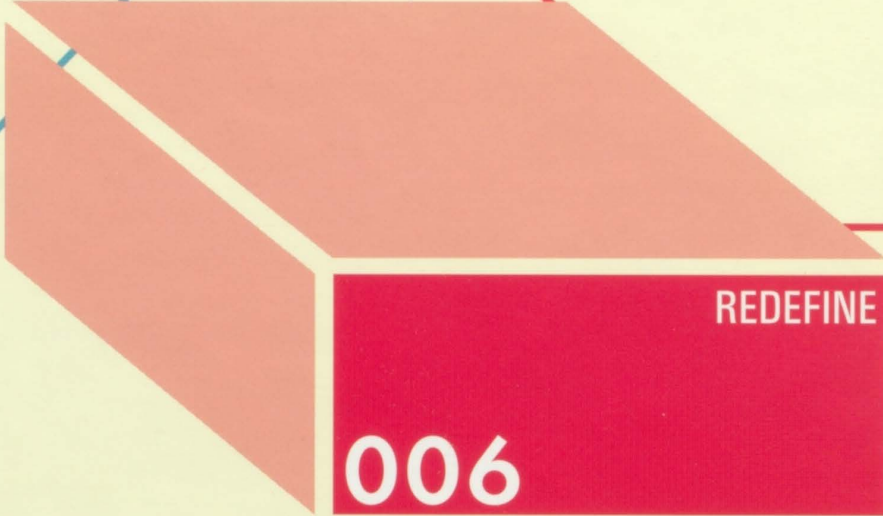




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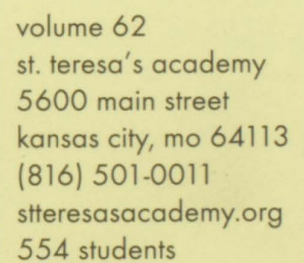
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Each August unrecognizable faces greet us, we memorize new schedules and find new classes to excel in. However, this year was different in some ways; it was **redefined**. We were introduced to a wide range of technology; we witnessed a historical ground-breaking for the chapel; we adjusted to an expanded student body. Each of us **reacted** to the changes in different ways, some with joy and some with discontent. We **related** to each other, whether it was by sharing the stress of writing a paper during a hectic week, counting down the days until spring break or wearing the same unwashed black and pink sweatpants. **We were rewired**. Rewired to perform old tasks. Rewired to face new obstacles.

WE ARE rewired





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wired up STA students gather around the Mikey Needleman Band for a performance in the M&A Auditorium Feb. 3. The Mikey Needleman Band returned to perform during Catholic Schools Week for the 2010-2011 school year after the students' high-demand. photo by jenny schorgl

the year REWIRED

The 2010-2011 school year brought unexpected changes, also encouraging students to rewire themselves in order to accept them.

We go through four years at one place: our high school. Here we are supposed to be rewired from insecure, shy freshmen to strong, confident seniors. Transitioning is not easy. We go through many changes each year, growing stronger as we accomplish one task after another, and experiencing obstacles and triumphs along the way.

This year, we readjusted to other changes. As construction crews prepared our campus for the new chapel, we watched and recalled the yard days we shared as a school in the lawn.

Netbooks, Moodle, PowerSchool and OpenOffice transformed our classroom environments. Nothing seemed the same.

Together we reacted as we watched teams advance to districts, sectionals and State. We cheered them on as they conquered rival schools and experienced sadness when they admitted defeat. Dressed up as characters from "Mulan" preparing to fight or chubby yellow minions, we became one, spirited student body.

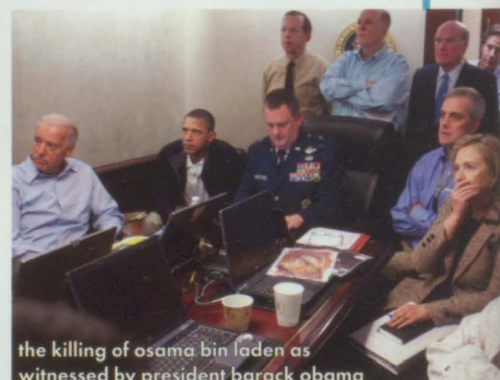
The relationships we shared with our classmates, advisories, friends and teachers kept us strong and helped us make new memories each day. Through them, we learned to deal with each change that greatly affected our life at school.



junior christina barton



grim reaper day sponsored by SADD club



the killing of osama bin laden as witnessed by president barack obama

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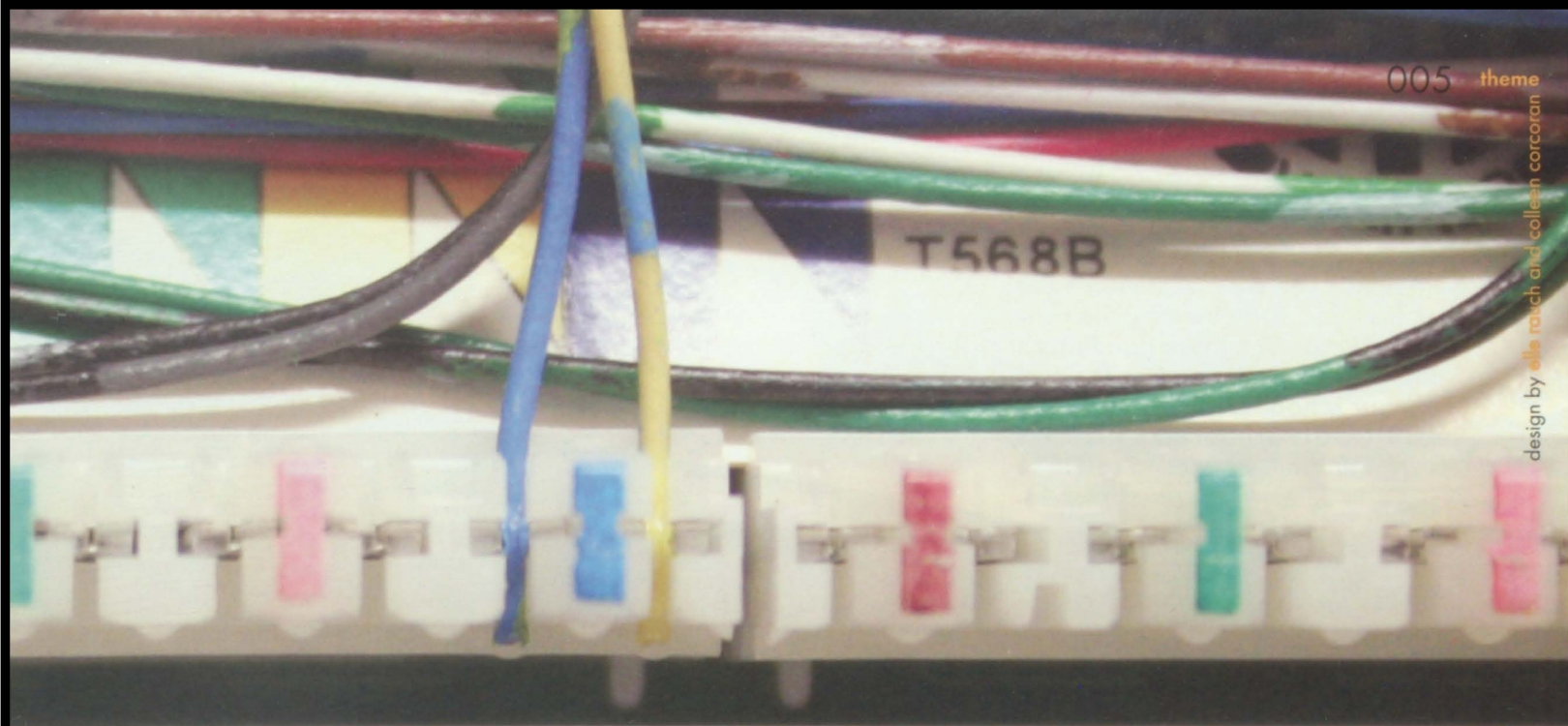
The softball, volleyball, golf, tennis, cross country, dance, swim & dive, basketball, soccer, lacrosse and track teams are covered on these pages.

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Various clubs and organizations and their contributions are noted on these pages.

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Events taking place during the 2010-2011 school year are mentioned on these pages.



As a school, we adjusted to the traditional changes we witnessed each year. As we watched the news or logged onto Facebook and Twitter, we became aware of the ways in which the world changed in front of us.

Together we experienced other altering events on our own campus. We went through the loss of Critter and the arrival of a new campus cat, Little Bits. Our unity strengthened when we learned of members of our community overcoming great obstacles in their lives.

Our student body responded to issues throughout our community and the world. Community Service Club encouraged all students and staff at STA to donate blood. Science Club and Students Assembled for Global Awareness members aided in "going green" by taking the initiative to recycle.

Together we partook in many events and shared various occasions together. Each time we showed our individual emotions and excitement, we felt close to each other and our school. We wired ourselves through our unbreakable connections. Our heightened energy manifested itself within each cheer, hug and laugh we shared. But, looking back on the year, whether we wanted to admit it or not, we were all rewired.



can you dig it? STA students witnessed the historical ground breaking for the Chapel of St. Joseph and Windmoor Center March 23. The ceremony consisted of a prayer service in the Goppert Center and a blessing of the construction site by Bishop Robert Finn. The fences surrounding the chapel construction blocked students from the Donnelly Hall sidewalk. **photo by alyson mcnaughten**



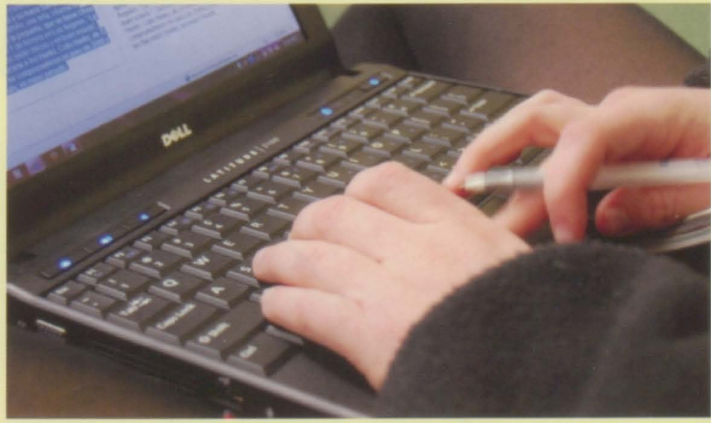
tight schedule The new PowerSchool scheduling system created more structured agendas for students. The schedules consisted of nine periods and the same students in a class each day. Some students believed the new system made it harder for classmates to meet and interact. **photo by jenny schorgl**



kelly drummond, left, and seniors kathleen hough and madalyne bird

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The staff, freshman, sophomore, junior and senior school photos and coverage are featured on these pages.



wired up At the beginning of the school year, each student was issued a Dell netbook upon paying a \$625 technology fee. The campus became rewired by adding a technology Help Desk, an updated Moodle website and hundreds of student-used netbooks. **photo by elise pavic**

We **REDEFINE** ourselves on a daily basis. The campus... redefined by a fence in the Quad. The way we do our homework... redefined by the new netties. The way freshmen meet new friends... redefined by the new schedules. The three buildings... redefined by adding a fourth. Just as our school sees new changes, the 2010-2011 school year presents us with another chance to redefine ourselves.

fun & games Juniors, left, Nicole Kamradt and Miranda Johnson laugh while playing an online rainbow racing game, "Robot Unicorn Attack." "It's something to do during our frees when there is nothing better to do," Johnson said. "It is better than bashing our brains." photo by demi ribaste

redefine





INTRODUCING THE netbook

From handing out tattered textbooks to distributing netbooks to each student, STA began the process of entering a new technological era.

Sitting in the second row near the window in Mr. Stephen Himes' world literature class, sophomore Emma Wheatley logged onto her computer, opened Internet Explorer and signed into Moodle. She opened up to the class page and clicked on the link labeled "A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings." As Himes read through the story online, Wheatley followed along, resisting the temptation to finish her game of BubbleShooter.

"I was excited to get [the netbooks] because it's a new addition and different than anything we've had," Wheatley said. "It's affected me because it makes doing work for school a lot easier and faster."

In August, each student received a new laptop within the first week of school that would be hers for the rest of the year. As well as allowing STA to have a one-to-one ratio between students and computers, academic principal Barbara McCormick saw netbooks as a way to increase knowledge.

"Netbooks are a great resource to students and enhances teaching and instruction," McCormick said. "They provide an opportunity for students to connect to worldly views and broaden that connection with others."

Similar to McCormick, technology committee chair Renee Blake saw the addition of netbooks as an important advancement.

"A lot of high schools are going one-to-one with technology," Blake said. "It's the way that colleges are moving so there is a need to prepare students for the future."

According to senior Marissa Naggi, the netbooks were both beneficial and distracting to students learning.

"It's easier to mess around during frees [with netbooks]," Naggi said. "At the same time you still become more productive because you don't have to wait until you go home to get things done."

Faculty members involved with technology believed netbooks would not be the end of STA's technological advancements and continually looked to the future.

"I think you have to view [technology] as a process or a journey," McCormick said. "You can't see it as a beginning or end."

story by megan harper



Tetris



ABOUT netties

The administration issued 565 netbooks to students at the beginning of the school year.

- Cost: \$600
- Model: Dell Latitude 2100
- Weight: 2.91 lbs
- Screen Size: 10.1 inches
- Color: Black
- Battery Life: 10 hours



BY THE numbers

Students visited the Help Desk when they needed assistance with their netbook. These were the top reasons students visited the Help Desk.

176
misplaced chargers

43
bad batteries

6
lost netbooks

48
cracked screens

4 keyboard issues

17 malfunctioning screens

14 "wiggle" battery issues

THE first time i...

Students described events surrounding their netbooks.

broke my netty lost my netbook did a prank



"My dog chewed up my netbook cord. I wasn't surprised at all because he eats all my underwear and shorts. He's the cutest dog, but destroys everything so I yelled at him. I had to buy a new one for \$50. I now keep it in a certain spot and roll it up so he can't get it."

-sophomore sophie bono



"My netbook was stolen from my car. I was in disbelief. I opened my car and I assumed my netbook was in there because it was zipped up. I waited for it to turn up, but it never did. I had to talk to the help desk and Ms. [Barbara] McCormick and have to pay for it."

-senior margaret haake



"Celia O'Flaherty and I went to lit class early and told everyone to change their screens. We used our netbooks and got Mr. [Kelly] Fast's profile picture and made it the background. When he pulled up the "eye program" his picture was everywhere."

-junior alexandria mediavilla

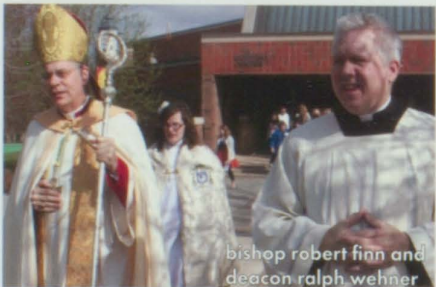
down and dirty Bishop Robert Finn, from left, Sister Patricia Clune, board member Kate Brown, Ms. Barbara McCormick, Ms. Sue Fahey, and Ms. Nan Bone turn dirt in the ground breaking ceremony March 23. Junior Kate Rohr's father, an architect from Gould Evans, also participated in the turning of the dirt.
photo by elise pavicic

PRAYERFUL beginnings

Before breaking ground, the STA community gathered for a prayer service led by Bishop Robert Finn. A procession to the future site of the Chapel of St. Joseph and Windmoor led up to the blessing of the ground and the ground breaking. photos by grace bisbee, jenny schorgl and demi ribaste



senior Sam Scheuler



bishop robert finn and deacon ralph wehner



ms. barbara mccormick and bishop robert finn



prayer time During the prayer service, senior Maddie Lundgren looks over the program of events for the morning's ceremony. Campus ministry director Joe LaScala, Sister Patricia Clune, senior Samantha Schueler, junior Lucia Maschler and Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker were among many who participated in the ceremony. photo by elise pavicic



BUILDING THE future

As she looked out on the students gathered in the Quad, president Nan Bone realized that after four years in the making, it was happening. Cameras snapped as Bone, along with Bishop Robert Finn and others simultaneously scooped dirt from the mound in front of them to signify the official ground breaking of the chapel.

"For me, I started to get emotional outside," Bone said. "This was it. We had made it through a long time and now we were ready to break ground. It's setting another 100 years in the making."

The March 23 groundbreaking ceremony for the Chapel of St. Joseph and Windmoor Center brought together the STA community and those involved with the building of the chapel.

"We worked to make [the ceremony] special and spiritual," Bone said. "It allowed us to honor the people that had dedicated money, time and resources to the chapel."

The chapel, which was expected to be finished by early 2012, would serve as a place for worship, while the attached Windmoor Center would introduce four high-tech classrooms to the campus. According to Bone, the modern architectural design of the chapel and the metal-lace covering represented STA.

"[The chapel is] so us and what we're always about, being individuals," Bone said. "In reality, it has a presence about what we are. The chapel is for us. It has a ton of meaning for the girls and ancestors before us and what's to come after us. It represents the history of school and who founded it."

The STA community came together to celebrate the breaking of the ground for the chapel. The ceremony marked the beginning of the construction process.

story by *meghan harper and claire vanasdale*

BAD IDEA versus GOOD IDEA

The future addition of the chapel to the campus caused students to form both positive and negative opinions about its presence.

"I'm not against the idea of having the chapel, I just don't like the decision of the building. I don't think it makes everything about the campus look right. Our campus is more traditional. I could be wrong about how it is going to look, but where my head's at I'm just not sure if it really fits. I didn't have a problem until the process was further along and I just didn't think it made sense. I feel like students didn't get an input and it is happening for us."

"My opinion has changed. At first I didn't want to have a chapel, but after learning more about it, I was more excited for it. Once construction is gone and out of the way I'll be more excited. I think once it's here everyone will be positive about it because I know that right now people are annoyed. I'm excited to see how it changes the vibe of the campus because with a building that size it will be hard for it not to have an impact on us."



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i have a dream President Nan Bone observes the ground breaking ceremony for the future Chapel of St. Joseph. "I felt [the chapel] was the only thing the school was lacking," Bone said. "I hope it brings another aspect of how to bond as a school." **photo by clare odegard**



shift IN THE SCHEDULE

With changes in scheduling, freshmen found it harder to meet one another during 2010-2011 school year. Others found different ways to meet girls.

Over the summer the administration e-mailed STA parents stating a change in the scheduling. The e-mail explained how the modular scheduling used in previous years would no longer be implemented, and a new form of modular scheduling would be used. Many students had grown to know and love the unstructured scheduling where they got to see different girls throughout the days, and they had to learn to accept the change.

"It was a defining characteristic," freshman Mary Gibson said about the old scheduling. "It was the one thing that set STA apart from the other schools. I was really disappointed when I found out the schedules had changed. The scheduling was one of the main reasons I decided to come to STA."

According to Ms. Barbara McCormick, the scheduling used during the 2010-2011 school year was more structured than in previous years. The student's schedule was the same Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and then it was reversed on Tuesday and Thursday. In each class the student took, the same girls were in it throughout the whole year.

"You don't see different people throughout the day," freshman Kiley O'Toole said. "Some girls I know really well, and others I don't know at all."

Gibson believed that girls were not able to get to know each other in their classes better and it provided a familiar atmosphere in the classrooms. However, she thought the downside to the scheduling was the freshmen class would not be as close as others because it would take longer to meet girls.

"I haven't met as many girls as I think I would have with the old schedules," O'Toole said.

O'Toole believed that the new scheduling affected the way they met girls. She thought that one of the most common ways was through other friends, sports, and Rockhurst games.

story by *maggie kenney*

VIEWPOINTS vary

The new modular scheduling caused various reactions from teachers and students. Ms. Jo Weller and junior Katie Evans expressed their thoughts on the new scheduling.



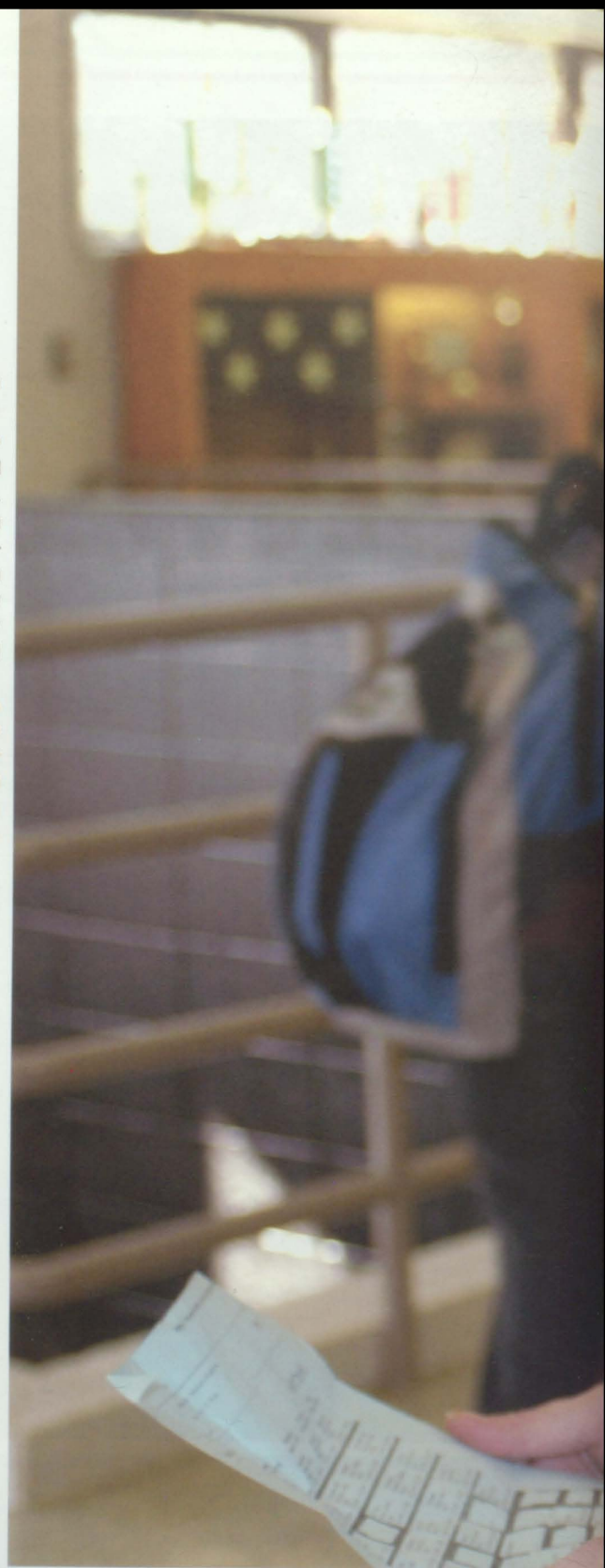
-ms. jo weller

"Having students stay in the same group certainly makes things easier from an organization and paperwork standpoint.... However, the bad side is it limits the opportunities students have to collaborate and interact with a larger variety of classmates."



-junior katie evans

"I don't think the new scheduling this year is as flexible as last year's.... With the same girls in the class, it allows for group projects to be worked on continuously instead of having to wait until the next class everyone has together."



check it out (above) Freshman Mary Gibson poses with her schedule after period 6 Nov. 15. Gibson liked the old schedule because it was STA unique. **photo illustration by maggie kenney**

period or mod? (right) Ms. Jo Weller teaches her period 9 honors algebra II class Nov. 11. Weller taught two honors algebra II classes with one having more girls than the other. **photo by maggie kenney**



BY THE numbers

Senior Cydney Chibnall compared the old and new schedules.

LAST YEAR **VS** THIS YEAR

7 Classes taken each semester **6**

4 Classes taken with Emily Strickland **2**

12 Frees a week **13**

4 Changes buildings on Friday **5**

SYSTEM

shifts



Ms. Barbara McCormick explained why STA moved to new scheduling.

Q. Why did the school switch to PowerSchool?

A. "STA's former scheduling system, SASI, became unavailable. Two years ago administration began researching programs that would mirror the current scheduling. We chose PowerSchool because we thought it would reproduce similar schedules. However, PowerSchool was unable to fulfill STA's prior scheduling format."

Q. What did you do with the complaints you received?

A. "I don't know if I would call them complaints as much as concerns, but we would listen to them. We got a lot of good feedback from people who were concerned with the scheduling and with changing the way STA is."

Q. Does the administration plan on keeping this scheduling for next year?

A. "We have looked for a less structured schedule. I cannot take you back to the other scheduling because of PowerSchool, but I feel that we met most of the requests we got from the students regarding the scheduling."

scheduling

STEP-BY-STEP:

Create a program of studies for the year and register online for first choice classes and alternatives for next year.

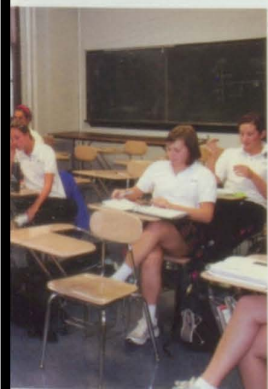
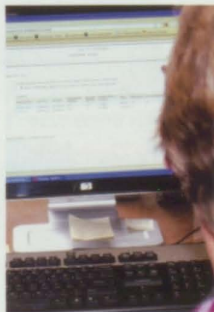
Decide which teachers will teach the course and how many sections they will teach. Enter all of the information into the computer.

Run a course tally for the course, and determine how many sections there will be and the maximum enrollment for each.

Ms. Kathy Walters provided instructions on how to create the new form of modular scheduling for the 2010-2011 school year.

Download the scheduling engine into PowerSchool and run validations for errors. Start building a master schedule.

Manually resolve any conflicts. Do the add/drop, for when a student wants to add or drop a class.



i love college Juniors, from left, Katie Patterson, Erika Mikkelson and Melissa Lane walk through the Rockhurst University campus Feb. 8. The three took French V at Rockhurst to get college credit for the class. **photo by margot livers**

rockhurst STEP-BY-STEP:

Junior Melissa Lane explained how to leave school and travel to Rockhurst University for a French V class.

"After period two, check out in Ms. Julia Berardi's office and head out the door to the car."



"Get in the car and drive five minutes to the Rockhurst University campus." **2**

"Attach your parking permit to the rearview mirror and pull into the student parking lot."



"Walk across campus to the Sedgewick Building and go upstairs to the second floor." **4**

"Go into room 204, sit down and get your stuff out to prepare for class."



freshmen fractions (above) Freshmen Cristina DeZeeuw, left, and Lauren Nagle work on their Honors Algebra II homework in Ms. Jo Weller's room Feb. 3. "I thought [the class] would be scary with all of the upperclassmen, but it wasn't bad. The class is challenging, but Ms. Weller is good at helping us." Nagle said. **photo by margot livers**

packing up (right) Junior Erika Mikkelson places her backpack into her car to go to her French class Feb. 10. Mikkelson enjoyed leaving school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to drive to Rockhurst. **photo by elise pavic**



ACCELERATED versus REGULAR

"There is a lot of homework that comes along with [the courses] and when you want to do something after school like sports or social event, it's really hard to juggle. Though I am not in very hard classes, there's still a lot of work to do, and I'm glad I'm not bored, but sometimes I wish there was just less." **Kelly Gardella**

Freshman Cristina DeZeeuw enrolled in accelerated classes, while freshman Kelly Gardella was in regular classes.

"I don't like that I have so much homework, and with sports and everything I don't have a lot of time to do to other things. It's also a lot of pressure because my parents expect me to get good grades, so with these challenging classes I have to work extra hard."

Cristina Dezeeuw



SKIPPING class

At precisely 9:15 a.m. the bell rang and junior Erika Mikkelson started her car and pulled out of the STA parking lot. After signing out with Ms. Julia Berardi, Mikkelson along with juniors Katie Patterson and Melissa Lane left school grounds. The three were not skipping class for a late breakfast; they were going to class on a college campus.

Rockhurst University offered college-level classes to high school students since 1974, according to the Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Science at Rockhurst, Kollen Kolenc. Kolenc believed students should take advantage of the opportunity.

"I recommend taking college classes to anyone who is able to," Kolenc said. "The college credit is very beneficial especially for those looking at public colleges."

Students took classes at Rockhurst if it was not offered at the student's high school. If it was, the student could register with Rockhurst to receive college credit for the class without taking it on the Rockhurst campus. STA did not offer French V.

"I chose to take French at Rockhurst because I can get my minor a lot faster with the college credit," Mikkelson said. "These classes are very beneficial to someone looking to pursue a career in the subject they are taking."

