CHANGING faces FACING Change
Picasso!
Senior Steve Mineo applies face paint in anticipation of watching the Raiders in action. Mineo was a devout fan and when game time neared, he changed from mere mortal to super fan. “When the Raiders start, everything else stops,” exclaimed Mineo.
"And that's how we roll in SPF"

-Neil Dalal
The New Mascot!!

That's Hot

-David Ginsberg

Night Life!
For more than 20 years, the “Raider Head” served proudly as SPFHS’s beloved mascot. Last year, we traded faces for a new mascot. The Society of Indian Psychologists of American Mascots stated that Native American mascots created an “unwelcome academic environment” for Native American students. Spiffy High was quick to respond, and a contest was instituted whereby students created and submitted suggestions for a new mascot. The top five submissions were chosen, and a school wide vote was held. The final choice for a new mascot, however, stirred some controversy. The selected Gladiator mascot was both loved and hated! Did this change alter our school spirit? Not a chance. By Staff Member

**WE GOT SPIRIT!**

A fanatic football team supporter, senior Jackie Costa is disappointed about the loss of the Raider head. “You can’t take a tradition away from us, the Raider head is who we are as a whole,” said Costa. She hoped that the mascot change would never become fully realized. Most of the students disagree with changing the mascot. Luckily our school spirit hasn’t been hindered because of it. We still cheer loud and proud,” finished Costa.

**PASSING OF A LEGEND**

Even the class of 2008 isn’t pleased with the change of the mascot. Many freshmen were accustomed to the old mascot because of older siblings and now must adapt to being the first class to have the new mascot for all four years. “It’s stupid and they shouldn’t have changed it, it doesn’t represent our school,” stated freshman Jason Boff.

**KEEP IT SIMPLE**

Senior Kaitlyn Meredith is not impressed by our school’s new mascot. Meredith believed that the new mascot had too much going on and was too complicated. “The new one is too violent,” quoted Meredith.
**THAT'S HOT**
Not all of SPFHS' attendees dislike the new mascot. Although it was a change, some students welcomed the new Raider face. Sophomore Joe Bianco exclaimed, "The new logo's hot, SPF holds it down no matter what."

**A PERFECT FIT**
As both a diligent student and a hard-working athlete, freshman Tommy Sutter loves the new mascot. Tommy was a member of the SPF soccer team and happily purchased a new soccer polo because of its unique logo. "The mascot is awesome because it looks like he is kicking a soccer ball," noted Sutter. "

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**New Mascot**

"The new mascot is in the form of a Gladiator"

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**NOT A FAN OF CHANGE**
Everyone supports and loves being a Raider, but the change of the mascot was unsettling for some. The new mascot took some getting used to for the upperclassmen who went through the past years with the old mascot. "I think that the new logo is garbage, what was so bad about the Raider Head? At least it was respected unlike this new mascot," proclaimed senior Kristin Zyta.

**CHANGE IS WONDERFUL**
 Flaunting her Raider pride, junior Athena Coyt proudly supports the new mascot. In a school-wide selection held last year, Athena's vote went for the gladiator mascot. "I really liked the old mascot, but the new mascot is marvelous."
SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER! It was thrilling to have two months of freedom from homework, tests, and early wake-ups. The summer was a time to enjoy the hot weather and forget about snow days. There were summer jobs which put money in some wallets, while some students volunteered to help others, and some lucky individuals enjoyed going to camp and rejoining old friends they hadn't seen for the past year. Summer was also a fun time simply to get together with friends and to take pleasure in each other's company. And, of course, students went on their well deserved vacations. Whether it was to the familiarity of the Jersey Shore or to the unfamiliarity of the Swiss Alps, vacation was a much needed break from the usual routine. By Aliza Burns

ALL AROUND THE WORLD! Another traveler was junior Catherine Jahn who made her way through Rome, Paris, and Nurnberg with her parents and sister. Just like typical tourists Jahn and her family went sightseeing to all the popular spots, like the Coliseum in Rome and the Eiffel Tower in Paris. She enjoyed the trip and couldn't pick just one favorite spot. Jahn recommended seeing the European cities at night because of their breathtaking beauty. It was interesting for Jahn to see how people do things and the similarities and differences between American and European countries. "Because of my vacation I got the experience of seeing different places in the world and how the people in those countries live," stated Jahn.

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE! Seniors Erica Stuppler and Christine DeLuca, sophomore Yeershati Ahati, and junior Kara Brass, performed all across Europe with American Music Abroad. Each of them was nominated to perform in the honors music program which included students from New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. The choral group of 140 spent three amazing weeks in Europe traveling to Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Germany, and France. They performed in front of small intimate groups, in front of groups of one hundred, and they sang everything from 50's music to Latin ballads. Between concerts, the group went sightseeing and saw the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the canals in Venice, and the Swiss Alps. Stuppler stated, "I still keep in touch with the people I met on the trip. I have made many close friends and try to see them as much as possible, even though the closest one lives about an hour away."
PURPLE MOUNTAINS MAJESTY! Junior Brittany Lambros went west for her summer vacation and landed in Estes Park, Colorado. Lambros went with her sister and youth group and met up with about 1,800 teens from all over the United States. She bravely hiked up mountains, went white water rafting, and went horseback riding in the Rocky Mountains. The hikes were long but gave Lambros outstanding views of America's beauty. Since they were out in the middle of nature, there were no bathrooms which proved to be a little bit of a problem. The group coped and proceeded to enjoy the gorgeous weather and bond with one another. The white water rafting was both exhilarating and freezing but was an experience Lambros will never forget. After the physical workout, Lambros enjoyed the company of old and new friends. “It was just an amazing experience. And knowing that everyone is there for the same reason you are is just a great feeling,” Lambros stated.

THE MAGICAL WORLD OF DISNEY! Hurricane Watch 2004 was a familiar phrase to sophomore Lindsay Port. Port and her family traveled to Florida to go to Disney World. When she first arrived, there was enough time to go to some of the parks, but soon enough, the clouds rolled in. From the experience of the trip, she learned that one could never be too cautious, especially when the storm coming at you is a category five. When Port and her family were about to leave, their flight was canceled. Luckily at the last minute, they found four first class tickets and were able to leave Florida. Port’s advice to someone stuck in a hurricane: “One, stock up on food and drinks for at least three days. Two, stay in a room that is in the middle of the house between two large pieces of furniture. And three, Once the winds start coming, go inside and don’t go out until the winds considerably die down.” One thing’s for sure, her trip to Disney was one crazy ride.

HOLA MINNESOTA! Senior Brittany Speer traveled to Callaway, Minnesota to attend Concordia College’s Spanish Language Village. For three weeks, Speer lived with Spanish students and attended Spanish language and culture classes. There was one catch: she could only speak Spanish—nothing else! She was not allowed to use the phone, listen to her own music, or read any books in English. “I learned just how difficult it is to be immersed in an unfamiliar language and how to cope with such a language barrier. I also learned some Spanish too!” Speer exclaimed. Speer’s favorite part was meeting all of the people, especially her many teachers. The teachers provided a friendly environment for her to learn. “They came from varied walks of life, poor to rich, and were from countries ranging from Spain, Argentina, Peru, to Senegal in Africa,” Speer explained.
Touchdown! Spiffy High is known for its loyal fans and outrageous cheers. As always, students came out to support the team. (Starting top left clockwise,) Seniors Chris Aneese, Greg Leischner, Rob Moskal, junior Sean Young, seniors Brendon Weber, Gina Ziegler, and Sal Cerchio gave the Raiders the energy to make every game winning play. “I think it’s important to support the teams because we pump them up to win,” said junior Caroline Lazur (not pictured).

Raider Pride! It was everywhere! The Raiders sported a new mascot featuring an intimidating figure swinging an axe at the opposing team. The new Raider symbol correlated perfectly with the fierce competition Spiffy students brought to the fields, mats, pools, and courts. The rivalry was ruthless against teams such as Roselle Park, Westfield, and Cranford, but that never stopped our players and fans from giving their all in order to dominate the game. For these sporting events, students flooded the bleachers with blue and white to show what the Raiders were made of. The dedication of these Raider fanatics to their school and fellow athletes proved that, although our logo may have changed, the Raider Pride remained!

By Danielle Koch

BOOM! BANG! BASH!

Having the support and energy of the band keeps the Raiders dominating the field. “When we step onto the stands getting ready to play, we feel the vibrations of the stands from the jumping crowd, and a pulse of sheer Raider Pride runs through our bodies. Football games are the epitomy of heaven on Earth for me,” commented junior Danielle Porter about the big game.
**Fight Fight Fight!** For the the Blue and White! The SPFHS cheerleaders put on a great show for the fans during halftime. Captian and senior **Jackie Costa** knew that it was part of the squad's responsibility to get the crowds pumped during a game. "We smile with pride, cheer, and enthusiasm no matter what condition the game is in," said Costa.

**Let's Go Blue and White!** Sophomores Steven Jacobus, Brett Jones, Andrew Lyons, Colin Cambell, Dana Hankin, Maetal Rozenberg, Brittany Larkin, Alexandra Santangelo, and Ashley Famularo sport their Spiffy gear before a football game. These Raider fanatics were found at all the games supporting their schoolmates. An early lesson for these sophomores was that the Raiders were number one!

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**Hut Hut Hike!**

Juniors Loni Kaye and Tara Scibek show their fierce Raider pride before a big game by wearing their favorite Raider football jersey. Kaye exclaimed, "I feel that my fellow Raiders appreciate the school's support because it's great when you have fans."

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**LETS GO RAIDERS!**

With a few extra minuets left in the 3rd quarter, seniors, Greg Leischner, Eric Ajuluchukwu, and junior Jared Chmielnik are impressed by the play on the field. "There is always a lot of energy in the stadium. Getting pumped before the big game always brings a positive vibe to the team," said Lieschner.
Halloween 
Costume Change

The spooky spirits of Spiffy students unmasked on Halloween! Once a year, students took on a new persona, having a costume change from sweats and a sweater to a totally new and unique attire. Some students disguised themselves just for fun, while others strived to be unrecognizable in hopes of winning the SGA Halloween Contest. Everyone enjoyed this day of excitement and thrills.

By Alyssa Robak

Spud Wanna-be. Senior Steve Mineo tries to act as a potato head between the REAL Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head, juniors Colin Weber and Mark Gecura. These stud spuds caught the eyes of many students and faculty. This couple was never seen with their smiles turned upside down.

Everybody was Kung-Foo Fighting! Sophomore Bryan Meredith and freshmen Evan Aspell and Brian Hessener show off their best ninja moves in the halls. Although they acted quietly and mysteriously throughout the day, you wouldn't want to mess with these boys or you might get karate chopped. HIYA!

"Ay man!" Dressed like hippies Cheech Moran and Tom Chong, juniors Ronnie Stein and Dave Ginsberg impersonated their favorite movie characters. Stein and Ginsberg have made a time travel back to the '80s with their style and actions, which made the day one to remember.

With a great big hug! Senior Eric Ajuluchukwu, disguised as Barney, throws his arms out for a loveable hug from senior Lisa Bereznak. Ajuluchukwu acted in character for the day as that big, purple dinosaur; he posed for pictures and waved to students as he passed them in the halls. To him Spiffy was, "one big happy family."
School rules were strictly enforced, especially when it came to wearing hats; a definite "no-no." However, on the last Friday of every month, a change of the rules happened, and hats on heads could be seen throughout the building. From unique hats to baseball caps to fashionable hats, Spiffy students loved to take advantage of "hat day."

By Alyssa Rubak

A trip back into childhood!
Senior Corey Fine man brings out his inner child wearing a dragon hat and T-shirt that shows his favorite show from his childhood. "The dragon is Figment from Epcot Center from Disney World. When I was younger I visited there, so, I figured if I'm going to be my inner child, why not include a childhood memory?" said Fine man. The outgoing senior was known for his genius and creative hat ideas such as a safety cone, a lampshade, and a Tae Kwon Do sparring helmet.

Red Hat, Red Shirt, Red Sox! Junior Kelly Dougher expresses her love for her favorite baseball team, the Boston Red Sox, matching her shirt and sporty visor. A very pleased Boston fan was glad that the curse of the Bambino had been broken. "I am very happy they won! I wore the hat because they won the World Series," said Dougher.

Walking the catwalk.
Juniors Justin Hensal and Chris Nilsen strut their stuff as they walk down the hallway. The boys looked extremely fashionable, coordinating the hats on their heads with the clothes they wore to school. With big smiles on their faces, Hensal and Nilsen were the eye candy of some lucky girls.

Read all about it!
Junior Neil Dalal is seen wearing this newspaper boy hat that he wears every hat day. Dalal stole this hat from his friend, junior Dave Ginsberg, and wore it every hat day to taunt him. When asked if he ever got tired of wearing the same hat, Dalal responded, "NO WAY!"
Monday Mornings

Monday mornings were perhaps the toughest day of the week. Whether students came in early to go to AM gym or just to get a spot in the limited senior parking lot, being awakened early after the weekend was harsh. Once they got to school, many of these early birds could be found in the hallway finishing up homework, getting extra help, or just sitting and chatting with friends. Some students were still half-asleep and hoped their Dunkin' Donuts coffee would wake them up. Luckily, SPFHS students only needed to deal with one Monday morning a week. By Aliza Burns

YOU’VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME! Freshmen Francesca Lumenta, Rachel Kreyer, Jessica Nagourney, and Amie Berlant, discuss the novel they are reading for English. To have friends in class was fun and there was always someone to call for missed assignments. It was easy to find a friend out by the lockers.

COFFEE BREAK!
Seniors Katie Zaleski and Mike Paraboschi sit by their lockers to make some last minute changes to their homework. “I go to Dunkin’ Donuts every morning to get a cup of coffee and breakfast. It is quick, easy, and tastes good,” exclaimed Zaleski. Coffee was a popular way for students to get a “kick” in the morning.

WHILE WAITING...Seniors Abbe Cohen, Chloe Sundstrom, Anthony Dibattista, Jack Rollins, and Matt Capodicasa read and hang out before Mrs. Brand’s first period English class. Although they did not like getting up early, they did in order to get a spot in the senior parking lot. “It is very early, but I don’t mind it. This way, I get to finish my homework or start other work,” stated Chloe Sundstrom.

COME AND GET IT! Chemistry teacher, Ms. Gower, sells a delicious breakfast as a fundraiser. The breakfast sales benefited both Mole Day fundraising and the hungry students. The sale allowed students to pick up a quick bite before class began and gave them the nourishment they needed.

PREP PERIOD! Government and Politics teacher, Ms. Wagner, prepares for her first class of the day. Ms. Wagner wanted to get a good night's sleep to be ready for the next day, but late night Yankee games interfered. One thing was always true, Ms. Wagner was ready to put a fun spin on the American government.
The final bell rang and it was the weekend. Everyone was ecstatic to be faced with two “free” days. Some students raced towards the doors, but others were not quite ready to leave. There were club meetings and sporting events to attend before heading home. Many students ran off to a job, while others got ready for a night out with friends. No matter what they did, Spiffy High students were ready for their short, but sweet, weekend.

By Aliza Burns

PIZZA BUONA! Senior Elizabeth DeCataldo happily sells pizza for the Italian Honor Society. “I do what I can to help out the club. Plus, I get out of class a few minutes early to sell the pizza,” said DeCataldo. Pizza sales were very popular and allowed students to get a hot slice after a long day.

RUSH HOUR! Junior Jonathan DiFlore and senior Bethany Zimmermann converse while walking down one of the many stairwells. The hallways were hustling and bustling on Friday afternoons with kids off to after school activities. “I hope that the hallways aren’t too busy after school so I can go to Watchung Stables to ride as soon as I can,” declared Zimmerman.

THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM...Freshman Jarek Cohen and senior A.J. Appezzato discuss the day’s events before heading off to a soccer game. The Varsity Soccer boys are used to busy schedules or traveling, so they brought personal CD players for the bus ride. Their outstanding record was an example of how their pre-game practices paid off, for an exciting game after school. Their adrenaline is pumping before waiting for their bus.

READY, SET, RELAX! With school portraits in hand, juniors Staci Goldberg, Alexa Knox, and Michelle Protopapas leave school grounds. After a busy week, everyone was ready to relax and enjoy herself. Whether it was to shop, watch a movie, or take a nap, people knew how to spend their Friday afternoons.

WE ALL LIVE IN A YELLOW SUBMARINE! The bus is a very popular way for students to go home. Although it may not have been the most luxurious way to travel, it was quick and easy. If you were too slow getting ready to leave, you may have missed the bus, since it always left right on time!
It was Friday afternoon and everyone was itching in their seats to start a fantastic weekend. As the sun set, friends made sure to look their best to hit the hot spots, cruise the streets, or party with friends. The night was always filled with fun and anticipation. Whether it was exploring Manhattan, going to the beach, shopping at the mall, or hanging out with friends, classmates always found fun activities to do. Monday morning...brring brring brring! The alarm clock sounded for the week to begin, but after an exhausting weekend, students were bound to hit the snooze on the alarm as they dreamt about the fun times they shared with classmates.

By Danielle Koch

**Girls Night Out** Juniors Katie Devlin, Alexa Knox, and Danielle Koch wait in anticipation at Ferraro’s for their dinner and for the laughs to start rolling. “The best part about a Friday night is being able to go out with your girlfriends and laugh about the hectic week,” said Devlin.

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**Surf’s Up!** Seniors Steve Mineo, Anthony Ferrante, and AJ Watson laugh about the killer wave that took Anthony right off his board. These three seniors have enjoyed surfing together for the past 5 years in the spring and summer on weekends. “My favorite thing to do on the weekends is to catch some waves, crack some jokes, and check out the scenery,” remarked Mineo.
Juniors Kara Brass, Melissa Koerner, and Julianne Carman annually dress up for the Halloween Parade in NYC. Their favorite place to catch a quick bite was Pizzaria Uno, located on 6th Ave., where, for the girls’ convenience, they could see the parade through the front window. Koerner knew why Manhattan was one of the student’s choices for a great night. “The best part of the city is that there is always something to do or see!” exclaimed Koerner.

**NIGHT LIFE**

1. **Scandalous!** Sophomores Morgan Finkel, Lauren Wright, and Brittany Kane take time out from the soccer game to catch up on the Hollywood scoop while reading *People* magazine. These sophomores used their weekends to relax and enjoy the great outdoors. “The weekends are the only time when you don’t have to worry about school obligations. You can just enjoy yourself,” commented Wright.

2. **Vogue!** Juniors Julie Sagarra, Jon Greenspan, Caroline Lazur, and Brian McGroary know how to strike a pose whenever they see a camera flash. Caroline Lazur and Brian McGroary loved to goof around with her friends on the weekend. “I feel that my weekends are always full of excitement because my friends and I always find interesting places go and things to do,” said Lazur.

3. **Ferret** With steady hands, seniors Brooke Price, Kristin Zyla, Jackie DeJohn, and Sean Mahoney show off their best golfing pose at the Pitch n’ Putt. During the weekend, this group of seniors were seen together enjoying fun activities. “When the weekend rolls around, we always try to find something different to do. It keeps the weekend out of the ordinary and gives us something to look forward to,” remarked Zyla.

4. **Dominoes** This fantastic four land their stunt not as gracefully as planned. Seniors Jackie Costa, Heather Vitollo, Nicole D’Annunzio, and Melissa Franks gave a new meaning to the classic game of dominos during a sleepover while at Costa’s shorehouse. “I love to spend my nights with my three best friends because we all click really well which can make anything we do fun,” said Vitollo.
Double Take
Senior twins Jessica and Jennifer Roth could not look more different. With one having brown hair and one having blonde hair, they were always asked if one of them had dyed theirs. “No one believes that we’re twins. I’m glad that we are, because I definitely met some of my friends through Jen,” said Jessica.

Family Portrait
Mrs. Schiller, Mary Kate Schiller, Jeannette Franzone, Mrs. Degnan, Colleen La Forge, Mr. Franzone, Daniel La Forge, and Mr. Sicola pose together as a Spiffy family united. This closely-knit family spanned generations and showed their Raider pride. “The essence of education comes from the family,” said Mrs. Schiller.

“‘The essence of education comes from the family’”
~Mrs. Schiller

Working Together!
Junior Christine DiTrollo goes to school every morning with her mom, Sally DiTrollo, who works in Special Services. “I like that my mom works here,” said Christine. The DiTrollo’s were one of many families to have worked together at SPFHS.

Smile!
These senior twins, Jamie and Sarah Quale, may participate in different sports, but they support each other 100 percent. Throughout all the years, these twins were there for each other. “Although Jamie swims and I play softball, we are still close and have a lot of the same friends,” said Sarah.
Brotherly Love
Senior twins Matt and Shannon Hassett show their love for one another with a quick embrace. They may look like they're not related, but in reality, they had a close brother and sister relationship and supported each other through thick and thin. "There were people who didn't know that we were twins 'till this year," commented Matt.

Hit it!
Senior twins Scott and Ashley Burrows were very involved in music during all four years of high school. They both participated in marching band, concert band, and wind ensemble. "The music department has been the biggest part of our lives throughout high school," said Scott.

Who's who?
Funny guys, Andrew and Matt Lobrace, get away with confusing people all the time. They both enjoyed working out and were employed at the YMCA together. "We would switch places in middle school and no one would know," said Matt.

Familiar Faces
Are all the people here at SPFHS with the same last name related? Are "look-a-like" faces in history class cousins? Now is your chance to find out! There are many family connections in our school: cousins, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters roam the hallways every single day. Believe or not, twins are also a common phenomenon. So, don't be embarrassed to take a second look. You may not believe your eyes. By: Jessica Roth
Whether it was saving up for that new car, putting money aside for college, or just wanting extra spending cash, Spiffy students had various reasons to have a job. Some students worked right here in Scotch Plains or Fanwood while others made a trek to get to their jobs. Popular places of employment included Famous Dave's, The YMCA, and Irma's Hallmark. It could be tough to go to school all day and then put in a few hours at work, but many members of the SPFHS family were able to handle these obligations. Almost anywhere you went, you could spot a Spiffy student on the job, and they loved to hear a customer say “keep the change!”

By Melissa Koerner

RX Appeal. Bagging a customer prescription at Scotch Hills Pharmacy in Scotch Plains, senior Dan Kaiserman works with a smile. He worked at the pharmacy for over a year where he delivered prescriptions to customers' homes, labeled medicine bottles, helped to clean up at closing, and rang up customers' purchases. “The deliveries are the best part of the job because it's fun to get paid for driving,” said Kaiserman.

Baby Talk. Sophomore Casey Makely and junior Kristen Kersey color with a toddler while they work in the daycare room at the YMCA. Their job included watching over the children and organizing activities and games.

La casa es su casa. Working at La Casa in Fanwood, senior Ashley Cepparulo and junior Christine DiTrolio prepare salads for customers. The two girls waitressed, answered phones, and helped prepare food. “I love all the people I work with” said DiTrolio, who had been working at La Casa for over a year.

Shalom, J.C.C. Answering the phones and signing up members for programs are two of the jobs that senior Aimee Schwartz and juniors Hallie Mintz and Melissa Koerner do when working at the front desk of the Jewish Community Center. The job also included greeting members as they came into the building and updating them on events. “It is a fun job because of all the friendly people, both members and employees, which creates a really warm atmosphere,” noted Koerner.
May I Take your order? Working with smiles, seniors Nicole Honeycutt, Heather Novorro and Aya Hasegawa make Cappuccinos at the restaurant, Theresa's, in Westfield. Another part of the job included seating guests. "My favorite part of the job is working with the other employees; it's a lot of fun," said Honeycutt.

1. **BBQ Kings.** Taking a quick break from attending to guests at Famous Davés in Mountainside, seniors Chris Doremus and Kevin Klehm show off their stunning uniforms. Their tasks included attending to guests' needs and managing the front desk. "Going on break and eating the great good is definitely the best part of the job," commented Doremus.

2. **Score!** Junior Neil Dalai helps a student at the educational center, Score!, in Westfield. Dalai spent his time at Score! "coaching" students. "As a child, I attended Score! and I enjoyed my time there. Coming back there as an employee, I really enjoy returning the favor," noted Dalai.

3. **Skater Boy.** Junior Brendan McKenna shows off the large selection of skateboards at Out of Bounds in Scotch Plains where he works. The store sold everything from skate gear apparel to the actual skateboards. McKenna's job included helping customers find the right equipment and then ringing up their purchases.

4. **Ch.Ching!** Ringing up a customer's purchase at Irma's Hallmark in Fanwood Center is only one of the responsibilities that senior Nicole Hagerty takes on. The job also included helping customers and designing gift baskets. "All the girls who work here are very close, we are like a family," said Hagerty.
1. Strike a pose! Erica Stuppler, Tayler Montagna, and Heather Vitoello wait patiently for their turn to jump on the trampoline at Stuppler's 8th birthday party. They met each other through elementary school and have always remained friendly. As seniors, the three girls got a chance to rekindle their friendships by working together as editors of the yearbook staff.

2. 'Tis the season to be jolly. Jen Villas and Kaitein Carman give big smiles after successfully completing their performance of The Nutcracker. Their kindergarten class, at McGinn Elementary School, put on this play right before winter recess. It was a great way for the young performers to test out their acting abilities and perform in front of a live audience.

3. Spooky or sweet? Christine DeLuca, Lisa Bereznak, Elizabeth Elko, and Lauren Perrotta take a break from trick-or-treating to show off their cool costumes. These second graders met each other when they began McGinn Elementary School. The foursome were still great friends through high school and tried to get together whenever possible.

4. Make believe! Nicole Hon-eycutt and Jaclyn Costa have just enough time to take one quick picture before heading back to Evergreen Elementary School. These second graders went home for lunch that day in order to change into their costumes for the annual Halloween parade. The two also went trick-or-treating that night and ended up with bags full of candy!
5. "Take my picture!"
Joselyn Chang and Kate Breuninger model the fashion trend of the first grade; smashing sunglasses! The duo sported this look at Chang’s birthday party at Clark Lanes bowling alley. The sunglasses were one of the many items that were part of the goodie bag that Breuninger received that day.

6. Forever Young.
Jeannette Franzzone and Elizabeth Stamler sit on the steps at Stamler’s house and enjoy a day in the sun. The three-year olds knew they wanted to spend their afternoon blowing bubbles, and did just that. It ended up being an afternoon full of fun for these forever friends.

7. Pass, shoot, SCORE!
Monique Morales, Danielle Pietrucha, and Alyssa Robak are happy to be part of their very first soccer team, the Purple Sharks. The team of first graders played their games on the field at Park Middle School. All three were glad that this team gave them the opportunity to meet each other.

8. Friends ‘til the end!
Not much has changed about Abbgail Cohen, Jennifer Roth, and Jessica Roth since they were six years old; they are still the best of friends. They played at Cohen’s house on a see-saw for two people. Although they all took turns, nobody wanted to be left out of a great picture so, Roth (Jennifer) sat down in the middle to join in the memory with her friends.
Unless you were stranded on a desert island for the last five years, chances are you were sucked into the wave of Reality TV. Speaking of desert islands, from the original, Survivor, to new and more outrageous shows like, Wife Swap (in which two women from different backgrounds traded lives for two weeks), many people were wondering just how far Reality TV would go. Did this phenomenon attract students and glue them to the tube? Sit back, relax, and find out what facing reality really meant!

By Megan Domenick

"There's always something new. They have shows on superstars and shows for everyday people. It also makes you love your life. For example, in America's Next Top Model, they're always striving to be skinny and you realize you haven't got it that bad." - junior Malaika Said

"I think the entertainment business is getting lazy, like they don't want to pay for actors and scripts. They will marry anything to anything!" - sophomore James Sensor
My neighbors had lived in their house for four months when one day, while leaving for work, I noticed all the furniture being taken out of their home, and I wondered if they were evicted. It was while making dinner and looking out my kitchen window that I thought maybe it could be "Queer Eye For the Straight Guy." I asked my two sons to go find out if it was the show, and it was. Over the next couple of days, there were TV cameras, trucks, and eventually all new furniture in the driveway. After Back To School Night, I spent 3 hours cleaning in front of my kitchen window so I could see into the house. The house was completely changed; there was exposed brick and the Living Room was painted red. Three days later, the Black SUV which said Fab Five was in the drive way. When they brought the man home, he looked completely different. I later found out that at a Jets game, the man proposed to his girlfriend." - Mrs. Keller.

My uncle works for Banyan Productions and is a behind-the-scenes carpenter for Trading Spaces Family. He actually does all the work you see done on the show. There was a show in Philadelphia in July for which I went to work with him. I basically did free labor, such as carrying TV equipment, moved furniture, and drove the GMC truck. On the set, I met some of the staff like Joe Farrell and Hildi. The show took two days and I got five and one half hours of sleep. After working for the show, Reality TV is more interesting to watch." - senior Aaron Klemow
There's no doubt about it, Spiffy High students absolutely loved to eat! They took any chance they got to grab a bite, whether it was before school, between classes, during classes, or in their favorite class - lunch! Did these opportunities satisfy them? Not quite. The students enjoyed stuffing their faces outside of school even more and could be found at their favorite eating hot spots or just having a quick snack. Spiffy students' stomachs were always growing, and students were always ready to buy a fundraiser candy bar, to wait on a long lunch line, or to meet up with friends at their favorite fast food restaurant. No matter the time or place, walk-in or drive-through, they were always in the mood to fill our tummies! By Nicole Honeycutt

Senior Charles Salotti tries to sneak a 100 Grand bar in Mrs. Santucci's English class. "I'm too hungry to wait until sixth period lunch," said Salotti. Students couldn't resist fundraiser candy bars.

Seniors Kyle Gates, Marco Giasullo, Dakim Gaines, Sean Robinson, Lisa Bereznak, Adam Yellen, Jess Cicalese, Chris Annese, and Justin Day are all smiles in sixth period lunch. Food and friends - what else did they need to have a good time? "Lunch is where I go to relax and then laugh at the goat (a.k.a Kyle Gates)," exclaimed Chris Annese.
Senior Adam Yellen loves to eat Wendy's at his house. "My favorite is the spicy chicken sandwich," said Yellen. Wendy's was often visited by SPF students for after school snacks.

There's nothing like being at a sporting event, especially when there's food! Senior Dakim Gaines not only went to the Raider soccer games, he made sure he brought donuts. We just hoped he didn't cheer with his mouth open.

Seniors Kaitlin Carman and Rachel Goor make a quick stop at Dunkin' Donuts in Fanwood. These two friends caught up and chatted as they contemplated whether that cinnamon stick looked good enough to order. Dunkin' Donuts was busy with students from SPF morning 'til night!

Juniors Michelle Protopapas and Tara Scibek were out for a friend's birthday dinner when Protopapas gets the chance to light the Volcano. The Volcano held the onions which the girls later ate. The flames were high at Fujiyamama in Westfield.

Senior Sal Cerchio, junior Dave Ginsberg, senior Gina Ziegler and junior Matt Ferrara were spotted hanging out at Burger King.

"35 cent burgers on Tuesdays are great because I like to eat at least 6," said Ginsberg.
Gifted individuals who were musically talented, academically successful, or athletically competitive had many opportunities to show off their abilities. These skills were displayed to their peers, faculty, family, and friends through plays, concerts, games, or ceremonies where each person put his best face forward. However, many students had talents that could not be exhibited so easily. Whether it was break dancing or tongue curling, those hidden talents deserved equal attention! By Megan Domenick

**Break It Down!**

Junior Josh Green takes a rest from the draining act of break dancing. When Green was 10 years old, he had the idea to try to break dance. After watching his cousins, he naturally picked up some moves. His favorite moves included windmills and the worm. "It's fun and I love to do it," said Green.

**Upside Down Talent!**

Senior Liz Elko can play the piano while lying upside down. She discovered this in 5th grade when she got the idea to play the piano with her toes. After she played "Alohoutte" on the first try, she quit piano, satisfied with her talent. "After I could play that," says Elko, "I was done with lessons."
There's Something About Juniors

Tongue Twister!

Julianne Carman is able to twist her tongue in a w-shape. At age three, she discovered this talent. Her best pre-school buddy helped her discover this when he was showing off how he could curl his tongue, and she tried to do it as well. Instead, she was able to perform this hidden talent! "My parents always tell me I could curl my tongue when I was a baby, but I never really believed them," said Carman laughing.

The Next Jimmy Hendrix!

Matt Wuest is able to play the guitar with his teeth. Not only that, he played solos and improvised while doing it. He performed this act for about two years and said the inspiration came from his favorite musician, Jimmy Hendrix. Also like Hendrix, Wuest played the guitar behind his back.

All Twisted Up!

Jon Greenspan is another student who has a talent hidden in his mouth. Although too shy to show it to the camera, Greenspan turned his tongue completely upside down. He discovered this last year out of the blue when he was bored. "I was bored when I did it, and I was shocked because it was really random," exclaimed Greenspan.
What really happened in the changing room of a store? You went in looking one way, then later came out looking completely different—just like fashion for the students at SPFHS—continuously changing. The latest trends made their way off the runways and into the hallways as students constantly kept themselves up to date with the latest fashions and trends. Chic “Spiffy” style was born. Fall, winter, spring, and summer, fashion could be seen in the hallways. By Lisa Bereznak

“They’re FLATtering!”
Tip-toeing around isn’t too hard if you’re late to class when wearing flats. The absence of a heel made sneaking around a bit easier and quieter while staying in style. "Being I’m already tall (5’8), I prefer to wear flats rather than high heels," noted senior Jen Gawryluk

Double Trouble!
Double collars are becoming a popular trend, and multi-colored polos are a favorite. Sophomore Lauren Wright matched chandelier earrings with the “double collar” and created a Spiffy Chic outfit. "I’ve been wearing polos since I was young, it seems like a classic style that will always be around," noted Wright.

Strike A Pose!
Senior, Steve Gaetano struts his style with confidence. The hallways were transformed into fashion runways when students strutted their stuff. "I have pride in my style and I dress to impress everyday," said Gaetano.

WATCH YOUR BALANCE!
You won’t lose your balance “rocking these kicks.” The “Old School” New Balance sneakers were popular, and these classic kicks were found in a variety of different colors. "They’re so comfy! I wear mine almost everyday, with almost every outfit," exclaimed senior Christine DeLuca.
Pop Your Collar!
"Popping" collars is back as shown by seniors Sean Robinson and Andrew Jayson. When wearing a polo, the collar should be unfolded in the upright position. "I think it looks classic and cool. I always pop my collars," said "best dressed" senior Andrew Jayson (right).

Burr!
Make Sure To Zip Up! Surprisingly enough early mornings posed harsh weather conditions, even in the hallways. Seniors Amanda Cameron and Alexa Digiorgio made sure to zip up their North Faces to make a fashion statement while keeping toasty. "I wear my North Face to school everyday, especially when they hold the doors open in the morning," commented Digiorgio.

Got An Umbrella?
Although it might not be raining many girls are wearing ponchos. Senior Aliza Burns studied notes before class while pulling off the poncho style. "Ponchos are a cute way to keep warm without wearing a heavy coat; they come in all different styles and colors so I can mix and match," exclaimed Burns.

Yeehaw!
Cowboy boots are no longer just for rugged cowboys out west. The trend was seen both in popular style magazines and on students. Not only were the boots bought at the store, but creative students dug through their parent's closets for their clothing. "These boots were my mom's from the '70s," said junior Emily Lange.

Show Off!
Seven Jeans for all Mankind proves to be true to their name for these girls' blue jeans. Seven Jeans seemed to fit every body type. "Even though they're expensive, they're made really well," said junior Melissa Koerner.

Pink + Yellow = Cancer Awareness!
It seems that LIVESTRONG bracelets are on everyone's wrists. This fun trend promoted a good cause as each purchase raised money for Cancer research. "I think its awesome that so much money was raised for such a good cause," said senior Brittany Adisano.

"Watch Your Step!"
This is what happens to your jeans if you fall, but lately pre-ripped jeans are in style. Instead of tidy, creased blue jeans, ripped jeans were seen hugging the legs of both boys and girls in the hallways. "For some reason they feel like they've been worn before, they're more comfortable," noted sophomore Allie Zazzali.
FACING NEW ROUTINES

Dropping from the top of the middle school hierarchy to the bottom of the high school hierarchy, gave freshmen a blast of reality. Meeting new people, being in a new environment, and adjusting to all the work that high school brought, gave freshmen a significant year. Functioning in a new environment was challenging but exciting at the same time. Along with the daily ups and downs came a new independence that created more responsibility. As freshmen became more involved, their routines changed as they balanced their time efficiently. Students understood how important high school was, and they worked harder than ever before. Freshman year was a new experience that changed the attitudes and outlook of all freshmen.

By Kelly Dougher

Cassandra Valdes quietly sits on her bus waiting for it to arrive at school. "This is the first time that my school has been far enough away to need to take a bus to and from school," said Valdes.

During her public speaking class, Lisa Campbell makes a speech to her class. "This is the first time I've been able to choose my own electives instead of having to take electives like art and info tech," Campbell noted.

While sitting in the hallway before school, a group of freshmen gather together for a picture. "This is the first time I've been in the same school as my friends from Park and Terrill," said Vogel.

The first thing Bryan Dougher does when he gets to school in the morning is buy a bagel. "This is the first time I've been able to buy breakfast when I get to school in the morning, so I definitely take advantage of it," Dougher explained.

Tyler Stanek finishes up his English homework just minutes before the 5-minute bell rings. "This is the first time I can do my homework in the hallways before period one starts," noted Stanek.

Brian Piccola, Gregory Zabel, and James Dinizo sit in the hallway in their warm sweatshirts waiting for school to start. "This is the first time we've been able to come inside the school before class starts, instead of having to stay outside in the cold," said Zabel.

Deidre Lyons, Michael Devizio, Tommy Sutter, and Courtney Costa sit in the hallway finishing up last minute homework, talking to friends, or just sitting around, there was always something to do before school started. "This is the first time we can hang out in the hallways before school starts in the morning," commented Divizio.
Making Music! Allie Hoynes-O'Connor has been playing the flute since fourth grade. She was a member of wind ensemble, Spiffy's elite band. Hoynes-O'Connor practiced her flute at least an hour a day to keep up on her skills and improve her performance. She was considering a possible future in music after high school.

The Next Mother

Theresa? Lauren Weissbrod is a member of the Executive Board of the Student Movement Against Cancer. Weissbrod helped organize the Relay for Life as well as participated in canister drives. "It is very important for me to help the cause. Three members of my family and a close friend had cancer. I see how important it is to help the community," said Weissbrod, who planned to continue her involvement in the club.

Questions, anyone? Brennan McTernan knows the answers! McTernan was a second year member of Junior Statesmen of America. While McTernan was not a first timer in JSA, this was his first year debating. "I like debating things like the law and matters dealing with the constitution," McTernan replied. "My favorite is the alphabet debate. We take a letter of the alphabet and debate about a word starting with that letter. Say the letter was U, we could debate about umbrellas." McTernan planned to continue his involvement in JSA.

Whack! Kiara Thomas is one of the few sophomores on the varsity tennis team. This was also only the first year Thomas had even tried out for the team! She has played for just three years, taking private lessons once a week. Thomas was glad to be part of the 2004 varsity team and planned to try out next year.

Happy Birthday, Mrs. President! Diana Chaves is a first timer in the world of student government, and she is taking it in stride. She was elected sophomore class president. Chaves hoped to be class president in her later years. "I thought I would enjoy being so involved in school activities and decisions," said Chaves.

Mia Hamm? No! It's Allie Zazzali! Zazzali is definitely not a newcomer to the sport of soccer. She has played soccer since kindergarten—over ten years. She played for another team outside of the high school called Matchfit Academy. While Zazzali was involved in basketball as well, she was the most passionate about soccer. She planned to keep playing for a long time to come.
No Looking Back: Sophomores Facing the Future

Freshmen... new to the school, newly adjusted to the swing of things. Juniors... worried about their SATs, searched for colleges. Seniors... waited to hear from colleges, enjoyed the freedom of their last year of high school. What about the sophomores? Where did they fit in? For many sophomores, their second year of high school was a time to pave the way for the rest of their high school career. They could no longer fall back on the old adage of being new to the school, which was why sophomore year was an important time to get involved in school activities. These ten sophomores truly did not look back and faced their futures!

