swaynie** (11) help build their float for the homecoming parade. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)
2. At the homecoming pep assembly, juniors chant and show their school spirit. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)
3. **AJ Powell** (11) looks over his notes in class. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)
4. **Swati Sudarson** (11), **Sarah Casman** (11) and **Esther Shachar-Hill** (11) chat during their lunch period. (Picture by Michelle Zhao)
5. At the seventh grade camp dance, **James Otis** (11), **Claire Granskog** (12), and **Stephanie Harron** (11) dance in their 80's wear. (Courtesy Picture)



Heba Abdel-Azim
Imran Abdurrahim
Mitchell Abood
Lindsey Ackels
Beniah Adelaja
Zachary Adkins
Jonathan Aibout

Leyla Akhmedova
Hector Alfonso
Katherine Allis
Billyle Alman
Kevin Anderson
Brennan Andrews
Eric Arch

Alexander Armada
Maria Aultz
Brandon Baird
Alex Baker
Justin Baker
Thomas Barker
Madison Batchelor

Nathaniel Bellaire
Noah Benallack
Sarah Bence
Chase Benson
Zachary Berry
Erik Bertilrud
Kriya Betzig

Victoria Bingman
Kayla Bishop
Grant Bloembergen
John (Cameron) Bogle
Annie Bolda
Christina Bolema
Paige Bommarito

Lelia Boniadi
Nyle Brand
Charles Braunlich
Kyle Briggs
Kailash Brodeur
Ryan Brown
Meghan Bruneel

David Brusstar
Brian Budd
Charles Buiocchi
Kyle Burgess
Nicole Cady
Charlotte Cally
Landon Cally

Fiona Campbell
Caleb Cantu
Samantha Carne
Sarah Casman
Alison Chance
Samuel Chappelle
Alisha Ching

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students

"I work at L&L and it's actually a lot of fun. I get to meet interesting people all the time so I'm never really bored. I've been working there for a while and don't mind it at all. It's lots of fun."



Annie Bolda (11)

"I work at a department store. It's nice and calm there and a really good experience for me. It's the first job I've ever had but it's a good one. I get paid minimum wage, but I'm okay with that."



Emily Kotz (11)

(Mod by Nandini Wahi)

Jaeyong Cho



Jaeyoung Choi
Wooram (Ram) Choi



Ae-Leen (Erin) Chon
Seungbeom Choo



John Cichy
Benjamin Clark



Laura Clark
Brittany Clifford



Alison Climes
Leah Cloutier



Lawrence Collins
Ryan Cook



Emily Cornell
Meagan Cosand





Samantha Crooks
 Kimberly Cui
 Andrea Dantus
 Angela Davio
 Ellen Davis
 Alexander Dean
 Samuel Dickinson

Colin Donaldson
 Bradley Dotterer
 Ben Doyle
 Eli Dudt
 Jacob Dunn
 Binh Duong
 Erin Eagan

Ashlynn Emler
 Daniel Emmerich
 Elizabeth Esdale
 Mateen Esfahanian
 Christina Evenson
 Christopher Farris
 Albert Feeny

Alec Findlay
 Madison Fisher
 Tyler Fisk
 Sophie Floyd
 Connor Foss
 Erika Frankfort
 Nia Franklin

Sean Garcy
 Patrick Garnett
 Tyler George
 John Gilluly
 Adam Glaub
 Jessica Glinn
 Graham Goble

Mario Goetz
 Kirsi Goldynia
 Giannina Gomez
 Rachael Goodsir
 Megan Gruenwald
 Matthew Guastella
 Forest Gupta

Sonya Gupta
 Samuel Gwinn
 Patrick Hagan
 Allison Hammerly
 Esther Han
 Kaitlyn Hanson
 Peter Harrison

Stephanie Harron
 Sydney Hartle
 Stephanie Hasso
 Zachary Hayes
 Megan Hayslette
 Zachary Hayward
 Arianna Helgesen

Matthew Hempel
 Brian Hepworth
 Jesse Hernandez
 Christine Hickox
 Hannah Hoffman
 Kylie Holden
 Thomas Hollis



Eric Horwood
 Hannah Houghton
 Owen Hughes
 Anthony Huynh
 Jay Hwang
 Lyndell Ingram
 Lydia Itsell



Kevin Jacob
 Zachary Jimenez
 Jessica Johnson
 Andrew Johnston
 Rachael Kabagabu
 Kaylon Kane
 Trevor Kane



Su Yeon Kang
 Thomas Keenoy
 Paige Kelliher
 Sarah Kells
 Logan Kilpela
 Joshua Kim
 Abigail King



Benjamin Klaver
 Samantha Klim
 Brian Kochheiser
 Arian Koochesfahani
 Katherine Kopf
 Patrick Korth
 Emily Kotz



Michael Kraft
 Nicole Kramer
 Kristin Kribs
 Laura Kruger
 Shubhi Kwatra
 Jenna Lademan
 Alyssa Lafrance



Lauren Lake
 Alexander Lamrouex
 Ryan Landay
 Samuel Larsen
 Jacob Lee
 Kanghyi Lee
 Minjin Lee



Landon Lefler
 Emilie Lemond
 Sarah (Emily) Leong
 Joseph Letner
 Wenxin Liu
 Joshua Long
 Grant Lotus





Deborah Lovegrove
Evan Lownds

Jordan Luberto
Jordan Lulloff

Connie Ly
Samuel Macaluso

Molly Magen
Bailey Magsig

Connor Mahoney
Pujan Malavia

Jeremy Mansfield
Daniel Mantica

Naomi Marvin
Caitlin McGee

Meagan McGee
Casey McGehee

my favorite *elective* is...

"Personal Conditioning because I like to stay fit."
Devin Rucker (11)



"Photo because we did a lot of fun activities."
Ashley Moore (11)

"Photo 1 because I got to handle film cameras."
Chris McGowan (11)



"Baking because it was hands on and fun."
Eli Dudd (11)

"Band because marching band is super fun."
Liz Esdale (11)

"Spanish because I just love to learn a new language."
Hea Oh (11)

"Choir because it gives you something to strive for in the future."
Ashlynn Emlet (11)



"Gym because awesome people in the class."
Lelia Boniadi (11)

"Marching Band because you get a lot of exercise."
Haley Williams (11)

"Orchestra because I'm so excited for Germany."
Rachael Kabagabu (11)

"Baking with Mrs. Main because it was a lot of fun."
Josh Long (11)



"Team sports because the teacher was cool."
Zack Adkins (11)



"The School Store because I love working at the candy counter."
Maddie Fisher (11)



"Graphic Design because we got to design the OHS play posters."
Stephanie Hasso (11)



"World Religion because it's really interesting no matter what views you have."
Amber Smith (11)

junk in the trunk



Zach Peck's Junk

Favorite "junk" item:
The Wagon

Zack Peck (11)

Erika Frankfort's Junk

Why do you have all of that?

- Blanket - to watch guys lacrosse
- Work out bag- to work out with
- Emergency Kit- To know what to do if the car breaks down
- Med Kit- If I get hurt
- Tire- the tire could pop anytime
- Sweatshirt- If it gets chilly
- Paintball guns- Love to play paintball
- Flashlight- If it gets dark out
- Lacrosse stick- Lacrosse is awesome



Erika Frankfort (11)

Brad Dotterer's Junk



Why is there a shovel in your trunk?

"Well whenever I need to get the job done, I have the tools needed and I'm always prepared."

Brad Dotterer (11)

(Mod by Lindsay Stockwell)

Christopher McGowan
Daniel McGrath



Mary McGrath
Matthew McKearney



Daniel McWilliams
Dylan Miksicek



Chelsey Miller
Jennifer Miller



Pritam Mishra
Jordan Mix



Ashley Moore
Emily Morgan

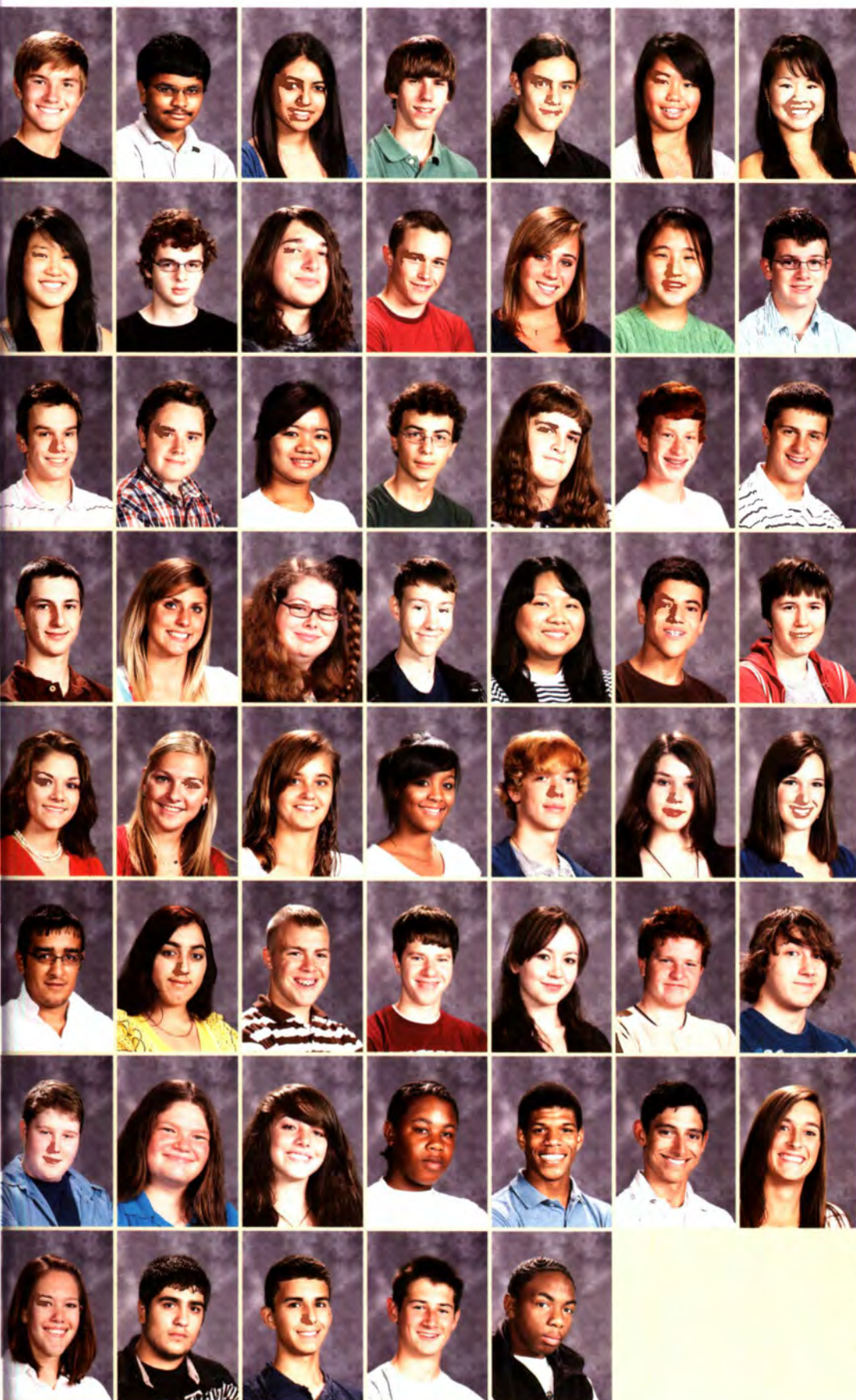


Asia Moss
Jenna Motz



Megan Motz
Saskia Moyer





Christian Mullin
Ramyann Murali
Nikhita Nalla
Kyle Nekritz
Reuben Ng
Alejandra Ng Feng
Christina Nguyen

Katherine Nguyen
William Norman
Lucas Nowland
Max Nyquist
Katherine O'Leary
Hea Oh
Paxton Ostler

James Otis
Daniel Page
Ni Par
Daniel Parker
Nikkia Parks
Tom Patterson
Zachrey Peck

Isaac Peeters
Monique A Pehtecost
Emilee Perriman
Max Pittsley
Tanita Plaengprawat
Adam Powell
Sylvia Promislow

Breanna Ramos
Taylor Rawson
Katherine Raynak
Erin Reddick
Michael Reid
Breanna Reilly
Shelby Retherford

Ziyaddin Ridvanov
Zeynab Ridvanova
Collin Ritchie
Christopher Rockwell
Amelia Rogocka
Corbin Romig
Garrison Rook

Kyle Roop
Allison Rosenbaum
Taylor Roth
Demetris Rucker
Devin Rucker
Dane Ruhala
Brittany Russell

Kaitlin Ruthenberg
Murad Ruzmanov
Zane Salem
Bradley Sauchak
TreVaughn Saxon

Meron Scarlett
Carson Schaefer
Tabea Schatz
Kelly Elizabeth Schwaner
Margaret Scribner
Matthew Sedatole
Esther Shachar-Hill



David Shafer
Rishi Shah
Timothy Sherman
Mohammad Shokohi
Jenna Shouldice
Cooper Sigourney
Colleen Simon



Joseph Small
Amber Smith
Kalisyn So
Mark Speier
Danielle Stanley
Summer Star
Trevor Stayton



Lindsay Stockwell
Peter Stuckey
Stephanie Stumpf
Swati Sudarsan
Iqra Sumbal
Christopher Surline
Elizabeth Swaynie



Kelsey Taber
Tashtan Tashtanov
Oliver Tessmer
William Thompson
Victoria Thorne
Brett Thorpe
Kellie Tooker



Christopher Trebilcott
Amanda Truitt
Todd Tuchek
Jessica Tufnell
Shelley Turzewski
Ann Vanderbos
James Vansteel



Kathryn Victor
Kayleigh Waterman
Katherine Weaver
Elliot Welch
Emily Wesley
Chloe White
Virginia White



Beth Whitener
Shamara Whitfield
Wilson Whybrow
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Justice Wilson





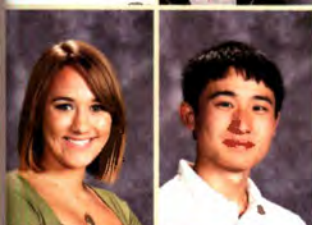
Merissa Wisniewski
Amanda Wojan



Kyle Wolfe
Andrew Wood



Martis Woods
Mitchell Woolley



Olivia Wyngaarden
Steve Xiao



Shuang Yan
Min Yue (Mendy) Yang



Tanmayee Yenumula
Seung Ho Yi



Ansley Yingling
Ruilun Zhang



Aisling Zhao
Andy Zhou

British Lit



British Literature student, **Anthony Huynh** (11), said, "It's complicated because the language is older."



"Brit Lit is a lot more work, but I like the class in general," **Connor Foss** (11) said about his class with **Ms. Haner**.