Mikkelson found the opportunity to get in her car and travel to Rockhurst relaxing and enjoyable. However, senior Sue Seemani, who took physics at Rockhurst, disagreed. Seemani chose not to continue her Rockhurst class second semester because of stress.

"Leaving school so often made me miss important classes, lunch and meetings," Seemani said. "I was constantly meeting with teachers to see what I missed. It was all very stressful."

However, both Mikkelson and Seemani believed Rockhurst proved beneficial because it gave them a taste of college academics.

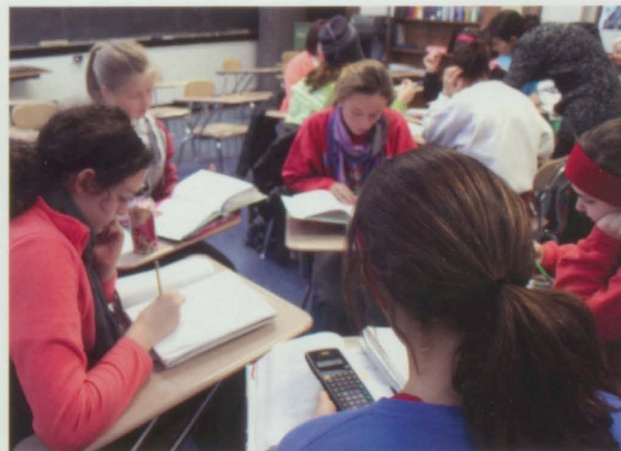
"It's a very different atmosphere," Seemani said. "There's a lot of interaction with students and faster group work. It was good to see what I can expect next year."

STA students chose to take college courses at Rockhurst University. Students received college credit for classes and got a taste of what college life was like.

story by margot livers



Fasars on French Juniors, from left, Melissa Lane, Erika Mikkelson and Katie Patterson settle in to their French V class at Rockhurst University Feb. 8. The class size was small with only the STA students and a few other college students. photo by margot livers



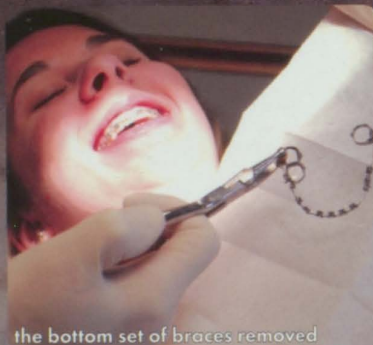
huddle up Freshmen, clockwise, Cristina Dezeeuw, Lauren Nagle, sophomores Grace Hodes, Morgan Trees and Grace Scovell work together on Algebra homework Feb. 8 in Ms. Jo Weller's class. Two freshmen enrolled in Honors Algebra II, a class made of mostly sophomores and juniors. photo by margot livers

UNWIRED

After three years of braces, junior Kelsey Rodriguez had them removed in May and was eager to show off her teeth to her friends and family.



before the braces were removed



the bottom set of braces removed



after the braces were removed

She stood against the pale green-gray wall as the last picture of her with her braces was ever taken. She had waited for this day for almost three years, sick of looking in the mirror and seeing a reflection of metal and wires across her previously bare mouth.

She hated the trouble she went through during meals and snacks when she had to carefully chew her food to avoid any embarrassing situations. She felt awkward every time she excused herself to pick out remains of food stuck between the thick wires.

She detested the way she looked in pictures, how her friends had gleaming white bare teeth and she did not. She was the last girl in her grade to get her braces off, and finally her day had come.

She nervously took her seat in the cool plastic reclining chair, awaiting the arrival of Dr. Kurt Muehlebach, her orthodontist. As his assistant prepared the necessary tools, she looked at the wall, the ceiling, her hands, back at the wall and out the window, anxiously waiting for the moment that could potentially change her high school life forever.

"I was so nervous leading up to that day," junior Kelsey Rodriguez said. "I was waiting for so long and it was finally time to get [my braces] off. It was a little unreal for me."

After what seemed like hours, Muehlebach entered the room only to announce that she was not getting her braces off. The smile slipped off Rodriguez's face as she was consumed with utter shock and disappointment. She could not believe, after all this waiting, she was being forced to wait a little longer. Suddenly the smile on Muehlebach's face revealed the somewhat cruel joke as he announced that she was, in fact, getting her braces off. Rodriguez he laughed along with her dentist.

"That joke seriously scared me," Rodriguez said. "I had been told that before so this time I believed it again. I was so mad until I realized he was kidding, but after that I just thought it was funny."

The orthodontist and his assistant worked together to pry the silver brackets off Rodriguez's teeth, slide the wires through her mouth for the

last time and scrub the cement off her teeth to reveal her new smile.

"At first I was really scared it would hurt or something would go wrong," Rodriguez said. "But everything went great. I was so excited to not look like a freshman."

She then began to experience the foreign feeling of a mouth without braces. Rodriguez ran her tongue across the top, then bottom row of her teeth. Now that her mouth felt more spacious, she had to practice talking and swallowing because she was so accustomed to a crowded mouth of metal.

"My teeth felt so slimy and slippery," Rodriguez said. "They felt huge and it was weird for me to talk at first because I didn't feel the brackets or wires in my mouth anymore."

Once the orthodontist finished his work, he allowed Rodriguez to look at herself in the mirror for the first time. As she stood up from her chair, Rodriguez felt the anticipation mount and a wave of fear rushed over her.

"I didn't know if I should feel nervous or excited, and I guess I was a little of both," Rodriguez said.

As she approached the mirror, Rodriguez was shocked by what she looked like.

"I was so excited to see my mouth," Rodriguez said. "My teeth looked so big and normal. I had forgotten what I looked like before I had braces. It seemed like so long ago."

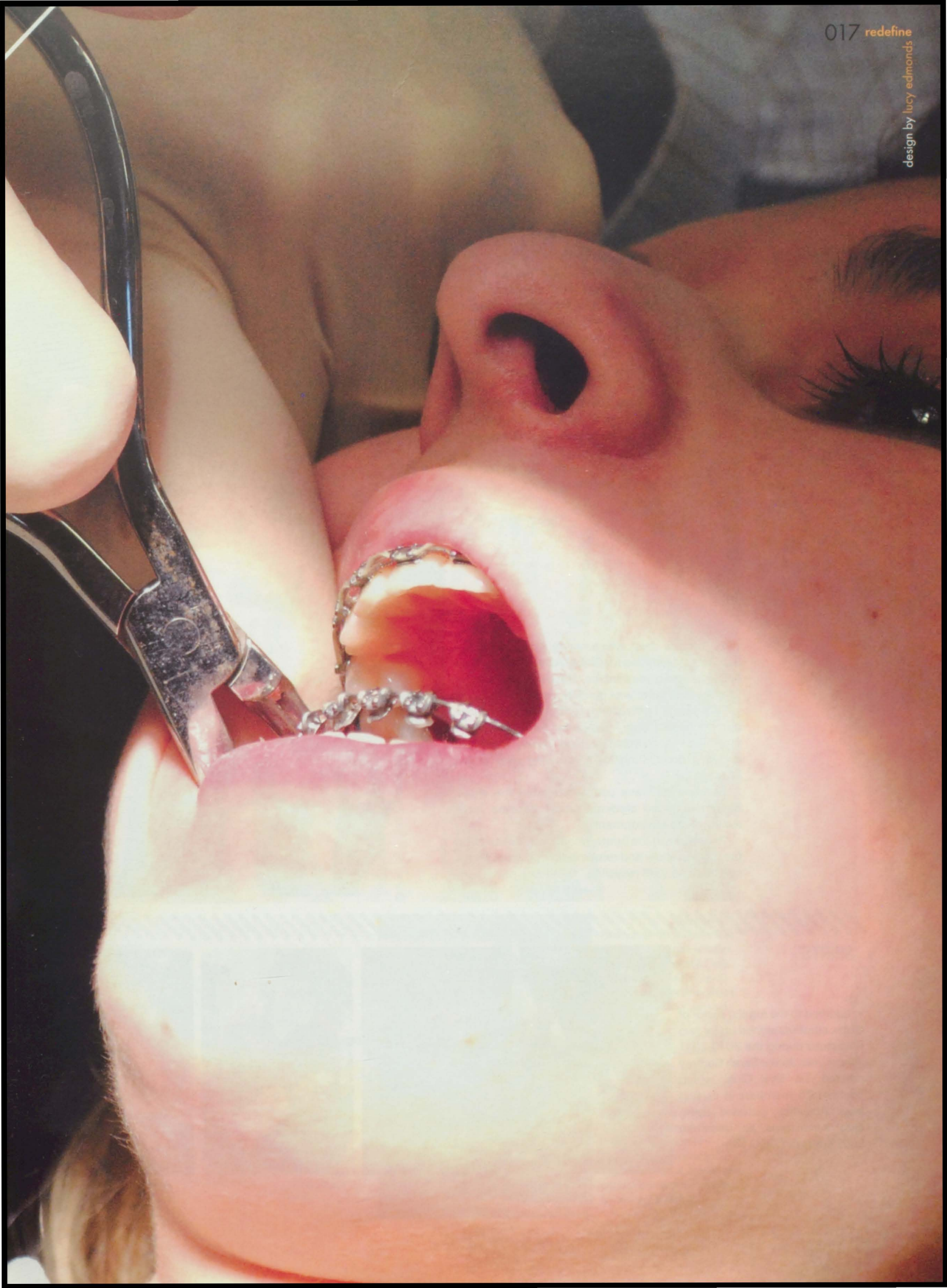
Rodriguez stared at her reflection, not used to the new person that was staring back at her. Before brushing her new, metal-free teeth, she tested out a couple of new smiles. Rodriguez could not contain the joy she felt and flashed a constant grin.

"I definitely feel more confident now and I smile more," Rodriguez said. "I couldn't wait to show them off to all my friends."

She went back to school in time for her period 7 feeling like a different person. She walked through the halls and sat in class with a smile on her face that could not be removed.

"I smiled for a long time after my braces were off," Rodriguez said. "It was a combination of showing off my teeth and being really happy that I was done with braces."

story by **lucy edmonds**



SAGA GOES qaga

Junior Madalyn Doyle pulled out her binder labeled "Fashion Club." The binder held all of the ideas she had for the first year of Fashion Club, including a list of ideas she had been adding to since eighth grade. On this list was a rough idea for a fashion show that would be displayed for the entire school. On April 14 during activity II, Doyle's idea became a reality in the form of a recyclable fashion show.

"I took most of my ideas from Project Runway when they do challenges with weird materials," Doyle said. "Recyclables are cheap and they send a good message."

Before she began planning the show, she presented her idea to the club.

"I really wanted the show to be fun for everyone, but especially the [club members] because at the beginning of the year we were just working to get started and get money," Doyle said. "We had a lot of talks and little activities, but this got us something big that allowed the school to be more aware of Fashion Club. This was something we could put under our belt as something we accomplished as a club."

To turn the show into a reality, Doyle asked the Students Assembled for Global Awareness for their help gathering recyclables. SAGA vice president Chelsea Birchmier was quick to get involved.

"We weren't officially part of the fashion show, but we helped plan," Birchmier said. "Since the event was a recycled fashion show, I thought it was a good thing for a recycling club to get involved in."

Because so many people attended the show, Birchmier hoped students would become more aware of the environment.

"Hopefully, in the future, people will look back on the fashion show and remember what great things can be done with recycling," Birchmier said.

story by *katarina waller*



SHIRTS to dye for

In addition to the regular roster of clubs, students signed up for two new clubs during the 2010-2011 school year. Junior Sarah Godfrey coaxed 26 members in its first year. Activities included dying club sweatshirts as freshman Lucy Kraus did April 13.



photos by *jenny schorgl*

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



BY THE numbers

Ms. Betsy Hansbrough described the success of Community Service Club in terms of numbers.

2

major club activities

2

club moderators

71

pints of blood collected during the blood drive

42

club members

7

club meetings

1

"big truckload of food" collected

2

events CSC assisted other clubs with

not so trashy (above) Fashion show models line up, waiting to get another turn in the spotlight. "We had a lot of models back out," junior Madalyn Doyle said. "They were worried about parading in front of the school in a trash bag." **photo by demi ribaste**

bleeding love (right) Junior Kelly O'Byrne rests after donating blood in the gym Feb. 9. The Community Blood Center and the Community Service Club worked together to host the annual school blood drive. **photo by katarina waller.**

IS THIS smell bugging YOU?

At the beginning of the year, students noticed a rotting stench on the third floor of Donnelly Hall that mixed with the ever-present burnt popcorn smell in the building. The stench was that of over 2,000 rotting bugs Ms. Mary Montag's biology class had to catch and kill for the annual "bug project". Sophomore Holli Hogge said the project "took forever" because of the tedious labeling and categorizing. The final step was to pin the bugs down and place them into a black box, encasing their decaying bugs into a glass-topped coffin.



"Some of the girls caught their bugs in the very beginning of the summer. By the time we came back and started working with the bugs, they had started to rot. The project takes the girls out of their comfort zones."
-ms. amy carlson

During an average school day, STA students applied their five senses to various activities. From lunch time to elective courses, from biology to foreign languages, students experienced sight, sound, taste, touch and smell in these ways.

HAVE YOU heard?

hola me llamo Freshman Katy Owara reads the "Descubre" book for her Spanish class in silent study Thursday Dec. 9. Owara used the book in her class for listening activities, speaking activities and book exercises. **photo by grace bisbee**



Using a new series of textbooks, the Spanish teachers of the Foreign Language department integrated listening, writing, reading and speaking activities into their lesson plans. The new books, "Descubre," made this possible.

"We start reading and writing skills first, then we teach listening and speaking skills," Spanish teacher Melissa Axton said.

According to Axton, who taught both Spanish I and II, the hardest parts about learning a new language were speaking and listening. To help students learn to converse better in the new languages, teachers required students to listen to certain dialogues.

"We don't expect the students to know every word, but just to get the overall point of the listening activity," Axton said.

When speaking during classes, Axton provided her class with instructions, then let them speak to each other on their own. She walked around to ensure they were only speaking in Spanish and corrected them on pronunciation when necessary.

"When learning a foreign language, students need to learn that the vowels and consonants don't sound the same," Axton said. "I correct the students so that next time, they won't make the same mistakes."

According to Axton, the noise level in her classes increased when students were able to converse.

"It certainly gets loud, especially during Spanish I, but it's worth it to hear them speak the language and be able to hold a conversation with others in a language that is not their native one," Axton said.

story by ellie nachbor

Traditionally, students stop coming to lunch in the Commons during their senior year. This year, the sophomores followed suit, leaving the room nearly empty.

Sophomores skip lunch for a variety of reasons. The sophomores participated MOCSA, the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault, during many lunches in the fall. Similar to seniors, sophomores wanted the opportunity to do their homework during lunch.

activity 1



TASTE versus TESTER

"I stay in my advisory because it's easier to get stuff done in the hour we have during lunch and activity instead of only the half an hour we have during activity," senior Sarah Wirtz said. "It's also much easier to get college stuff done at school because Mrs. Hudson is here."

activity 2



nutty netbooks Sophomore Elaine Schmidt poses with her netbook. According to Schmidt, she hardly ever goes anywhere without her netbook. **photo by ellie nachbor**

making sense **OF IT ALL**

seeing

SMART BOARDS

Teachers used SMART Boards to incorporate visual learning into their lesson plans. How many SMART Boards did STA own?

- A. 130
- B. 20
- C. 4
- D. 30

Answer: D

touch up



water colors Sophomore Sibel Alpakin washes out the dye out of her fabric for fibers class. To be able to use her fabric for her final project, Alpakin needed to remove excess dyes.

Q. What was the hardest part about taking fibers class?

Sophomore Sammy Patterson: "Definitely sewing because it requires skills that I'm not very good at. Also, dyeing the fabric because the dye is only active for around four hours, so you have to work fast. I have to go in during activity a lot just to finish my dyeing or it doesn't work."

Q. What was the best part about fibers class?

A. "The best part about fibers is being able to be creative and be proud of your finished product in the end, and knowing that you created that with your own hands."



VINTAGE variation

A: Scarves, wrapped around necks, used as headbands or worn as a belt, added color.

B: Vintage purses combined with jeans and a t-shirt or an evening gown created new outfits.

C: Large pieces of jewelry, frequently seen during the 1950s, added sophistication to clothes worn for any occasion.

D: Vintage sunglasses brought celebrity fashion to the Midwest.

E: Whether a cowboy hat, fedora, beret or beanie, hats added personality to wardrobes.

All apparel and accessories provided by Re-Runs, vintage fashions of distinction, located in Westport.

raiding

MOM'S CLOSET

Retro trends came back in style and appeared in mainstream stores, such as Forever 21 and Urban Outfitters. Other students shopped at thrift stores to add vintage personality to their wardrobes.

From New York to Kansas City, fashion trends from the youth of "The Baby Boomers" popped up in closets throughout the country. Clothes from the 70s, 80s and 90s that people once thought of as unflattering were brought back with a new twist.

Senior Michaela Knittel shopped at thrift and vintage stores where she discovered some of her favorite retro trends.

"I love men's trousers that are high-waisted and taper into high-waters, vintage watches, men's dress shoes and over sized button-down shirts that you can wear as dresses," Knittel said. "I found my soul mate in high-waisted clothes, and I'm never going back."

Sophomore Fashion Club member Hailey Waldenmeyer agreed with Knittel that retro trends such as high-waisted shorts, skirts and pants became extremely popular.

"In probably every single store that I shop at I see retro trends everywhere," Waldenmeyer said. "I always see things like oxford shoes and boots, rompers, high-waisted things and tons and tons of leggings."

Knittel believed these trends from past decades added flair to each and every person's own unique style. Knittel thought of her personality as a blend of many different characteristics. As a reflection of this, her clothes became a mixture of many different styles thoughtfully put together.

"I try to tie influences from all decades and blend what I find to be the best of every time period into one look," Knittel said.

Junior Madalyn Doyle, creator and president of Fashion Club, considered fashion a repeating cycle.

"Trends come and go which I think is natural because people always want to do something different," Doyle said. "People, especially designers, want to make people go 'Woah, I haven't seen that in forever, but it actually works.'"

strike a pose Sophomores Page Kemna, left, and Hattie Svoboda-Stel model for the camera Nov. 21. Re-Runws, a vintage store located in Westport, sold apparel from all decades beginning with the 1920s. photo by madeline barth

SKETCHING HER future



Fashion Club creator and president, junior Madalyn Doyle, saw a future in her hobby of designing and sketching clothes.

Q. How and when did you start designing?

A. "It was the summer after freshman year and my mom went on a trip to St. Louis to visit her best friend, Patty Brown. Patty's daughter had this fashion illustration book called *9 Heads*. I've always loved fashion so my mom asked if she could borrow it for me. I loved all the illustrations and started by just trying to draw a few sketches. Then I started creating my own designs."

Q. What are the inspirations for your designs?

A. "I mostly get inspiration from random things. For example, I remember I was sketching on a plane ride going with the Latin Club to Italy. There were these pockets that bunch up on the back of each seat that hold magazines and stuff. I incorporated this into an outfit by putting a kind of giant pocket on the front of a skirt and I thought it was kind of cool."

Q. What is your favorite time and place to design?

A. "At night when I go to bed. That's when I always close my eyes and just see outfits. But it's kind of annoying because I have to wake up and I do little sketches and notes to remind myself what it looked like because if I don't I'll forget in the morning. So it's kind of like a dream type thing I guess."

Q. Approximately how long does it take you to draw a single sketch?

A. "Well it depends. The color ones take longer because I only have the basic colors for colored pencils so I have to make my own skin colors and stuff. I'm just getting started with color but on the pencil [sketches] it only takes like 15 or 20 minutes."

Q. What's your favorite part about designing clothes?

A. "Well, I know in the future actually making them and seeing them completed would be my favorite part. But now, I guess I like being able to draw because it's like an outlet for me. Especially when it's quiet and I'm just listening to music and I kind of go into my own little world."

Q. What are your aspirations after high school for your designing?

A. "I'm sure I want to continue to pursue [designing] because I've always liked fashion. Now that I've started sketching on my own, a lot of people see them and say they would actually buy them. So I really want to create them but I know it would be difficult. As far as college goes, I want to go some where with a good design program then I'd probably move to New York to try to get good experience with real designers."



FASHION flashback

This year, students often chose to wear costumes or strange make-up for various school themes. This trend was also common during the 60s and 70s at STA. Whether for theme days, frosh fest or sporting events, STA girls have displayed their rewired fashion for decades.



photos from Dart newspaper archive

BETTER BY hand

Though students used netbooks to take notes during lectures, others preferred to hand-write notes as they had done in the past. Two students explained why.

"I can circle stuff or underline things that are important. It's easier than having to type on the netbooks. I use bullet points and topic ideas to organize my notes."



-freshman **abbey haines**

"I think [hand-writing notes] makes it easier to remember things [discussed in class] and it makes [information] stick in your head better. I usually write down whatever the teacher does."



-freshman **katie hornbeck**

STAYIN' traditional

Despite the addition of new technology, many classes continued netbook-free education. One example, fishbowl discussions, forced students to participate in class discussion.

Students dubbed it the "circle of death," the "bowl of doom" and the "vicious circle of requirement." When they entered M307 and saw the desks arranged in a circular position, they cringed, knowing what the next 40 minutes would bring.

As a way to engage all students in the class, English teacher Kelly Fast began implementing "fishbowls," an activity where small groups of students sat in a circle, discussed literature, and received a grade based on their conversation.

"When I came to STA, I found that students were writers and readers, but when I stood in front of the room, students wouldn't talk," Fast said. "I knew it wasn't because they weren't prepared."

During fishbowl discussions Fast graded students on both the quality of their insight and their ability to listen and comprehend the given topic.

"[Fishbowls] help because everyone has to talk and it forces people to be more insightful instead of just listening to the teacher," junior AP American literature student Caroline Mendus said.

While students recognized the value of group discussions, some disliked how a grade based on the quality of their insight.

"[Fishbowls] are beneficial, but it's too much pressure," Mendus said. "It makes people compete for grades and doesn't always work out with a bunch of grade-hungry teenagers."

Fast disagreed, believing he structured the seminars in a way that benefited the students' grades.

"Unless you do not talk, then you won't do poorly," Fast said. "[Fishbowls] are designed to allow students to be successful."

While students could not agree on whether the benefits of fishbowls outweighed the costs, Fast's outlook provoked other STA teachers to implement fishbowls into their own classes.

"I hope that students in more classes participating and that they can see connections between what they are learning and their discussions," Fast said.

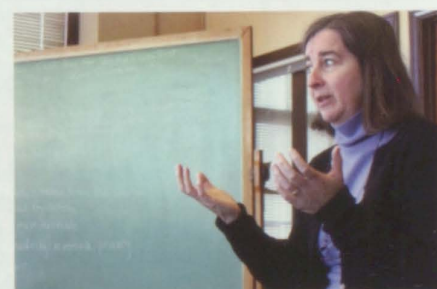
story by **meghan harper**



fast paced College composition teacher Kelly Fast discusses "Othello" with seniors including Anna White, from left, Jessica Bullington and Katarina Fitzpatrick. Fast and his students regularly participated in discussions called fish bowls. **photo by grace bisbee**

CHALKBOARD: show not tell

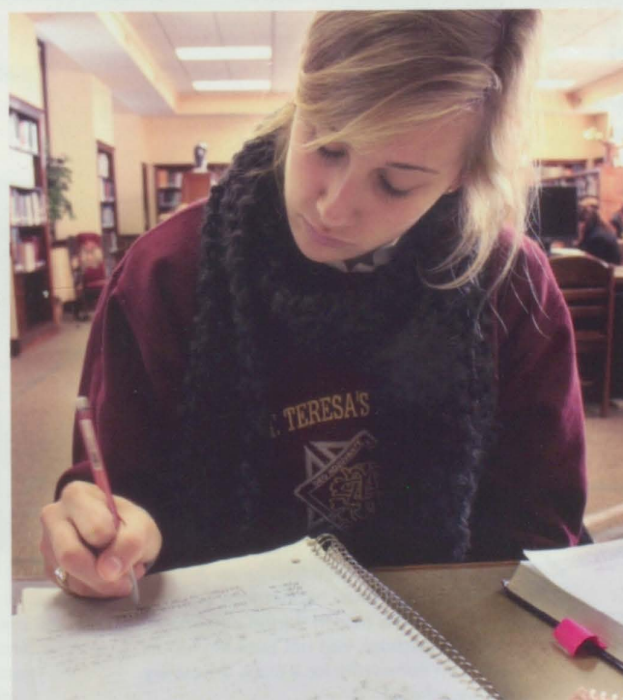
Theology teacher **Anita Reznicek** did not have a SMART Board in her room. She based her classes on lectures and using a moveable green chalkboard to help explain concepts. Reznicek was well known for her animated discussions and lectures. **photos by grace bisbee**



calculating calculus Senior Samantha Scheuler works on calculus homework in the library Dec. 1. According to students, calculus was one of the classes where they believed traditional notetaking was more convenient than using a netbook. **photo by grace bisbee**



fired up Freshmen Kelsey Rusgis, left, and Grace Wells complete a lab in introduction to chemistry and physics Dec. 10. Students kept handwritten records of their experiments. **photo by jenny schorgl**





STEP-BY-STEP: wikispace

"The idea [of Wikispaces] is a place for students to study for a test," geometry teacher Jeanella Clark said. "Reading about how other students view a problem can help a light bulb go off for the other student." Clark explained how students created wikispaces.

1. "Go to wikispaces.com and sign in or make a user account."
2. "To create a 'New Wiki' click on the tab at the top right under 'My Account'."
3. "Fill out the 'Create a New Wiki' information. Once created you are able to 'Edit' the page to fit your needs."
4. "You are then able to 'Manage Wikis' and 'Invite People' to your Wikispace."



helping hands Junior Christina Barton, left, seeks help from fellow junior Jennifer Blake about why her netbook stopped working. Blake helped Barton determine why the netbook was not allowing her to work on the homework for a class. **photo by jenny schorgl**

notes from nettie Sophomore Peepers Gray studies during chemistry class Oct. 12. Gray, along with the rest of the class, used their netbooks as a reference to fill out a worksheet about the periodic table.
photo by maddison balachowski

netbooks

NOT NOTEBOOKS

It started with confusion and led to frustration. "OpenOffice" would not open on the netbook and the chemistry lab was due next class; if not placed on the desk before class started the homework would be late. Having no idea what was causing the issue, she hurried to the Help Desk.

"I went to the Help Desk to get my OpenOffice fixed since it wasn't opening," junior Sarah Bryant said. "They were very helpful and fixed the problem quickly."

New this year, the Help Desk, located on the third floor of Donnelly Hall, provided a place for those experiencing computer malfunctions to receive assistance. Students and technology team members Ms. Renee Blake, Mr. Matt Stewart and Mr. Jeff Zimmerman kept the Help Desk open nearly every period. During their assigned Help Desk time, the girls' activities ranged from helping with computer problems to setting up tutorials for other students to use.

"The Help Desk never turns away a student," Help Desk advisor Renee Blake said. "No matter what the problem we can help."

