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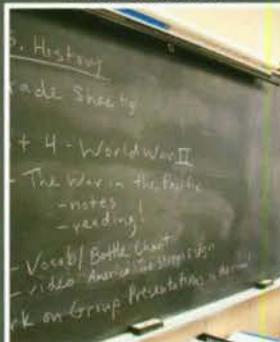
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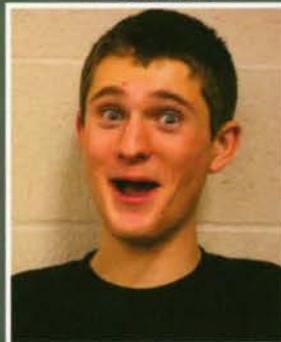
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# OPENING

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Unity to be real must stand the severest strain without breaking." This proves true at Mason High School. We come to this place five days a week seeking knowledge and camaraderie, while carrying stresses and burdens. The school consists of many social groups, each featuring a wide array of individuals on a personal pursuit to find happiness in life. We have unique and caring teachers who impact us as we experience the adventures and difficulties of life. Teachers lead us as coaches, as club advisors, as mentors — each with the mission to shape us into better people. The beginning of our freshman year forces us into a new chapter in our lives. During sophomore year, the social aspect of high school typically comes into focus as each student starts to find his or her place within the student body. Then junior year hits us with its standardized tests and college prep: a year that

challenges us to push ourselves academically and to make decisions. In our fourth and final year, we transition to a new life outside of Mason, while trying to find our purpose in this world of approximately 7,000,000,000 people. The greatest part about this journey is that as MHS students we have the privilege of taking these steps together. This school has persevered through an economic crisis, the death of classmates, teammates, friends and family members, and all of the other life struggles that impacted our growth from teenager to young adult. We come from different backgrounds, but we all leave roots grounded at Mason High School. And despite every bridge we cross and every hoop through which we jump, we survive. We make it to another day together. We Are One.



A special thanks goes out to Alan Holben, the Mason Fire Department, the staff and every single participant that made this awesome project happen.

## Process

By: Charlotte Remington

On September 28, 2011, the yearbook staff took the unity concept and applied it by organizing a school-wide picture. Each grade and faculty member had a designated area for the photograph. The only way the yearbook staff accomplished this task was with the cooperation of the administration, who allowed use of an entire TIES period. Also, teachers assisted in numerous ways, from motivating their classes to participate, to offering advice on how to go about completing the project. It

took three weeks of planning to make sure the event was well-organized. This included calculating the size of the circles and creating commercials that conveyed instructions for picture day. The staff brainstormed during class, divided jobs, created the layout, organized TIES, presented to the faculty, and contacted photographers and the fire department. The picture turned out perfectly according to plan conveying the message that *We Are One*.





"We cannot be separated in interest or divided in purpose. We stand together until the end."  
-Woodrow T. Wilson





# STUDENT LIFE

After spending almost 34 hours in school every week, students need something different from the grind of everyday life. Everyone's stress is different, and everyone takes a different angle when it comes to taking control. Some people take time alone and some take time with their friends, to do something different, sometimes for even just a couple hours a week. They use these activities to blow off steam, to distract themselves from the stresses that come with the "real world". These things are often overlooked when it comes to addressing school, but they are essential to keeping a busy student on an even keel. Every student needs a release to keep them sane in their journey through life, to keep them moving forward in their **one adventure**.

# Peas In a Pod

By: Brooke Stephens

## BONDED BY BOLDNESS.

Moving to a new school comes with many challenges, but Chris Knight '12 quickly created a relationship with Mr. Lattig. Knight has always loved sports, so it came as no surprise that he established a relationship with the Athletic Director. "He came in [to the Athletic Office] with a group of friends, stopping in to figure out when he could join a school sport," said Lattig. Their personalities clicked soon after that. "He made me feel welcome and every time I see him, it brightens up my day," said Knight. According to Lattig, he was impressed by how students seem to "gravitate" toward Knight, because of his strong school spirit and how he treats his fellow students. "He would be the guy I would go to if I ever needed to talk to someone about any problems," said Knight.



STEPHENS

On any given day, one can find Jorden Harris '12 and Mr. Haynie playing pranks and making fun of each other. "We have a father-son relationship," said Harris. "Some may think we're even dysfunctional," added Haynie. Harris has been in many of Haynie's classes and has participated in sports he coaches.



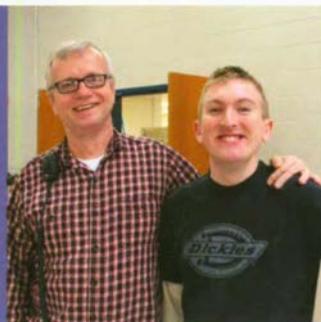
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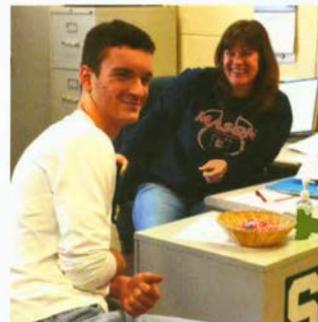
STEPHENS

When not in wrestling practice, Sean Houghton '13 usually spends his time in the trainer's room after school. Houghton helps athletic trainer Kristen Drury in his off-season by bringing water to teams. He also acts as an extra hand within her office. "I'm interested in her field of work and she's always willing to help," said Houghton.

Relationships can form anywhere. In this case Larry Crandall and Joe Mannino '13 met while working in the lunchroom one day. Now, they work together and crack jokes all the time. As Crandall makes sure students stay behaved, Mannino takes the trays. "He's just a great guy to be around," said Crandall.



STEPHENS



STEPHENS

Between baseball practices and seeing each other at school, Tucker Cecil '13 formed a connection with Peggy Wassner of the Athletic Department. "I've known Tucker since little league baseball with my son Joe," said Wassner. Cecil makes sure to stop in her office every time he goes by just to say "hello" and catch up on what's new.

Mrs. Ford taught Emma Bailey '12 in Biology during Bailey's sophomore year. Now as a senior they have been reunited in Anatomy and Physiology. Bailey and Ford often eat lunch together, telling stories of life in general. "We share a lot of opinions and interests, which is why we get along. Also, we share a mutual respect for each other," said Bailey.



DAVIS



DAVIS

Long editing nights in the yearbook room bonded seniors Charlotte Remington and Bobby Albert with their Anchora adviser, Ms. Higgins. "Through the years Higgs has pushed me to always strive for my best in all areas of my life," said Albert, "She may seem stressed and angry, but really, she just cares."



## STANDING TALL.

Even with all of the extra curriculars in her life, senior Holly Raglow fits yoga into her schedule, taking class once a week at the YMCA. Yoga taught her how to relax and unwind when needed.



## COMPANIONS.

When feeling overwhelmed, junior Kaitlyn Torok turns to her friends to take a break and feel at ease. "I like to watch Princess Bride and chill with my amigos," said Torok.



## DANCE AWAY.

At Living Arts Dance Studio, junior Rebecca Guenther dances to get away from her hectic workload. Dance has turned into her favorite pastime.



## RELATIVITY.

Counting on her family, freshman Tori Alonge embraces the relationship she has with her aunt.

When Alonge gets stressed, she knows that she can always count on her family to help her unwind.



NO  
STRESS

STRESS



## TEST IT OUT.

Seniors Danielle Strunk and Jeff Smith take advantage of the AP courses offered at the high school. The classes require a lot of extra time for studying and working on projects.

## DOUBLE-TIME.

Playing two sports during the same season consumes sophomore James Taylor's time. He has learned how to juggle schedules for both basketball and wrestling while maintaining his grades.



## HARD WORK.

Having a job at Little Caesars helps sophomore Parker Baldino learn the responsibilities of the real world. He struggled to balance work, school, and a social life but managed to get proper sleep.



## NEW CHANGES.

In the eyes of freshman Rachel Cook, transitioning from a social life in middle school to high school has challenged Cook to get out of her comfort zone. "It's hard trying to fit in with the new groups here," said Cook.



# Under Pressure

By: Morgan Scharter

## THE HAPPY MEDIUM.

Between multiple clubs, time consuming class and varsity sports, juniors Katie Markiewicz and Emma Whitmyer juggle what seems like millions of responsibilities. They understand these stresses and always make sure they do not get pushed past their limits. Both Whitmyer and Markiewicz think that keeping up their social life can feel like a struggle at times, but they have learned how to manage. Taking honors and AP classes as juniors, they maintain their grades to satisfy their own standards. When feeling tense, they do similar activities together such as knitting and traveling. Understanding their stress levels has been the best way for them to stay positive.



# Family Ties

By: Emily Ingalls and Amelia Schon

Family extends beyond the home, sometimes making its way to the workplace. That can be seen firsthand here in the high school. From the front office to the cafeteria and everywhere in between, some faculty members get the chance to oversee their child's high school career. The question that each of these students is asked: What is it like having your parent work at the high school? Son of English

teacher Ms. Stimers, Jonathan Jordan '13 responded by saying "It's not weird having my mom as a teacher, definitely makes it easier to get signatures for classes." There is also the advantage of having access to their opinion and ideas throughout the day, some good, some rather not heard. All in all, it can change the dynamic of a student's school life and home life.



Mr. Delbridge and Taylor Delbridge '15



Mr. Lattig and Cassandra Heinz '14



Connor Holbrook '12 and Ms. Holbrook



Ms. Harrington and Jordan Swanson '14



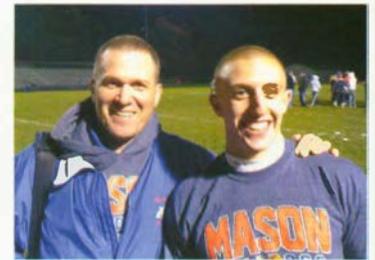
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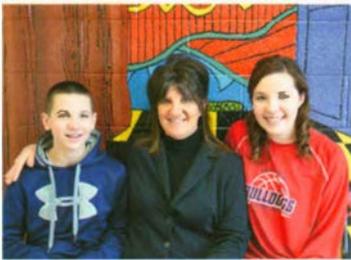
Ms. Stimers and Jonathan Jordan '13



Ms. Ball and Kyle Strickland '13



Mr. Pitman and Zack Pitman '12



Kevin Stalzer '15, Ms. Stalzer, and Elizabeth Stalzer '12



Ms. Hyde, Seth Hyde '13, Sam Hyde '15 and Ms. Pierce



Emily Somerville '15, Ms. Somerville, and Jakob Somerville '12



Ms. Wilson and Bill Wilson '13

## Bulldog Bloodlines

Jack Davis



Baseball  
Basketball

1916

1950

1977

Joy Davis



Football

Tom Davis



Tennis  
Student Senate-  
President  
Yearbook- Editor





Stephanie Igl '12

"They're always here for you even when they're being obnoxious."



Christina Igl '13

"Your family knows how weird you are and is ok with it because you know how weird they are."



Amanda Igl '15

"People you love and you're surrounded by that love and it's a good learning environment."



Samantha Igl '15

"Everyone trusts everyone, I can count on them if I need them."

What does family mean to you?

# Mix 'n Match



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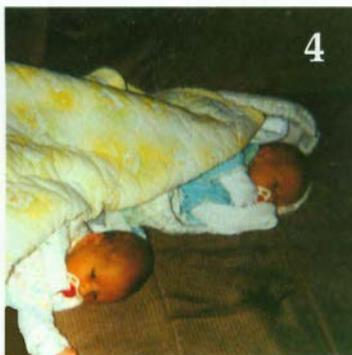
A) Ethan and Nathan Rice '12



B) Jenna and Paige Rivera '13



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C) Bailey and Corie D'Haene '14



D) Kaitlyn and Chloe Caltrider '15

Answers: 1) B, 2) D, 3) C, 4) A

Peggy (Davis) Wassner



Basketball  
Girls Letter Club- President  
Track- 800m relay record holder

Joe Wassner



Baseball  
Basketball  
Tennis

1984

2012

2014

Rachel Davis



Class Secretary  
National Honor Society-Leader  
SEND- Co-founder  
Yearbook- Communications Director

## STICK AROUND.

People move away for different reasons; parents get new jobs, kids go off to college and do not come back. But, every once in a while, a family sticks around. Each year a person graduates after walking the same hallways as their great-grandparents. The Davis family has a chain of graduates going back four generations starting with Joy Davis who graduated in 1950.



# Travels Near and Far

By: Danielle Rustem

## LATER 'GATOR.

Proudly showing off her unusual souvenir, Maddison Chatfield '15 holds up the tail of the seven-and-one-half foot alligator she killed August 30. Chatfield went to Venice, Florida with Juliana Brown '15 and her family to try alligator hunting on the Shell Creek River. "I would love to go back," said Chatfield, "it was a great time."



CHATFIELD

## ROAD TRIPPIN' IN THE MITTEN.

On a beautiful summer day, during their trip around Michigan, Ryan Geyer '14 and Jacob Evenson '14 run up one of the giant Sleeping Bear Dunes located on the shoreline of Lake Michigan. Traveling with Geyer's parents and siblings, Geyer and Evenson also stopped at Double JJ Ranch, Pentwater, DTE Music Theatre for a Train/Maroon 5 concert, and ended with tubing in Lake Charlevoix.



GEYER

## LENDING A HAND.

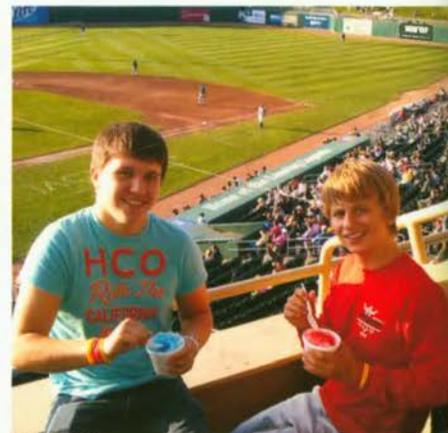
Using her knowledge from Spanish class, Emily Disselkoen '13 talks to some of the local children during her stay in Costa Rica. With her family, Disselkoen had the opportunity to help many different families by delivering food, helping with the construction of a house and visiting with the people of the village. The family's fourth mission trip gave them a chance to visit the family they sponsor, who have become close family friends.



DISSSELKOEN

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME.

On a warm June afternoon Austyn Graham '14 and Chasier Langham '12 enjoy sno-cones at Cooley Law School Stadium. Throughout the game, stadium staff entertained the spectators whenever a break in the action came by playing games, trivia, or even shooting hot dogs into the stands. Lansing's minor league baseball team, the Lugnuts, had a rough game losing by twelve runs. "Unfortunately they lost...but we enjoyed the game," said Langham.



LANGHAM

## BIRD'S EYE VIEW.

Standing on a platform 200 feet in the air, Sara Pulford '13 prepares to zip-line in Ketchikan, Alaska. Pulford and her family went on their trip for two weeks in June during the Summer Solstice when the sun shines for 23 hours a day. Tourists can only view the rainforest from above, due to strict preservation laws. These laws prohibit people from entering the forest, so it remains untouched by humans. The family also visited the Arctic Circle, Denali National Park, and went hiking through other forests during their stay.



PULFORD



GUENTHER

## WORLDWIDE RUSH.

A huge crowd gathers waiting for a popular new band, Big Time Rush, to take the stage at Allegan County Fairgrounds. "I think we stood there for an hour [after the concert]...we were determined to see them," said Rebecca Guenther '13 who went with six of her friends.





## PATRIOTIC HOLIDAY.

Spending the 4th of July in Washington DC, Nathan Jones '14 and his family get to watch the national parade and fireworks up close. "No tractors or farm machinery in their parade," joked Jones. Besides going to see the Capitol and White House, they also saw other tourist attractions, such as some of the Smithsonian Museums and Arlington National Cemetery.

### What do you like to do over summer break?



"I play football with my friends."

-Joshua Townsend '14



"I go swimming... read and hang out with my friends."

-Frances Priller '13



"I hang out with my friends."

-Kevin Morris '15



## THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.

Among the smiling faces of the kids, Rachel Davis '12 cannot help but smile with them. The students of Lite Academy wanted to know what American schooling was like and asked the girls to "snap" them, or take their picture. Davis joined business teacher Mr. Kato and two other students in Nigeria for ten days in June. They visited three schools, a few orphanages, and many cities, including Jos, Kaduna, Kano and Kwoi. She stayed with quite a few different families including Mr. Kato's sister Debra. While learning about the culture of Nigeria, Davis and the others also visited the construction site of one of the KITA (Kato International Training Academy) schools. Because the school encourages students to further their training in soccer as well as education, they visited the soccer club in Kano, getting a chance to meet some of the players and coaching staff. "Everyone was so welcoming and caring," said Davis.

## TOURISTS...BAND STYLE.

Taking a break from playing concerts, Patrick Long '14 and the rest of the Blue Lake band participants take time to tour sights like The Atom in Brussels, Belgium. While in Europe, students also visited France, Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark and Switzerland. When the students were not sightseeing, they played a concert that took two hours to complete and contained 18 different pieces to play. Throughout their trip, students stayed with different host families and got to do some unique things, like going to one of the World Cup games. "We got to experience the culture and how they see the world," said Long.



## HIKE ON.

Following a trail marked by white blazes on trees, Hannah Farlin '13 and members of Adventure Crew 123 hiked 30 miles of the Appalachian Trail. "It was probably one of the hardest things I've done in my life...but I'd do it again in a heartbeat," Farlin said.



### ROLLING TOGETHER.

Students cheer on the men's basketball squad during a seasonal game. Sean Houghton '13 led the section as they motivated the team with this new chant called "The Rollercoaster".

### DRUMMIN' UP.

For the drumline, junior Kayla Hodges and freshmen Nick Strunk and Derek Troxell hold up fellow drummer freshman Foster Whipple. The drumline performed a show during every home game for the student section.

### THE PARTING.

Splitting the section in two, Sean Houghton '13 sprints to the top of the bleachers in the "Parting of the Red Sea". Inspired by a YouTube clip of a school doing this rendition, Houghton decided to try it out. He got the students on board via Facebook and Video Announcements.



HOLBEN



SMITH



REMINGTON



REISTER

### CAPTURE THE FLAG.

After the Croswell-Lexington game, Blake Pierce '12 shows his support by meeting the team at the 50 yard line. Many students will remember rushing the field at home football games.

## What was your most memorable moment while being in the stands?



"Making new friends and just being a part of the student section"

-Hannah Darmofal '15



"Doing the 'I Believe That We Will Win' cheer"

-Nikki Colligan '14



"Throwing baby powder in the air last year"

-Nick Sjolund '13



"Meggie Wren and Sean Houghton's costumes at the Battle Creek football game"

-Jakob Somerville '12





HOLBEN

# Bulldogs, what is your profession?

By: Katie Smith



P. MCNEILLY

Men's Varsity Soccer Student Section

Why have a student section? Some say it is because it brings everyone together, while others say it is a fun way to encourage the teams. "A lot of those guys [teams] don't play for just the sport. That might be the main reason, but they play for the student section, knowing that the student body has their back," said Sean Houghton '13, one of the faces people see at every game. "It's a great motivator and it's cool to have the community there, [the game] kind of becomes a whole community effort to win," said Saylor Lavallii '12.



JANSON

Women's Varsity Volleyball Student Section



# Big Time, Springtime

By: Joshua McCarty

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Close to a thousand participants gather around Mr. Jackson. The field house erupts in a seven-letter explosion of sound. The contest hangs on a difference of a few tenths of decibel. Only one grade can come away victor from this tri-annual challenge, and only one does. Led by their TIES teachers, all the students from each grade join in chanting "V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!" at the top of their lungs. The freshmen step up first and give a valiant effort. The three remaining grades follow suit, then wait in eager anticipation for

Mr. Jackson to disclose the winning class. With a sudden movement, he raises his board into the air, a fourth of the student body explodes into cheers, and the contest ends. The sophomores have triumphed this time, much to the disappointment of the other classes. Only time will tell if they can maintain this title. But for now, they own the bragging rights, having accepted the challenge and prevailed over it...together.

## READY...AIM...FIRE!

The pep assembly included the first-ever, official unleashing of the Robotics team's creation Phyllis2.0. Though initially created for grabbing inflatable rings, the robot underwent a makeover for the occasion: a specially-designed air cannon for firing t-shirts into the stands. Controlled by Jack Vogel '12 via wireless connection, Phyllis2.0 rolled back and forth in front of her roaring fans, robotic hand waving and cannon exploding.



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## STEP IN TIME! - ANNUAL DANCE-OFF

All photos by: 2011 ANCHORA STAFF



Hannah Reister '12



Zach Mollitor '11



Jacob Cochran '11  
Courtney Stocken '11



Spring Fling 2011 - 12



Dominique  
"DJ" Ireland  
'13

"What was  
your most  
memorable  
moment of  
Spring Fling?"

"Watching  
Courtney  
Stocken, Jacob  
Cochran, and Jon  
Geer dance!"



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**FOR MOST SPIRIT...**

Art teacher Mrs. Combs shares her excitement after receiving the spring Spirit Award. Her first hour painting class had a 69% participation rate for spirit week.

**JAZZIN' IT UP.**

Members of the Jazz Band play the fight song to kick off the assembly. The talented ensemble greeted their fellow students as they filed into the gymnasium.



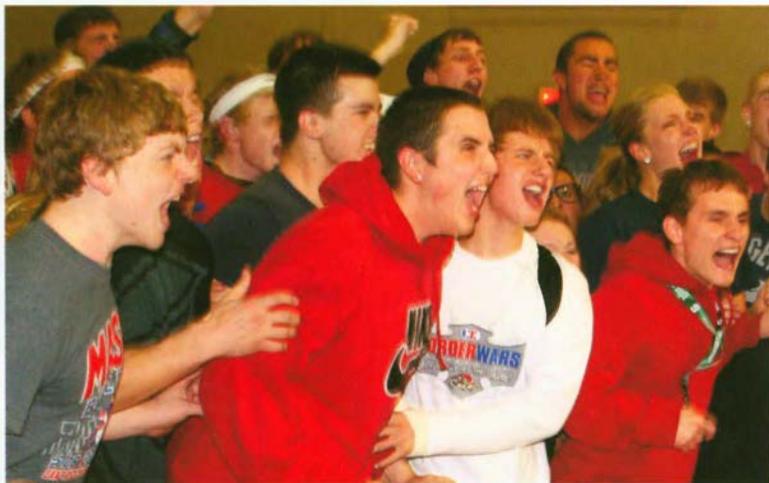
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**IN REVIEW.**

Tennis player Jessi Blask '13 gives a brief summary of the team's spring season. Athletes from women's soccer, track and field, and water polo also spoke at the assembly.



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**GIVING YOUR ALL.**

Students from the class of 2012 bellow the Victory Cheer at the end of the assembly. Despite their efforts, the sophomores won the contest by tenths of a decibel.

**Pajama Day**

Alivia Moran '14, Taryn Clapsaddle '13, & Noah Powell '14



**Rocker Day**

Taylor Siebecker '13 & Mariah Ward '13



**Animal Day**

Annette McCarty '13



**Pirates v. Ninjas Day**

David Mellon '12



**Red & Blue Day**

Thomas Beebe '12, Peter Brandenburg '12, & Bobby Albert '12



# Achievement

By: Annie McCarty and Emily Ingalls

## SINGING SENSATION.

One of the first seated at the assembly is senior Sarah Emerson who has sung in the Women's Choir throughout her high school career. The choir performed several songs from their spring concert at half time of the assembly. When speaking about the Fun, Awesome, Cool Academics (FACA) assembly, Emerson mentioned one of the best parts as being the opportunity to recognize students who may not otherwise be honored. It also offers a chance for the student body to see groups they may not go see, such as the Jazz Band or the Women's Choir. As she awaits her cue to join the choir members she has one thing to do first: accept her Academic Achievement Award. This prestigious award is presented to recognize juniors and seniors who excel in their overall studies. Emerson spoke about juggling school and extracurricular activities, describing it as "challenging at times, but worth it." As she hears her name called, she walks across the gym and receives her award from Mr. Toodzio. Emerson maintained good grades in addition to singing in choir, being an active member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Varsity Bowling Team. FACA was created to let students, like Emerson, know that they do not go unnoticed, and that the hard work and effort they put forth is recognized by others.



A.McCARTY

## PROFICIENT PERFORMER.

Jazz Band member Traci Phillips '13 plays the fight song on her clarinet to welcome students and parents to the field house. Jazz Band uses different instruments than the marching band creating an interesting sound that Phillips described as "funky".

## HARD WORK PAYS OFF.

Assistant principal Mr. Toodzio hands Joe Cecil '12 his Academic Achievement Award. Cecil expressed his feelings regarding the award as "Proud...because it showed all my hard work."



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**TOP HONOR.**

Summit Student Matt Poirer '11 accepts his award for Outstanding Student of the Year. This honor is given to a student who demonstrates great work inside and outside of the classroom.

**HIGH REGARD.**

For his excellence in math, Jero Perez '11 receives a departmental award from Mr. Jackson. Perez balanced his studies while playing on the soccer team.

**MUSIC MOMENT.**

The Women's Choir sings *Mama Who Bore Me* during the awards assembly. The Jazz band and the Drumline also performed at half time.

**ARTISTIC TOUCH**

After presenting junior Taylor Weber with her art award, Ms. Combs embraces her and celebrates her success. Weber explained her favorite part of art class to be "the flow of creativity and the ability to make something your own."



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**What is your favorite part about FACA?**



"The drumline was pretty sweet. I liked being able to watch them perform in front of the whole school."

-Cody Pavlat '12



"Well, I'm not good at sports but I'm good at school and I appreciate being recognized."

-Holly Raglow '12



A. McCARTY

**TWO HANDS ARE BETTER THAN ONE.**

Seniors Brooke Stephens and Wesley Buskirk, members of the fifth hour leadership class, help set up for the assembly by labeling chairs. The class not only helped plan the event, but were also in charge of set up and tear down of the assembly.



# Girl Power



By: Joshua McCarty  
Dominant Photo Taken By: Joshua McCarty

With a quick yell, the field breaks out in dynamic motion. Blue-clad senior girls charge one way, while white-clad juniors rush opposite. Senior Kayla Jacob hustles around a crowd of junior defenders, who reach out to stop her from moving down the field. In the excitement, a junior grabs Jacob's flag, ending the down. Plays like this one epitomize this year's Powderpuff game, one full of intense action and boundless determination. "I feel great," said junior center Gabrielle Trudell at half time. "It's a great competition between juniors and seniors." With the

seniors ahead, Trudell predicted a junior "comeback of the century." And as the teams fought on, the crowd could only guess the result of the game. Flags flew, but sportsmanship prevailed, with players from each team making great plays. Senior Haleigh Wright made an interception, and junior Rebecca Brunner had a climatic 75-yd run as time ran out, leaving a final score of 40 - 20. "It was a fun game," said seniors Shannon Love and Paige Winkler. "The senior girls united to bring home a win against the juniors." Perhaps the best way to wrap it up came from junior Jacq McElhone: "Go Bulldogs!"

1. Captains from both teams meet on the field to determine the beginning of the game by a single coin toss.
2. The game's referees, Mr. Haynie, Mr. Barnum, and Mr. Jones, discuss a play.
3. Junior quarterback Danielle Service executes one of her quarterback run plays.
4. Seniors and juniors stand head to head on the line of scrimmage ready for the hike.
5. The juniors' offensive coach Mr. Hayhoe addresses his players during a huddle.
6. Senior team offensive coach Mr. Chapin meets with the team to call the next play.
7. Having just barely escaped the junior defense, senior Kaleigh Lound high-steps into the endzone.





J. McCARTY



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1. As a kicker for the senior team, Abigail Meirndorf rushes in to put this field goal through the uprights. Meirndorf complemented each touchdown with an extra point kick taking home a perfect 5 for 5 record in the game.

2. With an open route in sight, senior running back Cierra Palacio takes the handoff from senior quarterback Rebekah Bentz. The seniors played an effective rush game, as evidenced by their several running touchdowns.

3. The senior field goal block team takes a break on the field to read the latest news. Since the MHSAA has no regulations over Powderpuff, the seniors had the freedom invent some creative plays.

4. Senior safety Gabriella Brown blocks a pass intended for junior receiver Mona Hinamanu. Though she received an injury in the second half, Hinamanu later valiantly returned to finish the game.

5. Determined to make the yards needed, senior running back Christine Harrison extends her arm to ward off junior defender Katie Smith. Despite the opposition, Harrison managed to make a substantial run after breaking Smith's tackle.

6. Having received a kickoff from the seniors, junior Magen Salmon charges down the field, led by a wall of blockers. Just like football players, the girls had to learn a series of plays and formations in order to move their team down the field.

## Pre - Game Pep

J. McCARTY



Jennifer Ritchie - Rebekah Bentz - Haleigh Wright - Makaylin Hughes

J. McCARTY



Rebecca Brunner - Rachael Hyaduck - Danielle Rustem - Kodie Dansby

"We're pumped!"  
"I'm excited to get some flags!"

"We're pumped!"  
"We feel really prepared."

"Pumped up and ready to beat some seniors!"

"We're gonna rock it!"

"It's about to be a win!"  
"We are pumped!"

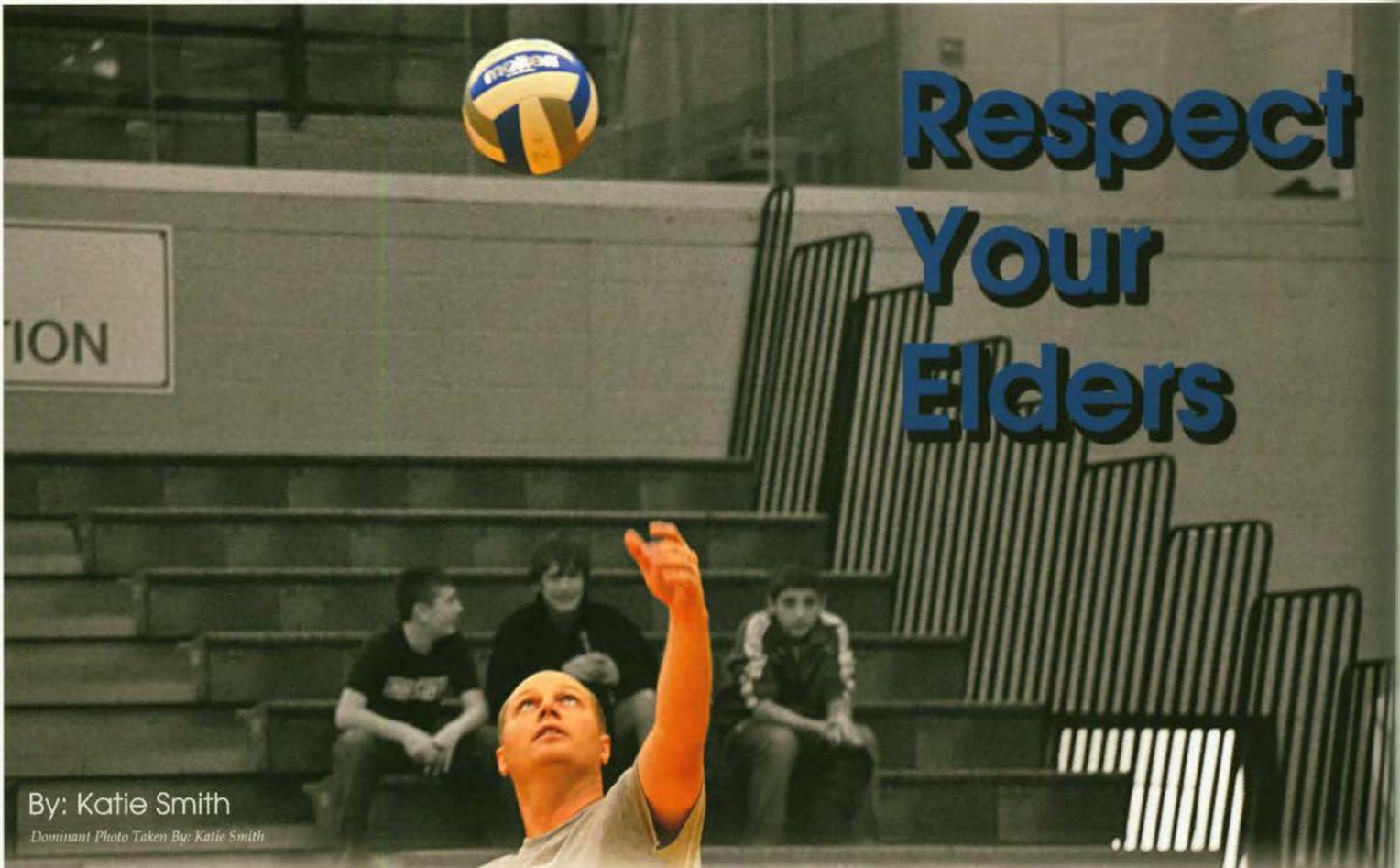
"It's about to go down!"  
"We are super pumped!"

"We're gonna do our best to take the seniors down!"

"I'm ready to beat you, seniors!"



# Respect Your Elders



By: Katie Smith

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Katie Smith*

Faculty team member Mr. Shoemaker attempts a serve against the junior class. The faculty avenged last season's defeat in the championship by defeating the juniors in straight games. "We got mashed; it was bad," said Sean Houghton '13 when asked about the match. "But we had fun," he continued. "My favorite part was just getting to play a game with friends. It was a good night." According to Rylen Droscha '14, the staff also "demolished" the sophomore class on their way to the

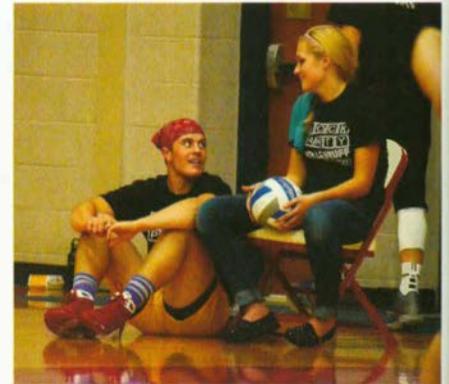
championship. "(Mr.) Botke's spikes were tough (to handle)," added Droscha. "We picked it up after the (faculty game) and beat the freshmen, then the juniors, and finally the other sophomore team," he said. The senior black team also took on the faculty without success. "(The seniors) gave us the most challenge; they really wanted to win it the most," said Shoemaker. The faculty took care of the senior black team, however, winning in three games.

Serving for the senior black team, Thomas Beebe '12 uses the underhand technique. For the little time the players got to practice, this skill was the easiest to master to get the ball over the net.



SMITH

Volleyball team players served as coaches for the event. While Connor Holbrook '12 waits to substitute for another player, Coach Hannah Reister '12 talks plays with him.



SMITH

Jumping high above the net, Quintin Way '13 hits his maximum reach to brush the ball over the tips of Ms. Drury's fingers. Way and his team received the point for this play.



SMITH

During the game against the freshmen, Justin Ramsey '13 gets low to defend an incoming spike. In preparation for a proper dig a player must get low to the ground and be on their toes.



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1. The senior black team shakes hands with their opponent after one of their matches. This showed great sportsmanship and it continued even though they did not win the tournament.

2. With an open net, Stone Miller '15 gets a hand on the ball, gaining another point for the freshman team. Unfortunately both freshman teams lost their first games in the tournament, but had the opportunity to play in the loser's bracket.

3. Referee Alyssa Nardone '12 watches each play closely to make a call if necessary. Violations include out-of-bounds, inefficient serves, and players touching the net.

4. After the first game in the championship match against the juniors, the staff team celebrates their set win. Some of the teachers had prior volleyball experience which helped contribute to their victories.

5. In attempts to hit the ball over the net, Hunter Kinney '12 attacks from the back row. MHSAA rules applied to this friendly competition and kept each game fair and square.

# Who was your biggest competition and why?

"The seniors... because they were experienced with it."

-Kolby Thompson '15

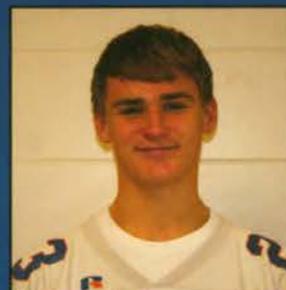


"The win against the other sophomore team... It was a really close game."

-Rylen Droscha '14

"The sophomores... because of all of the unfair calls."

-Jakob Ingalls '15





# ATHLETICS

An athlete is defined as a person trained to compete in sports or exercises involving physical strength, speed, or endurance. So what is endurance? It encompasses more than the physical, not just the result of training but mental endurance as well. Though it is not obtained by everyone who exerts effort. Mental endurance - mental toughness - is bred by pain and misfortune. Despite its elusiveness, mental endurance is vital for each athlete and each team. Throughout the course of a season, a team can lose players due to injury or lose games because of an unfortunate bounce, and it is mental toughness which holds successful teams together in times like these. A team united relies on more than a star player. A team united presses on despite defeat. True success requires a team - a team united toward **one goal**.



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# 2011 Spring Sports

## Varsity Softball



Back Row: Brooke Stephens '12, Alyssa Hagle '11, Coach Ford, Coach Marlan, Alexis Carpenter '12, Danielle Service '13 Row 2: Casey Heckaman '12, Haleigh Wright '12, Chelsea Myers '12, Hannah Barton '14, Rebekah Bentz '12 Front Row: Natasha Schunk '11, Krista Wrozek '14, Samantha Mull '14

## Junior Varsity Softball



Back Row: Kimberly Green '14, Kayla Hodges '13, Coach Williams, Alexandria Singletary '14, Deborah Green '14 Row 2: Traci Phillips '13, Rebekah Warnke '13, Danielle Kleckner '14, Calli Feier '14 Front Row: Alexandria Comstock '14, Marisol Lopez '14, Melissa Switzenberg '13

## Varsity Baseball



Back Row: Cody Hamilton '11, Tayler Jacob '11, Coach Kinney, Coach Botke, Coach Clark, Lucas Richards '11, Charles McNulty '11 Row 2: Manager Josh Parks '15, Johnathon Scavarda '12, Saylor Lavallii '12, Jeffrey Smith '12, Luke Gutkowski '12, Hunter Kirney '12, Kyle Owens '11 Front Row: David Felt '11, Cody Lopez '12, Logan Fitchett '12

## Junior Varsity Baseball



Back Row: Benjamin Nicol '13, Joseph McNeilly '13, Coach Johns, Coach Koenig, Justin Ramsey '13, Douglas Bradfield '14 Row 2: Alexander Valentine '13, Kevin Staggs '14, Christopher Karcher '13, Anthony Sainz '14, Jay Crone '13 Front Row: Marshal Hyden '14, Matthew Koenig '14



## Freshman Baseball



Back Row: Tucker Cecil '13, Lucas Barr '13, Austin Droscha '13, Coach Bleemaster, Noah McGinthy '13, Clayton Parsons '13, Dylan Conway '13 Row 2: Andrew Pawlowski '14, Jeronimo Villalpando Perez '13, Kevin Staggs '14, Rylen Droscha '14, Marshal Hyden '14, Dylan Kleckner '13 Front Row: Joseph Wassner '14, Jordan Swanson '14, Spencer Shattuck '14

## Women's Varsity Soccer



Back Row: Kaleigh Lound '12, Elizabeth Stalzer '12, Kaitin Smith '12, Christy Eifert '11, Coach Binder, Coach Hursey, Coach Kato, Lauren McDermott '14, Analyse McCarty '12, Kali Barry '11, Brooke Dippel '11 Row 2: Nicole McDermott '12, Angela Cena '11, Samantha Houchlei '12, Jordan Young '13, Danielle McNeilly '11, Abigail Merindorf '12, Alissa Cousino '12, Kelsie Jacob '11, Mikaela Momberg '12, Christine Harrison '12 Front Row: Kelsey Abbott '11, Emily Bartlett '11, Amber Denomme '12, Kayla Jacob '12

## Women's JV Red Soccer



Back Row: Rebecca Cena '14, Shannon McNamara '14, Kacie Klott '14, Rachel Kinch '14, Coach VanDeventer, McKenna Fernandez '14, Morgan Ekovich '14, Emma Whitmyer '13, Matisse Fernandez '14 Row 2: Harley Rogers '14, Emma Pawlowski '13, Rachael Hyaduck '13, Jenna Vanderveen '14, Autumn Baughman '13, Alexis Williams '13 Front Row: Maddie Bohl '14, Kaylee Vickers '14, Nikki Colligan '14, Brooke Beaune '14

## Women's JV Blue Soccer



Back Row: Taylor Strickland '13, Taylor Harrington '14, Meredith Flood '13, Gabriella Brown '12, Coach Sherwood, Coach Kiger, Margaret Wright '13, Alexandra Blair '14, Rebecca Brunner '13, Autumn Sodman '13 Row 2: Kaylin Hagerman '13, Serena Wilson '13, Magen Salmon '13, Stephanie Dubois '13, Sydney Dippel '14, Victoria Reeser '13 Front Row: Alyssa Nardone '12, Paige Nodus Rydahl '13, Alyvia Kurtzhals '13, Jacqueline McElhone '13, Bridget Hudson '13



# 2011 Spring Sports

## Women's Varsity Tennis



Back Row: Katherine McCullen '12, Brianna Fassezke '11, Emily Hall '13, Coach Hanover, Coach D'Angelo, Stephanie Norgaard '11, Jessica Swanson '11, Claire O'Brien '11 Row 2: Stephanie Lyons '13, Alanna Kulhaneck '13, Cassie Stump '11, Abigail Perkins '14, Mariah Whaley '12, Hunter Martin '11 Front Row: Jessica Blask '13, Taylor Blask '11

## Women's Junior Varsity Tennis



Back Row: Erin Beebe '14, Alexis Lankton '13, Laura Holden '13, Brianna Johnson '14, Coach Hill, Leah Kate McKenney '11, Kaitlyn Torok '13, Sarena Lundy '14 Row 2: Megan Miller '13, Dorothy Kilvington '12, Emily Potter '13, Elizabeth Norgaard '14, Jennifer McCullen '14, Kristen Hanson '12, Paige Winkler '12 Front Row: Hannah Ware '12, Meredith Maher '13, Amy Rizzardi '13, Rachel Turkovich '12, Shannon Love '12

## Women's Track & Field



Back Row: Callie Harrison '14, Quincie McCalla '14, Britanie Way '12, Libbey Jones '14, Cori Zaremba '14, Samantha Smith '12, Jessica Nevins '12, Cassidy Hass '13, Lorraine Benson '12 Row 3: Maycee Robinson '13, Breanna VanNortwick '12, Kimberley Johnson '14, Coach VanHavel, Coach Jones, Hannah Dowdy '13, Lauren Pierce '14, Amber Smith '11, Nadia Riggs '14 Row 2: Kellie Jo Smith '14, Mahayla Murray '11, Cimone Diggs '11, Colleen Hays '14, Abigail Combs '11, Taylor Thie '11, Erin VanHavel '13, Hannah Horton '11, Valerie Washberg '14, Zoe Caltrider '12 Front Row: Ellen Barker '11, Jennifer Lyon '11, Jessica Engle '11, Emily Reader '11, Mona Hinamanu '13, Anna Erevia '14, Ashley Yallup '11

## Men's Track & Field



Back Row: Patrick Long '14, Ian Way '11, Bradley Keruinan '12, Cody Lerash '12, Damien Keefer '13, Tobias Zumsteg '11, Ashton Bergeon '12, Alexander Whitmer '13, Collin Zaremba '13 Row 5: Cody Kuttilla '11, Nathan Rice '12, Jordan Harris '12, Nathan Jones '14, Coach Haynie, Coach Miller, Nicholas Carl '14, Lucas Schunk '12, Blake Cook '12, Bradley Spicer '12 Row 4: Jacob Hanson '14, Paul Pioszak '14, Austin Fehrenbach '13, David Bauer '14, Sean Wren '11, Christopher Gardner '11, Lucas Wolfe '13, Raymond Heinlen '14, Tobias Webb '14, Devin Rintelmann '11 Row 3: Quintin Way '13, Grant Rasmussen '12, Cameron Hass '12, Tyler Duling '14, Noah Powell '14, Adam Houghton '14, Cole Dekett '14, Miles Bonaparte '14, Noah Lukins '14, Phillip Clark '11, Samuel VanDyke '12, Thorn Every '13, Joshua Horton '12 Row 2: Timothy Conn '11, Trey Hornberger '11, Jonathon Geer '11, Austin Barr '11, Aaron Brown '11, Benjamin Hinamanu '11, Aaron Gray '14, John Noonan '12, Mason VanDyke '14, Tanner Hinkle '13, Joseph Cecil '12, David Rabidoux '12 Front Row: Zachary Conn '14, Vladimir Riggs '14, Richard Joseph Peterson '13, Brendan Nye '14, Duane Farris '14, Zachery Pitman '12, Dominic Hansen '14, Anthony Roose '14, Eric Mogyoros '14, Jonah Horton '14



## Water Polo



Back Row: Ruth Vernon '11, Kaylee Pierce '11, Taylore Huntley '11, Christine Reilly '11, Alyssa Hanson '11, Natalee Johnson '11, Chloe Caltrider '15 Row 2: Coach Higgins, Kaitlyn Caltrider '15, Nicole Bryde '13, Hannah Billig '14, Sara Pulford '13, Charlotte Remington '12, Coach Mize Front Row: Nicole Merschel '14, Courtney Corbett '14, Kaileigh Krupp '14

## Men's Golf



Back Row: Tyler Applin '12, James Meirndorf '11, Dylan Leece '11, Jakob Somerville '12, Thomas McNamara '12, Kyle Peterson '11, Joshua Rudd '12, Joshua Smith '11, David Smitherm '12, Brian Crackel '11, Coach Pete, Coach Hamers Front Row: Cody Culver '14, Zachary Scott '14, Hunter Erickson '14, Austyn Graham '14, William Wilson '13, Gregory Ingle '14

## Equestrian



Makaylin Hughes '12



Starting at a very young age, senior Makaylin Hughes, like many little girls, had a love for horses. But Hughes has never been like other kids. At birth she was diagnosed with a disease called double hip dysplasia. She had several surgeries, one at 6 months, another at age 6, again at 15 and another at age 16 to help correct the problem. "I was really bummed but in the end I think it just made me more excited and thankful that I got to do (Equestrian) my senior year," said Hughes. She had been competing individually for the last six years and was used to not having

teammates to work with, so being the only member this year was not much different. The only downfall to being a one woman team is the lack of company. "I found it a little sad that there (were) more coaches than team members," said Hughes. This season Hughes worked hard and took home two first place, eight second place and one third place finish in the four competitions she entered. Her favorite part of competing is being given the opportunity to show the dedication she puts into working with her horse Robbie.



# Determination Without Hesitation

By: Brooke Stephens & Emily Shirey

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Alan Holben*

As a Waverly runner attempt to steal second base, catcher Samantha Mull '14 reacts quickly and snaps the ball to shortstop Rebekah Bentz '12 to throw out the runner. "I like playing shortstop because I'm active in all plays and it's a leadership position," said the first year captain. As captain, Bentz focused on the elements needed to compete at the varsity level and build a successful program. Attributes like "attitude, time, effort, and a willingness to do whatever it takes to win,"

said Bentz. Her efforts have not gone unnoticed. "I've looked up to Beka since sixth grade when we managed the varsity," said Hannah Barton '14. "She's a good captain (who) always has something positive to say. I wouldn't want another partner at short. I definitely thought we had good chemistry." Bentz led the team on the field as well yielding a .851 career fielding percentage and a .385 career batting average. "We were told at districts that she was the Mason player they feared," said Coach Ford.

At the beginning of the at-bat, Hannah Barton '14 looks to coach Marlan for the sign. The catcher's responsibility include keeping the team under control, blocking every ball, and instructing the pitcher on the pitch to throw.



WROZEK

In the ready position, second baseman Samantha Mull '14 waits for a ball to come her way. Mull must know where the ball is going at all times. "Being at second base gives me an opportunity to field a variety of plays. I like having a lot of ground to cover; it gives me a challenge," said Mull.



WROZEK

"In-between every inning we huddle up to get focused to play defense," said Rebekah Bentz '12. The infield and outfield have a call and response chant they shout at the end of each pep talk.



WROZEK



During the first game of the season against Waverly, Krista Wrozek '14 catches a ball in left field. "I remember being super excited because I was only a freshman on varsity, and I didn't mess up," said Wrozek.

Positioned behind home plate, the catcher can see the whole field and is in the best position to lead and direct a defensive play. "The hardest part about being a catcher is trying to figure out where the ball is going to go," said Danielle Kleckner '14.



HOLBEN



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Starting pitcher, Calli Feier '14 delivers a fastball. Feier has a lot to think about including her form, how many people she has on base, what the count is, as well as the individual strike zone preferences of each umpire.

After a shot to right field, Traci Phillips '13 cleanly fields the ball and proceeds to throw to the cut off at second base. "(Playing) in outfield is hard, you have to judge the ball and be ready to back up the infielders," said Phillips. Outfielders must move quickly over long distances.

As the pitch approaches home plate, Alexandria Comstock '14 starts her swing. "I really watch how the pitcher is pitching to the girls in front of me. I watch to see if she's getting tired or if she's on her game. Once I hit, the zing that goes through my bat is great, and all I can concentrate on is the first base bag; you just have to sprint it out," said Comstock.

What was your favorite part of the softball season?



"Seeing everyone on my team and getting to spend time with them was my favorite part of the season."

-Melissa Switzenberg '13



The pitcher throws a rise ball that Rebekah Warnke '13 has trouble resisting. Rise pitches look good at the release but can sometimes fool a hitter. "Clearing your mind is very important because if you don't, you'll swing at lousy pitches. In the start of the game, it's hard to focus, and the first pitch is always the worst; it's so nerve wracking, but I just have to remember to concentrate," said Warnke.



# Bringin' It Home



By: Nick McNeilly

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Tori Martin*

Baseball doubleheader nights are among the rest no different from one another. The same two teams play each other twice in a single night. "[For a home doubleheader night] My mom brings me Subway right after school," says Logan Fitchett '12. "I have to eat quickly though because we start warming up at 3." By 4:00 p.m. the first game is underway. "The first game goes by quick and the score doesn't even matter," says Fitchett. "The second game is really the one that shows who is the better team because it proves they can stay composed." As dusk starts setting in, the

last few pitches are thrown and the night is over. "It takes up most of my time after school until around 9:00 or 10:00 p.m.," says Fitchett. "I usually still have homework after the games are over. I'm exhausted and can't focus on anything and stay up late to do my homework." These games can last anywhere up to six hours. "It's sometimes difficult for players to stay mentally focused," said coach Joe Botke. "(But) it gives us the opportunity to play more games and gives players more playing time," Botke added.

JV B second baseman Matt Koenig '14 receives the ball from the third baseman and immediately relays it to first. "Turning a double is my favorite part of playing because you can get two outs and easily finish the inning," said Koenig.



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As he rounds the base, Joey McNeilly '13 looks for the ball. The outfielder's strong relay prevented McNeilly from scoring.

After hitting the ball into the outfield, Saylor Lavallii '12 sprints to first. Lavallii's hit popped high into the air, making it difficult to catch. Following the outfielder's error, Lavallii secured his spot at first base.



Prior to the start of the game, JV A huddles to talk defensive strategy. Coach Bleemaster reiterated the importance of communication before every pitch.

As a groundball rockets between first and second base, shortstop Cody Lopez '12 snags the ball and quickly throws it to first baseman Luke Richards '11. Lopez's play resulted in a 6-3 put out in the scorebook.



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Varsity first baseman Luke Richards '11 stretches out for the ball. Despite his best attempts the runner still reached safely. It takes great balance and flexibility to maintain contact with first base especially if the throw is errant.

Behind in the count, Taylor Jacob '11 protects the plate. With two strikes, hitters are taught to choke up and swing at anything close.



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JV A pitcher Clayton Parsons '13 winds up as he gets the signal from the catcher. Before every pitch the catcher gets a signal from Coach Bleemaster and relays it to his pitcher. The pitcher and catcher must be on the same page in order for the system to work effectively.



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What was a highlight from your season?



"When Tucker Cecil hit a homerun... it was a cool experience because it is hard to hit a homerun in high school baseball. It rarely happens."

-Joe Wassner '14

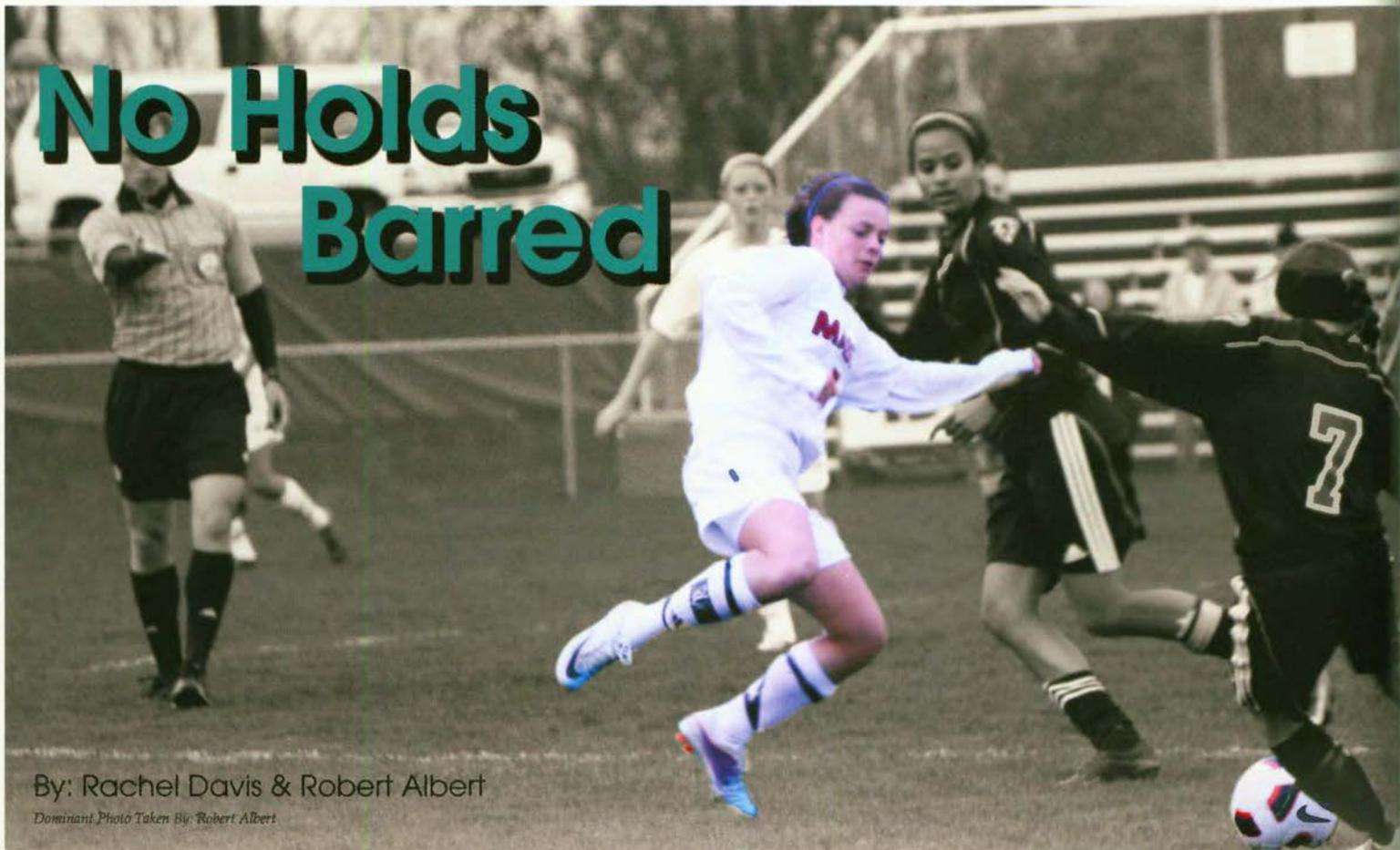


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At the game against Grand Ledge, JV B pitcher Doug Bradfield '14 throws a curveball. "[To throw a curveball] I line two fingers up on one seam and my thumb on the other," said Bradfield. "My favorite part of pitching is strikeouts because you know you got 'em out without risking them in play," said Bradfield.



# No Holds Barred



By: Rachel Davis & Robert Albert

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Robert Albert*

Sacrificing her body, Abby Meirndorf '12 throws herself in front of an attempt to send the ball into the defensive third of the field. The game against Battle Creek always provides a tough battle at the end of the season and it acts as a good gauge for how well the team is playing late in the year. The Lady Bulldogs came out on top last spring winning 3-0. Scoring opened up with about 13 minutes left in the first half when Samantha Houchlei '12 pounded a beautiful far post shot past the opposing keeper. Then senior Kaleigh Lound scored the

next two goals. This victory ended the regular season with a record of 14-2-1 and a CAAC Red League Division title. It also continued a six game win streak over the women's teams from St. Johns, Jackson Northwest, Eaton Rapids, Jackson Lumen Christi, Lansing Sexton, and Battle Creek Lakeview. This was the women's first district title in six years. After the season, Coach Hursey said "(Kato and I) were really proud of the girls for our successes this season. Winning a league and district title was pretty cool!"

After a minor tangle with the opposing forward, Samantha Houchlei '12 works to clear the ball out of the defensive third of the field. After a slow start, the Lady Bulldogs went on to defeat St. Johns in a convincing fashion; netting four goals in the late stages of the game.



ALBERT

Before sending in a cross, Victoria Reeser '13 peeks to locate the position of the ball. Though this particular push did not result in a goal, the JV Red team pulled out a 2-1 victory over a difficult St. Johns squad.



ALBERT

Warming up before the second half of the varsity match-up against Jackson Northwest, Amber Denomme '12 makes a diving save on the slightly wild shot. Denomme split time in net with keeper Emily Bartlett '11 throughout the year.



ALBERT

In a back and forth JV Blue rivalry game with East Lansing, Maddie Bohl '14 reaches to complete the difficult pass. The ladies suffered a 2-1 loss to the Trojans in this match-up.

In an attempt to find her teammate's feet, Alexis Kelbert '13 directs her throw away from traffic. JV Blue achieved a 2-0 win over Ovid-Elsie.



MCELHONE

On a soggy mid-April Thursday, Taylor Harrington '14 sends the ball back into the field of play after an Owosso player shot wide of the net. The game ended early due to the high school mercy rule. According to the rule, the game ends once a team is up by eight or more goals at or after half time.



DAVIS



ALBERT

During a riveting competition, Christine Harrison '12 shields the ball away from her opponent. Throughout the season, Harrison excelled in using her body to maintain possession.



DAVIS

Launching herself into a crowd of white and blue, Kaleigh Lound '12 opened up the scoring for the home side in the first half of the CAAC Cup Quarter-Finals against East Lansing. After closing out their opening win of the tournament, the ladies finished tied for third with a deflating loss to Williamston in the semi-finals and a rained out third place match against Lumen Christi.



DAVIS

How does it feel to be an underclassman on the Varsity Soccer Team?



"It is nice to know all my hard work paid off. There was never a dull moment with the team."

-Lauren McDermott '14



ALBERT

Sheer frustration spills across the face of Jordan Young '13 when she receives a yellow card in the game against Jackson Northwest on May 5, 2011. When a player receives a yellow card in a high school game she must, by rule, sit out for ten minutes following the card. The varsity squad went on to win the very physical, nerve-racking game by a single goal, 1-0.



# Practice Makes Perfect



By: Gabby Brown

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Maria Holden*

Success is a journey, not a destination. What a person does is often more important than the outcome. The 2011 team had high expectations held for them following the 2009-2010 run to states. Overall, they ranked as the #1 seed in their league prior to the league tournament. Coach Jim D'Angelo brought in new recruits and they learned from the returning players. "Our team improved so much this year. I was nervous coming into leagues because I knew that I had to win in the first match in order to advance. I played with Taylor (Blask '11) and it was

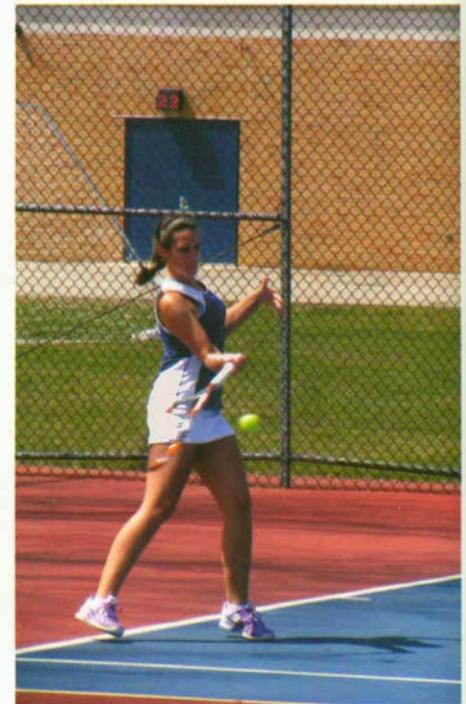
our first time playing together, but I think that we did well," said Stephanie Lyons '13. New varsity players, including Lyons, had to step up their play in order to fulfill expectations. Other members of the team looked forward to another shot at a league title. "It was weird coming into leagues this year because I went from fifth to first doubles. It was sort of a shock. But my partner, Cassie (Stump '11) and I made it work," said Katie McCullen '12. The Lady Bulldogs went on to win the league title and advanced to regionals a week later.

Doubles players Alanna Kulhanek '13 and Jessi Blask '13 rally against their Okemos opponents. Kulhanek used a strong forehand technique to score a point for her team.



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In a defensive position, Emily Hall '13 returns a deep hit shot to win a point. Hall played the second singles position. "Playing second singles was fun, (and) it took away some of the pressure of playing first singles," said Hall.



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Against her Leslie opponent, Jenny McCullen '14 uses an aggressive forehand swing to return the shot from her opponent. McCullen went on to win the match by a narrow margin.



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To return a shot from her opponent, Hannah Ware '12 uses a backhand swing. While staying on her toes, Ware maintains her balance in order to keep this technique as smooth as possible.

In an effort to keep the ball in play, Shannon Love '12 approaches the net. "Tennis was a sport I'd never played before and I thought I would try it out," said Love.



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Putting all her effort into saving the ball, Megan Miller '13 reaches with her racket to keep it in play. Playing doubles, Miller switched partners many times. "It was a lot of fun," said Miller. "We moved around to see what level we could handle during the matches."



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Practicing with both the junior varsity and varsity teams, Erin Beebe '14 had the opportunity to improve her skills. "I think I improved on my forehand stroke a lot this season. It's one of my better hits. The varsity team was really supportive when I played with them," said Beebe.



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Serving overhand, Paige Winkler '12, warms up before a game. "Our coach was really amazing and chill," said Winkler. "And no matter how good or bad you were, you still played every game."



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What goals did you have coming into this season and did you achieve those goals?



"I wanted to do the best that I could and win more games. I wanted to get better every time that I played and maintain a positive attitude no matter what, which I did to the best of my ability."

—Stephanie Lyons '13



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In an attempt to keep the ball in play Laura Holden '13 rushes to the baseline so that she is able to drive the ball over the net. First doubles partners Erin Beebe '14 and Holden lost to their Leslie varsity opponents in two sets. "The game really pushed us to work harder than we have in the past cause we were playing against a better team. Even though we lost we learned new strategies about how to endure against teams that are better than us," said Holden.



# Making Strides



By: Hannah Reister and Katie Smith

*Dominant Photo Taken By: 2011 Anchora Staff*

In the last three decades, no other season could compare to 2011 in terms of success. Both the men's and women's programs excelled, gaining respect both in the league and in the state. With only two losses in the past four years, the women added to their accomplishments with an undefeated season. Similarly, the men came through with an outstanding record of 7-0, and both teams clinched the league title for the third year in a row. Also, the men's and women's team placed in the regional meet, making their mark in the state. The men took first in the region, shattering a 30-year slump

in regional appearances. Both teams also received an invitation to the prestigious Michigan Track Coaches Association (MITCA) Team State Meet. Beyond the regular season, many athletes continued their career. Several qualified for the Honor Roll Meet and 13 boys and 5 girls qualified for the State meet. Cassidy Hass '13 (pictured above) qualified in the 2-mile. "This year was successful for a number of reasons. We had great senior leadership, very athletic kids, and strong work ethic which all contributed to a phenomenal year," said Coach Haynie.

