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senior Brian Dickey
junior Sam Carow
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sophomore Andrew Livingston
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freshman Tasnim Selin
freshman Christian Prince
freshman Michael Rupnarain
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culmen 2006
Us: Musicians, athletes, mathletes, students, friends, and teenagers; a diverse blend of people bound together by one common trait: we all bleed Raider blue. As a result, we have formed our own community, a sort of microcosm of the world around us. While we share common issues and aspects of the macrocosm, we have created our own unique version of this cosmos. If famous quotations define the universe at large; for us, they simply set the parameters. We make our own story. And I quote, "..."
charge!

senior Matt Hirschhorn

junior Jon Birnbaum

senior Nick Giannaci

senior Max Carow

seniors Sean Young, Stephanie Ricca, Alex Resnick, Karen Toffolo
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"life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get."

freshman Les Turchin

student life 5
"Having nothing to do and all day to do it in."
Robert Orben

"I met so many people [at the Governor's School] who were extremely passionate and talented. Everyone was open and kind; they are some of the most tolerant and accepting people I've ever met. Also, it was cool to meet other people who love to write as much as I do."
Senior Gaby Falco

"I became friends with people from all over the U.S. as well as Israel and England."
Senior Jon Greenspan

"Meeting the European kids and getting to know my home stay ‘sister’ made me realize how people really are the same everywhere, I noted Hyman."
Embracing her newfound friends, freshman Gillian Clark smiles for the camera. Clark was selected, along with six other individuals in the country, to visit Kenya. There, they were able to interact with the people for whom they raised money during a thirty-hour famine. “Meeting the Kenyans showed me how lucky we are. We take so much for granted and never really realize how much we do have, since we focus on what we don’t have,” stated Clark.

“I went [to the Dominican Republic] with about eighty people and only knew six. Once I got to know everyone, it was easier for all of us to meet new people together. I was able to experience so much with them.”

Junior Jessica Reddington

“Near the end of my vacation in Mexico, we got word that a category five hurricane was coming and we were stuck on the island. Everyone at the hotel had to go into an underground room while the storm hit. The damage was unbelievable. There was ocean water in our hotel room and trees were ripped out of the ground. The airport was flooded, so we were stuck there for a few extra days. It was quite the bonding experience.”

Junior Jenn Gardella

“While I was in Australia I went to school for a few days to meet Australians. It was really interesting to see the differences in our school systems.”

Junior Sam Carow

“The people I met from Aruba helped me enjoy being in another culture. They definitely helped me have a blast. I’ll never forget them.”

Junior Rob Scibek
“I think we have to show some pride in the jersey that we are wearing and can’t quit.”
Mario Lemieux

The stereotypes and characterizations of the “Raider Super-Fan” - loud, negative, blood-thirsty-lunatics - have taken on a life of their own. As with all legends, the stature of this myth grew when an article was written in a local newspaper claiming that the fans used ethnic slurs. Despite this negativity, vigorous support of the school did not waver.

“And that’s how we roll in SPF.”
Senior Marc Stiffler

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touchdown
The crowd goes wild as the football team scores the winning touchdown. When rating the Raider fans on a scale of one to ten, sophomore Sean Dolgin boasted that they were a ten! “We are always there to support our teams. We cheer the entire time and dress in Raider blue and white,” affirmed Dolgin.

iron raiders
Bearing their blue, seniors Nick Giannaci, Rashawn Strong, and Matt Hirschhorn show off the strength of the Raiders at the boy’s soccer state championship game. Even though it was a frigid 30 degrees, these super-fans did not let the weather get the best of their spirit! “The fact that people try to put us down is annoying but we are Raiders, we are strong, and we pull through,” remarked Hirschhorn.

raider pride

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super fans

Senior Tom Ventura
- Founder of the “Raiders, Raiders, Raiders!" chant
- Founder of the “day-oh!" chant
- Co-Founder of the “dog chant" along with senior Nehemiah Burney-Porter
“I try to keep up the energy. I feel like the twelfth player on the field,” explained Ventura.
As the last seconds approach, seniors Matt Ferrara and Ronnie Stein throw their hands up in exhilaration. The best part of sitting next to the duo was the fact that they were not run-of-the-mill fans. They were thoughtful, knowledgeable, and above all else, insane over the game. "People take what we say completely out of context. Raider fans are the most uproarious and motivating fans in the state of New Jersey," bragged Ferrara.

"fight, fight, fight for the blue and white!"
The cheerleaders put on a dynamic show for the fans during half time. Juniors Adda Roshansky and Jessica Abrantes knew it was their job to get the crowd pumped during the game. "I feel that the squad really gets the team hyped up and ready to win," added Roshansky.

"One game, Huggy Bear jumped into my arms along with other Raider Soccer players; I guess I have that effect on people," mused Chmielnik.

"I stand by the team no matter what—win or lose," exclaimed Appel.

"It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a Raider!"
Seniors Alex Resnick and Kara Sang, self-proclaimed Super Fans, follow the Raider lifestyle. These individuals proved the negative stereotype to be completely false through their encouraging chants and knowledge of soccer. "I was appalled by the harsh comments made against Raider fans. Scotch Plains doesn't roll like that; we don't discriminate against other players," stated Resnick.
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macho men

"I think teenagers trick-or-treating is kind of weird, even though I did it. I was home when people came to my house, and when I opened the door for some girl that I know. It was awkward... so I'd say it's pretty weird."

senior Jon Greenspan

"As long as you're having fun and maybe scaring some kids along the way, I don't see why teenagers shouldn't trick-or-treat."

junior Nick Duke

what a marvel!!

Ready to save anyone should the need arise, these sophomores emulate their favorite superheroes. Kodan showed off her Hulk costume when she went trick-or-treating, much to the dismay of some of the adults who answered the door. "People got a little frustrated when we came to their door, complaining things like 'save the candy for the little kids,' but then again other people loved how we still had the spirit," defended Kodan.

"As you grow older, the thrill of trick-or-treating starts to fade away."

junior Maetal Rozenberg

Josh Green, Jon Greenspan, David Ginsberg, Brian McGroary, Dan Appel
"These are my dress clothes."
Anonymous

Beaming with pride, junior Martine Baruch dons a self made t-shirt that he collaborated with a friend to make. That might have seemed wacky to some but Baruch's shirts sported various inside jokes that made perfect sense to him and his friends. "My shirts are insane in the membrane!" claimed Baruch.

Junior Jake Parisi smiles as he explains one of his "wearable jokes," something that he has become well known for. "I find making people laugh with the benign humor on my shirts to not only be a great way to start a conversation with somebody, but reflect a part of my personality that I would like to be known best by people," commented Parisi.

T-shirts are an expression. 
Senior Dana Sacks

This past year, many students found a great way to spark up a conversation: t-shirts. Aside from the fact that t-shirts were a useful clothing item, t-shirts were used to make statements or jokes, represent famous people, and even to pick up the ladies by some very suave students. T-shirts were in full effect as more than just clothing this year.

"It's an inside thing"

Know your rights!
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Self-expression

Ladies' man

Junior Brennan McTernan rules the halls with his ballin' "1 UP" Super Mario Bros. t-shirt.

Watch junior Alex Cvetovich as he works the ladies with the help of his sweet shirt.

Step 1) Scan the area inauspiciously with a sweet shirt.
need a lift?
Why bother spending countless hours learning how to drive when you can just hop a ride on senior Joe Cepparulo's back? Students such as senior Jon Greenspan found out about the ease of using Cepparulo to get around instead of a car. "If ever you need a lift, just hop on and I'll take you where you need," said Cepparulo.

pant thief no swiping!
Dora the Explorer has Swiper, Pokemon has Team Rocket, but Spiffy High has quite possibly the most notorious petty thief in modern history-senior Megan Domenick. No one was more afflicted than junior Alex Russo who even bought a shirt dedicated to Dominick's favorite target. "I don't get it. I just wanted my pants, and I couldn't find them," complained a perplexed Russo.

"I'm just keeping it real, g."
senior Dana Levinson

"Her loss that she can't see that I'm the man."
junior Carlo DeGuzman
The only reason why we ask other people how their weekend was is so we can tell them about our own weekend.”

Chuck Palahniuk

Quite spontaneously, these two friends, juniors Karina Demair and Kim Molnar, strike up a brilliant idea to balance spoons on their noses at the dinner table. As usual, the two “marching band-ers” visited their common hang-out spot in Friday’s to relax after a competition. “Friday nights are when we finally relax and goof around,” said Molnar.

Senior Catherine Paseka, Makayla Nichols, Kara Sang, Lindsey Fitzgerald, Steph Ricca, and Karyn Tofolo leave the marks of their friendship in the sand. Heading to the beach, many members of the senior class would load up about eight cars with food and chairs in order to spend some time together laughing about their hectic week. “It was fun because we all just hung out, and it was cool to be at the beach at night in the cold with some good ole buddies,” reminisced Sang.

“A s Monday through Friday crawled along at a snail’s pace, students were bombarded with work and responsibilities. All the while, one thing was on their minds: the weekend. Whether choosing to sleep away the week’s stress, make an appearance at the best parties, go out to eat with friends, or simply rent movies; everyone made the most of their precious two days of freedom. Escaping the monotonous routine the school week held kept overworked teens sane, as they were able to let loose in their comfort zones and spend quality time with friends and family.

“On the weekends I like to watch Nascar in my pajamas.”

junior Shirley Kim

Unfortunately, the much needed breaks were short-lived as Friday night turned into Monday morning at what seemed to be the drop-of-a-hat, and students were sent back to school looking forward to the weekend yet again.

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foot prints in the sand

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A game of touch football becomes messy when sophomores Tyler Dellmoro, Jorden Yellen, Kasee Aguilar, Courtney Costa, Alexa Lindenberg, Tommy Sutter, Jarek Cohen, Mike Divisio, Tyler Staneck, and Allie Vogel decide to play rough. After the game, they spent hours scrubbing the mud off their clothes, but even when they were cleaning, they managed to have fun. "It's always a good time when we get together; my friends make me happy," commented Vogel.

Taking a bite out of their favorite snack, seniors Michelle D'Auria and Julie Saggard know that eating apples will keep them out of the doctor's office during the flu season. These girls took advantage of a warm Saturday afternoon to have a perfect picnic in the park. "It was a nice day out, so we decided to be outside enjoying the warm weather and just having fun with our best friends," added D'Auria.

"It doesn't get much better than strolling down the streets of the City I love with friends that I love." freshman Kelly Cianciotta

"It was my friend Stacey's birthday. We had an awesome time when we went to the City and watched the best musical, Wicked!" junior Helen Han

"I like to live my weekends dangerously." junior Melissa Rupnarain
man-i-can
Senior Kristin Dyson stylishly dresses the Mandee store mannequin in Watchung. "I like working, but it's hard; I won't lie. Dressing that mannequin is no joke," said Dyson.

she loaves it!
Junior Kristina Fridy sells a monstrous pastry at Panera Bread in Watchung. "A loaf of bread in every arm makes for easy money; it also never gets boring," claimed Fridy.

call waiting
Senior Melissa Sette diligently takes the calls for take-out orders at one of many exclusive restaurants in Westfield, the Northside Trattoria. "No mess to clean up, semi-formal-casual dress, the [employees] are awesome, and so is my salary," explained Sette.

work out plan
"In terms of selling items, shoes are my specialty here [Soccer Post]... It's just what I do."
junior Brett Jones

"It's very relaxing here [Sacred Spaces Yoga Center]. There are many drinks to make and a lot of items to play with."
senior Ricky Lisojo
"It's been a hard days night and I've been working like a dog."
The Beatles

As gasoline prices threatened to skyrocket to unprecedented heights, students had an extra incentive to find a job. Seeking money to subsidize their hobbies, cars, and weekend activities; students faced the obstacle of managing their time wisely. In the process of making money, students picked up valuable skills which will carry over to professions that they may pursue in the future. Several students saved money for special occasions, others spent it all at once, but none denied the satisfaction of receiving a hard-earned paycheck.

"Babysitting is good money; I'm considering becoming a teacher."

Senior Catherine Jahn smiles as she makes a "frosty" transaction at the local Dairy Queen in Plainfield, NJ. "Good environment, great boss and [an] all around family atmosphere is what I enjoy most," said Jahn.
"Brothers and sisters are there with us from the dawn of our personal stories to the inevitable dusk." 
Susan Scarf Merrell

For many students, having a sibling in the same building meant having an ally nearby. Sharing a school, for members of other families, however, inevitably became a challenge. Living up to distinct reputations posed certain undeniable academic, athletic, and social obstacles. In some instances, younger siblings felt a need to assert their own accomplishments and prove themselves in contrast to their overachieving older siblings.

"We are compared in certain aspects, but we both know where we stand and accept it." 
junior Laurel Devlin

Some other fresh-faced brothers and sisters felt a need to exceed the achievements of their older siblings and make a name for themselves. Even other students managed to overcome the brunt of reputations altogether, and petty rivalries over clothes or computers barely made a dent in their tightly-knit relationships.

"I am so proud of what [freshman] Gillian has accomplished, especially her trip to Kenya. Compared to her, sometimes I feel like I have done so little in my life." 
senior Deirdre Clark

"We have opposite roles. I'm an overachiever and spastic, [sophomore] Nicholas is athletic, and [freshman] Richard is a troublemaker." 
junior Daisy Fung
clothing thief!

Junior Alex Lambros giggles as her older sister Brittany lifts her on her back. The two developed similar reputations for being well-dressed, and Alex, at times, pilfered through her sister’s wardrobe to maintain this status. “Alex is always stealing my clothes. I’ve told her so many times and she never stopped, so now my clothes are hidden. It sounds crazy, but you do what you have to do,” laughed Brittany.

great expectations

With a look that says it all, freshman Golan Rozenberg expresses his frustration at his older sister’s work ethic. Some of junior Maetal Rozenberg’s former teachers taught her brother this year, and she realized that Golan could not always escape her shadow. “When he has a teacher that I had, I get all excited, and he always goes, ‘they’ll expect me to get straight A’s like you,’” said Maetal.

“Last year, when [freshman] Sam wasn’t around, I did whatever I wanted. But this year, I have to be a good older sister so he can do well.”

sophomore Amy Lee

 “[Sophomore] Kalee and I have been close friends since we were young, and being in the high school together has been enjoyable.”

junior Arley Aguliar

“We have similar personalities. [senior] Joe and I both play sports and are kind of quiet yet outgoing at the same time.”

junior Ashley Jacobi
Seniors Sean Young and Kelly Kaskiw wrap up fellow senior Alex Resnick in a toilet paper contest while visiting a 5th grade Halloween party. “Look at me, I’m a mummy,” exclaimed Resnick.

Gathering around a table of sweets during Melissa Sette’s Birthday party are seniors Stacey Subbie, Dayna Warren, and Gaby Falco. “We all sat together messing around, telling jokes and of course eating lots of junk food.... We always did a lot of talking whenever we hung out,” said Falco.

victory spill

Seniors Katie Devlin and Kara Sang pose for a picture upon finishing relay races at the Brunner field day. After a fun-filled afternoon of competitions, Sang finished off her day by spilling water all over herself. "After Kara spilled water all over herself, we just had to pose for a picture," claimed Devlin.

"You have to do your own growing up no matter how tall your grandfather is." Abraham Lincoln

The TV show The Wonder Years once noted that "Memories are ways to hold on to people and things you don't want to let go of." Sadly, however, growth was an unstoppable force, and the toddlers of yesterday were today's graduating seniors. Frequently the changes were not as drastic as they may have seemed, as we remembered our favorite moments. But for now, pictures spoke louder than words.

a new beginning

Seniors Danielle Egan and Brittany McDonald strike up a friendship during lunch. "In the beginning of the year, Brittany and I were not close at all, but then we started to participate in after-school activities together," noted Egan.

2teens
“Food is an important part of a balanced diet.” Fran Lebowitz

Rumble... the sound of a stomach in need of food! Problem solved- a trip to any one of the area’s eateries. Starbucks, The Macaroni Grill, Alfonso’s, The Scotchwood Diner, Cheeburger Cheeburger, Sun Tavern, The Cheesecake Factory, and Fujiyama Mama prevailed as the frequently-visited local restaurants.

“I love Cheeburger Cheeburger” sophomore Melanie Davis

The reason for the popularity of these establishments was evident in every way, from the appealing selections to the engaging atmosphere; from the location to the service.

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best diner the scotchwood

Juniors Alana Rosato and Allie Brown enjoy tasty french fries and milkshakes at the Scotchwood Diner in Scotch Plains. The diner was known as a popular hangout spot with inexpensive but quality meals. No matter what time of day, students were found chowing down. “Whenever I get a craving for french fries, I call up my friends, and we head to the diner!” commented Rosato.

best selection the cheesecake factory

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best coffee
starbucks

"The best part of going to Westfield is grabbing a quick cup of coffee from Starbucks," sophomore Sam Ungar

best appetizer
the macaroni grill

Out for dinner in Menlo Park, sophomore Christina Woods is pleasantly surprised with the personal pizza she ordered from the appetizer menu. Not only did Woods, her friend Sahrula, and her mother think the appetizers were mouthwatering, but the complementary bread was heavenly as well! "Sahrula [not pictured] commented that it was the best pizza she ever had!" exclaimed Woods.

Tavern because I'm going to run into people I know, as well as meet people I don't yet know!" junior Hayley Middleton.

"My friends and I love going out for hibachi at Fugiyama Mama because it's different than all of the other restaurants around here," junior Aileen Drum.

best pizza
alfonso's

Freshman Jillian Coffery and sophomores Jaclyn Petrow, Christine Roser, Courtney Baines, Kristen Thompson, and Cassie Berwick pose outside Alfonso's Pizzeria in Scotch Plains after indulging in the eatery's outstanding pizza. "Alfonso's is a good place to hang out with friends and enjoy a delicious afternoon snack of pizza!" declared Thompson.
"Hello, Baxter? Baxter, is that you? Bark twice if you’re in Milwaukee!"
Ron Burgundy, Anchorman

two peas in a pod
Senior Brian McGroary entertains his dog, Beasley...or is Beasley entertaining McGroary? Beasley, a Havanese, was a sturdy dog of immense charm and was covered with a profuse mantle of untrimmed lengthy, wavy hair. It just so happened that these same adjectives described McGroary. A charismatic class clown with long, curly hair, the resemblances between Brian and Beasley laid well beneath the surface. Both described as crazy and outgoing, these two peas in a pod were more like brothers than owner and pet. When asked how he was like Beasley, McGroary responded wittily, "I do a lot of the things he does, like show my affection for cute girls."

"My dog and I are both lazy and hate moving. However, we both love food, and will both move to get food." sophomore Brian Pesin

you’re a team, like bert and ernie
Senior Melissa Sette and her dog, Petey, do one of their favorite things: eat. Sette adores her Little-Rascal-rembling pooch, her best friend for nine years. "We’re really similar because we sleep all day and go crazy at night," exclaimed Sette.

"CoCo and I love to spoon and watch TV together!" senior Danielle Koch

people
Those who owned pets believed that they were much more than animals—they were best friends and close companions. Pet owners’ lives were greatly influenced by their companion’s presence.

"Beasely and I go together like Apple Jacks and milk."
senior Brian McGroary

Many people believed that dogs and their owners resembled one another, whether behaviorally or physically. The relationship between students and their pets was proof that dog truly was "man’s best friend."

adopte and pooches
After a tiring run around the backyard, junior Greg Brand and his Airedale Terrier, Toby, take a break. Although Brand owned two cats, two rabbits, one fish, and one lizard, Toby was his closest companion. He explained that they were alike in that they both "get a little wild at times, although Toby has a lot more hair than I do. I think a lot more like my lizard, Dew Point, who has spikes and stuff."

"Elvis is the most gentle and nicest dog in the world. I try my best to be nice, and I'm gentle." — sophomore Eddie Kahn

"Hunter and I play together all the time, so my parents say we're both like kids." — senior Ron Petty

"I'm shy at first, but once you get to know me I'm outgoing. Tiger is scared of people at first, but plays with them after seeing them for a bit." — sophomore Kunal Sodhi

"Fluffy and I are both shy around our friends but aggressive around our enemies." — sophomore Cathy Harley
It may be cloudy outside, but these seniors still display their oversized sunglasses for the sake of fashion. Hollywood stars from different eras, such as Jackie O. who made large sunglasses popular and Tom Cruise who promoted aviator sunglasses, inspired the restoration of the fad. "Sunglasses are a good way to keep the sun out of your eyes and attract all the ladies," joked Brian McGroary.
The bulky concho belt defeats its purpose of holding jeans in place, considering it does not fit in standard belt loops. However, this accessory was successful in becoming a popular fashion trend. "I love this belt because I can wear a plain shirt and jeans with it so that the belt stands out," said junior Dana Hankin.

As to matters of dress, I would recommend one never to be first in the fashion nor the last out of it.

John Wesley

A trend is characterized as the popular style or vogue at a specific period of time. However, many of the fashions that were popular during previous decades returned and were donned by students as they strutted through the hallways. Students could find these fads not only at vintage shops, but similar versions of these items were also found in modern stores. With former celebrities serving as inspiration, students were able to keep up with constantly changing fashions, whether they were original or derived from the past.

"Always got to be up to date with the new fashion styles."
Seniors Danielle Porter and Dave Ginsberg gracefully accept their titles of Homecoming Queen and King. The audience was thrilled with the end result because both of these students were outgoing, involved, and had great personalities. "Well, I thought it was one of the most fulfilling things I have ever done. Aside from winning, being up there with my fellow classmates made me really feel proud to be a part of our school," said Ginsberg.

"We got the idea for the Roman theme from searching on the internet. We spent all night shopping, painting flags, and making columns the day before the event," junior SGA member Kirstan Fuller said.

"Prepare for Homecoming was stressful because I was running late. My hair wasn't the way I wanted it, and it seems that all the cashiers at the stores I was going to that day were incredibly slow," senior Claudia Ahiabor said. "I felt on top of the world sitting in front of everyone in my toga. Throughout the event, I became more nervous as we approached the moment of truth. When Dave won, I was destroyed. I just sank in my seat, trying to hide away from the world," senior Nehemiah Burney-Porter said.

"Weber had a strenuous battle to victory as the audience looked on, clapping and booing with every swing. "My strategies were to not swing too hard, so if I missed I wouldn't fall off, and to just keeping hitting him in the head to get him dizzy," bragged Weber.

"Nostalgia of kindergarten creeps up on senior Jared Chmelnik as he colors a Roman warrior. As an SGA officer, Chmelnik spent countless late nights at the high school prior to the event and was in the gym all day preparing for the event. "It was a little hectic though, trying to get all the performances out on time and putting them in an order that would work out the best and please everyone,"added Chmelnik.
Senior Chris Nilsen

"My home is not a place; it is a people."  
Louis Bujold

Taking a break from modern times, students traveled back to a distant empire as they stepped through the doors of the gym into ancient Rome - re-created. Complete with Roman architecture and various decorations, the formerly dull gym's archaic ambiance drew in an excited audience. Performances from the Dance Team, Gymnastics Team, Color Guard, Cheerleading Squad, and the Step Squad entertained spectators and contestants. The classic Roman gladiator match topped off the night's fun. Amused by the performances, nominees for king and queen donned ancient Roman fashions as they showed off their togas in hopes of being dubbed "Spiffy Royalty."

"As an SGA officer, I was really pleased with the wicked awesome result of homecoming. We all put a lot of hard work into it, and I think everyone had a really great time," senior Chris Nilsen

In the end, seniors Dave Ginberg and Danielle Porter walked away with the coveted crowns and secured their spots in the school's history. "It was such a fun theme, and I think we all really got into it and had a fabulous time," commented Porter.

A head over heels performance

The gymnastic team finds their perfect balance after tumbling and flipping the night away. Cheered on by the audience, the girls continued to amaze everyone with their floor routine. "A lot of hard work and long practices went into our routine. We actually finished organizing the dance the night before," added junior Laurel Devlin.

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“A kind of language frequently occurring chiefly in playful or casual speech, made up typically of short-lived coinages and figures of speech that are deliberately used in place of standard terms for added raciness, humor, irreverence, or other effect. An important part of youth culture from generation to generation has been unique words that influence and change the way we speak. For example, ‘word.’

‘Snap, son! I aced that test!’

Affirmatively: “You wanna go get pizza?” “Word.” Excitedly: “I got into Princeton!” “Word to that!” Questioningly: “I ripped my pants.” “Word?” And there is certainly much more where ‘word’ came from. From class to class and year to year, slang has helped to define our time.

“Slang is a poor man’s poetry.”

John Moore

“Best” (adv.) variation of the word ‘better’ that is typically used as annoying. “You best be eating your vitamins!” warned sophomore Izzy Blach.

“Fish grease” (analogy) something considered highly favorable. “That’s hot like fish grease!” exclaimed junior Dennis Major Jr.

“Mad” (adj., adv.) word meaning “very” or “really” when used to describe an action or noun. “This book is mad funny,” said freshman Caitlin Campbell.

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woebetide (exclamation) word found in British Literature meaning beware, be forewarned or take caution. "Woebetide those who don't hand in their homework!" warned Ms. Janette Birkett.

weak (adj.) word meaning bad, lame, boring or stupid. "That joke was weak!" commented junior Tom Pennella.

fig-a-deal-me? (phrase) a way to ask if someone comprehends. "Do you fig-a-deal-me?" asked sophomore Shamir Watson.

shawday (n.) alternate name for "shortie;" name for a girl whose attention is wanted and/or a playful nickname. "That girl is a shawday!" exclaimed freshman Darwin Nitro.

def (adj.) shortened form of the word "definitely" used as an affirmation. "That movie was def awesome!" affirmed sophomore Silvano DiMonte.

-z0r Prefix or suffix from the world of online video gaming added to words to make them more poignant. "You just got pwnz0rd, Andrew Wong!" exclaimed senior Josh Zinman.
"A pimped out ride would be a car with rims, navigation system, and tinted windows..." - senior Ashley Owens

Students revved their engines and pulled up to school in style with some very cool cars. From the old to the new, from SUV's to sedans; no style was excluded. Pimpin' cars were not only valued for their luxury or as a way to get from point A to point B; they were also a means of self-expression. As cars became increasingly customized, the personalities of their owners shone through. The bold statements of the '06 rides demonstrated the individuality of the students.

"A pimped out ride is a car that's fast, but still has looks to back it up. A good paint job is always key. Rice burners are not pimp rides," shared Halpin.

As they show off their strikingly similar Volkswagen Jetta's, seniors Megan Domenick and Chris Cooper find time to strike a pose. Even though the cars were different colors and styles, they shared the same popular characteristics that made the Jetta a worldwide favorite. "People always tell me that if I were a car, I would be my red Volkswagen Jetta," explained Domenick.
In his silver Scion, senior Ricky Lisojo nonchalantly scouts the student lot for a parking spot. Not only did the Scion feature interior and performance modules, but it also displayed the facets of Lisojo's personality. "It shows that I'm very independent and that I work for what I have. It also shows that I'm silver, not gold," commented Lisojo.

"I would define a pimped out car as a car with bling and lots of cool technology, like a navigation system or a DVD player." - senior Julie Hyman

"My car and I are both exciting. It can do a quarter mile in ten minutes and has an awesome system." - senior Jeremy Grau

"a classic beauty
While trying to occupy as many spots as she can, senior Becca McGuire enjoys some downtime in her 1981 Volkswagen Rabbit. Even though other students might have treasured their newfangled rides, McGuire's love for her old-school wheels was undying. "I love my car because it's 24 years old. It's retro, and even though the mirror falls off every time I hit a bump, it's still my baby." - confessed McGuire.
"I helped set up the We've Got Your Back program. Joel Strauss and I made a visual presentation in Coles Elementary School to get the whole town, even elementary school children, involved. I wanted to do something to help the victims. If I was affected by the hurricane, I know I would want help from others."

senior Julianne Carman

pants off to you, Alex

Unable to contain his overwhelming enthusiasm, junior Alex Cvetovich casts off his clothing at the height of his passionate performance. For the telethon Cvetovich and fellow juniors Luke Saenzdeviteri and Peter Bistis came together to perform as a band. "We just needed to rock and get pseudo-naked for charity," mused Cvetovich.

senior Julianne Carman

serving the cause

Two opposing teams stand ready, tense for action. In addition to other events in the Telethon, the volleyball game produced much interest from the crowd. SGA members faced off against the teachers, generating an exciting match. "It was fun to play against the teachers (as well as to win) to provide relief. I thought it was a creative and fun activity," exclaimed junior Kirstan Fuller.

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"After the cheerleader's performance at the telethon, which was a success (after we fixed the music), we helped to sell food and drinks in the cafeteria. Both my parents were very involved in relief efforts and I also wanted to do my best."

senior Katherine Paseka

drumming up the solution

Deep in conversation, Mr. Robert Stevens and juniors Lauren Messina and Travis Schwartz discuss the order of the acts for the upcoming telethon. As one of the acts, Schwartz performed with his band, The Riot, to aid in relief efforts. "It felt good to be able to help in the fund raisers as well as perform for people in the community," said Schwartz.
“I lost my house and I lost my cars, but I still got my family... and I still got my spirit.”
Steve Scott of the Biloxi Fire Department

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita shook the country to the core. The category 5 storms destroyed a sense of security for the masses, sending families from their homes to shelters. People lost jobs, friends, and lives; floods washed away familiar things. In response to these tragedies, the student body reacted with a collective desire to improve the difficult situations. Non-perishable food, school supplies, clothes, and hygienic items were collected, and $5,000 was raised through the Telethon. “I think we enacted every program we could to help the victims. I do believe that we had all the bases covered,” stated senior Samantha Savino.

Donations are welcome and appreciated
junior Lauren Messina

bake to school night
SCN members, seniors Natalie Sanchez and Julie Madan offer their time to help at donation tables. As an active member of SCN, Madan participated by making the table presentable so that parents would contribute to help in the relief fund. “I feel it’s our responsibility as a community to do our best to help others in need, and I’m glad to be a part of SCN,” stated Madan.
"We don't look alike at all, so it's actually fun to tell people that we are twins because they don't believe us,"
Senior Katie Wong

a splitting image
Although juniors Kenny and Eric Wasserman do not look exactly alike, people still seem to confuse the two. "In Marching Band, there was a freshman who knew us for a few weeks and didn't know we were twins until the first competition; he just thought we were the same person," said Kenny.

"Even when Troy's not around, he can tell if something happens to me," senior Travis Morgan.

"Vanessa and I both like the same things, but we have different personalities."
Sophomore Denise Abrantes

"We know each other so well; we know how one another will react to almost everything."
Senior Gaby Falco
Identical twins, seniors Rob and Tom Ventura, play a lighthearted game of rock-paper-scissors-shoot on the hood of their cars after school. Apart from their appearance, the two were also similar because they enjoyed the same types of movies, books, and music. "It's hard to create your own individual personality when everybody associates you with your twin," expressed Tom.