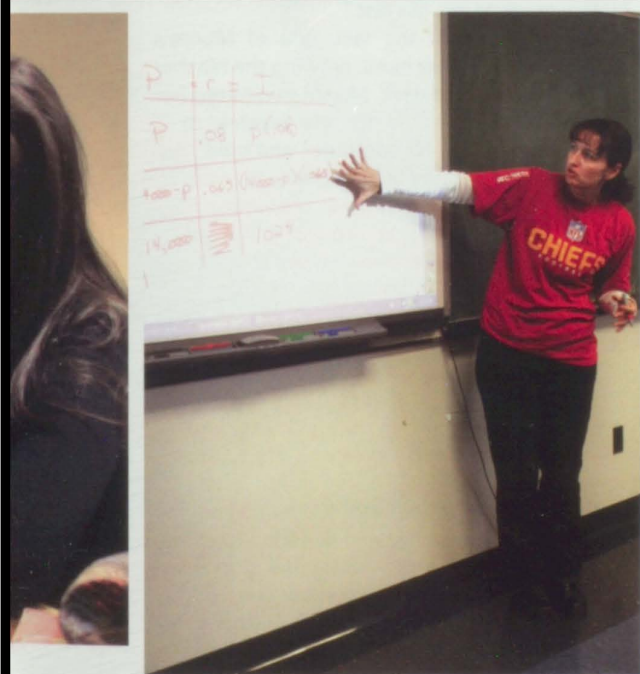
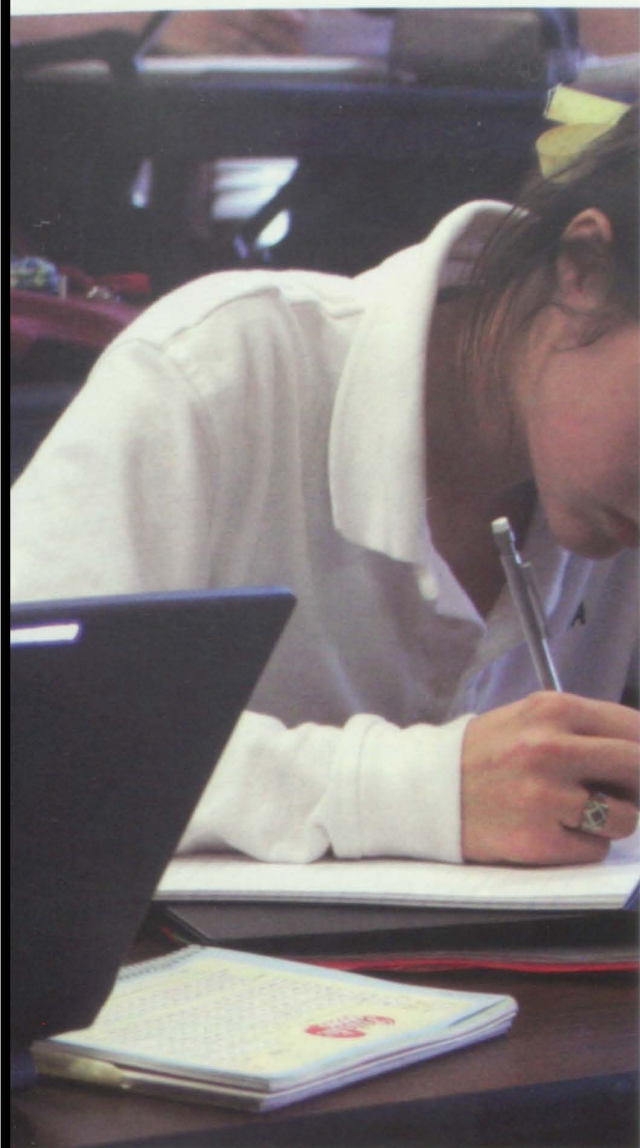
The students in the class felt the Help Desk was a beneficial tool for other students who might not know how to use the netbooks.

"You can be good at [understanding] computers but not know what some error [message] means," junior Brenna Palmer said. "Sometimes passwords don't work or people just need to restart their computers."

After arriving at the Help Desk, Bryant's netbook troubles vanished. She walked into the chemistry room with her freshly printed lab in hand and submitted it just in time for class.

Administration added "Help Desk" as a new class for students to receive computer credits. Students enrolled assisted with technological issues.

story by maddison balachowski



smart cookie Math teacher Jo Weller explains an interest problem during her trigonometry and analysis class. The SMART Boards allowed teachers to post class notes for students to access on Moodle. photo by grace bisbee



-freshman *lucy kraus*



-junior *mackenzie jones*

"My classes use Moodle, SMART Boards, and Turnitin. We have made power points on the netbooks then used the projector to show them to the class. We also have some of our textbooks online."

"My Spanish, physics and history books are all on the computer. Also my physics teacher uses Airliner to demonstrate graphs."

TECHNOLOGICALLY *savvy*

Both students and teachers used technology in classrooms. Two students explained how technology was implemented in their classes.

CHEATER

Despite fear of punishment, students found ways to cheat on both written and online tests to ease the stress caused by high academic expectations.

PEEK-A-BOO

She sat at her usual table, stumbling through her multiple-choice test. Quiet sounds of test-taking filled the room: sniffing, coughing, papers rustling and pencils scratching as students filled in their ScanTron bubbles. Looking down at her test, she tried to make sense of #7. She had it narrowed down to two answers: "A" or "C." She glanced over, scanning the meandering line of pencil marks that her classmate's bubbles made and compared it with her own.

"I actually studied this time, like for real, and I was pretty sure I knew the answers, there were just a couple I didn't know," junior Charlotte Robinson said. "And since we're all sitting at tables and no one covers up, it's almost like an invitation. I don't want to cheat, I just want to check because I'm unsure of myself."

Robinson's confidence rose when she was able to answer five questions in a row, but when she read number 12, she felt the urge to glance again.

"It's not something I try to do, like I don't go in and sit by the smart girl," Robinson said. "It just happens in the moment. I'm just sitting there and I don't know a question and it's not like I'm thinking, 'I have to be sneaky' or anything."

With five minutes remaining, the room grew louder. Robinson and her classmates stretched and rushed to finish their tests as their eyes wandered about the room.

"I'm positive I'm not the only one because tons of people glance around during tests," Robinson said. "I'm not saying everyone is cheating. They're just naturally restless in a quiet room. Everyone's fidgety and they feel like they need to do something, so they look around."

As the clock ticked and the remaining seconds dwindled, Robinson checked her ScanTron one last time and turned in her test just as the bell rang. She did not feel guilty about cheating; she was just relieved the test was over and she could continue through her day with one fewer test weighing on her mind.

"I sound like a terrible person, but I don't feel bad," Robinson said. "People say you should feel bad because you are taking their answers, but I don't feel like I took anything from them. It didn't really affect them because using others's ideas as an aid is normal."

Completing her test, Robinson shuffled out of the room with the rest of her classmates, the cheating episode already out of her mind.

"That's just what we do in the moment when we can't decide," Robinson said. "We look to someone else to make the decision for us. We don't want to make our own decisions."

SNAPSHOT

Opening her netbook, logging onto her computer and grabbing a pencil, she prepared to take her American history test. She scrolled over to her documents and opened two OpenOffice files: one with her own notes and one with pasted snapshots of her online history textbook. She could feel the heat radiating from the heater behind her and heard the silence in the room as she started her test.

"Even though I was sitting right next to the heater, with my back to the window, so unless he walked right behind me he wouldn't even be able to see, I was still paranoid," junior Bethany Moore said. "I switch my spot up sometimes, but not often, so I purposely chose that spot."

With her decoy notes open, Moore answered the first six questions from memory until she read question seven that asked what year the Whiskey Rebellion took place. Darting down to her snapshot notes, Moore scanned the chapter for the Whiskey Rebellion and found the answer in a bold heading.

"I used the snapshots for any question that involved a person, specific event or term," Moore said. "I guess I could have studied, but when I have four other homework assignments to actually turn in or another test to study for, history tends to get put last."

Near the end of the test, one of Moore's classmates raised her hand, drawing the teacher out from behind his desk. Moore minimized her snapshot notes, waited for the teacher to retreat back behind his computer, and tried to calm her "mini adrenaline rush."

"I've never gotten caught cheating but I'm still paranoid," Moore said. "My palms get all sweaty and my senses are sharp. I can hear the sound of a chair moving, the teacher's voice, the sudden, complete silence that makes me feel like the teacher is standing right behind me and everyone is staring at me. The whole time I just remember thinking, 'He knows. He knows, and he is going to come over here and smack me with my netbook.'"

Although she did not regret cheating as she left the room, nor would she say she would not cheat again, Moore did delete the document immediately after she turned in her test.

"The fact that I cheated doesn't make me feel good about myself," Moore said. "It makes me think that I'm not trying my hardest, that I'm lying to my classmates, teacher and the entire school, and that STA is sometimes too hard. I don't plan to cheat again, but I know it will probably happen."

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*students interviewed for these stories requested anonymity to prevent school disciplinary action



dancing queens The STA singers perform "All that Jazz" at the Fall Festival Oct. 28. "We were all a little embarrassed to dance at first," senior Katie Pautler said. "But we had a really good time." photo by alyson mcnaughten



do re mi Sophomore Mercy Favrow, from left, freshmen Katherine Viviano and Emma Kelley sing in the Fall Festival at STA Oct. 28. The festival was one of four concerts the music department held at school throughout the year. photo by alyson mcnaughten

ridin' solo Junior Mackenzie Jones performs a violin solo. Along with playing the violin, Jones also participated in the A Capella Choir and Praise Band. photo by alyson mcnaughten

SECRET life of MARY KATE DUFFY



Senior performed with the choir at Class Day to demonstrate her appreciation for her four years at STA to her senior class and mark the end of their time together.

It was her second to last performance as a member of the STA choir. While restraining bursts of emotion, senior Mary Kate Duffy and other choir members began singing Wicked's "For Good" at Class Day to commemorate the class of 2011's years at STA.

"I didn't look at anyone for very long," Duffy said. "The first thing I saw when we started singing was Catherine Arensberg and Mary Franke bawling their eyes out so after that I couldn't look at anyone."

According to Duffy, Class Day was important to choir. "Class Day meant a lot to me because we planned the performance ourselves and the song fit so perfectly with the situation," Duffy said.

As "For Good" ended, Duffy embraced her friends and visibly shed tears along with the rest of the class.

"We really just wanted it to be special and show how amazing our class is and how much we all love each other," Duffy said. "I felt so close to everyone and so loved and it was the first time it really hit me that we all were really leaving."

IN PERFECT harmony

The choir combined girls from all grades to perform throughout the year. They worked as one to achieve numerous awards.

The weekend of singing was over. Members of the STA choirs sat in Ms. Michelle McIntire's room and awaited the results of the District choral competition. As the results and judges' comments were read, the girls learned that together they had achieved the highest ranking.

"All of our hard work had paid off," senior Taylor Woodruff said. "[The results] united us because all of our work had been rewarded."

Throughout the school year, choir members performed at various events and competitions. According to sophomore Kate Sanders the amount of time they spent preparing allowed them to grow close as a choir.

"For my sextet, it was juniors, seniors and sophomores, so the upperclassmen and other girls and I got closer," Sanders said. "We began talking during passing periods, and we knew each other."

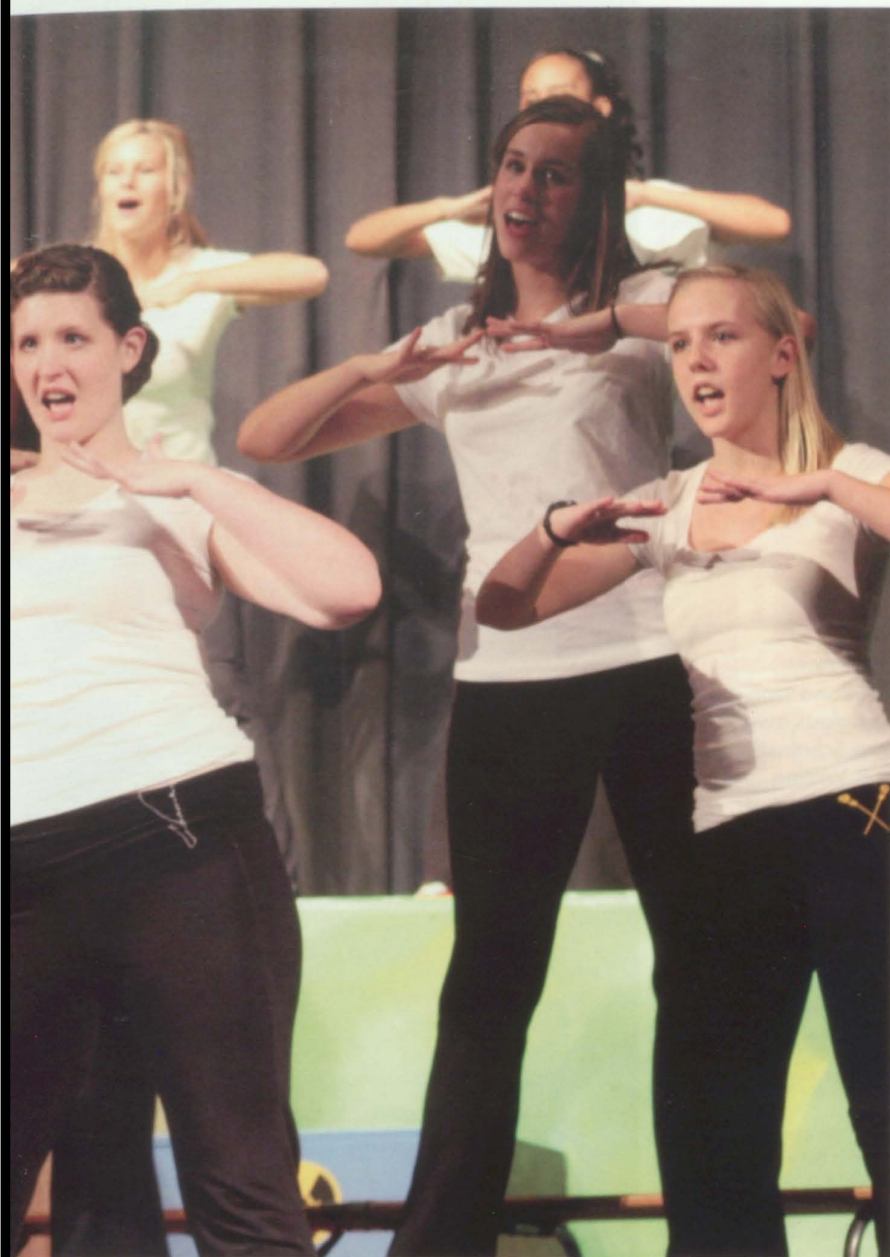
According to Sanders the mixed grades participating in the choirs helped her in many ways.

"It's definitely made me a better musician because being closer to them and learning from them," Sanders said. "It has strengthened me as a person and as a musician. I'm more willing to get closer to other students now because the girls were so kind and open to me."

Woodruff had the same opinion as Sanders and felt that the grades worked together to become a singular group.

"I didn't feel like there was a difference between classes," Woodruff said. "I didn't feel like as a senior I had an advantage. We were all one choir."

story by megan harper and claire vanasdale



meeting

THE CHOIRS



sta singers

row one Taylor Woodruff, Hattie Svoboda-Stel, Kelly Clay, Ruby Dibble, Page Kemna *row two* Airicha Lunn, Maggy Roth, Mary Kate Duffy, Meredith Koch, Mayme Marshall



acapella

row one Alexa Watters, Amanada Koch, Mackenzie Jones, Kelly Clay, Ruby Dibble, Page Kemna, Keara Miller *row two* Taylor Woodruff, Kate Sanders, Mary Kate Duffy, Meredith Koch, Mayme Marshall, Grace Spencer *row three* Grace Dominique, Maya Burtin, Elena Spaulding, Madison Fitzgerald, Airicha Lunn, Megan Mandl, Abby Geiger



concert choir

row one Emily Hafner, Molly Corless, Becca Ferron, Angelica Vincent, Desirae Pearson *row two* Sabrina Salerno, Katie Wiedeman, Emma Kelly, Natalie Rall *row three* Kristin Teahan, Katherine Viviano, Christi Backer, Clare Mitchell



instrumental music

row one Emma Allen, Anna Kropf, Zoe Krygiel



SINGING FOR results

AT THE STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL

- Superior** STA Singers
A Capella Choir
- Excellent** Concert Choir
Mixed Class Sextet
- Superior Vocal** Mayme Marshall
- Solo** Ruby Dibble
Ryan Tucker
- Excellent Vocal** Mackenzie Jones
- Solo** Katie Pautler
Katherine Viviano
Kate Sanders
Meredith Koch
Brianna Valane
Taylor Woodruff
- Superior Violin** Mackenzie Jones
- Solo**
- Superior Piano** Libby O'Neil
- Solo**

SECRET life of SAVANNAH TRUJILLO



Freshman traveled to Europe to play soccer during spring break.

Freshman Savannah Trujillo woke up and rubbed her eyes attempting to awaken them for another long day of soccer. European morning skies hung above her as she walked the streets of Holland to breakfast.

"Morning training started at 10:30 a.m. and ended at noon, after which we would walk back to the hotel for when we could skype or do something fun," Trujillo said.

Each day the team would have time to site see or ride bikes around the country between training sessions. The next session started at 3:45 p.m. and lasted until 6 p.m. according to Trujillo.

"At night we would watch soccer movies and have meetings," Trujillo said. "Lights were supposed to be out by 11, but no one was ever tired from the 8-hour time difference."

After a short night's sleep Trujillo and the team would wake up early and begin the day all over again in Europe.

SILVER-KEY award



Senior Amy Wendland won a prestigious award in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Contest.

Q. What was your reaction to winning? Did you see it coming?

A. "I checked my email, I didn't think I would win. I was surprised, it was pretty nice. I really enjoy writing and that class. It was nice to know that something I put time into resulted in someone else also enjoying it."

Q. What was your story about?

A. "My family has had a bunch of dogs, and they've all been failures. It's about how my family is cat people rather than dog people."

Q. What was your inspiration for the story?

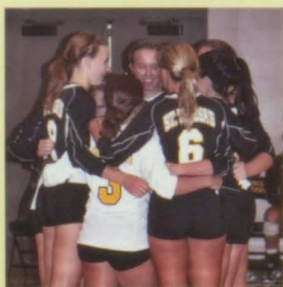
A. "The assignment was called 'This I Believe' where students write about anything that they believe in. The topic was flexible so I wrote how I believe that my family and how we are much more happy with cats rather than dogs."

Q. What does winning the silver-key award include?

A. "I didn't go to the ceremony, but the winners receive a certificate and a book from an author."



REWIRED TIMELINE



oct. 25
STA hosted this year's District 13 volleyball tournament. The STA team went on to win Districts and on to the Sectional tournament.



feb.
Academic principal Barbara McCormick announced the valedictorian, senior Sarah Moran and salutatorian, senior Elizabeth O'Neil.



feb. 17
The National Scholastic Press Association announced Pacemaker Finalists, including the 2010 Teresian yearbook. The editors were Jessica Ann and Allison Pericich.



march 11
Freshman Savannah Trujillo traveled over spring break to Holland with the US under-15 national soccer team.

feline friend Critter, the campus cat, sits on top of folders on former Donnelly Hall secretary Marion Chartier's desk. Critter would meet Chartier outside her office every morning where he would later take a nap atop her desk. **photo by lucy edmonds**

SAYING GOODBYE TO OUR furry friend

One fall day back in 2007 ended up being the day on which STA welcomed a new member to the community: a cat named Critter.

Over the next three years, Critter would come to be a loved, defining character at the Academy. He would travel across Main Street everyday from the home of his owner: the family of sophomore Mattie Davis.

He arrived then at his second home and family at STA. He would meet Ms. Sue Marquis every morning in the parking lot, visit with former administrative assistant Ms. Marion Chartier for a bit and then lay on a chair at the entrance of Donnelly Hall, ready to greet more friends as they walked in the door at 7:40 a.m.

However, the morning of Oct. 28 brought news to STA that Critter had been hit and killed by a car during the night.

"I didn't believe it at first when my parents told me," Davis said. "He was normally very good about crossing the street and if you looked closely, he would actually look both ways before he did. I was just in shock for a while."

The morning after Critter died, seniors Kathleen Hough and Maddie Lueke organized a candlelit memorial around the seal on the Quad that Davis and her parents attended.

"Critter was an important part of STA and was part of the personality of our campus," Hough said. "Everyone loved and respected him and he deserved a celebration of his life."

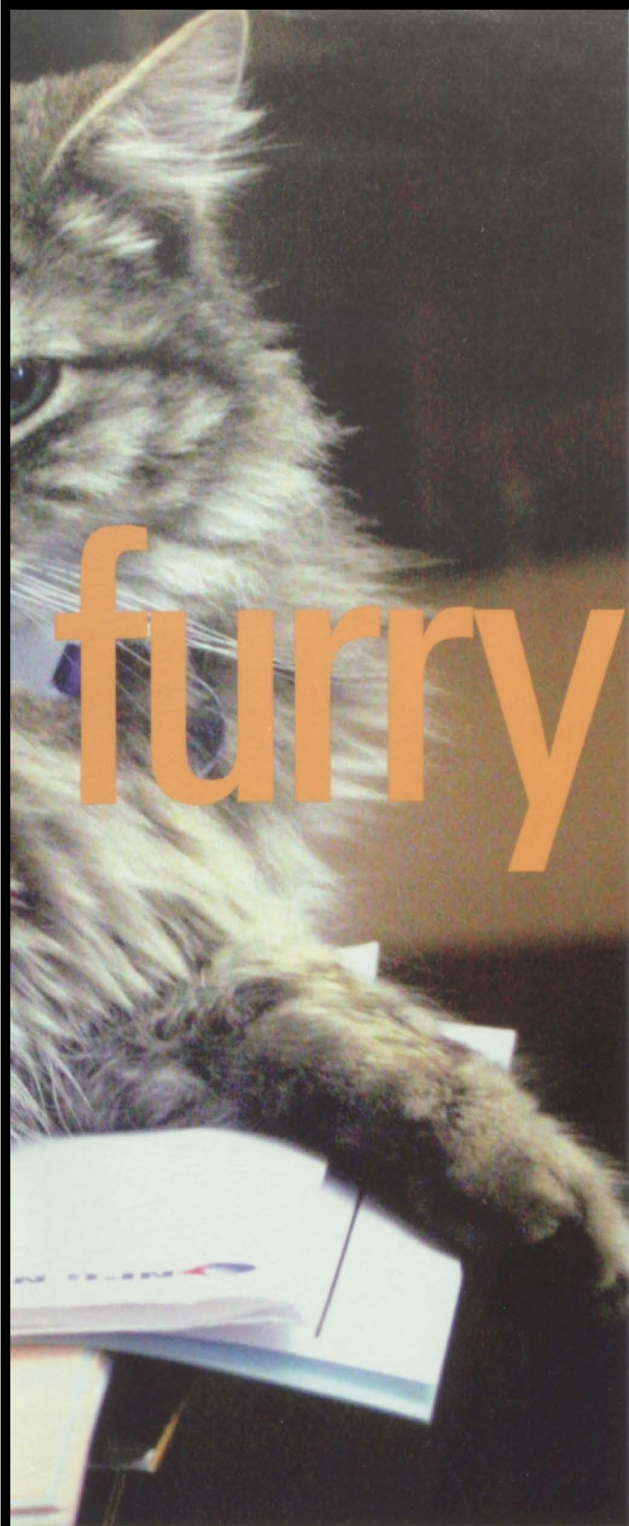
To both the Davis's and the STA community, Critter was a member of the family, with a stocking at Christmas at the Davis house and a bowl of food and water ready for him in the Donnelly office every day.

After Critter died, a new cat came wandering around campus. Lil Bits however, could not replace Critter in the eyes of many STA students. His presence raised an important question: Would the STA community be open to a new campus animal?

"I am absolutely open to a new campus animal," Marquis said. "It is hard for many because we don't want to lose the old and Critter was such a special part to our campus, however, I think we should have another animal. But, will there ever be another cat like Critter?"

STA mourned the loss of the feline friend, Critter, after he was hit by a car early one morning in the fall. The STA community hoped to find a way to remember Critter by dedicating something to him.

story by molly kenney



april 26
Senior Catherine Arensberg was announced as Academy Woman. Unlike previous years, there were four nominees due to a tie in the initial votes.



may 19
In the early morning hours, seniors wrapped the quad in caution tape for the annual senior prank. The senior's catch line was "We will always protect you."

photos by teresian staff photographers

moment of mourning Employees embraced while observing a moment of silence in front of the Safeway store after it opened Jan. 15 for the first time since the shooting that killed six and wounded 13, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. photo courtesy of mct campus

tragedy IN TUCSON

People mourned the loss of six people and hoped for Congressman Gabrielle Gifford's full recovery after a gunman opened fire at a gathering in Tucson. The situation raised questions about current gun control laws.

January 8 was just supposed to be another normal day and speech in Tucson for Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. However, as she addressed a crowd outside Safeway supermarket, 22-year-old Jared Lee Loughner shot her in the head at point blank range, critically injuring the Congresswoman. He then continued to fire shots, injuring 13 people and killing six others.

"I remember watching, kind of freaked out because they didn't know if she was alive," senior Anna McTygue said.

This situation raised many issues throughout the nation regarding current gun laws. The second amendment gives the right to own firearms, which, according to government teacher Richard Shrock, did not give the federal government very much power to control them.

"I think we should have stricter gun limits, but events like this would still happen," Shrock said. "They don't happen only because there is easy access to firearms."

No matter what the resolution to this issue, Giffords slowly recovered in what some considered a miracle. According to the *New York Times*, five days after the possibly fatal shooting, Giffords could open her eyes, and after one month began speaking again, and eventually started regaining movement. However, her return to work was uncertain.

story by molly kenney



aug. 3
The building of a Mosque blocks from Ground Zero caused uproar across the country last fall, but there was no legal basis for not allowing Muslims to build the community center that included a mosque, pool, an auditorium and more. The project overcame its last obstacle when New York's Landmark Preservation Commission gave its final approval.



nov. 2
The midterm elections held in November caused a change on Capitol Hill. In the 2008 elections, Democrats took over the White House and Congress. However, Republicans regained the majority in the House in November 2010. The former Speaker of the House, Democrat Nancy Pelosi, stepped down and handed over the job to Republican John Boehner.



nov. 28
WikiLeaks began releasing 251,287 diplomatic cables from various U.S. embassies. The documents described international affairs between the U.S. government and its international embassies dating back to 1966. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton claimed that these leaks were a threat to national security.



dec. 22
President Obama signed a repeal of the 1993 "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. The repeal now allows for homosexual and bisexual men and women to serve openly in the military. Obama and Defense Secretary Robert Gates worked to ensure that the policy did not hurt the readiness of the military.

REWired TIMELINE

current events



BY THE numbers

Numbers detailed the crime and recovery of the shooting in Tucson.

6

people killed

8th
of January

5

days later Giffords could open her eyes

9

millimeter pistol used

49

federal charges brought against Loughner

13

people injured

REAL WORLD nyc

The Mosque planned to be built in New York City blocks away from Ground Zero caused people to form opinions. Was it okay for them to build it so close to Ground Zero?

"Everyone should be included and be free to express their religion but it is a sensitive issue because of Sept. 11. I don't think I would be opposed to it if I was more involved. The people who are building the mosque weren't even involved in the attack so it wouldn't be completely against it."

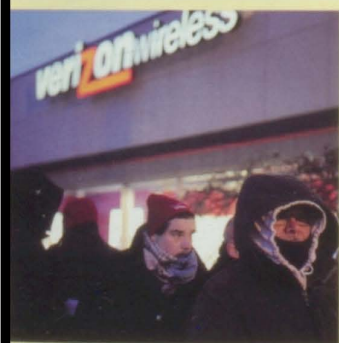


-sophomore **erin rasmussen**

"I don't have a problem with people from other religions, but it really just frustrates me so much that they are associating it with Sept. 11. If they hadn't mentioned that day when justifying it, I would be completely okay with it."



-junior **alexandra radtke**



Feb. 10
Verizon began supporting the iPhone. The additional carrier led to the expectation of more iPhone owners, but according to some, the sales were not nearly as high as AT&T's when the iPhone 4 was initially introduced in June 2010. Apple's next task was to maintain control over the programs available on their smartphone.



April 8
The government came to an agreement that avoided shutting down the government. President Obama and Democrats in the Senate and the Republican-controlled House could not come to an agreement on the 2011 budget, however, avoided the much dreaded shutdown that would hurt businesses across the nation.



2010-2011
Highwoods Properties made a plan to spend \$25,000 on an anti-petition campaign to protect their proposed office building on the Country Club Plaza. Petitioners from the group "Save our Plaza" have gathered around Kansas City protesting the building.

photos courtesy of mct campus

minion dominion Spirit Club members Sophia Garozzo, from left, Kathleen Hough, Taylor Kramer and Molly Kenney react to a lay up during the volleyball game against rival Notre Dame de Sion High School Sept. 8. The Stars adorned minion attire from the movie "Despicable Me." photo by jenny schorgl

The ups and downs...cheering on the volleyball team as they clinch the District champion title...crying over the sudden death of Critter, our beloved campus cat...laughing as a friend face plants on the slippery seal...pouting about the identical, maroon, over-the-shoulder netbook satchels we receive. We **REACT** to the ups and downs. Our reactions make us...us.

react







6:30 p.m.

Go to the gym. Stone worked out three times a week with a personal trainer.

3:30 p.m.

Get home and take nap. "I like to procrastinate and have nothing else to do at that time, so I sleep," Stone said.

10:30 p.m.

Start homework. "I usually start with the easy things to get them out of the way, and then move on to tests and projects," Stone said.

WORK THE night AWAY

STA students found different ways to stay awake late at night. Sophomore Margie Stone adjusted her sleeping schedule to ensure she finished all of her homework.