American Lit



"American Lit is a lot more work than any other English course that I've taken," **Olivia Wyngaarden** (11) said.



Brad Dotterer (11) has **Ms. Dockus** for American Lit and said, "The personal anthology is hard. You have to be organized and you can't fall behind on it."

(Mod by Paige Kelliher)



not pictured

Elmira Akhmedova	Gareth Gustafson	Derickisha Porter
Jesse Allen	William Haughton	Yvonne Ragland
Leroy Aseltine-Moray	Mical-Ray Horton	Kurtis Reed
Victoria Blake	LaQuan Jackson	Terrence Saxon
Natalie Campbell-Earl	Kaitlyn Jean	Christopher Schultz
Hayley Case	George Khasin	Silvesto Segac
Trisha Cooper	Janice Kim	Farida Shakirova
Adriana Ellis	Svetlana Kuzikova	Amber Shifflet
Geoffrey Enright	Derek LaCosse	Angela Shin
Zachary Enright	Victoria Laza	Jason Studenka
Bianca Florian	Jenna Li	Jonathan Thorne
Sebastian Florian	Said Magan	Ashkan Zamani
Mariel Funnell	Nicholas Manee	Van Thluai Zi

Seniors Start and End the Year With a Bang

1. At the Capitol for an education rally, **Shannon Karpinski** (12) displays her passion for politics and education while protesting new education cuts. *(Picture by Shelby Robinson)*
2. At the Homecoming Pep Assembly, "Slytherin Seniors" take part in the annual freshman chant, welcoming the incoming class. *(Picture by Nandini Wahi)*
3. Captains **Jarrold D'Valentine** (12), **Terrence Saxon** (12), and **Patrick Fewins** (12) encourage the student body to attend the football game during the Homecoming Pep Assembly. *(Picture by Nandini Wahi)*
4. **Hayley Mulcrone** (12) and **Erin Madden** (12) chat during lunch outdoors. *(Picture by Shelby Robinson)*
5. Senior Servant Day allows **Robin Malcolm** (12) and other seniors to be dressed up and act as servants for underclassmen. *(Picture by Paige Keliher)*



**Adnan Abbasi
Imaan Abbasi
Fredric Abood
Julia Adams
Osman Alam**



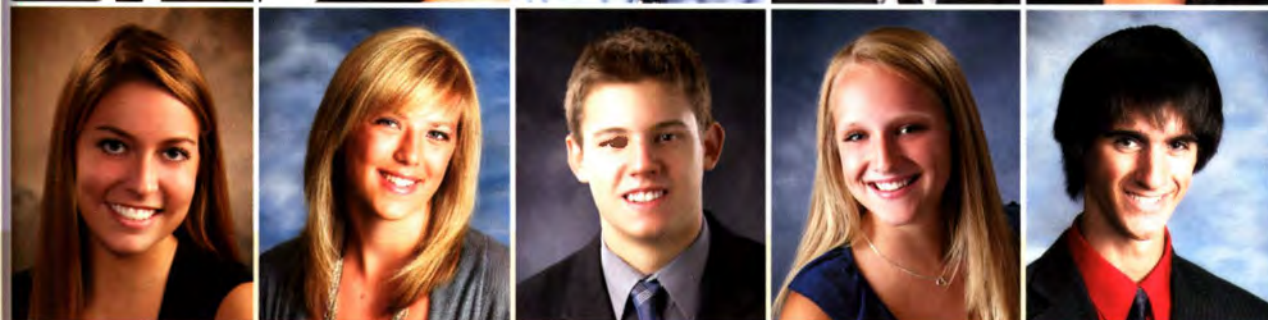
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**Emily Arnett
Mitchell Asmus
Grace Aylmer
Patrick Bailey
Marcus Baldori**



**Daniel Balogh
Oliva Banks
Zhaawoshkogiizh
Bardy
Clayton Barnes
Alexandra Basford**



**Joslynn Bauer
Sophia Bauer
Karl Beckman
Emily Behm
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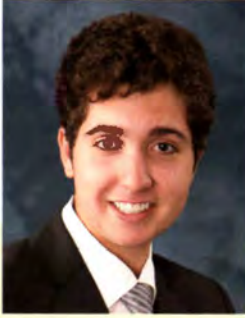
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 Justin Brooks
 Lynda Bueno
 Patrick Buetow
 Andrew Campbell



Elaine Cao
 Shayne Capone
 David Carr
 Cameron Casher
 Benjamin Cassidy



Carson Castellani
 Kristina Cavenagh
 Lauryn Chamberlain
 Debriana Chaplin
 Daniel Chapman



class of 2010

Flower:
Stargazer
Lily

Song:
"Don't Stop Believing" by
Journey

(Mod by Shelley Turzewski)

Quote:
One day your life will flash before your
eyes; make it worth watching.
-Unknown



Morgan Chavez
Andrew Chen
Taylor Cheney
Walter Chou
Ethan Claucherty



Taylor Colony
Heather Comstock
Kelly Conlon
Jacqueline Cook
Kyle Cook



student citizenship

Students of the Month 2009-2010



ROTARY AWARDS	MIKE ROGERS 8th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	69th DISTRICT CITIZENSHIP /MARK MEADOWS	KIWANIS AWARDS
November: Brianna Kovan December: Caitlin McCarthy January: Karl Beckman February: Jordan Komyathy March: Mackenzie Lawler April: Daniel Chapman	October: Jonathan Turkus and Amy Rusch November: Patrick Cruitt and Emerson Hendry December: Osman Alam and Sarah Dudgeon January: Lizzy Rinner, Kelly Squiers, and Amanda Grimm February: Erin Madden, Betsy VanWieren, and Pat Buetow March: Rebecca Stow, Elaine Cao, and Chelsea Crandall April: Julianne Maniscalco, Kristen Hull, and Adnan Abbasi May: Maria Knupfer	October: Kelly Conlon November: Sarina Seger December: Carly Edwards January: Chris Luoma February: Amelia Marsh March: Lauren Dudley April: Mari Quarnberg May: Sydney Ruhala	November: Casey Hall December: Laura Donahue January: Laura Grannemann February: Jennifer Tsai March: Lisa Hanna April: Ken Johnson May: Katelyn Rhodes and Lindsey Corbett

(Mod by Lindsay Stockwell)

Matthew Cooley
 Lindsey Corbett
 Abagael Craft
 Chelsea Crandall
 Rachel Creemers



Patrick Cruitt
 Matthew Currie
 Jenna Dakroub
 Michael Darnell
 Madeline Dasen





Joshua Davies
Emily Davis
Andrew Dike
Sarah Dobson
Laura Donahue



Daniel Douches
Stephen Dougherty
Sarah Dudgeon
Lauren Dudley
James Dunlap



Xavier Durand-Hollis
Jarrod D'Valentine
Carly Edwards
Cody Eggenberger
Emily Eifert



Brian Elliot
Jessica Ellsworth
Molly Elsworth
Brian Evans
Christopher Everett



Andrew Fandalian
Patrick Fewins
Peter Fielek
Nicholas Fila
Nicholas Finan

Joelle Frangie
 Bartosz Gawarecki
 Allison Gerras
 Lauren Gibson
 Matthew Gilbert -
 Eyres



Samuel Glogovsky
 Jack Grady
 Laura Grannemann
 Claire Granskog
 Amanda Grimm



Jamieson Haak
 Casey Hall
 Emily Han
 Lisa Hanna
 Laura Harding



Daniel Hawkins
 Emerson Hendry
 Rhys Hertefeld
 Meghan Higgins
 Spencer Hintzman



Ryan Hite
 Vu Hoang
 Lauren Holzman
 Steven Homan
 Zachary Hopping



Mariel Funnell

In the midst of the school year, senior Mariel Funnell passed away due to health complications. Friends and family grieve her loss, along with Okemos High School staff and students. Condolences to Mariel's family.
Mariel, you will be missed.



(Mod by Shelby Robinson)



Kayla Horton
Brendan Hoshal
Nahal Hosseini
Chen Hua
Audrey Hufnagel

valedictorians

2010

(Mod by Cooper Sigourney)

**I'm glad all of my
hard work paid-off
in the end!**

Sydney Ruhala (12)

Bradley Hull



MSU Honors College

Major undecided

Maria Kim



University of Michigan

Biology

Matthew Gilbert-Eyres



Michigan State University

Engineering

Sydney Ruhala



Lyman Briggs College at MSU

Environmental Geo-science

Jennifer Tsai



Brown University

Biology

Bradley Hull
Kristen Hull
Charlotte Hutchens
Emma Irwin
Shirin Jalilyan



Nazila Jamalifard
Annie Jang
Daniel Jimenez
Baleigh Johnson
Kenneth Johnson

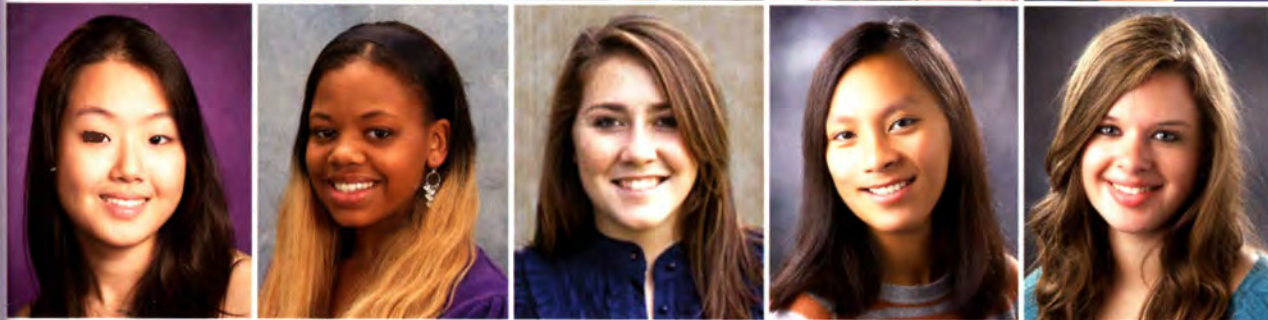




Kristina Johnson
McKenzie Johnson
Chan Joo
Daniel Jorgensen
Alexander Kaechele



Bria Kamdem
Shannon Karpinski
Umakanthan Kavin
Maria Kelley
Maya Ketner



Maria Kim
Anitra King
Carly King
Maria Knupfer
Sarah Knupfer



Gregory Kohler
Aidan Kolstoe
Matthew Kolstoe
Jordan Komyathy
Brianna Kovan



Emily Kraus
Emma Kron-Deacon
Isaac Kusiima
Quincy LaFayette
Christopher Landis

Robert Langdon
Casey Lange
Lauren Lansdale
Mackenzie Lawler
Stephanie Lazar



Juhee Lee
Kangmin Lee
Jacob Leski
Franklin Liu
Nolan Loh



Sarah Lowe
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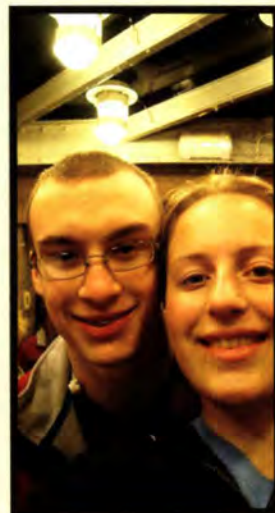


Gregory Mankowski
Christina Marone
Amelia Marsh
Samuel Marsh
Emily Mata



Adam Nevells

Days before his senior year began, Adam Nevells passed away in a tragic car accident. Members of the band, wrestling and water polo teams, stage crew, Boy Scouts, film department, as well as staff and students miss him greatly. Thank you for your positive impact on Okemos High School, Adam, you will be missed.



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Kelly Maxwell
Caitlin McCarthy
James McDaid
DeAndre McFadden
Caitlin McGehee

national merit scholars

Q What are your future plans?



"I hope to go on and pursue a career in a field like international relations. I also want to travel."
Julia Adams (12)



"I plan on going to Brown for college. I will pursue a career in the medical field."
Jenny Tsai (12)



"I am going to Vassar College."
Mei Bresnahan (12)



Dr. Lanzetta, Maxfield Wilson, Zachary Hopping, Brannon Rockwell-Charland, Franklin Liu, Jennifer Tsai, Mei Bresnahan, Julia Adams, Grace Mackson, Laura Donahue

Photo by Mandini Wabiri

Kerry Mihelich
 Chelsey Miller
 Mario Mills
 Irfan Mir
 Ian Moffett



Gregory Monroe
 Emily Moore
 Israel Moore
 Matthew Morgan
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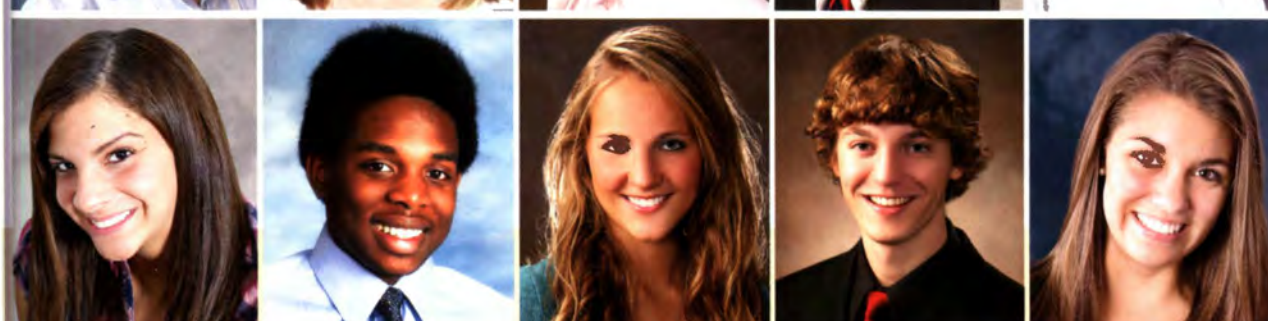
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Adam Nevells
Benjamin Nguyen
Vanessa Nguyen
Seth Nichols



Ian Nilsen
Aubree Nim
Adair Noel
Taylor Nordberg
Zach Nowicki



Grace O'Brien
Chelsea Olson
William O'Neill
Evan Pan
Jay Patel



Laura Pavona
Khari Perkins
Brittany Persico
Humphrey Petersen-
Jones
Erin Phillips

Dana Potchen
 Mari Quarnberg
 Nikolas Reed
 Jessica Reimers
 Rebecca Reisdorff



Alexandria Reynolds
 Katelyn Rhodes
 Alizabeth Rinner
 Auriel Robinson
 Shelby Robinson



Brannon Rockwell-
 Charland
 Mateo Rosalez
 Brandt Rosentreter
 Lydia Roth
 Sydney Ruhala



Geneva Ruppert
 Amy Rusch
 Tianna Saint-Marie
 Alexander Salvadori
 Maxwell Sasso



Maya Saxena
 Meredith Scheppele
 Valerie Schroder
 Eric Schultz
 Ryan Schultz



shh...

