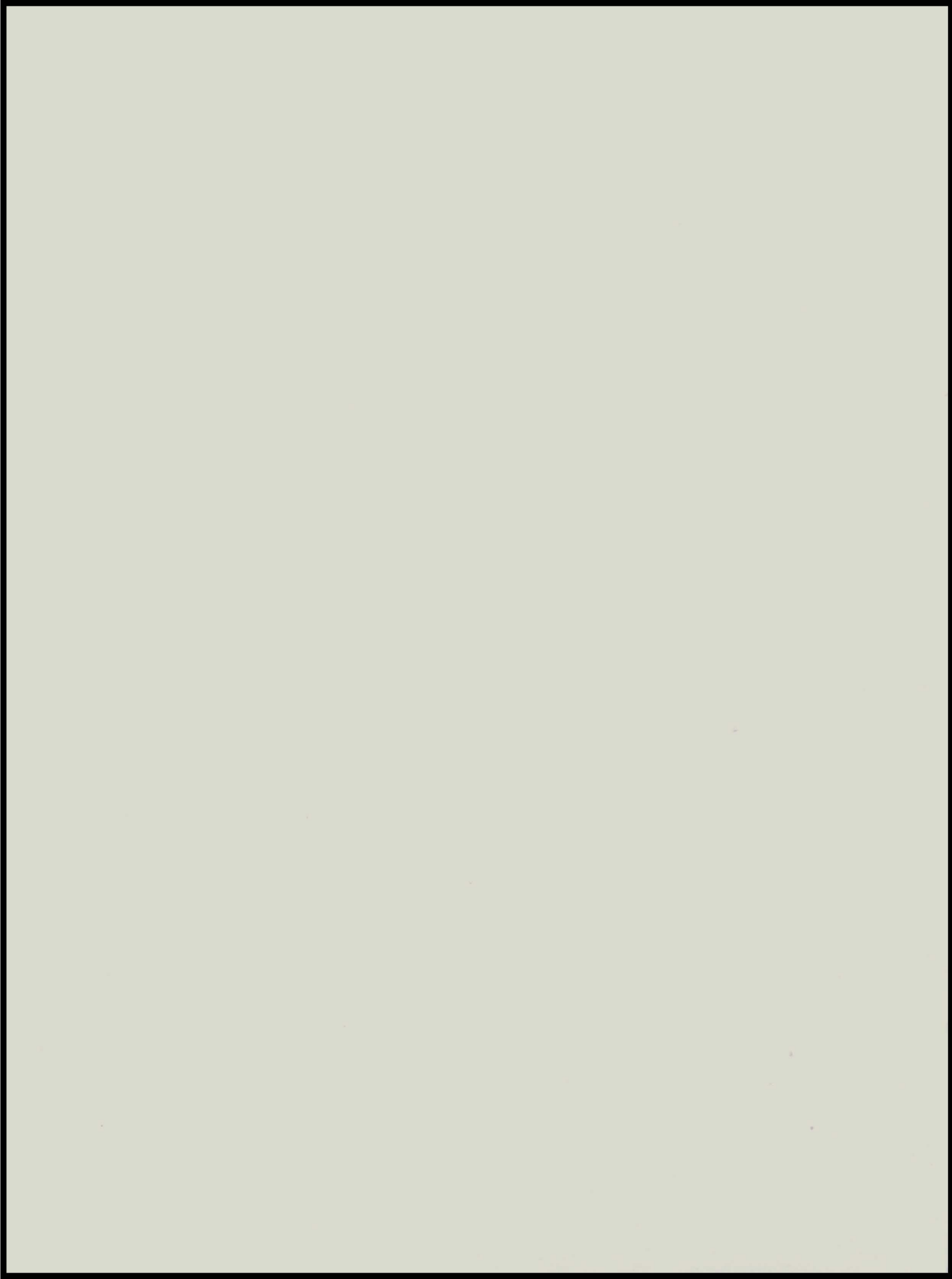




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In the beginning, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School arose from the dust and chaos of a picturesque landscape, but the building was only a small part of what was yet to come. People soon began to fill the halls with knowledge, love and service. Through Jesus Christ, we embrace our God-given gifts to KNOW TRUTH, LOVE GOD, and SERVE OTHERS as His brave and humble disciples. We live our motto everyday as children of God.

By the grace of God and through the Holy Spirit our passionately Catholic academic community welcomes and forms virtuous disciples through daily encounters with Jesus Christ.

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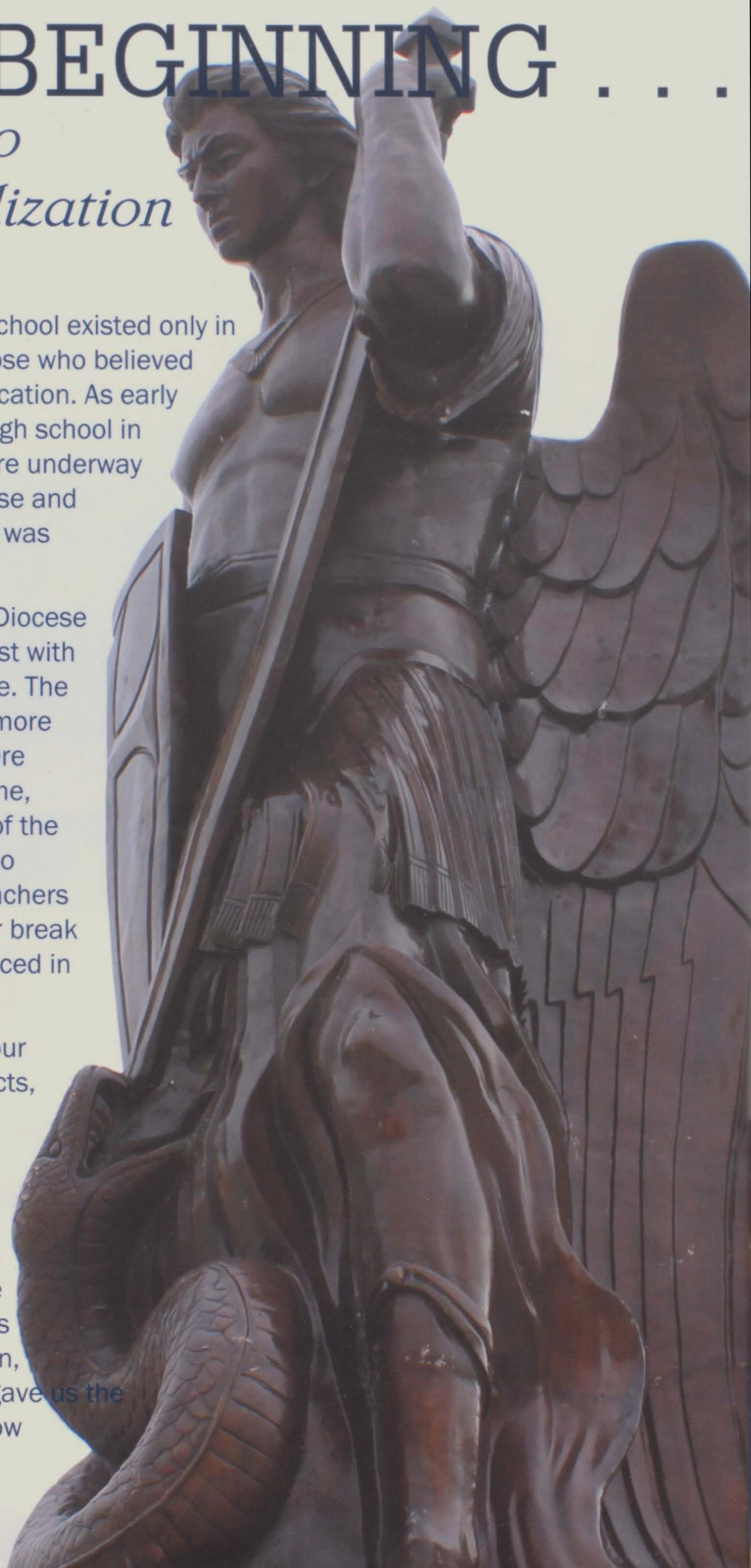
# IN THE BEGINNING . . .

## *Conception to Realization*

In the beginning, our high school existed only in the hearts and minds of those who believed in the value of Catholic education. As early as 2003, plans for a new high school in eastern Jackson County were underway when the combined purchase and donation of the current site was completed in early 2012.

Excitement grew when the Diocese announced a naming contest with a \$250 gift card as the prize. The Catholic Key reported that more than 150 unique names were submitted. The winning name, submitted by Scott Tucker of the St. John LaLande Parish who donated the prize to the teachers of O'Hara and St. Mary's for break room supplies, was announced in August of 2012.

In the years that followed, our parents, educators, architects, designers, and countless others dedicated to the success of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School worked to transform the concept into reality. The beauty of our school reflects the sacrifices, determination, and prayers of those who gave us the opportunity to learn and grow closer to Jesus.



# For A Good Cause

The beauty of our school not only lies the architecture and design, but also within the souls of those who worked tirelessly and sacrificed for our Catholic education.

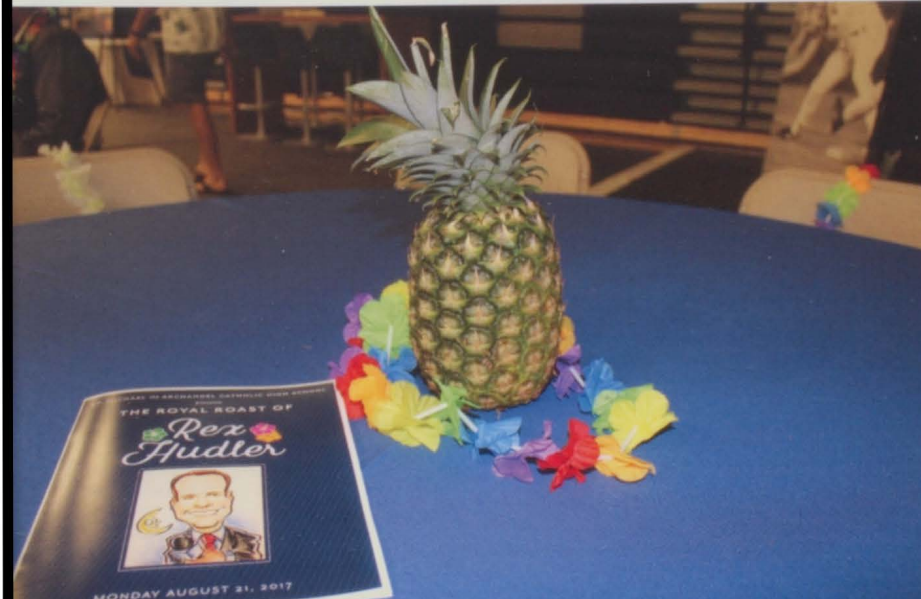
With the announcement of the “Forward in Faith” campaign, the financial goals for building a new high school in eastern Jackson County were specified by the Diocese. Although this campaign included financial plans for achieving several Catholic education goals, it served as the starting point for our school.

On behalf of the student body, we thank everyone who for their prayers, time, and money to to further Catholic education and the establishment of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School.

Looking toward the future, fiscal responsibly remains a priority. Through events such as the SMA 5K and the Royal Roast of Rex Hudler, our Catholic community assures the continuation of our school.

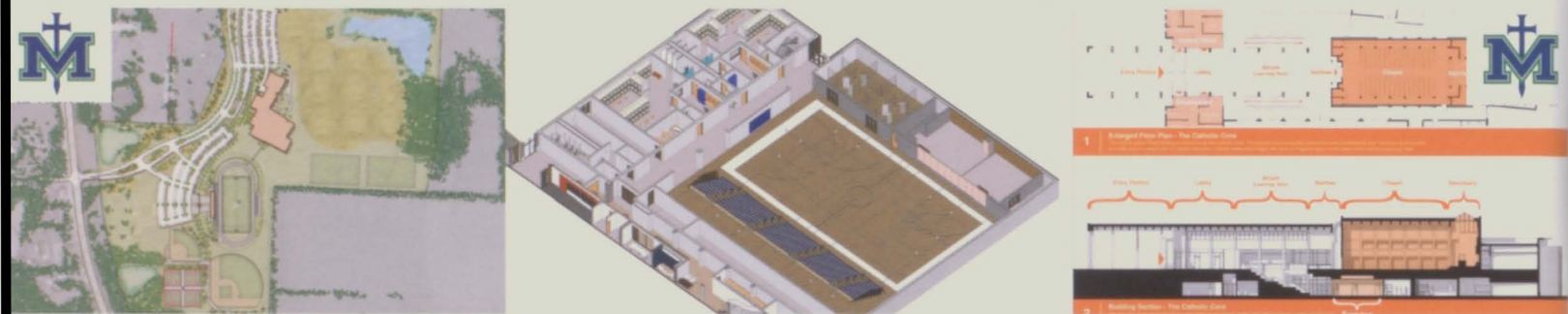
## Running, Running, GONE!

With the help of the cross country team, we held our first SMA 5K Walk Run on August 19, 2017. “The 5k was a really fun experience, and I enjoyed running with my friends,” exclaimed Haley Niner. The 5k was success and promoted school spirit.





# Function & Beauty Meet Architecture & Design



After years of planning and preparation, construction of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School began in March of 2016. Situated on 80 acres of woods and gently rolling fields that include a variety of ecosystems, the campus is designed to take celebrate the natural features and extend the learning environments outside the classrooms while allowing for future expansion. The initial phase included the new high school, chapel, athletic complex and signature outdoor event space. As the heart of our Catholic education, the architectural plans placed the chapel in the center of the school as the focal point upon entry. Surrounding the chapel with natural light and a large commons area, what we now call the “learning stairs” ensured students and guests the opportunity to attend Mass.

Expansion plans include a large outdoor amphitheater adjacent to the existing pond as a venue for larger events as well as outdoor teaching. A portion of the site will be established with native prairie plantings and accessible by a series of nature walks. Plans also include dual-use athletic complex for soccer and football, baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, and a running track.

From the beginning, architectural plans included professional interior designers who painstakingly selected furniture, lighting, colors, flexible work spaces, carpeting, paint, bulletin boards, whiteboard design, cabinets, and much more. The interior designers converted our school building into a beautiful, comfortable learning environment.



# Our Sacred Heart

## Chapel Dedication

On September 29, 2017, we celebrated the dedication of the Chapel of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Bishop Johnston performed the Rite of Dedication assisted by Father Rocha, Father Sly, Father Kreidler, and other priest and clergy within the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. Students, parents, school staff, and donors were honored witness to the sacred service. Following the dedication, seven white balloons symbolizing seven of names of St. Michael the Archangel and students recited original poetry to commemorate the day.

From that day forward, students and staff have enjoyed attending Mass and devotional meditations held in our beautiful Chapel. The wood doors adorned with the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus medallion open into a natural light setting that instills peace and prepares us to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Mr. Burns conveyed the feeling well when he shared that “this is the the heartbeat of the school.” Each day Mass is offered students and staff with an all school mass held once a week. We are blessed to have such a beautiful place to grow closer to Jesus and share our faith.



# Continuing The Legacy

## Catholic Education

Although we enjoy creating our own traditions and building our own legacy, we recognize the foundations left to our care by the Catholic high schools De La Salle of Kansas City, Saint Mary's of Independence, and Archbishop O'Hara of Kansas City. Each of these schools represent a community of students, parents, teachers, and many more who supported and cared deeply for these institutions. Memorabilia proudly displayed throughout the halls of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School serves to remind us of our heritage, we are honored to carry the flame of Catholic education into the future.

### Archbishop O'Hara 1965 - 2017

Archbishop O'Hara High School, a Catholic La Sallian college preparatory school, closed its doors in May of 2017. Jennifer Mowen (Rowland) enjoys sharing her memories of O'Hara and the teachers that impacted her life. She recalls, "When I started at O'Hara, Mr. Jed, the biology teacher would run down the hallways with his cape yelling "Captain biology! It was common for him to do this on test days." She also shared that at one point he was promoted in rank when some students made him a cape proclaiming him "Major Biology".

In addition to a rich curriculum, athletics added to Celtic pride. Under the leadership of Coach Paul Monteil, Jr, the football team won the 1980 state championship. In honor of Coach Monteil, the O'Hara football stadium was named "Paul Monteil Stadium" in 2001. Mrs. Mowen recalls him as more than a coach and history teacher, "He was a friend to the students and was someone anyone could go to, especially during the hard times." She also shared that he was her favorite and attributes him with getting her and her friends through their sophomore year. Through her smile and words, Mrs. Mowen's alumni pride is evident.

Celtic pride remains in the hearts of those who walked the hallways, played in the gym, prayed in the chapel, learned in the classrooms, and lived their lives within the Catholic community.



# St. Mary's 1853 - 2013

Mary's High School provided quality Catholic education for more than 160 years. Prior to closing, it was the oldest operating school west of the Mississippi River. Despite declining enrollment, the decision to close the school came as a surprise to many parents and students. With a total enrollment of only 102 students, the last class of 27 seniors graduated in May of 2013. A parent of two St. Mary graduates and an alumni herself recalled that although declining enrollment could no longer support the financial obligations, it was still a shock to realize her youngest child would never attend their family alma mater.

Our very own Mrs. Espinosa was quoted in May of 2013 by Fox 4 News regarding the closing, "It's a little surreal and it's very sad; it's a big ending of my life here." She worked at St. Mary's for 22 years, met her husband there, and her three children went to school there.

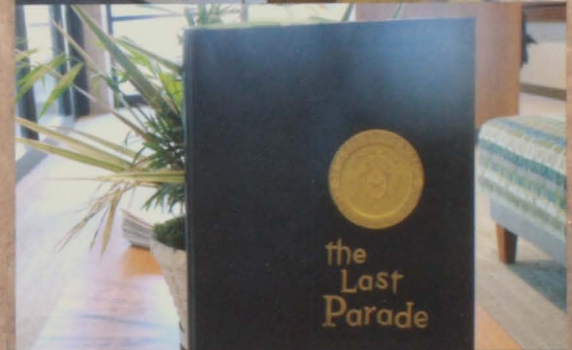
Keep your eyes open and you may just see a "Forever A Trojan" t-shirt in the SMA stands!

# De La Salle 1910 - 1971

Although the school doors closed for the last time 47 years ago, Mr. John Delgado recalls his alma mater almost as if he graduated last May.

Opened as a Catholic school for boys, it later added the discipline of military preparatory curriculum during World War II, which continued until the early 1960s. The deeply rooted values formed a strict yet loving disciplined environment led by the Christian Brothers who strived to turn unruly young students into men of Christ.

The brothers helped the students to grow in maturity and to face the future with hope and courage. De La Salle traditions included football games against the rival Rockhurst and for the "Little Brown Jug" played every year except during WWII. School days were similar to our school days, with students starting off the day in prayer and attending all seven classes. Long lunch breaks each day allowed for intramural competitions and extracurricular activities. Each Friday, the young men attended all school Mass.



# First Days

## First Day *Jitters*

As soon the obnoxious alarm sounded and the realization of the first day of school came to mind, anticipation swelled and questions multiplied! What would the first days of a new school be like? How will I know where my classes are? Will I like it? First day jitters are one thing, but the thrills and fears of a first day at a brand new school takes it to a whole new level.

Turning into the driveway, heading up the hill, and following the curve of the road, our beautiful new high school building comes into view. But no one expected the lively welcome! The greeting for each "first day" included music that shook the air, a giant green and navy archway, and the entire staff cheering as students entered.

On the first day, seniors crowded together in the parking lot leery of approaching the odd scene. One student recalled, "I didn't know what was happening! We were hanging out in the parking lot and then a nun came out into the parking lot and walked us through the crowd!" Although the student asked to remain anonymous, she said that she now knows that it was Sr. Mirium that escorted the group into the school. Each "first" day mirrored the previous day with the upperclassmen joining in the fun as cautious juniors, sophomores, and freshman paced along the walkway while scanning the crowd for familiar faces. Eventually, each student bravely faced the music, entered the archway, and received high-fives the welcoming students and staff.

In addition to the morning welcoming, transfer students and freshmen were welcomed into one of our three communities through a special confetti ceremony. Daily mass and community time during the first week of school helped students to feel at home as they met their house captains, house mentor, and fellow house members.

Thank you to the SMA staff for making our first days fun and memorable!



Clockwise: Teachers, Melissa Wiehn & Mary Kroening show off their dance moves as the staff are introduced. Brett Twenter screams with delight during the first days festivities. Jana Burns welcomes Kelechi Ezeogu, Araceli Valencia, Anna Strobl, & Lawrence Rocco into the JP II community. Upperclassmen excitedly anticipate the arrival of the freshman class.





# Meet the Students!



Maddie Jackson  
Grade: Freshman  
Involved In: Basketball,  
Student Ambassador,  
International Club,  
Movie Club, Musical



Gabe Kingdon  
Grade: Sophomore  
Involvement: Baseball,  
Sophomore House  
Captain



Tatum Rockers  
Grade: Junior  
Involved In: Swim,  
Yearbook



Cameron Leathers  
Grade: Senior  
Involved In: Drumline,  
Robotics



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# ADMINISTRATION,



Kim Berry



Alan Burns



Jana Burns



Amy Byrne



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Michael D'Angelo



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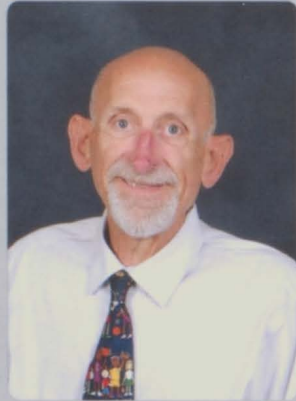


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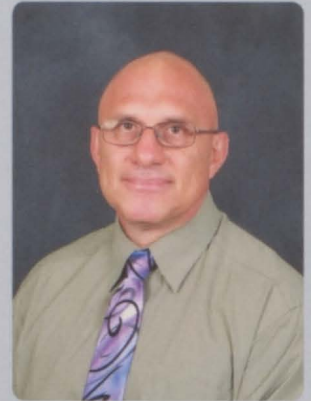
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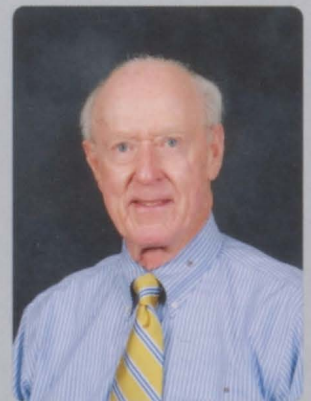
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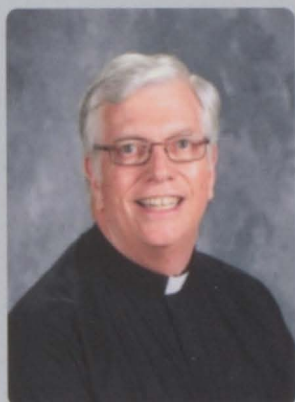


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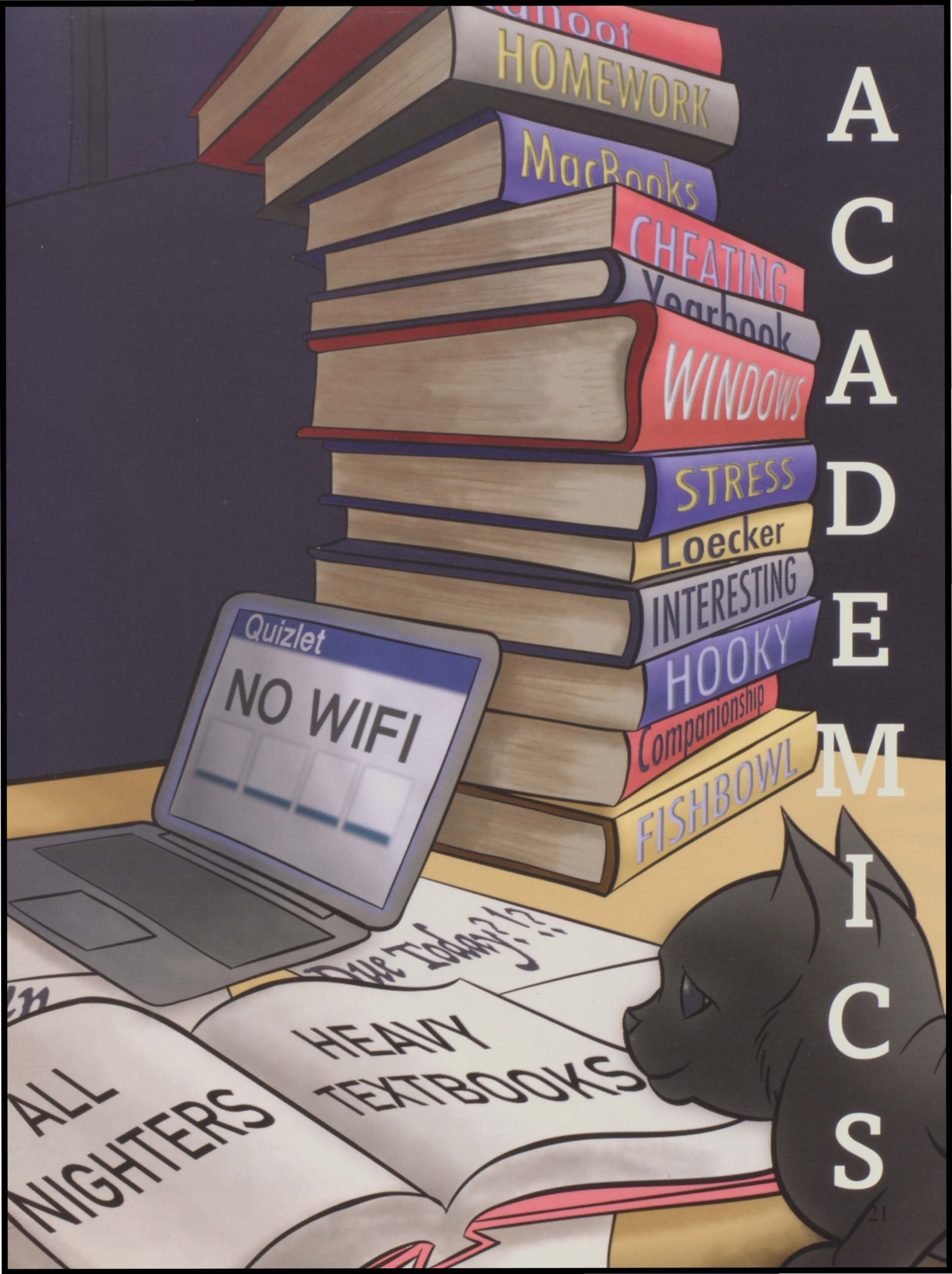
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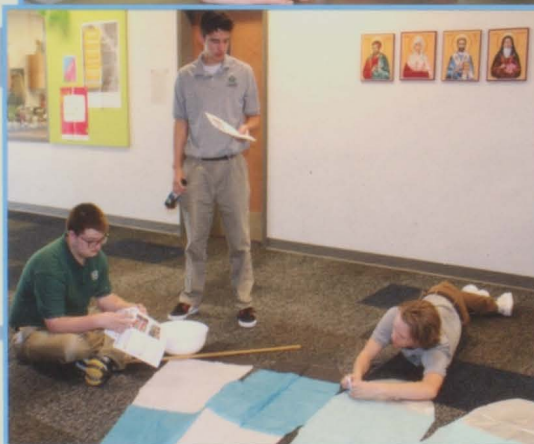




# Taking Learning

## Aviation - Business

Aviation students participate in multiple hands-on experiences during the year-long course. For example, these students create and launch mini hot air balloons! Zain Ali shares that "The overall experience was fun and very unique!" The students fabricate the hot air balloons using nothing but large sheets of tissue paper and glue. Launching the balloons on the SMA learning stairs created excitement and a memorable learning experience for all the students. Although the curriculum features amazing information, the real star of our aviation course is Mr. Howard Schneeberger. As U. S. Airforce veteran and pilot, he shares remarkable aeronautical insights with his students.



Left to right: Carly Cook & James Collins piece together their hot air balloon. Elijah Galbearth, Hayden White, Luke Hart, Chris Oberkrom, & Mr. Shneeberger achieve lift off. Aaron Dodds, Tristan DeGonia, & Ryan Holst putting their design together. Zaine Ali, Kitana Nowak, & Audrey Maglich put the final touches on their balloon.

# to New Heights!

## Technology - Engineering

Exciting things happen in engineering class! The Project Lead The Way Principles of Engineering course curriculum includes real-life experience for students. For example, students apply basic computer coding to manipulate machines. When asked about the experience of teaching this course Mr. Jacob Kirmer said, "It's a lot of fun and more hands on than other classes."



Above: Danny Irick adjusts his code to alter the actions of his machine.  
Left: Mr. Kirmer assists Danny Irick, Josh Rogge, Jack Davis, & Stuart Shatto.



The Business Technology Department can best be described with one word - variety. From the introductory courses, such as computer applications, to the challenges of computer science, to the college level business communications course, our students have the opportunity to learn a variety of skills to prepare them for the business world. Mrs. McKinney provides the common theme that ties all of these courses together, servant leadership.

Focused on authentic learning experiences, students participate in field trips, run our Guardian Gear spirit shop, and interact with entrepreneurs. For example, Marcus Walker (an O'Hara alumni, professional international basketball player, and entrepreneur) shared his life experiences, college advice, and path to starting a nonprofit business helping troubled youth.



Above: Marcus Walker shares his road to success. Francie Mitchell, Kennedy Pitts, & Michaela Davis practice their interviewing skills during a "Who am I?" game.