WIDE awake

Students adopted a variety of ways to stay concentrated on homework. They explained the techniques they used to stay focused and awake.



"I turn on all the lights downstairs because I am alone there while I do my homework and it is kind of scary. The lights in my face keep me awake and aware of what I am doing."
—sophomore **grace doran**



"I listen to classical music on my iPod because I get distracted with the words from songs and it is like white noise that helps me stay focused. Plus, I sit in a desk instead of my bed so I am not tempted to lay back and fall asleep."
—junior **mary cate feuerborn**



"I take Focus Factor and drink tons of coffee. Focus Factor is an all natural concentration supplement and it helps me stay motivated and alert of what I am doing."
—senior **cele fryer**



"To stay awake, I usually like to drink two or more energy drinks. I am really bad with caffeine and get really bad headaches, but it keeps me up so I keep drinking them."
—senior **samantha cusumano**

BY THE numbers

52
preferred coffee
over energy drinks

95
did homework
at night

26
spent 3+ hours of
homework each
night



12 a.m.

Fall asleep. "I normally just fall asleep while I am doing my homework, with my netbook open and everything spread across my bed," Stone said.

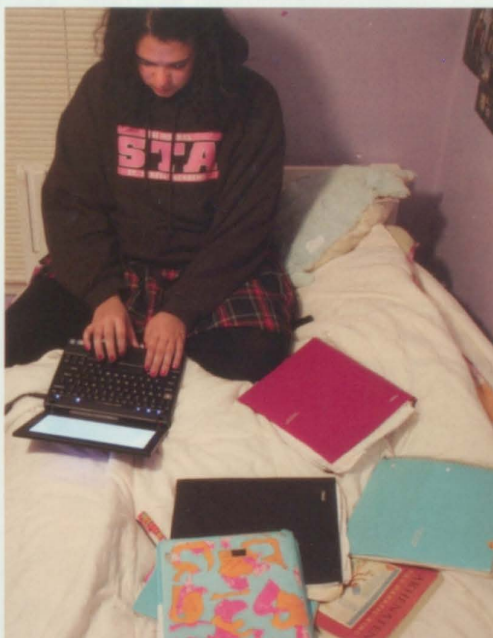
4 a.m.

Asleep again. "I normally fall asleep at some point after 2:30, and I automatically wake up again around 4 and finish and then fall asleep for the night," Stone said.



2:30 am

Wake up, do homework. "I don't set an alarm because my body wakes up and I start and fall asleep at some point," Stone said.



work or sleep?

(left) Sophomore Margie Stone works on her SIP paper at 10 p.m. Feb. 23. Stone would fall asleep working and wake up throughout nights when she had a lot of homework. **photo by molly kenney**

taking care of business

(center) Propped up in her bed, sophomore Margie Stone works on a speech for class Feb. 21. Stone studied in her bed every night and woke up periodically to finish homework for the next day. **photo by molly kenney**

TEACHER
versus
STUDENT

Former caffeine addicts Mr. Stephen Himes and senior Beth McBee described how they broke their habit.

"When I was in law school, I would go through about two extra large coffees to get through class. It was the culture of things, and completely normal. When you were reading seven hours a day of boring, laborious material, it was easy to slip into a caffeine pattern. Law school puts you on such a schedule that no one pays attention to eating and drinking healthy. I could never sleep well because I felt wired and tired at the same time. [To break the habit], I started fooling my body into thinking it was getting caffeine by drinking decaf. I thought I was getting it, but my body was never wired. I can now go a day without caffeine, and I am able to sleep without needing something to calm me down."

"I started using energy drinks sophomore and junior year because of homework. I would take an energy drink to stay awake until 1 or 2 every night. I wasn't sure how to stay awake any other way, so I used those. They would make me really jittery after I drank them and the next morning I would always feel sick. Because I took them so much, I feel like my body became immune to the caffeine and that is why I was able to drink so many a week and fall asleep right away. I changed in the middle of junior year. A friend of mine told me of vitamin energy supplements, so I switched to using those. The first time I tried it, I noticed I felt more awake, never felt sick or jittery, and I could focus a lot more."



english teacher
stephen himes



senior
elizabeth mcbee

The Teresian staff conducted a survey of 100 students in the lunchroom about caffeine and their nightly routine. These were the results.

82

listed homework as a reason for staying up late

30

did not drink caffeine everyday

58

slept an average 6-7 hours at night

32

began homework after 7 p.m

ice ice baby Junior Sara Pence, left, and senior Katie Pautler grab a water break in the dugout at the varsity game against Notre Dame de Sion High School Sept. 9. Through communication and leadership, the varsity team was able to end the season 11-10. **photo by elise pavicic**



SENIORS:

steppin' up

Combining their skills and experience to guide their teammates, senior softball players became team leaders. They emphasized trust and communication.

Observing her teammates as they played against rival Notre Dame de Sion High School, she saw how the seniors clicked, working together to make plays. She saw synchronization, each person knew what the other needed and how to react. She saw her team win, 13-1, and knew they had earned it.

"Last year, I don't ever remember being this together in games," varsity junior Krissy Bryde said. "I just had one of the best two months playing softball that I've ever had with the best girls."

According to varsity senior Eilene McSorley, the senior leadership started during tryouts and lasted throughout the season.

"We got all these new freshmen trying out who looked terrified at the big group of seniors," McSorley said. "It reminded me of my first tryouts freshman year. At that point, all seven of us seniors stepped up and started helping them out."

According to coach Don Lang, leadership and year-round senior players transformed the team into a strong offensive competitor.

"The season went well because we had a good team concept and scored a record number of runs on offense," Lang said. "This group is the best offensive team in STA history."

Reflecting on the season's successes, including an appearance at Districts, Bryde hoped the unity from this season would reoccur next season.

"I hope to see an inspiration from this year," Bryde said. "I want the girls to not get down because some of our closest friends won't be here or that seven valuable players have gone off to college. We are still a unit."

story by **katarina waller**



BY THE numbers

School Records

27

career doubles hit by senior Ally Franken

16

career runners caught stealing by junior Krissy Bryde

Softball players finished a winning season by breaking season and school records.

Season Records

205 ft.

farthest home run hit by sophomore Schaeffer Smith

.406

highest batting average hit by sophomore Anna Woolery



clap your hands The varsity team applauds as a teammate crosses home plate in the game against Notre Dame de Sion High School Sept 29. The team won the game 13-1. **photo by elise pavicic**

JUNIOR VARSITY versus VARSITY

Although they were not always together, JV and varsity teams created memorable moments of leadership.

"The varsity team always played before our team did, so our team would be cheering them all on from the dugout. Usually the varsity team will just leave after their game, but sometimes some of the players would stay and cheer us on and give us the support that we gave them. [Junior] Krissy Bryde was always the loudest and the most supportive. She'd cheer 'Go Stars!' or shout out numbers, it didn't matter who was up to bat, or she'd cheer 'You've got it guys!' when we were losing. It wasn't a big deal when the varsity team left after their game because they were tired, but when they stayed it made us feel good."

"[Senior] Emma Steck was definitely a team leader. During games she would always start cheers that rose above the chatter like, 'You can do it!' or 'We believe in you!' She would get all of us cheering and it made us feel more like a team. She brought us together. I remember all the times I got on the field, which wasn't very often since I'm just a freshman, she would shout 'That's our freshman!' and the rest of the team would join in. It calmed me down when she did that cheer for me because I'm the only freshman on the varsity team and I get really nervous because everyone's watching me and I don't want to mess up."



sophomore
**matalyn
shearhart**



freshman
mary gibson

sion smackdown (left) Senior first baseman Katie Pautler, a four-year varsity team member, hits a ground ball in the varsity game against Notre Dame de Sion High School Sept. 9. The varsity team outscored STA's fiercest rival with a 18-3 win. **photo by elise pavicic**



pow wow The varsity and JV teams gather and talk in the dugout before the varsity team played Notre Dame de Sion High School Sept. 9. Because the JV team always played after varsity, JV players came to every varsity game to cheer on their fellow teammates. **photo by elise pavicic**

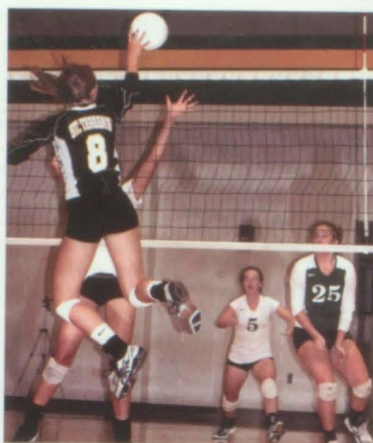
WRAPPIN' UP softball

After the season ended, coach Don Lang invited the softball team to a banquet at Carmen's Cafe Oct. 28. The team celebrated a successful season with speeches, surprise gifts and a slideshow of pictures. Each player received a team shirt as Lang read off their individual statistics to a room of clapping teammates and parents.



photos by grace bisbee and katarina waller

sky high Freshman Anna Kropf tips the ball against St. Joseph Academy Oct. 1. Wemhoff was one of three freshman on varsity volleyball and one of the tallest players on the team. (Alexandra Radtke)



SHORT TEAM REACHES new heights

Varsity coach Amy Carlson restructured practice and concentrated on speed to counteract lack of height.

Sophomore Holli Hogge stepped up to the net with junior Sarah Godfrey. In order to be effective, the two needed to time their block perfectly. The ball grazed Hogge's fingers, but not enough to deflect it. Junior McLaren O'Rear, a defensive specialist, quickly adjusted her footing to dig the ball and restart the play to STA's advantage.

When the three tallest players on last year's volleyball team graduated, the Stars became a vertically challenged team. The girls were not short, walking STA's hallways, but compared to their opponents, they were at a height disadvantage.

According to O'Rear, the team's speed affected the outcome of games.

"We struggled against teams that are taller than us because we were not fast enough and their blockers were really tall," O'Rear said. "It was difficult to get the ball over [the net] because [the other players] were blocking everything."

Coach Amy Carlson made changes in order to compensate for the lack of height, but she left the rest up to the girls.

"Height is such an advantage in volleyball," Carlson said. "We knew coming into the season we lost a lot of height and we would have to make everything faster. We would have to beat everyone on speed and athletic ability."

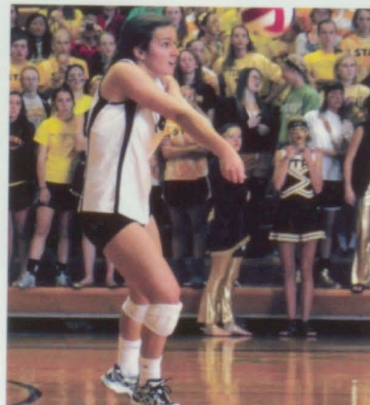
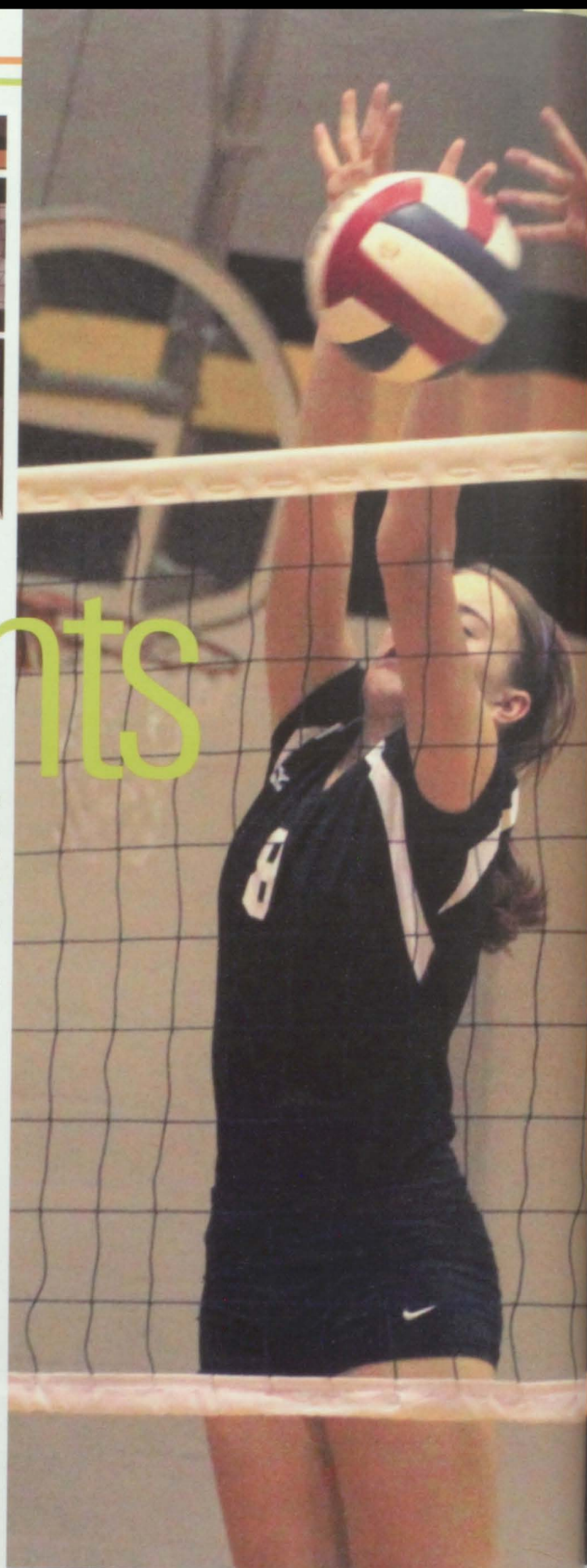
The team adjusted the way they played in order to compete with taller teams. The front row focused on speeding up the plays, while the back row concentrated on being quick to the ball.

"As a back row player, if the blocker is late I have to be in a certain position on the court in order to cover the missed block," O'Rear said. "I have to be fast while also staying at a low position. If I stand up, I won't have enough time to react when the ball is hit. I have to stay low the whole time."

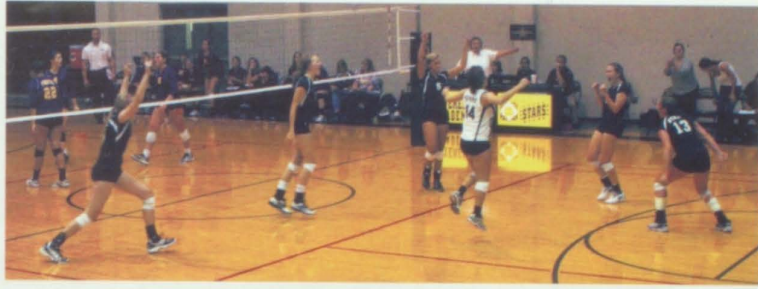
O'Rear made a direct pass to setter junior Nicole Wemhoff, who in turn set the ball out to Godfrey. Godfrey took a swing and sent the ball flying into the floor before the opponents had the chance to react.

"We really put in a faster system this year," Carlson said. "We made sure every set was a faster set in order to beat the other team with speed."

story by alexandra radtke



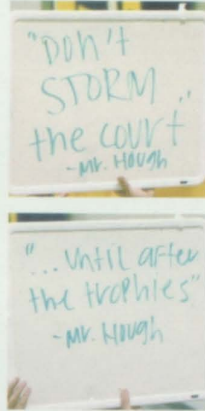
diggin' it Leading the team in digs, junior Taylor Migliazzo passes a ball to the setter in the game against Lee's Summit West High School Oct. 30. Since her freshman year, Migliazzo acted as libero for the varsity team. photo by jenny schorgl



volley ballin' After scoring the game-winning point against Belton High School Oct. 27, the Stars celebrate their win. The varsity team beat Belton 2-0 to win the Class 4 District championship game. **photo by alexandra radtke**

HOME COURT advantages

When the scoreboard read 22-8 in favor of the Stars at the District championship game at STA Oct. 27, athletic director **Mark Hough** asked Spirit Club president **Kathleen Hough** to announce to fans not to storm the court. He then returned to give the okay that students were able to rush onto the court after the officials handed out the trophies. Coach **Amy Carlson** and junior **McLaren O'Rear** commented on the benefit of home court advantage at Districts.



"[Home court advantage] was very influential to the way we played. We had more energy because of our amazing fans, which we were very thankful for."

-junior **mcLaren o'rear**

"Our girls love to play at home and we have, absolutely, the best spirit section. We have gotten countless compliments from other coaches that have never seen anything like it, so it was really special."

-coach **amy carlson**



jump on it After defeating Belton High School Oct. 27, the varsity volleyball team celebrates their Class 4 District 13 win. The team advanced to Sectionals and earned 2nd place to Lee's Summit West High School. **photo by jenny schorgl**

BY THE numbers

Compared to previous years, varsity volleyball players lacked height.

1 one setter player who was 6 feet tall

8 8 players who were taller than 5 foot, 6 inches

2 2 players shorter than the average height of an American

3 3 defensive specialists

2 2 players who were 5 feet 7 inches

11 11 players on varsity

7 7 front row players

access denied (above) Freshmen Anna Kropf, left, and Emily Wemhoff double-block the ball as the Stars compete against Belton High School during Districts Oct. 27. After defeating Notre Dame de Sion High School in the semifinals, the Stars defeated Belton, becoming Class 4 Distict 13 champions. **photo by jenny schorgl**

golf 101

Varsity golf player, sophomore Emily McCann, explained the method for keeping score during a golf match.



"There are two halves on a golf scoring sheet. On one half you keep score for yourself, and on the other for another player. For their half, write down what their score was at the end of every hole. For your half, record how many putts you did, how many fairways

and greens you hit and how many of your balls fell in regulation territory. At the end of the match, add up your scores for every hole to come up with your final score. If you got anything within the 70s and 80s you did great!"

follow through (below) Sophomore Emily McCann swings her club in the final match of the season against Pembroke School Oct. 11. Because she carpooled with senior Madalyne Bird to practice everyday, she formed a close bond with her. **photo by margot livers**



star gazing Juniors Alexis Buford, left, and Elizabeth Daugherty gaze out at the driving range Sept. 28. Buford and Daugherty were the only juniors on the varsity team. **photo by margot livers**



leading the way Junior Alexis Buford, left, and senior Madalyne Bird walk to the next hole in a match against Pembroke Hill School Oct. 11. Buford and Bird were two of the three upperclassmen that were on the golf team. **photo by margot livers**



sharp eye Sophomore Jackie McGee lines up with the hole Oct. 11, during a match at Kansas City Country Club. Three sophomores, including McGee, played on the STA golf team. **photo by margot livers**



wind it up (above) Senior Madalyne Bird winds up to swing at Minor Golf Course Sept. 28 during practice. Bird participated on the golf team for four years. **photo by margot livers**

FLYING solo

Senior Madalyne Bird stared out at the cluster of girls that would join her as STA golfers during the 2010 season. She saw excitement, she saw energy, but most of all, she saw a group filled with underclassmen. Seven freshmen, three sophomores and two juniors looked back at her. Bird stood alone as the only senior on the team.

Bird, who played on the golf team since her freshman year, said that until her last season, there had always been a core group of upperclassmen to help carry the team.

"This year felt different in the sense that we had a lot less experience," Bird said. "In past years we've always had enough players who knew the game and could build a base for the team."

According to assistant coach Jack Garvin, who had been involved with STA golf for 12 years, this was the first year he coached only one senior on the team. This put pressure on Bird at the start of the season.

"I didn't want to be the only leader," Bird said. "I didn't want to be the only person able to answer [underclassmen's] questions."

Usually, teams selected two or more captains to share the position; the cross country team elected three. Cross country captain Addie Thompson agreed that being the only captain would be a challenge.

"My job was easy because I had two other [captains] to share it with," Thompson said. "Being the only leader would be much harder because I wouldn't have different perspectives to offer the younger runners."

Though being the only senior on a team was difficult, Garvin said Bird gave the group constant support and guidance throughout the season.

"Madalyne proved to be a good leader," Garvin said. "She was always upbeat and helpful and got along with everyone on the team."

As Bird watched her 12 younger teammates on the first day of practice, she contemplated the task ahead of her. She realized she had a much greater responsibility than in previous years.

"It was hard at first adapting to the change," Bird said. "I had to learn how to reach out and help everyone on the team. That's what the leader does, and I really enjoyed it."

The STA golf team consisted of one senior for the first time in more than 12 years. Senior Madalyne Bird adapted to new responsibilities.

story by margot livers



perfect swing

STEP-BY-STEP:



"First, I line both my feet up on either side of the ball."

1

"I take a deep breath, and don't rush through it. I take everything slow."

2

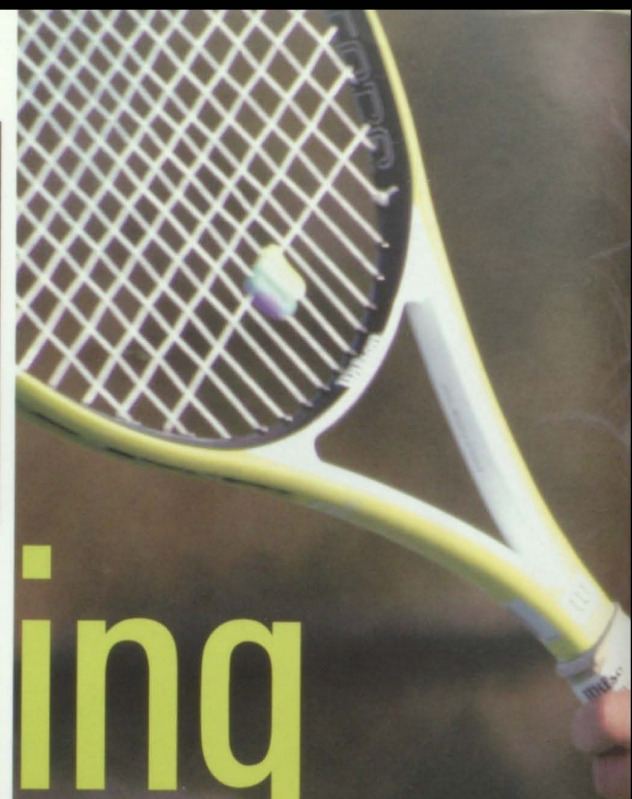
Freshman Frankie Neunuebel explained what went through her head to make the perfect swing.

"I bring my club back, relax my weight to my left hands and let my left wrist hinge. Then I make my club point to its target over my head."

"I then shift all my weight to my left foot. Finally, I follow through strong to finish out my swing."

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up high Seniors Cassie Redlingshafer and Morgan Barrett high five after scoring a point in their doubles match Sept. 30. "It was weird having our grade be responsible and lead the team," Barrett said. **photo** by demi ribaste



pushing FOR THE BEST

STA tennis practices intensified and helped bring girls together through hard work, strong leadership and team bonding. Although the girls practiced daily, the team did not advance to State after losing in Sectionals.

Warm up. Stretch. Hit around. Match play. Sprint. Go home. Repeat.

Tennis players attended daily practices throughout the fall season. At these practices, the team focused on improving their match play, along with boosting confidence on the court.

"The more I practice, the better I play and the more comfortable I am," varsity player freshman Grace Wells said. "So if I don't practice, I get nervous."

Rather than just hitting around or doing drills, the tennis team kept score and followed formal tennis rules in practice games, also known as "match play."

"Sometimes we get [to practice] match play," senior Morgan Barrett said. "It helps to just hit everyday."

Seniors contributed to the atmosphere surrounding practices. According to coach Meghan Parrott, the team changed with a larger senior presence, a different leadership style and a variety of personalities. On top of hard work, varsity captains, seniors Cassie Redlingshafer and Catherine Arensberg, brought the team together with pizza parties or tie-dye activities before important matches.

"[Redlingshafer and Arensberg] were huge, critical parts of the team," Parrott said. "[They were] the heart and soul of the team. [They] pulled a group together that wouldn't usually mesh well."

As the season came to an end, the girls were unable to advance to the State championship as they did the previous year. The team lost in Sectionals to Lee's Summit West High School, and the doubles team of sophomore Murphy Marx and Redlingshafer advanced to the State championship, but lost in the first round.

up to the sky Freshman Kathleen Connor follows through on her serve in a singles match Sept. 30. STA competed against Park Hill South High School at the Rockhurst University tennis courts. **photo** by demi ribaste



story by meagan stoops



follow through During a match against Park Hill South High School Sept. 30, junior Caroline Connor returns a serve to her opponent. Connor played Varsity tennis for three consecutive years. **photo** by alyson mcnaughten

SOUL sisters



Sophomore Mickey and senior Cassie Redlingshafer played tennis among three other sets of sisters on the STA tennis team.

Q. What was it like playing with your sister?

Cassie: "It was fun. I'd already played with JoEllen [Redlingshafer] my freshman year so I already knew what to expect. I played a few doubles matches with Mickey and it was different."

Mickey: "It was nice playing with Cassie because we could always talk about what matches that were coming up and discuss how to take on teams. She was good at this because of her experience on the team."

Q. What were the advantages to having a sister on the team?

C: "Easy carpool and we get to share all of our sweatshirts, and what not."

M: "An advantage of having a sister on the team is that I always have rides to where we were going and we could always talk after matches if anything unusual happened at the match."

Q. Mickey, how will your year change next year when Cassie will no longer be on the team?

M: "Next year will be a lot different without Cassie on the team because usually I can ask her questions about the school we're playing or [the] rules, but she won't be there next year for me to."

PRACTICE MAKES perfect

The tennis team practiced daily to succeed in matches and tournaments during the fall sports season. From left, senior Cassie Redlingshafer, sophomore Meaghan Coble, junior Taylor Twellman and sophomore Murphy Marx competed in hopes of moving up in ranking and advancing to the State championship. **photos** by alyson mcnaughten and demi ribaste



THE first time i...

During cross-country races, runners tried to run as fast as possible, but sometimes body malfunctions won instead.

was injured

fainted

peed my pants

vomited



"At the last meet of the year, I tripped over a rock and fell flat on my face. While I was down, someone stepped on my leg with their spikes and I got three gashes in my leg."

-junior **elizabeth randolph**



"My freshmen year, I was about 10 yards from the finish line and I fell. I didn't realize what happened. I started yelling for random people, not aware of what was going on. Paramedics took me to the hospital, where I was released a couple hours later."

-junior **hannah wolf**



"The first time I peed my pants for cross country was my freshman year. I didn't know it had happened, but then my pants got all wet and warm and gross. I knew it was normal for cross country runners though."

-sophomore **danni porter**



"I had just finished the state course for the first time. Right when I crossed the finish line I fell and couldn't get up. They dragged me to a chair and I vomited for 45 minutes including all the water and red Gatorade I had before the race."

-senior **kathleen hough**

STRIDES OF stress

A varsity freshman ended her season early due to a stress fracture during a St. Louis race, leaving the team in a struggle to close the gap between top two runners and the rest of the team.

As she anxiously stepped up to the starting line of the varsity race, freshman Lindsey Valdiviez stretched and thought about the past week. She made it through the last race, so she could do it again.

As Valdiviez positioned herself, the starter shot his gun. She took off, fighting her way toward the front of the pack. Twenty-two minutes and forty-eight seconds later, she crossed the finish line in 5th place for the team. Leaning onto friends, Valdiviez walked to the tent and took off her spikes. When she stood up, she realized it hurt to put pressure on her left foot. Ignoring the pain, Valdiviez tried to cool down by completing a ten-minute jog.

The next day, Valdiviez learned she had fractured her foot and wouldn't be able to run for the rest of the season.

"The other varsity girls have really had to step up and make up the ground lost with Lindsey's absence," coach Karen Moran Redlich said. "We moved a JV girl up, and that actually turned out pretty well, but each member of the team, especially runners five, six, and seven, have had to work harder to fill Lindsey's spot."

Sophomore Sarah Vickery took Valdiviez's position on varsity.

"[Lindsey's injury] kind of hurt the team because her time was up there with [sophomores] Lane's [Maguire] and Courtney's [Coppinger]," Vickery said. "It was hard because we were just getting farther away from their times, when we need to be finishing closer together. In the end though, we all stepped up and worked it out."

According to Moran, stress fractures were common because with each step, a runner pounded three to five times their body weight on their feet.