By Emily Lange

Hut! Hut! Colin Campbell and Tom Pennella are the only sophomores who played on the varsity football team. The pair became members of the varsity team just this year and definitely enjoyed it. They looked forward to continuing their high school football careers.

Ready, Aim, Fire! Kristen Barry was a member of the Color Guard. "I absolutely love it," stated Barry excitedly. The color guard practiced about two and a half hours during the week. "Color guard takes up a lot of my time. Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday are guard days." The color guard worked on an exciting idea this year called Club SPSL. "We have a club feeling, with a dance floor and a bar. It's such fun," exclaimed Barry.
Juniors
Facing the Future

Junior year was often considered to be one of the most difficult years of high school. But, was it really as hard as students said? With PSATS/SATS, the HSPA test, and the start of the college process, perhaps it was. However, it could be exciting as well! Many individuals turned seventeen, which meant getting their license and hitting the open road. Class members also attended junior prom, one of the events to which they looked forward throughout high school. The final decision about the year's difficulty, however, was split; some thought it was no different from their sophomore and freshman years. By Kelly Dougher

DON'T BE LATE!
Bitsy Kipping rushes to get to class so she doesn't miss anything.
Throughout high school, Kipping did her best, and junior year was no exception. "Junior year lives up to the hard expectations because I had to worry about grades, SATs, and trying to learn AP techniques," said Kipping.

ENOUGH COMPUTERS TO GO AROUND
Stacey Subbie surfs the web during her English class. Most teachers in the high school took advantage of the many computer labs in the school. Subbie said that junior year was very challenging. "The sooner it's over, the better," assessed Subbie.

THE NEXT STEP IS...
After watching a movie in Italian class, Michelle Alleman and Nick Giannaci listen as their teacher explains the after-movie assignment. Junior year went very well for Alleman who was determined to do well. "It hasn't been the hardest year for me because I knew that I had to do well, so I worked really hard," commented Alleman.

CPR CONNOISSEURS
Alex Kuck and Nick Mondi read their textbooks during health class. Junior health taught students how to administer CPR and gave them a chance to take the American Red Cross Test to become certified. "Health class was a good time to get away from the stress of all my academic classes," said Kuck.
DISTRACTIONS FORBIDDEN
Rashawn Strong and Justin Hensel, good friends, pay attention as their English teacher, Mrs. McGovern, presents the lesson. Although sitting next to each other was a temptation to stray, their determination to succeed kept them focused. “I was expecting the worst, and that turned out to work better for me. Junior year turned out to be easier than I thought so I’ve been doing really well,” explained Hensel.

STRESS OVERLOAD
The stress of junior year over-takes Gary Schardien, who tried his hardest throughout junior year. “I worked really hard, but everything that you need to do during junior year put a lot of stress on me,” commented Schardien.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE
Hallie Mintz explains the answer to a question during Mr. Salters math class. Mintz breezed through math class this year with good grades. Throughout her junior year, Mintz had few problems. “I think junior year was built up to be harder than it actually was,” disputed Mintz.

SERIOUS IS AS SERIOUS DOES
Kelly Rigano listens intently as her math teacher discusses the day’s lesson. Rigano said that her math class wasn’t that hard this year. When talking about junior year, Rigano explained, “it’s not that hard as long as you take it seriously.”

ONE STEP AT A TIME
During a group project in Mr. Crane’s English class, Caitlin Delaney and Rebecca Lundgren work together. Between writing notes and searching through Beowulf, the two were kept busy throughout the period. “English wasn’t that hard this year and if you don’t go crazy and you just take it step by step, junior year isn’t very hard either,” said Delaney.

GOOD MORNING SUNSHINES
Guenevere Zucker and Kristen Kersey discuss a group project during Mr. Glazer’s first period history class. They said that the AP U.S. History II class was interesting but difficult, mainly because they had it so early in the morning. “So far junior year is harder than the others because there is a lot of pressure from all of the things that you need to do,” noted Kersey.
Look Out Below!

Carly Wells, with her freshman year blunder fresh on her mind, stands nervously next to a computer. Wells had a curious run-in with a window and a computer while in Mrs. Napor’s class. “Mrs. Napor asked me to open the window, and when I opened the latch the window was stuck. I knew not to pull it open because there was a computer in front of the window. But, when I finished opening the latch, the window popped open and I basically put the computer through the window!”

Senior Memories

Senior year brought excitement for the future coupled with fond remembrance of past memories for the Class of 2005. While some reflected on fun times with friends, others simply laughed at embarrassing moments in their high school careers. From windy football games to sunny Florida, these seniors left their mark everywhere. Despite their varying experiences, all the seniors agreed that high school memories were something they would treasure for the rest of their lives. By Neil Dalal

Dashboard!

Caroline L’Heureux happily clutches a Dashboard Confessional CD, reliving the concert she loved her junior year. L’Heureux and her three best friends spent a weekend down the shore, and topped it off by hearing their favorite band. “The best time was the 4 of us standing at PNC, screaming our lungs out with Chris Carrabba.”
Bundle Up!
Joanna Rosenberg shows off the apparel that was necessary at the 2003 football state championships. Played in the fierce winds of Giants Stadium, the Spiffy faithful had to keep warm in order to show their support. "Even though it was freezing cold, it could possibly be the most exciting moment in SPFHS history!"

Tuning Up
Rebekah Sedwin practices for the upcoming band/chorus trip to Disney World. The two talented groups spent 5 days in Florida, and managed to both exhibit their talents and have a lot of fun! "My favorite part was spending time with my best friends at the end of my senior year, making memories to take with me to college."

Relay!
Erin Gallagher pays careful attention during a SMAC meeting concerning the Relay For Life. Gallagher cited the Relay For Life as her most touching memory in high school. "The activities were fun, such as the hypnotist coming. It's a night where students and the community come together representing the love they have for friends and family who had cancer, and together create awareness and raise money for a great cause."

Bump!
Joscelyn Chang displays the moves that help her play effectively on the volleyball team. Chang thoroughly enjoyed her times with her teammates, as the group formed a very close-knit relationship. "Those girls were the most loving, funny, and encouraging people I've ever met. I wouldn't trade a second with them for anything."

One with the Crowd!
Don D'Aloiso nostalgically looks at photos from her spectacular Junior Prom. D'Aloiso enjoyed hanging out with a different crowd during the Prom, and really treated it as a culmination of her high school experience up to that point. "Our grade came together and had a great time. People danced and laughed and just enjoyed each other's company. It was a night that we can all remember for the rest of our lives."

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Lights, Camera, Action! Cameras flashed and the red carpet was rolled out, transforming the gym into Hollywood, California. Anxious students snapped pictures like the paparazzi while rubbing their hands together with anticipation for the night's star-studded events. The evening included performances by the Color Guard, Cheerleading Squad, Gymnastics Team, Step Squad, Marching Band, Dance Team, and the annual crowning of the King and Queen. Twelve nail biting nominees tapped their toes with hopes they would be awarded the honor of being named “Homecoming King and Queen.” And the award went to...Michael Baumwoll and Nicole Dinizo. By Lisa Berzeknak

VROOM! VROOM! Laughter echoes throughout the gymnasium. The night presented many lighter moments. Senior gymnasts Tayler Montagna and Katie Zaleski hopped on Hotwheels and made a grand entrance before their routine. “I’m glad we decided to make a cool entrance. It was fun!” exclaimed Montagna.

PEACE! It’s a common phrase that many members use in passing, moving from one set to the next. Color guard showed their appreciation for peace and dance. Sophomore Portia Price, junior Danielle Porter, and sophomores Kristen Barry and Christina DeLeo led the group and created a peaceful message. “Homecoming was a great way to bring the year to a close,” commented Barry.

SPIFFY ROYALTY! Seniors Nicole Dinizo and Michael Baumwoll win over the crowd and accept the honor of Homecoming King and Queen. Both also won a superlative award, granted by their peers. “I think the large amount of school spirit was apparent, and I’m glad the theme was such a hit among the student body,” noted Baumwoll.
BREAK IT DOWN! Arching their backs, the dance team wows the crowd with their flexibility. The girls danced their way into various competitions and performed annually at Six Flags Great Adventure. “Half way through our performance the music stopped, but we really held it together,” affirmed senior Briana Berry.

TOOT YOUR HORN! Trumpets and Tubas make up part of the Marching Band’s brass section. Freshman Brian Plagge, sophomores Martine Baruch and Karina DeMair, and senior Steven Kazmierkiewicz were a few members of the band who played at a variety of town events. “This was our best season by far!” assessed Kazmierkiewicz.

V.I.P. ONLY! Doorman senior Steve Mineo watches the door, allowing in only “VIP’s”. The night turned out to be one exclusive party for everyone. “It was a lot of fun dressing up for the night and acting like movie stars!” said Mineo.

DUST THIS OFF! Stomping and stepping, moving and shaking, the Step Squad shows off their talent. Senior Yanique Smith broke it down while leading the other steppers. “Our performance went well and it showed at Homecoming,” explained Smith.

UP UP AND AWAY! Get ready for lift off! The cheerleading squad held up its flyers and provided the audience with a killer finale to their performance. These individuals displayed dedication by perfecting their routines. “We practiced every day until really late,” said sophomore Adda Roshansky.
DANCING FOR DOLLARS
While walking to class, senior Kate Breuninger stops to read one of the tsunami relief flyers hanging on the walls of the school. The poster Breuninger was looking at was about The Asian New Year Dance that the Asian Student Association organized. All benefits went to help the tsunami effort. "I think that the school did a great job in helping the tsunami effort. It shows that the student body cares a lot," said Breuninger.

NEWS WITH A CLICK OF A BUTTON
Sophomore Raquel Gonzalez surfs the web for the latest news on the tsunami. Each day during her free period, Gonzalez tried to get an update on the destruction that the tsunami caused. "I think the tsunami is a really sad thing, but it's good that everyone is coming together to help," said Gonzalez.

On December 26 massive tsunamis struck Southeast Asia. More than 212,000 people were killed in a dozen countries with few survivals. Several charity benefits were held around the world to raise money to help those in need. Spiffy High was no exception! Students Concerned for the Needy, The World Language Clubs, and Humanities classes collected money to donate overseas. The Humanities classes held a penny war as their way to collect donations. This particular fundraiser was a huge success, because each class, including teachers, battled against each other to see who could collect the most money. "I donated for the tsunami relief because I knew by donating I would be helping so many people get their lives back together. Since there was so much damage, even just a little bit could help. I felt that I helped out and I would be making a difference in these people's lives," quoted senior Alexa DiGiorgio. By Alyssa Robak
A PENNY FOR A CAUSE
Seniors Elise DeVries and Carlene Bronikowski take a look inside the senior penny war can to see how their class is doing. The Humanities classes organized the penny war as a way to get students involved in the tsunami effort. Each grade could put pennies in their can for positive points. Dollar bills and any coins other than pennies counted as negative points.

HELPFUL HAND
SCN member Lisa Campbell opens her envelope so that freshman Jorge Cruz can donate money to the club. SCN organized the drive to help tsunami victims. They also held a canister drive to help the effort. “The tsunami was a terrible thing, but it was uncontrollable. It was our duty to help so I was sure to donate money,” commented Cruz.

DISASTROUS DEPRESSION
Caught in the spirit, freshman Erica Zuleta points out an interesting notation on a tsunami poster hanging in the cafeteria. Various classes were assigned a poster to show the disastrous effects of the tsunami. “The tsunami was a really depressing time for the world,” noted Zuleta.

QUICK AND RELIABLE NEWS
In her spare time, junior Elizabeth Jacobs reads the newspaper to learn about how the tsunami effort is going. There were articles in the newspaper every day for weeks after the disaster. “When I heard about the tsunami, I was really scared for everyone involved, I’m just glad our school got to help.” said Jacobs.

ADMIRING THE ARTWORK
Senior Alyssa Robak looks at a tsunami poster hanging in the main office. The tsunami devastated the people of over a dozen countries, including India and Thailand. “Our school is doing a lot to help the tsunami effort, and I feel that with our help, we can make a difference,” affirmed Robak.

SUPPORT AROUND THE WORLD
While stopping into Mrs. Lambert’s room after school, junior Thomas Ruggieri donates money to the tsunami effort. All of the foreign language teachers were asked by The World Language Club to put a can in their classroom to help raise money. According to various language teachers, the canister drive was a huge success.
Stroll down the red carpet. The senior hallway was shining with stars and other decorations for their hallway’s theme—Hollywood. Their red carpet was not a typical one, being that it was decorated with the names of seniors. These decorations proved to be good enough for Hollywood when they received the award for best hallway.

Run by the Student Government Association, School Spirit Week consisted of five days during which students displayed school spirit. Activities included dressing up to participate in Pajama Day, Romance Day, Color War Day, Raider Pride Day, and Halloween. There was also a day when each grade decorated a hallway with themes assigned to them. Enthusiastic faces were seen during spirit week; after all, it was the week for students to go crazy and have fun using their Raider pride!

By Laura Harrison

Orange you happy it's Spirit Week? Sporting the color orange, freshmen John DeMai, Sean Dolgin, Wes Lorenzini, Tanaya Rivers, Julia Capodicasa, Melissa Helock, Caitlin Daly, Courtney Baines, and Avery Beottchery love to support their grade. Even the snapple was showing its pride. “Orange is my favorite color, so I was happy our grade got to wear it,” commented Capodicasa.

Wake up late? Engrossed in her work, sophomore Lauren Weissbrod doesn’t let her comfort distract her. Pajama day was a day when students woke up a little later than usual and came to school in their sleepwear. “It was fun to be able to just roll out of bed and come to school,” explained Weissbrod.

Real men wear tights. Concentrating on his self-portrait during drawing class, sophomore Greg Brand does not let the excitement of Halloween and spirit week distract him. Brand was happy to have been able to dress up as an elf. “I wanted to wear something tight,” Brand explained.

Dress to impress. Senior Aliza Burns, sophomore Kate Stamler, seniors Alyssa Robak, Erica Stuppler, Lisa Berezak, Sean Robinson, Heather Vitello, junior Dave Ginsberg, and senior Jess Roth are happy to have an excuse to dress up and look their best. “I like Dress Up Day because I can wear clothes in my closet that I can’t normally wear to school,” said Burns. Not only did the students look successful, but spirit week itself was a huge hit.
Appearance vs. Reality. Confident in his costume, junior Mario Leon dances during English class while acting out Macbeth. Leon was not only dressed up for Halloween, but also to perform Macbeth. Since Leon wasn’t sure what his costume was, he simply called it a “confused man.”

Some things never change. Senior Lauren Perrotta stays comfy in her pajamas during AWT. Not only did Perrotta wear these pajamas for Pajama Day, but she also wore them in eighth grade when she dressed up as a leopard for Halloween. “I have worn these same pajamas for every Pajama Day since freshman year,” added Perrotta.

Blue bolt. Seniors Sal Cerchio, Gina Ziegler, Dan Birnbaum, Steve Gaetano and Jared Turner join in the spirit week fun by wearing their grade’s color, blue. Seniors had an easy color to wear, considering the Raider’s colors are blue and white. “When all the other grades had to wear other colors, the seniors got to remain Raider blue,” said Ziegler.

Welcome to Miami. It may look like a world under the sea, but it is really the freshman hallway. When walking through the hallway, students felt like they were in a tropical paradise. The decorations were great, but not as good as the seniors, who, as in many past years, took the award for best hallway.

A smile is worth a million dollars. Seniors Amber Sizemore and Elizabeth Stamler’s smiles match their clothes: they were both bright! “It was nice to to see everyone dressed up together on the same day,” commented Sizemore.
Parking Problems
Changing Spaces

What was the first thought upon arriving at school for students who had their driving license? Parking problems! Most students looked forward to driving in their junior or senior year; however, some of the appeal quickly wore off. With not being allowed to park on Monica Place, Evergreen Avenue, or Carol Place, spaces to park became scarce, especially with the increase of class sizes. Students were actually seen at the school earlier than most of the teachers in order to get a spot close to the school to avoid walking—especially in the winter. Parking became even worse in the spring as more students obtained their licenses. The administration did its best to fix this problem by adding more spaces to the senior parking lot as well as opening parking in Green Forest Park. This was a quick fix to the problem which may not be the case in future years. More individuals in each grade may cause the administration to once again change the parking spaces.

By Laura Harrison

Worth the long haul. Senior Tayler Montagna gets out of her car in the morning. Montagna parked on Portland Avenue, a street across from the high school, instead of parking in the senior parking lot. “Portland is not very far from the school. I’d rather park there and sleep a little later,” commented Montagna.

Just in time. Getting to school with just enough time to make it to first period, senior Terrance Charles pulls into senior Arpan Patel’s driveway. Charles parked there everyday since he got his license. “It’s lucky that I have a friend that lives so close to the school,” added Charles.

Ready for school? Despite the cold, senior Aliza Burns waits for senior Joanna Rosenberg to come out of her house so they can walk to school together. Burns was lucky to be able to park in Rosenberg’s driveway every morning, especially since she also got someone to walk to the school with. “I’m glad Joanna doesn’t mind me parking there,” added Burns.
Full Already? Most underclassmen aren't even up at 7:20 am and the senior parking lot is already full. For some seniors it was worth getting up early to get that spot in order to avoid walking far. "I got to school five minutes later than I usually do, and the parking lot was already filled," commented senior Liz Elko.

Late! Senior Nicole Honeycutt drives into the Green Forest parking lot. Last year was the first year students were able to park the left side of Green Forest. "This helped because even when I get to school really late, I still find a spot in the lot," added Honeycutt.

Is there anywhere to park? Students are still able to park on the streets around the high school that are highlighted in green. Parking was not permitted on the streets that are in red after the 2003 school year. Only students who originally had parking passes were still allowed to park on those streets.

Time to go home. Junior Melissa Koerner walks to her car after a Muse meeting. After receiving her license in the beginning of her junior year, Koerner parked on Cedar Street everyday. "Cedar Street is one of the only places juniors are allowed to park that is close to the school," added Koerner.
Nicknames
Changing Identities

Defined by the encyclopedia, *Wikipedia*, a nickname is: "a short, clever, cute, derogatory, or otherwise substitute name for a person or thing's real name." Anthony to Tony and New York, New York to The Big Apple, nicknames came in all different forms. They were usually used for a person's first and/or last name, but may have been developed because of certain characteristics or unique experiences. Typically thought up by friends or family, nicknames stuck for a long time. By Alyssa Robak

Senior Kyle Gates
"I was at a party two years ago when my friend made up my nickname. He made up the name with the initials G.O.A.T. Being that the name was long, people shortened the name to Goat. From my sophomore year until now, I am known around the high school as Goat.

Junior Kelly Rigano
"Last year during lunch I would always tell stories and make random, and sometimes dumb, comments. Because of what I would say, my friend Alexa DiGiorgio came up with the name Special K. Now whenever I tell stories, my friends expect them to be bad, and when I finish what I say, they call it a Special K moment."
Junior Devang Patel
"One day last spring, I was playing basketball with a bunch of my friends and they thought that I looked like a player from the Detroit Pistons, Tayshaun Prince. My friends started calling me Tayshaun because not only did I look like him, I also played like him. Tayshaun got shortened to Tay Tay, which all my friends call me today instead of using my first name."

Senior Sean Robinson
"I went to my friends, Chris D'Annunzio, last year to hang out. When I got there my other friend Danny Metzger was over. Danny was home from visiting a college and told me that he had met a guy who looked exactly like me. The name of the guy he met was named Bobinson. So, from that point a year ago, everyone caught onto the name of Bobinson."

Senior Danielle Pietrucha
"My junior year I was so excited to get my license. A couple of months after getting my license is when my friends made up my nickname. Since my driving record isn't one hundred percent, my friends started calling me Crash. Then, Crash turned into the video game character, Crash Bandicoot. I don't mind being called Crash Bandicoot, because I find it quite funny."

Senior Chris D'Annunzio
"When I was little my mom used to call me Butter because I had extremely blonde, almost white, hair. Butter was one of those names your mom could call you, but you wouldn't want anyone else to know you're called that. Sophomore year at my baseball game, she accidentally yelled it out. The whole team took a double take and questioned it, because they couldn't believe what they heard. From that point on, the baseball team would call me Butter, and eventually it got around to other people, all thanks to my mom."
GO VOTE!

The presidential election between President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts was one of the most highly discussed topics in the United States in 2004. The two men fervently campaigned, seeking the precious votes of the American people. Many people, including celebrities, campaigned to get people to register and go out and vote. The popular Puff Daddy enticed young people with his slogan, "VOTE OR DIE," along with MTV's "Choose or Lose" campaign. The candidates debated three times on National TV, and each debate had no clear winner. They argued popular topics such as a woman's right to choose, the war in Iraq, gay/lesbian marriages, stem cell research, and the National debt/economy. On November 2, Americans were on the edge of their seats waiting to hear the results. The final decision came down to the swing state of Ohio. Although New Jersey's electoral votes went to Kerry, President Bush was re-elected. By Aliza Burns
Survey information taken from the October 2004 issue of The Fanscotian

Bush | Kerry | Nader | Undecided
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Freshmen | 36% | 43% | 5% | 16%
Sophomores | 26% | 46% | 5% | 23%
Juniors | 37% | 53% | 4% | 6%
Seniors | 33% | 45% | 6% | 16%

Gay and Lesbian Marriages
The War in Iraq / War Against Terrorism
Stem Cell Research
The Economy
Health Care and Social Security
Women's Right to Choose

A Country Without a Change

AND THE ANSWER IS... ELECTORAL VOTES! Government and Politics teacher, Ms. Wagner plays a game of presidential Jeopardy with her students. During the end of October, Wagner taught about the inner workings of a presidential campaign and the impact of voting. "I feel that it is important to teach the importance of voting at the presidential election. I hope to show them the impact voting can have on their individual lives," explained Ms. Wagner.

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR... The media exclaims the news of President Bush's inauguration, which makes his second term as President official. Bush was surrounded by his wife and daughters as Justice Rehnquist swore him into office. "So it is the policy of the United States to seek and support the growth of democratic movements and institutions in every nation and culture, with the ultimate goal of ending tyranny in our world," spoke Bush in his Inaugural Address.
What is one thing high school students looked forward to more than anything else? A driver's license and the open road! The students on this page were no exception, and their stylish rides got them where they needed to go. From "modded" imports to pure American hot-rods, Spiffy High students had them all. These cars possessed everything from super powerful engines to full entertainment systems, with everything in-between. Whether looking to go from 0 to 60 mph in under five seconds, or just relax and watch a DVD, these luxuries cost more than a pretty penny. So whether were looking to buy or just drool at these cars' commodities, enjoy the ride.

Marissa Mastrioni matches with her black Acura TL. This car was fully loaded, and Marissa enjoyed it luxuries. "I love the navigation, now I never get lost" exclaimed Mastrioni.

Striking poses to match their almost identical manual Acuras, seniors Jason Krueger and Marco Giasullo have been "riding fly" ever since the purchase of their cars since 2004. Jason drives an RSX, while Marco sports the four door TSX, which Marco says is, "dead sexy."
Jenny Burke models her stunning Audi A4. Jenny and her car have been turning heads since the day it hit the lot. "I really love the look of my car; it's just so sleek."

Junior Mike Rusic marvels at the horsepower under the hood of his '67 Chevelle. Some have balked at the high speeds, but not Mike. "Get in, sit down, shut up, and hold on." he says.

Although different colors, Nicole D'Annunzio and James Scalfaro rock twin BMW 325's. The car is a perfect blend of power and luxury, and as Nicole puts it, "The car is perfect, I love everything about it."

Better than a crowded theater, Paul DiMonte hosts a movie showing for senior Jared Turner in his Cadillac Escalade. Turner said, "I love sitting in the back for roadtrips so I can watch movies."

Though no one disputes the merits for a stylish Nissan 350Z, Jackie Costa wants a cheerleader's support for her Infiniti G35 over Jon Monti's Z. In typical cheerleader fashion Costa boomed, "R-E-D Red, H-O-T Hot, once it starts it can't be stopped."
Run, Jared, Run!
“A couple of years ago, me, Mike Dinizo, and Dan Birnbaum were all at Chris D'Annunzio’s house. We were bored so we went outside and started throwing pinecones and mud balls at cars. For a while I didn’t hit any of the cars passing by but then I threw a mud ball and it finally hit a car right in the windshield. Once I hit the car, it turned around and drove up to us, and two people got out of the car. We all got scared so we ran away as the people started to chase us. I have never seen Mike run as fast as he did in my life! Mike and I got chased through the powerlines by two college kids and finally made it back to Chris’ house. Once we got back there, we couldn’t open the gate, so we were banging on the window for Chris’ sister, Angelica, to open the door. She eventually opened the door and Dan was at the house, but no one knew where Chris was. About 10 minutes later, the doorbell rang and it was Chris standing at the door. He told us that he didn’t know what to do, so he got scared and ran to his cousin’s house who lives across the street and he hid in their little play toy house that they had outside until he thought the coast was clear. It was one of the scariest things that ever happened to me in my life! Just imagine getting chased by these two huge college kids! It was crazy!” - senior Jared Turner

A Giant Fall!
“One time, I was at gymnastics practice, and I was practicing my routine on the bars. I was doing a move called giants, and all of a sudden I hear a SNAP and I feel the bars start to fall as I’m in the middle of my giants. The bars ended up completely collapsing, but luckily I landed right in between the high bar and the low bar. My entire team was screaming and a few girls ran out of the gym to get the trainer, but I was completely fine.” - senior Katie Zaleski

Pay Phone Prank!
“One day I was at work at the Jolly Trolley and the pay phone in the building was ringing, so I went over to it and picked it up. When I answered the phone, the person on the other line said, ‘Bomb in the building’ and then hung up. I freaked out and told my boss, but he didn’t believe me. So I went outside for about 10 minutes until I got yelled at to come back in. Nothing happened but I was pretty freaked out.” - senior Adam Yellen

Hit and Run.
“Last year I was walking home from my friends house and I was walking across the street while looking down and I was trying to put my cell phone into my pocket. I walked into the street and didn’t see that a car was coming. The car must have not seen me either because it hit me. The person in the car got out and asked if I was okay. I said no, but they got back into the car and drove away. It wasn’t a serious injury, but I had a major contusion to my leg and it left me with a scar all the way from the middle of my thigh to my hip. And to make the story worse, after getting hit, I had to walk home because I didn’t have a ride.” - sophomore Chelsea Donnelly

Cliff Hanger!
“My family and I were on vacation in Massachusetts and we were at a waterfall. So we were walking to the car when all of a sudden I must have fallen or something, but I ended up hanging over the cliff, holding on to only a little stick. I started screaming and my parents heard me, so my dad ran over and grabbed my arm and pulled me back up.” - freshman Annie Smith

Scary and Weird Student Experiences
Face your Fears
Have you ever experienced something and thought, “this is the weirdest thing that has ever happened to me!”? Or has something ever happened that you thought to be one of the scariest moments in your life? Well, these students have! Some of these stories were hard to believe, but there was no doubt about it. These crazy stories happened to some of our very own students. From falling off a cliff to being involved in a hit and run, these students have experienced it all. Some had near death experiences, while others were scared half to death. Either way these students went through some scary and weird times, but they say, “what doesn’t kill you, only makes you stronger.”
I Scream, you Scream!

"My brother and his frat brothers got dared to go into the abandoned mental institution that everyone says is haunted, and I decided to go with them. We were in there walking around with flashlights and we went into this room and found all these files and pictures, so we started reading some of the files of patients who used to be in the hospital. All of a sudden, we heard screaming, and we looked around and everybody we were with was still there, but we saw no one else. So when the screaming started up again, we dropped everything and ran out of that place!" - Senior Stefano Gaetano

Home Alone.

"One day Tayler Montagna and I were at Brooke Price's house alone. She was out with her family but she said we could stay at her house and wait for her to get back with them. So we got thirsty and decided to go to the kitchen to get a drink. As we were walking down the hall, we both just stopped, and saw that the back door was wide open and something had been knocked off one of the shelves. Tayler and I freaked out and ran back into Brooke's room and locked the door because we didn't know what else to do. We called Brooke scared out of our minds trying to see what we should do, but she didn't answer her phone. So we ended up running out of the house and leaving, but we had no ride anywhere so we just walked until we could get a ride. Also, while we were walking down the street, we walked passed some woods, and we heard this really loud noise from inside so we ran all the way to Cooper Road, where one of our friends picked us up." - Senior Nicole Dinizo

Wired!

"Me, my sister and my mom were at Short Hills Mall one day, and as we were leaving, there were cops and the bomb squad everywhere. We weren't allowed to leave, so we were just standing around and all of a sudden, this older man walks over to us and says, 'I think you're looking for me, right?' and he lifts up his shirt and there were all these wires taped to his body. The cops just walked over to him and told us we could leave, so we ran out. We never found out what the wires were for!" - Senior Alexa DiGiorgio

Foul!

"At an away basketball game against East Side, one of their players and I kept trash talking to each other throughout the game. So, at one point he got so mad that he threatened to 'cut' me after the game. Once the game was over, I got my stuff ready quickly and ran onto the bus, so incase the kid did come after me to try and hurt me, I would be no where to be found." - Senior Kyle "Goat" Gates
Battle Of The Bands

Info

What happened when four musically talented friends became really bored? Boredom At Its Best (BAIB). This phenomenal quartet played together for nearly three years, but this year they took their act to the next level by performing publicly. At the two Battle of the Bands, BAIB earned second place and first place, respectively! Success involved a lot of practice, and the band worked together often in drummer Ian McNally’s attic because, as vocalist and guitarist, Brian Glasset noted, “It’s easiest to practice where the drums are.” Guitarist Andrew Wong explained that the band played a variety of music, including, “emo, rock, and funk.” Also, according to bassist Derrick Chen, the group was inspired by, “Brian’s ex-girlfriend and Andrew’s girlfriend.” Through the combination of practice and talent, BAIB produced such hits as their most popular song, Yellow Mountain Sunset. By Neil Dalal

The Doldrums

Info

No band had a name more ironic than The Doldrums! Rather than being characterized by periods of inactivity, The Doldrums took the community by storm with their smooth tunes. By combining the talents of an out of school musicians - skins player Jon Green - with those of sophomores Alex Russo - ivories - and Pete Robinson - strings - the trio placed first in the first Battle of the Bands. However, this small-town success did not translate into big time gigs. “We jam at the Crossroads, or behind the Petco. We’ve graced some of the biggest clubs and blues joints in the Garden State with our musical presence, and the owners would be proud if they knew.” Nonetheless, the group was not deterred in their production of music, and they treated “all forms of music with compassion.” As Alex Russo astutely noted, “If you’re not down in the doldrums, you’re down with them.” By Neil Dalal
What band delivered the biggest shocks of the year? *Shock Theory* of course! Since the year 2000, the quartet played “hard rock, metal, and alternative music.” Drummer Andrew Gibson's basement was the origin of the shocking tunes, and, as he noted, “real life events” were the inspiration. *Shock Theory* combined the musical talent of singer and guitarist Branden Potter, guitarist Matt Wuest, and the aforementioned Gibson with those of out of school bassist Greg Johnson. This unique blend of rhythm took *Shock Theory* to the next level, as evident in their song “The Aftershock.”

By Neil Dalal

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Musicians came in many forms, but the members of *The Broadcast* were very unique. *Dungeons and Dragons* nerds turned musicians, the band delivered “music that sounds good and soothes the soul of Rock and Roll,” noted drummer senior Alyssa Shea. The trio was decidedly different than other bands, claiming that they practiced in, “the Dungeon of Lost Mongolian wilder beasts,” and that they drew inspiration for their music from, “rice krispies.” However, success followed them throughout their tenure, and they were competitive in the second Battle of the Bands. Though out of school guitarists Tom Ferro and Justin Hla-Gyaw were certainly skilled, the band was famous for Alyssa, the female drummer. As Alyssa noted, their success culminated with their smash song, “Radio's Out.”

By Neil Dalal
If you've ever walked down the hall and thought you've experienced deja vu, think again! Familiar faces proved to be not only of related students but of students who had little association with each other. Although some of these look alikes may not have agreed that they do resemble one another, the majority of the student body had to take a second look when passing these individuals!

By Melissa Koerner

Double Take.
Senior Briana Berry and junior Michele Calvo are shocked that others think they resemble each other. Their long, brown, curly hair put the final touch on their similarity. "When people see me from the back, they think I am Michele because of our similar hair," explained Berry.

Seeing double.
Maybe it's their beautiful blonde hair or their sparkling blue eyes, but something about these two girls make them look comparable. Senior Jenny Burke and sophomore Brittany Kane wondered why they were chosen for a look alike page. "I never really thought of me and Brittany looking alike before, but now I can see a few similarities," said Burke.

Two sides of every story. These two boys don't see how they look alike, but the rest of Spiffy High does! Junior Saif Alzoobae and sophomore James Khalil thought it was funny that others believed they looked like each other. "I really don't agree that we look alike, but people have told me that we do before," said Alzoobae.

Two different worlds. Senior Justin Day and freshman Adem Kastrati sit only a few tables away from each other at lunch, but did not know about each other or their resemblance until their peers pointed it out. "I don't see much resemblance between us, but apparently others do," noted Day.
Take a second look. From the front and the back, junior Anthony Balliatico and freshman Jarek Cohen have been mistaken for each other. Although the boys, coincidently both soccer players, couldn't see the similarities, their friends could. "Many of Anthony's friends, when they see the back of me, call out his name thinking it's him," said Cohen.

It takes two. Junior Elizabeth Flood and sophomore Molly Forman agree that they do look alike. "A few of my friends have told me that I looked like Liz. Since they have pointed it out, I am able to see some comparisons," said Forman. "I am able to see similarities between Molly and I," added Flood.

Two of a kind. Not only students look alike, but teachers do as well. Mrs. Weigel and Mrs. Gabel were mistaken for each other on numerous occasions by their own students and even other teachers. "Students have come to me with money to purchase a yearbook, thinking I was Mrs. Weigel, the yearbook advisor," explained Gabel. "I once had one of Mrs. Gabel's students come to me and think that I was his teacher. He then asked me to open up our classroom door and then I realized he thought that I was Mrs. Gabel," claimed Weigel.

Mirror, mirror on the wall. Staring at each other in the mirror, senior Manuella Cardoza and junior Mario Leon look for resemblances in their appearance. Some of their friends told the boys that they looked a lot alike, and both Cardoza and Leon agreed with that. "Since Manny and I are friends, many people have told us when we are together that we looked very similar. I think we looked more alike before my hair was braided," noted Leon.
My advice to becoming student of the month is to do your work but make sure you save every moment because you never know what will happen tomorrow." -Elizabeth Stamler, January student of the month.

Each month a student was honored for achieving above and beyond expectations in the areas of extra-curricular activities, athletics, and academics. Teachers made nominations based on the criteria involving outstanding citizenship, exceptional academics, and positive presence within the student body. Recognition of this honor was rightly displayed on the Recognition Wall (front billboard) and received a feature story and article on the 34 News and in The Fanscotian. Every day students strived to meet the standards to be exceptional, and a few dedicated individuals became the faces of success for SPFHS.

By Danielle Koch

Read to Achieve!
Senior Denise Horn shows that she enjoys reading as she browses through the books in the Media Center. Horn was recognized as December Student of the month for her involvement in the French Club and National French Honor Society. Horn graciously accepted her award and said, "I was honored and appreciative that the faculty considered me worthy of the honor."

A man of many talents!
Showing that he never wastes a moment during the school day, senior Matt Capodicasa proofs pages for the Fanscotian. Not only had Capodicasa been an editor for the school newspaper, he also participated as the lead in the school's Rep Theater. "Being the September student of the month was a great honor; the award gives students another goal to shoot for each month," quoted Capodicasa.

Making exceptional marks!
Senior Alex Pauline shows students at the Reading Workshop how to achieve an A grade through hard work, dedication, and leadership. As November student of the month Pauline was acknowledged for her participation in SALSA, as commissioner of school promotion for SMAC, as senior class treasurer, and as a member of the varsity tennis team.
Down for the count! Coming to the rescue of fellow classmate, SGA officer Melissa Franks gives a comforting hand to Erin Gallagher. Students knew that during the winter months it was important to donate blood because of the high risks of car accidents. “Giving blood was a really cool way to help out the community in a different way,” quoted Gallagher.

Get Organized. In an effort to organize all of the blood drive files, SGA officers Amber Sizemore and Dakiem Gaines make sure that all the files go into the right boxes. These officers knew that the New Jersey Blood Services counted on the students of SPF and the organization skills of SGA to make the blood drive success. “It is a tradition to help out the community and save lives,” commented Gaines.

The SGA Blood Drive

SGA added dimension to the smorgasbord of fundraisers by coming together to build a stronger union and serve the community by hosting the annual blood drive. This event provided individuals with the opportunity to give the gift of life by donating blood to The New Jersey Blood Drive Services. Both SGA and New Jersey Blood Drive Services enjoyed hosting the event because of the fulfilling feeling of changing another’s life through donating blood. By Danielle Koch
Dori D’Alosio, Jenna Balestriere, and senior Chuck Bachi, three very good friends, bond in the middle of the dance floor at The Westwood. Junior prom gave a lot of juniors the chance to develop friendships or create new ones that they might not have known. “Junior prom was so much fun. We danced the whole night with friends. We all had a really great time,” exclaimed D’Alosio.

Knowing that this was one of their only chances to have almost the whole class together in one place, juniors make the most out of their night. From dancing to singing to socializing, everyone who went was thrilled with how the night went. “Junior prom was a great time to have the whole class in one place. We all had a great time and everyone got along really well,” quoted Carlene Bronikowski.

The theme song of the 2004 junior prom, “The Way You Look Tonight” by Elton John, was the perfect song for the big event. From all of the beautiful dresses and handsome suits, it was obvious that every student dressed to impress. Attendees flocked to buy tickets so that they could be part of the incredible night which was held at The Westwood in Garwood. The Westwood was charmingly decorated with gifts for each person who attended, including a book of prom memories and a photo keychain to put a favorite prom picture. Guests of this event will be “facing memories” created that night for years to come.

By Kelly Dougher

Elise De Vris and Jeremy Sanders take a moment to smile for the camera. The two spent the whole night dancing and socializing with friends. “Junior prom was a lot of fun. Hopefully senior prom will be just as great,” expressed De Vris.

Jon Lorenzini has an awesome time with his two best friends Amy Mills and Amy Drewes. They danced together throughout the night and loved every minute of their first prom. “Junior prom was so much fun. I had a chance to hang out with my best friends,” said Drewes.

Taking a break from dancing, Katherine Newcomer sits down and has a sip of soda. Newcomer was hesitant about going to the prom but ended up having a really great time. “I didn’t think it was going to be as fun as it ended up being. We danced, ate, and bonded as a class,” affirmed Newcomer.
The dance floor of the Westwood is jam-packed with attendees. While dancing, guests could look up and see stars hanging down from the ceiling, each star with the name of a junior. "I will always remember the stars hanging from the ceiling and how pretty my friends looked that night," noted Jessica Roth.

Andrew Watson and Jessica Cicalese can't help but show how much fun they're having. The two spent the night dancing with each other and with other friends. "I had an awesome time at junior prom. It was one of the highlights of junior year," quoted Watson.

Cassie Langer and Jessica Moore show how much fun junior prom can be. The best friends spent the whole night together, along with their dates. The two also spent time together before and after prom, getting ready and having a party. "Junior prom was great. Me and my best friend Cassie both had dates and we danced and talked all night." said Moore.

Seniors Felicia Aloe, Katherine Iliavacheva, Heather Novoros, and Emma Sparber dance the night away. These friends spent the night together and didn't let one moment slip away. "I had a lot of fun at junior prom. The DJ was pretty good, so we danced all night," affirmed Iliavacheva.