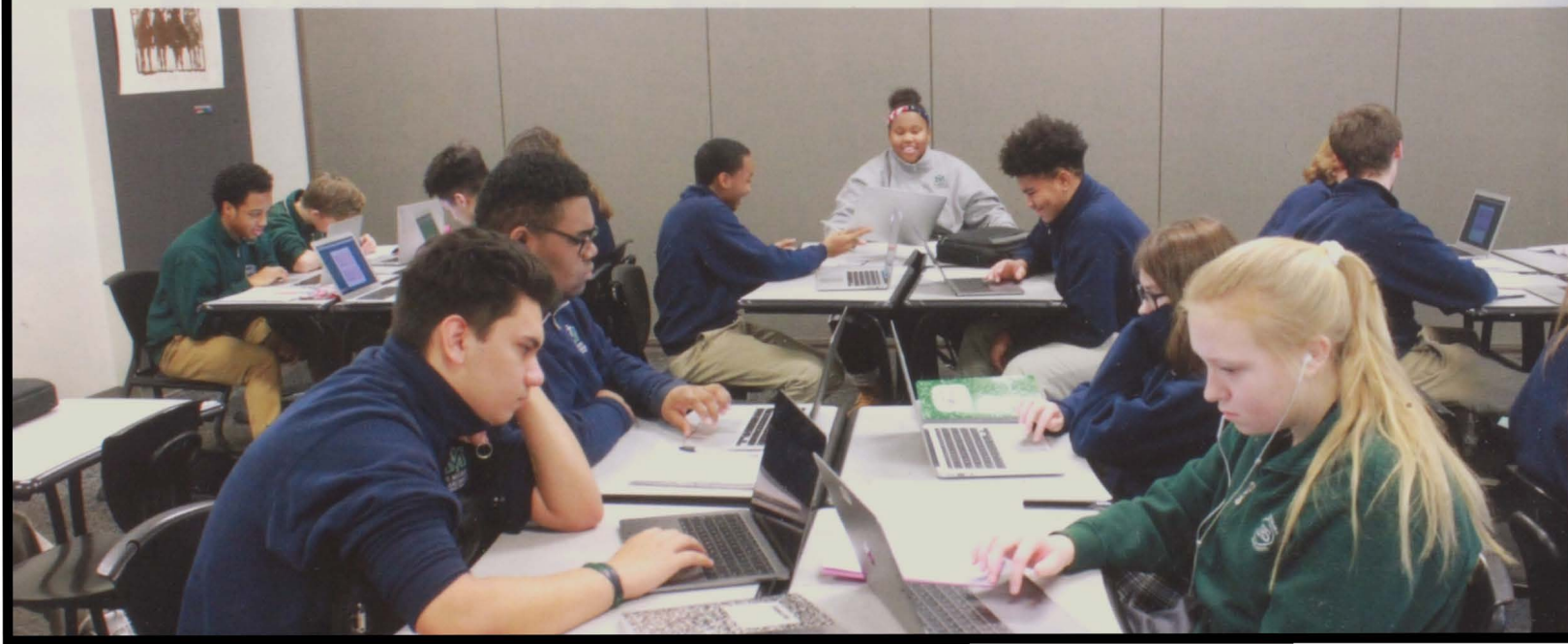
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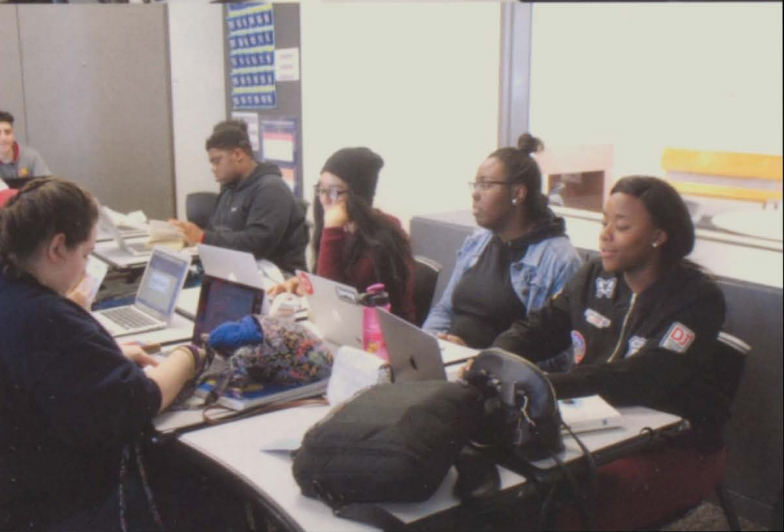
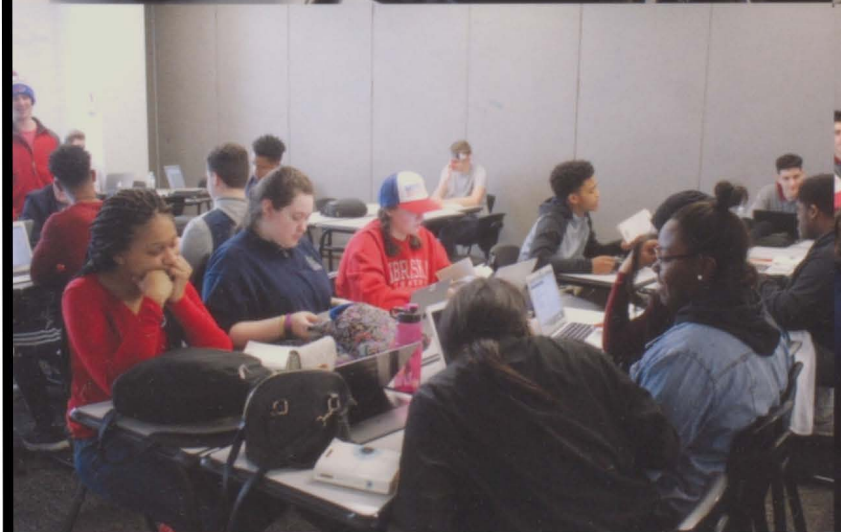
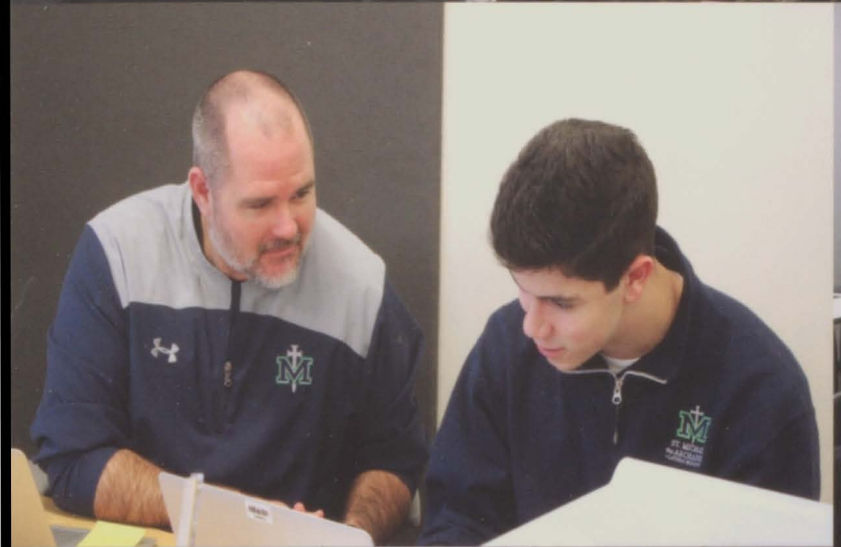
## Language Arts

Language Arts, taught by Ms. Lohman, Mr. Moreno, and Sister Mary Andre, provides students with the opportunity to learn about new worlds, different time periods, and historical ideas through reading a variety of novels. Writing stories and essays serves to enhance student writing, organization, grammar, and word selection skills. Although students may struggle with writing lengthy essays or scouring American literary classics, students' express gratitude for the teachers who prepare them for the AP exams, college, and life. Ms. Lohman, who has been teaching English for six years in public schools, feels blessed to be able to continue her story in such a positive environment. With a big smile, she describes the students as making "teaching enjoyable and fun," while advising students to refrain from "mixing up their, there, and they're." Mr. Moreno, also new to SMA, is also new to teaching high school Language Arts courses. He hopes to correct "a lack of skills or education" he sees in college English students. He feels an "immense sense of accomplishment" when "a student successfully focuses his or her energy into even the smallest success."

Opposite Page, top to bottom: Ryan Holst shares a laugh with Kitana Nowak, Danielle Jokerst, and Dylan Seese. Malik Cherry, Jadin Jones, and Pedro Leverette exchange friendly banter. Coach Lero explains a lesson to Dominic Setser. Malik Cherry, Angelo Goro, Jadin Jones, and Pedro Leverette collaborate ideas. Andrew Drake, Patrick Loree, Tyrez Scott, Alex Warren, and Alston Warren are hard at work on their English homework. Timothy Lakin gives two thumbs up. Ellie Edmunson, Mya Griffin, Kayona Latimer, Nicole Reilly, and Rickeya Smith read and annotate on their computers. Mya Griffin, Kayona Latimer, Logan Patton and Nicole Reilly concentrate on a tough read.

Below: Brandi Sampson, Willie Williams, and Cody Yoder in Sr. Mary Andre's class.





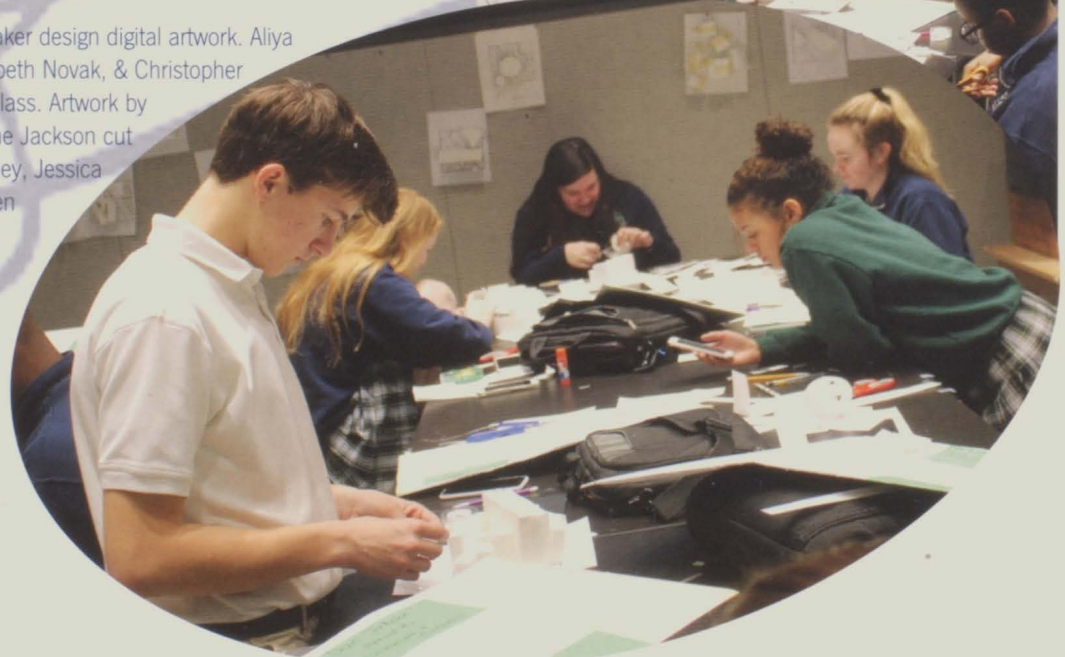
# A World

## *The Work of His Hands*

The Heavens declare the glory of God, and the work of His hands shows in the visual arts created by our students. Mr. Raney shares his artistic calling and refined sense of visual beauty when teaching. His courses include Animation, Art Foundations, Architecture & Design, Ceramics & Sculpture, Drawing & Painting, Graphic Design, Photo Design, and Set Design & Painting. Although these classes include multiple challenges and artistic creations require time, the students learn to see the beauty of God in art.

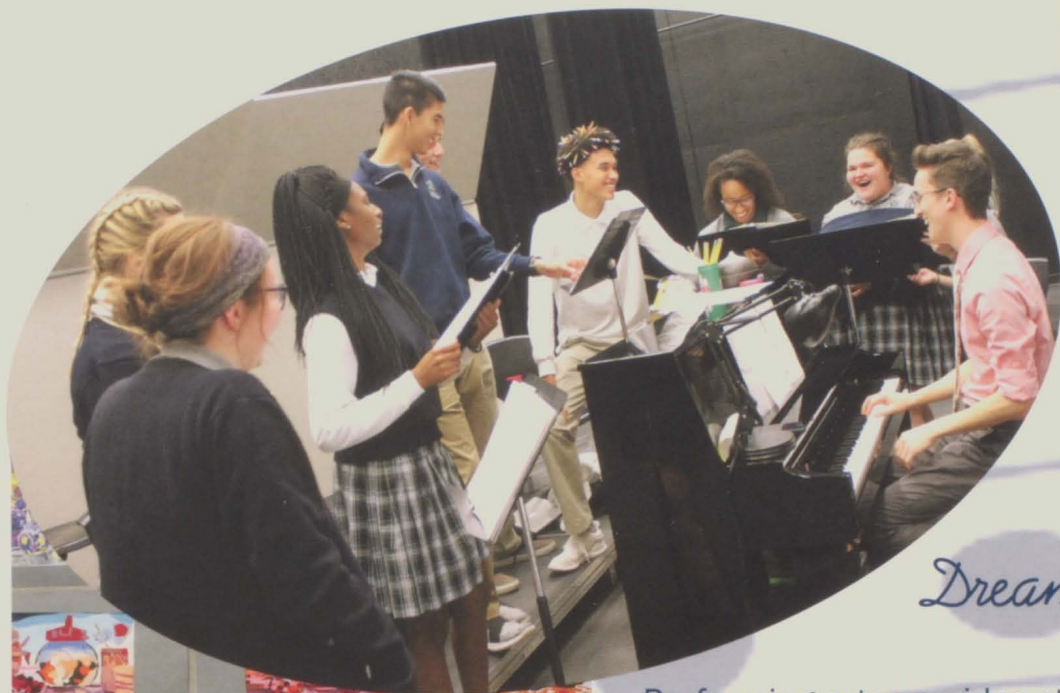
Upon seeing completed artwork hanging on the walls of our school, students feel a sense of pride and accomplishment as they view everyone's artwork. The world of creation knows no limits at SMA!

Top to bottom: Justine Lanpher & Pete Whittaker design digital artwork. Aliya Bertrand, Emilee Byrne, Santana Cucar, Elizabeth Novak, & Christopher Pouncil listen intently during a Music Rocks class. Artwork by Caleigh Gabel. Chineyem Echendu & Madeline Jackson cut out templates. Daniel Jakobe, Charlotte Kenney, Jessica Lacy, Alexandra Pocock, & Maranda Vonholten construct paper models.



# of Creation

## Fine Arts

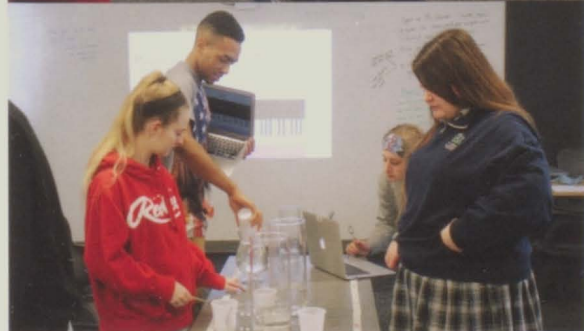


### *Dreamers of Dreams*

Performing arts provides students with opportunity to hone and share their skills. Mr. Eisenmenger shares his musical savior-faire and sense of humor when teaching Choir, Orchestra, and Music Rocks. Mrs. Loftis shares her sense of movement and sense of emotional depth when teaching Drama, Dance, and Speech. The variety of subjects and the lively instructional techniques make these courses fun and educational.

Some students participate in opportunities to perform for an audience. "When October Goes" features the musical talents of the students. The "Fine Arts Gala" features musical competition pieces, artwork, and acting vignette. Our talented students practice and perform to refine individual God given talents to create harmonious music, perform an energetic dance, or act out a memorable scene.

Top to bottom: Zaine Ali, Aliya Bertrand, Emilee Byrne, Mary Byrne, Tristan DeGonia, Ebele Echendu, Ebele Mgbemena, Maggie Miller, & Devion Williams sing while Mr. E accompanies on the piano. Colorful student artwork decorates the hallway. Mr. E guides Zaine Ali, Aliya Bertrand, Emilee Byrne, Mary Byrne, Tristan DeGonia, Ebele Echendu, Ebele Mgbemena, Maggie Miller, & Devion Williams as they attempt hit the correct pitch. Elizabeth Novak tests the musical tone of a bowl of water. Aliya Bertrand, Emilee Byrne, & Christopher Pouncil fill jars with water during a Music Rocks class - who knew wonderful music can be made from a few glasses and a little water!



# Fit for Life

## Health & Physical Education

Some join in because for the PE credit while others join in for some fitness fun, so this class turned out to be a class to look forward to either way. In Lifetime Fitness, the students travel to a variety of locations to participate in activities. For example, they visit a park for a vigorous walk and then head to Paradise Park for miniature golf.

Friendly competition among the students added to the fun. Earning the highest score for each game became the goal of many students. Bowling, a student favorite, provided hours of fun and and friendly competition. Brett Zagar shared that it was his favorite place to go because “it was competitive between friends, plus the food was really good”. Aysia Finney added, “coming up with strategies,” as one of her favorite.

Thanks to Lifetime Fitness, many students feel the new experiences gave them the opportunity to take learning outside the traditional classroom.

Top row, left to right: Lauren Chapman poses for the camera while waiting for her turn to bowl. Domenick Bisacca, Mackenzi Coons, Katherine Mersman, John Morris, John Paul Murphy, Josh Oberkrom, Alexandra Pocock, William Waris & Benjamin Zumalt learning archery techniques. Ethan Smith removes arrows from the target.

Bottom row, left to right: Kelechi Ezeogu takes a break between turns. Josh Oberkrom & John Morris ready to shoot. Sydney Weyrauch shows her excitement for a near strike.



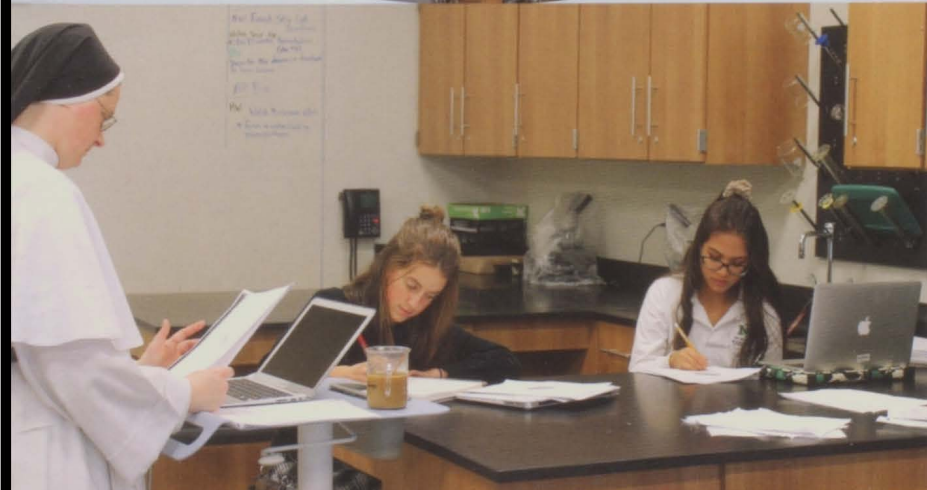
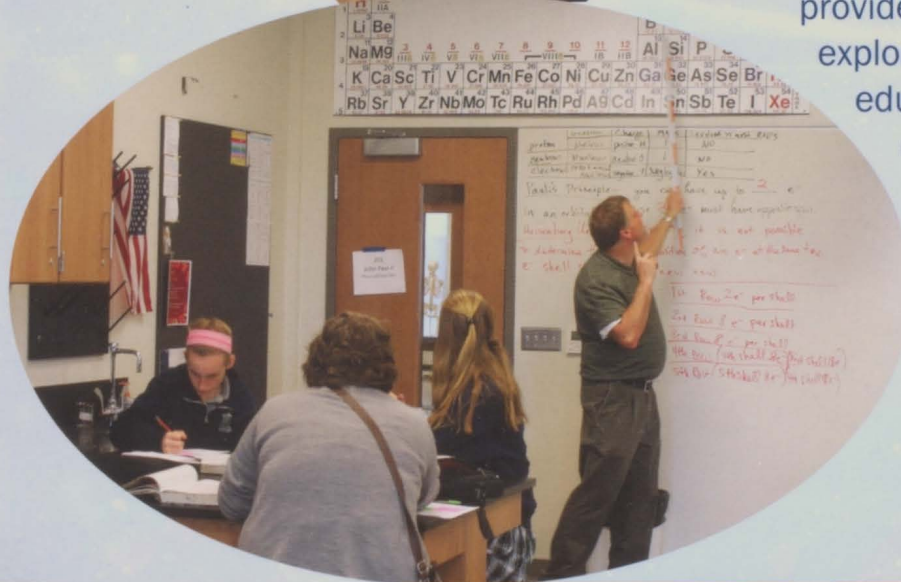
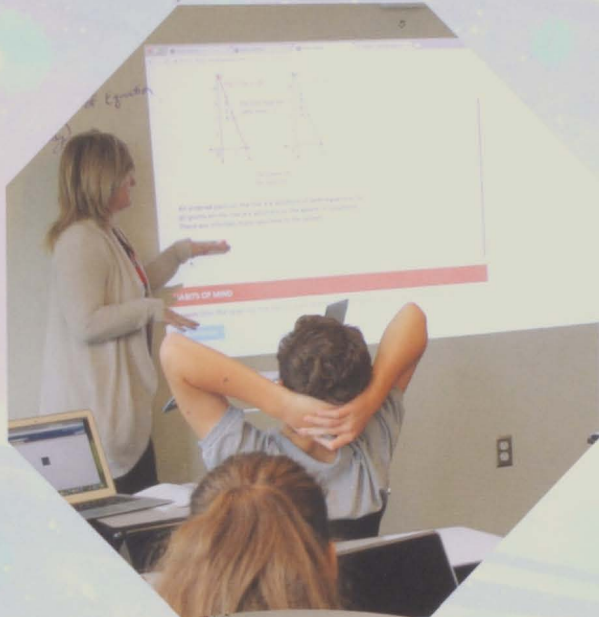
# Sine Me Up

## Mathematics & Science

Our dedicated teachers enrich students' understanding of math and science. Through a variety of courses, students apply principles learned in the classroom to everyday issues.

Although some things just don't add up no matter what you try, math teachers hold the key to every math problem. The dedication of our teachers is immeasurable. Mr. Kirmer shared his thoughts regarding teaching, "My favorite part of teaching is being able to see students growing everyday. You don't always get the light bulb moment, but when it clicks, it is a pretty cool thing."

Scientifically speaking, our science teachers provide all the elements for scientific exploration. Equipped with the latest educational environment, SMA provides challenging courses. From Biology to Astronomy, students explore the universe guided by the experienced science teachers. Mr. Walter said the coolest fact he knows "about science is that 99.9% of each person's DNA is exactly the same. It is the minuscule amount 0.1% that makes us unique, and gives us our unique qualities and characteristics."



Top to bottom: Nikki Brown and Carsyn Koob take notes during Sr. Steven Patrick's class. Sr. Steven Patrick shared, "newborn babies have about 300 bones, whereas adults only have 206 bones." Mrs. Kroening teaches freshmen about triangles. Mr. Loecker points at the Periodic Table during a chemistry class. Mr. Loecker said that his "favorite part of teaching is that I get to be myself and do what I love, teaching, with people I enjoy being around, high school students!"



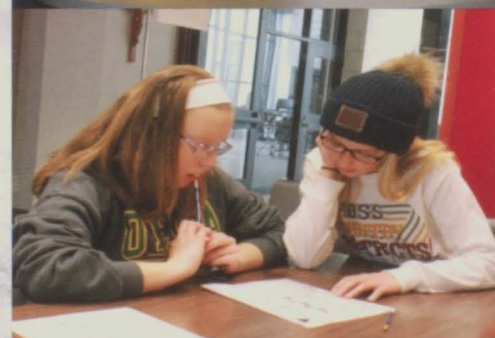
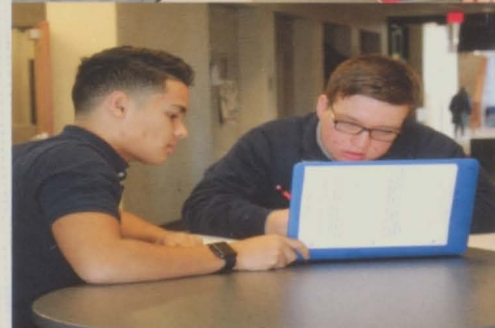
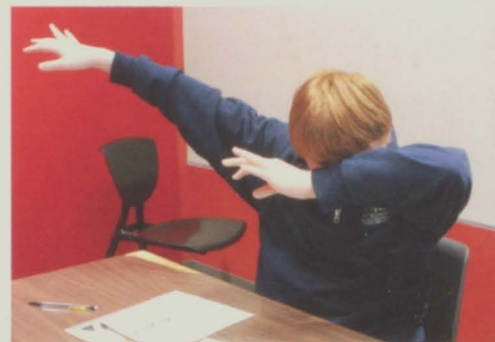
# Hand-n-Hand

## St. Michael Inclusive Learning Enhancement

Our unique SMILE program provides students with differentiated learning opportunities. The fun environment reinforces concepts introduced in the classroom and provides real world experiences. For example, SMILE students learn to drive by driving a golf cart around the school property and learn to care for animals by caring for our dog, Mike, which helps students relax and to form loving bonds. In fact, our SMILE students run their own business, known as Guardian Grinds! Students apply and refine vocational skills such as interacting with customers, preparing coffee and smoothies, taking orders, calculating sales, and counting back change.

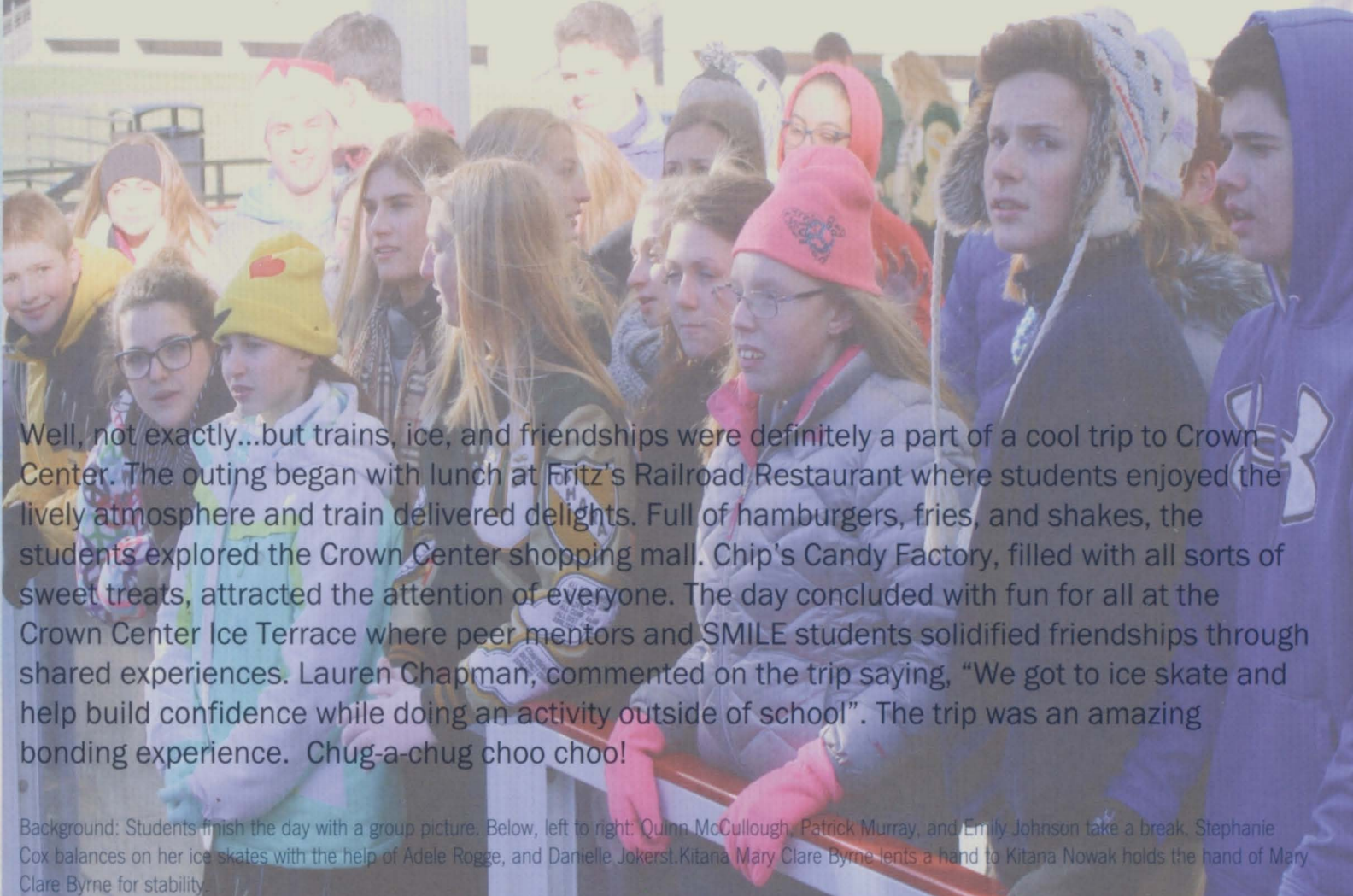
The SMILE program and Peer Mentoring program work hand-in-hand. Peer mentors work directly with SMILE students to provide social and academic support under the guidances of well trained teachers. In talking with several Peer Mentor students about why they chose to devote themselves to this program, several of them said that it began as a way to develop leadership skills and to find out if being a teacher might be a future path but each mentor said that they received so much more than what they gave. Senior peer mentor Ellie Edmundson sums up her experience, "The SMILE program means so much to me. It is so unique that I get the opportunity to be apart of these amazing kids' lives. These kids have changed my life. Their positive outlook on life is so inspiring not only to me but the rest of their peers. "

Right, top to bottom: Pete Whittaker dabs for his picture. Brett Twenter cheerfully poses with Dan Jakobe. Alyssa Sirna and Emily Johnson take a study break. John Kimbrough and Cole Setter work on an assignment. Shannon Morris and Caroline Meyers focus on math. Mike enjoys a chew treat.



# & Peer Mentoring

## All Aboard the Polar Express



Well, not exactly...but trains, ice, and friendships were definitely a part of a cool trip to Crown Center. The outing began with lunch at Fritz's Railroad Restaurant where students enjoyed the lively atmosphere and train delivered delights. Full of hamburgers, fries, and shakes, the students explored the Crown Center shopping mall. Chip's Candy Factory, filled with all sorts of sweet treats, attracted the attention of everyone. The day concluded with fun for all at the Crown Center Ice Terrace where peer mentors and SMILE students solidified friendships through shared experiences. Lauren Chapman, commented on the trip saying, "We got to ice skate and help build confidence while doing an activity outside of school". The trip was an amazing bonding experience. Chug-a-chug choo choo!

Background: Students finish the day with a group picture. Below, left to right: Quinn McCullough, Patrick Murray, and Emily Johnson take a break. Stephanie Cox balances on her ice skates with the help of Adele Rogge, and Danielle Jokerst. Kitana Mary Clare Byrne lends a hand to Kitana Nowak holds the hand of Mary Clare Byrne for stability.