"It's a twin thing!"
Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen

Holding onto each other, juniors Tiffany and Heather Pasko cannot stand being away from each other. "As much as I fight with Tiffany, I love her so much and don't think I could ever live without her," claimed Heather. "If I'm not with Heather, I feel like a part of me is missing," expressed Tiffany.

"One of our only physical differences is that I usually grow my hair out longer."

"Hey, you looked the same, dressed the same, had the same interests, same positive and negative qualities. But, were twins the similar, seemingly same people popular conception made them out to be? Or could twins have been as different as night and day? Actually, most twins were very different. In fact, even where twins might have shared similar interests, specific styles differed. Both Tom and Rob Ventura like art, but said Tom, "I'm a better drawer and he's a better painter." Case closed.
"If you compromise with your own obsessions—that way lies disaster.”
J. G. Ballard

Infatuation, passion, love; just a few words that were used to define the word “obsession.” Although obsessions were sometimes associated with bad connotations and meanings, the majority of teenage mania’s have been deemed as healthy. Most students wanted to know: Are obsessions during the pinnacle of teenage life fads or life-long qualities? Many students who fixated over certain things claimed their passion was “forever,” while others felt they were just a phase. All agree, however, that obsessions made each student unique and special, whether it was a foot fetish, dirty sock fixation, or Beyoncé fascination.

Senior Tasha Johnstone takes the cake with her retro key chains. Her obsession with key chains began when she often lost her keys, but now, due to the non-stop noise her key chains create, she never loses them. Nano babies, lanyards, her boyfriend’s sports bracelets, and Disney characters galore are what complete her fascination with key chains. Although the key chain collection continues, Johnstone claims, “It’s not an obsession!”

Strategic finance
Showing her compulsive side, senior Lydia Sams arranges her bills in the mandatory order by serial number. Sams actually began her habit her freshman year. “Joe Dziedzic suggested that I organize all my money not by only amounts, but by serial numbers,” said Sams.

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tic tac toes
Senior Danielle Porter’s obsession with feet begins as a simple love for shoes, but that love quickly turned into a passion towards what was inside the shoes themselves. Porter has been known to touch random feet, but a “must” on her list of favorites is to have clean toes. “Keep ’em clean,” said Porter.

crazy in love
Everyone has seen someone obsessed - but very few have seen junior Andre Smith’s obsession with Beyonce. His bookbags, binders, CD’s, photos, official fan clubs, magazine covers, and Myspace consisted of everything Beyonce. Smith dropped facts about the diva on a regular basis, such as her biography, her family life, and Grammy nominations. “[Beyonce] is an inspiration and a role model for everyone...an example of a healthy obsession would be my strong interest in Beyonce. Others consider it obsession; I consider it love,” explained Smith.

A fascination with key chains gone too far: senior Justine Brown showcases her obsession with key chains. Brown’s key chains are generally from Europe, an unforgettable trip of which she will always have a piece thanks to the key chains. “One actual key stays on my chain, but I anticipate another...Soon there will be two!” said Brown.

snuggle
Senior DJ Garret is proudly obsessed with clean laundry. The aroma of dryer fresh laundry motivated Garret to do the wash. He used all different types of detergents but, “it depends on the occasion; whatever gets the job done is right for me,” noted Garret.
"Style is knowing who you are, what you want to say, and not giving a darn." Gore Vidal

As students chose to exhibit their individuality in different ways, certain labels evolved. Goth, Prep, and Skater were a few examples of categories into which kids were grouped on the sole basis of their clothing choices. No matter what the label, certain stereotypes were prevalent. Various pupils reacted in different ways:

"I like my clothes to be a size bigger than I need because it is more comfortable for me. People say I look like a thug/gangster or a criminal/drug dealer."

Senior Joseph Foote

Some decided to ignore the propaganda, while others fought to disprove it. Though reactions varied, the misinformed judgments were unanimously decidedly both hurtful and for the most part, just plain ridiculous.

"The people who stereotype me are usually people I don't talk to. For the most part, my style is my own creation."

Senior Tara O'Brien

With hand on hip, junior Danielle Sepe throws her dad's leather jacket over her shoulder. Since Sepe is an artist, she confessed to designing and redesigning herself over and over using all types of clothing. "I always dress just as I would like to with little to no regard to stereotypes or trends," stated Sepe.

With a devilish smirk, senior Thom McManigal appears to be conjuring up some sort of trouble. "Stereotypes can be hurtful or incorrect. Everybody should get to know one another instead of who they think that person is," noted McManigal.
I think that’s the reason I dress the way I do, is to avoid stereotypes. I’d rather be known as unique than as another girl who dresses just like everyone else.”
sophomore Allison Kodan

bittersweet
Staying true to her unique style, sticking her tongue out, junior Sam Fishman rolls her eyes. Fishman disclosed that drawing inspiration from the music and television she likes were key to finding clothes that fit her own personal style. "I don’t stereotype myself. I like the way I act and dress. I just wish it didn’t matter," admitted Fishman.

divalicious!
Taking full advantage of the photo opt, sophomore Amy Lee models for the camera. The fashionista admitted that she tries to emulate Korean actresses and singers to keep ahead of recent styles. "I don’t think people should label me as they wish without knowing the real me," noted Lee.

“I can be stereotyped by my own style, originality, and creativity. I call it random.”
junior Janae Rogers

“I dislike when people ask if I am a Goth. I just want to be me. Stereotypes are just ignorant and annoying.”
senior Melissa Gibbons

original dress and style 41
Another school year passed; another endless wave of stress handled. Stress attacked the students from all angles, forcing them to juggle schoolwork with extracurricular activities, jobs, friends, family, and whatever else had to be done throughout the day. Yet, different people handled the levels of stress in different ways. Some students, such as the cool and composed senior Dan Bugg,

"The amount of time we have to relax is ridiculously disproportional to the amount of time in a day."
sophomore Andrew Clark

managed to go through the year with a minimal amount of stress. Others, such as frantic and frazzled junior Daisy Fung, dealt with enough stress that could have made Donald Trump sweat. However, all students managed to find an outlet to relieve their stress and make it through the year.

At least one person has found a way to stay stress-free. "I used to be stressed, but I'm like the type of person who can't make myself sit down and do something until right before it's due," reflected senior Dan Bugg, who found a method to stay as stress-free as possible.

runnin' in the breeze
Junior Mike Miller, a member of the cross-country team, prepares for a track meet. What might seem like punishment to most was actually therapeutic to Miller. "It can be tough in school with hard work, but running is a good release," said Miller.

what's.... sleep?
Immersed in a tiring schedule consisting of National Honor Society, French Honor Society, the SATs, ACTs, all accelerated and A.P. classes, SCN, Habitat for Humanity, and a job on top of it all, any form of a break eluded junior Daisy Fung. Though most people spent time trying to relieve their stress, it seemed that Daisy loved it! "There are some nights I didn't get any sleep, but I'd drink around five Red Bulls a day to keep awake," stated Fung nonchalantly.

chillin'
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why so blue?
Senior Troy Morgan laments about another tiring day. "On top of school, family, and friends; I am in three shows, worry about college applications, and I'm exhausted....To relieve my stress, I usually talk about it with friends and family or go to church," explained Morgan.

"I'm usually stress-free, since I manage my time well."
senior Andrew Lipstein

illin'

wild'n out

"I can get stressed out by other people, but writing poetry and songs makes me feel relaxed."
senior Derek Chen

scream alone 2
Sometimes, expressing the level of stress by letting out a scream is the easiest way to handle the pressure. After juggling her time among soccer, Moon Glowers, track (both winter and spring), French Honor Society, and all A.P. classes, senior Meaghan Kelly found out that the quickest and most effective relief was just to scream. "if I don't relax and take some me time, I might explode," explained Kelly.
“Beware, so long as you live, of judging people by appearances.”
La Fontaine

**snow bunny**
Junior Jenny Zimmermann enjoys speeding down snow-covered mountains on her snowboard, but she puts her own spin on it. Along with the traditional Boardslide and Indy, she could also perform cartwheels on her board. She discovered her talent one spring while snowboarding with her family, and because of the warmer weather, the snow was patched with exposed grass. “I tried to jump over the grassy spots, and I hit the front of the snowboard on the grass. I put my hands down and continued to do a cartwheel,” explained Zimmermann.

**triplet threat**
The multi-talented senior Guenevere Zucker cannot only twirl ribbon, baton, and hula-hoop; but she can do all of those at the same time! She discovered this unusual talent while participating in a Color Guard talent show in 9th grade and has twirled ever since. Rhythmic gymnastic skills helped her out, but ultimately her ability to multi-task was key. “It really came in handy when my church had a variety show,” noted Zucker.

**off the wall**
Tae Kwon Do master to the spoon balancing wonder, hidden talents were all around us. For those who chose to come forth to reveal their concealed talents, they showed the student body the true meaning of unique.

**spiderman**
He runs, jumps and flips off the side of buildings, landing on his feet with ease; no, he does not have superpowers, but sophomore Grant Carter just so happens to be able to flip his entire body 360 degrees by launching off walls. When he was asked Carter has yet to injure himself how he figured out he could while preforming his jump, but accomplish such an outrageous task, he simply replied, "Don't try it at home!"
Seeing is believing: junior Sam Carow really is balancing four spoons on her face! Her unique skill of suspending spoons was a result of boredom while hanging out with her cousins one afternoon. When she went out to dinner, her talent was an icebreaker. With new people, she said it makes everyone feel a lot more comfortable and less uptight. In fact, the most she had ever successfully balance were six spoons at once! When asked how she would describe the best spoon that does the trick, Carow replied “Heavy table spoons work best; I don’t know why, but they stick the best to my face.”

“I discovered my talent by accident; one day I tried to lick food off my nose, and my tongue got stuck in my nose” senior Craig Fischebein

“In elementary school I saw someone with a bubble on their tongue, and I decided to try it. The rest is history” sophomore Kenny Hessemer
Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

Arthur C. Clarke

The evolution of iPods proved the adage of "bigger is better" false. Companies raced to make technology compact, and at the same time filled gadgets with variety of functions. One of the gizmos, for example, the iPod nano, stored a thousand songs despite its impossibly small size. Daring to challenge the Apple kingdom, cell phones equaling the size of an iPod held up to 900 songs—depending on their memory cards—as well as pictures and videos. Finding their places in students’ pockets, petite devices containing big ideas spread feverishly—entertainment harnessed in hand-held wonders.

My sidekick is a mobile computer.” senior Jeff Bell

“Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.”

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junior Sam Gates

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Immersed in the music on her new m:Robe, sophomore Amy Lee dances in the street. Her recently acquired mp3 player fit her needs because it allowed her to "robe" herself in her favorite music wherever she went. "What drew me to it was the option of viewing lyrics while I listen to the music," mused Lee.

Proud junior Allie Zazzali sports her RAZR phone. Hot pink and slim, Zazzali's cell phone performed as a digital camera and a fashion statement. "I love the fact that it acts as both a really good digital camera and a phone; it also looks really cool," radiated Zazzali.

"My Sidekick has everything to it from internet, AIM, text messaging and games. It's basically a computer-only thing missing is a television," senior Anthony Bialiatico

"I love to play with the flip motion and internet of my Sidekick Special Edition," senior Ricky Lisojo

"Making the best of every second, seniors Lindsay Fitzgerald and Staci Goldberg strike a pose with their best smiles. Goldberg loved to take silly pictures with her friends, capturing memories. "My digital camera is small and easy to carry everywhere...and it takes really good, clear pictures," boasted Goldberg."
i got connections

Senior Bryan Mondello smiles as he shows off his 15 piercings. Since his friend was apprenticing to become a professional piercer, he got them all done free of charge. Mondello had two piercings in both ears, including the inside of his ear (a.k.a. the conch), three below his lower lip, two in his nose, both nipples and both of his eyebrows. "I'm working on getting five loops in each ear, my tongue pierced and two bars in the back of my neck and wrist. I also have a few tattoos planned," divulged Mondello.

"Your body is a temple, but how long can you live in the same house before you redecorate?"

Author Unknown

The First Amendment stated that all American citizens had the right to express themselves freely. A few members of the student and faculty population took full advantage of their rights. Individuals began to use their bodies as canvases, displaying various piercings and tattoos. No matter how freedom of expression manifested itself - whether it was through earrings, belly button rings or tattoos - the importance of individuality and uniqueness was surely not lost.

"Even though my mom just got a nose ring, she doesn't approve of my tattoos or tongue ring. I don't mind."

senior Ayana Akbar [left]

deadly venom

Watch out; this fiery snake has a tendency to bite! Senior Tom McManigal had two piercings below his lower lip known as snake bites. Piercings were used not only as intimidation strategy but also to make a fashion statement. "At some point I want to get my other lobe and my cartilage pierced and tattoo sleeves with green flames," said McManigal.

"My mom brought me to Physical Graffiti in Linden to get my tattoo as part of my Christmas present. It was painful, but worth it."

junior Arley Aguilar.

inked
decoration

"I have had an obsession with ants since early childhood."

Mr. Jeff Guterman
"Stick out your tongue young lady!" Eleven must have been too many for sophomore Alex Fragna’s mom, for she forced her to remove the piercing from her tongue. Fragna set off metal detectors with her whopping 10 piercings, nine between her two ears and a finisher in her belly button.

"I decided to get my labret pierced (below my bottom lip) and size zero gauged earrings because they aren’t common. Besides that, I just wanted them done," noted senior Eric Lopez after he propelled water out of his piercing.

"The only tattoos I have right now are my initials on my forearms. In the future I want to get more on my back, chest, arms and stomach."

“My Celtic Cross represents my religion and my heritage”

Senior Caitlin Driscoll
Senior Tara Scibek

“The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”
Franklin D. Roosevelt

As children, everyone had a fear; from circus clowns to the boogie man. However, with growth, most people were able to move on after finally conquering their nightmares. On the other hand, a select group of individuals held onto their deepest, darkest fears, which often became more extreme as the phobia deepened.

“I hate sloths. If I ever was to come face to face with one I think I would cry.”
Senior Tara Scibek

In the recesses of students’ minds, the most genuine and sincere fears were exposed and documented on these pages.

Senior Jessica Zuber

“save me please!!!
Senior Jessica Zuber always needs a heroine when she encounters a spider. “I realized I was deathly afraid of spiders when I saw one when I was in fifth grade. Now, whenever I see a spider, I have to call someone to come kill it for me.” said Zuber.

Tears of fear

Emotions run high whenever senior Julie Sagaard comes face to face with a spider. “I start crying every time I see a spider. And when I was younger, I would have nightmares about them,” said Sagaard.

“I have to close my eyes whenever I get a needle from the doctor.”
Senior John Cox
the sound of music
Senior Zack Hvidack covers his ears in fright. "When I was three, I had a recurring nightmare with strange noises and tones. There is nothing I can do to protect myself from these nightmares," explained Hvizkack.

falling hard
Standing on a ledge is questionable for some yet unimaginable for others, as senior Lauren Benovengo demonstrates. "When I was really young I was swinging really high and fell off of the swing and it hurt so bad. I'm now the new designated bag-holder when I go to amusement parks with my friends," Benovengo remarked.

"When I was little, a huge Daddy-Long-Legs was stuck on my hand. It seemed like it took forever for me to take it off." senior Patrina Hillman

"At my friend Thom's house, he had a fake hand to use as a model for drawing and I was deathly afraid of it. From then on, I try to stay away from art rooms, mannequins, and of course....FAKE HANDS." senior Maria Kolakowska
world wide web
Most people would agree that of all the online blog sites out in the world wide web, Live Journal is the most personal and private. The site served as an outlet to express feelings and share experiences. "I write about my everyday life, fears, troubles and inner passions. It's good because I'd much rather complain to cyberspace than real people," explained senior Kristen Kersey.

sup?
The ability to join a group with peers from their school makes it easy for students to meet classmates. Sophomore Brent Kerken made many good friends through MySpace. "Because of MySpace, I've talked to a bunch of people in school that I otherwise wouldn't have," exclaimed Kerken.

stud muffin
Unlike MySpace, FaceBook keeps strict controls on the content and layout of their site. Music videos, crazy colors, and unusual fonts weren't permitted on FaceBook. "I like FaceBook because it's professional. I'm not a fan of listening to people's music on MySpace, which is why I like FaceBook better," noted sophomore Wes Lorenzini.

band junkie
With MySpace's music section, it is easy to discover new bands. Sophomore Nick Murray attended six music shows that he was notified about through the bands he friended on MySpace. "It's easy to find new bands from all over the place on MySpace," explained Murray.

blog it
"FaceBook is a good way to communicate with other people, and I can alter it to my liking."
junior Tori Kamouh

"I think MySpace is a good thing because you don't have to directly talk to people. It's a way to step around having a direct conversation."
sophomore Rachel Parker

"I can find friends from the high school on FaceBook much easier than other online sites."
junior Catie Carr
sophomore Dan Buckley

sophomore Gail Marie Sprague

"I love MySpace because it eliminates the long distance phone bills when talking to my camp friends that live in other states, and it's fun to see people's funny pictures and goofy things."
sophomore John DeLuca

sophomore Mary MacDonald

sophomore Mary Henkels

freshman Michelle Mattar

senior Jess McGarry

senior Jen Bauer

"Journal writing is a voyage to the interior."
Christina Baldwin

LiveJournal. MySpace. Facebook. These internet sites allowed students to express themselves and discover other adolescents with the same interests and enabled other people to learn about them. LiveJournal was an interactive diary in which people could read another person's entries. MySpace displayed a member's interests, heroes, personal pictures, musical preferences, and favorite movies. Facebook allowed its members to interact with people from their school as well as with people from surrounding areas. Whether a member of all three blogs or just one, it was clear that those involved wanted to "advertise" themselves and meet new and interesting people along the way.

"Blogging is a cultural time capsule of our generation."
senior Jenny Bauer

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sophomore John DeLuca
1. Wait in the lunch line for 20 minutes for a sandwich that you don’t have time to eat.
2. Wonder why when it rains outside, it also rains inside the school.
3. Get run over by members of the track team in the hallways after school.
4. Race after school to catch the bus.
5. Are not able to stand the noise of the fire alarms.
6. Obtain a Saturday detention for any reason at all.
7. Rely on digital clocks.
8. Go to the Scotchwood Diner after every school event.
9. Hear random bouts of clapping during lunch.
10. Go to the Starlight after prom.
11. Count down the days until Dunkin’ Donuts is completed.
12. Push and shove down the hallways to avoid being late for the next class.
13. Always know someone that works at “Scoops” or “Lou’s Gulf.”
14. Become confused every time the phone rings in the classroom.
15. Know twenty people going to the University of Delaware.
16. Wonder why the main office is in the back of the building.
17. Fight for a seat in the cafeteria on the first day of school.

“I know so many people who go and applied to the University of Delaware from this high school.”
senior Melissa Koerner

18. Think that the hot water in the bathrooms might as well be cold water.
19. Take A.M. gym in order to get a parking spot.
20. Are not allowed to go down the stairs in the Media Center.

“I’m glad that took A.M gym so that I could get a parking space. I am overjoyed at the fact that I am guaranteed a great parking spot every morning and I also receive five credits for being early.”
senior Danielle Porter

“Now that we have digital clocks, I can tell what time it is with just a quick glance at the wall.”
junior Catherine Kaiserman

“It’s cold enough in this school. Can we at least get some hot water?”
junior Mary Kate Schiller

“Not another one of these Saturday detention slips!”
sophomore Damian White
“Say if your mother found out you got suspended and had to come pick you up at school, you probably would get straight-chipped by the time she reached the main office. The main office is too far, point blank.”

junior Dennis Major Jr

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all this money spend on hallways and new gyms, you think this school would spend some money to fix the leaks.”

senior Elizabeth Flood

“I had to try it at least once before I graduated.”

senior Justin Hensal
Senior Nick Turner recalls the time his shorts fell down while carrying books without wearing a belt. Turner’s shorts dropped instantly in the hall, but luckily no other students witnessed the event firsthand. “My first reaction was ‘Oh Snap,’ but it was okay,” said Turner.

While running late, senior David Wyatt trips and falls up the stairs. Wyatt re-enacted how he played it cool and dusted himself off before entering class. “If only I hadn’t stopped to talk after my last class!” exclaimed Wyatt.

As junior Rachel Levy makes her way to class, she trips and bumps her head on a nearby locker. Moments before falling, her friend raced up to her and delivered a surprise hit to the knees. “It wasn’t pretty,” revealed Levy.

Sophomore Carlaya Jones reenacts a painful experience during a walk to tenth period. Jones was met with a smack in the face when a student accidentally pushed open the closed door. “Ah man, my face!” Jones cried.

Senior Malaika Said gives a sheepish smile as she heads to the bathroom. While in Rep Theatre practice, Said laughed so hard that, unfortunately, she had an accident before she made it to the facilities. “That’s a moment I’ll never forget,” said Said.

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High school...a time when teenagers blossomed into young adults, and along the way experienced many significant events that served to mold them into mature individuals. Although this “blossoming” should have been a graceful process, many students proved this theory incorrect. The typical high school career gave way to a plethora of embarrassing moments that morphed into serious horror tales. “I felt like a moron,” confessed senior Kara Auriema after she clumsily walked into a mirror. As visage of “blossoming” or growing up reared its ugly head throughout the halls, these following true stories served as evidence of the volatile lives some led.

“We still talk about it because it was hilarious.”

junior Jaci Lopez

Juniors Albert Trinh and Marissa Crawford cover their noses as junior Rob Scibek shrinks in embarrassment. While in math, Scibek let loose an unwelcome surprise for the whole classroom to smell. “The teacher was fed up and told me to stop talking. I did, but my body didn’t,” alleged Scibek.

“did i do that?”

seniors Malika Said, Julie Madan, sophomores Alec Jacobs, Vivian Wong, and Franchesca Lumetta

douglass engelbart

“The rate at which a person can mature is directly proportional to the embarrassment he can tolerate.”

junior Jaci Lopez

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We write music for ourselves. If anyone else likes it, that's great.

Green Day

"We all love music, and that's why we do it." sophomore Mike Scannel

Bands had it tough. As the rock genre suffered heavy criticism for losing its edge and relevance, bands needed to find their sound and win over audiences with a unique style. Add the fact that academics had to be balanced with the music; it was an amazing feat when local bands were able to create original songs (and still find time to do their homework). With a multitude of ways to gain exposure, a depth of talent, and a passion that drove musical self-expression, bands overcame many obstacles and captivated listeners with their fresh sound.

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"We love playing in a band but our plans for the future depend more on college than our band being an international hit."

-sophomore Eric Browne

Posing for the camera, sophomore Rachel Parker (tie-dye shirt) and the rest of The Revolution interrupt their practice. Parker met her band mates at camp over the summer, and even though they lived in different parts of New Jersey, they spread their sound through myspace.com and word of mouth. "Sometimes people think that girls can't play musical instruments other than the flute. But I love the feeling of being on stage," revealed Parker.

As the day goes by, Boredom at its Best takes a much needed break. Burdened by a tough senior schedule, seniors Andrew Wong, Ian McNally, Derrick Chen, and Brian Glassett balanced their school work with their band's obligations. "There's a general understanding in the band that school is the first priority. But we all work it out so that we meet on the weekends or weeknights when we are free," explained Glassett.
America’s obsession with reality shows started in 1948 and the years following World War II. Since the advent of *Candid Camera*, one of the first reality television shows, the media responded to the demands of the public. More television programs fostered viewers’ dreams of fame and fortune. As most of America did, some students also wanted the chance to be the idol or to have the opportunity to be made into a celebrity. While the rest of America lined up by the thousands to catapult their fame in shows such as *American Idol*, these few displayed their reality TV dreams in the *Culmen*.

“Reality TV is the most amusing kind of TV show because there is no acting, just embarrassing moments and drama.”

Sophomore Christopher Magnan

Even in the midst of an intense argument, sophomore Alix Fragna can not repress her laughter. Students such as sophomores Tremar Nash, Sean Dolgin, Alex Soloway, and Fragna felt that the opportunity to interact with six strangers, the instant job employment, and the frequent partying compensated for the excessive drama involved in *The Real World*. “I think that drama is funny, and I would love to be on *The Real World* because you meet six new people who become your best friends for the next four months. Also, you are given a job and you get to go out every night and return whenever,” explained Fragna.

From the desire to emulate a ninja, to the aspiration to excel as a gymnast, to the dream of becoming a beauty queen, sophomores Adem Kastrati and Tracy Eley and junior Gabby Berman agree that *Made* would provide them with the opportunity to reach their goals. These students were convinced that the chance to launch a mission to achieve their dreams with the help of a “*Made* coach” would transform their lives. “*Made* is great show because it gives you a chance to prove everyone wrong and think differently of you. If I were to try out for the show, I would want to become a beauty pageant queen!” professed Berman.
"I want to be on The Bachelor because there are a bunch of pretty girls that all want to marry you," sophomore Craig Hargrove.

Reaching great heights, sophomore Rachel Parker takes advantage of her teammate's assistance as she overcomes an obstacle. Parker proved that she would be capable of excelling on the physically enduring show Road Rules, which challenged the strength, leadership, and teamwork of six "Roadies" who competed in adventures for handsome rewards. "I love physical challenges. Also there is a lot of partying and good-looking guys...what could be better?" joked Parker.

Looking the part, sophomore Christine Roser muses the idea of starring in the reality TV show Laguna Beach. A beautiful location, beautiful weather, and beautiful people...what more could a girl ask for? "Although there is a lot of drama involved and people know about your personal problems, I still think that it would be fun to be on Laguna Beach," expressed Roser.

"I love cars and it would be awesome to be on Pimp My Ride because they do amazing things to make any car really hot." junior Alex Santangelo.
Stephen R. Voelker
Ian Walker
Mike Walker
Emily Wallden
Dayna Warren
Laura Webb
Colin Weber
Matthew Thomas Wetlesen
Judy M. Wheeler
Brian Williams
Tariq J. Williams
Andrew Wong
Katerina G. Wong
Matt Wuest
David Wyatt
Joshua Adam Zinman
Jessica A. Zuber
Guenevere Zucker
Dear Senior Class,

Through the good times and the bad -
Up until the day upon which you can call yourself a grad
Of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School -
Seniors we've made it!
Freshman year we began at the bottom of the totem pole,
One fourth of the Spiffy years as a whole.
Sophomore year, generally a blur,
Even with two years of experience,
You weren't necessarily sure who you were.
Then junior year arrived, and for most of the term
Stress became a problem that many needed to fix.
But new opportunity awaits behind the doors for the Class of '06!
As the victorious hallway of the year 2005-2006 declared:
"It's A Jungle Out There!"
We, as seniors, are beyond prepared -
We are ready to capture success and thrive -
Ready to take on the future and survive!

Justine Brown, Senior Class President

Not Pictured:
Kenny Acosta
Dan Beja
Doryea D. Braswell
Shantell Brooks
Sandra Cardoza
Jerome Cunningham Jr.
Joseph Dziedzic
Daniel Furnari
Jarrel Godette
Amy Martins
Adam McMahon
Nicole Ramella
Julie Reed
Jamel Sheppard
Rashawn Strong
Jounte Thompson
DaShawn Tucker
Sean Young
Anastasia Zabolotneva
Derek Zygalis
seniors: class of 80 seniors
"To create a change in the world you should start by leading those around you."  -- Avana Akbar

"Every time the wind blows I get goosebumps, I'm the story.  -- Jalea Santana

"Life is what you make it."  -- James Alfonso

"So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and in the end we wonder how they could have possibly been otherwise..."  -- Christopher Reeve

"We have one life; it will soon be past; what we do for God is all that will last..."  -- Muhammad Ali

"Kara Amen... Do you love it? Do you hate it? There is no one way you make it..."  -- Kostu Colleen Barnes

"Hakuna Matala: It means no worries..."  -- The Lion King

"This is what you make it, that's what people say. But I believe I'm gonna make it, achieve my dreams someday..."  -- Jasmine Barbret

"You already know..."  -- Jasmine Barbret

"Lauren Bieber... The most can dream of, better than the best, so we can pull on through, whatever tears at us, whatever holds us down and if nothing can be done, we'll make the best of what's around..."  -- Dave Matthews Band

"Faye B... I'm not sorry I met you, I'm not sorry it's over, I'm not sorry there's nothing to save..."  -- Stars Your-Ex Lover is Dead

"Mariana Bianco... Hello again. Seems like forever between now and then, you look the same. I mean you look different but you haven't changed, funny to think how the time gets away, funny to think I took so long..."  -- Dave Matthews Band

"Winning one more time..."  -- The Weeknd

"...and for now we are young, let us lay in the sun and count every beautiful thing we can see..."  -- Neutral Milk Hotel

"...truly achieving success is only possible when the purpose of work is put into action. My efforts mean more to me than something unworthy earned..."  -- Justine Brown

"Greg Brun... The true value of a human being can be determined by one thing:..."  -- Anchorman

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Senior Superlatives 2006

Most Laid Back: Dan “The Dude” Bugg
Most Likely to Go to College for the Babes: Nehemiah Burney-Porter
Future President: John英格曼
Best Nickname: Cheryl Begaj
Devang “Stay Low” Patel
Sean “Hugger Bear” Young
most talkative

katherine-paseka

quietest

chris kolb

future business leaders

dana leviason

david gindberg

future talk show host

jeff ondeyka

rob dawson

superlatives 83
most likely never to be single

coolest car

marisa blanco

ricky lisojo

loudest

randolph smith

most likely never to come back after graduation

jen perlee

brian mondello

malaika said

travis morgan

84 superlatives
partners in crime

brion cif

tom ventura

most likely to have their cell phone go off in class

kristin dyson

rob ventura

gaby falco

teachers worst nightmare

kara rang

danielle porter

marleny romano

peter cacciuttolo

matt fleischer

superlatives 85 99
next american idol

most saturday detentions

edc. lopez

jason rouza

troy morgan

biggest daredevil

biggest kid
at heart

nick giannaci

matt canfield

brian halpin

matt hirschhorn

marlo lemon

86 superlatives
fly-est hair

nicest eyes
ron-petty
michele calvo

julie-hyman

messiest locker

mark ciecura

most artistic
erin-crawford

jamel sheppard

marley-romano

josh zinman

max cafow

superlatives 87 99
most likely to cure cancer

biggest spender at lunch

Marc Stiffler

Cleo Chou

Devang Patel

Most likely to play at Carnegie Hall

Next top model

Alexa Knox

Danielle Koch

Makyla Nichols

Steve Voelker

Superlatives 91 99
Juniors

Jessica Abrantes  
John Acito  
Michael Adamczyk  
Lauryn Adams  
Matthew Adams  
William Adkins III

Arley Aguilar  
Yeenshahi Ahati  
Lawrence Alcine  
Edwin Alerte  
Jeremy Antoine  
Kimberlee Appezzato

Anne Arasin  
Meridith Arlington  
Keisha Asante  
Lauren Aylward  
Joseph Bachi  
John Badala

Adriana Bagley  
Alison Baier  
Samantha Bamberger  
Brittany Barnett  
Kristen Barry  
Jason Barthe

Martine Baruch  
Ricardo Batista  
Victoria Bauman  
Gregory Bauman  
David Belford  
Samantha Bendik

Courtney Berger  
Gabrielle Berman  
Shyam Bhojani  
Joseph Blanco III  
Adam Biner  
Jonathan Birnbaum

Alyssa Biron  
Peter Bistis  
Michael Blaes  
Lisa Bloom  
Amanda Bobyack  
Joel Borom
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Stack because he is "honest, entertaining, and really fun to argue with."

