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Wanted
Lining up for his Spirit Week mug shot, Principal Derrick Coleman shows his school pride. While most staff members shun Wacky Wednesday, Coleman dressed his wackiest and showed a silly side not seen regularly.

Open Door Policy
The main entrance of the high school.
Terralce Williams '08 shows us who's number one!

Sade Keyes '10 makes a banner for the big game

Lincoln - WE BELIEVE

Christina Mathe '11 at a soccer game

Brian Wilcox '09 hangs in the halls, as usual.
Without revealing too much information, our school just might be Washtenaw's best kept secret. Little is known about the school in the cornfield...the one without a town. After years of staying under the radar, the time has come to shed light on this sleepy school who struggles to find its way in sports, spirit, test scores and financial resolve, but has enough heart and will power to rival any school, anywhere.

Given proper security clearance, you are about to embark on an experience others do not even know exists. We will share with you the contents of FILE # 2007-2008. In this file you will find confidential information, the contents of which must be kept completely classified. Share this information with only those on a need-to-know basis. We wouldn't want our privacy compromised in any way. This is your mission and your life.
Jacquelyn Sweeney '10, Jazmine Keyes '10 and Jackie Vallance '08 at the Homecoming dance.

Brittany Hall '08 and April Winnie '08 at the Pep Assembly

Lincoln Pedrysz '09 showing his spirit!

Demetra Watson '09 makes signs!

Lauren Reed '08 and Corey Carr '08 during prom
Risky business and scandalous affairs occur in and out of school daily. Secrets, lies and furtive actions prevail in the life of a teen. Preventing parents, teachers and any other adult from delving into our private world is a constant, but necessary, struggle to achieve independence and life experience.

When it comes right down to it, our suspicious activities are not so secret after all. Out of the classroom, most of us share in common, everyday events: using the parking lot and the school restroom; preventing accidents and embarrassments; finding solace and entertainment in our iPods, cell phones, gaming systems, etc; attending Homecoming and Cominghome, as well as the games they celebrate; sharing a meal, a laugh, a cry, a rumor with friends and essentially just doing whatever it takes to get by. Sure, student lifestyles are a mystery to everyone, but they are ours to uncover.

En Guard!
Building floats for the Homecoming parade, Martha Schmitt '10, Ryan Botoroff 10 and Christina Mathie'10 get a little bored and decide to sword fight. A few minutes of fun and then it was back to work.
Class of 2008's Last Thoughts on Spirit Week and Pep Assemblies:

**Tyler Wittico, '08**

"Spirit week is a blast. I don’t participate but I like to make fun of what people wear. They are always ridiculous."

**Josh Watkins '08**

"I always looked forward to spirit week and the pep assembly. Going crazy at the pep assembly was awesome!"

**Brian Bush '08**

"Spirit week is the best week of the year. To think that there won’t be more spirit weeks and pep assemblies sucks!"

**Christopher Butt '08**

"Seniors keep it hype, but we never seem to win at the pep assembly, I go all out for spirit week"
Juniors flooded the halls with smiling faces after winning the events at the pep rally. Traditional spirit days consisted of simple hats, wacky clothes, leading to Friday's school colors. The day of the pep assembly, the junior class came alive, anxious to win their third consecutive year.

"The juniors showed heart and integrity toward their class by sweeping the pep rally," said Briana Carter '09, who is class president.

During the pep assembly, hallways were quiet and empty. But the gymnasium told quite a different story. Bleachers were filled with screaming students cheering on their classes by waving Pom-Poms, balloons, streamers, silly string, foam fingers, you-name-it, just to be heard.

Various competitive events went on at the pep assembly, such as: the three-legged race, a pie-eating contest, the soda-chug and tug-of-war. The competition was tight, though due to unruly fans on the floor, the senior class tug-of-war victory was disqualified, leading to a junior win.

"Brandon [Boyle] and I won the three-legged race for the third year in a row. We pretty much are the champs of it; no one can take us down," said Joseph Sibert '09.

The grand prize for winning the pie contest? The opportunity to smash a pie in the face of Mr. Evans. "I was glad eating a whole pie paid off with the excitement and humor of pie-ing the school's most famous hall monitor. Revenge is a beautiful thing," said Julius Kidd '09.

The War is On
As tough-girl Jackie Vallance '08 pulls her team to victory, she is met with disappointment. "I was so excited when we won tug-of-war! Then they said we cheated and I wanted to rip someone's head off!" said Vallance, after the disqualification.

In Living Color
Strutting his stuff down the hall, Kyle Vanderlip '09 gets cheers and jeers from classmates. "Wacky Wednesday is a hit every spirit week. I borrowed my friend's dress and her boa... everything else I just found around my house," said Vanderlip.
A football game with high hopes, jewel colored dresses swirling through the crowd and floats circling around the track. What else could it be but Homecoming?

The team entered the game with high aspirations, and with a little luck, maybe even a home-win. And luck appeared to be on our side up until the third quarter. Despite a respectable team effort and an early lead, a win was not to be.

"I really did think we had a good shot. Still, it's progress," said Nia Scott '11.

The Homecoming court, decked out in formal dresses and up-dos waited to be introduced at halftime. Danielle Jenkins '08 was crowned queen, but the whole court felt honored to be recognized.

"I was very happy because last year I didn't make it," said Jessica Mitchell '09, who was a part of the Queen's Court.

The theme for Homecoming was locations, and the floats took that on. They were spread out over the globe, from Niagara Falls to Hollywood to Egypt and Tokyo. The freshmen class won the contest with Niagara Falls.

"It was a little tough building the float. We started with only 15 people, but we ended up getting more people to help," said Chad Opfermann '11.

All together the game, the floats and the queen with her court formed the Homecoming experiences and memories that the people involved will remember forever.

Waterfall Winners
The freshmen float, which won first place, used Niagara Falls and "Drown Bedford" as their theme. They used bubbles and a moving donkey to catch the crowd's eye.

Catching Up
Working on the sophomore float, Samantha Pinter '10, Rachel Berafinski '10, Allison Chan '10 and Martha Schmitt '10 take a minute to catch up. "I don't see my friends much in school, so it was nice to talk to them at float building," said Chan.
The Queen and her ladies: Jessica Mitchell '09, Kaaside Richardson '09, Samantha Lyles '08, Erika Jordan '08, Clara Turnage '08, Queen Danielle Jenkins '08, Brittany Hall '08, Shelby Carpenter '09, Erishun Garrett '10, Dashara Cabay '10 and Lindy Timmermann '11.

The Way I See It: Four Student Perspectives

"I'm used to being in the stands cheering and it was a new experience being on the field having people cheer for me."  
Queen Danielle Jenkins '08

Senior Daniel Gillum
"It felt like I was coming back for the game and I had already graduated from high school."

"My first Homecoming was pretty cool, it was different, exciting and new all at the same time."

Freshman Lianna Pittman

Quarterback Andrew Dillon '10
"Being on the field is a lot better than being in the stands. I feel like I'm actually doing something for my school."

Homecoming Favorite

What is your favorite part about Homecoming...the game and parade, dance or the after-parties with your friends?

- Dance 80%
- After-Party 12%
- Game and Parade 8%
Diverse Styles on Display at Homecoming Dance

The Fash Bash

By Tianna Wills '08

Fashion, fashion and more fashion. That was what Homecoming was all about. Questions ran through students heads the whole time they were shopping and deciding what will catch people's eyes the most. There were a wide range of trends: from long gowns to short cocktail dresses to leggings with long sweaters. Colors varied with each style.

At the stores, there were many varieties to choose from on the racks.

"When I went to Deb's at Westland Mall there were a lot of hoochie dresses," said Brittney Davis '09.

At the dance, spectators saw many short dresses in a variety of styles.

"The most common dress length this year was short because it was warmer outside and they're not too formal," said Danielle Lauth '10.

This was the last Homecoming dance for seniors, who made sure that they looked especially spectacular for the occasion.

"Since it was my last one I wanted to look nicer and I tried to find the perfect dress, jewelry and shoes," said Malak Ismail '08.

There were also some who wanted to match their date's attire.

"My date and I matched perfectly from head to toe, literally. The color of the night was black, and we were one of the best dressed couples," said Daisha Hale '08.

Hot Chocolate

Getting down in brown, Ebony Johnson '08 shows off her dance moves in this little strappy dress. Brown, though not typical, has made a comeback in recent years and can be very trendy and stylish.

The Little Black Dress

A must in any girl's wardrobe, Leigh Holm '10, Candice Holm '09 and Gabrielle Barden '09 showcase this classic look. "I wanted to wear this black dress because it was a party dress and it was cute," said Barden.
Dancing Diva

Enjoying her last Homecoming, Raven Burrus '08 literally gets down with her date Aaron Mitchell '08. "Droppin' it like it's hot for senior year with Aaron is all I cared about," said Burrus.


How do you think teens will dress at Homecoming in 20 years?

"I think teens will dress very crazy and wild. The girls will have a lot of the cleavage and body parts showing."
Ryan Walton '09

"Twenty years from now teenagers will still be dressing like 80's babies. We just recycle styles and put our own twists."
Camille Foreman '08

"I think by the year 2027, public exposure and nakedness will be legalized, so I think they'll all be naked."
Jason Manalp '08

"They're going to come up with a more wild style to stand out, hopefully more flashy than trashy."
Rebecca Cavill '08

Project Runway

Showing off the cocktail dress trend, Erika Hankins '10, Nicole Harrison '10, Amber Stumbo '10, Brooke Barnett '10 and Chelsea Weaks '10 got into line formation. It was also trendy to go with a group of friends rather than a date.

Who Spends More?

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"I loved the light green color and the sparkles. Plus, I got it from my friend's sister, so it was sweet. I had other choices, but this one was my fav."
Danielle Jenkins '08

"I heard everyone was wearing short dresses and I didn't like it because I don't have the legs for a short dress."
Kirsty Hunter '08
Summer Glow
Working to get the year-round tan, Samantha Pinter '10 lays in a tanning bed. "I've always liked the heat, and I think it gives you a nice base for summer so you don't burn," said Pinter.

Think Before You Do, Look Before You Leap

Cody Schubert '10
"If I went to do something that could hurt someone then I'll think about it, but otherwise I'll just go for it."

John Oliver '08
"If I do something that could be dangerous, I think about all so that I don't make a stupid mistake."

Joshua Harmon '09
"If it's a little dangerous and exciting, your mind is moving too fast to think it through, so you just go with it."

Shannon Rider '10
"If I do something that could be dangerous I mostly think it through because it could affect me for the rest of my life."

Danger Trends
Of three common things that high school students do, what do you think is the most dangerous...tanning, tattoos or piercings?

76% Tanning Beds

16% Tattoos

8% Piercings

Fight Club
As a large crowd gathers around a fight in the hallway hoping to catch a glimpse of the action, Mr. Nuttall subdues one of the combatants. "If the fight's bad I stay away, other than that I get close to it," said Aliota Miles '10.
You never know what danger might be lurking around the corner. In a high school, that's absolutely true. Things to watch out for? Think: Science labs, mice scurrying through classrooms, slippery floors due to slush or food and fights in the halls.

With new state laws in place regarding Chemistry, it is inevitable that all students will encounter a chem lab. These sometimes involve chemicals and most of the time, fire. Chemistry teachers spend days at the start of the year going over lab rules, hazards and procedures in case of emergency. The top rules include: 1. Never touch the gas pipes and 2. You must always wear goggles and aprons.

"Anything could happen, including an explosion," said Mrs. Maxwell.

Vermin was also a factor. It would not be a surprise to be sitting in English quietly reading, when a field mouse would scurry across the floor in search of warmth and sustenance. As a result, food and candy was banned from classrooms to keep the mice away yet students keep the rebellion going and continued to sneak food in and leave crumbs and wrappers behind.

"If they say no food, people will just do it anyways, like they already do," said Dashara Gabay '10.

Fights in the hallways, often surrounded by gawkers, pose a threat as well. The mob mentality can take over starting a chain reaction, people push to see the "action" and adult staff cannot get through to break it up.

"People could probably get pulled into the fight. If you get too into it, then it could happen," said Jordan Cooper '11.

Look around the school, what do you see? A safe place most likely. Look closer, check behind walls and around corners. High school can actually be more dangerous than you think.

Fired Up
During a Chemistry II Magic Show, Rebecca Studer '09 and Spencer Danehy '08 light their project, producing lime green flames. "My project could have blown up, it had a low flash point," said Danehy.
In a LOT of Trouble

By Brittany Price '09

One foot out of the high school doors and the stench was strong enough to make you choke. A mob of people were surrounding a car holding their noses and laughing hysterically.

Underneath a blue Ford Probe there were a swarm of flies around a racoon carcass, which explained the stench. Questions were going around such as "Who did it?", "Whose car is this?", "Why would someone pick up road kill?".

It got around that the car belonged to Christopher Butt '08.

"I was at lunch. A bunch of people called to tell me. When I got there, people were still waiting to see my reaction. I just hopped in my car punched it and smashed the racoon," said Butt.

As it turned out, it was all a practical joke played by one of Butt's friends. Gross, yes, but virtually harmless considering the roadkill was already dead.

Less funny, and certainly more serious, six vandalisms and 16 thefts have been reported in the parking lot during school hours first semester.

"The statistics provided indicate apprehended perpetrators only. I would imagine the number of crimes that either go unreported or the crime goes unsolved is much, much higher. However, in the parking lot, the biggest problem is illegal contraband such as smoking cigarettes, marijuana, etc," said Deputy Gontarski.

Cody Watkins '09 had a radio and subwoofers stolen out of his 1998 red Chevy Blazer.

"I don't see a point in freaking out when there's nothing I can do. I don't know who did it, and there were no witnesses," said Watkins.

Advancing from riding the bus to being able to drive to school opens a whole new door of temptations, along with responsibilities. Many doors lead right out of school. It's called skipping.

"It all starts when your upperclassmen friends skip then it makes you want to. When I first started driving I knew I could just leave when I wanted without getting caught, but as you get older you realize you have to be in school," said Daisha Hale '08.

"I loved my ball of sunshine but, unfortunately, I totalled it," said Truhn.