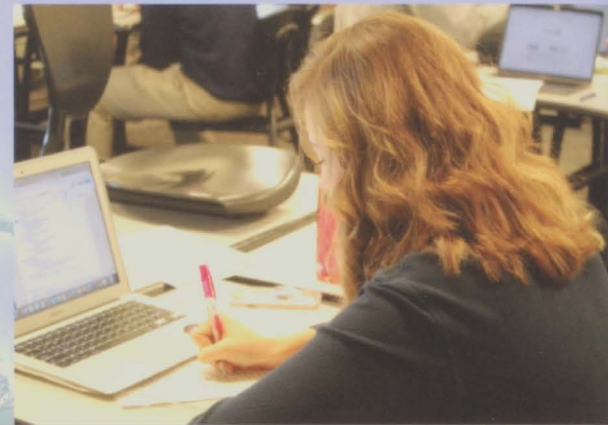


# Who Rules the

Mr. Corbin, Mr. Page, and Mrs. Wiehn form a world class social studies team who teach Geography, World History, U.S. History, AP U.S. History, and Psychology. It has been said that we cannot know where we are going if we do not know where we have been. By studying the past, historical accomplishments serve as a guide for future improvements while mistakes present opportunities to learn as we choose the type of world we will live in tomorrow. Mrs. Wiehn sums up the significance of social studies, “My favorite part of teaching is building relationships with my students and encouraging an awareness of the significant events and people that have made our country what it is!” exclaimed Mrs. Wiehn.

Right: Maggie Taylor works on an outline for U.S. History.

Below: Olivia Schnoebelen & Maranda Vonholten collaborate on a US History project together. Jack Davis & Stuart Shatto collaborate on a history assignment.



## The Wiehn Scene

Mrs. Wiehn has a unique way of sharing her knowledge of history with the world. For example, “I tell cashiers historical events that took place in the year of my total.” Mrs. Wiehn described, “One day, I gave a history lesson about the Proclamation of 1763 to the young man working the window at McDonald's.” Mrs. Wiehn says she has a call to “educate the masses about US History” although she admits that her children, Allison and Jack, become embarrassed by her history lessons.

# World? Guardians!

## Social Studies & World Language

World languages offered include Latin taught by Father Kreidler, Spanish taught by Señora Rubio, and French taught by Madame Evans. With these teachers, students experience cultural diversity. Maggie Miller described it as “entertaining to be able to read signs and such in Spanish and not having to wonder what they say.” Madelyn McKinney shared, “Spanish can help you understand the conversations that others are having around you, and it also can help you to better understand why certain English words are the way they are.” While learning a foreign language, students not only develop language communication skills but also gain a deeper understanding of the world.

Blow, left to right: Bess Echlin takes notes during French class. Lily Mccombs, Pedro Leverette, & John Kimbrough listen intently to Mrs. Evans during French class. Alex Green studies the French textbook.



### Reina Rubio

Beloved by her students, Señora Rubio came to the United States all the way from Panama. When asked why she decided to be a Spanish teacher, Señora Rubio calls it an accident. “My parish was desperately looking for a Spanish teacher two weeks before school started. I fell in love with teaching and went back to school to get my certification to teach Spanish,” she recounted. Despite the fact that learning a new language can seem impossible, she advises students to “immerse yourself in that language and be forced to speak it.” Señora Rubio’s kindness brightens up the halls, and her wisdom equips students with an extensive understanding of Spanish.

### Madame Evans

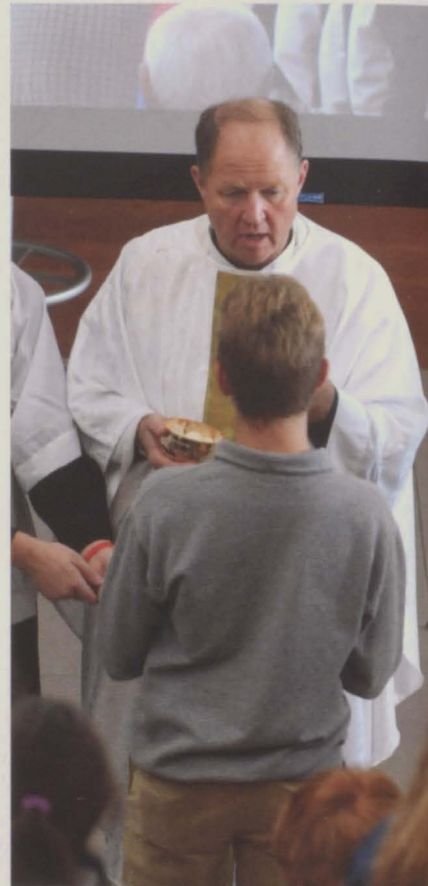
Madame Evans, a native of northeastern France, “has always loved the French language and culture.” She states, “We think we perform better at work when we tend to the other areas of our life, too,” explained Madame Evans. Madame Evans advises students to “be patient” when learning a new language as it requires time and effort. SMA is certainly blessed to have the patient and judicious Madame Evans teaching French.

# Day By Day

## Theology

As a passionately Catholic academic community, our faith intertwines our faith with our education. Additionally, Theology courses serve to refine our knowledge and bring us closer to God. Each theology teacher shares scripture, lessons, and their own experiences to create a unique learning experience.

Our diverse theology staff willingly share personal experiences that help students connect their daily lives to the Catholic teachings and grow closer to God. Mr. Sellnow approaches teaching theology from the perspective of a teenager, telling jokes and helping students feel more comfortable. Mikeala Puno said, "Sellnow is one of my favorite teachers because he knows how to make lectures fun and interesting." Another theology teacher, Sister Miriam, enriches every school day with her sense of humor and her angelic voice that touches the souls of students and staff. Mr. Watcher's reserved manner and calm nature serves as a model for all students. We are blessed by such devout teachers.



## Father Sly's Thoughts

Having theology classes at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School is not just important for our students academically but also spiritually. The word "Theology" means "the study of God." According to Father Sly, in order to understand everything around us, we must first understand the One who created it all. That is why theology has been called "the queen of the sciences." Father reminds students that we are God's children and are called to have a personal relationship with Him. Our theology classes provide us with an opportunity to know of Him but, more importantly, to know Him.

Top to bottom, left to right: An invited priest gives communion to Cooper Wiley while Fr. Kreidler prepares to give communion to the students helping one another down the learning stairs. Anthony Cooper lights a candle before Mass. Fr. Kreidler celebrates with students during an assembly. Nikki Brown, Erica Kingdon, and Ebele Echendu spend some quiet time in the chapel.



# Our Perspective

## Yearbook

Stationed in their all glass classroom, the yearbook staff diligently works to complete the yearbook spreads. Although we sneak in a few quick fun breaks, interviewing, writing, photography, and digital design consumes most of our time. As students and teachers pass by, casual glances and an occasional smile are cast at the silent students in the fishbowl. Curiosity and wonder crosses the faces of onlookers. Inside, the biggest and best kept secrets of St. Michael the Archangel painstakingly take form - idea by idea, interview by interview, story by story, page by page - until an entire chronicle of the beginning of our school and memories of our year emerge.

These students work tirelessly to identify and report the significant events of the year. The hours in the classroom are far fewer than the hours spent capturing the perfect picture, asking the right questions, and writing journalistic stories that hold the memories of hundreds of people. We visited the yearbook factory where we worked with a professional artist to design the cover and decided "In the Beginning . . ." as our theme. Selecting the name of our yearbook involved a school wide survey and several months of staff discussions. We all wanted a name that would represent SMA proudly for all the years to come. Magnum Opus means a great work and serves as a meaningful name for our yearbook as well as how we want to live our lives.

Without the perseverance and creativity of the staff, the story of our beginning would go untold.





**Nikki Brown, Editor-In-Chief**

"I joined Yearbook because I've always loved the group of people I've worked with; and to me, creating a book that captures your memories is incredibly special."



**Cheyenne Mowen, Design Editor**

"I especially wanted to join because it is my senior year, and I wanted to remember it well by being the one to edit and create the yearbook."



**Leah Stufflebean, Creative Editor**

"My favorite part about being part of the yearbook staff was getting to create a book of memories that we can look back on."



**Kayona Latimer, Marketing Editor**

"At times I wanted to quit, but I pushed through. Overall, it was a great experience and a lot of fun."



**Alexis Wynne, Lead Writer**

"I came to see my 6th hour yearbook class as family, and I have created so many friendships with the staff members that I will never forget."



**James Devero, Cover & Content Art**

"I wanted to work in a team environment where I could learn skills to use to craft a piece of SMA to keep . . . and also for the free candy."



**Nicole Reilly, Content Art**

"I joined because I love photography. I also love art and design."



Far left, top to bottom: Nicole Reilly & Patrick Loree work as a team to complete a spread. Elysa Wagner uses her photography skills to get the best perspective for a football action shot. Nikki Brown & Patrick Loree plan a photo shoot.

Above, top to bottom: Tatum Rockers & Abby Sutberry collaborate on a yearbook spread. Mrs. McKinnney, concentrates on edits. Leah Stufflebean hangs posters to inspire creativity.



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# Home Sweet Home

## Our Communities & House System

John Paul II  
Maximilian Kolbe  
Padre Pio

### Community Captains

Our community system puts students at ease by creating a welcoming environment. Our leadership structure provides seniors with the opportunity to apply leadership skills while giving to others. Our communities, JPII, Kolbe, and Padre Pio, each have six houses. Two school captains lead the school in academics, activities, and faith. Each community also has two captains and one captain per house. "I decided to become a school captain," explained Elizabeth Edmundson, "because I wanted everybody to have a place." Being a school captain helps students develop valuable leadership skills and fosters a positive environment. "Don't be afraid to challenge yourself to be the best and to take challenges head on," school captain Thomas Tyler advised aspiring succeeding senior leaders. Thanks to the time and talent of its school captains, we had excellent guidance this year.

# Love Grows Here

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School nurtures each student's relationship with Jesus Christ, creates opportunities for authentic community, fosters strong relationships, and cultivates humble leaders. The community system includes peer support and mentor interactions each day as a foundation for forming heroic disciples.

From the beginning, each student is welcomed into a community that puts others first and provides support throughout the high school years. The students bond through community, faith, and love. Our communities happened to be named after three great Catholic Saints, who exemplify traits our student strive to develop.

Community time provides students with the opportunity to escape academic stress and develop friendships across grade levels. Houses, lead by the senior House Captains and a mentor teacher, include freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. It encourages the underclassmen to learn from upperclassmen while allowing the upperclassmen to also act as servant leaders. Students enjoy games, movies, and time to share experiences. Our Communities and Houses function as a family away from home.

School captains, Elizabeth Edmunson and Thomas Tyler, and community captains, Leah Stufflebean, Alexis Demarea, Bridget Allen, Nikki Brown, Anthony Cooper, and Kyndall Penyweit. The captains salute the camera.



# John Paul II



A drive to succeed fuels the John Paul II community, especially during the community competitions held throughout the year. JPII stayed felt the glory of victory often. A few of the competitions won include the relay race, Hurricane Harvey fundraiser, Bandage Drive, Community Knock Out Competition, and Cheeto game. Captains Alexis DeMarea and Leah Stufflebean both agreed that winning the Hurricane Harvey fundraiser by bringing in mounds of pennies was their favorite memory community memory. Leading JPII to success was no easy task. Leah shared, "To be a leader you must be patient and have a loud voice." Alexis also shared, "Getting involved and making things fun through community activities, especially ones that involve food, is imperative in making house fun."

Although JPII leads the charge toward the Battle for the Guardian Sword at this time, there is still time for Kolbe and Padre Pio communities to take the lead!

(Top to bottom; left to right) Audrey Lambelle sprays whipped cream on Ms. Zarda's hairnet. Erin Kimbrell passes a candy cane to Araceli Valencia. Mr. Kirmer's house plays a game of concentration.

# Community

"A good leader is someone who puts everyone else's wishes and opinions before their own, they are always looking out for the good of the group."

-Audrey Lamble



"My advice to future leaders is that you here for a good time not a long time, make the most of it."

-Jadin Jones



# Maximilan Kolbe Co

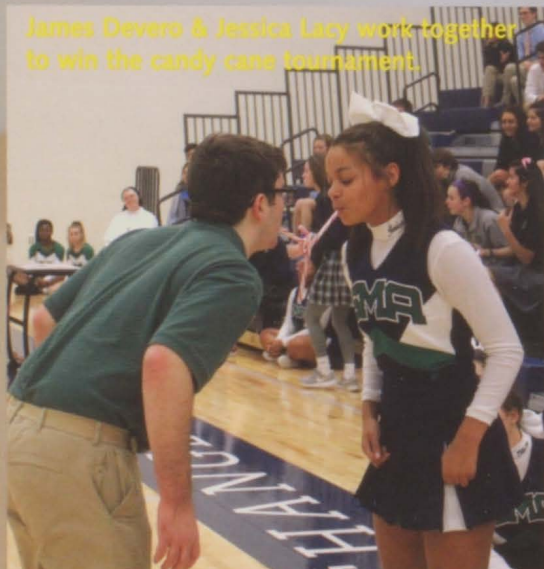
With victories in the Homecoming door decorations, volleyball game, and benchwarmer fundraiser, Kolbe came for the gold. Headed by community captains Bridget Allen and Nikki Brown, Kolbe took the lead early on but slipped to second late in second quarter. Kolbe spirit keeps them reaching for the Guardian Sword.

As a diverse, fun-filled, and energetic community, this community holds epic house parties. From cookouts on the grill to indoor s'mores campfires, Kolbe citizens know how to enjoy their house time. Music, movies, and playing games are also favorites. Kolbe always finds a way to put 110% into its community environment.

*"My advice for underclassmen is to keep a light heart and a positive attitude."*

*- Bridget Allen -*

James Devero & Jessica Lacy work together to win the candy cane tournament.



Maggie Miller & Lily McCombs lounging and laughing in the community area.



# Community

"The way I make house fun is playing movies and helping the freshman feel welcome and involved. My favorite memory is having fun at the Fall Fest and the Thanksgiving Dinner."

- Nikki Brown -



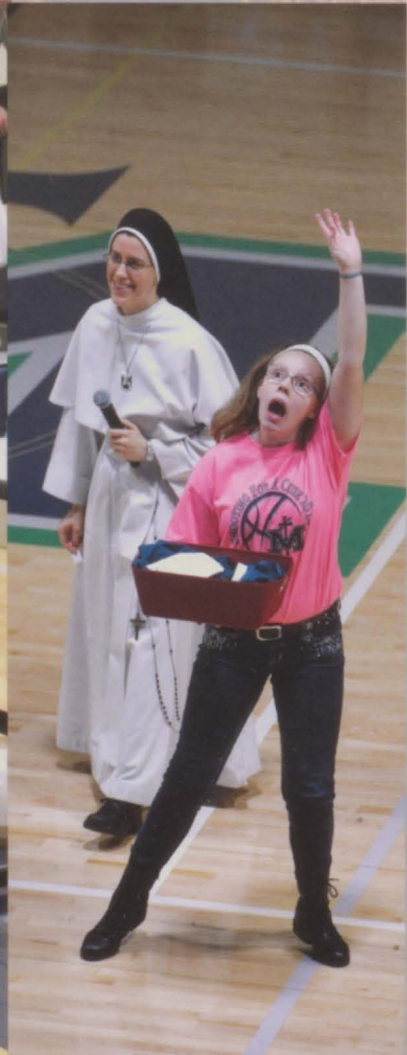


# Padre Pio

Blue and bold, the Padre Pio Community, led by captains Anthony Cooper and Kyndall Penyweit, shares a fun spirit and enjoys time playing games and practicing the SMA battle cry. In the community competitions, Padre Pio won the community flag competition and the Fall Ball Tournament, also placing second in the Community Knock Out Game. Despite all these victories, the Padre Pio Community trails in the overall community competition. But, with plenty of time to take the lead, community captain Kyndall Penyweit “strives to push everyone in the right direction.” When asked how she makes house enjoyable, Penyweit responded, “I use house as a time to let peers know they are loved and to listen to my housemates.”



Below, left to right: Mrs. Rubio adjusts her shower cap before the Cheeto toss begins. Aaron Davis carefully picks up a candy cane during the winter pep assembly relay race. Shannon Morris & Sister Merriam hype the crowd up during the winter pep assembly.



# Community



"Being a leader has taught me to listen to everyone and make a good decision."

- Zachary Bolger -



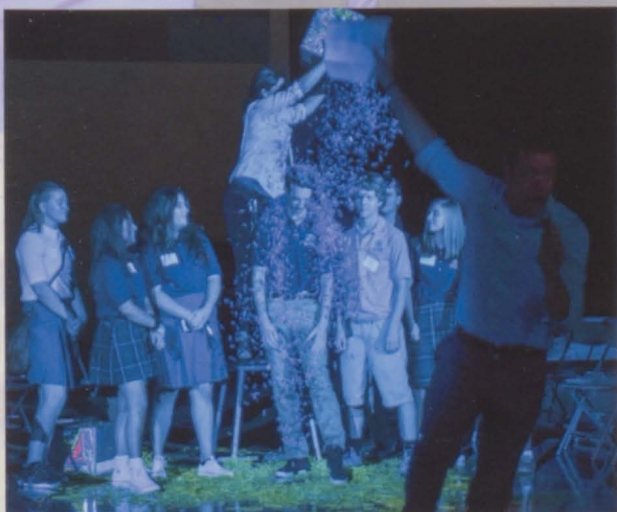
"I was inspired to be a house leader because SMA needed someone to step up and be responsible."

- Mary Clare Byrne -



"My favorite memory from house is teaching basketball tricks to the freshmen."

- John Dimarco -



# Shaping Our World

## 2017 - 2018

As school days fade one into the other and as today's news becomes tomorrow's history, memories fade. As the months and years pass, each of us will glance through the pages of this yearbook to recall a person, face, or event. Most of the pages contained herein reflect a devotion to our Catholic school community. However, the events around the world, within our nation, and even just down the street also impacted our lives. Here are just a few of the most memorable stories . . .

### Weather or Not

While Californians often feel the earth move, the risk of a significant earthquake escalated as Mexico experienced several earthquakes with the most significant ranging between a magnitude of 8.1 and 6.2, injuring thousands and toppling buildings between September of 2017 and February of 2018 (CNN, 18 Feb. 18). Mother Nature also showed her strength when several hurricanes attacked the U. S. coastline and devastated Puerto Rico. Category 4 Hurricane Harvey swept over Houston, displacing entire families and causing almost more than an estimated \$75 billion in damages. An unlucky Puerto Rico took a double hit from Hurricane Irma and then Hurricane Maria. A large percentage of the island was without power, with some areas remaining without electricity for more than six months. While debates regarding the existence of Global Warming, 2017 included a 1 trillion iceberg (about 2,200 across) breaking free from the Arctic ice shelf resulting in the cooling of ocean water (USA Today, Jul. 2017). Weather you believe in global warming or not, that is one big ice cube!

### Going Nuclear

Openly testing nuclear weapons, North Korea demanded our attention. Sending a warhead flying into the sky in November that remained airborne for almost an hour before plunging into the Sea of Japan, tested the U. S. tolerances for the display of power. Subsequently, several world leaders attempt to reach a diplomatic agreement with the North Korean leaders. The Soviet Union responded with their own display of nuclear power by releasing a video of Russian technological advances in nuclear weaponry. Maybe we better get out our history books for a refresher on the Cold War!

### A Total Eclipse

With Missouri in the path of totality, students headed outside on August 21, 2017, to see it with their own eyes with special glasses of course. It had been almost forty years (2/26/79) since the last total solar eclipse. SMA students watch from the parking lot while enjoying an ice cream treat.

## Under the Ice

While plenty of metals were earned at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, the hottest topics had nothing to do with snow or ice. Having been sanctioned for using performance enhancing drugs (doping), Russian athletes opted to compete as an independent entry known as the Olympic Athletes of Russian with a newly designed flag. Even under sanctions it was reported that two Russian athletes tested positive for banned substances. Both North and South Korea also made history when athletes from both countries competed brought home 23 medals with 9 being gold medals.

## Parkland - Sandy Hook -

What do each of these cities have in common? Tragedy.

In 2018, Parkland, Florida gain national attention as videos of students at Stoneman Douglas High School being gunned down in classrooms and hallways. Amid the political debates surrounding Constitutional Second Amendment, the surviving students, school staff, and parents channeled their grief into activism. Hashtags such as “#NeverAgain” and “#MarchForOurLives” flooded Twitter. Students also organized rallies, marches, and headed to Washington D.C. for conversations with our political leaders, including the President. Although a resolution to the gun violence in our school still eludes our leaders, the students will never give up the fight and right to feel safe at school.

## A True Marvel

As one of the most anticipated films of the year, blockbuster Black Panther hit movie screens in March of 2018, breaking box-office records. Opening weekend brought in more than \$192 million, establishing Black Panther as the fifth largest movie opening ever. Spending four weeks a number one, the movie is now the number one grossing Marvel film and the number one grossing film in the U. S. A. Featuring a culturally diverse production team and cast, the actors, royal storyline, and visual effects all received critical acclaim. (Fandango, Mar. 2018)

## A Scientific Mind Lost

In early 2018, the world mourned the loss of one of the greatest scientific minds. Stephen Hawking passed away leaving the world with a multitude of scientific work and a series of children's books featuring cosmic travels based upon scientific theory. Being diagnosed at age 21 with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), he filled his life with loving relationships, humor, and scientific research. Through his remarkable discoveries and his even more remarkable smile, he enriched our understanding of the universe and inspired millions.

# Bright Lights, Big Cities

## Fall Spirit Week & Homecoming Game

From New York City to Gotham City, our first SMA Spirit Week went above and beyond Lee's Summit, bringing cities from around the world and from fictional lands into our school. The "A Night In The City" theme gave students the chance to show off their pride for our new school all week through a variety of activities. Students decorated their House door and participated in a fun competitive relay game to earn community points. Each day students showed their school spirit by dressing according to the theme of the day - Kansas City day, Favorite City day, Tourist day and ending the week with a SMA Spirit day. Vincent Haggerty enjoyed his first high school spirit week, "it was very neat getting to dress down and show our school pride."



Above, left to right: For favorite city day, these ladies shared their school spirit by representing New York City. The tribute to the Statue of Liberty by Alexis DeMarea, Leah Stufflebean, Bridget Allen, Carsyn Koob and Lauren Chapman would make Lady Liberty proud!



Above, left to right: During the community competition, Nate Schwaller gobbles up a doughnut dangled by Dominic Setser during the relay race.



Right, left to right: Melissa Wiehn, teacher and Kolbe Community Dean, works closely with Ebele Echendu to assemble their community flag.



Above, left to right: Landon Vahle, Tyler Davis, Nate Schwaller, Brandi Simpson, Lucy O'Connor, Michael Menne, Nina Sirna, Emma O'Connor, Colleen McNamara, Clare Scheier, Mary Grace Tyler, Olivia Schnoebelen, Jenna Drake, Megan White, Alyssa Bolger, Francie Mitchell, and Margaret Banlomon dress in their best Hawaiian gear to fit the theme of the football game.

## Crowning Our First King & Queen

What an exciting time! Being a student at a new school provides students with many exciting "first" experiences. Our first Homecoming Court, King and Queen and game created excitement for the future. Gazing toward the future, O'Hara and St. Mary high schools were in the hearts of many. Thanks to our strong roots, our faith holds us secure in the future of SMA as we crown Queen Ellie Edmundson and King Zachary Bolger.

Congratulations to everyone!



### *Our First Homecoming Court*

The king & queen candidates enjoyed the opportunity to shine as each of them were presented to the Homecoming Football Game fans. Top to bottom, left to right: Zachary Bolger, Lauren Chapman, Andrew Drake, Alexis DeMarea, Spencer Gosselin, Ellie Edmundson, Nate Schwaller, Caroline Meyers, Thomas Tyler and Leah Stufflebean, each escorted by his or her parents.



# A Night in the City

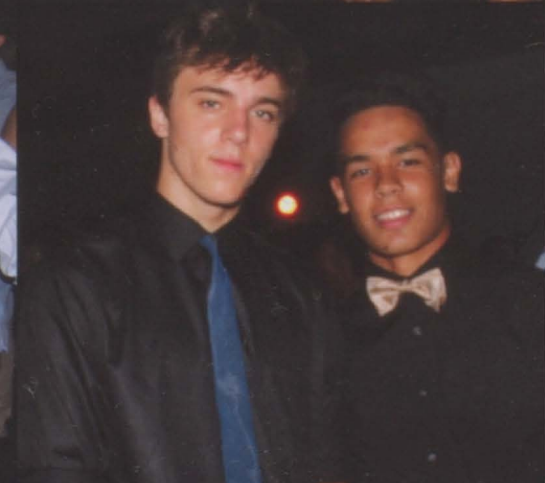
## Our First Homecoming Dance

As the year begins, students look forward to the moments they can share with their friends as well as the entire student body. The Homecoming Dance provides us with the opportunity to bond and enjoy these moments as a whole.

As the first dance at SMA, it brought together students that had only just begun thinking about how the year would go and how stressful it might be while also anticipating the fun times ahead. Putting the eclectic thoughts aside, the music and vibrant atmosphere helped us relax and be free with the closest of friends. According to Adele Rogge, "Homecoming was fun because I got to dance with my friends and see my cousin Rachel. I always enjoy dancing the night away with family and friends."

For those that stayed until the very end, happiness and amusement filled the air when the final song played, as the DJ gave in to the requests of the students, playing "Bring Me To Life" by Evanescence. Senior Tristan DeGonia, who requested the song said, "I thought it'd be funny to request a different kind of song out of nowhere".

Bottom, left to right: Tobenna Echendu shows his dance moves to an invited guest as Carl Frerichs watches the scene. Caleb Baker & John Kimbrough scout the room; Adele Rogge, Ebele Echendu & Zaine Ali take a dance break; Mya Griffin & Steven McFeders enjoy the dance beat.



# Friendships Grow

Friends are always a big part of dances, from getting ready together to going out for dinner beforehand. The best part is renewing friendships and making memories. Senior McKenzie Smith, who brought an outside friend, was happy to say, "Homecoming was great, but my favorite part was seeing my friend Tiana who I hadn't seen in a while".

There is no doubt that this "night in the city" will live on in our memories for years to come. Thank you to everyone who made this night so fun!

Top to Bottom, left to right: McKenzie Smith dances with close friend Tiana; Erica Kingdon & Michaela Davis share their dance moves; Alexis Demorea & Leah Stufflebean show off their dresses; Pat Pinkins, Pedro Leverett & Tyrez Scott pause for a "serious" group shot; Peter Whittaker pulls in Caroline Meyers and Zach Bolger for a quick picture.



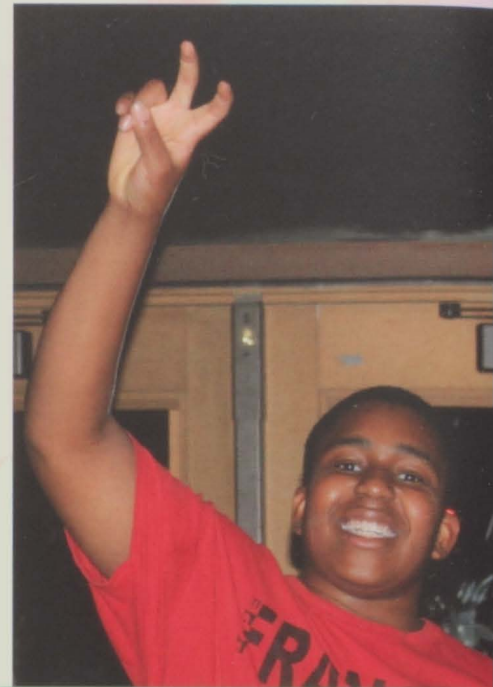


# Freshman Fun

## Fall Mixer

The Fall Freshman Mixer provided the first organized opportunity for the newly minted class to bond. The fears from the the first weeks gave way to the excitement and fun of the lively atmosphere, upbeat music, and bright neon theme. With new friendships beginning and current friendships renewed, a sense of satisfaction, confidence, and excitement the year quickly filled the room.

As the final song faded and the students prepared to leave, they took time for a few quick hugs and last moment selfies before heading home. The smiles and cheerful voices told the story of a memorable night.



## Singing Sensation

Reese Nussbeck sang the night away with her phenomenal performance of "Living on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi. Despite the large crowd, Reese insisted she was not nervous, "It wasn't the first time I've sang in front of a huge crowd. I sang at many mixers before plus my eighth grade talent show and my eighth grade graduation dance." Her incredible ballad filled the night with music.



Top to bottom, left to right: Nnamdi Echendu flashes a smile and a peace sign. Reese Nussbeck performs. Augustina Kish, Sydney Norton, Noland Vahle & Marley Vanbebber jam out. Freshmen crowd the floor dance floor. Justin Cupp, Marco Myatt & William Waris enjoy the surprise addition of balloons to the dance floor. Clare Scheier, Caleigh Gabel, Bella Hughes & Augustina Kish circle up to dance.



# Snow Much Fun

## Winter Spirit Week



What an exciting Winter Spirit Week! Fun themes days including wearing Olympic colors, dressing Like a Champion, and SMA Spirit gear. The Winter Pep Assembly capped the week off with exciting games and intense competitions. Well done Guardians!



Top to bottom: Desmond Henry & Araceli Valencia attempt a tricky trade candy cane trade during the relay race. SMA cheerleaders get the crowd going with their spirit. The boys stunt team excite the crows with their air toss of Jack Davis.



The first ever Winter Pep Assembly was a great way to kick off Senior Night! The winter sports seniors participated in fun games of Santa Hat Grab and a faculty versus seniors basketball game. The dance team showcased their show-stopping moves and the cheer and stunt team wowed the crowd with aerial stunts.

Go Guardians!



Top to bottom, left to right: Winter sport senior athletes watch as Kyndall Penyweit & Spencer Gosselin fight for the final Santa hat during a fun game. Devion Williams goes for a jump shot during the teacher versus students basketball game. Leah Stufflebean celebrates as she grabs the final Santa hat. Carsyn Koob looks for an open player to pass to as Sr. Stephen Patrick reaches for a block. Mrs. Kroening goes for 2.