"I played minesweeper everyday last year and never got caught." Emily Moore	"I found the cure to senioritis." Casey Lange	"I always cheered for the other team at basketball games." Nahal Hosseini
"I pranked Mrs. McJames's room during class." Greg Mankowski	"I was once caught in the halls during a lockdown, I ran around the school and pretended I was James Bond, on the run from the Narcs." Charlotte Hutchens	"A certain teacher's suspenders always make my heart flutter." Kelly Conlon
"My name is actually spelled L-E-G-I-T." Arjun Mahanti	"When I think about cross country season I think about my insane crush on Umakanthan Kavin (12) ." Lindsey Corbett	"I crashed a wedding and gave a toast over senior spring break with Morgan Brehm (12) ." Sarah Dudgeon
"We might have been the worst cheer squad in recent history." Pat Bailey	"I played poker in math class senior year and bet real money. I lost most of my singles to Dan Jiminez (12) ." Eric Shinabarker	" Dan Jiminez (12) and I scammed everyone in poker every week." Quincy Lafayette
"I'm secretly in love with Israel Moore (12) ." Kurtis Reed	"I forgot my underwear at home when I had morning practice for swimming." Aubree Nim	"I went in the pond during class to catch goldfish without anyone knowing." Walter Chou
"Throughout the whole winter, the first handicap spot was my primary parking spot because of the snow." Brendan Hoshal	"I have witnessed someone pee in Mr. Chapman's pond and fall in later." Clayton Barnes	
<i>it's a secret</i>		



Caleb Seaks
Sarina Seger
Daniel Seggebruch
David Shachar-Hill
Chris Shin

senior will wall

<p>I will my great taste in music to Bobbie Hall (09) because she needs to stop playing "Year 3000" by the Jonas Brothers in the car on the way to school. -Casey Hall</p>	<p>I will my gum popping abilities to my sister, Sharissa, so she can startle strangers in the halls, as I have done for years. -Sarina Seger</p>	<p>I will my ability to charm teachers to Merissa Wisniewski (11)...She is sassy, so she will need the help. -Jenna Dakroub</p>		
<p>I will my lunch card to Isha Abbasi (09) because Abbasis have a tendency to get a bad reputation with the lunch ladies for forgetting the lunch card. -Imaan Abbasi</p>	<p>I will my Hawk position in football to Mack McKearney (11) because he is the true athlete. -Kyle Cook</p>	<p>I will my key to the Chamber of Secrets to Robert Aultz. Use it wisely. -Jonathan Turkus</p>	<p>I will music library and track tips to Afoke Johnson to continue having amazing track seasons! -Kristina Johnson</p>	<p>I will my glitter to Stephanie Harron (11) so she can sparkle at every game. -Lisa Hanna</p>
<p>I will my school spirit to Olivia Wyngaarden (11) because I want her to have as amazing senior year as I did. -Kelly Conlon</p>	<p>I will my ability to make a decision to Sarah Kells (11), because God knows she needs it. -Laura Harding</p>	<p>I will my bubble blowing skill to Annie Bartkowski (10) so she can distract her classmates the years to come. -Heather Comstock</p>	<p>I will my knowledge of peeling bananas and eating pizza in the correct way to Pranay Pentaparth (10), because he still does it wrong. The crust is the best part buddy, don't eat it first! -Joslynn Bauer</p>	
<p>I will my game face to Mark Speier (11) because he needs that fire in his eyes.-Christopher Luoma</p>	<p>I will my patience to everyone else in this school because it takes a butt-load to survive here. -Devin Berry</p>			

(Mod by Michelle Zhao)

Eric Shinabarker
Kristen Shirey
Akram Shugayev
Kayla Silverstein
Rajshree Singh



Mariya Smith
Evan Snyder
Kaikhosrow Soroushian
Lindsay Spencer
Kelly Squiers





Kayla St. Claire
Anna Stollhans
Rebecca Stow
Michael Strauss
Sydney Swierenga



Rachel Swink
Gaurav Thakur
Brittney Thorsen
Michealia Toles
Zachary Towslee



Zachary Trelstad
Brian Trimble
DeShawn Trune
Jennifer Tsai
Carlos Tschirley



Jonathan Turkus
Whitney Turner
Daniel VanOverbeke
Elizabeth VanWieren
Angela Vaszily



Nandini Wahi
Carolyn Wallace
Daniel Wang
Lucianne Weaver
Rachel Weiss

Rodney Weng
Allison Whitten
Ariana Wilcox
Lauren Willard
Elizabeth Wilson



Hillary Wilson
Maxfield Wilson
Cassia Wolfe
Jordan Woodford
Rae'ven Workman



Zachary Wozniak
Claire Wroblewski
Raisa Yewah
Alexandria Zack
Calvin Zdybel



Carrie Zhang
Michelle Zhao
Maryn Zwier



senior honors

Aurora: Robert Langdon and Brannon Rockwell-Charland	English: Lizzy Rinner	Maggie Miller Kindness Award: Sarina Seger
Business and Technology: Zac Wozniak and Tim Magee	French: Kayla Silverstein	Math: Umakanthan Kavin
Dr. Lanzetta Character Award: Kelly Conlon	German: Geneva Ruppert	Science: Jenny Tsai
Dr. Aajay Shah Award: Andrew Campbell, Peter Fielek, Jenny Tsai, Umakanthan Kavin, Zachary Hopping, Franklin Lui, Mei Bresnahan	Journalism: Grace Aylmer, Sarina Seger, Lizzy Rinner	Social Studies: Laura Grannemann
Edgewood: Laura Grannemann	Latin: Danny VanOverbeke	Student Council: Lindsey Corbett, Bri Kovan
Education Scholarship: Sarina Seger and Chelsea Crandall	LCC Scholarship: Cassia Wolfe	University of Michigan Honors Trophy: Chris Luoma
		Yearbook: Shelby Robinson

goodbye and *hello*

Senior skip day and last few days bring memories

The final few days for students were intended to be days of relaxation, but turned in to a week of non stop fun for students. On senior skip day, many seniors took road trips to Cedar Point, beaches, or to cottages in Northern Michigan. "I was just glad I didn't have to go to school and I could sleep in," said **Nandini Wahi** (12). The last few days for seniors, including the annual senior skip day, senior project day, and their last day of school, brought times filled with goodbyes and farewells to teachers, underclassmen, and each other. Students could be seen wandering the hallways, handing out open

house invitations to friends and teachers, writing notes on the back of their senior pictures, or giving hugs and taking pictures with those that they may never see again. The senior barbeque that was provided by the staff allowed seniors a full lunch full of dancing and music by former student, DJ Denny Means. Chants were shouted, pictures were taken, laughs were heard, but when the infamous downstairs yells and chants began at 2:30, seniors were saying goodbye to their high school experience and hello to a new chapter of their lives. (Page by Victoria Bingman and Shelby Robinson)



Surfs Up
Danny Balogh (12)
crowd surfs during the
senior barbeque.
(Courtesy Picture)

What are you going to miss the most about high school?



"I'm going to miss all my great friends. Also the memories I made with them."

Auriel Robinson (12)

"I'm going to miss seeing the people I loved who made me laugh a lot everyday."

Jamarr Major (12)





Sunshine

Skipping senior, **Rebecca Reisdorff** (12), spends her time on Lake Michigan with friends during her three day weekend. (Picture by Kelly Maxwell)

Scream Your Lungs Out

Matthew Bill (12), **Emma Irwin** (12), and **Nick Finan** (12) cheer as loud as they can in happiness of their last final seconds of high school. (Courtesy Picture)



Almost There

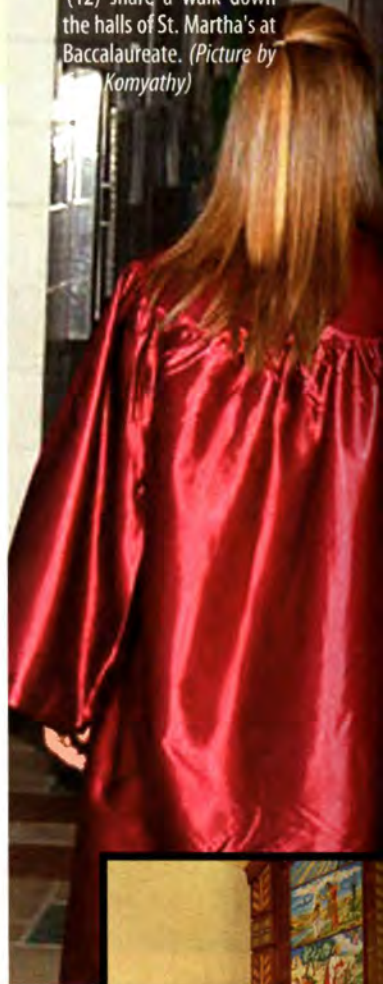
1. Seniors **Adair Noel** (12), **DeAndre McFadden** (12), **Nahal Hosseini** (12), **Israel Moore** (12), **Kurtis Reed** (12), **Kristina Johnson** (12), **Mical-Ray Horton** (12) get their "swag" on at the barbeque. (Courtesy Picture)
2. In the midst of the final senior breakfast on their last day of school, **Eric Schultz** (12) and **Ryan Schultz** (12) converse before going inside. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)
3. On his last day, **Clayton Barnes** (12) sports his 'Graduated' shirt. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)
4. Students count down the seconds until their senior year is complete. (Courtesy Picture)
5. On their final days, **Daniel Wang** (12), **Jarrod D'Valentine** (12), and **Dan Jorgenson** (12) help plant a tree at Edgewood Elementary in remembrance of **Adam Nevells**. (Picture by Bri Kovan)
6. **Nolan Loh** (12) and **Steven Homan** (12) walk to the beach and enjoy their senior skip day. (Picture by Haley Mulcrone)

Life is like a gourmet meal with all the courses.
Lisa Hanna (12) at Baccalaureate

We Sing
 During **Emma Kron-Deacon's** (12) senior recital, **Erin Madden** (12) accompanies her while harmonizing their voices. (Courtesy Picture)



Walk to Remember
Rebecca Reisdorff (12) and **Jordan Komyathy** (12) share a walk down the halls of St. Martha's at Baccalaureate. (Picture by Komyathy)



Chill Out
 At the Senior Party that parents of seniors planned at the Kellogg Center, **Carson Castellani** (12) and **Marcus Baldori** (12) take a break from dancing to cool down and watch a video slide show that was provided. (Picture by Kyle Haak)

Award Winner
 During the Senior Honors Convocation held on the Wednesday before their last day, Mr. Hood announces **Laura Grannemann** (12) as the receiver for several honors and awards. (Picture by Holly Robinson)





the last days

End of the year allow seniors to let loose

Various events took place the last week of school that kept seniors busy and on their toes; whether students were receiving an athletic award, an academic award, dancing at the Senior Party, or listening intently to the speeches at Baccalaureate, the final evenings for seniors were memorable ones. Senior athletes were honored at the athletic awards night, where **Sam Marsh** (12) was given the 'Adam Nevells Scholarship' set up by the Nevells' family and members of the community for Adam's love of sports and genuine character. The day after the athletic night, the annual Senior Honors Convocation gave several awards to seniors with

their involvement in academics and service. On their last day, seniors were given the chance to go to Baccalaureate, held at St. Martha's church, where speeches were given, songs were sung, and orchestra played, allowing a large portion of the senior class to participate in a more spiritual ending of a chapter in their life. Parents of seniors also worked hard to put together the Senior Party, where there was food, music and dancing for students to let loose after graduation. The last few eventful evenings for seniors provided them with nights of enjoyment and memories as the last time to all be with one another. *(Page by Shelby Robinson)*



Soft Tunes

Before Baccalaureate begins, orchestra members play. *(Picture by Greg Komyathy)*

Top Notch

Students of the month, **Ken Johnson** (12), **Kate Rhodes** (12), **Laura Grannemann** (12), and **Jenny Tsai** (12) are recognized. *(Picture by Greg Komyathy)*



Just Dance

Seniors enjoy themselves while singing and dancing at the senior party. *(Picture by Kyle Haak)*

The Last Song

Before the graduates walk across the stage to get their diploma, Someko sings under the direction of **Mr. Dewald** for their last song with one another and Mr. Dewald's last song as director. (Picture by Mrs. Brehm)



Anticipation

Administrators, staff, and the Okemos band wait on stage while students' names are announced to walk. (Courtesy Picture)



Standing

While waiting their turn to walk across the stage, **Karl Beckman** (12), **Mackenzie Lawler** (12), and **Kelly Conlon** (12) and **Daniel Seggebruch** (12) stand patiently. (Picture by Mrs. Lawler)



Special Thanks

Superintendent, Dr. Kregar, is presented flowers from **Lindsey Corbett** (12), **Jennifer Tsai** (12), **Amanda Grimm** (12), and **Bri Kovan** (12) on behalf of the class of 2010 for all of her hard work. (Courtesy Picture)



walking with pride

Seniors celebrate graduation with one another

On a very hot, spring day, approximately 330 seniors entered the MSU auditorium surrounded by parents, family, and friends. High School was finally over, and speaker, **Lizzy Rinner** (12) recounted each grade in her speech, giving some advice to the future alumni, "Expect the unexpected." **Bri Kovan** (12) was also a speaker and said, "After high school, you have a chance to start over and discover yourself again." Final farewells from staff came around as each graduate strut across the stage. Horns, cheering, and tears were spread around the

auditorium as each senior received their diploma. Once all the graduates and audience was seated, **Dr. Lanzetta** thanked parents and teachers for all their hard work guiding and encouraging the students, and the magic words were then said, "Congratulations class of 2010, you may now move your tassels to the right." A flood of maroon caps were tossed into the air, as the class of 2010 celebrated their graduation and completed their high school experience stepped toward a bigger challenge. (Page by Paige Kelliher and Shelby Robinson)

Walking in graduation happened so quickly that I wish I could have the experience again. I was so focused on not tripping.

Maria Kelley (12)

giving back

Seniors spend a day helping their community

Before the end of their last year in high school, the seniors prepared to give back to their community for their senior project. This day gave the seniors one last chance to do something significant and memorable as a class before they went their separate ways. Students had the choice to volunteer at a number of important places in the area including: The Ronald McDonald House, Burcham Hills Retirement Community, St. Vincent home, Ele's place, Okemos Public Library, Carriage Lanes, and Ingham Regional Medical Center. At each of these places, students spent the entire day working hard as they planted flowers, cleaned,

moved mulch and did many other things to show their appreciation for the community. A select group of seniors especially put a lot of effort into this day as captains or co-captains for each of the sites. Whether it was figuring out what supplies they needed or encouraging students to keep working hard as the day went on, the captains kept a positive attitude throughout the day. The senior project was helpful to many places in the Lansing and surrounding areas, and was a rewarding experience for the entire class that allowed the tradition to continue. (Page by Shelley Turzewski)

The best part was seeing everyone in our grade work together for a wonderful cause. The people we helped were incredibly grateful and it was very fulfilling!