"My car is my baby it gets me places fast. Yes, I speed, but I love it," said Kocis.
Not what one would call popular, but for a 16-year-old boy, a mini-van is all he needs. "I was racing down Hitchingham in my van and I hit about 90 mph and beat Cassie [Oswald '09]. It was amazing!" said Joseph Sibert '09.

Danielle Remirez '11

"I would say that my mom just called and said that there was a family emergency and I needed to get home really fast!"

Alex Neitling '09

"If I was ever pulled over I would say that I was sick and had to get home...QUICK!"

"I would truly cry. I would tell him I was in my own little word, with the radio up and singing to the music."

Jessica Mitchell '09

Christopher DeHart '09

"When I was pulled over I pretended that I didn’t know I was going that fast. I ended up with a ticket."

As the first day of exams draws to a close, study buddies Ashley DeHart '10 and Jacquelyn Sweeney '10 jump in. "Usually I ride the bus, and hate every second. It's loud and I always have to sit by nasty people. I'd rather drive every day," said Sweeney.

"I try to get out of class early so that I don’t have to wait in line to get out of the parking lot."

Tyler Wittico '08

"I don’t drive to school yet, but when I do the first thing I’m going to do is speed my way over to 7-Eleven and get myself a slurpee!"

John Ardner '09

The Blue Streak

All white with two blue stripes makes this truck appear to be a hot rod. William Mick '09 customized his truck to fit his high-octane personality.

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Double Take
Looking in the mirror, Tacarra Tswago '09 runs her hands under warm water to fix her hair. It was not uncommon to find a mad rush to the bathroom during homeroom.

Describe Your Ultimate School Bathroom:

Chris Chie '08
"It would be a log cabin atmosphere, with big LCD TVs and a PS3 and soft toilet paper. Also, automatic flush."

Asia Miller '09
"I would want it to have these things: heat, smoke detectors, air fresheners, hand sanitizer and automatic sinks."

Joshua Ritchey '08
"Actually it would be clean for once, and have lounge chairs to sit on. Also, a PS3 with a flat screen TV and a fruit punch fountain."

Rhiana Abrams '09
"It would be as simple as hot water, locks on doors, soap, paper towels and clean stalls. Things that our school lacks."

Wouldn’t You Like to Know?
Despite their shortcomings, do you use the school rest rooms?

95% You gotta go if you gotta go.

3% Absolutely Not!

2% Undecided.

Behind Door #1
Hesitating to enter, Brittany Price '09 walks up to the door to take a bathroom break during class. Upon seeing the mess, she decided to wait or use another rest room.
On any given day, a student lights up in the school bathroom. Whether a cigarette, or something more, most likely that student got away with it. This was just one of the problems plaguing our "rest" rooms. Graffiti involving threats and libelous remarks was another serious issue. There were also many hygiene complaints regarding the cleanliness and availability of paper products. "I think it's stupid because you're just innocently going to the bathroom and you have to smell smoke. I feel it's unsanitary," said Amber Ivan '09.

Graffiti covered many walls and stalls in each of the bathrooms. Despite custodial efforts to cover the hurtful words slashed across one side and love notes written on another, each layer of paint simply provided a new canvas. "The J POODLE graffiti is ridiculous, but all the other stuff doesn't bother me, I just ignore it," said Karl McKeenhan '08.

One problem the school had control over was the upkeep. Unfortunately, due to custodial budget cuts, there was more work than workers and bathrooms sometimes got overlooked. Common complaints involved a lack of toilet paper, hand towels and soap. "I think that our bathrooms are very disgusting. They need to mop the floors, clean the dang toilets and give us toilet paper and some soap to wash our hands!" said Dawn Mulder '09.

Blame for the bathroom conditions should be shared equally between student and district. Until the two can come to an agreement, don't expect a change.
Crazy, wacked-out clothes, class colors and pep rally games were on the agenda during Coming Home Spirit Week, which was chock full of tradition and predictability. However, there were plenty of surprises throughout the week.

An additional two days were added to the usually shortened second spirit week: country/western day and Mardi Gras day (to accentuate the dance theme). Some students found these days limited their creativity.

"For Mardi Gras day, there were only beads and the colors [green, purple, gold]. I think there should have been more choices," said Kelsie Duard 11.

New games graced the usual pep Assembly roster, including "Bob for Mr. Potato Head" and a scooter relay, which joined classic favorites such as tug-o-war.

"The scooter relay was fun, but hard because some of the plungers didn’t work. I miss the eating contests; I love watching people eat the crazy food," said Brandon Farrell 10.

Spirited juniors won the Coming Home Pep rally, adding to their Homecoming win for a clean sweep.

"I did what I could to help my class win, and I got a little bit crazy, but I think it helped," said Gage Castle '09.

Shout Out Loud
As the Boys basketball team is introduced, Nathan McMullen ’08, Terrence Williams ’08 and James Sparkman ’08 show senior pride. "I was thinking that we were about to smash in Pioneer’s head and the seniors were really rowdy," said McMullen.

Queens of Wacky
On Wacky Wednesday Jazmine Keyes ’10 and Brittany Till ’10 stop by their lockers to compare crowns. "I wore Morgan’s shoes and they were killing me, but other than that Wacky Wednesday was good," said Till.
Blake Boyle '11  
"Halloween Day because you can go crazy and get totally dressed up in costumes without worrying about how you look."

Blind Boyle '11  
"Birthday Suit Day. Because, I mean, why not? It's all natural."

Lindsey Ellis '10  
"I would want Fairy Tale day because it'd be fun to see everyone dressed up in all those prince and princess outfits."

Watch and Learn  
Concentrating on their classmates, Brittany Ripple '10, Sarah Adkins '10, Kelsey Janowiak '10 and Amy Barber '10 watch the competition. "I love watching my class participating and rooting them on," said Adkins.

"The pep assembly was sad for me because it was my last one, but I had a lot of fun because the seniors were extra hype."  
Daniel Gillum '08

"I liked performing with the band, but I wish I could sit with my class so I could be a part of the activities."  
Kaitlin Moffett '09
Aaron Jarvis '10
"I would like to have a date because I know that I would always have someone to dance with the whole time and that is way more fun."

Megan Marchildon '10
"I don't like bringing a date because then you're stuck with that person the entire night. I like to dance with everyone."

Jessica Mitchell '09
"I like to dance with a date because I've gone to dances alone and didn't have nearly as much fun as I did when I took a date."

Christopher DeHart '09
"I would rather have a date because I've gone to dances alone and didn't have nearly as much fun as I did when I took a date."

Sarah Burnett '08
"It's nice to have a date, but sometimes it's better to be with just friends and have a good time."

When You've Got It, Flaunt It
"Coming Home was a very special night to me because I was able to spend it with an amazing boy."
Amy Barber '10

Brian England '09
"I went with Faith Blackburn '10. I was expecting more people to show up. It was my second time going. I liked the music and the food was pretty good."

Getting her groove on, Jacqueline Sweeney '10 sports a short, flirty dress which started out as a floor-sweeping casual and later pinned up for maximum dance movement. "The dance was way better than last year. I didn't want a date; I wanted to go with my best friends," said Sweeney.
The Official New Orleans Mardi Gras street party, an annual celebration gathering millions of revelers, ended well before our Coming Home Dance, but that did not keep the beads from flying here.

Dancers showed up with dozens of beads hanging around their necks, and some even had traditional feathered masks. While not everyone followed the theme, the timing made sense.

"The theme was all right for a February dance," said John Ardner '09.

Semi-formal wear and no tennis shoes or jeans were the attire requirements. Still, a few students wore jeans without penalty, begging the question: why the lack of consistency?

"If jeans are comfy and look good, I say go for it," said Brittany Sarna '08.

Coming Home tends to be less popular than the Homecoming, resulting about half the attendance at the dance. The winter weather may contribute to the apathy, as well as a casual atmosphere and fewer events. Additionally, the King and his Court received little acknowledgement in comparison with the publicity the Homecoming Queen and her Court receive in the fall.

Pretty In Pink
Dressed less to impress than ready to show their best moves, Shayna Lamar '09 and Johnette Williams '09 went with comfy-casual. "It was funny too see what half of the girls had on, when we were wearing common clothes," said Williams.

Making Memories
Excited to see each other, Ashley DeHart '10 and Nia Scott '11 hug with happiness. "The Mardi Gras theme was all right, but I think since it was so close to Valentine's Day that a Valentine theme would have been better," said Scott.
"A Black Tie Affair" Turns Out to Be...

One Elegant Evening

By Morgan Kocis '09

On May 17, the elegant dresses and snazzy suits that were chosen with such careful deliberation days, weeks or months prior made their grand entrance at the junior-senior prom held in the ballroom of EMU's new Student Union.

"My dress was so expensive. I had to actually buy it, then get it altered to fit me perfectly. But it turned out the way I wanted it in the end," said Amber Ivan '09.

Limos and freshly washed and waxed extravagant cars lined the sidewalk, as students made their way into the new venue, anticipating an evening they would never forget.

"I was so excited for our limo. We reserved it, like, two months in advance, and when it showed up, it wasn't all it was cracked up to be," said Jessica Cooper '09.

Students snapped pictures here and there and people danced everywhere. Girls slipped off their shoes and boys flung off their jackets as a big projector screen flashed the latest music video of the song playing.

"I thought that the ballroom was so amazing! The class of 2009 did a great job! We have a lot to live up to for next year," said Megan Marchildon '10.

Get Down
Dancing with friends, Stephanie Cantrell '08, Paul Bowling '08 and Roxana Hernandez '08 get "freaky deaky" on the dance floor. Threesomes and other group dancing were more common than couples.

Baby Got Back
Adjusting her train for the next pose, Mollie Patton '09, along with Morgan Kocis '09 and Sara Duda '10 join their dates for the next photo. "My dress was so pretty but the train was extremely annoying and I had to keep pulling it up all night," said Patton.
Where Would be the Ultimate Place to Hold Prom?

"The ultimate place would be outside, like on a beach, where everyone could just kick back and have fun."

Kaitlin Moffett '09

"The best place would be at a casino in Las Vegas."

Anthony McClure '08

"The best place would be a big room where live bands would play music. Kind of like a concert, it would be sweet!"

Steven Michowski '09

"I think it would be sweet to have it at Disney World."

Austin Pitch '08

Checking In
Walking up and ready to dance, Travis Smith '09 and Emily Samuelson '09 show their ID's to get the okay to join the dance. "When I walked up to the desk I was ready to just have a night of fun!" said Samuelson '09.

"When I heard my name being called for Prom King, it was great. I felt like I was in the middle of a concert because everyone went bananas."

Terrence Williams '08

"When I heard my name being called I didn't really have any thoughts, but I did yell 'I got Queen!'"

Elizabeth Barnett '08

A Friend, Indeed
During one of the few slow songs that were played Brittany Hall '08 and Stephen Brown '08 shared it together. "I had the best time spending prom with Stephen! Going with my best friend was definitely a good choice!" said Hall '08.
Commencement was a full day event, beginning with rehearsal that morning and ending with 269 graduates filing out, tassels turned to their left side. "I was relieved once everything was all over; it was like it was the biggest day of my life at the time," said Corey Caldwell '08.

The weather attempted to dampen the mood with pouring rain and rumbles of thunder, but the excitement of officially completing 13 years of school over-powered the storm. "The weather didn't really affect commencement, but it did affect things after. We couldn't do anything like take pictures, everyone just left," said Jaclyn Adkins '08.

At Honors Convocation, two days prior to Graduation day, scholarships and other awards were earned by students, with some earning more than one. The scholarships gave some graduates the extra push toward success and their own personal goals. "The scholarships weren't difficult to get, you just had to take the time to look for them. But I'm most proud of the Pittman Scholarship because it was based on academics," said David Palmer '08.

Commencement is the final step of high school and the first on the long road of life. And not even pouring rain could prevent the class of 2008 from stepping out and embarking on their next journey.

All Smiles
Filing back to their seats after receiving their diplomas, Kassidy Smith '08 and LaDena Weathers '08 share their excitement. "Finally it felt like I made it through! I was happy it was all over with," said Weathers.

Hug It Out
Sharing a hug in the hallway after the ceremony, Daisha Hale '08 and Dearron Haygood '08 finally realize high school is over. "None of it felt real. Then I realized it was probably the last time I'd see most of these people," said Hale.
Will You Accept This Rose?
Receiving a yellow rose, the class flower, Kyle Seltzer '08 shakes hands with a class adviser, Mr. Mark Wilson. "It was an experience of a lifetime. You only get to do it once," said Seltzer.

What Was Your Funniest High School Lunch Memory?

| "When they had a huge food fight in the West, it was so funny seeing everyone covered with food and running around." | Timothy Barber '08 |
| "There was a food fight my sophomore year and someone threw a pizza and it hit the window behind me and just stuck." | Sarah Burnett '08 |
| "A lunch lady tried taking one of my nuggets and I slapped her hand away. She said, 'Hey I thought we were friends!'" | Terrance Williams '08 |

Sarah Burnett '08

Turning of the Tassels
Turning their tassels from right to left, Laura Graczyk '08 and Brittany Hall '08 perform the final rite of passage of graduation. "It was a memorable moment, I felt like I was finally finished with Lincoln after being there all my life," said Graczyk.

"Commencement was everything I expected it to be and more. It was fun, especially in the halls before. And walking across the stage in front of all those people was awesome." Kyle Brohi '08

"I was excited about Graduation. I felt like the spotlight was on me. I was nervous but happy at the same time." Tianna Wills '08

Graduation/Honors 25
Lindsey Young '09, as Ms. Hannigan, during the school musical 'Annie'.

Evan McDaniel '08 units to play his cornet.

Yearbook Staff Member Diana P analogous '08 snaps a Homecoming photo at the pep assembly.

Step team dancer Deajetra Watson '09 performs at the Homecoming Pep Assembly.

Annie Doyley '08 donates blood during the NHS blood drive for the American Red Cross.
Once the final bell for the day rings and the chaos is put on hold for another day, the real work begins: uncovering the mystery of what kids do to occupy their time, while making a positive imprint on the world. Peek through the locked doors of almost any classroom and there might be an organization in the planning stages of making an impact on the school or community.

Down the hallways, discover the Step Team preparing for their next performance, Student Council collecting cans for the needy, Drama Club rehearsing a scene or a Guitar Hero battle going on in the Computer Club lab.