Looking Ahead: Wants to be an English teacher because it's "such a rewarding job."

Least Favorite Thing About School: The new mascot.

Favorite Movie: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade because it's a "classic."

Favorite Restaurant: Hooters because of its, "amazing grilled cheese."

Favorite Music: "Classical music because its relaxing and the most beautiful thing to listen to."

Favorite Thing to do on Weekends: Get great coffee at Starbucks.

Feelings on SATs: "It's intense. I'm already looking into them, but it's scary, you know, thinking about the rest of your life."
Claim to Fame: “My grandfather in India was the most well-known composer in the history of India.”

Talents: Classical pianist since age four.

School Involvement: Officer of German Club.

Favorite Book: *Columbia History of the World*, “So much information -- so little time.”

Favorite Restaurant: Nobu in New York City because of the location and the food.

Job: Self-employed computer services/system integration for five years.

Looking Ahead: Wants to be a CEO/president of a technology firm because of his, “leadership qualities and love of technology.”

Musical Talents: Saxophone, piano, and clarinet.

Favorite TV Show: Anything on Tech TV.
Favorite Book: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl, “It’d be mad sweet to own your own chocolate factory.”

Favorite High School Memory: “One day at lunch when I was really bored, I hollowed out the inside of a styrofoam plate. I was going to have my friend Jake Parisi hold it so I could roll a Gatorade cap through it, but instead I ended up pushing the plate and knocking over his lemonade. It spilled all over his pants. It was hilarious.”

Sports: Baseball and wrestling. “So far it’s been fun but at the same time a lot of hard work.”

Talents: Juggling five cutting knives at the same time.

Musical Talents: “I can rock out on the harmonica.”

Favorite Movie: *Fight Club*.

Claim to Fame: Undefeated in Ken Griffey Jr. for Nintendo 64.
Ashley Jacobi
Steven Jacobus
Abigail Jenkins
Brett Jones
Joshua Jones
Maxwell Jones

Cristin Joy
Catherine Kaiserman
Victoria Kamouh
Brittany Kane
Michael Katz
Eric Kaufman

James Kavinski
Rhiannon Kavity
Matthew Kelk
Antoine Kelly
James Khalil
Jessica Khan

Harshit Khurana
Shirley Kim
Nicole Kitts
Melissa Kliesch
David Kopylov
Maggie Kosciulek

Alexander Kuhn
Colleen La Forge
Christoph Lacko
Matthew Lamastra
Stephen Lamore
Amanda Langner

Brittany Larkin
Katherine Lauricella
Joseph Law
Harry Leavitt
Hoyoung Lee
Hyun Jae Lee

Ryan Lemence
Rachel Levy
Jessica Lieberman
Joseph Lobrace
Daniel Long
Jaclyn Lopez

juniors 97
Favorite Restaurant: Cheeburger Cheeburger because of the one-pound burgers.

Job: Lifeguard for two years, "One time a man offered to drown for me so I would have something to do."

Favorite Memory from High School: "War games in Karanik's class. Nothing beats not having class and playing Diplomacy."

Sports: Swimming, "Swimming RULES!!! WOOO!!!"

Favorite Movie: Donnie Darko, "It's so different from mainstream Hollywood movies."

Looking Ahead: Wants to be a lawyer because he would make "mad money."

Favorite Book: The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster, "It is just a fun read."
Favorite Teacher: Ms. Birkett, "She's an awesome teacher and she's really down to earth and willing to talk to students."

Favorite Movie: "Napoleon Dynamite" because the humor is not obvious, but if you get it, it's really funny.

Favorite High School Memory: Tenth period history last year with Mrs. Groetsch, "It was a mix of people who normally wouldn't hang out; but by the end of year, everyone became friends."

Thoughts About College: "I hope I get into the school I want to, have a good roommate, and have an all-around good time."

Favorite Subject: "English, because I like that it's more subjective. I can put my own spin on things and interpret them the way I want."

Favorite Book: Catcher in the Rye because it was, "interesting and a quick read."
Christopher Rodriguez
Heather Rodriguez
Janie Rogers
Alexandra Roiz
Allyson Rome
Alana Rosato
Adda Roshansky
Andrea Rosko
Fiorella Rotondi
Kyle Rowbotham
Maetal Rozenberg
Melissa Rupnarain
Alexander Russo
Nicklas Ryskasen
James Sacca
Thomas Sacks
Lucas Saenzdeviteri
Timothy Salisbury
Michelle Sanghera
Alexandra Santangelo
Stephanie Santiago
Barry Saunders
Marykathryn Schiller
Alisa Schink
Laurynn Scholar
Travis Schwartz
Bari Schwarz
Alexander Scaldoni
Robert Scibek
Sean Scott
Deirdre Scully
Aaron Seaman
Alexandra Sebolao
James Sensor
Danielle Sepe
Raymond Seto
Ryan Sharkey
Michael Sherman
Amanda Shukla
Zachary Silk
Brittany Skwirut
Andre Smith
Letter from the President:

Dear Junior Class,

Phew, another year gone by; another year closer to graduation. What with the SAT’s, ACT’s, and the vast amount of homework out of our hair (for now), we can take the summer to relax and recover from our exhausting junior year (sigh). Soon it will be time to think about where you’re going to spend your post-high school lives – but for now, enjoy your summer, and I’ll see you next year.

Sincerely,

Diana Chaves
"The challenge is high. The stakes are important. I think it’s manageable." William Webster

"There are a lot more responsibilities this year, but it’s so much more fun!" Diana Chaves
DWI (driving while illegal) As Alley Redmond looks in the rear view mirror, she sees her angry mother signaling for her to pull over. In the beginning of the summer, Redmond thought it would be a good idea to drive around without a license! Consequently, in the rear view mirror, she spotted her mother trailing behind her! "My friends thought it was funny; unfortunately, my parents didn't think so. I was grounded from getting my permit until a couple of months later," added Redmond.

Wrong Turn! While driving with a friend, junior Greg Brand, in downtown Westfield, junior Jimmy Spaeth accidentally made a left turn at a no left turn sign. "I listened to Greg, and he told me to turn onto a street. Apparently there were three no left turn signs that I didn't see. Of course, I did this right in front of a cop," explained Spaeth. Although Spaeth was issued a ticket, his parents weren't too angry with him.

Fender benders? Driving without a license? The juniors, new to the driving world, did it all. Whether they disobeyed the law or snuck out in their parents' cars, they were certainly not afraid to take risks. When given this freedom, these teenagers certainly pushed the limits. These individuals took to the road with excitement and had the dents to show for it.
Sophomores

Dana Abramson
Denise Abrantes
Vanessa Abrantes
Courtney Adamczyk
Kalee Aguilar
Kathryn Albanese-Demair

Deborah Albert
Michael Alleman
Andrea Apuzzio
Maureen Asante-Nkansa
Evan Aspell
Courtney Baines

Keith Baker
James Barker
Galina Bayok
Margory Bedoya
Michael Bello
Alana Bencivengo

Gregory Bencivengo
Justin Berger
Amie Berlant
Casandra Berwick
Courtney Bifani
Brittany Blondi

Izabela Blach
Joseph Blaes
Kelly Blom
Avery Boettcher
Jason Boff
Michael Bover

Amy Braun
Samantha Bremer
Julianne Brennan
Ryan Bridge
Keith Bronikowski
Adam Brous

Eric Browne
Daniel Buckley
Rebecca Bush
Ashley Caldora
Nicholas Cameron
Lisa Campbell
Talents: "I'm a beastly pogo sticker and completely self-taught."

Sports: Baseball, "I've been playing baseball my whole life. The best part of my baseball career is a tie between being on the high school baseball team and hitting a homerun in the playoffs for my baseball team last year in the house league."

School Involvement: DECA and SMAC.

Looking Ahead: Wants to be an FBI agent like his father, "He brought me to take your kid to work day and there were so many cool gadgets like night goggles, hidden microphones and things like that. It seemed really neat to me so that's what I think I want to do."

Favorite Movie: Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy, "Will Farrell's speech in the movie is quite breathtaking."
Favorite Movie: *Air Force One*, "Harrison Ford is way better than George Bush."

Job: "I'm a caddy at Echo Lake Country Club. I like it because I'm paid in cash."

Favorite Subject: Symphonic Band, "I like to play music and not to have to sit at a desk and be lectured."
Favorite high school memory: "The SLC trip. I went as a participant in my freshman year and as a cinematographer in my sophomore year. I liked when the 80-year-old man taught us how to do-si-do."

Looking Ahead: "In ten years, I see myself working on movies in Hollywood. Not just ordinary movies, movies that will make people happier if their day was bad or if people need to relax and want some action movies, my movies will fulfill those needs."

Favorite Movie: Pulp Fiction, because of its, "action, comedy, and great actors."

Favorite Hobby: "I like making movies and learning how to do special effects like lightsabers and guns. I am currently writing a movie script, which is kind of like Sin City in Scotch Plains with shootings and drugs. I've done too many nice movies."
Sophomores

Debbie Fung
Nicholas Fung
Fausto Garzon
Lisa Gattozzi
Helene Gebler
Rodney Gibbs

Diedra Glover
Stephanie Goines
Cathleen Goncalves
Richelle Gonzalez
David Gordon
Samantha Grecco

Timothy Green Jr.
Jade Griffiths
Andrea Guzman
Colleen Hagerty
Adrian Hall
Christina Halma

William Hannam
Craig Hargrove
Catherine Harley
Wendy Harris
James Hastings
Lindsay Hauptman

David Haynes
Melissa Helock
Mary Henkels
Thomas Hercel
Brian Hessemer
Kenneth Hessemer

John Homenuk
Lauren Horn
Adam Horowitz
William Hubbard
Mitchell Hunter Jr.
Angelique Ibarra

Jessica Impellizzeri
Starasia Industrious
Noveen Iqbal
Alec Jacobs
William Jacobs
Kate Johnson

66 sophomores
School Involvement: Member of Habitat for Humanity, SMAC, DECA, Stage Crew, and Italian Club.

Favorite Music: Classic Rock, alternative, punk, and hard rock.

Favorite Movie: Animal House, because it "shows how much fun college is."

Musical Talent: "I play bass, guitar, and tuba and was influenced by Jimi Hendrix, Angus Young, Jeff Beck, and Pete Townshend."

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Piedad, "He had the craziest class."

Looking Ahead: Wants to be an electrical engineer because, "I like building stuff and making electronics."

Favorite TV Show: Mind of Mencia.

Favorite Class: Band.
Favorite book: *Holes* by Louis Sachar, "I remember not being able to put it down."

Favorite Restaurant: *Olive Garden*, "It's Italian food and I can't resist."

Favorite TV Show: "*One Tree Hill* because it is about high school, drama, and friends."
Looking Ahead: “I want to be a professional soccer player. I want to play in a famous stadium and be seen on TV.”

Favorite Restaurant: Friday’s, because of its good food and good service.

Favorite Movie: Amityville Horror.
Letter from the President:

Dear Summer,

Freshman year was a blur,
Resting here, as a junior,
Reminiscing, Chem was twisting
my mind, as I rewind, and I know,
I owe my Bio buddies that tried so
Nutty to help me study.
And to all the pencil lenders,
I solute you. Because man son,
You can’t use crayons on those
scantrons. And to all the athletes
And the mathletes, keep going to track meets
With fast feet, and keep showing the graph neat
To the Math Teach.
And to the jazzband, it’s most prestigious.
Can’t you see this, I need this, time to repeat this,
For all our performing arts, kid, don’t get me started.
And to everybody else,
Who’s doing their own thing,
keep going – rain, sleet, or snowing.
Practice makes perfect,
Don’t lack this, make it worth it.
Class of ’08, representing.
SPFHS 4 life.

Rob Cunningham
2005-06 Sophomore President

Not Pictured:

Briana Caracter
Robert Cunningham
Sooyoung Lee
Jane Newcomer
Mandel Sly
Maja Steele
Thomas Sutter
June Velazquez
Fung Hang Wan
Christina Woods
"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."

Jimmy Dean

"Sophomore year is harder than freshman year, but definitely more fun! Scott Salmon"
Cassandra Valdes laughs at the French saying on the bulletin board and translates it for an onlooker. Valdes lived in Paris, the City of Love, for four years before she came to the United States but was anxious to step foot on her native soil again. She took a vacation to France during spring break and was able to use her bilingual abilities. "I usually speak French at home because it's part of my nationality," remarked Valdes.

Keith Baker
"I feel really good about Spiffy High because it's a great school with a lot of fun activities."

Melanie Davis
"I play softball and it's fun! I'm doing something to support the school."

John Thompson
"I've made my mark in the high school by starting a new era of style."

An eclectic blend of students comprised the sophomore class; students from around the world with different interests and personalities. Although they were as unique as can be, they all shared one thing: they survived their initial year of high school.

Nicholas Cameron puts the final touches on his history presentation about his homeland - Ireland. Cameron had an edge on the project over the other students because he lived in Ireland for three years and frequently visited. "St. Patrick's grave is around the corner from the hospital that I was born in," explained Cameron.
Alison Acevedo
Wayne Adams Jr.
Whitney Adams
Timothy Aguilar
Antonio Albano
Shenick Alcine

Saboor Ali
Jennie Altman
Kristen Armstrong
Joel Aviles
Ryan Ayala
Kenny Azard

Camilla Bach
Wesley Banner
Anjli Bansal
Katherine Barker
Brittany Barnes
Tiara Barthe

Kerilyn Bartley
Kyle Bascom
Justin Batista
Alana Batts
Christopher Bauer
Samantha Bell

Lissy Benavides
Kristyn Berger
Christian Berk
Vincent Bianco
Stephanie Bistis
Brian Bonacum

Nickolas Bonadies
Michelle Bowman
Brandon Boyd
Kyle Brennan
Andrew Brockel
Arielle Brown

Ryan Brown
William Buckland
Michael Bumiller
Camaran Burke
Phillip Burke
Michael Buro
Looking Ahead: “I want to be a teacher. I like working with kids. My 7th grade Spanish teacher influenced me because she was really nice and it seemed like a fun thing to do.”

Favorite Movie: Nightmare Before Christmas because of the music.

Favorite TV Show: America’s Next Top Model.
Madeline Cohen
Allison Colligan
Sean Collins-Cruz
Michelle Conway
Katherine Cornacchia
Adalberto Cortes

Thomas Cristiani
Charles Cruz
Tamir Cureton
Colleen Curren
Lauren D'Aloisio
Sarah Daniele

John Davis
Kathryn De Cataldo
Michelle De Santis
Christopher Decarlo
Laura Degnan
Joseph Del Prete

Tyler Della Badia
Kaitlyn Denker
Nicole Desando
Ashley Deshields
Robert Desiato Jr.
Julie Deutsch

Antonio Di Nizo
Jennifer Digiuseppe
John Domanski
Rebecca Dorilus
Morgan Dorsch
Nicole Doyle

Alexander Ebeling
Odia Ebose
Kirsten Eckerson
Josef Ellis
Justin Emmanuel
Olarinde Esuola

Cara Felton
Diana Ferrante
Michael Ferrara
Elizabeth Ferraro
Matthew Fields
Ronald Fields

122 freshmen
Memorable Soccer Game: “One time, my team was in Sweden at the Gothic Cup and we were in penalty kicks. I was the second-to-last person to go, and we were down by one. I took the kick and the keeper dove the wrong way. It looked like it was going to go in, but it hit his foot and we lost.”

Favorite Movie: Super Troopers because it was “hilarious.”

Favorite TV Show: The Apprentice.

Favorite Subject: Social Studies, because of Mr. Kolesar.

Looking Ahead: Wants to live in Boston or New York working in business, “There is money to be made in business, and I am money-hungry.”

Feelings About College: “I can’t wait. I hope to get a full ride to an Ivy League school and get as far away from New Jersey as possible.”
Danielle Giordanella
Stephanie Glover
Erica Goldberg
Naomi Goldstein
Susan Gonch
Daniel Gore

Melia Gorscak
Anthony Graham
Taylor Gray
Matthew Graziano
Marcus Green
Elisabeth Greenberg

Michael Griffith
Colin Grimm
Gabriela Guzzo
Alison Haggan
Alexander Hahn
Jacqueline Halpern

Melvin Hanciles
Brandon Harris
Shannon Harris
Ashley Harrison
Devon Harrison
Timothy Hauser

**Freshmen**

**School Involvement:** SMAC, "because I enjoyed the Relay for Life last year," and SCN, "because I like helping people," and SALSA and DECA as well.

**Community Service:** "I help out at the after-school enrichment at Coles School"

**Favorite TV shows:** Laguna Beach, Real World, The OC, and Desperate Housewives.

**Looking Ahead:** "I want to be a journalist. I like writing about current events."

**Favorite band:** Dashboard Confessional, "They have great lyrics and a good beat."

**Talent:** "I can roll my tongue."

**Sports:** Gymnastics, in and out of school, "One time I was doing a backflip and I kicked my instructor in the face!"

**Feelings About College:** "Even though it's far off, I'm kind of scared to go to college."

**Kristen Spirko**
Christoph Quarto
Chantel Quesada
Brian Rabadeau
Ryan Rappa
Kaitlin Rau
Thomas Reade

Mark Renfree
Kyle Richers
Alyssa Riesenberg
Paris Riley
Charles Ringel
Matthew Ritsko

Matthew Rivera
Philip Rivera
Kimberly Rizzo
Stephen Rizzo
Christine Rocha
Daniel Rodriguez

Christina Romagnano
Philip Rosenkrantz
Davina Roshansky
Michael Roth
Golan Rozenberg
Christine Ruggieri

Michael Rupnarain
Bridget Samaritano
Derek Sands
Christopher
Santangelo
Donald Saraceno
Christina Sblendorio

Samantha Schaffer
Sarah Schaible
Lisa Schardien
Elizabeth Schreiber
Samantha Schuster
Alessandra Scott

Ryan Scully
Joseph Sebolao
Eric Seemann Jr.
Tasnim Selim
Danielle Sette
David Shapiro

128 freshmen
**Talents:** "I started dancing when I was eleven and every year I grow more passionate about it. I feel that all of the stress that I can experience in a given amount of time can be relieved by dancing."

**Favorite Book:** *All But My Life* by Gerda Wiessmann Klein, because the message is very meaningful.

**Favorite Thing About SPFHS:** The diversity of the clubs and extra-curricular activities.

**Clubs:** Italian Club, show choir, and Reparatory Theatre.
Favorite High School Memory:
“The first time I walked in, I was really scared. I thought I would hate it but then I really liked it. There are so many people, and I am really open to meeting new people, so I don’t have a problem making new friends.”

Community Service: Going with her church to the goodwill of Newark and the community food bank in Union.

Activities: Rep Theater, Las Can, SCN, Habitat for Humanity.
Letter from the President:

Dear freshman class,

Our freshman year was beyond our expectations from what we thought it would be when we were in middle school. And next year, our sophomore year, will be even better than our successful freshman year. Time flew by, and the next three years will go by the same way. The class of 2009 looks forward to the challenges ahead. Scotch Plains Fanwood High School is the place to be where work and fun come together.

Todd Wiener, freshman class president

Not Pictured:

Bryan Leon
Kyana Malone
Gabriela Maresca
Nikol Presley
Alexandra Ricciardelli
Nodari Samsonia
“Everything begins somewhere.”
C.S. Lewis

“It's so fun to meet new people every day!”
Cara Levinson
boys who cried wolf
Mike Ferrara and Andrew Brockel list their techniques to pick up girls. One of their favorite tactics was to pretend to be lost and coerce upperclassmen to walk them to class. “As I roamed through the halls of Spiffy High, I noticed the massive amounts of foxy ladies...I couldn’t resist,” said Ferrara.

missing in action
Although they are supposed to be submitting the attendance sheet for Mr. Piede, freshmen Katie Cornacchia and Diana Ferrante forget how to get to the office. After walking around the school for ten minutes, they finally asked a teacher for help. “We ended up being late to geometry, but Mr. Piede understood because he is so cool!” exclaimed Cornacchia.

What was your first impression of the high school?

Because of all the mirrors in the halls, I could always check myself out and say, ‘Darn, I look good.’”
Joe Sebolao

“Spiffy High is a lot more fun than middle school.”
Brian Northrup

“I first thought the high school was okay, but then I realized the upperclassmen are awesome.”
Elise Whitehouse

Attending high school for the first time offered an intimidating maze of twisting hallways and dead ends for the freshmen. Whether they tried to find “the swimming pool on the roof,” or simply attempted to get to the cafeteria, these individuals often ended up lost, finding themselves in countless embarrassing situations as they tried to navigate the hallways. Fortunately, they survived in order to recount their stories.
Not Pictured:

A. Alford
C. Alonso
J. Appenzato
T. Brezzi
D. Cocuzza
E. Evans
R. Haggerty
G. Ingato
L. Kouril
M. Kugelman
A. Leone
C. Loggia
L. Loshano
L. Macini
P. Massa
E. Medina
C. Medley
P. Menndit
A. Menza
D. Mulher
F. Novella
J. Pagano
J. Reo
L. Rodriguez
M. Saliola
L. Savoy
C. Sicola
B. Siegel
J. Silver
J. Stack
G. Stevenson
K. Taylor
D. Thomas
D. Witkowski
R. Wojciak


faculty 139
Papa Bear

Dr. Heisey and his children - Leighton, Cameron, and Cooper - take advantage of a day off to enjoy the outdoors. Along with some recreational sports, the Heisey family valued time outdoors and some physical play. "We're outside all the time the time. The kids love it," said Heisey.

Mr. Braun

"We don't even discuss winning. It's all about having fun." Dr. Heisey [On his son's football team]

Mr. Upperman

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good tidings

Though he often can be found in hockey gear, on this sunny day, Athletic Director Mr. Harmer opted for a less cumbersome wardrobe. The beach calmed everyone and everything down, but Harmer showed no signs of slowing down thanks to his exuberant son. "Through my son's birth, I feel reborn," remarked Harmer.

family man

Assistant Principal Ed Braun learns new things everyday; only they're not academic, they're parental. Nathan, born February 21, 2003, was the newest addition to the Braun family. "It is a fantastic feeling to be a father," exclaimed Braun.

School can feel like home—students spent so much time here each day for a large portion of the year; meanwhile, administrators spent even more time each day maintaining the scholastic excellence of SPFHS. It was not surprising that many students felt as though Dr. Heisey and the other administrators actually lived in the building.

"Having a kid has rejuvenated me."

Mr. Harmer

The perception that they didn't have lives outside of school was definitely a misconception. In the end, it was crucial to see the other sides—the casual, playful, familial sides—of the men and women who ran the show behind the scenes.
teacher tidbits

Q: Name?
A: Sam

Q: Childhood dream?
A: I wanted to be a good man.

Q: Favorite food?
A: Chicken

Q: Favorite movie?
A: Lord of the Rings

Q: Country of origin?
A: Turkey

Q: Favorite student?
A: Daisy Fung!

cleanliness and order are not matters of instinct but of cultivate a taste for them.

Benjamin Disraeli

"My favorite part of the job is everything I do in school. For example, when students need help with locks, I am there, ready to open any locker!"

Carmelo Crisafulli

"Students have been very nice in this school. My job is all good."

Jeff Didonato

hug the cook

Antonietta Menza and Nancy Reuter give each other a friendly hug in the kitchen. Even though it had only been four months since Reuter started working in the cafeteria, she already developed a close friendship with her co-worker. "I love the people here!" Menza exclaimed.

"I always have a big smile on my face because I love working here."

Emma Evans

"There are some interesting people here."

Giulia D'appollonio

"I like this school much better than the previous one. I have better bosses during day and night."

George Drebych
Cleaning a tray after the lunch period, Flavia Novella flashes a bright smile for the camera. After working in this cafeteria for twenty-three years, Novella met many students, and although they were all special, senior Said Al-Banna stood out from the crowd. "Said is very picky. Every lunch period, he gets the same sandwich with the same creamy Italian dressing. But WE have to spread the dressing on it because he refuses to touch the packet. I think the cafeteria women pampered him too much," laughed Novella.

Cheery Ennodio Medina takes a break from selling breakfast to joke with Robert Corbisiero. Arriving at school at 6:00 AM, Medina started his day by preparing the meals for the students. "Nothing ever went wrong in the kitchen! We are here to correct anything that may happen," noted Medina.

While students were busy navigating the high school hallways, some people were busy keeping it from slipping into messy disorder. The yearbook staff trailed the steps of custodians and cafeteria workers to discover their methods of maintenance. Their duties involved cleaning, preparing food, fixing lights, and momentarily taking breaks. Whether in the MPR, the kitchen, or the copy room, every part of their dynamic days focused on helping the students.

"Most people don't appreciate how hard the staff works, but when you think about it, nothing would get done without them." — junior Nina Williams
teacher tidbits

Q: Full name?
A: Candace Kilmer.

Q: Favorite color?
A: French blue.

Q: Favorite food?
A: Anything Italian.

Q: Hardest part about being a guidance counselor?
A: Getting to each student on my case load and giving students the attention that they deserve.

Q: Pet peeve?
A: Disorganization.

Flipping through stacks of notices and compiling the school’s handouts, paper guru Carlos Alonso begins another day’s work. “There are a ton of copies I have to make every day. I service the entire district, us, the middle school, the elementary schools, the Board of Education...I do everything,” relayed Alonso.

Senior Jerome Cunningham works on his math homework with student aid Deborah Merriman. Merriman worked with various students throughout the day to make sure that everyone got the most out of their learning experience. “I find that the most rewarding aspect of my job is the bond that I form with my students,” commented Merriman.

Maurice Hulst

“Lending a helping hand

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"You don't realize all of the work that they do, but without them the school would be in chaos." — junior Shirley Kim

While students worked diligently in the classroom, other hardworking individuals behind the scenes guided the school and ensured that things went off without a hitch. The efforts of this dedicated group were well-appreciated. Students utilized and valued the services that the media center, tech support, and guidance departments provided - whether they were perusing databases for a project or deciding upon their class schedules. From media center specialists who kept the library in order, to tech support who fixed computers; from special educators who provided assistance, to guidance counselors who developed the master schedules, such personnel were the everyday heroes who helped the students on a daily basis.
Q. Full name?
A. Lauren Christine Forlini.

Q. Favorite color?
A. Pink.

Q. Years teaching?
A. Seven.

Q. Something that your students don’t know about you?
A. I won “Coach of the Year” in the Courier News for coaching Governor Livingston swimming in 2002.

Q. Favorite Pastime?
A. Spending time with my fiancé, Ralph.

Q. Favorite sport to teach in phys. ed.?
A. A combo of volleyball and badminton.

health is like money, we never have a true idea of its value until we lose it.

Josh Billings

"AWT promotes good fitness, discipline, and good work ethic in general."
sophomore Tanaya Rivers

"I really like gym, especially AWT because it gives me time to lift during school so I don’t have to waste time after."
sophomore Danny Kaufman

"I think there are several benefits to learning CPR, especially with ACTARS. They’re more like real people, and it’s more interesting to have a hands-on activity rather than just learning the procedures from a book."
junior Morgan Finkel

"AWT helps me get stronger and improves my physique."
sophomore Rob Cunningham

how uplifting!

Building muscle and keeping fit, junior Bryan Meredith bench presses as junior Stephen Wenson provides encouragement. Grant Darwin, also a junior, had the task of spotting Meredith, but Darwin was not always on the outside looking in. "I love being active. I get to build the guns during AWT," shared Darwin.
"I think it's really good to get moving during the day. A lot of my classes wear me out and make me tired, but the exercise I get in gym really wakes me up!" 

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Junior Ibrahim Helm

You got served!

Freshman Gina Yiantselis readies herself to deliver a serve. She was eager to participate and her attitude showed that one need not be a varsity athlete to enjoy gym class. "Volleyball is fun because you don't have to be awesome to play it. In gym, it's more about having fun," commented Yiantselis.

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Basketballs flying, arching rackets, speeding volleyballs: phys ed - one of the ways stayed active in school. While activity in phys ed kept students in shape, the health curriculum cautioned students against the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Combined, a healthy outlook and daily exercise released stored-up energy and provided a place to unwind. "School doesn't really allow a place for me to use up my energy, so I like to run around during gym. It's good because at home I just want to rest, but gym forces you to move," explained junior Colin Van Wagner.

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DUI

Seniors Sarah Boffa and Joanna Snodgrass prepare to switch places with senior Stacey Subbie. As part of the senior health program, Subbie was able to "drive under the influence" using a car that simulated the effects of intoxication. "Drunk driving education is important - maybe it will encourage teenagers to be safe even if they don't drink at all," said Subbie.

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Students unwind

"I think it's really good to get moving during the day. A lot of my classes wear me out and make me tired, but the exercise I get in gym really wakes me up!" 

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Junior Ibrahim Helm
teacher tidbits

Q: Full name?
A: Stephanie Garcia Hanneman.

Q: Years teachings?
A: Three, all at SPFHS.

Q: Favorite childhood memory?
A: Wrestling in the mud with my dog.

Q: Fun Fact?
A: I used to dance with the Los Angeles Ballet before I went to art school.
"Drawing yourself is a lot harder than I thought."  
Senior Amy Martins

Senior Artie Thomas poses with two of his pieces. The impetus for these ink-based works came from boredom. "Mr. Gutterman told me to try it one day when I was bored in class," explained Thomas.

"The hardest part of teaching airbrush to students is explaining how to control the brush well."  
Mrs. Siegal

Junior James Sacca holds his favorite drawing. Even though he valued the art, he considered an alternate end for the picture. "Once the [paper] ball is ready for it, I think I'll donate the camel to the cause," said Sacca.

"Mr. Gutterman's grant provided a unique opportunity to display their work. Mr. Gutterman won a five thousand dollar grant after submitting five slides of his work to the Dodge Festival. With the prize money, he visited both Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon and photographed landscapes as "subjects" for his later works. In "I envision the ball eventually being about seven feet wide."  
Mr. Gutterman

In addition to the grant money, Gutterman received an extra two thousand dollars to finance another art project, in which he collaborated with his students. Since his works focused mainly on layers, he developed the idea of creating a giant ball made from layered sheets of paper and created a dazzling effect in the process.
teacher tidbits

Q: Full Name?
A: Mary D. Williams.

Q: What first attracted you to the fashion industry?
A: I was attracted at an early age, influenced by my mother designing and making my clothes.