Elaine Cao (12)

In Full Bloom

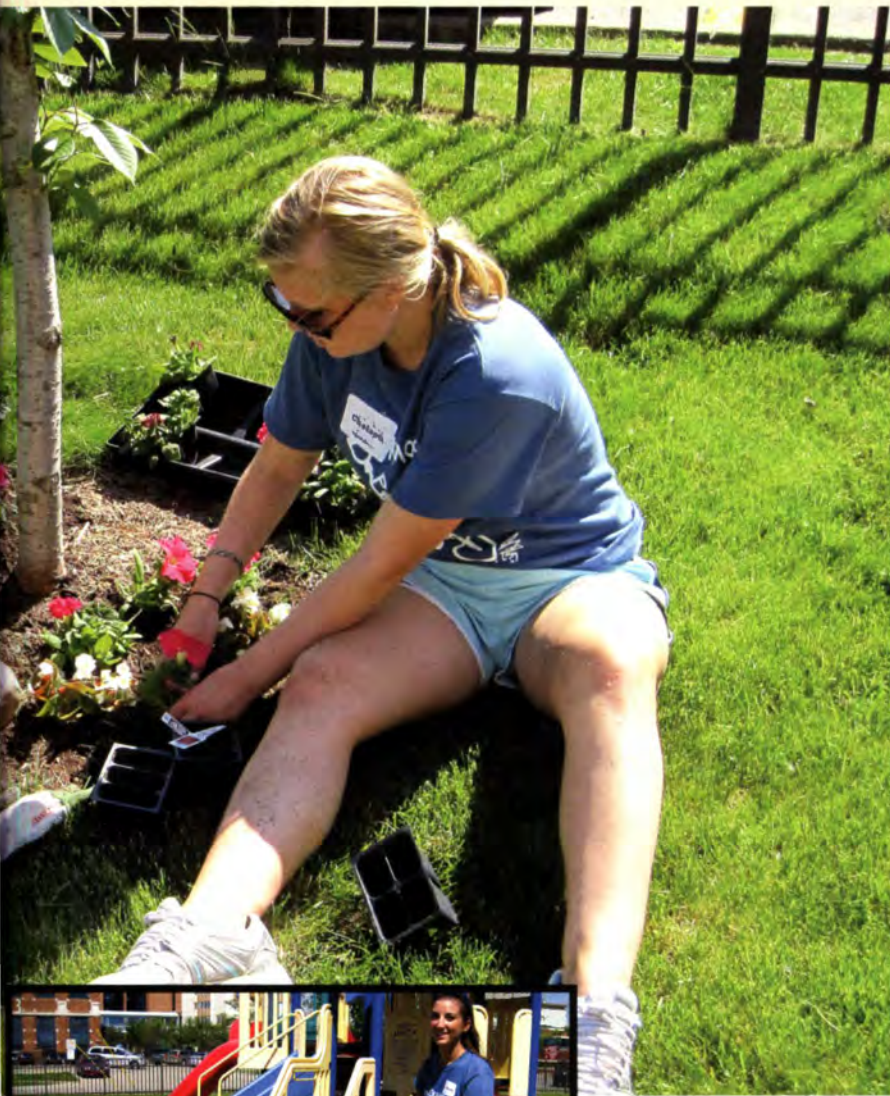
To brighten up the Ronald McDonald House, Mackenzie Lawler (12) and Chelsea Olson (12) plant colorful flowers in the yard. (Picture by Mindy Spadafore)



All Work, Some Play

1. Emily Behm (12) and Joslynn Bauer (12) cool off while cleaning out a pond. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)
2. Ashkan Zamani (12) and Nik Manee (12) spread mulch. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)
3. Angela Vaszily (12) pushes Shayne Capone (12) around the playground. (Picture by Mindy Spadafore)
4. Senior project captains get ready for the long day ahead of them. (Picture by Mindy Spadafore)





Pitching In

Along with the senior class, **Dr. Lanzetta** works hard putting down new mulch at St. Vincent's. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)



Put A Smile On

While taking a break to rest from working all day in the sun, **Ian Moffett** (12) and **Jacob Leski** (12) sit in the shade with a statue of Ronald McDonald. (Picture by Mindy Spadafore)





Don McGrath (11)
and Erin Phillips (12)

(Picture by Shelby Robinson)
(Page by Shelby Robinson)



In a time where war, devastation, and greed take over everyday life, smiles and joy can be seen as miraculous. Students and teachers of Okemos High School learned to **connect** through specific events, by sharing memories and bonds that are bound to last. Both in and out of the school, there are connections, friendships, and ways in which people of the world **coexist** with one another, living

their lives while working, living, communicating peacefully. When the monotonous everyday routines of life beg for a change, people don't hesitate to get involved and **compete** with one another; sporting events, club competitions, a friendly game of spoons, or a race to see how many 'BBM' friends one has on their blackberry cell phone, these events can lighten the mood in any given situation. While school

can bring students together, clubs and classes make for meaningful friendships and relationships due to the ability to **combine** and channel common interests. When we feel comfortable with such people and relationships, people naturally wish to **continue** to seek out such bonds - with this idea in mind, it is inevitable that such people make it their aim to help and understand others. In the midst

of a world where different cultures, different languages, different ideologies, and different beliefs reign, people can do nothing but learn to **coexist** with one another. People learn to trust, relate, communicate, and respect others for the greater good. After all, we as a society must learn to **coexist** peacefully in order to thrive, if not for the sake of ourselves, for the sake of our future.

we cOexist

Lydia Roth



You are prepared
for the
challenges that
lie ahead...

And we know that
you'll do great
things! You are
always in our hearts.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Kelly Ann Maxwell



We are very proud of who you are and what
you have accomplished. Your wonderful
spirit and independence will take you far.
Embrace the challenges and opportunities
ahead. God bless you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Erin (and Brady)

Karl Beckman

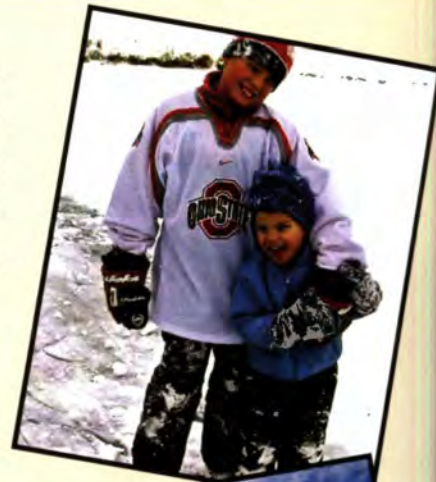


*"Twenty years from now you will be more
disappointed by the things that you
didn't do than by the ones you did do. So
throw off the bowlines. Sail away from
the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in
your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."*

- Mark Twain

There are not enough words to say how
much we love you and how proud we
are of you. Your love of life, quiet
determination and big heart have
enriched our lives everyday. We are
excited for all that lies ahead for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Mitch and Jack
(Griffin, Chief and Whistler too)



Principal, Boss, & Friend

Dr. Lanzetta



After 31 years at Okemos High School, Dr. John Lanzetta retires as an admired, respected, and renowned principal. Congratulations and thank you for making the school a better place. You will be missed.

Mr. Dewald



Mr. Frank DeWald retires from his positions of choir director at Okemos High School and Chippewa Middle School.

Mr. Froelich

Mr. Keith Froelich retires his position as the Okemos High School Athletic Director.



Ms. Haner



Ms. Joyce Haner retires from her position in the English Department, teaching AP English, British Literature, and Newspaper. She advised the journalism staff that one several Spartan Awards.

Pat Buetow



Pman-
We Love you.
Mom, Dad,
Katie and
Bailey

Amanda Grimm



Amanda,
We are proud beyond what words could ever express! You are a hard worker; always striving for perfection and ready for a challenge. May you continue to make great decisions and remain the self confident, compassionate, funny and spirited young woman that we love so much.
Love
Mom, Dad, Jack and Abby

Laura Harding



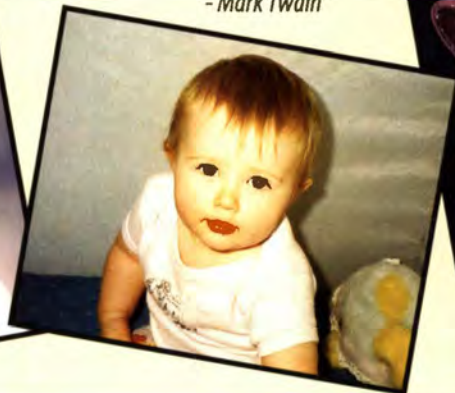
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Believe in yourself,
Learn from Nature,
Take strength from your loving family and loyal friends.
Wisdom grows,
the journey continues.
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May great blessings always be yours.
Congratulations!!

With Much Love and Appreciation,
Mom, Bert and Grams



Elaine Cao



You never compromise your ideals

You always stay true to yourself

You never tire in helping others

You always share life with us

We are grateful to you for the joy and love

You have brought into our lives

Congratulations, Elaine

May all your dreams come true

Love,

Mom, Dad, Frank and Sue



Ian Nilsen



"We are not permitted to choose the frame of our destiny. But what we put into it is ours." - Dag Hammarskjold

Ian,

Your quest for knowledge began the moment you could crawl. You could never learn enough about the world around you. From the beginning, you brought us joy, laughter and music. We are very proud of all you have achieved and the person you have become!

Your sense of humor, compassion, perseverance and commitment to excellence are attributes that will serve you well. Wherever life may lead, know that we love you and will always support your dreams and ambitions. Never lose sight of who you are and all that you desire to be!

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Mitch Asmus



"Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming."

-John Wooden

Mitch,
We are so proud of your accomplishments and more importantly, your character. You are a consummate "team player" both on and off the court. Your maturity, self-discipline and kindness will serve you well. Continue to "be the best that you are capable of becoming" and success will follow.

Love always,
Mom, Dad and Leigh

Rebecca Reisdorff

"Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed."

You are on your way, Rebecca!

Congratulations and all of our love to you,
Mom, Dad and Hannah



Zachary Wozniak



"Z"
Couldn't be prouder.
Couldn't be happier.
You rock and you always will! The world is yours.
Go for it!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Amy Lynn Fischer Rusch



Congratulations Amy!
Reach for the stars. May all your dreams come true.

We are proud of you and love you,
Mom and Dad

Jarrold D'Valentine



From an adorable baby to a handsome young man, we couldn't be prouder of you. Best of health and may all your dreams come true.



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"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

None of us knew what awaited us from that day until this one, yet through it all you have shown great courage, strength and perseverance. That you have overcome so much to become the beautiful young woman that you are is truly a miracle. You are a source of joy and inspiration to us. We can't wait to see what special purpose God has for your life.

We love you!
Dad, Mom, Derek and Sarah

"To have courage for whatever comes in life - everything lies in that."
-Teresa of Avila



Jack Grady



"When you have confidence, you can have a lot of fun. And when you have fun, you can do amazing things."

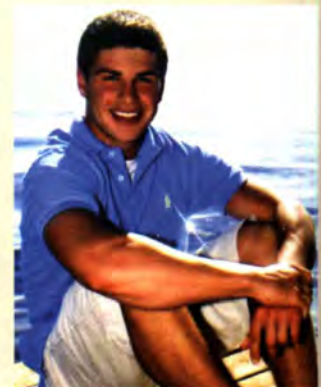
-Joe Namath

Jack,

You have always impressed us with your sense of confidence and your desire to have fun. Take both of those traits, go out into the world, and "do amazing things."

We love you!
Dad, Mom & Kate

Cody Eggenberger



You made a "big" entrance into the world at 11+lbs and have continued to amaze us since. Your sense of humor and adventure have entertained us while your many gifts have made us proud. Watching you grow to be the wonderful young man you've become has been our greatest joy. Go live your life as you imagine it!

With all our love and support,
Mom, Dad and Te

"There's no elevator to your dreams; you have to take the stairs."
-Unknown

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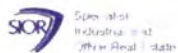
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Irfan Mir



We are all so proud of you. Not only for what you have done, but for what you can do. Believe in yourself like we believe in you-and you can do anything. You are the shining star of our family. Never give up, follow your dreams, and always be happy. Keep Calm and Carry On. Remember those who love you and stay true to your beliefs.

*"For thy sweet love remember'd such wealth brings,
That then I scorn to change my state with kings."
- Shakespeare, William. Sonnet 29*

Love,
Mom and Dad

Lauren Timmins Lansdale



Congratulations Lauren! We are so proud of you. May your future adventures fulfill all of your dreams. We love you!

Kristen Shirey



Congratulations,
Kristen!

You've worked hard and learned so much. We are proud of you and we know that you will do wonderful things in life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Laura



Zachary Hopping



We are incredibly proud of the young man you have become, and look forward to everything that you will accomplish in your life. You have talent, but you are humble. You are loving and have a kind heart. You have a funny sense of humor and a delightful smile. You have brought immeasurable joy to our lives. Go out into the world and find your passion. We wish you all of the joys that life can hold, and we will always be here for you. Thank you for being such a wonderful son and brother.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Alexandra and Coco

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Maria Knupfer



March to your own
drummer and may
all of your wishes
come true!

Love Always,

Mom, Dad, Rebecca,
Kelly, Sarah, Leta,
Jason, Christine &
Keira





~Brittany Alexis Persico ~

To paraphrase ABBA's lyrics from their famous song:

"Schoolbag in hand, she leaves home in the early morning,
Waving goodbye with an absent-minded smile,
We watch her go with a surge of that well-known sadness,
And we have to sit down for a while...

The feeling that we're losing her forever,
And without really entering her world,
We're glad whenever we can share her laughter --
Our funny little girl...

Slipping through our fingers all the time,
We try to capture every minute -- The feeling in it,
Slipping through our fingers all the time."



Our Dearest Brittany~~

Way to go, 2010 Okemos High School Graduate!!... Wow! What accomplishments you have made during your 12 years of education! We are so proud of you and your dedication to academics, athletics & all your activities, and because of your positive spirit, easygoing nature, compassion, enthusiasm, and commitment to making the world better, we cannot wait to share in your boundless future. We know that success will always follow you, and that your heart will guide you along the way. You were always such a special little girl--our "girlzie with the goozie" is now our beautiful, "pretty Britty"~~an intelligent, ambitious, and talented young lady with many new paths to pursue. Our hearts are bursting with admiration for all the goals you have achieved with excellence, grace, and self-confidence throughout your high school career. You are truly an inspiration to those who know and love you. May God Bless You with all your dreams come true, and a life full of happy moments and sunshine wherever you may go... And we wish you the best of luck at Penn State University as a Nittany Lion!