The wide array of organizations may seem like a mystery, but do some investigating, gather the evidence and take a chance with one of them and you just may find your place.

Saving Lives
After giving blood, Rick Meurs '09 warms up with a Red Cross blanket and enjoys a snack to get his energy back up.

Important Decisions
During a class officer meeting, Brittany Hall '08 and Laura Grajczyk '08 discuss the year's upcoming activities. "It's cool to be able to make decisions concerning floats, class fundraisers and graduation," said Grajczyk.

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Lending a helping hand, Mrs. Winters assists Brittany Price '09 in finding just the right colors for her yearbook page. Color selection could be tricky because what you see on a computer screen is not what you get on paper.

Teacher Knows Best

Almost Famous aka "The Vision"

What makes people interested so they want to read your publication?

"Newspaper isn't afraid to tell both the negative and positive things about the school. It's just the truth."
- Emily Lock '08

"Submitting to Almost Famous means that people will always remember your work and it's a way for people to get to know who you are under the surface."
- Michelle Allen '08

"Buying a yearbook means when you're old and wrinkly you can look back on all the good times you had in high school."
- Jackie Valance '08

Even if you did not notice, there were always students there to catch the unexpected moments of day-to-day school life.

Turn the corner and you might have seen the camera flash of a yearbook member in a neon green shirt, or an interview being given by a newspaper reporter. "In newspaper we get to go out and talk to all these different people about their perspective of the school," said Kyle Vanderlip '09.

WLHS was a trusted source for daily announcements and event camera work. "How cool is it to be on TV throughout the whole school?" said Geoff Janowiak '08.

As the hardest workers of the school, the yearbook staff learned the tricks of the trade and toiled to meet deadlines and create an interesting and informative snapshot of the year.
As an audience member, all you see is the final polished performance. What gets missed is all the sacrifice that leads up to the opening curtain. It all started with auditions.

"The hardest part of auditions is having a script that you haven't seen before and performing it," said Sean Houston '10.

The first day of rehearsals was usually the easiest day because it consisted of reading through the script and playing games. Once the first day is over, the real rehearsals start. These may last until 7pm or later.

Often these late sessions were made fun by having late night paint sessions or doing things as a group afterward. Opening night arrived and the energy backstage was palpable. "Jumping around screaming 'Go, Ninja, Go' gets me pumped before the show," said Felicity Stevenson '10.

Then the final 'break a legs' were said and the curtain rose. The sun came out, indeed.
Showing his dedication to the club, Christopher Branham '08 shaved his head for the drama club production of "Annie". "I didn't want to shave my head at first, but after I did it, I got used to it," said Branham.

Two Of A Kind
Finishing up their only duet in the show, Christopher Branham '08 and Rachel Gottman '09 strike a pose. "I Don't Have Anything But You" was definitely the most fun to perform, even though Chris was a little uncoordinated at times," said Gottman, kidding.

What is your favorite thing about being involved in Drama?

"I love staying after school. Except for the part where you pass out from excess paint fumes and stress."

-Amanda Sumrall '09

"All of your friends are together. You can sing with them, act with them and be weird with them."

-Rick Meurs '09

"Drama sounded like so much fun. I love all the friends I've made and without Drama, I would be bored."

-Keely Battle '11

Smooth as a Baby's Bottom

The Roaring 20's

Performing their favorite song in the show, Analea Lessenberry '08 and Rick Meurs '09 sing and dance through "Easy Street". "Easy Street was fun in the end, but in the beginning, it was one of the more difficult songs in the show," said Lessenberry.
Performing at the Homecoming game, Kelsey Lamkin '11 dances, using fire, with the band. Lamkin attends Washtenaw Community College, but is a proud member of the LHS Band.

Do you get sad when marching band season is over?

"Yes. There's people who I most likely won't see again. It's upsetting because we've had a lot of memories."  
-Lindsey Young '09

"I don't really get sad. Although, I may miss high school band (after graduation). Every year brings new experiences."  
-Amanda Charlton '06

"I am going to be sad because I don't know who will be here next year."  
-Daniel Sal '10

Jazz Band

Varsity Band
It's May and all of the seniors have left. The "bandies", as they call themselves, prepare for their final exams. Their exam involves playing a scale, as well as a written exam. "Band exams are pretty easy. I don't even have to study," said Elizabeth Gillespie '10.

Next, the grads return for a potluck banquet. During the banquet, a slide show plays, with images of the season's events and memories. Then, the drum majors for the next year are announced. As the evening winds down, the realization sets in that some will be leaving forever, and others will not see their friends until band camp. But, they can always remember the high and low notes of the season and look forward to a fresh start next year.

"Band is like a family. We may fight with each other but we are always there for each other," said William Miolek '09.

"I love being with bandies for 700 million hours. I love all the freedom. We get to do whatever we want."

By Brian Williams '09

FORGET ME NOT

Remembering All The Time Spent Together As A Family

Christopher Burge '09

"This might sound kind of bad, but I love the stupid stuff you get to do when the teachers aren't looking. It's really awesome. I'm not lying."
Democracy in Action
Voting for freshmen class officers, Tachera Reed '11 exercises an American fundamental right.
"Everyone should have a chance to vote," said Reed. "That way they can vote for who they like and who will do a better job."

If you could get your class officers to do one thing what would it be?
"I would have them hold more fundraisers that get everyone involved. It would also be nice to go on a class trip."
-Brittney Render '09

"I would get them to do more senior class events. This is my last year and I want to enjoy it."
-Sharice Miller '08

"I would get them to do a class trip. I wish we could go somewhere warm to escape Michigan winter."
-Aviva Neff '10

Freshmen Mentors

Student Council
Students Lead to Make a Difference

Fact: School leadership roles look good on a college application. This may be one of the reasons so many students add it to their to-do lists.

Additionally, it allows students to speak out and be heard. It allows them to change things and bring about new ideas. Since complaining only gets you so far, someone must take action.

Every organization needs a leader. Their jobs are not easy.

"It's all about doing what needs to be done," said Jade Harris '09.

One of the more vocal groups was Student Council, who organized Homecoming events.

"It was a lot of work and a lot of it fell on the president and myself, but it was worth it," said Jaclyn Adkins '08.

With pressures from their class, officers try to live up to high expectations.

"It takes a lot of work to make sure everything is in place, but I try to make it a good year for my class," said Ciara Turnage '08.

LaDena Weathers '08

"...class president for a day I would have senior lunches and hold more class meetings so that every stays informed."
**A UNITED FRONT**

*USO Members Come Together to Help the Community*

By Jade Ross

The United Student Organization (USO) aims to express unity within youth. Its members did this by participating in volunteer work around the community.

Too often USO is misunderstood as a "black" club, but the goals of the group are the opposite. It was organized as a club to promote racial harmony.

"It's given me the opportunity to learn and practice leadership and followership. It's also opened my eyes to how helping others can be rewarding," said Danielle Weatherspoon '08.

Along with volunteer work, USO's Step Team performs all over the community.

Their premiere performance so far was opening a college fair at Oakland University.

USO continues to grow and teach life lessons.

"I've developed teamwork and leadership skills as well as how to communicate very clearly," said Daisha Hale '08.

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Always a big hit, the Step Team performs at the Homecoming Pep Assembly. The team amazed as spectators pounded their feet and got hype to the beat, resulting in a frenetic spirit in the stands.

One Step, One Sound
"Rapping" up their practice, steppers gather around to participate in their closing chant. "I'm very tired after practice but I feel good. When I go home I show my mom all my steps," said Christina Copeland '10.

What is the one thing you feel you will take away with you after being in USO?
"The bond that we have. We are all close and can talk to each other in a closed environment."
- Maya Grayson '09

"The importance of teamwork and the ability to communicate and get to know my peers and how they deal with daily struggles."
- Jessica North '08

"I'll take away a family: a place where the students can unite and share common interests."
- Shari Grayson '09

Step to It

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Christmas Caroling

At the Christmas Choir concert, Split Dimensions shows off their talents. Split Dimensions is the top girls choir. It was considered a great honor to be invited into this prestigious choir.

Will you pursue singing after high school or do you have other future plans that involve singing?

“I don’t think I’ll pursue choir in college, but I do want to keep singing as a fun, casual activity.”

- Brittany Hall ’08

“I might pursue singing in college, but my plans are to go into business and play football.”

- Ryan Bottomf ’10

“I plan to be in the choir at whatever college I attend. I am considering going into music education.”

- Elizabeth Anderson ’10

Concert Choir


Split Dimensions

By Victoria Caraccia '10

Our four choir programs are highly respected and very popular among students. "Choir means so much to me. I don't know what I would have done without it the past four years. I love to sing and it is a lot of fun," said April Wynne '08.

High school choir may be the last chance for senior students to be in the spotlight. It is also a chance to make long-lasting friends. Choir moves people in ways never imagined. There is more to singing than just the voices and notes. "I always want to know the meaning behind my music. Mrs. Nevins does a good job of telling us the meanings," said Lindsay Guiterrez '10.

Our choirs rank well at Festival and various other competitions. The program, while strong, is more recognized for the close-knit, family-like camaraderie between the singers.

Christopher Branham '08
"I am in choir because it's really fun. Singing is definitely one of my favorite things to do. I'm not planning on pursuing singing after high school, unless I get recruited for High School Musical 3, of course."

Amanda Music '10
"I am in Split Dimensions because it's fun and it's nice to be recognized for being the top choir of Lincoln. I want to be in choir in college; I also want to be in the Caroline Women’s Chorale."

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Most people would say that having a full time job is more than enough, but not for some teachers who choose to sponsor an organization or club. "I did not choose to sponsor Railsplitters for Christ; He chose the Railsplitters. I simply just open up my room to allow students to read the Bible," said Mr. Ron McCarty. Teachers usually choose to sponsor clubs to allow students to have more activities outside of the classroom. This sacrifice comes with little monetary reward. "I have sponsored yearbook for nine years, and while I do get paid a small stipend, I certainly don’t do it for the money. It is my creative outlet and a way to interact with students on a different level. I am going to miss it next year when Mr. Elstone takes over," said Mrs. Jessica Winters, who resigned as yearbook adviser to start a family.

For students, being in an organization looks good on job and college applications, creates opportunities to make a difference in the community and is a place to make new friends, often whom includes the adviser.

**Why Sponsor?**

Teachers Take on Extra Responsibilities of After-School Activities for Little Pay

It's no secret that our school lags behind other districts when it comes to membership opportunities. As interest dwindles, the few organizations we do have also disappear. The latest casualty was Students Against Destructive Decisions, better known as SADD. While Computer Club hung on, membership was down and threats of a computer lab shut-down (due to thefts as a result of negligence during the school day) loomed. One small group, Railsplitters for Christ, had weathered the storms throughout the years, but suffered published obscurity due to questions of legality thanks to a "little" amendment calling for separation of Church and State. After a consult with the Civil Liberties Union, it was determined that any group meeting on school grounds bearing the Lincoln name is eligible for yearbook inclusion.
During a Computer Club meeting, Michael Sarowski '09 and Matthew Stitt '09 battle each other in the game Guitar Hero 3. The club was a fun way to meet after school for students interested in technology.

What is your opinion on the Railsplitters for Christ club?

"If people want to express their religious beliefs outside of church, they should be able to."

-Michael Bowen '10

"I don't have a problem with it, but if there is going to be a religious group at Lincoln, it should support all religions, not just Christianity."

-Heather Mullins '08

"I don't think a public school is the right time or place to practice any religion."

- Brisilda Methasani '06

Computer Club

Railsplitters for Christ
Saving lives, Brittany Kennedy '08 gives blood during the NHS blood drive. For every pint of blood given, three lives are saved. One in seven people will need blood in their lifetime.

What's your role in NHS or Key Club?

"I am the Treasurer. I keep track of the money and the current members. The money I keep track of is used to buy stuff for the seniors."
-Stephanie DORITY '08

"I am just a member. This is my first year in Key Club. I am really looking forward to being a part of Kids Against Hunger."
-Rachel Serafinski '10

"I am a member of NHS. I feel honored being one of a few sophomores. Surprisingly, the meetings are only about twenty minutes long."
-Darin Duperon '10
As students, there is much expected of us. Some students exceed these expectations and then some. These are members of NHS and Key Club.

Planning community service, bottle drives and blood drives are just a few of the additional services provided.

Why add more to an already busy schedule?

"There's so many choices of volunteer work you can be involved in and it really helps out the community," said Emily Alford '10.

Hours upon hours of their lives were spent just helping out the community.

The clubs met just once a month but managed to get the job done.

Inductions were held early in the year. NHS members must first be invited, then fill out an application and be accepted by a panel of teachers based on teacher ratings, etc.

"I love the fact that our activities help others. They won't just benefit ourselves," said Brittany Hall '08.

NHS and Key Club Members Exceed Expectations
Eric Parker '10 presents his English project in Mrs. Winters' class.

Mr. Manning helps Julia Ford '10 with an art project.

Melissa Gay '10 concentrates on her Art II project.

Erin Goupill '10 does a warm up in Ms. Brigman's math class.

Tagdeesh Anne '10 performs a Biology lab.
There are some certainties in life: Grass is green, taxes are due on April 15, if something can go wrong, it will...things like that. In school, there are also basic tenets by which we all abide: Seniors are always right, do not go against the flow of traffic in the main hallway, having a sub means "free day". These are "common knowledge", if you will.

However, Academics have their own set of principles. Some are logical, others seem to be under the radar that only those in the "inner circle" know about. For example, everyone expects Calculus and AP Chemistry to be hard classes. What some may not be privy to is the fact that, in some classes, the amount of work assigned is directly proportional to the teacher given. Also, Yearbook is not a blow-off class and English is more than just speaking the language. Lastly, one test CAN make a difference and you do need to do ALL your homework.

Extra Help
During an after school tutoring session, Ms. Bridgman helps Travis Barney '11 with his math homework. Many teachers offered help to their students to understand the day's lesson.

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Leaving the school quickly, Amanda Bush ’08 and Elizabeth Barnett ’08 walk freely out the secret, never-monitored auditorium doors. Most students had their own scheme on how to skip without getting caught. 