Q: Biggest pet peeve?
A: Ill-fitting clothes.

Q: Favorite fashion designer?
A: Jones New York.

where the spirit does not work

with the hand there is no art

Leonardo Da Vinci

QUOTE this

"So far I've made a coat rack, kitchen shelf, cutting board, jewelry box, and my personal favorite: drum sticks."

freshman Kristina Kalkstein

"The kids are great, I nicknamed mine Booger. They get wild sometimes though; I've already been punched in the face!"

senior Rashawn Strong

"Now when I go shopping, I appreciate all of the work that goes into making the clothes; it's not as easy as it looks!"

freshman Kristyn Berger

"I learned a lot about how to properly mix ingredients. I had no idea that there was a right and wrong way to do that!"

sophomore Zach Peart

"I was considering a future teaching job so I wanted to see how well I worked with kids. The hardest part is keeping up, they never stop!"

junior Kim Appezzato
While working on a project in CAD II, senior Andrew Goldberg is in the zone. As he shifted, manipulated, and added to his 3-D creation, nothing distracted him. "I want to go above and beyond the CAD program, I might want to explore the world of graphic design in college," noted Goldberg.

sew, what are you up to?
Assisted by freshman Stephanie Bistis, freshman Liana Messina works on her stylish dress to be worn at the Valentine's Day Dance. Messina was in the process of putting the finishing touches on her work of art. "Fashion class gives me a creative outlet and lets me express myself like no other class can," commented Messina.

cha-ching
Junior John Badala teaches his preschool friend the value of a dollar, just one of the many lessons that were taught to the youngsters in the Living with Children elective. Badala interacted with the youngster, and at the end of the semester, he evaluated the child's progress and growth. No class full of young kids would be complete without laughter and silliness. "The best parts of this class are the pillow fights and games of dodge ball; those kids can get really crazy!" exclaimed Badala.

Taking full advantage of the change in pace from taking notes and learning from books, students dove into their crafts enthusiastically. With instructors to guide them, these individuals worked sewing machines, taught preschoolers, and mastered power-tools. These classes provided opportunities to learn through experiences of active participation. After all their hard work and dedication, these individuals felt accomplished and proud when they sat back and enjoyed the fruits of their labor. "It's great to see how the kids progress and learn throughout the semester, and I gotta tell you, kids say the darndest things," noted senior Rashawn Strong.
### Teacher Tidbits

**Q: Full name?**
**A: Joseph Thomas Higgins, Jr.**

**Q: Years teaching?**
**A: Fifth year, fourth at SPF**

**Q: Favorite childhood memory?**
**A: Playing baseball in Woodbridge and spending time with my family.**

**Q: Favorite historical figure?**
**A: Alexander Hamilton, because of his role in the shaping of the American economy; he is very relevant to the courses I teach (US I and Economics).**

**In this great future, you can't forget your past.**

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**QuoteThis**

"Anything involving Higgins is always fun. Since I might be studying economics in college, the class is really interesting."  
**– Senior Cheryl Beqaj**

"History projects are way better than reading from books."

**– Freshman Danielle Giordanella**

"We were supposed to be making posters for people in the revolution. It was an easy way to prepare for the test."  
**– Sophomore Alicia Mathews**

"This was a very fun project because I could be really creative."  
**– Senior Michele Calvo**

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**Laughing it up**

Seniors Jared Chmielnik and Andrew Lipstein chuckle in economics. But wait, economics wasn't funny, right? "Well, Higgins really cracks me up, ceteris paribus" said Lipstein.

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**History**
PFHS history teachers brought history to life through the use of projects. The enthusiasm and energy with which the teachers taught, lent vibrancy and excitement to the classroom. Mr. Goudy's US AP II class wrote newspaper editorials from the shoes of historical figures for or against the annexation of Hawaii. Mr. Stack's AP Euro class made family trees relating 25 historical figures. Such projects allowed students to view typical periods of history with a newfound perspective and interest.

fun for students

making history
teacher
tidbits

Q: Name?
A: Douglas Hooper.
Q: How long have you been teaching?
A: Started teaching at SPFHS in 1968.
Q: Favorite singer?
A: Shania Twain.
Q: Biggest fear?
A: That the Festival of the Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts will stop being produced.

...annnnnnnnnd cut!
Hard at work, juniors Gabby Berman and Dana Hankin capture the ideal shot. Much effort was put into the class by those who planned to utilize the knowledge they obtained in the future. "I want to be an on-location reporter and anchor when I get older; hopefully I will be on T.V.," relayed Berman.

this is an important time to cut your own path and take hold of your career

QUOTE this

"Cosmetology has always been an interest of mine and I'm glad that I have the chance to take this class to help me prepare for my future." junior Tiffany Pasko

"Public Speaking helps teach you how to make a powerful presentation while giving a speech, a skill that can help anyone with whatever they want to do for a living." freshman Matthew Fitzpatrick

"T.V. News is a great class to help prepare me for jobs and interviews in the future." junior Grant Darwin

"T.V. News helps me learn and practice the technical and artistic skills that I need to be a famous filmmaker one day." senior Tom Fortunato

Combining forces, juniors Sam Gates and Adda Roshansky review their recent footage for an edition of 34 News Update. "I have definitely acquired skills and been given tips that will give me a good look ahead on what's to come," disclosed Roshansky.
As students thought about the future and what roles they would play in it, many took courses geared toward their individual goals. Classes such as TV News, Public Speaking, and Vo-Tech assisted in this process. Such electives helped individuals not only to recognize their talents but to expand upon them as well. The opportunity to gain life experience was beneficial as it provided students with a glimpse of appealing careers.

I think it is great that students from all over the school get to take classes that teach them real-life skills.

junior Michelle Chan
teacher tidbits

Q: Full name?
A: Michael J. Crane II

Q: Years teaching?
A: Three

Q: Favorite childhood memory?
A: Mountains of presents on Christmas morning.

Q: Favorite book?
A: *1984*, by George Orwell. The warnings about the future are fascinating and terrifying.

Q: Fun fact?
A: I'm an animal lover.

Q: Favorite sports team?
A: Buffalo Bills!

growing knowledge
Junior Dana Hankin is absorbed in John Gardner's *Grendel*. There was much to be done in English, but the teacher's made it fun. "I love Mrs. McGovern," exclaimed Hankin.

to be or not to be
that is the question
William Shakespeare

QUOTEthis

"I like reading in class because if I don't understand something, I can just ask Mrs. Whitty!" 
- sophomore Rachel Parker

"Writing essays has become a lot more complex."
- freshman Gillian Clark

"Certain things can only be done in pairs."
- junior Tyler Southwick

"Presentations make me really nervous."
- senior Caitlin Driscoll

drama king
In Mrs. Brock's class, seniors Dan Appel and Tom Ventura read aloud Sophocles' play, *Oedipus*. "Reading it aloud with Tommo really enhanced my understanding of the play because he read it so well, I was forced to learn its true meaning," explained Appel.
writing Wright
Junior Lauren Wright scripts an essay on Joseph Conrad's Secret Sharer. Mrs. Keller's junior class presented a much greater challenge than sophomore year. "There's a lot more work in AP," commented Wright.

Marr-velous work
Junior Stacy Marr concentrates when an in-class essay on Frankenstein is set on her desk in Mrs. Keller's class. The class spent several weeks analyzing the book, and the reading culminated in this essay. "Writing an essay on a book really helps me reflect on its significance," said Marr.

As attested to by English teachers, reading was a crucial part of the curriculum. "Reading can challenge high school students to think, feel, and ultimately, to act," said Mrs. Keller. In fact, Read Across America performed a study concerning the relationship between stress and reading, and the results were astounding. The study showed that those who read were more relaxed, and if they read just one hour per week, they were 25% less likely to have stress problems, high blood pressure, and irregular heartbeat.

"Ms. Birkett makes me appreciate all different styles of literature - even ones I may have ignored before."
junior Lisa Bloom

The benefit was not only to those under pressure—reading three times a week resulted in higher English and math scores on the SAT. However, to simply translate reading into a higher test score or a health benefit denied its core importance. After all was said and done, reading was about broadening horizons and learning just a small piece of what the world's wisdom had to offer.
Many students assumed that science and math were completely separate entities. But, at times, the subjects seemed to operate in conjunction with each other as students utilized mathematical concepts to make their experiences in science easier.

"For me, math makes science easier. I'd much rather solve an equation than memorize the history of it."
—junior Maetal Rozenberg

The presence of math in science benefited certain individuals by providing logic to principles that may have otherwise been difficult to visualize. However, the various labs and projects remained unique to science and students found their niche in class.

"I love labs. Instead of just sitting there, you can witness chemical reactions."
—sophomore Rebecca Salman

"I feel that science applies the concepts that are taught in math."
—senior Caitlin Delaney

"Working with other people helps because you can learn from each other's mistakes."
—junior Adam Perez

"I don't mind solving problems, even though there are a lot of equations that we have to memorize."
—junior Nychole Hunt

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teacher tidbits

Q: Full name?
A: Sweta Gandhi.
Q: Years teaching?
A: One.
Q: Favorite movie?
A: Star Wars.
Q: Fun Fact?
A: I got lost in the beginning of the year. I had no clue which was the "old gym" and which was the "new gym."

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egg-cellent work
Chatting with their former Biology teacher, Ms. Mains, juniors Jillian Murphy and Linda Evins proudly display their Physics egg drop project. Various projects throughout the year required students to work with their hands. "Problems are fun. I'm not too confident with my math skills, but I have been doing very well in science," stated Murphy.
Working on the computer, junior Max Jones learns about aerospace science, a field that examines areas of study like aircraft theory and air navigation techniques. "Aerospace science is a really fun and educational part of ROTC. I especially love the flight simulator," detailed Jones.

Discussing what the plans of the day will be, junior Mike Lubinski and senior Ray Garcia partake in one of the many community service activities that ROTC organizes. "It's so gratifying to help out in the community. Helping others is one of the best parts of what ROTC is all about," explained Lubinski.

So why might someone join ROTC? "I volunteered to join the reserve officer training corp because I've seen the people in ROTC contributing to the community while having fun and knew that was an experience I wanted to have in high school," described Mike Lubinski.

"Raising and lowering the flags for events such as sports games in the school is fun and pretty easy to learn." senior Tom Ruggieri

"Having a position of leadership in ROTC has taught me patience and given me a sense of responsibility." senior Tom Ruggieri

"Time to go over some drills." freshman Daniel Jones

"At first you don't realize it, but people start to point out that you are at a higher level of maturity, and you feel really good," explained senior Tom Ruggieri.

Bertrand Russell

science may set limits to knowledge but should not set limits to imagination
**teacher tidbits**

Q: Full name?
A: Diana Marie Marcantonio.
Q: Years teaching?
A: Twenty four.
Q: Funniest teaching experience?
A: A few years ago, I came in from lunch and my students had turned the room completely backwards, but I pretended not to notice.
Q: Something that most students don’t know about you?
A: Most assume that I’m Italian because of my last name, but I’m actually 100% Greek.
Q: Most rewarding thing about being a language teacher?
A: The look on my students’ faces when they realize that they can speak and understand a language other than English.

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**QUOTE THIS**

"I decided to take German because it was something new and interesting and the culture is full of history."  
— junior Daniel Nieto

"I wanted to take Italian because I am Italian. It’s an important part of my life."  
— sophomore Mike Bello

"I think that learning a new language helps you become more aware of other cultures and the world as a whole."  
— senior Joe Fallon

"I took German because my mom studied in Germany for a year during college. I thought it would be cool to study the language and travel there with my family one day."  
— junior Kyle Rowbotham

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Juniors Jessica Estriplet and Courtney Berger proudly display a book that they read in French class. Though her use of the language was purely academic during the school year, Estriplet recognized the value of being bilingual. "Learning a language will definitely help people in the future. Jobs nowadays prefer people who are able to speak many languages. I think it is really beneficial," explained Estriplet.

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Senior Melissa Sette laughs as she watches seniors Candace Barnes and Gabrielle Streep indulge in some Spanish rice. Students used food as a way of learning about the culture behind the language. "I definitely think that students who learn other languages are helping to break the communication barriers between countries because many people that I encounter speak Spanish," affirmed Barnes.
sacré bleú!
Freshmen Betsy Chen, Christina Romangnano, and Kim Shelus participate in a group activity during French class. However, Romangnano took her skills outside the group as well, utilizing her knowledge overseas. "I used my knowledge of French when I visited Belgium and France over the summer. It's much more interesting to be able to experience countries in their native languages," explained Romangnano.

he's so sly!
Working together, sophomore Mandel Sly and Señora Calamusa discuss the intricacies of the Spanish language. "I plan on using Spanish in the future if I get a job as a translator," shared Sly.

stolé, olé, olé, olé!
Senior Justin Stoll works on his Spanish assignment. He later reflected on the importance of knowing another language. "Learning other languages is better than knowing only one language. Communicating in a common language makes life easier," relayed Stoll.

In 1983, with a single click, Vincent Cerf changed the world. He typed, clicked, and in the blink of an eye communicated with his co-worker several buildings away. The internet was on the scene. Eventually, businesses linked up around the world, and more than ever, the need to cross numerous language barriers was evident. Recognizing the need to communicate more effectively with more people than ever before, students studied language with a new outlook. Similarly, businesses recognized the need for skilled linguists. As the world shrank with the advent of the internet and e-mail, students studied language with a renewed vigor.

"Knowing another language is definitely becoming more of a necessity, especially because it is becoming more common to deal with people from other countries in business," junior Alex Cvetovich
teacher tidbits

Q: Full name?
A: Jeff Koegel.

Q: Years teaching?
A: Ten.

Q: Favorite band?
A: Journey.

Q: Fun Fact?
A: When I was sixteen I got locked in a bathroom right before a cross-country championship. I made a mad dash to get there on time, and I won the race and defended my title.

Sophomores Sarah Pace, Scott Salmon, Stephanie Goines

right on cue

Sophomores Sarah Pace and Scott Salmon collaborate to answer the problems on their worksheet. Math often came in the guise of a word problem, but Salmon used the highlights of his freshman geometry class in his spare time as well. "Sometimes I use geometry to figure out how to bounce a ball off the wall," explained Salmon.

pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas

Albert Einstein

"I use math to figure out how much items on sale cost." freshman Paris Riley

"Math, especially calculus, will help me in college and with my finances." senior Caroline Lazur

"I feel that what I am learning in math now cannot be used outside of school. I have already learned the skills that I will need." junior Alex Santangelo

"Mr. Piede [math teacher] relates his lessons to different things, like football. It makes it easier to understand." junior Dikeya Burke

"Math deals with numbers, and I work at CVS. Since I can add, subtract, multiply, and divide quickly, I can get my customers in and out of the check-out line fast. Time is money." senior Malaika Said
Completing their algebra homework, sophomore Danny Kaufman and junior Vesper Pena are all business. For Kaufman, the Pythagorean Theorem played a role not only on paper, but when traveling as well. "The Pythagorean Theorem helps to find the quickest driving route," observed Kaufman.

Junior Liz Halpin completes her homework problems before the tenth period bell rings. Although Halpin used math skills on a daily basis, her favorite TI-83 tool made her experience a lot easier. "Why solve it when you can use a calculator?" laughed Halpin.

Enlisting the aid of Ms. Tanzola, sophomore Jorge Cruz asks a question about his homework. Cruz, who planned to pursue a career in sports medicine, knew that he would see the math skills he learned in class on a daily basis someday. "Math is definitely a key to success; it can help you in everyday life, whether it is during sports or work," commented Cruz.

"Unlike other subjects, you use math everyday," sophomore Daniel Kaufman concepts proved to be useful on many different levels beyond the classroom. Whether calculating the tip at restaurants or figuring out how much was saved during a sale, students utilized their knowledge of math in unexpected places.
teacher tidbits

Q: Full name?
A: John Brzozowsky.

Q: Motivation to teach?
A: I love all kinds of music, but I specifically like choral music because everyone has the ability to sing.

Q: High school chorus experience?
A: I was involved in most every choral and band group.

Q: Favorite childhood memory?
A: Playing on the Evergreen School tire playground.

Q: Musician who inspires you?
A: Stevie Wonder, because of the absolute joy in his voice!

music is a world within itself, with a language we all understand

Stevie Wonder

QUOTEthis

"Mr. B brings a lot of new things to chorus, more fun songs and just his way of teaching makes class fun."
- junior Alyssa Weinberg

"This year things are more organized and serious."
- senior Troy Morgan

"With help from the new director, we are all more comfortable with our music and our parts."
- junior Brooke Lubin

"Last year we never had music theory. This year we have a lot of music theory."
- junior Julie Muerer

musical melodies

Preparing for the winter concert, junior Andrew Haggan, sophomore Timothy Green, junior Chelsea Donnelly, senior Doryea Braswell, and sophomore Erica Nadal await Mr. B's cue to begin a melody. "I like Mr. B's teaching style because I am able to learn about rhythms and solfages," expressed Nadal.

Senior Nick Mondi, freshman Nathan Ghabour, and senior Robert Barker practice their vocals while Mr. Brzozowsky plays the piano, emulating a classical style. "Even though he teaches about world-renowned composers like Bach, we also learn about jazz and Ella Fitzgerald," explained Mondi.
Focus-pocus
Before they sing, junior Christina DeFeo and senior Brittany McDonald review the lyrics. "This year we learned about music theory and are doing a lot of new warmups," noted DeFeo.

Practice makes perfect
Studying for an upcoming test, junior Melissa Rupnarain examines her music closely. As Mr. B took over the position of director, he introduced more assessments. "He gives us sight and note reading quizzes—you have to know your stuff," Rupnarain remarked.

Ch-Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes, Oh Look Out You Rock n' Roll-ers—well maybe David Bowie had not precisely captured the musical spirit of our choral performers, but changes did hit the department this year. With new director John Brzozowski and a more focused concert choir, the school's main singing group "Chorus is so enjoyable because it is great to meet with people who enjoy the same activities that you do, and it is very rewarding to put on a show as a group of people."—senior Nick Mondi continued the long-standing-award-winning traditions of previous choirs. Brzozowski also changed the attitude that it was permissible to do other school/homework during chorus. "The work has definitely paid off," affirmed senior Alex Resnick. "I've missed the downtime, but the quality of our work has gone up. We come in and get right down to business."
**Teacher Tidbits**

Q: Full Name?  
A: Durand Thomas.  
Q: Years Teaching?  
A: 10.  
Q: Favorite Instrument?  
A: Trumpet.  
Q: What was the school you last attended?  
A: NJCU.  
Q: If you had a super power, what would it be?  
A: I'd be a Man of Steel.

"Band has played a large part in my high school career and I have loved every minute spent."  
-- senior Rob Dawson

**Music Can't Be True"**

Joan of Arcadia

**QuoteThis**

"It has taken a lot of work to get to where I am, but I don't plan on stopping now."  
-- senior Marisa Bianco

"I love music and enjoy taking part in the different courses offered."  
-- senior Rob Burke

"When playing the flute, I feel a sense of expressive art, feminism, and emotions that the songs portray."  
-- senior Sarah Cohen
The various music ensembles focused on music from different places and cultures, from Broadway to Asia and even Russia. Marching Band made crowds enthusiastic during football games with "I love band because it gives me a chance to play the drums and learn rhythm," sophomore Gailmarie Sprague.

African-inspired beats. Jazz Band enhanced its style with a dab of Latin influence, and Moonglowers played their way to musical success with popular 40's tunes. "You don't have to take a trip around the world in eighty days to develop an understanding of other cultures; just join the band," remarked senior drum major Danielle Porter.

"I love band because it gives me a chance to play the drums and learn rhythm."

sophomore Gailmarie Sprague, Joseph Dunn, and John De Luca
172 girls' basketball
186 football
194 baseball
198 golf

"champions keep playing
until they get it right"
"Basketball is like photography, if you don’t focus, all you have is the negative.”
Dan Frisby

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Back Row: Jackie Law, Lauren Benevengo, Kendra Spady, Coach Davis, Brianne Mahoney, Emily Meehan, Kaylin Jacihon
Front Row: Molly Meehan, Allie Zazzalli, Rachel Kruper, Kathryn DeCataldo, Loni Kaye, Lauren Mains
With last year's core members graduated and replaced by half a dozen freshmen and a new coach, the team was thought to be destined for a mediocre season. Despite the adversity, the girls took these challenges in stride and pulled off a respectable record, and at the same time instilled fear in their opponents.

"This year's team was about hustle."

Junior Allie Zazzali

A great example of the team's strength was an overtime one-point victory over rival Westfield. This underdog packed more bite than bark thanks to their never give-up mentality. "The team had been a work in progress, but we managed to do much better than expected. We managed to upset a lot of teams and present a threat to all our opponents," discussed co-captain senior Lauren Benevengo.

1. Here's the play...
During a game against Westfield, Coach Davis calls a timeout to set up a new defense to shut down Westfield. The second new coach in two years, Davis and the team bonded quickly and were able to prove their skills with an unexpectedly strong season. "Coach made sure we were conditioned and well-prepared for each game and made many good calls during our games," commented senior co-captain Loni Kaye.

2. The jump off
Freshman Jackie Law jumps into action to start the game against Cranford. Part of the strong freshmen group that joined this year, Law was a formidable force; putting up double digit scoring games, menacing opponents with her defense, and crashing the boards relentlessly. "The upperclassmen on the team were such positive influences and made us feel like part of the family early, so we freshmen were able to help that much more effectively," explained Law.

3. Court vision
Caught in a jam, Junior Allie Zazzali spots an open teammate and passes the basketball to keep the play alive. "Sometimes the games were tougher than last year's since we lost a lot of experience with the graduated seniors, but none of us ever took a play off, which was the main reason we didn't experience much of a drop in winning this year," said Zazzali.

4. Playing defense in OT
Tough defense is the status quo for senior co-captain Lauren Benevengo. In an overtime win over West Orange, Benevengo embodied the never-give-up attitude with some aggressive defense that motivated the team and led to a victory. "We never gave up no matter what the situation," reflected Benevengo.
"I show them that they have to think and live gymnastics and show their personality through gymnastics"

Yelena Davydova

Gymnastics

Julia Capodicasa, Nicole Kitts, Ali Lasher, Alexa Lindenberg, Kelly Cianciotta, Natalie Capoccia, Annie Smith, Jennifer DiGiuseppe, Michelle Vena, Laurel Devlin, Kristen Spirko, Wendy Harris.

Back Row: Jennifer DiGiuseppe, Alexa Lindenberg, Wendy Harris, Michelle Vena, Kristen Spirko, Linda Evins, Coach Lisa Cerchio

Middle Row: Annie Smith, Kelly Cianciotta, Laurel Devlin, Natalie Capoccia

Front Row: Nicole Kitts, Ali Lasher, Julia Capodicasa

sophomore Annie Smith
The longstanding tradition of senior captains was discontinued when the varsity gymnastics team found itself lacking senior gymnasts. After experiencing the loss of four highly contributive team members who graduated the previous year, the girls felt the burden of this absence and handled the pressure to fill the void that the graduates left behind. This situation only made the team more determined as well as appreciative that the older gymnasts would be sticking around for the 2006-2007 season. Junior co-captains Laurel Devlin and Natalie Capoccia led the team

"All of the girls on the team were really close this year. We had so much fun inside and outside of competition and these girls felt like my sisters."

sophomore Annie Smith

and served as all-around competitors along with sophomore Annie Smith and freshman Kelly Cianciotta. As the captains planned to continue their reign and the gymnasts anticipated the return of the entire group, the team worked hard to maintain their reputation as one of the top teams in the county.

1. balanced scale
Concentrating, sophomore Alexa Lindenberg performs a scale pose on the balance beam. Lindenberg was willing and eager to step in and compete in this event. "After being on the team for the second year, I have learned to love the girls on the team and try my hardest during competition," noted Lindenberg.

2. it's a reach
Flying through the air, freshman Kelly Cianciotta reaches backward before grasping the balance beam to complete a back handspring. Although new to the team this year, Cianciotta proved herself by achieving high scores and bonding with the team. "I was nervous coming onto the team as a freshman, but after getting to know the girls, I not only felt more welcome to the high school, but there were also more friendly faces to say 'hi' to in the hallway," recollected Cianciotta.

3. head over heels
While showcasing her floor routine, sophomore Julia Capodicasa tumbles to the music of Mama Mia shortly after performing a dance number in the corner of the mat. Capodicasa's cute moves and powerful tumbling made her routine enjoyable and impressive. "The floor exercise is my favorite event because it combines tumbling and dancing. I love to tumble and I am a dancing machine!" laughed Capodicasa.

4. kick up your wheels
Concentrating on placing her foot on the balance beam, junior Laurel Devlin maintains stability as she warms up her cartwheels before competition. Even though the balance beam was her least favorite event, Devlin learned to cope by emphasizing the importance of training. "Beam has always been the most challenging event for me. Flipping over a 4-foot-high, 4-inch-wide beam has always made me uneasy, but after all of the practicing and competing, I gradually became more comfortable in the event," explained Devlin.

"In my previous years on the gymnastics team, I always looked up to the captains. It felt great to be one of the captains this year and the team seemed to have functioned really well as a whole,"

junior captain Natalie Capoccia.

Raiders | Opponent
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Dayton | 95.6 91.55
Westfield | 99.3 102.3
Montclair | 97.9 101.1
Cranford | 93.7 93.95
Union Catholic | 100.5 94.9
Union | 100.5 104.85
Elizabeth | 69.35 45.81
Johnson | 98.5 98.9
Cougar Invitational | 97.65
Somerville | 98.0 99.325
Watchung Hills | 84.6 99.5
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“Volleyball is the sport through which I am able to express my talents of being an athlete. It is a sport which involves relating, pushing, and encouraging your teammates. It has helped evolve me into the person I am today.”

David Beard

senior Lydia Sams

senior Jess Zuber

top row: sophomore Izzy Blach, senior Lydia Sams, coach Adrienne Stack, senior Elaine Piniat, senior Rebecca McGuire; middle top row: sophomore Alyssa Karis, senior Kelli Kaskiw, junior Morgan Finkel, senior Briana Falco, sophomore Meghan Reilly; middle bottom row: senior Jess Zuber, senior Katie VanHaasteren, junior Allie Brown, senior Bitsy Kipping; bottom row: junior Maetal Rozenberg, sophomore Nicole Colineri
**1. practice pays off**  
Senior Kelli Kaskiw lunges to bump the ball, earning her team a crucial point in the game. Over the summer, the team met at 7:30 AM, and Kaskiw believed that this was the beginning of the team’s dedication. "Coach Stack's new jumping drills have improved our skills; her training definitely physically prepared us for the season," commented Kaskiw.

**2. I can dig it**  
"Towards the end of the season, we started warming up to music. There was a different mood because everyone was excited for the game, not worried."  
Sophomore Meghan Reilly

**3. bump it up**  
Bumping the ball, senior Katie Van Haasteren gets it over the net. Although it was a very different year for the team, it was also somewhat familiar, since many of the team members played on the JV team the previous year. "This year was a lot more serious, but after a while, it was good because everyone was really fun," explained Van Haasteren.

**4. smile like you mean it!**  
After an intense game, senior Briana Falco flashes a smile of relief. Although she also participated in both SCN and Muse, Falco remained devoted to her team. "We really were a strong team; you could see our talent and we were a tough match. People who came to our games told us we were great and that our record didn't reflect our skill," explained Falco.

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The varsity volleyball team had two challenges to conquer. First, they had to connect with their coach who was new both to the team and to coaching. Next, they had to work up to their potential with only two returning varsity players. Well into the season, the team’s record was less than perfect, an additional burden to the inexperienced team. "By the middle of the season, our morale went down because we were frustrated with our record and couldn't manage to win any games," explained senior Briana Falco. Although the team faced many obstacles, they were able to end the year feeling proficient and unified.

**Junior Maetal Rozenberg**

Although we struggled in the beginning, we finished the season strong. I

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**Senior Elaine Piniat**
"You may get skinned knees and elbows, but it's worth it if you score a spectacular goal." Mia Hamm

**GIRLS SOCCER**

Junior Hailey Mroczek and sophomores Tyler Delmauro and Molly Meehan relax while at a pasta party at Lauren Mains's house. The team worked hard and enjoyed their time together off the field. "The soccer team has been like a second family to me," said Mroczek.

party time!

Back Row: Coach Michelle Tobier, Stephanie Glover, Lauren Weissbrod, Allie Hambleton, Tyler Delmauro, Kristen Henkels, Kim Appezzato, Coach Kevin Ewing
Third Row: Tina Camarda, Julie Meurer, Katie Cornacchia, Rachel Kruper, Hallie Mintz, Megan Silk, Molly Meehan, Lisa Camarda
Second Row: Meagan Kelly, Allie Zazzali, Alana Bencivengo, Alyssa Straniero, Bridget Cornell, Kelly Rigan, Colleen LaForge
Front Row: Ashley Jacobs, Lauren Mains, Hailey Mroczek
1. ready, aim, and shoot!
Sophomore Alana Bencivengo aims for the goal. Bencivengo proved to be an instrumental player and netted the single header needed to win the county championship against Oak Knoll. "The goal was scored when Rigano kicked a corner kick, which was perfect. It came right to my head and I headed it in," recalled Bencivengo.

2. we are the champions
Junior Colleen La Forge, senior Hallie Mintz, sophomore Alana Bencivengo, senior Kelly Rigano, and junior Lauren Weissbrod celebrate after scoring the single goal needed to win the county championship. This was the first time that the girls' varsity soccer team claimed the county title. "Every year at the start of the season, we pick goals we want to accomplish and one of them is always winning counties," said LaForge.

3. on the line
Concentrating intensely, senior Hallie Mintz works to keep the ball within the boundary line. As a senior captain, Mintz was a strong leader, even though she was injured with a sprained medial collateral ligament for a fraction of the season. "I wasn't able to participate in a few major games. Because I'm a senior and this was my last varsity season, it was discouraging. However, the team pulled through regardless of multiple injuries and continued to win important games," explained Mintz.

4. access denied
"Through dedication and team spirit we were able to overcome the slow start of the season," said senior captain Kristen Henkels.

Broken bones; stress fractures; sprained tendons - these injuries may have caused pain to the players but they did not damage the season. With senior captains Hallie Mintz and Kelly Rigano leading the way, and eager players pushing through their pain, the Varsity Girl's Soccer team overcame a rocky start and captured the County title. After winning crucial games against Cranford and Arthur L. Johnson, advancing to county finals, a tense and heart-driven championship game against Oak Knoll led to a 1-0 victory. Suffering from injuries this season were freshman Rachel Cooper who broke her arm and dislocated her knee; sophomore Bridget Cornwell who suffered a stress fracture in her foot; sophomore Alana Bencivengo who sprained her medial collateral ligament. The team demonstrated their motivation and dedication by working through the injuries which failed to hinder their success.