"I can't explain but it's something about the way you look tonight. Takes my breath away. It's that feeling I get about you, deep inside. But it's something about the way you look tonight. Takes my breath away the way you look tonight." - Elton John

The middle of the dance floor turns into a solo act where attendees get to show off their dance moves. Nicole Honeycutt, Heather Vitillo, Stefano Gaetano, and Kristin Zyla had front-row seats for the event. "I didn't know how many talented dancers there were in the grade," commented Honeycutt.
"Can I have your pic?"

-Danielle Koch
"What's the deal?"
—Lisa Bereznak
seniors

Ryan H. Cannon  Matthew Capodicasa  Kaitlin A. Carman  Stephen A. Carroll  Ashley A. Cepparulo
Salvatore R. Cerchlo  Joscelyn N. Chang  Terrance K. Charles  Rachel Charne  Cellina N. Chaves
Paul J. Chilariello  Tayler Louise Clanclotta  Jessica L. Cicalese  Abbegail Elyse Cohen  Amanda Cohen
Jaclyn Lucia Costa  Anthony Lamont Curry Jr  Adam M. Cutrone  Dori Alysa D'Aloisio  Christopher D'Amico
Erin N. Gallagher
Kerry M. Gander
Aprilnicole Grace Giano
Karen L. Gassler
Kyle Gates
Jennifer R. Gawryluk
Ari Gershman
Johanna S. Ghabour
Marco M. Giasullo
Christine D. Gillie
Maura E. Gillooly
Suburah Alesia Goldston
Octavia L. Gomes
Ashley LaShanna Gonzales
Rachel M. Goor
Karina O. Gotliboym
Jennifer Dawn Grana
Sarah M. Graziano
Corlan G. Green
Candice Y. Grimes
Jefferd Allen Marable
Jennifer Lynn Marchetta
Marissa Mastroianni
Christopher Mattern
Britney Vanessa McCoy

Meghan E. McGroary
James P. McKenna
Kelly L. McManus
James Richard McNamara Jr
Sean Michael McNells

Kaitlyn M. Meredith
Amy L. Mills
Steve O. Mineo
Jeffrey T. Monaco
Tayler L. Montagna

John N. Monti
Jessica A. Moore
Monique Morales
Robert C. Moskal
Jack L. Muniz
Francesca L. Albano
Dadial Batista
Timothy D. Bishop
Patrice M. Candia
Kristian C. Fleming
David B. Harris

Jessica M. Lelde
Melini S. McFarland
John Michael B. Medina
Christopher A. Pagan
Rupa Y. Patel
Stephanie J. Reed

Gary J. Jones
The Senior Superlatives... one of the most talked about components of the yearbook. In keeping with the many changes made, such as our new mascot, this section took on a new face. There were now multiple male and female winners for each category. For almost every category, the votes were neck-in-neck. "When students decide who they are going to vote for, their list of friends runs through their minds. The yearbook staff made the executive decision that having multiple winners would better represent the student body," said yearbook advisor Mrs. Weigel. By Megan Domenick and Emily Longe.
Mix it up! The eclectic group of individuals proves that everyone has something in common, from the beauty of quietude to the jubilation of music, Casey Hoynes-O'Connor, Erin Gallagher, Jess Knierman, Lisa Bereznak, and Lara Yi enjoyed basking in the moment of being chosen as winners. There was more to the students than met the eye as we see from Yi who explained that she, “loves to paint and draw.”

Wake up! Jared Turner sleeps as Aja Bundy and Steve Guitano clown around nearby. Some may not find it fair, but Bundy, who won “best body,” claimed that she, “eats almost everything” and “doesn’t work out at all.” “I love to bake!” she exclaimed.
Watch out Peter Pan! “I won’t grow up” times two may be too much as Steve Mineo and Kyle Gates demonstrate. Fellow winner Lisa Bereznak laughed along while “Most Likely to Succeed” winner Liz Elko focused on an important call. Elko, however, did not want to be known for her business skills. “I’d rather be remembered as the point guard on the basketball team,” stated Elko.

Is everybody happy now? Steve Mineo quiets down while Brooke Price, Steve Mineo, Kristen Zyla, and Andrew Jayson just hang around. “I won biggest flirt, but I’ve had a boyfriend for most of high school,” laughed Zyla.
Thumbs up! Mike Dinizo, Sean Robinson, Jack Rollins, Jessie Sapienza, Aja Bundy, Mike Dinizo, and Nicole Dinizo kill time at the photo shoot. Robinson, who decided to flip through a book as he waited, divulged that he “loves parrots.”
You can fool some people... Kaitlyn Meredith, Tayler Montagna, Jess Cicalese, and Nicole Honeycutt wait for the photo session to commence. Montagna stepped out of her role as “Biggest Partier” and acted a little more serious. “I took the opportunity to deeply ponder the meaning of life,” joked Montagna. Judging by Meredith and Honeycutt’s expression, they clearly weren’t fooled.

“To be or not to be?” Caroline L’Heureux, Michelle Regg, and Abe Hiatt keep themselves entertained by joking around or reading their favorite Shakespearean classic. Hiatt happened to have something in common with Shakespeare; his love of the theatre. “I was the lead in the school play both this year and last,” shared Hiatt.
Attention, everyone! Wearing Raider gear, megaphone in hand, following up on business connections, and dressing to impress, Jenny Burke, Tiffany Guy, Denise Horn, and Eddie Hann embody the superlatives they won. Guy, who was voted "Loudest" decided to have a little fun with a megaphone. On a more somber note, Hann disclosed that he loved to write poetry.

What in the world? Looking baffled yet intrigued, Alex Pauline looks on as Tayler Cianciotta shows her a crown of red and blue feathers. Her crown of school spirit paraphernalia was just the tip of the iceberg. Cianciotta also wore her cheerleading uniform and brought pom-poms and a raider foam hand to show off her school spirit. Not only was Pauline interested in all of Cianciotta’s props, but she revealed that she “is obsessed with Jewish people” as well.
Puppy love squared! Mary Shashati and Lakiem Lockery share a laugh. The stuffed animal on Shashati's desk fit the image of her superlative, “Best Personality,” and represented Lockery's softer side at the same time. Although he won “Biggest Flirt,” Lockery declared, “I love to spend time with my grandmother.”
Bubble Bubble, Toil and Trouble... Andrew Wong prepares for a discussion on Shakespeare's Macbeth in his English class. The class required a lot of work and the in-depth discussions took it to a higher level. "I liked the idea of ambition that I saw in the characters," stated Wong.

Lift! Ashley Owens giggles as she does tricep pushdowns. Students used the AWT room to buff up their bodies; a welcome break from building up their minds. "AWT helped me get into shape and gave me time to talk and giggle," commented Owens.
Anthony Ballatico
Justin Bantz
Robert Barker
Candace Barnes
Jasmine Bartee
Jennifer Bauer
Jeffrey Bell
Lauren Benovengo
Cheryl Beqaj
Stephen Betau
Faye Bi
Marisa Bianco
Alyssa Biron
Daniel Bodenstein
Sarah Boffa
Michael Bonacum
Elizabeth Bourchtein
William Bowman
Jermaine Boykin
Kara Brass
Doryea Braswell
Samantha Brokaw
Shantell Brooks
Justine Brown
Gregory Bruno
Christophe Bryson
Daniel Bugg
Krista Bujnowski
Courtney Burke
Robert Burke Jr.
Nehemiah Burney-Porter
Nellie Caballero
Peter Cacciuttolo
Michele Calvo
Matthew Canfield
Julianne Carman
Maxwell Carow
Erica Casey
Joseph Cepparulo
Karel Chavis
Derrick Chen
Yvonne Chen

Juniors 91
Give me a break! Lunch is always an enjoyable break for Kelli Kaskiw as she jokes around with classmates. Throughout the years of cafeteria conversations, Kaskiw has mastered the technique of chowing down and laughing it up. “Lunch is the only time of the day when I can sit down and socialize for a good amount of time,” explained Kaskiw.

Not Impressed! Emily Lange, and Megan Dominick wear their feelings on their faces during this JSA meeting. The two attended weekly meetings throughout the year to hear the creative banter and form opinions. “I like JSA because the debates are interesting and entertaining. I also see people there I don’t usually see during the day, so it’s good for socializing,” commented Dominick.
Neil Dalal
Michele D'Auria
Jack Davis
Robert Dawson
Joshua Decker
Caitlin Delaney
Richard De Lusant
Kathryn Devlin
Brian Dickey
Jonathan Difiore
Carolyn Di Prospero
Christine Di Trollo
Aaron Doliber
Megan Domenick
Kelly Dougher
Caitlin Driscoll
Megan Drown
Michelle Dsurney
James Dukelow
Kristin Dyson
Joseph Dziedzic
Danielle Egan
Emily Everson
Briana Falco
Gabrielle Falco
Joseph Fallon
Matthew Ferrara
Charles Field
Stephanie Figueroa
Craig Fischbein
Lindsey Fitzgerald
Dennis Fitzpatrick
Matt Fleissner
Elizabeth Flood
Joseph Foote
Thomas Fortunato
Alexander Fourre
Michael Fragna
Shemane Fritz
Daniel Furnari
Robert Gabel
Raymon-Kei Garcia
Derek Garrett
Nicholas Giannaci
Melisa Gibbons
Andrew Gibson
David Ginsberg
Brian Glassett

Lavour Glover
Andrew Goldberg
Staci Goldberg
Shannon Gomes
Eboni Gonzalez
Victoriya Gorbach

Jonathan Grana
Jeremy Grau
Joshua Green
Jonathan Greenspan
Keila Guzman
Jessica Halloran

Sarah Halpern
Brian Halpin
Shannon Hauser
Matthew Hazell
Carly Heinz
Kristen Henkels

Justin Hensal
Lauren Hercel
Gary Herzberg
Patrina Hillman
Matthew Hirschhorn
Chelsea Holloway

Zack Hvizdak
Julie Hyman
Daniel Ingram
Vincent Ingrassia
Chris Jackson
Joseph Jacobi

Elizabeth Jacobs
Catherine Jahn
Natasha Johnstone
Courtney Jones
Justin Kaiser
Steven Kasich
Who am I... It's Matthew Ferrara reading George Orwell's *1984* in Mr. Crane's British Literature class. Crane's approach and teaching style have made him popular among his students. "Crane's the man!" exclaimed Ferrara.

Check, Call, Care. Gabrielle Streep and Patrina Hillman take a test in Mrs. Schiller's health class to become CPR certified. Mrs. Schiller tested the students to evaluate their knowledge about life and death situations. "It was a useful class, it added to my knowledge about saving someone's life," stated Streep.
Emily Lange
Matthew Lavery
Caroline Lazur
Mario Leon
Jessica Levine
Dana Levinson

Robert Lewis
Gordon Lienau
Matthew Linsenberg
Andrew Lipstein
Ricardo Lisojo
Andrew Lopez

Eric Lopez
Matthew Lowrey
Rebecca Lundgren
Julie Madan
Alyssa Markovits
Amy Martins

Brittany McDonald
Jessica McGarry
Brian McGroary
Rebecca McGuire
Brendan McKenna
Adam McMahon

Thomas McManigal
Ian McNally
David Mecca
John Medina
Kellie Meehan
Hallie Mintz

Bryan Mondello
Nicholas Mondi
Travis Morgan
Troy A. Morgan
Anthony Moskal
Lauren Moskal

Jeffrey Mullen
Elijah Nam
Anthony Nelson
Makyla Nichols
Christoph Nilsen
Tara O'Brien
“Fair is Foul. Foul is Fair.” Justin Stoll and Ian McNally ponder about *Macbeth* in their AP English class. Their teacher, Mrs. Birkett, created a balance of work requirements in the class by combining the structure of essays and the freedom of having poetry day on Fridays. “It's a hard class with a lot of essays, but it makes you think,” commented Stoll.

The Head of the Class. Rashawn Strong sits at the teacher's desk preparing a "cheat sheet" for an upcoming essay. With permission, students were allowed to have notes for the essay. Mrs. McGovern's English class just completed Shakespeare's *Macbeth* "I liked the idea of betrayal in the book," said Strong.
What's on the can? Psyched out about the new line of Arnold Palmer ice-teas, Michael O'Neil admires the pictures of the golfing legend. The new drink was introduced by the DECA store in December and soon became a compliment to many lunches. "I like lunch because you can just hang out," commented O'Neil.

Talk about teamwork! A group of Mrs. Lambert's Italian class races to arrange a series of scenes from the movie, *La Vita Bella*, in order. This group used teamwork to make the activity successful and worthwhile. "The movie emphasized the importance of family and life in the Holocaust," said Troy Morgan.
What a tremendous year it has been! As junior year comes to an end, it's almost time to say goodbye to the SATs and hello to the college application process. Good luck to all of you in your search for the right place to spend your post-high school life. Have a great summer, and come back ready to leave your mark as a senior!

Sincerely,
Neil Dalal
I've realized that junior year is the year you realize you only have a year left to get your act together for college, start seriously thinking about your future, and make the most out of your last days with senior friends.

-Maria Kolakowska

I actually thought it would be a lot harder than it turned out to be...but I definitely still need to work hard and apply myself.

-Marisa Bianco

My opinion of junior year has become worse; I didn't think that everything would be this hard.

-Krista Kazmierkiewicz

Major Powers of the World... Catherine Jahn and Claudia Ahiabor discuss the influences of Hitler and FDR in World War II while working on a group test. During the year, Mr. Glazer's classes were involved in various forms of group work. "I like Mr. Glazer's teaching style; it got me more interested in history," stated Ahiabor.

The Plot Thickens. Chelsea Rowe and Kristen Kersey enjoy reading Hamlet in Mrs. Birkett's British literature class. The class' focus on classic authors made it more interesting for Rowe. "I liked Hamlet because it's dramatic and has many subplots," said Rowe.
"TV Arts is the class I enjoy the most. Especially in broadcasting when we watch students to notice their use of eye contact and how well they present the story. Plus my class is hilarious!"
-Katherine Kaiser

"English with Mrs. Weigel because it's interesting and we discuss the meaning of the books we read instead of just reading."
-Mitch Gorbunoff

Google It!

While skimming the web for information, Allie Hambleton and Hailey Mroczek work on their public speaking research papers for their upcoming persuasive essay. In the elective Public Speaking students studied topics such as roller coasters, school uniforms, and abortion. "Especially thought abortion was one of the most interesting topics we had learned about. There were so many different sides to the subject," explained Hambleton."
Band Buddies!

Christin Joy and Chris Rodriguez are on their way to a band rehearsal. The two were usually found near the band room after three o'clock talking to friends Amanda Dennings, Alex Fredas, and John Acito. "Being in band is a lot of work, but band teaches me discipline and how to manage time," explained Rodriguez.
Give me a break!
Lauren Weissbrod, Morgan Finkel and Allie Zazzali make a rest stop at Finke's locker. They were on their way from Mrs. Whitty's English class to period three with Mr. Hooper in Broadcasting and Journalism. "It's a relief to go from a class with a heated discussion or an in-class essay to a more easy and relaxed atmosphere," expressed Weissbrod.
Two make it write!

At the end of the day, Lauren Wright and Jamie Sensor are found in Ms. Hoffman's tenth period journalism class. Journalism refined the skills of these two writers for the *Fanscotic*, the school newspaper. In addition to many skills, they worked on how to write articles with headlines and how to organize information. "We make our articles interesting by connecting them with something that high schoolers can relate to," explains Wright.
"I look up to Beyoncé. She is beautiful, talented, and just great! I love her!"
- Andre Smith

"Brandy Chastain because she manages to be a mother and play on the National Soccer Team at the same time."
- Julie Meurer

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**THE INSIDER ON SOPHOMORES**

Who do you idolize or look up to?

- Austin Jefferson
- Abigail Jenkins
- Brett Jones
- Joshua Jones
- Maxwell Jones

Bright morning smiles!

Early risers Samantha Bamberger and Alexandra Santangelo get to school at seven thirty in the morning everyday to sit and catch up on the latest gossip in the Multi Purpose hallway. For Bamberger and Santangelo, time before the school day was spent talking to friends Jenna Delle-Donne, Erin Daily and Jon Bimbaum. “We also help each other with any homework from the night before school starts,” noted Bamberger.
A walk to remember

Rarely found deserted after lunch, Samantha Gates and Casey Makely stroll through the hallway to Ms. McGovern's English class. Gates sometimes thought about upcoming tests for her next period while walking to class or about track meets after school where she could be found running the four hundred meter dash and the four by four relay. "Ms. McGovern knows how to make school fun even when it's hard," commented Gates.
Daily Gossip!

Kelly Frazee and Allison Tiangco catch up on their morning gossip before the first period bell rings. Frazee and Tiangco met everyday by the band room because most of their friends participated in Jazz Band and Moonglowers which were before school. “I usually get to the school at 7:40 but some days were hard getting there,” said Frazee.

Stacey Morales
Nikki Moses
Colin Moynihan
Hailey Mroczek
Michael Muller

Brent Muoio
Kamirra Murkey
Jillian Murphy
Alan Nassiri
Zoe Nelson

Sophie Neuhaus
Dan Nieto
Danielle Nigro
Richard Nix
Martin Njoroge

Talia Nudell
Joshua Nussenfeld
Erin O’Connor
William Oliver
Richard Olsson

Anthony Osterman
Jonathan Parisi
Heather Pasko
Tiffany Pasko
Poojaben Patel

Kayla Payne
Michael Pedevillano
Miguel Pelino
Thomas Pennella
Adam Perez

“I look up to Mr. Braun. Especially when Mr. Braun had the guts to come into the lunch period in a yellow fro, blocks on his feet and a basketball to persuade people to come to the girls basketball game.”

—John Acito

“Curious Martin (the Jets professional football running back) because he continues to work hard and is not a show off in a league that has really become a show.”

—Grant Darwin

Who do you idolize or look up to?
When I was climbing up the pegs on the side of the gym, someone pantsed me and everything came off! I was flapping in the wind.”

—Luke Saenzdeviteri

When I came to visit the high school in eighth grade, I wore these really high heeled shoes. While I was running up the stairs, I tripped and fell in front of everyone.”

—Kristin Barry

Backs against the walls, sitting outside the AWT room by the boys gym locker room, Amanda Bebyack and Kim Appezzato catch up on the morning news. The girls waited in the same spot everyday for friends to arrive to school so they could conveniently walk to first period gym class together. "Since Amanda and I are in the same gym class, we wait by the AWT class for my boyfriend, and afterwards we can go straight to gym class with Mr. Rafferty everyday,” explained Appezzato.
Moments before the bell, Jason Barthe, Luke Saenzdeviteri, Jon Bimbaum, Jai Hawkins, Cuban Perez, and Courtney McCoy settle into Mrs. Ferrante’s Spanish class. Usually found seated, this day students were excited going into the winter holiday break. “We sometimes watch movies before school is out for break because if we learned anything new now, later on, coming back from the break, we won’t remember it anymore,” explained Barthe.
In the moment!

Jimmy Spaeth and Chris Luby give full attention in Mrs. Rostanski’s German class. In addition to learning about the language, students were also taught about the culture of German countries. “I learned about Jamaica and the famous singer Bob Marley,” said an interested Spaeth.
class of 2007

Not Pictured...

Alyssa Biron
Alexander Markowitz
Alexander Bromley
Cordel Martin
Rhiannon Kavity
Samantha Passarelli
Antoine Kelly
Ivano Pizzorno
Kirsten Mandala
Alexandra Redmond

We are officially halfway “there”, with many memories behind us and many opportunities ahead of us. As our high school careers are winding down, our lives are just beginning. We only have two years left at SPFHS, so let’s make the best of them….but first, have a great summer, and I’ll see you next year.

Sincerely,
Diana Chaves

Putting two heads together.
With their eyes focusing on their skit scripts, Alex Russo and Harshit Khurana work together in German class. While Frau Wein­man was absent, Mrs. Roshanski took her place. “In this roleplay I am going to call up a friend and ask if they are not doing anything, would they like to come to the movies,” commented Khurana.

“My most embarrassing moment was when I walked into a stranger’s car, thinking it was my carpool!”
-Lisa Bloom

“For camp in Hershey Park, I slipped on the wet ground and split my pants. I had to go through the whole park with a rip in my pants.”
-Brennan McTernan
"New school, new faces, and new responsibilities."
- Andrew Lynch
“Not in middle school anymore.” - Scott Salmon
After a long day of school, Kalee Aguilar and Rheana Rien socialize and chow down on some pizza. The Italian Club had pizza sales at least once a month and these girls took full advantage of them. "We were hungry after school, and we saw people selling pizza, so we bought some," commented Aguilar.
A New Form of Art!
With eyes focused on cutting out his picture for airbrush, Alex Soloway demonstrates the art of precision. The airbrush class was among the most popular with freshmen. "I didn't know anything about airbrush when I signed up for the class, but now that I have had it, I like it because it is different, and it's not like painting or drawing," noted Soloway.

Tool Time!
Ready to work, Cameron Sizemore waits to use the power drill. In the woodshop class, drills, saws, hammers, nails, and screws were used to make coat hangers, chopping blocks, and kitchen keeper boxes. "The chopping block was my favorite project because all you had to do was stick three pieces of wood together and glue them," said Sizemore.
What... was the BIGGEST change from middle school to high school?

"The size and the different classes."
- Kevin O'Connell

Catherine Harley
Wendy Harris
Lindsay Hauptman
David Haynes
Melissa Helock

Mary Henkels
Brian Hessemer
Kenneth Hessemer
John Homenuk
Lauren Horn

Adam Horowitz
William Hubbard
Mitchell Hunter, Jr.
Angelique Ibarra
Jessica Impellizzeri

Starasia Industricous
Noveen Iqbal
Alec Jacobs
William Jacobs
Kate Johnson

Carlaya Jones
Derek Jones
Emily Jones
Julia Joseph
Eddie Kahn

Liam Kaiser-Sheridan
Alyssa Karis
Adem Kastrati
Daniel Kaufman
Jordan Keats
“More classrooms, more clubs, and more activities.”
- Rob Cunningham
“I didn’t like the workload, it was a lot harder than it used to be.” - Dan Sapienza
"I had no classes with my closest friends and because the high school was so big, I went for days without seeing them." - Kristin Lambertsen
Pump Up Some Iron!

Jimmy Stobel loads on weight to the 45lb bar while Brian Sensor looks on. Both of these freshmen were eager to use the weight room as a way to “buff up” and increase their endurance. “Power clean, which is when you squat and lift the bar above your shoulders, is the most athletic and it helps get me into shape for football,” commented Sensor.
Sizzling!
Obviously enjoying learning the fundamentals of cooking, Julie Brennan and Mike Cornacchia conjure up some tasty soup. Cooking class provided students with the opportunity to exercise culinary skills, and friends in the class made it more exciting. "I like how there were so many different foods that we were able to make," said Brennan.

Grace Sigona
Adam Silverman
Michele Silverstein
Cameron Sizemore
Courtney Slaten

Barbara Slaugh
Mandel Sly
Anne Smith
Tyler Smolinski
Kunal Sodhi

Shadonte Solomon
Alex Soloway
Katlyn Soriano
Gabriella Sosnowski
Kendra Spady

Jennifer Speth
Gailmarie Sprague
Tyler Stanek
Scott Stefanik
Alyssa Straniero

James Strobel Jr.
Jeffrey Stuart
Timothy Stuart
Harrison Stuppler
Meghan Sullivan

Tommy Sutter
Tyler Swanek
Melissa Swanton
Nicole Tavares
Matthew Tenzer

Home Sweet Home!
At the end of the day, Alec Jacobs and Lindsay Traiman hustle to get home. These friends were glad the school day was over so they could go home and relax, but before they headed towards the front doors, they made a stop at their lockers. "After school we usually hang out with our friends and talk about our days," explained Traiman.
"You have more freedom than the middle school and you meet so many new people. Also there are more sports, and you can meet upperclassmen."
- Julia Capodicasa

Kristen Thompson
Ariana Tolliver
Lindsay Traiman
Joseph Tufaro
Alexis Turner

Devon Turner
Jaclyn Turner
Samuel Ungar
Cassandra Valdes
Janelle Vanderwiel

Anthony Vecchione
Amanda Vitollo
Allison Vogel
Grace Wallden
Annie Won

Andy Wang
Shamir Watson
Alyssa Weinberg
Gregory Weinstock
Brandon Wergland

Justin Wheeler
Damian White
Sharoni Wong
Vivian Wong
Danielle Wood

Christina Woods
Daniel Wright
Jordan Yellen
Molly Vergalitis
Christoph Young Jr.
To the freshmen-
We all made it to high school and have survived our first year!
We found all our classes and lockers, so we’re glad to be here.
We got used to our schedules and learned who our teachers are,
It is amazing how many great things we have achieved so far.
So next year we are sophomores and bound to succeed,
Now teachers might even expect us to study and read!

Scott Salmon
It's All Downhill! Senior Sean Robinson and freshman sister Maya don't bother with the typical sibling bickering. They often tackle the slopes together, helping one another with their techniques. Also, Sean likes to "give her advice on what to do and what not to do with certain teachers."

Grudging Respect! Freshman Harrison Stuppler isn't the biggest fan of his sister, senior Erica. "She bumps into me in the hall and says 'move it freshman!'" However, Harrison does admit that having an older sister has its perks: "It's nice to know a lot of upperclassmen." Overall, Harrison admits that he respects his older sister and is proud of her.

A True Sibling Rivalry! Senior Alex Pauline and her freshman brother, Andrew get on each other's nerves. "I don't like driving him around, like to his friends' houses; they bother me," stated Alex. "She can be annoying at times, like when she hugs me in the hall," retorted Andrew. But don't be fooled by their sibling banter - just like a great older sister, Alex showed her brother around the school and helped him find his classes.

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SIBLINGS
Senior

Siblings were in no short supply, but there was something exceptionally special about senior and freshman connections. From free rides to advice about all things to do in high school, older brothers and sisters often proved useful. On the other hand, younger siblings were sometimes a liability or a nuisance - looking for those free rides or seeking that advice about all things to do with high school. Overall, though, both sides of the sibling equation were great for advice and friendly conversation.

By Neil Dalal
**Slumber Party!** Senior Christine DeLuca horses around with her brother, freshman John. Christine enjoyed having John around so she could have "someone to blame things on," while John loved having "someone to look up to." The best times they had together were when they had "sleepovers in our own rooms, even before Christmas!"

**Two Sides to a Story!** Senior Ben Vogel is the type of older brother his sister freshman Allison dreams of. He liked driving her to school and didn't pick on her. But, at times, an older brother got, well, old. "Behind every great brother there is a sister rolling her eyes," mused Allison.

**Lean on me!** Senior Adam Yellen and his freshman sister Jordan have each other's backs all the time. Even though they were at two different places in their lives, with college dreams and high school fantasies, help was available throughout the years. When asked, "what are the advantages of having an older sibling?" Jordan said, "Everyone knows who I am. No one ever messes with me."

**Together Forever!** Like two peas in a pod, senior Heather Vitollo and sister freshman Amanda get along swimmingly. "We tell each other everything, and we share a mutual respect," commented Heather. "I don't know what I will do without her next year," Amanda said tearfully.

**Preview!** Senior Feyisola Ogunfemi and her freshman brother Babatunde enjoy giving each other advice about classes in the high school. "We took similar electives, such as CAD and Engineering Technology, so we could tell each other about projects and assignments," mused Feyisola. However, Feyisola's patience waned when she was, "asked for a dollar everyday."

**Eight's a Crowd!** Senior Caroline L'Heurueux is no stranger to the sibling page. With seven siblings who have, or still are going through the SPF school system, it seems as though there is a L'Heurueux dynasty. However, freshman Marc L'Heurueux is new to the school, but isn't getting the support he needs. "I can't depend on her for anything," announced Marc.
M. Abadir
J. Abernathy
S. Aguero
G. Ascolese

K. Banghart
M. Basta
T. Baylock
R. Bethea

J. Birkett
H. Brand
E. Braun
P. Brooks

P. Brown
S. Calamusa
L. Call
F. Capron

M. Carangi
L. Chandler
M. Christopher
M. Crane
Faculty

C. Herniter
B. Hickey
J. Higgins
C. Hoffman

M. Hoffman
D. Hooper
L. Hush
J. Ianiello

B. Jaskot
A. Karanik
C. Keller
C. Kilmer

S. Kling
J. Koegel
A. Koscielecki
L. Kostu

B. Kucin
D. LaGrasso
C. Lambert
A. Levi
Lost in thought, Mr. Crane studies about the life of Edgar Allen Poe in the Media Center. Inspired by a teacher in high school, however, Mr. Crane especially enjoyed “studying utopian literature, like 1984.” On the other hand, he gave serious thought to owning a bookstore instead of teaching. Aside from his career, Crane owns two cats, Mama Dukes and Jo Jo.

Mrs. Christopher is all smiles as she takes attendance. Christopher’s desire to help kids led to her teaching job, but it just as easily could have led her towards occupational therapy or pediatrics. No matter what she did, Christopher was destined to help others and did so in Jersey City before coming to Scotch Plains. Her favorite part about teaching is, “When students make a connection between what we do in class and the real world.”

Mrs. Olsen returns grades on a written assignment during class. Olsen may have seemed like any other teacher during the year, but students were surprised to learn that she almost became an FBI agent! “I knew that I wanted to be a teacher since I was in elementary school, but when I was offered a job with the FBI, I was seriously tempted.” Fortunately, Olsen’s love for working with young people and teaching the culture and literature of France led her to teaching.
Mr. Glazer plays bingo with his class as an AP history review. A baseball diamond could have served as a place where Glazer demonstrated his creative approach to teaching. Glazer, a self-proclaimed genius, listed baseball and show business as two alternate professions for himself. Ultimately, Glazer chose teaching to "practice his skills as a performer."

Vice Principal Ed Braun suits up to encourage students to attend the first Girls' Basketball game. Braun built the stilts in wood shop, and his antics were appreciated by the entire school. Despite this comical demeanor, Braun possessed a strong love for teaching, particularly in chemistry. "After a teacher does an experiment enough times he or she knows the usual outcome, but it's fun to watch students see the results on their own work and to construct their own meaning.

Mrs. Lombardi reads an introduction to the play *Three Little Pigs* before a performance of the play by high school seniors. Lombardi had an attraction for acting and listed it as an alternate profession for herself. However, her passion for teaching and Italian wooed her to her current job. Lombardi loved working with young people, but beware- she knew karate, and wasn't afraid to use it!
"That math test was WHACK"

Senior Sean Robinson
"My dog ate my homework"

Junior Megan Domenick

Examinations!

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Homework!
SPFHS had one amazing administration that was constantly making sure that our school was connected with the world. Superintendent Dr. Carol B. Choye and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Margaret Hayes, together with other administrators, worked hard to keep a strong academic district. The district administrators included supervisors: Mr. Vincent Turturiello, music; Mrs. Carol Senff, English; Ms. Joan Mast, math; Dr. Patricia Camp, science; Ms. Janet Ramos, special education; Mrs. Linda Kouril, language; and Mr. Robert Harmer, athletics. The administrators at the high school were Principal, Dr. David Heisey; Vice Principals, Mr. Ed Braun and Mr. Ronald Upperman; and the Residency and Attendance Officer Mr. Carl Sicola. The administration was always looking out for the best interest of the students which is why the students looked up to the members of administration. By Nicole Honeycutt

Naughty or Nice! Mr. Upperman's job isn't easy and unfortunately students sometimes get out of line (although rarely), and it is Upperman's job to get them back on track. "Our new program, Restored Practices, shows that students are not bad people, they just can make bad decisions," noted Mr. Upperman.

Father Time! Dr. Heisey is the only person who has access to the schools' bell system, and he is making sure the clocks are set back for daylight savings. Winter was the perfect time for Dr. Heisey because he loved skiing and said, "This winter my goal is to teach my kids how to ski."

Saved by the bell! It's three o'clock and school's out. Though their days were hectic, Mr. Sicola and Mr. Braun were smiling... or perhaps Mr. Braun was thinking about going bicycling. Did anyone know that was one of his passions?

Around the world! Mrs. Senff is not your ordinary English supervisor; she's a world traveler. She had been to England five times and all over the rest of Europe. Mrs. Senff said that England was her favorite place to visit because it was where her grandparents were from and she loved how the roots of British Literature could be seen there. Besides traveling, she created new programs here such as Study Skills, tutoring classes, and she added another TV Arts Studio.

Score! Mr. Harmer not only loves hockey, but also loves being the athletic director. He made many changes to the athletic department such as restoring the stadium and redoing the track. Ten points for Mr. Harmer!
"Changing Colors"

Colors were like the students at SPFHS; they were all unique and creative in their own special way. When a student walked into the art room, he added a special shade or tint that changed the art room to be more vivid than before he entered. Spiffy's talented team of art teachers included Jeff Gutterman, Ronnie Siegel, and Stephanie Hanaman. Together they helped students develop their artistic abilities through classes such as Painting, Drawing, Portfolio, AP Art Studio, Airbrush, and 3-D Design. This phenomenal artwork was displayed throughout the school and at the annual art show. Our colors were blue and white, but Spiffy High was not afraid to get colorful! By Nicole Honeycutt

Tropical paradise. Tamara Blackwell is truly talented. She was told to do a self portrait and this is what was the finished project. It took Blackwell two months to finish her painting. She said it took her so long because she only used class time to work on it.

Don't Move! Mr. Gutterman's Figure Drawing class is not just staring at junior Robert McManigal, they are drawing him with black cray-pods. This helped the students practice the class specialty - how to draw people.

SHHHH... Nothing can distract seniors Aya Hasegawa, Stephanie Koleda, Adam Cutrone, and Brad Stanek as they work in their AP Art Studio class. They worked silently because they were focused on self portraits they were making with oil sticks. "I like oil sticks because they are fun and messy," giggled Hasegawa.

Over the Rainbow! No, its painting class. Sophomores Zoe Nelson, Magda Mierzejewska, and seniors James McKenna and Joey Knechtel were in Painting class. They worked with blending colors to see which complemented each other. Talk about changing colors.

Busy Bees. Seniors Amy Mills and Krystina Baxter are in "a zone" as they work with cray-pods, which are crayon pastals, and paints. Mills was getting her hands dirty while she was smearing cray-pas to create a 3-D image, and Baxter was experimenting with water colors.

Another Dimension. Sophomore Davi Claiborne practices making 3-D shapes in Mrs. Siegel's airbrush class. Siegel had everyone practice making their shapes look 3-D so they would be ready for their final project of putting all the shapes together. Claiborne had to practice over and over, just like the rest of the class.
The beautiful music that students heard as they walked down the halls came from band, which was not only a class to practice playing an instrument, but a time to work to learn new rhythms and sounds. There was such popularity for this elective that two teachers took on the job. Mr. Thomas, one of the band's conductors, taught Concert Band and the Symphonic Jazz Band. Mr. Turturiello, the other conductor, instructed students for Wind Ensemble and Moonglows. These bands competed in Disney World in the spring. It can be very challenging to learn new music and new techniques for each instrument, but Spiffy band students knew how to face the music.

By Melissa Koerner

Who gives two “toots”? Sophomores Alison Baier and Ryan Lemence play trumpet mouth pieces to improve their techniques. During weekly lessons, the two learned new melodies and practiced skills. “I really like the brass sounds of the trumpet,” said Baier.

Keep on strummin’. Senior Amir Lowe concentrates on his electric guitar. Not only a SPFHS band member, Amir was also a member of the band, “Chamber Door,” which was a mix of alternative, hardcore, and heavy metal music.

And the beat goes on. Junior Jon DiFiore practices the drums just like every other day of his life. DiFiore has now been playing the drums for fourteen years. His grandfather and uncles, also drummers, influenced him to start playing when he was very young. Besides playing in the school band, he was also a member of a band “Chamber Door.” “Drums are my life; I want to continue playing in the future,” commented DiFiore.

Music Man. Playing the marimba, senior Scott Burrows practices after school. Burrows has been playing the percussions since he was in fourth grade. “I want to major in classical percussion in college and one day become a music teacher,” said Burrows, who was a member of Wind Ensemble, Moonglows, Percussion Ensemble, and Marching Band.
Chorus

Beautiful notes from Beautiful Faces

Chorus was once again the school's most popular elective and produced two remarkable concerts. The members of this group worked diligently to prepare for the holiday and spring concerts. To show off their talents, they went on a trip to compete against other high schools from around the country. The 2004/2005 competition took place in Disney World, Florida. As the students looked forward to this happening throughout the year, they completed fundraising from September until the time of the trip.

The chorus consisted of Concert Choir, which met during the day and Select Choir and Men's Choir, which met after school. All of these beautiful faces produced the beautiful notes SPFHS and those beyond enjoyed. Mrs. Wellman was the chorus director for the year, but, alas, this was her last year teaching here.

By Melissa Koerner

"The weather outside is frightful..." Singing one of the holiday concert songs, "Let it Snow," sophomores Nychole Hunt and Jessica Estriplet prepare for the upcoming concert. Singing these songs put everyone in a joyous mood. The chorus sang many holiday songs for the winter performance which everyone enjoyed!

Perfect harmony.
Sarah Marable shares her sheet music with Jillian Lusk during one of the daily chorus classes. The members worked hard to perfect their sound, and it showed at the concerts.

Do-Re-Mi... Warming up their voices for chorus practice, sophomores Kayla Martin and Megan Buckland don't mind these exercises when they are together. Approaching a concert, it was important to them that they performed their best.

United Voices. Sophomores Emily Mankoff, Alexandra Sebolao, and Arianna Williams flip through their sheet music. The chorus members had several songs to learn and spent many hours perfecting them. "I have been in chorus for both my freshman and sophomore years. I'm not sure why I love singing; it's just something I've always done," noted Mankoff.

Lost in Song. Sophomore Erin O'Connor may look like she's on top of the world, but she is really on top of the bleachers, where she sits during chorus class. Practices were long, but O'Connor stayed focused and did not stop singing until the bell rang!

Singing their hearts out. Chorus members, junior Kara Brass, sophomores Laura Marvelli, Samantha Loshiavo and Arianna Williams gather around Mrs. Wellman's piano to learn the new song. Chorus class consisted of boys and girls from every grade. "There is such a variety of students in chorus that it is easy to make new friends," commented Brass.
With about 160 students enrolled each year, cooking was an extremely popular elective. The objective of the class was to teach the basic principles of cooking, including following any recipe. "I like to make cooking class fun, so my students will want to cook more often," said cooking teacher Ms. Carangi. The students learned to prepare everything from baked alaskas (baked ice cream topped with meringue), to international cuisine. With so many amazing foods to make, such diversity of menu certainly provided a change in flavor from the normal daily cuisine.

By Emily Lange
7:30 a.m. rolled around, the doors swung open, and the cafeteria was ready for business. The cafeteria workers made sure that customers walked away with a satisfying breakfast. They diligently prepared the food that was served at lunch not only for the high school, but the elementary schools as well. The cafeteria workers fed many hungry faces before school, and of course, during the three lunch periods. For all the work they put in for us, they did not receive nearly enough recognition. Here's a chance to get to know a little bit about Spiffy's cafeteria workers.

By Emily Lange

A friendly face! Emma Evans has worked at the high school for three years. Her favorite part about her job was working with the students. While enjoyable most of the time, her job got hectic when they had to adhere to a strict schedule. Working in the cafeteria proved to be the perfect job for Evans after she retired from her job and needed part-time work.

A Spiffy veteran! Flavia Novello has been working at the school for 22 years. Novello came to work in Scotch Plains when her children got married. In addition to cooking for the elementary schools and the high school, she also enjoyed cooking outside of school. "I make good pastas, meats, and pies," said Novello.

Ahoy matey! Not only is Debbie Cocuzza a member of the cafeteria staff, but she also has a passion for boating. "I own two boats in Ocean City, Maryland," said Cocuzza. "I also pride myself on my great Italian cooking."