Newcomers Quincie McCalla '14 and Abigail Mellon '14 fight around the first bend of the track. In their first year competing, McCalla and Mellon both worked toward improving their hurdle skills. "Running the 200 hurdles in middle school made the transition easier to run the 300s in high school," said McCalla.



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As a new student, Damien Keefer '13 seems to fit in with the team very well. Keefer competed in the hurdles, the 100 meter dash, and the long jump in an attempt to find his specialty. Keefer found that he enjoyed hurdles the most, but still accomplished a strong 14.7 feet in the long jump.



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With each stride, Tanner Hinkle '13 pushes to finish the 2-mile race against Owosso. Hinkle's record time of 9:22 was only 1.4 seconds away from beating the 30-year standing school record held by his father.



When warming up, Dominic Hansen '14 and Zachary Conn '14 use dismounts called pop-ups. Each participant received coaching in techniques that prevent injury and maximize performance.

In a successful manner, Tony Roose '14 hands the baton off to Noah Powell '14 in the mile relay. Hand-offs need to run smoothly in order to benefit the runners' time.



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The assignment of the final leg in a relay comes with an immense amount of pressure. Christian Thornton '14 uses his speed around the corner of the track in the 4x4 relay versus Owosso. "I get kind of nervous and you have to work hard because everyone is watching," said Thornton.



JONES

Learning the ropes of pole vaulting can be a bit challenging, but with a little encouragement from Coach Wren, Kristen Bunting '14 gains confidence. "He critiques and motivates us after a tough vault," said Bunting. Coach Wren is known for his knowledge and support for the entire team.



JONES

Winding up with the disc, Maycee Robinson '13 prepares for a long throw. "She's the best all around thrower I have ever had," said Coach Jones. On Jones' top ten list, Robinson currently holds the #1 spot for shot and disc.



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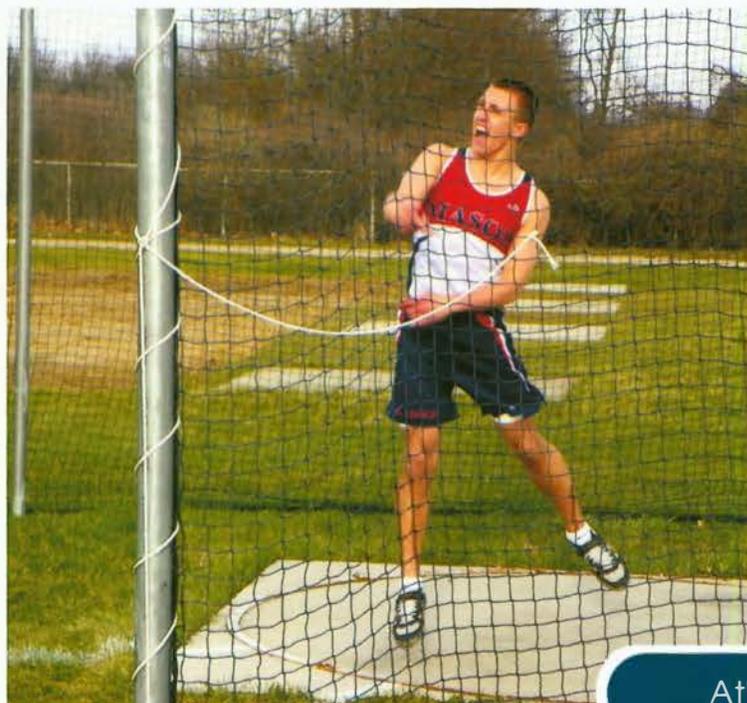
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What goals did you make for yourself this 2011 season?



"To make 19 feet in long jump and to do well in leagues"

-Sam VanDyke '12



JONES

Using his favorite technique, Zachery Pitman '12 thrusts the disc into the air. Pitman utilizes a spinning motion in order to increase the disc's velocity and its overall distance. "I grunt a lot when I throw," said Pitman. "It doesn't really change the distance, it just makes me feel better." Each competitor developed a style that helped to achieve his or her own goal.



# Finish Strong

By: Charlotte Remington & Ashley Lee

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Ashley Lee*

Two days, five games and 156 miles led to a second place finish in the Rockford tournament held in Grand Rapids. The girls have not returned home successful in this tournament since 1999. This year, they consecutively defeated Jenison, Forest Hills, West Ottawa and East Grand Rapids. In the intense game against East Grand Rapids, they came out strong, with shots consistently on goal and solid defense. The competitive battle became a tug of war. "When we scored, they would score. It was so back and forth. We kept it together in the end to win,"

said Samantha Pentecost '12 about playing in the game. The win propelled them into the championship game. Although it ended in a loss to Rockford 10-5, some players felt accomplished by making it to the finals. "We almost won. We felt really powerful because we have never made it that far before," said Sara Pulford '13. Runner up may not feel as good as winning the whole tournament, but beating some of the toughest teams in the area left them knowing that they had done their best.

To block her opponent, Nicole Merschel '14 puts her hand up to shot block. "It keeps the opponent from passing to another player," said Merschel.

In an attempt to prevent a Grand Ledge player from scoring, Brook Best '13 uses a blocking technique to stop her opponent. "I was defending a throw-in because we're not allowed to (defend) the girl during a (free throw)," said Best.

In a game against Troy Athens, Charlotte Remington '12 blocks a shot after a break away. A break away occurs when an offensive player swims alone with no defender, giving her a clear shot on goal. "When I'm about to block a shot, I keep my eye on the ball and keep my hips up to help me shoot out of the water faster and elevate," said Remington.



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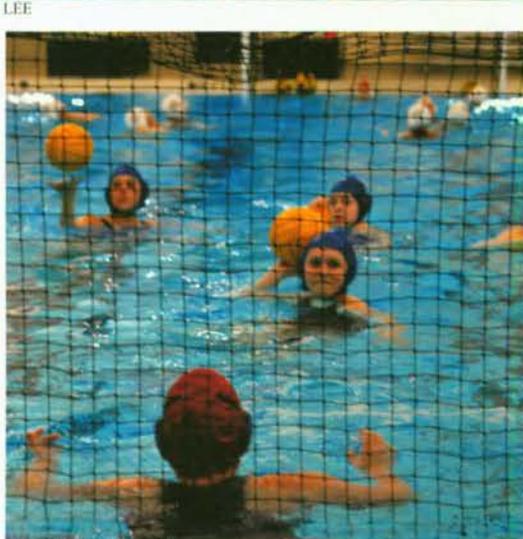


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To prevent a Troy Athens player from scoring, Sara Pulford '13 keeps her hips up to help defend the goal. This technique keeps Pulford elevated.

While Grand Ledge tries to score, Hannah Billig '14 intercepts the shot. Billig is normally the JV goalie, but while Charlotte Remington '12 traveled to Toronto with Art Club, Billig started for the varsity squad. "I was nervous and didn't want to let the team down," said Billig when asked how she felt about playing on varsity.



Swimming toward the ball, Samantha Pentecost '12 tries to avoid a turnover. A turnover is when the other teams gains possession of the ball. "Okemos is always a tough game since they're # 1 in the state," said Pentecost.

While warming up before a game, Courtney Corbett '14 takes practice shots at Charlotte Remington '12. "Practicing before the game gets me pumped and excited for the game," said Corbett. She worked on her throwing ability while Remington blocked as many shots as possible. This warm up activity helps both the goalie and the players.

In a game against Grand Ledge, Kaileigh Krupp '14 sprints towards the ball to reach it before her opponent. When playing an offensive position it is imperative to keep an eye on the ball and to be ready to change directions at any given moment.

What do you think is the most challenging aspect of Water Polo and why?



"[The eggbeater kick]... because I've never done it before and it's really hard."

-Nicole Merschel '14



During a time-out, Higgs uses the opportunity to strategize with her players. This minute long break allowed her to draw up a play for a 6 on 5. A 6 on 5 occurs when a defensive player is ejected from the game for a major foul. A player that has been ejected must swim to the ejection area and remain there for 20 seconds. A 6 on 5 takes place for the full 20 seconds or until there is a change in possession.



# Staying Keen on the Green

By: Lauren McDermott

*Editorial Photo Taken By: Diana Mohr*



In the Greater Lansing area, high school golf is not always portrayed as an exciting sport. But when watching Hunter Erickson '14 putt, his mannerisms might make one a little more interested. He uses a technique named The Spiderman that is demonstrated in the picture above. By getting low to the ground Erickson can read the green much easier. Therefore he gains a higher percentage chance of sinking the putt. "The

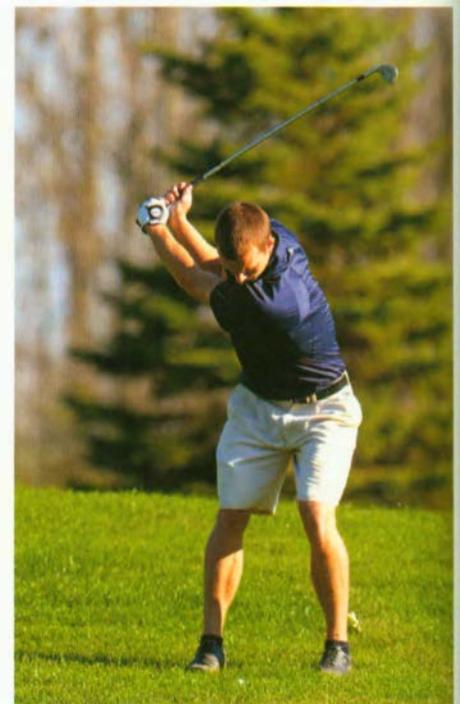
Spiderman not only **requires skill** but you also need **flexibility**," said Erickson. He saw a professional do it on television and instantly wondered if it was something he could accomplish. His coach helped him master the basics of The Spiderman so he could perform the skill in a match. "I have definitely seen an improvement in my putting since mastering The Spiderman," said Erickson.

While keeping her eye on the ball, Grace Gamber '13 prepares to strike it down the fairway. Keeping her head down and eyes focused on the ball minimized the chances of slicing it way off course.



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Watching the ball as it flies in the air, David Smithern '12 holds a good follow-through. Consistency helps maintain a good swing.



HOLBEN

Caught in mid-swing, Thomas McNamara '12 focuses on the ball in order to strike it on the sweet spot of his iron. Along with concentration, a strong athletic stance must be present in order to maintain a good center of gravity. This results in a more accurate shot.



HOLBEN



When reading the dips and curves of the green, the closer one is to the ground the better. James Meirndorf '11 demonstrated this technique while preparing to putt.

Focusing on her follow-through, Alexis Williams '13 and her opponent wait until they see the ball touch the ground. Silence during the tee-off is important so as to not distract the golfer during her swing.



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During an invitational at Eldorado, Casey Heckaman '12 watches her uphill putt in hopes of sinking it. Heckaman was the #2 golfer for the women's team this year.

Reading the different elements of the green allows Josh Rudd '12 to set up the ball. Most golfers pick a spot on the ball such as a logo or line then place the mark so it runs with the path of the shot. This maximizes the accuracy of the putt.

On a hot August day while competing in a match Shannon McNamara '14 hits the ball out of the rough and into the fairway. Moving quickly and not slacking after the hit, McNamara tracks down her ball. Pace of play needs to be fast when there are multiple schools at a tournament. This ensures everyone finishes according to the schedule.



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What was your favorite memory from the season?



"The most magical moment was one sunny afternoon when I was told to embody Paige Winkler. As soon as I did that, my chipping became magnificent."

-Alana MacDonald '13



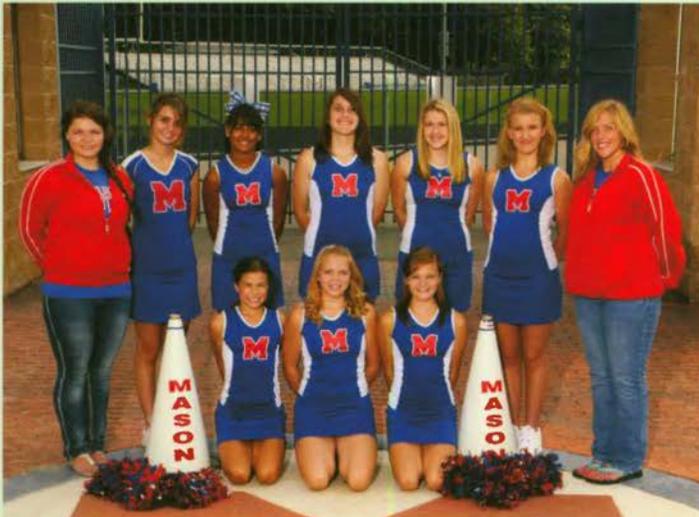
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On August 20 the Women's Golf Team held a crazy costume night at Little Hawk. They went to their closets and found the most ridiculous outfits. Paige Winkler '12 made an appearance dressed as a hot dog. Food seemed to be the costume of choice as Shannon Love '12 flaunted her banana costume.



# Fall Sports

## Junior Varsity Cheerleading



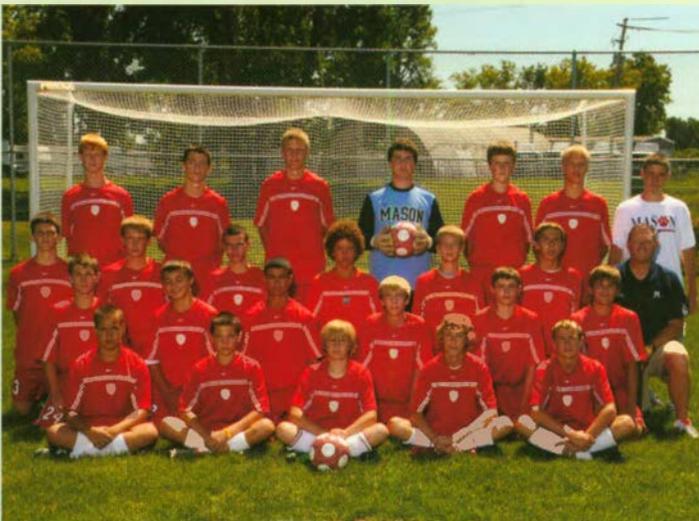
Back Row: Coach Brunner, Hannah Fink '15, Olivia Tarry '15, Marissa Monroe '14, Emma Wallace '14, Paige Miller '14, Coach Joyner Front Row: Jayde Aimery '15, Kalee Drew '14, Samantha Strickland '15

## Varsity Cheerleading



Back Row: Coach Cogswell, Coach Bradfield, Anastasia Most '15, Kristen Bunting '14, Dannica Hoskins '14, Coach Showers Row 2: Paige Morris '14, Alix Cross '14, Lorin Hammond '14, Emily Perleberg '15, Amber Dinsmore '13, Taylor Strickland '13, Terra Thie '15 Front Row: Alexandria Robertson '12, Jordynn Jones '12, Chelsea Myers '12, Haleigh Wright '12

## Men's Junior Varsity Soccer



Back Row: Aaron Gregory '14, Abraham Schon '14, Harrison Falardeau '15, Zachary Casper '15, Parker Seely '15, Riley Reed '14, Manager Caleb Kiger Row 3: Aaron Gray '14, Corey Bulock '15, Brendan Nye '14, Tristan Brunst '15, Joshua Anibal '14, Matthew Beck '15, Coach Kiger Row 2: Jason Wesley '14, Antonio Cooper Lopez '15, Austin Montas-Burt '15, Hayes Hensley '15, Edmund Wooldridge '15, Anthony Roose '14 Front Row: Michael Bachelder '14, Kevin Stalzer '15, Erik Lundeen '15, Samuel Hyde '15, Shea Russ '15 Not Pictured: Noah Houchlei '15

## Men's Varsity Soccer



Back Row: Coach Binder, Christopher Hanneman '13, Taylor Pease '13, Nicholas McNeilly '12, Peter Brandenburg '12, Coach Felsing, Coach Gunns Row 3: Stephen Aimery '12, Kyle Pier '12, Joshua Flamme '14, Noah Thelen '15, Luke Pawlowski '13, Robert Albert '12 Row 2: Manager Leutrim Shefkui, Jonathan Jordan '13, Mason Salmon '12, Zachary Perleberg '12, Alec Hamlin '12, Joshua Rudd '12, Manager Holden Dippel Front Row: Bill Wilson '13, Jero Perez '13, Samuel Falardeau '14, Greg Ingle '14, Matthew Kobayashi '13, Tyler Raab '13 Not Pictured: Jose Og '13, Jonathan Orlando '13, Coach Stephens



## Varsity Volleyball



Back Row: Bridget Hudson '13, Hannah Dowdy '13, Maycee Robinson '13, Gabrielle Trudell '13, Danielle Service '13, Erin VanHavel '13, Jade Rogers '13, Mona Hinamanu '13 Front Row: Hannah Reister '12, Alyssa Nardone '12, Coach Zwick, Kaleigh Lound '12, Elizabeth Stalzer '12, Serena Wilson '13

## Junior Varsity Volleyball



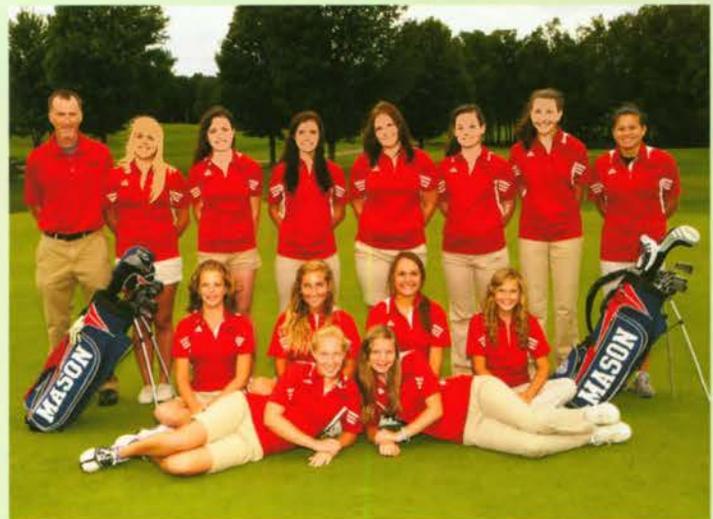
Back Row: Coach Collins, Emily VanHavel '15, Rachel Cook '15, Taylor Delbridge '15, Allison Rochon '15, Rachel Kinch '14 Front Row: Claire Barkholz '15, Sydney Dippel, 14, Tori Mires '14, Baylee Nequette '14, Richar Ressler '14

## Freshman Volleyball



Back Row: Jenna Yanz'15, Madison Koenig'15, Lauren Colby'15, Ellie Phillips'15, Brooke Crandall'15 Front Row: Victoria Alonge'15, Natalia Milashus'15, Coach Steavens, Kaitlin Houghton'15, Samantha Fogle'15

## Women's Varsity Golf



Back Row: Coach Petee, Cassandra Heckaman '12, Colleen Harrison '14, Alana MacDonald '13, Erin Beebe '14, Grace Gamber '13, Annika Pell '14, Coach Estrada Row 2: Madison Nodus Rydahl '15, Alexis Williams '13, Shannon McNamara '14, Dana Winkler '15 Front Row: Paige Winkler '12, Shannon Love '12



# Fall Sports

## Freshman Football



Back Row: Coach Vondra, Kolby Thompson '15, Daniel Kaiser '15, Foster Whipple '15, Nicholas Quinn '15, Jakob Ingalls '15, Caleb Couchenour '15 Row 4: Coach Page, Aaron Rustem '15, Elliot Torola '15, Jacob Scavarda '15, Derek Troxell '15, Jestten Watz '15, Riley Roush '15 Row 3: Sean Landeros '15, Jacob Clark '15, Derek McClung '15, Christian Smith '15, Harrison Kinney '15, Ethan Spitzley '15, Coach Miller Row 2: Trenton Rabidoux '15, Devon Ireland '15, Dakota Carpenter '15, Nickolas Ramos '15, Connor Clark '15 Front Row: Colin Popard '15, Matthew Carlson '15, Danton Page '15, Benjamin Tackaberry '15, Jacob Stid '15

## Junior Varsity Football



Back Row: Miles Bonaparte '14, Zachary Scott '14, Jacob Joseph '14, Coach Kinney Row 4: Coach Jones, Patrick Hyatt '14, Nicholas Hudgins '14, Austin Wallace '14, Grant Scanlon '14, Coach Showers Row 3: Tyler Duling '14, John Sharick '14, Douglas Bradfield '14, Joe Craig '14, Jacob Wright '14, Marshal Hyden '14 Row 2: Adam Houghton '14, Nathan Jones '14, James Taylor '14, Albert Turkovich '14, Anthony Sainz '14, Front Row: Hunter Erickson '14, Matthew Koenig '14, Seth Hyde '14, Rylen Droscha '14

## Varsity Football



Back Row: Spencer Sowles '13, Bradley Kennihan '12, Connor Holbrook '12, Lucas Barr '13, Austin Droscha '13, Jay Crone '13, Hunter Kinney '12, Cody Jordan '12 Row 4: Coach Main, Coach Pitman, Brad Spicer '12, Blake Cook '12, Dylan Conway '13, Daniel Couchenour '12, Nathan Rice '12, Michael McConnell '12, Stone Miller '15, Coach VanHavel, Coach Shuptar Row 3: Lucas Schunk '12, Adam Robinson '12, Thomas McNamara '12, Justin Ramsey '13, Cameron Hase '12, Johnathan Sainz '12, Jordan Harris '12 Row 2: Shane Johnson '12, John Noonan '12, Saylor Lavallii '12, Mickey Selby '13, Luke Hughson '12, Johnathon Scavarda '12, Athletic Trainer Kristen Gilmore Front Row: Christopher Karcher '13, Chasier Langham '12, Dylan Kleckner '13, Logan Fitchett '12, Jeffrey Smith '12 Not Pictured: Josh Flamme '14

## Women's Varsity Swim & Dive



Back Row: Manager Evan Johnstone '13, Katie Markiewicz '13, Sara Pulford '13, Coach Hanson, Manager Bailey Cantrell, Charlotte Remington '12, Samantha Smith '12, Mallory Barber '12, Coach Soliz, Alexandra Croff '13, Nicole Bryde '13 Row 3: Emma Hainstock '14, Margaret Reid '14, Madeline Bohl '14, Courtney Corbett '14, Hannah Billig '14, Kaileigh Krupp '14, Elizabeth Norgaard '14, Zoe Russell '14, Coach Cantrell Row 2: Haley Clark '15, Rebecca Rogers '15, Rachel Johnson '15, Brooke Hedglen '15, Rebecca Surato '15, Sava Treloar '15 Front Row: Chloe Caltrider '15, Kaitlyn Caltrider '15, Abigail Johnstone '15



### Varsity Cross Country



Back Row: Ashton Bergeon '12, Jennifer Abbott '12, Tanner Hinkle '13, Nadia Riggs '14, Alexander Whitmer '13, Joseph Cecil '12, Coach Miller Row 3: Coach Latimer, Colleen Hays '14, Raymond Heinlen '14, Jacob Hanson '14, Mitchel Hamilton Brooks '15, Alexis Lyons '15, Katie Geer '15 Row 2: Mason Salmon '12, Damien Keefer '13, Abrianna Soule '14, Lorraine Benson '12, Preston Tickner '15, Gregory Ingle '14, Front Row: Christian Thornton '14, Jonah Horton '14, Bailey D'Haene '14, Seth Woll '15, Meg Darmofal '15, Mason VanDyke '14, Cassidy Hass '13, Joshua Horton '12

### Men's Varsity Tennis

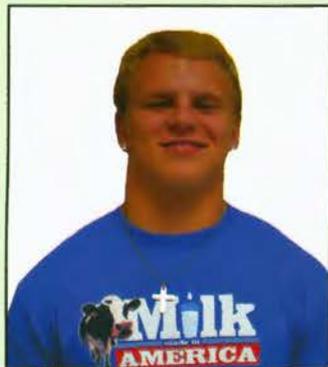


Back Row: Grant Rasmussen '12, Yarruk Vonderschmitt '13, Samuel VanDyke '12, Coach Granger, Coach McCaffrey, Ryan Taylor '15, Cody Pavlat '12, Derick Hearit '12 Front Row: Noah Frankforter '14, Brendan Martin '13, Dane Rosseter '14, Joseph Wassner '14, Spencer Shattuck '14, Devon Killebrew '14, Nicholas Gandhi '14

What was your biggest accomplishment this year?

"We're State Champions this year, first time in history. It took a lot of hard work and dedication, but it all paid off. I had my best race ever and it was a great way to end my senior season."

-Joe Cecil '12



"This summer I received a full ride scholarship to Central Michigan University. I also broke every school rushing record and made all-state first team."

-Saylor Lavallii '12



# Think Pink



By: Charlotte Remington

Dominant Photo Taken By: Ashley Lee

Breast cancer hits home for every woman in the world. For all 31 days in October, light is shed on the need for a cure and the strength of survivors. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Owosso swim team arranged a pink featured swim meet on October 20. Prior to the meet, Memorial Healthcare Chief of Staff Dr. Margaret Snow provided facts and statistics to the athletes. Owosso Coach Aue ordered pink swim caps for everyone and dyed the pool for the cause. "At first you couldn't tell the pool was pink but once you looked underwater all the

walls looked bright pink and it was sweet," said Samantha Smith '12. Since it was women's season, an event to benefit breast cancer only made sense. "I thought it was a good idea to dye the pool for awareness especially since we are a women's team and breast cancer holds meaning for all of us," said Sara Pulford '13. The Owosso girls swim team succeeded in their purpose to bring attention to the issue of breast cancer in a positive and meaningful way.

Prior to the 100 Yard Breaststroke Hannah Billig '14 was ambushed by a nose bleed, forcing her to drop out of her strongest event.

Utter disappointment fell across her face as she watched the race go on without her.

Billig placed 1st in this event at the league meet with a time of 1:15.

Mallory Barber '12 concentrates on her back dive. Barber finished in first place to help obtain the winning points against WLC. "If you don't focus you can lose your balance and fail (the dive)," said Barber.

Before beginning the meet against Owosso, Haley Clark '15, Brooke Hedglen '15 and Rebecca Rogers '15 stretch. For this meet in particular it was crucial because it took place during "Hell Week". The week has this name because athletes swim up to 10,000 yards in one day to prepare for a proper taper before the league meet.



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The 100 Yard Butterfly is known for its difficulty and many swimmers are intimidated by it. Although this race in particular takes a lot out of an individual, Nicole Bryde '13 swam it with determination and strength in the home opener against Haslett.

Executing an open turn after her fifth length of the 200 Individual Medley (IM) Hannah Billig '14 passes the midway point of the race. The IM is composed of all the strokes: fly, back, breast and free.



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Backstroke takes arm strength and balance. Kaitlyn Caltrider '15 worked on her technique as the season progressed. Caltrider ended her season with a personal record of 1:17, placing 10th at the league meet in her first year as a backstroker.

During the 500 Yard Freestyle Katie Markiewicz'13 counts for her teammate Chloe Caltrider '15. This distance event requires swimmers to swim 20 lengths of the pool. Counters are necessary to help the swimmer keep track of where they are in the race. By MHSAA rule counters are the only athletes allowed at the end of the lane during this event.

Rachel Johnson '15 swims in the 500 Yard freestyle during the home meet against Waverly Lansing Catholic. Because she was a freshman Johnson often swam in whatever event needed to be filled. "It was one of the hardest events I had swam, but when I got out I knew that I tried my best," said Johnson.

What is something you want to strive for in your future as a swimmer?



"To make it to states in a relay and in an individual event"

-Rebecca Rogers '15



After swimming the 500 Yard Freestyle Emma Hainstock '14 displays her integrity by reaching over and shaking WLC senior Kristen Withers' hand. The girls show sportsmanship in more ways than one. After every meet the athletes perform either the "Swim Swam Swum" or "Potato Chip, Potato Chip" cheer. Both teams take turns thanking one another in this way. Usually the host of the meet goes first followed by their opponent.



# Decade of Dominance



By: Emily Ingalls

Dominant Photo Taken By: Emily Ingalls

Nine boys line up in alphabetical order on the far sideline. Dressed in white jerseys and blue shorts, the scene is familiar except for one added accessory: a flower. In each of the seniors' hand is a single red rose wrapped in cellophane held together with red and blue ribbon. Instead of the usual reading of the starting line-up, parents of seniors are also introduced. One at a time players meet their parents across the field near the stands. After exchanging hugs, giving mom the rose and snapping a quick photo each one awaits the end of the ceremony. Senior night is a tradition, but to the players and parents of the soccer

team it means recognition of the years, and in some cases, entire lives dedicated to the sport. From the early days playing East Side to being ranked in the top ten for high school teams in the state, these parents have been their son's biggest fans. And on October 4, that family commitment was acknowledged. By the end of the night the young men did not disappoint, beating Haslett in the last :09 with a goal by senior Josh Rudd. As these seniors go their separate ways in June, they along with their families will always have everlasting memories of the soccer program.

The JV team played against St. Johns on a cloudy day in mid-October. Austin Montas-Burt '15 took the ball down field in an effort to bring the team back from a 1-0 deficit in the first half.

In a JV match against Northwest on September 28, Sam Hyde '14 works to keep the ball in play as the team attacks Northwest's goal. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Goalkeeper Josh Flamme '14 soars into the air to snag an attempted shot from St. Johns.

Flamme describes the mentality behind goalkeeping as the toughest aspect of his position, "Knowing if you mess up it's a goal but if someone else messes up it's just a turnover is rough," said Flamme.



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Left defensive back Abe Schon '14 passes the ball up field to Kevin Stalzer '15. Schon plays several positions on the JV team. " I like playing defense more than mid [field] because I feel like I need to be ahead of the play," said Schon.

The regional finals matchup against Mattawan took place on October 29 at Battle Creek Harper Creek. Defender Peter Brandenburg '12 works to clear the ball. The team fought hard but after a full 80 minutes of play, 2-ten minute overtimes, and a round of penalty kicks the season came to an end.



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Prior to warm up each game, Coach Binder begins the pre-game rituals with a moment of silence, giving the team time to clear their minds and focus. Right before the start of the game senior Bobby Albert leads the team in a chant that has evolved into a tradition over the last four years.



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During the district finals match against Dexter, Tyler Raab '13 makes his way down the sideline as an opposing team member slide tackles the ball away. Mason added another win to their record by defeating Dexter 2-0. This was the 9th district title in the last 10 years for the men's program.



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Keeping the ball from entering his territory, Corey Bulock '15 deflects the ball off of a Jackson Northwest player. Bulock is the only freshman out of the four captains on the JV squad.

What was the most memorable part of this season?



"Everybody being close and everybody getting along. We were kind of... a family."

-Noah Thelen '15



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When the season began this fall the boys discovered what they thought was a lucky charm during a two-a-day practice. Coach Binder found a wild bunny on the field and he caught it. After realizing the fines that could accompany keeping a wild animal, they set it free. The team was set on having a pet so each player pitched in five dollars to purchase a rabbit. Señor Pinto was the most loyal fan this season. He held a spotless attendance record.



# One Love



By: Ashley Lee

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Ashley Lee*

On a chilly September 29 morning, Mason hosted the league tennis match. Other schools that came to compete in matches were Jackson Lumen Christi, Eaton Rapids, Charlotte and Jackson Northwest. Leagues started at 9:00 in the morning which meant that players missed a day of school. For Cody Pavlat '12 his favorite part of the season was winning leagues and "having everyone getting along. This year was probably the closest group of guys I've ever been on a team with," said Pavlat. That day Pavlat defeated Chris Reardon from Jackson Lumen Christi who

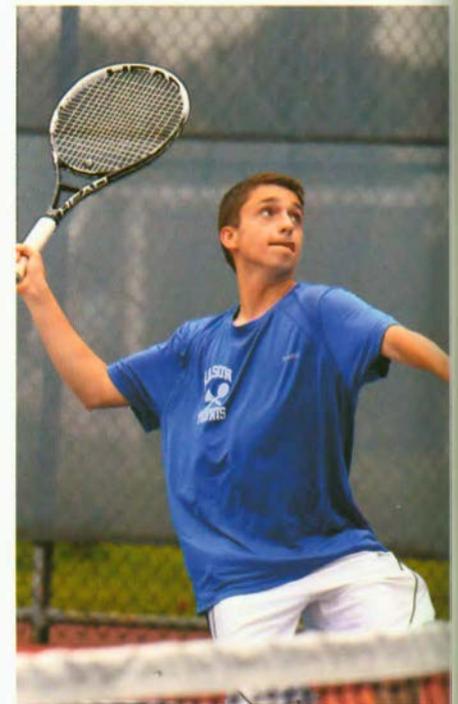
had gone undefeated all season long. "No one from Mason had ever beaten (the) kid," said Pavlat. "I thought (Cody beating Chris) was a great accomplishment. On top of that he won regionals which made it that much better of an accomplishment," said Coach McCaffrey. McCaffrey added that Pavlat was one of the most improved players he's ever had. "Over four years he's improved the most from all the players. He went from #4 doubles to #1 singles." This year Pavlat played #2 singles and finished the season with a record of 12-1.

At a match against Eaton Rapids, Nicholas Gandhi '14 focuses on the return. Gandhi attempted to get the ball over the top of the band. The band is the white strip of elastic at the top of the net. Gandhi won the match but lost to Eaton Rapids in leagues.



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As the ball flies toward him, Dane Rosseter '14 concentrates on its spin. Rosseter used a forehand stroke to return the serve. A forehand stroke is a stroke where the hand and the palm are moving forward.



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On September 27 Derick Hearit '12 serves the ball to his Jackson Northwest opponent. Hearit played doubles with Samuel VanDyke '12 and won this match against Northwest.



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Warming up during leagues, Grant Rasmussen '12 serves the ball at his opponent. This was Rasmussen's first year playing tennis.



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As Preston Tickner '15 serves the ball, Dane Rosseter '14 waits until the other team hits the ball back at them. "[The most difficult thing about playing doubles] is your partner getting frustrated and having to cool him down," said Tickner. Tickner and Rosseter both played singles and doubles throughout the year.

After a Jackson Northwest player's fault, Samuel VanDyke '12 returns the second serve. A fault is when a ball is served into the net and has to be served again. VanDyke and Hearit ended the season with a 5-5 record.



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To score the game point, Brendan Martin '13 serves the ball at his opponent. A game point is the point needed to win a match. Martin has played tennis for three years and this year played both doubles and singles.



On September 20 in a match against Charlotte, Spencer Shattuck '14 hits the ball over the net. Shattuck joined the team halfway through the season. Shattuck played doubles with Grant Rasmussen '12.



LEE

What was the highlight of the season?



"When Yannik hit a tweener... A tweener is when the ball is hit between the legs."

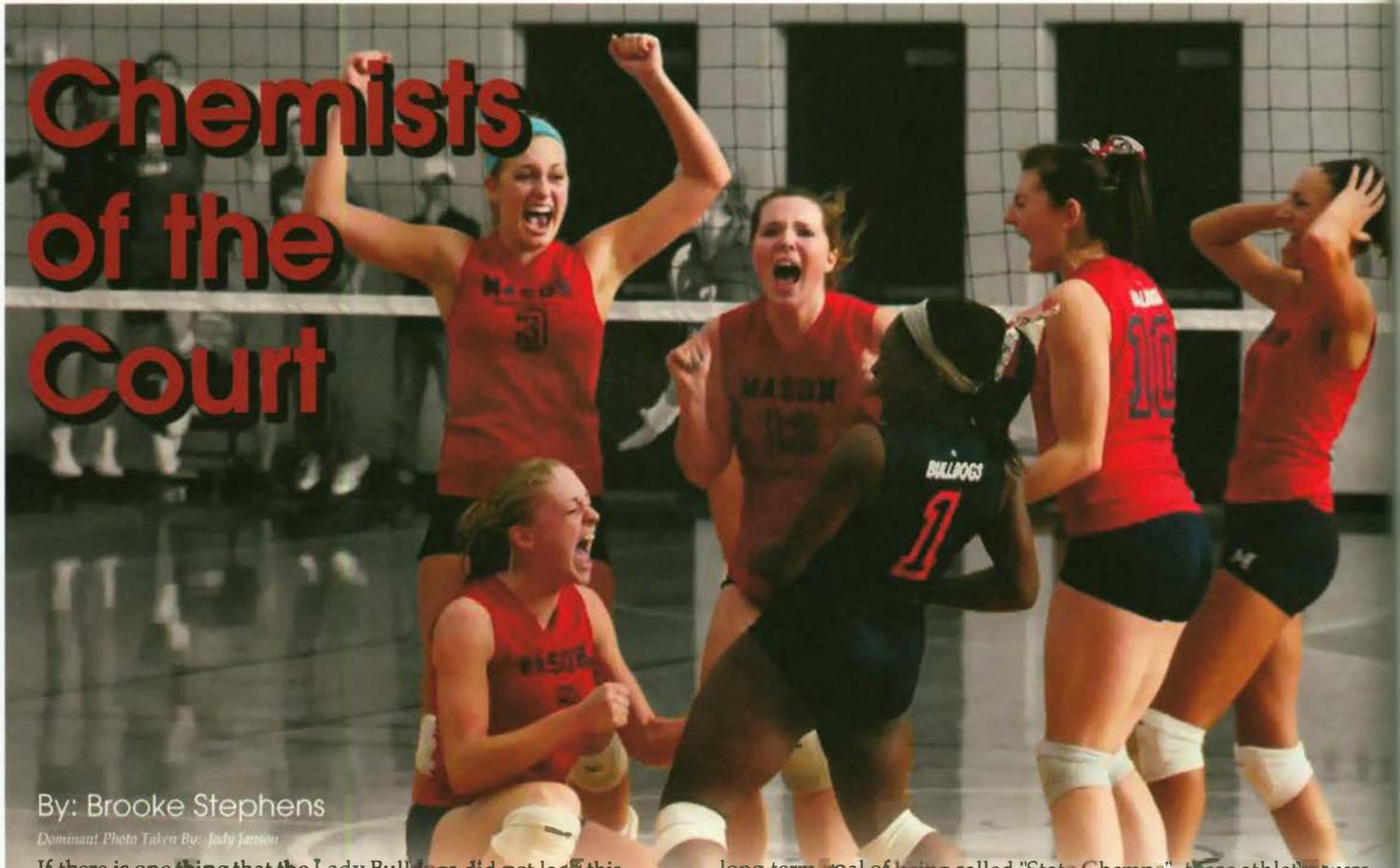
-Clayton Parsons '13



Traveling a mere 4,200 miles, foreign exchange student Yannik Vonderschmitt '13 came from Worms, Germany to live in Mason this year. He had been playing tennis for 13 years and continued while he stayed with the Alley family. "(Playing) was different because in Germany we didn't have school teams," said Vonderschmitt. "I played states (at 1st singles) and I lost in the 1st round in regionals," said Vonderschmitt.



# Chemists of the Court



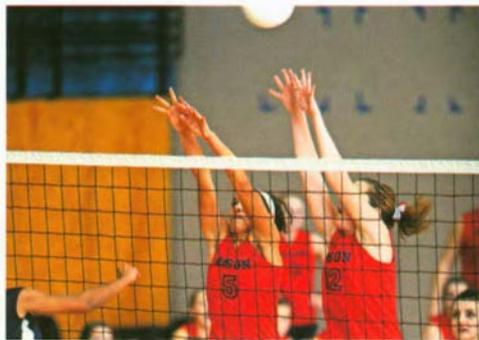
By: Brooke Stephens

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Jody Janson*

If there is one thing that the Lady Bulldogs did not lack this season, it is team chemistry. During the district final match against Battle Creek Lakeview, this quality was at an all-time high. All season long, the girls erupted every gym with their excitement and support for each other whether they were cheering from the bench or making a play on the court. As the team's biggest strength, this attribute led to the capture of six trophies; three tournament titles, a conference championship, a district championship and the honor of Team of the Week on WLNS News Channel 6. Although the team did not make their

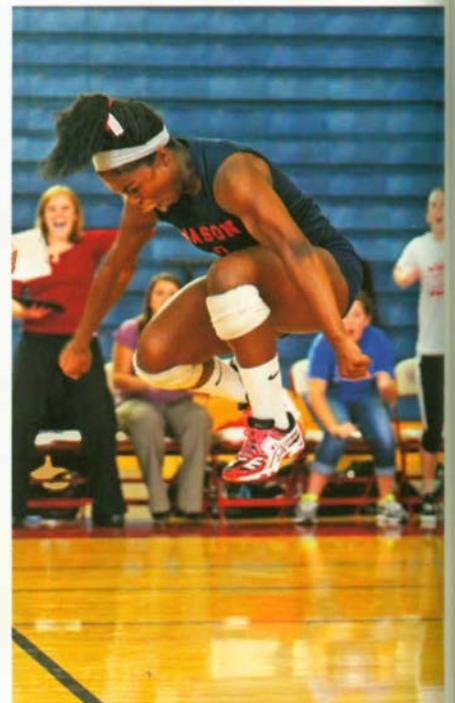
long term goal of being called "State Champs", these athletes were able to be the first Mason team to ever win a District title on their home court. Hoping to leave a legacy behind, the four seniors want future teams to remember that the extent of the team's success stemmed from their undying support for each other. "I've never been on a team quite like this one," said Hannah Reister '12. "Most of the time we all got more excited when our teammates made plays rather than when we were personally successful. We hope that now that we've set that precedent, we see that attitude in the program from now on."

As front row players, Jade Rogers '13 and Elizabeth Stalzer '12 jump in an attempt to block and defend open areas of the court. By doing so, they force the opposing hitter to hit around them.



STEPHENS

Celebrating a point during a crucial game, Mona Hinamanu '13 shows her passion for the game. As a large contributor to the team's enthusiastic reputation, Hinamanu stated "I get so excited because it's amazing what you can accomplish when it doesn't matter who gets the credit."



HOLBEN

After a triumphant win over Battle Creek Lakeview, the girls proudly display their district trophy. "Hearing the home student section roar as each point got us closer to taking home the title was an incredible feeling," said Hannah Dowdy '13 after the game.

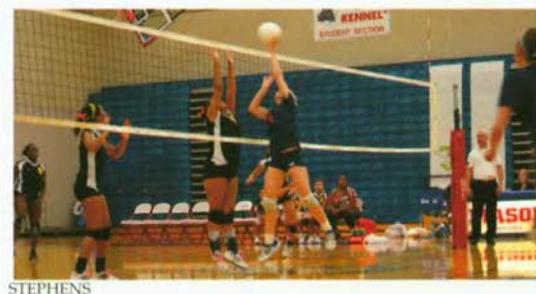
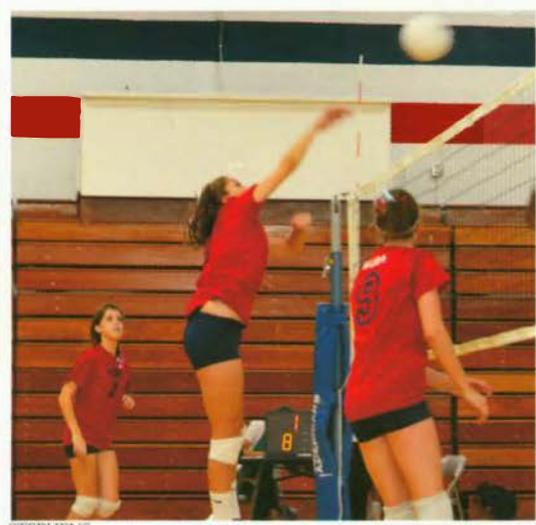
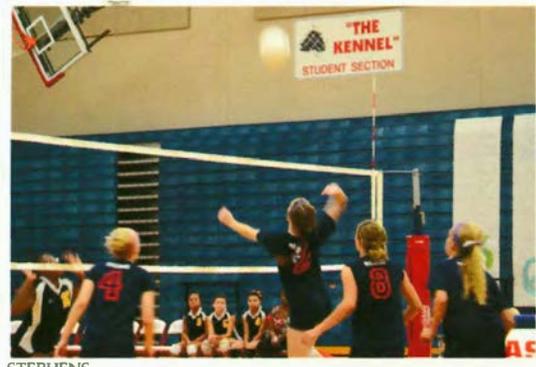
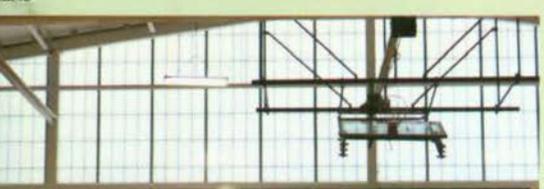


JANSON



Natalia Milashus '15 passes the ball to the setter. Liberos generally have the best passing skills of the players on the floor. Milashus is constantly on her toes, in order to pass the ball from the back row to the front. If the pass is successful, the setter is given the chance to help a front row hitter score.

Samantha Fogle '15 sets for Ellie Phillips '15. Fogle has to make quick decisions about which hitter is in the best position to put the ball away.



After a set, Allison Rochon '15 approaches the net and prepares to strike the ball. Timing is key when executing a proper kill.

After receiving the pass, a successful volley from Jenna Yanz '15 helps win the match against Waverly. "When I knew I had scored, it felt awesome because I felt like I was really a part of the team and that I was helping us win. Also it meant the practices were all worth it," said Yanz.

Setter Emily VanHavel '15 makes sure to set the ball perfectly for her front row players. "[I like that] I'm in control of the court and [I'm] able to take leadership of the girls and keep us a family," said VanHavel.

How did it feel to be undefeated and win the District Championship?



"We're the first team since 2006 to win a district title. It gives me a sense of accomplishment. It proved that we are the hardest working team in the area."

-Kaleigh Lound '12



With a look of determination on their faces, Claire Barkholz '15 and Rachel Cook '15 prepare to receive the ball from the opposing team. Barkholz and Cook make sure to stay focused. Not only does a back row player need to know where in rotation to be, but they also need to be ready to dig the ball whenever necessary.

STEPHENS

# Fast and Serious

By: Morgan Schartzter & Amelia Schon

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Amelia Schon*

The phrase "like father, like son" certainly applies to Tanner Hinkle '13 and his dad, who graduated from Mason High School. Mr. Hinkle ran cross country, just as the younger Hinkle does now, and set a record at 15:46 in 1981. The record remained intact until this year, when Hinkle participated in the Spartan Invitational on September 16th. He ran the 5000 meters in 15:23, beating his dad's record by 23 seconds. "I was happy that the

work I'd put in had paid off, it was a big goal of mine and I was glad I achieved it," said Hinkle. He certainly worked hard, committing a lot of time and effort into his sport. As for future ambitions, he said, "Hopefully I get better and break my record. My goal in running is to always get better and improve. My motivation is the fear of not reaching the goals I set for myself." Hinkle is glad that he can now "talk trash to my dad, that I'm faster than he was."

The Women's Varsity Team stands together after placing 2nd at the regional competition on October 29 at Ella Sharp Park. They worked hard to prepare for the states race which turned out to be more difficult than they thought. "I wasn't used to the competition, but it was a big accomplishment for the team," said Meg Darmofal '15.



HASS

Intent on doing her best, Lorraine Benson '12 chases the girls from other schools around Rayner Park. The other runners trailed behind her as she crossed the finish line with a time of 24:00.8.

Cooling down after the Charlotte meet, Gregory Ingle '14 tries to catch his breath after running 3.1 miles in 18:20.4. Ingle's time improved significantly during the season with the help of his coach and his teammates.



SCHARTZTER



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Striving to run past his opponents, Josh Horton '12, pushes to keep his running time consistent at the Charlotte Invitational. He finished with a time of 19:31.1.

Running at almost the same speed, Joseph Cecil '12, Paul Pioszak '14, and Mason VanDyke '14 push their way past their opponents at the beginning of the CAAC Gold League Meet at Charlotte. In the end, VanDyke finished at 16:31.0, Cecil at 16:52.6, and Pioszak 17:22.8.



HASS

The men's varsity team poses with their medals after claiming the state championship. "We had a good idea going to the race how it would turn out but it was more difficult than we expected... This season was great for us. The team really came together and it turned out just the way we were hoping," said Alex Whitmer '13.



SCHARTZER



SCHARTZER

On a sunny day in October, Libbey Jones '14 competes in the meet against the teams from Eaton Rapids, Waverly, Lumen Christi, Jackson Northwest, and Charlotte. Even the pressure from the other schools could not stop her. She showed determination by staying strong throughout the race, leading to her strong finish of 25:29.1.



SCHARTZER



SCHARTZER

With the shot of the starting gun, Meg Darmofal '15 takes off ahead of the other racers. She finished the meet in first place with a striking time of 18:43.8. Her time made up a small contribution to the exciting accomplishment of making it to the MHSAA Finals.

How does it feel to be a contributor to a varsity team as a freshman?



"...I love everyone on the team. They're like a family to me."

-Preston Tickner '15



SCHARTZER

As a new member of the team Alexis Lyons '15 pushes as hard as she can throughout the CAAC Gold League Meet at Charlotte. She put all of her concentration into keeping a consistent pace throughout the race. Her hard work paid off as she ended the race with a time of 21:27.8.



# Rising Above

By: Gabby Brown

*Dominant photo taken by: Gabby Brown*

There is no soft landing. She completes the acrobatic trick, and then lets her feet fall in a perfect line on the turf of the high school track. Flipping through the air and screaming at the top of her lungs, Dannica Hoskins '14 loves "being able to cheer the boys on to a victory in front of the community." With pep in her step, Hoskins gets the crowd going while she glides into one of her famous flips called the standing tuck. "A standing tuck is my favorite tumbling stunt because not a lot of people can do them and they're the hardest skill you can complete,"

said Hoskins. To achieve success as a cheerleader, Hoskins had to work on standing tumbling, jumps, being tight with her motions and trusting her squad members. As a main flyer, Hoskins had to trust the girls on her team would not let her fall. "Our team has our ups and downs, but we're all pretty close," says Hoskins. "It definitely helps with trust." When preparing for a game, the team meets at a member's house for dinner. They eat together, get ready together and spend time as a team from 4:00 until the start of the game.

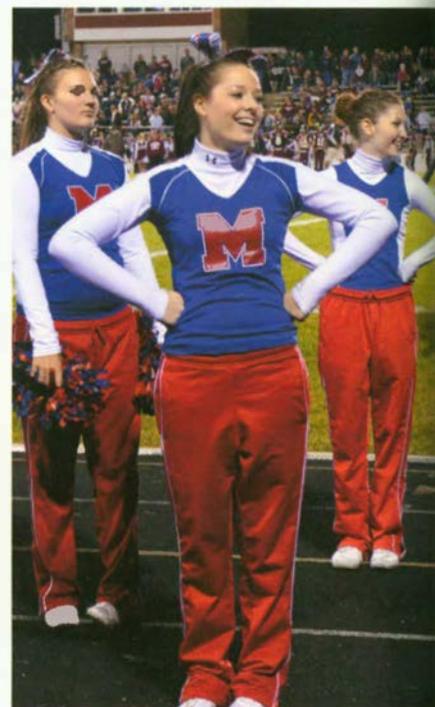
**Standing tall, the varsity team sings the National Anthem. This game was an "America Out." Fans in the student section dressed in red, white, and blue.**

**With a smile on her face, Alexandria Robertson '12 cheers on the varsity football program in a match against the Eaton Rapids Greyhounds. Along with many other members of the squad, Robertson also participates in Competitive Cheer.**

**Performing at a home game against Muskegon Heights, the JV squad amps up the crowd by cheering on the JV football team as they take home the win. The boys won this game against Muskegon Heights 28-12.**



BROWN



Showing her patriotism, Anastasia Most '15 lines up to sing the National Anthem before the Homecoming win over Waverly. "Being one of the three freshmen to make varsity was truly amazing. I'm glad my hard work paid off," said Most.

Performing with her fellow squad members, Chelsea Myers '12 ignites the student section with a performance consisting of a cheer along with a dance. Myers has been cheering for her entire high school career.



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Joining the varsity team, Olivia Tarry '15 yells through the megaphone in an attempt to swell the stands with excited students and parents. "I liked cheering with (the) varsity (team) because I got to experience what it's like," said Tarry.

Hands held high, members of the JV squad pump up the parents of the JV football team. JV cheerleaders learn their moves and cheers from fellow members of the varsity squad.

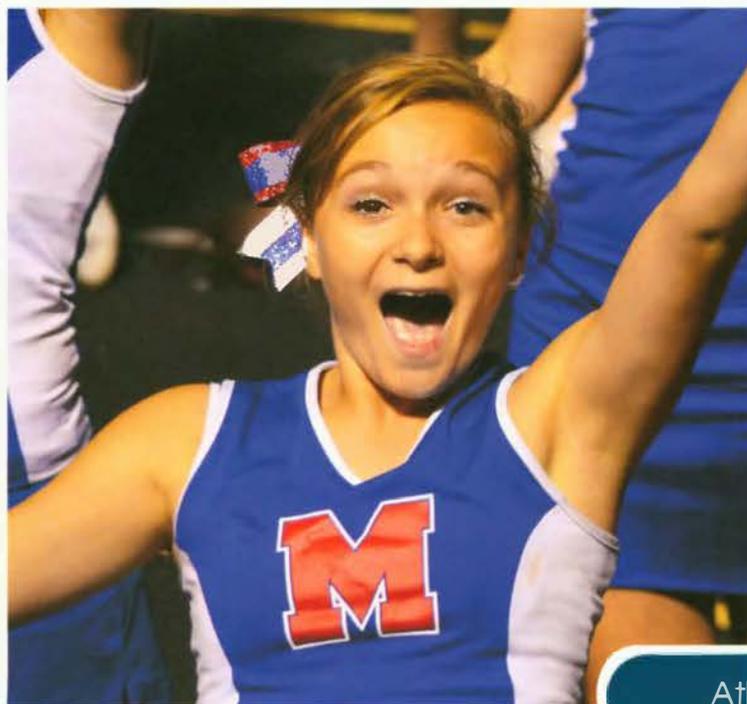
At the Homecoming game, Taylor Strickland '13 leads her team in the half time dance. The girls also executed this performance at the pep rally earlier that day. "Leading the team in the dance was both exciting and nerve racking. It made me feel good! I made up a lot of the dance with Haleigh Wright ('12), so I was pretty confident I could lead the team," said Strickland.

What is your favorite cheer and why?



"B-L-U-E, proud to be, B-L-U-E ... because it is showing that we are proud of our team and our school as a whole."

-Jordynn Jones '12



BROWN

Following in her sister's footsteps, Samantha Strickland '15 shows her school spirit by being her loudest at the Homecoming game against Waverly. "I saw how much my sister loved it," said Strickland. "It really takes dedication to be a cheerleader and if she could do it, I knew that I could." Strickland was moved up to varsity for the game and participated in the events at the pep rally, the sideline cheers, and the half time dance for that particular evening.



# Carry on



By: Danielle Rustem

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Danielle Rustem*

It is September 15, about halfway through the first quarter, and the freshmen are just barely retaining the lead by one point over Eaton Rapids. With the end of the quarter nearing, the ball is snapped to the quarterback, who quickly hands it off to Kolby Thompson '15. Thompson takes off down the field dodging the onslaught of the Eaton Rapids defense. He runs the ball deep into Eaton Rapids' territory before finally getting tackled. The gain in yards resulted in a touchdown for Mason, the added points helping the team to achieve their first win of

the season 20-6. "We really needed a win," said Thompson. "After we got it, we knew that we could play really well together." With the first victory under their belts, they continued on to win five of the remaining six games, ending the season with a record of 5-4. "Because we were a winless freshman team, that made us tied for the worst team in the state. As a team we rallied by practicing harder, becoming more physical and executing our assignments. It paid off," said Coach Vondra. The secret to their success? Never giving up.

After a spoiled attempt at a first down, quarterback Nathan Jones '14 walks to the sideline, to get the next play from Coach Jones. Jones sprinted back to the huddle and relayed the plan to his team who then carried it out to get a first down.



RUSTEM

Easily catching the pass from the quarterback, Douglas Bradfield '14 runs toward the St. Johns end zone in an attempt to gain yards. Height provided an advantage for Bradfield when he caught a pass that would have sailed over most other player's heads.



During the Charlotte game on September 22, running back Rylen Droscha '14 takes the ball downfield. Droscha had good second effort gains through out the game which helped the JV team seal its 42-22 victory.



RUSTEM



Blocking Charlotte's defensive backs, Danton Page '15 and Colin Popard '15 open up a hole for quarterback Foster Whipple '15. Their work paid off when Whipple sprinted into the end zone and scored a touchdown, contributing to the 45-0 victory.

After a successful scoring drive, Jacob Scavarda '15 kicks off the ball to Eaton Rapids. Once Scavarda completed his kick, the chase for the kick returner began. The freshmen quickly stopped Eaton Rapids to force a change of possession.



RUSTEM

Defensive end Adam Houghton '14 joins his teammates in their mission to tackle a Muskegon Heights running back. The players stood their ground until the play ended. The defense continued dominating the line, contributing to a 28-18 win on September 29.



RUSTEM

Lending a hand, James Taylor '14 helps fellow teammate Grant Scanlon '14 take down a St. Johns player. After the JV team had regained possession of the ball, they came together to score a touchdown. Despite the team's best efforts St. Johns won 29-7.



RUSTEM

On a 1st down and 10, offensive linemen Ethan Spitzley '15, Aaron Rustem '15, Daniel Kaiser '15, and Christian Smith '15 prepare to battle the Eaton Rapids defense. Before the ball is snapped, all the players must remain poised and still to make sure they do not commit an offsides penalty.



RUSTEM



RUSTEM

What is one thing you learned this season?



"During games you need to stay a team and help each other out."

-Patrick Hyatt '14



RUSTEM

Taking the handoff from the quarterback, Jacob Stid '15 breaks away and heads for the end zone. Stid scored three touchdowns in the freshman team's first win of the season. "It felt awesome, but I couldn't have done it without the linemen. Their blocking is so important and today they did a perfect job," said Stid when asked about scoring the touchdowns after the game.



# One Dawg,

# One Bone



By: Nick McNeilly

Dominant Photo Taken By: Nick McNeilly

On a chilly October night an Indian Trails bus rolls in to the high school parking lot, off of which came a fully equipped Croswell Lexington team walking single file onto the field. What seemed seconds later, warmups were over and the game was underway. Croswell returned the first kick. A few plays later Croswell gets into the endzone for the first points of the game. Aggressively the teams fought back and forth, with Croswell staying on top most of the game. "Being down the whole game made the team hungry for a win," said Luke

Schunk '12. "The last minute seemed to go on and on." Two miraculous catches by Logan Fitchett '12 and a run by Thomas McNamara '12 took the offense near the goal line. "Saylor (Lavallii) got the pitch from Thomas (McNamara) and went wide and got slammed into the endzone...looking like slow motion," Schunk continued. The whole sideline, the fans, everyone made the stadium roar as we took the lead...at that point I knew we were going to win. We work as one and play as one and that is why we won that game." Mason scored with 24.7 seconds left to win the game 32-28.

After driving down the field for the touchdown, Josh Flamme '14 comes on the field to attempt the extra point. The ball soared high and went right up the center of the field goal posts.

After gathering the screen pass from Thomas McNamara '12, Saylor Lavallii '12 carries the ball outside and into the open. Shaking off two defenders and plowing over another, Lavallii made his way into the endzone, putting another six points on the board.

Leaping in front of the Orioles, Logan Fitchett '12 snatches the football for the interception. The change of possession allowed them to capitalize and score. Their strong defense forced turnovers and interceptions which helped power over Charlotte.



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As the defense makes another successful stop against the Charlotte Orioles, John Scavarda '12, John Noonan '12 and Jorden Harris '12 look to Coach VanHavel for the next formation. Before every play players look toward the sideline to get the play call.

After the ball is thrown to Connor Holbrook '12, he snags the pass. Turning wide he finds the opening in the St. Johns defense and carried the ball safely for the touchdown.



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On a chilling and windy October night, the team went nose to nose with the undefeated Croswell Lexington team. The Mason defense attacked them every play to cause many turnovers throughout the game. With a superior defense, the Bulldogs were able to stop Croswell and hold on to the game for the win.

The sheer look of shock showed in Coach VanHavel's face as the players throw freezing cold water over top of him for the celebration. The win over the confident Waverly Warriors gave the Bulldogs their 4th straight league title.

After wiping out Eaton Rapids, the team brings it into the huddle. Every game ends with a huddle on the field where Coach VanHavel thanks the students for their cheering efforts and appearance at the game. With excitement in his voice VanHavel tells the team what a "beat down" they gave that night.

What is your most memorable moment this season?



"At Eastern, one of our guys got injured and I had to step in and play. It was my first game playing on varsity against older and bigger guys."

-Stone Miller '15



McNEILLY

This year a new member joined players on the sideline. Bubba, as he likes to be called, attends every game ready to pack a punch and give a helping paw to the football team with his support. He always wears new school spirited clothing and seems full of excitement. Bubba's tough demeanor helps him draw attention and build high spirits with the fans and the players.



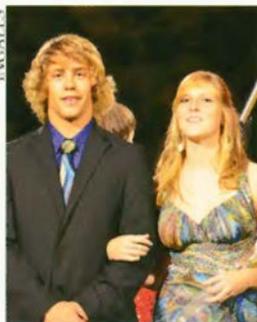
# Crowned Royalty

By Amella Schon



The student section begins to quiet down as Mr. Sundermann announces the Homecoming court to a stadium full of anxious students and family members. After a suspenseful pause, Sundermann announces the new Homecoming queen and king, Amber Denomme and Bobby Albert! The crowd broke out in applause while the newly crowned royalty celebrated. Abi Combs '11 and Zach Riley '11

had the honor of crowning Albert and Denomme. The whole experience became real for Denomme when Saylor Lavallii congratulated her with a huge hug. The contest revealed Denomme's true character because after years of showing her classmates love and kindness, they voted her queen for the class of 2012. "It's nice to know that being nice is the best policy," said Denomme.



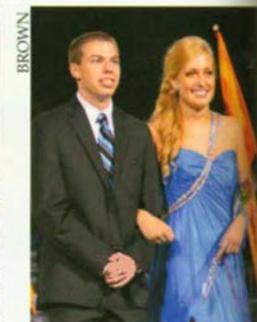
Robert Albert  
Nicole McDermott



Hunter Kinney  
Megan Wren



Saylor Lavallii  
Amber Denomme



Wesley Buskirk  
Hannah Reister

## COME OUT TO CHEER YOUR BULLDOGS!

Covering the bleachers in a sea of blue and red, the student body enthusiastically cheers on the football team as they play against Waverly. They finished the night in triumph, causing a roar to ripple across the crowd. "Winning the football game that we were expected to lose was amazing," said Megan Wren '12.





"What made this year's Homecoming better than years past?"

Max VanWormer & Steffanie Dubois '13

"The weather this year was better than before!"



LEE

**CONTROVERSY ON THE CHEERING FLOOR.**

The senior class expresses disappointment as the winners of the victory cheer-off are announced. The sophomores came in first, managing a scream of 112.7 decibels. The juniors came close behind with 112.6 dB, the seniors in third place with 111.7 dB, and the freshmen last with 105.0 dB.



LEE

**HIT ME UP.**

Grasping his drumsticks, Jason Wesley '14 is held upside down by Nathan Krzesicki '15 as part of the drum line's feature performance during the pep assembly. Ryan Taylor '15 and James Kranz '15 balanced the drums upside down while the others played.



BROWN

Begging students to pay to bail them out of jail, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Mesyn, and Mr. Barnum participate in the Profile's fundraiser. The community met their pleas enthusiastically, raising over \$950 to support the school's newspaper.



BROWN

During the parade, Rebecca Brunner '13 waves excitedly to the senior court. Megan Wren, Robert Albert and Nicole McDermott rode together as did Amber Denomme, Wesley Buskirk, and Hannah Reister. Hunter Kinney and Saylor Lavallii were busy preparing for the big game.