Your smile lit up the room,
When you were a little girl,
And now that you are all grown up,
That smile will light the world!

Now you're a Class of 2010 Grad,
Independent, smart, & charming, too,
We wish you a bright future,
As an undergrad at PSU!

Yes, OHS is full of memories,
Too many to ever, ever forget,
So go make new ones in college, and...
Always know how much we love you, Britt!

CONGRATULATIONS!!



With Love & Pride in Our Hearts~~
Mommy and Daddy
...and Bran-Flakes, too

Dana Potchen



Dana,
We are so proud of the amazing person you are. As you head into the future, use your fine qualities to learn from others, share your individuality, show compassion and for goodness sake...swerve around the mail boxes in front of you!
With love and respect,
Mom and Dad



Stephanie Lazar



Stephanie,
We are so proud of you- for so many things- your academics, golf game, and piano. But most of all we are proud of who you are and who you aspire to be in the coming years. You have been a great role model and big sister. Follow your dreams, Miss S, and you will go far.

We love you so much,
Mom, Dad, Marie, Ross
and Shelby



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Carly Edwards



We are so proud of the intelligent, confident and compassionate young woman you have become. You can accomplish anything you choose to in life and we look forward to watching you pursue your dreams. The best is yet to be!

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Tianna Saint Marie



Congratulations on a job very well done. We could not be more proud of you. Through all the hard times, you kept your beautiful smile, positive outlook, and caring personality. Your strengths and determination have led the way to your accomplishments. The world is yours to explore. Enjoy, and find your purpose in life. We will always love and be there for you.

God Bless,
Dad, Mom, Brittney and James



Claire E. Granskog

We are so proud of you!
Congratulations!
Good luck at Kendall,
use your many gifts to
make the world a better
place.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Jonathan



Seth Nichols



Congratulations Seth!
I love you and will always be
here for you.
Have fun and enjoy...
The best is yet to come!
Love,
Mom

Emily Grace Mata



We remember so clear those plump little legs that trembled as you took those first steps alone. As you did then, you can reach back to hold our hands. We will steady you and urge you forward. We are so proud of you, our little treasure.

Forever and always,
hugs and kisses.
Love,
Momma, Daddy and
Melodee



Lizzy Rinner



Elizabeth Rinner -- to our amazing and talented daughter!

We always save the best for last, so you being the baby of the family, have been such an incredible joy in our lives! Your creative eye has awed many and we continue to be amazed by everything you do! The world is at your fingertips and we know you will succeed in many ways. Always know that you are loved and continue to share your beautiful and kind spirit with others. You are so precious! Can we just say, "Liz is the cutest blue eyed girl in the whole world!" We love you much,
Mom and Dad



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Taylor Colony



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

You knew what you wanted to do the moment you picked up a camera. You are such an inspiration and we are so proud of you for having the courage and strength to follow your dreams. NYU is so lucky to have you!



The best is yet to come and remember to always thank the little people...

We love you TT!

Mom, Dad and Mia



Brandt J. Rosentreter



B.J.,

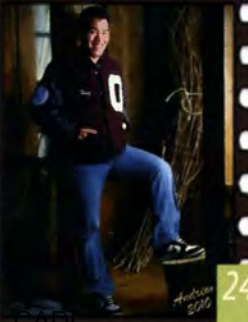
You long ago outgrew my lap; actually, you outgrew us all. (Remember me carrying a whiny five year old around Washington DC in the summer heat because your "feet were going to burn off?") Watching you grow--especially this senior year--has been a true delight. When I think of the future, I wonder what dreams you will dream, what mountains you will climb and what joys you will experience. Certainly, there will be some tears and struggles. That's life. But always remember, I respect, admire and love you.

Dad





Andrew,
 We are so proud of you
 and all you have accomplished.
 Congratulations on becoming an MSU
 Medical Scholar! Go out there and
 make this world a kinder, funnier and happier place!
 Love,
 Mom & Dad



Rebecca Stow



Watching you grow up has been a delight, from a sweet beautiful girl to a remarkable young woman. We are looking forward to seeing where your life takes you, hoping that it is everything you imagine it to be.

We love you and are proud of you!

Mom & Dad



Patrick Bloom



Patrick-

Wishing you always a bright sky above,
The pleasure of doing the things that you love-
God's blessing around you, His light from on high,
And deeper contentment as each day goes by.

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Dolan

Rhys Hertafeld



Rhys,
We'll never forget the day we first met Mrs. Burchman at 6th grade parent-teacher conference. When we introduced ourselves she smiled and said, "Ahh Rhys--he's a great violinist. He doesn't know it yet, but he is. He plays with all his heart." How right she was--and not just about the violin. As proud as we are of your accomplishments, Rhys, we're so much more proud of the amazing person that you have become. We love you very much.
Mom and Dad.

Laura Grannemann



Your spirit, wisdom, and talent, along with your determination to make the world a better place, all but guarantee an exciting and fulfilling life journey that touches many lives. We are so proud of you, and wish you great happiness. Keep saving those starfish!

All our love,
Mom, Dad, and Sarah



Central Elementary Opened Doors To Our Future

Our Thanks to Bob Greenhoe



Central Seniors:

Kenneth Johnson, Brian Evans, DeShawn Trune, Freddie Abood, Carson Castellani, Marcus Baldori,
Joshua Davies, Maxwell Sasso, Matthew Currie, Ashkan Zamani, Rhys Hertafeld

Carolyn Wallace



Carolyn,

You are amazing! We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Remember...never be afraid to enjoy life or take chances. Believe in yourself, be proud of yourself and always reach for that next goal with a smile. Have fun, always try to do your best and you will always succeed. We love you!

Dad, Mom and Lauren

P.S. We always knew you would be a cowgirl!

Kyle Cook

"Thumbs up" to your future adventures. Remember to continue to work hard and believe in yourself. We are so proud of you!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Corey and Claire



Lindsay Spencer

Lindsay,

It seems like only yesterday that you were just a little girl. Now here you are, a young lady ready to embark on life's journey. Your inner strength and determination will enable you to achieve whatever you desire. Never fear the risk of failure itself, just the failure to try. We are so proud of you and you will always be our little girl.

Love you always and forever,
Mom, Dad, Chris, Jason, Nikki and especially Bell



Matthew,

You have brightened each and every day of our lives with your humor and smile. Fulfill your dreams and let your uniqueness be what guides you and sets you apart from others.

"Set out each day believing in your dreams/know without a doubt that you were made for amazing things."

-Josh Hinds



We love you so much,
Mom and Dad

Matthew Bill



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Umakanthan Kavim



Dear Kavim,
How the years have flown by since the day you entered our lives with a big smile on your face!! You had the ambition to become a venomous snake catcher. You had overcome the obsession with crazy bones, and Pokemon. Those interests may have changed, but we support you to be whatever you want to be in your life. We are proud of your accomplishments and of the person that you have become. Please carry the love, compassion, and the sense of humor that you always have in your heart, to wherever you go and share them with every one! Always remember that the world is a beautiful place and life has wonderful choices and above all, we love you very much!

With love,
Mom, Dad, and Eyakka

Adam David Nevells



Dear Adam,
Whether we were Cupcake and Buttercup, Erstaunlich and Fatty, Ginny and Adam, it didn't matter because I knew we were talking to each other. And how we defined our relationship didn't matter either, just because we promised each other we'd stay friends forever. So Buttercup, Sprinkle, Fatty, my Dearest Adam, *Take me back to the summer oh-nine* when the sun was out and everything was fine. Take me back to those days on the beach when life was good and fun was free. Take me back to those late night drives when the wind was cool and we came alive. Take me back to those early morning texts "Good Morning Buttercup" and everything that came next. Take me back to those mid-day hugs when we were happy and both in love.

Ich Liebe Dich, Your Best Friend, Ginny

Charlotte Hutchens



Skinned knees, sunburns, the watershed year "when you were five." Music lessons of various types, ballet, gymnastics, hoops and track, academic achievements, and when did you turn into such a lovely young lady?

As you go on to bigger and better things, remember to ponder the timeless question:

"Apart from the sanitation, the medicine, education, wine, public order, irrigation, roads, the fresh water system and public 'ealth, Wot'ave the Romans ever done for us?"

Love,
Mom and Dad

Meghan Higgins



It was only yesterday that you were figuring out the world. Now you are ready to conquer it! We are so proud of you and happy for you!

Love, Mom and Dad

You are the most amazing person and sister in the world. Thank you so much for all you've done for me!

I love you so much! Good luck!

Love, Kim

Jessica Leigh Reimers



Jessica,
Congratulations!

We love you very much. We are very proud of you. You have made it over the wall, and now have an entire new world to explore. We look forward to the new things you will discover, and to sharing them with you.

Best of luck, and please keep us old people in your thoughts.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Jennifer

Chelsey Miller



Your first day of preschool seems like the other day. You were ready then and you are ready now.

Good luck on the Michigan State University Women's soccer team in 2010.

Go Spartans!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Taylor and
Ashton

Carlos Tschirley



Congratulations
Carlos,
Way to go!

Here's looking forward
to an amazing future!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Michael,
Bonnie and Ivy





Claire's beauty shines from within
Lovingly this virtue is for all who befriend her
And that is why we must willingly confide she
Is all we could hope for and be proud of

Remarkable, intelligent, funny, kind, creative, faithful and more!

Everything you dream for, Claire Bear, is our dream for you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jordan and Chad



"Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly"-

Taylor Nordberg



We are so proud of all your accomplishments in academics, athletics, and most of all your kind spirit. You are thoughtful, talented, bright and beautiful. May you reach all of your goals and challenges with the determination you have shown over the years.

Congratulations! You are going to be the fourth generation in our family to attend Michigan State. You have given us many wonderful years of smiles, laughs, and cheers. We love you very much and look forward to your exciting journey.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" - Eleanor Roosevelt

Love,
Dad, Mom, Nikki and Tommy

Hayley Mulcrone



"Everyone deserves the chance to fly!"
We're so very proud of you!
All our love,
Mom and Dad

Chelsea Olson

We are so proud of how hard you have worked and the wonderful person you have become. We are blessed to have you as our daughter. The future is yours- go for it! We love you always.
From Mom and Dad



Jamie Haak



Thank you for being such a generous and caring young man. You put others above yourself, show patience in times of hardship and lead with integrity. We've enjoyed witnessing your accomplishments as a diligent student, dedicated athlete and great companion (and example) for your brother. Your sense of humor is a treasure to all around you!!



Give thanks every day, be courageous and enjoy the sunsets and the journey!!! You've earned this ... this is your time ... now go out there and take it!



Love,
Mom, Dad and Kyle

Sam Glogovsky



Congratulations Sam!

We are so proud of your accomplishments. Look forward to your future- it will be an adventure!

Remember that we love you and are always here for you. Love Always, Mom, Dad and Danielle



Congratulations!

Betsy Van Wieren



We are so proud of you and your many accomplishments. You have been a gift of love, joy, and laughter since the day you were born and we treasure every moment. Follow your heart and amazing spirit and reach for your dreams.

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Trey



Nick Finan

Congratulations on all of your remarkable accomplishments. We are so proud of you. May you have fair winds and following seas.
Keep Smiling! We love you very much.
Your Family



Laura Pavona



"Always remember that the littlest things can make the biggest difference." We are so proud of you, we love you very much, and you will always be our littlest girl.

Dad, Mom, Kristin, Eric, Colleen, and Rachel

Melanie Bernard



Mellie, we have watched you go from being a bubbly little girl with a huge smile to a beautiful young woman in what seems like the blink of an eye. Your future awaits you and it can only get better.

Love always,
Mom, Dad and Ryan

Emily Behm



Dear Emily,
You are amazing!
I treasure your compassion, your charm and wit, and your independent mind. You have worked so hard to achieve your goals. I'm so very proud of the wonderful young woman you've become. Always remember.....

I'll love you forever;
I'll like you for always;
As long as I'm living, my baby you'll be.

Love,
Mom

Sydney Swierenga



Congratulations, Sydney!
You have always been a true joy and we are very proud of you.
Life is a great adventure- have fun!
Keep your kind heart and generous spirit, choose to be happy, and know that we are always here for you.
May God bless you and watch over you always.

Love,
Mom, Toni, Kiah, and
your whole family

Shannon Karpinski



You are a miracle that never ceases to be
miraculous...full of beauty and forever
beautiful...loving and caring and truly amazing.
We hope your dreams take you to the corners of
your smiles,

To the highest of your hopes,
To the windows of your opportunities,
And to the most special places your heart has
ever known.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Tonya, Shelby, Whitney, Cody and
Addie

Lauren Elizabeth Dudley

From the little girl we
remember to the beautiful
young woman you've become.
We are very proud of your
accomplishments.



GO BLUE!
With all our love,
Mom, Dad and Katie

Matt Cooley



Matt,
We wish you the best in the coming years.
Learn from the past; look forward to the
future; enjoy the present!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Joslynn Bauer



Dear Jos, Max, Fish, Jossers...
We'll love you forever, we'll like
you for always, from now and
forever, our daughter, sister and
friend you will be.
We are so proud of you!! Hugs and
kisses from your family. May the
best day of your life so far be the
worst day of your future.



Gleason's

Amelia Marsh

You are a shining
light in our lives. We
are so proud of you.
Keep chasing your
dreams!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Adam



Meredith Scheppele

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any direction
you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
You are the guy who'll decide where to
go.

- Dr. Seuss

We love you and are so proud of you.
Mom, Dad and Drew



Erin D. Madden

Congratulations Erin!
(Our little Airbear)

Erin, from the time you were born (mom's special birthday present), you have enriched our lives in so many ways with so many wonderful memories. Your wonderful spirit and determination in all that you do is inspiring. God has blessed you with so many gifts, including the wonderful gift of music, evident in your beautiful angelic voice. We have truly enjoyed all the musical performances, from elementary school through your junior-senior year in Someko. We are so proud of the woman you have become and all that you have accomplished. As you embark on your new chapter in life, embrace life and live it to its fullest.

*"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a
loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise." Psalms 98:4*

We love you!

Mom, Dad and Jennifer



To our terrifically talented granddaughter,

We applaud your many accomplishments and send our encouragement and support for you to be
successful in whatever you choose.

We love you,
Grandma & Grandpa Morris
Grandma & Grandpa Madden

*Imaan Abbasi and
Adnan Abbasi*



Heartiest
congratulations,
you both make
us proud-



We love you
very much.

Aubree Nim



AUBREE
Friendly
Strong
Beautiful
Proud
Determined
Capable

You are everything this says and more!
Congratulations on your accomplishments-
swimming and water polo.
Our "cute-face" has grown to a beautiful
young woman. Always keep smiling and
know you can accomplish anything that
you set out to do.
We are so proud of you and we love you!