"[When I run] I try not to think about the pain and exhaustion and how much pressure you are putting on your body," Valdiviez said. "I just like to think about how I can rest at the finish line and how I need to get there as soon as possible."

story by **molly kenney**



eye on the prize (above) Sophomore Courtney Coppinger keeps her eye on the finish line while running in the District meet. Coppinger finished 14th out of 57 runners, and the team finished third. **photo by lucy edmonds**

sweat it out (left) Junior Mary O'Leary sprints through the final stretch of the JV cross-country race at Raymore-Peculiar High School. O'Leary finished 63rd. **photo by elise pavicic**



neighbor to neighbor Senior Laura Neenan, left, and junior Hannah Wolf, right, carry junior Maddie Dang, middle, as she gasps for air after the District meet at Raymore-Peculiar High School Oct. 23. Dang finished 36th and helped the team advance to Sectionals. **photo by lucy edmonds**



lean on me (above) Senior Kathleen Hough, middle, rests on her father Michael Hough and Senior Addie Thompson after competing at the District cross country meet at Raymore-Peculiar High School Oct. 23. Kathleen finished in 18th with a time of 20 minutes and 38 seconds. **photo by molly kenney**

follow the leader (left) Sophomore Hannah McCausland approaches the finish line during the Sectional alternate race at Grandview Oct. 30. McCausland placed 11th in the race. **photo by grace bisbee**



RUNNING mind games

Running a 5k took between 19 minutes and 32 minutes. How did the runners pass the time?



—sophomore **jane evans**

"I zone everything out and keep my goals in mind. For example, I know that once I finish the race, I can eat a lot."



—freshman **hali sims**

"I'm thinking of how I can pass the next person and go faster but still pace myself."



—junior **katie mcombs**

"I'm pretty negative when I run. But a lot of times I focus on my breathing, or just count and see how high I can get before I finish."



—senior **amy wendland**

"I try not to think about the race, so random things go through my head. A lot of times I unintentionally have a loop of songs going through my mind."

take a breather Senior Addie Thompson catches her breath after the Sectional alternate race at Grandview Oct. 30. Thompson placed in 9th and earned a spot to run at State. **photo by grace bisbee**

REGRETTED results



After performing at State, the dance team felt they had not received the results they deserved. They planned to work harder for a more successful season the following year.

After eight hours and two final performances of the season, the team sat in a circle, put their heads down and held hands to calm the butterflies fluttering in their stomachs. When they heard their place, dance team member looked at each other in silence. They had all thought they would place higher.

"When I heard our scores I was shocked because we had worked so hard to perfect our routines," senior captain Taylor Kramer said. "It was disappointing to see all that hard work not amount to what we had expected."

Coach Savannah Vose held similar feelings and, along with the team, liked the routines and thought they had a good chance at State. However, the team placed fifth in their Hip-Hop routine and did not place in their Jazz routine, resulting in an eighth place finish overall.

"We felt a little stung," Vose said. "I think we deserved better, but it's just what the judges think is best."

Sophomore dance team member Sara Meurer agreed that the team's ranking was a surprise the night of State.

"Going into State, I felt like we definitely had a chance of placing in the top three," Meurer said. "When that didn't happen, we were all shocked. We had worked really hard, but it all depends on the judges that day and what they like."

Even after an unexpected loss, the team believed they had competed to the best of their abilities. However, they planned on changing aspects of their 2011-2012 season. Dance team members and Vose hoped minor changes would help them succeed the following year.

"Practices need to be more efficient," Vose said. "We get distracted, but the returning girls know what it's like to win and lose, so I know they will work a lot harder."

story by lucy edmonds



"It's useful that [Alex Radtke is] my big sister because I feel comfortable asking her about counts and steps."

—freshman katie daniels

"Big and Little sisters have a special bond. I feel like I can go to Betsy [Tampke] for anything, not just stuff for dance team."

—freshman kim fryer

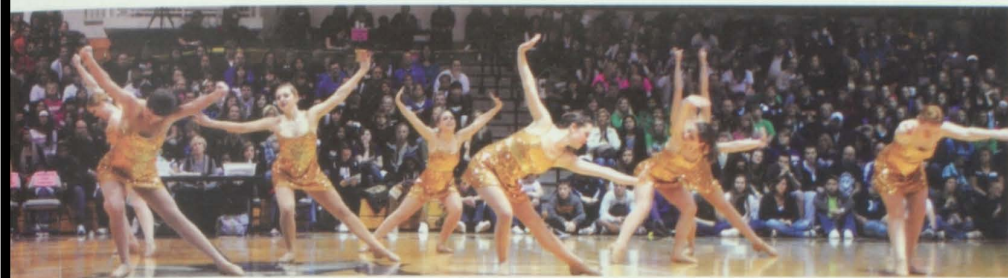


SISTER similarities

Unlike other sports, the dance team kept a tradition of having big and little sisters. Coaches Savannah Vose and Deena Schaumburg matched an upperclassman with an underclassman at the beginning of the season. Throughout the season, the sisters gave each other care packages and words of encouragement before performances and during practices. Although the coaches matched the sisters at random, during the year members realized that the sisters shared similar personalities.



bust a move Freshman Katie Daniels, left, and junior Theresa Murphy expose the gold on their costumes during their Hip-Hop routine at State Feb. 20. Murphy was one of three juniors who have been on the team for three years.
photo by lucy edmonds

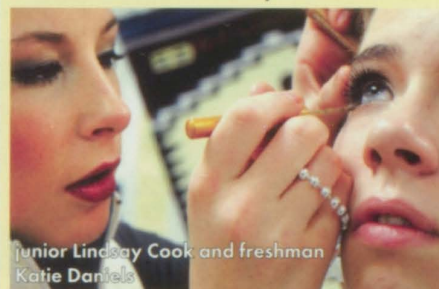


jazz it up During their jazz performance, the team expands for a slow moment during the song "I Wanna Dance with Somebody." The team hired a choreographer for the year to help them create their dance routines. **photo by lucy edmonds**



MAKEOVER: beautify me

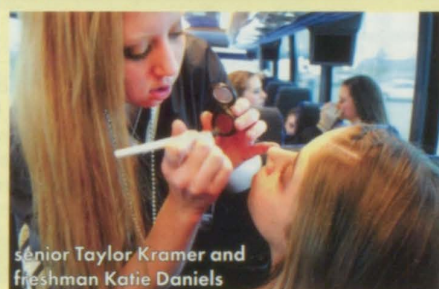
Aside from practicing dance moves, dance team spent hours on their make-up and appearance for performances. The team went through inspections before dancing at State and were required to look uniform to prevent points being docked from their final score, as shown in the photos below.



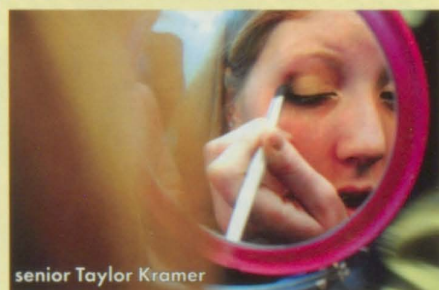
junior Lindsay Cook and freshman Katie Daniels



sophomore Sara Meurer and freshman Camille Porterfield



senior Taylor Kramer and freshman Katie Daniels



senior Taylor Kramer



hand in hand (above) From left, junior Alexandra Radtke, senior Betsy Tampke and freshman Kim Fryer react to the announcement that they did not place in State. "We were all shocked but Betsy and I looked at each other and tried to keep everything together for the rest of the team," Radtke said. **photo by lucy edmonds**

follow the leader (left) Junior Alexandra Radtke, left, and senior Betsy Tampke practice their jazz routine in the hallway at State Feb. 26. The jazz routine required specific hand and arm movements that the girls practiced often. **photo by lucy edmonds**



pump up (right) Sophomores Peyton Gajan, left, and Jane Evans motivate each other before Evans's race at the State competition Feb. 19. "My goal this season was to place top eight in one of my races," Gajan said. **photo by lucy edmonds**

flippin' out (far right) Sophomore Rose Hutchison turns during the Independent League Championships Feb. 10. "I thought the board was cool because it gave everyone a chance to get recognized," Hutchison said. **photo by alyson mcnaughten**



DOIN' the dive

At the Independent League Championships, freshman Kelsey Ruscis performed a series of dives Feb. 10. Ruscis placed third, earning points that contributed to the team's overall first place. Ruscis also competed on a dive team during the summer at Leawood South Country Club. **photos by maddie dang**



BELIEVING IN achieving

Junior Libby Sauder was shocked to hear her name being called so early in the season. Just one meet into her swimming career at STA, coach Andy Wilcox asked her to descend the bleachers and write her name alongside the small list of other varsity swimmers on the board.

To inspire a successful season, Wilcox added a dry erase board to his motivational tools with four categories: goals achieved, honor roll, state cuts and varsity letters. If a swimmer completed a goal, she wrote her name on the board.

"It's kind of a brag board," Wilcox said. "I wanted the girls to want to see their name up in lights and give them the recognition they wouldn't get somewhere else."

Wilcox required all swimmers to write down six goals: three swimming, one spiritual, one family and one school. Wilcox announced the accomplished goals at the end of each practice.

"One of my goals was to make it to State in the 100-yard breaststroke," varsity senior Rachel Edmonds said. "I wrote down that I wanted to make it to State as a joke, but this year I actually accomplished it."

Goals ranged from first-year swimmer Sarah Vickery hoping to put on a swim cap, to sophomore Rose Hutchinson aiming to finish in the top eight in all of her State races.

"When I succeeded [with my goal], I didn't get to write my name on the board, but it was something to strive for during the season," Hutchison said.

Along with personal goals, the swimmers created team goals. They aspired to win the Independent League Championships for a second year and place in the top 20 at State. By the end of the season, they achieved both.

"The board motivated me to focus on the goals of the team," Wilcox said. "It gave [the swimmers] a sense of belonging and accomplishment."

Swimmers embraced the new traditions of a motivational board, accomplishing goals and growing as competitors throughout the season.

story by maddie dang

sealed with a kiss

(above) Seniors Rachel Edmonds and Addie Thompson kiss STA's second ILC trophy after receiving it Feb. 10. Edmonds and Thompson advanced to State and Thompson received All-State honors. photo by maddie dang

group hug (left) Senior Rachel Edmonds, sophomore Rose Hutchinson and freshman Maggie Allen gather on the block after winning the 200 medley and qualifying for State at the ILC meet Feb. 10. photo by maddie dang

MAKING a splash

After the announcement came in that the Stars swim and dive team won the Independent League Championship Feb. 10, coach Andy Wilcox held onto the diving board, trying to prevent his team from throwing him into the pool. This had become a tradition at the meet since Wilcox's first season as the swim and dive coach when he voluntarily entered the pool. "He started the tradition [at STA]," sophomore Rose Hutchinson said.



"[Being thrown into the pool] is the swim and dive equivalent of dumping a Gatorade bucket." —coach **andy wilcox**



"Wilcox took off his shoes and put his phone away and got prepared to be thrown into the pool." —sophomore **rose hutchison**

SECRET life of PEEPERS GRAY



Sophomore Peepers Gray made a half-court shot at the buzzer leading the team to the District finals.

The score was tied 59-59 with five seconds left to go in the game for a spot in the basketball District finals. In the last seconds of the game against the Lee's Summit High School Tigers, sophomore Peepers Gray rebounded the ball and turned towards the basket. The clock ticked down, 3...2... At half-court, Gray took a chance and tossed the ball into the air before the buzzer sounded.

"I wasn't really thinking about making the shot," Gray said. "There was a second left, so I thought there was nothing to lose."

The team stared as the ball soared and finally dropped in, winning the game and advancing them to the District finals. As the players dog-piled Gray, the crowd cheered.

"I didn't even have a chance to process what had just happened," Gray said. "I was in shock. I have never made a shot like that before."

move, get out the way

During the varsity game against Notre Dame de Sion High School, junior Megan Lankford pushes to get by the Sion opponent Nov. 22. STA lost their first game to Sion 45-42. photo by jenny schorgl



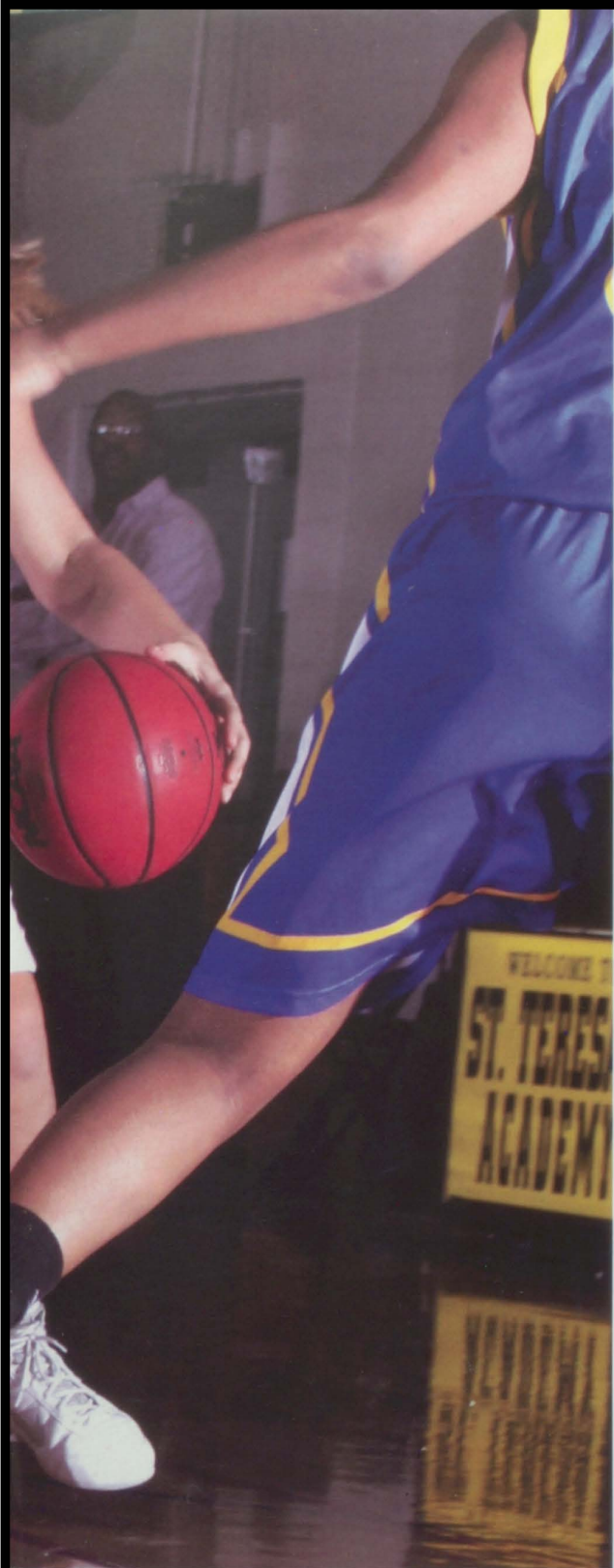
double trouble Two Notre Dame de Sion High School players attempt to block senior Ally Franken in the season opener for the varsity basketball team Nov. 22. Students cheered the team on while dressed up according to the theme "pilgrims and indians" in celebration of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. photo by jenny schorgl



not so fast (far right) Freshman Savannah Trujillo defends a Notre Dame de Sion High School player at the game Jan. 27. STA students, dressed as dalmatians, filled the Sion gym to support the Stars. photo by maggie kenney

claws come out Sophomore Becca Lueke fights to get the ball from a Sion player during a 63-46 loss. "We were tired of constantly losing games," Lueke said. "We shouldn't have lost by that much." photo by maggie kenney





gimme that Senior Katie Pautler fights for the ball during the game against Notre Dame de Sion High School Nov. 22. Pautler played post position during her four years at STA. **photo by jenny schorgl**

splitting the d (center) Senior Caroline Gray weaves through two Lincoln College Preparatory High School players in the home game on Feb. 4. The Stars lost the game 48-43. **photo by maggie kenney**

STEPPING OFF THE COURT

"We are proud of you, say we are proud of you... We are proud of you, say we are proud of you," echoed through the Notre Dame de Sion High School gym as STA students cheered for the varsity team after they lost to Sion for the second time during the season.

However, according to senior captain Caroline Gray, the team was far from proud.

"We were frustrated that we had just lost another game," Gray said. "One of our goals was to win as many games as possible, but we fell short."

After the Sion game, the team faced a mid-season crisis with a record of 3-10 when head coach Doug Nelson resigned. Due to advice Gray gave the team, the players chose not to comment about the controversy behind Nelson's resignation.

After the resignation, assistant coach Diana Krull took over the position of head coach. When Krull became coach, the team made an executive decision to start fresh rather than focus on their troubles from the start of the season.

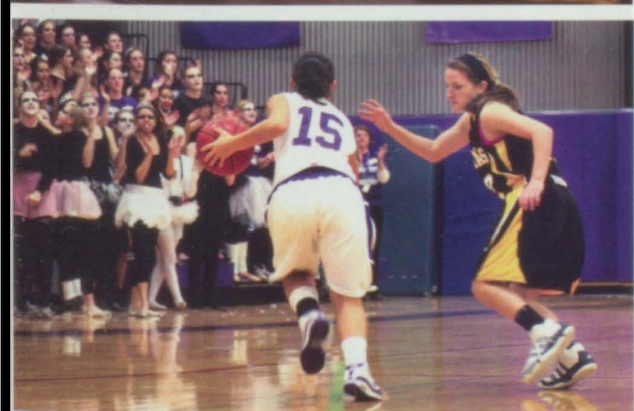
"We really wanted to start over," Gray said. "We didn't want to dwell on the past. We wanted to forget about it and try to make the best of the season."

According to sophomore Maggie Rellihan, the players made the best of the situation and focused on the games they had ahead of them.

"The coach's resignation helped the team unite," Rellihan said. "We knew that it would be a hard transition, but we worked hard together to forget about what happened."

The varsity basketball coach resigned in the middle of the year, leaving the team without a head coach. The team readjusted to new leadership as they struggled to beat opponents.

story by **maggie kenney**



falling RISING UP AND down

Despite being ranked within the top 40 high school girls teams in the nation, the varsity soccer team lost to Lee's Summit North in the District championship game.

The varsity team came together for what they expected to be a "rebuilding year." Though they lost eight seniors from the previous year, they won 12 of the 13 regular season games. They accomplished something no team before them had been able to. For the first time in history, the STA varsity soccer team was ranked nationally.

"A lot of people thought we wouldn't be good because we lost eight seniors [last year]," junior Megan Lewis said. "Being ranked nationally proved that we could do it."

After the game against Shawnee Mission East High School April 25, the varsity soccer team received the news that they were ranked 39th among all high school girls' soccer teams in the nation by ESPN/RISE Fab 50 National Soccer Rankings. Senior Karson Kuhlmann, who played on varsity soccer for four years, was excited when she heard the news.

"As a senior and a captain, I was really impressed with how the team was getting along and how well we were doing," Kuhlmann said. "[Being ranked] gave us motivation for the season."

Lewis and Kuhlmann agreed that, although being ranked nationally gave the team confidence, the team did not become cocky. They knew they would have to work hard to beat other nationally ranked teams in the area, such as Liberty High School and Lee's Summit North High School.

"We never took [the ranking] for granted because we knew we would have to work hard to prove that we could play with really good teams," Lewis said. "It just made us work harder to prove that we actually deserved it."

story by alexandra radtke

THE FINAL game

Varsity players reacted to the May 18 District championship. Even though the Stars defeated Lee's Summit North 3-2 earlier in the season, STA lost to them 1-0.

"I was upset that we lost, but also [I was upset] that I wouldn't play with the seniors again. It's going to be hard to play without some of the key seniors next year, I just hope that we are equally as good, if not better, next year."



sophomore
margaret rellihan

"I was just in shock. It was the end of both my soccer season and my soccer career. I was bummed that I had to go out on that note. I think we could have gone to state, which makes the early on [loss] in the playoffs so much worse."



senior
molly kenney

gray day Senior Caroline Gray cries after losing in the District finals game against Lee's Summit North High School May 18. The Stars were seeded number one in the district tournament. photo by alexandra radtke



**bend it like beckham**

Senior Sophia Garozzo dribbles the ball while pushing her way past Blue Valley North High School defender Laura Hurlbut May 12. Garozzo played STA soccer since freshman year. photo by jenny schorgl



gotta kick it up (left) Sophomore Peepers Gray passes the ball up the line at Lee's Summit North High School during the District finals May 18. The Stars lost to Lee's Summit North 1-0. photo by alexandra radtke

heads up (center) Junior Ava Jurden heads the ball in order to keep it away from Blue Valley North High School midfielder Mindy Farmer May 9. "This season as a whole was really fun and I think it was the girls that made it," Jurden said. photo by jenny schorgl

SECRET life of CELE FRYER



After eight years of competitive soccer and four years playing varsity, senior received the opportunity to play in college.

Four years on varsity. Three-a-day workouts. Two broken noses. Those were the personal costs to senior Cele Fryer for competing in college.

Fryer joined thousands of athletes Feb. 2 in signing her National Letter of Intent to play soccer at Drake University next year. Although she was excited about playing soccer, Fryer did not look forward to the fitness test that she was required to pass before she was allowed to play at Drake.

"I've been working out three times a day, and dying basically," Fryer said. "I am on a daily workout routine with a meal plan to help me pass the fitness test. It's been rough."

According to Fryer, who moved into Drake July 22, she was mentally prepared for college, but she would never forget the "family" that she built through STA soccer over the four years.

"Next year I'm really going to miss STA soccer," Fryer said. "There will never be another soccer team [that is] closer, more fun and more caring than the one I was able to be a part of at STA."

don't mess with the best (left) Senior Cele Fryer warms up before the game against Kearney High School April 28. Fryer, one of two seniors that signed to play college soccer, planned to compete for Drake University in Iowa. photo by demi ribaste



scoop it up Freshman Natalie Rall attempts to keep the ball in bounds during agame against Notre Dame de Sion High School May 2. Rall played on the JV team throughout the season. **photo by grace bisbee**



NEW athlete

Sophomore Mattie Davis played lacrosse for the first time during 2011 season. She recalled her experience.



Q. What made you want to play lacrosse?

A. "I wanted to play lacrosse because I heard from a lot of people that it was fun. I'm not good at soccer but I wanted to play a spring sport, so I chose lacrosse."

Q. What was it like being new to lacrosse?

A. "It was really intimidating first because I had no idea how to play. Our developmental coach did a really good job going through the techniques really slowly though. The other players also helped a lot. They would always show me better ways of doing things."

Q. What was one of the biggest challenges?

A. "One of the biggest challenges was probably the conditioning. There's a lot more than I thought, so it was really hard at first. You just have to stick to it though."

Q. What was your favorite part about playing lacrosse?

A. "My favorite thing about being on the team was definitely the people. Everyone helped everyone and everyone on the team is hilarious."

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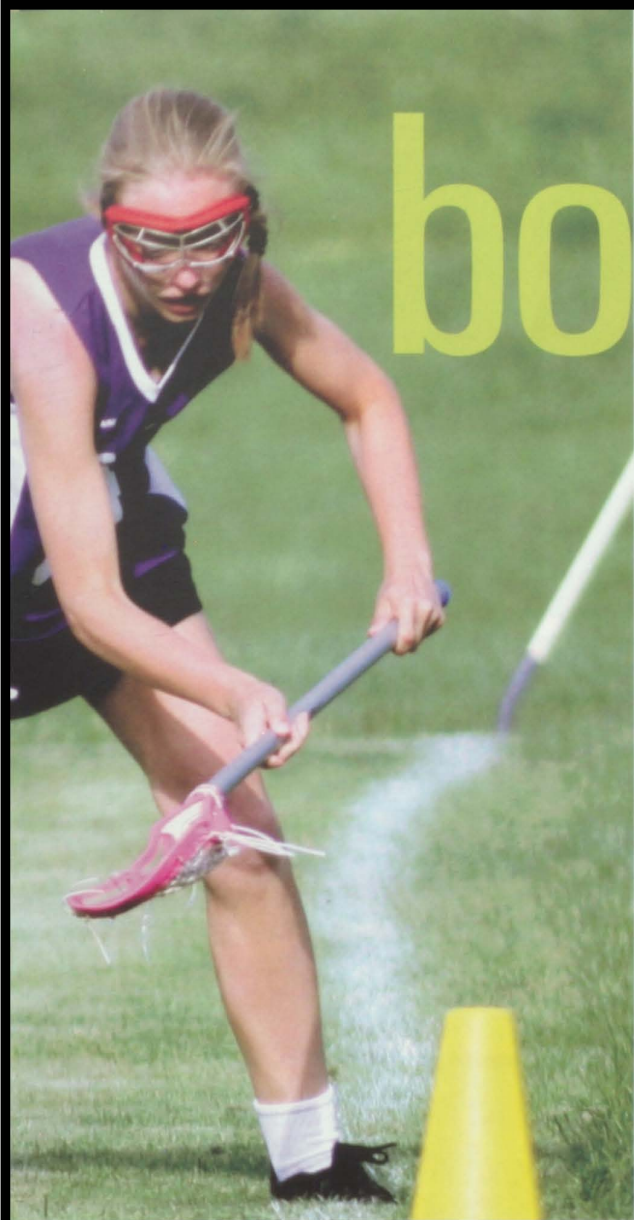
During a timeout in the May 2 game against Notre Dame de Sion High School, senior Maggy Roth removes her goggles to talk to her teammates. Sion defeated STA 8-4 for the second time during the season. **photo by grace bisbee**



bring 'em in (right) At the beginning of the May 11 game versus Lee's Summit Senior High School, the lacrosse team huddles to discuss the game. The lacrosse team had a pre-game ritual consisting of a prayer and a chant. **photo by alyson mcnaughten**



LACROSSING boundaries



Junior Stephanie Hampel walked to her car talking to friends along the way, threw her bags in the car and wandered from the parking lot over to the field to start lacrosse practice.

"Moving from practicing at Southwest High School to STA has been such a huge difference," Hampel said. "We no longer have to speed down Wornall to make it to practice on time, which is nice. It just feels more comfortable to be practicing at our own school."

The addition of lacrosse as an official school sport brought about various changes. According to athletic director Mark Hough, having a third spring sport on campus lead to the need for practice space, and additional changes as well.

"These adjustments include hiring a coaching staff that meets the STA and MSHSAA standards, finding field space for practice and competitions, finding competition, arranging transportation, purchasing equipment and securing the financial resources necessary to fund an additional program," Hough said.

Hampel believed these resources provided by the athletic department were often taken advantage of by teams.

"We now have more resources, such as a storage place for equipment, a mowed and lined field, water jugs, a physical therapist, buses for away games and a facility to host home games," Hampel said. "I didn't even realize what our team was missing out on until this year."

Varsity junior Kelly O'Byrne felt the team spirit also improved since lacrosse became an official varsity sport.

"Girls felt more connected with the school by being able to practice and play on our own field," O'Byrne said. "We even got mentioned in the spring pep rally. Little things like that go a long way in making a team feel more united."

According to Hough, at a time when many schools were being forced to eliminate extracurricular programs, he admired the school's dedication to providing opportunities like this for the students.

"Any change the athletic department can make that provides additional opportunities for the students at STA is a positive change," Hough said.

After being approached by numerous parents and students, the athletic department made lacrosse an official varsity sport. This addition led to various changes for lacrosse players.



giggly gals (above) While watching the JV team play in St. Louis, a group of varsity players sat together and joked around. "[Jokes] like 'placenta' and 'Coco Bongo' pretty much define our team and our humor," junior Margot Livers said. "No one else understands." **photo by lucy edmonds**

booking it (left) Junior Lucy Edmonds runs down the field during a game against Notre Dame de Sion High School May 2. Edmonds was one of the captains of the varsity team. **photo by alyson mcnaughten**



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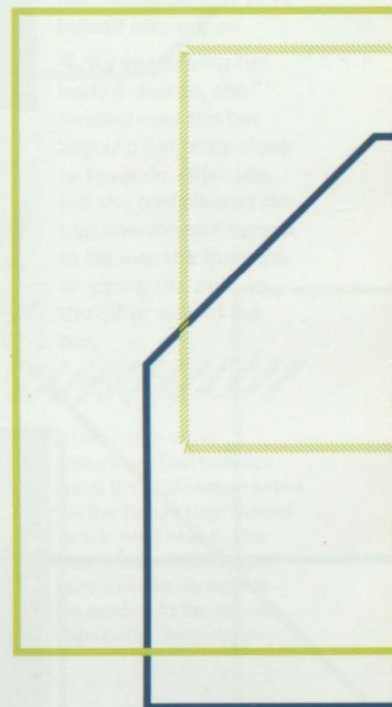
Sophomore Elizabeth Arensberg provided instructions on how to cradle. Cradling was a technique used to maintain the lacrosse ball in the pouch of the stick.



"Place your dominant hand at the top of the stick about a hand's length away from the head. Your weak hand should be a finger length from the stick's end."

"Using your top and bottom hand, roll your wrists back and forth at the same time. Bend your left elbow 90 degrees and your right elbow 70 degrees."