**College Day**  
Katherine Valek '14



**Crayon Day**  
Cyrus Pierce '14



**Decade Day**  
Tayler McCord '12 & Britanie Way '12



**Neon Day**  
Kacie Kott '14



**Red & Blue Day**  
Kelsey Wenson '15



# Winter Sports

## Men's Bowling



Back Row: David Smithern '12, Luke Gutkowski '12, Aaron Young '13, Coach Valentine, Shaun Smith '13, Eric Mills '13, Daniel Hawkins '12 Front Row: Dane Rosseter '14, Colton Pnacek '15, Nicholas Robbins '12, Joshua Horton '12, Jonah Horton '14

## Women's Bowling



Back Row: Coach Dormer, Coach Nettlemen Row 5: Sara Barnett '13, Christina Igl '13 Row 4: Lindsay Richards '13, Stephanie Igl '12 Row 3: Samantha Igl '15, Amanda Igl '15 Row 2: Sarah Emerson '12, Calli Feier '14, Elizabeth Norgaard '14 Front Row: Maki Tanaka '13, Amanda Denomme '12, Kathryn Harger '15, Kanokrat Tinachartkan '14

## Wrestling



Back Row: Coach Martel, Donald Lound '14, Alexander McFarlane '13, Shane Johnson '12, Nathan Rice '12, Mason Rickle '12, Grant Rasmussen '12, Adam Robinson '12, Luke Cogswell '13, Justin Ramsey '13, Coach Pitman Row 4: Coach Burge, Jacob Clark '15, Robert Albert '12, Noah McGinthy '13, Thomas Beebe '12, Rylen Droscha '14, Austin Droscha '13, Nicholas Starzec '12, Anthony Sainz '14, Dakota Vallejo '15 Row 3: Ethan Spitzley '15, Cody Coats '15, Hugh Brayton '13, Mason Salmon '12, Sean Houghton '13, Matthew Kobayashi '13, James Starzec '13, Jesper Ahlstrom '13, Albert Turkovich '14 Row 2: Leo Allaire '15, Jacob Ingalls '15, Matthew Koenig '14, Chasier Langham '12, John Causie '12, David Rabadoux '12, Perparim Ademi '12, Daniel Kaiser '15, Colin Popard '15 Front Row: Evan Schunk '15, Matthew Carlson '15, Connor Clark '15, Devon Killebrew '14, Seth Hyde '14, Trenton Rabadoux '15, Nickolas Ramos '15, Elias Rodriguez '14, Jacob Stid '15 Not Pictured: Samuel Gregory '14, Mitchel Hamilton Brooks '15, Adam Houghton '14, Matthew Miller '15, Jonathon Owen '12, Kevin Stalzer '15, James Taylor '14

## Varsity Gymnastics



Back Row: Rebecca O'keefe '12, Emily Perleberg '15, Abigail Johnstone '15, Christina Bennetts '15, Jessica Nevins '12 Row 2: Cierra Dalling Palacio '12, Madeline Bohl '14, Anna Erevia '14, Quincie McCalla '15, Mallory Barber '12 Front Row: Emily Disselkoen '13 Not Pictured: Brooklyn Hamilton '13



### Junior Varsity Gymnastics



Back Row: Rachel Young '14, Allison Sweezy '15, Lindsey Deweerd '15, Manager Alexis Sweezy '16 Row 2: Katherine Valek '14, Bethany Minier '14, Kendra Pitts '13 Front Row: Juliete Daniel '15 Not Pictured: Emily Brock '14, Jordan Uebelhart '15, Skyler Sinnaeve '13

### Competitive Cheer



Back Row: Kalee Drew '14, Samantha Strickland '15, Sierra Young '15, Coach Cogswell, Coach Bradfield, Coach Showers, Olivia Tarry '15, Emma Wallace '14, Nicole Merschel '14 Row 2: AlixCross '14, Lorin Hammond '14, Paige Morris '14, Cassidy Droscha '15, Paige Miller '14, Terra Thie '15 Front Row: Amber Dinsmore '13, Chelsea Myers '12, Alexandria Robertson '12, Taylor Strickland '13, Dannica Hoskins '14 Not Pictured: Anastasia Most '15, Haleigh Wright '12

### Men's Varsity Basketball



Back Row: Coach Allaire, Quintin Way '13, Daniel Couchenour '12, Barry Hedglen '12, Douglas Bradfield '14, Thomas McNamara '12, Nicholas McNeilly '12, Coach Chaney, Coach McNeilly Front Row: Manager Nathan McCoy '18, Nicholas Sjolund '13, Logan Fitchett '12, Saylor Lavallii '12, Connor Holbrook '12, Jakob Somerville '12, Joshua Rudd '12, Jonathan Orlando '13, Manager Mitchell Lovell '18

### Men's Junior Varsity Basketball



Back Row: Stone Miller '15, Cameron Picard '14, Emmons Allaire '14, Coach Hoffman, Coach Vondra, Marshal Hyden '14, Nathan Jones '14, Nicholas Carl '14 Front Row: Spencer Shattuck '14, Joseph Wassner '14, Samuel Falardeau '14, Blake Ellis '14



# Winter Sports

## Men's Freshman Basketball



Back Row: Devon Ireland '15, Jacob Scavarda '15, Harrison Falardeau '15, Coach Shoemaker, Coach Allaire, Derek Troxell '15, Aaron Rustem '15, Preston Tickner '15  
 Front Row: Desmond Hall '15, Kolby Thompson '15, Dakota Carpenter '15, Tristan Brunst '15, Austen Montas-Burt '15, Foster Whipple '15

## Women's Varsity Basketball



Back Row: Kaleigh Lound '12, Hannah Dowdy '13, Rebecca Brunner '13, Coach DeMartin, Coach Shattuck, Coach Ream, Maycee Robinson '13, Elizabeth Stalzer '12, Gabrielle Trudell '13  
 Row 2: Manager Audrey Wassner '17, Manager Sophie Trudell '18, Alyssa Nardone '12, Nicole McDermott '12, Emily Somerville '15, Rebekah Bentz '12, Manager Serena Wilson '13, Manager Paige Mussell '13  
 Front Row: Manager Johnna Parsons '17, Jalyssa Bard '15, Bridget Hudson '13, Mona Hinamanu '13

## Women's Junior Varsity Basketball



Back Row: Coach Walkington, Alexandra Blair '14, Andrea Wagner '14, Taylor Harrington '14, Morgan Ekovich '14, Lauren McDermott '14, Coach Touquet  
 Row 2: Manager Audrey Walkington, Abigail Mellon '14, Shannon McNamara '14, Hannah Barton '14, Michelle Kisbye '13, Manager Zach Walkington  
 Front Row: Rebecca Cena '14, Brooke Beaune '14, Manager Marisol Lopez '14

## Women's Freshman Basketball



Back Row: Allison Rochon '15, Tessa Wilhelm '15, Hannah Rose '15, Coach Estrada, Coach Bell, Claire Barkholz '15, Ellie Phillips '15, Erica Bartlett '15  
 Front Row: Kirsten Hunt '15, Elizabeth Iverson '15, Alexis Lyons '15, Alisha Kuch '15, Kaitlyn Kaschinske '15



## Men's Swim and Dive



Back Row: Coach Cantrell, Garrett Cooper '12, Gurnar Russell '12, Derick Hearit '12, Spencer Ammerman '12, Ashton Bergeon '12, Nathan Lehnert '12, Coach Cantrell Row 4: Coach McCarty, Manager Courtney Corbett '14, Manager Samantha Smith '12 Row 3: Manager Margaret Reid '14, Evan Johnson '13, Lucas Wolfe '13, Jose Ortiz Guraieb '13, Collin Zarembo '13, Damien Keefer '13, Daniel Rogers '13, Shane Clark '13, Dalton Piper-Harris '13, Manager Kaileigh Krupp '14, Benjamin Nicol '13 Row 2: Manager Rebecca Rogers '15, Corbin Shuler '14, Branden Stetler '14, Dakota Cranfill '14, Kaelan Lane '14, Jacob Hofmann '14, Patrick Hyatt '14, Kevin Staggs '14, Manager Kaitlyn Caltrider '15, Manager Chloe Caltrider '15 Front Row: Manager Alexandra Croff '15, Noah Gill '15, John Calhoun '15, Dylan Huntley '15, Reese Curtis '15, Daniel Nicol '15, Nicholas Quirn '15, Shea Russ '15

## Hockey



Back Row: Mike Day (LCC), Kyle Pier '12, Nick Sampson (LCC), Beau Idalski (LCC), Connor Weissenborn (CHS), Ethan Archer (LCC), Ben Carl (LCC), Steven Andary (LCC), Jeffrey Smith '12 Front Row: Dan Liesman (LCC), Mike Larson (LCHS), Tory Brown (CHS), Brenden Martin '13, Hunter Kinney '12, Shannon Frere '12

What are you looking forward to the most this season?

"I'm looking forward to winning our league and giving our opponents a run for their money. I'm also looking forward to (giving) our spectators a reason to watch us."

-Cameron Picard '14



"I'm looking forward to bonding with the team and working on my skills. I want to get my giant (on bars), back handspring on beam, and most of all my varsity letter."

-Abigail Johnstone '15



# Winter Wonderland

By: Lauren McDermott

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With icy roads and heavy snow piles, Superintendent Mr. Dillingham announced a two hour delay on February 24 through the local news and a Honeywell call home. Students appreciated the extra time to sleep and were excited to have shortened classes because of the pep assembly and the delay; the school day looked like a piece of cake. However, at about eight in the morning, another Honeywell went out saying school was

anceled. With it being a snow day, confusion arose about what would happen with all of the sporting events, the pep assembly, and the Winterfest crowning. About halfway through the day, Athletic Director Mr. Lattig said, "Sports are on for tonight." Mr. Surato announced the king and queen at half time of the men's varsity basketball game. However, the pep assembly unfortunately could not be salvaged.

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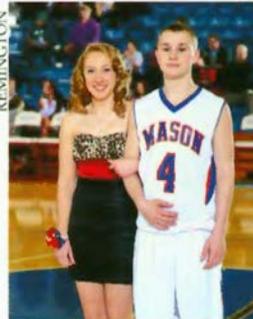
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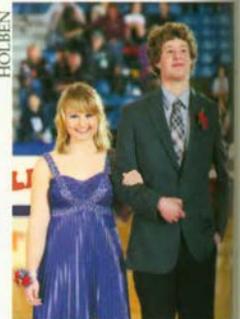
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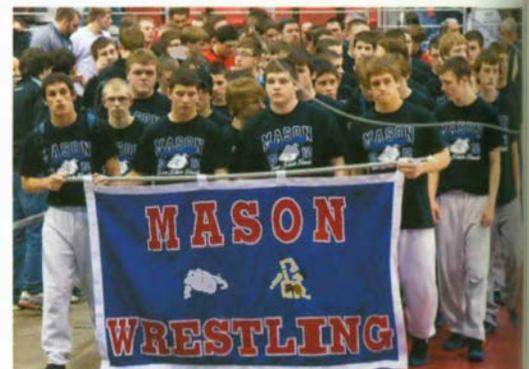
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Amanda Denomme  
Andy Flory

## THE GRAND MARCH!

Proudly holding the Mason wrestling banner Nicholas Starzec '12, Thomas Beebe '12, Adam Robinson '12, and Robert Albert '12 lead their team in a walk around the Kellogg Arena. The eight teams who made it to the state finals began the evening's festivities by participating in a tradition known as the Grand March. This march consisted of the teams walking around the mats to the song "We Are the Champions" by Queen.





"Since there was no school what did you do to get excited for Winterfest?"

Catherine Spalding '15

"I went to a friend's house and we showed up to the game decked out in red and blue!"



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**OUTSTANDING AWARDS.**

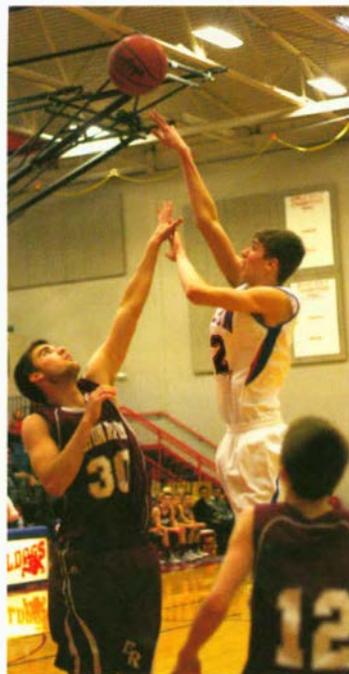
Swim captain Derick Hearit '12 leaves the pool deck after receiving the Swimmer of the Meet Award. League officials give out this award in honor of Rick Edwards who was a swim coach and official in the Lansing area for several decades. MISCA coaches vote at the end of the meet to determine the recipient.



HOLBEN

**GENEROUS DONATION.**

The AFGC (America's Farmers Grow Communities) awards one farmer from each county with \$2,500. They can donate the money to any charity or organization. This year Mr. Igl represented Ingham County. At half time of the men's basketball game, Mr. Igl donated the money to the Band Boosters to fund the replacement of concert dresses.



SHIREY

**UP, UP & AWAY.**

Soaring above his defender, Doug Bradfield '14 attempts a 3-point shot. The men's team defeated their opponent Eaton Rapids on their home court. "There was a lot more people there for Winterfest than I thought there was going to be," said Bradfield. "It was nice having the whole day off to mentally and physically prepare myself for the game."

**Twin Day**  
Logan Fitchett '12, Nicholas McNeilly '12 & Mr. Chapin



**Beach Day**  
Ethan Spitzley '15



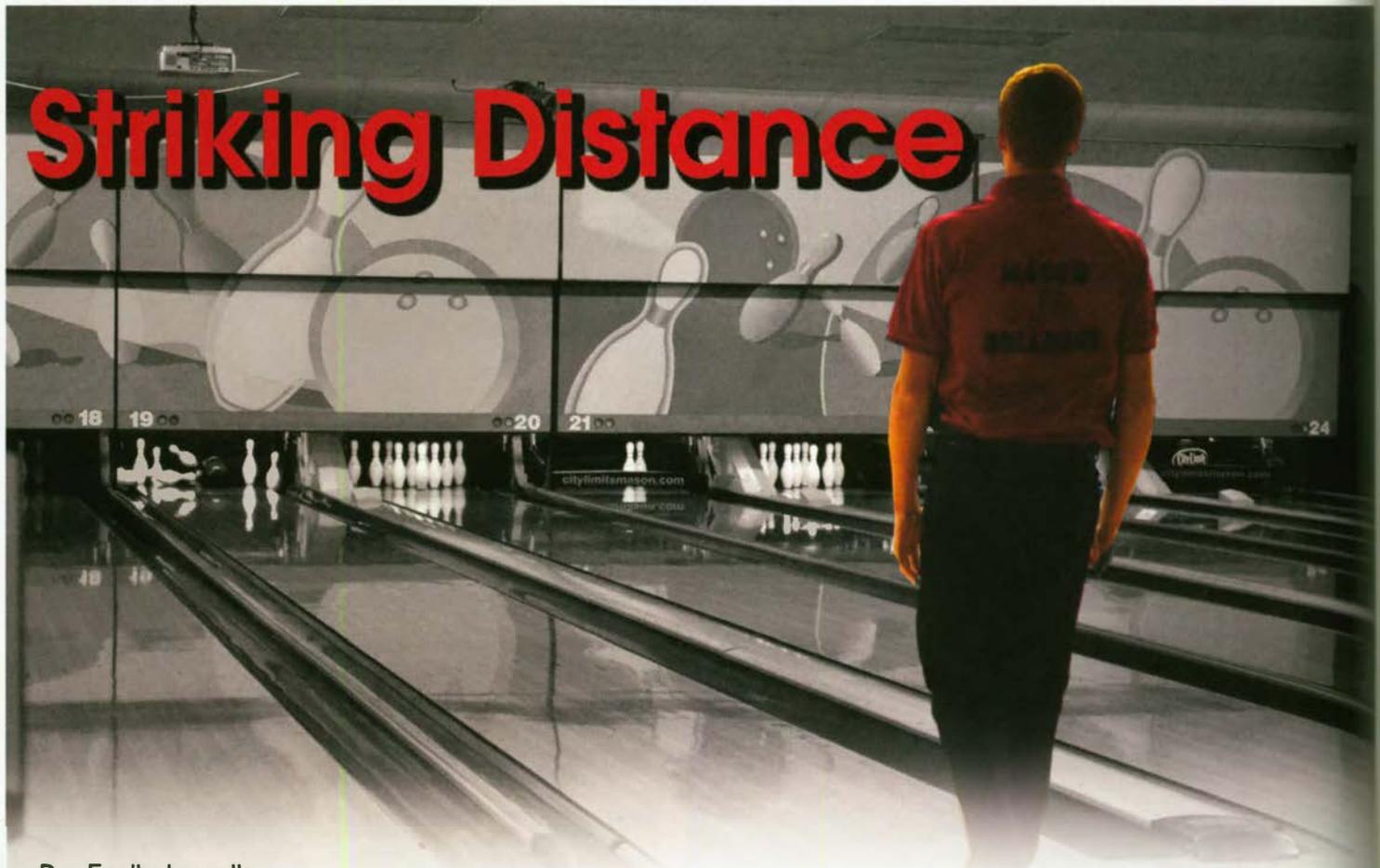
**Support A Cause Day**  
Jenna Yanz '15



**Red & Blue Day**  
Kayla Jacob '12, Gabrielle Trudell '13, Cierra Palacio '12, Christine Harrison '12



# Striking Distance



By: Emily Ingalls

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Emily Ingalls*

Since the age of seven, senior David Smithern has been bowling with his father. "My dad always did it and he kind of got me into it," said Smithern when asked about the origins of his passion. "We drive to Airport Lanes in Jackson every Sunday for the Early Bird Special and bowl with my friend Nick Robbins '12 and his dad," Smithern said in reference to their weekly tradition. Over the last four years Smithern has taken the Sunday tradition his

father and he participated in together a step further. His extra time at the alley helped him earn a starting spot on the varsity team. He was also named captain for the 2012 season. While on the team Smithern has achieved a personal best of 280 his freshmen year, as well as four trips to team states. In his final trip to states, Mason took home the state championship, edging out Bay City John Glenn by three pins.

Before the match senior Sarah Emerson sings the National Anthem. Emerson has done so at every home meet for the last four seasons. "I love singing and I sing every chance I get," said Emerson.

Focusing on the lane ahead, Daniel Hawkins '12 mentally prepares himself before his next frame. "[I think about] where I need to stand, what mark I need to hit, and what angle I need to utilize to get a strike," said Hawkins.

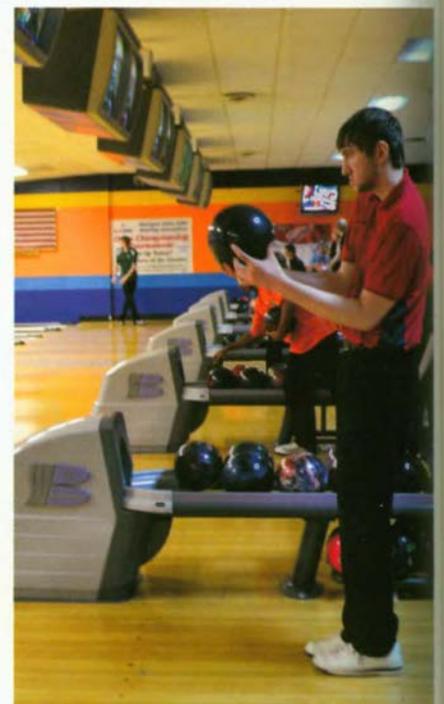
"Bowling is a relaxing sport and it's really fun. It can be really frustrating too though," said junior Aaron Young. Young decided to start bowling to fill up some of his spare time in the winter. It also gave him an opportunity to hang out with his friends. "I enjoy being around the people at bowling," said Young.



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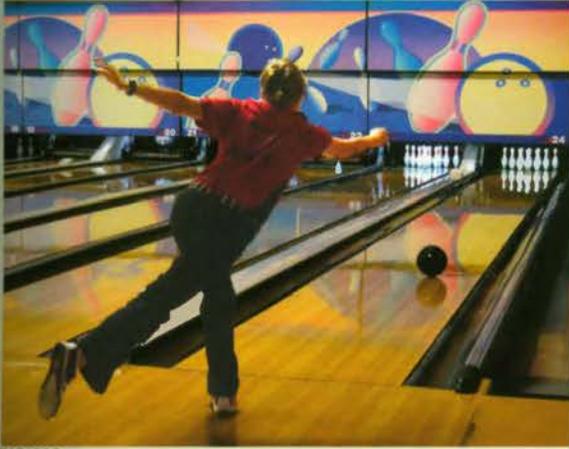


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Senior Stephanie Igl makes her first attempt to score points in her match against Waverly. Igl competes along side her three sisters. "It's enjoyable bonding time, but it can be frustrating too," says Igl.

On March 2, the men's team gathers round their state championship trophy. They surprised #2 ranked Ferndale in the semi-finals to reach the state final match against Bay City John Glenn.



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After bowling a frame, junior Lindsay Richards receives advice from her coach on how to improve her next turn. Richards took her second trip to individual states on March 2. "[The coaches] have helped me get to states by supporting me. When I'm in trouble they lead me in the right direction," said Richards. Specifically Richards said relies on the coaches to provide guidance when she is unsure about ball choice, placement or stance.

Sophomore Dane Rosseter takes his turn in a match against Charlotte. Throughout the season many of the bowlers set goals for themselves. "[My goal this season was] to fix my arm swing. I needed to keep my arm closer to my body so that when I bowl I am more accurate," said Rosseter.

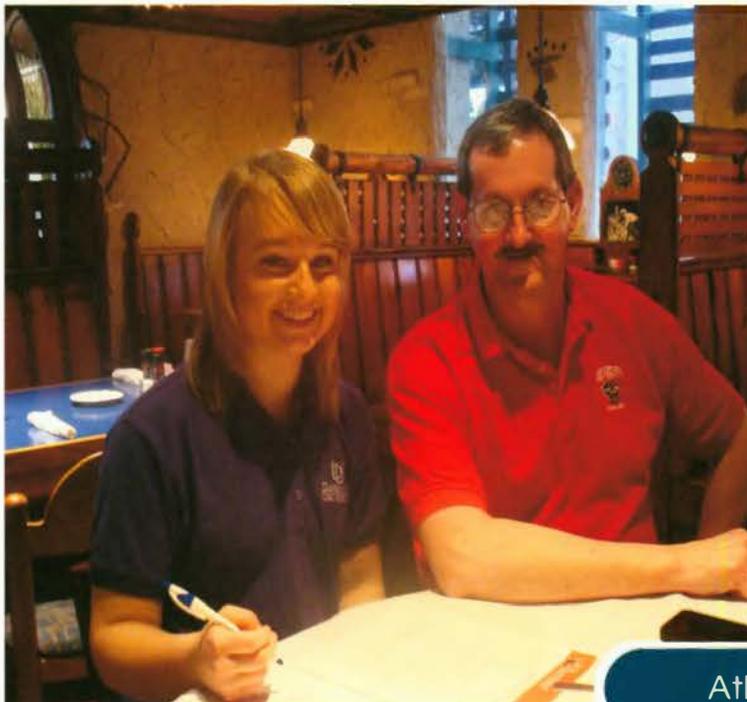
By winning both her individual matches, senior Amanda Denomme helped the team to a victory over Waverly on February 7. After three seasons Denomme took on a role as a co-captain with Sarah Emerson '12 for their senior year.

What was your personal goal for this season and how did you achieve it?



"My goal was to make individual states and I got there by working hard and practicing every time I could."

-Nick Carl '14



DENOMME

Three years ago, Amanda Denomme '12 decided she needed a change in her life, so she gave up soccer to try something new. Since she lived near the bowling alley, she figured she would give bowling a try. Since that day, she has not missed a day to bowl. "I love that everyday I get to see myself improve," said Denomme. After her dad's boss recommended Davenport University because of their business degree, she visited and fell in love with the campus. Denomme then went on to sign with their bowling team on March 6.





# Protect The Puck

By: Morgan Schartzer

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Morgan Schartzer*

This year, the Patriots had only six Mason representatives. Seniors Shannon Frere and Jeff Smith had two major roles. Smith served as captain. He started skating with the Falcons at the age of four and has been a contributor at the high school level since his freshman year. This season certainly presented its challenges, including a brand new coaching staff. Regardless, Smith stayed positive. "Though we were not that good, we never stopped competing," Smith explained. About a quarter into the season,

Dan Leisman, the starting goaltender, suffered an injury that required season-ending surgery. Frere stepped up and filled the starter's shoes. Even though he preferred defense, he put his wish aside for the good of the team. Part of his success stemmed from his dad, who also played the position. His father was able to give pointers after the game, and Frere took the constructive criticism well. As the season progressed, his skills improved, which helped him earn the win in the first round of districts.

After leading the puck into the offensive zone, Hunter Kinney '12 takes a shot on goal.

Kinney scored eight goals, and had five assists on the season.

Senior Dalton Slep '12 guards the blue line while in the offensive zone. Slep did not start playing until seven games into the season, but he provided a spark on defense.

Forwards Brenden Martin '13 and Kyle Pier '12 draw back as the opposing players enter the zone. Center is a very important role on a team, Martin has to pass well and win face-offs. As a left wing Pier has to be able to dig the puck out of corners and score if the opportunity is available.



SCHARTZER



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On the shot from the point, Brenden Martin '13 positions himself and keeps his stick on the ice to try intercepting the pass. Martin's favorite part of the game, however, is "scoring and hitting."

Senior Kyle Pier '12 eyes the puck and waits for the opportunity to apply the forecheck. Pier anxiously anticipates the possibility of regaining possession of the puck.



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Strategically choosing to go around the goal, Hunter Kinney '12 advances the puck out of the defensive zone. Sometimes players elect to travel around the net to allow time for a line change or to get the current line to set up offensively.

Senior Jeff Smith attacks the net on the powerplay. He tries to set up in the slot because in the event the puck rebounds off the goaltender, he will be there to slap the puck home.

Before every game begins, the Patriots warm up on the ice with multiple drills. To gain the focus they need to play a good game, the players listen to music playing over the loud speakers. After fully stretching and preparing, the starting lineups are announced. After the names have been called, the rest of the team skates to the blue line for the playing of National Anthem.

What has been the highlight of your season?



"Scoring a goal on the only game we won this year."

-Dalton Slep '12



SCHARTER

The disappointment surrounding the regular season did not overshadow the start of post-season play. The Patriots posted an 8-3 victory over the Tri-City Chiefs in round one of the playoffs. Late night practices and game experience finally paid off for this hard working squad. "It was a well played game and a happy ending for one of our last games in a fun season," said Shannon Frere '12. The players did their best while staying as focused as possible. After a long night, they headed home with their heads held high looking forward to round two against Eastside.



# Flying Through Obstacles



By: Annie McCarty

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Annie McCarty*

Entering gymnastics at the age of two, senior Rebecca O'Keefe has participated for a total of sixteen years. Throughout her life she has dealt with many setbacks and obstacles to achieve the success that she has today. She moved from Kalamazoo to Lansing, which caused her to find another gymnastics club. Throughout her career she has switched gyms five different times, even traveling far distances to attend some of them. Adding to these setbacks, O'Keefe has had numerous broken bones and other medical problems, causing her to take time off

from gymnastics and go to rehab and physical therapy. Today, she contributes high scores and a leadership role to the gymnastics world. O'Keefe has been a key member contributing to the success of the high school team. This year she placed 4th in the state on the vault and will continue to compete at nationals over the summer. Through all the hoops O'Keefe has jumped through, she has learned a lot and wants to someday become an athletic trainer or a sports medicine doctor for gymnasts.

During a home meet, manager Alexis Sweezy '16 and Quincie McCalla '14 time each beam routine. This event, along with the floor exercise, cannot extend over a minute and a half for each competitor. When the clock reads a minute and 20 seconds, the timer shouts out a warning.

On beam, Emily Perleberg '15 performs a back walkover. A tumbling series consists of any back-to-back tumbling skills, such as a handstand or cartwheel.

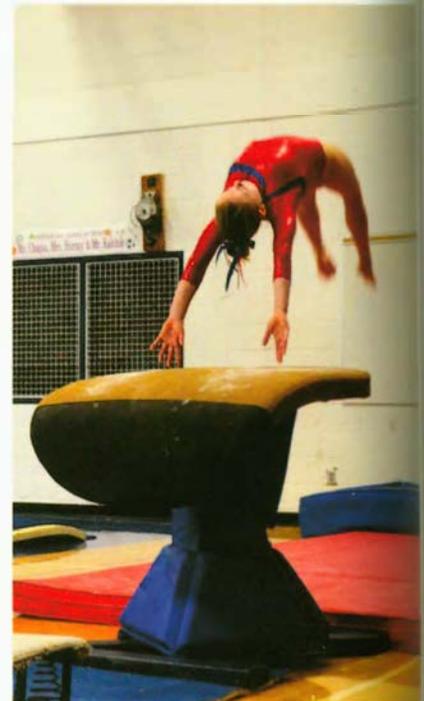
During a meet against Fowlerville, Madeline Bohl '14 front handsprings over the vault. This skill perfected would receive a score of 8.6. Judges take points off for bent arms and legs, folded position of the body, and steps or hops taken on landing. A gymnast qualifies for regionals if they get four scores of 7.8 or above.



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Both teams stand on the diagonal of the floor for the playing of the National Anthem. As is tradition, at the beginning of each competition gymnasts march onto the floor in a single file line, then separate to show the division of teams.

To begin her uneven bars routine, Christina Bennetts '15 performs a kip. Gymnasts must accomplish at least eight moves in order to compete in this event.



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Attempting to put the spring floor together, Mallory Barber '12 forces a section to fit. For every home meet the old gym transforms into a gymnastics room. The gymnasts and a few helpers have only an hour and a half to complete the switch before warm-up starts. "The trick to get it done fast is (to get) friends and family to come help," said Emily Brock '14.

At the Mason Invitational, Cierra Palacio '12 warms up her wolf jump on floor. A gymnast must have at least four qualifying scores for an event in order to compete at regionals. This meet allowed individuals to try to achieve one last qualifying score before regionals. Palacio qualified for regionals in bars, floor, and vault.

To begin her beam routine, Juliete Daniel '15 mounts. This exercise must consist of traveling on the beam a total of three lengths, along with a series of required skills. Daniel's score counted in the junior varsity's team score.

Taking her starting position on the floor, Emily Disselkoe '13 waits for the music to begin. Disselkoe's routine consists of three cross tumblers, series and individual jumps, and dance moves. Completing all of these moves and covering all of the area on the floor can only take one minute and thirty seconds or the judges will take off points. Gymnasts learn their routines early in the season and only change it if they learn a more difficult skill.



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What is your favorite event and why?



"Floor [exercise]... because I'm working on my roundoff back handspring and starting to work on my front tuck."

-Allison Sweezy '15



# Starting Fresh



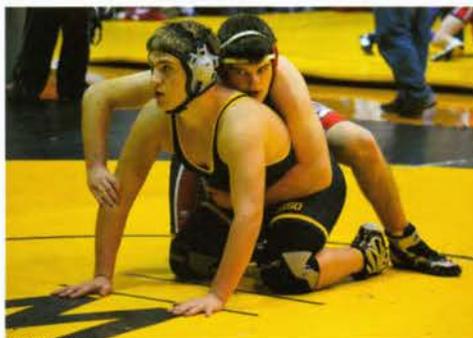
By: Rachel Davis

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Rachel Davis*

"Wrestling is a unique (sport) because it's something you can pick up quickly. You just need to perfect a limited number of moves. If you're willing to work hard, I'll be able to make you successful," said coach Martel. This proved true for Ethan Spitzley '15, who joined wrestling this winter. Coach Martel and a few upperclassmen wrestlers recruited Spitzley and Jacob Stid '15, in hopes of them having an impact on the wrestling program in the future. The pair never wrestled until this year, which

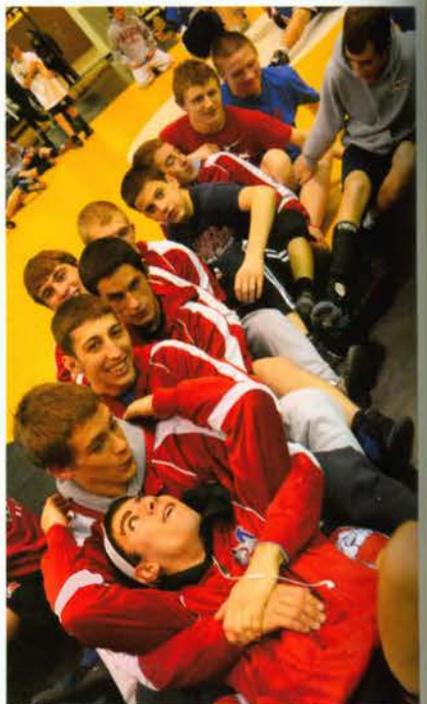
challenged them to catch up to people who have been wrestling since they were five or six years old. The two would continually try to one up each other throughout the season; having that extra push from one another helped them both improve their skills fairly quickly. Spitzley finished his first year with a winning record, meaning he had more wins than losses overall. "I was really surprised with how I finished this year. I am excited about spending the next (three) years wrestling," said Spitzley.

At the beginning of the second period, Shane Johnson '12 starts on top in referee position. Johnson pinned his Owosso opponent with a time of 2:59.



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Before a dual meet at Waverly an impromptu train forms behind Thomas Beebe '12. Often referred to as a "pile of kittens" by parents, this year's team was a very tight knit group.



During a tough, six match, Jacob Stid '15 does a front headlock in an attempt to take down his Waverly competitor. At the end of the third period, Stid had beaten him with a final score of 5-1.



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As the team manager, Jacq McElhone '13 takes stats for each dual meet and tournament. Kelsey Abbott '11 recruited her last year, and McElhone has been a part of the team ever since.

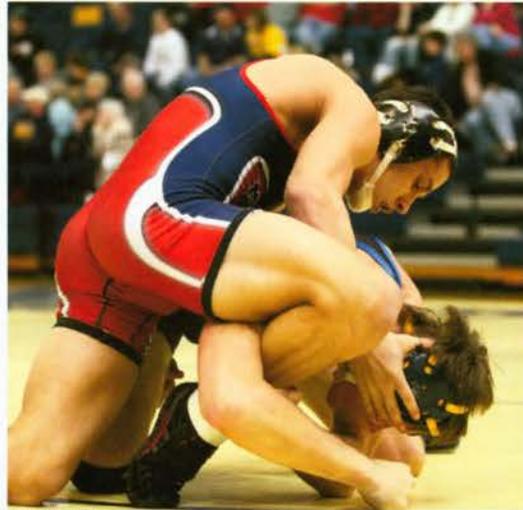
After winning the match, Noah McGinthy '13 celebrates the victory. McGinthy pinned his Eaton Rapids opponent at the 3:23 mark in his match. "It feels good (to win) because it's the first league meet and I'd like to get a good spot in the line-up," said McGinthy.



HOUGHTON

At the Lakeshore Tournament, Adam Robinson '12 attempts to turn his opponent to his back. Robinson worked tirelessly throughout this season and finished as state runner-up in the heavyweight weight-class, one better than his third place finish last year. Unlike most wrestlers now-a-days, Robinson only began his wrestling career in seventh grade and has steadily improved every year since.

During a tournament at Grand Ledge, Nick Starzec '12 fights off his competitor's attack by circling off to the side and later extending his leg. Starzec had a successful high school wrestling career. In regards to Individual States, he finished second in 2011 and third in 2012. "It's great to know all of the work I put in paid off," said Starzec.



HOUGHTON

In the first league dual of the season, Austin Droscha '13 rides out his Eaton Rapids opponent. Eaton Rapids is a long standing rivalry for the program and the bulldogs came out on top this year by a score of 49 to 21.



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During the District Championship, Sean Houghton '13 waist-wraps his Chelsea opponent. Houghton got the team's first fall of the dual in the third period of his match, sparking a change in momentum for his team. "We knew this team was tough and we needed to get as many bonus points as we could; coach was looking for the upperclassmen to step up," said Houghton.



DAVIS

What is it like being a part of the wrestling team?



"We spend so much time together that we don't think of each other as teammates, but more of a family."

-Thomas Beebe '12



# One Passion



By: Hannah Reister

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Hannah Reister*

From time to time, one player can be the match to ignite an entire team. This year, senior Jakob Somerville took on this role and benefited the team while he did it. Starting the day after school ended, Somerville spent hours in the gym working out with his buddies, juniors Nick Sjolund and Quintin Way. Conditioning workouts in the field house, open gyms and driveway dribbling all contributed to his improvements. But his off-season work did not stop there. After playing 3 years of football, Somerville decided that it would be in his best interest to stop playing football to focus on improving his basketball game. In the fall, his

time was consumed with playing for the Mid-Michigan Mavericks as well as doing coach Chaney's workouts in the fieldhouse. "It really helped with decision making on the court and keeping my mental game up to par," said Somerville. Averaging 17 points per game, Somerville took the season by storm. With the help of his multi-sport and championship winning teammates, the varsity squad set the record for most regular season wins as well as tying the most wins overall with a record of 19-2. The icing on the cake came as they defeated Grand Ledge and become the first team to make it to the district finals since 2004.

Junior varsity point guard Spencer Shattuck '14 quickly moves the ball down the court to run a play with his teammates. "[I like playing point guard because] I get to orchestrate what happens on the offense," said Shattuck.

During a tough home game against Haslett, coach Vondra gives a pep talk to Marshal Hyden '14 before subbing. The junior varsity team finished their season at .500 with a record of 10-10.

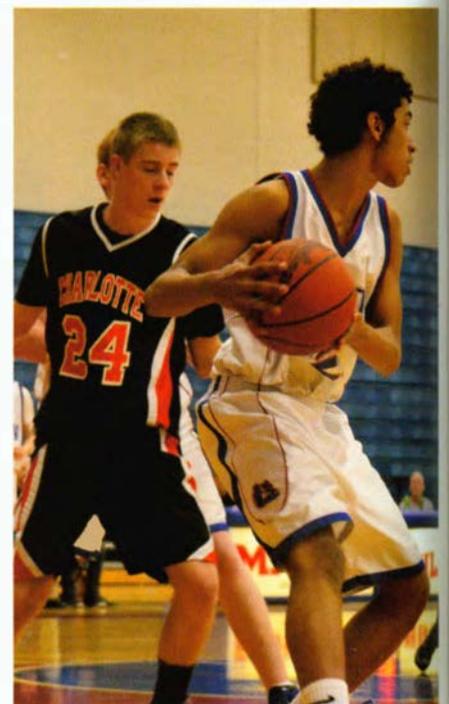
At a home game against Charlotte, wing man Cameron Picard '14 uses his pivot foot to keep possession of the ball. "If you want to be a guard, ball handling skills are very important," said Picard.



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Attempting a difficult jump shot, forward player Dakota Carpenter '15 works hard to score. In this regular season game, the boys were triumphant over the Charlotte Orioles for the second time with a score of 48-23.

Taking a free throw at the line, Kolby Thompson '15 attempts to rack up points for the freshman squad. In the non-conference game against Haslett, the bulldogs scored 52 points, topping their opponents' 47.



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Blocking a shot from a key player from Eaton Rapids' team, Doug Bradfield '14 uses his height to his advantage. Standing as a 6'5" sophomore, Bradfield was also the only underclassman on the varsity team.

On defense, Thomas McNamara displays his senior leadership on the floor. "Defense is important because to win a championship you need a great defense," said McNamara. "Our defense has been spectacular. [This is the] best defensive team I have ever been a part of." As a leading scorer for the squad, McNamara averaged 15 points per game and played a pivotal role in the win over the Lumen Christi Titans.

In a time-out at home against Eaton Rapids, the freshman team brings it in for a huddle. The game ended with a score of 43-34, capturing another hard-earned win. Aside from their overall record of 12-7, their biggest accomplishment was "learning to play as a team," according to coach Shoemaker.

What makes this year's team different from teams in years past?



"This is the most athletic team I've had, and without a doubt the most competitive team that hates to lose."

-Coach Chaney



HOLBEN

Taking a shot in mid-air, Daniel Couchenhour '12 rises above his Lakewood opponent. In this non-conference game, the boys were able to thrive on some extra game experience just before the district tournament. Looking back on the game, Couchenhour said, "we started the Lakewood game not playing to our full potential, and it made us realize that we had to pick it up if we had any hopes for districts."



# Fighting Back



By: Lauren McDermott

*Dominant Photo Taken By: Lauren McDermott*

In honor of Coach Shattuck's wife, the team and student section joined together to support her fight with colon cancer by wearing navy during the game against Jackson Northwest on January 28. After the girls' game, varsity captains Nikki McDermott '12, Rebekah Bentz '12 and Kaleigh Lound '12 presented Mrs. Shattuck with a bouquet of flowers and the crowd recognized the entire Shattuck family with a standing ovation. An announcement about the team's participation in the Coaches

[and Players] vs. Cancer event followed the presentation. Spectators bought paper basketballs during the night's games to display on a banner in the field house. The event raised nearly \$400 and the money was donated to The American Cancer Society. "I know many people who have had cancer or are going through it right now and Coaches [and Players] vs. Cancer was a way to recognize and support those people," said McDermott.

Coach Walkington talks strategy before a matchup against Lumen Christi. The girls came out firing from the start, maintained their intensity, and walked off the court victorious.

Driving the lane, Gabby Trudell '13 fends off her Eaton Rapids opponent. Trudell took advantage of the opportunity putting up an easy finger roll for two points.

Blocking the passing lane of two Waverly players, Alexis Lyons '15 does not allow the ball to leave her sight. Lyons' concentration paid off as she forced a Warrior turnover.



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Anticipating a missed free throw, Alexandra Blair '14 boxes out her Fowlerville opponent. "Rebounding is one of the most important parts of the game, and we definitely lost a few games due to lack of rebounding," said Blair.

Freshman Jalysa Bard uses textbook defense on a Charlotte player. "Being moved up from junior varsity to varsity, the pace of play was a lot faster," said Bard.



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Breaking a full court press, Mona Hinamanu '13 easily passes a Jackson Northwest player. The break allowed Hinamanu to score two points that contributed to the 56-49 win.

In a low athletic stance, Claire Barkholz '15 passes the ball to her teammate, Kirsten Hunt '15. Waverly's zone defense forced the offense to move the ball quickly across the guards. This strategy helped the freshmen squad beat the Warriors by two points.

The freshman team gathers after coach Bell calls a full time-out. The time-out was much needed after the opposing team went on a 7-0 run. The move halted the Orioles' momentum. "[Coach Bell] told us that we could do it...and she reminded us of all the hard work and practice we'd put into it," said Tessa Wilhelm '15.

How do you feel you've improved as a team since last year?



"Our team chemistry was a lot better this year."

-Elizabeth Stalzer '12

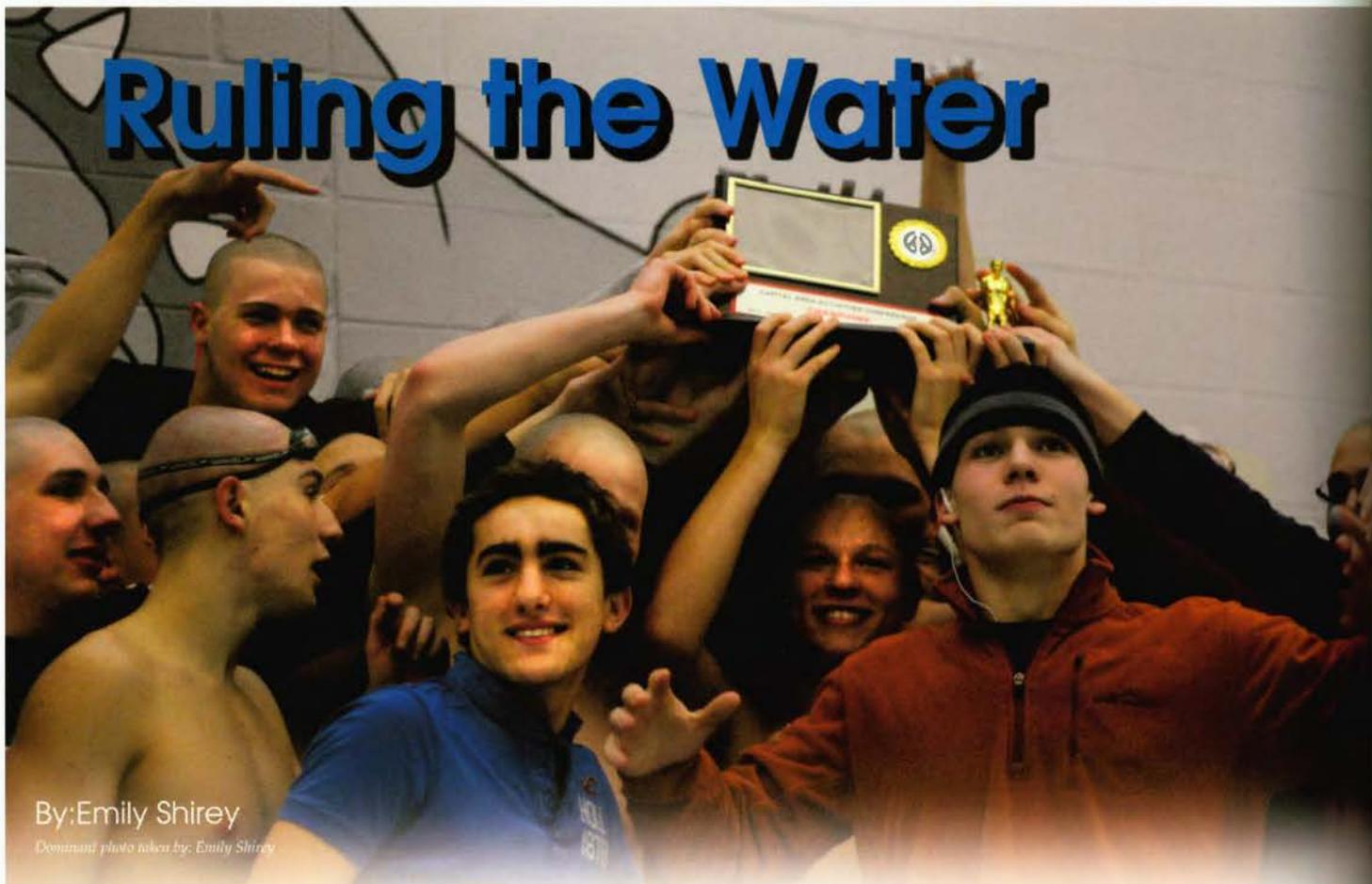


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Seldom does a freshman get the opportunity to start on a varsity squad. However, this year Emily Somerville '15 earned the opportunity. "For me, being a freshman on varsity was a goal I've had since I was little. It was an experience of a lifetime that I'll remember forever. I couldn't ask for a better season or team," said Somerville. Throughout the season a great amount of bonding took place. "The girls treated me like their little sister; they took me under their wings and it made my transition really easy."



# Ruling the Water



By: Emily Shirey

*Dominate photo taken by: Emily Shirey*

After many hours spent in the pool, the weight room, and a daily practice ranging from 4,000 to 6,000 yards; a long season has finally paid off for each of swim team's 32 members. After a 13 year dry period, the boys earned league title. They defeated their biggest threats in the league by 117 points and finished 7-0 in the league to earn the championship. As a team, each person put forth enormous effort toward a common goal. "Before leagues, DJ Hearit ('12) began giving us an energizing pep talk and everyone chimed in. After we won, there was a lot of cheering and yelling

because we hadn't won in so long," said Shane Clark '13. Two years ago only one swimmer advanced to states; but this year 10 swimmers and one diver competed at the state meet held at Oakland University. "We pushed each other to really want this victory, and everyone worked hard to win leagues. It feels great to know that I've made states. I'm proud to say that my freshman year we've won the title of league champs. I hope that we can continue on strong and do it for the next three years," said Nicholas Quinn '15.

Cutting through the water, Daniel Rogers '13 races for first place in the 100 yard backstroke. "Nobody really likes to swim the backstroke, but I would say that I excel in this event. When I was a freshman, Coach Cantrell put me in it and I guess it has followed me throughout the years," said Rogers.



SHIREY

Attempting an inward pike dive, Evan Johnstone '13 dives during the Lansing meet. Unfortunately, the three divers this year were unable to practice at home because their coach also coached the Holt divers. Johnstone received a score of 27.75 on this particular dive.

At the Holland-Christian Invitational, Reese Curtis '15 swims the 200 freestyle. "The team is awesome because I know if I need advice on how to improve or to tell me what I'm doing incorrectly I can always ask any of the guys, but especially Branden Stetler ('14) because he's in the lane next to me," said Curtis.



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Bleaching and shaving hair is a tradition that most boys on the swim team look forward to each year. "We do it to get faster mainly, but it's also a team bonding thing. Plus, the hair is dead from chlorine anyway, so we might as well shave it off," said Kaelan Lane '14.

Making major improvements on his breaststroke and all other events, Spencer Ammerman '12 has learned many lessons during his four years as part of the team.

"Swimming has challenged me, and now things that seemed difficult aren't as difficult now. The team and coaches have taught me to always 'keep on keepin' on'," said Ammerman.



SHIREY

In high school, the 500 freestyle race is the longest race permitted in competition and one of the more challenging due to the speed required throughout the race. Dalton Piper-Harris '13 decided to challenge himself and swim this as a 500 IM. "After I swam it, I knew I just left an imprint on the team; it was an accomplishment in itself," said Piper-Harris.



SHIREY

Senior Gunnar Russell concentrates on his foot position as he waits for the starter. "I get this crazy surge of adrenaline, then hearing your team screaming, that's what really pushes you that split second before you hit the water," said Russell.



SHIREY

Jumping off the block and into the water, Collin Zaremba '13 is the second swimmer in the 400 Freestyle Relay. Zaremba has made state times this year in all his relays, his 50 freestyle, and the 100 breaststroke. "Being part of a team of people who have the heart to be the best they can be has really helped push me to make the state cut," said Zaremba.



SHIREY



SHIREY

What is unique about the swim team?



"We treat each other more like brothers than we do like teammates."

-Daniel Nicol '15

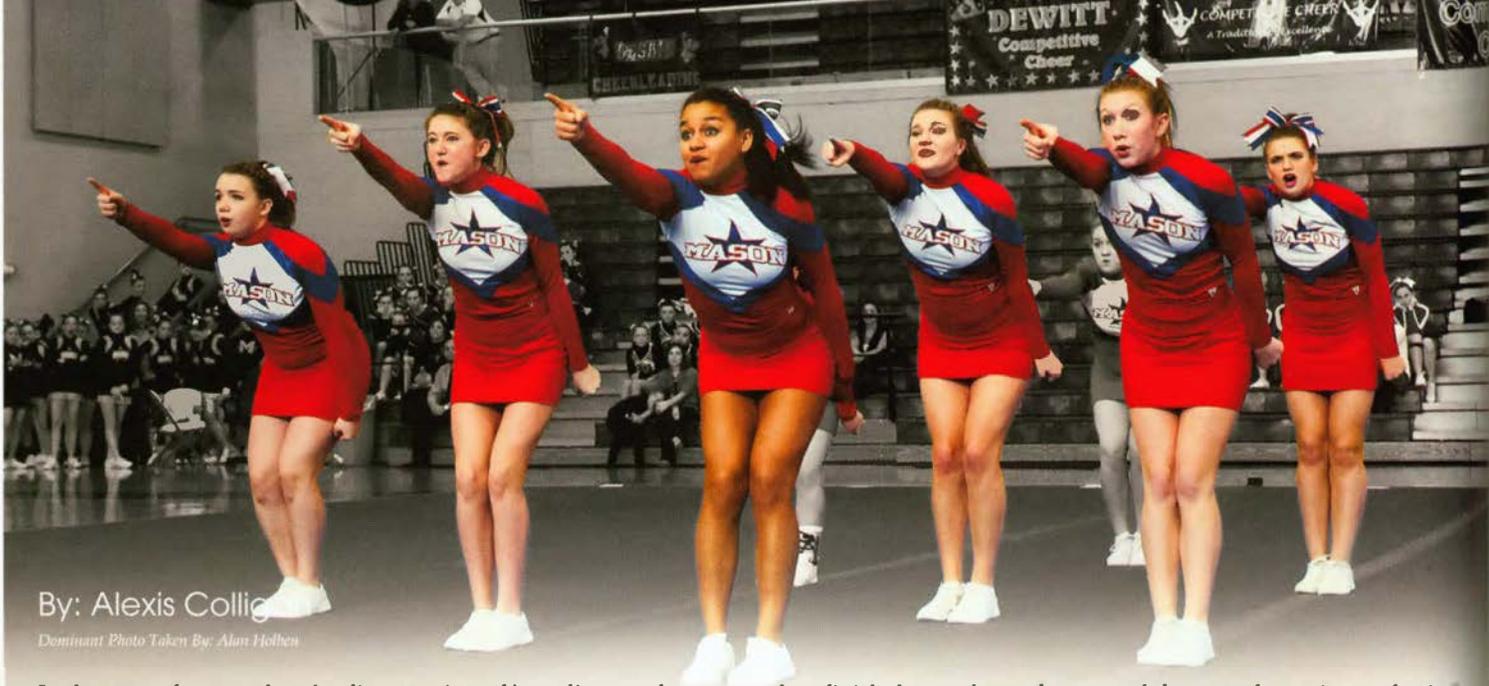


SHIREY

Derick Hearit '12 has come a long way from testing the waters in 5th grade. Now, as the eldest of three team captains, Hearit not only leads the team with advice and pep talks, he also dominates in competition. Hearit has received state times in nearly half of his events. "Being a senior and the oldest captain has really made me feel part of the team, almost like a big brother. Having state times is an amazing feeling," said Hearit. At the state meet, Hearit finished 13th in the 50 Freestyle and 100 Fly while his 200 Freestyle and Medley Relays placed 6th and 13th respectively.



# Bring It On



By: Alexis Colligan  
Dominant Photo Taken By: Alan Holben

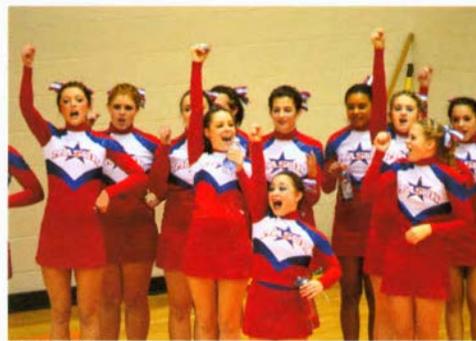
In the eyes of many, cheerleading consists of just glitter and bows. "A lot of people don't think that cheerleading is a sport because it's girly. But the truth is, we do everything that other sports do," said senior Alex Robertson. After school, the girls are required to attend practice for three hours on nights when they do not have a competition. Their practices start with three laps around the school, followed by an hour of intense workouts. They do V-ups, push-ups, and mountain climbers just like other sports. "We're right up there with football," said Robertson. After

they finish the workout, they spend the rest of practice perfecting their rounds. "We have to perfect every move because if we do one thing wrong, somebody could get hurt. If you're nervous about a stunt, you don't have long to overcome your fear," said Robertson. According to Chelsea Myers '12, the hours a week spent analyzing each part of every round pays off during a competition. "[It is so rewarding when] we're on the mat and we know we did well because the whole crowd is jumping up and down cheering for us. I just get filled with butterflies," said Myers.

While waiting for their team to be called to the mat, the cheerleaders start a cheer on the sidelines to get the fans involved. "We like to get the crowd pumped up and boost our energy before we start competing," said Sierra Young '15.

The cheerleaders line up side-by-side on the mat to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance before starting the competition. They all stand in a straight line and take the same pose of a hand across the chest as a sign of respect.

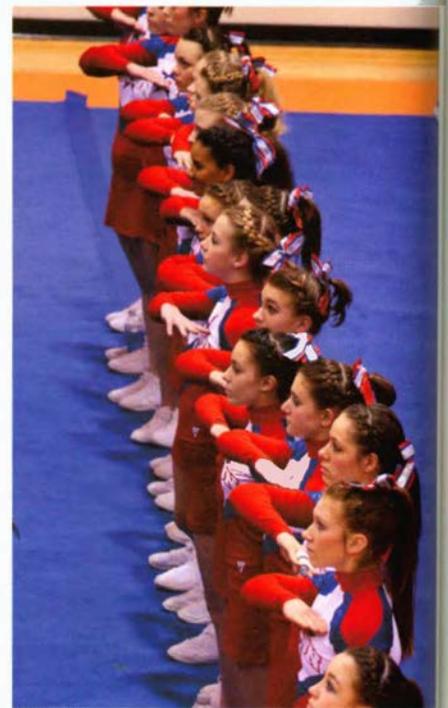
During round two of the Bulldog Invitational, the cheerleaders perform back walkovers. Round two is for tumbling, which gives the girls an opportunity to show off their acrobatic skills. They do tumblers such as flips, hurkies, toe touches and walkovers.



COLLIGAN



COLLIGAN



COLLIGAN



Before taking the mat, Paige Morris '14, Alix Cross '14, Terra Thie '15, Paige Miller '14, and Emma Wallace '14 hold hands to show their support for each other. "We feel really anxious but excited to go on," said Dannica Hoskins '14.

During the tumbling round of the competition, the girls jump into hurkeys in sync. The many hours of practice put into the stunts pay off at times like these when true unity is shown.



COLLIGAN

Before hearing the final scores, cheerleaders show their sportsmanship by walking around the mat to congratulate all of the teams participating in the meet that day. "We like to do this at the end of every meet because we really do want every team to do well. When we're wishing them good luck, we actually mean it," said Sierra Young '15.



COLLIGAN



COLLIGAN

Standing on the hands of her teammates, Samantha Strickland '15 yells a Mason chant. "[I like being a flyer because] it feels like a giant spotlight is on me all the time. It's kind of nerve-wracking but exciting all at the same time. I need to have lots of focus and worry about my part and not worry about what's going on on the floor," said Strickland.



COLLIGAN



COLLIGAN

To end round three, the girls get in a formation and excitedly shout the final words of a cheer. During round three, they performed many stunts to wow the crowd. They need to end the last round neatly because it is the last impression left on the judges.

What is your favorite round in a meet?



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"I like round three because there are so many different types of stunts. The bigger the stunt, the bigger the rush we get."

-Samantha Strickland '15



COLLIGAN

At their meet at Charlotte Middle School, the cheerleaders sit in a circle and interlock fingers in anticipation of the final scores of the day. The girls earned a lead of almost four points in round one, but fell to a 14 point deficit after round two. They were not able to gain their lead back in round three and ended up losing 725 - 668. This resulted in second place behind Charlotte, but they finished ahead of Jackson Northwest, Eaton Rapids, and Waverly.







# CLUBS

That 2:35 bell rings and everyone makes their way out of the classroom, mulling around the school for a bit before moving on to their after school activities. Some go to practice and some go home, yet others go to a place where everyone shares a common interest. Some head to a club meeting, a place where even the most individualistic people can find sanctity among their peers. Clubs are a major factor in making this school what it is today, giving students a place to feel at home. ~~From raising money to painting murals,~~ a noticeable impact is made. ~~The club meetings are~~ places where all sorts of different mindsets can converge behind **one mission.**

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# Clubs

## T'Day Club



**Back Row:** Joseph McNeilly '13, Mr. Sundermann, Savannah Budd '14, McKenna Fernandez '14, Corie D'Haene '14, Dustin Miller '12, Lucas Atkinson '14, Jalen Ries '13, Diana Mohre '12, Samuel Brown '15 **Row 2:** Kiri Alvarado '13, Danielle Rustem '13, Hannah Farlin '13, Jules Osborn '12, Emily Shirey '12, Jordan Roloff '12, Parker Baldino '14, Nicholas Strunk '15 **Front Row:** Cyrus Pierce '14, Joshua Rowley '13, Jesper Ahlstrom '13

## Robotics



**Back Row:** Jack Vogel '12, Dolan Moles '15, Joshua McCarty '12, Jacob Evenson '14, Richard-Joseph Peterson '13, Brendan Nye '14, Zachary Conn '14, Abraham Schon '14, Nicholas Robinson '14, Izaak Schachterle '12, Mr. Shoemaker **Front Row:** Lily Brown '12, Shannon Love '12, Laura Karlen '13, Kaitlyn Torok '13, Evan Johnstone '13, Reece Cole '13

## GSA



**Back Row:** Ms. Hastings, Tobias Webb '14, Christopher Bethea '14, Zoe Russell '14, Carlos Dos Santos Neves '15, Katherine McCullen '12 **Row 3:** Josie Vargas '14, Rhiannon Skuse '15, Alexandria Comstock '14, Lindsey Skirvin '14, Jennifer McCullen '14 **Row 2:** Kaitlyn Torok '13, Melissa Switzenberg '13, Allison Hope '14, Abigail Mellon '14, Madeline Bohl '14 **Front Row:** Alice Kilvington '14, Hayley Manor '12, Dorothy Kilvington '12, Samantha Smith '12, Kristen Hanson '12, Kaitlyn Horton '12

## Letter Club



**Back Row:** Ms. Hursey, Christina Igl '13, Rebecca Brunner '13, Danielle Service '13, Maycee Robinson '13, Gabrielle Trudell '13, Hannah Reister '12, Hannah Dowdy '13, Analyse McCarty '12 **Row 2:** Paige Winkler '12, Alyssa Nardone '12, Jade Rogers '13, Rebekah Bentz '12, Mikaela Mombert '12, Britanie Way '12, Elizabeth Stalzer '12 **Front Row:** Libbey Jones '14, Amber Denomme '12, Ndamona Hinamanu '13, Magen Salmon '13, Victoria Reeser '13, Kaitlin Smith '12



## Ultimate Frisbee



**Back Row:** Nicholas Strunk '15, Kayla Hodges '13, Miles Bonaparte '14, Cyrus Pierce '14, Nicholas Robinson '14, Dolan Moles '15, Benjamin Devitto '15, Richard-Joseph Peterson '13, Cameron Bethea '16, Jacob Evenson '14, Brendan Nye '14, Joshua Mingus '11, David Smithern '12, Nicholas Carl '14 **Front Row:** Justin Getchel '10, Zachary Conn '14, Annette McCarty '13, Tobias Webb '14, Abraham Schon '14, Timothy Conn '11, Seth Conn '19, Grant Rasmussen '12

## Student Senate



**Back Row:** Richard-Joseph Peterson '13, Lauren McDermott '14, Annette McCarty '13, Nicole McDermott '12, Gabrielle Trudell '13, Alexandra Blair '14, Nicholas McNeilly '12, Ethan Spitzley '15 **Front Row:** Sydney Dippel '14, Jennifer Abbott '12, Rachel Davis '12, Sean Houghton '13, Hannah Reister '12, Robert Albert '12

## Quiz Bowl



Stephany Crooks '14, Zoe Russel '14, Ryan Geyer '14, Cody Wegienka '14, Vladimir Riggs '14, Derick Zanger '14, Jacob Evenson '14, Ms. Catalano

## FFA



**Back Row:** Mathew Beck '15, Collin Nichols '14, Stephen Clark '15, Jacob Anibal '12, Samuel DeFord '12, Cole Gibson '12, Jacob Joseph '14 **Row 2:** Devon Ireland '15, Kevin Morris '15, Mayci Mack '13, Kodie Dansby '13, Alisha Cimala '13, Justine Hays '14, Gwen Bagley '14, Mary Hudgins '12, Karly Fogle '13, Brooke Crandall '15 **Front Row:** Makaylin Hughes '12, Colleen Hays '14, Pamela Stid '14, Samantha Fogle '15



# Clubs

## FCCLA



**Back Row:** Melissa Switzenberg '13, Edward Rumler '13, Emily Shirey '12, Emma Pawlowski '13, Megan Miller '13, Ms. Schafer, Mati Schafer '26, Chelsea Allen '13, Rebecca Guenther '13, Kaylin Hagerman '13 **Row 2:** Kaitlyn Torok '13, Amy Rizzardi '13, Margaret Wright '13, Jacqueline McElhone '13 **Front Row:** Emily Nguyen '14, Rachel Keith '14, Libbey Jones '14, Lily Brown '12, Holly Reed '13, Hannah Reed '13

## Art Club



**Back Row:** Autumn Baughman '13, Jules Osborn '12, Taylor Weber '13, Emma Anderson '15, Emma Goebel '15, Logan Clark '15 **Front Row:** Raymond Heinlen '14, Jean Jaegers '12, Meredith Maher '13, Ms. Combs, Kaitlyn Torok '13, Kristopher Sweetman '15

## NHS - Juniors



**Back Row:** Ethan Fassezke, Benjamin Andrews, Dustin Ellsworth, Jonathan Jordan, Tanner Hinkle, Tyler Fassezke, Liam Bagley, Maycee Robinson, Danielle Service, Rebecca Guenther, Margaret Wright, Christopher Tartalone, Daniel Rogers **Row 3:** Taylor Pease, Richard-Joseph Peterson, Alexandra Croff, Rachael Hyaduck, Sophie Ryal, Emma Pawlowski, Cassidy Hass, Mariya Poe, Stephanie Lyons, Jacqueline McElhone, Chelsea Allen, Evan Johnstone **Row 2:** Melissa Switzenberg, Alana MacDonald, Emily Potter, Katharine Markiewicz, Emma Whitmyer, Amy Rizzardi, Kiri Alvarado, Hannah Hazewinkel, Hannah Reed, Kaylin Hagerman, Kelsey McClung **Front Row:** Aaron Young, Jordan Young, Emily Hall, Tory Reeser, Alexis Williams, Christina Igl **Not Pictured:** Emily Disselkoe, Dylan Kleckner, Traci Phillips, Tyler Raab, Danielle Rustem, Kaitlyn Torok

## NHS - Seniors



**Back Row:** Daniel Hawkins, Joshua McCarty, Daniel Couchenour, Nicholas McNeilly, David Smithern, Cameron Hass, Robert Albert, Joseph Cecil, Peter Brandenburg, Alec Hamlin **Row 5:** Kaitlyn Horton, Samantha Pentecost, Hannah Schroeder, Danielle Wardowski, Austin Hieski, Joshua Horton, Nicole McDermott, Sierra Yerke, Rachel Harper, Molly White **Row 4:** Taylor McCord, Alissa Cousino, Kristen Hanson, Riley Cornelison, Lindsay Hunt, Zachery Pitman, Rebekah Bentz, Amanda Warvel, Shannon Love, Hannah Reister **Row 3:** Dorothy Kilvington, Rachel Davis, Danielle Strunk, Jeffrey Smith, Emily Ingalls, Jennifer Abbott, Kaitlin Smith, Alexis Colligan, Zoë Caltrider **Row 2:** Hayley Manor, Holly Raglow, Mackenzie Robson, Analyse McCarty, Abigail Meirndorf, Amber Denomme, Alyssa Nardone, Paige Winkler **Front Row:** Jennifer Ritchie, Makaylin Hughes, Amanda Denomme, Lily Brown **Not Pictured:** Jacob Anibal, Sarah Emerson, Mary Hudgins, Kaleigh Lound, Katherine McCullen, Elizabeth Stalzer



## World Languages



**Back Row:** Srta. Carter, Paige Sheffield '14, Maki Tanaka '13, Michelle Kisbye '13, Hannah Schroeder '12, Gabriella Freberg '13, Katie Harger '15, Autumn Sodman '13, Mr. Mitchum **Front Row:** Libbey Jones '14, Leah Sinaeve '15, Fern Tinachartkan '14, Hilary Schroeder '15, Mme. Cottrill, Amber Denomme '12, Lily Brown '12, Zoe Caltrider '12

## Club Advisors



**Back Row:** Ms. Hastings (GSA), Ms. Schafer (FCCLA), Mr. Shoemaker (Robotics), Mr. Barnum (FFA) **Front Row:** Ms. Higgins (NHS), Ms. Hursey (Letter Club), Ms. Ford (NHS), Ms. Omillian (Student Senate) **Not Pictured:** Mr. Haynie (Student Senate), Ms. Cottrill (WLC), Ms. Combs (Art Club)

## SEND



**Back Row:** Rachel Davis '12, Rachel Owens '12, Samantha Smith '12, Colin Popard '15, Devon Killebrew '14, Cody Lerash '12, Zachary Coker '14, Samantha Pentecost '12, Mr. Kato **Row 2:** John Noonan '12, Gabby Brown '12, Dylan McLean '15, Jean Jaegers '12, Alisha Cimala '13, Jacob Wright '14, McKenzie Brunette '14, Holly Raglow '12, Mackenzie Robson '12 **Front Row:** Cody Jordan '12, Joshua McCarty '12, Kyle Pier '12, Zachery Jones '12, Austin McKee '13, Rebekah Bentz '12, Ms. Higgins Not Pictured: Connor Holbrook '12

## STUDENTS EMPOWERING NIGERIAN DEVELOPMENT.

Organized by students, created for students, comprised of students, SEND aims at giving teenagers an opportunity to do great things, too. SEND is a student-led branch of Kato International Training Academy. Developed in Leadership B during second trimester, SEND understands that "it's not about the what, it's about the why." Led by passionate students and advised by passionate teachers, SEND looks forward to helping those across the world they have yet to meet.