Mom, Dad, Aimee, Aaron and Averie

Jonathan Turkus

JD,

Thank you for the happiness and love you
have brought into our lives! We are so
proud of your kind heart and your love for
learning. May this be the beginning of
many of your dreams come true! We love
you and may God bless you!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Ben



Peter Fielek



Always that bright
smile!
Shine On, Peter.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Joe

Freddie Abood



Congratulations Freddie!

We are so very proud of you. As you walk down the road of your future,
we wish for you nothing but success and happiness. The world is waiting
for you and we know you will do great things!

We cherish the boy you were the day you headed off to kindergarten and
we embrace the man you have become as you head off on this newest
adventure in life. Your kindness and enthusiasm for life will take you far.
Follow your dreams, keep an open mind and always be true to yourself...

We love you very much,
Dad, Mom, Mitchell, Maggie and Ben

Caleb Seaks

Congratulations Caleb! Job well done! You have made all of us proud. Trust God with all of your heart. Listen for God's voice in everything you do and everywhere you go. He will keep you on track.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Caitlin and Briana



Eddie Wilson



Eddie
We are so proud of you!
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Abigail

Betsy Van Wieren

We are so happy for you as you begin your new endeavor in life. We have watched you grow into an exceptionally beautiful young woman with a kind and gentle heart. With all your many accomplishments we can only imagine your future.

Our Love Always,
Grandma and Grandpa
Bratsehi



Jenny Tsai



Jenny Tsai



Jenny,
College is where you will shine with your work ethic, compassion, generosity, and enthusiasm. Wish you the best for a superb college life that you can treasure forever. Have lots of fun! Don't forget to come home!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jamie





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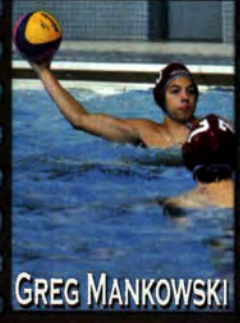
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You have triumphed in the face of adversity & devastating loss. We are so proud of you. We wish you all of the wonderful things that life has to offer. Live well, love well & cherish the journey of life.

Love,
Your Parents



ADAM DAVID NEVELLS
1992-2009



ANDREW FANDIALAN

Nikolas Reed

Dear Nik,
There has been no greater joy than having you for a Son! I am so proud of the man you have become!

Always know wherever you go in life, my hopes, thoughts and love will be with you. Always know that I will support you in your dreams, that my advice will be given with care and that I will listen with all my heart, both as a friend and a mother.

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined! (Henry David Thoreau)

Congratulations Niko! Love you this much... Mom



Daniel Jimenez



Your secret to success has been to start each day with energy and enthusiasm, and we know you are ready to start the next stage of your life in the same way.

We are very proud of the wonderful young man you have become. We love your high spirit, your sense of humor and your noble heart.

With love,

Mom, Dad, Jennifer and Jessica

Ashley Allis



Ashley
2010



Dear Ashley,

Creativity, imagination, loyalty, honesty, happiness, hard work and success have resonated from you since you were a little girl. You have earned the right to continue to positively impact the lives of others and enrich yours further at the University of Michigan's School of Art and Design.

We are so very proud of all your accomplishments and know there is much more to come. Know that you are always loved and supported as your life's journey continues.

Love, Dad, Mom, Katie, Riley, Bridgett, and Mac

Go Blue!

Laura Donahue



Fuzzies, Rickies and Blankies stored in a box with pictures of little smiles and red curly locks.

Rollerblades, running shoes and high tops hung up with piles of books and notecards no longer amuck.

With diploma in hand and hugs and kisses galore, off to conquer the world and much, much more.

You're a one-of-a-kind gem that we now have to share, But know forever-and-a-day just how much we care!

You're The Best – We Call,

Grandma, (Grandpa),
Uncle Pat and Uncle Danny,
Aunt Colleen, Mom and Erin

Laura Donahue



Vanilla bear,

Love you forever
Ra-Ra!

Cinna bear

Zhaawosh Bardy

We are proud of you!

Love always,
Mummy, Dad, Bess
and E



David Anderson



David

Congratulations in your successes!
May you always find or form
fantastical bubbles to ponder and
carry you to great places.

We love you
and will be behind you all the
way!

Best wishes as you go to college.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Chris and Amy



Ethan Claucherty



We'll sadly miss the younger years, for
they have come and gone so fast. But look
forward to your future years, for we know
they will bring the same great joy.

Love you son,
Mom and Dad

I'm so proud of you, E! You're very smart,
and I know you will be a huge success!

Love,
Your big sis

Ariana Wilcox

May happiness touch your
life today as warmly as you
have touched the lives of
others. When I count my
blessings, I count you twice.

Love,
Mom, Mario, Aaron



Danny VanOverbeke



Danny,

From the time you were born, we knew you were special, and
you show just how you are every day. We are so very proud of
you and all you have achieved. We look forward to the next
chapter of your life and to all your accomplishments yet to
come. We will always be your number one fans!

Love,
Mom Dad and Ali

Kelly Anne Conlon



Kelly,
Congratulations! We are
so proud of you and all
you've accomplished.
Can't wait to see what the
future holds for you!

We love you with all
our hearts!

Mom, Dad, Kevin,
Wrigley and Cali



Lindsey Corbett



We are so proud of you and love you so much!

Love, Mom and Dad

Chelsea Bolas

If music be the food of love, sing on....

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Jonathan & Tristan



Sophia Bauer



Follow your dreams, Sophia, and don't let anything stop you! You have so much to offer the world. We're proud of you and love you very much!

Congratulations!



Love,
Mom and Dad

Shelby Robinson

"You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
You're on your own. And you know what you know.
And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go.
You'll look up and down streets. Look 'em over with care.
About some you will say, "I don't choose to go there."
With your head full of brains and your shoes full of feet,
you're too smart to go down any no-so-good street.
Out there things can happen and frequently do to people as brainy and footsy as you.
And when things start to happen, don't worry.
Don't stew.
Just go right along.
You'll start happening too."



Undoubtedly the world is blessed to gain a beautiful, influential, bright, and compassionate humanitarian.

We love you!



Mike Darnell



Mike,

Congratulations on completing high school! We are very proud of you. You have already discovered that there are no mountains high enough and no oceans deep enough to stop you. Enjoy your journey of life!

Mom and Dad

Nandini Wahi

DEAR NANDINI,
Congratulations on your high school graduation! As you begin the next journey in your life, remember...
With your determination and inner strength, you can do anything you want, be anything you want to be and shine like the star you are.
Your family will always be there to support you. You truly are our Hero! Keep up the good work. Good Luck for the future!
We love you!
Dad, Mom and Aditi



Olivia Banks

When you were a small child you spoke with a large voice, you wanted to be heard and seen. As you began to grow, I could see you were a dreamer, an actress, someone who liked to express herself.

When you became a young lady, entering your formative years, you put those expressions into feelings... and I began to know and recognize in you a beautiful and genuine spirit.

It has been an honor and a blessing on our family to see that spirit blossom into a caring and lovely young lady..

Continue to dream, I will support you..

And let love be your guiding light.

-us-



Brian Evans



"When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return." ~Leonardo Da Vinci

May your life be full of breathtaking adventures!

We are so very proud of you Brian!

With love,

Mom, Dad, Rob and Jack

Jordan Komyathy



Jordan,

We are so proud of you! Congratulations on all your hard work! Your enthusiasm for life and your positive attitude will take you far as you continue on into this next phase of your life. Always know that we are behind you and are so proud to be your family. Keep smiling and know that we love you so much!

Always,

Dad, Mommy, Kelsey, Mia, Ty and Daisy, too!



Brendan Hoshal



Congratulations Brendan!

We are so proud of all that you have achieved and the young man that you have become. It has been a wonderful journey to watch you grow into a bright, confident, fun, loving, and caring individual. You have filled our lives with much joy.

Our prayers for you are for you to continue to grow in spiritual knowledge and to walk in the light. May our Heavenly Father bless you, and give you His wisdom, guidance and peace. Most importantly:

Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed (Proverbs 16:3).

With much love,

Mom, Dad, Steven, Jeffrey and Lilly

Erin Phillips



Congratulations, Erin! We have watched with so much pride as you have worked relentlessly to achieve your goals. You have grown into a well-rounded young woman with an incredible future ahead of you. We will always be here to help you and to love you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kelly, Michael and Jack

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letter from the editor

Hello. What to say? Where to start?

There are so many emotions and memories and hours of thought put into this book that it would probably take a good double-page spread for me to talk. But we don't have that kind of space, so I won't. I guess this is my time to say everything that I want to say about the yearbook. I have roughly put in about 430 hours of work in this book, 5 days a week at the least, and now spending my summer after graduation working everyday from about 11-4. It is Friday, June 25th, and my friends are out laying at the beach probably drinking lemonade without me because I have chosen to procrastinate for the sake of this book. My time and energy stated here is not, in any way, meant to undermine the work of my lovely staff and adviser, but I would just like to make it clear that I have poured a large majority of my senior year experience into these pages; it is my pride and joy and I am nothing but proud of the work that has been accomplished. Now by no means am I saying that the book is perfect, some pages are less than stellar, but when I found out that the deadline was this following Monday, I had some emergency wrapping up to do. Without the help of Mr. Lafferty for answering any questions we had, Alan Holben, Dan Crites, Roger Rosentreter, Mrs. Speier, the newspaper staff (especially Lizzy Rinner and Matt Currie) for their amazing photography, Ms. Spadafore who brought snacks, played great music and was there everyday, the incoming yearbook staff for graciously stepping up in time of need (especially Stephanie Stumpf, you're awesome!), and my current staff for being rockstars through stressful times, this book couldn't have made it without any of you, and I am so thankful for all of your help. As these final pages were being wrapped up, I realized that if there was just one thing that I have learned this past year: mistakes are inevitable. In a world full of opportunities to make mistakes, I encourage you to embrace them, accept them, and love the flaws that make each person (or in this case, book) unique. So, please, read it and enjoy. *With only the utmost sincerity and love,*

Your less-than-perfect, but ecstatic Yearbook Editor Shelby Robinson

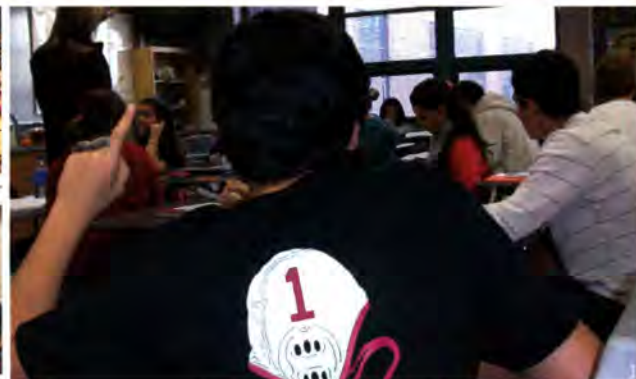
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1. The band watches the football game patiently waiting for half time to begin so that they can perform. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)

2. The senior section rips their sign off the bleachers and passes it through the crowd to show their senior power. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)

3. **Borna Abdullahi** (10) shows his team spirit for JV Water Polo in class before a competition. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)



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1. **Sydney Hartle** (11) and **Liz Swaynie** (11) cheer for the football team at the Harry Potter themed homecoming game. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)

2. **Sarah Kells** (11), the drum major assistant, leads the band alone in the homecoming parade. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)





1. When spirit week comes around, **Katy O'Leary** (11), **Lindsay Stockwell** (11), **Sophie Floyd** (11), and **Hannah Hoffman** (11) know how to dress up in style. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)
2. During Touch of Class, **Meghan Higgins** (12) leads **Nicholas Edwads** (09) to his table. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)
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1. **Nicci Russell** (09), **Casey Bozarth** (09), and **Maggie Abood** (09) pose for a quick picture. (Picture by Katie Bartel)
2. **Jamie Guild** (10) and **Lauren Brunner** (10) engage in conversation on break. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)
3. **Chris Walter** (10), **Mitchell Beckman** (10), **Hunter Holtrop** (10), **Byran Seggebruch** (10), and **Mitch King** (10) get together. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)

1. Just before a football game, **Relly Schwaner** (11) and **Chloe White** (11) spend some time in the bleachers. (Picture by *Chloe White*)

2. **Megan Hayslette** (11) and **Kirsi Goldynia** (11) catch the OHS bandit, **Landon Cally** (11), at the homecoming parade. (Picture by *Billye Alman*)

3. Cheerleaders **Shannon Harman** (09), **Haleigh Stelljes** (10), and **Lauren Lynn** (10) smile their way through the parade. (Picture by *Lizzy Rinner*)



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1. Solo from their dates, **Erik Bertilrud** (11), **Rishi Shah** (11), **Dylan Miksicek** (11), **Mark Speier** (11) and **Dan McGrath** (11) strike a pose while taking pictures on homecoming night. (Picture by *Cheri Speier*)
 2. **Shelley Turzewski** (11) and **Andrea Dantus** (11), smile for a picture during a Taylor Swift concert over Thanksgiving break. (Picture by *Elisa Turzewski*)





1. In the midst of a game against East Lansing, **Peter Nichols** (09) attempts to take the ball. (Picture by Shelley Turzewski)
2. Drumline members **Devin Berry** (12) and **Kyle Burgess** (11) prepare for the halftime performance in a football game. (Courtesy Picture)
3. With the second quarter coming to a close, **Nabeel Kasim** (11) and **Peter Harrison** (11) begin walking back to the lockerroom. (Picture by Lindsay Stockwell)

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2. After the Powderpuff game, **Swati Sudarson** (11) and **Megan Hayslette** (11) shake hands with the senior girls. (Picture by Cooper Sigourney)
3. With Halloween the next day, **Chapin Sigourney** (09) shows off her costume. (Picture by Shelley Turzewski)

1. **Amanda Wojan** (10) shows her enthusiasm as she prepares to study for finals in class.. (Picture by Nandini Wahi)

2. **Jonathon Turkus** (12) and **Vu Hoang** (12) make ninja poses during Touch of Class. (Picture by Chelsea Bolas)

3. **Emily Leong** (11) shares her talent with the guitar at the Talent Show. (Courtesy Picture)



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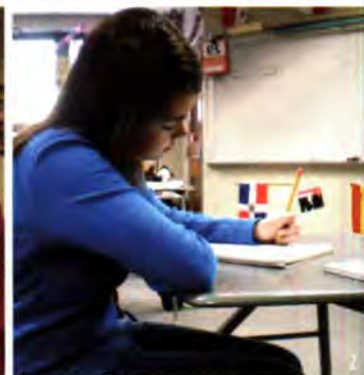
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1. During Spirit Week, **Tanmayee Yenumula** (11), **Anthony Huynh** (11), and **Meagan Cosand** (11) wear the worst outfits they could find for "Would you be my friend if I wore this" day. (Picture by Nandini Wahi)