"Cradle with the stick going shoulder to ear on your right side and close to your body to keep the ball in the pouch of the stick. Run as you do these motions."



SEASON OF SUCCESS

The track team performed better overall than they had in the past years. The team had a new coaching staff and many new runners that made it to the State track meet.

With the crowd cheering and sweat dripping down her face, sophomore Lane Maguire had one lap left to finish the race. As she came around the curve of the track, she saw the finish line.

Gripping the baton tighter than ever, Maguire pushed toward the finish. As she crossed the finish line, she stopped to catch her breath while the rest of the 4x800 relay team ran over to congratulate her. Maguire and sophomores Hannah McCausland, Courtney Coppinger and Sarah Vickery waited for their time. Coach Amanda James announced their time of 9:30, and the girls cheered and hugged each other in celebration.

The varsity track team set new records in two events, the 4x800 and the 4x400. The 4x800 team beat the previous school record by 6 seconds. While they considered this an important accomplishment, they had other successes during the season.

"I think we did really well this year," junior Lane Schulte said. "Everyone was really happy with their times and how they ran. All the girls supported each other and pushed them to work their hardest."

While the girls worked hard to improve their personal bests, many of the girls attributed their success to the new coaching staff.

"The new coaching staff got people focused on taking it seriously, so we did," Coppinger said. "Each event had its own specific coaches, which helped us get a lot better."

Although the team was happy with their finish to the season, medaling in one of the four events they competed in at State, they looked forward to the next year where they expected to do better.

"I think everyone's hard work this year will help a lot next year," freshman Clare Mitchell said. "We have really good runners with a lot of talent and if we all stick together then we're going to have a really good team. This year we laid the foundation for what will hopefully be an even better season next year."

story by kathleen vogel



TRACKING results

Lane Maguire SECTIONALS: 3rd place in the 4x800 meter relay, 2nd place in 800-meter run, 6th place in the 4x400 meter relay

STATE: 6th place in the 4x800 meter relay, 12th place in the 800-meter run

Courtney Coppinger SECTIONALS: 3rd place in the 4x800 meter relay, 4th place in the 800-meter run, 6th place in the 4x400 meter relay

STATE: 6th place in the 4x800 meter relay, 14th place in the 800-meter run

Sarah Vickery SECTIONALS: 3rd place in the 4x800 meter relay, 6th place in the 4x400 meter relay

STATE: 6th place in the 4x800 meter relay

Hannah McCausland SECTIONALS: 3rd place in 4x800 meter relay, 6th place in 4x400 meter relay

STATE: 6th place in the 4x800 relay

Mary Gibson SECTIONALS: 4th place in 400-meter dash

STATE: 14th place in the 400-meter dash

BY THE numbers

5
girls competed at State

4
all-state awards

2
STA records broken

34
runners on the team

The Stars acquired different rankings and awards throughout the season.

4
events were run at State

1
events medaled in at State

6th
place finish at State in 4x800

2
new coaches

HOW TO: polevault

Freshman Kennedy Reller explained the process she went through when pole vaulting in a track meet.



1.

1. Reller stretched before taking her run to keep loose when she got ready to jump.



2.

2. She took her place at the mark at the runway and ran as fast as she could toward the pit keeping the pole high above her head.



3.

3. As she approached the pit, she planted her pole into the box at the edge of the pit and used her momentum to drive herself into the air.



4.

4. As she swung her body in the air, she twisted over the bar keeping her body close to the pole. After she felt she had cleared the bar, she allowed herself to fall into the foam pit dropping the pole on the other side of the bar.



airborne

(above) Freshman Clare Mitchell pole vaults in the track meet May 6 at Belton High School. The team had 4 pole vaulters this year but none of them made it past the District meet. **photo by demi ribaste**

gib it to me, baby

(right) Freshman Mary Gibson sprints towards the finish line during the district meet at Ray-Pec High School. Gibson placed 14th at state in the 400-meter dash. **photo by kathleen vogel**



defying gravity

Freshman Cari Reardon runs the 100 meter hurdles at the Belton High School track meet May 6. The track team did not have any runners participate in hurdles at Sectionals. **photo by demi ribaste**

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



WIRING windmoor



Senior Michaela Knittel co-edited the *Windmoor* literary magazine and website with senior Marissa Naggi. The publication displayed student art and was printed once a year. The staff distributed it at class day.

Q. Why did you get involved with *Windmoor*?

A. "I got involved with *Windmoor* with my friend Marissa [Naggi] last year because we were interested in being a part of our school's literary magazine. I found myself with extra time and figured *Windmoor* would be the perfect way for me to spend it."

Q. How has *Windmoor* changed since you joined it?

A. "I joined *Windmoor* staff last year. I wasn't a part of print staff, but I can say that the web staff this year has definitely worked hard on making the site an enjoyable experience, resource and outlet for the STA community."

Q. What do you think of the print?

A. "The *Windmoor* magazine turned out beautifully this year, and I am so excited for everyone to see it. Everyone on staff did a great job of designing, simplifying and professionalizing the print."

Q. What do you think of the web?

A. "*Windmoor Wired* is still in its beginning stages, but we added blogs this year by me, Kristen Wielizcka, Lucy Edmonds and Clare Bowen. They are all great and I enjoy that addition."

Q. Why is *Windmoor* important?

A. "Our main goal for *Windmoor* is to not only feature student work, but to honor and nurture STA's creative talent. There is so much talent that I think is commonly overlooked—all it needs is a little encouragement so it can truly thrive. We value everything that was submitted to us, and all of it is displayed on the website."



laugh out loud (top) Juniors Anna Meyers, from left, Hannah Haywood and Stephanie Hampel embrace after winning a point during a volleyball match. The girls played with other juniors during their lunch and activity period. **photo by lucy edmonds**

just chillax Junior Katelyn Ehrnman lounges on her backpack during her free period 9. Ehrnman and many other students enjoyed the sunshine during their yard day on Student Appreciation Day. **photo by lucy edmonds**

FEELS LIKE recess

The grass was gone, replaced with a bare surface and mounds of rock and steel. Construction vehicles took over parking spots for student cars. A fence stood tall and surrounded the Quad-turned-construction zone, removing over half the Quad from students' use.

The Student Community Organization faced a challenge as Student Appreciation Day arrived since the Quad was unable to host the event. According to SCO president Cassie Redlingshafer, the club decided to move the students to the soccer field and keep everything similar to previous years. Students were able to lay out in the sun, eat ice cream and play red rover, but the feeling of the traditional yard day had been lost.

"It was weird having the yard day somewhere other than the quad," junior Hannah Haywood said. "Moving to the soccer field was a pain, but you just have to make the most of it. I think people still had fun. It was just a different environment."

Some traditions of Student Appreciation Day stayed the same, such as the music playing while girls did homework or lounged in the grass.

"Student Appreciation Day was just as fun as it's always been," sophomore Sarah Kostoryz said. "I think no matter what, STA girls will be able to have fun and make something good out of a bad situation."

According to Redlingshafer, in 2012 the construction would continue to dictate the location of Student Appreciation Day. Haywood hoped students would be allowed to use the Quad.

"I think next year we should be allowed to go to the Quad or soccer field depending on what we want to do," Haywood said.

story by **lucy edmonds**



catch me if you can Junior Kate Rohr smiles back at her friends while playing tag near the softball fields on the North side of campus. Although the yard day was relocated to the fields, students still had fun. **photo by lucy edmonds**

BY THE numbers

One of the more popular clubs, Care Club, decided to limit its members last year. Here are more number facts:

3

club projects

4

club officers

150

valentines

148

freshman they took care of

40

club members

1

moderator

7

meetings



just dance Students dance and sing at the Freshman Mixer Oct. 22. STA opened its doors to freshmen from Bishop Miege High School, Rockhurst High School and Notre Dame de Sion High School. **photo by grace bisbee**

t r a u P L E

Junior Rachel Shedd experienced three car accidents over the course of two years, causing her to suffer from both physical and emotional strain.

Napping in the passenger's seat on the way to an ordinary school day, junior Rachel Shedd abruptly awoke from a sudden crash and the impact of two cars colliding which threw her against the door and back into her seat. Disoriented from whiplash, she surveyed the scene. She heard the ominous wailing of sirens echoing in the distance as onlookers instructed her not to move in case of unknown injuries.

Shedd layed in the cold, wrecked car while the blue and red flashing lights began appearing in the distance causing her to break down into tears of shock and panic. Unfamiliar faces swarmed the car as the paramedics rushed to transport her to the nearest hospital. As the paramedics loaded her into the back of the ambulance, she nervously waited to meet with her parents. With the paramedics and police asking her a series of questions, Shedd became aware of the severity of her injuries. Besides the whiplash and a possibly broken arm, she seemed to be fine. Even so, the emotional trauma caused by the accident shook her.

"I was crying at the top of my lungs because I was so freaked out," Shedd said. "I couldn't even make the call to my parents. It's such a scary and stressful experience."

Since her freshman year at STA, Shedd was the victim of three car accidents. As the driver in two of the accidents, she experienced all three wrecks during the 45-minute drive from Independence to STA.

"Now every morning if my parents get a call before 7:45 they freak out," Shedd said. "It's just an automatic reaction."

With every accident came a phone call; and with every phone call, a feeling of panic spread throughout her family. Shedd's accidents affected more than just her. Her parents became immediately worried about the safety of their daughter.

"It was really upsetting," Ms. Susan Shedd said. "We knew that our daughter was hurt but they wouldn't tell us how badly or what was wrong. It was unnerving. All they would tell us is that she had been in an accident."

After time in the repair shop, her car was fixed. After time in court, the finances were paid. Two years after the wreck, Rachel still felt emotional stress.

"Even if I'm not driving I still get really nervous in the car," Rachel said. "When my dad will slam on the brakes I will tense up, duck, and cover my head. In the accidents I was never prepared [for the impact] and didn't see the crash coming so if it is close I try to protect myself as best as I can."

Much like the psychological pain, the physical effects on Rachel lingered. After physical therapy, the neck and back injuries the accident inflicted on Rachel persisted. The aches remained a constant reminder of the fear and pain that came with each accident.

"Even today doing things like leaning over my homework or carrying my backpack causes me a lot of pain," Rachel said. "With these injuries I'm a lot more cautious. Remembering that feeling is incentive enough to be a more careful driver."

story by kathleen vogel

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Q. When did you attend the Mikey Needleman Band concert and what was it for?

A. "I went to the concert on May 28 and it was for a Battle of the Bands competition at the Uptown Theater. Mikey was competing with other bands playing in the concert."

Q. What made you decide to go see the Mikey Needleman Band outside of school?

A. "A group of friends and I were celebrating a birthday and were looking for something to do. Mikey was the only thing we knew of for that night."

Q. How did it feel to personally know one of the headlining bands at this concert? Did he recognize you guys?

A. "It was cool that Mikey remembered us from when he came to STA. We snooped around a little bit and found him waiting next to the stage. We talked to him for a while and got a couple of pictures. He also talked to us in between songs sometimes, and he gave a couple birthday shout-outs to Megan."

FAITHFUL fans



Senior Paige Vondenkamp and a group of her friends decided to attend a Mikey Needleman Band concert at the Uptown Theater in downtown Kansas City after seeing him perform at STA in previous years.

Q. What kind of vibe did the concert present? How was the experience?

A. "I had a lot of fun. We rocked out and danced a lot. There were a few other bands but the Mikey Needleman Band so some of us got a little anxious waiting for him. We were the only STA people there supporting Mikey so he was happy to have us."

Q. Who did you attend the concert with and why that group?

A. "I went with Karson Kuhlmann, Kathleen Hough, Cele Fryer, Emily Strickland, Alex Tomlinson, Mary Franke and Caroline Gray. It was for Megan Schrader's birthday, so we just went with a group of her close friends."

return of the mike During Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 31 through Feb. 4, the Mikey Needleman Band returned to STA to perform during activity. After high demand from students, PASTA members hired the band for the third year. **photo by jenny schorgl**



MEMBERS OF mikey needleman band

Lead singer Mikey Needleman
Bass guitarist Bill Hurrelbrink
Lead guitarist Lance Pollard
Drummer Vince Kirk
Guitarist Tim Ning

SET LIST

"Your Love Will Reign Victorious"
"Love the Lord"
"Livin' on A Prayer"
"Hold Us Together"
"All For You"
"Firework"
"Party in the USA"
(aka "Party at STA")
"Dynamite"

party at STA Seniors Emily Baker, left, and Ellie Edelman cheer on the Mikey Needleman Band Feb. 3. Seniors raced to the M&A Auditorium to secure spots in front of the crowd. **photo by grace bisbee**



I PUT MY hands up

It started in 2009 when singer/songwriter Mikey Needleman received a phone call from STA campus ministry director Joe LaScala. LaScala invited the Mikey Needleman Band, a local Christian rock band, to play a show at STA for Catholic Schools Week. Although unsure of how the concert would play out, the band quickly accepted.

"We agreed and were excited, but had absolutely no idea how it was all going to turn out," Needleman said. "In fact, I feel like the students were just as unsure because they weren't too terribly excited until the second or third song, then it got nuts."

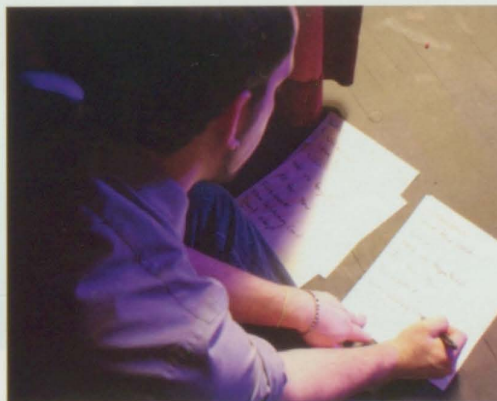
The concert was one of the band's more prominent performances of the year. Students gathered in the auditorium for their first performance in 2009 to understand the hype surrounding the Mikey Needleman Band. Because students were not immediately enthused, the band continued performing and tried to get them to participate. After performing original songs, they played a cover of Dave Matthews Band's "Ants Marching." The crowd grew from a handful of amused seniors to almost the entire student body jumping up and down in rhythm with the music.

After their 2009 performance, the band returned to play the next two years for Catholic Schools Week. In the 2010-2011 school year, they were scheduled to play Feb. 3, which fell on the first day back to school after two consecutive snow days. Concerned students contacted Needleman via Facebook to confirm that he would show up for the next day's concert. The band reassured them of their intentions to play.

"STA is a blast because the students always make us feel very welcome, and they make us feel like we are rock stars," Needleman said. "We work so hard all year playing for, often, less than receptive crowds, but when we come to STA we can pull out all the stops and not worry if anyone is going to like us; the walls are already broken down and it's time to rock."

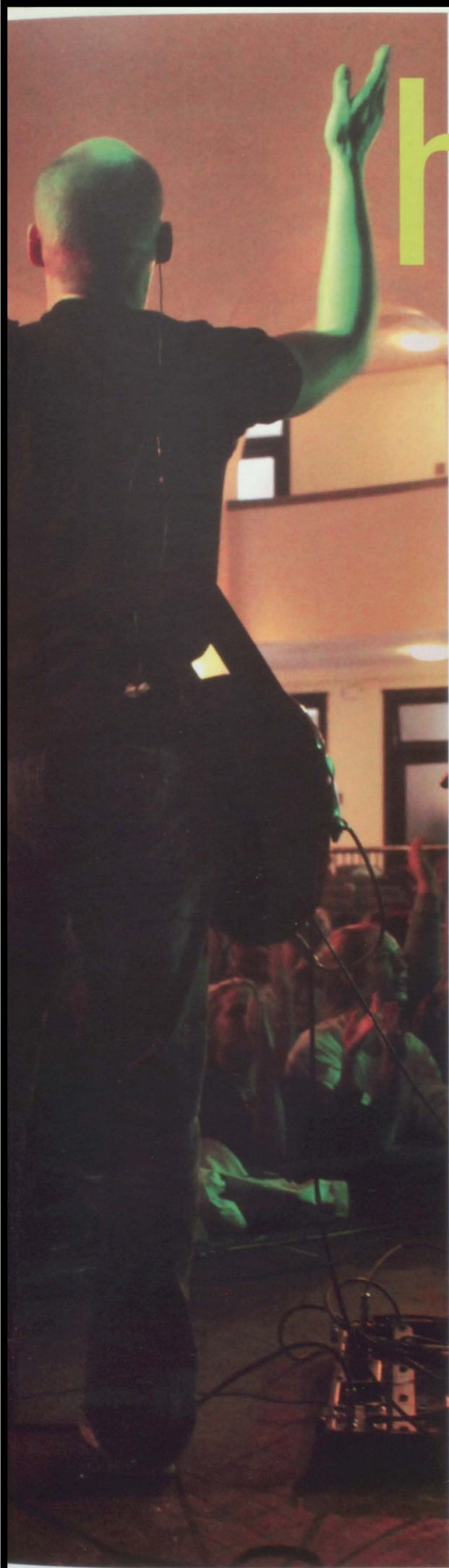
STA opened its doors to the Mikey Needleman Band for an annual concert during Catholic Schools Week. Students gathered in the M&A auditorium and offered the local Christian rock band their time and fanfare.

story by emily baker



mikey mic Singer Mikey Needleman writes down the set list for his performance during Catholic Schools Week Feb. 3. Needleman performed in front of the STA student body for his third year in a row. photo by grace bisbee

singing praise Mikey Needleman Band guitarist Tim Ning claps along with STA students during their Feb. 3 performance. The band played a setlist of eight songs. photo by jenny schorgl



NOT SO teresian

Senior Clare Magers explained her "Not-So-Teresian" party.



Q. What was your anti-teresian plan?

A. "A couple of people didn't want to go to the Teresian dance this year. [We] wanted to save our energy for Prom, so instead we just went out to dinner. We just didn't want to deal with Teresian because we think of it as something that is supposed to be fun, but we saw these girls turn Teresian into a chore."

Q. Why did you throw it?

A. "Letting their kids throw a party so I just talked to my mom and she let me, so I was allowed to. I'd never really thrown a party or done anything like that so I felt it was senior year and I should in return."

Q. Who was involved?

A. "Well it became an open invite to the entire senior class, my friends and mutual friends [are] who came to dinner."

Q. What did everyone do?

A. "A few of my close friends went to dinner at Houlihan's, it was a smaller group about ten people, then we came back at 11 because we knew that's when Teresian [ended]."

goofing around During Teresian, senior Madalyne Bird takes a break from dancing by sharing a laugh with friends in the middle of the dance floor. STA's version of a homecoming dance lasted from 7 to 11 p.m. **photo by demi ribaste**



mad hatter Junior Miranda Johnson and junior Abby Uche dance on the outskirts of Teresian's dance floor, Oct. 16. Johnson wore a "mad hat" to match the dance's theme, "Alice in Wonderland." **photo by elise ferron**



pairing off During the Teresian dance, sophomore Meaghan Coble and her boyfriend, Rockhurst High School sophomore Drew Jurden take a break from dancing. The couple attended Teresian as well as Rockhurst homecoming together. **photo by clare odegard**

THE DATE **race**



It was a normal afternoon Oct. 4, twelve days before the annual Teresian dance. The STA cross country team ran along the median of Ward Parkway. When the team ran past Rockhurst High School's cross country team, sophomore Courtney Coppinger's teammate, junior Lane Schulte, threw a box of ice breakers at Rockhurst sophomore Van Schloegel. Confused about what had occurred, Schloegel hesitated, but picked up the box. Inside he found a note reading: "I think it would be a good 'ice breaker' if we went to Teresian."

The teams ran their separate paths and when they passed each other for the second time, the Rockhurst team shouted, "yes," to Coppinger.

According to Coppinger, during the weeks leading up to Teresian, she had been unsure of who to invite to the dance.

"When a couple of my friends told me I should ask [Schloegel], I wasn't really sure, since I wasn't that good of friends with him," Coppinger said. "I thought about it a lot more and thought it would be a fun thing to do, so I took a chance and I did it."

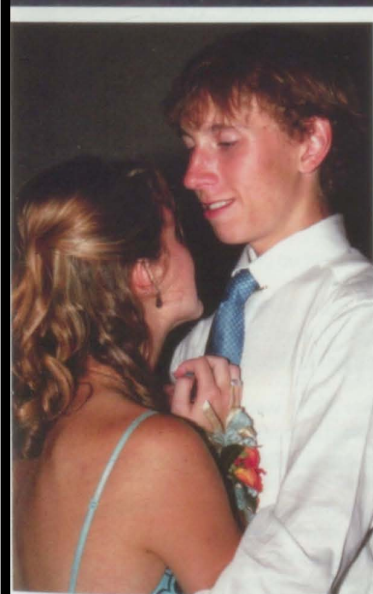
On the night of Oct. 16, the couple joined a group of 11 other couples at sophomore Jane Evans's house for dinner and pictures before leaving for the dance as a group at 8 p.m.

According to Coppinger, asking someone she did not know well turned out to be a good idea. She enjoyed the dance and her date.

"Going with him wasn't awkward at all, even though I thought it would be at first," Coppinger said. "But we got to know each other the week of Teresian and became better friends and since the dance we've seen each other on the weekends, at cross country meets and it was easier to talk to him. So all and all, from the experience, I gained a good friend."

The Teresian dance, sponsored by the yearbook staff each October, invited sophomores, juniors and seniors to enjoy a formal night with music, friends and dancing.

story by elise ferron



dance with me (above) Senior Emily Baker and Mr. Emmett Merril, lead a group of seniors on the dance floor, during the Teresian dance Oct. 16. Sophomores, juniors and seniors attended the "Alice in Wonderland" themed dance. **photo by elise ferron**

wrapped together In the center of the dance floor, junior Colleen McInerney and Rockhurst High School junior Austin Stanfield share a dance Oct. 16. While some students brought dates to Teresian, others chose to attend with friends. **photo by elise ferron**

DAY IN THE **life of** MELISSA LANE

Before going to Teresian, girls spent their days preparing for the dance.

12 p.m. Sophomore Melissa Lane woke up on Oct. 17.

1 p.m. Lane arrived at her hair appointment at the Beauty Brands, on the Country Club Plaza.

1:45 p.m. Lane left the Plaza, went home to do her makeup, get dressed, paint her nails silver, and finish getting ready for the dance.

4 p.m. Date, college freshman Jeffrey Williams, showed up at the Lane's household.

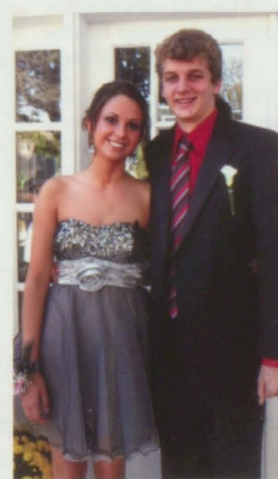
5:45 p.m. The couple arrived at junior Megan Lankford's house to take pictures.

6 p.m. The Teresian group was served a pasta and salad dinner in the Lankford's backyard.

6:35 p.m. The whole group boarded onto the party bus that drove them around the Plaza area before taking them to the dance.

8:25 p.m. The group arrived at STA.

10:30 p.m. Lane and her group left the dance in the party bus and headed towards junior Molly Kaniger's house for the afterparty.



Schulte and Williams pose for a photo prior to leaving for the dance. **photo submitted by melissa lane**

BIG BROTHER'S watching

Many teachers began using the Virtual Network Connection program to monitor students' activities while taking tests online and during class lectures.

"Remember, I'm watching you," Ms. Renee Blake said to her accelerated biology class as they began their chapter test on reproduction. At the same time the students accessed the class page on Moodle, Blake sat down at her desk and opened the Virtual Network Connection program, VNC. This allowed her to see all the netbook screens in the classroom for her to watch each student as they took their test.

"There really is no need for me to even walk around the classroom anymore," Blake said. "I can just sit behind my desk and monitor my screen."

As teachers used online testing more frequently, many implemented the VNC program to limit the amount of cheating. The program allowed teachers to not only monitor the students' screens, but it also gave them the capability to take snapshots or video recordings of their activity for proof of dishonesty.

"Before, when students took tests on paper they would just use a cheat sheet and you could take it away," Blake said. "But now if a student is cheating I let them continue to cheat and just record them. It allows you to have proof of what is going on."

Although many teachers used the new program, some teachers were uncomfortable with the message that it sent students.

"For me it's more of a psychological thing," Mr. Craig Whitney said. "If the students think that I have the tool then they keep on the straight and narrow because they don't know if I am using it or not. But at the same time, part of me thinks it's sending the wrong message and makes the kids think that we don't trust them and that's not right because I don't feel that way."

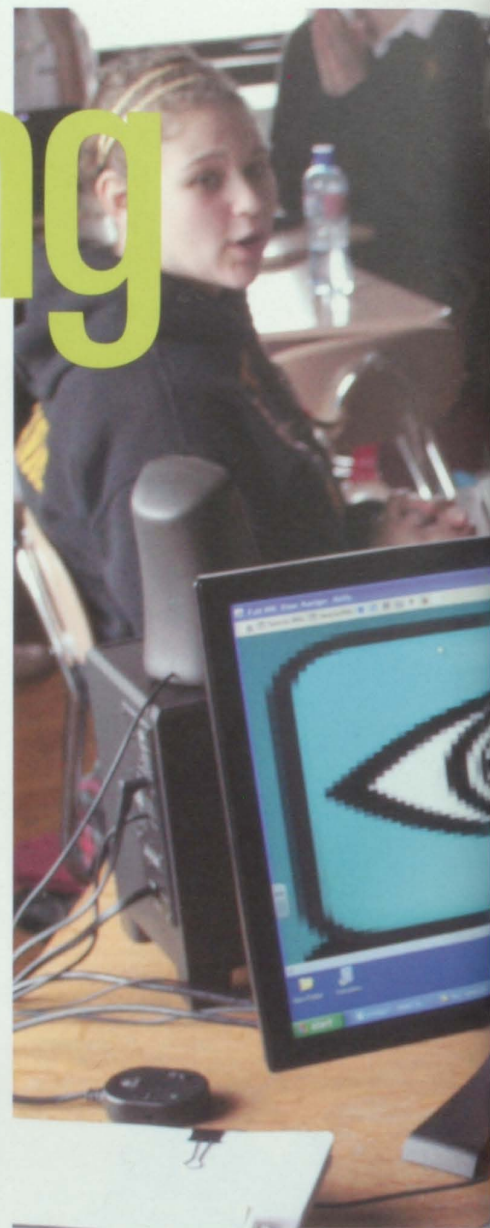
While some students agreed that the program was an invasion of their privacy, others viewed it as a necessity.

"I don't think it seems like they don't trust us, because someone is going to try to cheat if you don't watch them while they're taking a test on their netbook," freshman Shannon McAuliffe said. "Or someone will be playing a game during your class, if you don't watch them."

For many students, the program has already caused them to rethink doing unauthorized activities during class lectures such as shopping or playing games.

"It freaks me out that they always know what I'm doing," junior Molly Kaniger said. "Most of all, it's just embarrassing that they know I'm not paying attention in class and can call me out on it."