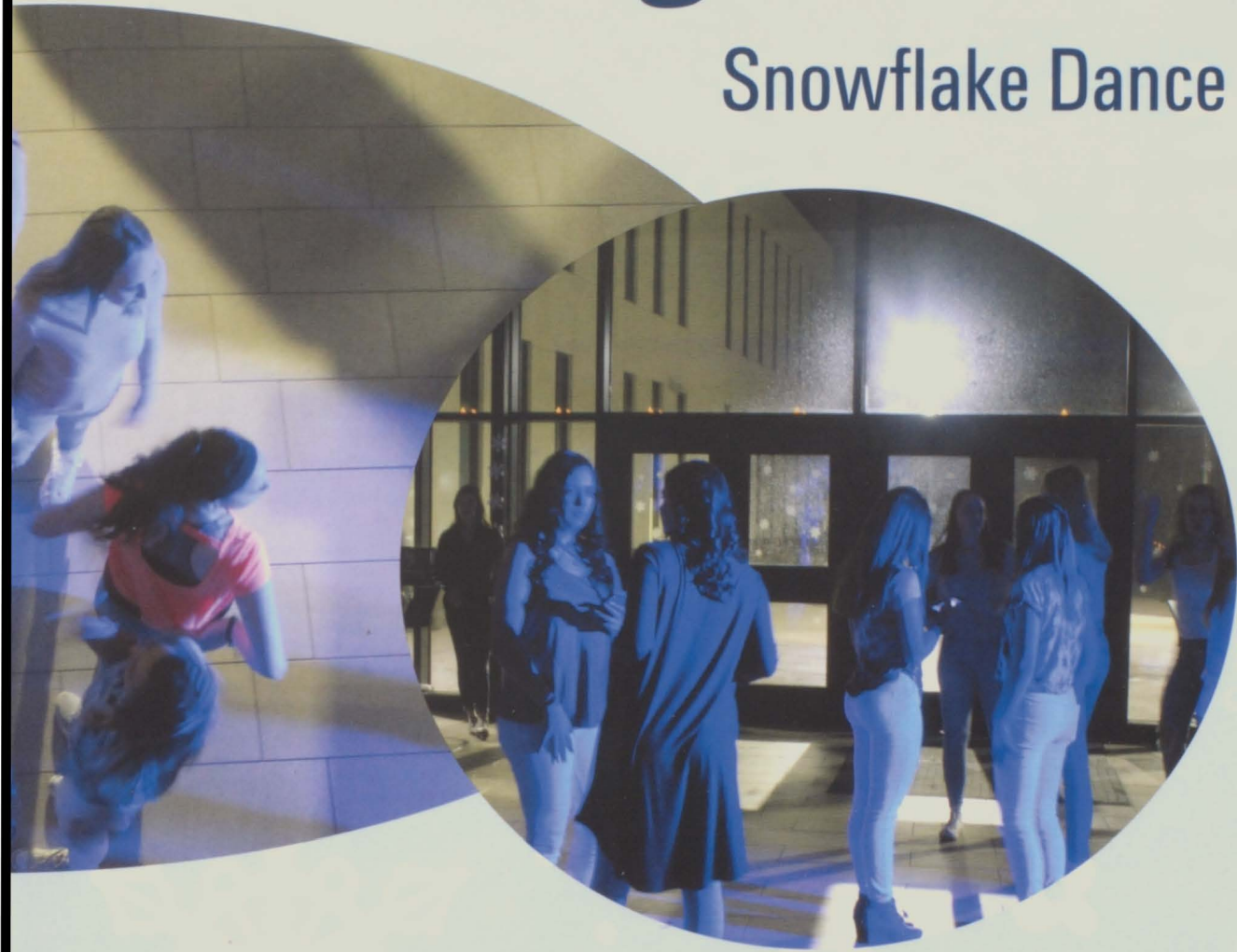
# Cold Days



Top to bottom, left to right: A freshmen groove to "Fergalicious" by Fergie. Indigo lights sweep the commons as students bid goodbye to each other. Students greet friends and snap pictures of the action. Freshmen and sophomores form a mosh pit on the dance floor.

# Warm Nights

## Snowflake Dance



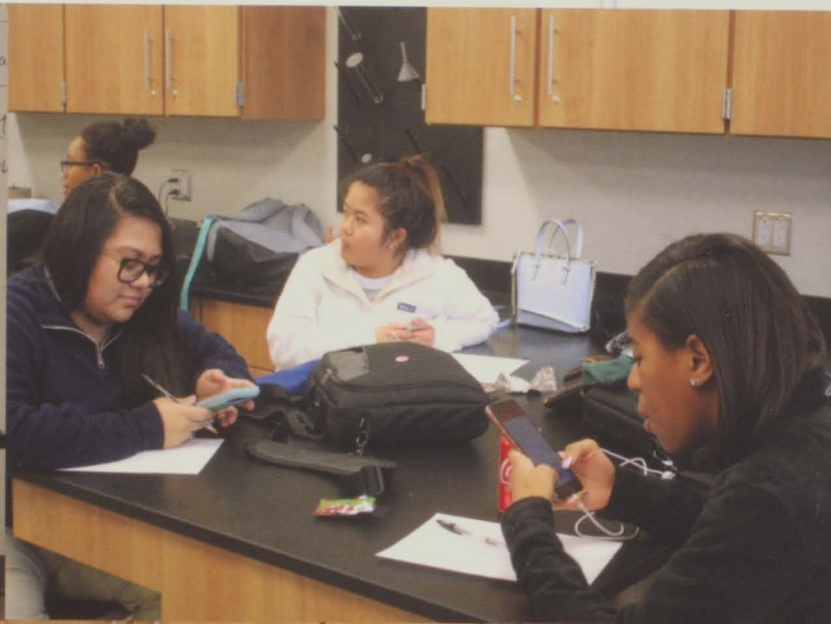
Flurries and freezing rain appropriately marked the evening of the Snowflake Dance on February 10th. The dance, open to all grade levels, took place in the SMA commons. Candlelit tables with wintry centerpieces and delicate paper snowflakes adorned the commons. An archway of blue and white balloons welcomed students who descended the stairs into a winter wonderland. As soon as students arrive, the musical hits like “Pull Me Closer” by the Chainsmokers and “Havana” by Camila Cabello filled the air. Requests from students kept the beats rolling all night. Flashing lights illuminated the excited faces of students as they danced and sang to the music. Attendees captured the excitement of the moment with selfies or shots of the party scene. Freshmen and sophomores, eager to make more high school memories, flocked to the night of fun while a few seniors and juniors helped to set the tone for the dance. Despite the bad weather and early end, the Snowflake Dance broke the ice/ leaving warm feeling in their hearts.

# The Quizzards

## Academic Knowledge Bowl

The Academic Knowledge Bowl students meet every Thursday in Mr. Loecker's room to test their store of knowledge and work together to over difficult questions. Despite the stereotype that this club is for the brainiest students, Ebele Echendu said, "It is more about remembering random facts and equations rather than building things up." She advised aspiring competitors to "absorb as much information as you can in high school." Zach Bolger described his approach as "buzzing in frequently because you miss one hundred percent of the shots you don't take." Nikki Brown said, "I prepare for a competition by practicing quiz questions with Mr. Loecker and familiarizing myself with math, science, art, and literature."

Top to bottom, left to right: Mr. Loecker applauds a student for answering a tricky question correctly. Diana De La Cruz, Mikaela Puno & McKenzie Smith wait for the next question. Zaine Ali, Justin House and Josh Rogge discuss the answer to a question. Jazmin Ayala, Ebele Echendu, & Adele Rogge ponder a physics question.





Top, left to right: The team lines up for a round of shooting at the 15 m line. Elysa Wagner records her partner's score.

# Bad to the Bow

## Archery

From experienced to amateur archers, the club provides students with the opportunity to embrace an inner Artemis. Elizabeth "Libby" Novak, club founder, participated in the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) at Our Lady of the Presentation from fourth through seventh grade.

The archery team has many tips and tricks in order to be successful. Jackson Washeck, who began archery during fourth grade, explained that "it always helps to have a song stuck in your head so you don't overthink things when shooting." Elena Hobbs also share, "Confidence is a must have," as one of the most important parts of shooting.

Bottom left to right: Alexis Wynne returns the arrows to their quiver. Elena Hobbs & Kitana Nowak examine their target while Connor Fris checks his score.







# St. Michael Morsels

## Baking Club

What a sweet club! The President of Pastries, Mary Rogge, started the club because she has a passion for baking and wanted to share it with others. Though some joined to continue their passion, others came to simply try something new or perhaps taste something good.

This delectable club had a tasty bake sale on Fat Tuesday, combining both Mardi Gras and St. Valentine themed treats. These “whisk-taking” bakers delectable endeavors include puppy chow, chocolate dipped pretzels, cupcakes, gluten free brownies, chocolate chip muffins, loft house sugar cookies, and much more!



Mrs. Taylor, the adult in charge, enjoys baking at home and even owned a cupcake shop.

Vice President of Pastries, Libby Novak whisked away before her photo could be snapped!



President of Pastries, Mary Rogge



Deputy of Donuts, Chi Chi Echendu



Colonel of Cake, Allie Moreno



Sergeant of Sprinkles, Nicole Reilly

# Bam Bam Squad

## Drumline



The bam bam squad inspired school spirit every time they performed. Although officially referred to as the Drumline, Mrs. Wiehn coined “bam bam squad” nickname that continues to be used by the cheerleaders and those who often work closely with the drumline team.

Mr. Sellnow leads the spirit charge with humor and rhythm. Continuing his lively style from O’Hara to SMA, he inspired everyone to get into the groove. He shared that his favorite part of heading drumline is seeing his students learn and improve their skills.



The team not only gives to the SMA crowd but also to the Catholic community by performing for the students at Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic School. The elementary and middle school students enjoy the added excite the high school drumline adds to their pep rally.

Playing at pep rallies and athletic events, they never failed to ensnare the fans and get the crowd cheerleaders pumped!



Left, top to bottom: Bass drummers Emily Rotter, Jazmin Ayala, and Nicole Reilly provide the backbeat. Drumming up spirit in the SMA gym (or as Mr. Sellnow would say, “The Jim”). Cameron Leathers, Nicole Reilly, Emilee Byrne, Elijah Galbearth, Jonathan Hollo, and Mr. Sellnow inspire the football crowd.

Right: Mr. Sellnow conducts the bam bam squad with STYLE!



# More Than A Game

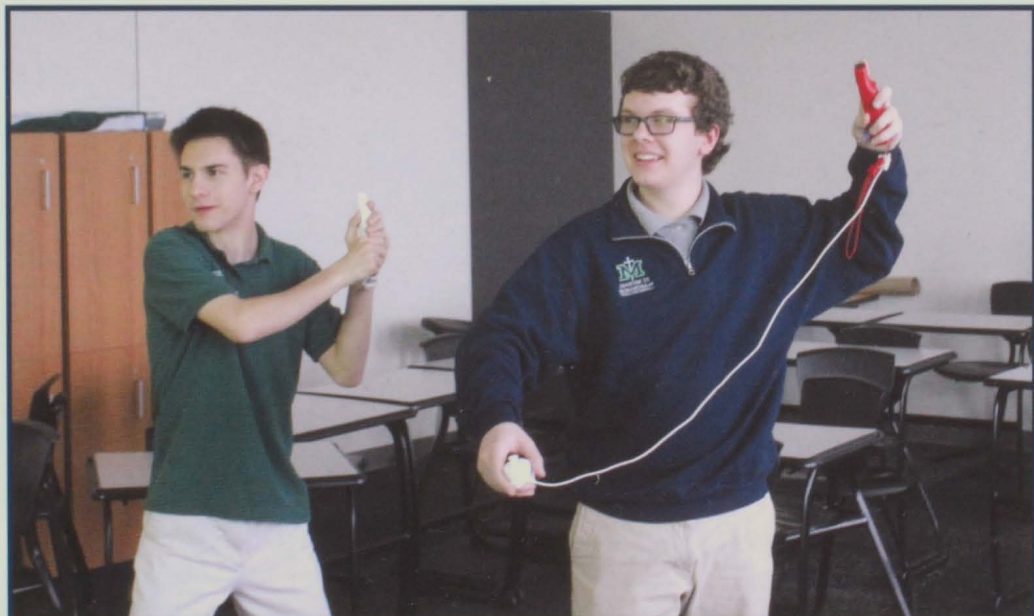
## Gaming Clubs

### Strategy Club Dungeons & Dragons

So many games, so little time!

Some say it takes skill while others say it is luck, but all these gamers agree that these clubs are pure fun! These clubs offer members the opportunity to de-stress and participating in a shared love for strategizing for the win. While most of these gamers seem to be camera shy, Jack Gearhart and Jonathan Hollo show off their virtual skills.

Plan, attack, and conquer - its all in fun!



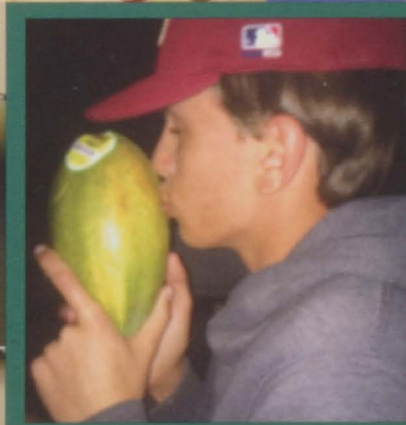
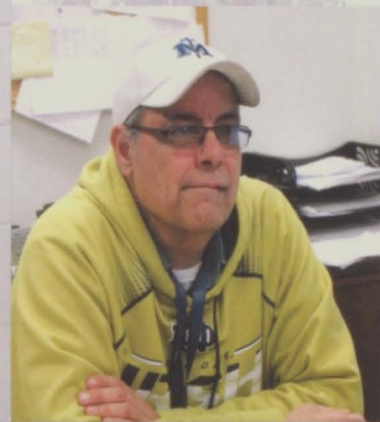
# Eat, Sleep, Recycle

## Green Team

Green Team members assemble during Academic Time to discuss how to reduce our carbon footprint. The first act included placing recycling bins around the school and making signs giving tips on how to live a cleaner life and how to keep our school clean. When asked why he joined, Nate Schwaller responded, "It's great to know we are making a difference in our own school!"

Recycle on Green Team!

Top to bottom: Alexis DeMaria sorts plastics into the recycling bin Mr. Fitzgerald contemplates global warming. Ben Palacios, Colleen McNamara, Lucy O'Connor & Abby Salanski place recycling bins around the school. Seniors Nate Schwaller, Michael Menne, James Devero, Kyndall Penyeit, Audrey Lamble, Alexis DeMaria, Patrick Loree, Lauren Chapman, Carsyn Koob, Bridget Allen, & Leah Stufflebean gather for a photo. Carsyn Koob returns a recycling bin to the hallway



**Tweet This!** Green team member Michael Menne can be seen showing his dedication to green team through social media. Where he shared, "1000 retweets and I'll marry this papaya." Sadly, he did not get enough retweets. His papaya has moved on to greener life.

# Around the World

## International Club

Ever wondered if Swiss Cheese actual comes from Switzerland? Every wondered if pizza is actually Italian? Ever wondered if French Toast is actually a French breakfast food? If so, then the International Club members know the answers!

Making the world beyond our city, state, and country a little less mysterious, these students share a curiosity for the world around them. Exploring a range of cultures from the Philippines to Mexico club members create cultural experiences that include pictures, music, art, language, food, and more from each featured country. Led by advisers, Madam Evans and Senora Rubio welcome all students. Learning and exploring through genuine experiences open students to a world of possibilities and helps when considering future travel plans or pursuit of international studies.



Meet the advisers, Madam Evans & Senora Rubio.



Top to bottom: Tasty treats prepared to a cultural experience. Madeline Jackson immersing herself in gastronomical delights. Alexis Pinkney-Anderson & Adele Rogge have fun sharing their presentation about Sweden.

# Know, Love, Serve

## National Honors Society

Our motto, "Know Truth, Love God, Serve Others," provides the foundation for the direction of the SMA chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS). Sister Mary Cecilia challenges the student members to find ways to honor the school motto while fulfilling the NHS National Constitution. Educational innovator and author Becky Brodin explains, "Leadership is not wielding authority, it is empowering people to do great." Our NHS students strive to fulfill this definition while maintaining high academic achievements and serving others.

In the beginning, these students started off by achieving service goals by raising over \$1,000 and collecting countless food and personal items during the Beans for Jeans charity drive for the Harvesters Food Network and the Rachel House. These charities were selected as way to give back to the local community. The club also established the first

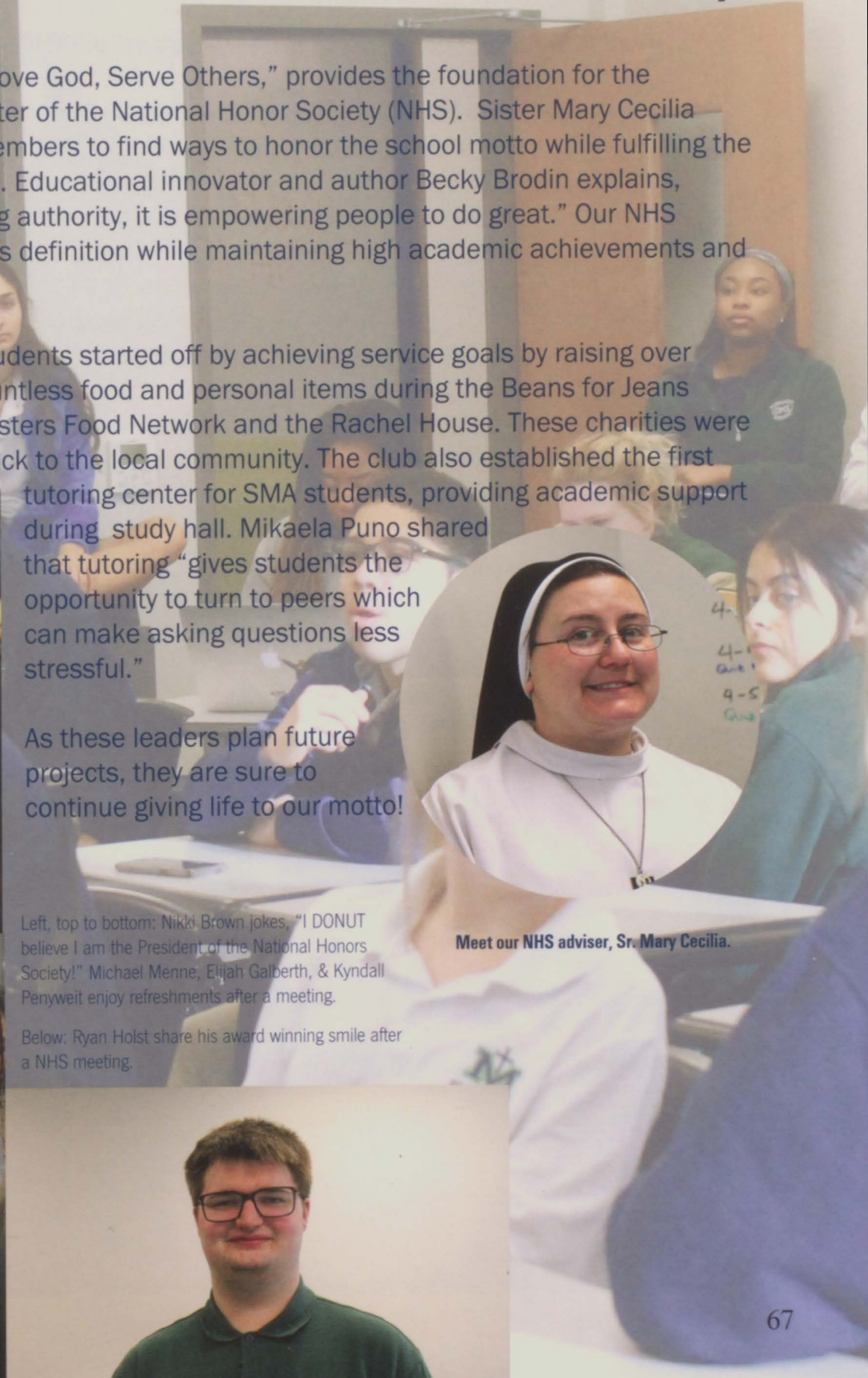
tutoring center for SMA students, providing academic support during study hall. Mikaela Puno shared that tutoring "gives students the opportunity to turn to peers which can make asking questions less stressful."

As these leaders plan future projects, they are sure to continue giving life to our motto!

Left, top to bottom: Nikki Brown jokes, "I DONUT believe I am the President of the National Honors Society!" Michael Menne, Elijah Galberth, & Kyndall Penyweit enjoy refreshments after a meeting.

Below: Ryan Holst share his award winning smile after a NHS meeting.

Meet our NHS adviser, Sr. Mary Cecilia.



# Guardian Gears

## Robotics

The Guardian Gears the robotics team experienced an outstanding first year!

Building a robot is only a fraction of the tasks and skills involved in this tech savvy club. Members spend countless hours planing, constructing, wiring and coding the bot, even battling an ice storm to meet a deadline! Mr. Kuckelman leads the team and expects dedication, remarking that despite the weather conditions being so cold the whole team stayed until 11:00pm to meet the competition deadline. "Even though we were scrambling to finish, the feeling that robot was finally completed was incredible". Competing at the Heartland Regional in March, this team battled it out for 5th place out of 48 teams and earned the Rookie Inspiration award. Well done gentlemen!



### One-on-One with the Mr. Kuckelman Advisor:

#### Reflection on the year:

"I really enjoy engineering and seeing students get interested in robotics. My favorite memory is getting to the Heartland Regionals where we took 5th place, which was higher than we thought possible."

#### Message to the seniors:

"We couldn't have done it with out you. We wouldn't have made it with out your experience and help. I wish you all the best in the world."

#### Looking toward the future:

"To grow the number of members and increase girls' interest in robotics."



# Dazzle The Crowd

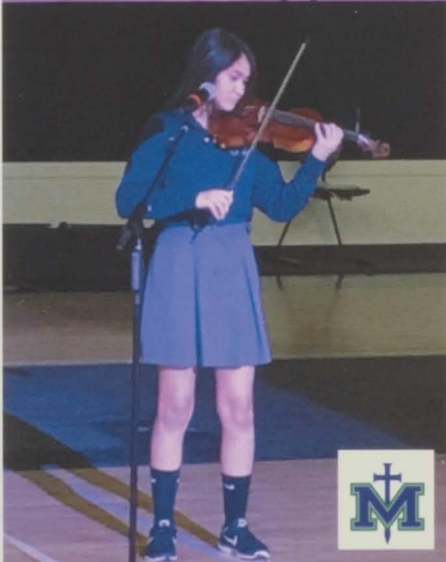
## SMA's Got Talent

There's no denying the talent of our students!

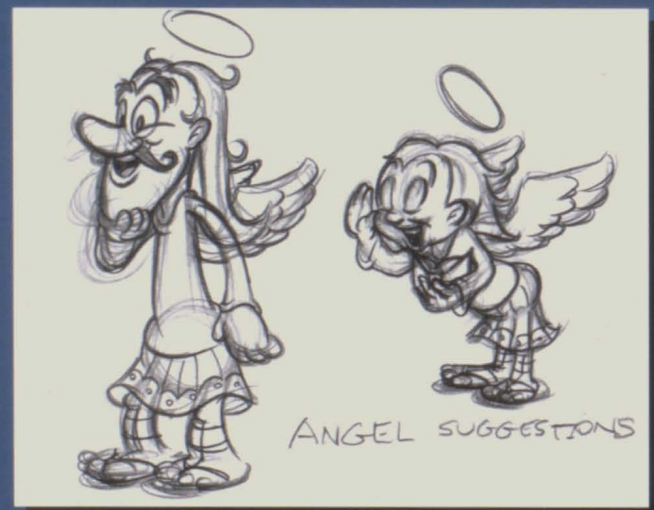
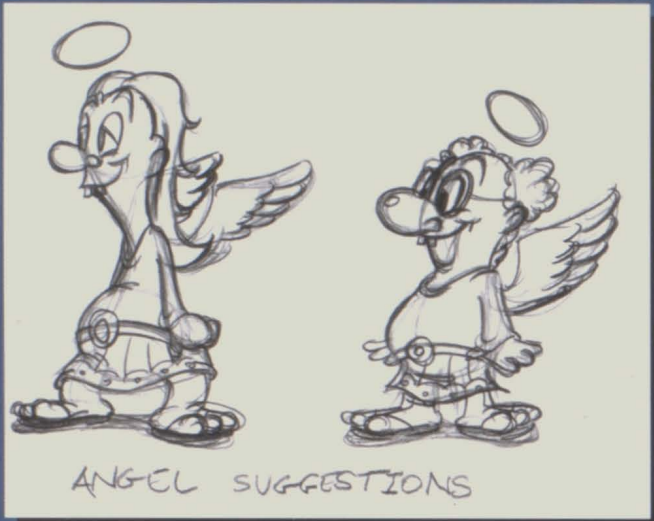
At the *SMA's Got Talent* show in March, students showed off their amazing talents. There are so many talented students! A couple of memorable moments include Quinn McCullough's cover of Vince Gill's "Don't Let Our Love Start Slippin' Away" and Caleigh Gabel's violin performance. Melissa Wiehn commented, "I'm so glad I didn't put socks on with my shoes this morning, because they would have been knocked off!"

Further proof of student talent was witnessed earlier in March at the Kansas City District Solo/Small Ensemble festival, where music students perform in front of judges and are rated on a scale of one to five with a rating of one being *Exemplary*. Our four Guardians, Mary Clare Byrne, Emilee Byrne, Lorien Frey and Caleigh Gabel, each performed a solo and all received a one. What an achievement!

Top to bottom: Mary Clare Byrne beautifully performs her solo. Caleigh Gabel skillfully plays the violin. Emilee Byrne amazes the crowd as she performs her solo. The award winning Guardian Gears team - Cameron Leathers, Elijah Galbearth, John Flucke, Justin House, Joshua Rogge, Marco Myatt, Tim Lakin, Zaine Ali, Jaylen Malone, Nicholas Leete, & John Samson - receives recognition.







## SMA Gets Animated

### THE SMA CARTOON CORNER

Under construction not only refers to the opening of our school but also refers to a project that few in Catholic schools have ever taken on before. James Devero conceptualized and worked on an animated cartoon for the St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School, starring the school mascot, Mike the pup.

Within a few months, this cartoon concept attracted the attention of several of the most talented artists, eager to use and showcase their talents.

Currently in the character design and storyboard stages, this project will soon find its way onto the school website as a kick-starter for other creative projects to come.



Why did you want to start the SMA Cartoon Corner?

"I wanted to start a club revolving around this project so I can give aspiring animators a chance to work on an official cartoon, with methods used by professional studios."

# Let's Have Some Fun

"I was at Quick Trip and a guy in a lobster costume ran in, took all the fish products, and ran out screaming."

## Stories

"During church in elementary school, I went to the bathroom and accidentally flooded the toilets."

"After telling a bad joke one time, I dropped and broke the microphone I was using."

## And

"During the first few months of school, one of my friends fell down the learning stairs."

## Random

## Quotes

"One time, during a game of tag, I tried to jump down an entire staircase to get away from the person chasing me. It did not go well."

## Memories

## Movies We Watch



"My favorite movie I watched over the school year is Logan. I liked the plot and character development. I also liked that it added backstory for the main character."

"The best movie I watched this school year was Loving Vincent. I really liked the story and the oil painting art style."



## Games We Play

"I've been playing a lot of Fortnite lately."

CONRAD FRISS

"I've been playing Rainbow Six: Siege recently."

LUKE KUESTERMEYER

"I've put a lot of time into Monster Hunter World since it came out a few months ago."

TIM LAKIN

"The game I've mainly been playing lately is Shadow of the Colossus."

ALEK SMITKA

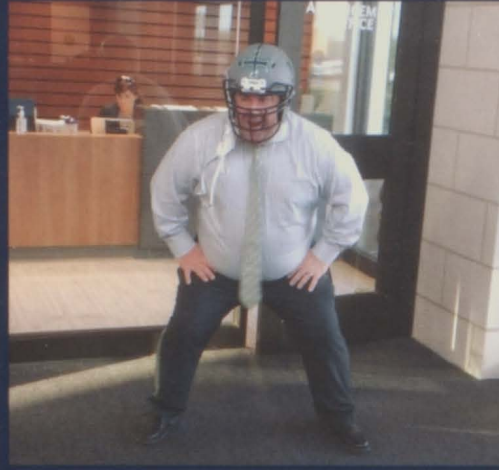
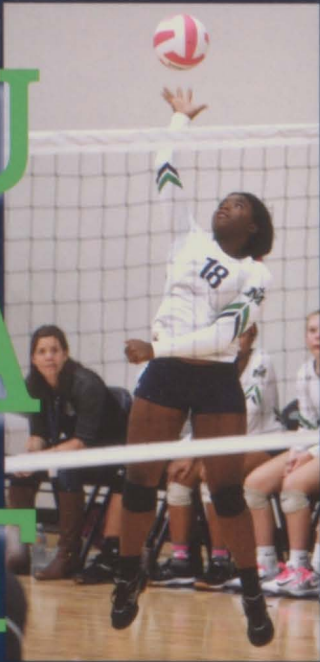
"Fire Emblem Echoes is about all I've been playing lately."

PARKER LAPLANTE

## TV Shows We Watch



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# A T H L E T I C S



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# Order on the Court

## Boys Varsity Basketball

With 638 career victories and a long track record of success, Coach Scanlon brings a high profile to our basketball team. Scanlon led the boys to nine victories this season. Basketball player Malik Cherry shared, "Being a young team, it was a learning experience for everyone. Everyone had to embrace different roles for the first time and it was hard. But we have taken this and learned from it."

Highs and lows are all a part of the season. Throughout the season, "we talked about it, figured out the problems, and did what we had to do," reflected Steven McFeders. Pedro Leverette explained, "We had the most talent, we just could not put it all together every game." Savaughn Carter remembers the fun as "the home games because I just like playing in front of my home crowd."

These Guardians had a fun and thrilling season!

Coach Scanlan bellows encouragement from the sidelines. Pedro Leverette getting ready to block his opponents shot.





Above, left to right: Ben Palacios dribbles past a defender. Steven Mcfeders scans the court and prepares to launch a pass. Landon Vahle directs his teammates on the court.

Left: Benjamin Palacios uses patience as he dribbles the ball down court.



Above: Malik Cherry smiles as he is introduced during regionals.

Right: Malik Cherry takes control of the ball as he jumps high for as he makes a jump shot.



Above: Pedro Leverette gets pumped up before the regionals match.

Below, left to right: Steven Mcfeders takes a pass from a teammate. Pedro Leverette blocks a pass. Savaughn Carter skillfully weaves around the defense.