Top SECRET

"I haven't skipped, but I have been extremely tardy." Leah Olson '11

"The classes I would skip are Math, Art and English." Steven Michowski '09

"I have been tardy three times this year. I am usually tardy because I am talking to friends or in the bathroom." Vanessa McKenzie '10

"I only get in trouble in Bertos for being tardy. So far this year I haven't been tardy." Zachary Peattie '10

Open Sesame

Making a quick stop to her locker, Sinica Yates ’10 tries to make it there and then to class on time. "I stopped to talk to my boyfriend and time just flew by," said Sinica Yates ’10

Knock, Knock

Knocking on Mrs. Bertos’ door before third hour Kelli Bush ’10 is locked out. "I thought I'd be on time but when I got there the door was locked. Sometimes seven minutes just ain't enough," said Kelli Bush ’10.
There were minor consequences for being late or skipping. Some teachers gave detention, many made a phone call home, while others may have issued a referral. There were serious questions as to the consistency of school policy when it comes to the definition of a tardy versus an absence. Even more controversy ensued when the topic of skipping is brought up.

"If a person feels like skipping, why not? I wouldn’t skip, I don’t want to ruin my future. It is very easy to fall behind when you skip classes. Teachers will usually give you a hard time if you don’t have a good excuse," said Katelyn Olson ’10.

Teachers actually would like a consistent school policy to deal with those who make the decision to skip. The Council for Excellence looked into this possibility as an agenda topic.

"We have been looking at new ways for the school to handle the absent and tardy policies. One of the consequences we are looking at is having your grade go down if you are absent so many times," said Mr. Elstone.

Students helped other students get in the building without detection with the help of technology: a simple text message request to meet at or prop a certain door proved invaluable. Savvy students could always find a way to help a buddy out, even during class time. A simple pass request and the favor was met. Usually no one was looking anyway.

"I sometimes skip. If I skip I just skip the whole day. I don’t see the point in skipping just one hour or just half the day. It doesn’t make sense," said Robert Gora ’09.
Love them or hate them, projects and presentations were an inevitable part of most classes. This may be a reflection of the adult work force where more and more job descriptions required these abilities, especially the ability to work as a group toward a common goal.

"I like projects that aren't group projects because it's an easy way for me to get my grades up," said Aviva Neff '10.

As we know, there are some classes that gave more projects than others. The obvious ones are science, art, and English. One of the major annual science projects given to students in biology classes was rat dissection during second semester.

While intriguing to some, and educational for all, there were students who protested the activity due to personal beliefs or weak stomachs.

In English, students should come to any class ready to write. Multigenre projects, author studies and artistic representations of literature were some of the creative projects assigned.

Art students created five to six projects in preparation for the art show in the library at the end of the year.

Many students got nervous when it came time to present their projects, but not Diana Burns '09, "I don't get nervous when I have to present because I'm a people person and I talk a lot."

Drum Roll, Please! Students Deal with Projects, Great and Small.

By Erian Williams '09
Support Our Troops
As a special presentation for students, War Veterans came and spoke to them about what war was really about and gave interested students a chance to ask questions.

Unfinished Business
Working in Fiber Arts, Jessica Mitchell '09 does her needlepoint. "This project wasn’t hard for me even though I never finished it", said Mitchell.

Collage-Bound
Presenting her English 10 To Kill a Mockingbird project, Haley Tomlinson discusses her pictorial collage. "It was hard because there were a lot of different parts to it," said Tomlinson of the poster for Mrs. Winters' class.

"My favorite project was a Blues Clues painting in Art."
-Felicity Stevenson '10

"My favorite project was the runway show for Spanish II."
-Shelby Terry '09

"My favorite was an essay in American Lit because it dealt with Animal Rights."
-Samantha Houston '10

"My English 10 Memoir Project was my favorite because I got to write about whatever I wanted."
-Phillisha Smith '10
One glance at the "library" and students automatically assumed it was a place for a certain group of students and the only things to be found there were books and computers. A closer peek into the inner workings of our media center proved there were more than just books.

Students are presented with many options when entering the media center doors. In addition to checking out a book or surfing the 'Net, students opted for browsing the magazine racks, purchasing a healthy snack and school supplies or getting advice on how to research or write a paper for class.

Many students did not realize they have all of these options. The sale of pencils and folders helped many a forgetful student.

Mr. Kyle Kipp, the Media Specialist, can be found on hand to assist in finding research materials or websites for class assignments.

Persuaded to offer a healthy variety, Mr. Kipp sold candy and assorted snacks during passing time as a fundraiser to bring in guest speakers, such as Jeff Kass and the Poetry Slam troupe and other services.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, the center was abuzz with students taking advantage of free math tutoring and the writing center for papers.

"I go to tutoring so I don't get grounded for not doing my homework" said Alicia Osborne '11.

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**TUTOR TIME**

1. Lindsay Paschal '09 and Ally Paschal '11 work together to solve an algebra problem.
2. Holly Kline '09 puts some finishing touches on her Chemistry homework.
4. Travis Fetterolf '10 gets some quiet time to get a head start on his homework.
5. Brittany Svoboda '11 looks through her History book to answer the questions on her homework.

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**TOP THINGS TO DO IN THE MEDIA CENTER**

1. Buy a snack
2. Skip class
3. Surf the web
4. Go to tutoring
5. Check out a book
6. Research
7. Read a book
8. Laminate
In a rush to check a few books before third hour DEAR begins, Felicity Stevenson '10 must decide which to read first. "I like to check out a lot of different books because sticking to just one thing gets boring," said Stevenson.

Heading in the media center doors, Jennifer Reed '09 wants to get ahead in Chemistry. "I've been going to the library a lot lately because I want to get an early start on my Chemistry project," said Reed.

"I like to buy snacks from the snack cart. It's a lot better than having the vending machine eat your money." -Steven Schafer '11

"I go in the library every other day before fourth hour to talk to Mr. Kipp and to buy gum, juice and suckers." -Brandi Malone '10

"I go to the library to check out the latest scoops on sports in the newspaper." -Adrienne McMullan '09

"I only go to the library when my teachers make me go for a class assignment or project." -Phylicia Zeestraten '08

During after-school tutoring, Jeremy Owens '11 and Katie Abston '10 do their homework on the computers. "I think tutoring is a good way to understand the school work. It is also a good way to have fun while learning," said Abston.
Nikko Keider '09, David Palmer '08 and Jason Himes '09 sing 'The Star Spangled Banner' before the game.

Warming up, varsity soccer players practice their footwork.

Playing wide receiver, Brandon Boyle '09 completes the pass.

Jamie Lavery '08 warms up before the game.

Brittany Williams '08 scrambles to gain possession of the ball.
For many, the covert operations in sports have to do with the stealthy plays coaches come up with and jot down in playbooks. These are guarded with absolute secrecy to undermine the opponent and prevent a sneak attack resulting in a loss.

However, with the exception of boys football, basketball and hockey, many sporting contests themselves are the covert operations...because so few spectators witness the events. The sad reality is that women's sports in particular are often overlooked. This carries into the world of professional sports, as well, creating fewer opportunities for women and an unequal share of the wealth. The solution, as of yet, is still under lock and key.
The Trick to Staying in the Game

It is more than just a game; it is an emotion for many varsity football players around the country. As fun as it is, players agree that it is frustrating to go without a win for so, so long (five win-less seasons and counting). What keeps players coming back? For most, it comes down to the old adage: "for the love of the game".

For others, they come back for various reasons, none of which include being a glutton for punishment. Some of the reasons may be that they love the thrill of combat or just play to stay in shape. "I have dedication for the sport and I believe we can win," said Alex Neitling '09.

Most athletes play sports their senior year because it is usually the time recruiters are out scouting college talent. Scholarships aside, there is something to be said for loyalty.

"I ain't no quitter," said Travis Davidson '08.

Warm-Ups

Wearing "away" jerseys, Ricky Hicks '08 and Josh Knox '08 stretch for the big game. Despite a respectable team effort, a superior Carlton-Airport went home with the win.

"My favorite part of the season was that we came together and started playing like brothers. I really enjoyed playing with this team."

Alex Neitling '09

"This was a really fun year. We got to start the new program with the new coaches. I'm glad we accomplished that my senior year."

David Palmer '08

Varsity Football

What is your favorite football movie?

- Remember the Titans: 40%
- Friday Night Lights: 30%
- The Replacements: 20%
- Varsity Blues: 10%

Pedro Lynn '09
"I really had a good time this season. I loved it when I would get a first down and hear the crowd go wild."

Ryan Bottorff '10
"This season was really good even though we didn't win, we improved a lot and that's going to mean a lot for the future."

Travis Davidson '08
"I really liked this season because we scored way more points than last year, had a team bond and worked like a family."

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JV, Freshmen Teams Battle it Out

Throughout the JV and freshmen seasons, the two scrimmaged together often. Chances of injury increase when pitting younger players against older players, but may be necessary to get these players field-ready. The two teams had a lot to learn from each other, as well. The JV players can be somewhat idols for the freshmen by showing them what high school football is all about and breaking them into the competition.

"It was fun practicing with JV; it gave us bragging rights when we beat them," said Eric Ewald '11.

While varsity earned its own field and practice time, freshmen and JV teams not only share the same practice field, but they also practice together. Being a freshmen is hard hard enough, but they also have the JV squad beating up on them beating every week during practice.

"Freshmen were pretty good so playing them made us better players," said Jeremy Cooley '10.

Since the freshmen team is a farm club for JV, and JV players rise to varsity, it's all about taking turns and tough love.

Facing Field of Fears
The freshmen offense runs the ball outside against a tough Tecumseh defense. It was a tough loss, but one of many lessons to be learned for the next game.
Samii Ismail '10

"My favorite part of practice was beating up on the freshmen players when we scrimmaged them."

Nicholas Norris '11

"I loved playing defense. It was really fun to hit the JV and kind of fight back."

Dreaded Drills

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Freshmen Guest

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The Way WE Run It
Blowing up balloons for the crowd, Kylee Rice '10 gets pumped to get everyone up and moving. "I feel like it's what I'm supposed to be doing! Cheering is what I love and it makes people happy. We make people feel actually apart of our school," said Rice.

Varsity Cheer

JV Cheer
An Age-Old Controversy Continues...

Cheerleading? A sport? No way! That's what many people think when cheerleaders say it's a sport. "How could it be? All you doing it say cheers and lift girls up!" From first hand experience, it's much harder than anyone gives it credit for, plus it lasts two seasons not one.

Cheerleaders must have the ability to multi-task: from cheering, to moving, to stunting and more. They have to know what to do and when to do it, or someone gets hurt. Timing and memorization is key.

"You have to really know what you're doing. You can't just go into practice and do it. You have to actually think about everything and know you can do it," said Sara Duda '10.

What people may not realize is that cheerleaders try to promote school spirit. During Homecoming, the cheerleading squads made signs to put in the hallways, decorated the boys locker room before the game and decorated the stadium. Without the behind-the-scenes contribution of cheerleaders, none of these things would have been done.

"I love to show spirit and get everybody pumped up. It's the best feeling to be a cheerleader. To see people tear down our signs and disrespect our school hurts me," said Morgan Kocis '09.

The cheerleaders have had it rough. From coaching witches over the past three years, to being behind in many important parts of their team, the cheerleader work as a team and keep their spirits, and ours, up.

Lean Back

Sadie, Raven Burrus '08 and Camile Foreman '08 dance to the band as they play at their last pep rally. Senior cheerleaders, despite being role models for the younger girls, felt the experience was bittersweet.

"I loved cheering my senior year! It was awesome! I was a varsity cheerleader and I was surrounded by people I love! The only thing I would change is that it is all coming to an end." Raven Burrus '08

"Why do people become cheerleaders? What makes it so interesting? I saw the high school girls when I was little and thought they were pretty and talented. I wanted to be a part of it. I wanted to be like them." Kristin Cisco '11

Fall Cheerleading 59
Cross-Country, Cross-Examined

Cross Country has been underestimated and underrepresented in the past few years. Runners work to maintain their physical condition and stamina, but because meets are not at school and travel is required, few spectators get to see the action that goes on behind the scenes. Working out almost every day in the summer and during school, cross country is not what we think it is.

During the summer the boys and girls run about SIX miles a day. And that's not all...then there is conditioning.

"I like to conditioning because it gets me in shape before the season starts. It's hard work but I don't want to suck when the season begins," said Ryan Johnson '09.

Like many other sports, cross country includes both mental and physical strength. Without one or the other, running is almost impossible. Mental strength is necessary to make it through when every muscle is saying STOP. Runners must have the physical strength to keep going without getting hurt. The team is there for support and encouragement, but cross country is truly an individual competition.

"Cross Country is both mental and physical strength because you need to think you can do it. And you also need the have the strength to run," said John Adamovicz '11.

Cross Country may sound like a peaceful jog through the woods, however, when the timer is ticking and a team is counting on you, there is more going on than meets the eye.

Limber Up

Stretching for their race, the girls' cross country team prepares for the long road ahead. "We always encourage each other to do our best. It's something we always do and it helps us all," said Alexandra Hadley '11.

"I like running but there are some days when I just feel tired. I'm afraid I'm not doing my best out there."

Chad Opfermann '11

"We run six miles a day and we also work out two to three times a week. It's a lot of work, but it's only for the better so we don't look bad when we go out for our first race."

Aaron Barfield '09

Boys Cross Country

Girls Cross Country


**Allison Chan '10**
"It's interesting because I am used to team sports. It's different to compete in a sport where I am in 100% control of my outcome. I have people to encourage me but I'm the only that can really push myself."

**Zachary Peattie '10**
"Running is relaxing. I feel like I can just be free when I'm running."

**Erica Walters '09**
"I tend to get a little nervous. I get butterflies because I'm about to run. I'm afraid I'll do bad."

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Robert Stowe
"We played with tremendous teamwork and we also improved our attitudes."

Guest Varsity

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Clay Holman '10
"It will be a tough next season with all the seniors graduating but I think we can pull it off."

Guest JV

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"I want to go play college soccer and move onto playing professional soccer and become rich!"
Brian Bush '08

"My post high school dream is to hopefully continue my soccer career then become a successful soccer coach."
Kyle Brohl '08
Successful Season Thanks to Seniors

With the team of consisting of mostly seniors, the varsity team improved greatly with an overall record of 8-6-1 versus last year's 5-9-2 record.