By: Brooke Stephens

# Ball Until You Fall

## AIR JOEY.

He jumps; he scores! As Joey Hemenway '12 goes up for a shot, Nathan Rice'12 and Nicholas Gandhi '14 attempt to deny the ball. "[On the court] it gets pretty intense, especially when you are playing against your friends," said Hemenway.

Being a transfer student, Hemenway joined IM as a way to get to know people. The game is meant to be fun and allow students time to play basketball without having to go through the pressure of a try-out. Players determine their own strategy and are in charge of each game they play. They are also responsible for calling any personal fouls that occur during the game. In the end, good sportsmanship and teamwork determine the final result of the games.



STEPHENS

Before the season starts, a draft takes place. "You have to know the students on the list well if you want a good team," said Michael McConnell '12.

Volunteer captains, revised by Mr. Jones, had the chance to create a winning team.

With each turn a captain chose one person off the master list to join their team. During the season, each team had an equal opportunity to play one another. At the end of the season, teams were put into a bracket for a single elimination format, final tournament. The seeds for the tournament were based on teams' regular season record.



INGALLS & STEPHENS

Why did you decide to play IM Basketball?



"It's fun and you get exercise. Plus you get to hang out with other people."

-Marcus Hudson

1. Mr. Chapin
2. Tyler Fassezke '13
3. Blake Cook '12
4. Mickey Selby '13
5. Joe Cecil '12
6. Ethan Fassezke '13



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# A New Approach

## WHAT IS LOVE?

After reading Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Impression of love", Cyrus Pierce '14 discusses not only Emerson's opinions on love, world peace, and selfish versus selfless behavior, but his own ideas as well. The club meets every Thursday, but does something different every week. On the first Thursday, students write notes to randomly selected classmates to brighten their day. The second week, club members read the writing of a transcendentalist author. The third week, students watch a movie that has unique insights that most people may not see in their ordinary, every day lives, and discuss them after the movie. The last Thursday of the month, the group gets in touch with nature by walking through the forest outside school.



What do you look forward to at T'DAY club?



"I like making people happy and the other fun things we do, like meditating."

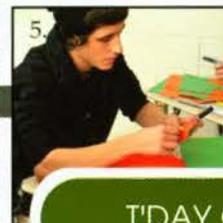
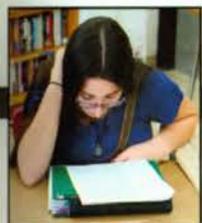
-Joshua Rowley '13

1. Kiri Alvarado '13
2. Tobias Webb '14
3. Kaitlyn Torok '13
4. Dorothy Kilvington '12
5. Paul Pioszak '14
6. Lucas Atkinson '14



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Using colorful paper, Jalen Ries '13, Shayla Baldwin '12, Alice Kilvington '14, Zoe Caltrider '12 and Jordan Roloff '12 make cards. Each card had its own unique flair. The members used crazy scissors and their own imagination to make the notes fun and interesting. After the cards were finished they wrote inspirational quotes on them, then looked up a student's TIES class to have the messages delivered. The group set aside the first Thursday of every month to "Pay it Forward" and leave messages for unsuspecting students signed simply, "The T'DAY Club".



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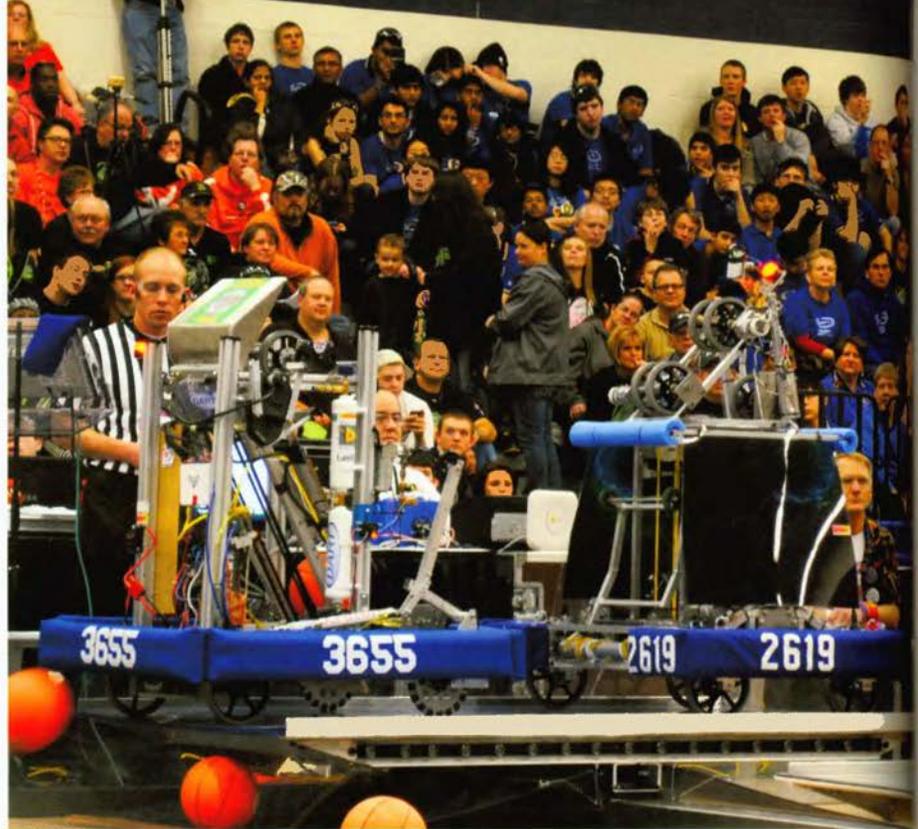


# Specially Engineered

By: Joshua McCarty

## FIRST AND FURIOUS.

When it comes to making a 28" x 38" x 84" contraption of electric circuits and aluminum C-channel shoot a foam basketball into a hoop 8' off the ground, no bulldog knows the job better than captain Jack Vogel '12 and the Tractor Technicians. Team 3655 returned this year as a second year FRC team. "Being a veteran team has given us knowledge we didn't have before," said team coach Mr. Shoemaker. "[We're able] to accomplish more in less time." These extra skills paid off at the *FIRST* Robotics Competition in Waterford, where the Technicians and their robot, Phyllis3.0, placed 9th out of 40 teams and even served as an Alliance captain. The Tractor Technicians received bonus points for working with team 2619, the Charge from Midland, to balance their bots on a bridge.



L. BROWN

Every step of the build process requires careful planning and execution. As Laura Karlen '13, Abraham Schon '14, Nick Robinson '14, Kaitlyn Torok '13, Katie McCullen '12, and Shannon Love '12 demonstrate, every robot starts off as a brainstorm: how can this robot do *x*, *y*, and *z*? Then engineers like Izaak Schachterle '12 and Spencer Ammerman '12 take the ideas and make them real. Amongst all this, programmers like Jack Vogel '12 use computer software to bring the robot to life. At last, Phyllis3.0 stands complete, the final product of a determined team of Tractor Technicians.



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What has intrigued you the most about Robotics?



"I've always enjoyed electronics. I believe they're capable of amazing things. I wanted to be a part of that."

-Reece Cole '13

1. Shannon Love '12
2. Dolan Moles '15
3. Zachary Conn '14, Reece Cole '13
4. Abraham Schon '14, Brendan Nye '14
5. Katie McCullen '12
6. Evan Johnstone '13



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### SPREAD THE WORD.

In preparation for a speech to the Gay Straight Alliance, Dorothy Kilvington '12 and Hayley Manor '12 draw a diagram. Last year the club had only five members. This year the club had an average of 25 students in attendance each meeting. "Ms. Hastings wanted more involvement from the [club] members," said Kilvington. Each participant signed up to give a presentation on a topic related to the club. Kilvington and Manor spoke about gender. "There are different ways to see gender and there are many misinterpretations," said Kilvington. The presentations were frequently used as a tool to educate students.



INGALLS

What is your fondest memory of GSA?



"When we played Mad Libs and one of the final sentences was really funny."

-Zoe Russell '14



World AIDS Day falls on December 1 each year. GSA used the day to bring awareness to the growing epidemic. The club met to make red ribbons with factual notes attached the week before Thanksgiving break. The messages contained informational facts such as "North America currently has nearly 1.4 million people living with HIV/AIDS". Members distributed these ribbons at all three lunches. "I think its impactful [to celebrate AIDS day] because it makes people aware of the disease," said Allison Hope '14.

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# Open Minds

1. Ms. Hastings
2. Tobias Webb '14
3. Hayley Manor '12
4. Zoe Russell '14
5. Kristen Hanson '12
6. Carlos Dos Santos Neves '15



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By: Hannah Reister

## ICE COLD AMBITION.

With wet boots and warm mittens, female athletes walk around downtown Mason for an annual club event. This event is called Walk for Warmth. Starting early in the morning, members marched to raise money for under-privileged families in the area. This event is put on every year to raise awareness of families that might not be able to afford to heat their homes in our ruthless mid-Michigan winters. With each participant, pledges are acquired from local donors and with the help of Consumers Energy, this event helps to ensure that more households stay warm throughout the season. Mona Hinamanu '13 and Rebekah Bentz '12 proudly lead the way for their fellow members in this walk for a great cause.



McDERMOTT

Year after year, members put together the annual Winter Dance for the student body. First, a team brainstormed theme ideas; they decided on "Masquerade" for 2011. The next phase of preparation involved countless hours of after school designing, constructing and painting decorations. Meanwhile, volunteers sold tickets to the "Winter Masquerade" during all lunches. The morning prior to the big night, the girls met in the old gym to revamp the space and transform the old gymnasium.



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Why did you participate in Walk for Warmth?



"I wanted to conduct a good deed and support Girls' Letter Club in a positive manner."

-Rebecca Brunner '13

1. Elizabeth Iverson '15, Taylor Delbridge '15
2. Paige Winkler '12, Amber Denomme '12
3. Jenne Abbott '12, Libbey Jones '14
4. Jade Rogers '13, Christine Harrison '12
5. Alyssa Nardone '12, Abigail Mellon '14, Kelsey Wenson '15, Natalia Milashus '15
6. Gabby Trudell '13, Tory Reeser '13



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### FLOWER POWER.

For Valentine's Day, members of FCCLA sell carnations at all three lunches, this year selling Wednesday through Friday. Each flower came with a note from the person who bought it. "I like selling carnations," said Holly Reed '13. "Not only does it benefit FCCLA but it is also nice to spread the love." Reed joined this club at first because she thought that it would "look good for college" but later realized that it brings "the most rewarding experiences." This is why she has stayed involved with the club. Selling over 400 carnations this year, 75% of the proceeds will be donated to SEND, Students Empowering Nigerian Development, while the other 25% will be put towards their own club costs.

BROWN

What is most rewarding about being in FCCLA?



"Helping promote and help people at the food bank"

- Margaret Wright '13

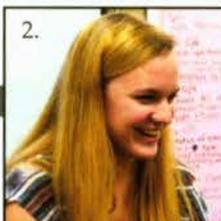


BROWN & SHIREY



During a time of need around the holidays, members of FCCLA run a food drive to aid the Mason Food Bank located on Columbia Road. Parents of the club members allowed for the students to use their vehicles to transport items from the school to the Food Bank. Participants spent many hours of their day contributing to the activity. They went from classroom to classroom collecting all of the items that students purchased. They rewarded the class who brought the most amount of food with breakfast. "FCCLA raised more this year than ever before," said Jacq McElhone '13.

1. Kaitlyn Torok '13
2. Rebecca Guenther '13
3. Emily Nguyen '14
4. Allison Hope '14
5. Amy Rizzardi '13
6. Melissa Switzenberg '13



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# Helping Hands



# Penny War Galore

By: Katie Smith

## LUCKY PENNIES.

Student Senate members take pride in organizing the Penny War because it involves the entire school. From brainstorming charities to counting pennies, this group of students has to spend a lot of time outside of school hours working on their sole purpose: raising money for charity. Haley Clayton '13 sorts the buckets of pennies into groups of one hundred. This tedious process takes days to finish. Last year, they raised almost \$1200, with the money going to giftcards to give to Angel House. This year, deciding who to raise money for was challenging. They were thinking about raising for SEND, but eventually decided to raise for the American Cancer Society. "Most of the people at our school are affected by cancer in some way," said Mona Hinamanu '13.



SMITH

The Red Cross Blood Drive is held twice each year. Members of Student Senate unload the Red Cross truck at 6 a.m., unfold beds, tables, and chairs to get the upstairs of the field house ready for students to give blood. Throughout the morning, students are sent to the field house every hour to donate. Each person can save up to three lives in just a single blood donation; this is one of the reasons people choose to give. "It was my first time and I was kind of nervous. I just listened to music to take my mind off of it...[I plan on] giving blood again," said Chase Courter Suntken '13.



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What is the best thing about Student Senate?



"Knowing I can make my student body better and how great this will look on my college applications"

- Alix Blair '14

1. Amelia Schon '13
2. Ms. Omillian
3. Mona Hinamanu '13
4. Jennifer Abbott '12
5. Gabby Trudell '13
6. RJ Peterson '13



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### STUDY BUDDIES.

Several members of the 2012 team compete on the Quiz Busters game show as a precursor to the Quiz Bowl season. This gave them ideas as to what questions they could receive during the competitions. The subjects ranged from geography to mythology, literature to science, and philosophy to fine arts. The randomness of the topics and materials made studying difficult, but the team still practiced before their invitationals to make sure they were ready. "The practices really helped us learn each others' strengths and weaknesses," said Jacob Evenson '14.

# Brainy Bowlers

What made you want to join the club?



"I joined to spend time with my friends, and I'd definitely do it again next year."

- Cody Wegienka '14



### FUN & GAMES.

Stephany Crooks '14, Zoe Russell '14, Derick Zanger '14, Vladimir Riggs '14, Jacob Evenson '14, and Ryan Geyer '14 answer questions at a meet in Holt, while Ms. Catalano tests the buzzers. They teased each other and switched name tags before the judge came in, laughing instead of being nervous. Although they worked to get ready for the competitions, everyone's focus was on having fun and enjoying themselves.

1. Derick Zanger '14
2. Jacob Evenson '14
3. Ryan Geyer '14
4. Stephany Crooks '14
5. Vladimir Riggs '14
6. Zoe Russell '14

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By: Brooke Stephens

## OODLES OF NOODLES.

Every year at the Ingham County Fairgrounds, a spaghetti benefit dinner is held. The event helps raise money for scholarships given to seniors after they graduate from high school. Dinner includes a buffet of salad, garlic toast, and spaghetti. Other than the buffet, there are many other ways that help raise money. One dollar buys a dessert, and a dessert auction brings in additional funds. "Helping out at the spaghetti dinner is always a fun experience," said Pamela Stid. Members help with the sales and cleaning up after the event.

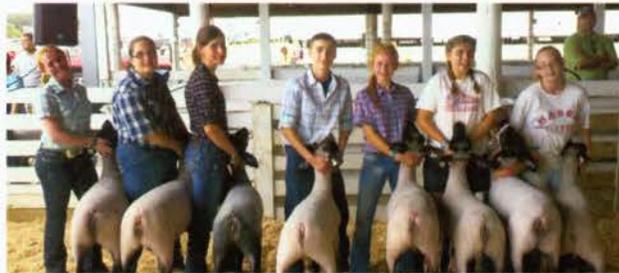


STEPHENS

# Steering Right

"Many kids that participate [in the club] are involved in Supervised Agricultural Experiences (S.A.E.) and members can do anything from raising an animal to growing crops," said Makaylin Hughes '12. In the summertime, members show off their work by bringing their farm animals to the Ingham County Fairgrounds.

While at the fairgrounds, their animals are judged on appearance and well-being. Students also have the opportunity to sell their animals. Preparing each animal for competitions teaches students about responsibility and getting jobs done quickly and efficiently.



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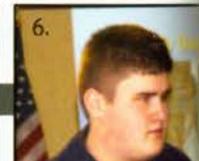
What are the benefits of participating in FFA?



"You learn how to talk in front of other people and not become nervous."

- Samantha Fogle '15

1. Colleen Hays '14
2. Mathew Beck '15
3. Jacob Anibal '12
4. Alisha Cimala '13
5. Stephen Clark '15
6. Westyn Hayhoe '14



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# It's All in the Wrist

## THINK FAST!

"Ultimate!", comes the call from the opposite end of the soccer field. With a quick snap of the wrist, the 175 g Frisbee disc whizzes through the air. Thus begins yet another drive in today's Ultimate game. Within seconds, blue-clad members from each side cover the Rayner Park soccer field. Some shout for the frisbee, others give a quick, subtle wave. The white disc moves from one hand to the next, eventually finding its way to senior David Smithern. As defender Dolan Moles '15 rushes in, Smithern makes a quick decision, tossing the disc to a teammate downfield. Before long, the disc finds its way to the endzone, and both teams take time to rest and reassemble for the next drive. "Ultimate!", and the madness and competition begin all over again.



J. McCARTY

What's it like being one of the captains?



"It's definitely exciting. How many people we get to come shows how interested people are in the topic. Can't wait to see what happens!"

- Abraham Schon '14



Even the most seasoned players on this team of 30+ members such as Jacob Anibal '12 and Brendan Nye '14, must obey the rules set by the nation's authority on the sport, USA Ultimate. These regulations simply provide a safe, fun game and leave plenty of opportunity for effective plays, like Jacob Evenson '14 with his overhand throw and Aaron Gregory '14 with his successful catch. The sport promotes team play, so although RJ Peterson '13 and Grant Rasmussen '12 play on opposite sides, they still play on one team, the team of sportsmanship.

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By: Danielle Rustem

## WEAR IT PROUD.

To raise money for a trip to Toronto, Canada next year, Jules Osborn '12 paints faces of spectators during the men's and women's varsity basketball games on January 6. Their customers could pick from a variety of designs, from bulldog paw prints to a full-face pirate. "We wanted to do something that would be geared toward school spirit and [would be] fun for the kids," said Osborn. The unique approach worked, with proof on the faces of many kids watching the games. The Mason 'M' populated the most faces, along with siblings' basketball numbers. Using their passion for the fine arts, students found a successful way to raise money for future club members.



RUSTEM

Helping any way they can, Emma Goebel '15, Sarah Sanders '15, Meredith Maher '13, and Rhiannon Skuse '15 paint, cut, fold and tape to make decorations for the elementary school Daddy-Daughter/Mommy-Son dance.

The Candyland-themed dance, held on January 20, required decorations such as giant lollipops and hard candies. "Usually we help out with things going on," said Skuse. "They liked the decorations." In meetings, students discussed their next project, redoing the courtyards, so others can eat lunch outside.



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What is the best thing about Art Club?



"The ideas we have for the murals, fixing the courtyard and all the different projects are really cool."

- Emma Whitmyer '13

1. Lollipop made by club members
2. Morgan Schartzer '13
3. Taylor Weber '13
4. Kaitlyn Torok '13
5. Kelsey McClung '13
6. Paint mixed to get the correct color



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## EXCHANGING CULTURES.

As a foreign exchange student, Maki Tanaka '13, talks about transitions from Japan to America. In the classroom, Tanaka has noticed a few differences than from Japan. "I don't have to move classrooms in Japan. The students stay in one room and the teachers come to you," said Tanaka. The changes in environment are not a bad thing, but just a new way of grasping the cultures in America. In the Igl's house the major difference about their family, compared to her own, is that they do not eat together at the table. "At home we eat together at the table for every meal, at the Igl's we just eat wherever," Tanaka clarified. She told the club that she likes everything about this experience in America.



SCHARTZER

Why did you apply to be club leader?



"It (is) my favorite club and I loved the thought of helping assist Madame with scheduling."

- Lily Brown '12



Every year the club goes caroling at Jefferson Square and Green Acres. To prepare for the performance, they practice for many weeks beforehand. For a student to receive permission to go on the actual day, they must attend at least 3 out of 5 caroling practices. Expressing her happiness for the event, senior Kristen Hanson said, "It's so unique to sing all of the different languages. It is not only an exciting event for the club members, but the people at the (places) enjoy the company as well."

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1. Dylan Goddard '15
2. Karly Fogle '13, Kelsey McClung '13
3. Samantha Nestell '13, Nicholas Nestell '15
4. Hannah Farlin '13, Abbey Deprekel '13
5. Melissa Switzenberg '13, Autumn Sodman '13, Joshua Pagel '12



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# Community Leaders

By: Alexis Colligan

## FIND A MATCH.

In preparation for Candy Cane Conundrum, Jonathan Jordan '13 and Taylor Pease '13 tape numbers to candy canes. Candy Cane Conundrum started in 2009 and National Honor Society has continued to put on the event ever since. All students and staff members are assigned a number which matches only one other person in school. They are given three days to find their match. In order for the function to be successful committee members must go out to find businesses willing to sponsor the event by donating prizes. Prizes have included gift cards to local restaurants, t-shirts, and a grand prize of a \$100 Meijer gift card. "[Candy Cane Conundrum] is a fun way to bring everyone in the school together," said committee chair Emily Ingalls '12.



COLLIGAN

In late September, an induction ceremony is held to welcome new members to NHS. Students bring their parents to the high school to attend a spaghetti dinner. The Leadership Team informs students about club membership, and prepares them for the tasks that lie ahead. A large candle is lit to represent the community and four smaller candles are lit to represent the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, leadership, character, and service. NHS advisers Mrs. Ford and Ms. Higgins hand out acceptance certificates to solidify membership.



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What is the most rewarding part of being in NHS?



"It makes me feel more accomplished and I feel recognized for all the hard work I've done in high school."

- Mariya Poe '13

On the first Thursday of every month, all NHS members file into the auditorium at 7:10 a.m. The meetings are held to let the members know about service opportunities in the area.



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DAVIS

### SHAKE IT UP.

The Leadership Team meets on a Wednesday morning to plan the upcoming February meeting. They discuss ways to make meetings more interesting and enjoyable for students, suggesting events like scavenger hunts and making Valentine's Day cards.

### SERVING OTHERS.

Mary Hudgins '12 serves dinner to elders at Jefferson Square during the annual Christmas party. Events of the night included dinner, decorating cookies, painting nails, and talking with the residents.

### EVERYBODY EVERYWHERE.

Every year it is required to participate in the MSU Stadium Clean-up. Everyone grabs a trash bag and makes their way around the stadium until every piece of trash is picked up or recycled. Students bring friends and parents to help with cleaning in order to earn double hours.



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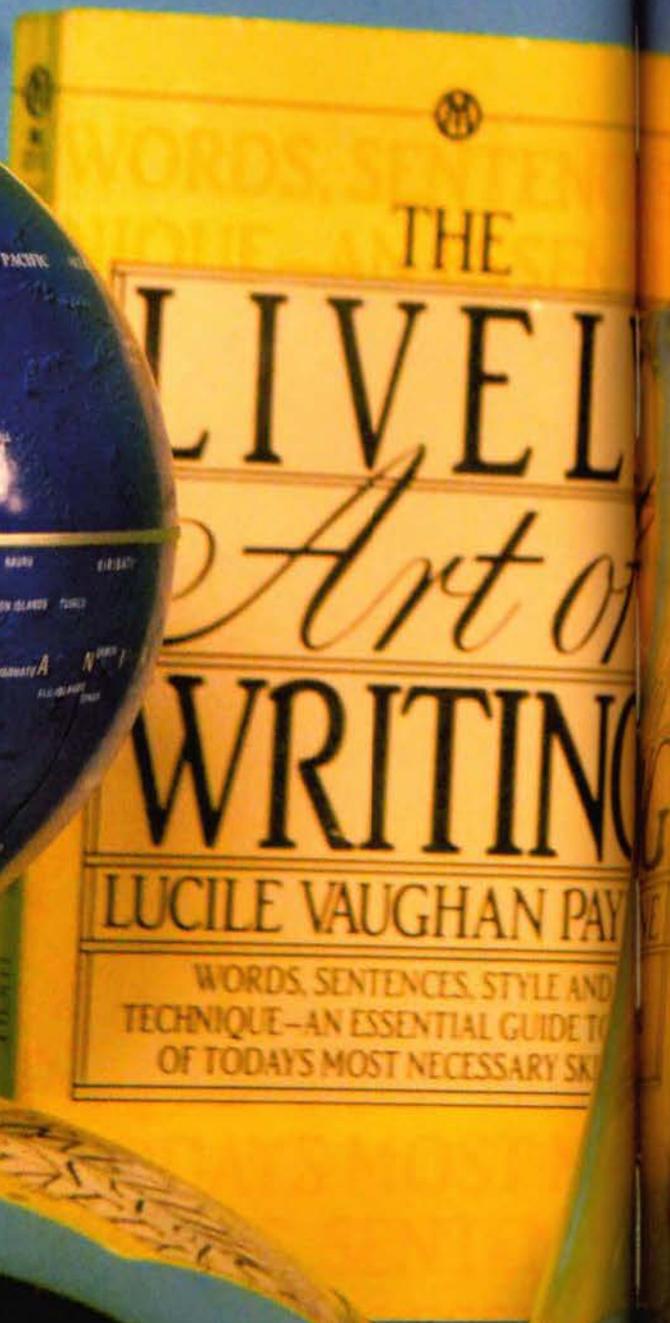
### WRAP IT.

At Christmas time, Jennifer Ritchie '12 carefully wraps a shirt for the mother of a family that National Honor Society sponsored. Mrs. Leonard set NHS up with two families for whom they would buy presents. Gifts included donations of gift cards, candy, and clothing. Some members stayed after school to wrap presents.

### RAKE N RUN.

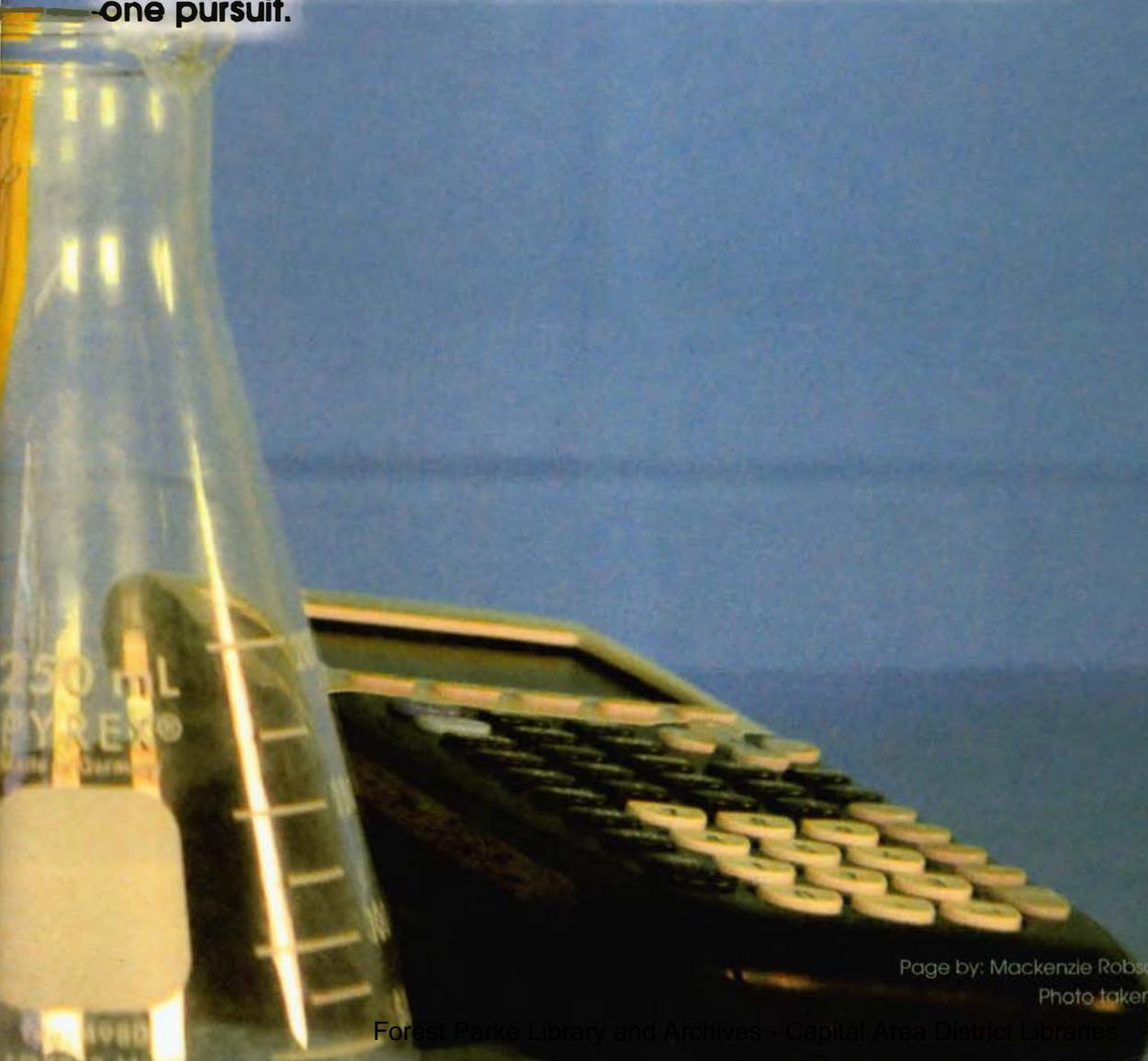
To obtain her hours, Lindsay Hunt '12 rakes during a Rake-and-Run for her November service project. The project replaced having a monthly meeting and helped the society become more visible in the Mason community.





# ACADEMICS

The vast array of academic and elective courses available at Mason High School can contribute to students' diverse interests as they move on to their next phase of life. A student's experience in four years here can remarkably differ according to the subject, the teacher and even one's peers in selected classes. It may only take one art class, one business class, or one world language class to spark an interest which could last a lifetime. High school classes help define a student's **one pursuit.**



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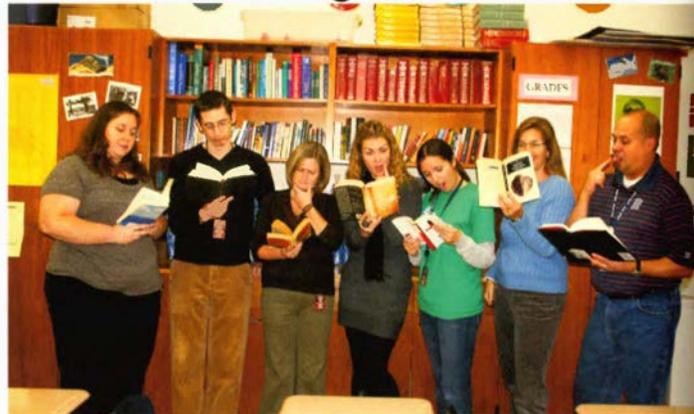
Ms. Catalano, Mr. Kato, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Haynie, Ms. Higgins

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Ms. Burley, Ms. Cottrill, Ms. Carter, Mr. Mitchum, Ms. Tkaczyk,  
Ms. Norton

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Walsh, Ms. Stimers, Mr. Sundermann

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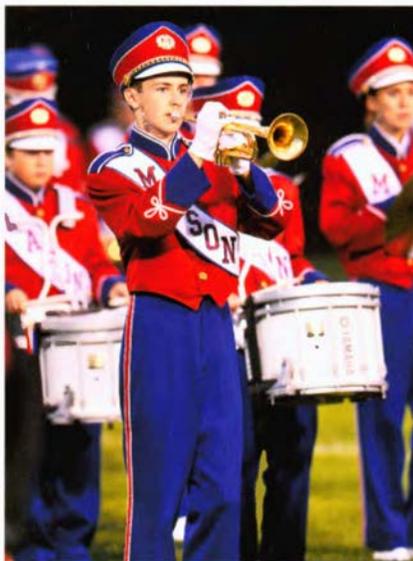


# Making Memories

By: Emily Shi

## PLAY IT LOUD.

While Noah Frankforter '14 plays the right notes on his trumpet, he has to concentrate on a number of other things. Members must keep step during the entire performance, yield to other band members, and stay in tempo with the drum major.



HOLBEN

## HANGING FOR HALF TIME.

Flipping tenors upside down was an idea brought to the drumline's attention by Kenneth Stump '14. "It was originally performed by the DCI [Drum Corps International] group, the Cavaliers, and we really wanted to do it. It just so happened that the student section loved it," said Stump.



SHIREY

## SUPER SHAPES.

Marching bands from around the state gather to perform their half time shows at the annual Grand Ledge exhibition. One of three drum majors, Christina Igl '13, conducts *The Incredibles* as the band moves from a superhero mask to *The Incredibles* "I".



KUZNICKI



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## FLIPPIN' OUT.

Each year, music is issued to the band and placed into flip folders before summer begins. A long process begins by memorizing the music in order to perform at the light show and the Grand Ledge marching exhibit.



HOLBEN

## PLAYING WITH FIRE.

During the light show, freshman twirler Cassidy Droscha brought the heat. "When I twirl fire, I get an adrenaline rush. I want to go faster and try new tricks; I just want a challenge," said Droscha.



KUZNICKI

## HEAVY BEATS.

The four mile Veterans Day parade was accompanied by 39 degree weather, as the low brass hauled their instruments for the duration of the parade. A typical baritone saxophone weighs 15-20 lbs., and a sousaphone (tuba) weighs about 22 lbs.



SMITH

## THIS ONE TIME.

As part of leadership, Harris Priller '14 awards his squad members Eva Alvarado '15 and Katelyn Horgan '15. Every person in the band is involved in awards night, whether it's making awards or receiving them. Awards are always an entertaining and creative way to end band camp.



"Last year as a freshman, I felt like band was a huge family. Because I already knew some of the people in high school, I wasn't as scared as I thought I would be."

-Derick Zanger '14





HOLBEN

Natasha Altenritter, Eva Alvarado, Kiri Alvarado, Joseph Anderson, Benjamin Andrews, Gwen Bagley, Liam Bagley, Emma Bailey, Mallory Barber, Christina Bennetts, Alexander Brown, Lily Brown, Nicole Bryde, John Calhoun, Chloe Caltrider, Kaitlyn Caltrider, Zoë Caltrider, Dakota Carpenter, Zachary Casper, Amber Chance, Taryn Clapsaddle, Haley Clark, Stephen Clark, Shane Clark, Hayden Courtland, Briana Conarton, Reese Curtis, Ross Curtiss, Juliete Daniel, Shane Dennany, Benjamin DeVitto, Carlos Dos Santos Neves, Morgan Drake, Kalee Drew, Cassidy Droscha, Noah Frankforter, Noah Gill, Dylan Goedert, Ally Hackman, Matthew Hamilton, Kristen Hanson, Katie Harger, Hannah Hazewinkel, Kayla Hodges, Alex Hoffmeyer, Katelyn Horgan, Jonah Horton, Josh Horton, Katie Horton, William Howell, Cheyenne Hubbell, Mary Hudgins, Nicholas Hudgins, Dylan Huntley, Afsheen Husain, Taylor Hutchinson, Amanda Igl, Christina Igl, Samantha Igl, Stephanie Igl, Jean Jaegers, Abigail Johnstone, Evan Johnstone, Clare Jones, Kaitlyn Kaschinske, Rachel Keith, Alice Kilvington, Dorothy Kilvington, James Kranz, Nathan Krzesicki, Timothy LaClear, Richard Ladd, Miranda LaSater, Macey Lewis, Patrick Long, Joseph Lukins, Noah Lukins, Hayley Manor, Madison Marsh, Jacqueline McElhone, Dustin Miller, Janae Miller, Kalem Moore, Stephanie Moran, Paige Morris, Jessica Nevins, Traci Phillips, Harris Priller, Grant Rasmussen, Meg Reid, Rene Ressler, Amy Rizzardi, Rebecca Rogers, Daniel Rogers, Anthony Roose, Riley Roush, Edward Rumler, Sarah Sanders, Grant Scanlon, Emily Shirey, Rhiannon Skuse, Kellie Jo Smith, Ken Stump, Nicholas Strunk, Maki Tanaka, Christopher Tartalone, Ryan Taylor, Sava Treloar, Derek Troxell, Albert Turkovich, Samuel VanDyke, Jack Vogel, Hannah Ware, Kelsey Wenson, Jason Wesley, Foster Whipple, Molly White, James Wilson, Paige Winkler, Lucas Wolfe, Clayton Wonch, Margaret Wright, Alexis Yanz, Jenna Yanz, Derick Zanger  
 Band Directors: Beth Bousfield and Amber McRay



HOLBEN



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### FOCUS IN.

Marching band is a very time consuming activity and involves 125 active members. "My favorite part about marching season is when we're on the field; we are the center of attention. Everyone is focused on just us," said Tony Roose '14.

### SPIN, THROW, CATCH!

The color guard puts down their instruments for the marching season and picks up flags. Amy Rizzardi '13 concentrates on catching her flag with the right form during one of the weekly color guard practices. Just as the band memorizes music, the guard must memorize a four song routine.



# Dually Noted

By: Emily Shirey

## FEEL THE BEAT.

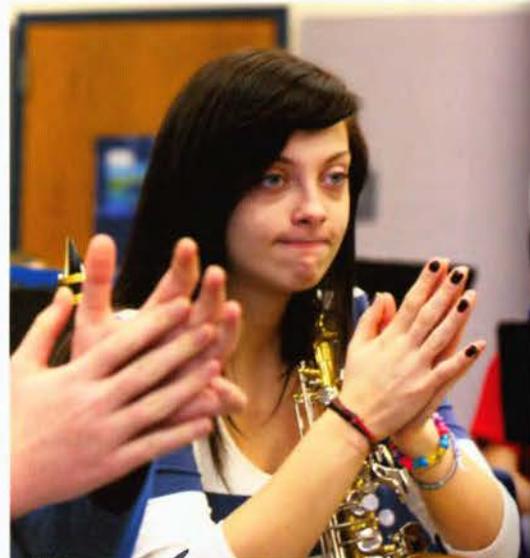
Practicing for the winter concert, Jenna Yanz '15 plays the marimba. Given the opportunity in 6th grade, Yanz switched from the oboe to percussion. "My favorite instrument is the marimba because it has different notes to play, not just rhythms," said Yanz.



SHIREY

## TAP, CLAP, SNAP.

Hannah Ware '12 sight reads a piece that requires her to whistle and clap. Not only do students play their instruments, music sometimes requires the use of water glasses, whistling, stomping, singing and clapping.



SHIREY

## TRADING PARTS.

Due to interest in the bass clarinet, three clarinetists in Concert Band have divided up the concerts equally in order for each of them to have a turn. Janae Miller '15 takes her turn playing the regular clarinet during the winter season. A band season is divided into three parts: winter concert, festival, and spring concert.



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## FAVORITE TUNES.

Senior Kaitlyn Horton waits for her turn to play during the first pep band performance of the year. Pep band classics include the intense melody of *Pirates of the Caribbean*, the humility of the *Chicken Dance* and the fun loving sing-a-long of *Hey Baby*.



J. McCARTY



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## DELAYED START.

After the audition process, the jazz bands usually start working in the middle of October. Due to the success of the football team, Jazz Band 1 and 2 had a mere two weeks to prepare for their first performance.

## JAZZ SQUARED.

Senior Kristen Hanson plays trumpet for Jazz Band 2 and Pep Band, and up until last year had only played the flute. "Playing trumpet was something that I've always wanted to try," said Hanson.

## NOTED SPIRIT.

The Pep Band is just over twice the size it has been in the past few years. Students get geared up to play at both the Women's and Men's Varsity games on Friday nights.



"I like concert season more than marching season because you can focus more on the music rather than the moving around of marching."

-Madison Marsh '15





SHIREY

### HAPPY VANDYKE DAY!

Playing trumpet throughout his middle and high school career, Samuel VanDyke '12 excels over the rest. In eighth grade he auditioned for the All-State Band and earned first chair honors. The audition process included playing various scales, performing a prepared piece and sight reading. In the following years he continued to improve and play for the All-State Band. Because of his exceptional skills, VanDyke was awarded his own days by the Mason City Council, first in 2008 and again in 2012. "When I received the award, I was thrilled. I had no idea that making first chair would be such a big deal. As a musician now, having that in my past helps me to be a much more confident musician. Confidence is important if you want to be successful," said VanDyke. VanDyke continues to play the trumpet for the Symphonic Band and the All-State Band.



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### PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.

Freshmen Amber Chance and Abigail Johnstone practice during rehearsal for the winter concert. During concert season, the Concert Band must practice in the auditorium due to lack of space.



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### MULTIPLE MUSICIAN.

Junior Kiri Alvarado began her musical career by playing the clarinet, then proceeded to learn bass and electric guitar. By her sophomore year, she decided to play trombone for the Symphonic Band.

### ROLLING PITCH.

All percussionists must know how to play more than one instrument. They must memorize different notes on the marimba, carefully count rhythms on the snare and bass drum, and know how to tune a timpani. James Kranz '15 carefully tunes the three timpani drums, just as he must in-between each piece of music.

### TIME TO GET SERIOUS.

More serious music is read in Symphonic and Concert Band; in comparison to the upbeat marching season. "As a freshman, being in Concert Band is different than being in the 8th grade band. There's a lot more people and we have many more skills now; things go a lot smoother," said Noah Gill '15.



# Back in Business

By: Charlotte Remington

## NAMASTE.

In Ms. Higgins' 1st hour Leadership class, Holly Raglow '12 teaches yoga for her lingo. The leadership lingo is one of the key components in learning how to facilitate.



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## DIPPIN' SPOON.

On final product day, Kyla Smith '13, Luke Cogswell '13 and Danielle Wardowski '12 run through their pitch to present their product to the class. The item they created was called the "Dippin' Spoon." When put into a hot drink, the flavor dissolves off the spoon.



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## PRODUCT TESTING.

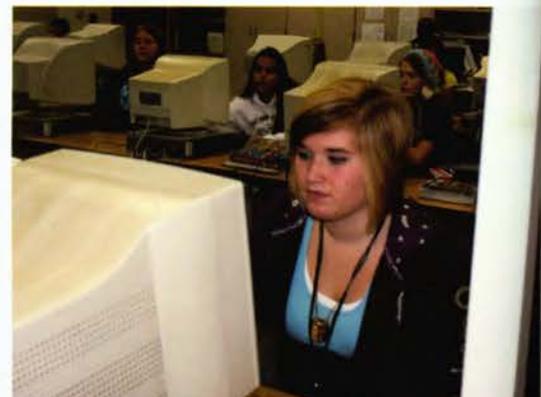
One of the Marketing units is product testing. Mr. Chaney brought a soda stream and broke down how it works. He then showed the class the website and the different styles available to buy.



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## MAD CONTRAPTION.

During 4th hour of Mr. Kato's Intro to Digital Media, Abbey Deprekel '13 works on her final project called the "Mad Contraption." This project required students to create several components in PowerPoint to build a pinball-like contraption.



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## STILL LIFE.

Allison Rochon '15 took a picture of her Nike shoes to create an advertisement. The portfolio students create in Photoshop is made up of several pictures including a still life commercial photo.



McLEAN

## SENDING HOPE.

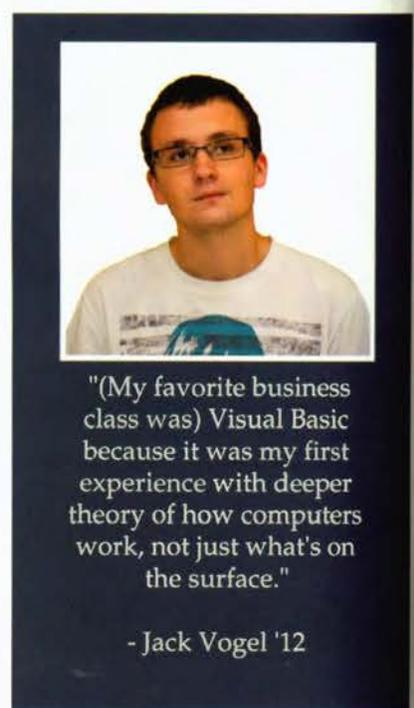
Eager to take SEND to the next level, Zach Coker '14, Sammi Smith '12, Kyle Pier '12, Cody Lerash '12, and Gabby Brown '12 meet as the merchandising committee. Members of each committee had specific goals to attain before the trimester ended.



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## DIGITAL DIFFICULTY.

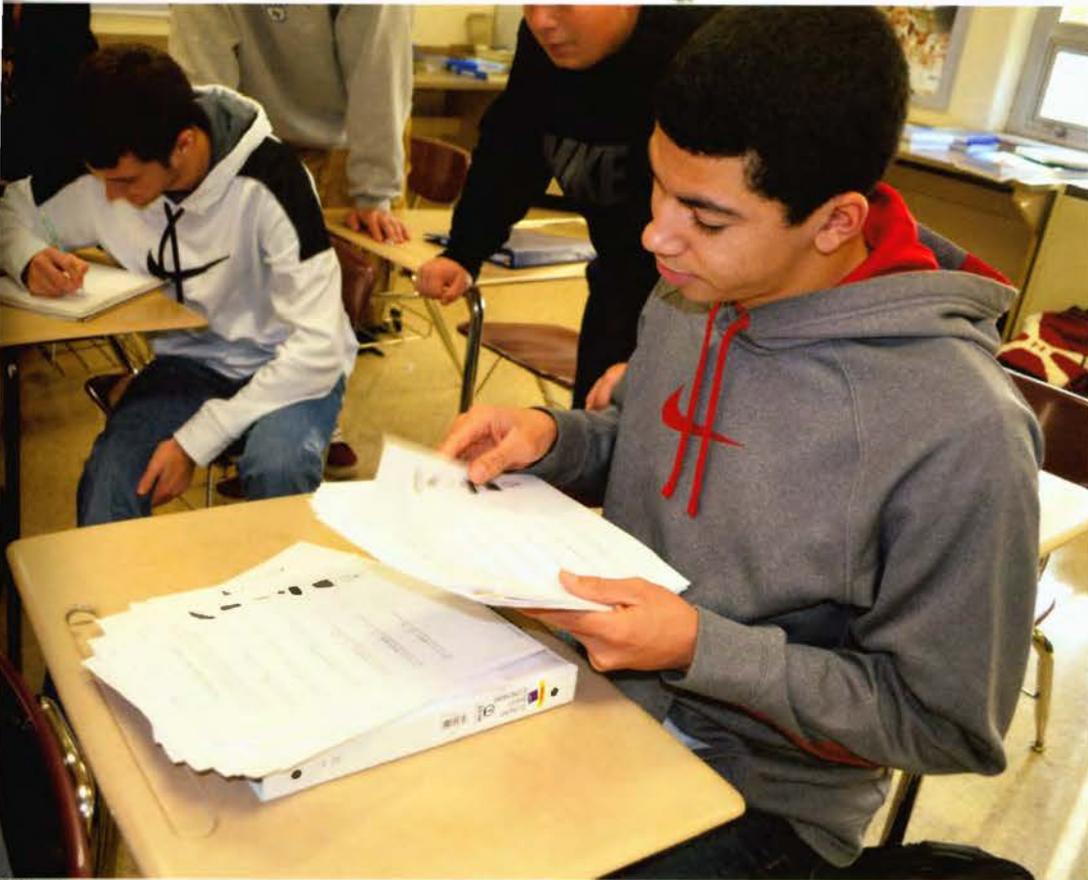
In Mr. Kato's 4th hour Intro to Digital Media class Katie Geer '15 works on her final project. "(Looking back on the class) the most difficult project was the game show because there were so many sounds," said Geer.



"(My favorite business class was) Visual Basic because it was my first experience with deeper theory of how computers work, not just what's on the surface."

- Jack Vogel '12





### BIG SELLER.

In order to choose a product to sell for Starting a Business, students in the class created a market survey to see what people would like to purchase. Students from all three lunches were grouped into grades, then asked whether they would rather buy a drawstring bag or a water bottle. Stephen Aimery '12 counts the number of people who wanted what, while Kyle Pier '12 tallied the results. In the end the young entrepreneurs decided on water bottles. "It's gonna be a big seller!" said Aimery.

### PRODUCT PUDDING.

In 3rd hour Marketing seniors Samantha Smith, Kendahl Ramon and Josh Rudd present their product to the class. The product was called the Pudding Cookie. The idea originated from Smith's grandmother's old recipe.



### FOLLOW THE LEADER.

In Leadership B, Ms. Higgins tries to show her students that a leader is not always in the front. To do so she had a group leader guide their blindfolded group throughout the classroom from the middle of the group.



### PORTFOLIO.

While finishing up her portfolio for Photoshop, Natalia Milashus '15 works on the ecology part of the project. The objective was to take a picture that told a story about how we affect the environment. Milashus chose a picture of the new greenhouse on campus.



### PLAY THE STOCKS.

In Ms. Catalano's Personal Finance class, students are required to trade and sell stocks in the "Stock Market Game" every Friday for eight weeks. Christy Lund '12 analyzed her stocks so she could be more prepared for that week's upcoming activity.



# Skills For Life

By: Katie Smith

## BEATING HEARTS.

On average, the heart beats three billion times in a person's life. Mackenzie Reilly '12 uses a stethoscope to listen for a heart beat in her Health Occupations program.

The lungs, abdomen, and various pulse points can also be heard using this instrument.



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## SECTION BY SECTION.

Practicing common cosmetology strategies, Kelli Yang '12 sections hair on a fellow cosmetology student. Yang learned this trick to thoroughly dye hair.



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## PRECISION.

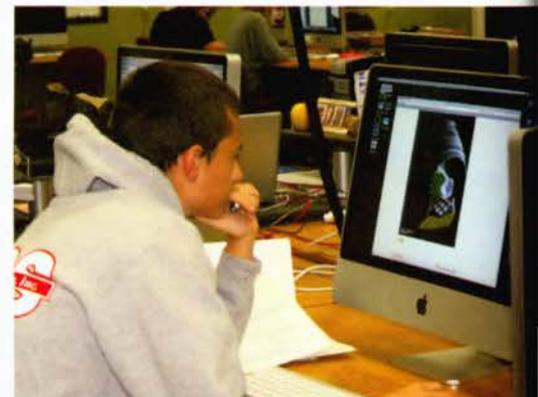
While in the Precision Machining class, Dale Somerville '13 uses a clausing machine to turn down the exhaust for an engine. That device delivered all the power, precision, and versatility he could ask for in a single device.



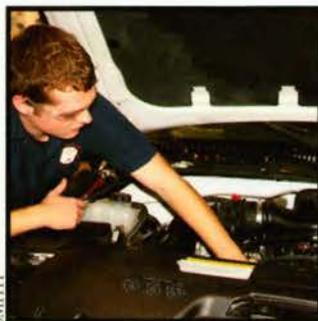
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## DEEP IN CONCENTRATION.

Working diligently on his project, Mason Salmon '12 edits a picture for a photography project. Photography and editing skills play a substantial role in the New Media classes. "My favorite thing to work on is the different dynamics of a picture," said Salmon.



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## GREASY FINGERS.

Auto Tech student Michael Lewis '12 gets dirty while changing an alternator on a Chevrolet pick-up truck. Students in this class perfect these skills on a daily basis.



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## BACK IN BUSINESS.

Senior Maeghan MacDonald carries out a mock transaction on a calculator a bank teller would use. The Banking and Finance program teaches students the basics of the industry.



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## KNOCK ON WOOD.

Construction student Brandon Blanchard '13 nails a rafter together to complete the frame for a roof. The piece Blanchard worked on contributed to the condo the class assembled.



"[I chose the Banking and Finance program] because of the opportunity to do co-op. I can get paid to work while still going to school."

-Cody Pavlat '12



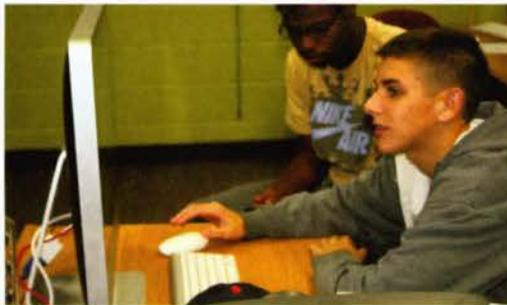


### SLIDES ON SLIDES.

The Capital Area Career Center houses a place where students can prepare themselves for the future. Students pursue different programs, such as histotechnology. The CACC holds the only histotechnology program in the nation. While in the class, Ryan Vickery '12 demonstrates how to cut blocks of tissue into thin sections using a microtome. These ribbon-like pieces are then used for creating slides to view under a microscope. This is the main job of a histotechnologist, which is what Vickery plans on working as during college. "I chose histotechnology because it was the program that related the most with what I want my career to be, which is a neurosurgeon. [The program] helps me understand all organs and their functions, which interested me," said Vickery.

### INTO PIECES.

While in the Construction class, Eric Mills '13 uses a power saw to cut a 2x4. Mills used saws, hammers, and levels while in program.



### MEGA MACBOOK.

New Media student Jacob Paradise '12 works on a MacBook computer. Students primarily use the Mac for editing pictures and videos since it has the latest editing technology installed.



### PIE GALORE.

In the Culinary Arts program, Stephanie Igl '12 organizes blueberry pies onto a cookie sheet for baking. The class made 368 pies to sell for a fundraiser. It helped recoup the cost of food and helped fund baking competitions.

### CLICK-CLICK.

Senior Taylor Neumann photographs objects such as pumpkins on a green screen so she can work with the shots later. Putting different items on a green background like this allows a person to design and edit the picture on a computer.



# Maestros of Melody

By: Joshua McCa

## A WORLDWIDE LANGUAGE.

To supplement the Andean melody of "Canten Señores Cantores", Ashlie Hawley '14 and Mariah Newman '14 clap, pat, and stomp along with the Concert Choir. *A Holiday Concert* also featured Gaelic carol "Tàladh Chriosda".

## EXCELLENCE BEGINS HERE.

Sophomore Abigail Mills and other Concert sopranos practice the traditional Christmas carol "From Heaven Above". Originally written nearly 400 years ago, it was the oldest song performed at *A Holiday Concert*.

## PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.

To perfect "Candy Cane Lane", Alison Buttrey '13, Beth Plaskey '12, Samantha Nestell '13, and Alexis Marr '14 work to find their pitch. Music theory skills benefit Chamber singers as they work on the beginning stages of a song.

## DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE.

With all 10 of their voices blending together in "Soon It's Gonna Rain", the Dynamics group takes the stage during the fall *Informance*. Separate from the standard choirs, Dynamics members meet beyond school hours for a more advanced choral experience.



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## TURNING TABLES.

As one of seven soloists at the choirs' fall *Informance*, Mikaela Momberg '12 sings "Turning Tables" by Adele Adkins. Soloists had no limits on what to sing as long as they auditioned with Ms. Hansens beforehand.



J. McCARTY

## CHRISTMAS SHOES.

The second soloist in *A Holiday Concert* Paige Mussell '13 takes the mic for "The Christmas Shoes", the touching song by Carswell and Ahlstrom. Mussell sang with professional musician Takis Pizanis at the piano.



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## WHITE CHRISTMAS.

Singing Irving Berlin's famous "White Christmas", Kathryn Smith '15 performs as one of the last soloists in *A Holiday Concert*. Smith performed a *capella*, or without accompaniment, a style with impressive results.



"[What really makes choir a family is that] we all speak the same language: music."

-Kenny Temple '15



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## ONE TRUE LOVE.

Talent may lead to fame, but passion leads to excellence. The members of the Women's Chamber Choir have come to understand that lesson. The upperclassmen girls that make up the ranks of this ensemble give their time and talents in pursuit of their passion for music. Specially auditioned for the choir, Chamber singers are willing to perform at a higher caliber and take on more difficult pieces. To work as a part of either Chamber or Concert choir is to work as part of a much greater whole. "We all support each other and cheer each other on," said Kayte Clark '15, a soprano in Concert Choir. Though at times "disfunctional", as some of the members put it, the family thrives under the direction of Ms. Hansens, who brings several years of experience to each performance. Even more importantly, the students bring their dedication to the art, their willingness to work together to bring their passion to life.



## PHOTO FINISH!

Sophomore Rachel Kinch and other Chamber altos break out in dance at the end of the song *Candy Cane Lane* during class. Positive attitudes had by all alleviated any stress of working through the song.



## CO-OP CONCERT.

Accompanied by the symphonic band, the choirs perform Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" at *A Holiday Concert*. The exhilarating performance merited standing ovations from members of the audience.

## BARBERSHOP...OCTET?

Basses Noah Powell '14, Taylor Reed '14, and Antonio Cooper Lopez '15 and tenor Aaron Thiel '15 practice parts in the "Hallelujah Chorus". Eight men make up the entire male section of the choirs. Why are there so few when the demand for male singers is so great? "Hypocrisy is the epitome of society," said Powell who sings bass in both Concert Choir and Dynamics.

## SAY IT IN SOLFÈGE.

Concert Choir members perform "Durme, Durme" in a style called *sofège*, commonly known as the "do-re-mi" scale. Used with hand signals designed in the 18th century, *sofège* helps students learn music by applying notes to certain positions.



# Ready to Roll

By: Alexis Colligan

## NO BORING ALLOWED.

In an interview about Ski Club, Charles Alley '12 talks about upcoming trips. Mr. Kato requires his interviewers to do the video on a background that is interesting.

They are not allowed to video against white walls or lockers. "[Plain backgrounds are] just boring!" said Kato.

## UPDATE US.

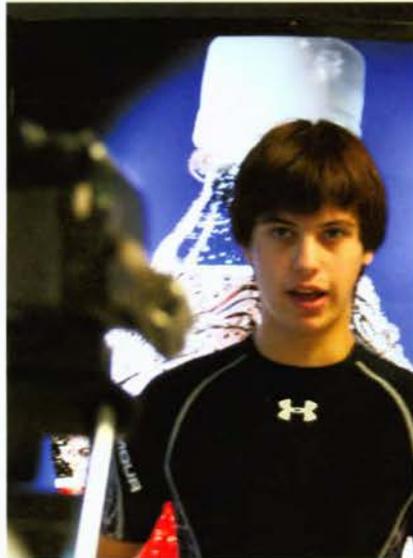
When the class periods changed during exams, senior Zac Perleberg videoed the new schedule. Studio M takes it upon themselves to inform the student body when changes takes place in the school.

## MAKE IT FLOW.

Assistant technical director Ross Curtiss '12 edits the announcements. Since announcements are shot in segments, editors have to make sure everything flows together.

## THE LEGEND.

To mix up announcements, Studio M invited alumni Beau Hayhoe to anchor alongside Josh McCarty '12. Hayhoe took Digital Media the first year it was offered, though these announcements never aired. "It was cool to have one of the original cast members back to anchor with us," said Mikaela Momberg '12.



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## LOOK AT ME.

Anchors Grace Gamber '13 and Dylan Conway '13 talk about the school's news for the day. The two anchors have to sit facing different directions to look at the camera they are assigned.



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## PHOTOSHOP WHIZ.

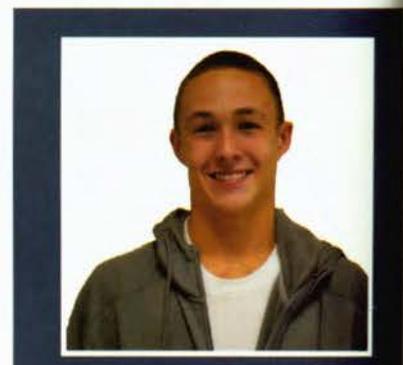
Crew member Brooke Stephens '12 makes a still on Photoshop to promote Career Center. A still is a picture displayed for an extended period of time containing basic information.



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## THE COUNTDOWN.

Director Josh McCarty '12 counts down from five after every break to let the anchors know when to resume talking. The anchors must pay close attention so they do not miss their cue.



"[The best part about this class is] the freedom. We get to walk around and just leave to get everything done that we need to get done."