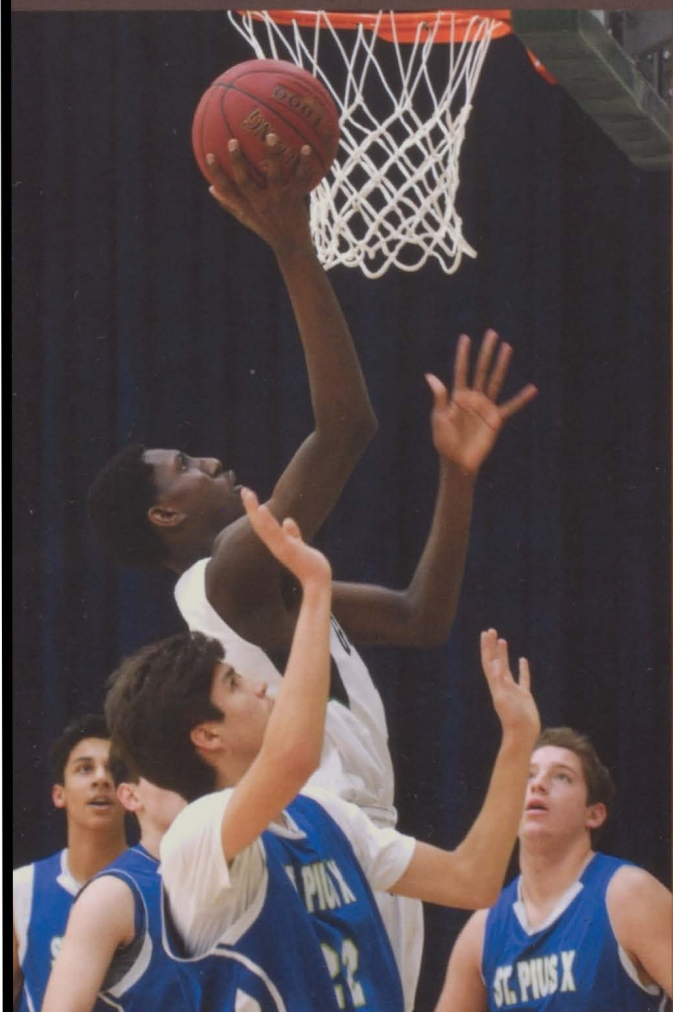
# A Slam DUNK

## Junior Varsity & Freshman Basketball

With several athletes playing on both the JV and Freshman teams, Coach Kirmer enjoyed mixing it up. He shared, "The most memorable game for me with the JV team was when I got a call two minutes before the game, telling me that three of my freshman had to play JV tonight because we had 3 people sick on Varsity." No matter which athletes were on the court, all three teams dedication to success could be seen on their faces. One game that stands out is the triple overtime win against St. Thomas Aquinas.

Coach Kirmer sums up the season saying, "It's a long season, the boys did a great job of fighting through the year." Kirmer went on to say he learned to manage and have some fun, "The boys brought great chemistry to the court which made my job easier to coach them."







# Reaching High Girl's Basketball

Being on a team means having the willingness to give it your all and the openness to work as a team and these athletes have these qualities and more!

Placing second in the District tournament in the first year of competition, these ladies look forward to next season. When asked about coaching, Coach Holden said, "The season was really fun this year, having the chance to start new rituals and traditions at the new school. Even though the season was rough at the start, the girls were optimistic and ended the year great!"



**Alexis Demarea**

Class: Senior

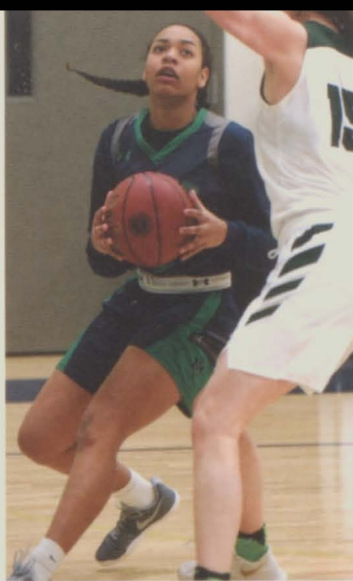
Team Number: 22

Total rebounds: 122

Total points: 202



Top to Bottom: Clare Scheier sinks a shot. Nina Sirna, Andie Lanpher, Abby Salanski, Alexis DeMarea, Carsyn Koob, Lucy O'Connor, Colleen McNamara, Audrey Maglich, Clare Scheier, Jessie Lanpher & Alex Pocock get hyped up before the game. Head Coach Kroening calls the plays from the sidelines. Madeline Jackson takes control as Bea Mitchell guards her teammate.



**Nina Sima**  
 Class: Junior  
 Team number: 1  
 Total rebounds: 53  
 Total points: 103



Top to Bottom, left to right: Abigail Salanski fights for the ball with determination. Audrey Maglich moves in for a layup. Carsyn Koob & Andie Lanpher have some pre-game fun. Andie Lanpher dribbles the ball down court. Andie Pocock skillfully receives a pass. Justine Lanpher maneuvers around a pick. Bella Hughes quickly slides past the opponent for 2 points. Carsyn Koob sets up for a pass. Francie Mitchell moves in for shot.

# Guardian Spirit!

## Cheer Team &

### The Bows

This year, the school is new and the colors have changed, but the spirit and traditions remain the same!

Coached by Mrs. Wiehn, the Guardian Cheer Team inspired school pride and spirit at all sporting events. From pep rallies to games, both home and away, the bleacher bums could count on our cheerleaders to bring spirit, stunts, and smiles.

The squad came together early, attending a cheer camp at William Jewell College over the summer where our cheerleaders showed school spirit and teamwork while learning new cheers and creating memories.

The team expressed gratitude for Coach Weihn, her unflinching guidance, and delicious snacks. The first year of Guardian cheer created memories of high flying stunts, school pride, spirit filled cheers, and lots of fun!



# Let's Hear It!

## Stunt Squad

### The Bros

Though the Cheer Team spent the fall showing off **GIRL POWER**, the roll out of the basketball season brought the Stunt Team onto the court too!

Comprised of junior and senior boys not committed to other winter sports, their strength sets the foundation for unbelievable pyramids and aerial fliers who soar. Thanks to the power and skill of the Stunt Squad, creative, crazy, and even some exotic stunts were added to the cheer performances. From the first game to the final extravaganza the stunts and formations never failed to

impress!

Left to Right, top to bottom: Marley Vanbebbber & Jessica Lacy are supported by a strong stunt group. Ashley Ault & Bridget Allen nail it during a pep rally. The fliers & their stunt groups get the student body going during a pep rally with a performance. The stunt team toss Michael Menne into the air to end the stunt with a bang. Kyndall Penyweit gets loud as she cheers on the basketball team. The teams preform a stunt during a basketball halftime. The cheer squad ends the PYT performance by throwing poms into the air as Jack Davis prepares to soar. The stunt team shares their spirit & love for the crowd.



# May The Course

The Force was with our Cross Country team as they raced toward the finish line, earning team and individual recognition. Both the boys and girls teams placed second at Districts and qualified for State. Zhenya Johnson, Caroline Meyers, Haley Niner, Christopher Pouncil, Dylan Seese, and Grace Wheeler each received an All-District award. Grace Wheeler also received All-Conference recognition, and both Zhenya Johnson and Dylan Seese received Honorable Mention All-Conference.

The force was especially strong within senior Caroline Meyers. She began the season with the goal of being one of the top 5 runners at State. She realized that goal when she came in 5th at the state meet with a time of 19:59. When asked what was going through her head as she stood on the podium with her award she said, "It was kind of sad since it's my senior year and it was the last time I'd be able to run at a high school cross country meet." Caroline also earned All-Metro, All-State, District Champion, and First Team All-Conference.

Congratulations to our entire team!

Right: Seniors Adele Rogge, Sam Spinner, Haley Niner, Caroline Meyers, Alexis Demarea, Thomas Tyler, and Dylan Seese receive roses in recognition of their final year with the team.



# Be With You

## Cross Country



Left: Alek Smitka, Dylan Seese, Joshua Oberkrom, Zhenya Johnson, Christopher Oberkrom, Thomas Tyler, Christopher Pouncil, and Christopher Rizzi start the race with determination.



Left: Shannon Morris leads the pack as Sam Spinner, Caroline Meyers, Adele Rogge, Mary Rogge, Nina Sirna, Sam Spinner, and Grace Wheeler, follow close behind. Ebele Mgbemena cheers them on.

Below: Our underclassmen run across the bottom of the page: Christopher Oberkrom; Joshua Oberkrom; Helen Sparling; Christopher Rizzi; Mary Rogge; Ebele Mgbemena; Grace Wheeler; Emma Foley; Jessica Lacy; Jack Davis; Alek Smitka; Nina Sirna; Christopher Pouncil; Zhenya Johnson.



# Dancing On Point

## Dance Team

Great things come in small packages, and the Dance Team proves it!

With only six dancers, the team showed up to perform, parading what it means to be a proud Guardian.

The dance girls Ashley Ault, Ebele Mgbemena, Katherine Mersman, Faliene Loftis, Elizabeth Echlin, and Carly Cook perform at the Homecoming game.



The team attended dance camp over the summer which brought the new squad together as they learned creative dance techniques and got their first team bonding experience. It was a memorable time for Ashley Ault: "It was a great way to start off with the SMA Dance Team, and everyone had a lot of fun!"

The team took the steps they learned and executed a great show filled with enthusiasm and style, not to mention lots of smiles! Thanks to Coach Loftis, the Dance Team delivered show-stopping performances. What a way to start our school off on the right foot!

## PRETTY IN PINK



Clad in pink attire, the dance team step onto the platform and smile at the audience while strutting their stuff during the "Pink it Out" games. As dance member Carly Cook states, "I loved the excitement that I felt when we stepped onto the stage to perform. I knew that no matter who wins or loses, we would have a memorable time".

The dancers Carly Cook, Elizabeth Echlin, Ebele Mgbemena, Ashley Ault, & Katherine Mersman kick high during their big number.

Top dancer Bess Echlin leaps over Katherine Mersman during a grand finale.

# And Now, A Word From Our SPONSOR



Majoring in dance at UMKC and teaching at various dance studios for two decades, Mrs. Loftis is perfect for training the dance team now.

Mrs. Loftis herself shared, "We attended NDA camp in Kansas City. The girls took 3rd place in the Small Team Division." She has had great faith in her talented team, despite its small size. "This team will always hold a special place in my heart, and they know why. We saw ourselves as Little but Mighty."



Decked out in their glittery navy and emerald uniforms, the dance team hops to the beat.



Katherine Mersman, Ebele Mgbemena, and Elizabeth Echlin pose for a picture.



The SMA Dance Team performs during the Fall Spirit Week Assembly.



# New School - One

A new school, one team and the same dream - victory. The spiritual victories and camaraderie built far outlast any traditional victory on the field. True victory lies in the times they prayed, practiced, and competed together. The football team serves

to unite the student body through school spirit which inspired them to play their best each week. Jacob Edmundson expressed frustration with the lack of scoreboard triumphs, but cheerfully stated, "There is more to come next year!"



O'Hara graduate Brett Hughes continues the family tradition of cheering on the football team. His unwavering spirit for Celtic and Guardian athletics makes him essential to the football sidelines!

Left to right, Guardian football players make an impressive tackle. Dominic Setser powers forward for *the first ever Guardian Touchdown!*



# Team - Same Dream

## Football

Anthony Cooper summarizes his senior athletic experiences, "The football season wasn't what we hoped for, but it was a way to lay the foundation for the future Guardians who will wear the colors with pride and passion."

The coaching staff and players all expressed one sentiment as they headed to the locker room after the final game of the seasons, "Go Guardians!"



Left to right: Andrew Drake use patience an skill to setup for a pass.Determination and sweat of playing hard are seen on Tyrez Scott as he heads to the sidelines. There is no spirit like SMA spirit, and it shows in the faces of this cheering crowd!



# Tee Time

## Girls Golf

A lack of numbers was not a lack of talent for our first Girls Golf team. Vera Bohning, freshmen and sole SMA competitor, surpassed all odds and captured 12th place and was named as a Missouri All-State Athlete for Class 1! She represented SMA well as one of only four freshmen playing in the state tournament. Coach Sellnow shared, "The proudest moment as a coach today was that Vera was positive all day, kind to her playing partners, and kept a smile on her face all day!"





Vera Bohning, taking a swing at the golf ball, hitting it high at her match in September.



# Kicking, Screaming



# & Winning

## Boys Soccer

### Teamwork From The Beginning

As the first SMA boys team to clinch the title of District Champions, they know the value in keeping their spirits high and being rooted in their faith.

With only one senior, several freshman and a score of sophomores and juniors, the boys soccer team was solid from the start. Josh Oberkrom proudly stated, "Everyone gets along nicely, and I have made many friends playing soccer." He also mentioned how well the team played together throughout the season and looks forward to the upcoming years.

From what we see, they will have many great seasons ahead of them!

Left to right: Stuart Shatto fights his opponent for the ball as teammate Luke Banderas prepares for a pass; Goalie, Vincent Haggerty, defends the goal with a powerful kick; Daniel Jackobe uses his head to deflect the ball; Will Waris sneaks up to snatch the ball from behind his opponent while Daniel Jackobe assists with a block; Joshua Oberkrom terrifies his rival with a winning scream.



# Catching A Win

## Softball

"The team that plays the best game of catch always wins the game," Coach Brian Taylor reminded his players as yet another practice concluded. With a sense of community and a desire to succeed the softball team kept the game going both at home and away. At their first tournament on August 19th, the Lady Guardians beat Versailles 14-3 despite a rough season. The team added another victory over Ruskin on September 27th and again over Raytown South on the 29th. Throughout the season, the team faced hard losses and disappointment, but the spirit of the team kept them going.



## Listen up Ladies...

"Don't let yourself down when you make a bad play. Learn from your bad plays because that bad play can turn into a great play."

Danielle Jokerst

"Be leaders. Be someone you'd want to look up to when you were little."

Ellie Edmundson

"Always give it your all and have a good time because there are always girls looking up to you and coaches looking to you to be a good example to others."

Bridget Allen

"Don't let everyone tell you different, just build the relationship."

Jessie Lanpher



Middle Right: The coaches greet Olivia Schnoebelen on her way to the dugout. Far Right: Mary Clare Byrne pitches.



Top Left: Maranda Vonholten and Alex Pocock jog back to the dugout after the final out. “My favorite memory from the softball season was when I almost dropped a ball in right field but ended up catching it,” said Vonholten.

Bottom Left: Senior Captain and catcher Ellie Edmundson receives a high-five after walking. “Softball has taught me to be patient,” Edmundson commented. “In the end, everything works out.” Bottom Right: The Lady Guardians keep warm by running in between innings.

## Season Snapshots...

“My favorite part of playing softball is when I work hard to achieve a certain goal, and then reach the goal. Also that I have people around me to help me get better.”

Anna Strobl

“I will miss the seniors because they were always so kind. They made me feel like I belonged.”

Laney Cole

“My favorite memory from the softball season was Coach Taylor accidentally running over an opossum on the way to a game in Warrensburg. We were slightly doubtful of his driving skills after that.”

Alexis Wynne



# Eat My Bubbles

## Girl's Swim & Dive

In the words of Tatum Rockers, “swim is an abusive relationship,” and Margaret Banlomon described the worst part of swim as “the pain you get after practice.” As a brutal sport, swim requires its athletes to be strong, deft, and conditioned. Despite the physical stress of the sport, the swim and dive team highlighted the first year with lots of encouragement, teamwork and fun team dinners and encouraging support at swim meets.

Gathering at the end of the lane where a teammate is competing and yelling encouraging words as loud as possible continues to be a swim and dive team tradition. Grace Wheeler recounted a time when she and Emily Rogge accidentally cheered on a swimmer from a rival school. “After her race, she came up and thanked us for cheering her on. She said that ‘our cheering really helped her’, and now whenever we see each other at meets, we talk to each other,” laughed Wheeler.

Because swim meets and practices take so much time, the swim team grew to feel like a family. Before every meet the team circles together to pray, run through events, and receive advice from the coaches. Although spending seven hours at a swim meet would seem unbearable to most students, Alyssa Lakin shared that it was her favorite part of the season because “we were able to really bond with each other.” Emma O’Connor said she “loves being part of the team.” Through pushing physical and emotional limitations, the swim and dive team have created a friendly fellowship.

Left, top to bottom: Alyssa Lakin, Seriena Lovett, Samantha Spinner, & Grace Wheeler have fun during warm ups. Seriena Lovett surfaces during the backstroke. Grace Wheeler gasps for air during free style.





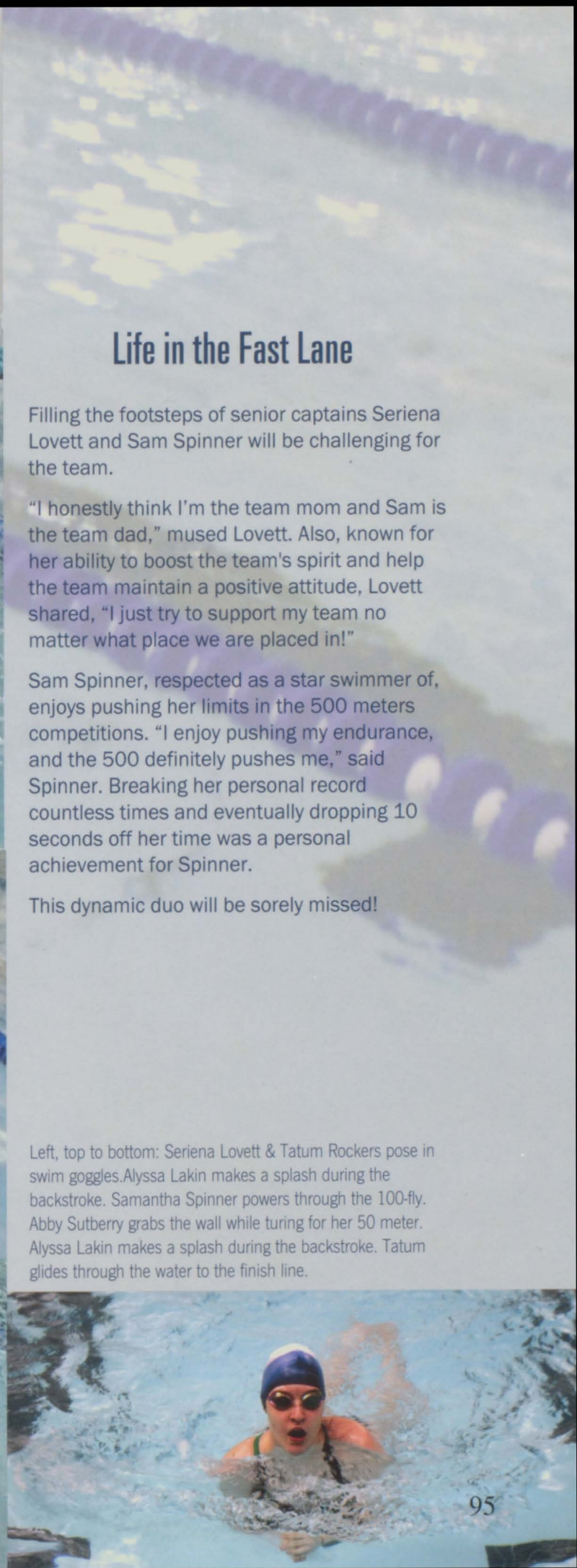
## Life in the Fast Lane

Filling the footsteps of senior captains Seriena Lovett and Sam Spinner will be challenging for the team.

"I honestly think I'm the team mom and Sam is the team dad," mused Lovett. Also, known for her ability to boost the team's spirit and help the team maintain a positive attitude, Lovett shared, "I just try to support my team no matter what place we are placed in!"

Sam Spinner, respected as a star swimmer of, enjoys pushing her limits in the 500 meters competitions. "I enjoy pushing my endurance, and the 500 definitely pushes me," said Spinner. Breaking her personal record countless times and eventually dropping 10 seconds off her time was a personal achievement for Spinner.

This dynamic duo will be sorely missed!



Left, top to bottom: Seriena Lovett & Tatum Rockers pose in swim goggles. Alyssa Lakin makes a splash during the backstroke. Samantha Spinner powers through the 100-fly. Abby Sutberry grabs the wall while turing for her 50 meter. Alyssa Lakin makes a splash during the backstroke. Tatum glides through the water to the finish line.

# First Love

## Girls Tennis

Sweltering heat challenged the SMA girls tennis team during their first match. Our newly formed team cast their doubts away and began what would be a successful season. Led by coaches Winship and Mason, the team went 10 - 2 for their first season. Despite facing the challenges of a small team, Libby Welman, Erica Kingdon, Adele Rogge, Lucy O'Connor, Nikki Brown, and Madelyn Mckinney showed impressive skills and outstanding dedication. The varsity team placed second in the conference, played impressively in the district semifinals against The Barstow School and managed to bond like a family.

"I never played tennis before and was kinda nervous about starting a sport so late," remarked Seriena Lovett, "but all the girls on the team made me feel like I've played my whole life".

The spirit of teamwork and friendship helped shape the foundation of future SMA tennis teams.





Far left, top to bottom: Libby Welman lunges forward with determination to return the ball; Madylen McKinney returns the ball with intensity; Juliana Diaz smacks the ball with her overhand swing; Maya Marten & Moriah Breunig use their teamwork during a doubles match.

Top to bottom: The team was all giggles during the banquet ceremony as they posed for "silly" pictures. Even the coaches could not resist joining in the fun; Adele Rogge & Lucy O'Connor share a happy moment on the court; Erica Kingdon serves up the ball.



## Last Matches

One last swing. One last ace. Seniors Adele Rogge, Nikki Brown, Seriena Lovett, and Erica Kingdon all celebrated their final team match at Blue Springs High School. "I'm definitely going to miss playing tennis with all my friends next year," mentioned Adele Rogge.

# Block Busters

## Varsity Volleyball

What a season! The Lady Guardians Varsity Volleyball team lead SMA to our first State competition by capturing 4th place in the Missouri Class 2 division. This newly formed team, considered the underdog, exemplified teamwork and determination under the leadership of Coach Zarda.

In the beginning, the team started with a June summer camp where the athletes and coaches began to solidify the teams. Camp resulted in improved skills and friendships for all the athletes. Coach Zarda stated, "It was great to see the dedication and work ethic."

The varsity team served, passed, hit, blocked, talked, laughed and prayed their way through the season. They kept their cool, gained the upper hand, and won both District and Sectionals. Determined to overcome the odds, the team competed against experienced teams with determination and grace. After winning the District Championship, Coach Zarda smiled proudly and stated, "I have no words." For those who know her well, know she is rarely speechless.

For the team and the students who rode the Spirit Bus for 5 hours to Cape Girardeau, wonderful memories of that weekend will last forever. Ebele Echendu sums it up well saying, "I think the season was one full of laughs and wins." Coach Zarda sums up her role well, "To see players come together and enjoy each others company is the goal of any coach. If they improve in skill, awesome. If they improve by becoming a better person, I have done my job." Coach Zarda served as a model of dedication, character, and spirituality.



Coach Zarda cheers the team on to a victory during Senior Night!





# Setting an Example

Victory takes team work, effort, determination, and individual talent. The several SMA players received individual recognition: Cali Bokenkroger earned an Second Team All-District award; Ebele Echendu earned All-Conference, First Team All-District & All-State awards; Emma Foley earned All Conference, First Team All-District & All-State awards; Frances Mitchell earned Conference Honorable Mention & Second Team All District awards; Abby Salanski earned All Conference, First Team All-District & All State awards; and Taylor Westhoff earned Conference Honorable Mention.

Left: Celebration on the court for a point scored at state!



Left: The Lady Guardians pose for a celebratory photo for their 4th place victory at the State.

Below, left to right: Francie Mitchell & Abby Salanski go for the block; Cali Bokenkroger sets Abby Salanski for a "block buster" kill.



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CARL SOCKWELL	DAVID PADOLY
BILL SCHENK	JACK KLITZBERG
MERT HARVEY	DON REINHARDT
JACK RUSSELL	BILL SMITH
C. P. HARRIS	CHARLES PARLEY
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# Hustle, Hit & Junior Varsity &

Hustle and determination describe these Guardians!

The JV team and the Freshman team never back down and continually give it their all. Managing to reel in several wins along the way, these athletes bring heart, skill, talent, and love for Jesus to the court every game. As the first JV team and freshman team, they created everlasting memories. When asked about this season, Caleigh Gabel said, "It was really fun meeting new people and having a great time playing!"

And who knows? Maybe we will see these players on the varsity team one day!



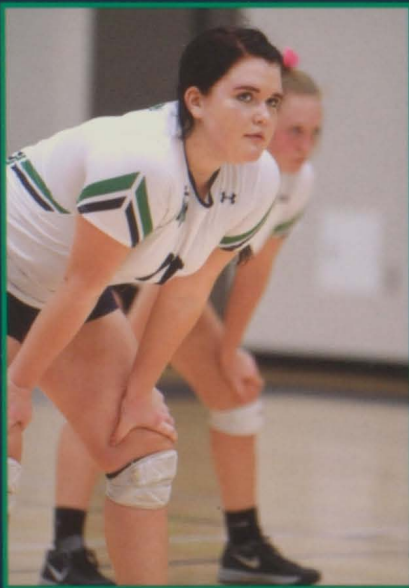
Srs. Miriam, Stephen Patrick, Mary Cecilia and Mary André, Mrs. Maddox, and Mary Byrne cheer on the team.

**Pink it out!** On the right, Varsity & JV players cheer on the freshman team on to victory. On the left, our loving Dominican Sisters proclaim, "WE LOVE OUR GUARDIANS!"



Matti Hadggega, Jessica Aldana, & Francie Mitchell cheer for the freshman team with faithful fan Noland Vahle nearby.

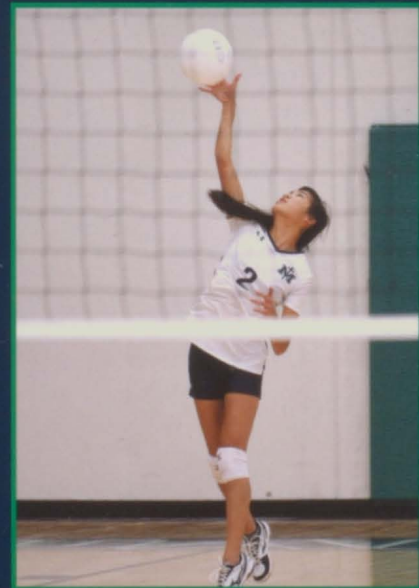
**Game faces!** Teammates Sara Lajaunie and Mackenzie Powell are not afraid to get tough on the court.



Clare Scheier, Caleigh Gabel, Erin Kimbrell, Sydney Norton, Jenna Drake & Eva Petrini share some laughs before a game.



Eva Petrini delivers a killer serve!



# Never Quit!!!

## Freshman Volleyball



**The Down Low!** Madelyn Ronchetto digs deep for a pass with Matti Hadggega ready to backup her teammate.



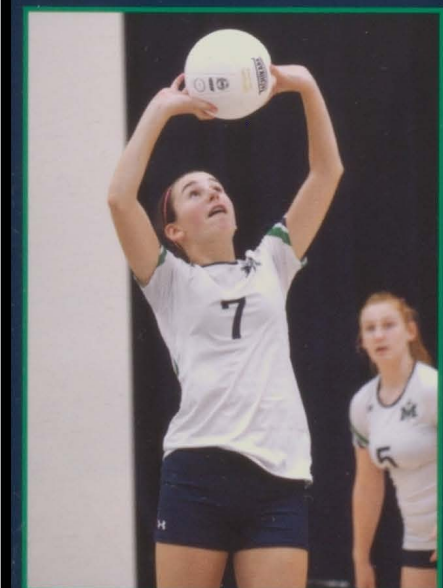
**Not in Our House!** Margaret Banlomon is ready to block, confident with Sydney Norton backing her up!



Marygrace Tyler prepares to deliver a back set while Carly Johnson preps for the kill.

Sara Lajaunie lunges low for a pass to the setter!

Clare Scheier blocks at while Caleigh Gabel prepares to return a deflected ball.





# Pin and Win

## Wrestling

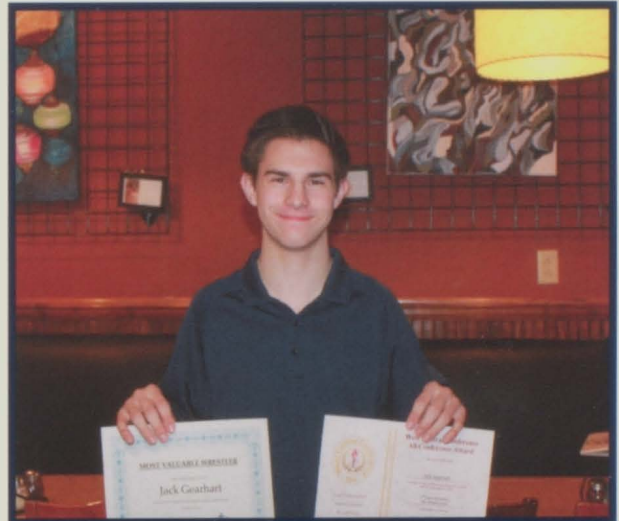
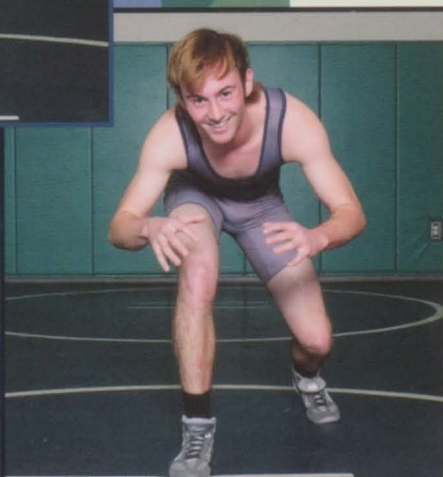
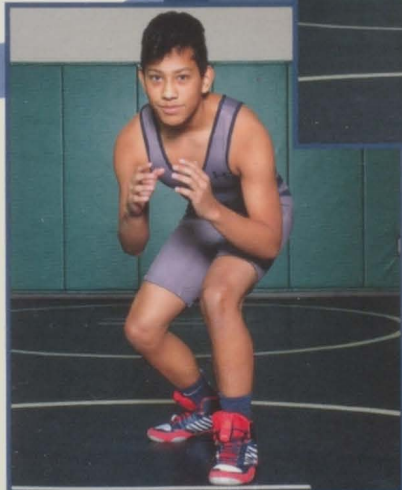
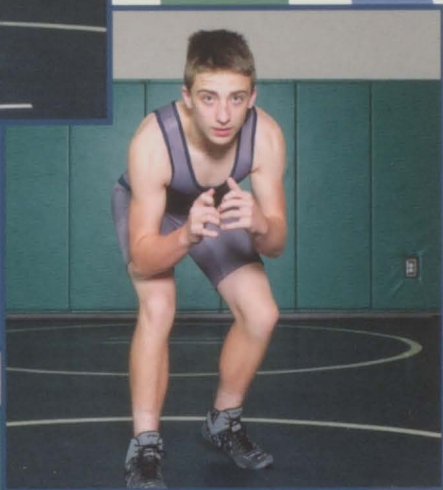
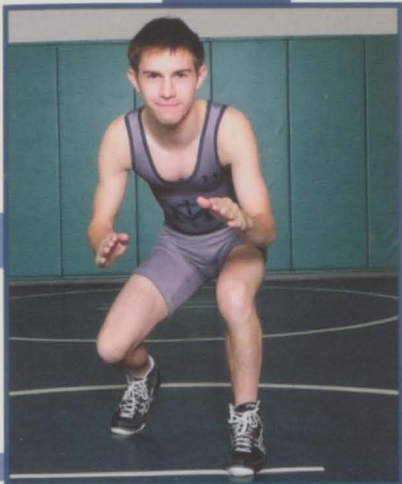


The wrestling season was intense! team has had a pretty exciting year. Jack Gearhart make it all the way to state finals! The team was seen diligently training most days when they jogged through the school chanting songs as a cadence and, when the weather allowed, they ran the perimeter of the school property. Anything to sweat off those extra pounds! When asked for his thoughts on the the season, Coach Taylor said, "I couldn't have been happier for these boys and how the season played out. Yes there were down times, but the boys stuck together no matter what, and I'm very proud of them." We hope these athletes return to wrestling next year and expect at least three new recruits. We appreciate all the school spirit senior Spencer Gosselin inspired and wish him well as he heads into his future endeavors!