"As a freshman, it was exciting to win Counties because it has never happened before." --freshman Katie Cornacchia

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“Swimming is normal for me. I’m relaxed. I’m comfortable, and I know my surroundings. It’s my home.” Michael Phelps
Anxiety and rivalry built up for the Westfield vs. Scotch Plains girls and boys swim meets. The tension could have been cut with a knife as the two state champion teams faced each other for the first time in months. With the support of the boys team, the Lady Raiders knew they were going to do their best. As they stepped out, they realized it was now or never. When the official blew the whistle to begin the meet, the tension and anxiety turned to excitement. Each event could potentially make or break the meet. Sophomores Melissa Helock, Mary Henkels, "It was awesome to win, but I personally think it was extraordinary to come this far with such an amazing group of people." senior Katie Kosenick Becca Fox; juniors Jill Murphy, Brittny Larkin; and senior captains Kristen Henkels and Kate Kosenick pulled ahead of the competition. Eventually, anticipation for the final score silenced the deck for the first time in hours. The official announced the final score: 92 to 78. The crowd and team exploded into cheers; for the first time in years, the Lady Raiders beat Westfield!

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senior captain Kristen Henkels

senior captain Mike Fragna

senior captain Jason Thompson

1. catch the wave
Sophomore Mary Henkels deploys her "wave-action breaststroke." Henkels had a flawless stroke. "I'm a perfectionist when it comes to swimming, so I practice a lot," added Henkels.

2. back off
Sophomore Kate Johnson pulls ahead of the competitors. When Johnson was in the water, winning was the only thing on her mind. "My favorite event is the 50 yard backstroke in the medley relay because I'm a sprinter and I like the backstroke," exclaimed Johnson.

3. fly girl
Displaying intense strength, junior Jillian Murphy flies past the Pingry girls. Murphy gave it her all, the 100 meter butterfly. "I usually go all out on every event because I don't want to let my team down," explained Murphy.

4. just keep swimming...
Sophomore Sean Dolgin recites lines from Finding Nemo as he competes. Dolgin was one of the few sophomores to step up to the exhausting event. "The 500 meter freestyle is my favorite event to compete because I enjoy the challenge of the intense 20 laps," commented Dolgin.

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“Some people tell me that we soccer players are slaves. Well, if this is slavery, give me a life sentence.” Bobby Charlton

BOYS SOCCER

Back Row: Coach Tom Breznitsky, Jarek Cohen, Tyler Stanek, Evan Aspell, Taylor Molinaro, Sean Young, Bryan Meredith, Jeff Bell, Mark Ciecura, Joe Jacobi, Anthony Baliatico, Tommy Sutter, Coach Joe Motorola
Front Row: Matt Canfield, Lester Nare, Tim Leischner, Tim Stuart, Brian Hessemer, Mike Devizio, Matt Flood, Jeff Stuart, Eddie Kahn, Rob Cunningham, Matt Fleissner, Mark Stiffler
huddle up!
The boys circle around junior Bryan Meredith and talk strategy about the upcoming game. It was routine for the Raiders to gather before the game in order to prepare. "We're just getting ready for another win," explained Meredith.

2. no brainer
Senior Mark Clecura leaps to send a ball upfield. The sight of a soccer ball hitting parts of the body other than the feet was never a surprise. "I'm just using my head," said Clecura.

3. concentration
During the Cranford game, sophomore Tyler Stanek contends with another player for ball position. "The ball was out there, and I was trying to beat my defender to it, and I may just have done so," explained Stanek.

4. let it fly
Sophomore Brian Hessember focuses all of his energy on an excellent kick. Getting in the "zone" helped to produce a quality kick. "I feel a rush of adrenaline and strength to kick the ball as well as possible," said Hessember.

Although they faced bloodthirsty opponents and they lacked their signature high-powered offense, the boys used a staunch defense to catapult themselves into the State Championship Game. Their offensive strategy was focused and effective; precise corner kicks and senior Jeff Bell's monstrous throw-ins allowed the team to take advantage of their height.

"Scoring a goal is like getting a present on Christmas."

sophomore Jarek Cohen

Senior Sean Young often capitalized on these long-distance assists and young up-and-coming stars like sophomore Mike Devizio contributed to the attack. A successful season culminated in a 18-5 record.
"I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." Michael Jordan
Last year's varsity team may have been young and inexperienced, but a new, refreshed, and experienced team hit the court and was eager to prove itself. Prepared to grow and transcend to a higher level of play, the team executed plays with vigor. These individuals began the season with a quality win over Roselle, while continuing to move towards their goal. With the relentless intensity for which Raider athletes are known, the basketball team finished the season successfully. "One of our main goals is to go over 500 for a season average. Our team has some key starters returning from last season, so our goals should be accomplished," stated senior Travis Morgan.
"Football is like nuclear warfare. There are no winners, only survivors." Frank Gifford

the Raiders rumble

A season of struggle, determination, courage, and ultimately, success! No one denied that the Varsity Raiders had a difficult year ahead of them after 2004-2005. Losing a whopping 23 seniors, this supposedly devastating blow could have knocked any team to a depressing 0-for season, but not the Raiders. As last year’s underclassmen stepped up to leadership positions, the team played spirited football. Similarly, the coaching staff inspired the players to work hard and play harder.

"Can’t nobody touch me!" 
senior Colin Weber

Strong game plans led to exciting games, including the heart-stopping overtime win over arch-rival Westfield. Between games and practices, coaches were supportive role models for the players. “Our coaches are all excellent, and I admire Coach Banghart most of all. He’s a stand up guy,” boasted junior Tom Pennella.

1 slip n’ slide
Running and ducking through Westfield tacklers, senior Nehemiah Burney-Porter eludes defenders. “Many tried, but all failed. I’m just that hard to catch,” bragged Porter.

2. spectacular!
Walking the sidelines after a grueling practice, sophomore Keith Baker cools down with some much needed water. “It can get hot out there, my friend,” joked Baker.

3. pump it up
Senior Nick Gianacci pumps himself up on the sideline during the game. He psyched himself up prior to the game as well. “Before every game, I visualize myself making the plays, and then I just go nuts,” explained Giannaci.

4. it’s up and...
“It’s good.” commented senior Matt Hirschorn.

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"I sure don't roll on Shabbas!"

The Big Lebowski

Bowling

Top row: Matthew Hazell, Shyam Bhojani, Kenneth Wasserman, Eric Wasserman, Ronald Petty, Coach James Mason
Bottom row: Joseph Tufaro, James Mason, Catherine Jahn, Golan Rozenberg, Steven Douches
Not pictured: Troy Morgan and Courtney Slaten
Being the only female on the team, senior Catherine Jahn, puts her best foot forward and proves that she's got what it takes to be an asset to the male-dominated lineup. Jahn always brought her A game to every match. "I bring personality to the team. I use my personality to help my teammates; whether making a shot or encouraging them to do their best," explained Jahn.

Though some might credit his talent as the only factor in his quality game play, senior Matt Hazell accounted for his skill in other ways. "My superstition includes only drying my hand once a match and I only use a vanilla scented rosin bag," said Hazell.

Junior twins Eric and Kenny Wasserman show that they are independent as well crucial members of the team. It was not hard to tell the difference because the boys always used different balls when they bowled; Kenny used the red ball while Eric used the blue. "I like being on the same team as my brother. We are always comparing scores," noted Kenny.

Bowling has always been a noisy sport: the clatter of the pins, the ball hitting the floor, a strained grunt as the ball was hurled. But with all the noise and confusion, how did each player get a chance to concentrate? In order to be mentally prepared for important matches, each member had his or her own rituals. Some of these players' quirks included lucky socks, blue bowling jeans, and a blue ball called the "Blue Grove." No matter how many games were won or lost, each player continued to do what all that was needed to knock down the pins and succeed.
“Spirit has fifty times the strength and staying-power of brawn and muscle.” Mark Twain

**GIRLS TENNIS**

Top row: Coach Anna Rotella, Kiara Thomas, Kara Brass, Shannon Gomes, Katie Devlin, Coach Sandra Miller
Bottom row: Danielle Egan, Courtney Burke, Carly Heinz, Liza Katz, Jaci Lopez, Alyssa Markovitz

"My power animal, a white Siberian Tiger, allows me to be calmer for the match." 
senior Shannon Gomes

"I chose a tiger as my power animal because I’m aggressive on the court and I travel in packs like my animal."
senior Katie Devlin

"Before matches I eat almonds and listen to music."
freshman Sahrula Kubie
Meditating before a match, the team visualizes a successful game. "It's supposed to get us all focused and prepared. No other team in the school does this, which is pretty cool," noted senior Katie Devlin.

"I have been playing tennis since I was five years old when my Dad started teaching me."

senior Courtney Burke

Did jaguars hit aces this year? Were tigers smashing monster returns? How come lizards were scamppering all over the court? Why were animals playing tennis? The answer was evidenced in Coach Sandra Miller's new age approach to the game. She focused on the mental facet of the game and taught meditation to the girls. Miller used these techniques to enhance each of the girls' games. Every player chose a "power animal" to represent herself on the court; their demeanor and style of play was modeled after their chosen animal. All of these preparations paid off because the team's techniques worked well and landed them an 8th place finish in the county tournament.

### 1. playin' like a pro
With ease, junior Kiara Thomas lob the ball across the court. Thomas strived to be like her two favorite pro-tennis players, Serena and Venus Williams. "I want to work hard and strive to be great and have fun, just like they do," said Thomas.

### 2. aced
Serving to her opponent, senior Alyssa Markovitz is no amateur in the game of tennis. Markovitz played for the past six years, and as a senior, played first doubles. "My power animal is a lizard. We are alike because we are both small and fast," explained Markovitz.

### 3. ommm....
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senior Danielle Eagan

senior Alyssa Markovitz, Shannon Gomes, juniors Kiara Thomas, Jaclyn Lopez, senior Katie Devlin

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senior Jaci Lopez

senior Katie Devlin

girls tennis 191
"Sweat plus sacrifice equals success."
Charlie Finley

WRESTLING

Top row: Keith Baker, Nick Gianacchi, Dave Denichilo, Joe Blaes, Damien Gibbs, Billy Jacob, Mike O'Neil, Joe Sebala, Jeremy Grau, Alan Nassiri, Billy Bowman
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Bottom Row: Rob Desiato, Joe Setto, Karon Adams, Dave Kazmas, Wesley Morrison, Andrew Davidson, Alex Marchena, Mike Ferrara, Marc Rusin, Christian McCarthy
After a hard fight, the referee raises junior Ricky Olsson's hand in triumph. "The thrill of victory is a great feeling," exulted Olsson.

Coach John Scholtz gives sophomore Billy Jacobs a few words of wisdom before the match. Jacobs was one of the larger wrestlers in his weight class. "I am lucky that I don't have to cut weight. If I just eat healthy and don't go overboard then my weight will be good," explained Jacobs.

"Half the battle of a wrestling match is making weight."—junior Joe Blaes

Freshman Mike Ferrara positions himself over his Cranford opponent. The challenges that were inherent in maintaining weight were seen as advantages by Ferrara. "Having to keep your physique keeps you in peak condition. Plus I look remarkably attractive in the tight spandex singlets," joked Ferrara.
"Baseball is 90% mental, the other half is physical." - Yogi Berra

B A S E B A L L
1. old kid on the block
Senior Jeff Bell is up at bat during an early season game. With some varsity experience under his belt, Bell took to his new position as the team captain with pride. "It was fun working with the new varsity players since they have already played together as a unit, so leading them was too much fun for me to feel much pressure," exclaimed Bell.

2. who's on first?
With his eye on the pitcher, junior Adam Perez makes sure it's safe to steal second base and get into scoring position. Instead of trying to overpower their opponents, the Raiders adopted a philosophy of small ball, confident that bunts, steals, and singles would lead their charge into victory. "We focused more on scoring one run an inning instead of hitting a three-run home run at every at-bat, relying more on pitching, defense and quick scoring over outpowering to win," explained Perez.

3. wheaties worthy
At batting practice, senior Joe Cepparulo blasts a hit to the outfield. "In the pre season, Coach Baylock sent us through a tougher tryout then ever before, scrimmaged us against the harder teams, and just had us working harder all around," noted Cepparulo.

4. practice makes perfect
Honing his defensive skills as the team catcher, sophomore James Dinizo throws the ball to the second baseman to stop a base-stealing attempt. A tremendous defender and a smart hitter, Dinizo was one of the talented newcomers who helped to make the varsity squad such a tough team. "Since we practice everyday, lucky with good weather, it was important that we practiced well everyday and became very good at our positions," reported Dinizo.

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SOFTBALL

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middle row: Tara Scibek, Jessica Khan, Abby Jenkins, Hailey Mroczek, Ashley Jacobi, Lauren Mains
bottom row: Allie Brown, Nicole Colineri, Stephanie Goines, Melissa Sette
Between strenuous practices and rigorous games, varsity softball proved to be anything but "soft." Guided by Coach Kelli Covert and senior captains Kelli Kaskiw, Elaine Piniat, and Melissa Sette, the tight bond among the team contributed to high morale. The consistent routines of "No matter what errors are made, we stay together as a team to maintain a positive attitude." 

sophomore Nicole Colineri

these individuals separated them from the crowd; accrediting early success, in part, to the specific orders they ran out onto the field. With the addition of an assistant coach and a new batting cage to practice indoors, players had a confident outlook which made the season more promising than ever.
"Competitive golf is played mainly on a five-and-a-half-inch course: the space between your ears."
Bobby Jones
Golf was a mental game, demanding mastery in many different areas. Aspects such as the terrain, weather, wind direction, types of iron, and, perhaps most importantly, confidence and precision all affected the execution of the pivotal swing. On the green, the player often became overwhelmed by the anxiety to perform well. However, the pressure did not deter this golf team’s focus on “The one thing I really enjoy about golf is the challenge of trying to hit a better shot than the previous one.”

Senior Clayton Balch

The overall outcome of a successful season. With certain particularity, these individuals putted their way to school-wide recognition as they aced their shots with ease. “We are the team to beat,” stated senior Jack Davis.

1. fore
Displaying the form needed to make it out of a sand trap, junior Colin Campbell takes his swing. As a result of his concentration and control of the golf club, Campbell distinguished himself as one of the key players on the team. “I have great confidence in the team and I expect great achievements,” asserted Campbell.

2. get a grip
Senior Chris Cooper makes sure he has a strong grip before putting. His relaxed but firm grip assured him a low score on the green. “I started playing when I was seven years old. I was always into baseball but my dad introduced me to the game and I have been playing ever since,” commented Cooper.

3. sand-storm
A little sand does not stop senior Brian Halpin. As a four-year veteran of the golf team, Halpin knew how to handle the green. “I love the game because it is so hard to conquer. I also enjoy chilling back and playing a few holes,” said Halpin.

4. no hackers found here
Junior Steve Jacobus demonstrates why hacking is only for amateurs. The SPF golfers avoided hacking at the green, or swinging up mud. “I’ve always enjoyed golf because the green always proposes a new technique to conquer,” explained Jacobus.
"I’ll let the racket do the talking.”
John McEnroe

BOYS TENNIS

Top row: Coach Sandra Miller, Dave Ginsberg, Ron Stein, Alex Resnick, Chris Thompson, Coach White
Bottom row: Eric Heinz, Mike Cejovic, Ted Rosenblatt, Gary Herzberg
Mike Devizio, Ryan Kreuger, Scott Leyden
Despite the loss of several impressive senior players last year, this year's senior leadership strove toward a successful season. Led by captains Dave Ginsberg and Ron Stein, the team worked together on game strategies, progressing each match. Although the team morale came from its eldest members, the majority of the team was comprised of freshmen and sophomores. Sophomores Ryan Kreuger and Scott "The Whipper" Leyden proved to be a dynamic 1-2 combo for singles, leading the team through a successful season. The energetic team was headed by first year boys' coach Sandra Miller. With an abundance of youth and talent, the future looks bright for Scotch Plains-Fanwood tennis.

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Senior David Ginsberg

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"From that day on, if I was ever going somewhere, I was running!"

Forest Gump

TRACK & FIELD

Senior Track and Field Team
Back Row: Anthony Nelson, Tom Ventura, Joe Jacobi, Aaron Doliber,
Middle Row: Max Carrow, Nehemiah Burney-Porter, Meaghan Kelly, James Alfano, Rob Ventura
Front Row: Josh Zinman, Matt Hazell, Andrew Wong
High jumps, hurdles, long distance, sprinting— the boys and girls track and field teams "ran" their way to success. Facing the highest expectations, the track and field teams had no trouble staying motivated under the leadership of coaches Jeff Koegele and Rich McGriff. Improving upon times and winning medals added to the motivation that the athletes needed to keep themselves going and to match and beat their best times. The indoor track team proved successful at county competitions and left room for the spring track team to do the same. The track and field teams appeared to be invincible as they triumphed over opposition and achieved team victories as well as individual successes along the way. "As a team, we can't be defeated. Our talent overshadows all others in the county," commented senior Nehemiah Burney-Porter.

1. Whirling Dervish
Caught in mid-throw, senior Matt Hazell packs his discus toss with power. Hazell later reflected on the benefits of being involved in field. "Being a thrower teaches good self-discipline and allows people to improve upon their accomplishments," said Hazell.

2. Mind Over Matter
Senior Anthony Nelson prepares for his shot put throw. Nelson found that participating in field was a good way to stay active and in shape. "I needed to put my muscles to use after football season, and I was encouraged to try field sports. I liked them so much that I stuck with them," commented Nelson.

3. Life in the Fast Lane
Junior James Sensor finishes his warm-up laps. Sensor, whose main event was pole vaulting, commented on the casual attitude of the track and field team. "I love to just hang out and pole vault. We turn on the radio, and it doesn't feel like practice," relayed Sensor.

4. Born to Run
Finishing a lap with a smile, freshman Whitney Adams takes time out of her regimen to reflect on her first time track experience. "I joined track because I figured it would be a good experience. I just love to run," explained Adams.
"A lifetime of training for just ten seconds"

Jesse Owens

WINTER TRACK
As the fall sport season came to an end, students wondered how to occupy their newly allotted time. Some students opted for basketball, while others joined the track team. Under the guidance of coaches Jeff Koegeg and Rich McGriff, these individuals trained and gained skills as well as engaged in various workouts. The coaches never let the team settle for anything but their best. Practices were often long and stenuous, but all the practice time paid off, especially when seniors James Alfano, Nehemiah Burney-Porter and juniors Tom Pennella and Kyle Rowbotham placed ninth in a national competition. The coaches, parents and the athletes were all proud of the teams accomplishments.

"I never knew how big our school was until I had to run around the hallways during practice." junior Deirdre Scully

The athletes were determined to make the most of their time. "Track is all I'm good at. If I didn't do track, then I wouldn't do anything at all." sophomore Cassy Valdez.

"A hop, skip and a jump"

Flying over the pole, senior Max Carow is determined to make it safely to the other side. Since the pole-vault event was his specialty, he always walked away victorious. "At the beginning of the season it was extremely stressful because we didn't have a coach or a place to practice. But in the end, victory was ours," declared Carow.

"I'm ready...I'm ready!"

As he preps for his next throw, senior Anthony Nelson gets into the zone. The second year athlete joined the team in order to put his strength to good use. The coaches thought he would be a beneficial part of the team, and he proved them right. "Before every meet, I listen to music to clear my mind, so when I'm in the shot-put circle, my mind is clear and ready to go," explained Nelson.

"We are the champions!"

Juniors Tom Pennella and Kyle Rowbotham and seniors Nehemiah Burney-Porter and James Alfano, along with coach Rich McGriff, stop pose as they celebrate their victory. Life for these ninth place national champs couldn't get any sweeter. "We felt really bad because we didn't run well at states, but we fortunately we were able to pull it together at nationals," said senior Burney-Porter.
"If the track is tough and the hill is rough, thinking you can just ain't enough!" Shel Silverstein

CROSS COUNTRY

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sophomore Cassy Valdes

senior Stefania Ricca

freshman Emily Carow

freshmen Sam Stamler

junior Mike Miller
Taking all of the injuries presented in stride, the cross country team persevered, managing to qualify for groups. Though they practiced hard, even throughout the summer, some difficulties were met along the way. A large number of knee and ankle injuries slowly worked away at the runners, and the loss of members who graduated the previous year presented obstacles. Despite challenges the team made it all the way to groups, an outstanding accomplishment that the team has made the past eight out of nine years.

"Summer training really helped to unite us as a team and help build endurance. Overall it helped to improve us as a whole and played a big part in our success," junior Kayla Payne.

leaders of the pack
As the boys go all-out in a 3K race, Greg Bencivengo steps up and leads the group. "Cross country is about individual improvement, but when it comes to working as a team, everyone supports each other to achieve a common goal," commented Bencivengo.

mess to success
Sophomore Cathy Harley returned to competition after a devastating shin injury early in the season. "I was disappointed that I was injured but in the end of the season I healed and was able to achieve my own personal record," said Harley.

one last push
Sophomore Adam Horowitz pushes through all forms of pain and exhaustions as he strives towards the finish line. "When I feel like I can't run anymore coach Koegel is always there to push me further," said Horowitz.

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"Just because we don't run across goalines, slam dunk basketballs, or hit homeruns doesn't mean we can't change the score." Anonymous

CHEERLEADING
renowned for their smiling faces as they pumped up crowds and inspired athletes, the cheerleaders proved themselves a valuable asset to sporting events over and over again. Besides encouraging Raider teams, the varsity cheerleaders also competed against other squads for the very first time. When they were not rooting for the football, soccer, or basketball teams or practicing for an upcoming game, the cheerleaders vied for titles against neighboring squads. Guided by Coach Schiller and senior captains Michelle Dsurney and Chelsea Holloway, team members jumped, tumbled, and flew their way to success as they integrated dance and gymnastics into their routines. They set a precedent for future squads, winning fifth place at a January 4 competition and earning praise for their spirit. "Now that we compete we get respect from people who didn't think that cheerleading was a sport," said senior Natasha Jonhnstone.

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Wayne Gretzky

ICE HOCKEY
The journey to establish an ice hockey team began in late 2004 and did not stop until one year later when the dream became a reality. Because funds were not available in the school district budget to financially support an ice hockey team; students, parents, and community members attended numerous board meetings and eventually agreed that a "pay-to-play" policy would be developed. On October 20, 2005, the proposal for the first year of a JV team was approved. Tryouts were held on November 17, with an incredible outpouring of interest from the student body. The new Raider "Icemen" played their first team on December 5, and were victorious!

"We had an incredibly successful season for such an incredibly new team."

junior Nick Ryskasen
JV Basketball

Top row: Andrew Manns, Carlo DeGuzman, Coach Jones, Jeremy Antoine, Jason Boff
Bottom row: Justin Wheeler, Mandel Sly, William Adkins, Lawrence Dent

JV Girls Basketball

Top row: Laura Degnan, Kaitlyn Denker, Coach Rafferty, Saxony Nielson, Allison Kodan
Bottom row: Bridget Cornwell, Nikki Mineo, Danielle Sette, Courtney Bifani, Rachel Parker
JV boys soccer

top row: Coach Turnbull, Jesse Marvosa, Tom Hercel, Vincent Bianco, Chris McManus, Justin Peer, Mike Comacchia, Ade Burke, Dan Ciabattari, Dave Gigiel
middle row: Brandon Reddington, Dan Meurer, Mark Koransky, Juan Castillo, Colin Grimm, Jordan Sedwin, Kevin Parsi, Mike Roth, Joe Tufaro, Mike Bumiller
bottom row: Dan Rodriguez, Dan Gore, Eddie Byron, Steve Young, Adam Brous, Jon Miklas, Joey Del Prete, Fausto Garzon

JV girls soccer

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bottom row: Carol Montiero, Sheryl Markovits, Whitney Adams, Betsy Chen
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first row: Nicole Colineri
freshman boys basketball

Top row: Kevin Maroney, Marcus Green, Brandon Harris, Coach Lucceralli, Coach Johnson, Spenki Alson, Brian Bonacum, Austin Funheller. Front row: Blake VanBuskirk, Darwin Nitro, Brandon Boyd, Ronnie Fields, Nick Bonadies, Reggie Solomon, Anthony Taylor, Melvin Hanciles.

freshman girls basketball


freshman football

"Champions aren’t made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them -- a desire, a dream, a vision." Muhammad Ali
High school sports created a close bond among teammates: a constant yet competitive spirit. Some of the school's strongest athletes progressed to the next level—namely a collegiate sport. From swimming to football, individuals planned to continue competition while taking comfort in their familiar sports. The nature of that competition definitely changed; a new, more driven, fierce, competitive spirit characterized college athletics. Senior James Alfano ran track and field every year in high school, and pursuing track on a "The speed of play from high school to college will be a lot different. One major problem that I will have is not having my mom around to wake me up for soccer practice and games." senior Jeff Bell higher level was something he looked forward to as his departure for college neared. "Track and field is something that I love to do. I have worked hard to reach the level I have and I can't wait to compete on the next level," commented Alfano.

1. keep your eye on the prize
Impressing college scouts, senior Matt Fliessner does not let the ball out of his sight. Fliessner planned to be key player for Albright College in the fall. "Although playing in college is a great opportunity, I am going to miss playing under the pressure of representing a soccer team that has a tradition of excellence," explained Fliessner.

2. for love of the game
Returning the ball to her opponent with confidence, senior Carly Heinz ups the score to 40-love. Heinz planned to work out and practice for several hours a day in order to play at a high level of competition at Goucher College. "I really love tennis and being part of a team. I can't think of any better way to spend my college experience," exclaimed Heinz.

3. out for a good time
Senior Mike Fragna checks his time to make sure it is up to par for the college level. Since Fragna had been a swimmer for ten years, he had every intention of continuing his swimming career at Michigan State University. "For the first time everyone will be at the same level of swimming; it will be the largest team I have ever competed on," said Fragna.

4. tackle your dreams
Senior Nick Giannaci takes down the Westfield running back, short of a first down. He hoped that playing a sport at Kutztown University would further his athletic abilities. "Playing in college will be really different because you get together with a bunch of new people," commented Giannaci.
“Set your heights more than what you see around you, see beyond.” Anthony Anderson

OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL SPORTS

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With the broad range of athletic interests and passions that students had, not every sport could be sponsored by the school. Therefore, individuals pursued various competitive activities from ping-pong to skiing away from the academic environment. Whether these athletes enjoyed sports from "Ping-pong is a solid release and an awesome way to spend an afternoon with friends. You'd be surprised how intense it gets." senior Becca McGuire, the comfort of their own homes or traveled hours away for practice or competitions, they found their niche and an opportunity to master these sports.

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1. Let's kick it
"If fooseball was an 80's child star, it would be three parts Emmanuel Lewis and one part Thundercat." joked senior Joshua Abram Green.

2. Dancing with the stars
"My favorite parts about dancing competitively are being with amazing friends, the laughs we shared during practice, and the excitement we have before performing," explained freshman Jennifer DiGiuseppe.

3. Kowabunga!
With intense concentration, junior Ibby Helm demonstrates a signature karate pose. His interest started as a childhood dream to emulate the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles; but for the past 11 years, junior Ibby Helm dedicated himself to becoming just as agile and awesome as those mean, green fighting machines. He practiced as often as he could at Karate N' Motion to achieve his first degree black belt and enjoyed sharing all he knew with younger, less-experienced martial artists. "When I was young I said 'Mom I want to be a ninja. sign me up to learn!'" exclaimed Helm.

4. Giddy up
Junior Meredith Arlington stops at nothing when it comes to horseback riding! Amazingly, during one competition she suffered a concussion but decided to get back on her horse and continued the track. She enjoyed spending summers in Connecticut where she rode everyday for seven weeks. In addition to lessons of her own, Arlington taught children, adults, and handicapped people how to ride. "My favorite part of the sport is the bond you create with your horse, and all the people you get to meet along the way," noted Arlington.

"I love traveling, meeting new friends, and seeing all of the hard work pay off in the end." freshman Kim Rizzo, concerning her involvement with synchronized swimming.
involved

sophomore Anthony Vecchione
senior Joanna Snodgrass

junior Eric Kaufman
224 fundraisers
236 FBLA/JSA
243 SLC/SGA
250 muse/rebel

“The first rule of Fight Club is: you do not talk about Fight Club.”

Senior Ronnie Palijwala

Clubs 221 99
Crowding together seniors Lauren Weissbrod, Jess McGarry, Joanna Snodgrass, Carolyn DiProspero, and Dana Sacks relish the moment. While in Chicago for the *Fanscotian* trip, the group grew closer. "Chicago was a true bonding experience, the editors and advisors became one big family," stated Sacks.
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Mitch Hedberg

As students boarded the buses fully equipped with enough clothing and toiletries to last through the weekend, it was clear that they were not embarking on any ordinary trip, but rather a trip of a different sort. Overnight trips, which usually went through the weekend, were necessary for clubs who partook in competitions such as JSA (Junior Statesmen of America), DECA, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), and Model UN (United Nations). Students sacrificed their free time to represent the school, which often resulted in prestigious awards such as winning states in DECA competitions or the FBLA students' qualification for the state competition.

"Overnight trips are fun because you are able to visit different cities, meet new friends, and still have healthy competition with students from all over an area," said junior Aileen Drum. Many nights were spent exploring the different cities with friends, while the days were spent dressed formally, learning the ins and outs of the business world. Individuals had a blast hanging out with friends while participating in something productive at the same time.

"I had a lot of fun in Chicago because I met Michael Manning and went to Rock and Roll McDonald's," noted Greenspan.

"FBLA gives people the chance to experience what it's like in the business world and meet new people with similar goals," stated Falco.

"While debating and solving world issues in Model UN I was able to meet a lot of great people and gain different countries' perspectives," noted Meurer.

Making a toast with a pair of unfilled champagne glasses found in the limo, seniors Megan Domenick, Neil Dalal, Melissa Koerner, and Emily Lange smile for the camera. The students traveled to Chicago for a journalism conference to learn more about yearbook techniques. "After visiting Chicago I realized how great the city is. It helped me realize that's where I want to go to college and now I am going to the University of Chicago," disclosed Dalal.
prom committee to the rescue!

Ensuring that the prom will be a smashing success, seniors Danielle Egan and Jen Bauer discuss how best to raise money for the event. The prom was eventually well-financed and a huge success thanks to fundraising. "The support for the prom was overwhelming and the fundraiser helped make sure it was well-funded," explained Bauer.

The Black Student Union promotes the annual Black History Month Celebration dinner. To raise money for the club and provide entertainment for the participants, BSU held a dinner that featured great food such as fried chicken and ribs. "BSU works hard to raise more money for not only the club, but for the students to enjoy and to become enlightened by the many cultures in the school," clarified senior Claudia Ahiabor.
"I did comedy for a fundraiser once. We were trying to raise money to buy one of those machines that shows how much money has been raised."