"Soccer season was a big turn around from last year," said Brian Wilcox '09.

With most of the varsity team graduating, it will be tough for the upcoming JV team to capitalize on the momentum.

"We were all mainly seniors with the exception of a few juniors and we had many key players who helped with our great season," said Steven Gurka '08.

In order to have a good team, the players should have chemistry and know how each other will react during plays.

"The varsity team had a good group that played club, which was a plus. But what was even better was that we have played together for a long time," said Kyle Selter '08.

Nearly all the players left on a positive note with aspirations of playing college-level soccer.

"We couldn't have asked for anything better, with the exception of a district win," said Tony McClure '08.

Winner Take All

Breaking to the goal, Connor Smith '11 juked out a Chelsea defender.

Both varsity and JV teams took wins against Chelsea.
Team Deals with a Seasonal Shift

Not only were the seasons flipped, but the coaching staff rotated as well. Coach Kuzich returned to coach the season after leaving in 2000.

Based on the State of Michigan court's decision, seasons switched for volleyball and other varsity sports including tennis, girls basketball and both boys and girls golf.

"It made it really hard for me because I had to juggle homework, volleyball and marching band all in one season," said Angelica Reyes '08.

This meant that the girls had to start conditioning almost four months earlier than they were used to.

"I am affected by the change because it threw off my timing for Homecoming, but it's good because I don't have to run after those big holiday meals," said Laura Grajczyk '08, laughing.

Team Bonding

"We all want to be on the court at all times, but if we aren't, we are still cheering our team on."  
Alisha Cole '06, Emily Samuelson '09 and Annie Dosey '08.

"I always get yelled at to keep my butt down; it was not an easy thing for me to remember. I just had to train myself to remember."  
Samantha Lyles '08

Varsity Volleyball

April Wynne '08
"Fruit Punch Gatorade tastes the best and it doesn’t discolor your mouth and has sweet commercials."

Alexa Budd '10
"I love Vitamin Water, it’s delicious and I can’t live without it. It’s pretty much amazing."

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Alexa Budd
10' 
"My idol is Samantha Lyles because she always stays positive and has a good attitude."

Rachael Aldridge '10
"My varsity idol is Crystal Washington because she works hard and no matter what the situation is she can always put a smile on our face."

Freshmen scores unavailable due to lack of coach support and contact.
It seems everyone on the jv or freshman team had a style of play or a work ethic they admired in more experienced players, whether professional athletes or girls right here on varsity.

While some of the girls looked up to a fellow teammate who had different strengths to offer, most looked up to successful varsity players, who are coached by Andrea Kuzich, who watches the jv and freshman teams for raw or potential talent.

"Some qualities that I look for in a future varsity player would be athleticism, competitiveness, academic eligibility and attitude," said Kuzich.

One girl might have a quality that another girl might not have. But put them all together and it created a varsity team that was a model for up and coming jv and freshmen teams.

"Erin Moffett is definitely a varsity idol because she is such an amazing athlete, but yet she is so young. She is a great hitter and has determination," said Sara Truhn '11.

**Shared Wealth**

Competing for the ball, Ashley Gray '10 and Lindsey Ellis '11 race to return the ball to the opposing team. "Competitiveness is what I look up to most in an idol," said Lindsey Ellis '10.
Swim and Equestrian Teams Find Time for Passion

Professional athletes are the tops in their sport; they exceed limits and expectations and are paid well for their efforts. While unpaid, high school athletes often dream of a "green" future. However, some sports do not have the professional counterpart that teens can emulate and yearn for. Swimming and equestrian are two such teams, and those who participate do it for the love of the sport.

"I ride because I like to ride. I look at other riders for inspiration to take my riding to the next level," said Brittany Price '09.

Most people don't realize the amount of time athletes spend in practice. For the swim team, that meant swim-suiting up at 5am and diving into the chilly morning waters of the pool, only to face a six hour school day afterward. This required dedication.

"Getting up so early will put you in a daze the rest of the day, but it's worth it when you see improvement," said Elisha Cupp '08.

The equestrian team faced the bigger challenge of boarding and maintaining their own horses, finding places to ride, competing amidst urban sprawl and simply finding the time to enjoy their sport.
On Your Mark

Starting on the blocks, Elisha Cupp '08 concentrates as she prepares to compete in the 200-meter freestyle. "Having concentration is the key. If you get unfocused you will definitely lose the race," said Cupp '08.

Kaitlin Moffett '09

"Swimming is my life. I love competing and seeing my times go down after every heat."

Katie Snyder '11

"Having to be at the pool by 5am sucked, but as the season went along and I got close to the girls, it was worth it."

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Equestrian, Girls' Swimming 69
Ian Fenilo Francisco '08

"This was my first year playing tennis and I learned so much from my teammates and other players."

Gretchen Guck '10

"Tiger Woods makes it look very easy and calm. I wish I was able to just focus and not get frustrated."

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"When playing against an opponent, I try to use all those fancy tricks I learned from watching athletes on television."

Christopher Katanski '09

"I just look at the people on my team for inspiration. They help me to learn what to do and what not to do. I improved a lot because of them."

Andrew Gurka '10
Girls Golf and Boys Tennis Try to Emulate the Pros


The above are athletes who are famous for their sport. They put in time, dedication and hard work to be the best. They are inspirational to players who want to achieve the same goals.

"My favorite tennis player is Rafael LeDal because he is one of the few right-handed tennis players. Since I’m right-handed as well, it gives me even more motivation to do well on the court," said Amid Alexander '08.

Many will say that playing the games of tennis and golf are easy and somewhat relaxing. In actuality, both require agility and prowess. Tennis enjoys a reputation of elegance and prestige, often played by the wealthy. Golf, on the other hand, has become a national pastime for all generations and economic levels.

Mind Over Matter

Placing the ball, Coleen Huling '08 focuses on perfect positioning for a bogey. "I really have learned so much about the game of golf. I understand how to be focused when it’s just me and the ball," said Huling '08.

Boys' Tennis Team

Girls' Golf Team
Varsity Cheer

Varsity Guest Basketball

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Varsity Basketball
Crowd May Affect Player Performance

Picture it: Sprinting down the court with a crossover leaping to the open lay-up. Nothin' but net; the crowd goes wild. Most players dream of this scenario, while many experience it first-hand. Success is often found while under crowd pressure, positive or negative.

"When I hear or see the opposing crowd cheering against me it makes me perform better and makes me want to play harder and gets me hype," said Terrance Williams '08.

On the other hand, the crowd head-trip may not even affect some focused players who tune it out.

"The crowd really does not affect me, I just play my game and do work no matter what the atmosphere," said Ryan Walton '09.

Some players do not perform well under pressure. They allow the crowd to "get in their head". While this may seem like a weakness, it is a fact of human nature. After all, even Michael Jordan is human.

"The crowd makes me play a lot better. It really gets me going and my energy feeds off the crowd."
Nathan McMullan '08

"The crowd doesn't affect any judgments that I make. The crowd is just something that comes with the game. I am never in tune with the crowd and sometimes I don't even hear them."
Coach Mike Foley

Reach for the Sky
Dribbling to the basket, Andrew Dillon '10 jumps to the rim to dunk the ball against Chelsea. Despite all team efforts, however, the game was lost.

Roll to the Rim to Win
Breaking away from a Bedford defender, Terrell Williams '09 scores to put the team ahead by two. Most of the time two points does not seem like a lot, but in this case it was a turning point to put Lincoln ahead to win the game.
Defending Our Honor

Young Players Cope with Making it to the Next Level

By Mollie Patton '09

Working hard, basketball players step up for the varsity coaches. Having athletic ability is not enough anymore. Coaches are looking at grades more every year.

"Yes, I look at their grades. And if they are not at the required GPA, I cut them. They are student athletes and student comes before athlete," said Coach Anthony Finley.

As the players work toward the next level, they play even in the off-season. Whether it is conditioning with the soccer or track team, they are keeping in shape.

"I practice in the off season. I usually just shoot around and condition a lot. You practice how you play," said Julius Kidd '09.

During season the players work to keep their grades up. If their grades are low then they cannot play.

"I have never had to sit on the bench because of grades. And I hope I never have to," said Samantha Pace '10.

The teams have worked hard, kept their grades up and will hopefully make it on the varsity team next year.
Front Row: Alssa Poole, Jessica Cole, Tanea Thornhill, Middle Row: Samantha Pace, Riki Scherdt, Alicia Wollam Pace, Shari Grayson, Back Row: Megan Marchildon, Jade Harris, Brittany Ripple, Dekandis Robinson, and Coach Mike Hotchkiss. Not pictured: Somer Walker.

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Brittany Ripple '10
"Basketball was fun. We worked hard and really became a team. I guess you could say we bonded."

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Bedford 56 53
Pioneer 59 73
Tecumseh 59 31
Dexter 57 55

"We played well. I've always liked to play, but this year was different. We bonded and really became a good team."

Cecil Lavelle, Jr. '10

JV/Freshman Boys/Girls Basketball
Ciara Turnage '08
"Since this was my senior year, I was so hurt when I suffered a concussion and had to sit the rest of the game."

Jenee Graham '08
"Every year I seem to hurt my leg, so when it happened during my senior year, I was hurt, but at the same time it was business as usual."

Girls Varsity Basketball

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Girls Varsity Basketball
Foul Hard or Stay At Home

Season Plagued by Injuries

Playing sports in high school could lead to playing in college, which in turn may lead to a professional career. As players made their way through the varsity season, every player hoped their was a recruiter taking notes in the stands, ready to make a scholarship offer. Every lay-up, free throw and jump shot was an opportunity to make it to the top.

However, there was always a snag in the plan. Injuries. Unpredictable, unavoidable and all too common. Pulled hamstrings, torn ACL's, ripped Achilles, tendonitis, shin splits and ankle sprains were the injuries du jour over the course of this and any other season. Any of these injuries could mean the end of any player's career.

"When I fractured my hand, I was devastated. It happened so fast and I didn't realize that my hand was broken until my coach tried to pull me up and my hand was crooked. With my injury, I had to sit out for a quarter of the season," said Brittany Williams '09.

Everyone would agree if painful nights and injuries could be avoided the game of basketball could be more enjoyable but with injuries comes heart and determination.

No Pain, No Gain

As Brittany Williams '09, squares up for her free throws, she focuses on positioning her injured hand. "I wasn't making my free throws that game, so every opportunity I got I was trying to fight through the pain," said Brittany Williams '09.

Nose to Nose Combat

Using her nose, Briana Carter '09 defends against an Ann Arbor Pioneer player. "I was trying to keep the intensity up and get my team into the game, but I ended up breaking my nose on this play and had to be rushed to the hospital," said Briana Carter '09.

What injuries were most common during the season?

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Girls Varsity Basketball 77
"Before every meet we circle up, hold hands and pray. The team always gets hype after that."

**Joshua Jacobs '09**

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"When I am trying to get pumped for a game I have to show up early. It helps me get mentally prepared."

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**Boys Swimming**

Hockey, Swimming and Wrestling Watch the Clock

Hockey, wrestling and swimming all required intensive training. Hockey practice began at 10pm, while swimmers gathered at the wee hour of 5am. Wrestlers had to stay after school for practice, running the halls, all while following a strict diet to maintain weight class.

"We stopped morning practices and now it’s starting late. I just work hard and wake myself up when morning comes around. Oh, and try not to fall asleep in too many of my classes," said Jason Himes '09, a hockey player.

In order to be the best athletes, they gave up free time to build their endurance for goal achievement. On top of all the morning, day and late night practices, there are late matches, weekend games and long tournaments.

"I just keep my mind on why I go through it. It’s tough, but worth it when you win. Working your butt off in practice makes you that much better in your game or match," said Wrestler Nathan Mullins '09.

Skating With Ease
Glding across the floor, Jarrett Pfeiffer '10 looks for an open man to pass to. Puck handling required great skill which Pfeiffer practiced by doing many different drills.

Hockey

Wrestling

Hockey, Wrestling, Swimming ‘09
Over the Top

Track Team Rebuilds from the Bottom

Having a strong core to feed from as well as gaining motivation and encouragement are all essential to any sport team. Underclassmen are easily influenced by upperclassmen who have experienced the ups and downs of a season, the long bus rides, the exhausting practices, the close races and the ability to bounce back after tough losses.

A team that bonds under the leadership and experience of the upperclassmen often leads to a winning and memorable season.

"The upperclassmen from last year had a rough season, so this season I wanted to come in and beat the records. I looked up to past seniors as motivation to run hard at every practice. I have gained heart by watching the determination of those who came before me who have been through the rough times," said Ashley Betts '10.

Knowing that a support system is the building block of a winning team can always be a real boost of morale.

Reaching for the Mark

As Megan Marchlindon '10 jumps high and stretches her body, she focuses on having the longest jump. "I just try to focus on my form, so I can get the best score," said Marchlindon.

Boys Track

Ryan Johnson '09
As a junior, I really wanted to push myself to make varsity times so I could run with the best of the best."

Chad Opfermann '11
"I've been motivated to run since the sixth grade. This motivation is fueled by competing with people from my own grade."

Norah Williams '09
"As one of the few girls that was on a varsity relay from last year, I had to really step up and be a leader for the younger players."

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Girls Track
Front Row: Dominique Lamar, Alyssa Rosaquin, Erica Walters, Holly Kline, Alexis Smith, Samantha Linton.
Second Row: Tori Williams, Khary Johnson, Elle Backhead, Ashley Betts, Menika Smith, Tae Ho Tumby.
Third Row: Emily Pink, Danielle Patterson, Alina William Pao, Alexandra Radley, Alexa Gerdt, Elizabeth Linne, Felicia Jefferson, Akayra Hendricks.
Corey Caldwell '08

"I like being the one in charge of the field and that is what the catcher does. I get to be involved with every pitch."

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Michael Golowic '10

"I catch just because it is what I love to do; it keeps my pumped and into the game."

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Varsity Baseball

Age Not an Issue for Varsity Baseball

The boys baseball team was an extremely young program. There were only two seniors to lead the team. The junior class makes up most of the team, with only one sophomore.