The perfect husband! Ennodio Medina uses his cooking skills to cook for his wife. In addition to cooking, Medina loved to play baseball and read. Medina landed a job in Scotch Plains after his company sent him here from Linden. While he has been at the school for just two years, he was in the business for twenty. "My specialty is pasta," said Medina.
Walking into the offices during a typical school day found every staff member hard at work. These individuals were responsible for everything from attending meetings, to answering the never-ending phone calls, to dealing with the tons of mail that arrived each day. They worked year-round, even during our summer vacation, to ensure that the school year was outstanding. Also part of the staff's family were the security guards. They were found checking the halls during class, making sure that students were where they were supposed to be. It was thanks to each of these staff members that every student found a face of stability to look up to.

By Kelly Dougher

Hey you! Over there!
Mrs. Walker calls to a student walking down the hallway. After 14 years of being a security guard for the high school, Walker said that the high school was a very pleasant place to work. Her dedication to her job ensured the protection of every student.

1,2,3 TEAM!
With the little amount of free time that they have, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Chandler, and Mrs. White discuss office business. The three have worked in the disciplinary office together for 10 years. "Our favorite part about working together is our ability to keep a good sense of humor and that we get along so well," said Mrs. Chandler. Outside of school the three love to shop, read, travel, and cook.

Secretary to the President
Copying important documents is just one of the things Mrs. Moskal does as secretary to Dr. Heisey. Organizing office schedules and making sure all notices went to Dr. Heisey were two other examples of just how busy Mrs. Moskal was.

Mrs. Brown. Out
Mrs. Brown talks into her walkie-talkie to another security guard. These staff members often depend on each other. Brown said that the best part of her job was, "the kids".

Hall Monitor
Mr. Bethea monitors the front door after school. Bethea has worked in the high school since 2001 and has provided daily security for students and staff.

Mail's here!
Each day teachers check their mailboxes. With over 150 teachers and staff members, the office staff had their hands full filling and refilling these boxes several times a day.
Counseling
Changing the Outcome

Whether students had a school, social, or family related concern, there was a special group of people eager to help: the guidance counselors. Students depended on them for everything from school, to college, to personal life. College transcripts, PSATS/SATS, and scheduling only gave a glimpse into their typically busy day. During high school, students set the foundation for life after high school, and the guidance counselors at SPFHS were dedicated to making sure each student was prepared to step into the real world. By Kelly Dougher

Doll-collecting Secretary
Mrs. Schrader answers the phone to assist a parent. Mrs. Schrader has worked in the high school for 10 years. For eight of the ten years, she also collected dolls, and today she has over 150.

Endless Student Meetings
The sign in sheet in the counseling office is packed each day with students itching to meet with their counselor. In between classes, senior Kelly Zajac stopped in to talk to her counselor, hoping that she was available.

Musical Counselor
Mrs. Kucin sits at her desk organizing her endless piles of student college applications. “I like how every single day here is different.” Outside school, Mrs. Kucin, a former music teacher, belonged to a few choral groups.

Caring for the Students
There are many aspects to Mrs. Basta’s job. When asked what made it all worthwhile, Basta replied it was two words- the kids. For 33 years, Mrs. Basta never failed to help students. When not in school Mrs. Basta loved studying interior decorating. When students displayed an interest in that area, her passion for it really showed.

A Helpful Hand
Mrs. Sosa has many things to do for upcoming counseling events, but she always has time for a meeting with a student. Senior Rob Bethea knew that he could go to Mrs. Sosa for anything he needed. Along with the many student meetings Mrs. Sosa had each day, she also was organizer of the Teen Tutoring Program.

A Spiffy Veteran
As executive secretary in the guidance office, Mrs. McCloskey has worked in the high school for 48 years. “Time goes by so fast so I don’t realize how long I’ve been here. But the people here are wonderful, no matter where you go,” commented McCloskey who retired in the winter.
When the clock struck 2:24 p.m., it was music to just about everyone's ears. Students picked up their books and headed for the door; the hallways became less and less crowded. Teachers may have stayed to give extra help, grade papers, coach, or moderate an activity, and then were on their way as well. With the school empty, the custodians sprang into action. They were responsible for keeping everything in tip-top shape, day in and day out. With their hard work, always with a smile, the custodians provided the "lift" that kept our school looking so good.

By: Jessica Roth

Always helpful.
Although always busy, Mr. Drebych gladly poses for the camera. A yearbook fan, Drebych noted, "You guys did a great job last year on the yearbook."

Work, work, work!
Mr. Crisafulli is so conscientious about his work that he never even notices the flash of the camera. Crisafulli was a member of the school's family for 12 years and always had a smile and a cheerful hello for everyone.

At the day's end.
Mr. Binetti has places to go and people to see, but he did not hesitate when asked for a photo. If that wasn't enough, his Raider pride was evident as he fashioned the school logo on his sweatshirt.

Whistle while you work.
Long after school is over, Mr. Macchini has work to do. The work done by the custodial staff kept our school sparkling and bright. When finished in Mr. Goudy's room, Macchini moved on to the next class.
Special Services
Smiling Faces

Always with a smile, the members of the Department of Special Services did all that was needed for Spiffy students to succeed. Programs sponsored by Special Services included The Substance Awareness Program and Think Purple, which was organized in cooperation with the PTA. Also, they determined the special needs of individual students through the efforts of The Child Study Team who worked with parents and students to determine what was best for the child. Special Services were, without a doubt, vital to our school.

By: Jessica Roth

Check and Recheck
Linda Schulkin, assistant to the Director of Special Services, sorts through the state reports that she is responsible for preparing. "My job is stressful at times because we constantly have to make deadlines." Despite the pressure, Schulkin noted that she loved her diverse job.

File Cabinet Frenzy
Mildred Waale, a member of The Child Study Team, performs just one of her many tasks of the day as she checks a student’s file. Waale worked with children with learning disabilities, along with their teachers and parents. She made sure always to be available for the students in and out of class. "I’m always open for consultation and have an open door policy," Waale explained.

Group Meeting
Mildred Waale, Patricia Angeles, Linda Patricia, and Chuck Freyberger gather together as they discuss their work. "I love working in the high school with high school kids. They’re like fully-formed people," commented Patricia.

Scroll, Click, Save
There is much more to The Child Study Team’s responsibilities than meeting with students, teachers, and parents. Mr. Freyberger, a member of the team, scanned important data to be saved in one of the computer files.

A helping hand
Special Education secretary Lillian Scarpa keeps everything running smoothly in the Special Education department for grades PreK-12th. "We check up on our students, make sure they are doing okay, and then type reports on each of them," said Scarpa. "I absolutely love my job. It’s a nice job, with a nice office. I have a pleasant group of co-workers," Scarpa expanded.
From Sophocles to Shakespeare, from Dickens to Dickinson - English was the study of some of the great works of all time. It was the one subject that every student took every year in high school. Throughout the year, students studied not only the classics but also the works of some possibly future famous authors. From public speaking to the rules of grammar, from reading to writing, from critical analysis to prefixes, suffixes and vocabulary, English class was the foundation for success. By: Jessica Roth

"Double, double, toil and trouble; Fire burn and cauldron bubble." Juniors Erin Crawford, Emily Lange, and Kelly Dougher get comfortable for the tragic tale of Macbeth. In Mrs. Birkett's AP English class, they read the unexpected doom brought about by Macbeth himself. "I love Macbeth! This is the only Shakespeare play I've liked so far," noted Lange.

Classwork Time!
With her literature book open and pen in hand, junior Caitlin Driscoll gets her work done. Being that it was a Friday, she didn't want any extra homework over the weekend. "I was glad to get my work done," said Driscoll.

Pick Me!
Bursting with enthusiasm, the members of Mr. Steven's freshmen English class wait to be called on. Despite the fact that it was Monday, these students were energized and prepared for class.

Witch Hunt!
Sophomores William Oliver and Harry Leavitt bring drama to the classroom with their readings from The Crucible. In Mrs. Weigel and Mrs. Christopher's English class, the students acted out scenes from several plays, including A Streetcar Named Desire.

Keyboards ablaze
Hard at work, sophomore Kelly Frazee, along with the rest of Mrs. Whitty's American literature class, composes her essay. After reading Ethan Frome, students gathered research concerning isolation that they connected to the novel. "Writing this essay on isolation was challenging, but it was rewarding to finish," noted Frazee.
Imagine having the chance to take a trip to an unusual land everyday? Life would be great, right? Although “you can't change history,” history classes do change destinations and topics on a regular basis. One topic might be about the Italian Renaissance and then another topic might be about Henry VIII and his six wives. Just as history destinations and topics vary, SPFHS offers a wide assortment of courses for the diverse personalities of its students. From the required classes such as World Cultures and US History, to the elected topics such as Art History or Racism Holocaust, there is surely something for everyone.

By: Jessica Roth
"Face Value"

Square roots and face values were two of the functions of math class. Our outstanding teachers used many different methods to make math a successful learning experience. Algebra, Math Analysis, Statistics, Geometry, and Calculus completed the mathematics curriculum. Whether, students crunched numbers in their calculators or graphed limits, the possibilities were infinite. By Lisa Bereznak

‘Plug it in!’ Pressing tiny buttons on a calculator is helpful when working with many large numbers. Juniors Tara Scibek and Jounte Thompson put their heads together to solve some advanced problems. "Class is more fun when we work with each other, and we get more work done," said Scibek.

Crunch Time! Junior Daniel Ingram rapidly "crunches" numbers into his calculator while solving a math problem. "I'd be lost without my calculator, I'm calculator dependent," explained Ingram.

Teamwork! Working together to achieve the same goal, freshmen Jeff Stuart and Thomas Hercel start their homework in the last few minutes of class. "I like working with my friends; it makes learning more enjoyable," said Stuart.

Hard at work! Junior Josh Zinman hurries to finish the last few problems from his math homework before handing it in. "I was up really late last night, I had a cross country meet after school," noted Zinman.

Need Extra Help? Every day students and teachers work together so that students perform to the best of their abilities. Mrs. Mulligan always made herself available to all of her students. Sophomore Kyle Dill took advantage of Mulligan's availability. "Coming for extra help makes a big difference, and she (Mulligan) is usually always available," commented Dill.

“What's so funny?” Only junior Andrew Wong could tell you why he's all smiles and giggles while working a practice problem assigned in math class. "I manage to have the time of my life in class and still get good grades," said Wong.
The staff of the science department loved to invent new ways to make learning both fun and educational. Certainly Physics was fun, Chemistry was cool, Nutrition was neat, Biology was a blast, Zoology was zany, Astronomy was awesome, and Human Biology was brilliant. Hands-on activities created valuable learning environments. With access to fascinating material, specimens, and experiments, science came to life, and learning became, “experimenting with change.”

By Lisa Bereznak

“POP!” Balloons fill the hallways in October for the annual Mole Day. Chemistry students eagerly paraded around the hallways in their homemade tye-dyed T-shirts asking people to guess how many moles of water were in their containers. Sophomores Brittany Kane, Jenna Delle-Donne, Laurel Devlin, Sam Buteas, Alex Santangelo, Joe Bianco, Ariel DiGiorgio, and Colin Campbell gathered together in the morning to get Mole Day off to a productive start.

“Everyone loves a slinky!” Mr. Paterson explains the dynamics of how a slinky works and how its concepts apply to Physics. Senior Feyisola Ogunfemi watched Paterson demonstrate how slinkies can be both fun and educational.

“AF” Junior Eric Babcock strives for an A from Mr. Paterson for his Physics project. “I like working with my hands and creating things for projects instead of just writing something on a sheet of paper,” explained Babcock.

“How many calories can you burn laughing?” The nutritional science teacher, Mr. Kessel knows. Senior Carly Wells couldn’t help but crack a smile because Kessel made learning so much fun. “We have such a great time period 9; we’re always laughing about one thing or another,” said Wells.

“Two Thumbs Up!” Good effort is the key to getting the thumbs up from Mr. Sarcona (pictured). Junior Ian McNally and seniors Justin Rowinsky and Brittany Speer smiled after Mr. Sarcona gave them full credit for their homework.

Safety First! Practicing lab safety is key when working in a science room. Seniors Marc Fabiano and Lisa Bereznak measured water heat calories in Nutrition class. “I really enjoy learning about calories and nutritional values because it affects me personally,” said Fabiano.
Facing the Camera

One of the most effective ways to find out news about Scotch Plains or Fanwood was to watch 34 News. Whether it was the weekly update or the monthly edition, students faced the camera and spoke about events occurring in the high school, all over town, and beyond. The purpose of taking the TV Arts/TV Production course was to become either an anchor or to work behind the scenes of the news show. Although there was supervision and guidance from the advisor, Mr. Hooper, these news shows were completely student produced. By Laura Harrison

All work and no play... Working hard is not a problem for senior Lamont Hunt, freshman Kunal Sodhi, and senior Jon Lorenzini who joke around while waiting for junior Robert Dawson to do his "on-location." An "On-location" was when students performed interviews here at Spiffy. Before doing a real on-location, students practiced in front of the blue screen.

Tonight's stories are... Senior Danielle Pietrucha tells freshman Adda Roshansky and senior Elizabeth Stamler which "on-locations" they must introduce while sophomore Allie Zazzali listens. Pietrucha was on the 34 News production team in previous years and was this year's production manager. "My job is to make sure the production goes smoothly," noted Pietrucha.

Look here. Seniors Ignacio Lopez and Amber Sizemore work together to look for a specific piece of broadcast just taped. The TV Arts/TV Production class watched the 34 News edition immediately after it was taped to ensure its perfection. "We review the broadcast to make sure everything is perfect before it is aired," said Sizemore.

Sound check! In order to make sure every microphone is on, junior Adam McMahon performs a sound check. "TV Production is one of my favorite classes," said McMahon. It was easy for McMahon to learn how to use all the tools because of his love of production.

Camera 2 on! Just before the show begins, sophomore Caleb Zimmerman focuses his camera. Zimmerman was on the production team of the Weekly Update edition of 34 News. "Making sure the camera is focused is very important. If it is not, that can mess up the whole show," Zimmerman said.
JOURNALISM
Faces in the News

For anyone interested in learning the ins and outs of journalism, two possible classes were offered, which produced two very different publications. The monthly newspaper, the Fanscotian was a stimulation of a real newspaper. Students were required to write a series of articles which were then reviewed by the staff editors before being published. These articles dealt with topics regarding events occurring in and out of school. The Culmen on the other hand, was published annually. This publication concentrated on the events concerning the student body. The Culmen was the sole historical record of each school year. Both publications ensured that Spiffy students were, indeed, faces in the news. By Laura Harrison

Looks good. Editors-in-chief, seniors Sean Robinson and Erica Stuppler, work together to design layouts for the student life section of the yearbook. It took much and effort to design each layout. "Seeing the end result makes all the hard work, late nights, and dedication worth it," said Stuppler.

Building connections. Editors seniors Lisa Bereznak and Laura Harrison peruse last year's Culmen for color ideas. The 2004 Culmen was the first full color yearbook that Spiffy ever had. "Colorful pages make the book a lot more fun and interesting," noted Bereznak.

Ready for print. Entertainment editor junior Dana Sacks works with senior Nicole Hagerty's on Hagerty's article. Sacks wrote for the entertainment section of the Fanscotian last year. "I enjoy writing and editing articles dealing with the entertainment aspect of the news," said Sacks.

Surfing the net. With eyes focused on the computer, sophomores Caleb Zimmerman and Pete Robinson research topics for their articles. Zimmerman and Robinson learned these tips in Journalism I which they both took last year. "It's good to research before writing articles so that you make sure you know everything about that topic," noted Zimmerman.

Take off! Yearbook advisor Mrs. Whitty explains the catch words at the beginning of captions called rockets. The Culmen did not include rockets in their captions in previous years. This technique was learned by staff members at last year's journalism conference at Columbia University. "Rockets are the parts of the captions that catch the reader's attention," commented senior Tayler Montagna.

Team editing. Editor-in-chief senior Alan J. Neuhauser and news editor senior Matthew Capodicasa edit articles for the upcoming edition of the Fanscotian. Capodicasa and Neuhauser enjoyed working on the Fanscotian so much in previous years that they returned as editors for their senior year. "We work hard but still have fun," said Neuhauser.
Languages
Faces of the World

A different language was not the only thing students learned by taking French, German, Italian, or Spanish. The culture and customs of the people who speak these languages were also an important part of learning the language itself. Students could even choose to travel to the country they studied, which took place either during the summer or school breaks. Recently trips to France and Italy happened. Through fun games, projects, and standard assessments, language teachers offered an enjoyable and valuable way of learning about the faces of the world. By Laura Harrison

Ode to poetry. In an interesting discussion, seniors Dan Kaiserman, Jen Grana, Arnie Schwartz and Ashley Burrows talk about Pablo Neruda. The Spanish V classes watched Il Postino to learn more about the famous poet. After watching the movie, each group interpreted some of his well known poetry.

Oh la la! Presenting their poster about France, freshmen Maya Robinson and Liz McMillion explain each picture. Their assignment was to talk about famous structures in the country. "It was easy to do a report on famous structures in France because there are so many," said Robinson.

Coming to America. Sophomores Eric Wasserman, Grover Sundstrom, Dan Nieto, Martine Baruch, Laura Marvelli, Sam Fishman, and Sara Boruch learn the parts of the body in German through the game Simon Says. Most young children played this game for fun, but in language class it was used as a learning tool.

How was your summer? Sophomores Samantha Carow and Andrew Haggan interview each other about their summers. The class worked with partners so they could review their German. "Group work makes the assignment go by a lot faster," commented Carow.

Watch and Learn. Sophomores Pete Bistis and Miguel Pelino watch a movie during Spanish class. This Spanish II class not only learned about Spain, but watched movies about Mexico. "I like learning about other Spanish speaking countries," commented Bistis.
Sewing
Changing Fashions

If you liked the idea of making your own clothing, then sewing class was for you! Under the instruction of Mrs. Williams, students changed fashions by sewing, stitching, and designing their own outfits. In addition, they learned the correct way to cut fabric and trace patterns in order to produce articles of clothing. By the end of the semester course, a variety of garments, from shirts to dresses, had been created. By Laura Harrison

A stitch in time. Advisor Mrs. Williams shows freshman Dana Abramson the correct way to stitch her skirt. Mrs. Williams also taught her students in the beginning of the course how to trace patterns to make their clothes. “Mrs. Williams can fix any problems you may have making your dress,” noted Abramson.

Pin it here. While adjusting the fabric, freshman Amy Lee pins her cloth. This made it easier to stitch on the cloth while making sure everything was in place. “Seeing your dress in the end is worth the times when you stick yourself with a pin,” commented Lee.

Ironing out the kinks. Freshman Deidre Lyons finishes her dress by ironing the stitches she has just sewn onto the cloth. “After sewing, ironing is necessary to make sure the stitches will stay,” commented Lyons. After the garment was completed, one last run with the iron was the final step to looking neat and professional.

And sew on...Freshman Nicole Fusco threads the sewing machine. Fusco decided to take sewing because whenever she shopped, she would design clothes in her head. She could never find clothes that looked like those designs. “I always wanted to learn how to sew,” said Fusco.

Cross stitch. Senior Stephanie Koleda pins her dress before using the sewing machine. The dresses made are worn in the fashion show at the end of the course. “It is fun to get to model a dress you made,” said Koleda.
Enhancing its reference section, promoting reading, and creating a database link page on its website were among the many goals that the Media Center accomplished. Open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., students took advantage of all that the Media Center had to offer. Each new month, there were displays of new books as well as implementation of the program, One Book New Jersey. This program occurred in the spring, and students throughout the state read one book picked by the State Library. An additional curriculum that took place was the Garden State Teen Book Awards, whereby teens from all over New Jersey picked one or more books to read from a list of titles and then voted on the one they enjoyed most. The Media Center continued to help students and provided a whole new meaning to changing perception. By Jen Gawryluk

What time is it? Project Time!

Freshman Denise Abrantes demonstrates the usual routine when signing into the Media Center. As sophomore Nardina Howerton looked on, Abrantes looked up to see what time it was in order to sign in. Due to a broken hip, Denise Abrantes went to the Media Center where she was able to work on a research project on football. "I have to go to the Media Center for about a month or two, and the project I have to work on is hard," said Abrantes.

Hmm...Good, Bad, Good!

Media Specialist Mrs. Ellard is busy planning for the Media Center’s book collection. "I look for the books that students will enjoy the most for pleasure reading as well as the books that connect to the curriculum," explained Ellard.

Computer Science Overload

Seniors Dan Aronds and Matt Hassett catch up on the latest events for their computer science class. These seniors had the class together as well as a free period. "We can talk about ideas, share ideas together and think about most suitable solutions," said Hassett.

Homework, What Homework? Busy working on her math homework, sophomore Raquel Gonzalez concentrates. Raquel’s free tenth period allowed her to finish all her homework before she even left the school. "It’s better to have a free period tenth period, because you’ve had all of your classes already and it also gives you time to just chill a little," stated Gonzalez.

A Day in the Life... Mrs. Herniter performs one of her many daily tasks while working on the computer card catalogue. Mrs. Herniter noted,"Everyday is different. It depends on what classes are in the Media Center and if there are no classes, I do a lot of keeping up with current books, buying books, and shelving books."
Do I have to change?

When at school, students spent the majority of the day on seats and behind desks. Physical education took students from behind those desks and out of those seats and provided daily exercise. These fitness opportunities took many forms, from pickel ball to football, from volleyball to softball, to the challenges of archery. In addition to the standard Physical Education classes, Advanced Weight Training (AWT) was a true favorite. In AWT students "conditioned" their bodies through techniques like those used by athletes. Rounding out the curriculum was Health which equipped students for real life situations concerning drug and alcohol abuse, sex education, CPR, and the responsibilities faced in adult life. By Mai Trinh

Rescue 911!
Attaching the Actar Lung Bag is one of the steps junior Dan Appel and his classmates take to set up their Actar dummies. In junior year health class, students were taught CPR and how to help others in life threatening situations. "CPR (with Actar dummies) is like a box of lives... saved," quipped Appel.

Lifeguard on Watch.
During health class, junior Brian McGroary assesses the Actar dummy to begin theCPR procedure. However, this was just practice compared to the real life experience McGroary had while life guarding. "The class was really fun with Mrs. Shiller, but I was already certified as a lifeguard at the Jewish Community Center," noted McGroary.

Heave! Fighting gravity senior John Medina works on "the incline" while partner senior Luke Makowski "spots" him. The Weight Training room provided students with the opportunity to keep in shape, especially athletic students. However, "I don't play a sport, but I've always taken gym so I wanted to try something different," commented Medina.

Getting a kick out of it!
Freshman Lisa Campbell steps up to home plate and takes a short running start, sending the ball into the left side of the gym. Her teammates cheered as she reached first base. Since Mr. Homm was absent for the day, it meant playing kickball for the entire period. "I'm usually first in line to kick," said Campbell.
Where, oh where, were students to go find a quiet place to work? Earning good grades and getting assignments done were responsibilities taken seriously. Students took full advantage of their free time by catching up on classwork, studying for a test, or just working hard. Some people were even caught leisurely reading! (Oh my!) Found in the library or in Independent Study, students got all their work accomplished. In fact, study hall was ideal for those people who played sports, had jobs, or were involved in extra-curricular activities.

By Alyssa Robak

Extra Extra! Anticipating seeing the sports results, senior Dylan Demarsico takes advantage of his free time by picking up the newspaper. Demarsico purchased the paper to check up on his favorite baseball team, the Yankees. "I'm not happy that the Red Sox won, I dislike them with a passion!" quoted Demarsico.

Surf's Up! Seniors Laura Schwahl, Monique Morales, and Renee Jennings surf the web during their study time. Utilizing library time, Schwal, Morales, and Jennings explored the Internet to look for data needed for classwork. They knew their time spent riding the waves of the world would pay off in the end.

Quiet Paradise. Working diligently in the library, freshman Danielle Wood gets a head start on her homework. Wood took advantage of quietly reading, The Pearl, for English class and answering the questions that followed. The quietness of the library was perfect for getting the job done.

File Found. Juniors Michelle Protopapas and Jeff Annese are hard at work searching the vertical file for important information. The two wisely used their time in the library looking up facts for Mr. Banghart's British Literature class. The vertical file had all the information Protopapas and Annese needed to get their classwork done.

Total Concentration. Not looking right or left, sophomore Michael Pedevillano concentrates on the task at hand. The quiet of the Media Center was the perfect place to get work done. With every resource needed at his fingertips, it was place to go!
Airplanes, science of flight, and history of flight were just a few topics learned in the AFROTC program. The cadets of ROTC learned to march in formation, so that when they heard “About Face,” they moved as one. They were also taught to work as a group and to be team members; they learned about themselves and how to communicate with others, while developing leadership ability. The members went beyond the classroom and became involved in town cleanups, recycling, and school events. Every Thursday the cadets were seen wearing their uniforms with pride.

By Alyssa Robak

Inspection line. Junior Eboni Gonzalez (back row) and sophomores Mike Smolinski and Max Del Negro stand in formation awaiting their uniform inspection. The cadets had their uniforms inspected every Thursday, making sure their ribbons were on correctly, shoes were shined, and uniforms were not wrinkled. Wearing uniforms correctly was a must.

Sound Off! Junior Teshia Williams stands in a proper stance waiting to hear about the promotions. Williams glanced down the formation line at each person and waited for her turn to see if she had received any promotions. “The anticipation was intense,” said Williams.

A face of pride. Junior Elizabeth Flood presents senior Kerry Gander with her promotion pin. Gander was promoted to Staff Sergeant. Although she knew about it in advance, she still smiled when she received the promotion. “It was pretty exciting!” exclaimed Gander.

Attention! Sophomore Amanda Langner raises her fist into the air to be noticed in order to ask a question. Unlike academic classes in which students raised their hands to be recognized, cadets were required to raise their fists. This was a formal way of being observed to speak.

And the promotion goes to... Chief Terry reads aloud the promotions to the anticipating cadets. Terry announced the grades and positions of promotion to those cadets who received recognition. On promotion day ribbons were distributed, and cadets were recognized for community activity, academics, and leadership.
Students who were interested in pursuing careers in the business world took one of the numerous classes which focused on entrepreneurship, salesmanship, economics, and advertising. Mrs. DeSalvo and Mr. Franzone undertook teaching these classes. DeSalvo focused on teaching the economic aspect, while Franzone focused on the marketing portion.

"We have a great group of seniors, who will become very successful," commented Franzone. By Staff Member

Wise words. Marketing teacher Mr. Franzone uses a famous quote by Henry Ford as a guideline to better students' understanding of business. The lesson explained to the class how pictures drew attention to a product being purchased. An obviously interested class kept all eyes focused on the teacher.

Fascinated business woman! Sitting in Mr. Franzone's marketing class, sophomore Kayla Payne contemplates the lesson being taught which centers around headlines in advertising. "This marketing class teaches the risks involved and what it takes to be in the business world," said Payne.

Keep your eye on the money! With eyes front, junior, Lauren Benovengo absorbs Mr. Franzone's words of wisdom. "This class has helped me learn about marketing and being in the business world," quoted Benovengo.

Noteworthy. Sophomore Jourdanne Cox copies down class notes from the lecture being presented about advertising. "The discussion was very intriguing!" exclaimed Cox.

Future business man? Sophomore Jai Hawkins pays attention to the marketing lesson. A very interested Hawkins was eager to learn for a special reason. "I plan on taking a marketing class in college," said Hawkins.
Students were welcomed to the technological side of the SPFHS curriculum. Woodshop, taught by Mr. Maccanico, and CAD (Computer Aided Design), taught by Mr. Rodriguez, gave students the opportunity to "change to a better design." Students delved into the art of woodwork and state of the art graphics in CAD. Mr. Maccanico commented that the class helped students, "build confidence and self-esteem." By Staff Member

The Thinker
Junior Mike Bonacum contemplates the dimensions of his images. Bonacum explained that the class used 3D modeling which created a variation of images. "It's a good class to take," advised Bonacum.

Focused On The Details
Concentrating on his work, senior Andrew Pagarigan ensures that the measurements are accurate. Pagarigan created many interesting and creative designs while in CAD. "I hope to go to Rutgers University for architecture," noted Pagarigan.

Measure, Cut
Junior Al Pardon measures the dimensions of his coat hanger with sophomore classmate Thomas Sacks. Pardon's favorite class project was making the coat hanger. "This is my first time taking this class and I took it out of interest," commented Pardon.

360 Degree View
For the second year in a row, junior James Alfano takes CAD. The class gave students an introduction to the vast world of computer aided design. "CAD is about creating a picture out of a top view, side view, and a front view. I would like to go into engineering or graphic design in the future," explained Alfano.

Finished Product
Freshman Christian McCarthy puts the finishing touches on his woodshop project. McCarthy finished his project by putting a protective glaze on the already stained wood. "I enjoy taking woodshop, and I hope to continue taking the class in the future," said McCarthy.
From jammed printers to crashed computers to installations - nothing was left unfixed. All computer related problems were handled by the extremely skilled Tech Support crew. With the installation of additional computers in both the Fanscotian and the Culmen rooms, there was also an increase in computer problems. Naturally, Tech Support had them covered. Although these task force members may have been seen in classes, rushing to a computer in need, or in the halls, but for the most part, this handy team was the hidden force that connected the school to the outside world. Tech Support made “facing the future” trouble-free by making the computer connection accessible to everyone. By: Jessica Roth

Mr. Fix it
Jonathan Greenberg helps out the yearbook staff as he unblocks the printer just in time for deadline. With the entire class dependent on him, Greenberg made sure his work was successful. “We make it work,” commented Greenberg.

Overdrive
Scott Reilly multitasks as he makes an important phone call and checks the progress of the shipment for a missing computer part. He and the staff had their hands full when they fixed computer problems for the entire district. “We fix a variety of problems such as printers, keyboards, scanners and even the mouse,” explained Reilly.

Backbone of the operations
Tech Support secretary Marjorie Flynn works on one of the many tasks of her day. Flynn took care of ordering, e-mailing, and handling the many problems that arose. “She keeps us running,” proclaimed Scott Reilly, a member of the Tech Support team.

Working in high gear
Emilia Treglia is constantly on the phone talking with schools about their computer problems. Elementary schools were her prime responsibility, but Treglia proved to be a busy woman by working here and as a part of special services. “We all like working here. We have the best boss in the world,” said Treglia.

Taking care of business
Tech Support manager Joanne Arvay ends another day of work with a smile. Busy all the time with data and computers, Arvay and her team joked around as a way to handle the pressure. “Love what you do and you’ll never work a day in your life,” affirmed Arvay.
Vo-Tech
Facing New Opportunities

With a diversity of interests here at SPFHS, it is an amazing feat to accommodate for the likes of everyone. Students who opted for Vocational Technical School, more commonly known as Vo-Tech, during junior or senior year, got a jump on future careers. Each student attended a half day of school and spent the remaining school day at Vo-Tech, either located off the school campus or in activities in the high school building. Whether it was Auto Mechanics, Child Development, Computer Animated Design (CAD), Computer Programming, Culinary Arts, or Woodshop, each student had the opportunity to get ahead and face new opportunities. By Jessica Roth

From wood to white
Finishing his work before time is up, senior Jack Muniz puts the finishing coat of white paint on the first door of the cabinet. With class almost over, he was happy to be completed with one side yet knew he would have work to finish the next day. “Vo-Tech is fun, and I like everything that we get to do,” explained Muniz.

Looking smooth
Working on a project, junior Justin Jaichon mixes the cement until it is ready to be poured. Being that it was his first year in the Vo-Tech school, he had a lot to learn about special techniques used. “I’m mixing the cement to help build one of the sample walls,” added Jaichon.

Mix it up!
Senior Ari Gershman stirs carrots, one of the tasks for his day at the Culinary school. Prepared with his cooking tools and apron, he enjoyed every minute of it. “I love to learn new cooking skills,” commented Gershman.

Where’s the light?
Senior Charles Salotti works on his second light switch in a row as he carefully puts the wires together. Wearing safety goggles was a must while working so close to electrical wires. “I like Vo-Tech because it’s different from normal school, unlike going from class to class,” said Salotti.

“Under” pressure
Working under a car, senior George Yiantzelis tightens the nuts and bolts making sure that it is safe to put the wheels back on. Auto Mechanics was his pick from the many choices available through the program, and it was perfect for him. “I like working with cars and it’s a lot of fun,” noted Yiantzelis.

Please check under the hood
Obviously enjoying what he does, senior James Kelk flashes a smile to one of his classmates as he prepares to work under the hood of a truck. The engine of the car looked like a big mess, but he knew what to do! “Choosing this course was a great choice, and although it’s hard work, it’s a lot of fun” affirmed Kelk.
Ever dreamed of being in the spotlight? In the span of 45 class-time minutes, students were allowed to be anybody they wanted to be. In separate classes taught by Mr. Hooper and Mrs. McGovern, students learned how to break out of their shells and achieve stardom – even if only in the classroom. Many scripts and performances later, whatever fear someone might have had quickly disappeared, and the multiple faces possible through acting came down to the talent of each individual. By Jessica Roth

**You slay me!**
Senior Stefano Gaetano makes sure that he is out of the way as freshmen Dylan Farrall gets "stabbed" by fellow classmate, freshmen Rodney Gibbs. Stage fighting was one of the techniques that was covered. Acting was a way that students could express their feelings without hurting anyone. "Class was a lot of fun, and it's great because we can show off our talents," said Gaetano.

**The look of death**
As the class acts out a court case, Senior Anthony Saraceno stares down the "lawyer" keeping with the scene, he stayed calm and collected as though he were in an actual courtroom. "Taking a course like this gives you the chance to do something you normally wouldn't have a chance to do," commented Saraceno.

**Fight!**
Senior Quashon Brooks backs up as he gets ready to block a punch from freshmen Rodney Gibbs. His classmates were there to coach him as they helped him get into the right frame of mind for a fight. "It's a good class to learn from. If you want to pursue your career, it's a good start," affirmed Brooks.

**Scripts Galore!**
Highlighting lines, memorizing scripts, and performing presentations all go into a day's work for acting students. Memorization was the key for many students who took the class. "It's a great class, and I love working with the students," quoted Mrs. McGovern.

**Mock Trial**
In the "courtroom" freshmen Izabela Blach acts as a defense lawyer in the mock trial of Jack and the Bean Stalk. She really enjoyed the class not only because of performing court cases but also performing soap operas and acting in front of the camera. "Acting class was very creative, and it was a lot of fun," expressed Blach.

**Lean on me**
Having a blast, sophomore Shanik Gilmore enjoys another day in acting class. Teacher Mrs. McGovern provided encouragement as Gilmore learned new acting techniques. "Mrs. McGovern is the best! Anyone would be lucky to have her!" said Gilmore.
Facing Fears

There were many skills that high school provided for students to take with them to the adult world, and one of them, speaking in public, was one taught by Mr. Hooper. Focusing on staying calm and being succinct, this was a popular elective. Expository, researched, and prepared speeches were used. Very specific guidelines of elocution were required as students learned the rules of engagement for formally speaking in public. By Jessica Roth

Practice makes perfect

Seated in the TV Productions room, sophomores Alexandra Hambleton and Hailey Mroczek take a look at their words before show time. Practice sure did make perfect for these two anchors. "I like it because you learn how to speak in front of a group of people," said Hambleton.

Fearless speaking

Putting into practice her skill of public speaking, sophomore Jennifer Gaglioti demonstrates how to speak in front of the class without hesitation. She may have been nervous at first, but that fear quickly grew into a love for speaking in public. "I like the class even though I didn't have a fear of speaking in front of people. It still helps me, though," said Gaglioti.

Friendly chat

Seniors Hillary Klimowicz and Danielle Pietrucha take a short break to catch up on the new gossip while waiting to practice their speeches in front of the class. They prepared the night before and enjoyed a well needed laugh to calm their nerves. "It's been a great experience and I really enjoyed the class," commented Pietrucha.

Podium Perfection

Freshmen Lisa Campbell stands tall and calm in front of her class, delivering one of her many speeches. Although a freshmen, she quickly became comfortable under the pressure. "I was always able to speak in front of the class, but it refreshed me on the basics," explained Campbell.

No more podium blues

Practicing his speech, freshmen Jorge Cruz stands behind the podium. Cruz even got a laugh or two as his classmates watched and cheered him on. "It was a good class. It helped me with my nervousness when I was at the podium," said Cruz.

Sticking together

Sophomores Jessica Estriplet and Nardina Howerton search for an answer in one of the many resources used for the rules of public speaking. The last period of the day can be a drag, but these two girls stayed focused and alert. "Public Speaking is a class that can help me in the future," noted Estriplet.
"Did the boys win yesterday?"

-Nicole Honeycutt
The game is at 4"

"Laura Harrison

2004

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Tournaments!!

Matches!
Just like home! It's no wonder that sophomores Adda Roshansky and Gabby Berman look so comfortable together as they discuss the last play. The two girls knew each other since fifth grade and being on the squad together made them much closer. "Being on the Varsity Squad for the first time was a great experience. The other girls welcomed me and made me feel at home," added Roshansky.

To the music of a Van Halen song, seniors Melissa Franks and Jackie Costa, junior Michelle Dsurney, and sophomore Dana Hankin perform part of the dance that leads them into the stunt portion of their show at Homecoming. Franks was one of the two people who choreographed the stunt portion of the dance which was taught at a cheerleading camp at Rutgers University. "People brush off cheerleading as just an activity, but we put just as much effort and energy into our routines as any athlete puts into their game," commented Franks.

Who wore blue and white and was filled with school spirit? The varsity cheerleading squad of course! Made up of 20 members, these girls performed stunts such as liberties, basket tosses, and reloads; created pyramids and cheered at all the varsity football games, home soccer games, basketball games, and wrestling matches. With spirited faces, they pumped up the crowd at each sporting event. Led by captain seniors Tayler Cianciotta, Jackie Costa, and Melissa Franks, they were also seen at Homecoming showing off their dance moves and tricks in a performance full of excitement and spirit. By Erica Stuppler
Let's go Raiders! Standing in the cold at the boy's soccer game against Westfield, junior Katherine Paseka, sophomores Mary-Kate Schiller and Kirstin Fuller, senior Taylor Cianciotta, and sophomores Gabby Berman and Adda Roshansky execute their R-A-I-D-E-R-S cheer. These talented individuals worked hard to make sure they worked in unison at all times. "Cheerleading is a lot harder than it looks. From all of our practicing, not only did we become close socially, but now we cheer together as one," noted Cianciotta.

All smiles. Dancing to the Get Low Remix by B2K at Homecoming, juniors Michelle Dsurney and Makyla Nichols are obviously pleased with their performance. Although Dsurney was not always a dancer, she quickly caught on when she became a cheerleader. "We worked so hard to prepare for Homecoming, and in the end, all of our hard work paid off," explained Dsurney.

I liked the people who were involved, and thought it looked like fun and would give me more school spirit.
- Chelsea Holloway-

I was a cheerleader in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade and I wanted to continue being one in high school.
- Dana Hankin-

I had a lot of school spirit and I felt it was the best way to show my Raider pride.
- Nicole DiNizo-

"Cheerleader-an athlete who can jump, kick, toss, catch, stunt, tumble, and fly"
- Mrs. Schiller-
Cross Country
A Change of Pace

Changing pace and making history, the girls cross country team won the school's first ever county title! Led by seniors Christine DeLuca, Liz Elko, Laura Harrison, and Mary Shashaty, the girls also won the Watchung Conference Championship, were undefeated, and won an invitational, also for the first time in the school's history. Although key runners graduated in 2004, these dedicated boys were still able to succeed in the face of adversity. These dedicated boys were still able to succeed in the face of adversity. Top runners were sophomore Mike Miller and junior Josh Zinman.

By Laura Harrison

Pushing the pace. Sophomore Mike Miller and junior Josh Zinman “push” each other in order to achieve a faster time. Miller and Zinman were the first and second runners on the team respectively, and both made all county teams. Miller qualified for and ran a personal best at the Group III state meet in Holmdel Park. “Mike and I made a good combo which will hopefully continue to improve next year,” added Zinman.

All smiles. After racing at Holmdel Park, freshman Cathy Harley, sophomore Sam Carow, junior Steph Ricca, and seniors Mary Shashaty, Liz Elko, and Laura Harrison are happy with the outcome of the race. The girls cooled down after running the hilly course for the Shore Coaches Invitational. “We usually talk about our races during the cool down,” commented Shashaty.