Mitch Hedberg

Going beyond selling bagels and candy, clubs promoted a bevy of creative and exciting fundraisers that supported their causes while entertaining the student body. Fundraising activities ranged from fashion shows and dinners to club trips and Valentine’s Day sales. The Threads club held a fashion show. SMAC (Student Movement Against Cancer) hosted an overnight fundraiser called Relay for Life that, in addition to advancing cancer awareness, raised funds to battle the disease. Muse, the artistic magazine, raised money by selling candy which was accompanied by poetry for Valentine’s Day. "The fundraisers this year have been really exciting. It’s fun to see what new events other clubs, including DECA, come up with to raise money," reflected junior Adam Perez.

"SMAC Lips were a big hit fundraiser," declared senior Melissa Koerner.

"People really enjoyed sending poems to significant others for Valentine’s Day," stated senior Gaby Falco.

"Asian Night was good since so many kids from our school and others came to support it and had a blast while attending," exclaimed co-president Michelle Chan.

Deep in discussion, DECA members plan their annual Thanksgiving fundraiser in which members raise money to buy, make, and prepare a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless. The fundraiser ended up being a resounding success as members raised enough funds to supply their Thanksgiving dinner for the needy. "The Thanksgiving fundraiser is the best one since we help those who are in need with our good efforts," ruminated junior Dave Solomon.
smoke free and chocolatey
REBEL club members juniors Ana Castillo, Pooja Patel and Stacey Tanguy sell baked goods, pamphlets, and distribute drug-free information while they help facilitate the club’s biggest event called Scotch Plains Day. Along with Scotch Plains Day, REBEL also hosted National Smoke Out Day and purple ribbon week to make people aware of the dangers of drugs. “It was fun reaching out to the community and warning them about the dangers of drugs while giving them something other than a positive message for their time, which helped our events be pretty successful,” beamed Patel.

During SGA’s blood drive, senior Bitsy Kipping, supported by seniors Lydia Sams and Christine Di Trollo, donates her share of blood. In addition to the drive, SGA hosted Senior Citizens’ Day during which students spent a day with senior citizens, learning more about past generations. “The blood drive was great for the hospitals while Senior Citizens’ Day is always fun since we get to meet really interesting people,” explained junior Jenna Delle-Donne.
"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."
Margaret Mead

**Community Outreach**

Helping those in need was a major way many clubs contributed to making a more amicable environment for their fellow citizens. Examples of community outreach activities ranged from REBEL (Reaching Everyone by Exposing Lies) hosting Scotch Plains Day, to donating clothes as SCN (Students Concerned for the Needy) did to help the underprivileged through the cold winter, to the NHS (National Honor Society) members performing a vast number of outreach activities such as teen tutoring and working at hospitals. These compassionate organizations found themselves deeply involved with their respective endeavors.

Pooja Patel, a junior who participated in REBEL, enjoyed involvement in activities such as Scotch Plains Day because it brought awareness to the community about the dangers of cigarette smoking while providing the masses with delicious baked goods and pamphlets about staying drug-free. "It was fun to see people enjoy themselves and learn a positive message about not smoking," commented Patel.

For Thanksgiving, DECA raised money and put together a meal for the homeless that was well-appreciated. "Preparing turkeys for the homeless during Thanksgiving was great both for us and those who received the meals," expressed junior Adam Perez.

"We managed to raise over $5,000 dollars for Hurricane Katrina relief!" exclaimed junior Daisy Fung.

I enjoy tutoring in a subject that I enjoy learning and hope that my enthusiasm for that subject will help the student gain the same enthusiasm," explained senior Amira Selim.

Thread-setters

Threads club members senior Ayana Akbar and junior Courtney McCoy discuss plans to sponsor a cancer patient for the year and how much money they plan to raise. Threads was active in helping the community when they baked five turkeys for the needy during Thanksgiving, participated in Senior Citizens’ Day, and sponsored a cancer patient with the money they raised through bake sales. "We have a duty to aid the community since it is the right thing to do, and sponsoring a cancer patient is a great way to help, along with the other activities we do," explained McCoy.
Hard at work, proof editor Emily Lange and junior Helen Han check the senior superlative proofs. Editing pages and checking for mistakes proved to be a major component of assembling a yearbook. "The best part of working on a publication is seeing your work in print. That makes it all worth it," reflected Han.
"Put it before them briefly so they will read it, clearly so they will appreciate it, picturesquely so they will remember it and, above all, accurately so they will be guided by its light."

Joseph Pulitzer

Emmersed in countless deadlines, proofs, and drafts, it seemed as if the students involved in publications were in the working world rather than the classroom. With a bar set high and a stressful atmosphere, those who collaborated on Muse, The Fanscotton, and Culmen felt pressure to ensure that they met deadlines and each issue surpassed the previous one. Muse showcased original artwork, poetry, and prose in print. The Fanscotton published an informative and interesting newspaper every month. Culmen staff members worked tirelessly to assemble one of the few all-color yearbooks in the state. In pursuit of excellence, school publication members often travelled beyond Scotch Plains and Fanwood as the Culmen editors and Fanscotton staff attended a journalism conference in Chicago and then applied those new techniques to their own works. These students learned invaluable lessons in time management and teamwork. "Working on [a publication] is not just literary. It involves fundraising, advertisement, and leadership," commented seniors Gaby Falco and Faye Bi, editors-in-chief of Muse.

"We conducted a week-long advertising campaign called 'Yearbook Week' and it was a great success," affirmed junior Diana Chaves. "During layout late-nights, you see a different side of people," remarked junior Caleb Zimmerman. "I've submitted my own poetry to Muse and received constructive criticism that helped me improve my own creative writing," said senior Michele Calvo.

Exchanging ideas, senior Carolyn DiProspero and junior Lauren Weissbrod collaborate for an upcoming edition of The Fanscotton. "Late-night layouts are stressful but one of the most fun parts of working on the newspaper. We usually stay at school until at least 10:00 p.m. completing our pages," revealed Weissbrod.
Minutes before going on stage, the Dance team prepares for a performance. Dance team members often took their show on the road as they performed their outstanding routines at such places as the Ukrainian Center. These talented individuals also wowed audiences at events that included sports games, prom night, and various fund-raisers. Dancing for the school and entertaining the student body was definitely one of the highlights of being on the dance team,” acknowledged junior Morgan Finkel.
performances

With numerous assignments to complete every night, student performers and clubs had many obstacles to overcome in order to put on a great show. Luckily for the student body, these committed individuals and organizations hurdled all obstacles and entertained; from Rep Theatre's production of 42nd Street and Moonglower's concerts, to dance team performances and Muse's Open Mic Night talent show, these events added an upbeat dimension to school life. The entertainers went the extra mile and sacrificed hours of time to refine their respective crafts. "I love to dance because it's great when we put so much work into a routine and it turns out to be a success. Nothing beats when the audience appreciates the performance," stated dance team member, junior Chelsea Donnelly.

"Sometimes it can be nerve-wrecking to perform in front of an audience, especially during a solo, but we always manage to pull it off," explained senior Andrew Wong. "When we perform and the crowd is into it, it feels like nothing else matters," expressed senior Derrick Chen.

"Once the music starts and we begin to perform, it feels like second nature and the performances are smooth," articulated sophomore Anthony Vecchione.

It's been a hard day's night...

Before an evening of hard work, Mr. Brzozowski gives the Repertory Theatre actors notes on the status of the musical. The musical chosen for this year, 42nd Street, proved to be a success as tickets were sold like hotcakes. "The quality of our shows always exceeds our audience's expectations as well as our own," stated junior Kristen Barry.
Getting ready for the dance competition, juniors Stephanie Santiago and Chelsea Donnelly apply their makeup. Throughout the year, the Dance team enjoyed preparing for and competing against other teams. "When we watch other teams, we see the areas that we need to improve upon. We use what we learn to identify our strong and weak points," remarked Santiago.

environment friendly

Juniors Daisy Fung and Stacey Tanguy unwind after spending a long day competing in the New Jersey Envirothon. Team members took tests on interactive, hands-on activities such as identifying trees, barks, leaves, and even bird calls. "It's very difficult for us to compete against teams from other schools. While they have regular environmental classes during school, we meet as a club once a week. But, because the competitions are so much fun, we try harder every year to learn the material better. We're definitely going to do better next year!" affirmed Fung.
Sure, winning isn’t everything. It’s the only thing.”
- Henry Sanders, Sports Illustrated

Some clubs, like SCN or REBEL, contributed to the community through their charity work. Others, such as DECA or FBLA, fit a mold of competitive clubs in which they improved and educated their members through regional events, such as JSA’s Fall and Spring State Conventions. Similarly, organizations like the Dance Team and Moonglowers exposed their participants to a variety of rival teams and groups, enabling them to improve their own musical and artistic skills. “Competitions are the fruits of your labor. Nothing beats a crowd on their feet,” expressed junior Yeershati Ahati about his experiences in the Marching Band competition.

“I feel a little drained after a competition because I give each performance everything I’ve got. And at every competition, I learn something new from marching bands in other schools,” noted senior Danielle Porter.

“The ability to debate and discuss issues with my peers and push towards winning the best speaker award inspires me to continue attending JSA,” affirmed junior Jake Parisi.

“I was really surprised to place in business procedures during the regional competition. I enjoy being a part of the FBLA and I am excited that I will be able to compete in the state level,” said sophomore Meghan Reilly.

As the saxophone section plays, the brass section listens and follows by reading the music being played. Before the school day began, the Jazz Band often practiced listening as well as playing to improve their musical abilities. Moreover, every Wednesday night the band had two hours to prepare for any upcoming competitions in other schools. “This year, the Jazz Band has done really well. For the first time in many years, we were able to place in the state finals along with Moonglowers. I’m so excited!” exclaimed junior Helen Han.
In an effort to help Hurricane Katrina victims, freshman Samantha Schaffer stuffs a backpack with school supplies. Schaffer was one of many SALSA members who chose to dedicate some of her time to this worthy cause. "Stuffing the backpacks was enjoyable because it gave me the opportunity to do something good for those in need," commented Schaffer.
To God I speak Spanish, to women Italian, to men French, and to my horse—German.

Jason Chamberlain

*World Language Clubs*

Candy sales, community service, and charity: all activities common to the world language-based clubs. The French Club and French Honor Society organized croissant sales to satiate students' appetites and volunteered at local nursing homes, while entertaining their participants with movie nights and ice skating activities. SALSA, the Spanish and Latin Student Association, and Spanish Honor Society also benefited the community by volunteering at the Fanwood Recycling Center and stuffing backpacks for Hurricane Katrina victims during the “We’ve Got Your Back” campaign. This group also sponsored a five-year-old girl in Guatemala with fundraising proceeds. The German Club and Honor Society enjoyed the highlights of German culture by making krapfen for Carnival and by holding a Fasching Party and an Oktoberfest celebration. To supplement the cost of AP exams, morning bake sales and candy sales were organized; thereby providing the opportunity for more students to gain access to knowledge for the exams. With Pasta Night dinners, Bacci Perugina chocolate sales, and the famous Matchmaker Valentine’s Day fundraiser, the spirited Italian Club and Italian Honors Society held a plethora of events to keep the student body involved. Although each club celebrated its own distinct culture, all demonstrated the mutual generosity of their student members and possessed an unparalleled ability to have fun in the process.

“Italian Club is successful because of the unity of the students and our teachers,” declared junior John Stamler.

“I think SALSA is a great club for students to get together and help the community through projects and celebrate Latin culture,” stated junior Allison Baier.

“French Club is a lot of fun because everything is so well organized and we get a lot of exposure to the French culture through food, movies and art,” commented junior Allison Brown.

Krapfen or krapfun?

The German Club participated in several fun events to keep the German culture alive in school. One of these activities included making krapfen, a German pastry, for Carnival. "Making krapfen was an interesting experience. It brought a bit of German culture to many of the unknowledgeable German-American students," commented junior Nikolai Chowdhury.
Music is your own experience, your thoughts, your wisdom. If you don’t live it, it won’t come out of your horn.  
Charlie Parker

Bio:
"Step out of your what And go off to comfort zone"
Everyone had their own comfort zone: a place where they felt secure, confident, and of course, comfortable. Marching band members found such a place on the field when they recited these lines that Drum Major senior Justine Brown learned from band camp; words that were repeated before half-time shows and big competitions. Not only did the “Comfort Zone” chant pump up the band, but it was a superstition that they would not perform well if they omitted this part of their routine. “The chant revives them and sort of gives them their mojo,” explained senior Danielle Porter.

Marching Band:

"The dance is a poem of which each movement is a world."
Mata Hari

Bio:  
With an outstanding thirty girls on the team, color guard experienced one of its best seasons yet. Since such a large number of girls participated, they were able to put on a show pulling out all the stops. The theme was “A Trip Around the World,” and entertaining the crowd entailed the use of many brightly colored hats, flags, and costumes. Students were wrapped up in the show as they “traveled” from continent to continent with the help of color guard’s talented ladies. “My favorite part of being on Color Guard is being able to perform and do what I love to do in front of so many people at a time. Being outside makes the show feel bigger and more exciting,” commented junior Kristen Barry.

Color Guard:  
Meredith Arlington, Kristen Barry, Alyssa Biron, Michelle Bowman, Arielle Brown, Ashley Castore, Katie Celardo, Amanda Denman, Cristina Dafoe, Kelly Dougher, Kate Flo-Santiago, Kelly Frazee, Stephanie Freder, Danielle Giordana, Lauren Herold, Cristin Joy, Victoria Kambar, Kim Kieseck, Brooke Lubin, Jessica Nagourney, Kathryn Powell, Portia Price, Paris Riley, Liz Schreiber, Lauren Sprir, Galmarie Sprague, Allie Tiengco, Becca Yong, Langen, Gina Yantiselis, Gwenevere Zucker.
Bio:
Prepared to dominate the dance floor with the help of a new coach, the Dance Team demonstrated how to move! The new coach introduced a new technical style and frequent practices enabled members to perfect a routine that showed off their abilities in all styles of dance. Additional fundraisers were held and the team stepped confidently into competitions. "I've had a wide variety of teachers. Margaret's style is more technical than our old teacher's style of teaching," explained sophomore Melissa Swanton.

Dance Team:
Dana Abramson, Keisha Asante, Michelle Chan, Aliana Chavus, Lauren D'Aloisio, Sarah Danielle, Chelsea Donnelly, Morgan Finkel, Kirstan Fuller, Alex Garber, Amy Lee, Rachel Levy, Sarah Marable, Liana Rivera, Malaika Said, Stephanie Santiago, Melissa Swanton, Sharoni Wong.

Leadership has a harder job to do than just choose riders. It must bring riders together.

Jesse Jackson

Bio:
Long hours, hard work, and an undying dedication to the student body added up to a group of class officers who were pretty classy themselves. In addition to their own obligations and responsibilities, the class officers happily tackled the task of accomplishing two of most popular events in the high school: the junior and senior proms. In an effort to raise money, the class officers from all grades orchestrated breakfast sales, candy sales, car washes, and a carnival night. With the aid of an event coordinator, they selected color schemes and guaranteed that everything from the napkins to the confetti matched; ensuring that the prom nights were events worth remembering. Officers made an effort to cater to the student body by holding class meetings to learn classmates' opinions regarding the songs for the last dances. These individuals devoted much of their time to planning special events for the school and they enjoyed the experience along the way. "My favorite part about planning for prom was seeing everyone's last dance request. I got to learn a little bit more about my classmates," commented junior Diana Chaves.

Class Officers:
"If you are going to be thinking anything you might as well think big."

Donald Trump

Bio:
Students developed quintessential business skills as they embarked on the transformation from high school learning to eventual college and workplace experience. FBLA, or Future Business Leaders of America fostered leadership and an entrepreneurial spirit in its dedicated membership. When the club attended an efficiency seminar at the Chubb Insurance Company, members learned how to streamline business processes while benefiting from the connections established at Chubb. Senior Neil Dalal added, "FBLA has taught me the proper way to conduct business, and thus prepared me for my future." Regional and Statewide conferences reinforced a real-world atmosphere where students learned to consider the problems associated with managing a business in a competitive environment. The Regional event proved the caliber of the students; more than 20 students moved on to attend States.

FBLA:
Presidents: Neil Dalal, Mike Fragna; Executive Officers: Dave Ginsberg, Sam Bamberger, Michelle Chan; Members: Joe Ceppa-nulo, Soo Cho, Andy Cohen, Eugene Cykowski, Michelle Dsurney, Brittany Fusillo, Alyssa Karis, Eric Kaufman, Jeremy Kaufman, Jessica Levine, Matt Linsenberg, Joe Lobrace, Steve Manzi, Travis Morgan, Chris Nilsen, Jake Parisi, Devang Patel, Minal Patel, Jeff Pober, Brandon Reddington, Jessica Reddington, Margaret Reilly, Christlina Reyes, Mike Sherman, Justin Stoll.

"Debate is the death of conversation."

Hitty O'Neill Collins

Bio:
The essence of JSA promoted political activism. Members debated and discussed a variety of political and social issues to increase awareness in the student community. JSA sent young, politically-inclined debaters to Washington D.C., to simulate placement on one of many Senate or House committees. This required them to discuss various bills, either passing or failing the resolutions based on the conclusions reached through dialogue. With presidential and congressional elections having shown a voter turnout amongst young voters far below ideal levels, the intelligent democratic spirit that JSA members embodied signified the importance of an increasingly informed and active student body. "JSA taught me that politics is not a spectator sport," mused senior Andrew Lipstein.

JSA:
President Cheryl Beqaj, Vice President Andrew Lipstein, State Assembly Representative Neil Dalal, Mid-Atlantic State Governor Dan Ingram, Treasurer Gary Herzberg, Directors of Debate Dan Bugg, Jon Greenspan, Jake Parisi, Danielle Porter.
Bio:
Outsiders of Threads club were unaware of what the club was actually all about. Although the club was fashion based, members engaged in numerous activities to help the community. One of the main goals of the club was to spread awareness of breast cancer and help those who were suffering. Fashion was just one of the ways members raised funds for this important cause. The group pulled together and raised $500 which they donated to a breast cancer survivor. Members also baked turkeys for the homeless on Thanksgiving, held a Mr. Valentine fashion show, and a spring fashion show. "Many students in school believe that Threads club is only about fashion shows but fashion is only one of the many things our club is involved with. We focus a lot of our time on helping others," explained club president senior Shanice Turner.

Threads:
Ayana Akbar, Adriana Bagley, Brittany Barnett, Jermaine Boykin, Nadiyah Dabney, President Shanice Turner, Diandra Hillard, Kristina Friday, Duraleen Fornah, Janae Rogers, Anthony Nelson, Derek Garrett, Octavia McCoy, Courtney McCoy, Lashani Watson

"Fashion is not something that exists in dresses only. Fashion is in the sky, in the street, fashion has to do with ideas, the way we live, what is happening."
Coco Chanel

Bio:
The Envirothon Service and Competition Team was organized just three short years ago after club advisor, Ms. Marion Jaskot, returned from a conference with information about the Envirothon. Club members researched and explored a variety of natural resource-related topics and current ecological and environmental issues and competed in May with two teams. The concept of Envirothon was developed to introduce students to professionally work in environmentally-related fields. It is a "dynamic hands-on Environmental Education Program that seeks to empower its participants through training, direct experience, teamwork, and competition, with the motivation, knowledge and skills to actively take part in natural resource management decisions and problem solving," explained Jaskot.

Envirothon:
Yeershati Ahati, Catie Carr, Deirdre Clark, Daisy Fung, Genny Gilroy, Helen Han, Magda Isack, Kim Molnar, Mark Rosenberg, Joe Schiavo, Stacey Tanguy

"When we heal the earth, we heal ourselves."
David Orr
"I would rather have the title of cancer survivor than winner of the tour."
LANCE ARMSTRONG

Bio:
Planning, planning, planning. The Student Movement Against Cancer, consistently the largest club in the school with close to 200 members, spent most of its time planning for The Relay For Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Since last year’s relay proved to be a huge success, with over $135,000 raised, the club had high expectations. Mrs. Mary Ferrante, the club’s new advisor, assisted the members in raising money throughout the year for the ACS by facilitating various fundraisers, such as selling clothing with SMAC’s logo, candy cane grams for Christmas, and sour candy lips for Valentine’s Day. “SMAC is such a great club because it helps so many different types of people affected by cancer,” expressed club president, senior Melissa Koerner.

SMAC: President Kara Brass, Brian Bonacum, Mike Bonacum, Colin Campbell, Trevor Cannon, Neil Dalal, Christine DiTrollo, President Megan Domenick, Zachary Feldman, Diana Ferrante, Morgan Finkel, David Ginsberg, Alec Jacobs, President Melissa Koerner, Jao Lopez, Stacy Marr, Michelle Mattar, Julie Muerrer, Jaci Petrov, Scott Salmon, Angela Smith, Lauren Weisbrod, Lauren Wright

"Happiness can exist only in acceptance"
Denis de Rougemont

Bio:
The Gay-Straight Alliance began the year by concentrating on its ongoing purpose: to break down barriers and make students aware of gay, lesbian and transgender issues. These individuals focused on national issues and believed that it was important to educate others about the large percentage of GLBT youth who are “at risk” of suicide. Seeking to decrease homophobia and harassment among the student body, the club worked tirelessly to promote tolerance. To raise awareness, members conducted events such as the Red Ribbon Sale in honor of the Recognition of World Aids Day, and participated in the Day of Silence to make people aware of how GLBT youth feel on a daily basis. According to club president Sarah Boffa, members were dedicated to “raise consciousness about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth.” Through meetings that welcomed all students and encouraged acceptance, the Gay-Straight Alliance worked to make the school a safe place for all.

GSA:
Faye Bi, Sarah Boffa, Keila Guzman, Liz Flood, Alia Rosi, Chelsea Rowe, Guenevere Zucker

seniors Chelsea Lusk, Maria Pla Rivero, Juli- anne Brennan, Stacia Piesch and Lisa Campbell

seniors Kara Brass, Melissa Koerner, and Megan Domenick

seniors Liz Flood and Chelsea Rowe

seniors Liz Flood and Faye Bi
"Music is moonlight in the gloomy night of life."
Jean Paul Richter

Bio:
A collection of cymbals, tympanis, bass drums and snares could not have defined the percussion ensemble as much as the characters playing them. From freshmen who became some of the elite percussionists in the school to upperclassmen solidifying their roles in the group, the menagerie of musicians making up the beat-hungry. Drum-loving students formed the core of the club's personality. Even the musical authority of the group, Mr. Joe Rio, was considered something of a legend in Scotch-Plains Fanwood: teaching numerous private drum lessons to prospective members while faculty and students in the music department recognized him as the most skilled percussionist in the district. Freshman Eric Heinz commented, "Mr. Rio helped me realize my musical potential." With such a skilled advisor at the helm, the group of aspiring musicians practiced several times each week, as their intense regimen resulted in quality performances at each school concert as well.

Percussion:
Alison Acevedo, Courtney Berger, Kyle Brennan, Rebecca Bush, Thomas Cristiani, Jennifer Gasster, Eric Heinz, Andrew Ho, Courtney Kolb, Allison Lasher, Matt Lamastra, Emily Nering, Molly Rodino, Philip Rosenkrantz, Andrea Rosko, Donald Saraceno, Kevin Spaeth, and Gailmarie Sprague

"After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressable is music."
Aldous Huxley

Bio:
With practice twice a week, students in the Select Choir demonstrated their hard work and sheer talent when they sang beautifully at the winter and spring concerts and the Boston competition. These outstanding singers had to audition to become part of the prestigious group. The choir also learned about music theory and tone quality. Songs they sang included renditions of "Ain't That Good News" and classic Billy Joel tunes. "I enjoyed Select Choir a lot this year because we sang a good mix of songs," expressed senior Faye Bi.

Select Choir:
Yeenhadi Ahat, Merideth Arlington, Alison Baier, Robert Barker, Kristen Barry, Martine Baruch, Jennifer Bauer, Stephen Betau, Faye Bi, Kara Brass, Michele Calvo, Samantha Carow, Chelsea Centinaro, Michelle Chan, Nikola Chowdury, Kathryn Cockrell, Thomas Cristiani, Lauren Cutrone, Caitlin Delaney, John Deluca, Sean Dolgin, Aaron Doliber, Steven Douches, Zach Feldman, Stephanie Fredes, Nathan Ghabour, Brian Glassett, Samantha Grecco, Andrew Haggen, Helen Han, Lindsay Hauptman, Nycole Hunt, Zach Hvidtak, Cristin Joy, James Kavin- ski, Kristen Kersey, Kate Kosenick, Karthik Krishnakumar, Katherine Lauricella, Roger Liu, Kirsten Mandala, Brian Many, Sarah Marable, Brittany Mcdonald, Elizabeth Minski, Nicholas Mondi, Karen Murad, Erin O'Connor, Alberto Panay, Brian Pesin, Brian Plagge, Matt Plagge, Portia Price, Aliy Redmond, Briana Redmond, Matthew Ritisko, Molly Rodino, Allyson Rome, Allison Rosi, Andre Smith, Stacey Subbie, Mangesh Patel, Stacey Tanguy, Alison Tancig, Lindsay Trainman, Albert Trinh, Katherine Van Haastert, Eric Williams, Katerina Wong, Randy Smith, Katherine Paseka, Gail Sprague

"Percussion: Andrew Wong and Jon DiFiore"
"Journalism is in fact history on the run."
Thomas Griffith

Bio:
Whether covering "Student of the Month" or genocide in Darfur, Sudan, the staff of The Fanscotian produced an attention-grabbing-get all-the-news-you-need-to-know newspaper each and every month. With a rare September version and twelve-page issues, The Fanscotian continued to out-do itself with each new edition. Several editors travelled along with advisors Hope Brand and Cathy Hoffman to Chicago to participate in a national journalism conference where staff members won prestigious awards for opinion writing and in-depth research. "The goal of The Fanscotian is not only to mirror the events in school, but to directly relate national and global to the student body in an interesting way," explained managing editor and photographer junior Lauren Weissbrod.

Culmen:
Advisors Julie Whitby and Allison Weigel, organizational editor-in-chief Neil Dalai, creative editor-in-chief Dave Ginsberg, business editor-in-chief Amika Solim, proof editor Emily Lange, people editor Jon Greenspan, managing editor Megan Zemlanc, public relations editor Daniella Koch, photography editor Melissa Koerner, assistant business editor Dana Credit, assistant proof editor Lisa Bloom, assistant photography editor Nate Williams, staff members Nehemiah Bunnell-Porter, Lauren Devlin, Helen Han, Natasha Johnston, Catherine Kaiserman, Martin Njoroge, Ashley Owens, Jake Paris, Jane Reesick

"We have average features at best..."
Martin Njoroge

Bio:
From 40 minute periods to 40 hours over two days, (literally!), the Culmen staff focused its efforts into creating a cutting edge yearbook so that all students could reflect on the highs and lows of their high school life. With colorful layouts and more pictures, the yearbook was sure to be better than all previous years. But Culmen wasn't all work and no play. In order to break up the long hours, and to add some fun to the many late nights, the members of Culmen took part in such antics as shoe smelling, waffle cone eating contests, and games of "Would You Rather...". As senior Jon Greenspan so eloquently exclaimed, "MASKING TAPE! WE NEED MORE MASKING TAPE! Needles to say, this unique bunch of individuals proved that time flies when you're having fun."
Bio:
With intense practices five times a week, a record to live up to, and the school's most challenging musical selections to play, Moonglowers faced a lot of pressure but weren't afraid to take it head on. The musicians of this prestigious band partook in several events including a benefit concert for ALS (Lou Gherig's Disease) and performances at holiday and spring concerts. One might think that the pressure and rigorous schedule of Moonglowers would exhaust the participants, but many thought highly of their role in the esteemed band. "I like being in Moonglowers because it gives people the chance to make new friends and to learn about different types of jazz," commented junior Allie Hoynes-O'Connor.

Moonglowers:

Jazz Band:
"Jazz will endure just as long people hear it through their feet instead of their brains."
John Philip Sousa

Bio:
Jazz band jazzed up the high school with its collection of both competitive and non-competitive musical pieces. For the first time, the jazz band featured a freshman standing bass player, Vincent Puleo, and a large saxophone section, which included eight musicians instead of the usual five or six. Some of their better known pieces included a Casey and the Sunshine Band Medley, the Austin Powers theme song, and Soul Man by Solomon Burke. With practices three times a week at 6:50 am, these students certainly had a sunny outlook on their jazz band experience. "Jazz band has given me the ability to hear the difference between good and bad music," commented junior Samantha Carow.

Jazz Band:
Advisor Durand Thomas, Aiden Baxer, Daniel Buckley, Robert Burke Jr., Samantha Carow, Josef Ellis, Matthew Flood, Helen Han, Emily Katz, James Kavarnos, Karina Krivina, Michael Lieblich, Krista Mandala, Matthew Plagge, Vincent Puleo, Lorenz Schiavo, Michael Scannell, Lindsay Tizman, Blake Varnasnak, Anthony Vecchione, Eric Wasserman, Kenneth Wasserman, Steven Wasserman, Eric Williams, and Matthew Wuasi.
"Leaders are made, they are not born."

**Vince Lombardi**

**bio:**
Year-in-and-year-out, select students were taken to the Camping is Fun campus in Blairstown, NJ for an experience they would not soon forget. SLC, or the Student Leadership Conference, was designed to create team-spirited, motivated leaders. The members of SLC had the opportunity to implement their skills in real-life situations. Furious downpours throughout the weekend flooded a bridge that had to be crossed if the students were to return home. Utilizing their new-found skills, these individuals laid down wooden pallets and leapt across them, ensuring they neither fell in nor lost anyone on the other side—this was the real deal. "I guess you might call it a little on-the-job training," joked senior Dave Ginsberg.

**SLC:**
Members: Dana Abramson, Alia Acevedo, Brittany Stamer, Kristen Barry, Alana Benivenga, Cherry Beas, Alyssa Bron, Lisa Bloom, Nick Bonadies, Alex Bourey, Kyle Chase, Nikola Chooitburry, Jarine DeFese, Carlo DeSuau, Kaitlin Deloner, Ashley Delrieble, Shianne DeMorito, Brynn Doughter, Dates Ferriente, Mike Ferrata, Ronald Farlie, Jean Gantlela, Dave Ginsberg, Melissa Heoock, Mary Hendricks, Alia Hoyest, O. Connor, Billy Johnston, Carlyez Jones, Cristin Joy, Ali Lasher, Jackie Law, Matt L. Headies, Rebecca McGuire, Victoria McNally, Jordan Metzky, Nick Murray, Lester Nare, Dan Nisto, Brian Pelen, Karlynn Rau, Mark Rehnie, Heather Rodriguez, Erin Rowe, Michael Roth, Mawrii Rosenberg, Scott Salmon, MaryKate Schiller, Randolph Smith, Kaulin Sodhi, Kate Starnier, Martin Sweeney, Samuel Ungar, Grace Watkins.

**SGA**

"Inventories can be managed, but people must be led."