Above: Coaching staff, Brian Taylor, Anthony Walker, & Jake Walker, take a moment to pose with wrestling teammate Jack Gearhart, Spencer Gosselin, Jacob Edmundson, and Michael Ziegler.



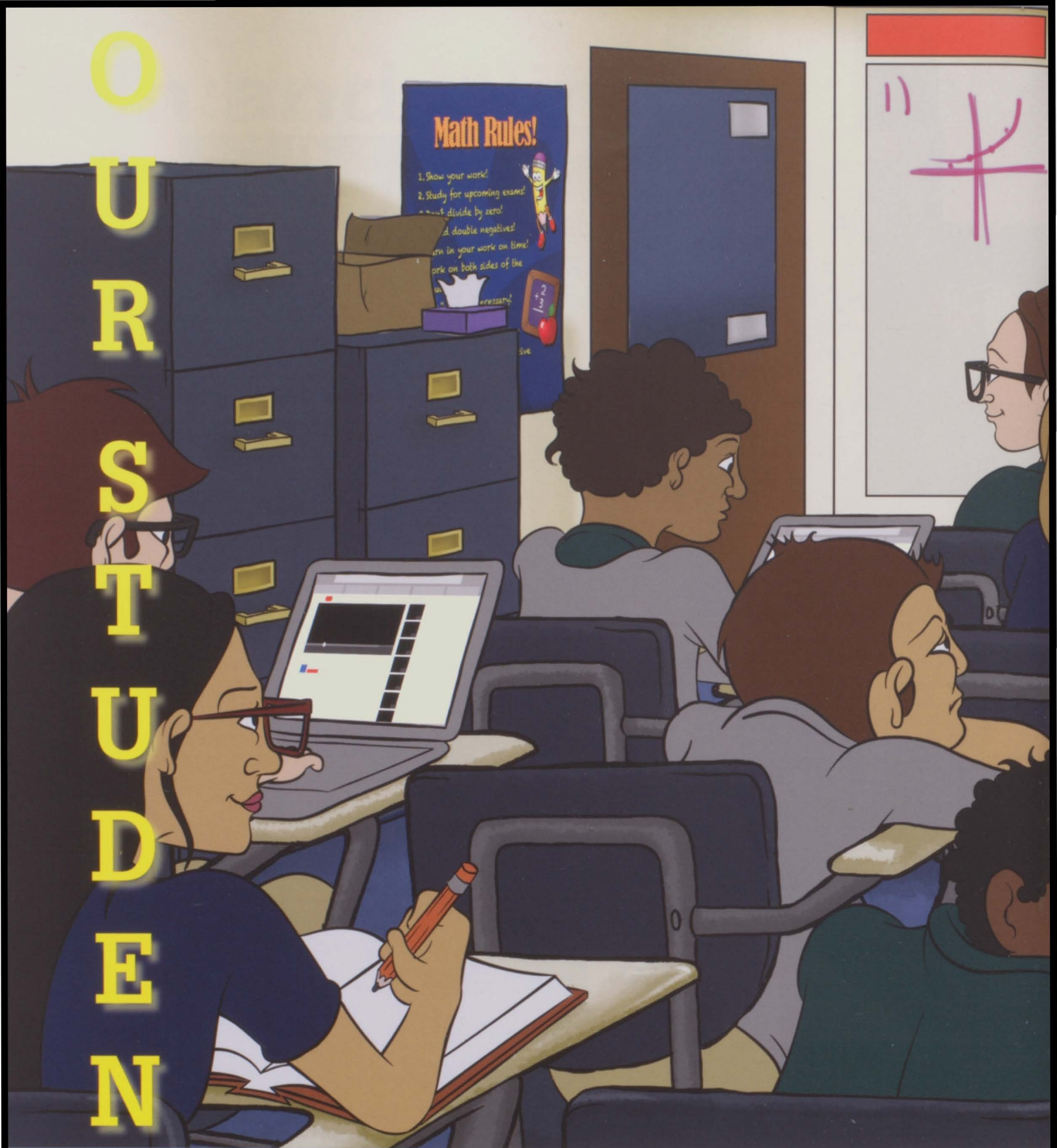
Senior wrestler Spencer Gosselin pictured with his parents during the wrestling team banquet. Although he faced several challenges this season, last year wrestling. Even though odds were against him at times, he finished his final season standing tall.



Jack Gearhart earned the "Most Valuable Wrestler" award, which was presented to him at the wrestling team banquet after securing the opportunity to participate in the state competition. Coach Taylor shared, "The team of wrestlers we have here aren't just teammates, they're brothers, and any accomplishment they made they were proud of one another."

Left, top to bottom: Jack Gearhart; Jacob Edmundson; Michael Ziegler; and Spencer Gosselin each show his own best wrestling stances!

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# Our Final Chapter

## Senior Introduction

It's the morning of August 13, 2014, the first day of high school for O'Hara freshmen. As excited students, we fill the hallways figuring out class schedules and awkwardly making friends. Later that afternoon, we head home before the upperclassman take over. As the memories of that first day begin to fade, the coming months are filled with numerous memorable "first" moments - Celtic Stride, Celtic Family Fued, Celt-Olympics, pep rallies, Homecoming, and anything else that became familiar in the years to come.

Eventually August of 2015 rolls around, and our sophomore year begins. Being a sophomore did not feel much different - more like a glorified freshman year. With one year of high school complete, we still lack maturity but knowing the teachers and how the school itself functions made school much easier.

Our junior year finally arrives in August of 2016. College looms on the horizon with long standardized testing and pressure for high scores. Although the school seems the same, activities and traditions find a place in our hearts. Without knowing exactly when, our school became a second home filled with friends and amazing teachers getting us through as Celtics do. Yet everything is going by much faster - it's quite strange.

Our senior year began in August (as it always does) of 2017, but the doors of our beloved O'Hara High School had closed and the doors of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School opened. Excited for the future but longing for the comfort of our second home, we make our place as the leaders of this new school.

On May 18, 2018, graduation will mark the end of our years together as we head in different directions. When we think back to our high school years, we will find treasured memories of life longfriends, Celtic pride, and amazing teachers. From the lockers of the Archbishop O'Hara 400 Hall to graduation in the gymnasium of SMA, surely there will be no other class like ours.



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- CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL -



## Memorable Quotes

“Uuuh...Chicken Chips!” - Nya Everette

“Wanna hear a joke?..My life.” \*Mic-drop - Seriena Lovett

“O’Hara’s WiFi was better” - Class of 2018

“Meeoww” - Mr. Leocker

## Senior Stories

“One of my favorite high school memories was when Mrs. Ambrose accidentally said ebola instead of Ebele and the whole class was so surprised that it took a good 5 seconds of dead silence before we all burst out laughing.” - Adele Rogge -

“My favorite high school memory was winning State in soccer as a sophomore.” - Zach Bolger -

“Starting Freshman year my friend group started to form and we started, almost like a tradition, to always sit together at every lunch. But the tables were pretty small for us all being that we were fitting about twelve girls onto something meant for eight.” - Cheyenne Mowen -

“Listening to Sellnow’s jokes” - Ellie Edmundson -

“Nya falling down the stairs” - Kayona Latimer -

Opposite: Archbishop O’Hara 200 hall and St. Michael locker hall.

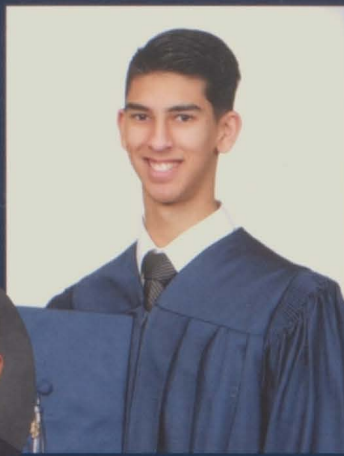
Top to Bottom, left to right: Tim Lakin & Danny Irick talk about Calculus. Leah Stufflebean & Bridget Allen share thoughts during Leadership. Ebele Echendu & Diana de la Cruz have a quick chat about classes. Jazmin Ayala, Haley Niner, & Diana de la Cruz study during Academic Time. Devion Williams & McKenzie Smith joke during lunchtime. Dominic Setser & Jadin Jones just “keepin’ it real.”



**Zaine Ali**

"Always look on the bright side of life, and be a Maverick!"

- Zaine Ali -



**Bridget Allen**

"Hey babe."

- Pete Wittaker -



**Jazmin Ayala**

"What is done in love is done well."

- Vincent van Gogh -



**Zachary Bolger**

"There are two great days in a person's life - the day we are born and the day we discover why."

- William Barclay -



**Mariana Brown**

"You will go through what you go through."

- Tyrese Gibson -



**Mary Byrne**

"I refuse to go back to not liking who I am."

- Childish Gambino, perf. -



**Lauren Chapman**

"I just want to go home."

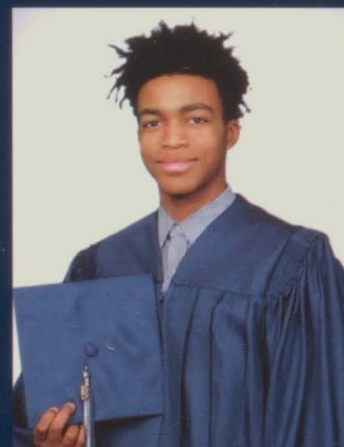
- Pete Whittaker -



**Mustafaa Cherry**

"Sometimes when you taste the juice, you forget who you was drinking water with."

- unknown -



**Nathan Conroy**

"You will never find a more wretched hive of scum and villainy."

- Alec Guinness, perf. -



**Anthony Cooper**

"Cry when it hurts, laugh when it's funny. Chase after the dream, don't chase after the money."

- Old Dominion, perf. -



**Zhya Criswell**

"Life is short, time is fast, no replay, no rewind, so enjoy every moment as it comes."

- Hagar Ibrahim -



**Diana de le Cruz**

"I'm not funny or anything. I'm just really mean, and people think I'm joking."

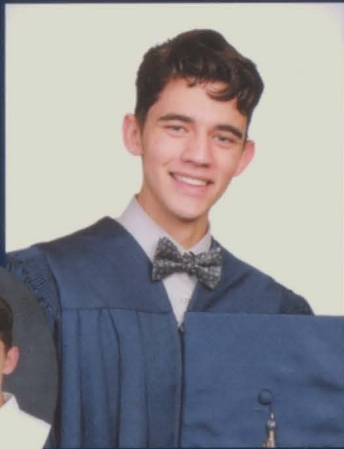
- Diana de le Cruz -



**Tristan DeGonia**

"There are far too many people out there who take themselves too seriously."

- Blink-182, perf. -



**Alexis DeMarea**

"Da-dada-dada-da-da-da CELTICS THAT'S WHO WE ARE!"

- Coach DeMo -



**James Devero**

"One!... What comes after one?"

- Curly Howard -



**John DiMarco**

"You know, if you take everything I've accomplished in my entire life and condense it down into one day, it looks decent."

- George Costanza -

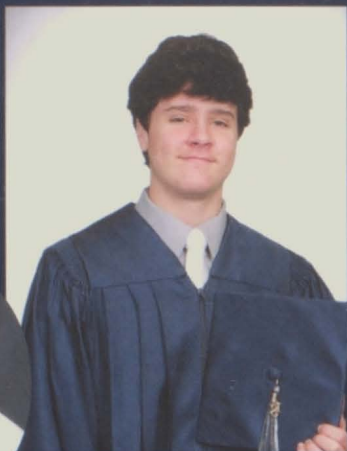




**Andrew Drake**

"Don't forget the happy thoughts."

- Chance the Rapper, perf. -



**Ebele Echendu**

"No matter how difficult and hard something is, I will always be positive and smile like an idiot."

- Park Chan-yeol -



**Elizabeth Edmundson**

"What is done in love is done well."

- Vincent van Gogh -



**Nya Everette**

"Bleep bloop bop."

- unknown -



**John Flucke**

"Look, I'd love to stand here with you all day, but... \*tut\* I got a... a show I like to binge watch... it was... cancelled early. Still love it."

- Cayde-6, perf. -



**Elijah Galbearth**

"Absorb what is useful, discard what is useless, and add what is essentially your own."

- Bruce Lee -



**Angelo Goro**



**Spencer Gosselin**

"When are you throwing your next party?"

- Spencer Gosselin -



**Mya Griffin**

"Good things take time,  
like me."

- Sza -



**Elena Hobbs**

"Did everyone see that?  
Because I will \*NOT\* be  
doing that again!"

- Johnny Depp, perf. -



**Ryan Holst**

"Do the right thing when  
nobody is looking."

- unknown -



**Jacob Ice**

"It doesn't matter about what  
happened yesterday, it  
doesn't matter about what  
happens to you, what  
matters is what are  
you going to do  
about it."

- Regina Brett -



**Daniel Jrick**

"You can't achieve  
something that you can't  
articulate."

- unknown -



**Danielle Jokerst**

"I've worked too hard and too  
long to let anything stand in  
the way of my goals. I will not  
let my teammates  
down, and I will not  
let myself down."

- Mia Hamm -



**Liz Jones**

"Cherish the people you  
have while you have  
them."

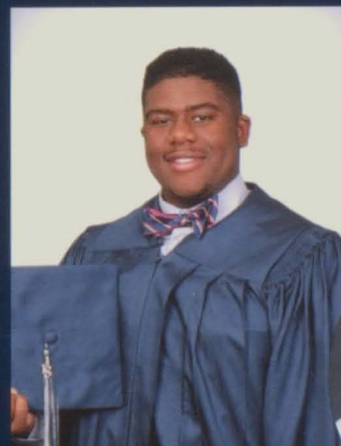
- Liz Jones -



**Jadin Jones**

"May your neighbors respect  
you, trouble neglect you,  
angels protect you, and  
heaven accept you."

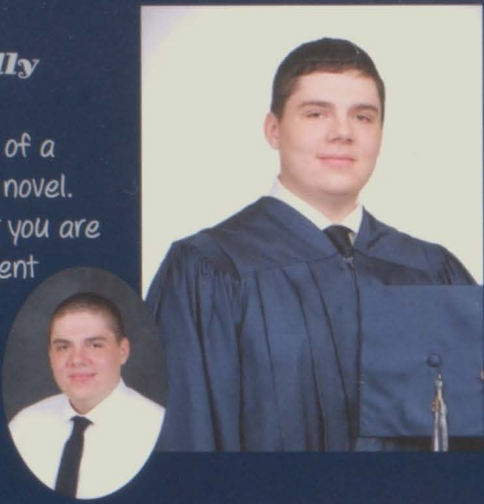
- Drake, perf. -



**Thomas Kelly**

"I feel like life is less of a movie and more of a novel. You are not the actor you are the author. Any moment start a new chapter."

- Sol, perf. -



**Erica Kingdon**

"You know what I want? A chocolate shake."

- Erica Kingdon -



**Carsyn Koob**

"It's a great day to be a Celtic!"

- John O'Connor -



**Timothy Lakin**

"Never tell me the odds!"

- Harrison Ford, perf. -



**Audrey Lamble**

"Enjoy it, because it's happening."

- Stephen Chbosky -



**Justine Lanpher**

"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day."

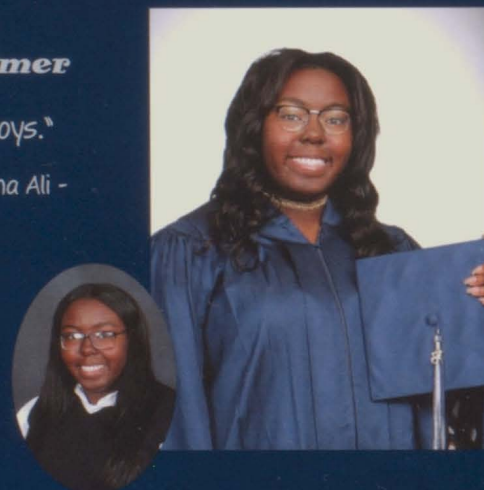
- Alice Morse Earle -



**Kayona Latimer**

"I need money, not boys."

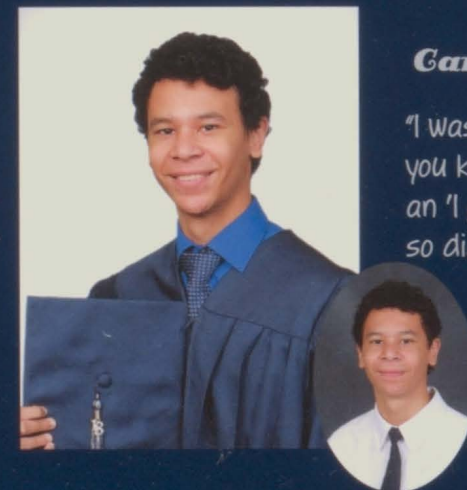
- Tatyana Ali -



**Cameron Leathers**

"I was thinking, 'I got this' you know, when you're in an 'I got this' mood, but I so did not have it."

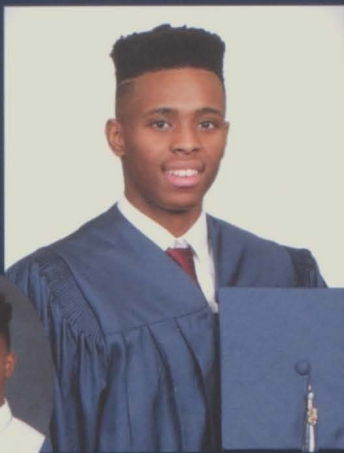
- Cayde-6, perf. -



**Pedro Leverette**

"If you were absent during my struggle, don't expect to be present during my success."

- Will Smith -



**Patrick Loree**

"O'Hara was kinda weird this year..."

- Patrick Loree -



**Seriena Lovett**

"Senior quotes were due today?!?!?!?!?"

- unknown -



**Michael Menne**

"If I learned anything, it'd be to listen more than I talk and don't brag about what I got - just multiply what I brought."

- Slack, perf. -



**Caroline Meyers**

"May your tears come from laughing and you find friends worth having. May you win and stay humble, smile more than grumble, and know when you stumble you're never alone."

- Jim Brickman -



**Cheyenne Mowen**

"It's just that I feel so sad these wonderful nights. I sort of feel they're never coming again, and I'm not really getting all I could out of them."

- F Scott Fitzgerald -



**Haley Niner**

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind."

- Bernard M. Baruch -



**Kitana Nowak**

"To boldly go where no man has gone before..."

- William Shatner, perf. -



**Logan Patton**

"There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind."

- C.S. Lewis -



**Kyndall Penyweit**

"Like wildflowers, you must allow yourself to grow in all the places people never thought you would."

- unknown -



**Patrick Pinkins**

"I'm on the road to riches, there's just a few obstacles along the way."

- Lil Durk -



**Alexis Pinkney-Anderson**

"If you got your head on straight and focus on what you do and practice your craft, then you have nowhere else to go but up."

- Bruno Mars -



**Mikaela Puno**

"Though she be but little, she is fierce."

- William Shakespeare -



**Nicole Reilly**

"We are all stories in the end. Just make it a good one eh?"

- David Tennant, perf. -



**Adele Rogge**

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?"

- Dr. Seuss -



**Juliano Roper**

"You may shoot me with your words, you may cut me with your eyes, you may kill me with your hatefulness, but still, like air, I'll rise!"

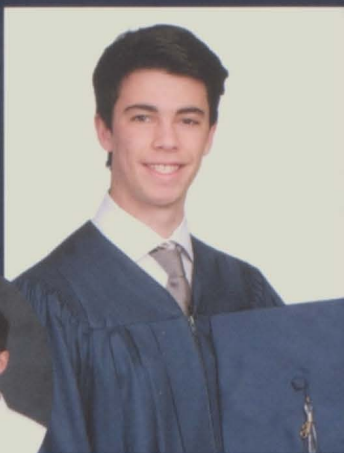
- Maya Angelou -



**Nathaniel Schwaller**

"I love God, sweet tea, and the SEC."

- unknown -



**Tyrez Scott**

"I'm here for a good time, not a long time."

- Drake, perf. -



**Dylan Seese**

"Yea boi."

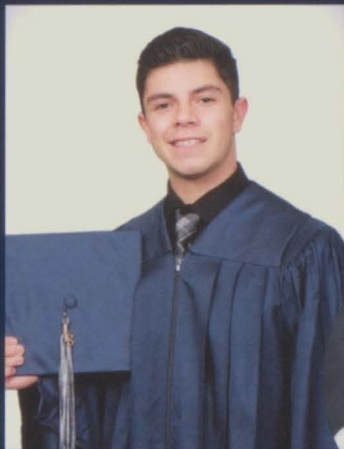
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**Dominic Selser**

"I did it my way."

- Frank Sinatra, perf. -



**McKenzie Smith**

"The adventure is over. Everything gets over, and nothing is ever enough. Except the part you carry with you."

- E. L. Konigsburg -



**Rickeya Smith**

"You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have."

- Bob Marley, perf. -



**Samantha Spinner**

"I don't know what I'm doing, but I know I'm doing it really really well."

- Andy Dwyer, perf. -



**Leah Stufflebean**

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

- Maya Angelou -



**Thomas Tyler**

"Sometimes by losing a battle you find a new way to win the war."

- Donald Trump -



**Minah Uche**

"Don't let the man get you down."

- Fatboy Slim -



**Alex Warren**

"I'm hotter than the person next to me."

- unknown -



**Alston Warren**

"I'm just here so I won't get fined."

- Marshawn Lynch -



**Devion Williams**

"Procrastination: when you should be doing your work, but your bed is really warm."

- unknown -



# A Journey to Remember Senior Retreat

From late night campfire sessions to team building speedball tournaments, the senior retreat was not short on surprises. As the class of 2018 wrapped up their last retreat, the students felt a sense of community within the class they spent the past four years with. Kayla Puno explained, "It made me feel more disconnected from all the stress of everyday life!"



## Top of the Game

Ping pong champs, James Devero and Danielle Kerst, made sure to bring their A game during recreation time at the retreat.



## Foosball Fun

During down time, students took time to play games. Zach Bolger, Eli Galbearth, Danny Irick and Tim Lakin took a break from retreat activities while enjoying an exciting game of foosball.



## Smiles All Around!

As the festivities came to a close on the final day of the retreat, Audrey Lamble, Jessie Lanpher, and Kyndall Penyweit had nothing but smiles from the exhilarating bonding experience they shared with their class. "It wasn't anything that I expected it to be, and helped me especially get to know girls that I've never really talked to much," gushed Penyweit.





# Nicole Brown

We love your sweet sense of humor and positive outlook on life. You have been so special to us and brought so much joy to our lives.

Love Mom, Dad, Lucky, & Mia



# Nathan Cowroy

*You are about to start on the next phase of your life and we couldn't be more proud of the man you have become. You are off to great places and things in the Navy. Enjoy all you will see and do in the next few years.*

*Love,  
Mom & Dad*



Congratulations Nathan. You made it!!  
Love,  
Dustin



# Anthony Cooper

Anthony,  
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. It has been a joy watching you grow into an amazing young man. We can not wait to see what your future holds. We are truly blessed to have you as our son!  
Congratulations!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Emma and Bella



## Tristan DeGonia

Congratulations Tristan!

The future is yours, make the most of it! You are a smart, kind, caring and wonderful person. Aim high and remember we love you and will be here for you always!

Mom, Dad & Izzy



## Alexis DeMarea

"All the dreams I prayed you'd be, are all the things you are. You were once my little girl, and now my SHINING STAR!"



Sweet Alexis,  
You have grown to be a strong, kind, smart, and beautiful young woman. As you venture into the next phase of your life, may you always find strength to face challenges, wisdom to choose wisely, and confidence to be true to yourself. Always remember to listen to your heart and know God is there to guide you. Never forget how much you are loved and how proud we are of you.

Love,  
Your very large and loving family



## John Andrew Dimarco "Jack"

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments, looking forward to watching you achieve your future goals.  
RCJH Go KU!

Much love,  
Mom, Dad, Joseph, and Adam

"ABILITY is what you are capable of doing,  
MOTIVATION determines what you do,  
ATTITUDE determines how well you do it"  
-Lou Holtz



## Ellie Edmundson

Believe in yourself, listen to  
your gut, and do what you  
love.

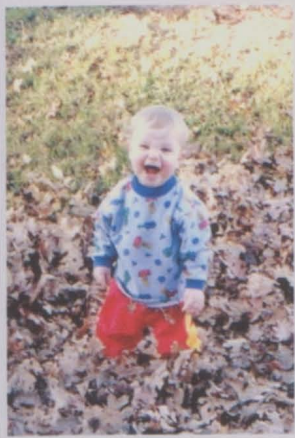
-Dylan Lauren



From the moment you came  
into this world, you have  
brought so much joy to it.  
We are so proud of the  
young women you have  
become.



Live Passionately, Love  
Deeply, Laugh Daily, Cherish  
Others, and Be You!  
We Love you!  
Mom, Dad, and Jacob



## Danny Irick

Congratulations!!  
You are an amazing,  
strong, and confident  
young man. We are so  
proud of you and all  
your accomplishments.  
We love you and are  
always here for you.  
Your future is bright!

Love,  
Mom and Dad



## Carsyn Koob

Proud is an understatement. You have exceeded  
all our expectations and we know wherever you  
end up you will always float to the top.

Love, Mom and Dad



## Patrick Loree

No words seem to express  
how proud and blessed we  
feel. You inspire those of us  
around you to be more  
compassionate toward others  
and your sense of humor  
keeps us laughing. We can't  
wait to see what the future  
holds for you! As you start  
this next phase of your  
journey, always believe in  
yourself and follow your  
dreams!

LOVE,  
Mom, Dad, Elizabeth and  
Michael





## Caroline Meyers

You make us laugh. You give us a reason to cheer. Your love of dogs, the Royals and Chick-fil-A warms our hearts.

We are so excited to have a front row seat for your very bright future.

We love our Belle!

Mom, Dad, JD and Danny



## Cheyenne Mowen

"You're off to great places. Today is your day. Your mountain is waiting. So get on your way." -Dr Seuss

Love Mom, Dad, Tyler and Bryce.



# Haley Noelle Niner

Proverbs 16:3  
Commit to the Lord  
whatever you do, and he  
will establish your plans.



Congratulations Haley! We are so proud of you! It has been incredible watching you grow into such a beautiful woman. Keep sharing your beautiful smile and kind heart.  
We Love You!  
Mom, Dad, and Alex



**"This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."**  
—Winston Churchill



## *Kitana Nowak*

Your family and friends believe in you! We know you will go far! Congratulations!

*We love you,  
Kitana!*

*Mom and Papa*

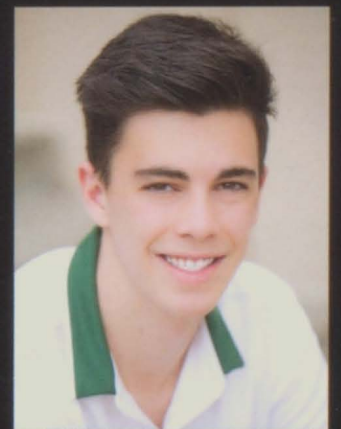


## *Nate Schwaller*

If there is one thing we could give you, it would be the ability to see yourself through our eyes. Then you could see how special you truly are!

Love, Mom and Dad

*-And so the  
adventure  
begins!*





## Leah Rose Stufflebean

Sweet Leah Rose,  
You are God's gift to us and we  
are thankful for you every day.  
You have a gentle, kind,  
beautiful soul that brings joy to  
everyone around you.



May God always protect you and  
continue to bless you with good  
health, happiness, and many  
blessings. Always stay close to  
God and family and your future  
will be as big and beautiful as  
your heart.



We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Michael, Anna, and  
Jenna



## Dominic Setser

BEHIND YOU  
all your memories  
BEFORE YOU  
all your dreams  
AROUND YOU  
all who love you  
WITHIN YOU  
all you need



We are blessed to have gone  
through these years with you  
and your great friends. You  
are an AMAZING person  
inside and out! We are sure  
God has great plans for you!  
Can't wait to see what your  
future holds. Make good  
choices and enjoy doing all  
things through Christ....  
God Bless and Be Strong!