-Zac Perleberg '12





## BEHIND THE SCENES.

Video editor Josh McCarty '12 edits a close-up segment of announcements to make them fit together. From the back room, the video editors time out all the pieces of announcements. When there is a commercial to add, they need to stop the anchors to allow enough time for the commercial to air. They take on the responsibility of perfecting every aspect of announcements so that students can enjoy a quality video. "Video editors are the masterminds behind the technology. Any cool effects that you see on screen come from them. They make every broadcast more interesting," said McCarty. Though viewers do not see the video editors in the announcements, they have a crucial role in Studio M's production.

## CHECK 1, 2.

While announcements are being filmed, technical directors Preston Sutliff '12, Tyler Farnsworth '12, Cole Gibson '12, and Ross Curtiss '12 correct the settings from the back room. They stay behind the glass so that any sound does not interfere with the anchors' audio.

## SWITCH IT UP.

Senior Mikaela Momberg types up the lunch menu and weather forecast for the week. Momberg started as an anchor and then took over lunches and weather when juniors Dylan Conway and Grace Gamber became the new anchors.

## MAKE IT RIGHT.

Junior Dylan Conway corrects the news on the teleprompter. Every day, the announcements must be typed up on the teleprompter so that the anchors have a script to read. One mistake on the screen could lead to a problem while filming.



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## TRUE COLORS.

Anchor Saylor Lavallii '12 brings enthusiasm to the announcements. "When I get in front of the camera my inner personality comes out. It's what I do," said Lavallii.



# My Little Women

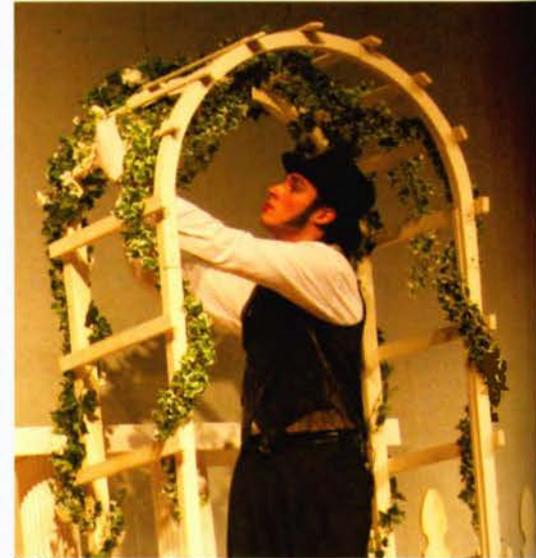
By: Charlotte Remington, Ale Colligan & Joshua McCann

## LOVE IS IN THE AIR.

Having returned from Europe, Laurie (Stuart Shattuck '11) and Amy (Eva Bachelder '12) sing their love story. Six characters found romance in the show, giving their actors one of the most common challenges in modern theater.



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## DO NOTHING EFFECTIVELY.

In preparation for Amy's wedding, John (Michael Hyatt '11) decorates the Marsh home while the women talk of flowers and gowns. A convincing actor must "do nothing effectively" performing detailed action without drawing attention.

## HIDDEN IN THE SHADOWS.

The tech crew finally reveals themselves at the end of the show. These talented, behind-the-scenes workers lived by a quote written on the wall back in the tech shop: "We're like air. You can't see us, but you can't live without us."



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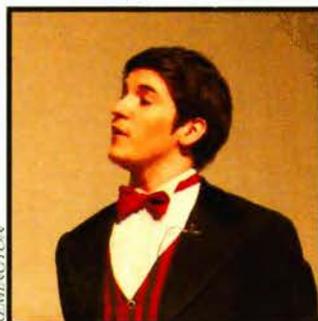
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## WHEN YOU DREAM.

Jo, Prof. Bhaer, Mrs. Kirk, and an adorably ghastly collection of hags and trolls end the song "Weekly Volcano Press" with a climactic harmony. This musical was the first to use the scrim, the semi-translucent curtain used to produce the supernatural feel of Jo's imaginations.



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## QUIET FEAR.

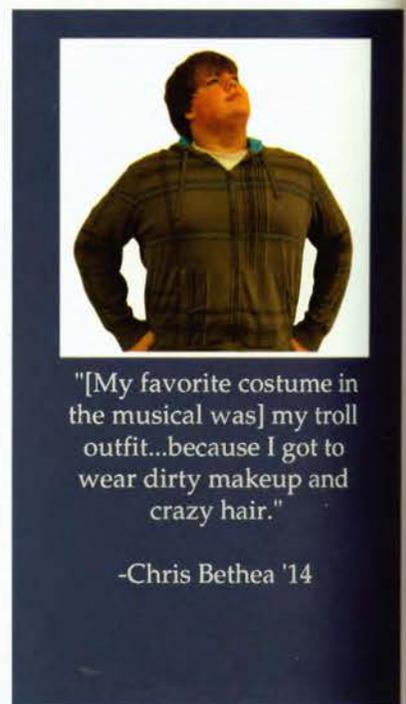
Despite her quiet fear for her husband at war, Marmee March (Abigail Combs '11) must raise her family alone. Combs sang one of the show's most stirring pieces, "Here Alone", when Marmee tells herself to be strong.

## HOW I AM.

Composed and educated, Professor Fritz Bhaer (Zach Riley '11) offers guidance to Jo March. Riley's hardest challenge was to let his naturally pleasant demeanor go in order to play a more serious role.

## COULD YOU?

The pure embodiment of strict society, Aunt March (Alysa Frease '11) wished for Jo to live the lady's life. Frease's duet with Alyssa Bernardi '11 served to move the story through an otherwise tedious scene.



"[My favorite costume in the musical was] my troll outfit...because I got to wear dirty makeup and crazy hair."

-Chris Bethea '14





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### FAMILY TIME.

Few experiences capture the powerful emotions of family more exquisitely than seeing a family together. And when that family happens to consist of a single mother (Abigail Combs '11) and four spirited daughters (Eva Bachelder '12, Hannah Cheney '11, Alyssa Bernardi '11, and Myah VanWormer '11) working together through the Civil War, a story is born, the story of "Little Women". Based on the classic novel written by Louisa May Alcott in the late 1860's, the musical brings Alcott's characters to believable life. "I really had to look deep into the feelings of a little girl who was neglected by her family," said Bachelder who played Amy March. Touching dialogue, vibrant recitations, and tragic losses come together, bound by catchy melodies, and serve to create a special production.



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### RELAX, MAN!

Before the doors open, some of the actors form a massage train. Tensions ran high before shows, so the cast did their best to help each other out.

### ...AND TO THE PIT!

After bows, the cast and crew direct the audience's applause to the orchestra pit. They also acknowledge the lights and sound booth at this time.



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### A ONE, AND A TWO...

Trombonist, Christopher Tartalone '13, looks to his fellow pit members as they prepare for a show. A crucial asset to the musical, the pit orchestra supports the onstage action under the direction of middle school choir director Ms. Garner. "Our goal in producing high school musicals is to give the students as authentic of a musical theater experience as possible," said Ms. Garner. "And I do not feel that would be possible without the inclusion of the pit musicians."

### BLOOD AND GUTS.

Jo (Alyssa Bernardi '11) tells the Professor her favorite "blood and guts" story about Rodrigo (Olivia Hayhoe '11). "[My favorite part was] being over the top and being really ridiculous getting into character," said Hayhoe. "Oh, and of course the sword fights!"



# Playin' The Sting

By: Alexis Colligan  
& Joshua McCarty

## AND THEY'RE OFF!

As a critical part of the big con, Billie (Shayla Baldwin '12) and JJ Singleton (Aaron Thiel '15) announce a game for Lonnegan's bet. The sham ends up in their favor, as a mistaken Lonnegan ends up losing a lot of money in the scam.

## KNOW WHAT I KNOW.

During a dress rehearsal, Miss Hastings (Hope Willshaw '15) and Mrs. Vanderkiefert (Dorothy Kilvington '12) talk about the big con. This interview provided structure for the show by giving details on the flashbacks acted onstage.

## GAMBLE IT AWAY.

Jimmie (Kristen Hanson '12) and a woman gambler (Maddie Marsh '15) sit back after watching Hooker lose it all on a game of cards. This short scene led to more action later in the show, namely a run-in with a corrupt sergeant Snyder.

## IN PERFECT SYNC.

To get ready to perform, the cast plays a warm up game in which they "pass" a clap. Both inside and outside circles have someone start a clap as they pretend to throw it to the person next to them. The next person must catch the clap by clapping at the same time.



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## THE GRIFTER.

Sophomore Chris Betha plays Johnny Hooker, a grifter from Illinois. He played small cons with his partners Luther (Noah Powell '14) and Erie (Jordan Swanson '14) until he got into trouble, forcing him to pull the biggest con ever.



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## THE CON MAN.

Henry Gondorff (Daniel Betha '12), a once-great con man, agrees to set up a scam for Hooker as they had a mutual friend in Luther Coleman. His old-style con involved a number of con artists with Lonnegan and Snyder as its victims.



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## THE CRIME BOSS.

Vicious crime boss Doyle Lonnegan (Keegan Nealy '14) is a powerful man that tries to have a part in every con. After being cheated by Gondorff in a poker game, he financed a very large bet to break Gondorff and gain revenge.



"[To get into character] I start strutting around like the character I play and I treat the other actors as though they were the characters they play."

- Tobias Webb '14





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### TRAINED BY THE BEST.

When a grifter makes a good hit on the wrong guy and the guy hits back hard, the grifter has only one choice: to hit the guy back even harder. *The Sting* brings con men, crime bosses, corrupt policemen, and clever revenge to life onstage. With 1920's ragtime playing in the background, *The Sting* unfolds as a unique play in many aspects. For one, the sheer size sets it apart. "Generally, plays have relatively small casts," explained director Ms. Hansens in the show's program. "This play requires 30 actors to play 45 characters. Timing and interplay have all been pieces of spinning the web." Indeed, the show had to be a team effort, much like the con job began in the infamous poker game on the train. Floyd (Charles Alley '12) looks on as the conductor (Tucker Cecil '13) deals to Mr. Jameson (Vance Wade '15), Mr. Clayton (Ben Nicol '13), Mrs. Lombard (Hannah Farlin '13), and Mr. Lonnegan (Keegan Nealy '14) as they await the arrival of Mr. Shaw, Gondorff in disguise.



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### NEW RECRUITS.

Ivy (Jules Osborn '12) and Twist (Kiri Alvarado '13) recruit players for the con. *The Sting* gave both Osborne and Alvarado their first acting part.



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### GETTING ROUGH.

Corrupt police sergeant Snyder (Cyrus Pierce '14) threatens Hooker (Chris Bethea '14). His deputy (Tucker Cecil '13) took care of Hooker's friend, Joe Erie (Jordan Swanson '14).

### BY BLACKLIGHT.

Unseen and unheard by the audience, stage manager Megan Roe '14 keeps in touch with the lights and sound booth while she reviews the script backstage by blacklight. Communication between the booth and the stage ensures accurate timing for effects and character cues.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

Junior Dani Rustem played Loretta, Hooker's would-be assassin. Ms. Hansens chose Rustem to receive the Director's Award, an honor given to cast members with small roles that help out a lot with other parts of the play.



# Re-Kindling Education

By: Hannah Re...

## ENDANGERED THINKING.

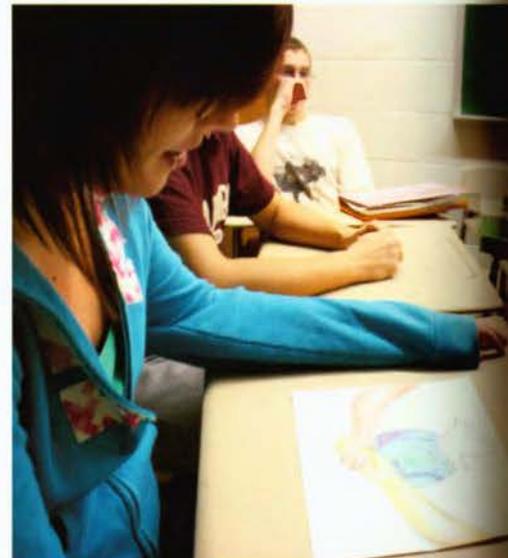
Commanding the attention of his peers, Josh Rudd '12 gives a compelling presentation on endangered species for Media Studies. This required senior class attempts to break the mold of conventional thinking and cause students to look deeper into world issues and concepts.



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## INSPIRING ISSUES.

Examining her work, Diana Mohre '12 looks over her soon to be presented hand-drawn print advertisement in her Media Studies class. Mohre and her partner Brandon Gridley '12 created a multi-media package to show their research and concern for the issue of racism.



SHIREY

## PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.

To increase reading fluency, Rene Ressler '15 utilizes a new technique in her Study Skills class. This class uses a strategy called 6 minute solutions where students use a dry erase marker to keep track of their classmate's mistakes when reading.



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## INDEPENDENT CREATIVITY.

For some, writing can be daunting, but seniors Zoë Caltrider and Hayley Manor use it to display their talents. These ladies, along with Dorothy Kilvington '12, sought an independent study in creative writing to see their ability flourish.



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## PROVING A POINT.

After writing a 7-10 page paper, Elizabeth Stalzer '12 presents the subject to Mr. Cunningham's Senior Composition class. Stalzer dug deep into the issue of exploited children in beauty pageants.

## BOOKS SPEAK.

In a special event for the AP Literature and Honors World Literature classes, author Thomas C. Foster came in to speak to students and teachers. Foster spoke about his book *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*.

## TAKE NOTE.

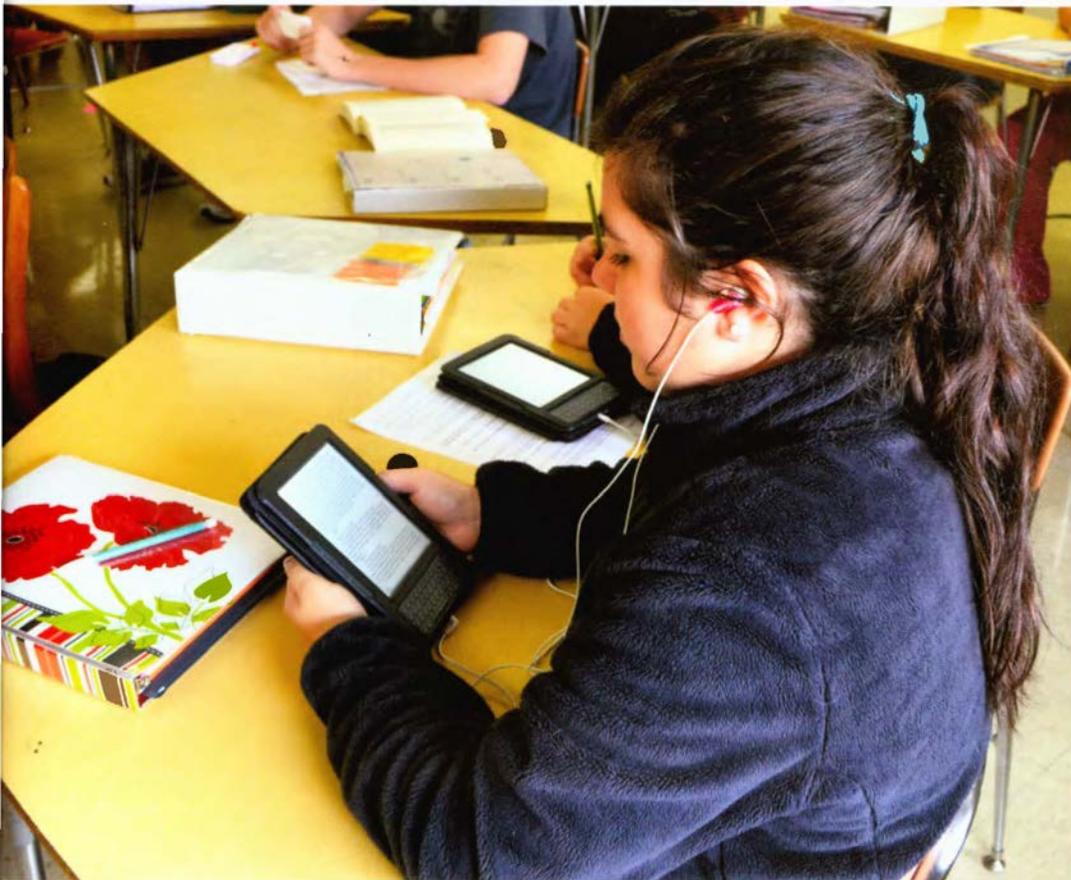
Paying close attention, Dakota Carpenter '15 takes notes on a class discussion about *Feathers and Fools* in his Freshman English class. In this class, taught by Mrs. Stimers, they used this children's book to study how theme is developed through text.



"My favorite part about AP Lit is the class discussions because you get to see different views on the same book and it's very eye-opening"

-Shayla Baldwin '12





## READING INTO TECHNOLOGY.

With new waves of technology sweeping the country, the English department joined the movement by purchasing 60 kindles for school use. Government grants provided the necessary funding to revitalize reading. Mrs. Mesyn's Junior English class and Mrs. Walsh's Essential Skills class served as the pilot groups for this new technology. Megan Miller '13 takes advantage of the new devices by reading and listening along to *The Kite Runner* in Mrs. Mesyn's class. "We suspect that student interest in reading will be enhanced with the new technology," said Mr. Bruce Barbour, Executive Director of Curriculum for Mason Public Schools. "It is just plain fun to read on the Kindle. We think it holds the attention of the reader longer."

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## ACTING OUT.

Bringing *Hamlet* to life, seniors Nicole Clayton, Amanda Denomme and Dorothy Kilvington read from William Shakespeare's piece. In Mrs. Stimers' AP Literature class, students enjoyed taking on character's roles in order to extend their understanding of the piece as a whole.



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## SWAT THAT.

During the review for his exam, Kalem Moore '14 smacks the correct answer with a fly swatter. Ms. Hastings first asked a question to the competing students, and then they were required to find the answer on the board and hit it to earn their team a point in this intense game.



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## GUINEA PIGS.

Mrs. Walsh's Essential Skills class reads *The Hunger Games* using the Kindles. Participating in the pilot allowed students to improve their skills in highlighting and taking notes. It also provided a tool for searching quotes to enhance writing.

## VIEWING THE DREAM.

During a fellow student's video presentation, Alivia Moran '14 watches intently. Students in Mr. Cunningham's Sophomore English class filmed people speaking about their views on the American dream today after reading multiple pieces about the American dream in the past.

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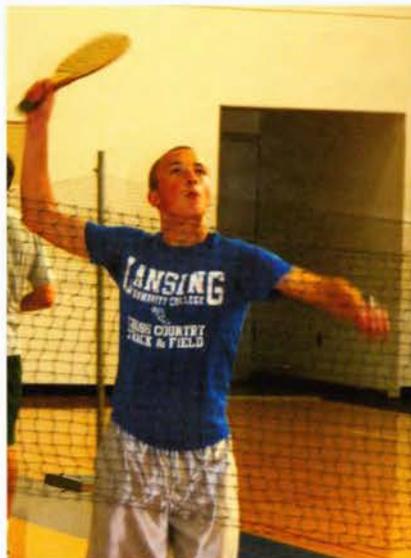


# Cracking the Shell

By: Nick McNe

## MAKING CONTACT.

With a swing through the air, Greg Ingle '14 spikes the birdie onto the other team's side during a game of paddle tin. Students engage in new activities during gym classes.



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## SMALL AND SIMPLE.

With her bright smile Rachel Kinch '14 keeps a child engaged in the conversation. "In order for them to keep engaged we ask simple questions with no big words...being nice and kind always works," said Kinch.



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## GUIDANCE IS KEY.

During Mrs. Schafer's Child Development class, Mckenna Fernandez '14 helps a child with his cut-out handmade turkey. "Being hands on with the children allows us to understand how they learn and if they are understanding the material or not," said Schafer.



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## HALLOWEEN...RUN?

On Monday, October 31 the Advanced P.E. class went for a town run in their Halloween costumes. Every Monday and Thursday the class goes for a 'road run'. Mr. Chapin thought of the idea since the run took place on Halloween day.



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## ON MY LEAD.

In Adult Living, Alexis Kelbert '13 guides Chase Langham '12 to victory, during a game of Survivor. The class completed team building games and activities to develop a family atmosphere.



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## RED ROCKETS.

The Lord Andrew's Cup event took over the gym for yet another year. The red squad, now called the 'Red Rockets', won the first game easily and went on to win the series challenge 4-2.



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## DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES.

Adult Living class has guest speakers come in every trimester. Derek Wireman with disabilities to Mr. Chapin's class. "I do this so students can gain a better understanding of the topics we cover in real life perspectives," said Chapin.



"(I enjoy teaching Safety Ed. because) it provides background knowledge of how to do CPR, first aid and basic water and safety rescue. It allows the students to work with controlling bleeding, choking on mannequins and this material can last a long time in kids' memories for saving people's lives."

-Mrs. Hursey





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### THINK N' BAKE.

On Friday, November 19 Mrs. Schafer's 1st hour Food and Nutritional Science class made their final meal. The class brainstormed what they wanted to make and came up with a decision. "We just thought that since it was in the morning that we would just cook breakfast food to go along with it," said Alix Cross '14. "(The meal consisted of) pancakes, sausage, eggs and hashbrowns...the hardest part for me was trying to flip the pancakes," said Kasi Allen '15. With the smell of a pancake house lingering in the room, the groups successfully cooked the meals and finalized their trimester of Foods class. "Our meal turned out pretty good except for the pancakes that we could not master," Cross said.

### TAKING THE STROKES.

Mid-stride, Jestten Watz '15 takes a breath during Team Sports. Since it was the first swim of the trimester, Mr. Kalchik explained each stroke to the class before they started. Trying for near perfect form, Watz finished his lengths quickly.



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### LIFESAVERS.

While in Safety Ed, Gabby Trudell '13 practices CPR on the class dummy. "It was interesting to learn ways to save people's lives...it is important to know the right forms because you never know when a situation can take place and you have to take the action," said Trudell.



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### INTRODUCTIONS.

During Mrs. Hursey's Intro. to P.E. class, Vance Wade '15 eyes the ball as it floats over the net. They were playing indoor tennis which was a new game introduced to them since they are in their first high school gym class. Landing in the opposite corner, Wade's team got the point.

### DOUBLE CHECK.

Making sure his sunny-side egg cooks to perfection, Dylan Clark '12 takes his final glance before sliding it onto his plate. With satisfaction on his face, Clark ate his egg.



# Stroke Of Independence

By: Morgan Scharz

## SLOW AND STEADY.

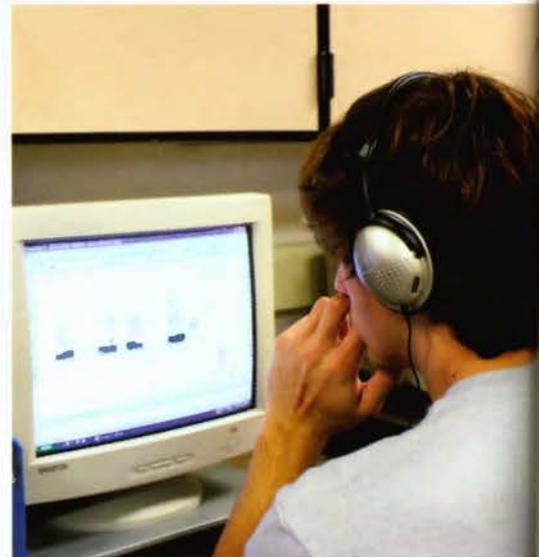
Using the trimming tool, Cody Lerash '12 adds the foot to his project. Before a bowl can be fired, it requires a foot on the bottom so it does not stick to the kiln when being fired.



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## BUILDING UP.

In Architectural Drawing, Collin Zaremba '13 focuses on building his house project. The complexity of the house was enough to keep Zaremba's attention. "I wanted to do something difficult to challenge myself," said Zaremba.



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## HANDS ON.

In Ms. Combs' Art 1 class, Ashley Winslow '12 concentrates on making her 3-D sculpture. She carefully placed the mixture resembling paper-mache onto her project to build upon it.



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## PLUG IN AND DRAW.

Absorbed in her work, Alyvia Kurtzhals '13 listens to her iPod with her headphones as she works on her drawing. She used the music as a tool. "It helps me concentrate on what I'm doing," said Kurtzhals.



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## RAISING THE ROOF.

Carefully moving around the structures to his house, Lucas Schunk '12 prepares for the finish of his house creation. Students were given multiple weeks to perfect their structures.

## IMAGINE THAT.

Reading through the musical *The Wizard of Oz*, Tyler Farnsworth '12 tries to get a better understanding of the scenes. Each student must know what happens in each scene in order to properly design the set.

## CLEAN CUT.

In Ms. Harrington's third hour Crafts class, Jessica Blask '13 makes a mosaic abstract of 'a girl looking down'. Blask made the finishing touches to her project by gluing on the last glass pieces.



"(My favorite art class was) Pottery because it was really hands on and 3-D which I like."

-Amber Best '13





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### **PAINT ON!**

To enhance her painting skills, Mariya Poe '13 participates in an independent study called Painting 2. Poe took advantage of this opportunity knowing that it would improve her college portfolio and her technique. Since her first art class freshman year, each project has contributed a part of her artistic journey. "Now was a perfect time for me to do an independent study because I'm at a point where art has become incredibly personal," said Poe. Though she still has criteria to follow, the class offers flexibility in each project. The experience allowed her to express her individuality.

### **FRAME YOURSELF.**

In Mr. Filipiak's Woods class, one project consists of crafting and staining picture frames. Each frame showed students' own unique style.



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### **ALL SMILES.**

In Art 1, Dalton Stauffer '15 sits back and admires the piece of his sculpture that he created. This moment allowed Stauffer to critique his project.

### **GLASS OWL.**

As Mackenzie Robson '12 carefully glues glass on her project, she prepares to finalize the piece. Students use nippers to break small glass shards in order to get the best detail possible.



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### **PLAY THE PART.**

In the Set Design class, Alexis Colligan '12 and Nick Quinn '15 read the scenes they received. "(It is beneficial because) it leaves room to imagine how we want it to look because of how vague it is," said Colligan.



# Calc You Later

By: Gabby Br

## INDIRECT MEASUREMENT.

Using a tape measure and a mirror, sophomores John Bailey, Christopher Bethea, and Samuel Gregory figure out the angle at which Bailey is standing in relation to the center of the mirror.



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## TO INFINITY AND BEYOND.

During their first high school math class, freshmen Sarah Stewart and Abigail Johnstone complete an assignment in Mr. Jackson's Geometry class. "I loved this class," said Stewart, "Mr. Jackson taught in a way that everyone understood."



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## QUESTIONS, CONCERNS?

In Mrs. Cantrell's Pre-Calculus Statistics class, David Mellon '12 helps partner Nicholas Carl '14 with his assignment. "Cantrell is a good teacher," said Mellon, "She has some odd but effective methods of teaching."



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## WHAT'S YOUR ANGLE?

Looking over her answers, Kacie Klott '14 makes sure that she completed her work correctly. "Algebra 2 was pretty easy," said Klott, "I liked the way that Mr. Slezak taught."



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## BE ADVENTAGEOUS.

During third hour, Mrs. Hyde helps Austin Droscha '13. Droscha used his time wisely by finishing his assignment in class so he did not have homework.



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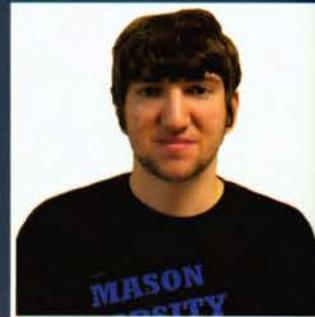
Working independently from his classmates, Eric Vincent '12 completes an assignment on the unit circle. The unit focuses on uses for pi in calculations.



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## EASY AS PI.

At the beginning of class, Zachary Quinn '14 writes down the answer to his algebraic problem. "I like math class," said Quinn, "I have lots of friends in it and Mrs. Hyde is a good teacher."



"[My favorite math teacher is] Mr. Jackson because you don't feel like you were doing work, but once you look back, you got a lot accomplished."

-Daniel Hawkins '12





### BASE YOUR HEIGHT.

The Indirect Measurement with Similar Triangles assignment has been completed by students year after year in Mr. Males' Geometry class. Following step by step instructions, Caitlin Bergeon '15, Cody Worden '13, and Lauren Colby '15 measure the length of their "triangle." Mr. Males instructed his students to choose a tall object that would be difficult to measure directly. This group chose to measure the flagpole on the football field, while others chose things such as a football goal post or the scoreboard. "I enjoyed the fact that we didn't have to sit in class and do a worksheet," said Colby, "We actually got to go outside and do it ourselves."

### DOUBLE CHECK.

In Algebra 2, Maeghan MacDonald '12 receives help from Mr. Slezak. He team taught with Mrs. Cantrell which allowed both teachers give students more personal attention.



BROWN

### MR. RIGHT.

To complete a worksheet William Brunst '15 plugs numbers into his graphing calculator. Geometry was Brunst's first high school math class.



BROWN

### 'TIS THE SEASON.

In the Christmas spirit, Joe Cecil '12 works on an assignment during his third hour Pre-Calculus Statistics class. Working with partner John Sainz '12, Cecil drew a Christmas tree using a ruler. "The project was cool because we got to create our own questions and pictures," said Cecil.

### HANDS HELD HIGH.

In Mr. Jackson's class, Amber Chance '15 raises her hand in hopes that she can get help from her teacher. "Geometry was fun," said Chance, "I had a great class and Mr. Jackson is awesome."



# Got Issues?

By: Lauren McDermott

## COMING TOGETHER.

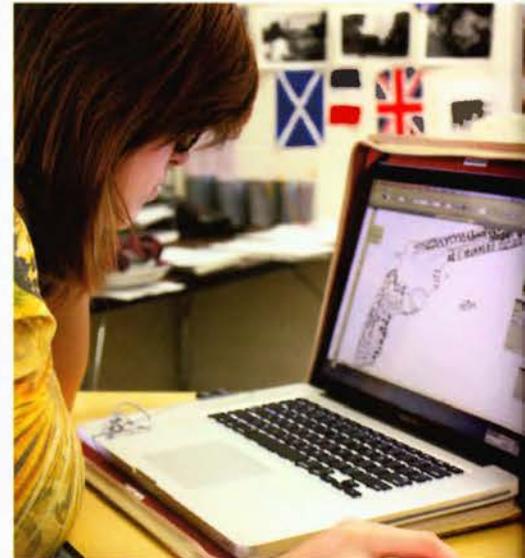
Social manager Katie Smith '13 writes what everyone needs to bring to the party on the board. Team building helped keep an exciting atmosphere after a hard deadline.



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## ARTISTIC JOURNALISM.

To illustrate what students thought about Crime Stoppers, Laura Holden '13 creates a graphic. The November issue featured this piece to educate students about Crime Stoppers and its services.



DAVIS

## RACING WITH TIME.

Staff writer Nicole Bryde '13 works conscientiously on the sports brief assigned to her. Writers typically have one week to interview people, edit and write the story before deadline.



McDERMOTT

## NEW DIRECTIONS.

Adviser Mrs. Mesyn shows students design ideas. The adviser also makes sure the staff meets all deadlines and keeps track of the budget.



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## GET INFORMED.

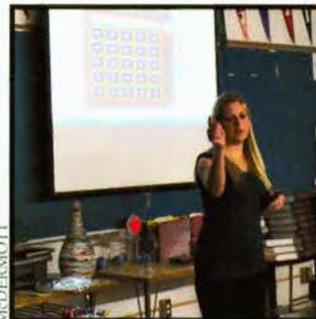
Page designer Cody Worden '13 conducts an interview over the phone. In order to get the facts right, reporters must collect information any way they can.



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## THE FINAL PRODUCT.

Students can pick up the monthly edition on racks located around school. The staff arrives at 7am on distribution day to hand out papers to every student and staff member.



McDERMOTT

## SPARTY ON.

Law Students from Michigan State University teach about their rights as journalists. They discussed libel, privacy law, copyright and slander.



"Being able to put my work out there and that every month the whole school gets to read my stories is the best part of The Profile."

-Emma Hainstock '14





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**SPREAD THE WORD.**

Before classes begin, Colleen Harrison '14 hands *The Profile* to Brooke Beaune '14. The night before Ms. Mesyn picked up the papers from the printer, which is located approximately 45 miles away in Owosso. To print eight pages, two of which are in color (front and back), costs \$450. Printing seven issues a year at that price proves costly, especially since the publication is self-funded. Ad sales, sponsorships, and fundraisers such as the lockup help defray printing costs.

**GETTING CREATIVE.**

Art and entertainment editor Kayla Jacob '12 edits her page for errors. Page designers must take all responsibility for errors on their pages.

**BRAINSTORMING SUCCESS.**

Planning takes up about four days out of the month the staff has to produce *The Profile*. First the whole staff brainstorms story ideas, then the page designers get together and draw an outline of what pages will look like.

**STELLAR REPORTS.**

Staff reporter and photographer Britanie Way '12 works on her story about Joshua Flamme '14 for the October issue. Reporters can interview people other than students such as administration or parents to get opinions.



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**NIT-PICKING.**

Reading over his Christmakwanzakkuh story Joseph Cecil '12 checks for all possible errors. One error in the story results in no points for spelling and AP style.



# Go Green

By: Annie McCarty

## EDIBLE SKIN.

In Ms. Ford's Anatomy class, Makaylin Hughes '12 adds a layer of hot cocoa powder to her project. The various snacks represented the epidermis, dermis and hypodermis layers of skin. After assembling this project, the Anatomy class better understood the different layers of skin and their proportions.



REISTER

## MAKE IT COUNT.

In action, Melissa Loszewski '15 tosses her lab project in hopes that it will land in one of the pails to receive an extra credit point. The Biology class experimented on an egg over the course of a week to test hypertonic and hypotonic solutions.



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## SCOOP SOME MORE.

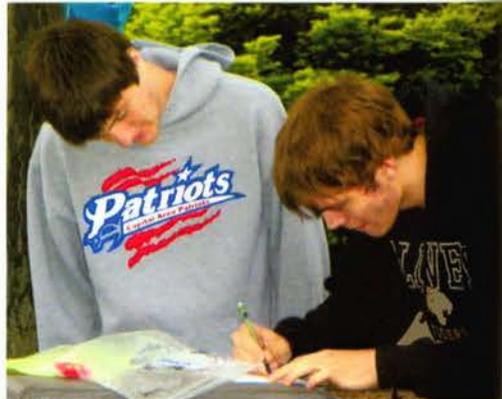
After a long walk to the barn, Kendra Wilson '12 tends to the boilers. Students from Mr. Barnum's Animal Science class kept track of characteristics such as growth rates and feed efficiency.



A.McCARTY

## FIELD TRIP.

At Cedar Point Amusement Park, Kyle Pier '12 and Daniel Couchenour '12 calculate the estimated height and speed of a roller coaster. After completing their exam, students got to spend the rest of the day enjoying the park.



JONES



A.McCARTY

## PLANT IT. CUT IT. CLEAN IT.

Being careful to not crunch the leaves, Samuel DeFord '12 cuts the spinach right below the head. In doing this the leftover roots and stems produced more leaves for future use.



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## A LINE TO MAKE SLIME.

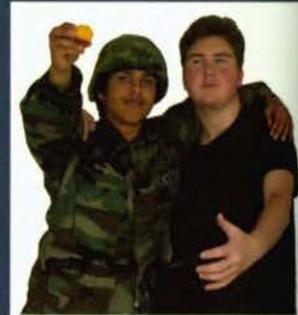
In Ms. Omillian's Applied Chemistry class, Pam Stid '14 measures and marks a line on a cup to establish the amount of glue needed. Students combined Elmer's glue, Borax and water to make slime.



A.McCARTY

## WASHY WASHY CLEAN.

Working together Brittany Hamilton '12 and Megan Ledesma '13 wash the newly harvested lettuce and spinach. Once finished, they weighed, bagged and handed out the produce to customers.



"[My favorite part of the Halloween Demo Day was] all the explosions, because when the pumpkin blew up my friend (Joe Russell '14) caught a piece in his hand."

-Westyn Hayhoe '14





McCARTY

## LETTUCE IN, IT'S COLD OUT HERE.

While snow falls outside, Hannah Hazewinkel '13 harvests leaf lettuce. Rain or shine, students must go to the greenhouse to collect and thin the plants. Mr. Barnum's Greenhouse Management class specifically had a greenhouse made for them this year. They planted radishes, parsley, carrots, and several different types of salad greens such as Mustard Greens, Mizuna, Arugula, Tatsoi and Spinach. The specialized building protects plants from the cold temperature outside and allows them to grow. A considerable amount of time goes into planting, watering, thinning and harvesting. "You have more satisfaction in a bag of lettuce you grew than buying it at the store. And watching the whole process is pretty cool," said Hazewinkel.



McCARTY

## PEEK-A-BOOM!

Students in Ms. Collins', Mr. Petee's and Mr. Botke's classes sit at the edge of their seats trying to get a glimpse of the action. In the spirit of Halloween, teachers put on an exploding science show.



Davis

## SLIME TIME.

To get a more hands on experience, Eric Mills '13 measures out Elmer's glue. Once mixed with water and Borax the solution became a thick slippery substance.



McCARTY



A.McCARTY

## BUBBLICIOUS.

In order to get students involved, Ms. Collins passes around an experiment. The reaction from combining dry ice and dish soap resulted in a carbon dioxide bubble fountain. "I've never seen anything like it before. So I wanted to experience it," said Paige Miller '14.

## ONE FOR THE TEAM.

The last to toss their team's experimented egg, Joseph Benson '14 makes it land in the first bucket. Ms. Ford's Biology class celebrated with high fives and ecstatic expressions after they all received one extra credit point because of the successful attempt.



# Back in the Day

By: Katie Smith

## ADVANCED TEACHING.

In his first ever AP U.S. History class, Mr. Guysky gives the overview for the day. "It's fun to teach all that history (but) it's been hard to prepare. We cover 2 chapters a week," said Guysky.



SMITH

## ACTING OUT.

Junior Jessie Blask pretends that she is an African-American woman named Mrs. Sweet in the book-turned-play *Arc of Justice*. Students in Civics performed certain parts in the play at the Hall of Justice in Lansing for extra credit.



COURTESY OF MRS. PIERCE

## JUDGEMENT DAY.

Senior Grant Rasmussen acts as Judge Murphy in the play performed by the students in Civics. Rasmussen made sure everything ran smoothly and announced the verdict during the final minutes of the trial.



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## HARD AT WORK.

In the computer lab, Jordan Young '13 researches her topic for the final exam project for the first trimester of AP U.S. History. Young chose the topic of transformation of politics in the Antebellum America.



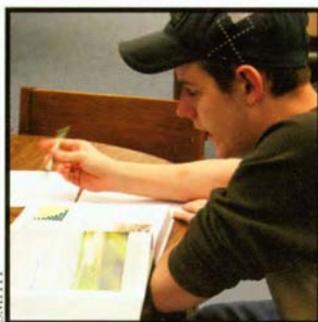
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## STUDY SAVVY.

Senior Breanna VanNortwick works on her Civics homework during Study Skills. She likes this class period because of the opportunities it gives her. "I can get my work done and get help on my homework," said VanNortwick.



SMITH

## TOUGH WORK.

Deep concentration is vital to achieving success while in AP U.S. History. Ryan Gibbs '12 worked diligently to get a portion of his final exam project finished.



SMITH

## MAKE YOUR POINT.

In Psychology, senior Briana Conarton states her point about animal testing. The class did an activity called a "Values Walk," where a topic was brought up and then debated.



"[I was dressed up like this] because we reenacted a court case that happened in Michigan. And I got 50 extra credit points for it."

-Emily Disselkoen '13



### PREPARATION.

Surrounded by textbooks, Bethany Minier '14 engrosses herself in her review for Unit 4, the section of the class that focuses on different dynasties. While Mr. Martel talked about the potential test questions while she jotted down information to help her study. "History is one of my favorite subjects, so I really liked learning who rulers were and how they became emperor in each dynasty. I learned a lot about different tactics and methods for defense, war, housing, and work. I took a lot away from this class," said Minier. She excelled in this subject and enjoyed the time she had during her first trimester.

### LISTEN UP.

The class listens closely to Mr. Martel as he talks about the latest test. Jesse Grant '14 listens intently to make sure he understands as much information as possible.

### HAPPY PEOPLE.

Every morning in Psychology, Mr. Chapin starts the class by reading a book. During second trimester, the book is called *Happy People* and talks about how to make one's life more satisfying.

### INTRIGUED.

Senior Andrew Flory reads an article that expresses the facts about analyzing economic enigmas. An economic enigma is a puzzle or riddle that may be explained through economic analysis.

### WATCHING AND WAITING.

Waiting patiently, Colleen Harrison '14 raises her hand to get Mr. Martel's attention. Harrison wanted clarification on a review question about feminism.



# Creative Addition

By: Emily Ingalls

## PLANNING THE CHANGE.

Behind the counter of the school store, Zach Fillingham '13 works on counting back change. Fillingham's job requires him to use fine motor skills, social skills and test his ability to keep the store organized.



INGALLS

## OUT WITH THE OLD.

On Wednesdays, Sarah Hill '12 helps exchange dirty wash cloths. Along with the cloths, bottles and paper are also collected to be washed and recycled. The goal behind these duties are to teach organization and household skills.



INGALLS

## SOCIAL BUTTERFLY.

Students are split into groups during lunch that reflect their needs. Nathan Ruiz '12 interacts with other students which helps build social skills.



INGALLS

## TRICK-OR-TREAT.

At the annual Halloween party students played games and had treats. Afterward the class went trick-or-treating to other classrooms. Zach Fillingham '13 dressed as the Green Lantern and reported that the donut game as his favorite part of the day.



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INGALLS

## WORKING HARD.

After students finish lunch, Joe Mannino '13 collects their trays. Some students work in different areas of the school each day. After a few weeks, workers receive a pay check which they use during shopping trips.



INGALLS

## MUFFIN MAN.

Tyler Kean '14 collects money at the muffin cart every Wednesday. Kean pushes the cart and takes money in an effort to enhance his motor skills.



MCCORMICK

## A HELPING HAND.

To help prepare for the fall craft fair held on November 12, Brian Martin '14 and Joe Mannino '13 put together signs. Hosting the craft fair each year is the CBI program's biggest fundraiser.



[My favorite part of class is] making ginger bread houses...my grandpa and I used to make them together.

-Sarah Hill '12





INGALLS

### PIECE BY PIECE.

Using frosting in place of glue, Brian Martin '14 connects a gingerbread man to his project. The week before winter break students in room 13 went to work building gingerbread houses. While creating the festive decorations can be fun for students it has an alternative motive. Handling the small pieces helps with fine motor skills, making decisions, promotes confidence, and creates the need for teamwork. Students decided to hold a competition after they finished. Competitions are only held after taking a vote from all students and then tallying the results. This becomes an opportunity to combine fun activities with the class math lessons. "Work to a level of success for everyone" is Mrs. McCormick's motto for her students. When it comes to competing against each other it is always the student's decision. There are lessons worked into everything done each day.



INGALLS



INGALLS

### TEAM WORK.

Jenna Cole '13 shows Derek Dobbs '13 the system they use for sorting recyclables. Cole enjoys dancing while she works and Dobbs sings to pass the time.

### 'TIS THE SEASON.

In preparation for the upcoming party, Jonah Anderson arranges the drinks. The party is an annual event held at Mrs. McCormick's house. The evening's festivities include early dinner, a gift exchange and game playing.



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INGALLS

### SHOP-A-HOLICS.

While discussing the serving size of soup Zach Fillingham '13 and Max VanWormer '13 decide which soup would best feed their class. Three students and Mrs. McCormick took a trip to Meijer on November 28. They entered the store with a list of foods they wanted to purchase for their upcoming cooking lesson.

### FUN AND GAMES.

Dressed as a fierce tiger, Nathan Ruiz '12 participates in a Halloween game. It was his first time playing the donut game and his strategy consisted of making the donut still and biting it from underneath.



# Lost in Translation

By: Rachel Da

## ON THE RUNWAY.

In Sra. Tkaczyk's Spanish II class, Val Washburn '14 shows her shutter shades to the class. By announcing each piece of Washburn's costume in Spanish for the fashion show, Stephany Crooks '14 practiced her accent and vocabulary.

## RHYTHMIC RIG.

To celebrate Halloween, Srta. Carter and Sr. Mitchum dress up as Maracas. They sang and danced to *La Bamba* and *Feliz Halloween* outside of their classroom.

## CULTURAL CUSHION.

Showing off her most prized possession, Rebecca Cena '14 tells her classmates about her pillow pet, claiming she "takes it everywhere she goes." The class pretended to visit the altars of themselves for Day of the Dead and spoke in Spanish about their most beloved belongings.

## FRENCH FIESTA.

Taking a break from the textbook, Mme. Cottrill dances with her students. The class had a day to eat, dance and laugh together to celebrate and embrace French culture.



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## SPANISH STRUTTING.

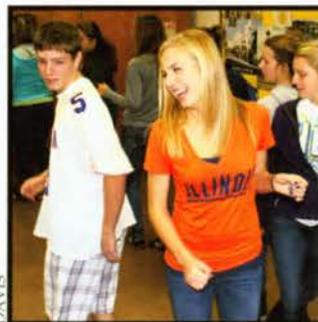
Dressed in classy attire, Abe Schon '14 models for a fashion show. "I enjoyed getting out and doing something as a class rather than just studying out of the textbook," said Schon.



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## INFINITIVE INTEREST.

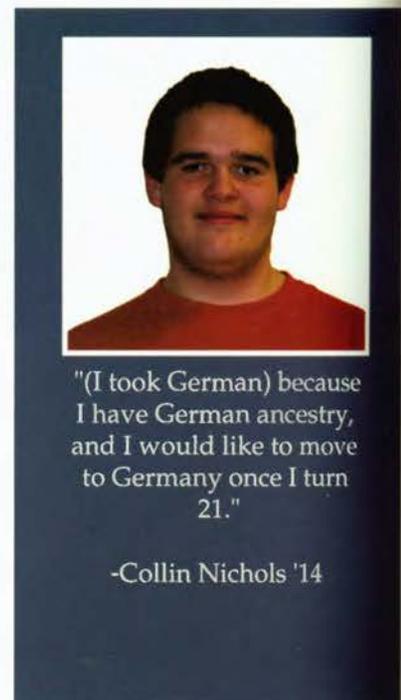
In German class, Dylan Goedert '13 pays close attention as Frau Norton presents the class with new verbs. The action words will help the class expand their German vocabulary.



DAVIS

## GET JIGGY WITH IT.

After enjoying lots of French food, Hunter Erickson '14 and Alix Blair '14 dance together on their day of celebration. "It's a fun day to learn about French culture," said Blair.



"(I took German) because I have German ancestry, and I would like to move to Germany once I turn 21."

-Collin Nichols '14





### LOUDY WEATHER.

This past summer Mme. Cottrill and Ms. Harrington took students on a 12-day trip to France. While on the trip, Jordan Roloff '12 experienced something unique. At 2 a.m. the night before the group planned to go home, Roloff checked to make sure his passport was in his bag and realized he no longer knew of its whereabouts. He then told Mme. Cottrill the news, who feared he would not be able to fly home with the rest of the group. Her fear came true when security would not allow Roloff on the plane. Thankfully, his mother had made copies of his passport and license, which Roloff and the group's tour guide, Jean Jacques took to the United States embassy. There they got him an emergency passport, which helped him to arrive home the next day. "Once I had my passport back it was such a relief!" said Roloff.



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JACQUES



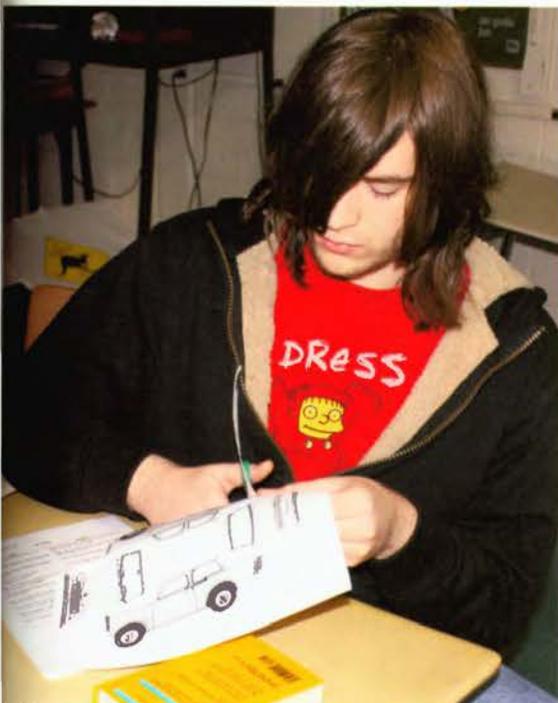
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### FOREIGN FIELD TRIP.

In hopes of passing on a new, educated worldview, 18 students and 10 chaperones visit France. Participant Taylor McCord '12 said it "gave [her] a well-rounded view of the country, rather than Paris alone."

### SIBLING SCENE.

During a French skit, Kelsey McClung '13 and Mary Hudgins '12 act like they have to quickly leave a forest to get McClung medical aid for her snakebite. Hudgins said she reads books in French every night which helped her prepare for the skit.



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### CAR CREATIVITY.

During a cultural lesson in German class, Kevin Pratt '13 sections off part of the Trabant. The Trabant originated in East Germany and thrived there for decades as the most popular car.

### MAKING MEMORIES.

In celebration of Day of the Dead, Katie Bailor '14 creates a papel picado. Traditionally, Mexicans made papel picado by cutting intricate designs out of tissue paper, similar to Americans cutting out snowflakes for the winter holidays.



# The Master Plan

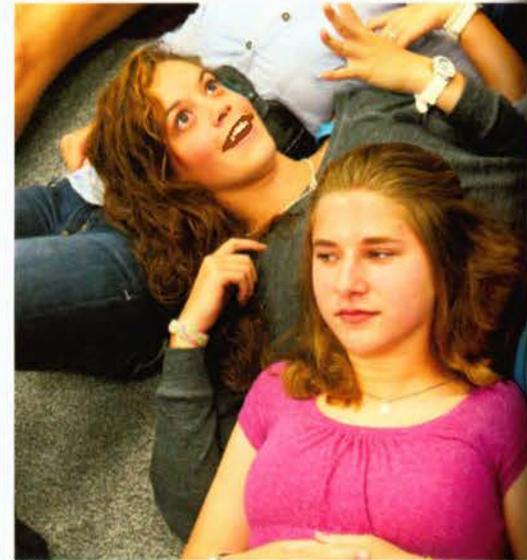
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## SEARCH AND FIND.

Finding a person to interview, Katie Smith '12 checks the student master list. To involve as many students as possible the staff members refer to this list, which shows the number of times individuals are used. If three or more page numbers appear after a student's name, then their name becomes highlighted so staff members can focus on other students.



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## BUILDING TRUST.

At the beginning of the year, Brooke Stephens '12 counts on her fingers while she plays "Ha Ha". Stephens had to say 'Ha' 15 times without laughing. These team building activities get staff members more comfortable with one another.

## QUICK CHECK.

On exam day, Emily Ingalls '12 meets with Higgs to go over her pages. Before every deadline, two rough drafts must be turned in and checked over by either the adviser or an editor.



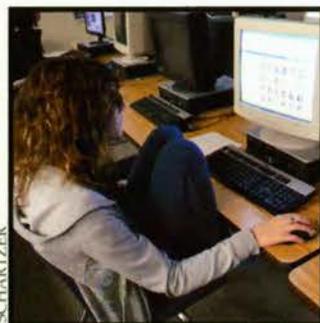
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## CREATIVE CRITICISM.

On deadline day, Annie McCarty '12 asks Rachel Davis '12 questions about her rough draft. McCarty needed advice on how the second sentence of her caption about carbon dioxide for the science page sounded.



SCHARTZER



SHIREY



SCHARTZER

## SORTED OUT.

Working on junior mugs, Amelia Schon '13 checks the image library on Yearbook Avenue to see which students had duplicate pictures. Schon had to delete duplicates and then flowed the mugs for the section.

## PERFECT SHOT.

In the studio, Gabby Brown '12 works on the Tricaster to help edit a commercial to advertise yearbook sales. Brown helped Joshua McCarty '12 with the videos.

## FLIP IT OVER.

On exam day, Emily Shirey '12 works on flipping french toast. Shirey made french toast while the rest of the class worked on page deadlines. The class enjoyed breakfast after working on the exam.



"(I joined yearbook because) I always thought it would be cool to see how it was created."

-Danielle Rustem '13



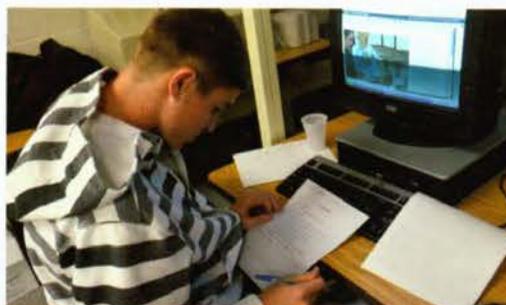


### WELL ROUNDED.

To set up for the unity picture, Bobby Albert '12 and Joshua McCarty '12 map out circles for each of the classes. To prepare for making the circles, Albert and McCarty spent hours during class and after school figuring out calculations for the five circles. In order to get the dimensions of each circle, Albert and McCarty figured the average shoulder length of girls and boys. After that, they broke down each class by the number of boys and girls. Then they took the number of women and men in each class and multiplied it by the average shoulder length. They added the two together to get an average number for each class. The diagram was painted on the baseball field the afternoon prior to the whole school picture.

### WORKING TOGETHER.

As deadline for senior salutes approaches, Charlotte Remington '12 and Joshua McCarty '12 work on folding and taping notices that are sent to parents. Generally this is a popular way for families to acknowledge their senior's accomplishments.



SCHARTZER

### CHECK IT TWICE.

Senior Nick McNeilly looks over the final edit checklist to make sure his page meets criteria. Items on the checklist include name spelling, proper grammar and page design elements such as correct font sizes and correct pica spacings.



LEE

### ALL QUESTIONS ASKED.

To get more information about a picture, Morgan Schartzter '13 interviews Brook Best '13. Interviews are conducted to get more in depth information that might be needed for a caption or story.

### POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT.

As the sophomore class heads out to the baseball field, Hannah Reister '12 and Emily Ingalls '12 give high fives to Karen Edwards-Dunn '14. Reister and Ingalls gave high fives to every person as they walked single file into the baseball field. "(We gave high fives) to encourage them to make a single file line and pump them up about the picture," said Reister.



# FACULTY

## One Impact

*Mr. Paul Kato*

For the past three years, Mr. Paul Kato has dedicated countless hours to establishing a residential soccer school in Nigeria, his home country. Though he may not always enjoy the hard work and time the project requires, he said he knows in his heart that starting Kato International Training Academy (KITA) is the right thing for him to do. The whole undertaking started with a God-given conviction and has completely changed his life. Once he established his purpose, he teamed up with his brother-in-law, Likoro Bature, and they began working on the school's mission statement and business plan. They also began picking out soccer directors and developing a board of directors for KITA in the United States and in Nigeria. With the help of Nike and Rush Soccer, they formed soccer clubs in two major cities, Kano and Kaduna, from which they would draw future students for the residential school. Kato's mission for the school is "to train, educate, and mold talented youth to excel on the soccer field and the classroom (by establishing) an academy that develops future leaders that are compassionate, ethical, and disciplined." Kato said this project has been both the toughest and most rewarding experience of his life, shaping him into a more appreciative individual and ridding him of petty values. He also dreams of impacting Mason High School students by increasing their cultural awareness and gratitude for their blessings and opportunities.





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# Amsler



**Ms. Amsler**  
*Student Support Teacher*  
 "Optimists think the glass is half full. Pessimists think the glass is half empty. Realists know that someone will have to wash the glass."  
 -Anonymous



**Ms. Baker**  
*Summit Secretary*  
 "The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson."  
 -Tom Bodett



**Ms. Ball**  
*Student Support Teacher*  
 "The difference between a flower and a weed is a judgement."  
 -Rabbi Ben Azai



**Ms. Banks**  
*Cook*  
 "Carpe diem, seize the day!"  
 -Horace



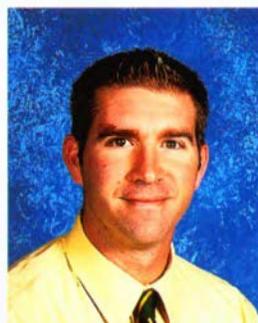
**Mr. Barnum**  
*Agriscience Teacher*  
 "If you're mad and you don't get over it, you're mad for a really long time."



**Ms. Bird**  
*Math Intern*  
 "All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them."  
 -Galileo Galilei



**Ms. Bosman**  
*Math Teacher*  
 "When I get sad, I stop being sad and be awesome instead!"  
 -Barney Stinson



**Mr. Botke**  
*Science Teacher*  
 "Swing for the fences, but accept a single."



**Ms. Bousfield**  
*Band Director*  
 "Make it great!"



**Ms. Brewer**  
*Student Support Teacher*  
 "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."  
 -Philippians 4:13



**Mr. Brock**  
*Building Engineer*  
 "Always plan for the worst, that way your surprises are pleasant ones!"  
 -Robert Jordan



**Ms. Burley**  
*French Intern*  
 "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."  
 -Albert Einstein



**Ms. Cantrell**  
*Math Teacher*  
 "Strive to be exceptional rather than the exception."



**Ms. Carl**  
*English Teacher*  
 "Chose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life."  
 -Confucius



**Ms. Carter**  
*Spanish Teacher*  
 "To see yourself, you must see the world."





**Ms. Catalano**  
Business Teacher

"My goal in life is to be as good of a person as my dog already thinks I am."  
-Anonymous



**Mr. Chaney**  
Business Teacher

"Learn from your mistakes - Admit them and don't repeat them."



**Mr. Chapin**  
Physical Education Teacher

"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly."  
-Robert F. Kennedy



**Ms. Collins**  
Science Teacher

"You can't possibly hit the ball if you are thinking about all the different ways you can miss."  
-Anonymous



**Ms. Combs**  
Fine Arts Teacher

"Today is a gift, that is why it is called the present. With eyes wide, capture each moment. Feel the weight of its greatness. Breathe slowly, believe in you by being fully here. Now open it!"



**Ms. Conway**  
Student Support Aide

"Put your Faith and Fear into the Lord's hands. Ask and you shall receive. The Lord helps those who help themselves... in other words, it's going to work out!"



**Ms. Cottrill**  
French Teacher

"If you are bored, it is because you are boring."



**Mr. Crandall**  
Custodian

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."  
-Proverbs 3:5-6



**Mr. Cunningham**  
English Teacher

"Whatever you do, do it aggressively."



**Ms. Daft**  
Student Support Aide

"You only live once, but if you work it right, once is enough."  
-Joe E. Lewis



**Mr. Delbridge**  
Principal

"You've got a long list of choices. If getting out of bed in the morning is a chore and you're not smiling on a regular basis, try another choice." -Steven D. Woodhull



**Ms. Dickinson**  
Social Worker

"Enjoy life everyday! Treat others with respect and kindness. Be comfortable with who you are."



**Ms. Davan**  
Cook

"Have the strength and wisdom to seek help from anyone able to give it."



**Ms. Disbro**  
Special Education Director

"An optimist sees the opportunity in every challenge."  
-Anonymous



**Ms. Estrada**  
Student Support Aide

"Be the change you wish to see in the world."  
-Mahatma Gandhi



# Filipiak



**Mr. Filipiak**  
*Industrial Technology Teacher*  
 "Hands on skills and an education will take you further than anything else."



**Mr. Fisher**  
*Athletic Assistant*  
 "These are some of the best times of your life, enjoy them!"



**Ms. Fisher**  
*Bookkeeper / Food Service*  
 "Treat everyone the way you would like to be treated!"



**Ms. Ford**  
*Science Teacher*  
 "When faced with a challenge, look for a way, not a way out."  
 -David Weatherford



**Mr. Gailey**  
*Summit Teacher*  
 "Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."  
 -Robert Collier



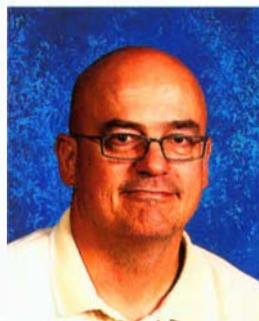
**Ms. Gavitt**  
*Community Education Coordinator*  
 "Dance like no one is watching. Love like you'll never be hurt. Sing like no one is listening. Live like it's heaven on earth."  
 -William Purkey



**Ms. Gloden**  
*Administration Secretary*  
 "Remember your family and treasure your moments today as life changes constantly."



**Ms. Goodman**  
*Guidance Counselor*  
 "People may not remember exactly what you did or said, but they will always remember how you made them feel."



**Mr. Guysky**  
*Social Studies Teacher*  
 "Do not pray for easier lives. Pray to be stronger men."  
 -John F. Kennedy



**Ms. Hansens**  
*Theatre Teacher/Choir Director*  
 "Unless you risk getting to know the core of a person, you may miss out on some really meaningful relationships. You never know when you'll meet a person who will enrich your life."



**Ms. Harrington**  
*Fine Arts Teacher*  
 "Where the spirit does not work with the hand, there is no art."  
 -Leonardo de Vinci



**Ms. Hart**  
*Cook*  
 "Enjoy your four years in high school, they go fast!"



**Ms. Harvey**  
*Social Worker*  
 "Fear makes strangers of people who could be friends."  
 -Shirley Maclaine



**Ms. Hastings**  
*English Teacher*  
 "Not all those who wander are lost."  
 -J. R. R. Tolkien



**Mr. Haynie**  
*Business Teacher*  
 "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."  
 -Benjamin Franklin





**Mr. Haynie**  
Maintenance

"Hope for the best, prepare for the worst, and take what comes."

-English Proverb



**Ms. Heikkila**  
Cook

"Live life to the fullest; it's a blessing. Go sky diving, rocky mountain climbing, etc. Embrace it, the good and bad. Attain your goals and reach for the sky. You were not born to fail!"



**Mr. Hensley**  
Custodian

"Explore the world—a lot to see out there. Have fun and be safe. Always try to save 10% of your paycheck."



**Ms. Higgins**  
Business Teacher

"Permit yourself to be challenged, and you compel yourself to grow stronger. Discipline yourself to stay focused, and you reward yourself with great achievement."

-Ralph Marsten



**Ms. Hilker**

Administration Secretary  
"A friendly smile goes a long way. Make a positive difference every chance you get."



**Ms. Holbrook**  
Registrar

"Hopefully you've met a best friend during your school years, one that will bring you happy memories for a lifetime."



**Ms. Holman**  
Food Services Supervisor

"Eat healthy and drink your milk!"



**Ms. Holoway**  
Student Support Aide

"Man.. it seems like everyday I come to school and all I do is school work!"

-Anonymous student



**Ms. Hunter**  
Summit Teacher

"Live intentionally."



**Ms. Hursey**

Physical Education Teacher  
"Go the extra mile- it is never crowded."  
-Charles R. Swindoll



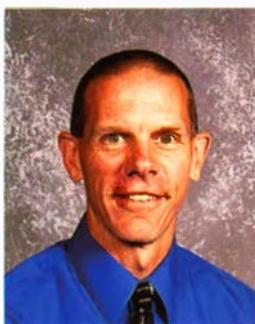
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Math Teacher

"If it rains on your parade, add a slip 'n' slide."



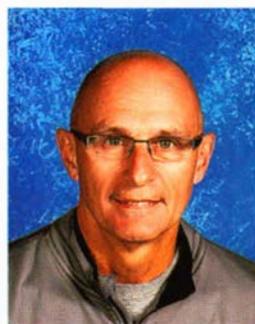
**Mr. Jackson**  
Math Teacher

"Do or do not do, there is no try."  
-Yoda



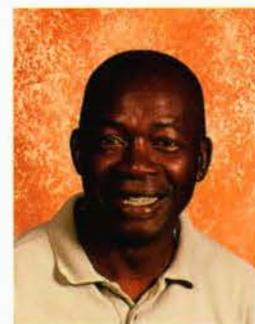
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Statistics / Physics Teacher  
"It's funny how hard work usually yields pretty good results."