2. **Ashton Gallagher** (10) studies hard for her final exam in spanish class. (Picture by Nandini Wahi)





1. Ms. Freeman's non-fiction class has a bake sale to help kids in need. **Sarina Seger** (12) sells goods with her pre-schooler. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)
2. During homecoming week, **Nyle Brand** (11) dresses up for "Would Still Be My Friend If I Were This?" Day. (Courtesy Picture)
3. While in Stratford, Canada, **Patrick Buetow** (12), **Matthew Bill** (12), and **Landon Cally** (11) meet Canadian friends on the streets. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

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1. Touch of Class security guards **Cameron Casher** (12), **Matt Cooley** (12), **Patrick Fewens** (12), **Chris Everett** (12), **Brian Evans** (12), **Marcus Baldori** (12), **Greg Kohler** (12), and **Jacob Leski** (12) watch the door. (Courtesy Picture)
2. **Kate Weaver** (11), **Amber Smith** (11), **Sami Miller** (10), and **Tanita Plaengprawat** (11) eat out at Los Tres Amigos. (Courtesy Picture)
3. **Nik Manee** (12) dresses as a Day Of The Dead skeleton on halloween. (Courtesy Picture)

1. **Kayla St. Claire** (12), **Angela Vaszily** (12), **Sarah Dudgeon** (12), **Nazi Jamalifard** (12), and **Jenna Dakroub** (12) chat with each other and enjoy the parade. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)
2. **Caitlin McCarthy** (12) and **Jon Turkus** (12) are surprised when they are announced as senior representatives. (Picture by *Michelle Zhao*)
3. **Casey Hall** (12), **Brittany Persico** (12), and **Juhee Lee** (12) smile at the camera when the girls Lacrosse team makes their way through parade. (Picture by *Michelle Zhao*)



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1. While decorating signs for Homecoming week, **Natalie Lee** (09), **Natasha Ghose** (09) and **Vivian Wang** (09) work together to paint Hagrid's House.. (Picture by *Michelle Zhao*)
2. **Christina Marone** (12), **Imaan Abbasi** (12), **Amy Hua** (12), **Chris Shin** (12), **Max Wilson** (12), and **Tyler Belyea** (12) enjoy their time at Touch of Class. (Picture by *Victoria Bingman*)





1. **Jenny Tsai** (12) paints signs for her class during Homecoming week's annual sign day. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)
2. On Halloween, **Brian Evans** (12) and **Josh Davies** (12) dress up during school to get in the spirit of the holiday. (Picture by *Shelley Turzewski*)
3. During **Adam Nevell's** memorial on the day after his death, **Abby Craft** (12) and **Emily Mata** (12) hold candles in remembrance. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)

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1. Having a good laugh, **Meg Scribner** (11), **Mary McGrath** (11), and **Swati Sudarsan** (11) enjoy their lunch. (Picture by *Michelle Zhao*)
2. Making the car look spotless for the fundraiser towards band, **Anthony Huynh** (11) puts in great effort. (Picture by *Shelby Robinson*)
3. Getting crazy on senior servent day, **Jessica Tufnell** (11) and **Riley McCarthy** (09) dress up **Caitlin McCarthy** (12) and demand her to do what they want. (Picture by *Paige Kelliher*)

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1. **Kelsey Mullen** (12) walks through the halls dressed by her underclassmen buyer on Senior Servant Day. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)

2. **Rachael Goodsir** (11), **Dan Jimenez** (12), **Quincy Lafayette** (12), and **Hillary Wilson** (12) enter prom. (Picture by Brian Williams)

3. **Emerson Hendry** (12) and **Walter Chou** (12) carry cans they collected during SEA Club. (Picture by Victoria Bingham)



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1. **Max Sasso** (12) and **Ken Johnson** (12) hang out during the Senior Party. (Picture by Kyle Haak)
 2. During homecoming week, **Summer Star** (11) helps make posters along with other members of student council. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)





1. **Evan Snyder** (12) helps serve at The Taste of Okemos. (Courtesy Picture)
2. **Trevor Stayton** (11) participates in the cornhole competition that was organized by **Mr. Buggia** and **Ms. Bartel**. (Picture by Paige Kelliher)
3. **AJ Powell** (11) works on homework in class so he can get help from his teacher. (Picture by Victoria Bingman)

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1. While the audience feels the blues, **Elliot Welch** (11) shows off his jazz skills during the diversity assembly. (Picture by Shelby Robinson)
2. In the Science Olympiad, **Joey Letner** (11) and **Mayank Patke** (09) take a short break with their goggles off. (Picture by Ms. Richter)
3. In a timeout during the Powderpuff football game, **Kaitlyn Hanson** (11) converses with her teammates. (Picture by Cooper Sigourney)

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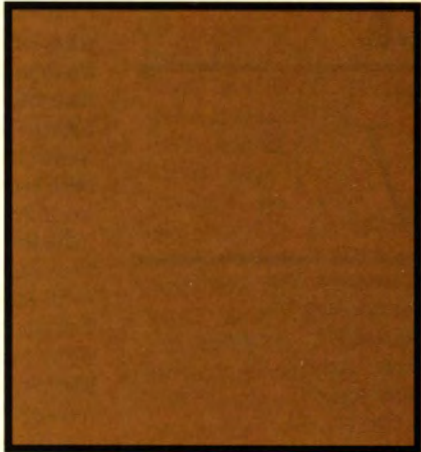
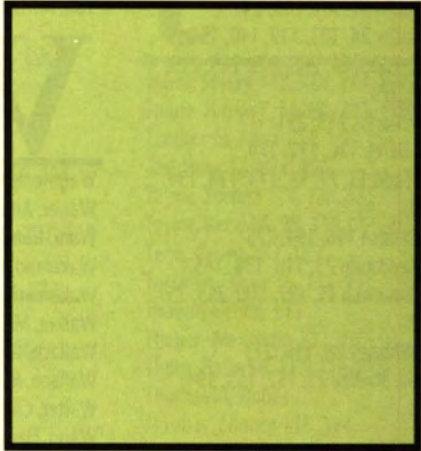
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NEWS



↑ The United States draws closer to providing health care for all with the passage of reform bills in both the House and the Senate.

Larry Downing/Reuters/Landov

➔ President Obama orders an increase in troops in Afghanistan with a goal of starting to withdraw forces from the country in July 2011.



Reuters/Tim Cocks/Landov

↓ Haiti's earthquake -- with a magnitude of 7.0 -- is declared by the United Nations as the worst disaster it has ever confronted. Aid pours in from the United States and around the world.

EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI



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↑ A University of Utah study finds that texting while driving can be up to six times more dangerous than talking on a phone while driving.



THEN & NOW:

Price per gallon of gas in 2000: \$1.26	Movie ticket price in 2000: \$5.39
2009: \$2.73	2009: \$7.35

swivel.com, consumeraffairs.com

boxoffice Mojo.com, ratoronline.org

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ADDRESS

In August, Sonia Sotomayor is sworn in as the Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice and only third female member in the top U.S. court's history.



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REBUILDING WORLD TRADE CENTER

GOVERNMENT BANK BAILOUT



Yes Hermany/Reuters/Landov

Belgian Prime Minister Herman Van Rompuy is elected the first president of the European Council (EU) under the Treaty of Lisbon.

VIEWS

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H1N1 FLU VIRUS



Tim Sloan/AFP/Getty Images

The H1N1 virus appears to affect teens more than typical flu viruses. Hand sanitizer is a commonplace sight in classrooms and other public spaces.



H1N1



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SENATOR TED KENNEDY DIES



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America honors the lives of 13 innocent victims of a tragic shooting spree at Fort Hood, Texas, in November.



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In efforts to make General Motors more economically viable, the company discontinues the Saturn brand and announces plans to phase out its Pontiac division.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE



John McConico/AP Photo Images

Unemployment rate in 2000: 4%
2009: 10%

bls.gov

U.S. population in 2000: 281 million
2009: 305 million

census.gov

Facebook users 2000: 0
2009: 350 million

theatlantic.com, guardian.co.uk

CHANGING WORLD



FOOD SHELVES

David McNew/Getty Images North America

↑ The number of first-time visitors to food shelves surges, as families cope with the economic recession. Food banks report that demand is up 30 percent on average.

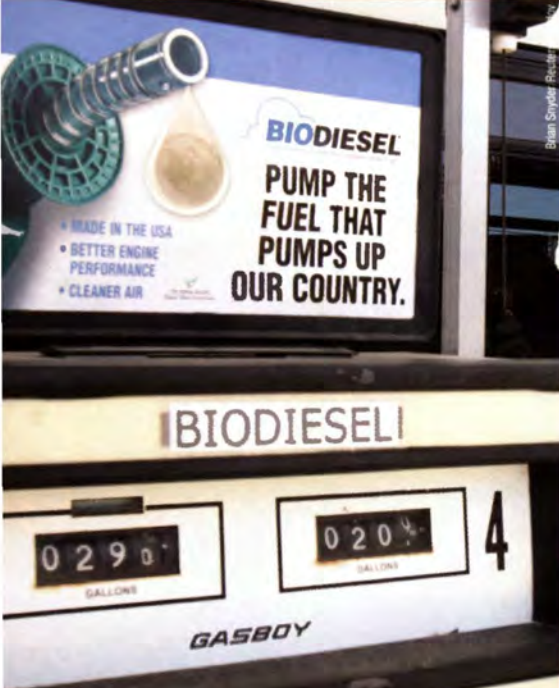
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➡ The Armed Forces Network broadcasts five NBA games to U.S. troops on Christmas Day. The NBA gives the AFN broadcast rights for free.



Glenn Jarman/NBAE/Getty Images

↓ Consumers have more alternative fuel options as the number of biodiesel stations continues to grow across the United States.



Brian Snyder/Reuters

PEDAL FOR POWER

ENERGY-EFFICIENT APPLIANCES



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Bloomberg/Getty Images

GIVE



↑ During October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, pink products are everywhere: from printers to power tools, snowboards to golf balls, blow dryers to water bottles.



GREEN CLEANING PRODUCTS

FAIR TRADE COFFEE



SHADE GROWN ALWAYS ORGANIC



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"PINK" DELTA PLANE



Water = Life!

WATER BANS



REUSABLE BAGS

GULF COAST OIL DRILLING

EARTH-FRIENDLY PAINT

BUY LOCAL PRODUCE

ENERGY-EFFICIENT BULBS

VEGAN SHOES

TAKE



Students protest the University of California's 32 percent tuition increase. Average tuition is up 4.4 percent for private four-year colleges and up 6.5 percent for public four-year colleges.

Jim Weber/The Commercial Appeal/Landov



Teens are setting an example for their parents, with 56 percent of teens volunteering to support a charitable cause.

CORDLESS ELECTRICITY



Stringer/AFP



HYBRID LUXURY FUEL-EFFICIENT CARS

William Archie/MCT/Landov

TOP 10 WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY

1. Turn off the lights when no one's in the room.
2. Carry a reusable tote bag when you go shopping.
3. Bike or walk instead of driving.
4. Get a reusable metal water bottle.
5. Unplug and shut down electronic devices when not in use.
6. Buy music online instead of purchasing CDs.
7. Use rechargeable batteries instead of disposables.
8. Replace standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.
9. In winter, turn down the heat and wear more layers.
10. In summer, set your air conditioner thermostat to 72° or higher.

SPORTS



Jim Raymen/UPV/Landov

At the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, the top-ranked Alabama Crimson Tide defeats the second-ranked Texas Longhorns to finish the Bowl Championship Series.



Photo: Bennett/Getty Images/Sports

STANLEY CUP

Sidney Crosby becomes the youngest captain to hoist the Stanley Cup as he leads the Pittsburgh Penguins to their third championship and first since 1992.

Team USA heads to Vancouver, British Columbia, for the Winter Olympics. More than 200 athletes represent the United States at the XXI Olympic Winter Games.

The New Orleans Saints beat the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 to win Super Bowl XLIV, their first championship title.



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U.S. MEN'S BOBSLEDDING TEAM

LAKERS 2009 NBA CHAMPIONS

PHOENIX MERCURY WNBA 2009 CHAMPS

U.S. WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM



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AP/Wide World Photos



John J. Maffei/UPV/Landov

The New York Yankees capture their 27th World Series Championship when they beat the Philadelphia Phillies, four games to two.

TEAM 8



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U.S. MEN'S SOCCER TEAM



MICHELLE WIE

RYAN SHECKLER



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LISA LESLIE RETIRES



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HEISMAN WINNER MARK INGRAM



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RACHAEL FLATT

PLAYERS



ROGER FEDERER

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STEPHANIE GILMORE



JIMMIE JOHNSON

Brett Favre retires from retirement to lead the Minnesota Vikings. At 40, Favre continues to rewrite the record books, including the most-consecutive regular-season games.

FAVRE

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Bob Maum/Sports Illustrated/Getty Images

At the 12th IAAF World Championships in Berlin, Jamaican sprinter and three-time Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt beats his own 100-meter and 200-meter world records.

Shaun White leads a talented roster for the 2010 Olympic Snowboarding Team that also includes fellow gold medalists Kelly Clark, Hannah Teter and Seth Wescott.

SHAUN WHITE



Cameron Spencer/Getty Images

Minnesota Twins' Joe Mauer became only the second catcher in 33 years to win the American League Most Valuable Player Award, finishing first in a near-unanimous vote.

MVP



Jim McIsaac/Getty Images

TOP GAMES/EVENTS OF THE DECADE

- 2008 Wimbledon final:** Rafael Nadal vs. Roger Federer
- Super Bowl XLIII:** Steelers 27, Cardinals 23
- World Series 2001, Game 7:** Diamondbacks 3, Yankees 2
- 2007 Fiesta Bowl:** Boise State 43, Oklahoma 42
- 2006 Rose Bowl:** Texas 41, USC 38

- 2008 Olympics:** 100-meter men's butterfly, Michael Phelps
- 2009 Big East tournament:** Syracuse 127, UConn 117 (6 OT)
- Super Bowl XLII:** Giants 17, Patriots 14
- 2002 NBA West finals, Game 7:** Lakers 112, Kings 106 (OT)
- 2005 UEFA Champions League final:** Liverpool beats AC Milan

MUSIC



After the release of their fifth studio album, the Black Eyed Peas launch The E.N.D. World Tour, with stops in Australia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand and Thailand.

Mary Mary's album *Praiseworthy* reaches No.1 on *Billboard's* Christian & Gospel Album Charts, No. 2 on the Top R&B/Hip-Hop Chart and No.7 on the *Billboard* Top 200.