"Having such a young team was okay, I guess. I don't think it would change our performance. It will just help better us for next year's season," said Terrell Williams '09.

The young talent excelled from playing together for years prior.

"We have all been playing together since Little League. I think it has helped with the team unity and built up a solid knowledge of how each other plays," said Brandon Boyle '09.

Typically, a varsity team is made up of mostly seniors, yet this squad used youth to its advantage and ended up with a better-than-expected record.

Pitch Perfect

Pitching the ball, Edward Rakotz '09 helps gain another victory. "I love the game. My adrenaline pumps like no other, and I am always hoping for strikes," said Rakotz '09.

"The game isn't over...until it's over." Ian Pearsall '10

"When I am out there on the field it is like nothing else matters. My total focus is on the ball, whether it is out in the field catching it, or up to bat and hitting it."

Victor Roachen II '09
Longtime Friendships Take to the Mound

"Back in the day..." Softball players reminisce about their first mitts, first games and first teammates. Playing with your same friends up until senior year was simply priceless for a few lucky players.

"It was really cool that some seniors got to play and prepare for college ball together after growing up playing ball together," said Brittany Price '09.

Playing a sport that you love is one of the greatest feelings you can have. Especially when playing with friends that you have known forever. The seniors may not have ended their last year of high school softball with the greatest record, but nothing beat playing with friends.

"Of course everyone wants to win all their games but this year was really fun for me because I got to play with my friends and have fun," said Michelle Allen '08.

Take it on the Run
Running to second, Alexa Anderson '08 locates the ball. At this point, Anderson decided to take another base.
Jamie Lavery '08
"I love music before a game; it gets me pumped up and hype to play."

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Heather Hall '10
"I just love having a good time with my friends and joking around on the way to the games."

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What's your favorite sports brand?

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Brittany Kennedy '08
"Yes, it was a good season. It was my senior year and I could be with my girls one last time."

Guest Varsity
0 2 Monroe Jefferson
1 0 Pickney
1 3 Adrian
2 0 Chelsea
3 1 Tecumseh
4 0 Dexter
2 0 Gabriel Richard
4 0 Bedford
8 0 Huron
8 0 Saline
6 2 Tecumseh
2 0 Howell
3 1 Adrian
8 0 Pioneer

Kelli Bush '10
"This season was amazing! The fact that we worked as a team, lost, tied and won as a team made it worthwhile. The girls on the team added to the enjoyment of playing."

Guest JV
0 2 South Lyon
0 8 Monroe Jefferson
1 1 Pickney
1 8 Adrian
0 3 Chelsea
0 0 Tecumseh
1 0 Dexter
1 1 Gabriel Richard
0 4 Bedford
1 0 Huron
0 0 Saline
1 2 South Lyon
1 6 Tecumseh
0 4 Howell
0 4 Adrian
2 0 Pioneer

JV Soccer
Front Row: Keriann Chmielewski, Mollie Patton, Sara Truhn, Emily Mott, Kelli Bush.
Second Row: Samantha Pace, Allison Chan, Rachel Aldridge, Jessica Cole, Danielle McMillian, Olivia Schrock. Back Row: Coach Robert Stowe, Emily Samuelson, Jamie Plumb, Amy Barber, Dunia Ismail, Elyse Graessley.
Through Thick and Thin

Stowe Saves Season After Coach Loss

By Mollie Patton '09

After losing the varsity soccer coach, Coach Terri, due to family health problems, Coach Bob Stowe stepped up to the challenge.

"I liked it when he took over. Although he didn't coach us, he was still there by us to help us out if we needed it," said Lindsey Neel '08.

During the games, the JV and varsity teams encouraged each other to push through and work hard. Without a coach, it was tough to come out on top.

"We played pretty well under the circumstances. Some things changed and some didn't, but for the situation I think it turned out pretty well," said Rebecca Studer '09.

Though the scoreboard may not show it, the teams learned a lesson this year. You cannot rely on a coach because you never know what can happen halfway through the season. You should always be a team and help each other through everything.

"We focused on playing and working hard for Coach Terri and Coach Stowe. They wanted us all to stay focused and play our best and that's what we did," said Brooke Hogan '09.

Coach Stowe took on a big task and did his best to put the teams in shape. The girls learned the real definition of "team" this season.

Sneak Attack

Keeping the ball away, Felicia Synder '08 kicks the ball out from a Huron player. With good defense nothing could go wrong and a good game is played.

Yeah, this season was good. We really bonded as a team and played very well together. I had a lot of fun, too. I can't wait to play next year with my girls again.

This season was ok. I thought our team could have done better. As a freshman is was a lot of fun to play with the older girls. I had a good time with them.

Olivia Schrock '11

Alisha Hoskins '11

Varsity Soccer


Varsity and JV Girls Soccer
Seniors Leave Legacy

Most people have someone they look up to. Role models are defined as those who set a positive example. Exiting seniors often play that role to younger players.

"I look up to David Palmer because he thrives at everything he does and is very competitive. He is also an all-around good athlete," said Alexander Neitling '09.

Seniors are often given a leadership position on a team, whether they want it or not. It just comes with the territory. There are plenty of responsibilities that come along with being a leader. Running practices, giving it your all even when you do not want to and helping out younger teammates are just some of the ways the seniors set a good example.

"Teaching other players skills, getting the team pumped up before the game and setting a good example is just part of the responsibilities for being a leader, but it pays off in the end," said Kyle Anguilm '08.

Breaking Free
Scurrying away from a Green Hills defender, Alexander Neitling '08 quickly feeds the ball to his teammate. After the pass, Neitling got back into his ready position.

Girls Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Gretchen Guck, Kaitlin Burch, Rachel Serfainski, Samantha Pinter.

Lacrosse

Front Row: Sarah Adkins, Travis Foote, Darius Baran, Nikko Keider, Brenden Koeki, Daniel Doyle, Brandon Woodman, Eric Farris, Merissa McFry.
Third Row: Steven Lewis, Jeremiah Williams, Micah Curry, Sammi Ismail, Ryan Botterff, Chris Branham, Alexander Neitling, Dustin Goette, Justin Pfeiffer.
Back Row: Coach Jeff Daniels, Joel Hamami, Jagdeesh Anne, Justin Henry, Zachary Arnold, Zachary Rekowski, Joshua Harmon, David Palmer, Cody Watkins, Kyle Anguilm.
Angelica Reyes '08

"I enjoy being a positive role model for the newcomers to look up to."

Tennis Guest

Pickney L W
Wayne Memorial W L
Saline L W
Pioneer L W
Bedford L W
Adrian L W
Dexter L W
Chelsea L W
Huron L W

David Palmer '08

"It feels good to mentor younger players to help them become better athletes."

Lacrosse Guest

Tecumseh 12 8
Salem 12 4
Bedford 18 1
Richard 9 4
Dexter 14 1
Ypsilanti 16 0
Royal Oak 7 16
Greenhills 13 7
Romulus 19 7
Howell 10 3
Tecumseh 12 14
Grosse Ile 11 12
Saline 6 19
Huron 6 17

Adviser's Note:

Boys' Golf does not appear in the 2008 yearbook due to last-minute sport schedule changes which affected the ability to photograph events. Coach Gilbert was unavailable to make alternative arrangements. Additionally, the golf team did not take a team picture. Apologies go out to golfers and their families.
Ryan Bortorff '09 pulls his team to victory during the tug-o-war.

Alexander Nettling '09 and Brandon Boyle '09 high-five during passing time.

Keenan Wilson '09 announces his fellow teammate, Cody Watkins '09.

Jacquelyn Sweeney '10 enjoys a drink at lunch as Madison VantHaren '10 watches.

Kathlyn Olson '10, Basilara Cabag '10 and Demetra Watson '09 cheer during a boys basketball game.
What is it about being an underclassmen that makes you feel like you are under a microscope? Is it possible that everyone is watching or is it your imagination? While it seems that every misstep, gaffe or mind-numbingly embarrassing moment gets caught on tape only to played over and over for the amusement of upperclassmen, the truth is...no one is paying attention. And no one cares.

Maybe the administration keeps a more vigilant eye on its younger students, either because they have a higher tendency to screw up or for their protection from the "big kids", but for the most part, everyone simply does their thing and has little tolerance for what others do.

So when it comes to feeling "watched", underclassmen should not feel singled out. Just get outta the way and let everyone get on with their day.
TOP ROLE MODELS

1. No One
2. My Mom
3. My Dad
4. My Brother
5. My Sister
6. My Grandma
7. Beyonce
8. My Uncle
9. God
10. Myself

Taj Abdullah '11
Sean Abramowicz '09
Rhiana Abrams '10
Katherine Abston '10
Kandace Ackron '11
John Adamovicz '11

Aaron Adams '11
Kyle Adams '09
Richard Adams '10
Katrina Adkins '11
Suvanna Adkins '09
Bolanle Aduroja '10

Ashley Agdorny '11
Donald Ahearn '09
Megan Alber '09
Rachel Aldridge '10
Amanda Alexander '09
Shanael Alexander '11

Shaniece Alexander '10
Emily Alford '10
Christopher Allen '11
Courtney Allen '09
Erica Allen '11
Justin Allen '10

Trevor Allen '11
Rachel Allstetter '09
Kryn Ambs '11
Clayton Anderson '11
Elizabeth Anderson '10
Kristin Anderson '11

David Jenkins '10

"I've looked up to my brother my whole life because I didn't have a father that I could look up to.

Michael Odom '09

"God friends and family because they push me to be an overachiever.

"
TOP FASHION MISTAKES

1. Clothing too small or tight
2. Mis-matched outfits
3. Clothing too big and baggy
4. Too much make-up
5. Flip-Flops in the winter
6. Goth pants
7. Skirts over jeans/leggings
8. Crocs
9. Tying up shirt in the back
10. Layering

When girls wear pants four sizes too small for them and the tight shirts on top of that

Rachael Carnahan '10

To have those big, black pants with chains hanging everywhere

Daniel Chis '10

Brendan Brady '11
Dylon Braun '10
Kaitlynn Bridges '10
Andrew Brindley '11
Shawn Brindley '10
Eric Bromley '11

Travis Bromley '09
Ijazz Brooks '11
Lisa Brooks '09
Michael Brooks '11
Terelle Brown '10
Cady Browning '09

Candace Browning '11
Wayne Browning, Jr. '11
Ashley Brunk '10
Daniel Bryan '11
Dustin Bryan '11
James Bryant II, '11

Jennifer Bryant '10
Lauren Bryant '09
Kya Buckland '10
Alexa Budd '10
Lauren Bullard '11
Lyn Bullard Jr. '09

Armon Bullock '11
Kaitlin Burch '09
Jessica Burgan '09
Christian Burge '09
Rachael Burge '11
Alice Burgess '09
Kayla Cowles '10
James Craven '10
David Crawford Jr '09
David Crews '11
Tanisha Crittle '11
Aaron Crittenden '10

Cori Croll '11
Davina Crouch '11
Juan Culbreath '11
Amanda Cullen '10
Jacob Culver '11
Areatha Cummings '11

Alison Cupp '10
Douglas Curley '11
Andrew Curtis '11
Cody Curtis '11
Michelle Czinski '10
Amanda Dalton '11

Bobbi Dalton '09
Patricia Dancy '10
Sulayman Daniels '09
Ashley Danieleon '09
Heather Dankovic '10
Casey Darnell '10

Richard Daroma '11
Samantha Daroma '10
Brittney Davis '09
Demetrius Davis '10
LaTanya Davis '09
Robert Davis '09

Shanae Davis '11
William Davis '10
Nikola Decker '10
Joseph DeGrandis '11
Ashley DeHart '10
Kyle Deuel '10

Michael DeVries '11
Steven Dickerson '11
Geroy Diggs '09
Andrew Dillon '10
Lauren Duiguid '10
Joel Dogan '11
TOP FASHION TRENDS

1. Ugg boots
2. Leggings
3. Hollister
4. American Eagle
5. Skinny jeans
6. Big hoodies
7. Abercrombie & Fitch
8. Flats
9. Ripped jeans
10. Punk/Emo/Goth

Scanties and colored tights are so cute. I really love dramatic jewelry, like big rings and cute necklaces or bracelets.

Aviva Neff '10

I wouldn't know. I don't follow trends.

Amber Stumbo '10

Taylor Dogan '10
Phillip Donato '11
Kristina Dority '10
Kelli Dorsey '10
Daniel Doyle '10
Marina Drumond '11

Kelsie Duarard '11
Ashton Dubisky '11
Corey Dubisky '09
Danielle Duda '11
Sara Duda '10
Nicole Dukes '09

Ajia Dumas '09
Deshaney Dumas '11
Dominique Dumas '11
Jasmine Dumas '11
Shayna Dunlop '11
Kayla Dunning '11

Karen Dunstan '11
Darin Duperon '10
Jarrett Dupuis '09
Ariel Dyer '11
Bryanna Dyson '09
Tasha Eagle '09

Jacob East '11
Dreux Eaton '11
Louis Eberbach '10
Brian Eisemann '11
Blake Elkins '11
Jessica Elkins '10
We LOVE...
1. Johnny Depp
2. Lil Wayne
3. Zac Efron
4. Hannah Montana
5. Soulja Boy
6. Chris Brown
7. Jessica Alba
8. Beyoncé
9. The Beckham's
10. Tila Tequila

Ashley Dehart
'10

TOP CELEBRITIES

We HATE...
1. Britney Spears
2. Paris Hilton
3. Lindsay Lohan
4. Michael Jackson
5. Jamie Spears
6. 50 cent
7. Soulja Boy
8. Tom Cruise
9. Angelina Jolie
10. George Bush

"I don't go with what everybody else loves. I still love Britney Spears."