Making history. Coach Dan Rafferty and Coach Jeff Koegel frame seniors Laura Harrison, Christine DeLuca, Mary Shashaty, and Liz Elko after the girls won an invitational for the first time in the school’s history. The meet was divided into four races, one for each grade, for which the seniors took first. “I was really excited and surprised when I found out we won. None of us had any idea we even had a chance,” added DeLuca.
On the day of the race I clear my mind and concentrate on running.
-Senior Anthony Di Battista

Mr. Koegel gives us motivational quotes a few days before the race which gets us in the racing mindset.
-Sophomore Allie Hoynes-O'Connor

"We have pasta parties and play pictionary the night before, which helps me to get my mind off the race so I can sleep.
-Sophomore Sam Gates

Sticking together, in order to pass the opposing runner they see ahead, sophomore Adam Biner and senior Matthew Capodicasa pace off each other. Capodicasa was only able to run the first half of the season before he was out due to an injury. "It was disappointing that I missed half of the season my senior year, but I was still able to get to all the meets and be part of the team," added Capodicasa.

You can’t smoke this pack. Senior Liz Elko, junior Steph Ricca, senior Laura Harrison, sophomore Allie Hoynes-O’Connor, senior Christine DeLuca, sophomore Sam Carow, and senior Mary Shashaty pace each other during a dual meet against Union. The girls ran many of their dual meets as a pack, which encouraged them to stay with each other in their bigger races. "Running in a pack always helps everyone keep up, because when you run next to your teammates, you don’t notice the pace," said Ricca.

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How did you get ready for a big race?

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Football
Tackling Change

The crowd was silent. Holding onto their hot chocolates for warmth, the fans waited in the freezing cold for a perfect play. Although this scene was typical for the fans during the games, what went through players' heads was a different story. Stress, nervousness, and uncertainty were all overcome by happiness and uncontrollable excitement as the Raiders scored the winning touchdown on Thanksgiving Day. Tackle after tackle, the scoreboard changed, bringing the team closer to a victory. Head Coach Mr. Steve Ciccotelli pushed his team to succeed and led them to numerous wins. Senior captains Mike Dinizo, Marc Fabiano, Kevin Urban, and Anthony Curry were the cream of the crop when it came to motivating the team. All in all, the devoted fans were never disappointed. It was a fantastic season, and everyone was proud. By Jessica Roth

Sneak a pass. Senior quarterback Dan LaForge passes the ball to teammate and fellow senior, Anthony Curry. The team started off the season strong with two wins and ended with a win against Elizabeth. "We had a very strong defensive team," added Curry.

Sticking together. Seniors Lakiem Lockery, Matthew Hassett, and Kevin Urban pack together to block the Cranford team from getting the ball. It was teamwork like this that was the reason this team had a very successful season. "My favorite moment of this season was the second half comeback against Linden to put us into the playoffs!" exclaimed Urban.

Throw it! Quick! About to get tackled by the Cranford offense, senior Dan LaForge makes sure the coast is clear to make a pass to his teammate. Although this game was intense, he stated that was not his most memorable moment. "Nothing can beat our comeback in the fourth quarter against Elizabeth," quoted LaForge.
A Change of Routine

With only seven returning gymnasts and new coach Lisa Cerchio, the gymnastics team knew they had a lot of hard work ahead of them. The four newcomers to the team—freshmen Julia Capodicasa, Alexa Lindenberg, Annie Smith, and sophomore Nicole Kitts—contributed to the competition nature and spirit of the team. Senior captains Jackie DeJohn, Tayler Montagna and Katie Zaleski held the team together, along with senior Kate Breuninger, to end their season with an impressive record of 12-2. Not only did they have a mind boggling record, they also won first place at the annual Cougar Tournament and fifth place in the Sectional Tournament. Sophomores Natalie Cappocia and Laurel Devlin's high scoring routines helped the team to be victorious at numerous meets, while manager junior Alexa Knox did an effective job keeping track of not only the Raiders' scores, but the scores of the other teams as well.

By Tayler Montagna

Beaming!
In the middle of her cartwheel, senior Jackie DeJohn concentrates on placing her feet on the balance beam with grace. In the Union County Tournament, DeJohn helped carry the team to a second place finish. "Counties was a really close meet between us and Shrews-Dayton, and it came down to the wire, and we ended up in second. Even though we wanted to win, it was still an accomplishment to come in second," stated DeJohn.

Flying High.
With coach Lisa Cerchio looking on, sophomore Laurel Devlin flies high through the air while doing a half on half off on vault at the Cougar Tournament in Cranford. At this meet, Laurel scored an 84 on this vault. "Gymnastics is one of the few individual sports this school has, but I think we have all realized that team support and team unity are what lead us to a great season," commented Devlin.

One Giant Leap for Womankind.
During warmups at the Cougar Tournament, senior Katie Zaleski practices her leap series while on the balance beam. Katie placed 5th on vault, 2nd on bars, 5th on floor, and 9th in all around in this tournament. "Our team really pulled together this meet, and it worked because we came out victorious. It felt really great to win the Cougar Tournament considering we haven't won it in a really long time," quoted Zaleski.
Head Over Heels.
While balancing upside down warming up her floor routine, senior Tayler Montagna perfects her double handstand pirouettes. Although hurt for the season, she still pulled together for the team and competed when they needed it. “I would have to say floor was my favorite event, because it’s the only event where you can express your personality while performing. I loved my floor routine because my music was, ‘The Devil Went Down to Georgia,’ so I went all out on my routine in every meet,” commented Montagna.

Reverse Cut.
At the Union County Gymnastics Tournament, senior Kate Breuninger holds on to the bar while doing her reverse cut catch in her routine. At this meet, Kate competed in three out of the four events: vault, bars and floor. “This season the team was so motivated that it just made all of us want to do even better at our tournament. I am glad that we did so well being that it was my senior year,” stated Breuninger.

Player Quotes
What was your favorite part of the season?

“Being a part of the gymnastics team for my first year was a really good experience. All of the girls were really nice and we all got along really well. We always had a lot of fun, not only in the gym, but also everything we did outside of gymnastics.”
-Sophomore Nicole Kitts

“The funniest thing that happened all season was at Sectionals at Ridgewood High School, when the entire school lost power, and we couldn’t start the meet until all the lights came on. We waited for 4 hours until we finally moved all the equipment into a smaller gym where the sun gave everyone enough light to compete. The school ended up getting power back halfway through the meet, right as it was getting dark outside.”
-Freshman Julia Capodicasa

“It was really exciting to win the Cougar Tournament, especially as a freshman, because it was my first time winning a major competition in my high school career.”
-Freshman Annie Smith

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1st place Cougar Tournament- 100.4
2nd place Union County Tournament- 101.525

Starting from top left: Sophomore Lindsay Port, sophomore Laurel Devlin, sophomore Natalie Capoccia, sophomore Nicole Kitts, freshman Alexa Lindenberg, senior Tayler Montagna, freshman Julia Capodicasa, junior Alexa Knox, senior Kate Breuninger, senior Katie Zaleski, freshman Annie Smith, and senior Jackie DeJohn.
The boys soccer team accomplished the goals they faced by winning the Watchung Conference, Union County, and State Sectional titles. For the first time in six years, they made the State Final tournament during which they faced Wall High School. However, after a valiant effort, they lost four to one. It was still an exceptional season with a record of 23 wins and 4 losses. They scored 64 goals while allowing 14 opposition goals. Individual honors were received by four year varsity player senior Terrance Charles, as well as two year varsity starter sophomore Bryan Meredith. Both achieved 1st Team All-State. Meredith was declared one of the top 5 goalies in New Jersey. Senior Billy Albizati made 3rd Team All-State. Seniors Sean McNelis, Greg Leischner, Casey Hoynes-O’Connor, and juniors Sean Young and Jeff Bell received an honorable mention. Way to go team!

By Laura Harrison, Tayler Montagna, and Lisa Bereznak

GOAL!! As junior Matt Fleissner heads the ball into the net, junior Sean Young and senior Greg Leischner cheer him on! The Raiders came out victorious against Middletown South with a score of 4-1. “Beating Middletown South was an exciting game because it made us state sectional champs,” added Leischner.

Heads or Tails? After the coin toss, senior captains Terrance Charles and Casey Hoynes-O’Connor run back to the bench. Before every game, the team went behind the flag pole with Coach Breznitsky to discuss strategies. “The team talks before the games have always been our tradition,” disclosed Charles.
Get pumped! Before every game the players hype up the fans and themselves. Led by senior captains Casey Hoynes-O’Connor, Greg Leischner, and Terrance Charles, the boys began their warm up before a home game. “When we warm up really well as a team, it helps us mentally prepare for the game,” commented junior Matt Fleissner.

Looking for an option! Teamwork is a good quality for any team with hopes to succeed. Senior Billy Albizati scanned the field for an open teammate during state finals held at The College of New Jersey. “After a slow start to the season, the team came together, and for the first time since 1998, we had the opportunity to play for a state championship,” proclaimed Albizati.

Player Quotes

“Redeeming ourselves by beating Ramapo after we lost to them last year in the state semi-final.”
- Senior Sean McNelis

“I felt like I was on top of the soccer world when we made it to state finals.”
- Junior Jeff Bell

“It was exciting to be a part of winning the county tournament as a freshman.”
- Freshman Jarek Cohen

What was the highlight of the season for you?

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Back Row: Coach Breznitsky, junior Sean Young, junior Jeff Bell, senior AJ Appezato, senior Billy Albizati, senior Chris Annese, senior Chris Heuther, sophomore Bryan Meredith, freshman Tommy Setter, junior Anthony Ballatino, senior Sean McNelis, freshman Evan Aspell, junior Mark Ciecura, junior Joe Jacobi, assistant Coach Joe Martarulo

Front Row: Freshman Jarek Cohen, freshman Rob Cunningham, freshman Mike Divizio, senior Greg Leischner, senior Terrance Charles, senior Casey Hoynes-O’Connor, senior Stefano Gaetano, junior Matt Fleissner, freshman Brian Hessemer

Sports 177
Girls Soccer

Changing Assists into Goals

Kicks, passes, and goals- the girls soccer team came out full force this season. Senior captains Jessie Sapienza, Jenna Balestriere, and Lauren Perrotta displayed a strong leadership presence, and for the first time in history, the team tied for most wins, as well as having the most single season shutouts. The many hours of practice paid off as the girls finished number one in Union County and number thirteen in the State, according to the Star-Ledger. For the second year in a row, the team regained the title as Watchung Conference Champions. The bond among these girls was strong, and with teamwork, it was one successful season! Another high point was the team's placement at Sectional Finals for the first time in ten years! With all of these accomplishments, the girls will be up to the task for next year.

By Jen Gawryluk

Here it Comes!
Right in step, sophomore Lauren Mains punts the ball. With all of the action that came her way, Mains made strong saves that helped the team make one of their best seasons. "The Mendham penalty kick shootout was some of my most memorable saves" exclaimed Mains.

The Human Wall!
Focusing on the ball, sophomore Allie Zazzali uses her sweeper skills to kick the ball out and away from the opposing player. In her position as a sweeper, Zazzali managed to cover the field between the fullbacks and the goalkeeper, not allowing the ball passed her. "What I like best about playing sweeper is the control I have over the field and the opportunity I get to head the ball," pointed out Zazzali.

In Control!
Senior Kristin Zyla keeps the ball out of reach for the opposing Cranford player. Zyla controlled the ball and made many passes to help the girls win 3-0 against Cranford. "As a midfielder, you get to control the field and you get to work your team, both offensively and defensively," affirmed Zyla.
How do you get psyched for a big game?

“We have pasta parties the night before and dress up the day of the game.”

- Senior Jenna Balestriere

“We listen to a CD we make at the beginning of the year and the night before have a pasta party.”

- Junior Hallie Mintz

“We spend time with each other the night before and have a secret circle talk. Also, the seniors toilet paper and give something to everyone on the team.”

- Senior Lauren Perrotta

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**Player Quotes**

**Dribbling Forward!**

In order to get the ball around her opponent, senior Jessie Sapienza dribbles up and around. As one of the three captains, Sapienza led her team to the Watchung Conference as champions. “Being a forward isn’t as easy as it looks and people take it for granted. I’m basically up there to make shots and to make good decisions up front,” explained Sapienza.

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**Kick, Kick, and it’s out!**

Junior Kelly Rigano forcefully pushes her way through her opponent, taking control of the ball. Controlling the center midfield, Rigano worked her skills, passing the ball to open teammates whenever there was a chance. “Playing with my teammates is the best part of being on the team,” commented Rigano.

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**GIRLS SOCCER**

Back Row: Coach Tobier, Senior Monique Morales, sophomore Kimberlee Appezato, sophomore Julie Meurer, senior Carly Wells, sophomore Lauren Weissbrod, junior Kristen Henkels, senior Jenna Balestriere, Coach Kevin Ewing

Middle Row: Sophomore Ashley Jacobi, sophomore Alle Hambleton, junior Kelly Rigano, sophomore Alle Zazzali, sophomore Lauren Maines, junior Hallie Mintz, junior Maaghan Kelly, freshman Bridget Cornwell, sophomore Hailey Mroczek

Bottom Row: Senior Kristin Zyla, senior Elise DeVaries, senior Jessie Sapienza, freshman Alana Bencivengo, senior Carlene Bronkowski, senior Lauren Perrotta, and sophomore Colleen La Forge

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Forfeit
Girls' Tennis  
Faces on the Court  

With a strong foundation of a motivated, talented, and determined group of players, the Varsity Girls' Tennis team proved to be successful, displaying their skill and effort. However, the backbones of the group, seniors captains Karina Gotliboym and Joanna Rosenberg, kept the team focused throughout the duration of this competitive season. Supported by their record of 16-4, this group's love for the game kept them united as a team as they worked for a common goal. Rivals Westfield, Bridgewater, and JP Stevens were just three more reasons to keep the team on their feet for each game. Their hard work was verified through their accomplishment of reaching the second round in states, but to their dismay, losing to Milburn. Starters juniors Carly Heinz and Shannon Gomes, seniors Joanna Rosenberg and Karina Gotliboym, junior Courtney Burke, senior Cara Hurley, and junior Liza Katz ensured a victorious season. Landmark achievements were attained including their defeat of Bridgewater for the first time in their competitive history against each other. Coach Sue Allen credited the "awesome season" to hard work and team effort, much of which was attributed to the senior players who will be greatly missed. "The entire team aided in a season to be proud of," declared Allen.

For the Love of the Game. With a bright outlook for next year's season and pride for recent accomplishments, junior Carly Heinz returns the ball par for the course. Although this year was another success under their belt, the team hoped to progress in their performance in states and the county tournament for the next season. "I love the game and love to play...I want to play for the rest of my life" commented Heinz.

Ready for Action! Positioning herself to strike the ball, junior Kellie Meehan extends her racket to counteract her opponent's strategic move. After a triumphant season, it was obvious that the success of the team hinged on the effort of every teammate. "This season went well and the team improved greatly...all of the team members pulled themselves out of some really hard games," explained Meehan.

Forehand Finesse. Using a swift maneuver, senior Joanna Rosenberg displays her knowledge of tennis skills to perfectly place the ball in the opposing court. Being one of two captains for the girls' team, Rosenberg kept the team focused. She described the group of players as "a really close team with a lot of team spirit who work well together."
What is your motivation to continue playing tennis?

"The competitiveness of the sport and having a sense of achievement."
- Shannon Gomes

"To stay fit, healthy, and meet new people. I also love to play."
- Danielle Egan

"It helps me unwind after a long day. I consider it a fun and relaxing sport."
- Kara Brass

A Team of Friends. The combination of the competitiveness and long hard hours this team spends together preparing for the season has brought them closer together. It was obvious that through hard work and effort, junior Kellie Meehan, senior captain Karina Gottliboym, and juniors Kathryn Devlin, Danielle Eagan, Alyssa Markovitz, and Courtney Burke were dedicated to this sport. "I never could have picked a better group of girls to be on a team with" complimented Gottliboym.

Rain, Rain, Go Away! Despite the sultry weather, junior Alyssa Markovitz, senior Joanna Rosenberg, junior Liza Katz, senior Cara Hurley, junior Carly Heinz, senior Karina Gottliboym, and junior Courtney Burke gather under the protection of the umbrella and keep each other in good spirits. This team found that their moments together on the court united them and made them stronger as a whole. "Our team is very close and we have a lot of fun together," stated Burke.

Alyssa Markovitz, senior Joanna Rosenberg, junior Liza Katz, senior Cara Hurley, junior Carly Heinz, senior Karina Gottliboym, and junior Courtney Burke gather under the protection of the umbrella and keep each other in good spirits.

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The score was 24-22 in our third game at the home of the Cranford Cougars; we had one more point. Michelle sets me the ball and bam! I found the hole and killed it! We won our last game of the season against Cranford—a team, who for the past two years we’ve gotten so close to beating numerous times, but could not get a hold of—resulting in our playing them three times each season. With losing to Cranford at our home and our first game in counties, we could not allow losing for a third time. This game meant so much to us, showing everyone who we really were,” described senior Joscelyn Chang. With a fluctuating record throughout the season, the Raider’s volleyball team felt they were not showing their true abilities. The opportunity to shine finally arose in their last game against the strong Cranford Cougars. They found the abilities and skills they had practiced were not their only areas of strength to bring to the game; they also excelled in camaraderie on and off the court. This group of girls learned the lesson of trust as their “second family” ended the season with a 9-9 record, respectfully.

Support! As senior Erin Gallagher creates her approach to the volleyball, she reaches high and spikes the ball across her competitor’s hands for a point. Gallagher shared the responsibility as tri-captain along with junior Kei Kaskiw and senior Joscelyn Chang. Gallagher demonstrated leadership by helping others stay focused and cheering on her teammates. “I liked the fun and good exercise, especially with an amazing coach and bunch of girls,” noted Gallagher.

Hot Pepper. Pepperring with teammate senior Joscelyn Chang, senior Vanessa Okoro warms up and sets up for an attack. Okoro shined through the season with strength and agility, skills which placed her as Most Improved Player voted by teammates. “I will never forget the joy I felt during our last game of the season against Cranford. Even though I could not play because of my injury, just minutes before the game, it was the greatest game we played, and it was exciting that we beat them,” expressed Okoro.
We always had huddled together before each game on the court and cheered to kick some butt!
-Mai Trinh

Doing the Konkey Donkey dance and the tidal wave.
-Caroline L'Heureux

Our dinners at TGIFriday's before the games after our long practices.
-Amy Drewes

How did your team become motivated before a game?

Top Row: Vanessa Okoro, Caroline L'Heureux, Kelli Kaskiw, Coach Groestch, Erin Gallagher, Lydia Sams, Joscelyn Chang
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Boys’ Basketball

Facing the Rim

The Raider Boys’ Basketball team overcame adversity and low expectations to have a successful season. Despite the loss of star juniors Derrick Caracter and Lance Thomas, the Raiders remained optimistic in their outlook for the year. They struggled out of the gate, but rebounded and finished strongly to close the season. All the criticism they received simply motivated them and brought the team closer together. Coach Doherty loved the “dedication on the team.” He added, “The group worked great together, and there was no one star. We were the epitome of the word ‘team.’” By Neil Dalal

Aerial Assault! Senior Gavin Ford takes flight and prepare to dunk in a game against Cranford. Fords play above the rim brought another dimension to the potent Raider offense. Before every game, Ford used music and relaxation to put himself in the proper mindset. Though Ford was spectacular individually, he enjoyed winning games and silencing those who doubted the team more than dunking. Ford commented, “At the beginning of the season, people did not think we were going to do very well. So, I made it my goal to show all those people just how good we are.”

Stretch! Junior Sean Young reaches above his opponents to take a shot. Young became a valuable leader for the Raiders this year, and he credits Coach Doherty because, “he let me play freely.” While this change happened in the span of a season, it took Young nearly 10 years to hone his skills and make himself a complete player. His early beginnings allowed him to become an important part of the team, but, despite his individual prowess, Young still said, “My Favorite part of the basketball team was our tenacious defense, we all played together as a unit.”

Eyes to the Sky! Sophomore Damell Dortch goes up for a shot during practice. Dortch brought style and charisma to the team, in addition to his deftness with the ball. Though he is certainly deserving of his spot on the team, Dortch appreciates every time he had, “the opportunity to suit up in that Raider blue uniform.” Dortch began playing basketball in 7th grade, but his late start did not keep him from becoming a phenomenal player. While Dortch relished every moment on the court, he commented, “One of my favorite moments from the year was when Coach Doherty treated us all to pizza!”
Player Quotes

I liked the team chemistry. Everyone had a good attitude and we were all friends.
- Sophomore Brian Dougher

What was your favorite thing about the past season?

I was amazed at how well we executed plays; it was like we were all thinking the same thing.
- Junior Rob Lewis

I loved the sense of comradery we had this year.
- Senior Kyle Gates

Heads Up! Junior Troy Morgan looks up as he reaches for the sky in practice. Individually, Morgan’s strong points were his sensational rebounding and patented three-point fade away. By utilizing all his skills, Morgan recorded a double double against Roselle, his proudest moment of the season. Though he seems like a natural today, Morgan spent hours upon hours practicing in his younger years, and continued to work on his game during the season. “On the court we worked as a team, but off the court we really bonded. We came together like a good weave.”

Slow it Down! Senior Jeff Marable tries to run a set play for a possession as an opponent looks on. Marable started playing basketball in second grade, when his friends introduced him to the sport. Above all else, Marable appreciated the unity of the team, and how they stayed together in face of adversity. On a more personal note, Marable brought, “A little leadership, a little this, a little that, and a lot of goodness” to the team.

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Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School

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Bottom Row: Senior Kyle Gates, Sophomore Greg Bayard, Sophomore Brian Dougher, Junior Ricky Lisojo, Junior DJ Garret, Junior Rob Lewis, Junior Travis Morgan
Girls Basketball
Facing the Court

Their practices, dedication, and teamwork was all for the love of the game. The grueling hours of after school basketball paid off as the Lady Raiders were spurred on by the energy, talent, and encouragement which led to a successful season through the energetic play of seniors Maura Gillooly and Hillary Klimowicz. Both surpassed the one thousand point mark this season, and the team accomplishments were no less inspiring. After a stellar early season start, the Lady Raiders arrived in San Diego to finish second in the Surf and Slam tournament.

By Nicole Honeycutt

ON YOUR TOES! East Side's Red Raiders have no chance to get close to the net with junior Loni Kaye in the way. This was Kaye's second year on the varsity team. "This year our team really pulled together, and it definitely shows," Kaye commented.

AIR JENNY! Lay ups are not a problem for senior Jenny Burke as she puts one off the glass, leaving an East Side opponent in a daze on the court. One of the team's captains, the underclassmen really looked up to her as a leader; someone to set an example. "It was so much fun having a successful senior season with girls I've known for so long," affirmed Burke.

FM OPEN! During a game against Westfield, sophomore Allie Zazzali needs someone to pass the ball to. The lady Raiders always have each other's back. "A big part of the game is passing and teamwork, and the girls are always there to help you," noted Zazzali.
What is your favorite part of the season?

"Working as hard as you can, to get as far as you can get.
- Junior Lauren Beno-venge

"I love playing and having the opportunity to play with graduating seniors.
- Sophomore Tiffany Smith

"Playing with different kids and getting to know them.
- Senior Elizabeth DeCataldo

Back Row: Senior Hillary Klimowicz, sophomore Tiffany Smith, freshmen Brianne Mahoney, senior Melini McFarland, junior Lauren Beno-venge, senior Maura Gillooly
Front Row: Sophomore Alie Zazzali, senior Elizabeth DeCataldo, senior Jenny Burke, sophomore Lauren Mains, junior Loni Kaye
The Raider bowling team did not just knock down a few pins this year, they came together to have one of their best seasons yet. Led by senior captain Justis Evans and veteran coach Mr. James Mason, the team used their skills both during successful practices and competitions. The team members performed to the best of their abilities, and seniors Sara Parisi, Christopher Ryskasen, and captain Justis Evans demonstrated leadership skills which led the team to face the pins fearlessly and end with victory. "I'm really proud of the team this year. These individuals progressed a lot over the course of the season," commented Mason.

By Lisa Bereznak

Concentration! During the final moments of a game, it is extra important to concentrate on knocking down every pin. Sophomore Eric Wasserman put on his game face when he bowled his last frame. "We faced our obstacles as a team and came out even better than we anticipated," commented Wasserman.

Red Hot! Some players have special superstitions for good luck. Freshmen Vanessa Franklin was on fire when she tossed her lucky red bowling ball down the lane. "I love my red ball; I won't use any ball besides my red one," noted Franklin.

Wind Up! Winding up before lobbing the ball down the lane is a common motion many members use. Sophomore Kenneth Wasserman put a little muscle behind the ball during one of the first games of the season. "We started off a little weak, but we really excelled. I'm really excited for next year's season," exclaimed Wasserman.
Player Quotes

"How was your senior year on the Raider Bowling Team?"

I had so much fun this year with everyone on the bowling team. In addition I really stepped up my game!
- Chris Ryskasen

I really stepped up my game, and I think the team really stepped up this year.
- Sara Parisi

Senior Season had its up's and down's; it was a lot of fun. I think everyone performed at their best.
- Justis Evans

Determination! Keeping your head up is key when knocking down bowling pins. Sophomore Jamie Sensor, focused and bowled a spare to score some major points for his team. "I'm really focused when I bowl; nothing else matters besides me, the ball, the lane, and the pins," said Sensor.

STRIKE! Technique and finesse are essential tools when bowling a strike. Junior Matthew Hazell used these skills and bowled a strike. "The feeling I get when I bowl a strike is awesome because I know I'm helping out my team!" Exclaimed Hazell.

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Top Row: Mr Mason, Sophomore Eric Wasserman, Senior Justis Evans, Sophomore Ken Wasserman, Sophomore Jamie Sensor, and Junior Ron Petty
Bottom Row: Junior Catherine Jahn, Junior Matthew Hazell, Senior Sara Parisi, Senior Christopher Ryskasen, Junior Troy Morgan, and Sophomore Vanessa Franklin
A Change in Stroke

The girls and boys swim teams both faced busy seasons with hardly enough time to take a breath out of the pool. The team made great strides winning against Hillsborough and Pingry. Captains who led the team to a successful season were seniors Amanda Cameron, Rachel Dolgin, Jamie Quale, Michael Sheffield, and David Hauptman. Coaches Judy Sharkey and Jess Hulnik saw many improvements among the swimmers. With swimmers changing strokes, the teams were able to have a successful season. “I enjoy coaching because I get to interact with the students in a very different way. Getting to know the students at the pool is very enjoyable and gives me the opportunity to learn about their lives outside of the classroom,” commented Sharkey.

By Melissa Koerner

A fish out of water. Junior Kristen Henkels takes a deep breath before she heads back into the water during the breath stroke. Henkels started swimming when she was only seven years old. “I enjoy swimming because it is an awesome feeling when you work so hard for a goal and then you reach it. Many people think swimming is solely an individual sport, but it is also very team oriented,” said Henkels.

Splish, splash. After swimming on a team for the past eight years, freshman Sean Dolgin feels that swimming is great for exercise and for making new friends. The team provided a perfect atmosphere for meeting new people because the swimmers spent long hours together at practices and meets. “The 500 freestyle is my favorite event to compete because I enjoy the challenge of the intense twenty laps,” claimed Dolgin.

Flying out of the pool. Swimming the 100 freestyle at the Plainfield meet is nothing new for sophomore Mike Miller who has been swimming for about ten years now and placed third in the 200 free at the Union Country meet. “My mom put me in swimming when I was six, and ever since I’ve swam for a team,” explained Miller, who thinks that swimming gives him a good workout.
Playe r Quotes

**A Newcomer.** Only his first year on the swim team, freshman Matthew Plagge participates in the 100 fly event at the Plainfield meet. "I enjoy swimming because it is very fast paced and there's never a lapse in the action. My favorite event is 100 breast because I have been able to greatly reduce my times for it this season," explained Plagge.

**A pro swimmer.** Participating in his favorite event, the 100 meter breaststroke, freshman AJ Horowitz loves the physical activity that swimming provides him. He believed that the swim team had a successful season. "I started swimming on a swim team in third grade. I stopped swimming during middle school and just started up again in the high school," noted Horowitz.

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-Junior Mike Fragna

**"Swimming is a tough but rewarding sport."**

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**Girls:** (Top left) Brittany Larkin, Molly Yergalonis, Alyssa Weinberg, Kate Johnson, Rachel Dolgin, Caitlin Daly, Mary Henkels (Middle left) Kaitlyn Koslen, Christine Albanese-Demarco, Lindsey Haliman, Rebecca Koransky, Samantha Greco, Alexandrea Sebalio (Bottom left) Danielle Koch, Jackie Lenoir, Avery Boettcher, Hayley Middleton, Julia Capelicausa

**Boys:** (Top left) John Feely, David Wapman, Jason Thompson, Matthew Miller, David Regel (Middle left) Michael Miller, Dennis Ruiz, AJ Horowitz, Anthony Saraceno, Andrew Haggan (Bottom left) Alan Newhauser, Danny Neto, Brian Pessin, Matthew Plagge, Sean Dolgin

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The boys and girls Raiders ran fast, jumped high, and threw far. The girls distance medley team, seniors Laura Harrison and Mary Shashaty, junior Meghan Kelly, and sophomore Sam Gates reached the finish line in record breaking time. As a team, the girls placed third in the Union County Relay Championship, while the boys finished with an impressive second. Seniors Sean Smith and Greg Bryant won the high jump relay, while senior Teddy Acosta, sophomore Jon Badala, and freshman Michael Alleman won the shot put relay.

By Laura Harrison

Your turn. During the distance medley relay, sophomore Adam Biner hands off the baton to junior Josh Zinman. Biner ran the 1200 meter leg and Zinman ran the 1600 meter leg at the county relay championship. “We came in fourth in our first race of the season which was unexpected,” noted Zinman.

BROKE IT! Sophomore Sam Gates, senior Mary Shashaty, junior Meaghan Kelly, and senior Laura Harrison get together before practice to take a picture for the Fanscotian article about them. The girls broke the school indoor record for the distance medley relay. “I never run the distance medley, so I was really excited that I was on the team when we broke the record,” commented Kelly.

We could all use some R and R. Seniors Kaitlin Carman, Carlene Bronikowski, Greg Bryant, and junior Nehemiah Burney-Porter relax before they get ready to high jump, while Coach Rich McGriff and sophomore Allie Hambleton keep them company. Carman and Bronikowski worked well as a high jump relay team throughout the season. “Carlene and I have gotten really close this season which helps us do better. We wouldn’t have done as well without each other,” added Carman.
Did you enjoy competing indoors or outdoors better?

"I like outdoors better because it is cramped inside. It helps for me to look around and have space in order to get focused."
- Senior Kat Berka

"Outdoors is better because it is easier to breathe. Also, outdoors there is more to look at than a gym floor."  
- Senior Liz Elko

"I like running on outdoor tracks better. There are less turns which makes times faster."
- Senior Michelle Regg

STICK! During the 4 by 400 meter relay at the Drew Invitational, Junior James Alfano hands the baton to senior Sean Smith. Smith was the anchor for this relay team in many meets throughout the season.

"I like running the anchor leg because I get to chase people down," explained Smith.

Get ready. Senior Teddy Acosta focuses to get ready for his throw. After winning the county shot put relay, along with sophomore Jon Badala and freshman Michael Alleman, Acosta strained his shoulder and was out for the duration of the season.

"I hope to be better for spring so that we can win counties again," added Acosta.


Middle Row: Freshman Michael Alleman, freshman Cameron Sizemore, senior Jeff Pawid, junior James Alfano, junior Michael Katz, junior Nehemiah Burney-Porter, senior Teddy Acosta, freshman Rob O'Connor

Front Row: Freshman James Barker, junior Max Carow, sophomore Evan Goldsmith, sophomore Matt Wolff, junior Josh Zinman, sophomore Grant Darwin

Back Row: Sophomore Kim Appezzato, sophomore Sam Gates, senior Laura Harrison, senior Mary Shashaty, sophomore Allie Hambleton, sophomore Julie Meurer, freshman Natasha Collins, senior Kailtin Carman

Middle Row: Sophomore Sam Carow, junior Julianne Carman, sophomore Danielle Vena, freshman Cassie Valdes, senior Carlene Bronkowski, sophomore Allie Hoyman-O'Connor, junior Meaghan Kelly, sophomore Karina DeMair

Front Row: Freshman Jadyn Lazarus, sophomore Amanda Bobyack, junior Becky Lundgren, freshman Alana Bencivengo, freshman Ashley Derienzo, senior Michelle Regg
Changing Opponents

Tackling, changing opponents, and overcoming odds were three things the wrestling team mastered. They experienced success beyond their expectations with many victories and an impressive record which continuously reflected their strength. Although they excelled, certain individuals truly shined. Senior team captains included Dakim Gaines, Stephen Mineo, Anthony Ferrante, and Marc Fabiano. Exemplary leadership inspired the other team members and ensured the team’s many victories. A.J Watson and Rob “The Tiger” Bethea, two additional key senior role models, contributed to the team’s progress. Senior captain Stephen Mineo displayed the excellence that has come to be expected of him. He was the second Raider to break the one hundred victory benchmark and broke the 111 victory record. “This season was one to remember; we had so much fun as a team and as a wrestling family. There isn’t anything that the wrestlers wouldn’t do for each other. They are very supportive of one another and will do whatever it takes to win,” expressed Coach John Scholtz.

By Aileen Drum and Jon Greenspan

Working under pressure. Giving his all to bag a win for the Raiders, senior Anthony Ferrante faces off with the Bridgewater-Raritan Panther enemy. He took on his foe with pride for his team and with confidence in his skills. “This was a difficult match, but I knew I had to take one for the team,” conveyed Ferrante.

History in the making. As his opponent struggles to stay afoot, senior captain Steve Mineo strategically places his last moves before the final pin down. With over one hundred wins under his belt, this was just another success in his quest to break the school record. “This has been a great year, I’m glad I have the chance to leave my mark on SPFHS,” disclosed Mineo.
Why do you like wrestling?

"I like wrestling because it keeps me in shape. There's a lot of cool people on the team so it's a lot of fun."
-Senior A.J Watson

"Wrestling is the only sport that truly depends on your body. It requires both physical and mental skill."
-Sophomore Damien Gibbs

"I like wrestling because it's a tough contact sport. It's one-on-one so you're really out there on your own."
-Junior Nick Giannaci

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Third Row: Dave DeNicola, Ricky Olson, Anthony Ferrante, Matt Hirschhorn, John Loomis, Jesse Viands, Joe Bachi, Pat Mineo, Mike Blaes, Damien Gibbs, Sal Gano.
Fourth Row: Alex Marchena, Salsabil Akbar, Trevor Cannon, Mark Ruskin, Josh Nussenzweig, Matt Heather, Josh Nussenzweig, Gary Scharfenberg, Joe Sette, Steve Mineo, Dakim Gaines.
Baseball

Facing the Field

What's next for the Mighty Raiders? Last year they dominated all the teams in Union County and took home the County Tournament trophy. This year, nothing less was expected. With most of last year's team members returning, a successful season was in order. Coach Tom Baylock noted, "This is one of the most talented group of kids that have come through this school in a long time. If they continue to work hard, I think they can achieve anything they set out to do." When it came to working as a team, there were no problems because the boys saw each other off the field. These bonds off the field only made the bonds on the field much stronger. Each player was happy to lend a helping hand when facing the field. Key players this year were seniors Chris D'Annunzio and Kevin Urban who, along with the entire of the team that made hits, outs, and stole bases. These young men worked together and made their season a Grand Slam! By Nicole Honeycutt

What's Your Favorite memory from the season???

" I will never forget when we won Counties!
- Senior Sean Varsolona"

" The bonding experience with the team!
- Senior Mike Dinizo"

" Winning Counties was the best part of the season!
- Senior John Maloney"

OUT! Making an out in left field is no problem for senior Mike Baumwell. This was his second year on varsity, and he loved being on the team. "Ever since I was a kid, I've loved playing baseball. I've been playing with the same kids my whole career, and based on my knowledge, I believe we'll be very successful. I think with our returning players we will repeat last year's championship and exceed it," explained Baumwell.

PRESSURES ON! Two outs, man on third. That man was senior Kyle Gates. The center fielder had a chat with Coach Tom Baylock before the play started. Gates said, "Baseball is fun because of the great coaching staff and my teammates get along so well, due to the friendships we've made."
DH MAN! Senior Kevin Urban knows his teams' potential, and when they did not play up to capacity, it shows. Urban, the teams' catcher, said, "I was mad because the team wasn't playing well, and it was unfortunate because I knew we were better than that." Urban, a four year veteran on the varsity team, recognized the power of the Raiders and was not afraid to voice his opinion.

SAFE? Senior Chris D'Annunzio takes his position on the Raider Baseball team very seriously. When he was called out, he could not believe it! D'Annunzio has held his place on the varsity team since freshman year and knew no out when he saw one. That was no out. "It's hard when you can't argue, because you know you're right and it would have changed the result," D'Annunzio lamented.

BASEBALL

"The class of 2005 will leave big shoes to fill!"

- Coach Tom Baylock

WALKING TALL! After a successful season, the Raider baseball team can definitely talk the talk because they walked the walk. Seniors Marco Giasullo, Kevin Urban, Drew Howell, James Scalfaro, Daniel Deegan, Mike Dinizio, Matt Scibek, Kyle Gates, Sean Varsalona, Chris D'Annunzio, and John Maloney took one last stroll around the track to see their varsity baseball field. Next year's team has big shoes to fill.

Player Quotes

What's Your Favorite Part about being on the Team???

"The comradery and the friendship with everyone. Plus we're nasty.
- Senior Marco Giasullo"

"It's fun being on a team with your close friends. We also just straight up dominate like there's no tomorrow.
- Senior Matt Scibek"

"The teams' pride and dedication, also being with talented fun guys!
- Senior James Scalfaro"
“Batter up” was a favorite phrase for the members of the softball team. The skill and devotion that each player possessed paved the way for a successful season. Under the guidance of varsity softball Coach Kelli Covert, the team practiced daily to ensure the confidence to face field. Coach Covert believed it was possible for the girls to win counties because they, “play the game and have fun doing it.” Embodying spirit and determination, the softball team reached their goal of improving their teamwork as well as their record.

By Danielle Koch

Out! Junior Melissa Sette makes a great play as she throws the opposing player out at second base. Sette played shortstop for the past nine years and was known for her ability to throw hard and fast. “I like playing shortstop because I am constantly moving and involved in plays,” explained Sette.

Safe! Sophomore Lauren Maines makes it home by sliding under the catcher. The slide left a bruise in the morning, but the after-glow of glory was evidence of the play for days. “We always do well as a team because we work hard in pre-season and stay focused on winning,” commented Maines.

Go Raiders! Senior Taylor Gianciotta cheers on her fellow teammates. As the captain, she was known as an inspiring leader because of her drive and willingness to work hard. “Our team is made of amazing people; we have so much fun together and I consider the fact that we can work hard and still have fun a great success,” affirmed Gianciotta.
Grand Slam! The team cheers on junior Elaine Piniat as she hits a home run. Not only could Piniat pitch an inning with no runs, but she knew how to hit a grand slam. "I hope we achieve a good record, have a great time, and make it to the finals in counties," commented Piniat.

Player Quotes

I enjoy playing softball because of the mental aspect and I also love the spring season, it's great outside.
-Melissa Sette

I enjoy softball because it is a lot of fun, I really like the girls I play with, and the competition is exciting.
-Jillian Lusk

I really like being outside after a long season of basketball and the team bonding is awesome.
-Lauren Benovengo

What is your favorite part of the season?