Paramore takes home the title of Favorite Rock Band at the MTV's People's Choice Awards. Lead singer Hayley Williams kept in touch by Tweeting with fans throughout the awards program.



Taylor Swift has an amazing year with four CMA Awards and the Grammy for Best Album of the Year.



AVENTURA

new moon

DARIUS RUCKER

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MOVE

the music glee season one volume

LADY GAGA

Jason Derulo

Jason Derulo

Glee geeks go wild! Volume 1 of the *Glee* soundtrack features 17 songs from the hit Fox show about a struggling high school glee club.

KINGS OF LEON



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EMINEM



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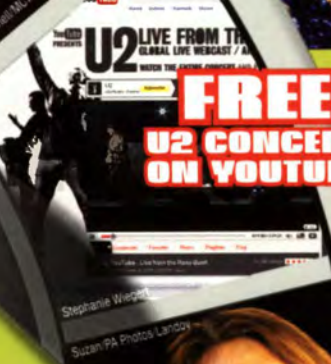
Justin Bieber parlayed YouTube fame into a record deal. A crowd of more than 3,000 screaming fans forces him to cancel an appearance at a Long Island mall.

Robert Press/Landov



FREE U2 CONCERT ON YOUTUBE

Michael Jackson, the legendary King of Pop, dies unexpectedly at the age of 50, just weeks before his *This Is It* world tour is to begin.



Stephanie Wiegert / Suzan PA Photos/Landov

GROOVE

MILEY CYRUS



Jim McIsaac/Getty Images Entertainment

Alicia Keys guest stars on Jay-Z's album, *The Blueprint 3*. Their joint effort, "Empire State of Mind," is one of the most successful songs of the year.



LINKIN PARK

PA Photos/Landov

BEYONCÉ



Kevin Mausu/WireImage

Beyoncé broke the record for a female artist at the Grammys with six awards, including Song of the Year and Best Female Pop Vocal Performance.



GREEN DAY

Travis Darter / Redman/RETNA/Landov

LADY ANTEBELLUM



TOP 10 TOP-SELLING ALBUMS OF 2009

1. *Fearless*, Taylor Swift
2. *I Dreamed a Dream*, Susan Boyle
3. *Number Ones*, Michael Jackson
4. *The Fame*, Lady GaGa
5. *My Christmas*, Andrea Bocelli
6. *Hannah Montana: The Movie Soundtrack*, Hannah Montana
7. *The E.N.D.*, Black Eyed Peas
8. *Relapse*, Eminem
9. *The Blueprint 3*, Jay-Z
10. *Only By the Night*, Kings of Leon

Billboard.com

ENTERTAINMENT



↑ Tina Fey's acclaimed NBC comedy *30 Rock* receives a record 22 primetime Emmy Award nominations and wins five, including Best Comedy Series and Best Actor in a Comedy Series (Alec Baldwin).

↑ Reality TV shows like CBS's *Survivor* and *The Amazing Race* continue to draw in viewers of all ages.

➔ A new generation discovers the Fab Four. The Beatles: Rock Band is a smash hit among teens, parents and even grandparents!

↓ New Fox hit TV show *Glee* takes home the Golden Globe for Best Musical or Comedy Television Series over such veteran shows as *The Office*, *30 Rock* and *Entourage*.



NAMES



THE SIMPSONS

THE HILLS

3-D TV



◀ Sesame Street, the legendary PBS children's show, celebrates 40 years of ABCs and 123s with the likes of Cookie Monster, Oscar the Grouch and Big Bird.

1969
2009



◀ SpongeBob SquarePants celebrates 10 years on the air with the debut of *Truth or Square*, a Nickelodeon TV movie featuring celebrity guests and several shocking twists.

1999
2009



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GAMES



THE SHERRIF SHEPARD SHOW



LATE-NIGHT BATTLE

◀ After just seven months, Conan O'Brien receives \$45 million to surrender his position as host of *The Tonight Show* after NBC decides to return Jay Leno to his previous time slot.



XBOX LIVE

MODERN FAMILY



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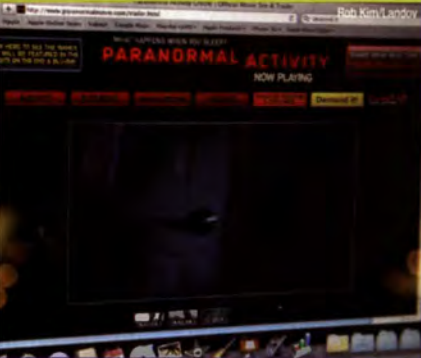


TOP 10 TOP-SELLING VIDEO GAMES OF 2009

- 1. Wii Fit
- 2. Wii Play
- 3. Pokémon Platinum Version
- 4. Mario Kart Wii
- 5. Resident Evil 5 (Xbox 360)
- 6. Killzone 2
- 7. Call of Duty: World at War
- 8. Resident Evil 5 (PS3)
- 9. Halo Wars
- 10. Street Fighter IV

Source: cnbc.com

MOVIES

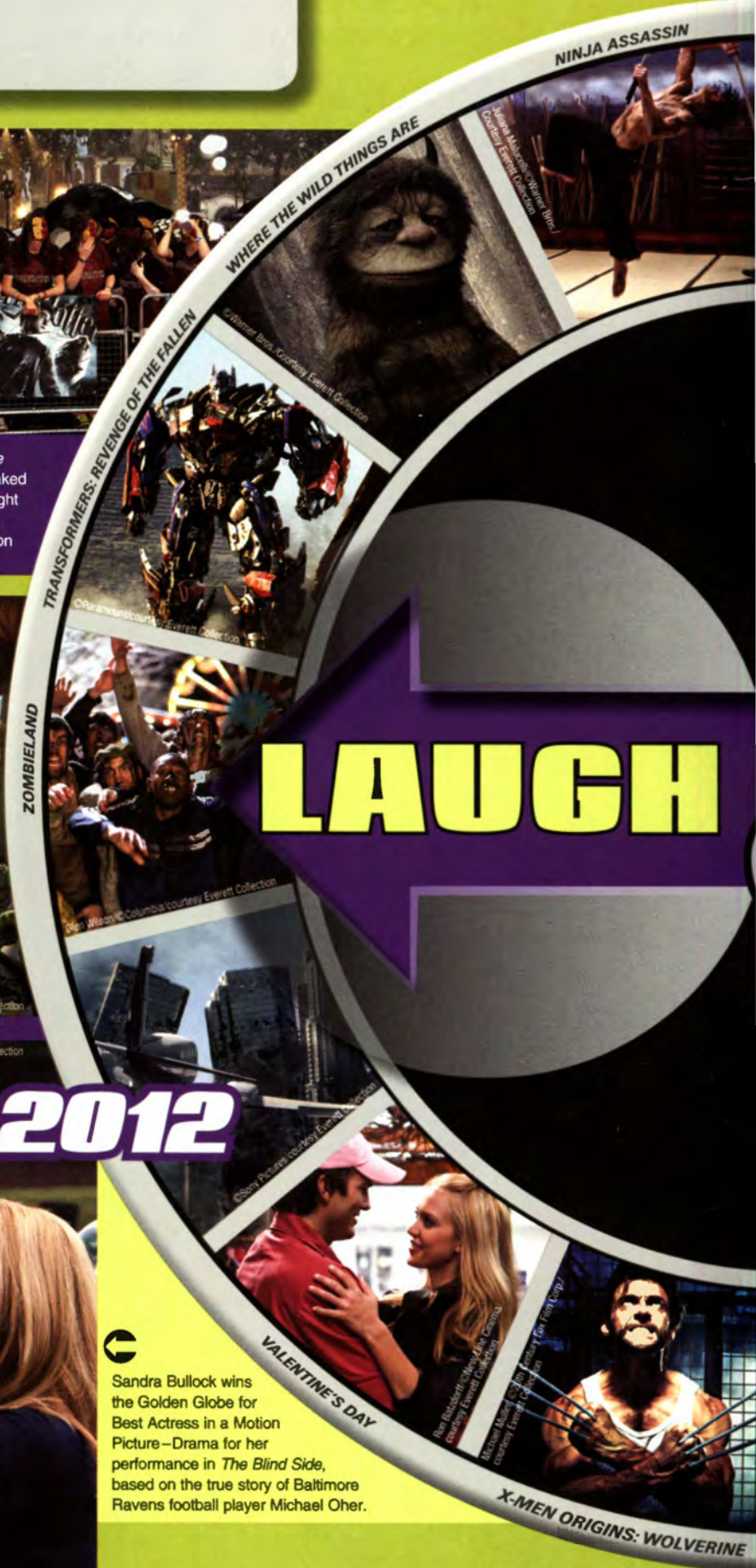


↑ After two weeks of limited sold-out shows, 1 million moviegoers submit online requests that cause the nationwide release of *Paranormal Activity*.

↑ *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* raked in the biggest midnight earnings of all time, grossing \$22.2 million at the box office.



2012



LAUGH

Ⓒ Sandra Bullock wins the Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Motion Picture—Drama for her performance in *The Blind Side*, based on the true story of Baltimore Ravens football player Michael Oher.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

STAR TREK

PRECIOUS

INVICTUS

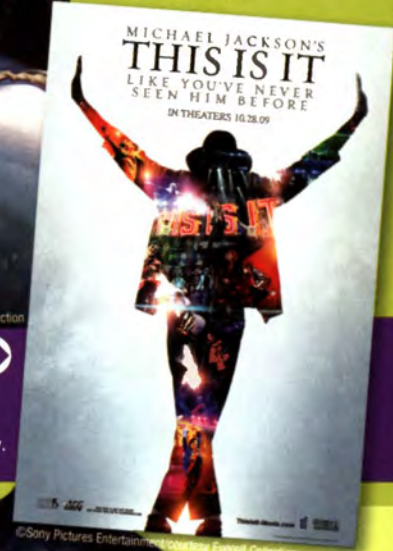
CLASH OF THE TITANS

& CRY



UP

In just 41 days, James Cameron's *Avatar* overtakes *Titanic* to become the highest-grossing movie ever worldwide at \$1.859 billion.



This Is It, a film about the late Michael Jackson's tour rehearsals, becomes the world's highest-grossing concert movie and documentary.



TEAM JACOB
TEAM EDWARD

Are you "Team Jacob" or "Team Edward"? "Twiards" around the world swoon over the supernatural love triangle in *The Twilight Saga: New Moon*.

THEN & NOW

TOP 10 BOX OFFICE HIT MOVIES

2000

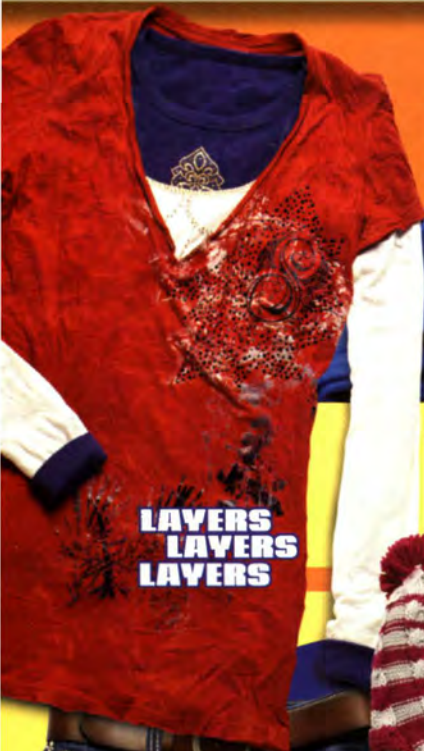
1. *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*
2. *Cast Away*
3. *Mission: Impossible II*
4. *Gladiator*
5. *What Women Want*
6. *The Perfect Storm*
7. *Meet the Parents*
8. *X-Men*
9. *Scary Movie*
10. *What Lies Beneath*

2009

1. *Avatar*
2. *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*
3. *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*
4. *The Twilight Saga: New Moon*
5. *Up*
6. *The Hangover*
7. *Star Trek*
8. *The Blind Side*
9. *Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel*
10. *Monsters Vs. Aliens*

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TRENDS



**LAYERS
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↑ Snuggie, the blanket with sleeves, is a runaway hit. The company introduces versions for kids and pets and features designer styles in a fashion show.



**RAIN
BOOTS**

NORTH FACE JACKETS

MUK LUKS



OVERSIZED RINGS



GIRLS

CARDIGANS



METALLIC NAIL POLISH



SCARVES



**UGG
BOOTS**



Graphic tees, worn alone or paired with zip-front hoodies, are a comfortable way to make a style statement, promote your favorite band and express your individuality.

BOAT SHOES



CARGO SHORTS



BASKETBALL SHOES



EARFLAP HATS



GIRLS & BOYS PLAID SHIRTS



GUYS

AVIATOR SUNGLASSES



BASKETBALL SHORTS



WORK BOOTS



ENERGY DRINKS

PEA COATS



TOP 10

FASHION TRENDS

1. Skinny jeans
2. Big '80s shoulders
3. Over-the-knee boots
4. Graphic tees
5. Hoodies
6. Animal prints
7. Rachel Roy bags
8. Ripped jeans
9. '90s grunge
10. Flared jeans

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LIFESTYLE



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↑ Quinceañeras, the Latin American culture's coming-of-age celebration on a girl's 15th birthday, are becoming larger and more elaborate like Sweet 16 parties.



SOCIAL NETWORKS

↑ More than half (55 percent) of Americans ages 12-17 use social networking websites.



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➔ Now you can carry a whole library in a device the size of a hardcover. Consumers crave readers like Amazon's Kindle and the Sony Reader.

Mike Sugar/ReadersLands

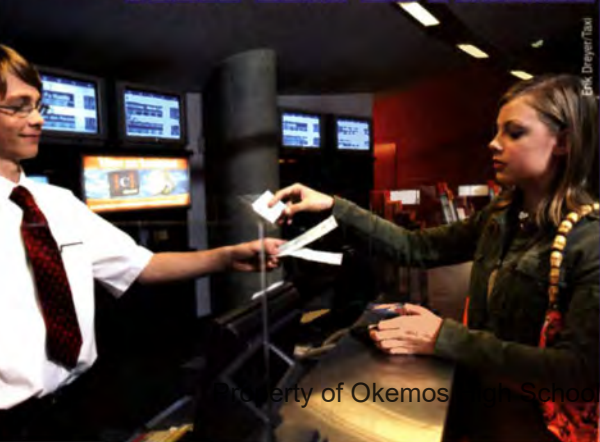


⬇ In January 2010, teen employment rates hit a record low of 26.2 percent due to a lack of entry-level jobs available at the minimum wage.



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TEEN EMPLOYMENT



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↑ Pass the potatoes, please. Busy families are cutting back on expensive take-out meals and making time to sit down together for healthier, home-cooked family dinners.

HOT



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CELL PHONES

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