**Mr. Kalchik**

Physical Education Teacher  
"Take care of your body. It's the only place you have to live."  
-Jim Rohn



**Mr. Kato**

Business Teacher  
"At God's footstool to confess, a poor soul knelt, and bowed his head. 'I failed' he cried. The Master said, 'Thou did thy best, that is success.'"  
-John Wooden



# Kelly



**Ms. Kelly**  
Math Teacher

"Never doubt that your best is always good enough."



**Ms. Kingman**  
Student Support Aide

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson



**Mr. Kinney**  
Summit Teacher

"Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out."  
-John Wooden



**Mr. Lamer**  
Math Intern

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."  
-Albert Einstein



**Mr. Lattig**  
Athletic Director

"People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."  
-Theodore Roosevelt



**Mr. Lawson**  
Custodian

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."  
-Albert Einstein



**Ms. Lawson**  
Custodian

"Once you say you're going to settle for second, that's what happens to you in life."  
John F. Kennedy



**Ms. Luesse**  
Psychologist

"Believe in – and engage in random acts of kindness."



**Mr. Males**  
Math Teacher

"Don't be different just to be different, be different by being yourself."



**Ms. Malone**  
Resource Teacher

"Two roads diverged in a wood and I – I took the one less traveled by, and that made all the difference."  
-Robert Frost



**Mr. Martel**  
Social Studies Teacher

"Respect is earned, not given. Don't go through life with the misconception that people owe you respect!"



**Ms. McCormick**  
CBI Program Instructor

"There is a light at the end of every tunnel... just pray it is not a train."  
-Tamil Proverb



**Mr. McCullen**  
Social Studies Teacher

"The true test of a man's character is what he does when no one is watching."  
-John Wooden



**Ms. Mesyn**  
Social Studies / Journalism Teacher

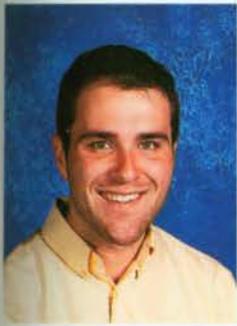
"Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions."  
-Albert Einstein



**Mr. Mills**  
Summit Teacher

"Discover the difference between things with which you should be satisfied and things you should not."





**Mr. Mitchum**  
Spanish Intern  
"Life is too short to care about what people think."



**Ms. Neal**  
Attendance Secretary  
"Life is what you make it."



**Mr. Northcutt-Bohmart**  
Security Guard  
"Yesterday is history – Tomorrow is a mystery— Today is a gift, that is why they call it the present."  
-Kung Fu Panda



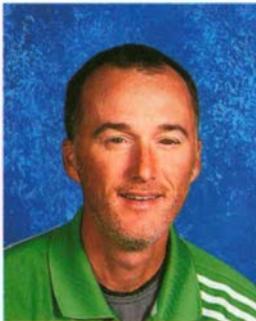
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German Teacher  
"Alles Gute für die Zukunft (All the best for the future)."



**Ms. Oakes**  
Guidance Counselor  
"We all have a certain amount of heartbeats in our lives. Use them wisely and well."



**Ms. Omillian**  
Science Teacher  
"A dream is like a river – Ever changing as it flows – And a dreamer's just a vessel – That must follow where it goes."  
-Garth Brooks



**Mr. Petee**  
Science Teacher  
"Chance favors the prepared mind."  
-William Shakespeare



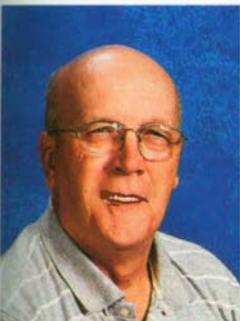
**Ms. Pierce**  
Social Studies Teacher  
"The difference between who you are today and who you will be in five years will be the people you spend time with and the books you read."



**Mr. Pitman**  
Economics Teacher  
"Never, never, never give up!"  
-Winston Churchill



**Ms. Prais**  
English as a Second Language Teacher  
"Do your best. Your future depends on it."



**Mr. Preston**  
Lunch Aide  
"Once you choose what you're going to do in life, stick with it, through thick and thin."



**Ms. Riegert**  
Cook  
"Work hard in all that you do and you will succeed."



**Ms. Rintelmann**  
Cook  
"Be happy and love what you do. Do your best to accomplish your goals. However, just remember, always have fun along the way!"



**Ms. Rogers**  
Cook  
"Stay away from the drama. Always follow your dreams."



**Ms. Royalty**  
Summit Teacher  
"What would you try if you knew you would not fail?"



# Runyon



**Mr. Runyon**  
Custodian  
"Keep steadily before you the fact that all true success depends at last upon yourself."  
-Theodore T. Hunger



**Ms. Rustad**  
Resource Teacher  
"If you feel bound, you are bound. If you feel free, you are free."



**Ms. Sandel**  
Librarian / Media Coordinator  
"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."  
-E. E. Cummings



**Ms. Schafer**  
Life Management Teacher  
"Insist on raising funds of love, of kindness, of understanding, of peace. Money will come if we seek first the kingdom of God- the rest will be given."  
-Mother Teresa



**Mr. Shafer**  
Counseling Intern  
"In life, do what you like, and like what you do. There will always be conflicts to overcome, and there will always be drama to contend with, but the truer you are to yourself, and your desires, the happier you will be."



**Ms. Shell**  
Student Support Teacher  
"Dance like no one is watching. Love like you'll never be hurt. Sing like no one is listening. Live like it's heaven on earth."  
-William Purkey



**Ms. Sherman**  
Resource Teacher  
"Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions."  
-Dalai Lama



**Mr. Shoemaker**  
Science Teacher  
"If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?"  
-Albert Einstein



**Ms. Simison**  
Student Support Aide  
"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."  
-Dr. Suess



**Mr. Slezak**  
Math Teacher  
"Have a sense of humor."



**Mr. Spink**  
Fleet Mechanic Helper  
"Consider our "Fortune" in watching the sunrise each day! Build on it from there!"



**Ms. Stalzer**  
Lunch Aide  
"The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up."



**Ms. Stimers**  
English Teacher  
"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."  
-Col 3: 23



**Mr. Stuard**  
Summit Coordinator  
"We don't know who we are until we see what we can do."  
-Martha Grimes



**Mr. Sundermann**  
English Teacher  
"Harness the awesome power of the present moment."





**Ms. Swab**  
Student Support Aide  
"Live, Laugh, Love."



**Ms. Tatar**  
Student Support Aide  
"People are going to give you a lot of advice as you grow up. Make the advice that feels right and works for you, a part of you and let the rest go."



**Ms. Tkaczyk**  
Spanish and English Teacher  
"Always do the most tedious tasks first.. then the rest is easy!"



**Mr. Toodzio**  
Assistant Principal  
"Free education, bring your own container."



**Ms. VanBeelen**  
Social Studies Teacher  
"You must be the change you wish to see in the world"  
-Mahatma Gandhi



**Ms. Walsh**  
English Teacher  
"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson



**Ms. Warnke**  
Lunch Aide  
"Always look for the rainbow in everything."



**Ms. Wassner**  
Athletics Secretary  
"Be nice. Make good choices. Call your mother."



**Mr. Wharton**  
Lunch Aide  
"It's not about what you did or didn't do in high school. It's about what you take with you when you leave!"



**Ms. Wharton**  
Student Support Teacher  
"The doors we open and close each day decide the lives we live."  
-Flora Whittemore



**Ms. Williams**  
Guidance Counselor  
"Never, never get a credit card for the cool t-shirt or the water bottle that comes with the application! Stay away from the credit cards!"

## Did you know...

Mr. Hensley was an extra in the movie 'Top Gun,' because he worked on the USS Enterprise during the production.

Ms. Cottrill hitchhiked across North Africa in 1975, when travel was more safe.

Mr. Toodzio studied in the Soviet Union up until two weeks before the fall. He even saw Mrs. Barbara Bush at McDonald's once.



# FRESHMEN

## One Beginning

*Sandy Porto Navarrete*

As a young child, Sandy Porto Navarrete '15 lived in Cuba. This, however, was before his parents won the lottery in 1998, which included visas, green cards, and a house in Lansing allowing the entire family to begin a new life in America. The family lived happily for a few years and was able to help Porto Navarrete's extended family move from Cuba to mid-Michigan as well. Porto Navarrete thoroughly enjoyed having his family around; they made him feel at home and more comfortable. "It was really great to have them here because we didn't know a lot of people (in Michigan)," said Porto Navarrete. After an extended period of misfortune, Porto Navarrete, his mother and his three siblings had to leave their home in Lansing to find a new place to live. In her search for a new beginning, Porto Navarrete's mother found Mason which was affordable and offered opportunities for her children that she did not see in other places. Porto Navarrete's new lifestyle has allowed him to enjoy school much more than before. "People here are more peaceful and hardworking," said Porto Navarrete.





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Who is  
your  
personal  
hero?



"Jamal Crawford...  
because he's a really good  
point guard and I feel like  
I could learn a lot from  
him."  
-Emily Somerville



"Dave Gruel...he is a good  
musician and an inspiration for  
me."

-Josh Preston



"Zach Galfianakis...I like how  
he didn't want to be famous."

-Rachel Cook



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 Jacob Hendershot  
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 Alex Hoffmeyer





# Fresh Trends



## Snapback Hats

*Foster Whipple*



## Crew Neck Sweatshirts

*Tyler Arnett, Kolby Thompson, Dana Winkler*



## Apple Electronics

*Vance Wade, Peyton Bancroft, Hilary Schroeder*



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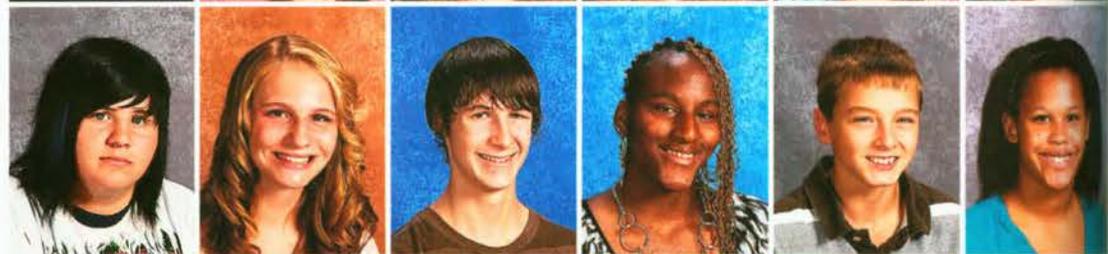
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## Who has given you the best advice?



"Amanda Warvel...She suggested what teachers to take, what to expect in high school, and to stay on the right side of the hallway."

-Emma Goebel



"Emily Shirey...She told me not to let people get me down because confidence is key."

-Nathan Krzesicki



"My sister [Olivia Hoffmeyer] told me that it wasn't as scary as everyone says."

-Alex Hoffmeyer





Dakota Vallejo  
Emily VanHavel  
Vance Wade  
Akiliah Walker  
Hannah Warvel  
Jestten Watz



Kristin Welton  
Kelsey Wenson  
Foster Whipple  
Tessa Wilhelm  
Hope Willshaw  
James Wilson



Dana Winkler  
Seth Woll  
Damian Woodruff  
Edmund Wooldridge  
Jenna Yanz  
Sierra Young



Miranda Zuke

## What shocked you the most about high school?



"All of the people...I came from a class of 10 at Our Savior Lutheran School, so it was much harder to get to class in the crowded hallways."

-Kaitlyn Kaschinske



"The lunch schedule...I miss having all of my friends in my lunch with me."

-Macey Lewis



"The size of the building... Even though it is so big, I still got around pretty quickly."

-Dolan Moles



# SOPHOMORES

## One Focus

*Harris Priller*

Harris Priller's elementary school experience was different from most students'. When his second grade teacher realized he had not been turning in his schoolwork, she notified his mother, who thought the work was too simple for Priller. As a result, she had Harris tested to find the right place for him academically. The test results revealed that he could advance to fourth grade after finishing second grade. Unfortunately, this involved moving from Steele Elementary to Alaiedon Elementary because Steele's fourth grade class was full. Regardless, Priller wanted more challenging work, so he agreed to switch. The transition proved harder than he had expected — not because of the schoolwork, but because he did not know anyone at Steele. "I felt like a social outcast," said Priller. As years passed, he became more secure and formed friendships with his fellow students. By sixth grade, he felt much better about his social situation. Now, Priller said he feels like any other sophomore at MHS, but his peers typically find him extremely smart. Also, teachers often expect more from him, but he appreciates the challenge. Looking back on his elementary school days, Priller said, "It was rather difficult switching to fourth grade. I would tell (someone in the same situation) to not let people judge you or look down on you. People will consider you young and ignorant, but that's not the case at all." Despite the difficult transition to fourth grade, Priller said he would have made the same decision again because the journey has shaped him into the person he is today.





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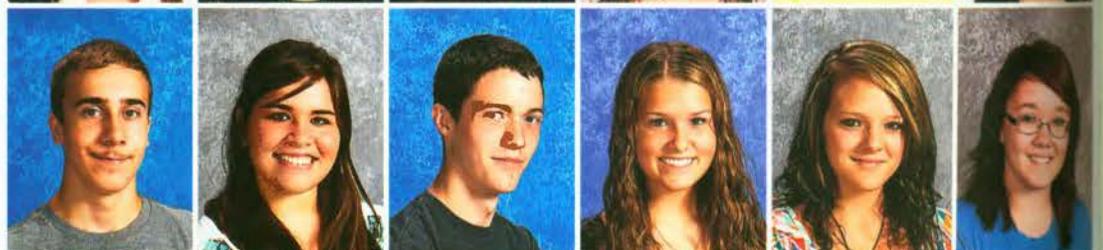
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"A comb"

-Joseph Fox '14



"Probably perfume"

-Cori Zaremba '14



"Tons of sketch pads"

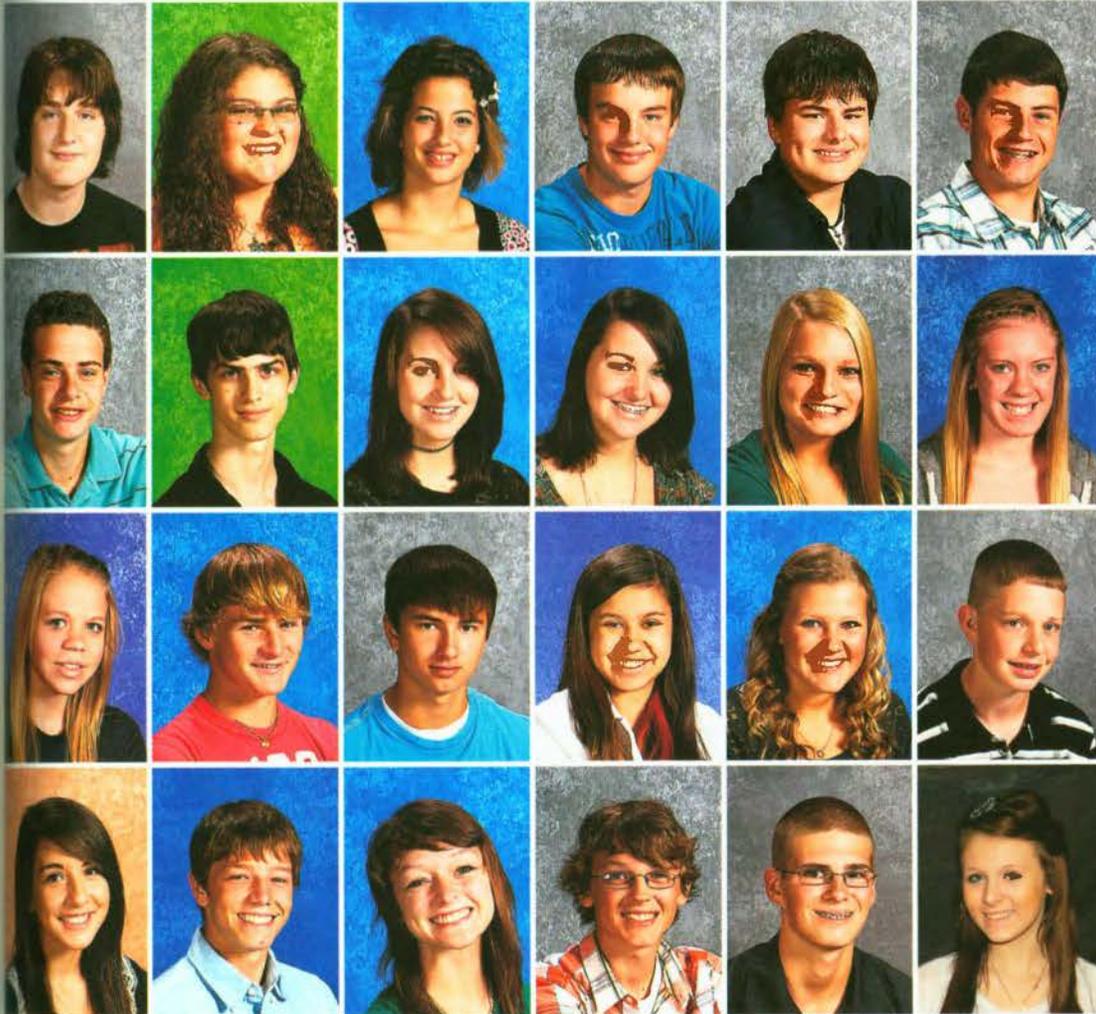
-Tyler Wagner '14



"Wrapping paper"

-Kassandra Heinz '14

What is the strangest item in your backpack or locker?



Dakota Cranfill  
Stephany Crooks  
Alix Cross  
Cody Culver  
Collin Cummings  
Cole Dekett

Shane Dennany  
Elliot Deplanty  
Bailey D'haene  
Corie D'haene  
Sydney Dippel  
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 Jacob Hanson



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 Taylor Harrington  
 Colleen Harrison  
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 Jake Hawkins  
 Ashlie Hawley



Westyn Hayhoe  
 Colleen Hays  
 Justine Hays  
 Raymond Heinlen  
 Kassandra Heinz  
 Kyle Hoffman



Jacob Hofmann  
 Allison Hope  
 Jonah Horton  
 Dannica Hoskins  
 Adam Houghton  
 Nicholas Hudgins





"Spiders"

-James Blanchard '14



"Hospitals"

-Graceann O'Connor '14



"Bats, cats, rats and anything else that ends in 'at'"

-Jarred Vanderveen '14



"Not graduating"

-Taylor Reed '14

What is your greatest fear?



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Cameron Picard  
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 Tyler Wagner



# Five things about me...



## Cameron Picard '14

I am Haitian.  
 I put Poptarts in the microwave.  
 My favorite sandwich is peanut butter and jelly.  
 I want to be a doctor.  
 I organize the clothes in my closet by color.

## Katelynn Warfle '14

I can lick my elbow.  
 I've been to Disney World over 20 times.  
 I can lick my nose.  
 I can put both my feet behind my head.  
 I have an obsession with trees.





Austin Wallace  
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 Tobias Webb

Cody Wegienka  
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 Nicole Williams  
 Jacob Wright  
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 Rachel Young  
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 Cori Zaremba  
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 Jacob Rausch  
 Joshua Stinson



**Myesha Hudson '14**

I have a half-brother.  
 I have never broken a bone.  
 I have been to a lot of concerts.  
 I like to sing.  
 I want to be a make-up artist for celebrities.

**Kacie Klott '14**

I go to thrift stores and get sweaters.  
 I can't walk in heels.  
 I love giraffes.  
 I love Spiderman.  
 I love Disney movies.



**Dakota Cranfill '14**

I have an obsession with the Halo series.  
 I enjoy mountain biking.  
 I forget things in less than five minutes.  
 Mitch Albom is my favorite author.  
 I am horrible with interviews.





# JUNIORS

## One Challenge

*Spencer Sowles*

"You know it's bad when they don't say anything, they just tell you to go to the hospital." It was football season during Spencer Sowles' freshman year when he first found the abnormality. After telling his parents, going through many different medical offices and waiting a week past that, he was diagnosed with late stage three almost stage four osteosarcoma cancer. Sowles' first thought when he found out was football; not playing anymore would be a nightmare. A nightmare that had just come true. He had began playing football in third grade and it quickly became his favorite pasttime; if he was not playing, he was watching. His favorite thing in life was pulled right out from under him. The first people outside of his family he told were his coaches, followed by his teammates - his friends. Word got out and an overwhelming show of support flowed from MHS and the Mason community. For most of the 2009-2010 school year, the hallways of MHS were seemingly painted yellow. Shirts designed and sold by the Kleckner family sent profits directly to the Sowles family. They were purchased and worn often by almost everyone in school. City Limits and Turtle Tom's each donated an entire day's profits to the family in order to help pay for medical expenses. Through many treatments, low and high counts, surgeries and everything else that accompanies this disease, Sowles and his entire family have displayed their strength of character to everyone that has had the privilege of interacting with them. Seen by his friends as "an inspiration", Sowles has been a part of shaping the lives of the people around him by his positive attitude. He takes every opportunity he gets to make each day one worth living.

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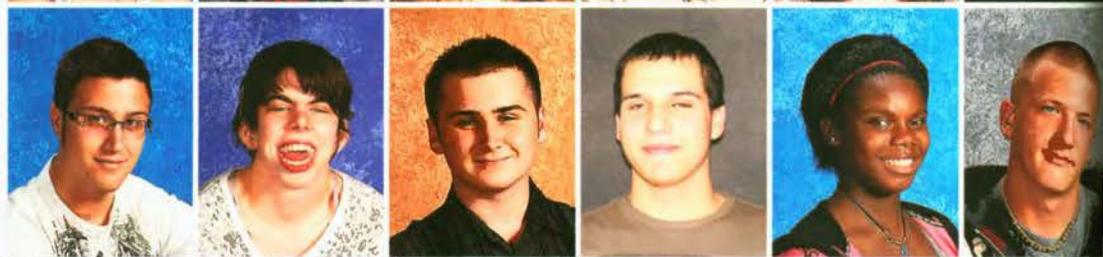
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“ What is popular is not always right, and what is right is not always popular. ”

-Albert Einstein



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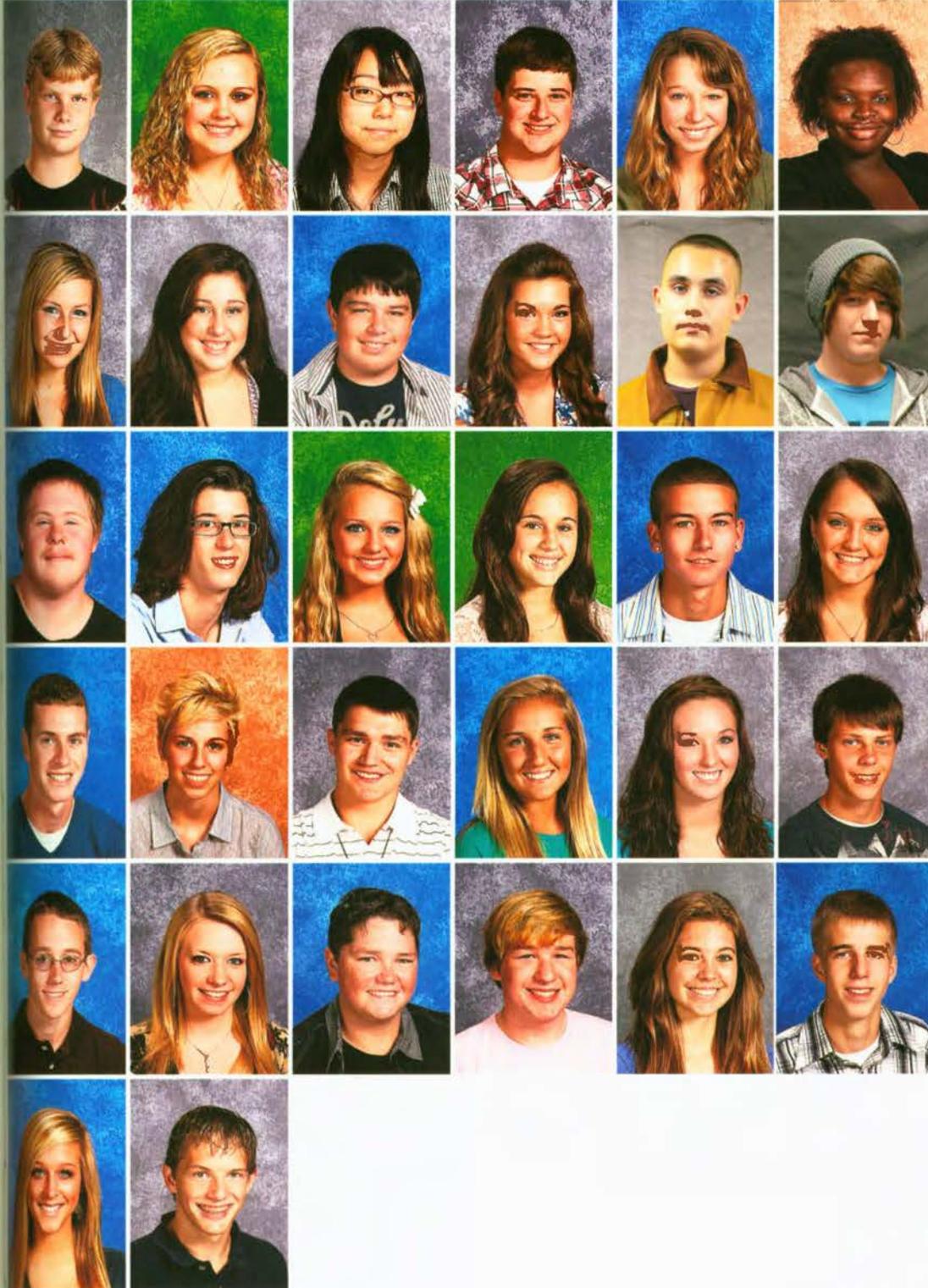
If you had to pick your favorite quote or words to live by, what would they be?



Abbey Deprekel

“ The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity; The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. ”

-Winston Churchill



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# SENIORS

**One Purpose**  
*Mackenzie Robson*

Each high school student hopes to find his or her niche before heading off to the real world. Mackenzie Robson found hers during sophomore year — art. In the middle of a trimester full of demanding core classes and an exhausting season of volleyball, Robson found that art projects for her two art classes served as a release. Her time for projects was scarce, but she loved every minute of it. Originally, Robson saw her older brother, Kris Robson '09, as the artist of the family, but channeled his success as an inspiration as she pursued her own talent. As a result, she attended art classes at Kendall College, painted murals throughout Mason High School, and took all the art classes MHS has to offer. Her reputation as an artist in the school was formally established when the Art Club voted her club president. Also, over the past couple of years, Robson stepped outside her comfort zone by entering her work in contests. She has won numerous awards for her paintings and even received an honorable mention in an MSU FCU competition. This year, Robson took her art to a whole new level by utilizing it to inspire change. With the help of seniors Wes Buskirk, Bobby Albert, Josh McCarty and Rachel Davis, she turned a triptych project from Crafts class into a movement called Students Empowering Nigerian Development (SEND). The goal of SEND is to raise awareness of global issues to Mason High School students, to fund Kato International Training Academy (KITA) in Nigeria and to instill MHS with the hope and the drive to make a difference. With the help of 2nd trimester's Leadership B and Ms. Higgins, SEND has become a movement that will affect not only students at KITA, but also the students of MHS and the Mason community. "With this project, my ultimate goal is to show people that, with your drive or your passion, you can make a difference. Whether you're passionate about art or you're a natural leader, you can always apply it to the bigger picture of things. Everybody truly has the potential to take their talent and do something with it. I hope this project exemplifies the idea of how caring about something can have an impact," said Robson.

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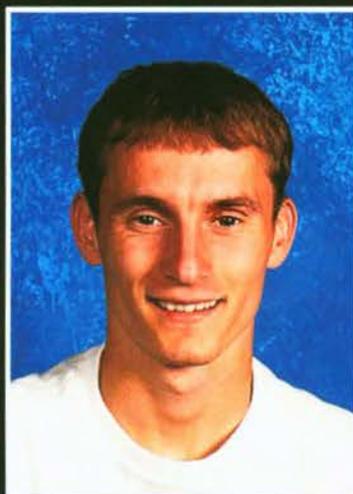
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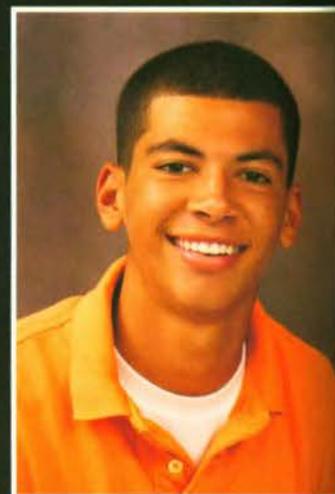
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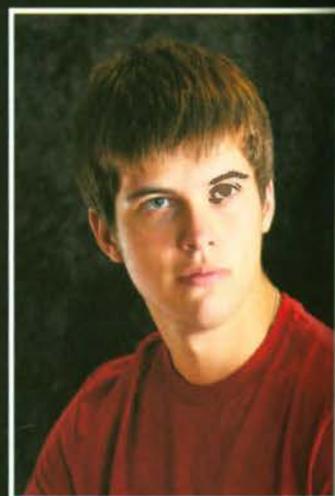
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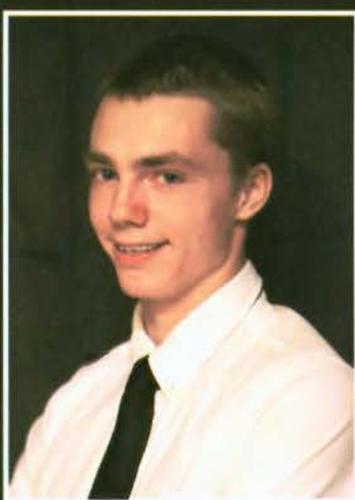
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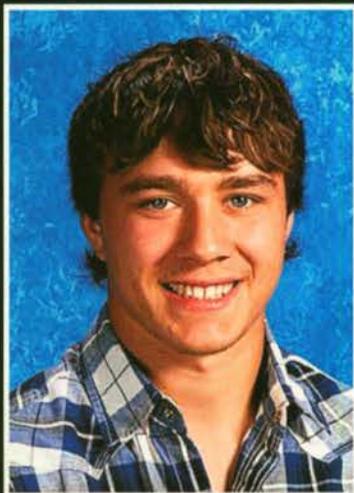
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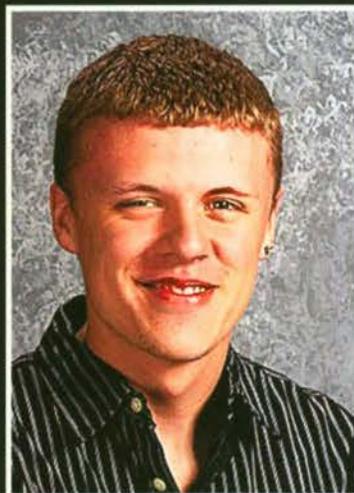
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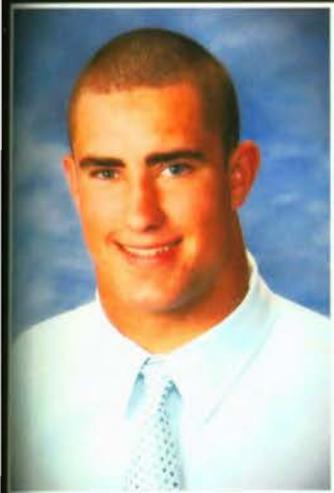


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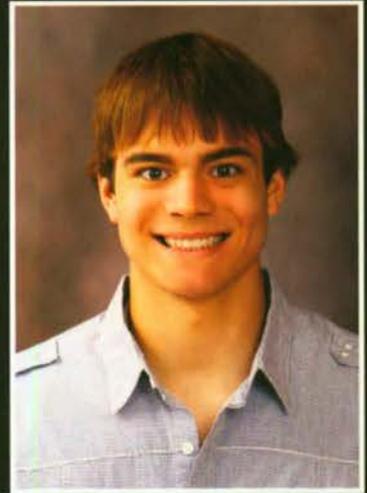
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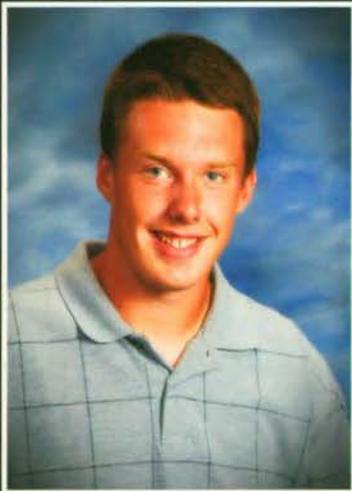
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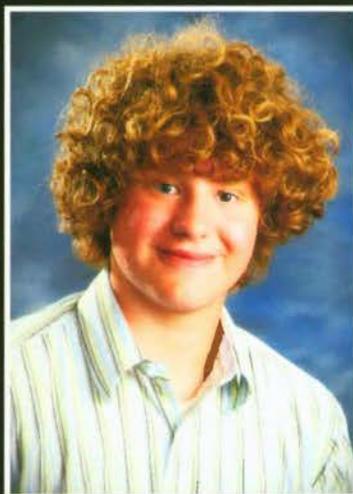
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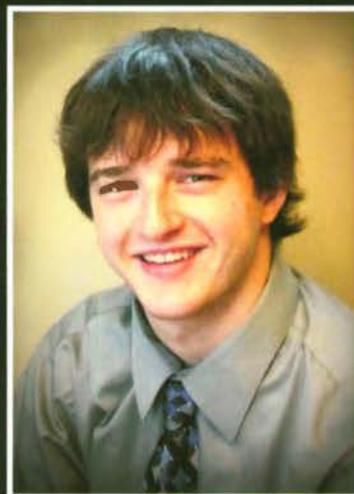
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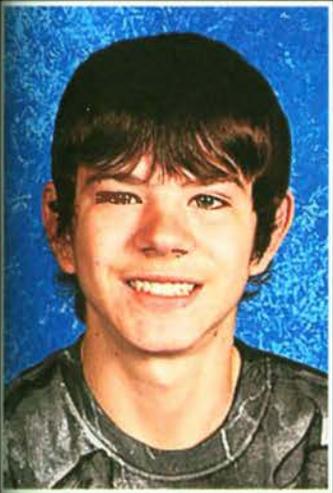


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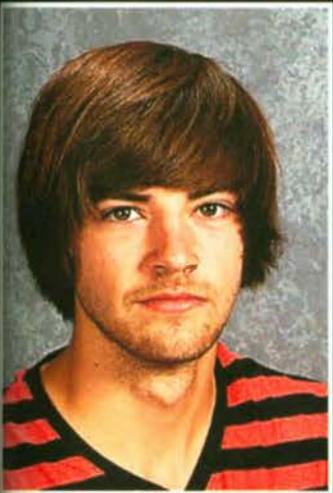
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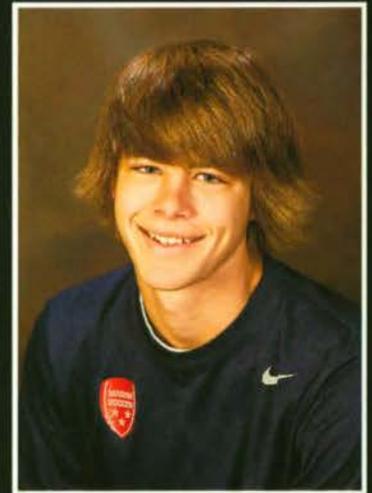
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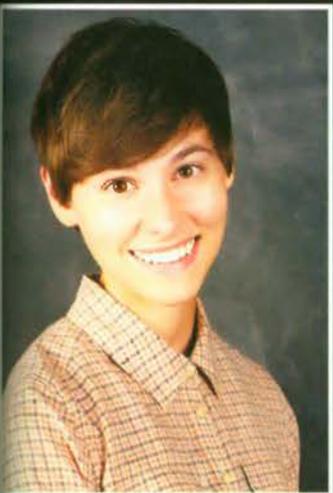
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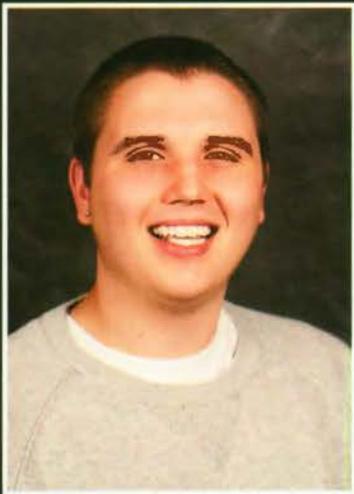
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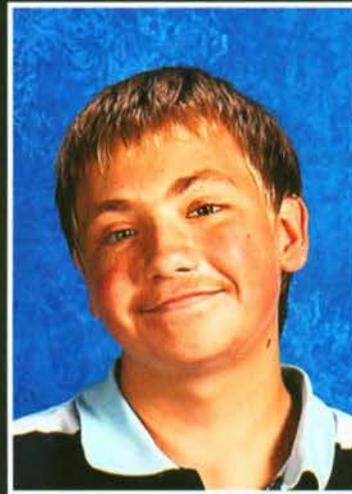
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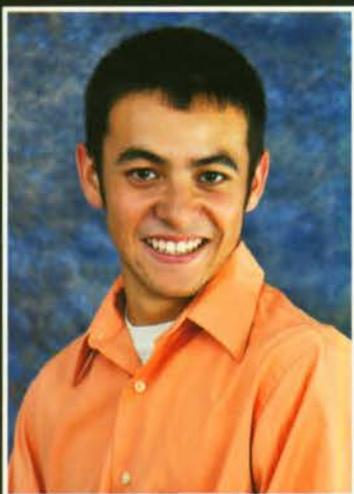
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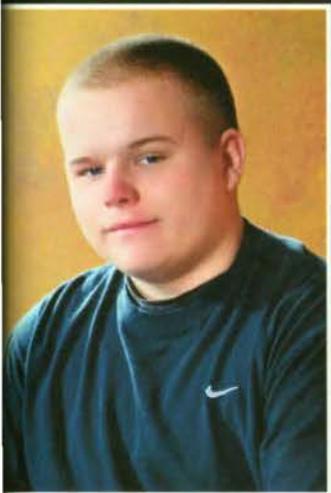
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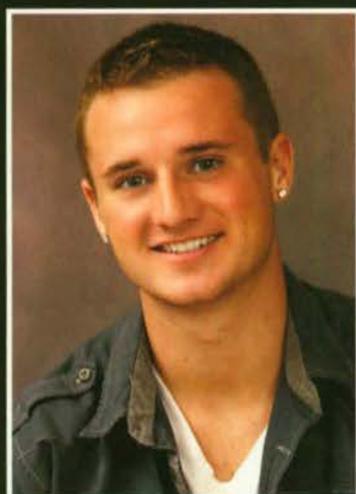
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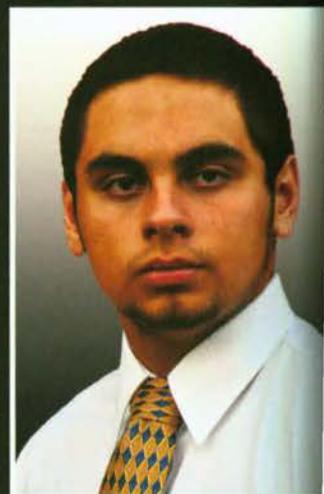
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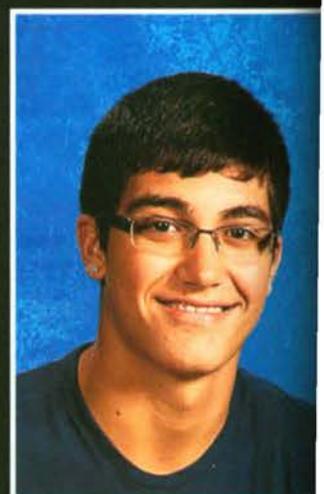
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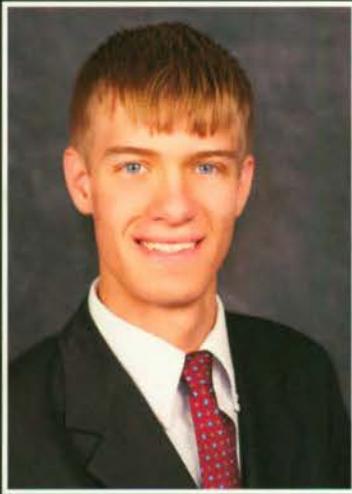
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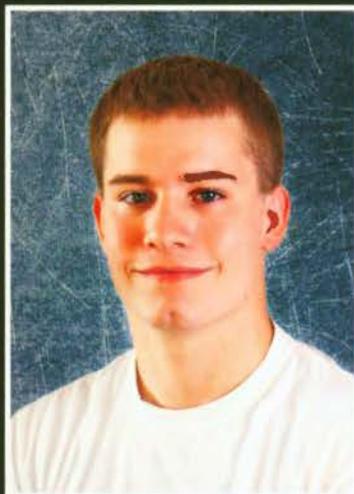
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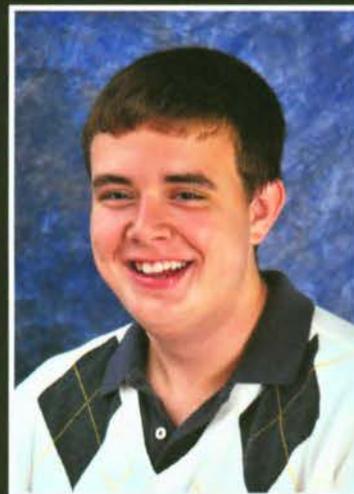
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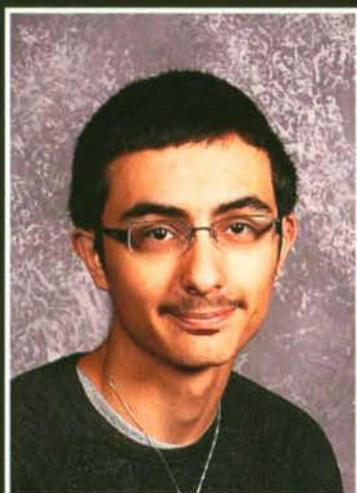
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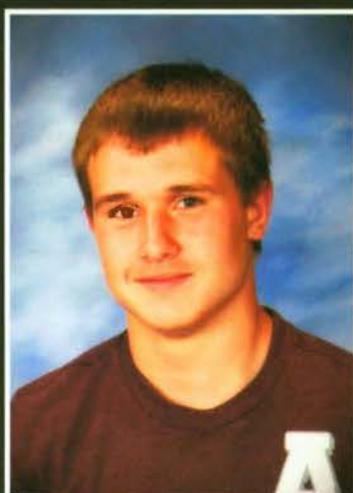
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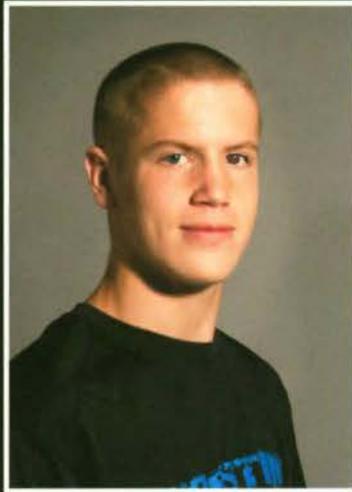
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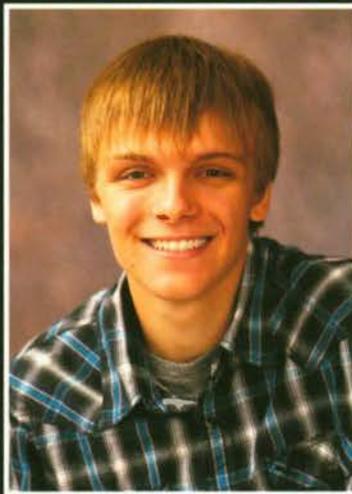
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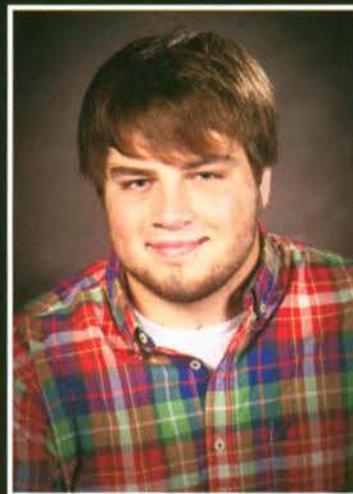
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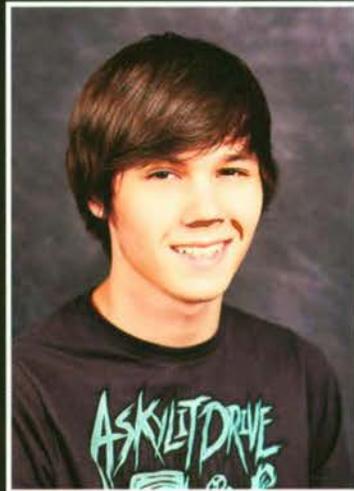
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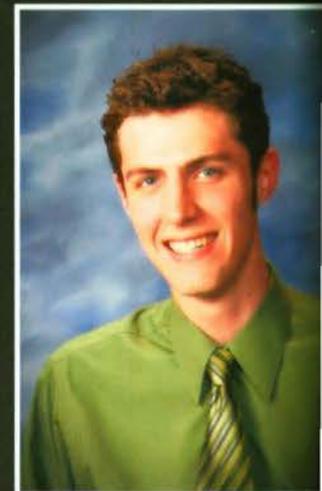
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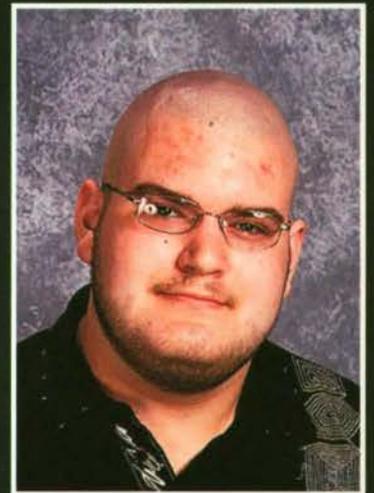
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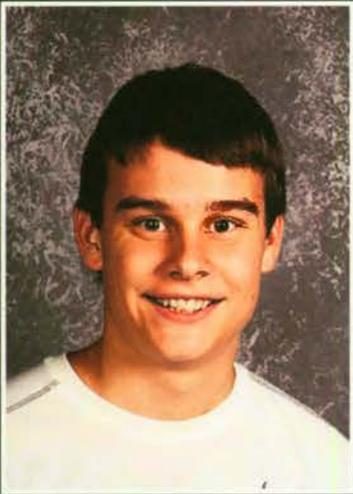
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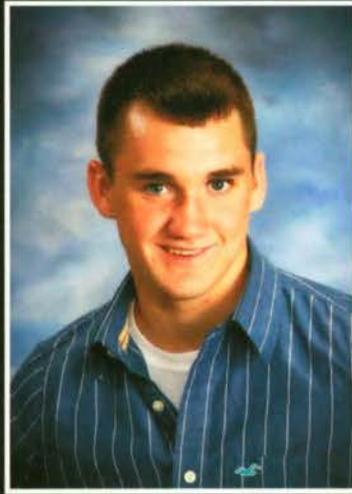
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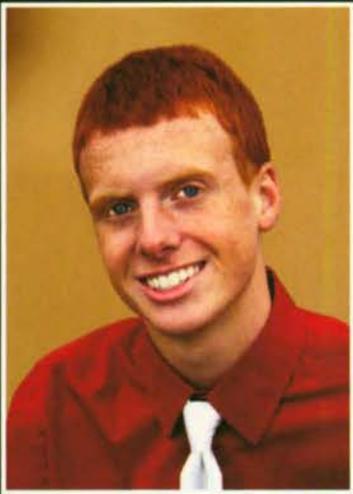
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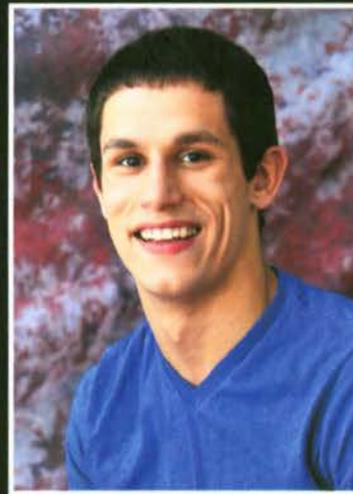
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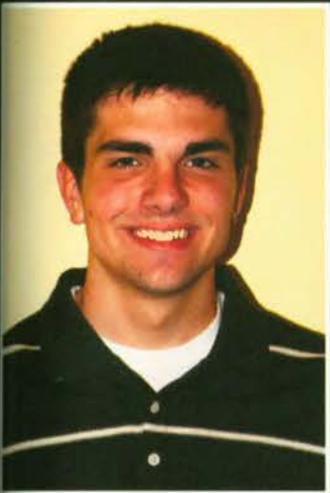
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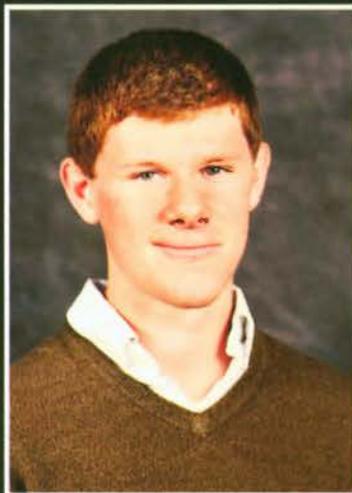
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Allison VanDeventer



Samuel VanDyke



Breanna VanNortwick



# Vickery



Ryan Vickery



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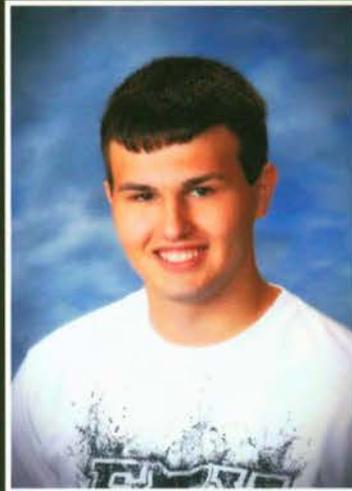




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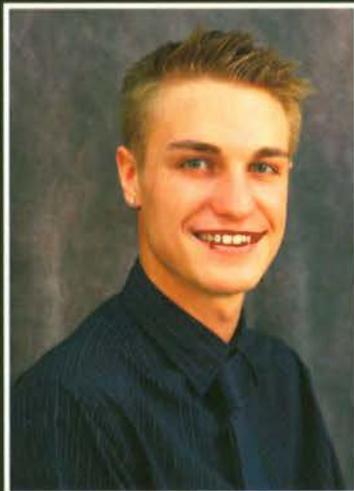
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Alexis Yanz



Sierra Yerke



Adam Zink



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# Senior Class Officers

By: Ashley Lee & Charlotte Remington



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Advisers



# Describe the Senior Class in **ONE** word

**GROOVY**

*Dorothy Kilvington*



**STELLAR**

*Brandon Gridley*



**ENERGETIC**

*Hannah Schroeder*



**WONDERFUL**

*Spencer Ammerman*



**ACCEPTING**

*Shayla Baldwin*



**HOSPITABLE**

*Zach Tate*



**INVOLVED**

*Rachel Harper*



**STYLIN'**

*Andy Flory*



**FRIENDLY**

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**UNIQUE**

*Ashton Bergeon*

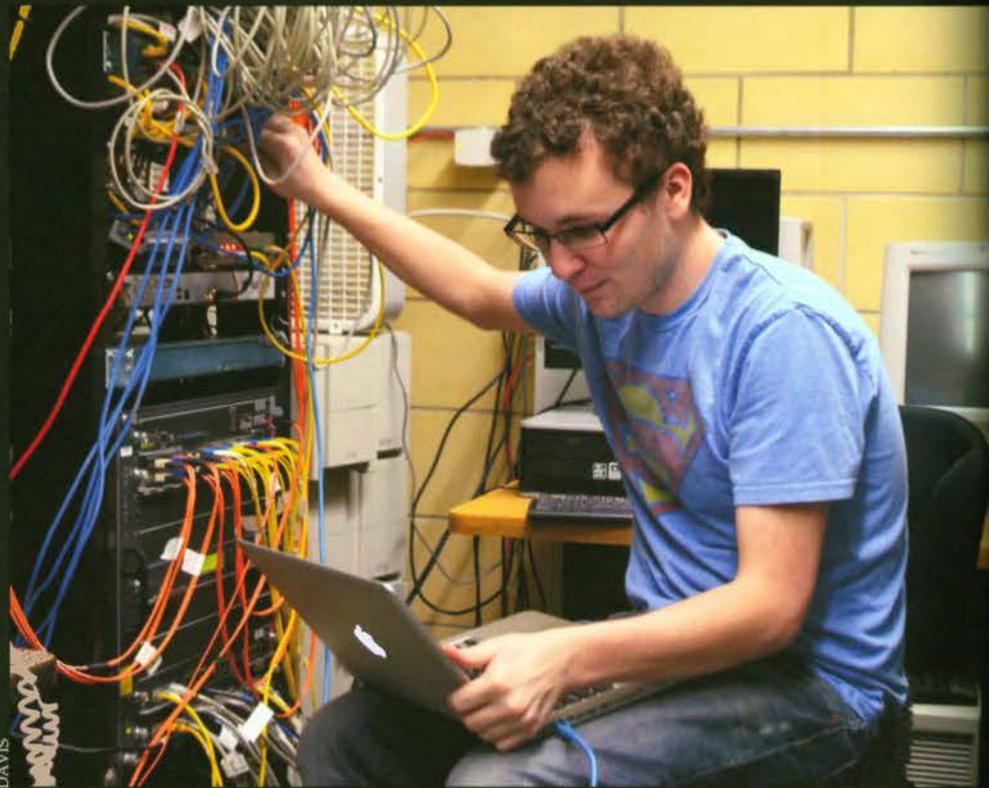


# Leaving a Legacy

By: Rachel Davis

## FOUR YEAR CHANGE.

As a freshman, Jack Vogel ran into some issues and struggled to keep up with life. However, by the end of that year, Vogel realized that it was not the end of the world. He started to put the pieces of his life back together and turn it around. His sophomore year, he joined Science Olympiad with Mr. Shoemaker. That club bonded not only Vogel and Mr. Shoemaker, but the whole Science Olympiad team. The next year, they went on to create the First Robotics team. Vogel flourished with Robotics. Also during his sophomore year T.I.E.S. started. Placed in Mr. Haynie's T.I.E.S. group, the two connected more and more each Wednesday, progressing into a close student-teacher relationship. With the mentorship of Mr. Haynie and Mr. Shoemaker, Vogel has thrived and grown into a smart, well-rounded guy. "Over time, what Jack has done is he has gone from someone who may be seen as a liability to someone who is an important part of our school," said Shoemaker.



While working for Mason Public Schools' IT Department, Jack Vogel solves network problems in the server room. This summer Mr. Haynie referred Vogel for the position.



MCDERMOTT

This fall, Nikki McDermott decided to take her love for running to a whole new level by training for a half marathon. She had Chris Spyke '10 there to help keep her motivated because he himself wanted to train for a marathon. On October 16, 2011 in the Detroit Free Press Marathon, the two crossed the finish line with high emotions and a sense of light headedness.



DAVIS

On September 18, 2011 Charlotte Remington ran her first half marathon in the Capital City River Run. Remington trained all summer for the race. Her mother played a large role in motivating her to keep on running and pushing her to do her best. After finishing the race, Remington said, "I was super tired and then I saw Rachel (Davis), Alana (MacDonald), and my mom and all of my exhaustion was gone. A rush of accomplishment came over me."



SALMON

The day before his eighteenth birthday on October 16, 2011 Mason Salmon crossed the finish line of his first marathon. He ran in the Metro Health Grand Rapids Marathon. He received his medal from a record breaking marathoner, who congratulated him and said, "Happy Birthday," which meant a lot to him. "Knowing you've been training for awhile and all the time you put in, once you cross the finish line you're so happy, like you've overcome something," said Salmon.





**MCCALLA**  
 This past summer, Nicole Clayton sang in the Impact choir with a group of singers from her church. The group traveled and sang to different Nazerene churches across Michigan. "(I enjoyed) getting to know how God is moving in their lives," said Clayton.



**HAWKINS**  
 Through the Business Professionals of America (BPA) program at the Career Center, Daniel Hawkins earned the opportunity to compete against other BPA students across the globe. Hawkins advanced to the national level in Visual Programming, held in Washington D.C., where he competed against the top 40 students in Visual Programming.



**MCNEILLY**  
 After hearing about Relay for Life at a National Honor Society (NHS), Alexis Colligan, Holly Raglow and Emily Ingalls took on the challenge of being team captains. Though it started with NHS, the girls turned it into something of their own. The three formed a high school team of 16 students. They ran fundraisers in school, selling one dollar 'feet' to the student body. They also sold luminaries decorated in memory of someone who fought and/or fights cancer. They fundraised individually as well, raising a total of \$2,835. At the Relay for Life gathering, the group had a blast together, playing games and hosting events. Though Colligan and Raglow are now on the planning committee, the captains plan to pass on their title to upcoming seniors after they graduate. "Being part of a group so driven to help find a cure for cancer gave me the most fulfilling feeling I have ever had, and that is the feeling of making a difference," said Raglow.



**GROUP PHOTOGRAPHY**  
 On Thanksgiving morning, Lily Brown got to dance alongside 200 other dancers from Across the U.S. in the Macy's Day parade. Spirit of America invited nine dancers from Karyn's Dance Place to come perform in the Parade.



**DAVIS**

Last spring, James Long '11 and Jake Anibal '12 created the first annual American History Awareness Week. Throughout that week, they brought in guest speakers, created history projects, and announced trivia questions everyday.

As a recruiter, Emma Bailey helps put on a one day event each year called The Quietwater Symposium. Bailey invites high profile outdoorsmen to come to the MSU Pavillion to show off what they have done in the world of non-motorized recreational sports.



**MEAGAN**



**II CAVALLO PHOTOGRAPHY**

As a young child, Mary Hudgins started riding horses at Children and Horses United in Movement (CHUM), a stable that provides horseback riding for people with and without disabilities. CHUM fueled her passion for riding horses and helping people. Hudgins has volunteered there for the past seven years, and will continue to until she begins college in the fall.

# Hall of Fame

## MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED



Danielle Strunk & Jeff Smith

## BEST DRESSED



Nick McNeilly & Amanda Denomme

## WORST DRIVERS



Kyle Pier & Jennifer Ritchie

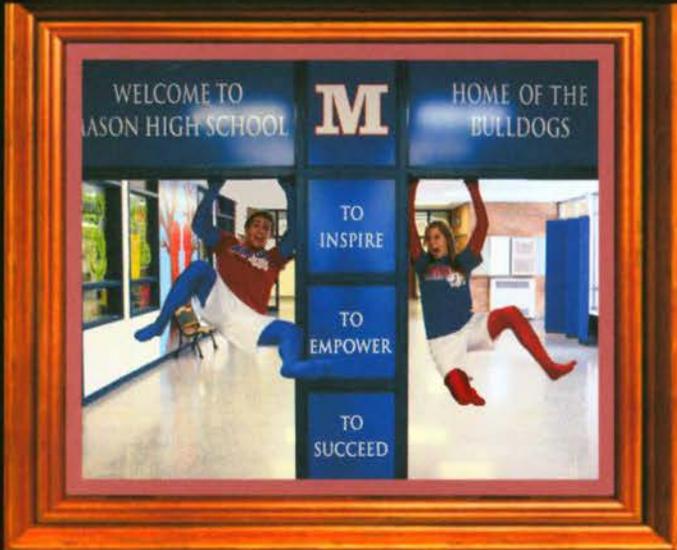
## CLASS CLOWNS



Mason Salmon & Meggie Wren



## MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT



Bobby Albert & Nikki McDermott

## MOST ARTISTIC



Mackenzie Robson & Shane Johnson

## MOST OUTGOING



Hannah Reister & Wes Buskirk

## MOST LIKELY TO TRAVEL THE WORLD



Rachel Davis & Jordan Roloff



# Hall of Fame

## BEST EYES



Samantha Andring & Connor Holbrook

## BEST SMILE



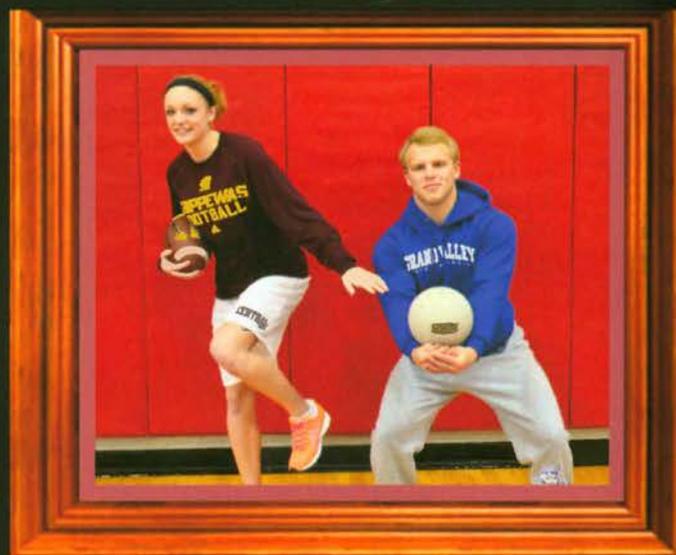
Austin Heleski & Christine Harrison

## BEST MUSICIAN



Sam VanDyke & Paige Winkler

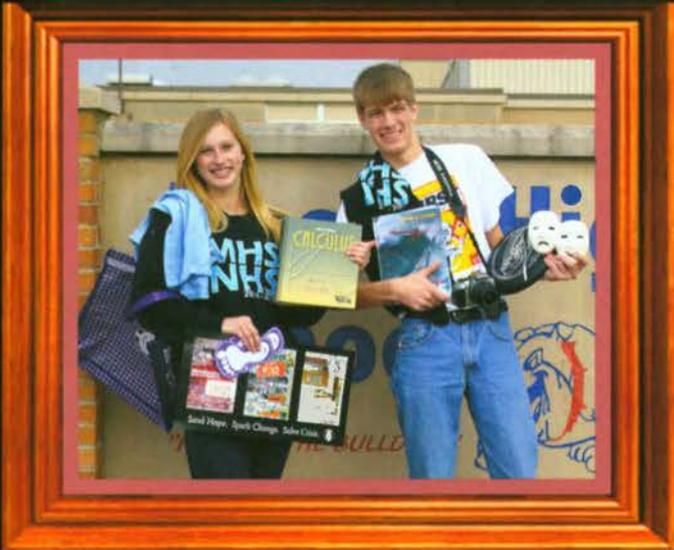
## MOST ATHLETIC



Kaleigh Lound & Saylor Lavallii



## MOST INVOLVED



Holly Raglow & Josh McCarty

## CLASS KLUTZ



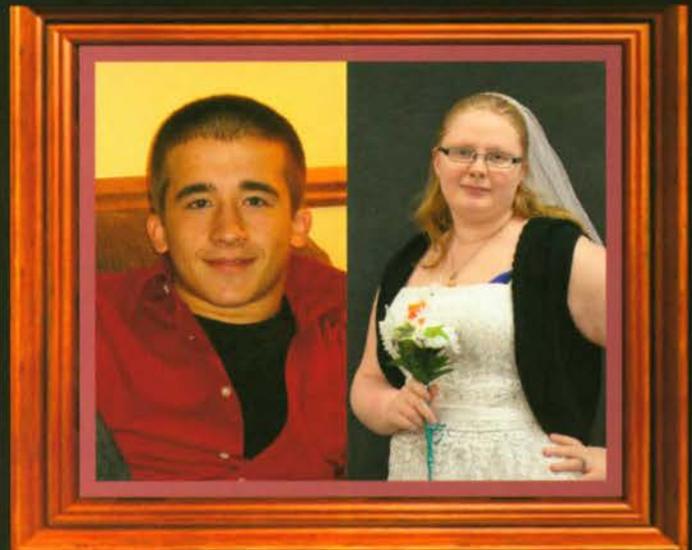
Mika Momberg & Charlie Green

## MOST OUTRAGEOUS LAUGH



Samantha Pentecost & Blake Pierce

## MOST UNFORGETTABLE



Robbie Stevens & Stephanie Temple





# CONNOR,

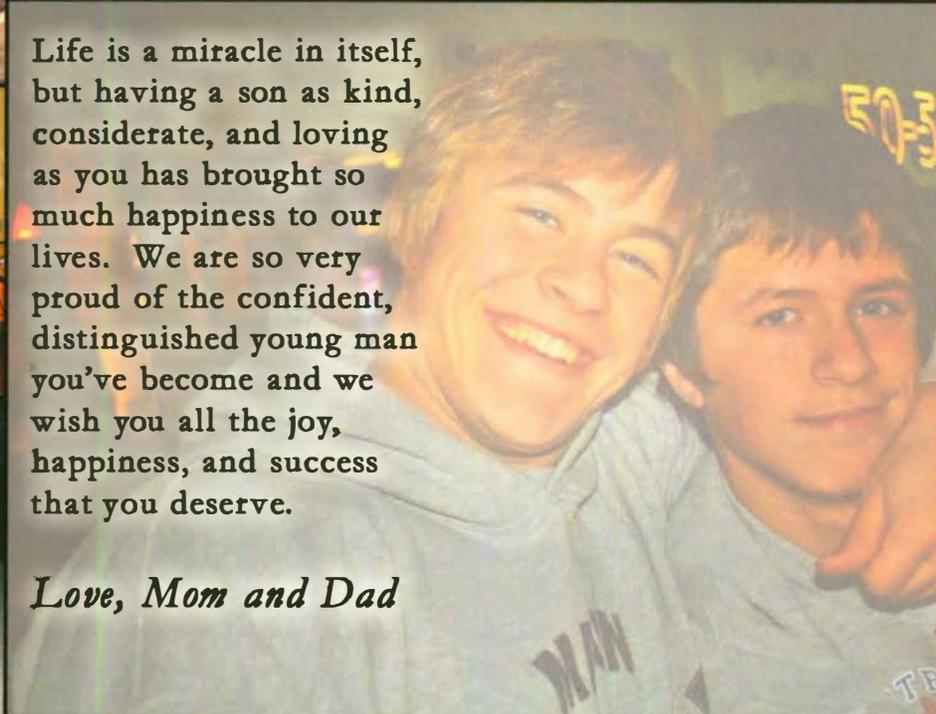


Life is a miracle in itself, but having a son as kind, considerate, and loving as you has brought so much happiness to our lives. We are so very proud of the confident, distinguished young man you've become and we wish you all the joy, happiness, and success that you deserve.