We have a great chance of winning counties this year. No softball has ever won counties at SPFHS. That would be awesome to win my senior year;
-Tayler Cianciotta

Put on your Game Face! In addition to their imposing skills, the softball team intimidates the opposing team with their fierce game face. Seniors Jess Moore, Janee Easley, juniors Catlin Driscoll, Elaine Piniat, and sophomore Jillian Lusk's looks of steel showed that the competition was ruthless during a game. "I enjoy the excitement and competition of softball," said Lusk.

Bringing in the heat! Pitcher and junior Elaine Piniat throws a strike at the opposing team's batter. Piniat played softball for the past nine years and always enjoyed the thrill of the game. "The competition makes softball all the more fun, and it's a great way to be able to play with girls I've known since I've began," explained Piniat.

SOFTBALL

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-Tayler Cianciotta
Changing Clubs

Making a hole-in-one was the main goal of members of the golf team. They combined patience and concentration to clear the green of all the competition and achieve victory. Under the guidance of Coach Ciccotelli, these players learned how to dominate an 18-hole golf course and how to change clubs without hesitation. These athletes expected to attend states because they had a “good nucleus of players returning and they should be competitive and determined to win,” commented Ciccotelli. Their dedication to the game was confirmed when they ended the season at an outing with an ace, a perfect score.

By Danielle Koch

Fore! Senior Mike Sprung displays the swing that is needed to make a hole in one. This golfer practiced his swing for the past 13 years and always enjoyed it. “I like golf because it’s relaxing and fun. I really enjoy competing in tournaments and matches for the high school,” explained Sprung.

Get a grip! Junior Chris Cooper makes sure he has the perfect grip before teeing off. Cooper was a welcome addition to the golf team because he had been mastering his golfing techniques since he was 7 years old. “I care about the game and take it very seriously,” said Cooper.

Hackers Beware! Junior Brian Halpin displays that hacking is for amateurs. The many hours of practice ensured that no player was dubbed a “hacker.” A hacker is a golfer who can be found with mud flying behind them. “We are a good team and always beat opponents that are supposedly better than us,” affirmed Halpin.
No need for a mulligan here. Coach Steve Ciccotelli shows his team how to start off a shot so there is not any reason for a "do-over." Ciccotelli enjoyed playing and coaching golf because it was a challenging sport to conquer and train. "I've always enjoyed golf because the green always purposes a new technique to conquer," commented Ciccotelli.

Dip n' Chip! Hunger sets in quickly on the green, but in this case junior John Katz uses his Dip n' Chip. Katz delicately chipped the ball; in other words took a little shot to hole the ball. "I like playing golf for the high school because of the competition and to be with my friends," said Katz.

I enjoy the fact that whatever happens is your responsibility, plus it's so difficult and I like the challenge - Cheryl Begaj

I love the game because it's so hard to conquer. I also enjoy just chilling back and playing a few holes - Brian Halpin

The one thing I really enjoy about golf is the challenge of trying to hit a better shot than the previous one - Clayton Balch

"Our goal for this season is that everyone plays up to their potential and we can beat our county rivals, but overall to have fun and a fulfilling season," - Jack Davis

An Ace every time! Senior Mike Sprung visualizes the perfect swing before attaining his hole in one. One of Sprung's favorite memories from participating on the golf team was at a high school competition where he scored the winning hole in one. "Achieving the hole in one was the best feeling I have ever had in my life," reminisced Sprung.
Boys’ Tennis

Facing Match Point

Tennis players were perhaps the most curious collection of student athletes at Spiffy High. From aviators to customized KSwiss outfits, this ensemble played in style. According to second year coach Mark Cunnington, the team, “fed off synergy and senior leadership.” Cunnington’s amiable coaching style helped the team grow close during the season, and that connection showed itself in the team’s strong play in both singles and doubles. Whether it was rooting on the sidelines or playing on the courts, every player was involved in every match. Despite the superfluous apparel and laid back atmosphere, these Raiders were focused on one thing: winning.

By Neil Dalai

Playing in Style!
Junior David Ginsberg returns a shot with the utmost sense of style. Ginsberg dressed flamboyantly throughout the season, with an assortment of headbands and headgear. Along with this keen fashion skill, Ginsberg brought strong doubles play to the Raiders. “I like doubles because the game is much more fun when you share it with another person, it takes away from some of the pressure as well. Also, it helps to have someone you can count on out there,” explained Ginsberg.

Leg Up on the Competition!
Senior Stefano Gaetano takes a creative approach to returning a serve. Gaetano brought a different angle to the team and helped make sure that the players kept their eyes on the prize. “Coach told us if we beat Westfield he would buy the team aviators. With the positive team vibe I am feeling for this year, I am confident we can achieve our goal,” asserted Gaetano.

Happy Hitting!
Senior Billy Albizati grins as he sends a forehand flying across the net. Albizati was an exceptional doubles player for the Raiders, especially because of his “strong play at the net.” Introduced to tennis by his friend Mike Baumwell, Albizati enjoys “beating kids who have taken lessons their whole lives, while I have barely taken any lessons.” For this season, Albizati hopes to lead his team to a “top 3 finish in the county tournament.”
Player Quotes

What is your favorite thing about the tennis team?

"The best part about the tennis team was the relationship I had with the other players. We always went out to eat after practice, and we grew very close during the long season. I know I will treasure the moments I shared with my teammates forever.

- Senior Manish Pandya"

"My favorite part of the season was the County Tournament. I love the competitive atmosphere on the courts, you could just feel the energy in the air. Playing in that tournament is much different than playing in a normal match, because all your mistakes are magnified, but your triumphs are glorified.

- Senior Greg Leischner"

"Being on the team taught me a lot about how to set goals and the best way to achieve them. With my success on the tennis team, I am sure I can achieve anything I put my mind to.

- Senior Sean Robinson"

Tennis

"Synergy is key!"

- Coach Mark Cunnington

Pull Through!
Junior Gary Herzberg follows through a powerful backhand, relying on excellent form to return a volley. Herzberg was urged to play by his mother 6 years ago and has been playing ever since. When asked about the upcoming season, Herzberg seemed confident that the team would have a winning record. As for his individual preferences, Herzberg said he, "preferred playing singles, I like to control my own fate out on the court."

Down Low!
Senior Jon Altman bends down as he prepares to rip a vicious backhand. Altman "picked up a tennis racket in seventh grade" and has been playing ever since. Altman had an exceedingly positive outlook on the season, expecting the Raiders to be "National Champions." While this goal seemed implausible, Altman also mentioned his aspirations for the county tournament. "I think we can place 1st this year; we have strong players returning from last year and promising freshman."

Sports 203

"Synergy is key!"

- Coach Mark Cunnington

Starting from top left: Senior Brian Allen, Senior John Altman, Junior David Ginsberg, Senior Greg Leischner, Senior Billy Albizati, Senior Sean Robinson, Senior Stefano Gaetano, Junior Neil Dalal, Senior Jeremy Sanders, Junior Gary Herzberg, and Senior Jason Krueger.
Track and Field
Changing Pace

On your mark, get set, GO! Always aiming for their target, track and field teammates were ambitious and motivated. Members participated in their choice of jumping hurdles, long jump, triple jump, javelin, shot-put, and discus. Coach Jeff Koegel worked with the team running with them during practices. Whether someone was sneaking passed an opponent or flying passed to win a race, the change in paces had a lot to do with the winning outcome. Guaranteed always to work as a team, these track and field stars competed with class.

By: Jessica Roth

Running for 1st! Distance runner senior Mary Shashaty shoots for the finish line. The combination of young talent and experience ensured that this team had a great chance at winning. “This season was a great way to end my track and field career before I go to college,” commented Shashaty.

Up, up, and away! With ease and grace, sophomore Tom Penella soars to new heights as he glides over the pole vaulting bar. While he participated in freshmen football, coach Kane told him about this somewhat “weird sport.” “I like pole vaulting a lot because I get to wear short shorts,” noted Penella.

Ready, aim, shoot! With javelin ready to fly, senior Kat Berka puts all of her effort into making a great throw. Performing at state semi finals, athletes had the chance to be recruited from different colleges. “Everyone gets really close and it’s a great opportunity,” explained Berka.
10 feet off the ground! With all of his might, junior Maxwell Carow pole vaults high over the bar and lands on the mat below. He began pole vaulting as well as running on the team as a freshman. "I've always enjoyed sports, and track and field is no exception," added Carow.

"This season was a great way to end my track and field career before I go to college."
-Senior Mary Shashaty

Beating records and having a good time with my friends has been great every year.
-Senior Aja Bundy

Being a part of this great team and participating in something I love.
-Senior Lamont Hunt

Track has really helped me develop as both an athlete and a person. It's been awesome working with the coaches and other athletes.
-Senior Kaitlin Carman

What have you enjoyed about being a part of track and field?

Face of Determination! Senior Sean Smith's face says it all as he sprints the final leg of the race. As a part of the team since freshmen year, Smith became familiar with the running routine. "Over the past four years I've made a bunch of good friends and also I get tan on the track."

Let it fly! Senior Michelle Regg throws the javelin during one of the team practices. The coaches and the other athletes were supportive and also provided a fun environment for the whole team. "It's fun, and all the hard work pays off at the track meets," said Regg.
Student Trainers
Facing Injuries

Under the guidance of Athletic Trainer Laura Friedman, student trainers senior Katharine Berka and sophomore Stephen Wenson were an essential part of every athletic team. In past seasons these two students were injured, and through their willingness to help others, acquired the position of student athletic trainers. After earning the title, Berka and Wenson learned to face injuries and various ways to care for them through “on-the-job” observation. Berka and Wenson were available to help uninjured athletes get ready for their games and practices while always being on hand in case of accidents. Whether they were taping ankles or helping athletes recuperate after being injured, these student trainers displayed diverse forms of dedication and hard work.

By Amira Selim

Help is on the Way!

As Stephen Wenson bandages an injured athlete, senior trainer Kat Berka provides assistance. After stress fracturing her shins during her junior year track season, Berka started helping at the trainer’s office. It is clear that she enjoys the position; Berka plans to continue in this field by studying physical-therapy in college. “I enjoy it; I get to hang out with other athletes…people I’m comfortable with,” commented Berka.

Healing Hands.

After a competitive soccer season, sophomore Julie Meurer counts on trainer Stephen Wenson to help her recover. Although this was Wenson’s first year in the position of student trainer, he came to the aid of many athletes. After being injured several times himself during football season and making frequent visits to the trainer’s office, Wenson showed interest in the position. “I like learning about different injuries and plan to study medicine when I go to college,” explained Wenson.
Pasta Parties
Stuffing Faces

Whenever sports teams needed to get together and prepare for their big game, meet, or match, pasta parties would always be the answer. These “carb tests” have been a tradition for many teams in this school for years. Whether the teams would gather at a teammates’ house or their favorite restaurant, they loved playing together as a team and eating together too! Pasta parties helped bring the teams together eating, bonded, and getting motivated to beat their competition the next day. By Tayler Montagna

Thank God It’s Friday!
TGIFridays is the place to find the Raider Volleyball Team the night before their big games. Seniors Dori D’Aloiso, Caroline L’Heroux, juniors Elaine Piniat, Lydia Sams, seniors Vanessa Okoro, Joscelyn Chang, Erin Gallagher, junior Kelly Kaskev, and senior Mai Trinh gather around the table filled with good food and smiles all around. “We went to Fridays the day before our big game against Cranford because it is everyone on our team’s favorite!” noted Trinh.

Couch Potatoes.
Enjoying themselves at senior Kahtin Carmans house, juniors Juliane Carman and Meghan Kelly, sophomores Julie Muuer and Mike Kutz, and seniors Michelle Regg and Carlene Bronkowski lounge around on the couch waiting for the food to be ready. The track team came together the night before the Drew Invitational to get pumped up for the meet. “Pasta parties really help us get motivated for all our meets. We liked having them because they are so much fun,” commented Carman.

Smores!
The Raider gymnastics team sits by the fire at Coach, Lisa Cerchio’s house for their first pasta party of the season. These girls roasted marshmallows, made smores, and shared their first real bonding experience as a team. “In the middle of the party, Tayler Natalie and I left and went to CVS to buy some graham crackers to make the smores. We thought it would be fun to bring Coach Lisa’s niece’s toy shopping cart to the store. We went in with it, put the graham crackers in the toy cart and took pictures. Everyone was staring and laughing at us in the store,” disclosed junior Alexa Knox.

One for All!
Before one of their many swim meets, sophomores Jillian Murphey and Brittany Larkin, freshman Mary Henkels, and junior Kristen Henkels get together to have a light hearted night before facing their competition the next day. These girls, and most of the other members of the team, used the time at pasta parties to inspire each other. “It was a lot of fun at Jamie Quaile’s house for the pasta party. Even though we lost the meet the next day, it still motivated us to try our best,” stated Larkin.
JV BOYS BASKETBALL

Back row: Sophomore Terrance Cronin, junior Said Al-Banna, sophomore Jason Zelesnik, Coach Hush, sophomore Geremy Antoine, junior Dan Ragan, freshman Rob Zekunde

Front Row: Junior Jeremiah Boykin, junior Ian Walker, sophomore Will Adkins, sophomore Derek Simmons, sophomore Augustine Ahiabor, sophomore Jason Giambol

FROSH BOYS BASKETBALL

Back Row: Jason Boff, Craig Hargrove, Kyle Mihansky, Aaron Miller, Andrew Manns, Michael Ragan

Front row: James Dinizo, Will Hubbard, Greg Zabel, Mandel Sly, Dan DeCataldo, Larry Dent, Justin Wheeler, Keith Bronikowski
JV GIRLS BASKETBALL

Back row: Freshman Allison Kodan, freshman Emily Meehan, freshman Kendra Spady, freshman Molly Meehan, sophomore Colleen LaForge, sophomore Jessica Kahn, sophomore Hailey Mroczek, Coach Davis

Front Row: Freshman Bridget Cornwell, freshman Courtney Bifani, sophomore Lindsay Circelli, freshman Daneen Easley, sophomore Liz Halpin

FROSH GIRLS BASKETBALL

Back row: Emily Meehan, Tyler DelMauro, Rachel Parker, Coach Raferty, Rachel Kreyer, Kendra Spady, Allison Kodan

Back Row: Molly Meehan, Maya Robinson, Courtney Bifani, Daneen Easley, Bridget Cornwell
JV CHEERLEADING

Back row: Freshman Ariana Tolliver, freshman Julianne Brennan, freshman Lisa Campbell, Coach Levi, freshman Chelsea Lusk, freshman Alexandra Fragna

Middle row: Freshman Caitlin Ridge, sophomore Jenny Bauer, freshman Kalee Aguilar, freshman Erica Zuleta, freshman Kaitlyn Soriano, freshman Stacia Piesch, freshman Keisha Asante

Front row: Sophomore Jaurdanne Cox, freshman Dauna DeMarisco, freshman Helene Gebler, freshman, Courtney Costa, freshman Christina Halma

FROSH FOOTBALL

Back row: Joe Gills, Andrew Manns, Jesse Marvosa, Joe Bof, Joe Blaes, Mike Alleman, Keith Baker, Craig Hargrove

Fourth row: Leon Allen, JJ Dagostaro, Rob O'Connor, Kevin Pinho, Alex Deduck, Keith Bronikowski, Kevin Mihansky

Third row: Jim Strobel, Steve Polhamus, Andrew Lynch, Coach Denen, Coach Stack, Coach Kane, Brandon Wergland, Mike Chervenyak, Will Hubbard

Second row: Adam Kastrati, James Dinizo, Mike Bello, Chris Young, Rob Barker, Brian Sensor, John DeLuca, Mike Cichon

First row: Mandel Sly, Andre Ruffin, Joe Sette, Tim Green, Andrew Davidson, Trevor Cannon, Shamir Watson
JV BOYS SOCCER

Back row: Sophomore Kyle Rowbotham, junior Justin Hensal, freshman Mike Cornacchia, freshman Jeff Stuart, freshman Tom Hercei, freshman Brandon Reddington, freshman Joe Tufaro, freshman Tyler Stanek, freshman Eddie Kahn, sophomore Joe Bianco, freshman Tayler Molinaro

Front row: Sophomore Max Delnegro, freshman Justin Peer, freshman Tim Stuart, sophomore Matt Flood, junior Matt Canfield, junior Marc Stiffler, freshman Sean McGowan, junior Charlie Field, freshman Adam Brous, freshman Tim Leischner

JV GIRLS SOCCER

Back row: Freshman Emily Meehan, sophomore Sam Buteas, freshman Tyler DelMauro, sophomore Heath Rodriguez, freshman Kristen Thompson, freshman Brittany Blondi

Middle row: Freshman Molly Meehan, sophomore Jenna Delle-Donne, sophomore Brittany Kane, freshman Tina Olsson, freshman Debra Delledonne, freshman Joanna Naugle, freshman Rachel Kreyer

Front row: Freshman Sam Bremer, sophomore Carol Monteiro, freshman Alyssa Straniero, sophomore Amanda Bobyack, sophomore Liz Halpin
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Spring Sports
Varsity Sports Updated
Junior Prom
Senior Prom
Senior Superlatives
Olympic Volleyball
Rep Theater Performances
SMAC Relay For Life

And much more!
Graduation did not mark an end to everything for which an athlete worked during the past four years; it set a new beginning for the future. Many athletes decided to take their abilities to the next level and play at various colleges and universities. Only the top achievers decided to continue playing their sport during their higher education experience. Some lucky individuals received scholarships and grants, and others were recruited by college teams. Either way, these athletic faces of the future were dubbed the cream of the crop and were prepared to succeed even more during their college career. By Lisa Bereznak

Across The Finish Line! A Decathlon involves ten track and field events: high jump, hurdles, 100 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 1500 meter run, shot-put, javelin, discus, pole-vault, and long jump. Senior Sean Smith planned to participate in the Decathlon next year in college. “I've never participated in the Decathlon, but I've trained really hard, so I'm ready for next year,” commented Smith.

James Scalfaro

Fast Ball! Pitching fastballs and curve balls takes a lot of hard work and practice. Senior James Scalfaro planned to play ball at Lehigh University. Scalfaro pitched for the Raiders as well as a club team from New York. “I train long hours, and it pays off when colleges start looking at you to play for them,” noted Scalfaro.

Jenna Balestriere

Kicking To Achieve! Leading the girl’s soccer team to success, senior Jenna Balestriere was deemed captain during her fourth year on varsity. Balestriere planned to play soccer for Rider University in the fall of 2005. “I’m really excited to be playing a sport for the next four years that I love so much!” exclaimed Balestriere.

Marc Fabiano

Tackling An Accomplishment! Senior Marc Fabiano has his future all mapped out, planning to play football at Monmouth University in September. This tough lineman and football captain led the team to many victories. “I'm really pumped to play this fall at Monmouth, and I've worked really hard my entire life to get to where I am now,” said Fabiano.

Tayler Cianciotta

Batter Up! Softball requires strength and determination. Senior Tayler Cianciotta achieved her softball goals during her high school career, playing on club teams as well as the Raider Varsity team. “It has always been a dream of mine to play softball at the collegiate level, and I’m excited because it’s something I worked at for my whole life,” commented Cianciotta.
Accomplishing A Goal! Senior captain Gregory Leischner plans to play soccer in college. Leischner played on various club teams during his high school career and maintained high status on the Raider’s Varsity team. “College is going to be a lot of fun, and I’m going to be taking my playing to the next level,” explained Leischner.

Aiming To Succeed. Throwing shot put, discus, and javelin require the strongest individuals. Senior Kat Berka won the Conference meet in the spring of 2004 and placed fifth at Counties during the winter of 2004. Berka planned to attend Springfield College in the fall to throw the javelin. “I talked to the coach, and he told me that I’d be up the level of his team when I plan to attend in the fall,” noted Berka.

Pinning in the Future. Practically breathing wrestling, Senior Steve Mineo is one of Spiffy’s most valuable players and has been throughout his entire wrestling career. Mineo planned to take his abilities to the next level at the University of Maryland next year. “I’m overjoyed that I’m going to be wrestling at the University of Maryland; it seems like a really great place for me,” commented Mineo.

Slam Dunk! Being recruited to schools like Lehigh, Boston College, and St. Joe’s is a pretty big honor. Senior basketball star Hillary Klimowicz accomplished so much throughout her high school career, such as scoring over 1700 points! Klimowicz visited many different schools—St. Joe’s was her school of choice. “I went on all of my recruiting trips, and once I went to St Joe’s, I knew that was where I wanted to go,” discussed Klimowicz.

Shooting For Success! Dribbling and shooting are second nature for senior Jenny Burke. Burke was accepted to Yale where she will play basketball for their team. “Playing basketball allowed me to have the opportunity to attend such a prestigious university,” noted Burke.

Batting A Thousand! A talented shortstop who helps the team dominate, senior Christopher D’Annunzio is Spiffy’s very own Derek Jeter. D’Annunzio was accepted to MIT where he plans to continue his baseball career. “I’m glad this isn’t my last year playing baseball, because I love it so much,” noted D’Annunzio.

Ready, Set, Go!!!! Running is not only a physical sport, but it is equally a mental sport. Senior Mary Shashaty planned to run cross country and track in college, Shashaty held the school’s girl’s cross country record at 19:36 minutes. “Running in college is going to be a lot different; the competition is going to be a lot tougher, and I’m going to have to work a lot harder,” noted Shashaty.
I love soccer. I think the sport itself, my teammates, and the competition is the best. It's fun and it feels so great to succeed and win games.

-Senior Carlene Bronikowski

The best part about playing baseball is being part of a team that is so close and has some of your friends on it. The best part about the actual game is hitting a homerun, it is an indescribable feeling.

-Senior John Maloney

A FACE IN THE PAST - A Face Today

Whether it was many years ago or just yesterday, the love for their sport remained strong for these athletes. For many of these seniors, this was a time to sit back and reminisce about the good old days when they were just kicking the ball around or dribbling down the court for a lay up. It was then, that they first learned how to play their favorite sport. It is now that they have mastered the skills to perform with excellence in that same sport. The continuous enjoyment seen in the faces of today have been seen in every game and match in the faces of the past as well.

By Jen Gawryluk
As a kid playing basketball, one of my memorable moments was winning states and going to Kansas for the National Tournament. We were pretty young, so it was weird to have scouts watching you.

The biggest change from playing back then to now is the competition. Everyone is stronger, faster, and more skilled in high school and there is less of a drop off between good and bad teams. Also, a stronger desire to win.

I first got interested in tennis when my mom taught me when I was three. She started me playing with balloons and then I moved on to real tennis balls.

- Senior Sean McNelis
High school offered a wide variety of activities and sports from which students could choose. However, there were always a few individuals who reached above and beyond the every-day possibilities. These students, therefore, fulfilled their needs beyond the walls of SPFHS. Most often it was because an individual had a passion for an activity that was not offered here. These activities often required traveling extra distance or giving up time in a far different capacity than was usually the case. The five students featured provide a glimpse into various worlds of sports that were not seen everyday here at Spiffy High.

By Staff Writer

**Ben Vogel**

**SET, SHOOT, GOAL**

For four years, senior Ben Vogel plays for the Kings Junior Ice Hockey Club. Vogel was a tri-captain. His participation in this club team provided him with the experience of traveling to Canada and all over New England as he and his teammates competed in various tournaments. A particular favorite was the St. Paul Junior Tournament in Quebec, which they won. "The intensity of the game is my passion. Hockey is a very positive interval at this time of my life," affirmed Vogel.

**John Mangan**

**EN GARDE**

Westfield offers senior John Mangan the opportunity to practice and perfect his art of fencing. Mangan participated in this sport for six years. Most people did not know much about this sport which involved two fencers who stood across from each other, between a rubber strip, moved back and forth, and tried to hit each other in the chest. "Fencing has taught me concentration. My plans for college are to play with an intramural club or team for the fun of the game," commented Mangan.
SMOOTH AS GLASS

Three to four days a week! Ten hours a week! Twelve years! If this sounds like a full schedule, it is. For junior Dana Levinson ice skating was a top priority. Levinson travelled to Morristown Mennan Sports Arena for the privilege of hours and hours of hard work. She competed individually about five times a year, enjoying all the aspects of competition including picking out her own music and costumes. Levinson was awarded numerous medals and trophies, especially the Sportsmanship Trophy which was nationally recognized. "It's a really great way to express myself; jumping and spinning, basically ice-skating on water," noted Levinson.

ALL TOGETHER NOW

Senior Jamie Quale swims at the Westfield YMCA with a synchronized swim team called Aqua. This was Quale's quest for eight years. She participated in competitions within specific age categories with formal shows in the fall. Quale was also a member and captain of SPFHS's swim team. "I find synchronized swimming different and challenging physically. Sometimes I'll have straight practices, but if I'm not at the school swimming, I'll be at syncho, working at the YMCA," explained Quale.

GIDDYUP

Since seven years old, senior Jessica Binkiwitz participates in horseback riding at Sunny Meadows Farm in Hillsborough. During the summers Binkiwitz worked as a camp counselor at the horseback stable called Hidden Brook Farm where she was in charge of approximately 8-9 children. Binkiwitz competed in English Horseback Riding in walk, trot, canter, and jump. Just this year she traveled to Virginia for a Compton at the Hunter Show in equestrian jumping and won second place. "It's a relaxing sport when I'm stressed out. When I began having an interest in horseback riding, Laura Harrison and myself always liked horses, and we convinced our parents to let us start," said Binkiwitz.
"You going to the JSA meeting?"
-Jake Parisi
"SMAC canister drive is today"

—Diana Chaves

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Meetings!

Trips!
Practice makes perfect. At the first winter guard practice of the season, senior Amanda Walker practices spinning her rifle. This was Walker's fourth and final year on the guard, having been a devoted member since her freshman year. "Being in winter guard is great. It has taught me how to push myself harder. It is a demanding activity that not many people understand," stated Walker.

While many students were on vacation over winter break, the Winterguard spent three full days at the JCC learning their show, "Dream in Color." This song allowed the guard to change the concept of their show by incorporating sign language. Led by co-captains seniors Alex Fredas and Amanda Walker and junior captain junior Sarah Cohen, the group of 20 girls danced and spun rifles, sabers, and flags. The unique quality of Winterguard was that they performed indoors. With a season that lasted approximately four months, they competed at least once each weekend. Competing against guards from all over the region, one of their highlights was attending the WGI Regionals in Syracuse, NY. Overall, they had an excellent season and all of their hard work definitely paid off. By Erica Stuppler

Focus on the Flag! With complete concentration, junior Kelly Dougher preps her flag for a toss in the air. Since this was only her first year in winterguard, she felt that her season, in color guard this fall helped her learn the skills needed to make it look easy. "So far, winterguard has been a lot of fun. Flowever at the same time, it can also be a challenge. From the way practices have been going, I am sure it will be a great season," added Dougher.

It's a grand old FLAG. Freshman Kimberly Kliesch reviews the opening flag work for the winterguard show. She joined winterguard because she enjoyed being a member of the color guard during the fall, and her fellow guard members told her it would be a lot of fun. "I liked winterguard better than colorguard because since there were less people, I was able to perform more," commented Kliesch.

On guard. Junior Lauren Hercei learns how to do a sabre feature at guard practice. It took her a few weeks to learn the skill of spinning a sabre, being that it was more difficult to spin than a flag. "It is a lot of work, but at the end of the day, guard is all about having fun," added Hercul.
Swing! Senior Erica Stuppler prepares to execute a Chaînes turn in the dance number “Cool.” She has been in Rep Theater for the past three years, but this is her first year with a major role. “I was thrilled to get the part of Anybodys in West Side Story because it is such a great part. My character is a tomboy, and since I am not one, I am having such a great time acting like a completely different person,” noted Stuppler.

Play it cool! Sophomore Adam Biner and seniors Matt Capodicasa and James McNamara run through the dance number “Cool” at Dance 2000 in Scotch Plains. All of the cast members who were Jets met over winter break to learn this dance so that they could be ahead of the game when rehearsals resumed in January. “I am glad we had extra practices, because dancing is hard work and takes time to learn and perfect,” stated McNamara.

REPERTORY THEATER
Facing the Audience

From October to March, the members of Repertory Theater, more commonly known as “rep,” prepared for the spring musical production. In October, the auditions were held to cast West Side Story. One major change was that the cast was nearly half the size that it had been in previous years since West Side Story was not a show with a large ensemble. Rehearsals started soon after the auditions and ran up until the performances which were on the 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, and 19 of March. There were six performances, just like there were last year, and each one was sold out. West Side Story was a show with so much dancing; it was even more exciting to watch. Each time the cast faced the audience, they were in character and their passion was evident! By Erica Stuppler
A Hallmark Moment! Senior Mike Sprung hands a warm dinner to an elderly woman at Thanksgiving. DECA members had the opportunity to see how others spent their holidays and how one meal could make someone’s day a little brighter. “It makes me feel very good to help those who are less fortunate, especially during the holidays. I get to see how thankful people are to have as little as a warm meal,” voiced Sprung.

DECA was very versatile as it was both a club and a business. Like every other year, DECA ran the beloved school store and competed in regional, state, and national competitions. The competitions allowed them to face the business world by designing projects and models. They focused on community service making it a priority to help the less fortunate. In addition both a Halloween party and Christmas party for underprivileged kids and parents was organized, and a Thanksgiving dinner was hosted to feed the homeless of Plainfield. The club worked with the Presbyterian Church in Fanwood and collected and distributed food for the church’s food drive. DECA Day of Decisions for Park and Terrill Middle School was held to inform teens on topics such as drug and alcohol awareness. Members helped out at the local Memorial Day Parade and did odd jobs such as passing out American flags. Lastly, “Mayor for a Day” was an activity that provided a behind-the-scenes look at our local government.

By Aliza Burns

The True Holiday Spirit! Seniors Lauren Perrotta and Liz Elko serve holiday meals with all the trimmings! As business minded students, it was important to all members that the events held be well planned and executed. “I’m really proud of this year’s group of DECA members. We have really bonded and were able to reach out to the community and run the store successfully,” affirmed Elko.

DECA
Facing the Business World

Lending A Helping Hand! Junior Becky Lundgren serves a Thanksgiving day dinner to a member of the Plainfield community. The dinner was held to feed the less fortunate and benefited all who attended. “DECA allows me to get a better understanding of the business world, but I also get a perspective on the real world when I volunteer,” expressed Lundgren.

Show Me The Money! Advisor Mr. Franzone meets with his students as they sign up for a community service project. Franzone’s first year went very well, and he was able to incorporate DECA into classroom activities. “DECA allows me to meet with members of the club everyday in class. It gives us an extension and kids can get more out of the DECA experience,” announced Mr. Franzone.
Come Ride The Log Of Death! Senior Sara Parisi, sophomore Lauren Mains, senior Quashon Brooks, junior Danny Appel, science teacher Mr. Kessel, sophomore Andrew Haggan, junior Shemane Fritz, Victoria Gorbach, and freshmen Kelley Prestridge use each other to counteract the probability of coming to a nasty spill. The activities faced by members were both physically and mentally challenging. “It taught me to respect people and leadership, I feel like a better person now,” commented Appel.

SLC Changing People into Leaders

Hanging Out! The mix of excitement and terror fills the air as members are strapped into “The Zip Line” and glide across a lake to the safety of land. This tested each person’s courage and trust. This became a preferred choice with junior Jared Chmielnik. “My personal favorite was the zip line, it was fun practically flying out of a tree across a lake. Good times,” said Chmielnik.

The goal of the Student Leadership Conference was to bring together motivated students who were encouraged to share ideas, network strategies, and benefit from team success. A select group of individuals was chosen to spend a weekend at the Happiness is Camping Lodge to learn the importance of the dynamic combination of trust, hard work, and friendship. Students were given challenges ranging from climbing walls, participating in blindfolded games, and swinging across a lake on a zip line. The trip created an environment in which students came together to enhance leadership skills and breakdown barriers. When all was said and done, SLC members truly turned into leaders as they took away the skills they had learned to then serve and build a stronger community. By Danielle Koch.

A Helping Hand! “The Wall Climb” tests the strength and teamwork of (starting top left clockwise) Doryea Brausswell, junior Dan Ingram, Mr. Rafferty, and Mr. Crane, who work together to pull senior Byard Bridges up an 18 foot wall with no foothold, ropes, or hand grips. SLC members agreed that this was their most memorable activity. SLC taught me how to work as a team with people I had never met before. The activities taught me how important it is to take initiative with a group to accomplish near-impossible feats. The leadership and teamwork skills that I gained at SLC will stick with me and help me in all my future endeavors,” assessed Ingram.

Me Tarzan, You Jane! Seniors Mike Sheffield and juniors Troy Morgan and Neil Dalal come to the rescue of junior Patrina Hillman as she swings back from the death defying swing across the tree tops. These students formed new friendships that started with the foundation of trust. “As a leader, it was my responsibility to engage the entire team. SLC helped me to use the entire team and listen to their ideas instead of solving the problem alone,” explained Morgan.
Preparing for FBLA's trip to Buffalo, New York, can pose some tricky situations. Presidents seniors Marissa Mastroianni and Brittany Adisano proved that two heads are better than one while they worked out their FBLA schedule. "I've been in FBLA since freshman year. It has provided me with skills that I will definitely use in the future," commented Adisano.

It's no secret that the Future Business Leaders of America, better known as FBLA, received prominent recognition for various charitable events. The much appreciated lollipop sales proved to be successful yet once again, and candy sales helped raise money for the club as well as funds for various trips. Excursions to Buffalo, New York, and the PIBB Institute had positive impacts on the group and provided members with a solid foundation for future careers. Placing highly at competitions, affiliates of FBLA made presentations concerning marketing and merchandizing. Veteran advisor Mrs. DaSalvo dedicated much time to the club's members and causes which resulted in nothing less than success. By Lisa Bereznak

Student Teacher... Morning meetings for FBLA are held monthly. Senior John Maloney stayed after to explain key concepts to junior Michelle Dsurney about raising money for the Bowl-A-Thon. "The Bowl-A-Thon was so much fun, and we raised a lot money for the club," said Dsurney.

In The Zone! Reviewing the FBLA agenda involves time and concentration. Junior Michael Frangna compared his notes with information from the FBLA bulletin. "FBLA's a lot of work, but it pays off when we go on our trips and go to competitions," noted Frangna.

Sitting On Top Of The World! Looking professional is important when trying to make a good impression. Seniors Arpan Patel and Andrew Jayson dressed for success while at a workshop in Buffalo, New York. "All of my friends are involved in FBLA too, so it's more fun," explained Patel.
Lending Hands. Finishing up making food boxes filled with a Thanksgiving meal for a needy family, seniors Michael Parabochi and Daniel Deegan lend a helping hand. "Personally, it feels good to do something for someone who is incapable of doing it themselves," commented Parabochi.

A Smile For A Smile. Senior Jaclyn Costa, one of the two presidents of SCN, redecorates the club's display box. "My involvement in SCN has grown within the past four years just as much as the club has grown. After participating in each activity, I am able to get something out of it. I am able to walk away knowing I have put a smile on someone's face," explained Costa.

Some of the most caring individuals belonged to Students Concerned for the Needy, also known as SCN, one of the school's busiest clubs. At weekly meetings, members discussed upcoming events such as volunteering weekly at a soup kitchen, collecting shoes for the needy, caroling for the Tiny Tim Fund, and making baskets for Thanksgiving. The contribution of SCN helped change the world to a better place. Mr. Robert Stevens, who led the group since its beginning thirteen years ago noted, "SCN is an important club to join because it teaches students to be life-long givers."

Offering Assistance. Sophomore Michelle Chan, senior Melissa Franks and sophomore Lauren Messina work together to box up food for the needy. "SCN is an important club because it provides basic essentials and gives support to those who are less fortunate than others by giving food and money to needy organizations," noted Chan.

Boxing Boxes. Always ready with smiles, sophomores Lauren Messina, Lauryn Adams, advisor Mr. Stevens, juniors Samanta Savino, and Gabriele Falco assist with sending donations to disadvantaged families in the area. The members of SCN dedicate much time and effort in order to help those who are less fortunate. "It's an awarding club and you feel great after helping out in one of the many activities," said Savino.
Birthday Wishes! Keeping the tradition of sending birthday cards to seniors, junior Lauren Benovengo helps package and send out the cards. These birthday notices consisted of a card wishing the person a happy birthday, and a fact sheet informing the person on the dangers of smoking. "We try to get students to stop smoking from an early age so they can stop the affects in the long run," stated Benovengo.

"Reaching Everyone by Exposing Lies" is the message REBEL sent out to the student body. Founders of the club, juniors Candance Barnes, Shemane Fritz, Danielle Porter, and senior Elizabeth Stamler organized projects to help students and the community. For Thanksgiving, members distributed candy to people in the school who did not smoke and who also encouraged others not to smoke. They also sent Christmas cards to people who were shut ins and sent birthday cards to all seniors wishing them a happy and healthy birthday. In March REBEL held National Smoke-Out Week. Every student received a non-smoking fact card and daily announcements that consisted of information on the dangers of smoking. By Tayler Montagna

"Rebel with a cause! Seniors Elizabeth DeCataldo, Maura Gillooly, and Elizabeth Stamler discuss REBEL plans for Valentine’s Day. Club members made smoking fact announcements every day over the loud speaker informing students about the dangers of smoking. "Our goal is to promote awareness to students about the dangers of tobacco. We want to help people either to stop smoking or even not to start," quoted Stamler.

Think Purple. Working together, juniors Catherine Jahn and Rob Burke come up with new fundraising ideas for upcoming months. REBEL participated in Think Purple Week in April by handing out purple ribbons to each student. "We need more people to spread the word telling people not to smoke. A lot of people also don't know that second hand smoking is almost just as bad as smoking," stated Jahn.

When Smoke gets in Your Eyes! Ana Castillo brainstorms and takes notes during the discussion about projects that could be done for St. Patrick's Day. REBEL members organized projects every month to encourage students not to smoke. "Most high school students don't understand that smoking is a big deal. They don’t know all the dangers smoking causes, and I wanted to help people to find out," quoted Castillo.
Poetic Success. Listening to a club member give an analysis of a short story, junior Robert Barker and sophomore Inbar Cohen were found at a Muse meeting. Dedicated members made the club very successful. “Muse is great because I like poetry and writing,” said Cohen.

Hands Up. Seniors Sarah Ranney, Paul Chiarliello, Kelly Zajac, and Christine Jackovino wait patiently to get called on so they can give their input on a poem. Each student’s ideas on a poem helped make the magazine extraordinary. “This club helps strengthen people’s analytical, debating, and writing skills,” claimed Ranney.

Many of the school’s most creative individuals participate in Muse, a literary magazine club. These visionaries compiled an award winning magazine of students’ works, including poems, short stories, prose, photographs, and drawings. The process which led to being published included a critique by colleagues. The club got together weekly to vote “yay” or “nay” on each submission. However, as this is a totally self-supported endeavor, to raise funds to publish the magazine, the club sponsored numerous Open Mic Nights and weekly bagel sales. Advisor Mrs. Keller said, “Students who write creatively and want their work critiqued in an open forum discussion should join Muse.” By Melissa Koerner

The thinkers. Focused, juniors Elisabeth Kipping and Gaby Falco peruse a poem at a weekly meeting. Members of the club had to decide whether or not they wanted the poem to appear in the Muse magazine. “Muse is one of the few outlets where students delve into intellectual discussions and try to bring words to life,” explained Falco.

Leading the way. Muse presidents seniors Shannon Hassett, Chloe Sundstrom, and Anthony Dibattista guide the club to a successful year. They contributed much of their time and effort into the club by planning the Open Mic Nights and putting together the magazine. “Muse is a welcoming environment that encourages creativity,” said both Hassett and Sundstrom.
Staff and students were always excited to receive the monthly installment of *The Fanscotian*, one of the three popular school publications, which provided insightful stories and important information. The newspaper had been a part of our history for decades and had evolved into an amazing, award-winning high school gazette. With every aspect of the news covered, pupils were never out of the loop. One of the features was a spread about the Presidential election which conducted a poll to see for which candidate the students would vote if they had the opportunity. Along with featured stories were the “regular” articles which included Student of the Month, student editorials, music/movie reviews, and the sports bulletin. The news and features of *The Fanscotian* made sure the school population had the news needed to face the facts. By Aliza Burns

NAME DROPPER! Junior Andrew Lipstein sits intently at his computer while contemplating his article. After interviewing, researching, writing, and rewriting, an article was produced and published in the newspaper. “I enjoy writing and I like to have the opportunity to express my ideas on paper. Plus, it makes you proud to see your name in the paper,” expressed Lipstein.

ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL! Junior Jess McGarry, seniors Stephanie King and Jack Rollins, and sophomore Pete Robinson talk and laugh around the desk of *Fanscotian* advisor, Mrs. Cathy Hoffman. Although there were deadlines and stressful hours, this close-knit group of students supported each other through thick and thin. “Journalism is my favorite class and the best way to end my day. It’s the class where I laugh the most and everyone wants everyone to succeed,” announced McGarry.

FANS COT I A N

Facing The Facts

ALL KNOWING, ALL SEEING! Seniors Matt Capodicasa and Abe Hiatt look on together at a magazine for ideas and inspiration. *The Fanscotian* acted as the eyes of the school by knowing about every activity, game, or event in the school. “Being on *The Fanscotian* gives me the opportunity to know what’s going on in the building. I like to show the school what they should know,” stated Capodicasa.

LISTEN UP! Junior Carolyn DiProspero works on her opinion article for the newspaper. There were many debated issues to be covered and the school’s local journalists took advantage of the opportunity. “I like to write opinion articles. It gives you the chance to air your views and say what you want to say,” mentioned DiProspero.
Future Mayor? Engulfed in a heated debate, senior Alex Pauline listens carefully to the points being discussed. Interested in politics, Pauline believed that JSA was great for people who wanted to learn about political affairs. "I plan to run for mayor of Scotch Plains one day. I feel that this town is the greatest town in America!" exclaimed Pauline.

The Informer! President of JSA, senior Justin Rowinsky, advises the club on upcoming events. The club members were informed about the approaching Winter State Competition that took place for three days in February. "I enjoy listening to the debates because people with different viewpoints can open the minds of others," quoted Rowinsky.

Having fifty plus members, the Junior Statesmen of America was one of the largest student run organizations. Topics of diverse interests were debated every Wednesday in Ms. Wagner's room, changing opinions from 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. The organization formed its own website, which featured information for the upcoming debates, the cabinet members, announcements, and approaching events. Associates of JSA participated in three major state conventions: Fall State in Philadelphia, Winter State in Washington D.C., and Spring State, also in Philadelphia. The mayor of the New Jersey region and presidential advisor for Scotch Plains, Dan Ingram felt that being in JSA was, "very rewarding because it allowed me to express my opinion and discuss with others their opinions." By Melissa Koerner

On Fire! Pro speaker junior Leah Siegal makes her speech during the debate against sophomore Brennan McIernan. McIernan patiently waited for his rebuttal while listening to the controversial debate. "Usually when I am presenting my information my debates get very heated!" exclaimed Siegal.

Debatable Topic! Senior Michelle Regg tries to convince junior Drew Gibson to join the other members on their trip to Winter State. Winter State took place in Washington D.C. which forty members from the club attended. "I enjoy debating very much, but I wasn't convinced enough to go," quoted Gibson.
Global issues and changing policies have caused a stir around the world which created an interesting environment for Model UN delegates. Participants represented a diversity of countries which created a fun and educational learning setting. The advisors, Mr. Higgins and long-time advisor Mrs. Sleeper, established an ambiance of enlightenment concerning international topics. Weekly meetings were held to begin writing position papers about the most controversial issues. Being prepared for their trip to Hershey, PA in January equipped members with the essential tools to flourish and succeed.

Scribble Scrabble! This is certainly not what senior Eric Ajuluchukwu is doing during this session at the Model UN convention. Ajuluchukwu wrote resolutions regarding issues concerning global health and the tsunami. “Model UN was a beneficial learning experience that helped me understand international affairs,” assessed Ajuluchukwu.

International Aid! Hershey Park proves to be a great place for international issues to be debated and discussed. A participant from a different delegation and senior Karina Gotliboym put their heads together to write a resolution. “I really enjoyed the experience because it made me aware of all the litigious issues around the globe,” commented Gotliboym.

MODEL UN
Changing Policies

Pick Me! Senior Andrew Jayson raises his hand enthusiastically with a question concerning the Model UN weekend getaway. Students traveled to Hershey, PA representing countries like the United Nations did. “It’s a great way to learn about international affairs and current events concerning smaller countries,” noted Jayson.

Taking a Breather! Delegates sit down for only a few minutes at the MUN dance, only to jump up and start bumpin’ and grindin’ again moments later. At the end of the convention, a dance was held to reward members for their hard work and dedication. “It was a lot of fun to dance with my friends to wrap up a weekend of hard work,” said senior William Albazati.
Gimme a Break! Taking a quick break from their late night workload, staff members check out one of the finished pages. Although producing The Culmen can be intense, juniors Neil Dalal and Danielle Koch, senior Taylor Montagna, and advisor Mrs. Whitty shared a lighter moment. “Although it’s hard work, we always find time for a few laughs,” quoted Dalal.

Late Night Helper! Needing to get her work accomplished, senior Kate Breuninger asks Mrs. Wiegel for assistance in checking the layout for her page. The time on the clock said it all—another late night! “Late nights aren’t too bad; they can be good and bad. Everyone is in the same boat, so I know I’m not alone,” commented Breuninger.

CULMEN
Open to Change

After visiting the Columbia Workshops in the fall and spring of 2004, the Culmen staff was open to change in 2005. After learning new techniques themselves, body copy, captions, rockets, color design, and layouts were main lessons taught by advisors Mrs. Whitty and Mrs. Wiegel. Winning a silver medal in the 2004 Columbia Scholastic Press Association for the first all-color yearbook, the staff worked hard to make the 2005 yearbook better than ever. Since deadline dates were very close to one another, there were several late nights of intense work. “It was a lot of work, but everyone put in the effort to get the job done. Seeing the finished pages made me feel good,” affirmed senior editor-in-chief Erica Stuppler.

The Face of a Job Well Done! Senior editor Sean Robinson finishes his senior superlatives spread. The seriousness of his expression is evidence of the seriousness of the task. Several days were spent by Robinson on these particular pages. His finished product brought a smile to his face as he exclaimed his work was, “AMAZING!”

Soothing Sounds! Senior business editor-in-chief Heather Vitullo quietly listens to her CD player while working on her deadline. Stress was one key factor Vitullo wanted to avoid because she had thirty eight pages due. “I wanted to occupy my mind so I wouldn’t go crazy!” exclaimed Vitullo.
An apple a day keeps the Doctor away! Juniors Guenevere Zucker and Chelsea Rowe discuss ways to fund money for AIDS research and keep the public more aware of HIV. These group members have been known to support and uplift classmates in embracing differences and working together to provide a safe place. “GSA has definitely had a positive effect in the school because it raised awareness and acceptance of differences so now less people are afraid of showing up.”

Advised by Ms Kling, the Gay Straight Alliance provided a safe haven for students to meet, support each other, talk about issues related to sexual orientation, work to end homophobia, and face diversity. Through the group’s efforts, proceeds of a red ribbon sale were donated to AIDS research. During the year, they also were involved in the nation-wide Day of Silence, a day to recognize and protest the discrimination and harassment of gays, lesbians, and transgenders. Club members strived for a student body that accepted, affirmed, and uplifted classmates, despite their differences.

By Danielle Koch

GSA

Facing Diversity

With eyes glued Listening to her classmates talk about how to rid the world of negative stereotypes, junior Kelia Guzman is focused on the topic. Many issues on diversity are brought up during GSA meetings and discussed. “Having this club makes students feel safe to 'come out' in high school,” commented Guzman on the acceptance of the club.

Pass the Popcorn! GSA members are engrossed in the movie The Birdcage starring Robin Williams, the club established a series of movie days when members and non-members alike came after school to watch videos that had a homosexual characters or a gay theme. Kristen Kersey, president of GSA said, “I think the club gives students a sense of security, that should they ever feel unsafe of unloved, there is a group of their peers who will support them and help them get through hard times, regardless of race, sex or sexuality.”
In Rythm! Junior Malaiia Said and her teammates slide in sync during their performance at the 2004 Homecoming. Encouragement and teamwork kept them unified. "Having teammates is a very positive thing, because they are there to help and to make me feel secure," quoted Said.

Hit the Floor! Waiting for the music to start, sophomore Chelsea Donnelly practices her favorite dance, "All Night Don't Stop". Donnelly rehearsed the dance which was part of the talent show, and was also performed during halftime of the varsity boys and girls basketball games. "Being on the dance team is enjoyable because we are a great group of girls and we all work hard," commented Donnelly.

Preparing for performances in their new dance room, the dance team had intense three hour practices of non-stop hip hop two days a week. The team faced the audience performing at Homecoming and every home varsity basketball game. They also appeared at challenging competitions at Six Flag and Star Systems in New Brunswick. Placing in the gold division at the Star Systems competition was an incredible accomplishment for the team as high school teams were rarely seen in that competition. They were up against girls with more rigorous practice schedules. Since money was an issue, the team put their heads together and decided to host a talent show to raise funds to attend more competitions. "We're like one big family, and I hope after I leave the girls will uphold what has been going on for years," quoted senior captain of two years Briana Berry.

1.2 Step! Leading the team at practice, co-captain sophomore Liana Rivera works hard to prepare for their performance. Being co-captain was a lot of responsibility, because Rivera helped the team with the moves the choreographer created. "We practice twice a week to rehearse our routines for competitions. At competitions we all get nervous knowing that there is a lot of competition to go up against," quoted Rivera.

The Last Dance! Putting on their best performance at their last Homecoming, seniors Feyisola Ogunfemi, Briana Berry, and Jeannette Franzone put their best feet forward. Being nervous was not an issue the girls faced, and they went out with huge smiles to show that they were confident. "Homecoming went very well, despite the fact that our music stopped. We pulled it all together, and the audience thought it was part of our routine," laughed Berry.
The music men. Seniors Justin Rowinsky and Dave Demair play a duet on their trumpet and horn, respectively in the middle of the ballad *Perfidia*. Rowinsky, president of Marching Band, and Demair were both accomplished musicians who were assets to the band since their freshmen year. "I like how everybody works together to create a show that nobody could do by themselves," stated Demair.

When half time rolled around, the football field was transformed into Club SPF. Different than previous years, Marching Band added a bar and dance floor, along with tables and chairs, to make this change. Their show consisted of three songs, *Nutville*, *A Night in Tunisia*, and *Perfidia* each of which had a very jazzy feel. The drum majorettes, juniors Justine Brown and Danielle Porter, faced the Marching Band throughout the show to ensure that the band was in-sync. Along with the Color Guard, they competed at Giants Stadium and came in ninth place in their division. Teamwork, once again, helped them reach their common goal—success!

By Erica Stuppler

Bells are ringing. Members of the pit, junior Allison Abbot and senior Sarah Schiff, play the bells during the halftime show at a home football game. The pit consisted of nine members, and they soon formed a strong bond that lasted from the beginning of the season until the end.

"I joined marching band because I was told that the experiences were once in a lifetime and the bonds were unbelievable. I knew I wanted to be a part of something strong," said Schiff.

MARCHING BAND

Facing the Drum Majorettes

Home is where the heart is. Sophomore Tiffany Wong "holds" a note during a pause in the song *Nutville*. This was Wong's first year in Marching Band and she soon realized how close the Band and Color Guard became. "The Band and Guard quickly combined forming a huge family where everyone matters and it seems as if the high school is our second home; a place where new friends are made and never forgotten," explained Wong.

Left, right, left. Freshman Harry Stuppler marches across the football field with his bass drum during the final measures of *Nutville*. After seeing their performances numerous times, Stuppler knew he wanted to have a spot in the drum line of the Raider Marching Band. "Marching band was such a great experience for me. I will never forget the feeling I had the first time I stepped onto the field to perform; it was such a thrill!" Stuppler noted.
Free as a bird. Spinning in a circle allows sophomore Kristen Barry's two red flags to fly in the wind during the ballad of the show. This was her favorite song because it was more performance oriented than anything else. "My two years in guard have brought amazing friends and memories into my life," stated Barry.

A priceless passion. Preparing to pick up her sabre, junior Sarah Cohen performs during the opening song of the Color Guard show. Having been in the guard for three years, Cohen was honored to be a captain for the first time this season. "The colorguard has really taught me a sense of family and a new meaning of sisterhood," commented Cohen.

**COLOR GUARD**

**Facing the Heat**

From the final days in August until Thanksgiving Day, this group of talented girls spun flags almost everyday. The color guard, made up of 24 girls from all grade levels, performed at every football game during the halftime show, at home games, and during the pre-game show at away games. They spent two weeks at band camp facing endless hours under the hot August sun to learn their routines. Besides performing at football games, each weekend they competed against different high schools for the chance to go to the state championship at Giants Stadium. Along with the marching band, they were lucky enough to get opportunity. Led by co-captains seniors Alex Fredas and Amanda Walker; and junior captain junior Sarah Cohen, the guard was very proud of their accomplishments. By Erica Stuppler

Dance to the music. Senior Alex Fredas and junior Gabrielle Streep gracefully dance during the show's ballad song, Perfidia. The Guard practiced many times each week in order to perfect their show. "Color Guard has been a big part of my life during my four years in high school. I have so many great memories and have made so many friends. I will never forget them and will keep them with me for the rest of my life," Fredas added.

Sisters in every sense of the word. Sophomores Amanda Denman and Cristin Joy swing their flags in a feature during Perfidia. Both girls were returning members of the Color Guard and were not planning on leaving the group any time soon; they both enjoyed it so much that the thought never crossed their mind. "Through guard, I have met some amazing people that have taught me a lot. They are like sisters and we have great times together. I've learned a lot about myself and I wouldn't change the friendships and experiences for anything!" Denman stated.
"All that Jazz." Executing a hip roll during the "Hot Honey Rag" from Chicago are sophomore Allie Tiangco, senior Erica Stuppler, and sophomore Sarah Marable. This song was the only one in the entire show with only dancing in it. "I really liked having a real dance number in the show because it made show choir different than other years. Having groups doing different things by themselves let everyone have a chance to be seen," said Tiongo.

What did you get when you combined singing and dancing? Show choir! Also known as The Sensations, this was a group of talented students who, under the supervision of Mrs. Wellman, danced and sang, creating an exciting 20 minute show. Every song performed came right from a Broadway stage. Auditions were held in June for a spot in the group the following year. With dedicated choreographers, senior Alex Fredas, junior Katie Wong and assistant choreographers sophomores Brittany Fusillo, Maggie Kosciolak, and Sarah Marable, the show was a success. Songs from the hit musicals Wicked and Chicago provided the members with opportunities for enthusiastic faces each time they performed. The Show Choir performed at the winter and spring choral concerts and many of the students traveled to Disney World in April for the annual Music Department trip. By Erica Stuppler

Enthusiastic Faces

Abracadabra. Senior Matt Capidocasa sings the solo for "Magic to Do," the Show Choir's opening song. In addition to all of his contributions to the music department, Capidocasa was also news editor for the Fanscotton. "It is really a lot of fun to open the show and I am really excited to be doing it with such a great song," added Capidocasa.

Magic lady. Sophomore Stephanie Fredas performs "Magic to Do" from Pippin during the holiday concert. Fredas joined Show Choir during her freshman year because she knew from her sister, who was already a member, that it involved singing and dancing. "Show Choir is so much fun because it incorporates two of my favorite things to do: sing and dance. Also, we all work really hard to make sure the show is as good as possible," commented Fredas.
Combining melodies. Senior Nicole Hagerty, juniors Jennifer Bauer and Katherine Paseka, and freshman Elizabeth Miniski sing the soprano part during the song Oye. All four girls were very happy to have been chosen to be a part of this honors choir. "I am so glad I am in Las Cantadoras because everyone is so talented and we all have a lot of fun. It is just a great group of girls to have the pleasure of working with," commented Hagerty.

Born to entertain. Sophomore Sarah Marable belts out Oye, a Spanish song meaning "listen." Marable had been singing ever since she could talk. "Performing in front of an audience is what I live for. When I am on stage, I feel alive!" noted Marable.

LAS CANTADORAS

Facing a Final Concert

Once a week, an ensemble made up of very talented females met in the chorus room. They were called Las Cantadoras. Not only was it an honors choir, it was also an accelerated class in which all students received a letter grade. To be a member, an audition was necessary which was held in June of the previous school year. This group of talented women, led by Mrs. Wellman, practiced for one hour each Wednesday after school. When they competed in Williamsburg, Virginia during the spring of 2004, they won a first place trophy and received a superior rating. Although they were not able to perform at Disney World in April because there was not enough performance time, they sang at the winter and spring choral concerts. Since Mrs. Wellman retired at the end of the year, at the final two concerts, the choir sang many of her favorite songs from previous years. The final concert was an evening full of tears, both happy and sad, and many good wishes for an extremely dedicated music teacher. By Erica Stuppler

The voice of an angel. Senior Joscelyn Chang gets the undivided attention of the audience as she sings the solo for the song Al Shlosha D'Varim. Chang had been in the women's choir since her freshman year and had been a member of All-State Chorus for two years. "Being part of honors choirs has given me the ability to share my love of music with others," said Chang.

Creating one sound. The alto section stays on pitch as they sing the harmony of the song Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening. This song was actually a poem, written by Robert Frost, put to music. "I love the music we sing in Las Cantadoras because all the songs are really pretty, and we also do so well when we perform them," stated Okoro.
Strummin' along. Senior Adam Cutrone sits comfortably strumming his guitar. It may have been his last year in Moonglowers, but Cutrone played as enthusiastically as though it were his first. "I love my guitar and Moonglowers has been a lot of fun," commented Cutrone.

With competitions at the state and national levels, music teacher Mr. Turturiello faced both critiques and praises from the judges as the conductor of Moonglowers for the past 16 years. Combined efforts of early morning and after school practices were only two factors of the Moonglower's many successes. Each student's hard work, skill, and dedication contributed to this talented group. Every individual worked hard and earned his position. As the accolades accumulated and Moonglowers raised the bar, they "changed the tune" as to what was perceived as a high school band.

By: Jessica Roth

Stand up! Playing the trumpet since 4th grade, senior Justin Rowinsky stands up and belts out a high note. He has played many tunes throughout the years and loved every minute of it. "I enjoy playing different types of jazz — from Latin to the oldies," said Rowinsky.

MOONGLowers
Changing the Tune

Standing in the spotlight. Mornings are tough for some, but junior Stephen Voelker is wide awake as he rehearses his solo during one of the many morning practices. Being one of the few juniors in Moonglowers, he was very proud of his position. "It's been a great experience and I love it," affirmed Voelker.

Playin' in pink. Senior Nora Isack not only looks pretty but also powerful as the head of the line. She may have been one of the only girls as part of the trumpet line, but she made her way to the top. "Being in Moonglowers has been a goal of mine since I started playing the trumpet," explained Isack.
**Work hard Play hard**
Practicing her solo in *Swing Low*, senior Cassie Langner puts her soul into it. Although this was Langner’s first year in the choir, she felt it was her best year for a special reason. The girls became like family and confided in each other. “I would like the remaining choir group to remember to always work hard, but don’t forget to have fun,” advised Langner.

**Music to our ears**
It is a Wednesday afternoon, and you are walking down the hall. You turn the corner and hear beautiful voices coming from a classroom. It’s Gospel Choir! The choir took songs and created an original twist to them. According to senior Brianna Berry, “I think this year is the year for a gospel choir revival. People know who we are, and during some practices, people stop in while they walk by. It is wonderful.”

Originating in 1998, the Gospel Choir was founded by Andrew Ferguson and Kevin Brooks. In that first year the group of twenty members sang at National Prayer Day in Scotch Plains. Although the membership declined to about ten girls, the grace of their voices remained the same. Advisor Mrs. Williams stated that, “we have our highs and our lows, but this year’s choir is doing great things.” This group might have been called a melting pot because the nationalities of the members ranged from Jamaican to Brazilian to Caucasian to African American to Polish. These differences brought them together, not only in voice but in friendship. By Kate Breuninger

**We are family, I’ve got all my sisters with me!**
As a freshman, Amy Lee brings a unique and beautiful voice to this organization. The choir became a very close-knit group who helped each other whenever help was needed. “At first I was afraid that the upperclassman would not be accepting of me, but I was wrong. They were very accepting and now like we are a family,” Lee said with a smile.

**The Beautiful faces of the beautiful voices**
Julia Jackson, freshman Susie Olieria, senior Kristina Baxter, sophomore Olivia Cummings, senior Brianna Berry, sophomore Danielle Nigro, advisor Mrs. Williams senior Cassie Langner, freshman Amy Lee, and sophomores Amanda Langner and Tiffany Smith (not pictured) make up the Gospel Choir. Nigro was the director of the choir and had brought in Mrs. Julia to help the girls with their songs. “The girls surprise me with what they accomplish sometimes. I plan to get the choir to perform in as many shows as possible,” stated Nigro.
On any given Wednesday afternoon, the sound of melodic voices was heard throughout the hallways of the music department. These voices belonged to the Select Choir, one of many choral groups of which students were a part. Conducted by Mrs. Laurie Wellman, practice was held each Wednesday after school. Since an audition was necessary, all those involved were exceptionally talented. Many individuals were also chosen to be part of exclusive choral ensembles outside of the school such as Region, All-State, All-Eastern, and National Chorus. When combined, their voices were enchanting at both the winter and spring concerts. Even when they changed keys, this group constantly ended on the right note. Singing a variety of musical styles, the Select Choir always wowed their audience. By Erica Stuppler

A chill in the air. Seniors Matt Capidocasa and Lauren Perrotta sing their solo, *Baby It's Cold Outside*. They asked Mrs. Wellman if they could sing the duet because they really liked the song and wanted the chance to sing together. "Matt is one of my closest friends, and it is so nice to finally sing a solo with him during our senior year," stated Perrotta.

Can I take a breath? The men’s section looks to Mrs. Wellman while singing *Amid the Cold of Winter* to see her cut them off so they can take a breath. This song was one of the group’s favorites because it had a nice melody and sounded soothing to the ear. “During my two years in select, I’ve always enjoyed the songs chosen because there is always a variety of music. No two songs ever sound the same,” noted Mann.

The lone tenor. Senior Stephen Carroll showcases his tenor voice singing a solo in *O Holy Night* at the holiday choral concert. Senior Joselyn Chang, junior Caitlin Delaney and sophomore Helen Han, Carroll’s fellow All-State Chorus members, sang the other verses of the song as a trio. "I have enjoyed being in Select and the other honors choirs, because I feel like I learn a lot from being exposed to all different types of music,” added Carroll.
Focus, focus, focus!
Concentrating on what Mrs. Williams is saying, junior Anthony Nelson sits quietly as she discusses new ideas. The Threads Club volunteered in the community at least once a month. "We did a lot of community service in December, especially for Christmas," Nelson said.

The Thinker
Junior Natasha Johnstone jots down notes and ideas that are being mentioned about the fashion shows in March and May. Last year's successful fashion show was called "Putting on the Ritz." "I was a part of the fashion show last year, and I had so much fun with it. I'm definitely going to do it again this year!" Johnstone quoted.

THREADS
Changing the World with Fashion

Even though this was only the second year for Threads, it was a very popular and helpful club among the student body. Not only did club members share a love for sewing, but they also enjoyed helping the community. Every month, this group participated in community service activities that reflected major holidays of that month. Each Tuesday, Threads held meetings to plan fashion shows they hosted during the year. Since last year's fashion show was such a success, the club sponsored two this year, one in March and one in May. The galas were organized by club members and advisor, Mrs. Williams.

By Tayler Montagna

A helpful hand.
President of Threads, junior Shanice Turner, discusses information about new community service ideas with advisor, Mrs. Williams. "Threads is not a club just based on fashion; we also get together and help the community. We like to help others when they need it," commented Turner.

Teamwork!
Sophomores Janae Rogers and Lashani Watson put their heads together during a meeting to come up with new ideas for the upcoming fashion show. "Even though last year was our first year being a club, Threads became very popular. Our fashion show was such a success, we decided to have another one this year," explained Watson.
Get focused. Sophomores Martine Baruch and Courtney Berger adjust the focus of the lights in the ceiling of the auditorium. Baruch and Berger made sure the lights were fixed for the upcoming talent show. Berger enjoyed working on stage crew. "I had previously worked with sound and lights, so I knew I would enjoy it," added Berger.

While the spotlight may have been on the actors and performers on stage, that spotlight would have been nonexistent without the stage crew members. Among many tasks, these dedicated individuals were responsible for the lighting, sound, and acoustics for each production. Stage Crew meetings were held once a week to discuss who would be responsible for upcoming assemblies. Not only was the stage crew involved in functions for the high school, but they also helped out for elementary as well as middle school events. Their work ensured that every actor's face was lit up.

By Laura Harrison

Sounds good. Sophomore Jeff Pober adjusts the gain of the sound board. Stage crew members were in charge of both the sound and the lights at all productions. Pober was one of the few members who knew how to do both sound and lights. "I was asked to join last year; and it was something I thought was worth getting involved in," added Pober.

STAGE CREW

Lighting up faces

Spotlights on you... With his sights on the stage, sophomore Mike Cejovic adjusts the spotlight. Cejovic controlled the spotlight for the winter chorus concert. "The spotlight is my favorite thing to be in charge of," added Cejovic.

Hit the lights. In preparation for the chorus concert, sophomore Kyle Chase changes the light board. Chase's responsibility for the winter chorus concert was to set up the lights using the light board. He chose to join stage crew because his brother was a member. "He always seemed to like it, so I decided to join," added Chase.
Raising Spirits. Sophomore class president Diana Chaves has a positive outlook for the goals she has set for her class. Some of her goals included raising both funds for her class' junior prom and the spirits of her fellow classmates. "Taking the position has taught me how to juggle a lot of responsibilities," claimed Chaves.

Making Change. Always with a sense of humor, senior class treasurer Alexandra Pauline enjoys the satisfaction of making a change for her grade. With a cup of coffee on hand anything was possible. "You only get out of the year what the whole class puts into it," noted Pauline.

A snowy transformation. Junior class secretary/treasurer Justine Brown and senior class vice president Caroline L’Heureux open up a bag of "snow," one of the many decorations for a dance. The day of the dance, all the class officers came together for hours to transform the gym. "Being a class officer is a wonderful experience that has helped me gain responsibility," said Brown.

A powerful trio. The three sophomore class officers, Morgan Finkle, Diana Chaves, and Lauren Weisbrod, make a list on the chalkboard of their responsibilities for the Winter Wonderland Dance. The task of planning the dance was a major duty, but these three girls handled it well. "Student council is the voice of the students. We play a crucial role in organizing major school activities," explained Weisbord.
Supporting The Plan. Expressing their views on the upcoming club events, junior Katie Wong and senior Michelle Swick give their approval on the next fundraiser. "I joined French club because I was very interested in the culture and the language since I first began taking French in 8th grade. After I visited France I was even more motivated to be involved," said Wong, who was the treasurer of the French Honor Society.

The world may be a big place, but members of the four language clubs united to form the World Language Club (WLC), which proved that coalition was possible. In previous years each club acted as separate entities and met independently of each other. The newly formed WLC was run by one advisor with elected leaders from each language group. The alliance planned events together such as the International Breakfast when club members brought in foods representing the culture of each language. However, they also planned independent events. Although the language clubs joined together and changed names, they still had a very successful year. By Melissa Koerner

Help Is On The Way. Discussing information about upcoming fundraisers, juniors Kristen Henkels, Carolyn DiProspero, and Joseph Fallon never mind helping out the club. Ways to get more students involved in the group was also discussed at the meeting. "I've been taking French for the past five years, so becoming involved in French Club was an obvious next step for me," claimed DiProspero.

A Sweet Tooth For French. French Club president senior Karina Gotliboym plans for the future fundraiser, a candy sale. The job of president included many responsibilities but was exciting at the same time. "I wanted to be president to carry on the tradition of the French club, and get underclassmen involved," explained Gotliboym.

Spreading The Language. Senior Michelle Regg worked diligently as president of the French Honor Society. "I'm really interested in the French language and culture, and I wanted to spread that interest to others around the school," noted Regg.
Teamwork! The computer lab creates a positive working environment for clubs to work on future projects. Juniors Becca McGuire and Liza Borchstein put their heads together and created a list of upcoming events for the German sections of the World Language Club. "Going to the computer lab was really helpful; we were able to type lists and agenda a lot faster," commented McGuire.

Raise Em Up! Brainstorming is very important for members for the German branch of the World Language Club. Junior Katie Kosnik raised her hand enthusiastically with new ideas for the World Language event. "During our meeting we always take time to sit down and brainstorm our ideas for cool new events," noted Kosnik.

Look It Up! The German dictionary is a helpful tool for students. Juniors Matthew Canfield and officer Jennifer Bauer look up difficult phrases for German club flyers for the International Breakfast. "There was a great turn out for the breakfast, it was tasty too!" exclaimed Bauer.

German Exchange! Raising money is something in which German Club takes great pride in. Junior Josh Zinman collected money from junior Brian Glasset for Doctors Without Borders. "We raise a lot of money throughout the year for all different organizations, as well as the club itself," noted Glasset.

"I think it's really cool that all of the four language clubs came together as one, because there are more ideas and everyone can work together!"
Junior David Ginsberg
“I find that the opportunities that are available through our language clubs are culturally enlightening!”

Senior Alyssa Shea

PAINTING THE CLASS RED! Members pose and show their Italian pride by wearing their club t-shirts. To show their unity, members dressed similarly for club events or Italian holidays. “The Italian Club is one of the most fun clubs that I know of, there is never a dull moment,” said member Jenny Burke.

SWEEPING UP THE COMPETITION! With an enormous smile on his face, Senior Marc Fabiano performs a skit in his Italian V class. Skits were a typical occurrence in class and actually made grammar fun to learn. “I like to make any class I am in an exciting one. During Italian skits, I can have another personality and let loose,” expressed Fabiano.

EVERY BUCK COUNTS! Senior Liz DeCataldo donates her money to the Tsunami Relief Fund in Italian class. Since it was pertinent to get money as fast as possible to Southeast Asia, the Italian Club ran a canister drive. “It is important to help other people who are less fortunate, and the club realizes that and does all they can to help,” asserted DeCataldo.

A TEAM EFFORT! Senior Marissa Mastroianni and Mrs. Lambert review the agenda for the Italian Club meeting. The officers collaborated with Lambert before every meeting to go over what needed to be covered to inform members. “I love working with my students outside of class,” exclaimed Mrs. Lambert.
A Welcoming Smile! New member to Salsa, sophomore Alex Marchena finds time to smile after absorbing all the information given at the meeting. An open invitation was made to anyone interested in joining the club, and all were welcome. "I joined to learn more about my culture and I felt very welcome. It was a fun club to be a member of," commented Marchena.

Leader of the Pack! President of the Salsa Club, senior Elise Devries, informs the members of upcoming events and activities with advisor Mrs. Marcantonio. A vote was held to determine who the president of the club would be. "I was surprised to know that I was voted president because there were about fifteen people running. I had left early to go somewhere and got a call from my friend who told me the good news. I was pretty shocked because I didn't think that many people had known who I was," quoted Devries.

"I think it's a cool idea because everyone is exposed to all the languages and cultures. We still have our own identity as a club, but we get to hold events with the other languages too."
Senior Elise Devries

Out With the Old, In With the New! Senior Britney Speer holds up the Spanish Honor Society banner to the members to show the poor condition it is in. Displayed when new members were inducted into the Society, the banner had been used for five years. "Since the banner was old and seriously out of shape, we planned on making a new and improved one," quoted Speer.

Dancing the Night Away! Seniors Jasmine Pagan and Amber Sizemore excitedly talk about the upcoming fundraiser, Salsa lessons. Taught by Ms. Ruiz and her husband, the members of SALSA offered lessons to anyone interested in learning the dance. "The Salsa lessons will be great. Both Jasmine and I could help out because we already know how to Salsa" exclaimed Sizemore.
Planning Ahead. During a meeting for the Spanish Honor Society, senior and co-president Brittany Speer writes down information for upcoming events while juniors Saif Alzoobaee and Jeff Mullen listen. One of the events most important to the club was their annual trip to the recycling center where the members spent an entire day doing community service. "It was nice helping the environment while also spending time with the club," added Speer.

Many components went into choosing students for the language honor societies. Not only were they required to earn good grades in their language classes, but they also had to take an active role in their languages' club. Once chosen to be a part of the honor society, students attended the induction ceremony where families proudly watched as their children became a part of the prestigious association. Through the many events of these organizations, there were faces which represented the different cultures of the world.

By Laura Harrison

Lights of the future. Junior Sarah Halpern, senior Kelly McManus, junior Alex Resnick, senior Alyssa Shea, juniors Stacey Subble, Sam Tepper, Emily Walden, and senior Gina Ziegler each light a candle for the induction ceremony. While at the ceremony, all the inductees recited an oath told to them by their advisor. "Being inducted into the club made me feel like all my work in Italian was appreciated," commented Shea.

WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETIES

Faces of Different Cultures

Full of pride. Seniors and co-presidents of the German Honor Society Abby Cohen and Jon Altman are proud of the accomplishments they make to the club. The most rewarding activity that the club did was a car wash to raise money for scholarships. "I'm proud to be a co-president of a club that does so much for the students," added Altman.

Cha-Ching! Senior and president of the French Honor Society, Michelle Regg, sells a piece of delicious candy for the club to senior Amy Drewes. The money raised from the candy sale went to senior scholarships. "I was happy to help raise the money because it went to my peers," said Regg.
Medal of Honor! Junior Katie Wong poses with Dr. Heisey at the National Honor Society Induction ceremony. The ceremony was both important and special for the inductees and their families. "It is a big accomplishment to be in the National Honor Society. It shows that all my academic hard work has paid off," expressed Wong.

Opening Doors To Knowledge! Senior Joanna Rosenberg walks into Terrill Middle School to tutor and mentor a seventh grade student. Rosenberg was the National Honor Society’s president, demonstrated superb leadership skills, and was responsible for planning all meetings. "I like organizing the service projects and being able to do something nice for the community," remarked Rosenberg.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
Changing the Community

Scholarship, leadership, service, and character were qualities a National Honor Society member had to possess. New inductees and previous members gathered in the auditorium for the induction ceremony that honored their academic achievements. They worked together to complete a group service project whereby they organized an activity for families with a spouse, a father, or a mother overseas. The National Honor Society wanted to help these families escape from reality for a few hours. In addition, each individual member had his own service project that helped the world in his own special way. Such projects included mentoring and tutoring middle school students, volunteering in nursing homes and hospitals, and working with religious groups. The student leadership ensured that the club ran smoothly, and they organized activities for all to enjoy. Changing the community for the better was the top priority for the National Honor Society.

By Aliza Burns

Reading Can Be Fun! Senior Chloe Sundstrom reads a fun yet informative book to her tutees. When Sundstrom incorporated something of interest with education, learning became an engaging experience. "I tutor a really exciting and interesting pair of twins at Terrill. I give them the help they need, but we also talk about basketball and American Idol," explained Sundstrom.

Laughing In The Library! Seniors Laura Henderson and Michelle Swick laugh about their day while waiting in the middle school library. Both girls worked together for their service project, and showed that two heads were better than one. "As the secretary of the club, I work with the other officers to help plan and brainstorm ideas. Although we do a lot of work, we always make time to have some fun," giggled Henderson.
Melodic Discussion! There are those here who think that being in Bible Club is only about reading the Bible. However, senior Kasib Byers and advisor Mr. Abadir had a discussion about gospel music, and how the songs made them feel. “I really like Bible Club. It’s cool because I get to talk about things that go on in my life,” commented Byers.

Bible Club, advised by Mr. Abadir, served not only as an association to discuss major events and address spiritual beliefs, but as a support group for its members. Thursday afternoons were transformed from the “day before Friday” to an inspirational and beneficial experience for these faithful faces. During the holidays “Secret Santa” became popular among those not even affiliated with the club. National Day of Prayer in May, “See You at the Pole” in September, and the annual Easter egg hunt were other activities in which the club engaged. Always pushing for a good cause, the club’s hard work certainly benefited the community. By Lisa Bereznak

A Peaceful State! Before breaking into discussion, many members read peacefully. Senior Candice Grimes perused the Bible before engaging in a discussion with other members about what was currently on their minds. “I’ve been in Bible Club for a few years, and it really helps when we talk about our problems,” commented Grimes.

BIBLE CLUB
Faithful Faces

Religious Reflection! During Bible club meetings members got a chance to reflect and write down their feeling on particular topics. Senior Tracy Esposito jotted down a few thoughts concerning Psalm 125, a passage from the Bible. “I really like Bible Club because there aren’t a lot of people, so you can talk about more personal topics,” noted Esposito.

Being A Mentor! Every so often a student has the chance to lead a Bible Club meeting. Senior Johanna Ghabour shared her ideas and thoughts with other members of the club. “Other things we do at meetings consist of planning upcoming events. We also play games such as Pictionary and relate it to topics that we are currently studying,” said Ghabour.
The spotlights on! Seniors Mike Baumwoll and Brooke Price thank the community for the award that was given at the Mayor's gala. Baumwoll and Price represented SMAC at the award ceremony and thanked all participants and donors for their generous contributions. "Receiving the award was a great honor and proved that hard work truly pays off," said co-President Baumwoll.

Caught in the act of good deeds. Junior Kara Brass along with founders of SMAC, Tracy and Barrie Salmon, advisor Mrs. Jost, Principal Dr. Heisy, and Superintendent Dr. Choi, display the award from the Mayor's gala with great pride. SMAC was honored as volunteer organization of the year. "It was a really big honor to see how much the community supported us and all of our efforts," said Brass, co-President.

SMAC
Faces Of Hope

With a goal of raising over $150,000 a year for cancer research, SMAC, advised by Ms. LaGrasso and Ms. Jost, had been an essential part of the student body and the community. The Student Movement Against Cancer was one of the school's most highly participated club with close to 200 members. These dedicated individuals proudly volunteered their time participating in activities such as canister drives, hosting the Relay for Life, and run many other fundraisers. The highlighted event of the year was The Relay for Life, a fun filled overnight experience that honored the survivors of cancer and raised money for research programs conducted by the American Cancer Society. SMAC was the face of hope for those who faced cancer, for the commemoration of those who passed on, and for the belief that one day cancer will be abolished. By Danielle Koch

Organization is the key! Juniors Kara Brass, Melissa Koerner, and Megan Domenick sort out the list of activities planned for SMAC's feature event: The Relay for Life. The Relay for Life is not only known for the variety of entertainment, but mainly because of its beneficial outcome in donations and raised spirits. "SMAC has raised money for cancer research which gives hope to those who have cancer now, as well as those who will be diagnosed in the future," explained co-President Domenick.

SMAcing away Cancer! With an abundance of enthusiasm freshmen Brian Brenckerkin and Geordie Elmer acknowledge each other for the excellent job done at the past canister drive which raised $3,000. Participants enjoyed taking part in supporting the cause. "The canister drive was a great way to start out the year, and it helped get a lot of new members involved," explained co-President Melissa Koerner.
Hmmmm, that sounds good. As Mrs. Paige, the advisor of BSU, listens to the ideas of the members, she sees how the club has flourished. “The students have wonderful ideas, and when they want something, they will make it happen,” Paige noted confidently. BSU took steps in a new direction by producing a play, Once on this Island. “The play was a great success, the club has blossomed and will probably continue to grow,” continued Paige.