We love you so much!  
Dad, Mom and Diego



# Mikaela Puno

Congratulations Kayla! We are so proud of you! Always believe that you can achieve whatever you want in life. Fly and live your dreams. We wish you adventure on your new journey and may you always stop to help others along the way. Remember that you will always have our hearts and we will always be with you. We love you! - Mom & Dad

Congratulations on your graduation! Follow your dreams and never stop believing in yourself. We love you! - Mama & Lolo





# 2018 Senior

Most Likely to be Late to Graduation



Malik Cherry & Nya Everette

Most Likely to Become a Meme



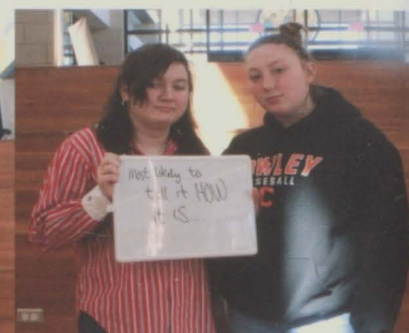
Seriena Lovett & Patrick Loree

Best Gamers



Tim Lakin & Cameron Leathers

Most Likely to Tell It How It Is



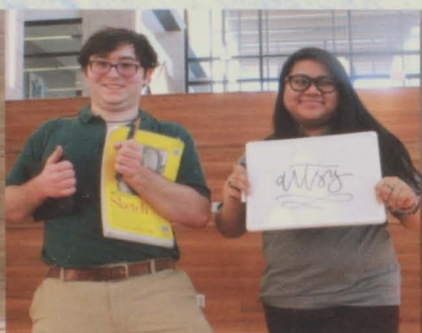
Cheyenne Mowen & Jessie Lanpher

Most Talkative



Mya Griffin & Rickeya Smith

Most Artistic



James Devero & Diana de la Cruz

Most Likely to Be President



Thomas Tyler & Kyndall Penyweit

Most Likely to Sleep in Class



Alexis Pinkney-Anderson & John Fluke

Most Likely to Be Sisters



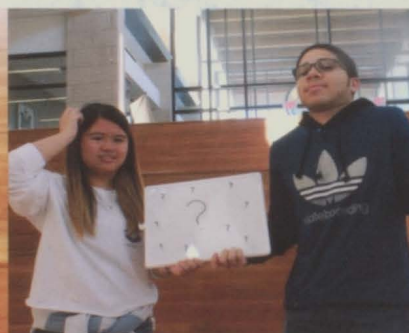
Leah Stufflebean & Alexis Demarea

Most Clumsy



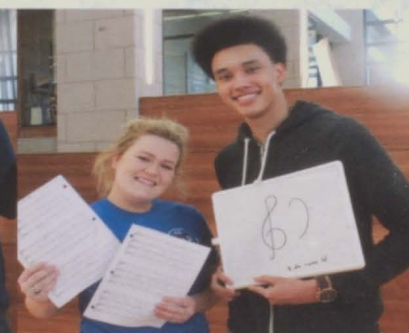
Erica Kingdon

Most Gullible



Kayla Puno & Elijah Galbearth

Most Musical



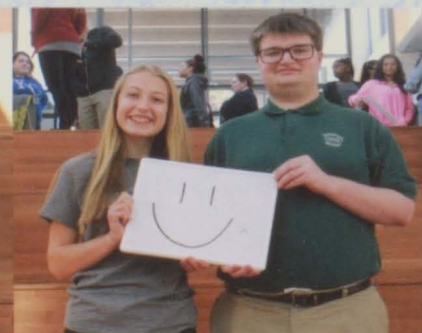
MaryClare Byrne & Devion Williams

Biggest Flirt



Tristan DeGonia & Danielle Jokerst

Best Smile



Adele Rogge & Ryan Holst

Most Involved



Zaine Ali & Ellie Edmundson

Most Forgetful



Ebele Echendu & Alston Warren

# Superlatives

Most Athletic



Caroline Meyer & Pedro Leverette

Worst Drivers



Sam Spinner & Minah Uche

Most likely to Spill Tea



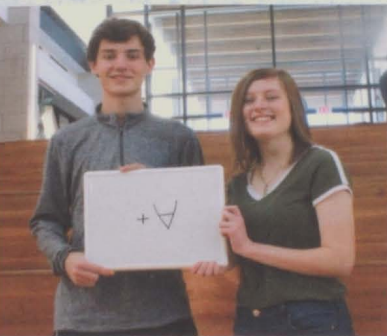
Juliano Roper & McKenzie Smith

Best Social Media Posts



Jazmin Ayala & Jacob Ice

Most Academic



Zach Bolger & Haley Niner

Most Likely to Take a Selfie



Logan Patton & Liz Jones

Best Bromance



Pat Pinkins & Angelo Goro

Most Likely to Have a Talk Show



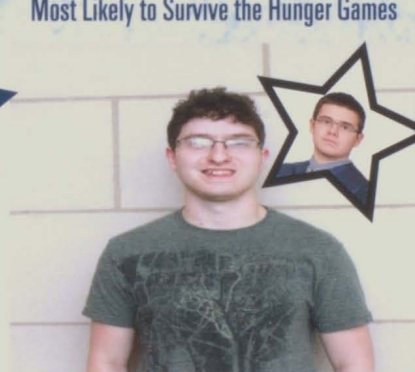
Kayona Latimer & Michael Menne

Kindest Heart



Jadin Jones & Nicole Reilly

Most Likely to Survive the Hunger Games



Danny Irick & Nathan Conroy

Best Stuntmen



Dominic Setser & Alex Warren

Best Hair



Thomas Kelly & Nikki Brown

Best Dancer



Zhya Criswell

Class Clowns



Andrew Drake & Tyrez Scott

Most Inquisitive



Elena Hobbs & Dylan Seese

**Not Pictured:**

Carsyn Koob, Most likely to eat at Chipotle  
 Spencer Gosselin & Nate Schwaller, Life of the Party  
 Audrey Lambie, Most Spirited  
 Jack DiMarco & Lauren Chapman, Most Competitive  
 Bridget Allen & Anthony Cooper, Most Infectious Laugh



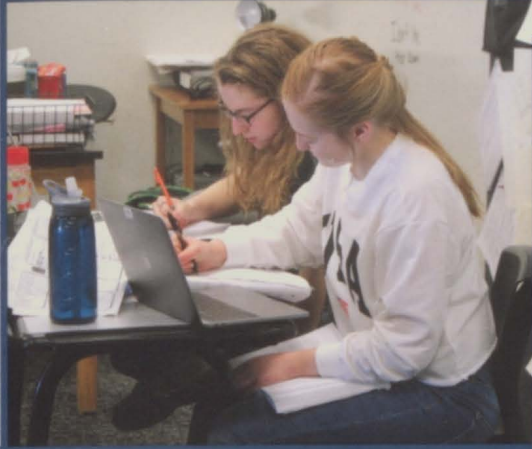
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# JUNIORS



Alec Alaiwat



Jessica Aldana



Ashley Ault



Caleb Baker



Katherine Barrera



Aliya Bertrand



Emilee Byrne



Amy Campbell



SaVaughn Carter



Santina Cucar



Rachel Curiale



Jack Davis



Michaela Davis



Tyler Davis



Tobenna Echendu



Elizabeth Echlin



Carl Frerichs



Jack Gearhart



Matti Hadggega



Danielle Hardy



Mariann Hayes



John Hyde



John Paul Jackson



Sydney Jackson



Daniel Jakobe



Zhenya Johnson



Charlotte Kenney



John Paul Kimbrough



Luke Kuestermeyer



Jessica Lacy



Andrea Lanpher



Sean Lewis



Jaylen Malone



Maya Marten



Lily McCombs



Steven McFeders



Madelyn McKinney



Katherine Mersman



Maggie Miller



Frances Mitchell





Elizabeth Novak



Kennedy Pitts



Alexandra Pocock



Christopher Pouncil



Mallory Rajer



Ian Reed



Ashley Richardson



Tatum Rockers



Joshua Rogge



Madelyn Ronchetto



Olivia Schnoebelen



Stuart Shatto



Alyssa Sirna



Nina Sirna



Isaiah Smith



Aleksandre Smitka



Margaret Taylor



Landon Vahle



Maranda VonHolten



Elysa Wagner

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Sydney Weyrauch



Megan White



Alexis Wynne



Benjamin Zumalt

# SOPHOMORES



Moriah Breunig



James Collins



Liam Connors



Carly Cook



Jalen Corley



Sofia Cucar



Bryan Damian



Aaron Davis



Juliana Diaz



Aysia Finney



Emma Foley



Morgan Gervy



Travien Goodman



Alexander Green



Jessica Hammack



Brandon Hardy



Desmond Henry



Emily Hobbs



Anthony Holden



Justin House



Joseph Irick



Leanna Jakobe



Michael Jones



David Kehring



Gabriel Kingdon



Anthony Kratofil



Sara Lajaunie



Alyssa Lakin



Brandon Lane



Parker LaPlante



Airiana Lightfoot



Faliene Loftis



Nathan Luke



Hanna Mattox



Colleen McNamara



Ebele Mgbemena



Shannon Morris



Anthony Murphy



Clare Murphy



Emma O'Connor



Lucy O'Connor



Benjamin Palacios



Mackenzie Powell



Damon Randolph



Christopher Rizzi



Daniel Rogge



Mary Rogge



David Roland



Abigail Salanski



Lesly Silva



Brandi Simpson



Steele Smith



Helen Sparling



Sara Sparling



Abby Sutberry



Brett Twenter



MaryGrace Tyler



Parker Valencia



Madeline Wallace



Lainey Weidler



Libby Welman



Taylor Westhoff



Grace Wheeler



Peter Whittaker



Cooper Wiley



Willie Williams



Cody Yoder



Chloe Zagar

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Margaret Banlomon



Caleb Berry



Elijah Betts



Domenick Bisacca



Vera Bohning



Calista Bokenkröger



Alyssa Bolger



TKia Boutross



Peter Carmack



Sarah Chapman



Maria Chavez-Martinez



Lanellé Cole



Mackenzi Coons



Celes Crebbs



Justin Cupp

Not Pictured  
Stephanie Cox



Ruby Custer



Carley Dahmer



Michael Daugherty



Aaron Dodds



Jenna Drake



Chineyem Echendu



Nnamdi Echendu



Jacob Edmundson



Kelechi Ezeogu



Lorien Frey



Conrad Fris



Sophia Frustaci



Caleigh Gabel



Cooper Garlick



Rebekah Grant-Smith



Nicholas Haggerty



Vincent Haggerty



Luke Hart



Sumyl Hayes-Dunnell



Michael Heffernon



Jonathan Hollo



Bella Hughes



Michael Ice



Madeline Jackson



Carly Johnson



Erin Kimbrell



Joseph Kimbrough



Augustina Nina Kish



Nicholas Leete

Not Pictured  
Stephanie Cox



Brandon Lovelace



Audrey Maglich



Antwaun Massey



Dominic Mattox



Tess McCombs



Quinn McCullough



Beatrice Mitchell



Allie Moreno



John Morris



John Paul Murphy



Patrick Murray



Marco Myatt



Sydney Norton



Patricia Novak



Reese Nussbeck



Christopher Oberkrom



Joshua Oberkrom



Eva Petrini



Jaylen Pouncil



Alexa Rizzo



Lawrence Roccaro Jr.



Emily Rogge



Emily Rotter



Odily Marie Rowland



John Samson



Clare Scheier



Cole Setter



Ethan Smith



Jacob Smitka



Josh Stanek



Makena Stover



Anna Strobl



Michael Stufflebean



Sebastian Swingle



Noland Vahle



Araceli Valencia



Marley Vanbebber



Cardin Vo



Chloe Waller



William Waris



Jackson Washeck



Noah Weiler



Hayden White



Brett Zagar



Michael Ziegler





• Basketball • Freshman Boys •

Noland Vahle, Peter Carmack, Cardin Vo, Chris Oberkrom, Josh Oberkrom, John Morris, Nnamdi Echendu, Michael Ice, Lawrence Roccaro, William Waris, Coach Kirmer, Michael Stufflebean, Jack Washeck, Brandon Lovelace, Nicholas Haggerty, Caleb Berry, & Vincent Haggerty



• Basketball • JV & Varsity Boys •

Steele Smith, Landon Vahle, Steven McFeders, Elijah Betts, Jaylen Pouncil, Isaiah Smith, Malik Cherry, Daniel Rogga, Damon Randolph, Justin Cupp, Brandon Lane, Antwaun Massay, Savaughn Carter, Benjamin Palacios, Anthony Holden, Pedro Leverette, & Michael Jones



• Basketball • Freshman, JV, & Varsity Girls •

Libby Welman, Audrey Maglich, Colleen McNamara, Sydney Norton, Nina Sima, Alexis Demarea, Carsyn Koob, Andrea Lanpher, Jessie Lanpher, Sara LaJaunie, Ryli Lang, Coach Clark, Coach Kroening, Coach Holden, Abigail Salansio, Moriah Breunig, Lucy D'Connor, Charlotte Kenney, Bella Hughes, Brandi Simpson, Clare Scheier, Francie Mitchell, Alex Pocock, Madeline Jackson, & Beatrice Mitchell



• Cross Country •

Sara Sparling, Grace Wheeler, Alexis DeMarea, Haley Niner, Nina Sima, Emma Foley, Sam Spinner, Jessica Lacy, Mary Rogga, Caroline Moyers, Ebele Mgbemena, Helen Sparling, Zachary Mace, Chris Oberkrom, Coach Fitzgerald, Coach Sanders, Coach Bates, Christopher Rizzi, Spencer Gosselin, Zhenya Johnson, Adele Rogga, Josh Oberkrom, Alek Smitka, Alex Warren, Christopher Pouncil, Thomas Tyler, Alston Warren, Dylan Seese, & Parker LaPlante



• Cheer & Stunt •

Alexa Rizzo, Marley Vanbebber, Ashley Ault, Alyssa Sima, Leah Stufflebean, Nina Kish, Jessica Lacy, Matti Hadggega, Andrew Drake, Michael Menne, Dominic Setser, Alex Warren, Zachary Balger, Chloe Waller, Anthony Cooper, Jack Davis, Sean Lewis, Thomas Kelly, Thomas Tyler, Alston Warren, Audrey Lambie, Mallory Rajer, Kyndall Pennywoit, Margaret Taylor, Elizabeth Edmundson, Minah Uche, & Bridget Allen



• Dance •

Carly Cook, Ashley Ault, Katherine Mersman, Ebele Mgbemena, Elizabeth Echlin, Coach Loftis, & Faliene Loftis



• Football •

Ethan Smith, Tyrre Scott, Joseph Inick, Joseph Kimbrough, Jacob Edmondson, Spencer Gusselin, Damon Randolph, John Morris, Alec Alaiwat, Bryan Damian, Benjamin Zumalt, JP Murphy, Jalen Corley, Patrick Pinkins, Dominic Sotser, Jadin Jones, JP Kimbrough, Daniel Inick, Tony Murphy, Coaches Price, Page, Carbin, Lera, & Wachter, Daniel Rogge, Caleb Baker, Angelo Garo, Thomas Kelly, Travien Goodman, Brandon Lane, Sean Lewis, Desmond Henry, Nathan Luke, Caleb Berry, Anthony Cooper, & Andrew Drake



• Soccer • Boys •

Michael Heffernon, Cardin Vo, Brett Zager, Cooper Garlick, Michael Daugherty, Chris Oberkrom, David Kehring, Brandon Hardy, William Waris, Coach Kirmer, Coach Puthoff, Katherine Barrera, Mikaela Puno, Josh Oberkrom, Lawrence Roccaro, Noah Weiler, Liam Connors, Zachary Bolger, Vincent Haggerty, Jack Davis, Luke Banderas, Daniel Jakobe, & Stuart Shatto



• Softball •

Jessie Lanpher, Lauren Chapman, Mary Byrne, Danielle Jokerst, Bridget Allen, Elizabeth Edmondson, Coach Taylor, Olivia Schnoebelen, Makena Stover, Aliya Bertrand, Anna Strobl, Megan White, Coach Becky, Aysia Finney, Alexis Wynne, Alex Pockock, Maranda Vonholten, Lanelle Cole, & Emilee Byrne



• Swim & Dive •

Abby Sutbarry, Lainey Weidler, Emma O'Connor, Samantha Spinner, Tatum Rockers, Reese Nussbeck, Parker Valencia, Diana de la Cruz, Sydney Weyrauch, Coach Clark, Grace Wheeler, Alyssa Lakin, Seriena Lovett, & Coach Bates (not pictured: Margaret Banlomon, Chi Chi Echendu, & Emily Rogge)



• Tennis • Girls •

Madelyn McKinney, Erica Kingdon, Morgan Gervy, Juliana Diaz, Mariana Brown, Hanna Mattox, Maya Marten, Libby Welman, Lucy O'Connor, Leanna Jakobe, Moriah Breunig, Coach Mason, Coach Winship, Gabriel Kingdon, Adele Rogge, Emily Rogge, & Seriena Lovett



• Volleyball • Freshman, JV, & Varsity •

Kelachi Ezeogu, Sarah Chapman, Sydney Norton, Eva Petriani, Alyssa Bolger, Caleigh Gabel, Chi Chi Echendu, Jenna Drake, Kennedy Pizzo, Mya Griffin, Taylor Westhoff, Audrey Lambie, Coach Zarda, Coach Palina, Cali Bokenkroger, Tass McCombs, Emma Foley, Carley Dahmer, Callie McNamers, Lily McCombs, Frances Mitchell, Abigail Salanski, Ebele Echendu, Madalya Ronchetto, Matti Hadggega, Parker Valencia, Mackenzie Powell, Beatrice Mitchell, Brandi Simpson, Alyssa Lakin, Carly Johnson, Jessica Aidana, MaryGrace Tylor, Margaret Banlomon, Belle Hughes, Clara Schaefer, Erio Kimbrell, & Sara LaJeanie



• Wrestling •

Coach Taylor, Jack Gearhart, Michael Ziegler, Jacob Edmundson, Spencer Gosselin, & Coach Walker

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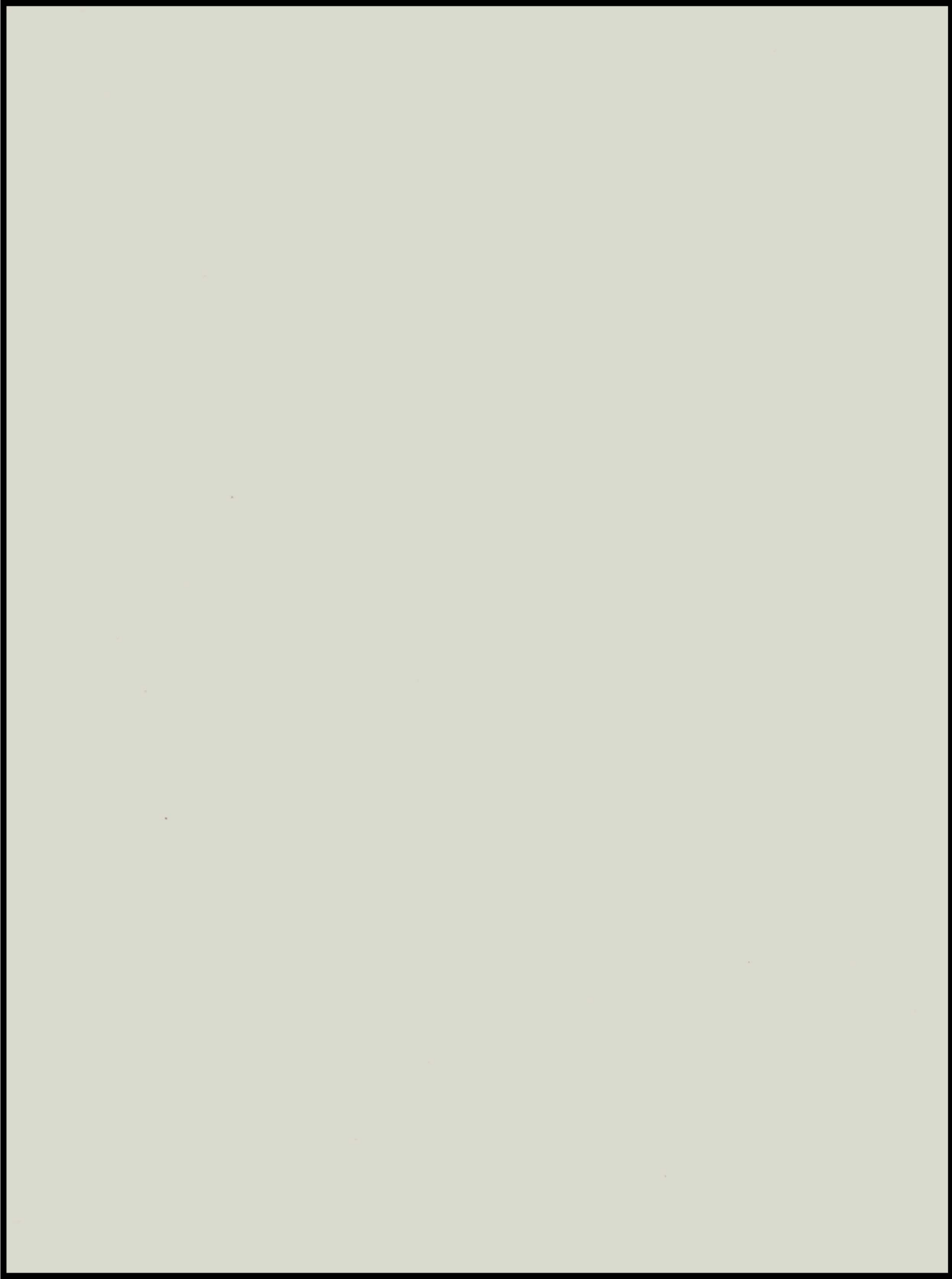
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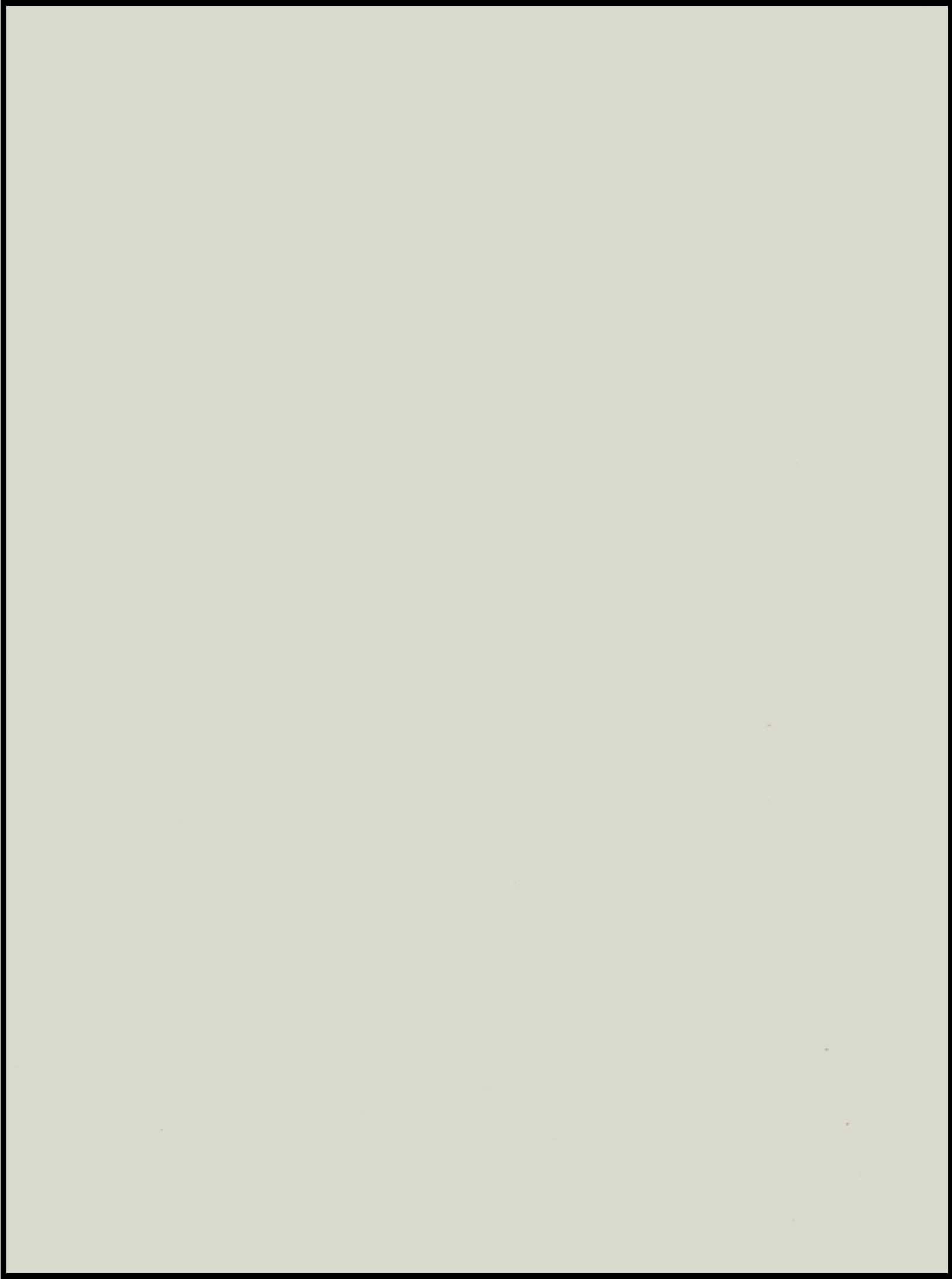
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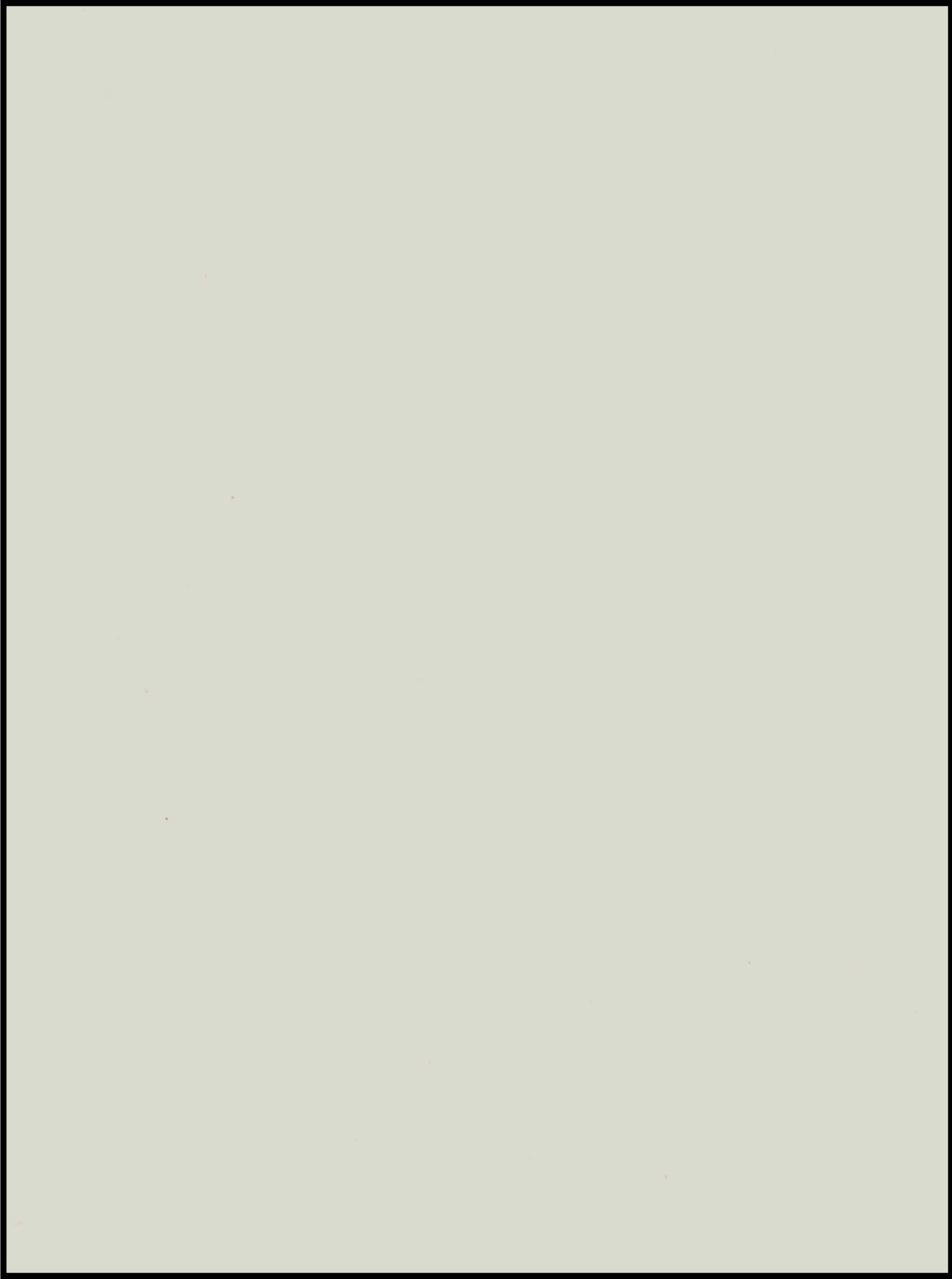
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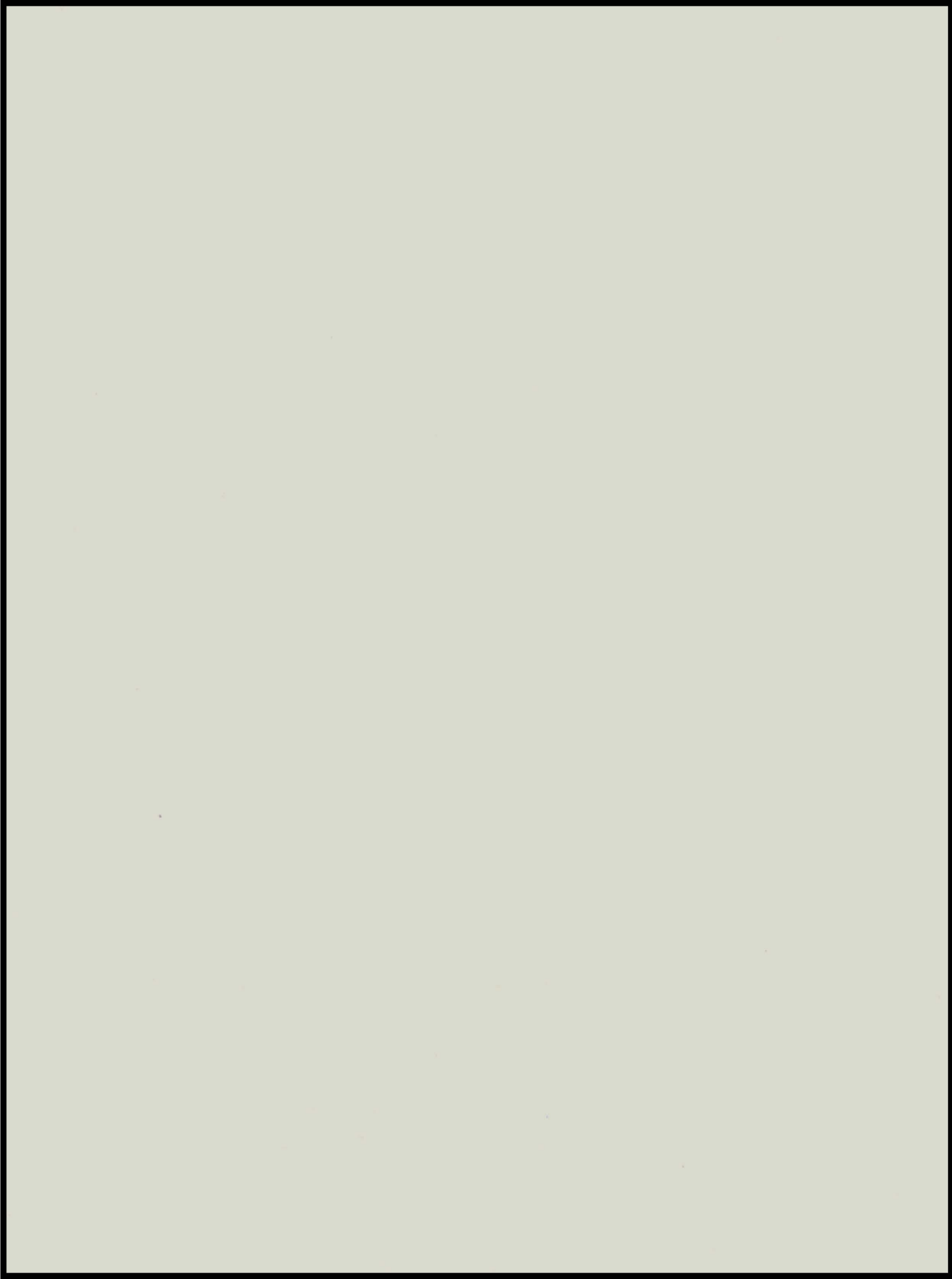