Bobbi Dalton '09

Ryan Elkins '10
Christopher Ellington '10
Shaquiria Ellington '11
James Elliott '11
Kevin Elliott '11
Lindsey Ellis '10

Brittany Ellsworth '10
Mallory Eliomaas '11
Brian England '09
Rebecca England '10
Melina Enos '11
Glen Enzenauer '11

Ricardo Escobedo '11
Ali Evans '11
Brittany Evans '11
Joy Evans '11
Tajh Evans '09
Teighlor Evans '11

Tyree Evans '11
Ryan Evasio '11
Eric Ewald '11
Johannah Facer '11
Leslie Fairley '11
Brandon Farrell '10

Mark Farrell '09
Eric Farris '10
Bridget Faulk '11
Brett Felten '09
Danielle Ferraroccolo '11
Michael Festa '10
TOP VIDEO GAMES

1. Guitar Hero
2. Halo 3
3. Grand Theft Auto
4. Wii Sports
5. Call of Duty
6. Dance Dance Revolution
7. Madden '08
8. Rock Band
9. Mario Cart
10. Sims

Amanda Hogan '10

Dakota Harden '11
Derricka Harmon '10
Joshua Harmon '09
Corey Harper '10
Jaelah Harrell McKinley '09
Jaelyn Harrell McKinley '09

Justine Harrington '11
Jade Harris '10
Margaret Harris '09
Sasha Harris '09
Amanda Harrison '09
Jacob Harrison '09

Kevin Harrison, Jr. '10
Nicole Harrison '11
Bennett Hawker '11
Kathryn Haycox '09
Reeshod Haygood '09
Aja Haywood '11

Jeffrey Hazleton '11
McKinsey Henderson '11
Meghan Henderson '09
Shakara Henderson '11
Justin Henry '09
Catrina Henson '09

Angelica Hernandez '11
Roxana Hernandez '09
Jacob Hickman '11
Patrice Hicks '11
Alexander Higginbottom '10
Jason Himes '09

Guitar Hero 3 and Call of Duty 4 because they have good graphics and are fun.

Ryan Elkins '10
DeLorenzo Hines '10
Larissa Hines '11
Samantha Hiske '11
Nadine Hofstetter '11
Amanda Hogan '10
Brooke Hogan '09

Matthew Hogue '11
Angela Holbrook '10
Nataly Holguin '11
Leigh Hollen '10
Cole Holley '11
Levi Holley '09

Melanie Hollis '11
Candice Holm '11
Scott Holm '10
Norman Holman II '10
Nolan Holmes '10
Courtney Hook '11

Jon Hopkins Jr '09
Lauren Horton '10
Alisha Hoskins '11
Britney Hoskins '11
Harley Hoskins '11
Samantha Houston '10

Sean Houston '10
Brett Howard '11
James Howard III, '09
Chelsea Howell '10
Ethan Hubbard '09
Allyson Hudspeth '10

Douglas Hudspeth '10
Anthony Hugan '11
Natalie Hugan '09
Meggan Hughes '11
Chad Hume '10
Brendan Humeniak '11

Tyler Hummel '11
Devin Humphrey '11
Petedarrylow Hunnicutt '11
Darrell Hunt '10
Robert Hunter '11
Joshua Hunter-Jones '11

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TOP WAYS TO ATTRACT THE OPPOSITE SEX

1. Advertise your body/wear revealing clothes
2. Be yourself
3. Be funny
4. Smell good
5. Smile
6. Talk/call/text
7. Look good
8. Brush up against them
9. Hang out with their friends
10. Impress him/her

Chelsey Shipman '10

Chelsea Howell '09

Jalynn Jones '10
Jazel Jones '11
Kory Jones '11
Kyle Jones '11
Marquis Jones '11
Tristan Jones '10

Kristina Jordan '10
Batiste Joubert '09
Mahamoudou Kaba '11
Lee Kahan III '09
Katelyn Kaspala '11
Christopher Katanski '09

Martin Kazan '10
Nathaniel Kean '11
Chelsee Keck '11
Nikko Keider '09
Erick Kelch '10
Anja Kemmerling '11

Kayla Kempher '11
Michael Kempher '11
Shawn Kennedy, Jr. '10
Christian Kern '11
Jazmine Keyes '10
Sade Keyes '10

Yasmine Khabir '09
Julius Kidd '09
Ashley Kimberlin '11
Kyle Kinclus '10
Terrica Kinsey '09
Megan Kinser '11
Kyle Martin '11
Caprice Mason '09
Matthew Mason '11
Lynnea Massey '09
Christina Matte '11
Jairis Mattingly '11

Amanda Maynard '10
Haleigh Maynard '11
Paige Maynard '11
Michelle McAnulty '11
Jonathan McCleery '11
Cody McClure '09

Charles McCormick '11
Alyssa McCune '11
Anthony McCune '10
Kayla McCune '11
Matthew McCune '10
Kendall McDaniels '10

Joseph McDonald '09
Kayla McDonald '11
Tracey McDonald '11
Trebeeca McDonald '10
Merissa McFry '10
Jonathan McGhee '11

Kayla McGuire '09
Vanessa McKenzie '10
Caitlyn McKinney '10
James McKinnis '11
Ali McLeod '10
Danielle McMillian '11

Amanda McMillian '10
Adrienne McMullan '09
Nathan McMullan '09
Caree McQueen '10
Timothy Meadows '10
Derrius Melton '10

Harry Merrill '11
Brisilda Met-Hansani '09
Rick Meurs '09
Steven Michowski '09
William Micik '09
Diane Micu '11
TOP CHEATING TECHNIQUES

1. Write answers on body part
2. Casual glance at a nearby paper
3. I DON'T CHEAT
4. Text Message
5. Write answers on desk
6. Ask neighbor to keep paper visible
7. Sit next to a smart person
8. Keep a tiny cheat sheet hidden
9. Put review on floor
10. Ask for answers

Disclaimer: The yearbook staff does not condone cheating in any form.

I don't think cheating is always a good thing. I think getting help in school is better.

Kayla White '10

Emily Mott '11

Martin-Mosley 111
TOP CARTOONS WE STILL LOVE

1. Spongebob Squarepants
2. Tom & Jerry
3. Family Guy
4. Scooby Doo
5. Rugrats
6. Bugs Bunny/Looney Tunes
7. Powerpuff Girls SWAT Cats
8. Fairly Oddparents
9. South Park
10. Futurama

Yvana Boone '09

Ceja Moss '11
Jada Motley-Dismuke '11
Emily Mott '11
Dawn Mulder '09
Janae Muldrow '10
Aaron Mullins '09
Brent Mullins '09
Heather Mullins '09
Nathan Mullins '09
Corrine Murch '11
Christian Murphy '10
Lamarr Murphy-Ellerson '10

Amanda Music '10
Dylan Music '10
Ibraheem Mutahr '11
Joshua Mutschler '11
Ava Myles '10
Lamar Napier '10
Mia Neal '09
Jalynn Neely '11
Aviva Neff '10
Alexander Neitling '09
Devon Nelms '09
Lauren Neumann '11

Quang Nguyen '11
Stephanie Nguyen '10
Chrell Nicholson '11
Bo Nolan '09
Marissa Norman '11
Nicholas Norris '11

Kevin Elliot '11
Samantha Norris '09
Terrance North '10
Quentin Nunn '11
James Nunnally '11
Vincent Obyran '11
Michael Odom '09

Cameron OGarro '10
Adedayo Ogundipe '11
Katelyn Olson '10
Leah Olson '11
Chad Operfmann '11
Michael Orr '09

Tyler Ortiz '09
Alicia Osborne '11
Natalie Osborne '10
Rachael Osborne '09
LeKeisha Osler '09
Joseph Ostrowski '10

Cassie Oswald '09
Jeremy Owens '11
Samantha Pace '10
Amber Page '11
Bradley Page '09
Michael Page '11

Timothy Paine '10
Maurice Palmer '10
Elizabeth Parent '11
Timothy Parent '09
Sang IL Park '11
Alexandra Parker '11

LaQuon Parker '10
Jacob Parkes '09
Andraya Parks '11
Cecilia Parmelee '11
Heather Parmelee '09
Danielle Parsons '10

Alexandra Paschal '11
Lindsay Paschal '09
Mollie Patton '09
Ian Peasall '09
Zachary Peatle '10
Lincoln Pedrys '11

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TOP LOVE SONGS OF ALL-TIME

1. My Heart Will Go On - Celine Dion
2. Our Song - Taylor Swift
3. All My Life - KC and Jo-Jo
4. I Hate That I Love You - Rihanna
5. Everything - Lifehouse
6. Your Call - Secondhand Serenade
7. So Much - Spill Canvas
8. I'll Be - Edwin McCain
9. Crazy - KC and Jo-Jo
10. Hanging By a Moment - Lifehouse

Michael Bowen '10

Jequane Roberts '09
Kaycee Roberts '11
Gregory Robertson '10
John Robertson '10
Noah Robinet '11
Dekandis Robinson '09

Omar Robinson '11
Steven Robinson '11
Carina Rodriguez '11
Xaimarie Rodriguez-Inoa '10
Stephanie Rogowski '11
Christopher Roopchand '11

Chelsea Rose '09
Michael Rose '10
Dustin Ross '10
Lauren Ross '11
Jonathan Rostas '10
Ronald Rowe '09

Kyrstin Running '10
Colleen Ryan '10
Daniel Sai '10
Hiba Samaha '10
Emily Samuelson '09
Gabriel Sanchez '10

Cory Sanders '10
Jamonte Sanders '11
Khalid Sarsour '10
Joshua Sasser '10
Chanell Sawyer '11
Travis Sawyer '10

Black Dog - Led Zeppelin
TOP CLASSIC MOVIES

1. The Notebook
2. Pirates of the Caribbean
3. Superbad
4. The Lion King
5. Transformers
6. Grease
7. Saw
8. Hairspray
9. Stomp the Yard
10. High School Musical

Can they really be classics yet?

Carly Temple '10

"HSM- Contin Blev is an awesome dancer, singer, actor. He makes me believe anything is possible!"

Diana Burns '09

John Stratton-Karbowski '11
Trisha Stratton-Karbowski '09
Megan Strieff '10
Rebecca Studer '09
Alisha Stumbo '09
Amber Stumbo '10
Anthony Sugent '11
Kenneth Summers '11
Mary Summers '10
Amanda Sumrall '09
Carroll Sumrall '10
Brittany Svoboda '11
Jacquelyn Sweeney '10
Danielle Tackett '10
Alexander Tasson '11
Dwight Taylor '11
Erika Taylor '11
Johnana Taylor '10
Matthew Taylor '11
Michael Taylor '11
Carly Temple '10
Shelby Terry '09
Teresa Terry '10
Bobby Thlenghtham '09
Brianna Thomas '09
Cherae Thomas '10
Deonte Thomas '09
Dominique Thomas '10
Jasmine Thomas '11
Kathleen Thomas '09

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Kenneth Thomas II '11
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Terrell Thomas '11
Eric Thompkins '11

Edward Thompson '11
Nicole Thompson '11
Torrey Thompson '10
Tanea Thornhill '10
Darius Tiggs '10
Brittany Till '10

Andrew Timmermann '09
Lindy Timmermann '11
Halee Tomlinson '10
Brittany Toole '11
Katherine Toomey '11
Jamar Torrence '10

Trisha Torres '10
Gaelle Toviave '10
Cody Townsley '11
Sara Truhn '11
Victoria Truhn '09
Garrett Truitt '09

Jonathon Trzeciak '11
Gregg Tswago '09
Tacarra Tswago '09
Kyle Tuck '11
Candice Turner '09
Justin Turner '09

Vincent Turner '09
Sidney VanArsdale '11
Kyle Vanderlip '09
Alexa VanEgtern-Banks '11
Madison VanHaren '10
James VanHorn '11

Ebony Vanover '11
Michael Vargo '11
Cortnie Varner '11
Melissa Varney '09
Shaquaya Vaughn '11
Joseph Venable '11
Ashley Williams '09
Brittany Williams '09
Dare Williams '11
Elexandra Williams '09
Elyse Williams '10
Erian Williams '09

India Williams '11
Jacquelyn Williams '09
Jarrett Williams '11
Jazz Williams '11
Jeremiah Williams '09
Jeremy Williams '11

John Williams III '09
Johnnette Williams '09
Joshua Williams '09
Kayla Williams '10
Kenneth Williams '10
Kyle Williams '10

Marcus Williams '10
Mario Williams '10
Marlon Williams '11
Matthew Williams '11
Noriah Williams '09
Terrell Williams '09

Krystina Williamson '09
Ashley Willis '09
Melvin Willis '10
Antwaine Wilson '09
Daniel Wilson '09
Dione Wilson '11

Dylan Wilson '11
Evony Wilson '09
Georgia Wilson '11
Keenan Wilson '09
Matthew Wilson '11
Neco Wilson '10

Quinten Wilson '09
Todd Wilson, Jr. '11
Barbara Winnie '11
Samantha Winters '11
Trey Wixon '09
Kenneth Wohlge Muth '09
Danny Wojciechoski '11
Joseph Wolf '10
Meagan Wolf '11
Alicia Wollam-Pace '11
Demetrious Womack '10
Paul Woodley '09

Brandon Woodman '11
Edward Woods '11
Tyler Woods '11
KeAndrea Worthington '09
Anthony Wright '11
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Joshua Knox '08 cheers on the crowd at the Homecoming pep assembly.

Cute Couple Alert: Jamie Lavery and Anthony McClure wait in line to order their graduation caps and gowns.

Evan McDaniel '08 shows his nerdy side during spirit week.

Seniors Stephanie Dority, Stephen Brown and Ryan Hess cheer on their fellow classmates at the Homecoming Pep Assembly.

Christopher Branhman '08 takes center stage as Daddy Warbucks in 'Annie'.
Suspects. Culprits. Victims. Leaders. Graduates. Senior adjectives were as numerous as their responsibilities in that all-important final year.

"My main concerns were keeping my grades up, actually going to class and getting through the year to graduate on time," said Tantaneice Scott '08.

Aside from meeting graduation requirements, seniors were expected to set good examples for the underclassmen, while every instinct suggested the opposite. For many, senior year meant taking it easy and taking advantage. Often victims of "senioritis", these so-called leaders of the school often make up the lion's share of tardies and skipped classes. After all, "senior skip day" was coined in their honor.

In the end, senior year was all about making the choices that would ensure their release papers.

**Release Date**
The senior T-shirt shows off the seniors last day of high school. "I bought a shirt because I thought they looked cute and I would actually wear it," said Amande Bush '08.
What are some of the best things about graduation?