“I think that our goal was surpassed,” said Mrs. Paige referring to the goal of BSU (Black Student Union). She saw that her goal of supplying cultural enrichment for African Americans and all students had grown beyond her expectations. Over the past 15 years, the club toured historical black colleges, experienced Kwanzaa celebrations, and put on a number of plays to enlighten students and people in the community about African American history. “The goal of BSU has gone from being interested in our understanding of our history, to sharing our knowledge with other students, not just African American students,” shared Mrs. Paige. This year’s production was Once on this Island, a play based on Hans Christian Anderson’s Little Mermaid. The play’s setting took place on an island that was separated by two classes (rich and poor) and was about how they united because of one little girl. Similar to the cultural diversity of this club, performers of different cultures and races came together to enact this play. As the club stepped in the direction of change, senior president Denise Horn led the way. “Completing the play was a great accomplishment. The club plans on doing more for organizations outside of the U.S.A. Our most recent goal is to raise $1,000 for Tsunami relief,” noted Horn. By Kate Breuninger

Lending a helping hand. Seniors Amber Sizemore, Ashley Gonzales, and president of BSU Denise Horn lend a helping hand by conducting the BSU meetings. Discussing world wide issues to simple club fundraisers, their association covered every possible topic. “I have been a member for all four years of highschool, but this is my first time as president. It is a great club to get involved in,” commented Horn.

Second helpings. Returning for a second year of BSU, sophomore DiAndra Hillard continues to participate in the group meetings. Not only was diversity a part of this organization membership, it was also displayed through its topics of discussion. Issues ranged in intensity from fundraising to college visits to the matter of racism. Hillard was also involved with the Step Team. “I enjoy the Step Team because it is fun and you meet many different people,” commented Hillard.

All ears. Junior Natasha Johnston listens to the idea of taking a trip to a historical black college. “The trip gave you a chance to bond with your friends and look at colleges at the same time. I liked Howard College because it has a good criminal justice program,” said Johnston. BSU gave students the chance to talk about school and world wide issues. “One of the fundraisers we held was a candy sale to support the play, Once on this Island, and some of the other college tours,” stated Johnston.
Give Blood! SGA officers Sean Robinson and Melissa Franks show off their trendy “give blood” bracelets. Donors received a bracelet that not only showed the SGA’s appreciation to the participants, but their great sense of style. Robinson explained the contribution made by students. “The blood drive was a huge success; we received over 90 pints of blood, which was well over what we were expecting.”

Kiss me I’m in SGA! Senior Marc Fabiano keeps the notorious SGA slogan alive by giving member Amber Sizemore a big kiss on the cheek. Fabiano took the time out during class to appreciate all the hard work SGA members like Sizemore put in to make school activities fun and interesting. “I am proud to be a part of the club and represent the school during events. It is an honor for me as well as my fellow officers,” exclaimed Sizemore.

Every student needed someone to speak for him. That voice was found in the Student Government Association. These members represented the student body by voicing concerns, encouraging student interests, and planning various school activities. As representative faces for the crowd, these seven hard working individuals diligently planned various events such as Spirit Week, Homecoming, the annual blood drive, and various contests. Unlike other years, SGA members no longer received a class period to prepare the activities, so they worked industriously after school hours to accomplish their goals. By Danielle Koch

And the winner is... Melissa Franks, Sean Robinson, Dakiem Gaines, and Dan Birnbaum can’t wait to see who will be crowned Homecoming Queen and King. Homecoming had always been a much anticipated event by both alumni and students. “Homecoming was a huge success. Not only was the participation from the student body awesome, the community helped as well. Everything went smoothly and I felt it was an awesome night,” said Birnbaum.

Caught in the spirit of good deeds. SGA members seniors Melissa Franks, Dakiem Gaines, Amber Sizemore, Sean Robinson, and Lauren Perrotta take the time out to get together for some team downtime. Members made sure to carry on the tradition of the Blood Drive, yet brought in new events while always remaining a very lovable, friendly, and charitable club. “SGA brings a lot of spirit and fun into the school. All of the events we organize are to connect with the entire student body and give students the opportunity to get involved,” explained Perrotta.
As if students weren't busy enough throughout the school day, many were dedicated to clubs and activities that were not available through the school. Whether it was choreographing dances or being in charge of a wide spread club such as Habitat for Humanity, these students put their own time, effort, and dedication into these clubs and activities. Every one of these individuals had a passion for what he/she did. Even though they were part of these clubs and activities on their own time, they thought twice about helping the community and did what they truly loved to.

By Tayler Montagna

A Break From the Week!
Every Wednesday, Senior Lauren Perrotta went to a Christian based non-deomination national youth group club. In other words, Lauren went to Young Life. Young Life was a "break from the week" type of club, where she went to hang out with friends and meet new people. When Lauren was a freshman, a friend on her soccer team invited her to come, and ever since then, Lauren has gone every week. "I love going to Young Life, it's just so much fun! At club during the week, we all sing songs, do skits, hang out and just have fun. And at the summer camps, they are so much fun, you just do everything!" commented Perrotta.

Cat Woman!
Being a cat owner herself, junior Megan Domenick loves to take care of cats. Every other Saturday, Megan went to the Petco in Raritan to help the Plainfield Area Humane Society host their weekly Adoption Day. At each Adoption Day, the Society brought in a number of kittens and cats in hope that they would soon be adopted into a new family. The volunteers played with the cats, cleaned their cages, and tried to get someone to adopt them. "The cats didn't get much attention throughout the week, so it was always great knowing that they had a good day every other Saturday when the volunteers were there," stated Domenick.

Soup Kitchen Queen
At the Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth, Senior Jen Marketta volunteers to help feed the homeless and poor at a soup kitchen. Run by the Westfield Presbyterian Church, Jen helped make and give people food every Wednesday. She started going when she found out that friends of her family went, so she went with them. "I really like to go because I feel like I'm helping people. I feel like they need me, so it makes me feel good" quoted Marketta.
Dance Fever! Junior Katie Wong leads the show choir members in the dance for “Magic to Do,” a number from the musical Pippin. After watching a show choir performance in the district festival when she was in sixth grade, Wong knew she wanted to try out. She has dedicated six years to choreography, two of which have been for show choir. “I love dancing, singing, and teaching dance! Choreography allows me to put all three components together,” Wong exclaimed.

Can’t stop the beat! With her eyes on the conductor, junior Justine Brown waits for her cue. The three year dedication she had put into marching band meant more responsibility for Brown this year. After tryouts, writing a paper, and conducting in front of the advisors, she was selected as drum major. For Brown, what sets marching band apart from other activities is that “it feels like another family… you grow with one another and you learn a lot of values like dedication and patience,” said Brown.

Fighting for a Cause. With a bright outlook for the year’s accomplishments, junior Kara Brass talks about upcoming SMAC events. Brass was heavily involved in the club which raised awareness and funds for cancer for the last three years. This was Brass’ first year as President “After watching so many people’s lives being taken by cancer, I wanted to join the fight,” commented Brass.

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It’s all in a day’s work. One of the new clubs in our school, Habitat for Humanity, provides many opportunities for students to become involved in the betterment of the community. During the past summer, senior Michael Paraboschi was involved in the Habitat for Humanity organization which sparked the thought of founding a club to help those less fortunate. “It’s a good community club, and is beneficial to all who are involved. Nothing feels better than accomplishing something and seeing the reaction of the person who is receiving their brand new home,” said Paraboschi.
"Best of luck in the future"
“Best Friends Forever”
Jessica
Knierim

This is only the beginning of a journey to bigger and better things. Congratulations!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Samantha

Gina
Ziegler

Gina,
We are proud of all that you have accomplished in high school. Believe in yourself, work hard and you can achieve all that you want. You are a strong person and we know that nothing is impossible if you want it bad enough. Be determined and go for it! We wish you the best in everything you do.
We Love you.
Keep Smiling!
Love
Mom, Lauren and Michael

Sean
McNelis

Sean~
You‘ve made us smile since the day you were born. We are so proud of all you have accomplished & the terrific man you have become. We wish you all the best that life has to offer as you reach for your goals. Have fun. We love you with all our hearts!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Caitlin, Maureen & Jeff, Erin & Sean.
Dear Nicole,

Our baby girl, we can't believe how far you have come. There has been no walking, it has always been a run to climb higher and you have soared beyond our dreams! We are so proud of you! Thank you for doing, believing, and achieving! Your time is here! Move forward with respect for yourself, compassion towards others, believe in yourself, and ALWAYS know how loved you are! Success will be yours!

With much love and pride,
Mommy, Daddy, Jennie, and Ray

XOXO
Kyle Gates

Kyle,
What a wonderful young man you've become.

We are so proud to be your parents
and of all your accomplishments-
big and small.

Your ability to light up a room
with your sense of humor and your laughter
has given us so many sweet memories.

We marvel at how hard you work
and your ability to persevere
when things don't go quite as planned.

So, with all the love in our hearts
we wish you continued happiness
and success in whatever path you choose.

And always remember
it's not how you fall that's important
but how you get up that matters.

Love always, Mom and Dad

Andrew Jayson

Your smiles have always made those
who know and love you smile too!!
You are a kind and caring human
being. Always remain true to yourself
and follow your heart.
Congratulations and best wishes!!!

With much love, always
Mom, Dad, and Nicholas
John Monti

John,

Going through these photographs brought a few tears, plenty of smiles, and an abundance of pride. We love who you are and look forward to all that you will become.

Love always,
Mom and Dad

Nicole Malchow

Nicole,

We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments-We never knew that our little girl had such creative talent-Congratulations! We are excited to see what fabulous work is in your future-

Love, Mom, Dad, + Joe
Aliza Burns

Sometimes life gives you great gifts. You are ours and you've given us more joy than we could ever express. We've taken great delight in watching you grow and in all your accomplishments. May life take you where you want to go. May all your dreams come true. May you have much happiness, and may you always remember how much you are loved. It is with extreme pride that we wish you congratulations on your high school graduation.

All our love,
Mom and Dad

Christine Gillie

Dear Christine,

We are all so proud of you and know that wonderful things are ahead for you.

Love,
Jeff, Doug, Mom, and Dad
Krystina Byron

Krystina,

We want you to know how proud we are to be your parents. If you believe in yourself and the Lord (Proverbs 3:5), there is nothing in life you can’t achieve. Always remember your family is here for you.

May the Lord lead and guide you always.

We love you.

Mom, Dad, & Eddie

Rachel Dolgin

Dear Rachel-

What’s important in life is not what you will do then, but what you are doing now. What you do with your life now helps you become who you will be. No magic wand can help you be who you are. Enjoy your “wings.”

We are proud of you and love you always in all ways.

Mom, Dad, and Sean

Dear Jon,

Congratulations! We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We know that a stellar life and a spectacular career await you.

Wherever your destiny leads, our love goes with you.

Wishing you joy, success, good friends, and perfect health.

All our love,

Mom, Dad, and Jennie

Jonathan Altman
Michael Sheffield

Congratulations Mike on four outstanding high school years! We could not be more proud of the remarkable young man you have become. Your fun-loving nature has been a gift to our family, and your creative mind continues to inspire us. As you follow your dreams, know that we will always be there to encourage, love, and support you. Much happiness and success.

All our love, Mom, Dad, Julia, & Jon

James Patrick Scalfaro

Congratulations James! We’re so proud of you for all of your hard work and accomplishments. As we celebrate your graduation, we look forward to your bright future in college and beyond. May all your wishes and dreams come true both on and off the baseball field.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Anthony
Sarah & Jamie Quale

Congratulations on a job well done. Cherish your friendship forever.

Nora Lacko

Nora,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you. We know you will do great in college.
Love,
Mom & Chris

Abbe Cohen

Abbegail Cohen,
I am so proud of all you’ve done, and are doing. Keep smiling!

WITH ALL MY LOVE,
Mom
Dear Meghan,

Congratulations as you embark on the next chapter in your life. We are very proud of you and we love you with all our hearts. Enjoy college, work hard, and make your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Brian
Dear Carly,

We are so proud of you, your accomplishments, & the beautiful young lady you have become. We wish you much happiness & success in college. Follow your dreams and remember we will always be here for you!

With love always,
Mom, Dad, & Amanda

Christopher D’Annunzio

Cre,

You've grown so much these last couple of years. It seems like just yesterday you were a freshman and here you are graduating. We've stayed close in the past years while I've been at school and I hope that continues when you go to school. Happy graduation and good luck in college.

I love you!

Love, Gel
You are an exceptional individual who is loved by all who know you. You have always made us proud. Be the best that you can be and reach for the stars.

We love you.
Mom, Dad, and Naomi

You are an exceptional individual who is loved by all who know you. You have always made us proud. Be the best that you can be and reach for the stars.

We love you.
Mom, Dad, and Naomi

Jenna Balestriere

Bring your warm smile, contagious laughter, positive outlook, and caring personality wherever you go in life, and you will always succeed. We love you and are so proud of you. Good luck in college—the best is yet to come!

Love, Mom, Dad, Lou, and Luke

Brad Stanek

"May the good Lord be with you
Down every road you roam
And may sunshine and happiness
Surround you when you’re far from home
And may you grow to be proud
dignified and true
An do unto others
As you’d have done to you
Be courageous and be brave
And in our hearts you’ll always stay
Forever young."

Go for it Brad! Follow your heart! We will be there for you every step of the way!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Ty
Your past patterns of successes & triumphs are a good indicator of what the future holds for you. You have ascended from my small son into a young man with countless accomplishments to be proud of.

Know that your family has always been on the sidelines, both in the athletic arena as well as in your life, loving you, supporting you, and cheering you on.

Each obstacle that you have overcome and every goal that you have achieved is a symbol of the knowledge that you have gained. But never stop striving & growing, because there are other challenges that await you.

Continue to strive and continue to believe and your success will follow you as you begin your journey into manhood.

To our dear Valentine baby, Packers fan, dog lover, and sweet, thoughtful Kerry, you are a very special young lady. Always believe in yourself and continue to do your best. May all your wishes come true. We are so proud of you and all your hard work.

Congratulations!
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Jeff, Tim, and Oliver
Dear Sean,

Congrats Boy!
Remember: No matter how big you get, I will always be your big sister.
Love you, Caitlin

P.S. Jimmy Carter!!!

Stefano Gaetano

Congratulations Stef,
You have always been our shining star. Reach for them!
All our love
Mom, Papa, and Damiano

Alexa Nicole Di Giorgio

Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
You're such a wonderful person
And we are all so very proud of you.
Congratulations and much happiness today, tomorrow, and always.

With love,
Ariel, Jamie, Mom, & Bailey

Hillary Klimowicz

Hillary-
Through talent, perseverance, determination, and some genetic good fortune you have truly grown into your dreams. We are so proud of all your accomplishments, and even more of the caring, compassionate person you have become. You will always be our "Whoosie," but as you continue to pursue your career, no one will have to ask "Hillary who?"

Love,
Mom, Dad, Annmarie, and D.J.

Amy Drewes

No words can adequately describe the love and joy you have generated since the moment you were born. God blessed us with a beautiful, talented and loving young woman. We are so proud of you and hope all your dreams come true. Congratulations!
Mom, Dad, & Jim
Marissa Mastroianni

Congratulations on the completion of high school. Over the past few years, you have shown incredible commitment towards your schoolwork. In the next few years, that same commitment will be applied towards college studies and eventually towards the rest of your endeavors. You are a very special person. You continue to amaze with your dedication to your passion: horseback riding. You take time to teach and inspire your younger sister in horseback riding. I am extremely proud of your scholastic and personal achievements, but most of all, I am proud of the person that you are. Along with your sister, the rest of the family. I love you very much.

Dad

Kristin Zyla

“We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have grown to be, and all of your accomplishments. Continue to work hard and you will be able to achieve your dreams. Good luck in college. Best wishes for a lifetime filled with lots of love, sunshine, and happiness. We love you Nin!!

Lots of love,
Aunt Pam and Uncle Pete

Derek Wood

Derek, Congratulations! We are very proud of you. Believe in yourself and you can accomplish anything.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Danielle

Christopher Huether

We are proud of all your achievements from your first school graduation until now.

Love, Mom, Dad, Matt & Peter
Best friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and wonderful to keep. Our wish for you is that good friends & success will follow wherever you go.

Love, your Parents

To Kyle aka Andy,

Congratulations graduate! You finally made it through four fun years of high school, and as your sister, I am more than proud. Thank you for protecting me and caring for me. Thank you for all the great advice you have given me and for always brightening up my day. But most importantly, thank you for being my big brother. I appreciate your presence more than you would ever know and I love you with all my heart. Good luck in all the obstacles life throws your way, and remember that I will always be here for you. I love you.

Loves,
Sam aka Kelly

Dear Matthew & Andrew,

From the moment of your surprising arrivals till now, you have kept us smiling twice as much! Over the years we have seen the special bond between the two of you share and continue to grow into the fine young men that we’re so very proud of today.

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Jessica, Christopher, Joey & Abby
Kelly Zajac
Kelly,
Aim for the stars — work hard, laugh and love along the way.
Love, Mom, Dad, Alex, and Louie

Billy Albizati
Congratulations Billy!
May the years ahead be filled with love, happiness, and success. We are proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Christina

Kaitlin Anne Carman
We congratulate you on your graduation from high school! You have made us proud! Now, as you go to college, we know success awaits you.
May all your dreams come true.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Julianne

Jack Rollins
Congratulations on your journey so far. As you get ready to begin the next leg of that journey, we look back on the many honors and accomplishments that have brought us such pride and joy. Keep smiling, keep working hard, follow your heart, and there's no doubt the future will bring more and even greater accomplishments.
We love you, Mom and Dad
We are so very proud of your accomplishments. Now that you are about to embark upon the next chapter in your book of life, a little advice: be kind to yourself, follow your heart, respect others, passionately pursue your dreams, and call your parents often. Tomorrow is filled with endless possibilities, make the most of them.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Matt, & Coty
Matthew Capodicasa

Matthew,

'\textit{My destiny calls and I go. And the wild winds of fortune will carry me onward, oh withersoever they go, withersoever they go, Onward to glory I go.}''

It's been a great run, and now with all our love, we send you off to pursue your dreams. We're so proud of you and all your high school accomplishments.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Julia

Nicole Tanguy

You have given us such joy from the time you were born. Your drive and determination inspire us and we are so very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Enjoy the next four years of your life - they are some of the best!

With all our love,
Dad, Mom, and Stacey

Anthony DiBattista

Congratulations Christine,

That wonderful smile of yours brightens our lives. We are so proud of you and your many accomplishments. We wish you a future filled with much love, happiness, and success. May all your dreams come true.

All our love always,
Mom, Dad, Kathleen, & John

Christine DeLuca
Sara Parisi

SARA, Follow your dreams; Accomplish your goals!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Melissa

Nicole Hagerty

Dear Nicole,
From the moment you appeared on the scene, you have brightened our lives with your smile, and warmed our hearts with your loving nature.

This is the beginning of an exciting new life. Always believe in yourself, set your goals high, and keep a song in your heart. We wish you love, happiness, and the fulfillment of all of your dreams...the best is yet to come!

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Grandma, Colleen, Chance, & Jamie

Dan Birnbaum

Dan,
May good fortune be with you.
May your guiding light be strong.
Whatever road you choose.
We're right behind you, win or lose.
You make us forever proud.

Love, Mom, Dad, Jon, and Kyle

Terry Juba

We watched you grow over the years from a cute baby boy to a fine young man. We are proud to have a son like you. Good luck & best wishes for a bright future. Good luck in college and may all your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom and Dad & Jenn
Katherine Newcomer

We are all proud of you! The next four years will be full of wonderful challenges. Follow your dreams and enjoy your successes.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Allie, & Jane

Alexandra Fredas

When you were born we instantaneously turned from a couple to a family. It seems like yesterday that we took you home from the hospital, and now here you are graduating from high school and getting ready to take a new journey in life. We love you, and are so very proud of you. You have grown into a beautiful, intelligent, and sensitive young woman. Please remember that your family will always be there for you, always.

We love you so very much.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Stephanie

Matthew Bonasia

"May God bless and keep you always,
May all your wishes come true,
May you always do for others,
And let others do for you.
May you build a ladder to the stars
And climb on every rung,
May you stay forever young."

Bob Dylan (Forever Young)

Congratulations, Matt! We are so proud of you! We wish you always happiness, love, success, interesting challenges, countless opportunities, and the fulfillment of all your dreams!

With all our love,
Mom, Dad, and Daisy
Nora Isack

Nora,
High School has been an awesome experience.....we are so proud of all your accomplishments and the young woman you have become...may all your dreams come true....just think the best is yet to come!
Love, Mom and Dad

Alyssa Robak
Dear Alyssa,
Remember to love the journey because life is not a dress rehearsal.
Love, Mom, Dad and Stephanie

Adam Yellen
Adam,
We are proud of all the work and determination it took to get to this day. Keep up the hard work and you will accomplish all that you set your sights on. Always keep your special smile in your heart and on your face.
Good luck in college. Look forward to all the adventure, happiness, and memories that this new journey will bring you.
We love you with all our hearts. Thank you for all our memories so far.
Love,
Your Entire Family
Jessica Binkiewicz

World, Look Out!!! Here Comes Jess!!
You always make us proud.
We Love you!

Mom and Dad

Matt and Shannon Hassett

Matt and Shannon,
We are doubly proud of all you have accomplished. Believe in yourselves, work hard, and all of your dreams can come true.
Laura Harrison

Laura, We are so proud of you & all your accomplishments. Your motivation & dedication will be beneficial as you continue to mature & “run” through life.

We love you very much.

Mom, Dad, Danny, & Jenny

Marco Giasullo

“That man is by no means poor, who has the use of everything he wants. It is well with your belly, your back, and your feet, regal wealth can add nothing greater”

...Horace

Congratulations, Mom, Dad, and Briana
Elizabeth Elko

Dear Liz,
Your determined stance and 'cheesy' smile are sure to open many doors. Have fun going through them; the world is yours! Congratulations and love from your biggest fans.
Mom, Dad, Andrew, and the 'Grandmas!'

Mathew Blasi

Dear Mat,
Put your feet up and relax as you always do, we know what a great future life has in store for you. Have a great senior year and a wonderful experience in college.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Anthony
Maura Gillooly

'So different, yet so the same
Two sisters only have their parents to blame
It's rare that two can get along
But when they do, they're inseparable
Such a blessing comes to few' - No Doubt

Maura,
We are inseparable, and always will be.
You are definitely the coolest sister ever,
and I love you. Hope you have the time of your life in college! I know you will do great.
Good Luck!
Love,
Erin

Banana Cake,
May all your dreams come true!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Christopher Finan

It seems like just yesterday Big Bird was your best friend and nothing was better than playing Ninja Turtles. Here you are now an exceptional young man who has brought his family much happiness and pride.
As you continue on this awesome journey, never stop believing in yourself. May all your dreams come true!

LOVE, Mom, Dad, Erin, & Hannah
Andrew Watson

Congratulations AJ!
Have a great time next year!
Love, Mom, Dad, Erin, Kevin, & Louie
"Sail on silvery girl, sail on by. Your time has come to shine. All your dreams are on their way....see how they shine."

—P. Simon

**Brittany Adisano**

Brittany,
You are our shining star; you make our world a brighter place.
Congratulations!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Danielle

**Abe Hiatt**

Always full of surprises, and always on the move. Keep moving and surprising.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Emma

**Tayler Cianciotta**

Tayler,
You are an amazing daughter, sister, and friend. You have been blessed with many gifts. Stay focused as you continue to pursue your dreams.

We Love You,
Dad, Mom, Kelly, Lindsey, and Joey
Michael Rivera

Michael,
Look how far you have come! We are so very, very proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Matt

Monique Morales

Congratulations Monique!
You have completed an important milestone in your life. Follow your dreams and be all you can be. We are so very proud of you. Always remember that we are always here for you.
With all our love,
Mom, Dad, & Dan

Chris Doremus

Chris,
You have brought us so much joy over the years. Your smile is infectious- don't ever lose that! We are so proud of you and wish you much happiness and success. Good luck.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Steve, & Katherine

David Hauptman

David,
With your talents and compassion, you will make a difference.

We love you.
Mom, Dad, Ryan, & Lindsay

Jennifer and Jessica Roth

We are so proud of both of you! As you take the next steps in your life remember there are no limits- dreams can come true!
We love you! Mom, Dad, Melissa
Nora Isack
To my big sis,
Thanks for everything you've done for me, from driving me to school to just always being there. We've had so much fun in high school together, and I'm going to miss you so much! I know you will be great at whatever you wish to do. Remember what you believe, you can achieve.
Love always,
Magda

Jason Krueger
Dearest Jason,
From the time you were little you have always done it "YOUR WAY." Your self-confidence and inner drive will guarantee your success in life. Tennis, Magic Tricks, and Card Games define your passions. Fond Memories:
- Family trips to Nantucket and Florida
- Tiger, Barnum, and Bailey
Love always, MOM, DAD, and RYAN

Aaron Klemow
With your special spark and passion for life, you make us proud every day. We love you.
Mom, Dad, and Ezra

Matt Richers
Dear Matt,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you and wish you much happiness and success in college. Always know that we love you very much.
Love, Mom, Dad, & Kyle

Lauren Perrotta
Lauren-
Thank you for giving us 4 wonderful years of memories! You truly have been a Tinkerbell's Light in all whose lives you have touched.
Love, Mom, Dad, & Chrissy

Jennifer Grana
Dear Jen,
Congratulations! We are all so proud of you! You have so much talent, joy, and love to give. Always follow your heart and do what you love. Never give up on your dreams.
But most of all, BE HAPPY! We all love you VERY much.
Mom, Dad, & Jonathan
Kristin Zyla
Last in the alphabet, but first in our hearts always.

Love, Grandma & Ed

John Mangan
Congratulations, John!
You are a wonderful son and brother. May all things bright and beautiful be yours in the years ahead. Keep smiling.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Catherine

Abbe Cohen
Keep reaching for the pretzels and the stars— you'll get both!
Congratulations! You're the best, and we love you tons—Dad, Jeanine, Madde, D & N, Grandma, the Gators, Christmans, Palermos, Nousers, and Whites

Christina Roth
The high school chapter of your life is done, now it's time to have some fun.
Mom & Dad are always proud and love you lots & lots.
We wish you luck as you learn to teach all those little tots.

With love,
Mom, Dad, & Mike

Krystina Byron
Krystina,
We're so proud of you!
Always follow your dreams and all your wishes will come true.
We love you.
Mom Mom, Pop Pop, and all your aunts, uncles, and cousins

Ryan Donnelly
Ryan,
From the moment you were born 5 weeks early and breathing on your own, I knew you were destined for greatness. There have been many bumps in the road, but they were obstacles to set you on the path to greatness.
No parent could have asked for a more wonderful son and brother. You're our hero.
Love, Mom and Kaitlin
(PS. Don't forget your boots and gloves!)
Rebecca,
We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. You are a bright, caring, and determined young woman. We hope all your dreams come true. We love you!
Mom, Dad, Mark and Alison

Rebecca Koransky

Tony Curry

Dear Tony,
Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Follow your dreams and may you have success in all your goals. Never forget from where you came and remember always to where you are going.

Love always,
Mommy and the Curry Bunch

Briana Berry

Briana,
You know what you want from life and you try earnestly to make it happen. You love to sing, dance, play the piano, entertain, to our delight. Pursue your dreams, sweet angel; you will fulfill them all.

Love,
Moomoo and Bobeh

The last of the four "J Boys" to graduate! "You're a winner"
We're so proud of you and how hard you work! Remember we all love you!
Follow your passion and your dreams.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jason, Jordan, Jesse
Melissa Frank

Congratulations! We are very proud of the beautiful person you have grown to be. We love you very much.

Love Always,
Mom, Abby, Dad and Melissa C.

Jared Turner

Congratulations Jared,

We are very proud of all your accomplishments and wish you the best as you continue to follow your dreams and achieve your goals. We all love you very much.

Mom, Dad and Danielle

Christopher Mattern

Hey Tuff,
You finally made it to the ‘big time.’ We’re proud of all of your accomplishments in high school and look forward to your continued success in college. Were your #1 fans and will always be there to root you on.

Love
Mom, Dad and Tyler

Heather Vitollo

Sisters by chance, best friends by choice. Good luck next year! I’m going to miss you. I love you!

Love always, Amanda

Jennifer Spiegel

Congratulations!
May all your dreams come true. When you get the chance to sit it out or dance...I hope you dance.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Lauren, Grandma, Uncle George and Bandit
You're a quirky character, the sparkle in our eye,
The perfectionist that you are, we can rely.
Through the years, mostly happy times,
You've made us laugh all the time.
You care so much for all in your reach,
You humble us too with all that you teach.
Now you're older, yet so much more to do,
Keep your sound mind, and spirit too.

We love you, Jackie...
Mommy, Daddy, and Cortney

Dear Christopher (Butter),

You have so much to celebrate and so many plans
and dreams ahead of you. We wish you a future as
special and wonderful as you are. We will always
be there for you, loving you, supporting you, and
couraging you.

With all our love always, Mom and Dad
Lisa Bereznaa
For all that you are and all that you will be-
we love you and are very proud.
Keep smiling, the best is yet to come.
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Kate

Kate Breuninger
Kate,
You are our sunshine, with a future so bright
you've got to wear shades!
Follow your dreams, stay true to yourself,
and enjoy life!

Congratulations Kate! We are overwhelmed
with pride and love you more than you can imagine!

We love you always,
Mommy & Daddy
Heather Vitollo
Heather,
Congratulations on your graduation!
The future holds so much for you. Shoot for the stars, as we know you will, for you have so much to offer the world. Best of luck and lots of success, and remember to follow your heart.
We love you, Mom & Dad

Michael Baumwoll
Michael,
From a beautiful little child to an accomplished young man, you have always been an incredible blessing in our lives. Your sensitivity, intelligence, fiestiness, and unyielding drive have together made you someone who is beloved and respected. We love you with all our heart and are so proud of you. Remember to always follow your dreams and may you enjoy life as much as we enjoy you!
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Adam, David, & Butter
Corey Bennett Fineman

Serious, funny, wise, kind.
Handsome, charming, intelligent

Animal-loving handyman.
Artistically creative.

Catapult yourself into the world.
Create greatness and discover yourself.

"Peanut-head. Go to bed."

Love,
Dad, Mom, Hilary, Adam, and Homer

Stephanie Koleda

Congratulations Stephanie,

We are so proud of the beautiful person you have become. Soar high and reach for the stars. We hope all your dreams come true.

Love,
Dad & Mom

Dear Tayler,

These pictures seem like they were taken yesterday! So many of the good times we remember from our past happened because of you. Now, as you take the next big step of your life into college, remember to follow your hopes and dreams, live life to the fullest, and enjoy the ride! Believe in yourself as we do and you will accomplish all you set out to achieve. We will always love you and be there for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Jared
You are the Shining Star in our life. We have been so proud of all you have ever done!! We could have never asked for a more beautiful daughter and sister inside and out. We love you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Abby, and Evan

**Steven Kazmierkiewicz**

Congratulations Steven! We are so proud of you. You are a wonderful son and brother. Your thirst for knowledge and your compassionate nature has served you well. We know you will continue to grow and succeed in college and beyond.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Krista

**Elizabeth DeCataldo**

You will always be beautiful in our eyes- follow your dreams; stay smart, focused, healthy, and happy. We are so very proud of you!

Love Always,
Daddy, Mom, Tommy, Danny, and Crazy Kate
Congratulations Ryan!

We marvel at the young man you have become. We are so proud of you. With your intelligence, perceptiveness, compassion, and humor you will be successful in all that you do. Best of luck in college and remember we always love you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Andrew

Ryan
Lynch

Carlene Bronikowski

Carlene,
Congratulations!
Success in the wonderful world that awaits you!
We are so proud and love you very much.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Keith, and Missy

Nicole D’Annunzio

In my daughter's eyes
I can see the future
A reflection of who I am and what will be
Though she'll grow and someday leave
Maybe raise a family
When I'm gone I hope she'll see how happy she made me
For I'll be there
In my daughter's eyes.

-Martina McBride

Nicole we love you. Always be your beautiful self.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Joey, and Jeannie
Dear Danny & Jeannette,
We are very proud of all your accomplishments in college.
Congratulations, much love & happiness always.
Your parents, brothers, sisters, and Nanny & Pop
A woman who is kind-hearted and easy going
a girl who is a composed person
has leadership qualities!
A woman who cares about others and is willing
to change if she is wrong. She is proud of her
values, self-reliant, and her own woman!!
Congratulations! We are so proud of you.
Follow your heart through life's journey!
We love you so much, Mom, Dad, and Blake

Dear Jen,
Congratulations!
May all your dreams come true. We are very proud of you.
Love, Mom & Dad

Dear Karina,
We are very proud of you and wish you much happiness.
Follow your dreams and we know you will succeed! Best of luck with every step you take in the future. We will be behind you for every step of the way.

Love, Mom, Dad, & Ira

YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION HAS LED TO EXCELLENCE. IT IS A JOY TO HAVE YOU AS OUR SON. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.

LOVE, MOM AND DAD
Congratulations!
Dear Ant,
You have the drive for success and we wish you all the best. We are proud of your accomplishments and excited for your future.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Phil, and Don

Stephanie Shomade
Congratulating our daughter, Stephanie Shomade, on your graduation from high school. We are extremely proud of you and wish you the utmost best in your future endeavors.
From, Dad, Mom, and Kola

Stephen Carroll
Your beautiful voice has filled our home with song. Your big heart has filled our home with love. We're so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Pat, and Tim

Cassie Langner
Congratulations! We are proud of you. Remember that in the end life is about the journey not the destination.
Love, Mom, Dad, & Amanda

Kate Breuninger
Congratulations Kate!
You've grown into a beautiful young lady. We are so proud of you and love you so much.
Your grandparents, Mimi, Grammy & Les, Grandpa & Callie, PopPop & Lynne
Amanda Cameron

And when you finally fly away we'll be hoping that we served you well. For all the wisdom of a lifetime no one can ever tell. But whatever road you choose we're right behind you win or lose—Forever Young.

Congratulations.
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Catherine, Billy, & Quincy

Daniel Kaiserman

Larry Rhodes

Larry, May you always remain determined and focused to your goals. Be safe, be strong, be true to yourself, and above all, always be smart in all your decisions in life. With all my love & devotion,
Mom xo

Briana Berry

Sean Smith

Dear Sean,
Congratulations!!
You have made us so proud with all you have accomplished over the past four years. Keep up the good work, stay focused, and the next four years will bring you much success and happiness.

We love you.
Mom, Dad, and Angela
Dear Jay,

Congratulations! We are so proud of you. You’ve reached a major milestone in your life and you are now ready to see what the world has to offer. Be sure to experience all that you can. You are so smart, with a warm heart and amazing sense of humor. We are sure that you will be successful and happy in whatever you do in the future. Make all of your dreams come true and always keep laughter in your life.

We love you tons!

Mom, Dad, Dana, Ross, and Lucy

Robert Bethea

Congratulations Rob! Da Tiger has made us all so proud. We know your kind heart will lead you to a wonderful future.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, & Kim

Abbegail Cohen

Always beside you, always right there with you.
Love from Madde

Briana Berry

To my Lou Lou,
From the deepest place in my heart, I wish for you the best as you find new worlds to conquer, new adventures to discover, and new dreams to make come true. Always stay true to your ideals, be who you are, and know that I am always here for you. I am so proud of you!

With all my love,
Your biggest fan,
Mom
Raiders seniors now and then

Congratulations

AJ, Greg, Sean, Casey, Billy, Chris, Stefano, Terrance, Chris
You are a beautiful young lady
We are so proud of you
May your future be as
Bright as your spirit-
-There is a smile in
Heaven today...June 23, 2005

Love, Mom and John
Congratulations on reaching this important milestone in your life. We are very proud of you and we know you will succeed in any endeavor.

Love
Mom, Dad, Sam & Ranger

You are truly our most precious gift. Starting as a young dancer, and now, a young woman bound for college and success. We wish you all the best through life's wonderful journey.

All our love,
Mom & Dad

Sophia, you have been a great daughter. We love you and wish you lots of luck at Monmouth University.

Love you always,
Mom, Dad, & Shannon

Congratulations on reaching this important milestone in your life. We are very proud of you and we know you will succeed in any endeavor.

We love you very much!
Mom, Dad, and Jeffrey

Dear Anthony, Heh! What's up? Ride the tide of life!
To our charming, handsome, sensitive, fun, loving, and ambitious son: Follow your dreams and desires!
We are your biggest fans! We love you.

Mom, Dad, Gianna, & Diana

May you always keep that look of wonder and zest for life. You are a wonderfully special person who we are very proud of. Be good to yourself.

Always & forever
Mom, John, Lauren, Brian, Catie, Mike, James, & Brendan

Congratulations! We are proud of all you have achieved and the lovely young woman you have become. You have a passionate way of living your life, and there is much yet to discover. Enjoy the summer and college too.

Love
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**Amy Drewes**

Amy,

I'm so proud of you. You made it. I don't know what I'll do next year without you. There will be no one waiting there for me to hug and kiss and walk to class with anymore. I know you're going to do amazing things with your life, and I can't thank you enough for letting me be a part of it. I love you so much and I always will. You know what they say, 'Once in love with Amy, always in love with Amy.' I love you kiddo.

Your Andrew

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**Michelle Kania**

Dear Michelle,

I am so proud of your accomplishments in high school. I wish you much success and happiness in your future. Enjoy all that life has to offer and always know that I love you very much.

Mom

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**Michael Paraboschi**

You are a fine young man with a bright future ahead of you. We are proud of you and all you've accomplished. With love and wishes that you will always follow your heart and dreams.

Mom and Dad

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**Vanessa Okoro**

Ness:

It all seems like just the other day that you were in your stroller, chuckling and giggling. Bouncing around on your first birthday. Being so-o-o excited on your fifth birthday party at Chuckee Cheeses. Looking very bashful and almost frightened on your first day at McGinn School.

Now, you have come into your own, standing tall, in your academic achievements. A National Honor student, Member of Who is Who (American High Schools), NSLC and NYS alumni, a strong Volley Ball athlete who continues to maintain her commitment to community service.

Ness, you are on your way and we, who are members of your family, are behind you, one hundred percent. Go ahead and be all you can be.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Jason, Jeffrey, Joshy, & Aunt Rose
Brian Allen

Brian...
...the "wide-eyed" boy
...the 'Captain'
...stealing those bases in Little League
...DJ Jazzy Jeff (and his videos)
...At MV, keep your head inside the car!
...your drums and Rap music
...Texas Hold 'Em...You're All In!
...your driving (safety check please!)
...And now, you're off to college
....All this becomes our memories
of you
....Congratulations,
your very proud parents!

Benjamin Vogel

"...a talent is something given,... without exceptional energy, discipline, and persistence, it will never bear fruit."

Dear Ben,

Through thick and thin we have always been there for each other. You are the greatest friend I've ever had. I am going to miss you more than these simple words can express and am dreading next September when I have to walk by your bedroom, and you aren't there. Good luck at Lehigh and with everything you choose to do in the future. I love you so much. You'll be missed more than you know.

Love always,
Ali

Benjamin Vogel

Dear Ben,

Never lose the spirit that makes you so special. We are extremely proud of the person you've become and all you have accomplished. We look forward to sharing in your future successes and wish for you a life filled with love, health, and happiness.

Love always,
Mom & Dad

Eric A juluchukwu

Congratulations Eric, on a job well done. We are all very proud of you. May all your dreams come true. Love, Mom, Dad, Anthony, and Lynette
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A big thank you from the Culmen Staff for your cooperation and contributions to the 2004-2005 yearbook. It is greatly appreciated. The yearbook could never have been produced without support from all of you!

Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2005.
Best of luck and success in the future!

A message from the Senior Class:

Thank you to everyone at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School for an amazing four years filled with many laughs and tears. It has been quite a journey. No matter which path each of us chooses to take, a piece of Spiffy High will always remain inside each of us.

A message from the Senior Class President Michael Baumwoll:

Well seniors, the year is finally winding down and graduation is in sight. It’s really unbelievable how fast these past four years have gone by. I want to thank you personally for giving me the privilege of leading you these last four years. It has been rewarding, exciting, and challenging, and I hope it has been the same for you. As we make our plans for the future, whether it be college or some other career, sit back and remember the great times you had and the people you met along the way at SPFHS. Continue to have fun, stay focused, and good luck!

Sincerely,
Michael Baumwoll
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