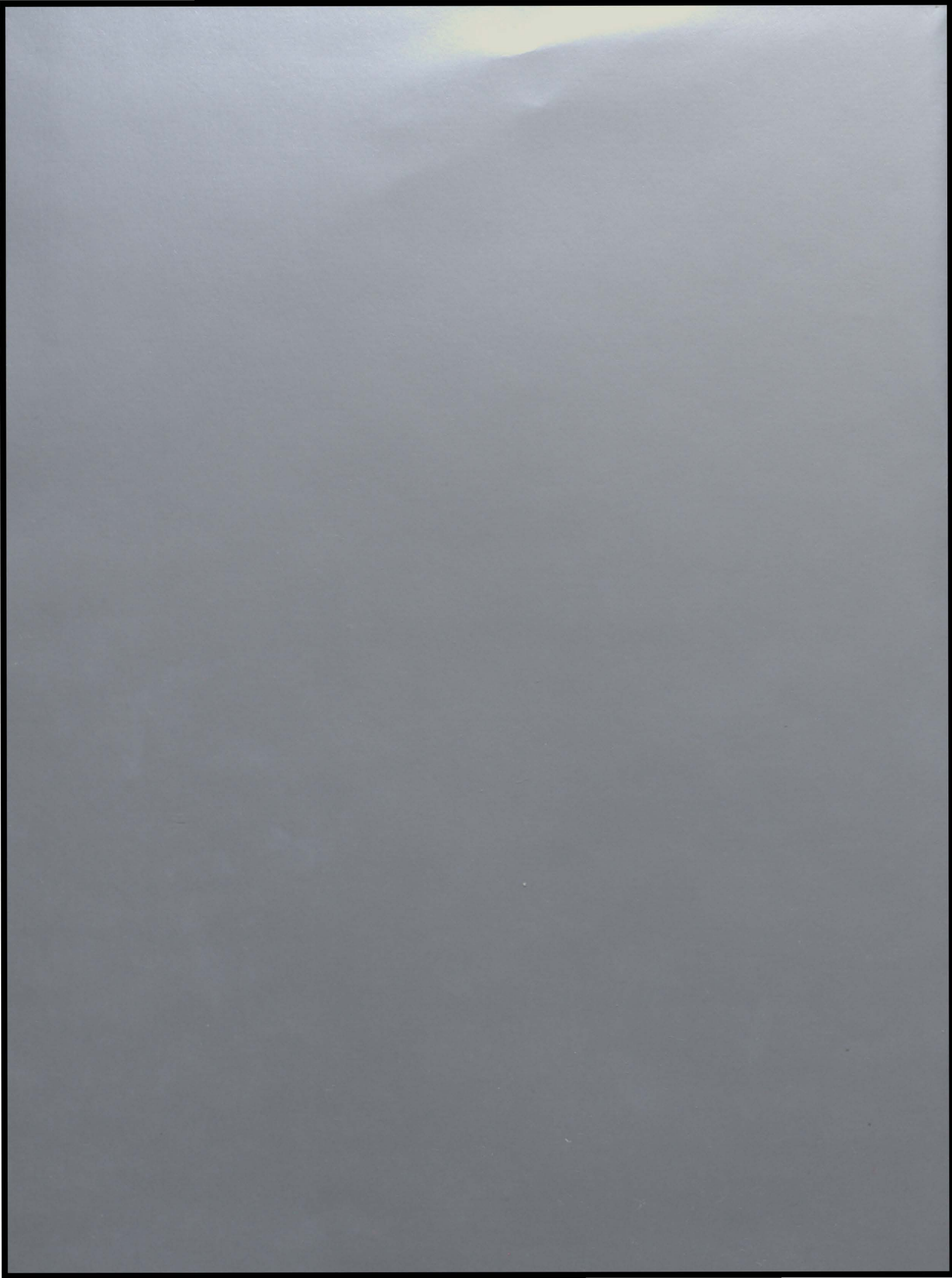






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# Giving Your All

## Battle for the Guardian Sword

The year long competition for community points concluded with the Battle for the Guardian Sword on April 28th. The "battle" consisted of various games such as water balloon volleyball, SMA trivia, Minute to Win It, and Capture the Bacon. School spirit and friendly community rivalries brought students together as they participated the fun and lively challenges. Each community exhibited sportsmanship, teamwork, talent, and athleticism, but only one community could claim the Guardian Sword. Coming from behind, Padre Pio surged forward and became the first community to proudly display Guardian Sword.

Above: Ellie Edmundson shows off the Guardiann Sword to a cheering crowd. Below, left to right: As the Padre Pio Dean, Mr. Walters receives the Guardian Sword on behalf of his community. The Padre Pio Community victory photo. Ms. Zarda's house (JP II) discusses a trivia question. Zaine Ali, Caleb Berry, Sean Lewis, Patrick Loree, Daniel Rogge, & Noland Vahle of the JP II community prepare for the 'bull run'. Jacob Edmundson, Moriah Breunig, Aysia Finney, Sydney Norton, & Cardin Vo of the Kolbe community smile as they show off their team spirit. Danielle Jokerst's (Kolbe) concentration pays off as she wins the golf balls stacking challenge.



# Spirit Blossoms

## Spring Spirit Week

During spring spirit week, students enjoyed dressing up to fun themes such as Comfy/Cozy Day, Character Day, Meme/Vine Day, Twin Day, and Spirit Day. The week of games and fun provided a prelude to our first prom.

During House time on Tuesday, students gathered in the gym to watch a Bro-ball Tournament between the senior and junior boys that ended in a victory for the seniors. The fun and games continued with the spring sports athletes playing "Ships and Sailors." Weather conditions forced the Powderpuff flag football game to be delayed, but just a few short days later, the junior and senior girls headed to the practice field where the seniors claimed another victory.

The prom pep assembly honored the 2018 Prom Court of Bridget Allen, Jazmin Ayala, Mary Clare Byrne, Anthony Cooper, Tristan DeGonia, Pedro Leverette, Michael Menne, Kyndall Penyweit, Adele Rogge, and Devion Williams.

Below, left to right: The senior Powderpuff girl team poses after taking the Win. Elizabeth Edmundson dressed up as Gamora from Guardians of the Galaxy for Character Day. Mya Griffin latches on to Alex Pocock's belt during the Powderpuff game. The senior boys celebrate after getting a point in Bro-Ball. Landon Vahle leaps up in the air to block Nate Schwaller's impending spike. Erin Kimbrell looks comfy in a pink onesie on Comfy/Cozy Day.



# Under the Stars Prom

Our first prom, A Night Under the Stars, included fun, games, dancing, and so much more! Held at Faulkner's, the unseasonably cold and rainy weather were quickly forgotten as the juniors and seniors entered the elegantly decorated party room. After a dinner of pulled pork and country style cooking, the fun began with a scavenger hunt with donuts as prizes, but cranking up the music really got the party going.

Crowning Prom King Pedro Leverette and Queen Kyndall was a highlight of the evening. Kyndall shared, "It was honestly such an honor. Everyone was cheering, my name was being screamed and I was getting hugs all around."

The dance concluded at eleven o'clock but the fun continued at the Paradise Park after party where students played arcade games, sumo wrestled, and won prizes. The night concluded with all attendees receiving a gift to take home.

Left: King Pedro Leverette & Queen Kyndall Penyweit pose for their royal portrait. Below, left to right: Cameron Leathers shocks the crowds with his pineapple suit. Students crowd the floor to dance. Tyrez Scott makes his entrance. Scavenger hunt dash.. Mya Griffin, Kayona Latimer, & Rickeya Smith shine like the stars in their beautiful prom dresses.





# A Tale as Old as Time

## Musical

We began our first year with a stellar performance of *Beauty and the Beast*, featuring Emilee Byrne as Belle and Tristan DeGonia as the Beast. Mrs. Loftis directed a smashing success that featured experienced student performers and talented newcomers.

With the help of Mr. Raney and his set design students, our stage seamlessly transformed from one location to the next. Set painter James Devero claimed, "It is a challenging but rewarding task, and I always learn a trick or two."

After months of practicing, the show debuted on April 19 for elementary and middle Catholic schools in the area. Nightly performances continued through April 21 to a multitude of family, students, and guests. The fantastic performances garnered praise and admiration. Here is one last standing ovation for a job well done by cast and crew



## BEHIND the SCENES

The phenomenal crew provided expert lighting and sound, keeping the musical running smoothly!



Top to bottom: Zach Bolger monitors the sound production. Parker LaPlante lights the stage. Eli Galbearth & Cameron Leathers adjust sound during a practice run. Elena Hobbs gives direction through her headset.



Top to bottom: Belle (Emilee Byrne) & the Beast (Tristan DeGonia) slow dance after a romantic dinner. Gaston (Devion Williams) gives an angry tirade. Aliya Bertrand, Maggie Miller, and Kyndall Penyweit take center stage. Patrick Loree embodies the character of Cogsworth. Kendall Penyweit beautifully performs her solo. The cast proclaims, "Be Our Guest!" The cursed residents of the Beast's Castle gather to serve Belle dinner. Tristan DeGonia & Devion Williams rehearse an aggressive scene. Characters portrayed by Zaine Ali & Patrick Loree share an on-stage hug. Devion Williams leads the cast in the dance of the mob song.





# A Work of Heart

## Fine Arts Gala

Our first Fine Arts Gala, held on April 25th, attracted many who appreciate art. Attendees viewed a variety of visual and performing art, including dancing, singing, musical performances, various artwork, and poetry. Heavenly music from the orchestra, glorious singing from the choir, skillful dancing from the dance team, and beautiful artwork kept guests entertained all evening.



Top to bottom, left to right: A student created Converse shoe made out clear tape. Zaine Ali, Domenick Bisacca, Tristan DeGonia, Justin House, Brett Twenter, and Devion Williams look snazzy in their suits. Maggie Miller sings her heart out. Color prints of students' faces on display. The orchestra shows off their sweet serenading skills. The girls choir harmonizes during a ballad.



# Gateway to Heaven

## Sophomore Retreat & Freshmen Retreat



On February 26, the sophomore class departs from SMA and arrives at Camp Tekikwitha. The sophomores start their retreat with fun and games, such as ping-pong, foosball, frisbee, and tag. During a favorite retreat activity, the sophomores wrote their insecurities on rocks and threw them out. The evening concluded with Adoration in the chapel and Confession, followed by dance party in the disco-tech. With the retreat theme “Abide” ever present, students focused on love and service.



On November 19, the freshman class embarked on their “Encounter” themed retreat which helped them face fears and peers. The boys participated in a “Lost Sheep Hunt” where one boy hid from the group and had to be found. The girls participated in an affirmation activity and an obstacle course. Reunited, the freshman class showcased their God-given talents. Quinn Mccullough’s performance of “Don’t Stop” by Fleetwood Mac was a crowd favorite.



(Left to right; top to bottom) The sun sets over the lake as freshmen head to the chapel for Adoration and Confession. Juliana Diaz and Morgan Gervery grin and hug during the disco-tech dance party. Parker Valencia, Abigail Salanski, Brett Twenter, Lucy O'Connor, and Colleen McNamara enjoy a dinner of Mexican food and homemade brownies and a beautiful view overlooking the lake.

# Learning to Lead

## Junior Retreat

With the bus windows rolled down to expel the sudden heat spell and their belongings crammed in around them on the bus seats, the juniors arrived at Camp Tekakwitha excited for the two days of leadership and fun ahead. Upon their arrival, the juniors of each community decked themselves out in green, blue, or yellow and competed in an “amazing” race to complete a series of tasks. Madelyn McKinney shared, “The race was my favorite part of the retreat because our community juniors raced together to win five points. Padre Pio ended up winning the relay race and gaining five points for the community.” After the race, boys and girls separated for spiritual guidance. The girls painted a beautiful image of strong women in Church history while the boys built and carried a cross. Later in the day, the juniors sat in the candlelit hangar and wrote their insecurities or qualities they wished to have on a strip of white fabric. After tying their strips to a cross, they were asked to untie one, symbolizing the sharing of burdens. In the evening, the juniors participated in Adoration and Confession, followed by the teachers washing the feet of the students. To end the evening, everyone joined in to sing “Oceans”. The next day, the juniors sang the Divine Mercy Chaplet before breakfast. Prepared to be the new leaders of the school as the seniors look toward the future, the juniors left the retreat excited to face the challenges ahead.

Facing Page, top to bottom: The painting of the Virgin Mary, Mother Theresa, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Josephine Bakhita, St. Therese of Lisieux, Joan of Arc, & St. Scholastica done by the junior girls. Luke Kuestermeyer applies blue war paint while Megan White listens to Pio's strategy. Lily McCombs, Maya Marten, and Maggie Miller eat lunch together outside. Sean Lewis and Noland Vahle pose with green bandannas and war paint.

Below: Jessica Lacy draws yellow war paint on John Hyde before the community race.





Integrity

Listening

Hope

Courage

Love

Fortitude



Confidence

Leadership

Compassion

Perseverance

Self-image

Positivity

Motivation



Trust

Caring

Wisdom

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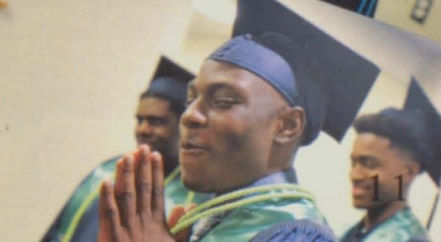
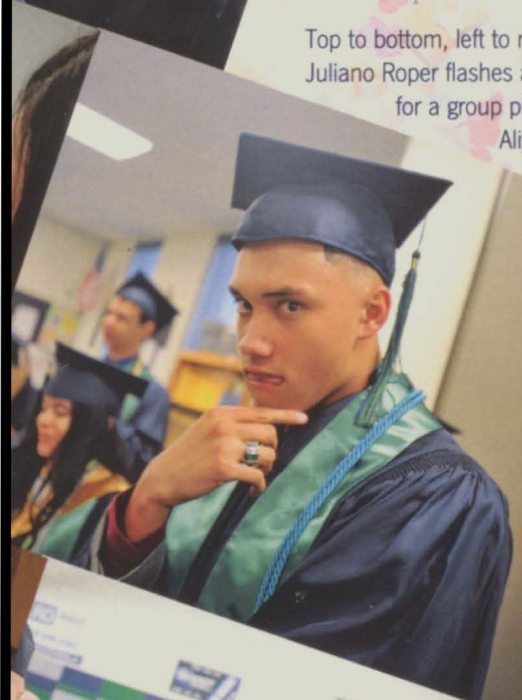
## Class of 2018 Graduation

On May 18, our inaugural graduation sent 69 seniors seniors out into the world with prayers, smiles, tears, and celebration!

Mrs. Maddox and Fr. Sly proudly presented the seniors for graduation, and Bishop Johnson blessed the graduates. Class valedictorian Alexis DeMarea advised the students to cherish the present as they look toward the future. With diplomas in hand and caps tossed into the air, the senior class celebrated the evening with friends, family, teachers, and an enormous blue and green cake.

The very first graduating class will forever remain in our hearts and prayers!

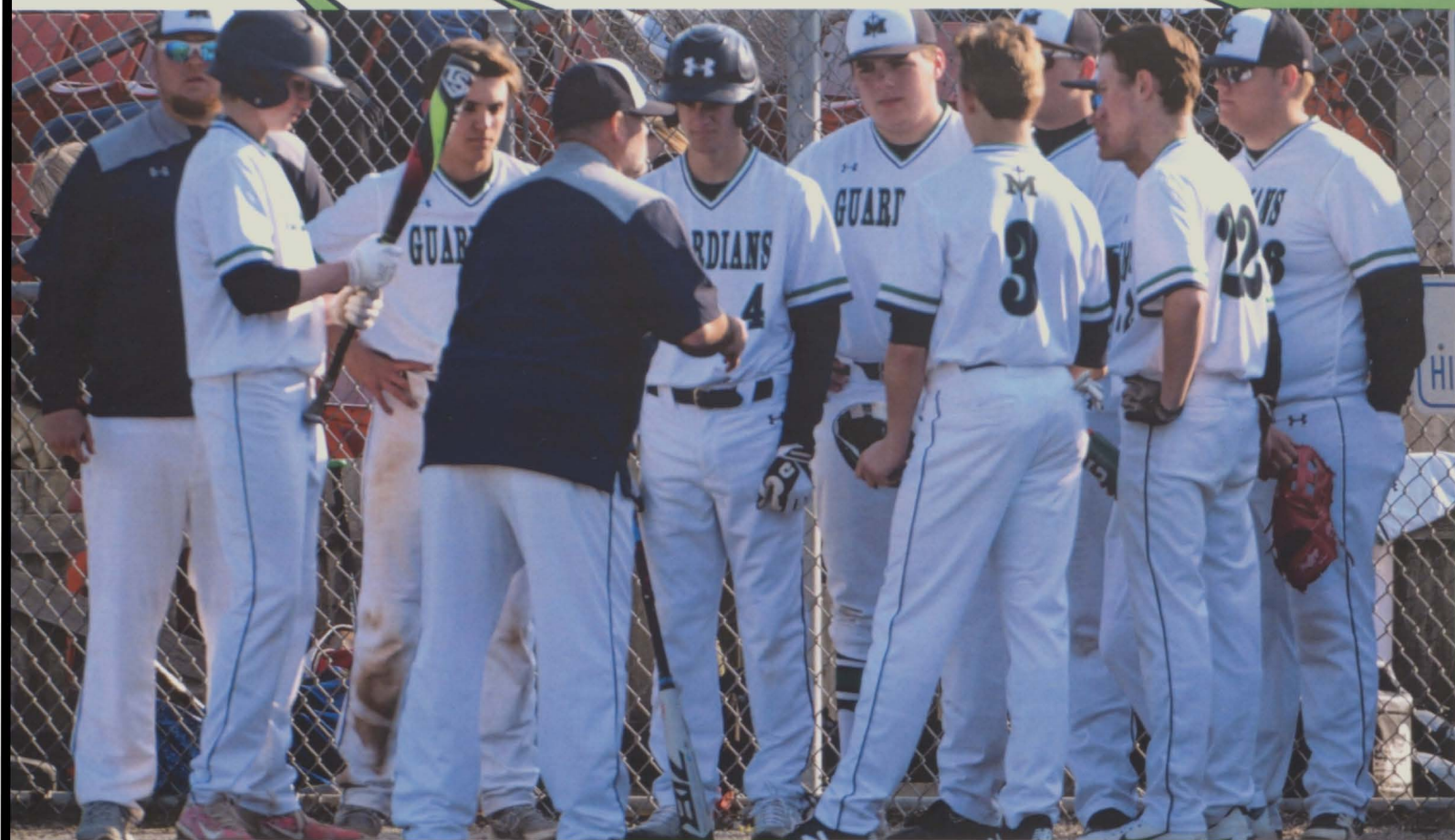
Top to bottom, left to right: Zaine Ali beams as he heads down the graduation aisle. Kitania Nowak faces her future with a smile. Juliano Roper flashes a smile at the crowd. Bridget Allen, Lauren Chapman, Alexis DeMarea, Carsyn Koob, & Leah Stufflebean pose for a group picture, Bishop Johnson gives the graduates his blessing. Jazmin Ayala gets teary-eyed as she says goodbye to Aliya Bertrand and Emilee Byrne. Devion Williams goofs off before the ceremony. Rickeya Smith & Thomas Tyler grin with excitement. Nicole Reilly adjusts her cap. Seriena Lovett rocks her dark lipstick. Mary Clare Byrne is greeted by her proud family. Spencer Gosselin & Patrick Loree enjoy the night. Mrs. Maddox shares her enthusiasm. Patrick Pinkins hugs Nikki Brown & Kayla Puno. Tyrez Scott sends up a prayer before the ceremony. Zhya Griswell heads to graduation. Overjoyed Adele Rogge heads to an after party. Friends Mya Griffin & Kayona Latimer pose as they head out of school, no longer high school students.





# Catching Fire

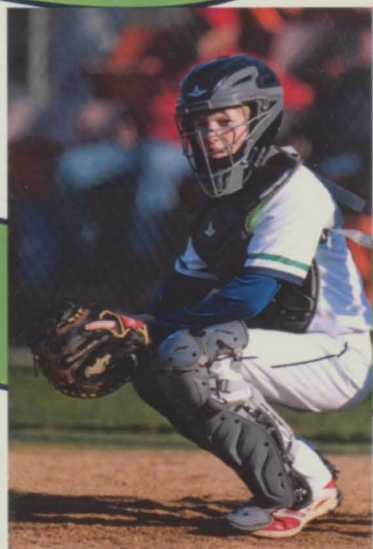
## Baseball



This team played with determination, dedication, and heart on the diamond. Coach Lero commented, "One of the things we teach in the baseball program is that you should strive to get better at something or better overall everyday." Facing bigger schools and more experienced teams, our team swung for the fence every game. Even though team was not dealt a winning hand, each player walked away a better athlete.

Top to bottom, left to right: The Guardians huddle before a game. Cooper Wiley snaps his glove closed to make a tricky catch. Tyrez Scott smoothly slides into second base. Tyler Davis slices a shot to midfield. Anthony Cooper waits for the ball to tag an opponent out. Michael Menne stretches his glove out to snatch the baseball. Noland Vahle crouches behind home plate. Thomas Kelly is ready for the game to begin. Landon Vahle hurls a pitch to the batter. Thomas Kelly deftly scoops up an infield hit.





# Par-fect Playing

## Boys Golf

With twelve beginners and only three seasoned players, the first boys golf team formed unforgettable bonds of friendship. Stuart Shatto jokingly described his highlight of the season as, "anytime we got dinner after matches." Coach Sellnow enjoyed "seeing twelve beginners come out and work hard to try to learn a difficult game." He also shared that, "From the beginning of the year to the end, I saw almost all of them develop skills they can use for the rest of their lives." Peter Carmack, John DiMarco, and Stuart Shatto qualified for sectionals and DiMarco and Shatto qualified for state.



Coach Sellnow gives advice to his golfers.

Below, left to right: Ethan Smith selects a golf club from his bag. Justin Cupp studies the fairway. John Hyde finishes his swing with a flourish. Brandon Lovelace puts the ball gently onto the green. Stuart Shatto skillfully directs the ball onto the green. Jackson Washeck lines up his shot.



# Order on the Court

## Boys Tennis

From the beginning, this team set the net high!

These boys faced the challenges of a new team with pride, defeating rival opponents St. Pius X and Smith Cotton.

Josh Rogge described the time he spent with all his teammates as an “unforgettable time with a great group of friends”.

From loud bus rides to big wins, the team captured a winning 7 - 5 season. Well done, gentlemen!

Below: Doubles team Tristan DeGonia and Nate Schwaller make a strong case for seniority as they rule the court. Zaine Ali and Justin House dominate the competition with fast feet and precise coordination.

Cameron Leathers winds up for the serve.



Nate Schwaller whacks the tennis ball with all his might.



Jack Davis grins as he pulls off a backhand.



Tristian DeGonia returns a serve.



# Goal Rush

## Girls Soccer

Outstanding talent, teamwork, and friendship accompanied the girls soccer team onto field during our first girls soccer season. "My favorite memory from soccer was Haley pulling out SPF 100+ sunscreen the first day of practice" shared Kayla Puno.

The eight seniors welcome the underclassmen with activities such as Big Sister Little Sister, sideline huddles, and Socca Sister shirts. "Our best tradition is that we have called ourselves the Socca Sistas since O'Hara," Haley Niner explained. Because of the supportive and welcoming atmosphere the team "is a great family that always looks after its sisters" according to Adele Rogge.

Congratulations ladies, for your hard work and great season!



Top to bottom, left to right: Leanna Jakobe defends the goal. Abigail maneuvers around the competition with skill. Bella Hughes shows finishes a free kick. Nina Sirna prepares to control the ball with her Norton dash to intercept the ball. Eva Petrini dribbles down the field with the ball. Andie Lanpher prepares to launch a pass.



Salanski demonstrates athleticism as she controls the ball. Danielle Jokerst careful footwork. Erin Kimbrell fiercely fights for possession. Lucy O'Connor knee. Audrey Maglich takes possession of the ball. Lorien Frey and Sydney Abby Sutberry fend off her opponents. Haley Niner streaks down the field

# One Track Mind

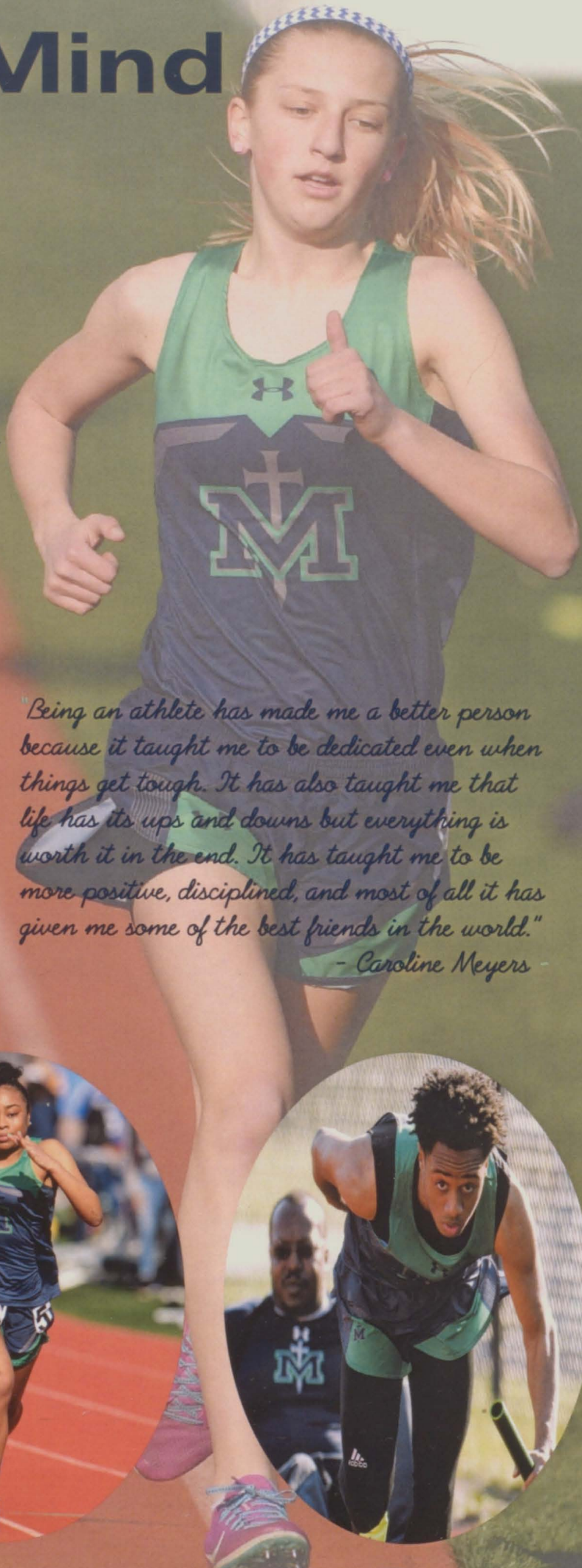
## Track & Field

Small in size but chock-full of talent, the team led the field in spirit and dedication. The leadership of several strong seniors defined the season and the team mindset. As Mya Griffin put it, "I am the track team." Griffin stepped up to motivate and encourage the team. "I push the team in the right direction by getting them back on track and reminding them of the dream," she said. Head coach Jerry Price summarized the season by saying, "The kids have really performed to the best of their abilities and for that I am very proud of them." At sectionals, the team competed their hearts out and Caroline Meyers qualified for state in the 800, 1600, and 3200.

Top to bottom, left to right: Caroline Meyers leads the pack during the mile run. Alexis Wynne hurls the discus to an amazing one hundred feet. Alex and Alston Warren hand off the baton during a relay. Mya Griffin prepares to pass the baton to Ebele Mgbemena. Brandon Lane tosses the shot put to over thirty feet. Christopher Pouncil clutches the baton as he races to finish the relay. Kennedy Pitts flies down the track. Mike Jones shoots forward from the starting line. Anna Strobl leaps over the high jump bar. Zhenya Johnson powers through the race.

*"Being an athlete has made me a better person because it taught me to be dedicated even when things get tough. It has also taught me that life has its ups and downs but everything is worth it in the end. It has taught me to be more positive, disciplined, and most of all it has given me some of the best friends in the world."*

*- Caroline Meyers*







# Baseball

# Boys Golf



Front to back, left to right: Michael Ice, John Paul Murphy, Aaron Davis, John Flucke, Josh Stanek, Jacob Edmundson, Alex Green, Noland Vahle, Michael Menne, Dylan Powell, Tyler Davis, John Morris, Cooper Wiley, Ellie Edmundson, Coach Kirmer, Coach Lero, Coach Corbin, Ryan Holst, Tony Murphy, Gabe Kingdon, Michael Stufflebean, Anthony Cooper, Thomas Kelly, Caleb Berry, Desmond Henry, Sean Lewis, Nicholas Haggerty, Caleb Baker, Landon Vahle.

Front to back, left to right: Peter Carmack, Stuart Shatto, Michael Heffemon, Cardin Vo, Joseph Kimbrough, Cole Setter, Christopher Rizzi, Ethan Smith, John Hyde, Brandon Lovelace, Jack Washeck, Coach Sellnow, Marco Myatt, Jack DiMarco, Justin Cupp.

# Boys Tennis

# Girls Soccer



Front to back, left to right: Nate Schwaller, Justin House, Josh Rogge, Jack Davis, Tim Lakin, Zaine Ali, Cameron Leathers, Tristan DeGonia.

Front to back, left to right: Nina Sirna, Sydney Norton, Jessie Lanpher, Leah Stufflebean, Kayla Puno, Danielle Jokerst, Alexis DeMaria, Alyssa Bolger, Alyssa Sirna, Jenna Drake, Maria Chavez, Alexa Rizzo, Bridget Allen, Haley Niner, Lauren Chapman, Adele Rogge, Eva Petrini, Sofia Cucar, Nina Kish, Abby Salanski, Audrey Maglich, Vera Bohning, Sarah Chapman, Coach Drath, Coach Kroening, Coach Clark, Jessica Lacy, MaryGrace Tyler, Abby Sutberry, Moriah Breunig, Margaret Banlomon, Clare Murphy, Lorien Frey, Leanna Jakobe, Andie Lanpher, Alyssa Lakin, Erin Kimbrell, Bella Hughes, Lucy O'Connor.

# Track & Field



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