**Ross Perot**

**bio:**
More than a student government association, SGA's activities and events brought the school together. Whether hosting charitable events or the annual rites of passage each student contributed to, SGA was behind many events that crossed typical student borders. Cliquettes were no object to the unity that SGA events inspired, as nearly everyone was reluctant to miss the spectacle of Homecoming, to decline the opportunity to donate blood at the blood drive, or to miss the razzle and dazzle of the Mr. Spiffy High contest. No matter the event or idea, the group did an excellent job of dedicating themselves to promoting unity. "I love being in SGA. We're the glue that helps to hold the student body together!" cried senior Jared Chmielnik.

**SGA:**
Commissioners: Jared Chmielnik, Mark Cecuta, Jenna Dele-Donne Kirstan Fuller, Dave Ginsberg, Chris Nixen, and Colin Weber.
“All diplomacy is a continuation of war by other means.”
Zhou Enlai

**bio:**
The essence of Model UN was the promotion of international awareness. In a global environment, the club aimed to educate its members about situations in countries around the world. Each member who planned to attend the highlight of the year—the massive regional conference—had to complete a paper outlining problems and proposed solutions for their assigned countries. Often the problems were initially unusual and unknown, but the exposure to worldwide events encouraged the students to learn even more than required about their nation. This meant an appreciation of global culture that helped to foster empathy amongst students. Junior Martin Njoroge was assigned the small African country of Malawi about which he learned a significant amount concerning the nation’s economic situation. “Malawi was hit with a killer flood earlier in 2005 and no one even knew about it. Crops were destroyed, homes were wrecked. It’s important that we recognize problems outside the US,” Njoroge remarked.

**model u.n.:**
Advisors: Joe Higgins and Lorraine Sleeper; Presidents: Joe Fallon, Scott Salmon and Sam Ungar. Members: Pete Bistis, Laurel Devlin, Aileen Drum, Julie Hyman, Brittan Kane, Rachel Levy, Joe Fallon, Jordan Metz, Martin Njoroge, Ally Redmond, Nick Rykarten, Luke Saenz de Viteri, Mike Sherman, Nina Williams, Lauren Wright

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"War of nations are fought to change maps. But war of poverty are fought to map change."

Muhammad Ali

"If they can conceive it and believe it, they can achieve it."

Jesse Jackson

Bio:

Students who achieved a 3.75 grade point average, possessed outstanding leadership qualities, and were actively involved in extracurricular activities were granted the privilege of being a member of the National Honor Society. These students were required to do individual service projects which included volunteering as teen tutors, at local hospitals, and at the recycling center. The society’s annual project was to help the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. To raise funds for the charity, the club planned a family movie night in May. "Our projects allowed the members to use their abilities and skills to give back to their community and to help others in need," explained senior David Ginsberg. 

National Honor Society:

Advisor: Maureen Bastra, Lauryn Adams, Claudia Ajabor, Christine Alabanza-DeMatos, James Albers, Saif Azzouz, Alson Auer, Colleen Barnes, Courtney Berger, Cheryl Bejaj, Faye Bi, Lisa Bloom, Sarah Boffa, Michael Bonacum, Elizaveta Bourcikhen, Kara Brasso, Allison Brown, Justine Brown, Ana Castilla, Diana Chaves, Yvonne Chen, Cho Chou, Deniere Clark, Erin Crawford, Neel Dalal, Grant Darwin, Karina DeMair, Laurel Devlin, Carolyn DiProsporo, Aaron Doiher, Joseph Fallon, Morgan Finkel, Daisy Fung, Brittany Fusillo, Jennifer Gaglotti, David Gindberg, Brian Glassett, Andrew Goldberg, Joshua Green, Kristen Herkels, Daniel Ingram, Brittany Larkin, Caroline Lazar, Andrew Lipstein, Jaclyn Lopez, Stacy Mart, Jeffrey Mullens, Raunaa Paijawaal, Devang Patel, Christopher Pfeilum, Danielle Porter, Amira Selim, Leah Segal, Megan Silik, Laken Sprinko, Stacey Tangy, Katherine Van Haassen, Emily Walden, Lauren Weissbrod, Katerina Wong, Caleb Zimmerman

Students Concerned for the Needy: 

Advisor: Robert Stevens. Advisor Frank Capron, Lauren Adams, Colleen Barnes, Kristen Barry, Kerlyn Barley, Samantha Bendis, Amie Bereman, Cassie Berwick, Courtney Bifano, Avery Boetcher, Sam Bullaas, Cailin Campbell, Ashley Castore, Katelyn Cavanough, Sso Cho, Gillian Clark, Lauren Dolakio, Liz Day, Kathryn Decalado, Julie Deutch, Christine DiTrico, Chelsea Donnelly, Mariana. Deves, Jayne Dzuback, Lauren Edwards, Gaby Falco, Diana Ferrante, Kelly Frazee, Daisy Fung, Debbie Fung, Brittany Fusillo, Jennifer Gaglioti, Lisa Gattacci, Brona Guslisk, Shenik Gilmore, Diedra Glover, Eboni Gonzales, Michelle Gonzalez, Jackie Halpern, Sarah Halpern, Helen Han, Lauren Horn, Victoria Karamouz, Chris Lacks, Caroline Lazar, Caitlin Leal, Cara Levinson, Jillian Loik, Julie Martinez, Sheryl Markovita, Naki McRae, Zoe Nelson, Emily Neering, Sophie Newhaus, Annie O'Hodron, Chihruz Ouwe, Ronnie Palkiewicz, Michelle Pereira, Rebecca Rent, Cristina Reyes, Alexa Rawenberg, Anne Rivera, Liana Rows, Molly Rulpolo, Heather Rodriguez, Christine Roser, Andrea Ruskoo, Fiorella Rotondi, Maria Rotondi, Aundrea Ruffin, Melissa Rup-

Personalized Services: 

Juniors: Daisy Fung, Lauren Messina, Chris Lacks, Natalie Sanchez, Melissa Rupnik, Sarah Halpern, Megan Swick, Dana Sacks

Senior Carolyn DiProsporo

Executive Editors: Chelsea Downey

Senior Amira Selim
What do you get when you combine talented singers and skilled dancers into one room? The Show Choir! These gifted entertainers used their positive energy to please crowds while performing their difficult routines. Surprisingly the group didn’t face any difficulty with the transition of changing advisors. The chemistry between the new advisor and the group was amazing because of a mutual love for song and dance. “Show choir isn’t like any other club. It’s very challenging because it’s multi-tasking. We always have to be very coordinated and on top of everything because we have to learn new songs and dances and perform them at the same time,” said senior Mario Leon.

Show Choir:
Advisor John Brzozowski, Alison Bailey, Kristen Barry, Jennifer Bauer, Michael Bover, Kara Brass, Julia Capodica, Michelle Chan, Kathryn Cockrell, Megan Dalwah, Christina Detefo, Caitlin Delaney, John Deluca, Michelle Desantis, Sean Dolgin, Jessica Espanet, Diana Ferrante, Kelly Frazier, Stephanie Freds, Brittany Fuelse, Brian Glissert, Samantha Grecco, Billy Hamm, Nychole Hunt, Cristin Joy, Mario Leon, Brook Linib, Chelsea Lusk, Jillian Luuk, Emily Merkoff, Sarah Morabito, Kylia Mohr, Kim Mohr, Nicholas Mondi, Troy Morgan, Jessica Nagourney, Gabriella Napoli, Alberto Pansy, Katherine Paseka, Matthew Plugge, Matthew Riback, Maya Richardson, Alyson Rome, Melissa Saitd, Mary Kathryn Schiller, Andre Smith, Laurem Spoko, Galmarie Sprague, Stacey Subbies, Alison Tiangco, Lindsey Traiman, Long Trinh, Steven Walliden, Elise Whitehouse, Eric Williams, Katie Wong, Giaunevere Zucker

Las Can

Music is the divine way to tell beautiful, poetic things to the heart.”

Pablo Canals

Bio:
Comprised of a special group of young ladies with flawless voices, the members of Las Cantadoras (Las Can) demonstrated the rewards that hard work and dedication can produce. In addition to commitments to Las Can, many members balanced jobs, extracurricular activities, and obligations to other choirs such as Show Choir and Select Choir. By singing songs like “I Will Follow” and “Bewitched”, these ladies allowed their true talent to shine through. “Out of all the different choirs, I think we have the most fun and sing the most contemporary music,” commented senior Kara Brass.

Las Cantadoras:
Advisor Mr. John Brzozowski, Natasha Aragon, Allison Baker, Katherine Barker, Kristen Barry, Jennifer Bauer, Courtney Berger, Faye Bi, Kara Brass, Michelle Caro, Samantha Carow, Chelsea Cernimm, Dendrie Clark, Gilian Clark, Kathryn Cockrell, Sarah Cahen, Amanda Curio, Lauren Cutrone, Caitlin Delaney, Michelle Desantis, Carolyn Di Prospero, Emily Everson, Diana Ferrante, Stephanie Freidus, Samantha Grecco, Helen Han, Lindsey Huguenin, Cristin Joy, Lisa Katz, Kristen Kerrey, Brittony Lantins, Katherine Laurenbse, Kristen Mandala, Brittany McDonald, Victoria McNally, Elizabeth Merson, Mary Kate O’Connor, Erin O’Connor, Katherine Paseka, Portia Pray, Ally Redmond, Briana Redmount, Molly Rodino, Alyson Rome, Allison Rost, Andrea Rosto, Anna Selten, Tabrea Salm, Bareis Slaght, Galmarie Sprague, Stacey Subbies, Stoney Tangoy, Nicole Tavares, Alison Tiangco, Lindsay Traiman, Cassandra Vados, Katherine Wong

“Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without”
Confucius

Show Choir

Bio:

The Crew during rehearsals

The Crew during rehearsals

Join up a break!

Join up a break!

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"Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings when the dawn is still dark." - Rabindranath Tagore

**Gospel Choir**

**Bio:**
At fashion shows, dinners, Black History programs, and assemblies, the Gospel Choir sang their songs from the heart. The choir, composed of only women, managed not only to accomplish many rehearsals with their weekly meetings, but also to provide school events and assemblies with new and varied performances of music. Although named the "Gospel" choir they exceeded that label and sang different genres to demonstrate the dynamism to the singers. These individuals sang from the more contemporary "Diary," by Alicia Keys to the traditional hymn of "Amazing Grace," by John Newton. "It's been four years, and I have learned that the key to being successful is to get along and always show up for rehearsal," said senior Eboni Gonzalez.

**Gospel Club:**
Eboni Gonzalez, Richele Gonzalez, Shanik Gilmore, Olivia Cummings, Doreal Brawell, Suzy Oliveria, Jasmine Seegers, Briana Caracter, Teashua Matthews, Danielle Nigro

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**Bible Club**

**Bio:**
For the Bible Club, things came easier than most people thought. While many schools struggled to petition having a religious club in a public school, the Bible Club was one of the most privileged clubs admitted into a public institution. Led by science teacher, Mr. Abadir, the club was supported by the group members, many parents and students. With events such as Secret Santa to See You at the Pole to their annual Easter Egg Hunt, the Bible Club made these events possible for students to participate in and to get a new religious experience. "I wish other Christians would recognize the advantage we have to have a religious club in a public school; they should use it to its fullest ability," said junior Helen Han.

**The Bible Club:**
Nathan Ghabbour, Kate Barker, Andrew Manns, Tommy Sutter, Andrew Haggan, Helen Han, Amy Martins, Shannon Hauser, Elijah Nam, Rob Barker, Allison Abbott

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"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
"It is easier for a tutor to command then to teach." John Locke

Bio:
Teen Tutors came to the rescue, and they were on fire! Established by guidance counselor Mrs. Kucin, this talented group helped every weekday, working on different subjects for students who wanted the extra assistance. Tutors volunteered their expertise in subjects from Spanish to Algebra. Seeking the aide of a teen tutor was always easy; the hard part was being dedicated to arriving on time and sacrificing after-school free time. "We're better than you think; just give it a try," said senior Devang "Tay Tay" Patel.

Teen Tutors:
President Ronnie Palejwala, Alison Acevedo, Yeershahi Ahati, Cheryl Beqaj, Vincent Bianca, Katherine Doremus, Daisy Fung, Matt Linsenberg, Devang "Tay Tay" Patel, Pooja Patel, Maetal Rozenberg.

The Winterguard:
"If you are ashamed to stand by your colors, then you had better seek another flag." Anon

Bio:
With every new season came a new theme; thus, the Winterguard choose to name their show, "Insomnia". The cleverly-titled theme meant "the inability to sleep", and the Winterguards' performances were just that. Energy and excitement filled the room as the members danced and showed their skills by twirling and tossing oversized flags and heavy rifles while maintaining graceful composure. Each member threw caution to the wind to put together an almost everlasting production, with practices from 7 to 10 for three grueling months. Among practices, the Winterguard also held local performances and competitions in South Jersey. In March, the guard traveled to Richmond, Virginia, to compete in Regionals. "The hardest part of being in the guard would have to be working together and staying positive at all times," said junior Brooke Lubin.

Winterguard:
Meredith Arlington, Michelle Bowman, Kristen Barry, Ashley Castore, Amanda Denman, Kelly Dougher, Kelly Frazee, Stephanie Fredas, Cristin Joy, Kim Kleish, Becca von Langen, Brooke Lubin, Jessica Nagourney, Portia Price, Lauren Spinko, Gina Yiantselis
"Diversity make for a rich tapestry."
Maya Angelous

Bio:
Change was abundant for those involved in ASA (Asian Student Association). From the change in advisors to the change in the structure of the club’s officers, much was altered. ASA opted to elect junior Michelle Chan and sophomore Amy Lee as co-presidents instead of sticking to the norm of a single president governing the club. Also, involvement with ASA clubs from different schools became an important factor in fundraisers and events such as Asia Night, in which clubs from different schools came together to celebrate Asian culture. Through their many adaptations, the club continued to grow and become strong. “There’s a lot more to ASA than people think there is. We come together and reach out to those who need our help,” noted Chan.

Bio:
Sarah Aghawas, Rob Barker, Zac Chapman, Betsy Chen, Allen Collantes, Marissa Crawford, Aileen Drum, Matt Fields, Cholo Flores, Daisy Fung, Debbie Fung, Richard Fung, Tyler Garland, Josh Green, Ashley Harrison, Austin Jefferson, Bohea Kim, Shirley Kim, John Knechtel, Alex Kuhn, Tina Lee, Vince Lee, Randy Lemence, Ian McNally, Elijah Nam, Darwin Nitro, Brian Pak, Steve Pak, Jeff Pawel, Joeas Pelino, Kriso Pelino, Paolo Pelino, Cristina Reyes, Anne Rivera, Phillip Rivera, Chris Rodriguez, Melissa Rupnarain, Mark Shvartsman, Katherine Subbie, Grover Sundstrom, Jimmy Walsh, Annie Wan Andrew Wong, Tiffany Wong, Chang Yaramuth, Sarah Yi, Janice Zhou, Mike Griffith, Tyler PfUndheller, Carlo DeGuzman, Miguel Polinio, Jen Yang, and Albert Trinh.

“America is not like a blanket—one piece of unbroken cloth, the same color, the same texture, the same size. It is more like a quilt—many patches, many pieces, many colors, many sizes, all woven and held together by a common thread.”
Jerse Jackson

Bio:
From feeding the homeless to touring the countryside, BSU did it all. By organizing quarter dips and volunteering hours for community service, BSU demonstrated their keen interest in supporting the community around them. After all the hard work that went into hosting and engaging in community service events, BSU rewarded its members’ successes by touring historically black colleges. BSU utilized many methods to help diversity and to expose students to different cultures. With events like Kwanza dinners and field trips, BSU encouraged students to network with people from outside their comfort zones. This club also promoted a prejudice free zone, encouraging students to choose friends based on personalities instead of social boundaries. “One of our most successful events was the trip to the shomburg museum,” said senior Travis Morgan.

REBEL:
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"Poetry heals the wounds inflicted by reason."

Muse:
Starting off the year with the task of finishing the previous year's business did not discourage the members of Muse. Although they needed to sell last year's issue at the beginning of this year due to a printing malfunction, the students worked through it and managed to create two successful publications. Featuring a variety of poetry, prose, and illustrations, the magazine featured student-written works. Entries were presented at meetings and judged with a vote of "yay" or "nay" as members chose which works to include in the magazine, ensuring the highest quality end product. "Although we began the year with a rough start we got creative with fundraising ideas and were able to make it a successful year," noted senior Emily Lange.

Bio:
Michele Calvo, Katherine Gabor, Michelle Conway, Erim Crawford, 
Rob Cunningham, Morgan Dorsch, Briana Falco, Molly Forman, 
Devin Foskey, Nathan Ghabour, Andrew Gibson, Lindsay Hauptman, 
Aysha Iqbal, Elizabeth Jacobs, Austin Jefferson, Kristen Kersey, Bitsy 
Kipping, Emily Lange, Brittany McDonald, Rebecca McGuire, Vicky 
McNally, Hallie Mintz, Josh Nussenzweig, Molly Rodino, Allison Rosi, 
Dana Sacks, Dani Sepet, Joanna Snodgrass, Laura Thompson, Katie 
Van Haasteren, and Rachel Zucker.

Do you mind if I don't smoke?" 

Groucho Marx

Bio:
Being a REBEL did not mean breaking the rules and regulations. It meant being part of a large organization aimed at encouraging students to remain smoke-free. With activities such as the Great Smoke Out and anti-smoking birthday cards, REBEL explored every means possible to sway students from smoking. Movie nights and community service to reinforce their message. Their methods provided many ways to fight temptation and give individuals the confidence to just say no. "We have never had an unsuccessful activity," said senior Candace Barnes.

REBEL:
Claudia Ahlabor, Anne Araiin, Meridith Arlington, Colleen Baines, Anjli Bansal, Candace Barnes, Martine Berouch, Lauren Benavenous, Kendall Boyda, Rob Burke, Emily Carow, Ana Castillo, Soo Cho, Ashlee Christmas, Andrew Cohen, Sarah Cohen, Kristin Dyson, Shemane Fritz, Daisy Fung, Nick Fung, Damien Gibbs, Helen Han, Catherine Jahn, Kris James, Austin Jefferson, Maria Kolakowski, Maggie Koscielke, Jessica Lieberman, Zoe Nelson, Ashley Owens, Ronnie Polewolski, Minu Patel, Pooja Patel, Danielle Porter, Alyssa Riesenberg, Arine Rivera, Heather Rodriguez, Jane Rogers, Andrea Rossko, Lauryn Scholer, Amanda Shukla, Stacy Tanguy, Nicole Tavanes, Pia Tempestine, Brittany Williams, Tiffany Wong, Vivian Wong and Jennifer Zimmerman.
"We used to say that Frisbee is really a religion—Frisbeetarian, we'd call ourselves. When we die, we don't go to purgatory, we just land up on the roof and lie there."

Ed Headrick.

Bio:
Through rain, snow, sleet or hail, members of the Ultimate Frisbee team partook in intense and fun matches and enjoyed the sport they loved. The team worked on basic skills, strategies, and techniques. Students and advisor, Michael Abadir, felt that by creating the team, everyone had the opportunity to play a sport without the pressures of being cut or benched. Now in its fourth year, the club continued to increase its membership. "We're the hippest club ever to tye-dye shirts!" exclaimed senior Liz Flood.

Ultimate Frisbee:
Joe Cepparulo, Derrick Chen, Thomas Cristiani, Alex Cvetovich, Aaron Doliber, Pat Doliber, Elizabeth Flood, Andrew Goldberg, Gary Herzberg, Zach Hvizdak, Ming Lu, Rebecca McGuire, Brian Northrup, Devang Patel, Neil Pratt, Thomas Reade, Golan Rozenberg, Jason Thompson

Bio:
The theory in this lab wasn't Charles Darwin's—it was Louis Armstrong's—and instead of notes being taken, they were being played. In fact, the Jazz Lab band, headed by Mr. Gillick, thrived by escaping convention, always aiming to have fun playing what each member loved: jazz. With several performances throughout the year at school concerts, the Jazz Lab furthered its musical ability while enjoying themselves. Each player thoroughly enjoyed participating and the casual attitude contributed to the overall feeling of relaxation. Perpetuating their musical tradition, this fun-loving, talented group concluded their activities with the Spring Concert and prepared to move on to another successful year of jazz.
“All the world’s a stage, and all
the men and women merely players”
Shakespeare

Bio:
Mix up a dozen memorable songs, intense tap dancing
routines, and a lot of heart and what do you have? The
Repertory production of 42nd Street. After a three year
hiatus, Mrs. McGovern returned to her role as director as
she coached and mentored students in hope of reaching
their true potential on stage. The show came to life and
the audience was swept away to the streets of New York
during highly-acclaimed performances spanning six shows
in two weeks. Contributing to the show’s success were
the talented voices of Brian Glassett, Sarah Marable, Troy
Morgan, and Adam Biner. “It’s so fun to be in a group that
gets along so well and shares a love for theater,” remarked-
junior Sarah Marable.

Rep Theatre:
Dana Abramson, Meredith Ardigan, Alison Baker, Kristen Barry, Marine
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Samantha Ginoza, Billy Hannah, Mykhayla Hunt, Deidre Houlak, Kristen
Kersey, Allison Kileen, Maria Leon, Sarah Marable, Victoria McNally, Kylee
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Tirth, Eisa Whitehouse, Katie Wong, Guenevere Zucker

If all the world’s a stage, I want to
operate the trap door.”
Paul Beatty

Bio:
Led by the break-dancing-Star Wars-loving Tim “Mad Rus-
ian” Stefanoski, stage crew controlled everything behind
the scenes at all school performances. An alumni himself,
Stefanoski acted as the crew’s advisor. However, in the past
few years, the crew had been plagued by various problems
due to a shoddy lighting system. As a result, these individu-
als became accustomed to random shocks, zaps, and freak
hair ignition. In response, they hosted the past two annual
Battle of the Bands in hopes of raising upwards of $50,000
towards a new lighting system. They raised $1,000 from
the Battle alone, and with help from the Board of Education,
they hoped to achieve their goal. “It’s interesting to see how
things work. We’re the ones that make it happen,” noted
junior Alex Cvetovich.

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Math League

"Math is radical!"

Bumper Sticker

I like participating in math league because it helps me learn how to solve complex math problems by myself and the extra credit is an added bonus.
Junior Catherine Kaiserman

Bio:

Math league offered challenging, albeit creative questions to engage math students. Proctored by Mr. Koegel, these mathematicians completed exams that included six queries during thirty-minute sessions. Test takers pondered problems, became deeply engaged and other times became downright frustrated. However, there was a definite bonus to the exertions. Teachers awarded mathletes with extra points in response to all the effort spent in math league. Breaking that mental sweat paid off so well. "Getting the right answer after spending a long time on a question is the best. I also like getting extra credit for math class," remarked senior Aaron Doliber

High Scores


In this house, we OBEY the law of thermodynamics!

Homer Simpson

Bio:

After several Science League meetings and a qualifying exam, four students with top scores from several fields of science—physics, chemistry, and biology—were eligible to compete against representatives from other schools. During the statewide competition, test takers worked hard on challenging questions and achieved satisfying results while recalling specific information and equations that they learned during practices. These examinations took place during the months of January, February, March, and April and the review sessions involved learning a wide-range of material: different topics were presented in addition to the curriculum in class. Therefore, the Science League proved to be a venue for students to explore extensive realms of physics, chemistry or biology. "Physics Science League reinforces the lessons learned in class and presents me with more tough questions," said senior Katherine Van Haasteren

Science League

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Homer Simpson

Juniors Matt Miller, Mike Miller, and Matt Flood

Junior Kate Stanler

Seniors Aaron Doliber and Deirdre Clark

Juniors Colin Morning and Steve Jacobus, senior Aaron Doliber

Seniors Deirdre Clark, Saff Alzoobae, and seniors Yeernshat Ahel, and Catie Carr

Seniors Martin Sweeney, Ali Lusher, Brittny Peer, and Alkon Acuerto, Mr Stevenson

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memories

senior Carly Heinz
senior Christmas
senior Gary Schardien
senior Jen Bauer
senior Craig Fischbein
senior Allen Collantes
Hallie Mintz

Dear Hallie,
From the day you were born, our lives have been so much richer. You're a wonderful daughter and sister whose sense of humor, kind heart and radiance touch all who know you. While we miss the old days with "little dad" and the nightly episodes of "The Hallie Show," we could not be prouder of the beautiful young woman you have become.
All our love,
Mommy, Daddy and Chelsea

"Another turning point a fork stuck in the road
Time grabs you by the wrist, directs you where to go
So make the best of this test and don't ask why
It's something unpredictable
But in the end is right
I hope you had the time of your life"

Lauren Elizabeth Moskal

Congratulations to our graduate!
Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground.
(T. Roosevelt)
We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Michael

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From the day you were born, our lives have been so much richer. You're a wonderful daughter and sister whose sense of humor, kind heart and radiance touch all who know you. While we miss the old days with "little dad" and the nightly episodes of "The Hallie Show," we could not be prouder of the beautiful young woman you have become.
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Jonathan Katz

May the lessons you have learned guide you on all of life's journeys.
Congratulations.
Mom Dad & Michael

Brian Plagge

Dear Brian,
Follow your dreams, count your blessings and most of all, believe in yourself. You are an awesome person with so much to give. We are so proud of you and love you very much.
CONGRATULATIONS!!!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Matt
Congratulations Stephen!

People always say, "Enjoy these years with your children because they go by so fast." They were right. For the past eighteen years you have entertained us in so many ways with your piano playing, your multiple impersonations, and your amazing saxophone performances as a Moonglower to name a few. When you were very little you promised you would never grow up, but you grew up great and we couldn't be any prouder. We hope the future will bring you all the best.

We love you so much!
Mom, Dad, and Tim

Dear Sweet Joshua,

One day you're graduating from pre-school and the next you're graduating from high school, and both bring tears of joy and anticipation.

You are so awesome! God has so richly blessed our lives with you. You make us laugh with your humor and bring such joy with your talents and skills. You are such a motivated and focused young man. We are so proud of you!

God has an amazing plan for your life and it is such a joy to watch you walk through every new door He opens.

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Michaela, and Daniel

Congratulations on your graduation. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. We wish you a future filled with love, happiness, and success. Hoping all your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Sheryl, and Alex
Loni Kaye

Congratulations Loni! We are so proud of you and amazed at how strong and committed you really are when you believe in something. Stay that way, and nothing will stop you from having all your dreams come true.

We love you always,
Mom, Dad, & Jamie

Karel Chavis

Dear Karel,
Congratulations! Here's how you started in kindergarten in Mrs. Meyers' class, the beginnings of the class of 2006. That seems such a long time ago. But, here we are! We are very proud of you and your accomplishments in this major step in your education, the completion of high school. Your college days are right around the corner with many challenges and joys. We know that God has a plan for your life and you will successfully achieve those goals through perseverance, patience, and Jesus Christ. Stay strong and know that we love you unconditionally. You're ever in our prayers.

Much love and hugs,
Mom, Dad, and Chanen

Christine DiTrolio

Christine, Trust your instincts, go with your feelings, and know that you can achieve whatever goal you want by working hard and believing in yourself. You are a beautiful young woman and you have filled our lives with joy and happiness. We are always here for you no matter what. We all love you and are proud of you very much.

Love,
Mom, Steve, and Paul

Barry Shapiro

Dear Barry, Congratulations on your graduation! We are so proud of you! The future will be filled with challenges and great accomplishments. We look forward to sharing in your future success and happiness. All our love, Mom, Dad, David, and Your Entire Family

Bill Bowman, Jr.

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We couldn't be more proud of you! Follow your heart and your dreams, and you will continue to succeed! Love forever, Dad, Mom, Nicole, Michelle, & Tyler

Michele A. D'Auria

To Our Beautiful Sister: Congratulations! We are both so proud of you, and we know you will be successful in anything you do. Thanks for keeping us laughing!! Keep smiling and make us proud of you.

We Love You So Much, Nicole and Joey
Amira Selim

Amira,
The world is awaiting you with new opportunities. May you find the confidence and belief within you to reach for them. You have always made us proud. Good luck on your continued success.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Tasnim, Nehal, and Hashem

Kristen Henkels

Kristen,
You possess everything it takes to make it in this world. We are so proud of you. Good luck and K.B. in college.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Mary, Michael, Ryan, & Patrick
Carly Heinz

Dear Carly,

You were always the entertaining, independent, tomboy and our beautiful little girl. You're grown up now and off to further your dreams. Always keep your zest for life and passion for adventure. We know you'll go far.

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Eric

Max Carow

Congratulations! We are so proud of you! Continue to work hard at the many things you enjoy doing! We love you lots!

Mom, Dad, Alex and Zack
James Michael Alfano
You are our first joy! You have brought much happiness to our lives these past 18 years. We wish for you a world of peace, good friends to share your life with, and success and personal fulfillment in whatever you choose to do. We know you will make a difference!

Much Love Always,
Mom, Dad, and Matt

John Cox
We wish you as much joy ahead as you've given us till now - if that's even possible!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Korry

Alexander Resnick
Dear Alex,
No matter how old you are, I'll always be there for you. May all of your dreams come true.

Love,
Shanna (and of course, Auntie A and Uncle Mati also)

Dave Ginsberg
From the young boy who said at the end of each day...
A hug and a kiss, a kiss and a hug...
To a young man that's developed into a Charismatic leader & scholar,
We are proud of the steps upon life's journey you have made.
Look in all directions to seek out the answers in your future you long to know,
Discover the secrets that question your heart.
Most importantly, create a lifestyle that brings you happiness.
You inspire all those around you.
Continue your journey on this path.

We love you,
Your Entire Family!
Matthew Hirschhorn

Dear Matthew,

Keep on smiling!
We love you,

Cafro, Dad, Danielle, and Weeze.

Carolyn DiProspero

Through the years we always knew you had the potential to achieve great things. We are amazed, however, at how much you have achieved in such a short period of time. We are extremely proud of you and your accomplishments and are filled with joy to see the outstanding person you have become. Your future is bright, the sky's the limit.

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Nick

Craig Fischbein

Congratulations Craig,
We are so proud of you and all you've accomplished. May your future be filled with happiness, health and much success.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Pamela and Bailey

Andrew Goldberg

We love you and are so very proud of all you have accomplished!

Mom, Dad and Melissa
Andrew Ian Lipstein

Congratulations! We are so proud of all your accomplishments but most of all the person you have become. We wish you a wonderful journey filled with joy.

All of our love always,
Mom, Dad and Jeremy

Elaine Piniat

Congratulations Elaine! May you look back with happiness on the goals you've accomplished, the dreams you've realized and the friendships you've shared. Bless your college years and may you achieve all that your heart desires.

With our love and much pride,
Mom, Dad, Alicia, John, Nicole, and Jayden

Staci Goldberg

Big Sister Staci,

Thanks for always being there for me. Good luck next year in college. I love you and will miss you.