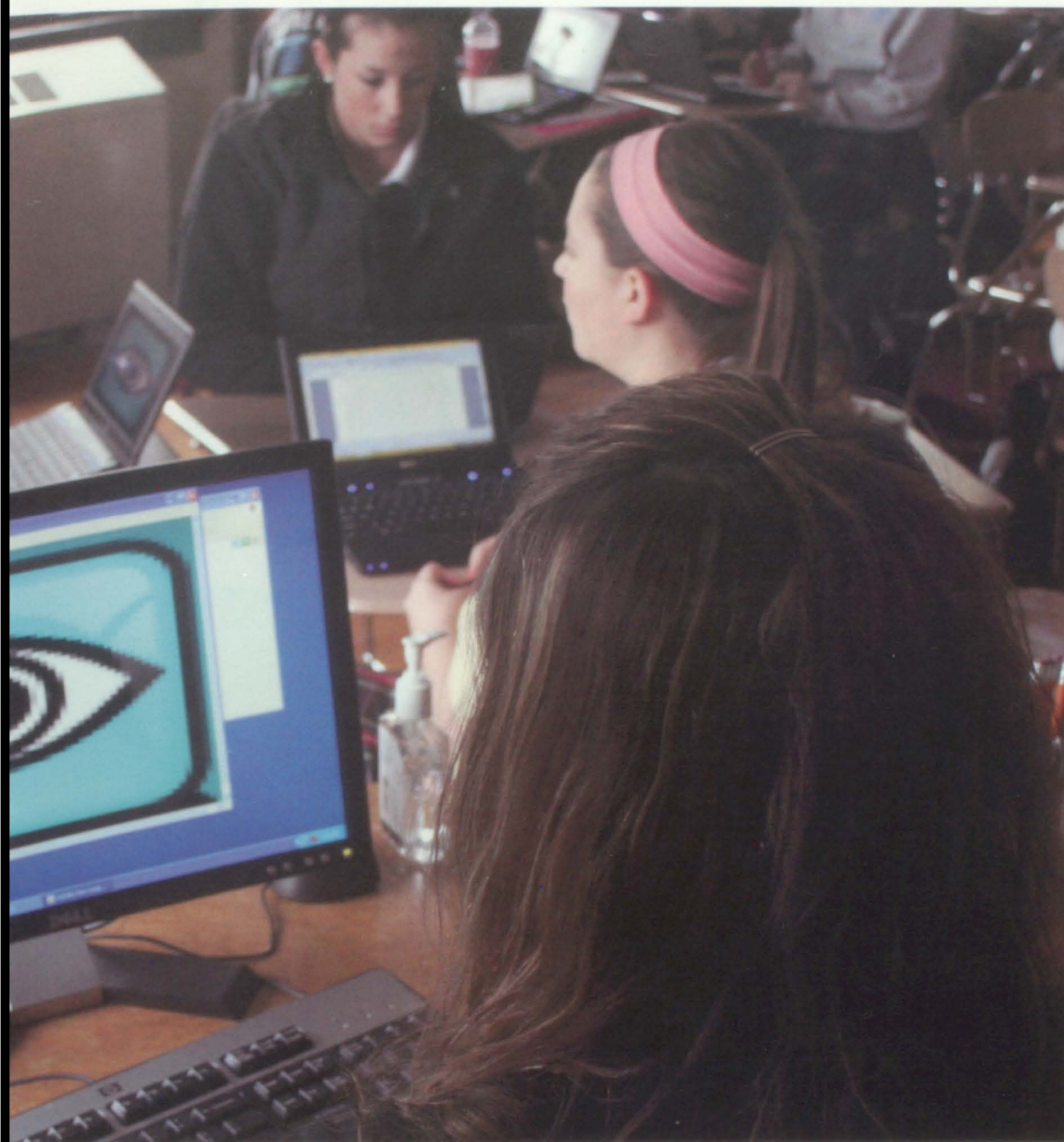
story by kathleen vogel



THE SECRET life of JEFF ZIMMERMAN

What happened Feb. 24, the day the power went out at STA?

- 7 a.m. Zimmerman arrived at school and made his way directly to the Help Desk.
- 8 a.m. He responded to e-mails and moodle messages.
- 9 a.m. Zimmerman set up projectors around campus for various events.
- 10:30 a.m. When students brought their broken netbooks to the Help Desk, Zimmerman fixed them.
- 11 a.m. Zimmerman drove to Brookside to eat lunch at Jalapenos.
- 12 p.m. The power at STA went out. Zimmerman immediately assisted in protecting the primary systems, such as e-mail, internet and file servers. He maintained them as long as possible.
- 1 p.m. Zimmerman monitored the battery backups. When the reserve power dwindled, Zimmerman shut down all other systems.
- 1:25 p.m. The power brought back on. Zimmerman began bringing back all of the systems one at a time and checking to make sure that no errors occurred.
- 3:30 p.m. He left school and headed home.



eye see you Ms. Ashley Bailey blocks junior Molly Kaniger's screen using the eye tool during her American literature class March 9. When teachers caught students using their netbooks for unauthorized activity, they could take control of the screen. **photo by grace bisbee**

taking control

This tool allowed the teachers to stop the students from performing any activity on their netbooks. It immediately placed an eye on their screen which the student was unable to remove.

name that screen

Teachers knew whose screen they were watching by the name that appeared under the netbook screen shot.

drawing a blank

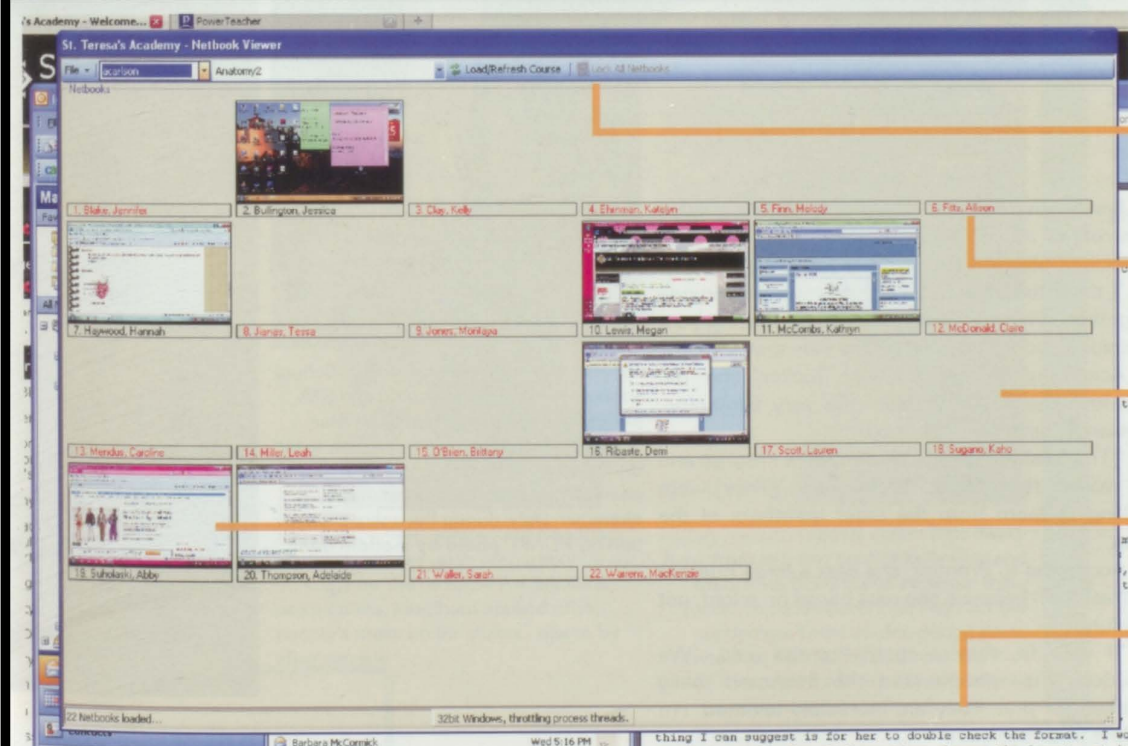
When students did not have their netbooks open, the box where their screen would be shown would be blank.

shopaholic

Teachers caught many students online shopping or playing games like Bubblesooter.

multi-tasking

Teachers had the capability to pull up the program while performing other tasks on their computers.



SECRET
life of
 SARAH MORAN



Senior auditioned, but settled with becoming crew member for third year.

She walked on stage for her audition and felt her heart racing. She wanted to be in the musical, but her nerves prevented her from singing her best.

"I am very self-conscious about my voice," senior Sarah Moran said. "It builds up nervousness about [the audition] and it makes it hard to breathe."

Moran waited for Ms. Shana Prentiss, the director, to reveal the cast list, and soon discovered that Moran's name was not included. Therefore, she decided to be the stage manager for the third year in a row.

"I love being part of telling a story like [a musical] to an audience," Moran said.

She felt her position in the musical was just as important as the actors'.

"There are no small parts in theater," she said. "Being a stage manager is just as much a part of it."

LIVIN' large

A record number of freshmen worked alongside other cast members to create the fall musical, "HONK!" The musical showcased the largest cast in the director Shana Prentiss's STA career.

Four freshmen, dressed in yellow and orange, crawled behind large cardboard eggs to avoid being seen by 300 anticipating eyes.

Shortly after, five different freshmen in green clothing leaped onto lime green blocks and played patty cake with each other. These nine newcomers to STA's theater program created the largest number of freshmen in a musical that director Shana Prentiss had showcased at STA.

"I was surprised how big the cast was," senior Katie Pautler said. "It was exciting to work with so many new people."

Based on the story of "The Ugly Duckling," the musical "HONK!" featured 27 actors, 23 of whom were STA students. The cast was nearly three times larger than the previous year's musical, "Zombie Prom." According to Prentiss, having a large cast could have created struggles, but she did not regret choosing this particular play or the people she cast.

"I'm thrilled [about having a large cast]," Prentiss said. "They have been such a great ensemble. There is not one weak link on our stage this year."

Freshman Katherine Viviano, who played the role of a duckling, said the plot of "The Ugly Duckling" allowed the cast to work well together.

"I think the show's storyline brought everyone together," Viviano said. "It's about not basing your opinions about someone on the way they look."

According to senior Ryan Tucker, she did not love the freshmen from the very beginning. However, her views changed.

"[The freshmen] were respectful of Prentiss and all worked really hard," Tucker said. "[They] were willing to learn from the older members of the cast."

According to Prentiss, she cast a large number of freshmen because she cast based on talent, not seniority.

"If they fit, they're cast," Prentiss said. "We needed small people and the freshmen really worked for that. They are incredibly talented. I'm in love with this cast."

story by maddie dang



side step (above) Rockhurst High School sophomore Drew Jurden, left, and STA junior Mayme Marshall dance as Marshall attempts to catch Jurden for a meal during dress rehearsal Nov. 8. Marshall's character, the cat, tried to eat Jurden's character, Ugly, during the entire production of "HONK!" photo by maddie dang



green 'n groovy (left) The froglets and the bullfrog, senior Katie Pautler, attempt to cheer up the Ugly the Duckling by singing "Warts and All" at dress rehearsal Nov. 8. "[The freshmen] all work so hard," Pautler said. "I don't see them as freshmen anymore." **photo by maddie dang**



quack quack (above) Senior Ryan Tucker embraces the ducklings during a dress rehearsal for the fall musical "HONK!" Nov. 8. Ducklings, from left, were freshmen Fiona Madden, Marina Vianello, Katherine Viviano and Rachel Moran. **photo by elise pavicic**

CAST & CREW LIST "honk!"

Ugly the Duckling	Drew Jurden
	Ida Ryan Tucker
The Cat	Mayme Marshall
Drake/Queenie	Ben Patterson
Maureen	Mary Kate Duffy
Henrietta	Kelly Clay
Dot	Christie Fletcher
Greylag/Turkey	Charlie Wietkamp
Bullfrog	Katie Pautler
Grace	Kate Needham
Lowbutt	Mackenzie Jones
Snowy	Anna Rayburn
Pinkfoot	Kelsey Rodriguez
Barnacles/Father	Sage Mason
Maggie Pie	Ruby Dibble
Penny	Alyson McNaughten
Mother Swan	Taylor Woodruff
Ducklings	Marina Vianello
	Rachel Moran
	Fiona Madden
	Katherine Viviano
Froglets	Katy Owara
	Natalie Rall
	Kelly Gardella
	Gabby Ferro
	Kate Sanders
	Madeline Coza
Director	Ms. Shana Prentiss
Conductor	Ms. Michelle McIntire
Choreographer	Ms. Darlene Paine
Stage Manager	Sarah Moran
Tech Members	Katie McCalla
	Claire Cirocco
	Maura Porter
	Menley Brennan



all made up (left) Junior Kate Needham applies her make up in preparation to go on stage for the musical. For previous productions, Needham applied other people's make up for shows. **photo by elise pavicic**

ducky disgust (above) Junior Kate Needham, from left, and seniors Kelly Clay and Mary Kate Duffy scowl as senior Ryan Tucker consoles Rockhurst High School sophomore Drew Jurden during dress rehearsal Nov. 8. "HONK!" was the first STA musical for Duffy, Clay, Needham and Jurden. **photo by elise pavicic**

Follow the leaders
 Sophomore Kate Sanders, left, and senior Meredith Koch lead STA in song during a liturgy Nov. 1. Koch was also an STA Singer and a member of the A Cappella Choir.
 photo by jordan brown



I'M WITH the band

During the 2010-2011 school year, Campus Ministry formed the STA Praise Band to help students express themselves spiritually through music. The group also encouraged other students to participate in song during liturgies and prayer services.

"Singing is praying twice." This phrase has formed the backbone of junior Colleen McInerney's musical and spiritual career. McInerney used her ability to play guitar and sing by participating in the newly formed the STA Praise Band.

During the 2009-2010 school year, choir and piano teacher Michelle McIntire began considering what liturgies and prayer services would be like if there was more participation from the STA community.

"I started realizing that there was a lot of musical talent and ability on campus," McIntire said. "I decided that I would like to work those people in somehow, and it just kind of evolved into Praise Band."

According to campus minister Joe LaScala, he and McIntire knew specific students were interested in Praise Band. Among these students was cantor and guitar player McInerney, who LaScala contacted at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

"Mr. LaScala knew that I played the guitar, so when he was thinking about starting [STA] Praise Band last year he started to talk to me about it," McInerney said. "When he mentioned it I figured I might as well check it out."

Although McInerney was already a member of the Curé of Ars Ignite Ministry and the Peer Ministry Team, she felt the need to express herself spiritually through music and had been looking for an way to do so.

"God gave me the talent and opportunity to play guitar and it's only right for me to give it back to Him," McInerney said.

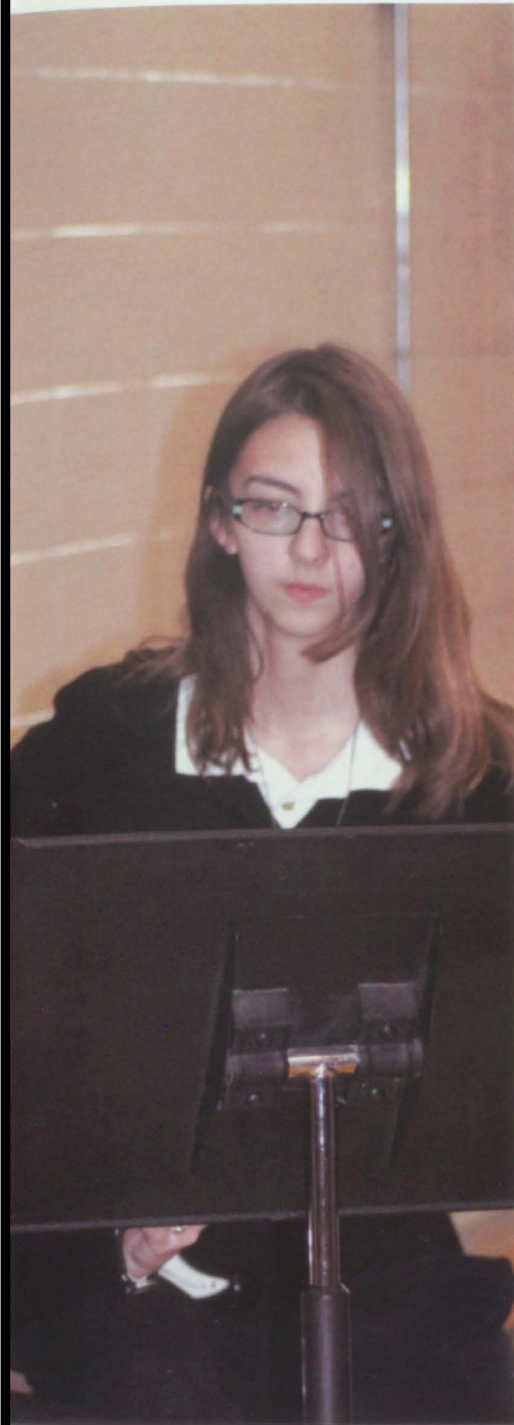
In McInerney's opinion, Praise Band not only gave the STA community the chance to use their talents to worship God, but also provided the opportunity to become more excited and involved in masses.

"It's a spirit-like group," McIntire said. "Those who feel led to be in it are in it, and that's how it should be."

story by jordan brown



in tune Senior Elizabeth O'Neil tunes an acoustic guitar before a liturgy Nov. 1. O'Neil was the pianist in Praise Band before becoming the technical coordinator. photo by jordan brown



pitch check (left) Sophomore Kate Sanders checks her vocal key while rehearsing for a liturgy Nov. 30. "God shows Himself through me when I sing of Him," Sanders said. **photo by jordan brown**



dynamic duo (above) Freshman Mary Grace Ruhlman, left, and junior Mackenzie Jones practice in the music room Nov. 9. Ruhlman and Jones had played violin for 11 and 13 years respectively. **photo by jordan brown**



what's that note? (above) Freshmen Emmie McCabe, left, and sophomore Anna Heldt compare music during a rehearsal on Nov. 30. "I feel if we have something interesting people would enjoy prayer services and liturgies more," Heldt said. **photo by jordan brown**

together in praise (left) Freshmen Mary Grace Ruhlman, top left, junior Colleen McInerney, left, and freshman Brianna Valine play during a liturgy Nov. 1. "I doubt I would have gotten a chance to get to know these amazing girls without [Praise Band]," McInerney said. **photo by jordan brown**

MEMBERS OF praise band

Cantors Anna Heldt
Colleen McInerney
Elena Spaulding
Emmie McCabe
Holly Fielder
Katie Wiedeman
Kate Sanders
Meredith Koch

Drums Cricket Martin
Flute Katie Law

Guitars Brianna Valine
Colleen McInerney

Violins Mackenzie Jones
Mary Grace Ruhlman

Tech coordinator Elizabeth O'Neil
Director Michelle McIntire

rockin' to the pep band

At the STA basketball game against Notre Dame de Sion High School Nov. 22, the pep band, also known as **Shooting Stars**, dressed in the theme: the first Thanksgiving. "What do we eat? Sion meat!" sounded through the gym. The band performed a heavy metal version of the cheer. Original members of the band, Mr. **Fritz Hutchison** and Rockhurst senior **Conor Burke**, were joined by Fritz's brother, Rockhurst senior **Charlie Hutchison**.



Fritz Hutchison



Charlie and Fritz Hutchison

photos by allison fitts (the dani)

happy hutchy Juniors Erin Hutchison, left, and Katie Hyde chat during the fashion show. The fashion show was a yearly tradition in which seniors modeled clothes and accessories from local stores. **photo by margot livers**



the mamas AND the papas

The annual Mother/Daughter and Father/Daughter events allowed students to bond with their parents. However, some girls did not go with their own parents, instead tagging along with a friend.

Every year girls had the opportunity to go to the father/daughter dance and mother/daughter luncheon. Girls and their dads dress up in crazy costumes to dance the night away, while they put on their high heels and makeup for the fashion show.

Junior Brenna Scott attended the Father/Daughter dance with junior Brie Sandridge and her father, dressed as the cast from "The Jersey Shore." Scott dressed as J-WOW, Sandridge as Snookie and Sandridge's father as "the Situation." Some girls, like Scott, attended only one of these events with their actual parent.

According to Scott, she did not attend the father/daughter dance her freshman and sophomore years. However, Scott was convinced to attend father/daughter, and then attended mother/daughter with her mom and sister.

"I think if I would have gone to father/daughter with my dad it would have changed my experience," Scott said. "My dad isn't into all that stuff, unlike Brie's dad. He lives for it."

Similar to Scott, sophomore Ali Lukens experienced the mother/daughter luncheon without her own mother. Due to her mom's prior scheduling conflict with her twin sister, Gabi, Ali joined sophomore Dana Bailey and her mom, yet still had a good time.

"I really wanted my mom and Gabi to be there," Ali said. "I still had fun because I was with Dana's mom who I am really close with and got to see my close friends."

Although they only attended one event with their own parent, Ali and Scott both enjoyed themselves. However, Scott recognized the importance the events played in connecting with parents.

"Both events play a role into something that helps you connect with your parent by doing something special," Scott said. "The fashion show helps you connect to your mom while the crazy dancing helps you connect to your dad."

story by **maggie kenney**

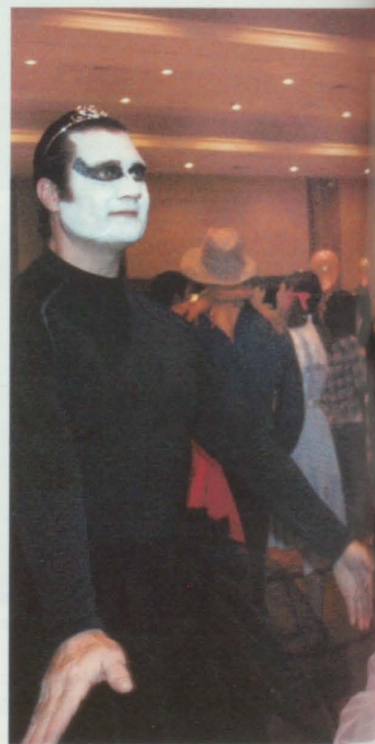


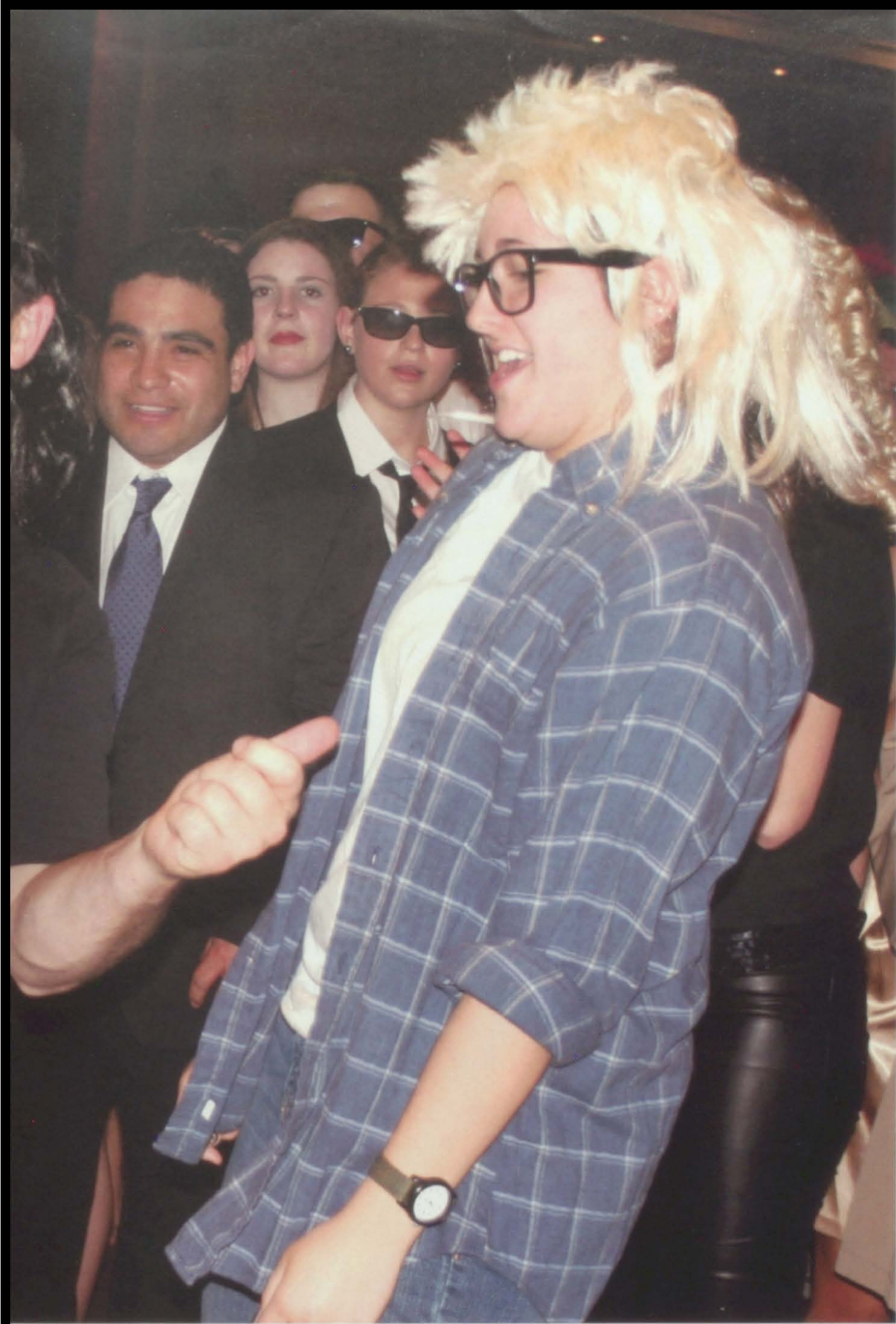
wayne's world (above)

Senior Samantha Cusumano dances with her dad at the Father/Daughter dance. After the seniors had formed a circle, the two got in the middle to dance. **photo by margot livers**

papa, please (right)

Junior Taylor Migliazzo and her dad pull out their ballet moves at the Father/Daughter dance. The two came dressed as the ballerinas from the movie, "The Black Swan." **photo by margot livers**





BY THE **numbers**

Some differences between the Mother/Daughter and Father/Daughter events.

82

tables at Mother/Daughter

725
attended Mother/Daughter

82
tables at Father/Daughter

35

dollars per person to attend Father/Daughter

29
dollars per person to attend Mother/Daughter

789
attended Father/Daughter



dancing queens (above) Senior Cele Fryer, left, and sophomore Peyton Gajan sing along to a song at the Father/Daughter Dance Feb. 13. Fryer came as Cat Woman and Gajan came as Sandy from the movie "Grease." **photo by maggie kenney**



i got it from my mama (above) Senior Karson Kuhlmann and her mom laugh at Mother/Daughter. The two spent their last Mother/Daughter Luncheon together April 10. **photo by maggie kenney**

struttin' their style (above) Seniors Molly O'Boyle, left, and Amy Wendland step onto the runway April 10 at the Mother/Daughter luncheon. The girls modeled clothes from the local store The Tennis Set. **photo by maggie kenney**

FROM WIT TO war

The director and cast turned a verbal scene into a physical battle. The actors tripped and shoved each other over the stage and bruised themselves in the process.

Jab. Left Hook. Cross punch. Uppercut. Push. Tackle. Hold. 1...2...3. Down.

Sophomore Sarah Kostoryz stood victorious over a pummeled Rockhurst High School senior Bryan Brown during "Taming of the Shrew." Kostoryz and Brown walked off stage, grabbed ice packs for their bruises and started talking about what to work on.

"A lot of injuries, like bruises, were inevitable," Kostoryz said. "We just had to work on our timing and movements to minimize them."

The scene featuring Brown as Katrino and Kostoryz as Petruchia was typically acted out as a verbal "battle of wits," but director Shana Prentiss revised it to be more like World Wrestling Entertainment.

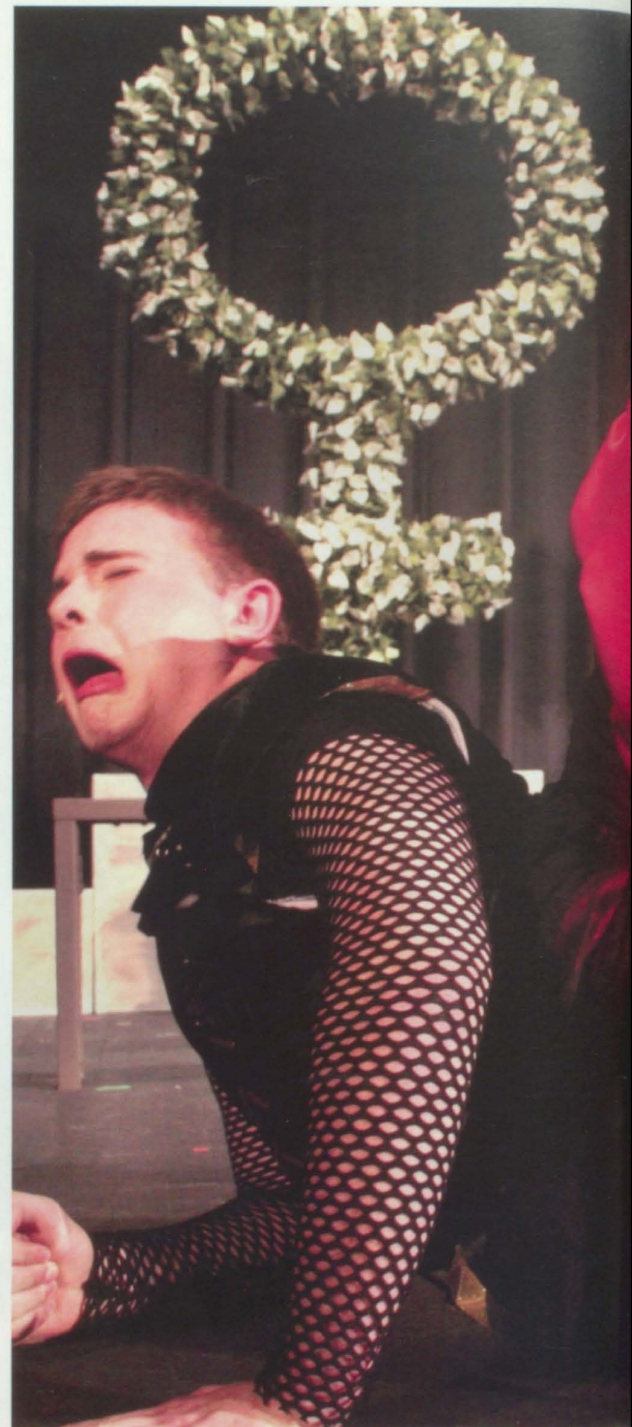
"Because it is such a battle of wits, Petruchia really ends up taking control," Prentiss said. "With the sexes reversed, it illustrated that point really well and made it more powerful to have her physically dominate as well."