*Love, Mom and Dad*

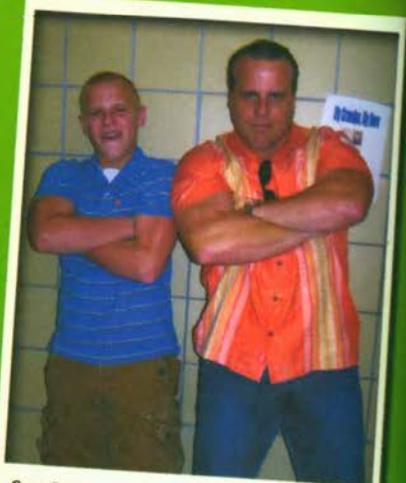


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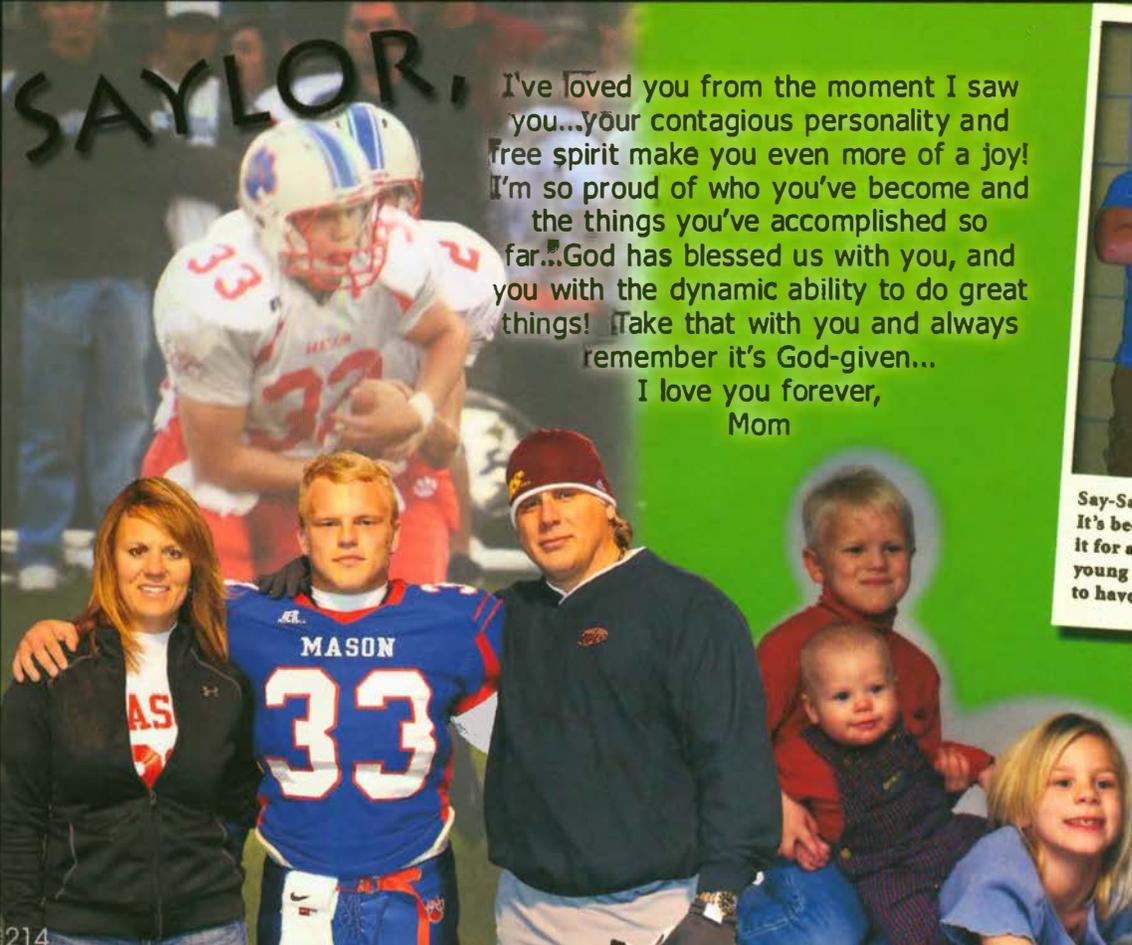


# SAYLOR,

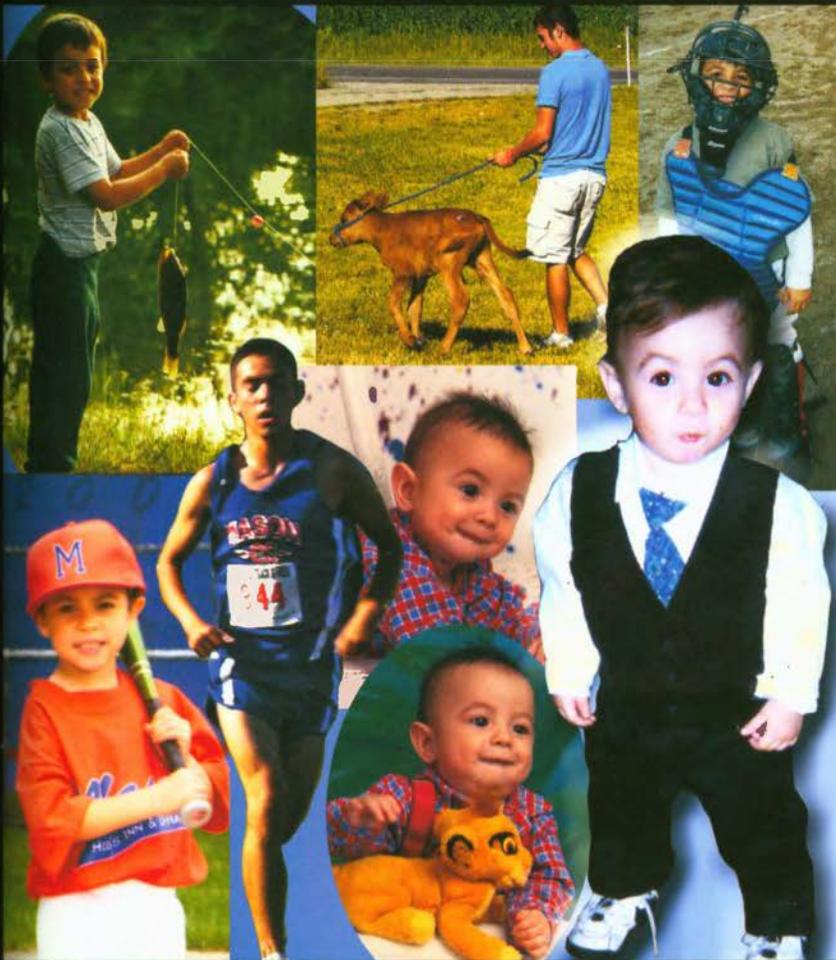
I've loved you from the moment I saw you...your contagious personality and free spirit make you even more of a joy! I'm so proud of who you've become and the things you've accomplished so far...God has blessed us with you, and you with the dynamic ability to do great things! Take that with you and always remember it's God-given...  
I love you forever,  
Mom



Say-Say,  
It's been a great ride. I wouldn't trade it for anything! I am truly proud of the young man you've become. I'm honored to have you as a son...LV (Dad)



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J. McCARTY



Josh,

We love you so much, and know you will go far with every endeavor in your life. You are a blessing and we are very proud of you. God has blessed you with wonderful talents and it touches my heart every time I see you play your instruments or play sports. Enjoy the next phase of your life. Let God direct your every path, try not to take life too seriously and loosen up. We will be there for you and support you on your journey. We love you, Josh.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Hannah, Jonah, Elijah

RUSTEM

# GUNNAR,

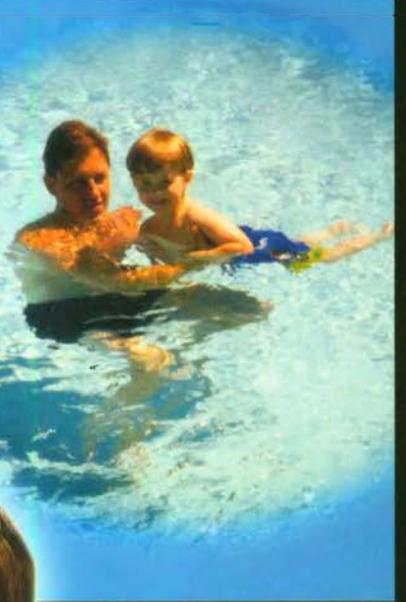
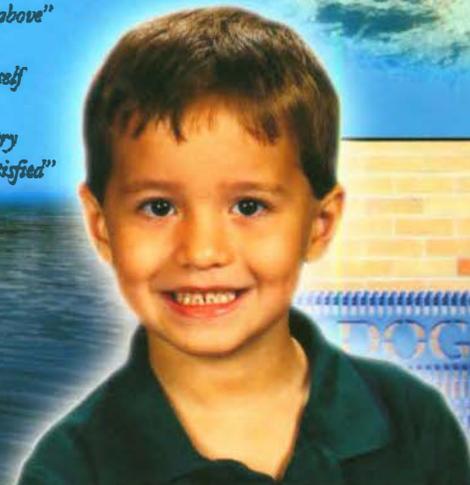
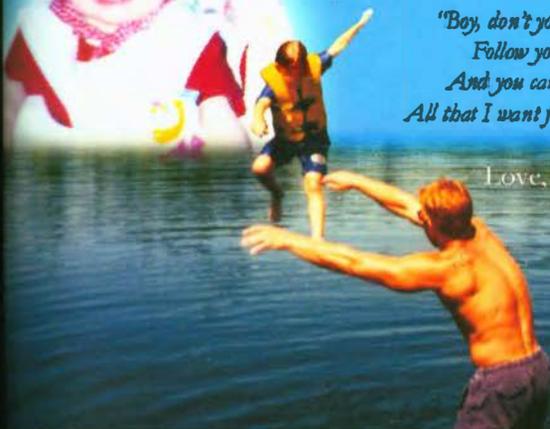
Since the moment you were born, we knew you were going to be a special person and you did not disappoint! As a child you were adorable, smart, adventurous, and charismatic. As a young man you are strong, handsome, smart, and charismatic. "The more things change, the more they stay the same!"

The time has come that you will be entering the next chapter in your life. Whenever I hear lyrics to the song "Simple Man" I think of you and what we want for you as you begin the rest of your life.

*"Oh, take your time... Don't live too fast,  
Troubles will come and they will pass.  
Go find a woman, you'll find love,  
And don't forget, son, there is someone up above"*

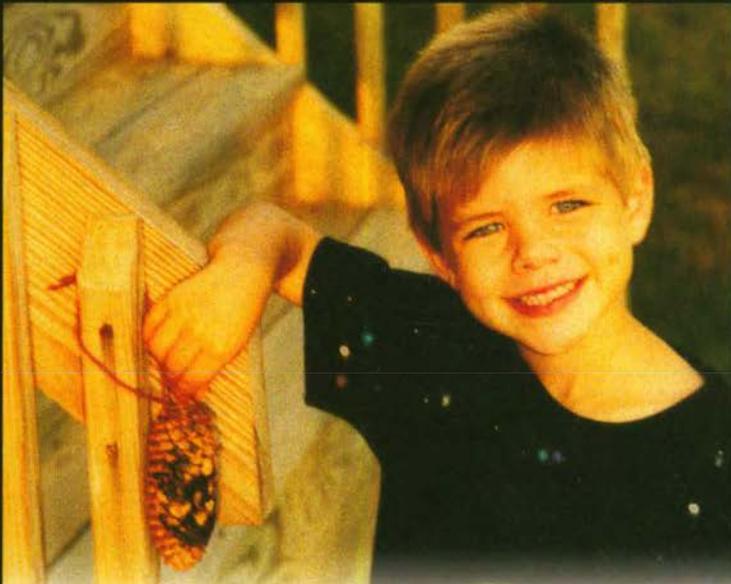
*"Boy, don't you worry... you'll find yourself  
Follow your heart and nothing else  
And you can do this, oh baby, if you try  
All that I want for you, my son, is to be satisfied"*

Love, Mom and Dad!



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Alec,  
Time goes by so fast. It is hard to believe you are graduating already. Enjoy every minute, college and beyond. We are so very proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

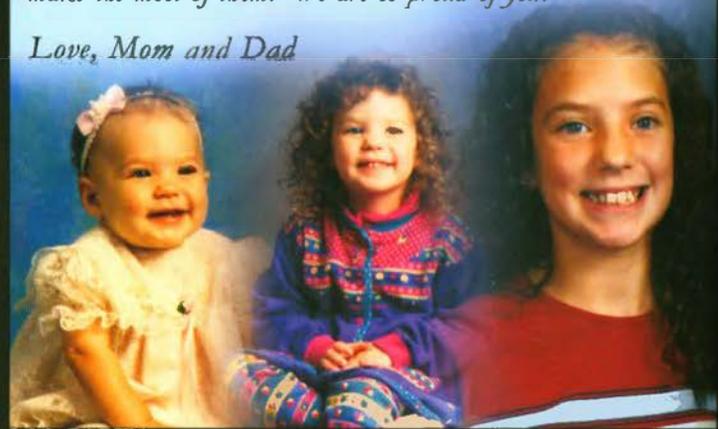
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*Dear Sarah,*

*Words cannot convey what a blessing you have been to us and your family. It has been a delight watching you blossom from our little girl into a beautiful young lady. God has blessed you with many talents and gifts and you have worked very hard to make the most of them. We are so proud of you!*

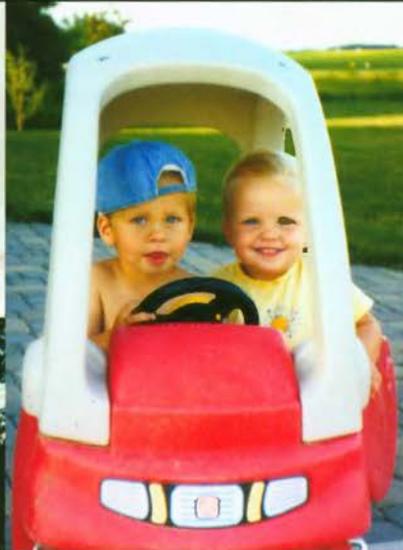
*Love, Mom and Dad*



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MIKA  
2012



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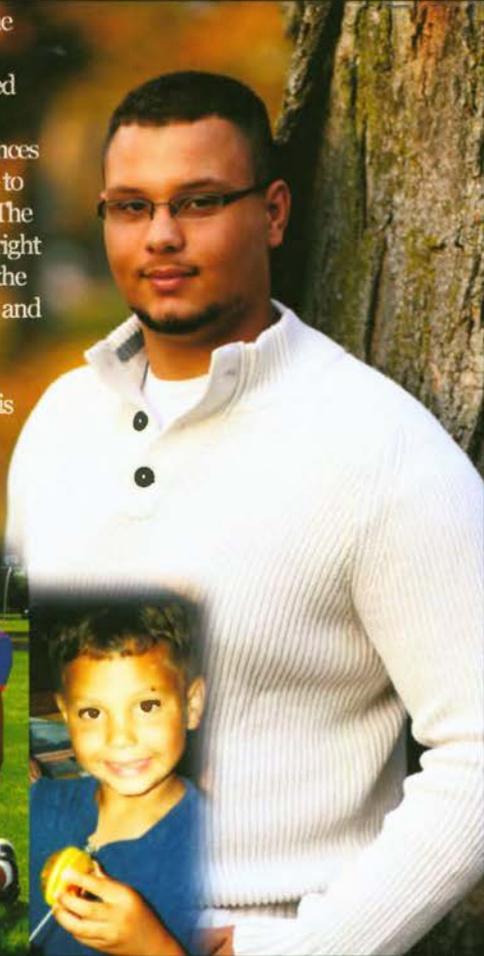
*Mika  
2012*

Mika,  
We are so proud of you.  
Congratulations!

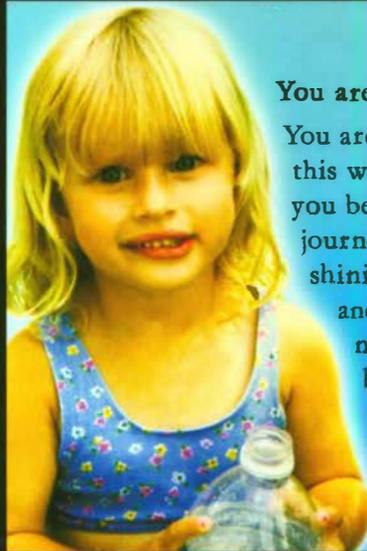
Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Morgan, and  
Kira



Since coming to our home four years ago, you have developed into a dedicated young man. Your past struggles and life experiences have given you the desire to become a better person. The door to a bright future is right in front of you. You hold the key. We have faith in you and are very proud! We love you,  
Aunt Stacey & Uncle Chris



ALBERT



**You are my sunshine, Holly.**

You are bright and warm and share this with all those you meet. As you begin the next phase of your journey, remember to keep shining. Your light will reflect and return to you when you need it most. Thank you for being my daughter. I love you, baby girl.

*Make your mark!*

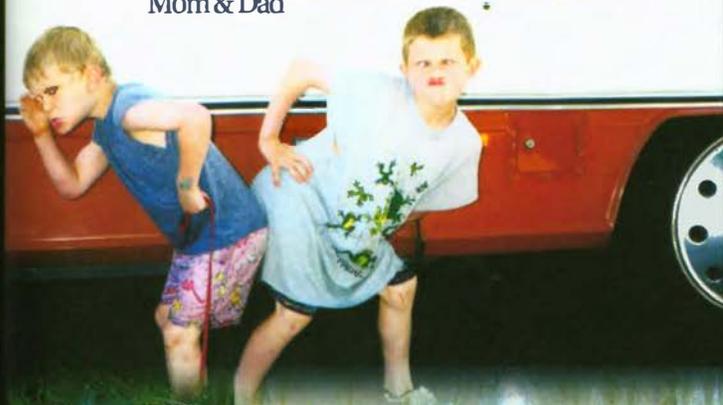
-Mom



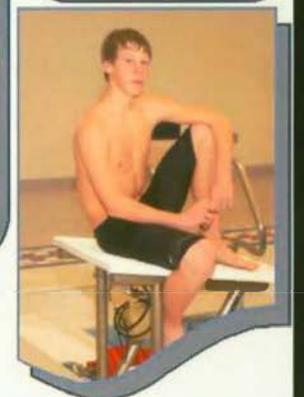
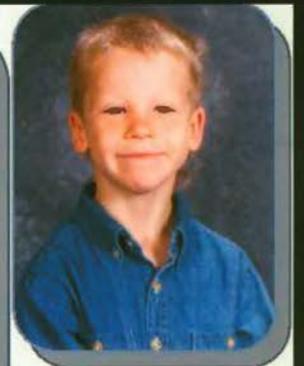
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Sam,  
The day you came, our lives were changed... forever! We have been privileged to watch you grow. It has been a joy to see you develop into a fine, young man. Pursue your dreams. Keep your standards high.

Love,  
Mom & Dad



ALBERT



DJ... We are very proud of you and all you accomplished during high school. Your smile and sense of humor will forever charm us all.

Love you... Mom and Dad

PARENT SUBMISSION



# Lily-

We are so proud of you! Raising you has been a wonderful journey. You continually bring love and joy into our lives. You have always been kind, caring, and fiercely loyal to those you care about. We are especially proud of your strong, independent spirit...you're not afraid to be yourself.

We are in awe of what you can accomplish in a 24 hour day. As you go off to make your place in the world, we know you will achieve whatever you put your mind and heart into.

You will always be a star in our eyes and we will be your biggest fans!

All our love,

Mom and Dad



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"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."  
1 Timothy 4:12

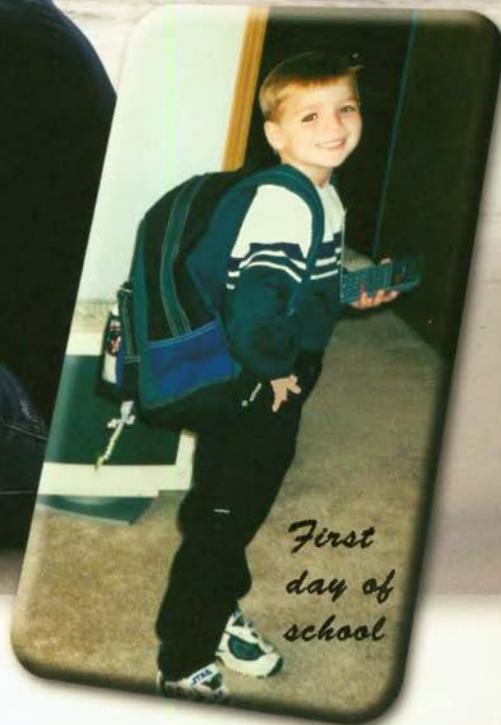
I love you more than you'll ever know and am so proud of you.  
Mom



*I couldn't be more proud of you Spence!!*

*MHS Graduate 2012*

*Four hours old*



*First day of school*

MCCARTY/PARENT SUBMISSION

Cameron,  
We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. As you move onto the next chapter of your life we know you will do well. We hope you have many great experiences and good memories during your college years. You are a young man of little words, but you make everyone smile and you have a great heart. You amaze us in all ways.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad



Cam,  
You have always been there for me and I know you always will be. You were my playmate even when it was playing with Barbies or dressing up. I love you so much and I am going to miss my big brother.  
Love,  
Cass



RUSTEM

*Danielle Renae,*

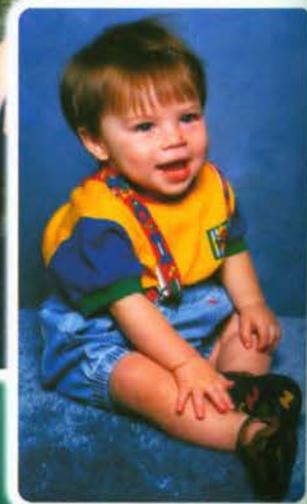
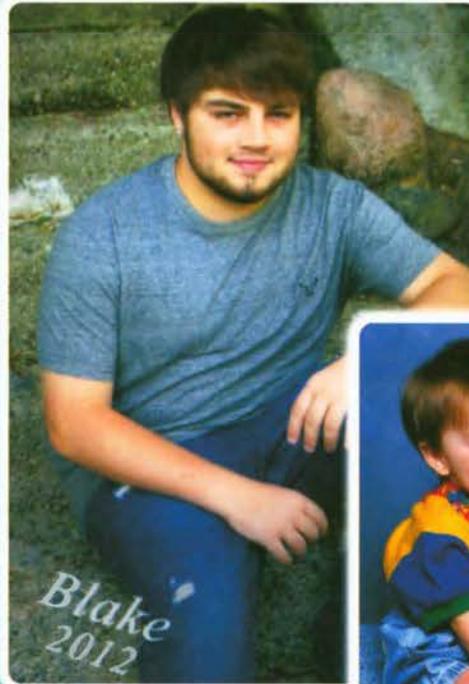
*We feel such pride in the accomplishments you have earned during your educational career.*

*You're a determined young woman with hopes and dreams and a well planned future. Don't hesitate for a moment, those dreams belong to you and none other. We love you and are here for you.*

*Nonna and Poppe*



RUSTEM



*Blake,  
We are so proud of you!  
You have grown into a wonderful young man.  
We can't wait to see what the future holds for you.  
Love, Mom, Shelby and Kelsey*

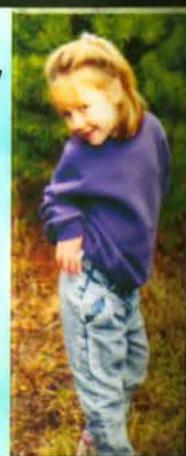
ALBERT



*Alvin,  
We are very proud of you and extremely excited to see what your future holds. You are the best son and big brother anyone could ask for.  
We love you so much,  
Dad, Mom and Emily*



*Senior year - hope you enjoyed the journey - now comes the adventure!  
We are so proud of you. You have a big heart and a beautiful smile and that's what makes you wonderful. Remember to laugh often and keep that "attitude", it works for you.  
Love you lots,  
Mom & Amanda*



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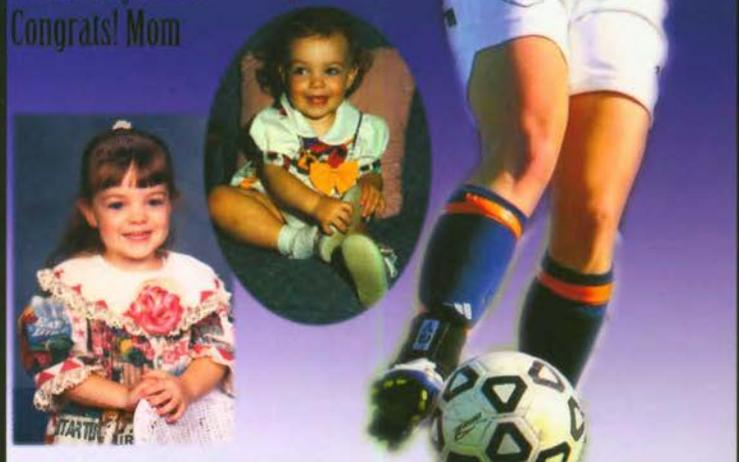
ALBERT

Sierra,  
 Where has the time  
 gone? It seems like only  
 yesterday you were  
 born and now you have  
 become an amazing  
 young lady. We are all  
 so very proud of you.  
 Best of luck at CMU.  
 Love,  
 Mom, Dad, Jason,  
 Tenny, Derek, Danica,  
 Kyleigh, and Jayden



RUSTEM

Abby,  
 I am so proud of your  
 accomplishments and the woman  
 you have become. You are truly  
 amazing and I am so blessed to  
 have you for a daughter.  
 Remember to always follow  
 your dreams and live life  
 to its fullest. I love you  
 with all my heart.  
 Congrats! Mom



RUSTEM

*Amanda Jean Warvel,*

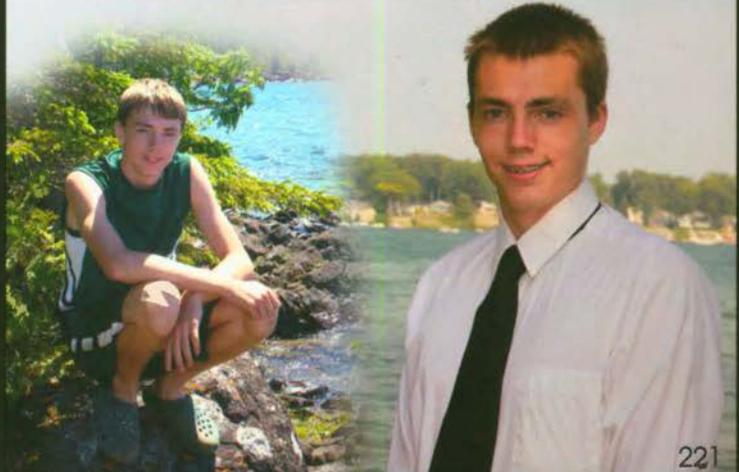


*Oh how the years  
 have gone by.  
 Amanda you  
 have grown into  
 such an amazing  
 young woman.  
 Your dad and I  
 are so proud to  
 have you as our  
 daughter. Enjoy  
 life and follow  
 your dreams.  
 We love you!  
 Mom  
 & Dad*

SMITH

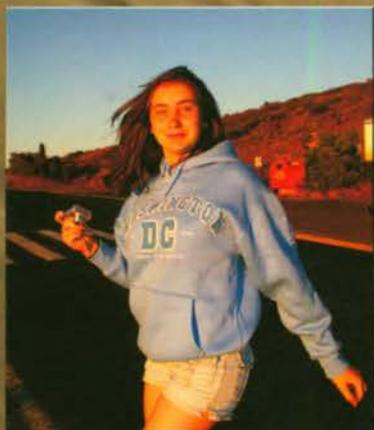
**Ashton,**

*Dream big,  
 work hard, and  
 accomplish the  
 goals you set for yourself.  
 Everything else will fall into place.  
 Love, Mom and Dad*



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# Becca



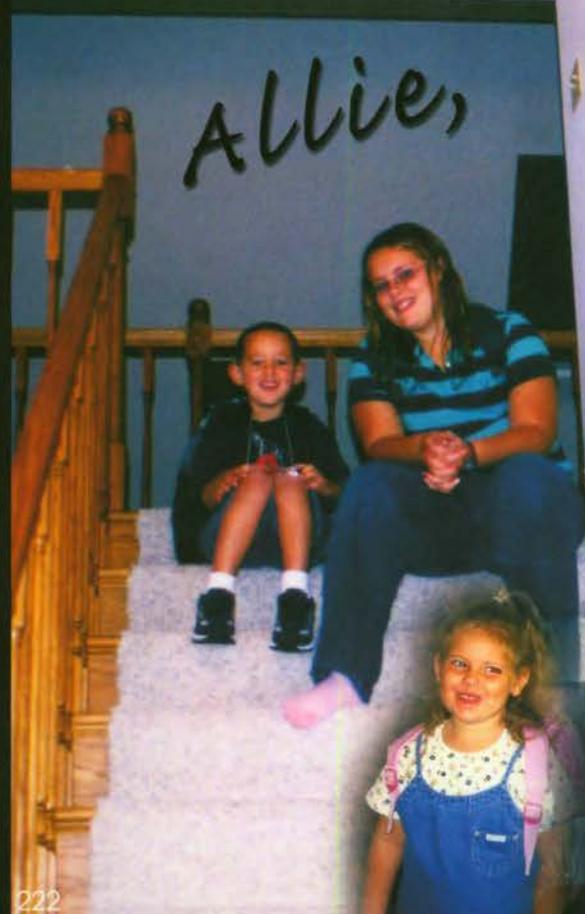
From the time you were born you've led us from one adventure to another. We hope you make time for new adventures as you pursue your dreams. Congratulations! Love, Gram & Pa



MBGB

PARENT SUBMISSION

# Allie,



*It seems like just yesterday I was getting you ready for your first day of pre-school and taking what would become the annual first day picture. Each new school year would begin with you in your first day outfit and backpack in hand, ready for that first day picture. As the years went on, the first day picture became less important for you, but you still let me do them because you knew it meant a lot to me. Those pictures were not really about the first day, they were about preserving a moment in time, time that I can look back on with a smile because YOU ARE MY DAUGHTER.*

*We love you,  
Dad, Mom, Chais, & Christi*



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Never a dull moment!  
 Look out world,  
 here she comes.  
 We're proud of you Taylor.  
 Love,  
 Mom & Dad

PARENT SUBMISSION

Chloe:

Since the day you were born you brought joy into our lives. Cherish who you are and who you become. Stand strong and make sure you stand your ground when you believe in something. We hope that you are happy with whatever choices you make and if you fall while making them, you know that we will always be here to help you up. You are completing a wonderful journey and we are so very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Reach for the stars and you will find your dreams.

We love you most!  
 Mom, Dad, and Maddison



ALBERT

# Zac...

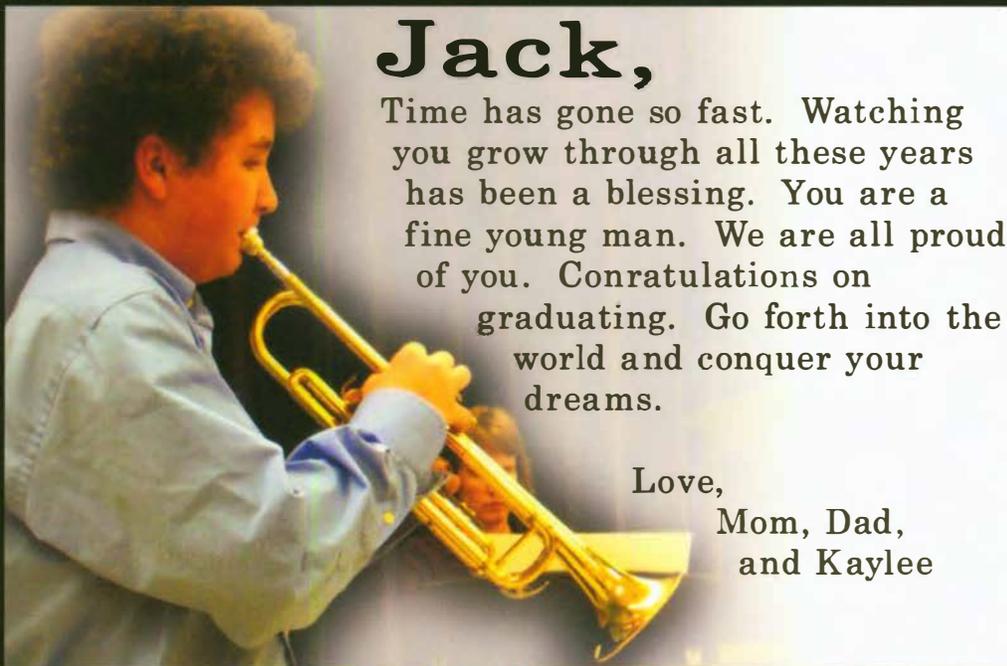
never too far from that strait and narrow line, not one to step out of the box, but that is who you are.

You will always be my sweet, sweet boy and have always been mine and Emily's rock. You have become a man that I am so very proud of.

Zachary, this is your time. Be who you want to be, do what makes you happy, and live life to the fullest. "Be something you love and understand, all you need is in your soul. Follow your heart and nothing else".

I Love You ~ Mom

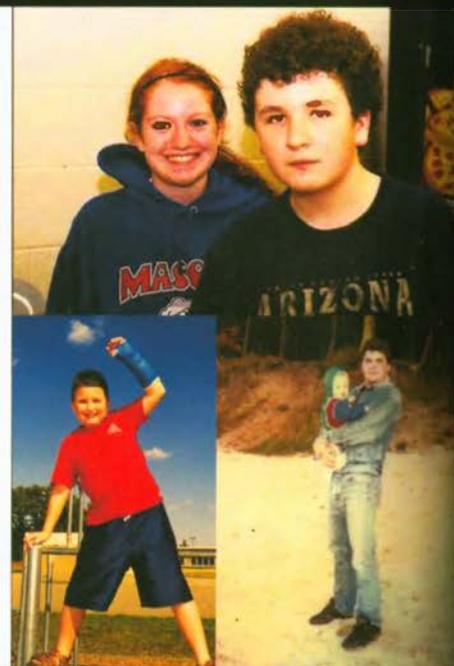
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# Jack,

Time has gone so fast. Watching you grow through all these years has been a blessing. You are a fine young man. We are all proud of you. Congratulations on graduating. Go forth into the world and conquer your dreams.

Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
and Kaylee



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*Rachel,*

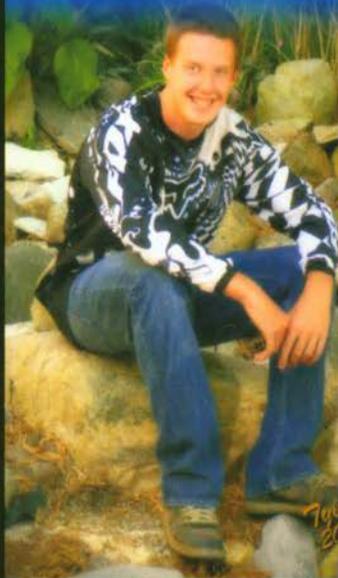
*We are so proud of you.  
You have become a wonderful  
young woman. Keep up the  
hard work and you will go a  
long way.*

*Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Hannab*



**Congratulations,  
Tyler!**

**We are so proud  
of you -**



**Best wishes  
always!**

**Love you,  
Mom, Dad  
Family & Friends**

J. McCARTY

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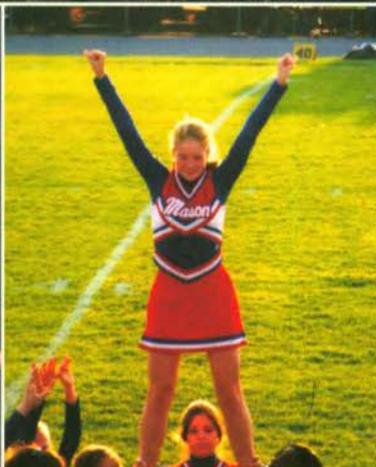
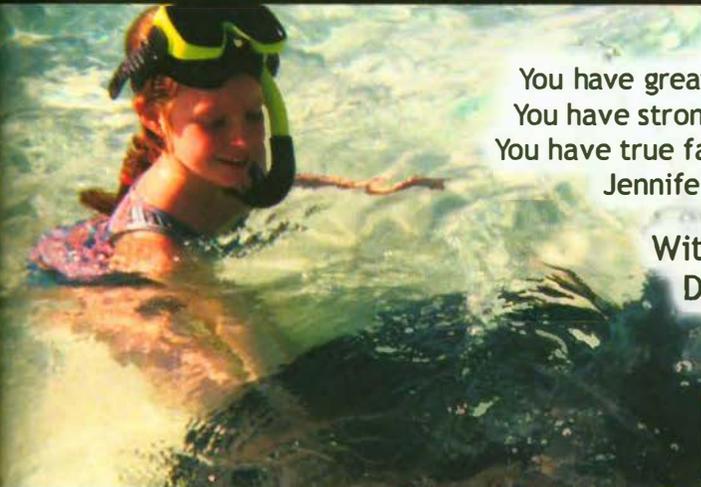
**Jenny,**

**You have great goals, keep them strong;  
You have strong desires, keep them true;  
You have true faith, let Him guide your life.  
Jennifer, you're wonderful!**

**With all our love,  
Dad and Mom**



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*Mallory,  
I love you to the  
moon and back!  
Momma*

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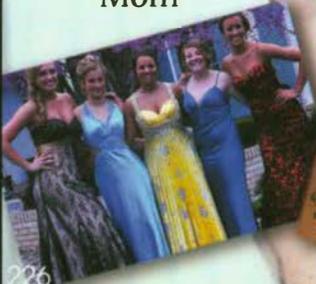


*Brad,  
We are so proud of the young  
man you have grown to  
become.  
- Love, Mom and Dad*

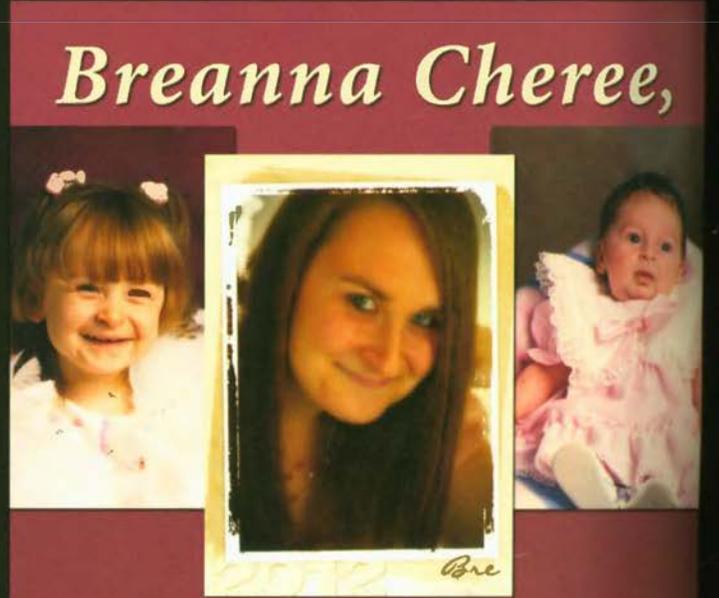
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Congrats, Lexi!  
You have been reaching for the stars since the day you were born! They are getting closer every day. The world is yours, babe. Go out there with your eyes and heart wide open. I am so proud of the amazing young lady you have become.

Love you always,  
Mom



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*Breanna Cheree,  
You're a shining star, you brighten the world with your enthusiasm and positive attitude. I'm very proud to have you as my daughter. Remember, only you hold the key to your future. Always keep a smile on your face and a song in your heart!  
Love, Mom*

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*Wes, thanks for keeping us smiling! We are so proud of you, and know that you have a successful future ahead of you.*

*Love, Dad, Mom, Lauren, Janna, & Landon*



PARENT SUBMISSION

# Alyssa,

*Congratulations, we are very proud of you.  
We know you will do great at Grand Valley.  
Remember to go after what you want,  
don't wait for it to come to you,  
and always have a dream.*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad, Ashley, & Amanda  
Live \* Laugh \* Love*

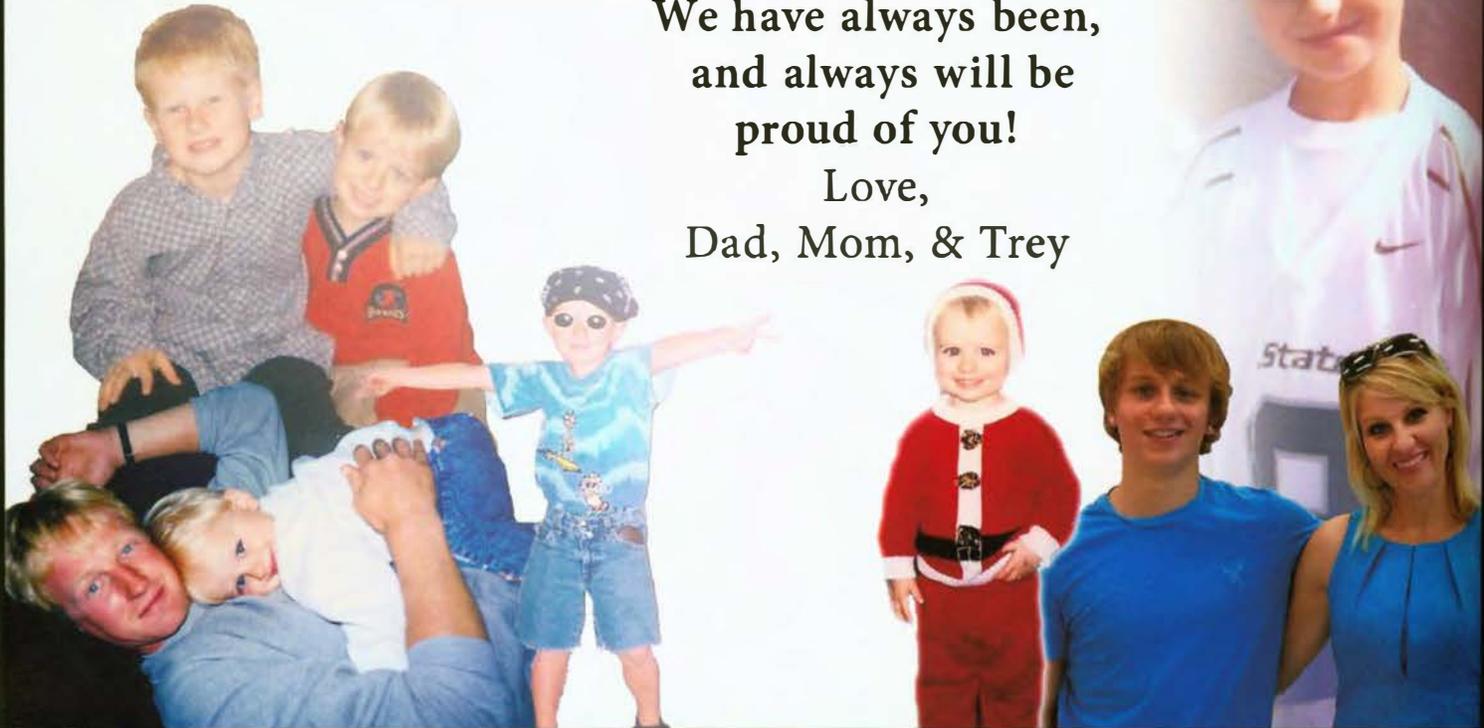


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# Congratulations Chase!

We have always been,  
and always will be  
proud of you!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, & Trey



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## Meggie,

*We are so proud of  
your accomplishments  
at Mason High. Keep  
learning and living  
life to the fullest.  
Your passions  
will soon be  
revealed.*

*We love you!  
Mom, Dad,  
Nick, Sean,  
and Murphy*

*XOOXXO*

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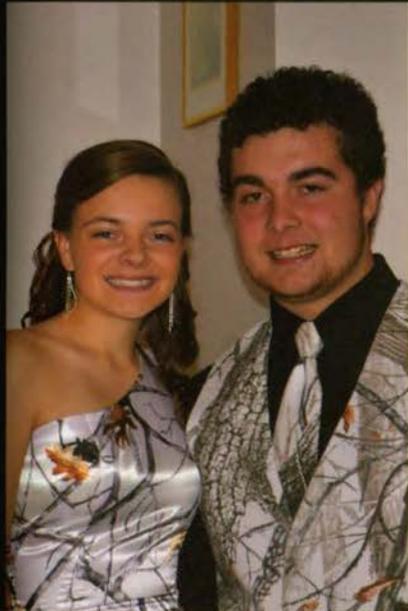


Kaleigh,  
 From the moment I looked into your eyes I knew you were destined for greatness. You saved me... Watching you grow has been such a blessing for me. We have become such great friends and I can't imagine my life without you. Everyday you continue to amaze me with your accomplishments, hard work and constant drive to be more. You are a beautiful soul. Keep God in your heart, love and family in your life and follow your dreams always.

Love forever,  
 Mom

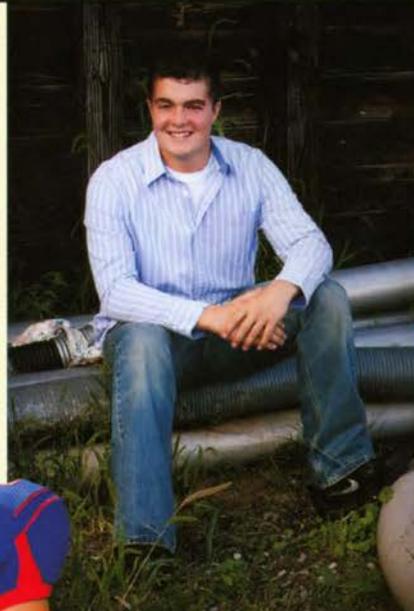


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Dear Luke,  
 Wow, your senior year! Your caring silly and witty ways always make us laugh. We are very excited for you as you start this next phase in life. We couldn't be more proud of the person you've become. The integrity you live by is a great gift and will have many rewards in life.

We love you very much,  
 Mom , Dad, Natasha,  
 Evan, Ben & Adrian



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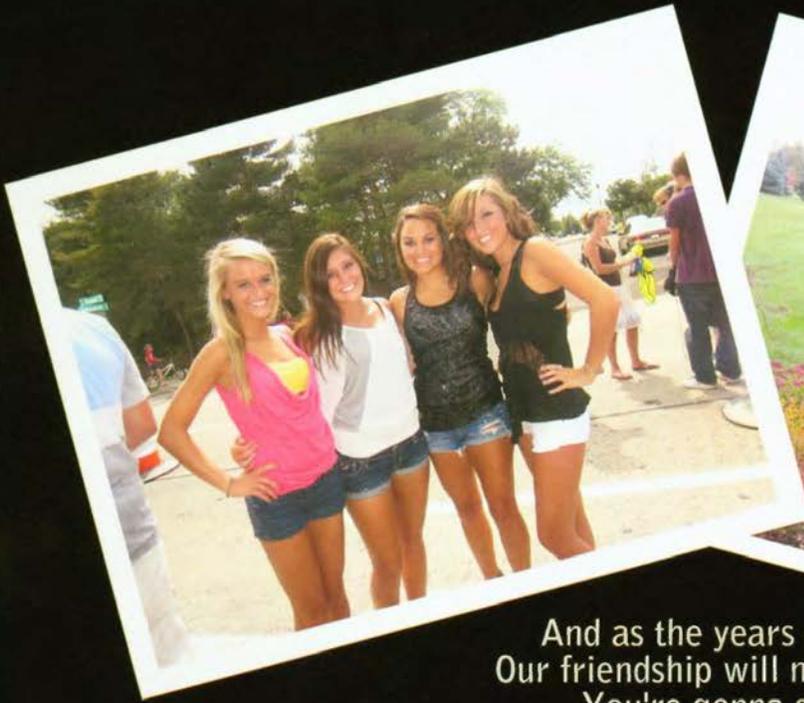
***Congratulations, Katie!***

*As you begin the next chapter of your life,  
may the Force be with you!*

***Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Jenny***



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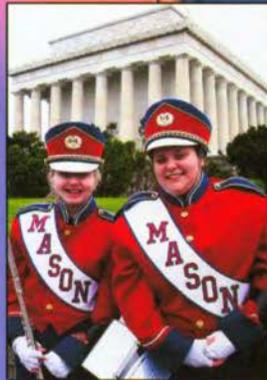
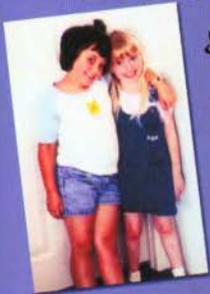
And as the years go by  
Our friendship will never die  
You're gonna see  
It's our destiny  
You've got a friend in me  
Congratulations to THE 4, K, Chris, Cee and Lin.  
Love - Your Families

J. McCARTY

# Stephanie & Alexis,

*It has been a joy watching the two of you become life-long friends. You both share a lot of great memories (Chinese restaurants, Girl Scouts, shopping at Target, JC Penney Portrait Studio visits, band trips, and calling a certain boy a not-so-nice name on the playground in 1st grade). It is hard to believe our two little kindergarteners are*

*graduating from high school!  
We are so proud of you!  
Love, Mom and Mom*



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# Stephanie,

*We cannot believe our beautiful little girl is graduating from high school! It seems like just yesterday we were walking you through the doors of Cedar Street Elementary for your first day of kindergarten. You have grown into an amazing young lady. We are very proud of you! We love you!*

*Love, Mom and Dad*

*Sissy, Even though we drive you crazy daily, we still love you!  
Congratulations!  
Love, Derek and Damien*



J. McCARTY



*Emily, It has been a pleasure watching you grow into the young lady that you are. We are very proud of you! If I had to give you one piece of advice it would be to follow your heart and keep your heart pure. There is nothing in this world that you can't do! We love you and we are excited to see what you do with life's next adventure.*

*Love, Dad, Shalane, Riley and Mackie*



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## Riley,

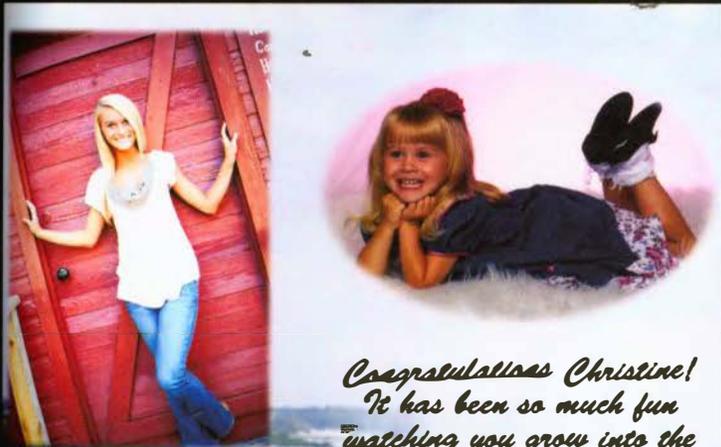
*We are very proud of all of your accomplishments and we look forward to seeing your future successes. It is so rewarding to see you grow into such a beautiful, thoughtful, intelligent, and above all, charitable young woman.*

*You have always been such a joy in our lives. You are quick to smile and you have a wonderful sense of humor! We are so proud of the direction you are heading in your life and we know with your dedication you are destined to accomplish great things! Remember we will always be here if you need us.*

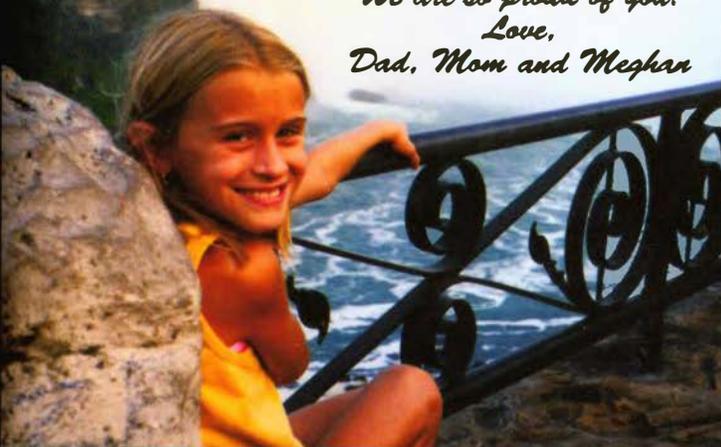
*Love, Papa, Mom, Wendy, Chad, Mackie, Emily, and Brynn*



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*Congratulations Christine!  
It has been so much fun  
watching you grow into the  
amazing person you are today.  
We are so proud of you!  
Love,  
Dad, Mom and Meghan*



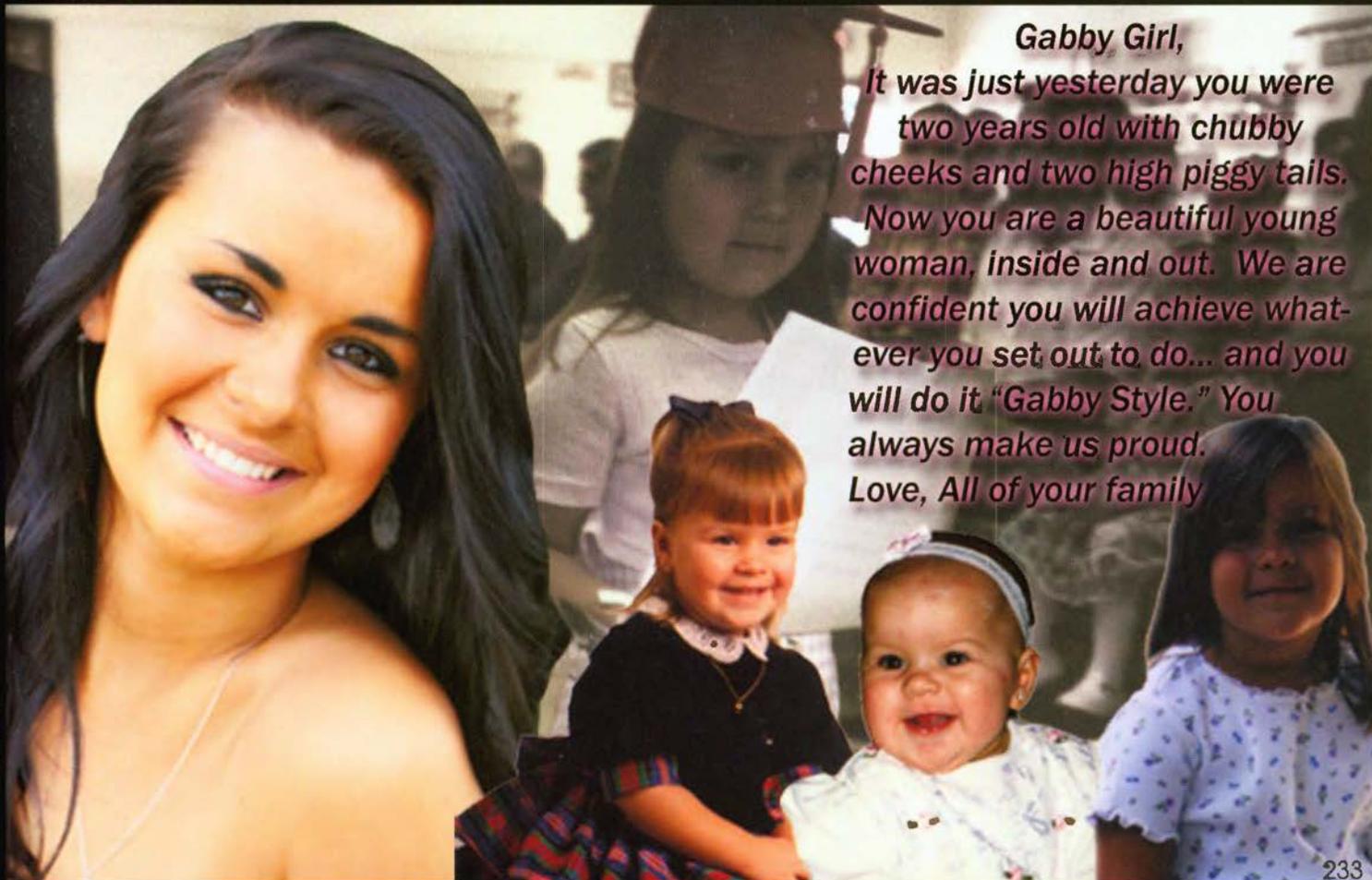
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# Johnny



*Your Mom is smiling down on you with great pride.... the past years have been an adventure. At times struggling....everything has come together, for you, in your senior year. Remember to take time to enjoy life.....we are very proud of you!  
Love always, Dad and Dawn, Kolby, Jake, Justin and Kali  
(aka.... "THE SCAVARDA 7")*

J. McCARTY



*Gabby Girl,  
It was just yesterday you were  
two years old with chubby  
cheeks and two high piggy tails.  
Now you are a beautiful young  
woman, inside and out. We are  
confident you will achieve what-  
ever you set out to do... and you  
will do it "Gabby Style." You  
always make us proud.  
Love, All of your family*

Jake,

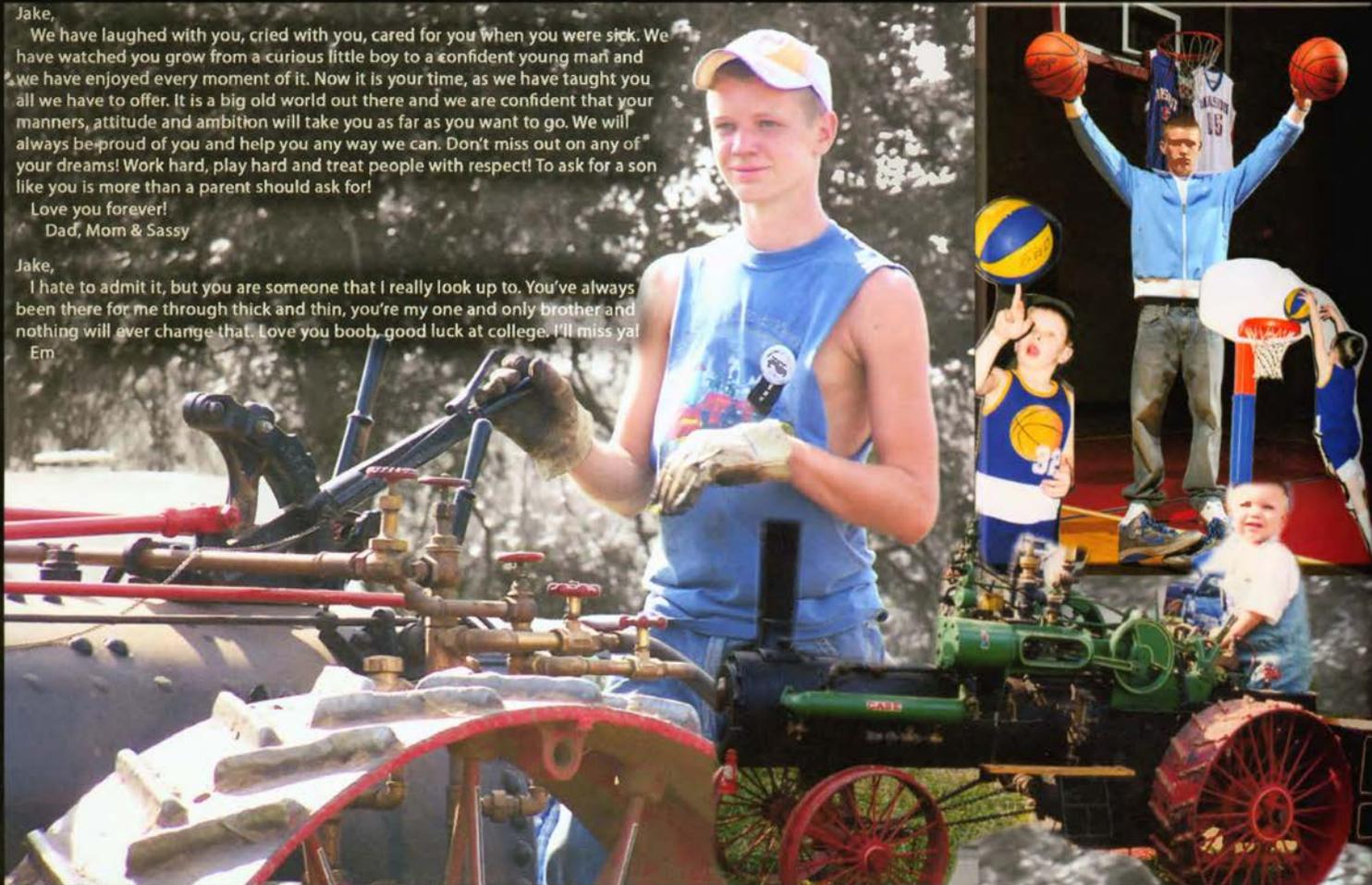
We have laughed with you, cried with you, cared for you when you were sick. We have watched you grow from a curious little boy to a confident young man and we have enjoyed every moment of it. Now it is your time, as we have taught you all we have to offer. It is a big old world out there and we are confident that your manners, attitude and ambition will take you as far as you want to go. We will always be proud of you and help you any way we can. Don't miss out on any of your dreams! Work hard and treat people with respect! To ask for a son like you is more than a parent should ask for!

Love you forever!