Your little sister, Erica

Mark Ciecura

Dear Mark,

Congratulations! We love you and are very proud of you! Thank you for all of the beautiful memories that you have given us. We wish you the best of luck in college and all of your future endeavors. Remember to follow your dreams and the road in life will bring you much success and happiness!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Krista

Staci Goldberg

Big Sister Staci,

Thanks for always being there for me. Good luck next year in college. I love you and will miss you.

Your little sister, Erica
Makyla Nichols

Dear Makyla,
It feels like yesterday you came into my life and made me the happiest woman alive!
Now, here you are seventeen years of age about to graduate high school.
We all wish you the greatest success in whatever you choose to pursue.
Congratulations CHICKS 2006
We love you so so much!
Mum, Kevin, Kalen, McKenzie

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Dear Makyla,
It feels like yesterday you came into my life and made me the happiest woman alive!
Now, here you are seventeen years of age about to graduate high school.
We all wish you the greatest success in whatever you choose to pursue.
Congratulations CHICKS 2006
We love you so so much!
Mum, Kevin, Kalen, McKenzie

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Continue to show your heart, your spirit, your smile, and your enthusiasm!
We love you and are so proud of you!

Mom, Dad, Ryan & Brendan

Michael O'Neil

Michael, you are a wonderful young man and we are very proud of all your accomplishments.
Enjoy each new beginning and may you always find the path to success.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Laura
Kristin T. Dyson

Kristin Tyler,

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments! May God bless you on all your endeavors. We know you will succeed in everything you do. You are the BEST!

Love,
Mommy, Daddy, and Marcus

Brian Dickey

Dear Brian-
Congratulations! Now is the time for you to recognize all the wonderful gifts we see so clearly in you. Never lose your sense of humor; always be an individual remaining true to your heart. We love you and believe in you!

Love, Mom, Dad and Steve
P.S. Remember to be kind to humans!

Alexander Resnick

Dear Alex,
I can't believe you're finally going to college. I love you and I am very proud of my big brother. Congratulations!
Love Always,
Alyssa

To Our Daughter Catherine,

From your very first steps to your high school graduation day, you have always made us proud. Through the years, you have grown into a beautiful, intelligent, and caring young lady, and we couldn't be more proud of you than we are today. Be happy and successful in all you do! Live life to its fullest, study hard, and follow your dreams.

All our love and affection,
Dad, Mom and Theresa

Josh Green

Congratulations on graduating, Josh! We know you will shine at whatever you try and enjoy doing it.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jess

Catherine P. Jahn

more of you than we are today. Be happy and successful in all you do! Live life to its fullest, study hard, and follow your dreams.

All our love and affection,
Dad, Mom and Theresa
Melissa Koerner

Lis,
We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. With your positive attitude, caring heart & warm personality, there are no limits to what you can achieve. You smile, sparkle & shine in everything you do. We wish you a future filled with love, happiness & success. May all your dreams come true!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Elise

Robert Gable

Congratulations! This is the new beginning of an exciting new world for you. Enjoy every moment! We have taken great pleasure and pride in all that you have become.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Victor, Stefanie, and Julia

Lavour Glover

We are so proud of you. We know you will have a blessed journey in life.

Love Always,
Mom, Diedra & Danielle

Deirdre Clark

Deirdre,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you. May your journey through life bring you happiness and fulfillment. You can accomplish anything you set your mind to, and we will always love and support you.

With much love,
Mom and Gillian
Marc Stiffler

Marc,
Congratulations! It has been an incredible journey. So many times you have shown us just what you can do. Keep your mind set on your goals and there is nothing you can't accomplish in life. You’re a terrific son and a wonderful young man.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kristin

Michael Bonacum

Dear Michael,
Congratulations on four wonderful years! We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Continue to work hard, always try your best, and "shoot" for the stars. May love, happiness, and success be with you always.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Brian, Timothy, and Thomas

Chelsea Holloway

You will always be my shining star!
All my love,
Mom

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Caitlin R. Driscoll

Caitlin,
When you're weary, feeling small,
When tears are in your eyes, I will dry them all;
I'm on your side. When times get rough
And friends just can't be found,
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down.

Traffic, traffic, lookin' for my chapstick...

Karyn Toffolo

EAT, DRINK, and be MERRY
LIFE IS GOOD!

To our beautiful Karyn, your zest for life and outgoing personality define much of who you are today. As you move on to college, may your life continually be filled with love, happiness, and success in all you do.

Congratulations Karyn!
With much love and pride,

Mom, Dad, Michael, Laura and Tracy

Jon Greenspan

"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."
--Mark Twain

We love you and are so proud of you!

Mom, Dad and Hannah

Allen C. Collantes

Dearest Allen,

We are so proud of what you have achieved and the person you have become. Persevere on your hard work, your goals, and never lose that determination. We pray for your continued success and good luck in college!

With all our love,
Dad, Mom, Cyril, & Kristen
Dear Jeffrey,

From the day you were born, you revealed yourself to be special. It has been so much fun watching you grow into the wonderful young man you've become. Always believe in yourself and remember, there are no limits to what life has to offer you. We love you and will always be on the sidelines cheering for your happiness and success.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brian and Dave

We are so proud of you. You have grown up to be a fine young man, and the ride has been great. Continue to work hard, have big dreams, and make them real. God bless.

Love always,
Mom and Dad
Nicholas Giannacci

Nicholas,
Watching you grow into the fine young man that you are has been one of the highlights of our lives. We are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments over the years. Remember the good times here at SPF High School. They are the foundation for your life. As you grow into the next phase of life, always remember the good things of who you are and where you came from. Be humble, yet confident. Know that whatever you do and wherever life takes you, we will always be there for you. We love you always.

Mom, Dad, & Mark

Jenny Bauer

"When words leave off, music begins"
(H. Heine, Hamburg)

Words can't express how full our hearts are with love, pride and best wishes for the future. We can hear the next movement beginning...keep smiling, and make your music!

-Mom, Dad, Chris
Dear Becky,
With that ever-present smile on your face and positive outlook on life, you will be able to achieve whatever you set your sights on. You make us both so proud in every way.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Kara Sang

You've always looked ahead to the future; work hard in everything you do. Your free spirit and independence have always made us proud of you. Congratulations.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kate

Guenevere M. Zucker

Congratulations to a daughter who is beautiful, smart, and fun! Time has flown by so fast. We are so very proud of you, words fail.

Love,
Mommy and Daddy

Dan Bugg

Congratulations, Tough Guy; The world is yours.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Rob
Dear Danielle,
Congratulations! We are so very proud of you and all your fantastic accomplishments. You have always filled our lives with love, laughter, happiness, pride, and fond memories. "ACE" your college years. Believe in yourself and all your dreams will come true!
High Five!!
Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Jackie

Daniel Ingram

Daniel,
Your strong convictions, zest for life, and independent spirit make you a vital force in all you undertake. We are so proud of your rise to Governor of JSA. Keep up your passion for challenges and your future achievements will have no bounds.

We love you very much,
Mom, Dad, Alaina and Julia

Dear Daniel,
My thoughtful and loving grandson who I have watched mature into an outstanding, accomplished young man. My heart is filled with pride and love for you.
Grandma
Dear Meg,
Congratulations! You're off to a running start! All your great accomplishments over the last twelve years will make the next four years even better! Grow, but stay the same great person you are!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Connor & Bridget

Lindsey Fitzgerald

Lindsey,
We are so proud of you. Continue to be the beautiful person you are and happiness and success will be sure to follow. Congratulations, wishing you lots of love and happiness!

Love Mom and Tracy

Sarah Halpern

CONGRATULATIONS
You have always made us so proud. You were a sweet and happy child, and you've grown into a caring, intelligent, and responsible young woman. We look forward to watching you achieve great things in the future. Congratulations on graduating from "Spiffy High." We wish you happiness and success in college and beyond.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Jackie

Christopher Nilsen

Dear Chris,
We have truly enjoyed watching you grow over the years. Has it really been eighteen years? Sometimes it seems like only yesterday that you were born. We are so proud of everything that you have already accomplished academically, in sports, and just in how you have chosen to live your life. We are very excited for you as you are about to begin your college years, and we hope it leads to a happy and successful life.

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Nicole
Jessica McGarry

Jessica,
You have so much to offer the world. Follow your dreams wherever they may take you.
Love, Mom Dad, Jenna, and Jack

Justin Bantz

Justin,
Watching you grow from a happy little boy into a well-rounded young man has been a great source of pride and joy for us. Through the years we've admired your wit and strength of character. You have many accomplishments to be proud of. Follow your dreams and lead with your heart - it's a good one.
We always love you,
Mom and Dad

Mike Rusin

Congratulations Michael John!
You have given us all such wonderful memories.
From all of us that love you!
Congratulations Ashlee,
From ponytails to manicured nails, you have made us so very proud. Life is to be lived; continue to live each day to the fullest.

**Ashlee Christmas**

Put God first and you will never come out behind.

Love you always,
Mom, Dad, Shad, & Aunt Judy

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**Juile Hyman**

What a joy it's been watching you blossom into an amazing young woman. Your gifts, talents, and strong roots will guarantee your success as you spread your wings to face the new challenges ahead of you as you continue your awesome life's journey. Always know that our love, admiration, pride, and support are always with you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Scott

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**Alexander Resnick**

Dear Alex,
You have grown into such an amazing young man. We are so proud of all your accomplishments. Follow your dreams and one day they will all come true.
Congratulations! We love you,
Mom and Dad
Joanna Snodgrass
Congrats Joanna! We are so proud of you.
Lots of Love,
Mom, Neal, Jim, Jenna & Lizzy

Alexandra Kuck
Believe in yourself.
Do what you love.
Make a difference.
All our love,
Mom and Erika
Gabrielle Streep
Dearest G-G,
Congratulations on your graduation! You are a daughter, a sister, a friend. We are so very proud of the person you have become. Always remember...when you dance, even the stars are within reach. May all your dreams come true!
We love you so very much,
Mom, Dad, & Margaux

Raunaq Palejwala
Ron,
Congratulations on four memorable years. They've gone by so fast! You are the wind beneath our wings. We've enjoyed every minute of it. And remember: Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars!
Lots of love and best wishes for the future,
Mom, Dad and Raushan

Nick Turner
CONGRATULATIONS NICK!
We are so proud of you and all that you have become--your great sense of humor and your kind and gentle attitude. May your future bring you much success and happiness.
We love you
Mom, Dad and Lexie

Megan Domenick
Dear Megan-
As you begin your new journey into college, be who you are. Do what you love. Make a difference. Change the world. Feel pride in all that you've accomplished, and find joy in all you've yet to be.
Love always,
Mom and Dad, Matt and Mark
Katelyn Kosenick

My, oh my how the time has flown. Our little girl has become a beautiful young woman. We are so proud of everything that you have achieved and of who you have become. It has been a wonderful journey. We love you more than words can say. Good luck and Godspeed.

Mom & Dad & Jon

Krista Kazmierkiewicz

You are beautiful inside and out. Your loyalty and determination will help you in college and with your future dreams. Your smile brings us joy.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Steven

Alex Pardon

"Remember that happiness is a way of travel, not a destination"

Love,
Mom, Dad, Hanna and Winston
Dear Stephanie,

The last 18 years have been a blessing and a joy. You are so special; your beauty comes from your heart, so full of love and goodness. The future is so bright for you.

Stephanie Ricca

Our love prayers go with you as you enter college. This is your time to fulfill all your dreams. No matter what they may be, you grow from the reaching; you learn from the trying; you win from the doing!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Josh, and Marc

Michael John Rusin

We held him in our arms on the day he was born dreamed about his future and the things that he would learn. Now he stands before us as a man. We find ourselves reluctant to let go of his hand, but nothing can diminish the pride that's in our heart, least of all the knowledge that it's time for us to part. So now we give our son the space to find his way and celebrate the future on his Graduation Day.

Always remember, "Big Boy Do It."

Congratulations, and Lots of Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Marc, and Buddy

Kelli Kaskiw

Kelli, you are your own unique person, always were - always will be. You are so ready for the fresh challenge of the future, although we'll miss the "judge" terribly. Remember a couple of things:

> Your choices make the difference between mediocrity and excellence, so think carefully.
> When you feel your rope is nearly played out, tie a big knot at the end - it will help you hold on.
> Be kind to others and be kind to yourself
> and please call at least once a week!

We Love You So Much,
Mom, Dad, and Kara
Caroline Lazur

Dear Caroline,

Congratulations!!! Our beautiful little girl has grown up to become a lovely young lady. Your college years will be full of hard work, fun, new friends, and keeping in touch with old friends. Enjoy every moment and continue to make us as proud as you always have. Remember that no matter where life takes you, you will always be in our hearts, and know that we are always here for you with our love and support.

Best wishes and God bless you for a bright and happy future,
Mom, Dad, Alicia, and Tiffany

Greg Bruno

We're so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Never lose a sense of wonder for all your blessings. Continue to strive for excellence and look at adversity with a smile. Wishing you continued success, and enjoy all your future has to offer.
All our love,
Mom and Dad

Jared Keith Chmielnik

Know without any doubt that we have loved you every second of your life...
Know without any doubt that we will love you forever...
Know without any doubt that we are proud of you...
Know without any doubt that you are wonderful, kindhearted, intelligent and funny with a strong sense of self (and style)...
Know without any doubt that you can achieve anything...
Know without any doubt that we wish your future to be as bright as every star in the sky...
and
Know without any doubt that we will always be there for you

With all our love,
Mom and Dad (aka Roberta and Steveo)
Danielle Koch

Dani Girl

No words can describe the warm memories,
The pride and gratitude, too.
That comes from having a daughter,
To love and to cherish...just like you!

We held your hand as you took your first baby steps and we are looking on with pride as you take your first big step into college.
We'll miss hearing your twinkling laughter around the house and we'll look forward to your visits back home. Words cannot describe how proud we are of you. We love you forever Dani Girl!!!

Always, Mommy & Daddy
Nicholas, Roark, & Zak

There are so many things we wish for you as we watch you grow into your own life...
We wish you the pride that comes with knowing where you’re from and the peace that comes with knowing who you are.
We wish you the strength to face challenges with confidence and the wisdom to choose your battles carefully.
We wish you the satisfaction of seeing your goals achieved and the true contentment in work well-done, friends well-loved and moments cherished.
And our wish is that you will always remember how much you are loved, because you are a beautiful, unique person...one we are so proud to call our daughter.
Thanks for letting us be a part of the ride these last four years!

We love you,
Mom and Dad

"If you can dream it, you can do it!" -Walt Disney

Matthew Ferrara

Congratulations Matt! You have brought much happiness in our lives and we are very proud of you.
We wish you much success in the future and encourage you to pursue your dreams.
Thanks for the good times!

ALL OUR LOVE- MOM, DAD, RONNIE, & MICHAEL

Colleen Baines

There are so many things we wish for you as we watch you grow into your own life...
We wish you the pride that comes with knowing where you’re from and the peace that comes with knowing who you are.
We wish you the strength to face challenges with confidence and the wisdom to choose your battles carefully.
We wish you the satisfaction of seeing your goals achieved and the true contentment in work well-done, friends well-loved and moments cherished.
And our wish is that you will always remember how much you are loved, because you are a beautiful, unique person...one we are so proud to call our daughter.
Thanks for letting us be a part of the ride these last four years!

We love you,
Mom and Dad

"If you can dream it, you can do it!" -Walt Disney
Matthew Lavery

Dear Matt,
We love you very much and wish you great success. I am proud to call you my son, and David, Brian and Jaclyn are proud to call you their brother. Congratulations and best of luck in the future. Remember, we will always be there to support you.

Love,
Mom, David, Brian and Jaclyn

Robert Talmo

Congratulations Bobby! We are very proud of your accomplishments and have great memories. Continue to strive toward your goals to accomplish your dreams. The best is yet to come!

Love ya,
Mom, Gary, Dillion, Shannon and Caitlin

Ian McNally

Dear Ian,
Thank you for all the love and joy you have brought to our lives. Believe in yourself and your dreams. We do! Our love always,
Mom, Dad and Matthew
Daniel Bodenstein

Congratulations!!!
You have the ability to achieve whatever you set your mind to.
We wish you health, happiness and success in college and throughout your life.
We love you and will always be here to support you!

All our love,
Mom, Dad and Nicole

Chris Cooper

May all your drives reach your dreams!
Congratulations class of 2006!

Karen and Marv Cooper
Dear Brian,
You are a special son and brother and have grown into a fine young man. As you embark on the next phase of your life, remember to play hard (but not too hard) and work hard. Wherever your destiny takes you, our love will follow. Good luck in college.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Meghan, and Beasley

Brian McGroary

Christine Albanese-Demair

Lots of time spent in school
And in the Y swimming pool
Reading hundreds of pages everyday
You’ve done a great job, you’ve done it your way
Making blizzards at the DQ
Making us proud of all that you do
We will always be here for you!
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Richard, and Kathryn

Ronald Petty
We are very proud of your accomplishments throughout your school years. You have worked very hard and deserve a lot of credit towards meeting your goals - We look forward to you continuing your success in life and will always be supportive and there for you-
Love Mom and Dad

Kate Schreiber
Congratulations Kate,
We love you and are so proud of you. The time that we have spent with you has been precious, and you are not only our daughter, but also our friend. We know that you will have a positive impact on the people that cross your path and those that share your journey. Keep the faith that has been entrusted to you.
Love, Mom and Dad
Staci Goldberg

Staci,

Watching you grow has been our greatest pleasure. We take tremendous pride in the student and woman you have become. You have always strived to do your best, so be proud of your success and accomplishments. The road ahead is filled with many incredible opportunities. Live it to its fullest. Continue to set your goals high and work hard, enjoy yourself, but mostly believe in yourself and all of your dreams will come true.

With all our love and congratulations,
Mom, Dad, Matthew and Erica

Anthony "Baliat" Balianio

I sit and think about how fast these years have gone by, and now you are a young man ready to graduate. You have made me very proud of you and your accomplishments.

Love Mom, Mickey, Dara and Tori

Matthew Wuest

Dear Little Matt,

Congratulations! We are all very proud of you! We will always be here for you as you "ride" into the future.

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Kristen and Casey

Sam Tepper

Dear Sam,

We are so very proud of you and all that you have done. Always follow your dreams and you will find your success.

Congratulations and good luck in college and beyond.

With lots of love,
Mom, Dad and Sara
Gary Schardien
Congratulations Gary! Wow, you made it!! We are proud of you. We wish you lots of luck in college. Just remember that you can achieve whatever you want. Set your goals high and surf into success. You can do it! Work hard, and you'll get that pin. Stay strong like the ocean waves, and may all your dreams come true.

Love you always,
Mom, Dad, Kristin, and Lisa

Michele D' Auria
Michele,
We can't believe our little girl has grown up to become a very special young lady. We know you will always do your best. Be happy, study hard, and have fun. We are all proud of you and will always be there for you. Keep smiling that beautiful smile. We all love you very much.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Nicole & Joey

Laura Webb
Congratulations on your high school graduation!

Love
Mom, Dad, and Caroline

Jane Marie Strobel
Congratulations Jane Marie! We are so very proud of you. Be all you can be and follow your dreams. We will always be there for you. We love you!

Mom, Dad and Jimmy
Andrew and
Katerina Wong

Looking back, how time has flown
From two toddlers, you have grown.
The most perfect unmatched set
That a mom and dad could ever get.
Ballerina, Drummer Boy,
Filling our hearts with so much joy.
From the nest, we'll watch you soar,
Helpless toddlers, nevermore.
Separate, oh precious team.
Seek each passion, live your dream.
Your journey starts, we must let go.
You're in our hearts, we love you so.

Mommy and Dad

Daniel Bodenstein

Congratulations to our Nephew and Cousin, Daniel

Your past is a memory, your future is a wish.
Be yourself and be the person you dream of being.

We are proud of you and love you,

Aunt Laynie, Uncle Sam, Marisa, Andrea, and Jason
Wisdom comes from your heart as well as your head. You have what it takes in both. We're proud of you and wish you luck in your journey through life.
Lots of love,
Mom, Dad, Anna

Caitlin Delaney
Caitlin,
You're a Funny Girl and you were Wicked in 42nd Street. But life is a Cabaret and soon you'll be Movin' Out paying Rent, maybe in Brooklyn on Avenue Q. You'll always be our star! Good luck in college.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Chris, Adele, Nana, Grandma, Aunt Helen, Auntie M, Uncle George, Adriana, and Kristen

Kelly Rigano
Kelly,
Always follow your dreams.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Jamie, Traci

Kara Brass
Still making a big splash after all these years. Kara, know that we will always be there for you, cheering you on.
Love,
Mom, Dad and Alex
Jeff Mullen

Dear Jeff,

Watching you grow has been a great source of joy and we treasure all the memories you have given us. We are so incredibly proud of your accomplishments and take great pleasure in seeing the gentleman you have become. You are driven to succeed and the life before you holds a wonderful future. Believe that the incredible power within your spirit can make a difference to so many people. Spread your wings and soar to achieve your dreams. Keep your passion for life and remember how very much you are loved.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ryan, David and Heather

Katie Devlin

"Wherever you go, go with all your heart..."

...and take with you our love and pride in the kind, wonderful person you've always been. Be happy, be safe, and know that we're here for you every minute of every day, forever!

Mom, Dad, and Laurel

Joe Jacobi

Joseph,

You have been a great student, athlete, brother, and son. Congratulations.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Ashley
Tara Scibek

Days turn into weeks, into months, into years,
How quickly time passes.
You have grown to become a very special person; one who has only given us joy, pride and happiness.

Congratulations Joe-
We Love You-
Mom, Dad, Danielle, Nikki

Tara,
You hold the key to your future. Believe in yourself; you have the strength and the drive to succeed. Always remember, "To thine own self be true." I love you now and forever.

Love Always,
Mommy

Joseph Fallon

Days turn into weeks, into months, into years,
How quickly time passes.
You have grown to become a very special person; one who has only given us joy, pride and happiness.

Congratulations Joe-
We Love You-
Mom, Dad, Danielle, Nikki

Melissa Sette

We are so proud of the person that you are and all that you have accomplished. You have a uniqueness about you that can make anyone smile. You have the ability to get what you want in life, so take advantage of it and rise to succeed in all your goals.

We love you!
Dad, Mom,
Nick, Joe, Danielle
(peace out!)
Amy Chervenyak

We are proud of the person you have become. You are caring, compassionate, intelligent and responsible. These qualities, along with your wonderful sense of humor, will continue to make your life successful and fun along the way.

Best wishes for a lifetime filled with lots of love, laughter and happiness. You deserve it!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Betsy

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Joel Strauss

Joel:
We watched you grow from an active little boy into a very fine young man. We are very proud of you and the person you have become. Work hard, follow your dreams and enjoy life along the way.

All our love,
Mom, Dad and Ben

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Daniel Appel

Danny-
We are proud of the person you have become. You are caring, compassionate, intelligent and responsible. These qualities, along with your wonderful sense of humor, will continue to make your life successful and fun along the way. Best wishes for a lifetime filled with lots of love, laughter and happiness. You deserve it!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Betsy

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Amy Chervenyak

Amy,
You are a beautiful young woman with a bright future. We are very proud of you.

We love you lots,
Mom, Dad, Mikie, and Jake

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Samantha Savino

You were adorable then and so beautiful now. We are so proud of you and love you very much. Good luck in the future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Dana and Sophie
Within you is an ideal, a voice of youth, and a promise of achievement still to come. Within your hands are special gifts and talents. Within your mind is the source of your dreams. Within you is the strength to carry your dreams to completion. Within your heart is the desire to meet the world on your own terms. You are strong; you are wise; you have a dream.

You have a spirit and confidence; you have faith. You are your own person, and you always will be. Within you is something so precious and rare. Within you is the promise of the future.

-Sarah Cohen

Love,
Mom, Dad, Andrew and Clare

Lydia Sams

Congratulations Lydia!
You've brought us laughter and joy as we've watched you grow from a child to an adult. We are very proud of the young woman you have become.

It's time now to build your future. May you always keep your joy and spontaneity as you reach for your dreams.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Alyssa, and Juliana

Brian Plagge

Dear Brian,
Congratulations on your graduation! We are very proud of you and all that you've accomplished. Good luck in college. We know great things await you!

Love,
Grandma and Grandpa

Ron Stein

Ronnie,
You have limitless potential. If you work hard and believe in yourself, then nothing is impossible. We are all very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Greg
Briana Falco

"May you build a ladder to the stars and climb on every rung."

We are so very proud of you and all your accomplishments.

Our love is with you always,
Mom and Dad
Julianne Carman

Congratulations upon your graduation! You have made us so proud and we know your success will continue in college.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kaitlin

Elisabeth Kipping

Our Bitsy,
Last to graduate knowing that the best is yet to come! We are proud of you today and look forward to your accomplishments tomorrow.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Travis, Ned, and Lucky

Gordon Lienau

Dear Son,
You are like a jet that is taxing down the runway, and soon, very soon, your wheels will lift off, and you will be gone to new places. Always remember the way home and give our house a good name wherever you go. We wait with anticipation to see where you go in life. Your success will always bring us joy. We love you dearly and deeply forever.

Danielle Koch

Our charming and exceedingly fair princess Danielle during our many vacations. Time is so intangible a thing that the moment we try to grasp it, it's gone. Pleasant memories! We give you our unending love for a future of happiness.

Elizabeth Flood

Dear Elizabeth,
Hold your head up high, keep reaching for your dreams, “have a bit of FUN each day” as you have always had, remember you Can Do Anything You Put Your Mind To...and know that we LOVE you A LOT...Baskets of Luck at Johnson & Wales...become the BEST Culinary Artist you can be!!!

Love, Mom (xo), Dad(xo), and Brian Guy(xo)...Happy Graduation!!!
Dear Megan,

"Two roads diverged in a wood,
And I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference." - Robert Frost

From MD to Hong Kong, Guam, & NJ, you have made us so proud with the many different roads you have chosen & traveled. The road that lies ahead of you may be less traveled; however, believe in yourself and success will happen. You have proven it to yourself in the past; and with this new adventure, you will prove it again.

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Zach, Sarah, & David

Danielle C. Porter

Dani,

With all our love and support, we've watched you turn into a bright, kind, strong and caring young lady. As you continue on your path of academic excellence, we are here for you. We love you and honor you. Keep your head high and know with God you can do anything.

God bless you,
Daddy, Mommy and Buddy
Alexa Knox

Alexa,

You have become a lovely young woman, and we are very proud of your accomplishments. Live life to its fullest and make the most of what it offers you while keeping your values. Strive for excellence and seek out ways to help humanity so that our world becomes a better place because of your contributions.

Congratulations on your graduation from SPFHS.

"Luv ya,"
Mom & Dad

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Gaby Falco

“May your heart always be joyful, may your song always be sung.” We are so very proud of all your accomplishments.

Our love is with you always,

Mom and Dad
Matthew Lowrey
Matthew,
It seems like just yesterday college was so far away. We can't believe how the years have flown. Best wishes in the future. We are very proud of you.

Love,
The Gang

Your Two Moms

Courtney Burke
Courtney,
Congratulations, Graduate! You made it through four years of high school. We have watched you blossom from a sweet little girl into a beautiful young woman. A new chapter of your life is beginning as you start college. Look forward to all the new adventures, friends, and memories that this journey will bring you. Be happy and always follow your heart. It will lead you to the right place. We love you with all of our hearts and will always be there for you. We are proud to be your parents. Success to you in all that you do. We Love You.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Morgan

Julie Sagaard
Congratulations Julie!

We are so blessed to have a wonderful daughter like you. May God guide every step you take, now and in the future.

We love you so much,
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Whether scoring a run or making a shot,
You've been the gleam in our eye
since you were a tot.

You could never measure how much we love you,
And we know you can do anything you
put your mind to.

So as you leave for college and say, "See you later."
Remember, Lauren, you'll always be
our favorite Raider!

Love Always,
Mom, Dad and Paul

Devang Patel

Congratulations Devang!

All our love, trust, and wishes for success go
with you as you meet the future which awaits
you. We are as proud of you today as we
have been everyday of your life.

We Love You
From childhood to champions.
We’re so proud of you.
When it hurts to look back and you're scared
to look ahead, you can look beside you and
your best friends will be there.

We've shared many smiles and many tears,
but nothing beats all of the laughter.

We may not have it all together, but together
we have it all.

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Best friends are sisters destiny forged to give us.

My true friends are the ones that know
me, but love me anyway.

I look back on all the stupid stuff we did and I realize I
wouldn't want to be stupid with anyone else.
"Ok, the restaurant is not awkward." "But it's not hot, so you hot it!" "Something I never do!" "That would not be awkward, they're friends!" "I'm Ray Charles." "That's what I'm saying."

"I got by with a little help from my friends." - John Lennon

"Make new friends, keep the old..."

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Wooooh Conrado!!!
Natasha Johnstone

Through the years you have blossomed from an infant into a wonderful young woman.

Although you have conquered the past twelve plus years of school, you still have a long exciting road ahead of you.

Stay strong, focused and remember that you can accomplish anything that you set out to achieve. No one can take you off of your path unless you let them.

Always remember that you have the greatest support team behind you in supporting all of your goals and dreams.

You will always have our unconditional love.

We love you dearly,

Mom, Grandma, Aunt Susie and Uncle George

Allison Abbott

Talent, You Have It.
Hard Work, You Did It.
Success Is Yours!!!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Brian

Robert Dawson

We are very proud of all you've done and the young man you have become. Best of luck in college!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jonathan, Daniel

Charlie Field

Congratulations Son-
Job well done.
We love you-
Mom & Dad
Michele Calvo
Remember as you enter this exciting new chapter that your family is always with you. We are very proud of you, your hard work, your intelligence, your ideals and all you have achieved during your high school years. Keep your goals high as you continue to study, work, and live as a true citizen of the globe!

We love you!
Mommy, Papi, Jen, Eric, and Grandma

Neil Dalal
Congratulations! We are so proud of what you have accomplished.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Ankur

Dennis Fitzpatrick
Thanks for all the wonderful memories throughout high school. We had so much fun on our trips to Hershey, Lakeville, Disney, the H.S. football games, the Big East Finals, Seton Hall basketball, as well as the tournament of champions. They were all great fun. Don't forget seaview, A.C. Vegas and our baseball road trips with Eddy Boy, Tommy Boy, Dom and Charlie. Our buddy Vester on our Friday nite trips, we should rename him Bad Santa. Special thanks to the entire SPFHS staff and Dennis's extended family for making this time so enjoyable.

Love, Judy, Diane, Mom, and Dad

Travis and Troy Morgan
Your high school years have been very enjoyable for us. You have entertained us with sports, music, theatre, and shows. We hope it was as much fun for you as it was for us! Congratulations to you both.

Love,
Mom and Dad
Emily,
Off with you then. Write when you get there. (Heartbreak).
Don’t forget your boots.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Emily Lange

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