"The best thing about graduation is knowing that you accomplished what many people didn't, and knowing that your life has really just begun."

"I'm looking forward to the fact that I don't have to deal with the drama of high school anymore."

"I finally get to learn about things that I'm actually interested in."
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1. Getting out of high school
2. Being on your own
3. Starting college
4. Moving on to freedom
5. No more drama
Things you wish you learned in high school, but didn't...

1. I learned everything I wanted to know
2. How to use math in real life
3. How to handle money
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You know you're a senior when...
What are some things your parents do to embarrass you?

"My mom likes to talk about abstinence when my friends or my boyfriend are around."

"My mom brought her bird to school one day when she brought me medicine."

"When my friends come over, my dad always sings, 'Oh My Darlin.'"
What are some of your parents' famous sayings?

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Please use this space to attach a graduation photo of yourself if you were inadvertently left out.

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Grandma and Grandpa

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Love you lots.

Maria and Ashley

As you travel the roads of life you will meet many people and experience many things. Kind of like in video games. Good luck!

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While under strict surveillance, memories were made, alibis provided and suspects cleared.

FILE 2007-2008: Closed.
As the war in Iraq passes the four-year mark, tours of duty are lengthened and recruitment standards are relaxed.

To ease the mortgage crisis, the U.S. Senate passes legislation allowing homeowners with delinquent sub-prime mortgages to refinance into federally insured loans.

Several cities in the southeastern U.S. are mere months away from running out of water as drought conditions persist in the region.

Six men are trapped when a Utah coal mine collapses on August 6. Ten days later, the mine collapses again, killing three rescue workers. After four weeks the search ends.

The U.S. Postal Service issues a forever stamp featuring an image of the Liberty Bell. It will always be valid for first class postage on envelopes weighing one ounce or less.

During televised debates, Democratic and Republican presidential candidates answer tough questions submitted by voters via YouTube.

The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded to former Vice President Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, represented by Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, for their efforts to call attention to global warming.
Schools across the nation are thoroughly disinfected—and some are even shut down—to quell outbreaks of staph infections, including antibiotic-resistant strains.

In late October, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declares a state of emergency due to wildfires that burn more than half a million acres in southern California.

American consumers lose their confidence in China's manufacturers when children's toys tainted with lead trigger widespread recalls.

Dozens of tornadoes tear across Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kentucky and Alabama on February 5, 2008, killing nearly 60 people.

In Littleton, Colorado, construction is completed on the $1.5 million Columbine Memorial to the 13 victims of the 1999 shooting at Columbine High School.

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Global

- People around the world cast more than 100 million online votes to determine the New Seven Wonders of the World. The winning wonders are announced at a gala in Lisbon.

- More than 150 of the world's leading music acts perform in concerts staged around the world for Live Earth, a star-studded event to draw attention to the global climate crisis.

- The One Laptop Per Child Foundation launches a limited-time "Give One, Get One" program to spur donations of XO $100 laptops to children in developing nations.

- Labour Party leader Gordon Brown succeeds Tony Blair as the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

- In December, Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto is assassinated following a political rally in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

- Tropical cyclone Sidr is the deadliest storm to hit Bangladesh in a decade. It destroys thousands of homes, ruins crops and forces more than a million villagers to evacuate.

- The melting of the Arctic Sea ice spurs an international network of climate scientists to conclude that global warming is indisputable, and that human activity has been causing temperatures to rise since 1950.
U.S. astronaut Peggy Whitson is the first female commander at the International Space Station.

Black bears make headlines in Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico as park rangers and wilderness homeowners report raids on backpacks, tents, trash cans and even kitchens.


Using mice, biologists develop a method to reprogram ordinary skin cells into all-purpose stem cells. This discovery is likely to have a positive impact on treatments for a number of diseases.

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In a medical experiment, salmonella germs take a ride on the space shuttle. When they return to Earth, the germs are far more lethal than their earthbound counterparts.

An excavation site in Argentina yields the fossilized remains of a previously unknown species of dinosaur, the Futalognkosaurus dukei, measuring more than 105 feet.

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Social networking websites continue to surge in popularity. MySpace and Facebook remain dominant as the sites of choice for young people and inspire a host of innovative imitators.

Concerns about overweight dogs and cats hit the headlines. Veterinarians prescribe a regimen of fewer treats, more walks around the neighborhood and no people food.

The healthy growth trend for vitamin waters and other nutrient-boosted consumables continues with the introduction of specialized formulas for immunity, focus and more.

User-generated content grows more popular as network television shows, mainstream musical acts and wannabe media stars join amateur home moviemakers on YouTube. One of the most-watched videos of 2007 features a feline pianist.

Concerns over the environment and increasing energy costs create a growing consumer demand for energy-saving, long-lasting compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Higher prices for coffee beans do not lessen the nation’s craving for coffeehouses. Independents and chains alike continue to be popular with younger consumers.

The Apple iPhone, with its revolutionary touch screen, packs mobile phone, camera, iPod, Web browser, email and IM capabilities into a sleek, portable package.
Cute and comfy baby doll jumper tops and dresses with button straps start as a summer trend and morph into fall fashion layered over close-fitting sweaters and matching tights.

The A-line silhouette comes to outerwear, as swingy trapeze coats become one of the year’s most surprising fashion must-haves.

Fashion takes a look back to the 1980s with the return of leg warmers, worn as an accessory with short skirts or skinny jeans and fashionable ballet flats or moccasins.

Quilted Vera Bradley handbags and totes sweep college campuses, sororities and high school hallways from coast to coast.

The ubiquitous, slouchy suede Ugg boot is reinvented with cozy knitted uppers that keep toes toasty and add a soft, tweedy, textured look to fall and winter ensembles.

Guys sport patterned hoodies that are worn alone or layered under jackets and blazers for an edgy, urban look.

Stephon Marbury inspires a host of celebrities, including Sarah Jessica Parker and Venus Williams, to battle the high-priced fashion industry by creating their own affordable apparel.

The craze for oversized leather bags—in metallic shades of copper, silver and gold—inspires a trend for matching footwear in daytime and nighttime looks.

Under Armor athletic apparel is a popular fashion choice for athletes both on and off the field.
The music video game Rock Band is released for Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3. Players perform together in virtual bands, using peripherals to hit notes as they scroll onscreen.

The music video game Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock is released with a soundtrack of 71 playable songs. Slash and other real-life guitarists appear as in-game characters.

Even after lonelygirl15 is revealed as a fictitious character, her popular storyline continues for a full season as an Internet dramedy series on YouTube and MySpace.

After a two-year format war, Toshiba pulls its HD DVD product out of contention, leaving Sony Blu-ray as the sole next-generation successor to DVD.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, the seventh and final book in the enormously popular series, is released. Its first U.S. print run is a record-breaking 12 million copies.

Large-scale multiplayer online gaming gives rise to virtual worlds where players interact via avatars and the computer-generated environment is similar to the real world.

Beading makes a comeback as a way to relax and creatively spend time with friends.
The second season of NBC's Heroes continues the adventures of ordinary people with extraordinary powers and reveals more about the shadowy dealings of "The Company."

High School Musical 2 becomes the highest-rated cable broadcast in the nation's history when 17.2 million U.S. viewers tune in to the Disney Channel for its debut.

In the 36th season of CBS's The Price Is Right, host Bob Barker retires and comedian Drew Carey takes over the helm at the world's second-longest-running game show.

The NBC drama series Friday Night Lights, about a fictional high school football team, is taped documentary-style, without rehearsals, to give it a more authentic feeling.

The CW's Blake Lively portrays socialite teen Serena van der Woodsen in Gossip Girl, a drama series that follows the lives of prep school students from New York's Upper East Side.

America Ferrera, who plays Betty Suarez on the popular ABC comedy-drama Ugly Betty, is the first Latina to win the Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series.

ABC's Dancing with the Stars rules the ratings thanks to popular celebrity participants such as Sabrina Bryan of The Cheetah Girls.

Favorite TV Shows:

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Shia LaBeouf portrays a teenager who is plunged into a high-tech battle between good and evil alien robots in *Transformers*, a live action adaptation of the 1980s cartoon series.

*Disney's National Treasure: Book of Secrets* nets the third-highest box-office total ever for a Christmas weekend release.

*Atonement* receives seven Golden Globe nominations, including lead acting nods for Keira Knightley and James McAvoy.

*Disturbia*, a surprise hit thriller about a bored teenager under house arrest who thinks his next-door neighbor may be a notorious serial killer, spends three weeks at the top of the box office.

*The Great Debaters*, based on the real-life victories of a black debate team in the 1930s, receives eight NAACP Image Award nominations.

Joel and Ethan Coen write and direct *No Country for Old Men*, a film adaptation of Cormac McCarthy’s bleak, moody modern western novel. The film receives eight Oscar nominations.

A 90-minute episode of *The Simpsons* takes six years to make. *The Simpsons Movie* finally makes its big-screen debut and is a major hit.
In I Am Legend, Will Smith is the last man alive in New York, after a man-made virus wipes out most of the world’s population and turns the survivors into dangerous mutants.

Matt Damon reprises his role as amnesiac CIA assassin Jason Bourne for The Bourne Ultimatum, the third film in the Bourne trilogy based on Robert Ludlum’s novels.

Starring Zac Efron, Amanda Bynes and newcomer Nikki Blonsky, Hairspray is a zany musical based on the Broadway smash hit.

After a 19-year hiatus, Harrison Ford returns as Steven Spielberg’s adventurous archaeologist in Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.

Tim Burton directs and Johnny Depp stars as the title character in Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, an adaptation of the hit Broadway musical.

Using a combination of live action and animation, Enchanted tells the story of Giselle, a fairy-tale character seeking a “happily ever after” ending in modern-day Manhattan.

Best Picture Oscar Nominations

Atonement
Juno
Michael Clayton
No Country for Old Men
There Will Be Blood
British singer Amy Winehouse brings back the beehive and wins five Grammy awards for her work on Back To Black.

Fall Out Boy headlines the Honda Civic tour, performs at Live Earth concerts and reaches the top of the charts with the release of their album Infinity on High.

Canadian pop singer Feist enjoys soaring sales for her third solo album, The Reminder, after the single "1234" is featured in a commercial for the iPod nano.

Newcomer Sean Kingston tops the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 and Pop 100 with "Beautiful Girls," his first single from his self-titled debut album.

Rihanna records her third album, Good Girl Gone Bad, featuring Jay-Z and Ne-Yo. She receives six Grammy nominations.

Malibu singer-songwriter Colbie Caillat rises to stardom from MySpace. Her song "Bubbly" garners more than 31 million plays and her CD goes platinum.
Carrie Underwood releases her double-platinum second album, Carnival Ride, and contributes the Oscar-nominated song "Ever Ever After" to the soundtrack for the movie Enchanted.


After facing off at the MTV Music Awards, rapper rivals Kanye West and 50 Cent release albums on September 11 and vie for top sales. Kanye's Graduation is the victor.

Hip-hop artist T-Pain releases his second album, Epiphany. The album receives four 2008 Grammy nominations and the Vibe 2007 Song of the Year Award.


Radiohead invites listeners and fans to pay whatever they want for a digital download of their highly acclaimed seventh album, In Rainbows. A "discbox" edition, with standard CD and vinyl LP, is released in January 2008.

Soulja Boy reaches the top of the Billboard Hot 100 with the single "Crank That (Soulja Boy)" and his distinctive, loose-limbed dance style becomes a nationwide craze.

Punk-pop princess Avril Lavigne releases her third album, The Best Damn Thing, featuring "Girlfriend," her first No.1 single on the Billboard Top 100.
Tiger Woods achieves his record 14th World Golf Championships win at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational and claims his 60th PGA Tour win at the BMW Championship.

Norwegian golfer Suzann Pettersen wins five LPGA events including her first major championship in a break out season.

Former Senator George Mitchell releases a list of Major League Baseball players, including seven MVPs and 31 All-Stars, under investigation for illegal use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs.

At X-Games 13, Ricky Carmichael wins the first MotoX Racing Circuit, Simon Tabron does back-to-back 900s in BMX Vert and Jake Brown survives a 40-foot fall.

The American League Champion Boston Red Sox defeat the National League Champion Colorado Rockies in a decisive four-game sweep to capture their second World Series title in four years.

The veteran San Antonio Spurs, led by Tim Duncan, beat the Cleveland Cavaliers and their young phenom, LeBron James, in a 4-0 sweep to win the 2007 NBA finals.

The LSU Tigers pounce on Ohio State early on their way to a 38-24 victory. LSU is the first two-loss team to compete for and win the BCS National Championship.
Califomia native Jimmie Johnson speeds to victory as the 2007 NASCAR Nextel Cup Champion, defeating his Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon by 77 points.

Brett Favre of the Green Bay Packers surpasses Dan Marino's touchdown pass record with number 422. 2007 NFL MVP Tom Brady of the New England Patriots sets the single regular-season mark for touchdown passes with 50.

The Anaheim Ducks claim their first Stanley Cup, beating the Ottawa Senators in five games for the 2007 NHL championship.

Belgian Justine Henin defeats Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-1, 6-3 to win her second U.S. Open title in New York.

Power hitters Barry Bonds, Frank Thomas, Alex "A-Rod" Rodriguez, Craig Biggio and Jim Thome all achieve home run milestones in their Major League Baseball careers.
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Entertainment Weekly names J.K. Rowling—author of the seven-volume, 4,100-page Harry Potter series of best-selling children’s books—as its Entertainer of the Year.

Hearthrob Zac Efron, who came to fame with his performance in the first High School Musical, becomes an even bigger teen star with the release of High School Musical 2.

The Best of Both Worlds tour, starring Miley Cyrus as Hannah Montana, sells out in every city, prompting ticket lotteries, heartbroken fans and scalping scandals.

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Multi-talented star Queen Latifah becomes the latest spokeswoman for Jenny Craig. Her message isn’t about getting skinny, but about losing weight to reduce the risk of Type 2 diabetes.

At London’s Wembley Stadium, Princes William and Harry host the Concert for Diana to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the death of their mother, the Princess of Wales.

As Izzie Stevens on ABC’s Grey’s Anatomy, Katherine Heigl is a small-screen star. As Anne Fletcher in the comedy 27 Dresses, she conquers the big screen as well.