Dad, Mom & Sassy

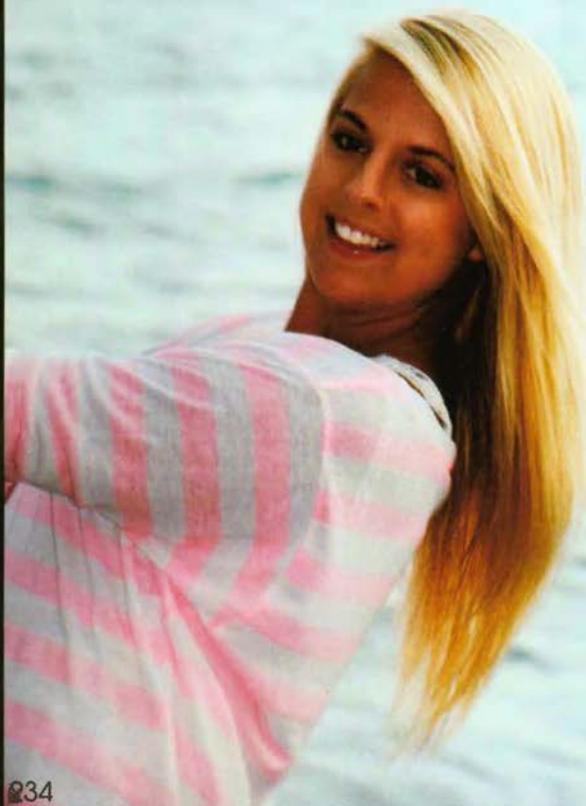
Jake,

I hate to admit it, but you are someone that I really look up to. You've always been there for me through thick and thin, you're my one and only brother and nothing will ever change that. Love you boob, good luck at college. I'll miss ya! Em



ALBERT

***Sissy, Princess, Dolly Doodle, or Toodles...depending on your mood,***



*You are the love of our lives and we are so proud of you. You came into this world early and were determined to survive.*

*You have become such a beautiful, independent young lady. We can hardly wait to see what the future holds for you as you venture into adulthood.*

*We have enjoyed every part of being your family and will always be your biggest fans. You are all we could have ever asked for in a daughter and sister. :)*

***Congratulations Casey Marie!***

***We love you more!!! <3  
Mom, Dad, Corey and Joel***

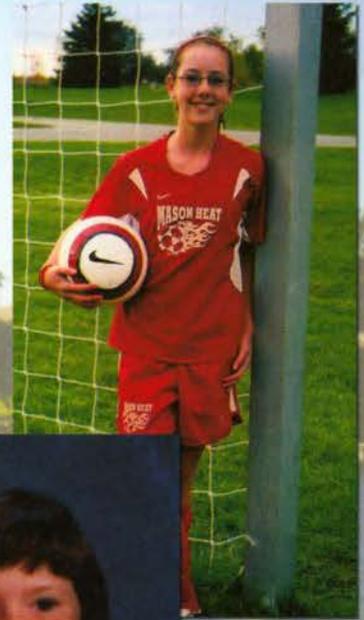


# Chelsea,

*If you believe in yourself, there is nothing you can't achieve. Go for it!*

*We love you very much!*

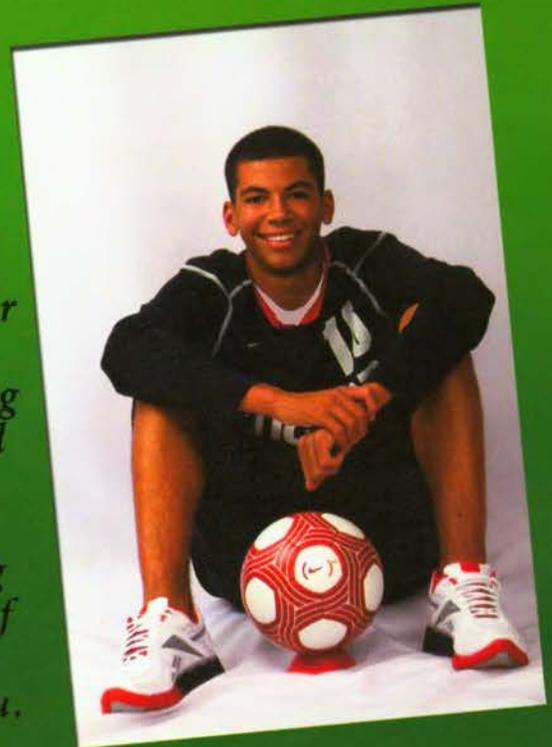
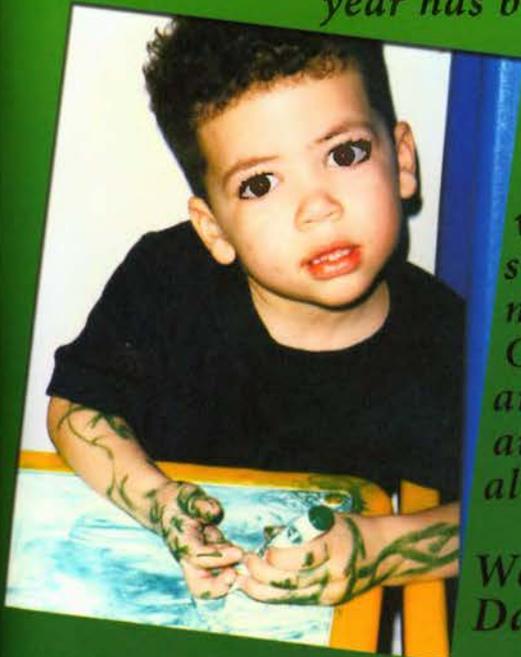
*Dad, Mom, Shelby*



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# Stephen,

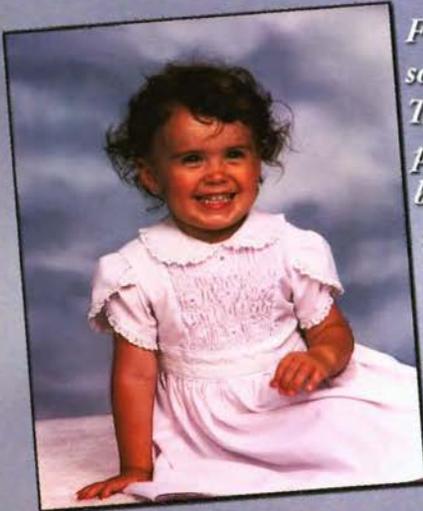
*We are so proud of the young man you have become. This year has brought you many trials that only made you a stronger person. Your great sense of humor along with your caring and sensitive personality make you unique. Continue to be strong and believe in yourself and know we will always be proud of you.*



*We love you,  
Dad, Mom, and Jayde*

J. McCARTY

# Rachel Mercy Davis,



*First of all, we are sooo proud of you. The days of youth are past and you have become a beautiful woman - both inside and out. By the grace of God, you are about to take on the world. (Should we warn them that you're coming?!)*

*Never forget the depth of our love for you. Congratulations!!*

*Love,  
Dad & Mom*

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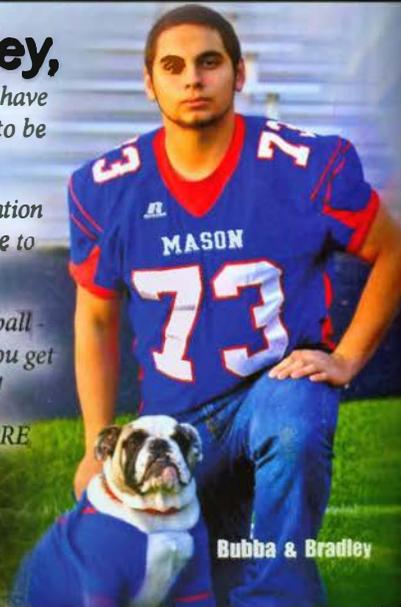
# Dear Bradley,

*We are so proud of all you have accomplished and blessed to be your parents!*

*With your strength, dedication and kindness, you are sure to leave a print. 🐾*

*Remember, life is like football - keep your position and if you get knocked down, get up!*

*TE QUEREMOS SIEMPRE  
Dad, Mom, & Dan*



Bubba & Bradley



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*Congratulations,  
Austin!*

*Where has the  
time gone?*



*Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
& Tatia*



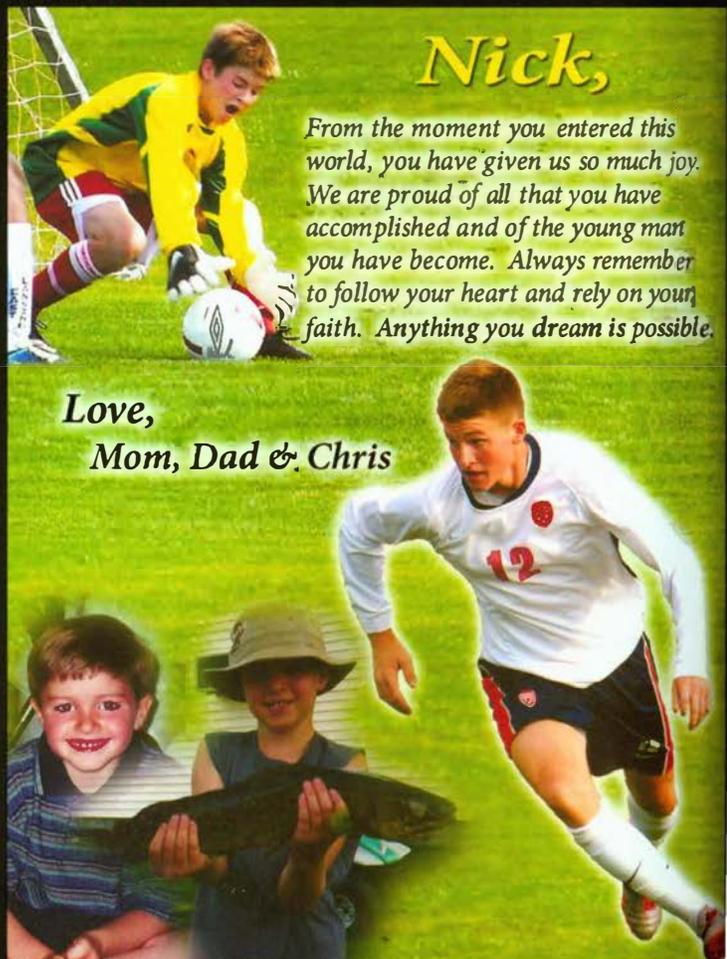
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# Nick,

*From the moment you entered this world, you have given us so much joy. We are proud of all that you have accomplished and of the young man you have become. Always remember to follow your heart and rely on your faith. Anything you dream is possible.*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad & Chris*



J. McCARTY

Ashlea,  
We are so very proud of you... for  
all that you have done, all that you  
will do, all that you are, and all that  
you will be. We love you  
more than words can say.  
Love Always, Mom & Dad



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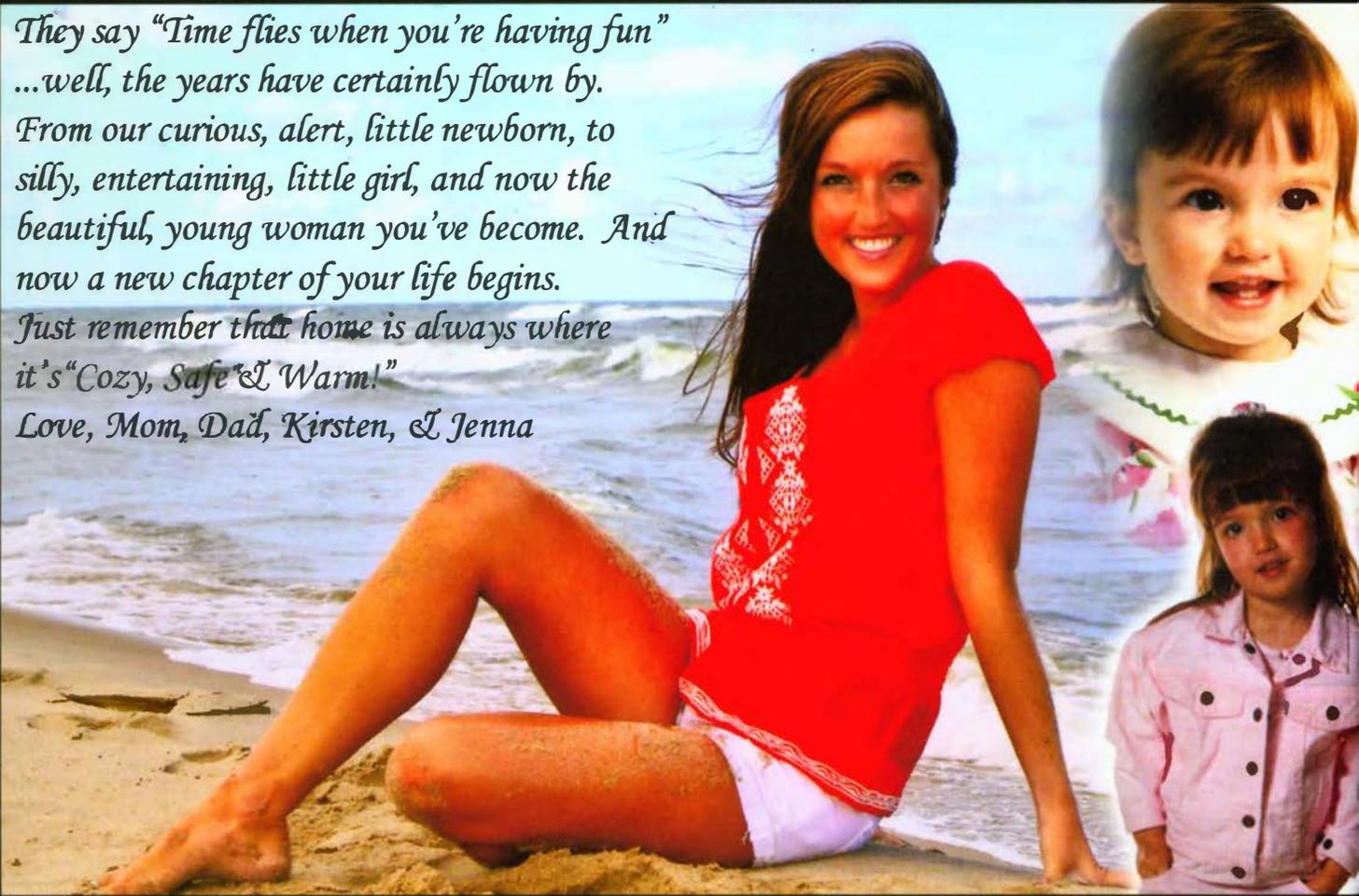
**CONGRATULATIONS,  
ALEXANDRA!!**

**WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!**

**WE LOVE YOU,**

**MOM, NICOLE AND SHELBY**

*They say "Time flies when you're having fun"  
...well, the years have certainly flown by.  
From our curious, alert, little newborn, to  
silly, entertaining, little girl, and now the  
beautiful, young woman you've become. And  
now a new chapter of your life begins.  
Just remember that home is always where  
it's "Cozy, Safe & Warm!"  
Love, Mom, Dad, Kirsten, & Jenna*

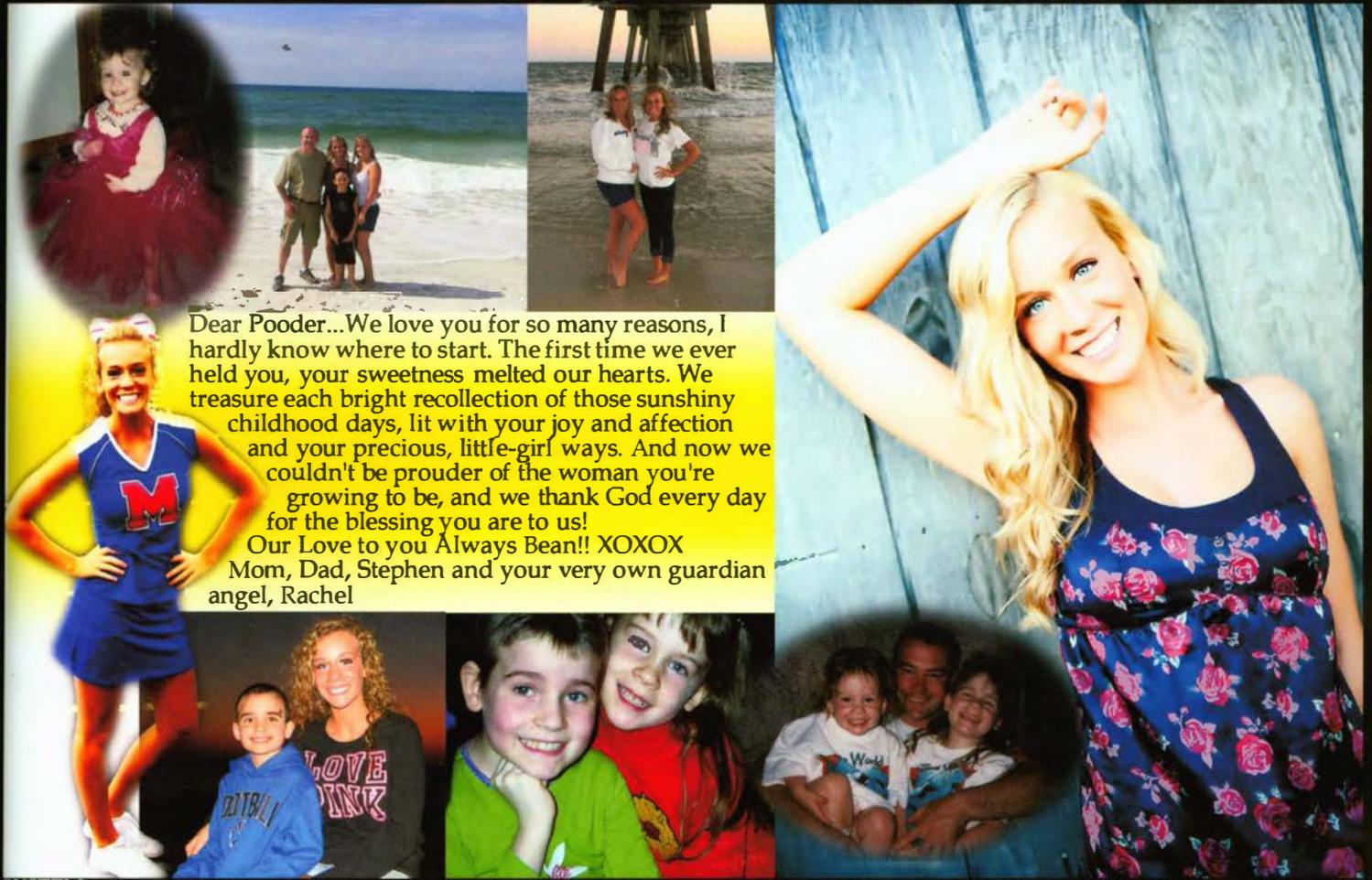


SMITH

**Congratulations  
Amber and Amanda  
on all your accomplishments.**

**We love you,  
Mom and Dad**





Dear Pooder...We love you for so many reasons, I hardly know where to start. The first time we ever held you, your sweetness melted our hearts. We treasure each bright recollection of those sunshiny childhood days, lit with your joy and affection and your precious, little-girl ways. And now we couldn't be prouder of the woman you're growing to be, and we thank God every day for the blessing you are to us!  
 Our Love to you Always Bean!! XOXOX  
 Mom, Dad, Stephen and your very own guardian angel, Rachel

RUSTEM

# Samantha Houchlei

What a fantastic young lady you've become!



*From your days of fighting with your brothers.....*

*to your days of kicking it with Chill.....*

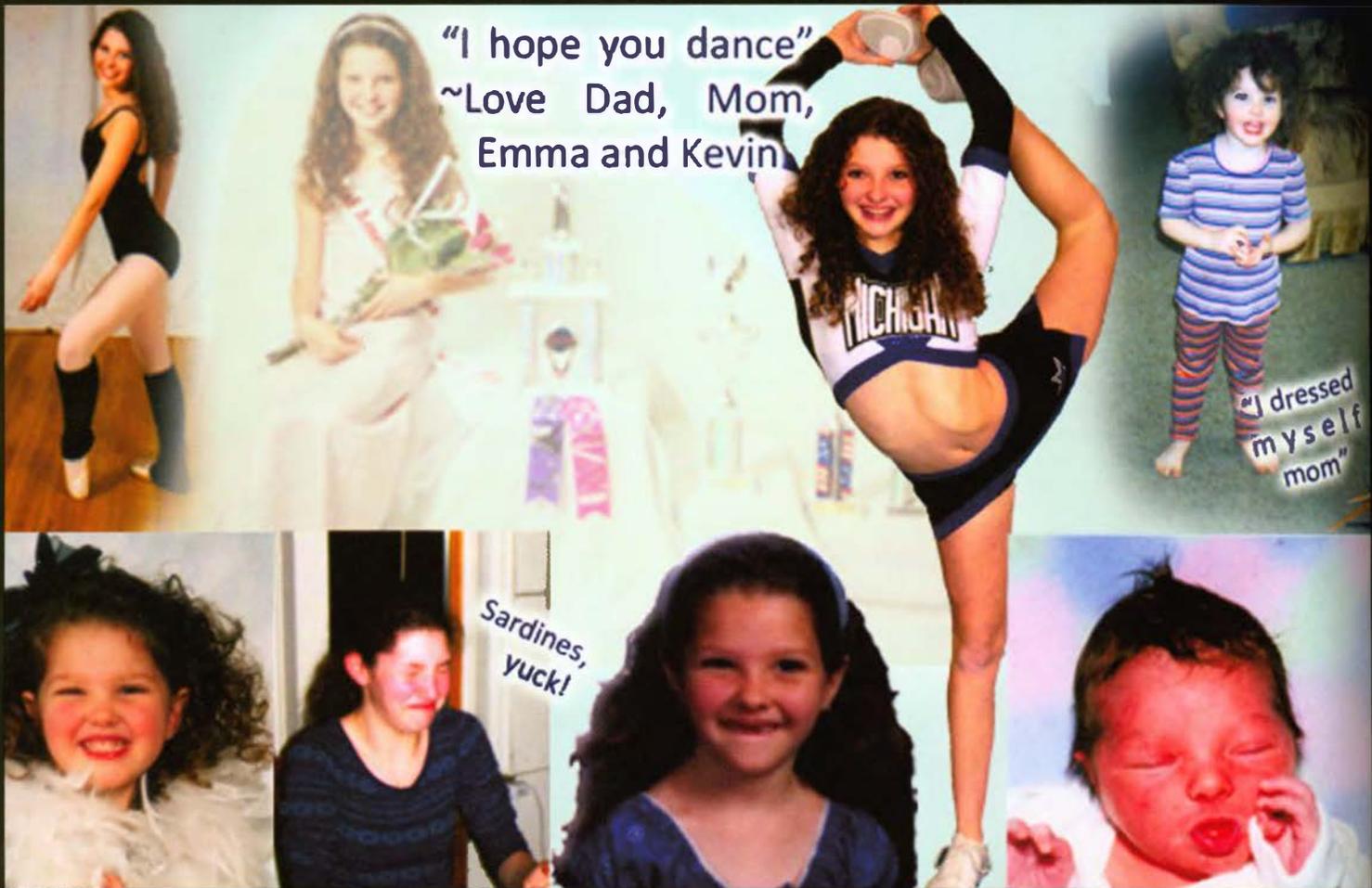


*We look forward to watching you grow, while you expand your knowledge, develop your passions, and keep GOD your number one.*

*Love,  
 Mom and Dad*



*You will always be  
 our very special superhero!*

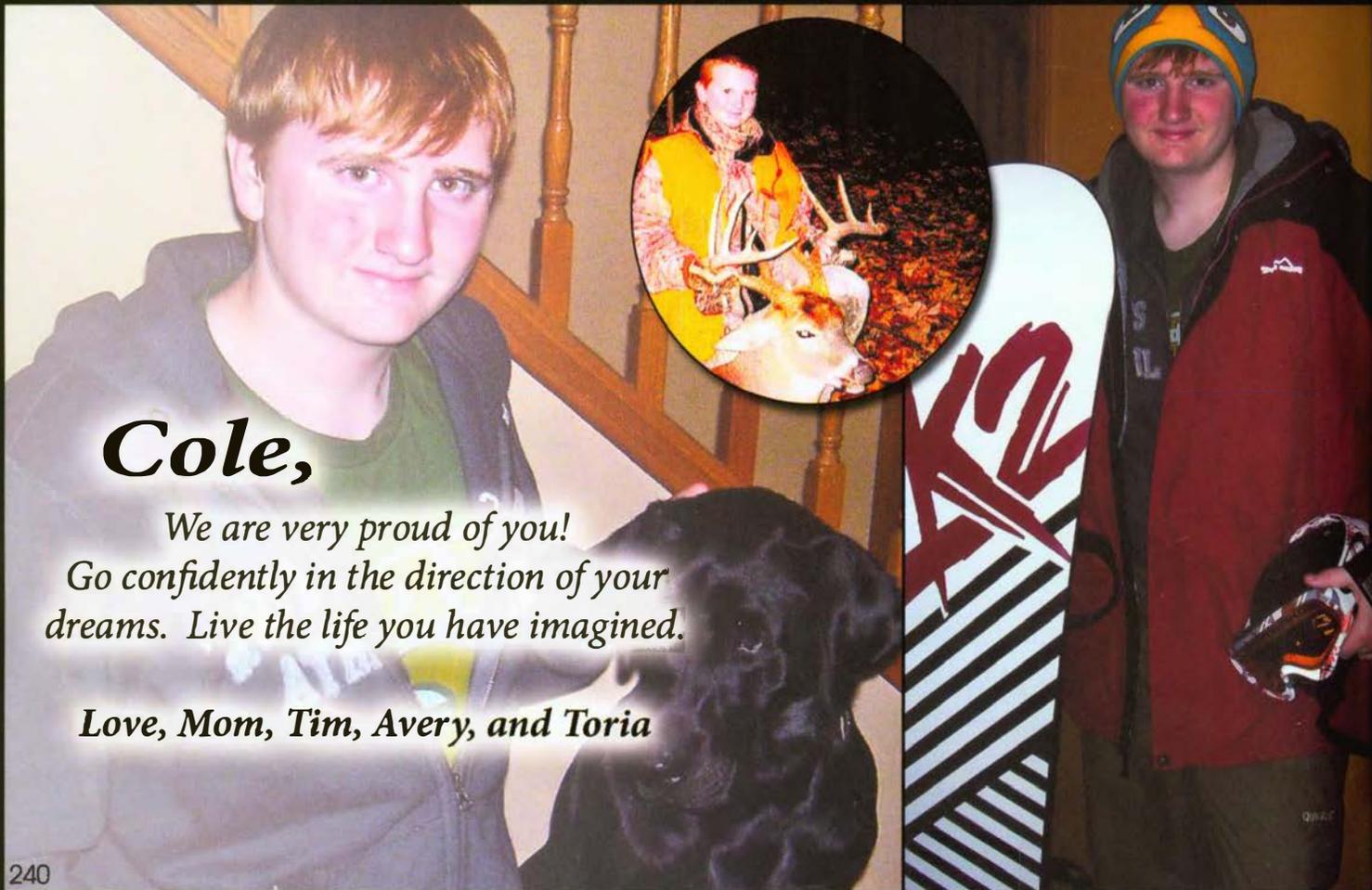


"I hope you dance"  
 ~Love Dad, Mom,  
 Emma and Kevin

"I dressed myself mom"

Sardines,  
 yuck!

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**Cole,**

*We are very proud of you!  
 Go confidently in the direction of your  
 dreams. Live the life you have imagined.*

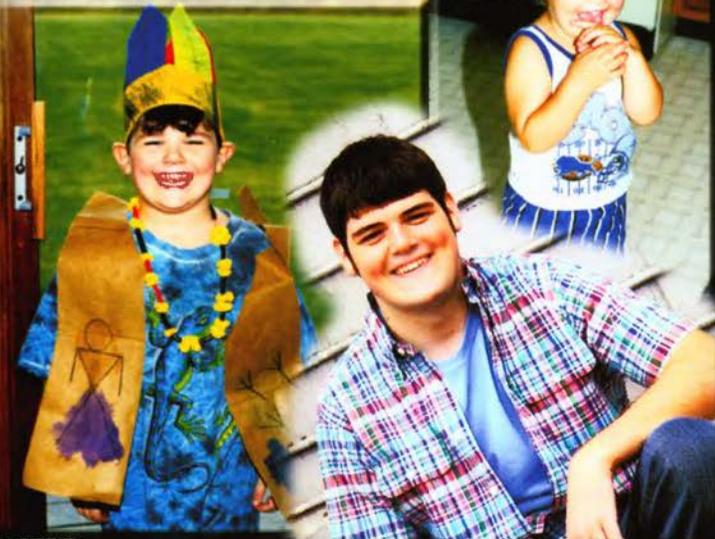
**Love, Mom, Tim, Avery, and Toria**

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# "Sweet Baby Shane"

CONGRATULATIONS SHANE  
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!  
LOVE, DAD, MOM & SETH



ALBERT

*From the moment you opened those beautiful, blue eyes, you captured our hearts.*

*We have been truly blessed to watch you grow, learn, love, and to become the wonderful, young woman that you are today.*

*As you close this chapter of your life and open another, keep moving forward and reaching for the stars...*

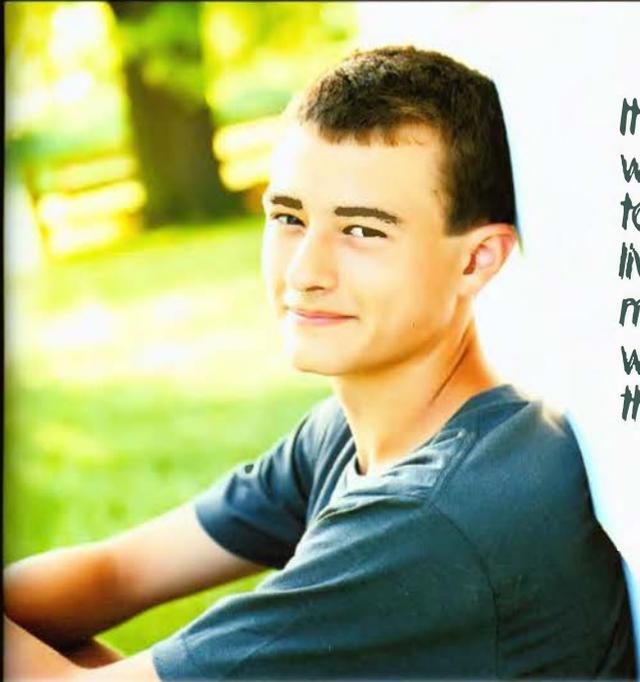


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THE  
WORLD IS  
YOURS!

CONGRATULATIONS,  
CHELSEA  
ANN!

Love,  
Mom &  
Dad

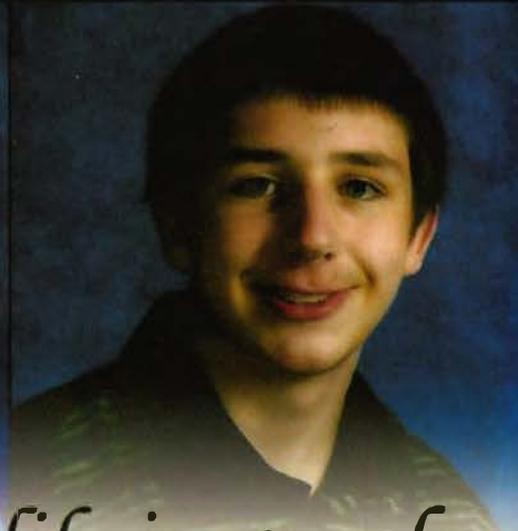


Dear Mason,  
It has been an amazing adventure watching you grow from a little boy to a young man. You have filled our lives with laughter and always made us proud. Just remember, with your determination and will, there is nothing you can't do!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Mags and Jack



ALBERT



*May each step in your life journey be  
a goal achieved and a worthy  
accomplishment.*

*-- Love, Mom and Dad*

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## Son, Congratulations!!

*Your accomplishments have made us so very proud! Your passion and desire will bring you a prosperous future. Stay your course, reach high, believe and achieve. Thinking of you with pride and love, and wishing you every happiness today and always.*

*We love you Buddy!  
Dad, Teresa & Jessa*



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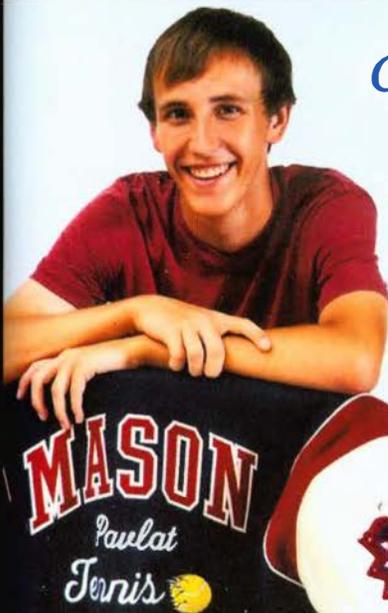


Preston, we love you and hope for the best for you.  
 You have made it this far, now keep your  
 sights on the prize!  
 Love you,  
 Dad, Ann, and Family



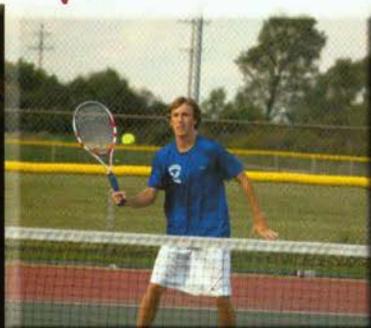
Dear Cierra,  
 Thank you for always being there for me and never  
 letting me down. You're my hero, my sister, and my best  
 friend. I love you so much and am so proud of you. Good  
 luck with all that you do in the future.  
 Love always and forever!  
 Your lil sis, Savana

SCHON



*Cody,  
 Mom and Dad  
 are so proud of  
 what a nice  
 young man you  
 have become.  
 Keep working as  
 hard as you have  
 been and you will  
 be a huge success  
 in life.*

*We love you  
 very much!*



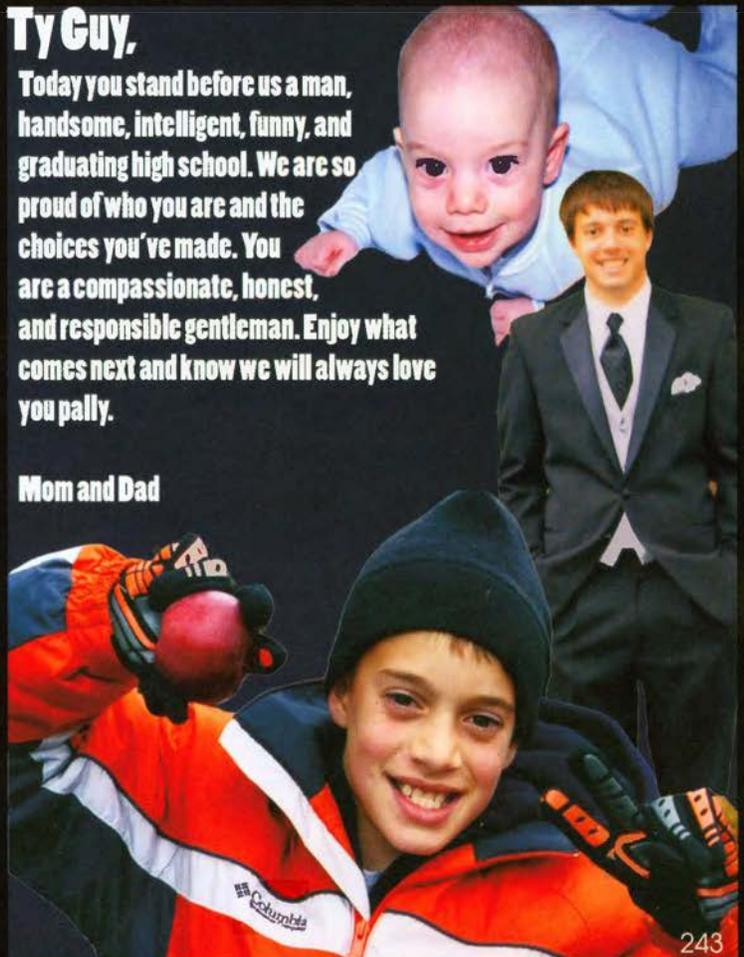
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**Ty Guy,**

Today you stand before us a man,  
 handsome, intelligent, funny, and  
 graduating high school. We are so  
 proud of who you are and the  
 choices you've made. You  
 are a compassionate, honest,  
 and responsible gentleman. Enjoy what  
 comes next and know we will always love  
 you pally.

Mom and Dad



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SMITH

Mackenzie,  
 All the days have gone so fast –  
 Graduation has approached... it's here at last.  
 You're caring, beautiful and really smart –  
 Now that school's over... let your 'real life' start.  
 I'm so proud of whom you've become –  
 It's truly an honor to be your mom!  
 My sissy girl whom I adore –  
 Never forget... I love you MORE!!  
 Mom



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## Cierra Elida Palacio,

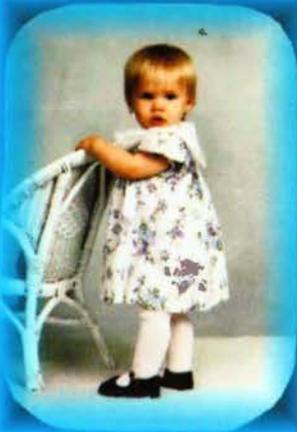
*You have brought so much joy and happiness to all your family and many friends. You have grown into a beautiful young woman. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Keep working hard and never give up. The future holds great blessings for you. The sky is the limit!*

*Love, Your Family*



**Proverbs 3:5-6**  
*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take."*

*With God All Things Are Possible!*



*No matter what lies ahead of you, remember, it is nothing compared to what lies within you. Whether you are out on the lake enjoying nature or off to work, you are able to accomplish anything you put your mind to.*



*Our Little Princess, We are so very proud of you and your achievements. We know that many wonderful things lie ahead of you. Enjoy your many adventures. We will always be here for you! We Love YOU!*



PARENT SUBMISSION

**BLAKE,**

*Over the years, I have watched you grow from an awesome little boy to an amazing man. I am thankful that hard work and honor mean as much to you as it does to me. I couldn't be more proud of you.*

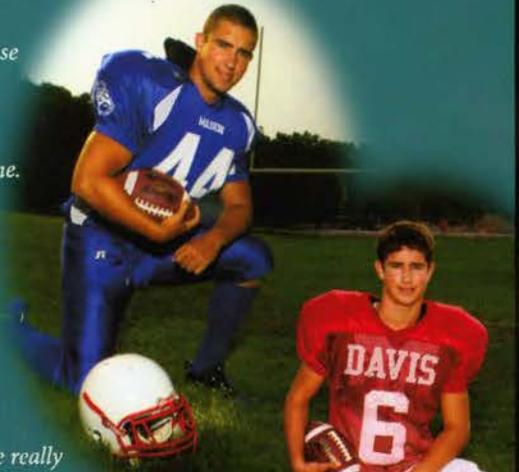
Family First.  
I Love You,  
Dad



**BLAKE,**

*It has been an honor helping your dad raise you. You are an awesome big brother to Rachel, Zoe, and Mason, also a great son. You can do anything that you put your mind to. We are going to miss you at home. We can't wait to watch you play ball on Saturdays. You deserve your scholarship that you have worked so hard to get.*

Love,  
Cami



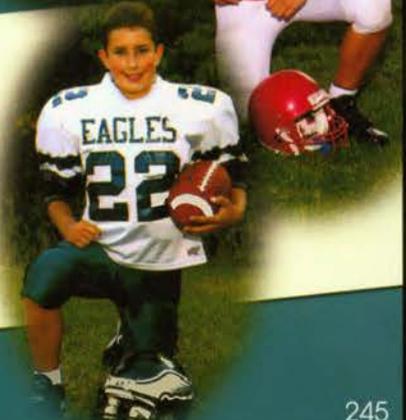
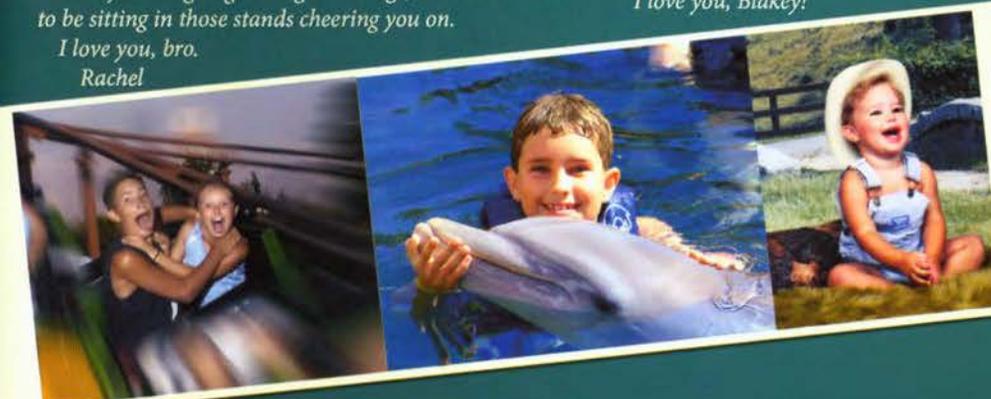
**BLAKE,**

*You are the best big brother anyone could ask for. You are an amazing person and you deserve that scholarship! I know you are going to do great things, and I can't wait to be sitting in those stands cheering you on.*

I love you, bro.  
Rachel

**BLAKEY,**

*I think you are really cool. You are really good at football and the best big brother. I love you, Blakey!*



*Sammi Sue,  
We are so proud of you. You  
are such a beautiful girl from  
the inside out. As always,  
make good choices and  
remember to call your mother!  
Love Mom & Dad*



ALBERT



# *Jake,*

*You are an amazing young  
man and a blessing from  
God. We are proud of your  
many accomplishments.  
You have worked hard and  
given your best. You are a  
person of integrity,  
intelligence, and kindness.  
We pray that God will  
greatly bless your future.  
We love you,  
Dad & Mom*



Jacob  
2012



Nicole,

We are so proud of you and the young woman that you have become. Congratulations on your outstanding academic achievements.

You are a blessing in our lives and we wish you much success on your future endeavors. While on your journey, remember to Live, Laugh, and Love.

We Love You,  
Mom, Dad, Lauren, & Erin

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths; Proverbs 3:5-6



SCHON



*The lovely and grace filled wisdom of Charlotte will make all those she touches in the future lucky to have known her.*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad, Abby,  
and Forrest*



RUSTEM



**Annie Joy,**  
 You are our sunshine!  
 You bring us much joy and laughter. You are a reflection of God's Amazing love. We know that God gives us more that we can even imagine and he has shown us that in you. You are a blessing beyond measure. We praise Him for letting you be part of our lives.



We love you, Mom and Dad,  
 Mike and Nick

Proverbs 31:29&30b



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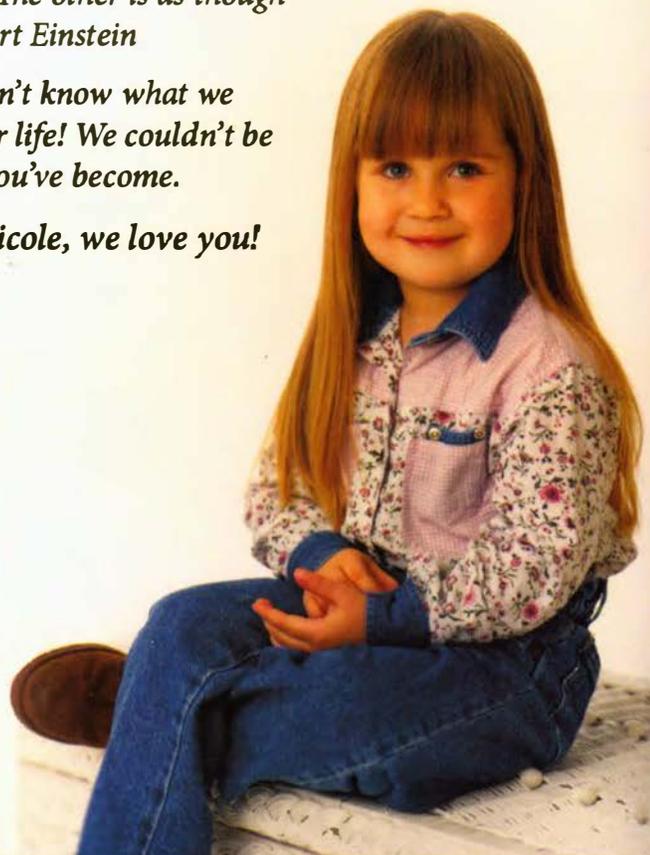
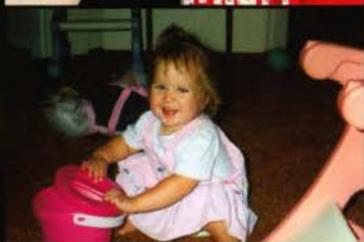


*"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." Albert Einstein*

*You are our miracle - we don't know what we would do without you in our life! We couldn't be more proud of the woman you've become.*

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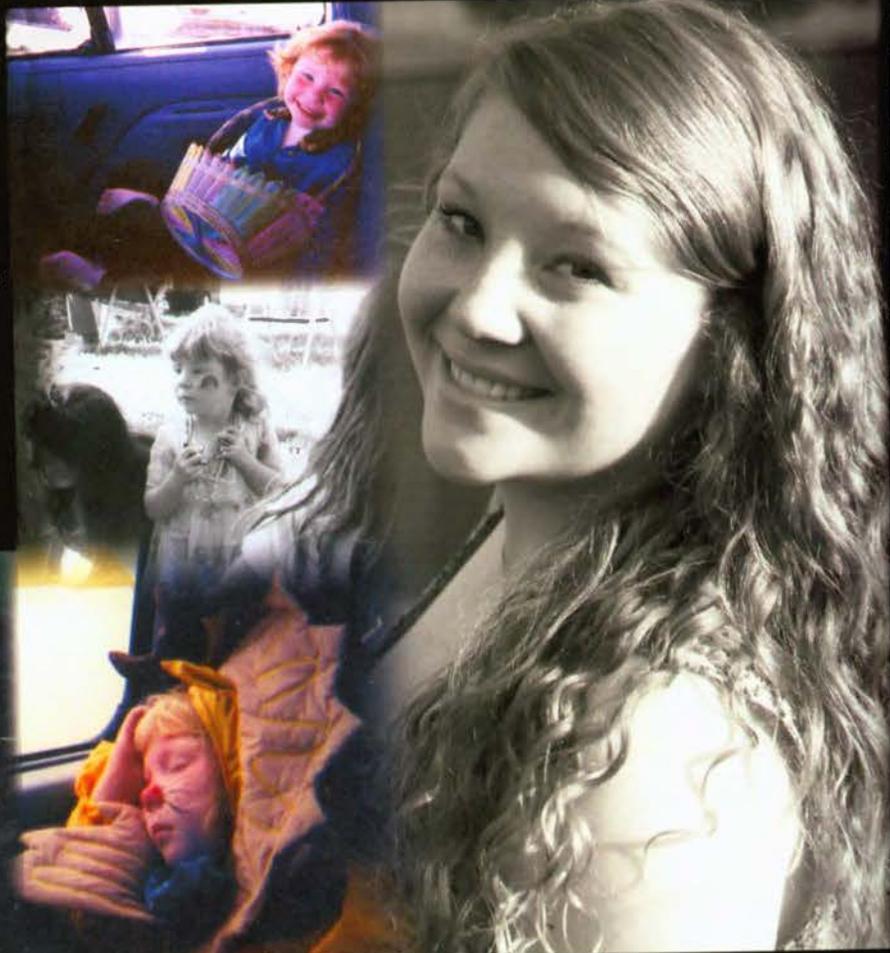
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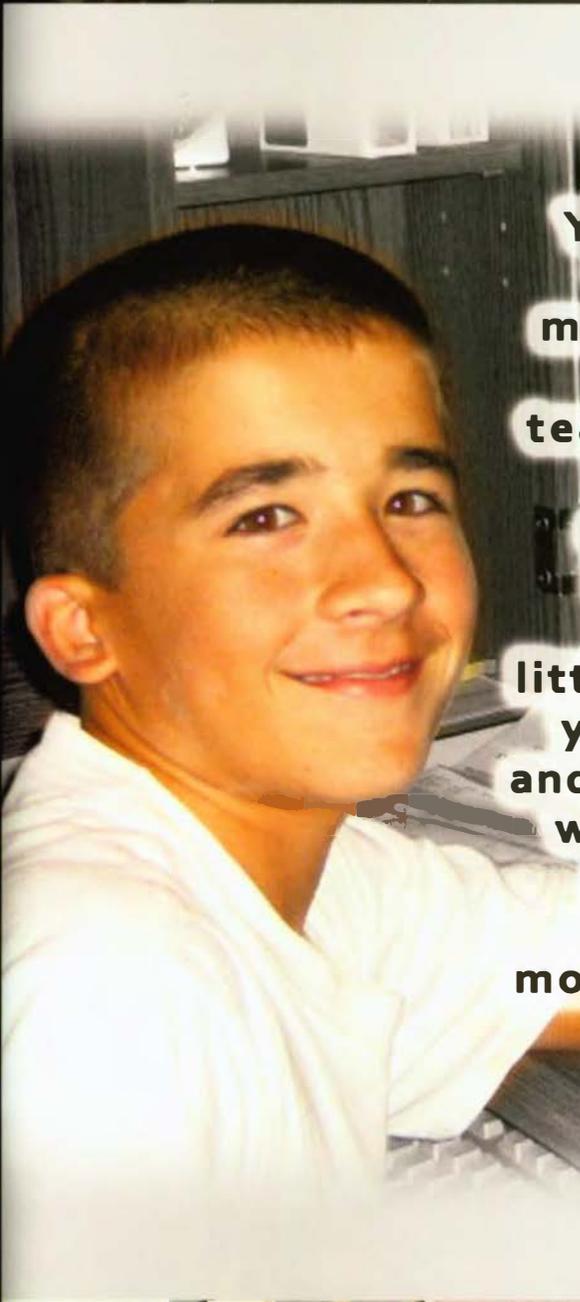
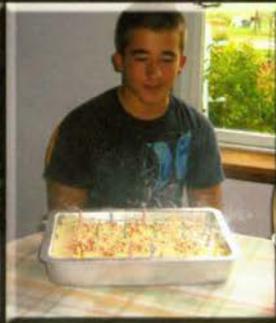
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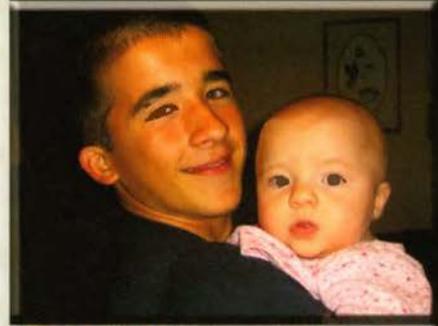
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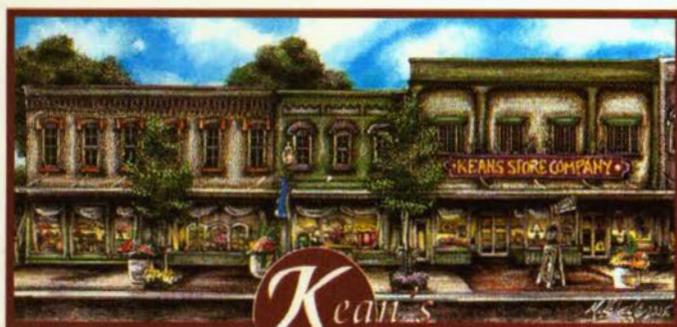
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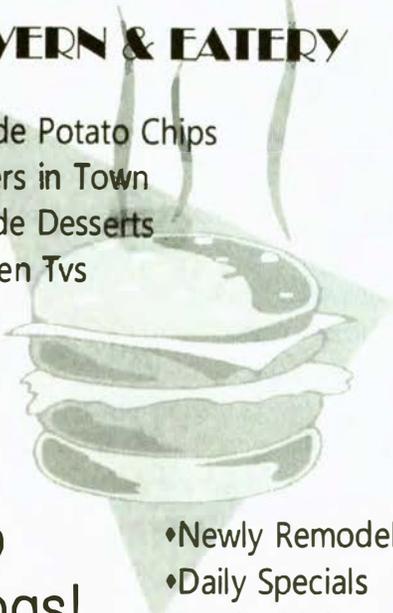
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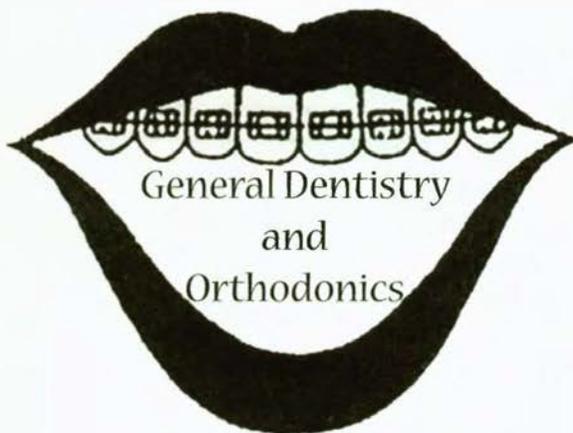
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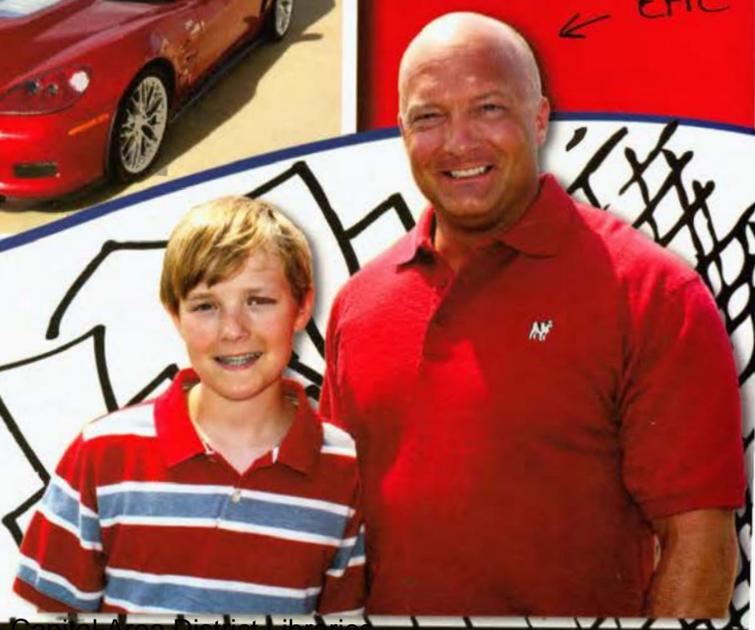
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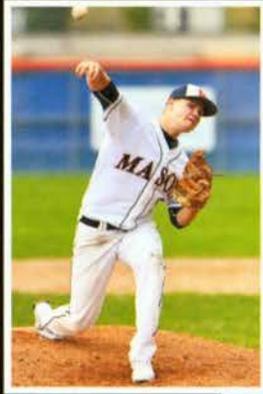
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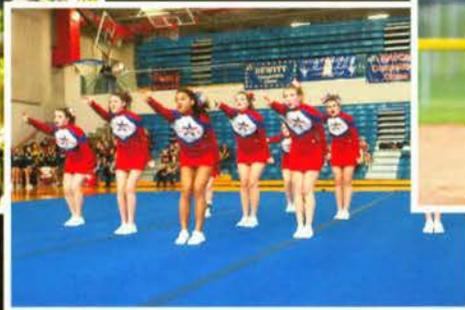
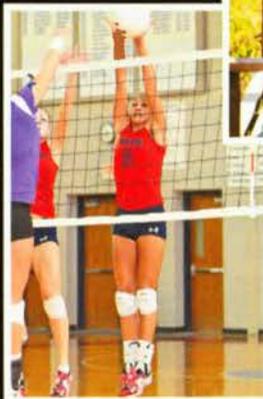


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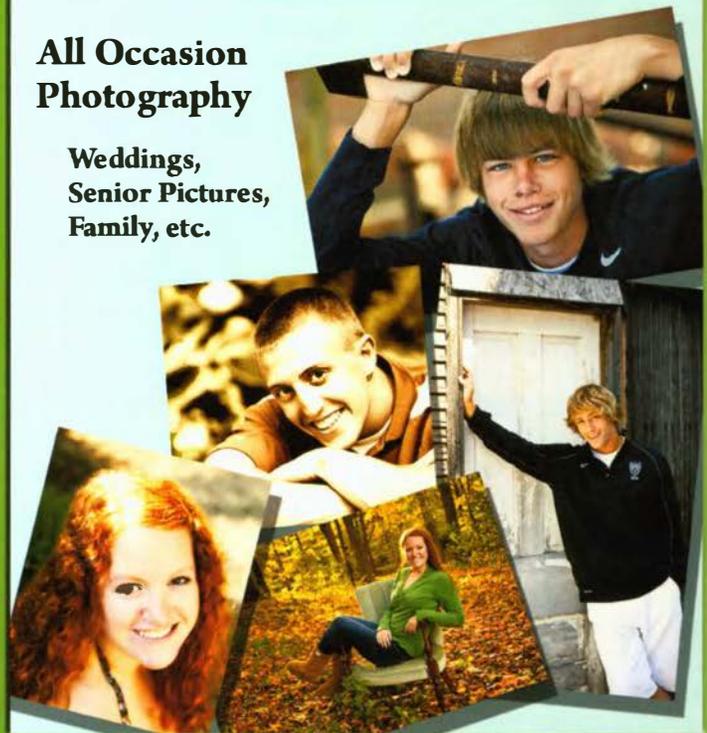
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# Colophon

By: Ashley Lee

The 2011-2012 *Anchora* was produced with the help of Jostens Yearbook Division. Our local liaison, Mike Lafferty, assisted the staff with the decision making. Ms. Anissa Coleman supervised the production of the book at the Clarksville, Tennessee plant.

The 18 members of the *Anchora* staff developed the theme *We Are One*. The 8 ½" by 11" book binds 284 80# full processed color pages within a 150-point binder board, all of which are matte. The cover, designed by Robert Albert and Carol Perry, is a litho cover with Ebony litho #546 and text color White #325. End sheets are Snow White #280. The personalization stamping is Metallic Silver #877. It also has a black cover.

The students, faculty, and community bought approximately 700 books at \$70 each. Community businesses supported the cause by purchasing advertisements. Senior parents also made tremendous contribution by purchasing personalized ads. This publication would not be possible without their financial support.

Special thanks to Lifetouch for taking the underclassmen mug shots. Thanks to Alan Holben for providing our staff with many athletic pictures and the unity picture. Thank you to Mrs. Gloden for keeping our financial records; Mrs. Holbrook for taking the time to get us class lists; and to Mrs. Wassner for providing us with athletic team rosters and pictures. Thanks also to the Mason High School staff for being patient with the numerous interruptions throughout the school day for pictures and interviews. Without the help of these individuals and many others, the production of the 2011-2012 *Anchora* would not be possible. Thank you, we appreciate all the support!

## Meet the Staff



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# LETTER FROM THE EDITORS



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When reflecting on this past year, it's easy to remember the stresses and the struggles we faced. But when we look beyond that, we remember why all of our efforts toward the book are worth it: to give each student an unparalleled connection to this year that they can take with them. And we assure you, we didn't take that job lightly. We signed ourselves up for it, and we are proud to have created such a magnificent book for our student body. We know that all of our late editing nights and stressful deadline days were worth it. Together we captured a piece of history – a piece of history we can look back on and remember the good old days.

Though we enjoyed capturing memories for the student body, the biggest benefit to being a part of the staff was the relationships we built with one another. We bonded from overcoming obstacles together, and from spending countless hours in the same room together. Eventually, we turned into a close-knit team, all with the same goal in mind – to make a great yearbook. The hardest learning experience for most of us was giving and receiving constructive criticism, because sometimes the only way we could make the pages great was through brutal honesty. We also learned how to utilize our differences. We filled in each other's weaknesses, inevitably strengthening us as individuals and as a whole. We have redefined our view of hard work and teamwork, a mindset that we will carry through life.

To wrap it up, we would like to personally thank our teacher, adviser, and sometimes even mentor, Higgs. She led us through the year, dealing with our complaints and moods, and serious cases of senior-itis. But mostly, thank you for loving and accepting us despite our faults.

*Robert Albert*  
Annie McCarty  
*Charlotte Remington*  
Ashley Lee  
*Rachel Davis*  
Joshua McCarty

## Agenda 2/3

- Tag names of pgs 65 - 96
  - Set Sigs. 5 & 6 complete
  - Film commercial - Josh & Co.
  - Check ads - Char & Ashley
- Needs to get to Studio M before next week!*

## Dates to Remember

- 2/7 - Last RD due
- 2/13 - Deadline to Jostens

*This is Senior Salutes, Business Ads, & VB sales*

## Lunch Sales

	1st	2nd	3rd
Mon.	Hannah Emily J.	Brooke Gabby	Annie Josh
Tue.	Morgan Char & Ash	Bobby Nick	Lauren Katie
Wed.	Dani Amanda	Lexi Rachel	Brooke Gabby
Thurs.	Josh Bobby	Nick Hannah	Annie Rachel
Fri.	Emily S. Lexi	Morgan Char & Ash	Dani Lauren

*If you need something to do, talk to Higgs!!!*

# ADVISER'S CORNER



**MS. HIGGINS**  
Adviser



The life of an adviser...where to start? Student publications can be the most rewarding and the most stressful all at the same time. I feel blessed to be surrounded with young talent and cursed to be around teenagers going through senior-itis at the most inopportune moment--during the FINAL deadline. Every year my staff has its uniqueness whether it be having a strong work ethic or lack thereof, a creative genius or maybe not so much or maybe they are like this year's staff - a group driven to obtain excellence, all while maintaining their expert level of procrastination.

Probably the biggest myth out there among students is that yearbook is a "blow off class." Boy do I struggle when I hear that. As you flip through this book, try to imagine all the pages blank, because that is where we start. Layouts follow strict guidelines, correct f-stop settings create the perfect image, and then there are those captions. Ask any staff member, past or present, what it is like to get the first deadline back dripping in red ink. Thousands of hours go into putting together an almost perfect production...and this year we are oh so close.

To simply say thank you does not seem like enough. A new standard of greatness has been set by the 2011-12 *Anchora* Staff. I am proud of all you have done, from the unity picture to the way you supported each other day in and day out. I think this is the first year I did not turn purple and have to go on one of my famous walks (well, until the end anyway). Your creativity and sticktuitiveness are admirable traits; I hope they follow you throughout your next chapters in life. Congratulations on finishing the 118th *Anchora*. "Bo Gulldogs!" XOXO

"The Wall"

"Did you really just break your  
finger on a grapefruit?"  
-Emily Ingalls

"Because we love each other!"  
-Rachel Davis

"What happens in yearbook,  
stays in yearbook."  
"Oh, so it's like Las Vegas!"  
-Higgs & Hannah Reister

"Thank you,...goodbye."  
-Nick McNeilly

"Where's my paws?"  
-Nick McNeilly

"This is not a locker room!"  
-Higgs

"No, it's Alan Holben in a fire truck!"  
-Bobby Albert, Nick McNeilly, & Katie Smith

"I'm on a bulldog...yah."  
-Bobby Albert

"Let's just go back and  
make Bobby the folio tab!"  
-Josh McCarty

"The boys with the best bods  
and backpacks!"  
-Annie McCarty





# CLOSING

As the year comes to a close, it is easy to lose ourselves in the good times we had at Mason High School. All of the wonderful friends we made, the life lessons we learned, and the crazy times we had being teenagers. It is fun to live in the past, because you can filter through your memory and focus on the "better days". It is important to remember our past and what made us who we are. But, we must not spend our present living in the past. This year has brought new experiences for all of us – experiences that we can utilize as we move forward on this journey that we call life. People change, friends change, relationships change, but we keep moving forward. We have to keep moving forward. As C.S. Lewis once said, "There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." Whether it is another year of high school or the next step in life, the rest of our time will surely be affected by this **one year**.