However, the work involved with the fight scene included more than just movements. According to Prentiss, Kostoryz and Brown needed to become comfortable fighting on stage.

"I think Sarah and I are fairly easy going, but at least for me, I was tentative at first," Brown said. "But the more time we spent together and working on this scene made everything much easier. Plus, we just had to keep remembering that we are acting and become different people on stage."

In the end, Kostoryz and Brown tripped and shoved each other all over the stage.

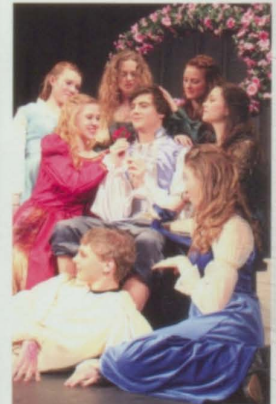
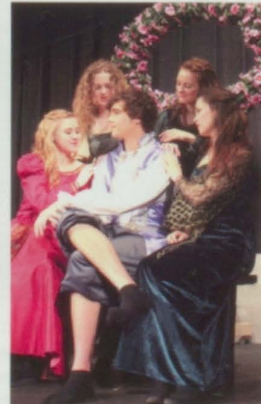
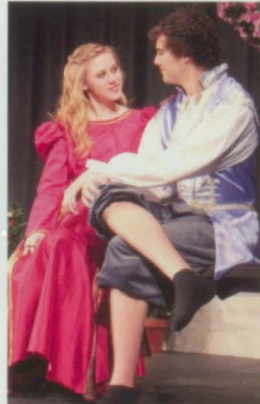
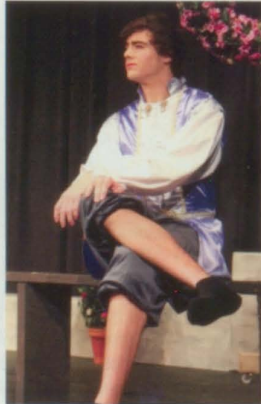
"Every bruise was worth it," Kostoryz said. "We were willing to take the risks with being physical like fighting because we loved the scene and I think the audience did too."



story by molly kenney

LESSONS FROM A ladies man

In the opening scene of the spring play "Taming of the Shrew," Rockhurst High School sophomore **Drew Jurden**, as Bianco, sat on a bench and watched as a group of girls passed stage senior **Bryan Brown**, as Katrino, and gathered around him. The brothers butted heads throughout the play, resulting in fights.





WWE (above) Sophomore Sarah Kostoryz tackles Rockhurst High School senior Bryan Brown, left, to the floor during a "Taming of the Shrew" dress rehearsal Feb. 15. Director Shana Prentiss chose to make the scene more physical than verbal. **photo by grace bisbee**

third wheel Junior Chelsea Birchmier, left, admires Rockhurst sophomore Drew Jurden, right, as junior Rosemary McGraw, middle, glares jealously. Jurden spent the most time with McGraw in order to "get the feeling of cheesy, puppy love" for their kissing scene, according to Jurden. **photo by grace bisbee**



think about it Sophomore Elena Spaulding, left, and junior Chelsea Birchmier ponder during the dress rehearsal Feb. 16. The cast performed Shakespeare's play with reversed genders. **photo by molly kenney**

GENDER reversed



Junior Rosemary McGraw and Rockhurst High School sophomore Drew Jurden share their experiences with gender reversal.

Q. What was the name of your character?

Drew: "Bianco, but in the actual play it is Bianca."

Rosemary: "Lucentia, but it is actually Lucentio."

Q. What did you like best about gender reversal?

Drew: "It made you think a lot about how to approach your character. It forced you to think like a girl and a well-pampered one for me at least."

Rosemary: "It really empowered women and we are used to that at STA, but my character had a lot of confidence, but not cocky, and I normally don't have that in plays, so it was fun to act like that."

Q. What was the hardest thing to work on?

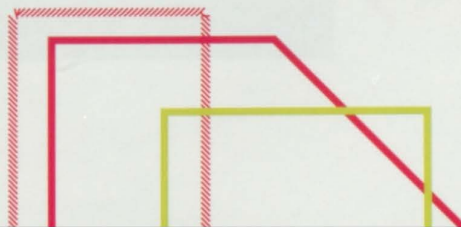
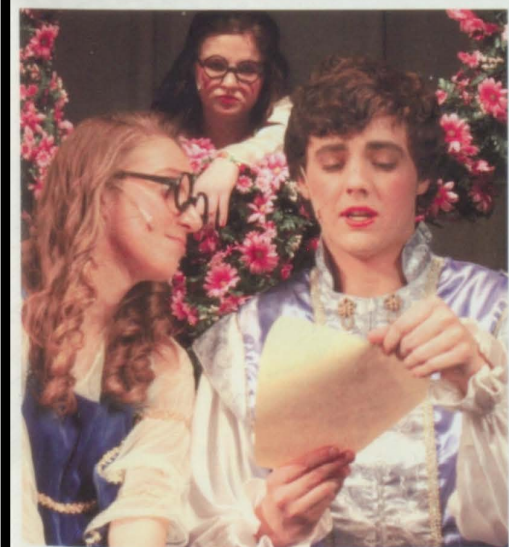
Drew: "Being graceful was difficult for me because I am tall and kind of awkward. I didn't get it down 100 percent but it worked out okay."

Rosemary: "[It was hard] trying not to be a dude. Because it was gender reversed, I had to have attributes of a guy, but be seen as a woman. I had to be really confident and outgoing."

Q. How did your acting routine change because it was gender reversal?

Drew: "We had a discussion on how we should approach the idea of reversal. It was more thinking like I was something I could never be. I could never fully understand and the more I experimented, the harder it was for me. I worked at it even more instead of settling for something, looking at each part."

Rosemary: "This was the first time I had to write everything down that I wanted to be and get to before the opening show. I also practiced in the mirror and in front of people all the time. I worked a lot more than I normally do offstage."



CRAZY FOR la culture

As freshman Beth Mitchell adjusted to learning in English, French teacher Alice Amick strove to accommodate students from the French immersion school Académie Lafayette.

Freshman Beth Mitchell arrived at STA Aug. 17 and started speaking a different language in school. She said "hello" in English to her friends and former classmates from Académie Lafayette, a Kindergarten through 8th grade French language immersion school. Walking into her first period French class of high school, she carried on a fluent conversation in French with Ms. Alice Amick, her new French instructor.

"I feel bored during French class," Mitchell said. "Most of it is just going into detail, but I do feel like I already know it."

Mitchell had to adjust from learning in French to learning in English. However, for Mitchell the learning process did not change.

"It's hard, but it didn't change that much," Mitchell said. "I still think the same, just the language I speak is different."

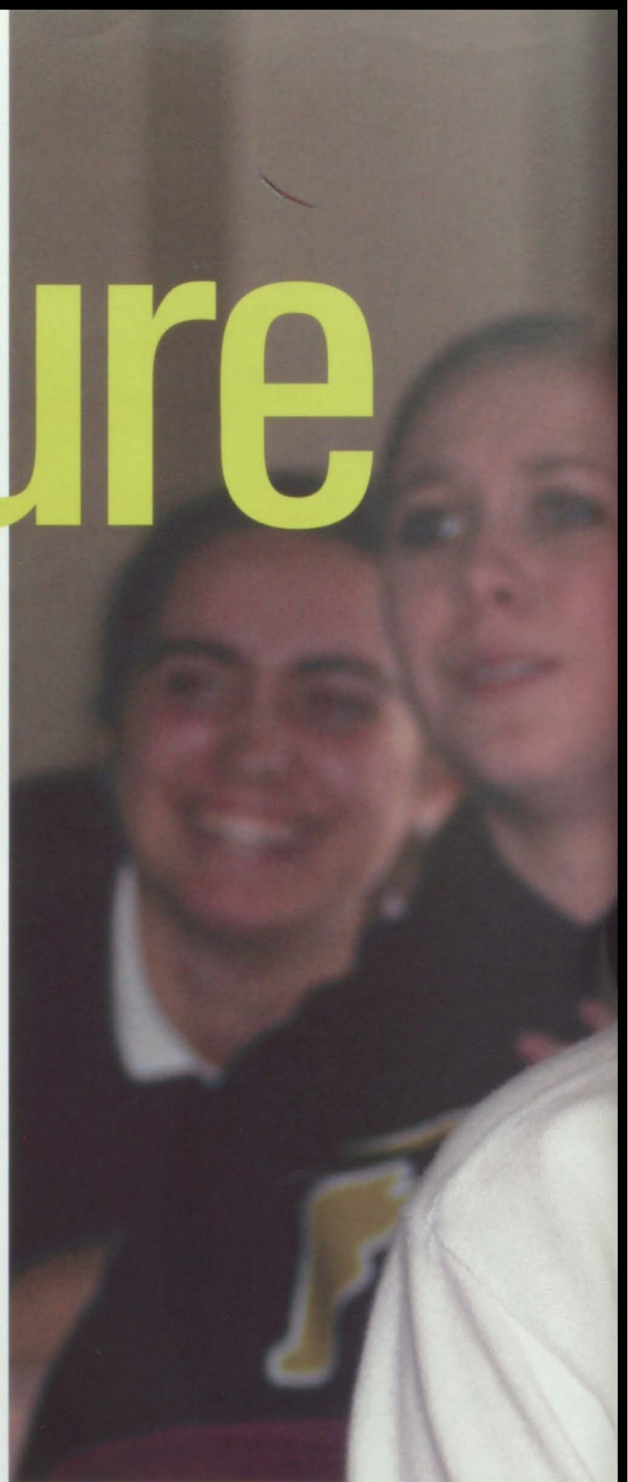
Throughout the school year, Amick tried to assist girls that came from Académie Lafayette with their transition to speaking English in class.

"I try to integrate all levels of knowledge," Amick said. "The Académie girls help with tutoring and study groups for other students. We try to accommodate where we can."

The girls brought a cultural aspect to French class. According to Amick, they developed ties in the community with French-speaking people from around the world and shared their experiences with the rest of the class.

"They set a high bar for speaking French and inspire their classmates," Amick said. "They show what is possible with language and that is a wonderful thing."

story by ellie nachbor



creating crepes

STEP-BY-STEP:



1 "Either make a new crepe or use one already made and lay it on a flat surface."



2 "Squirt lemon onto the crepe and spread the juice."



3 "Lightly dust the lemon covered crepe with powdered sugar."



4 "Place the fruit and toppings in the center of the crepe."



5 "Fold the crepe in half, then roll. Enjoy!"



Ms. Alice Amick invited her sister Ann Juffa to assist the French Club in making crepes. The club celebrated the French holiday, la Chandeleur. Senior Kirby Buckley explained the process.



familiar to french Freshman Beth Mitchell concentrates on a lesson in her French class March 9. Mitchell felt like the class was "a breeze" for her because she came from Académie Lafayette school where she mainly spoke French. photo by ellie nachbor

PEN PALS: skype connections

Ms. Carrie Jacquin's English I class used a computer program called "Skype" to communicate with their Japanese pen pals Feb. 16. The girls met after school in Jacquin's room and spoke with students from Japan. photos by alexandra radtke



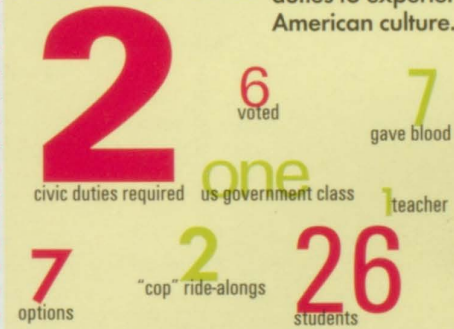
frenchy freshman

French teacher Alice Amick teaches French III about verb usage Feb.15. Many freshmen enrolled in this class had already learned much of what Amick was teaching due to prior experiences with the language. photo by clare odegard



BY THE numbers

Mr. Patrick Serridge's government class participated in civic duties to experience American culture.



HEART

h o r r o r s

Junior Mary Kate Jenks was diagnosed with an arrhythmia and endured an invasive, seven-hour surgery in order to fight off the irregular heart condition.

With sweat rolling down her face after finishing her three-mile run, junior Mary Kate Jenks felt her heart race as she tried to catch her breath on the way to her car. Driving home, Jenks knew something was wrong, but shrugged it off as fatigue.

After she parked her car, Jenks entered her house and began walking through the kitchen. Within her first few steps, the entire left side of her body began shaking uncontrollably, making it nearly impossible to walk. She tried to make it to her bedroom, but suddenly, her vision went black and she passed out.

Barely escaping the fall to the floor, Jenks caught herself on the kitchen counter. Home alone and frightened, Jenks hurried to the phone to call her mother. All the while, she felt her heart pounding in her chest, still fighting to find its normal rhythm.

"I was really scared at first," Jenks said. "I thought I was having a seizure or that something really serious was wrong with my heart. It freaked me out especially because I was home alone and no one was there to help me if I had passed out for a long period of time."

Immediately following the episode, Jenks' mother took her to the doctor. Perplexed by her story, her primary doctor sent her to Dr. James E. Hulse, a heart specialist, to further investigate her condition. Hulse gave Jenks a heart rate monitor and sent her on a run to determine what they were dealing with.

As expected, her heart condition flared up again, but this time the doctor had it on file. Hulse informed Jenks that she had a heart arrhythmia, an irregular heart beat causing dizziness, shortness of breath, fatigue and chest pains. In an attempt to decrease the severity of the episodes or completely prevent them, Hulse prescribed a medication for Jenks and advised the family to discuss the possibility of surgery in the near future.

"[The idea of surgery] made me nervous because I had never had a surgery before," Jenks said. "But at the same time I was really excited because the medication did not work very well and I was still having episodes. Plus, I didn't want to have to take medication for the rest of my life, especially because my body didn't tolerate it very well."

After contemplation, the family decided Jenks would undergo surgery to stop the heart complications. Although they were nervous

about the sensitivity of the heart, her whole family was supportive.

"For me it was a bittersweet day," sophomore Kelly Jenks said. "I hated knowing that my sister, the person who is like my best friend, was having surgery on her heart. I was definitely not myself that day."

On the morning of Nov. 2, Jenks woke up filled with anxiety about her upcoming surgery. She had been off of her medicine for three days and had not eaten in nine hours. Leaving her house at 7 a.m., Jenks arrived at Children's Mercy Hospital 30 minutes before her 8 a.m. surgery.

"I was driving to the hospital with my mom and basically shaking the entire time," Jenks said. "I had to sit in the waiting room for a good 15 minutes and I was just so nervous."

The doctors wheeled Jenks into the operating room and administered a dose of anesthesia. Her parents stayed in the waiting room, receiving updates periodically. Although Kelly went to school, her parents sent text messages telling her Mary Kate's progress from the hospital.

"At school I couldn't concentrate at all," Kelly said "I kept getting texts from my mom telling me about the progress and how the surgery was taking longer than expected. Immediately I had irrational thoughts go through my head and I can truthfully say I have never prayed that hard in my life."

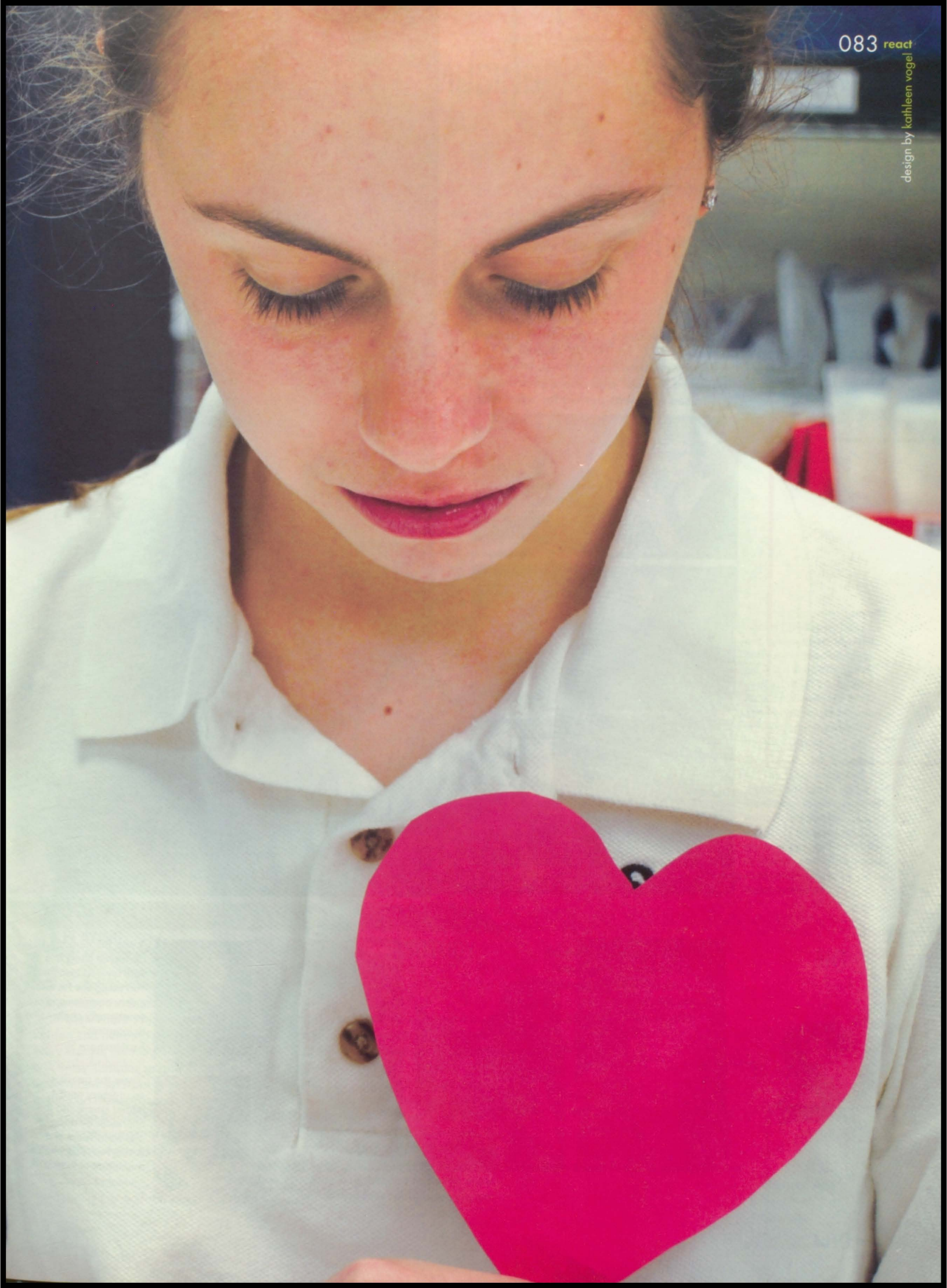
During the surgery, the doctors discovered that Mary Kate had not one, but two irregular heart patterns. The standard four-hour surgery became seven hours.

At 4 p.m. the doctors finished the operation and allowed Mary Kate to rest. Despite the invasive surgery, Mary Kate returned home to her familiar bed that night. Unable to walk or straighten the arm that had held the IV, Mary Kate lay in bed for six days, missing four and a half days of school.

Though the first couple weeks of recovery were painful, Mary Kate was soon able to walk without pain. Along with her ability to walk, she found herself able to exercise without any of the complications she had experienced before the surgery.

"Finally, I was able to walk up the stairs without getting winded or even jog across the Quad when I was late for class without getting dizzy," Mary Kate said. "Ever since my surgery, I have been free from everything that had held me back before."

story by *Kathleen Vogel*



NERDY auditions

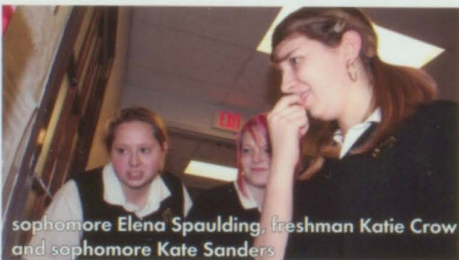
Seniors **Anna Rayburn** and **Amy Wendland** conducted auditions to cast their student production "P.E. for Nerds" March 7. The two directors asked those who auditioned to "move like mitosis" and dance awkwardly to see who was perfect for what role.



seniors Anna Rayburn and Amy Wendland



sophomore Kate Sanders, freshman Gabby Ferro and sophomore Elena Spaulding



sophomore Elena Spaulding, freshman Katie Crow and sophomore Kate Sanders



THE terminal

"The Terminal: Taking All Necessary Precautions" mocked airport security procedures at the imaginary YI Airlines.

2

directors

4

dress rehearsals

2 performances

12

cast members

4 different families

5

STA students dressed up like boys

1 loud security officer

student productions

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YOUTUBE inspired

Seniors **Margaret Bradford**, **Dominique Brawner**, **Zoe Busey**, **Emy Gatapia** and **Chloe Zinn**, the writers of "Peter the Pencil and Friends," mirrored the YouTube video "Marcel the Shell." The cast played netbooks, erasers and a pencil. "Peter the Pencil and Friends was different because of the directors," junior **Kelsey Rodriguez** said. "They created a story that made fun of a show that everyone knows, the jokes were directed toward STA students and the play was short and sweet."



"I was the netbook. I portrayed Netty in a very layered fashion. You could see he was a very complex and emotionally challenging to interpret."

—sophomore **Hattie Svoboda-Stel**



"Peter the pencil is an ordinary nerd. I added spunk into the character by using an awkward voice and acting nervous. I had so much fun!"

—junior **Kelsey Rodriguez**

AMUSING apocalypse

For 15 minutes the audience of Student Productions witnessed a zombie apocalypse take place in front of their eyes. They periodically laughed at what they saw with confused, polite giggles.

"Most of our humor was subtle, and, we like to think, intelligent," senior writer of "The End" Maggie Holt said.

Holt and her co-writer senior Sarah Moran, revolved their play around a "zombie apocalypse." They constructed the humor to stem from human ignorance.

"Our play was different from the others because we relied very little on physical humor," Holt said. "The ignorance is laughable because it is so obvious to the audience what is going on."

To perfect the subtle humor, Moran and Holt picked actresses based on how they read the script. The writers chose some because they brought out what the writers wanted in the script. Others inspired Moran and Holt with ideas they had not considered before.

"All the witty humor had to come to us," Holt said. "None of it was ever forced. We did not sit down and say, 'How can we make this funny?'"

During the annual student productions April 8 and 9, the audience viewed various student-written comedies. The writers of "The End" centered their play around human ignorance.

Our play was different from the others because we relied very little on physical humor," Holt said.

story by ellie nachbor



gimme gummies (center) Senior Lilly Kraus, from left, senior Kirsty McGhie and junior Brie Sandridge act out a scene from the student production "Y! Airlines." Sandridge was one of two underclassmen in the production. **photo by elise pavicic**

zombie squad The cast of "The End," a student production, poses on stage after dress rehearsal April 7. The thirteen cast members ranged from monsters to mothers in the production about a zombie apocalypse. **photo by taylor woodruff**

PLAYING dress up

Actresses in the Student Production "And Then There Weren't Any," written and directed by seniors Mary Franke, Lindsay Girardeau and Betsy Tampke, prepared for the dress rehearsal April 7. Between putting on makeup, sound checks and getting dressed, it took two hours to get everyone ready for the production. **photos by ellie nachbor and elise pavicic**



seniors Grace Bisbee, Lindsay Girardeau and junior Katie McCombs



senior Addie Thompson



junior Martha Ramirez

dirty dancing (center)
Senior Catherine Arensberg and her date Rockhurst High School senior Daniel Connor dance during a slow song played at Prom April 15. Only one slow song was played because of the limited time period. **photo by maggie kenney**

all smiles (right) Seniors wait in line to check into Prom. Ms. Katie Dolan, Ms. Mary Jo Coughlin and Ms. Shana Prentiss checked in the seniors and their dates upon arrival. **photo by ellie nachbor**

in your eyes (below) Senior Riley Uecker gazes into boyfriend and Rockhurst High School senior Spencer Robertson's eyes while on the dance floor. Uecker and Robertson also attended Rockhurst Prom together. **photo by ellie nachbor**



mirror, mirror Senior Emily Cox checks her lipstick before entering the photo booth at Prom April 15. "I thought that the photo booth was hilarious and I think everyone really liked it," senior Morgan Said said. "I had no idea it was going to be there, which made it that much better." **photo by alexandra radtke**



dinner date Senior Jade Hernandez and her date, Barstow School senior Scott McMeekin, share a quiet moment during dinner. The two planned to attend Rockhurst University together. **photo by maddi hughes-zahner**

SHORT AND SWEET

They entered. They ate. They danced. They left. For the first time, Prom only lasted an hour and a half as opposed to previous years. This change resulted in mixed feelings among the seniors about the length of the dance.

"I definitely liked that Prom was short because dances always get kind of lengthy and people get burnt out and are ready to go pretty early," senior Morgan Said said. "The way it worked this year was that we got in there, ate, danced as much as we wanted to to the music we requested, played in the photo booth and we got to leave when we wanted to."

Other seniors, like Aubree Hawkins, were not as satisfied with the length of the dance.

"I wish it was a little longer," Hawkins said. "Thirty minutes more would have been perfect because we only had 30 minutes to dance."

Hawkins and Said agreed that, although prom was short, it was one of the best dances they ever went to during their time at STA.

"Overall, it was a really good time," Said said. [Prom] was my favorite dance at [STA] and it was a great way to end the year...before graduation and heading off to college. It is something I will always remember."

Seniors voted to shorten the amount of time they spent at Prom and reacted differently to the outcome.

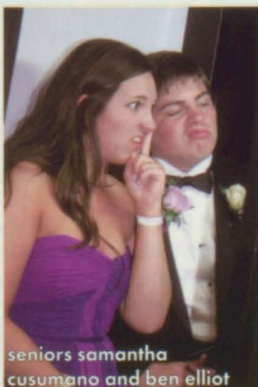
story by alexandra radtke



flash dance The seniors perform a choreographed dance throughout The Little Theater at Prom April 15. After watching a video of the dance posted on Facebook, the girls met at school to perfect it. **photo** by ellie nachbor

PHOTO BOOTH FUN: strike a pose

Class officers provided a photo booth at prom April 15. The camera captured a series of three photos spaced seconds apart from one another. Girls and their dates chose between making funny faces and wearing accessories that corresponded with the Las Vegas theme. **photos** by alexandra radtke, maggie kenney and maddi hughes-zahner



seniors samantha cusumano and ben elliot



seniors maria maluenda and kevin brandon



seniors ellie edelman, emily cox and morgan said



seniors jordan brown and zac juken

you keep me hangin' on People celebrate near ground zero in New York after hearing of the death of Osama bin Laden. They heard the news early in the morning May 2. photo courtesy of mct campus

GET WITH the times

Reports of the death of Osama bin Laden, leader of the terrorist group Al Qaeda, were released May 1. His death affected social networking sites and views of STA students.

The number of new Facebook statuses and twitter updates surged May 2 as the world acknowledged of the death of the former Al Qaeda leader and the mastermind behind the 9/11 terrorist attacks Osama bin Laden.

"I felt extremely relieved when I heard the news that Osama bin Laden was dead," junior Madison Phillips said. "I wasn't necessarily happy that he was murdered but relieved and thankful that such an evil and plotting man who was responsible for so many American deaths was not in existence anymore."

The news dramatically impacted social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter. According to CNN.com, at 11 p.m. there were 5,106 tweets per second. As President Barack Obama concluded his speech confirming bin Laden's death at around 11:45 p.m., tweets were appearing at 5,008 tweets per second.

"I was in complete shock because I first heard about it on Facebook from all of the statuses about [bin Laden's] death," Phillips said.

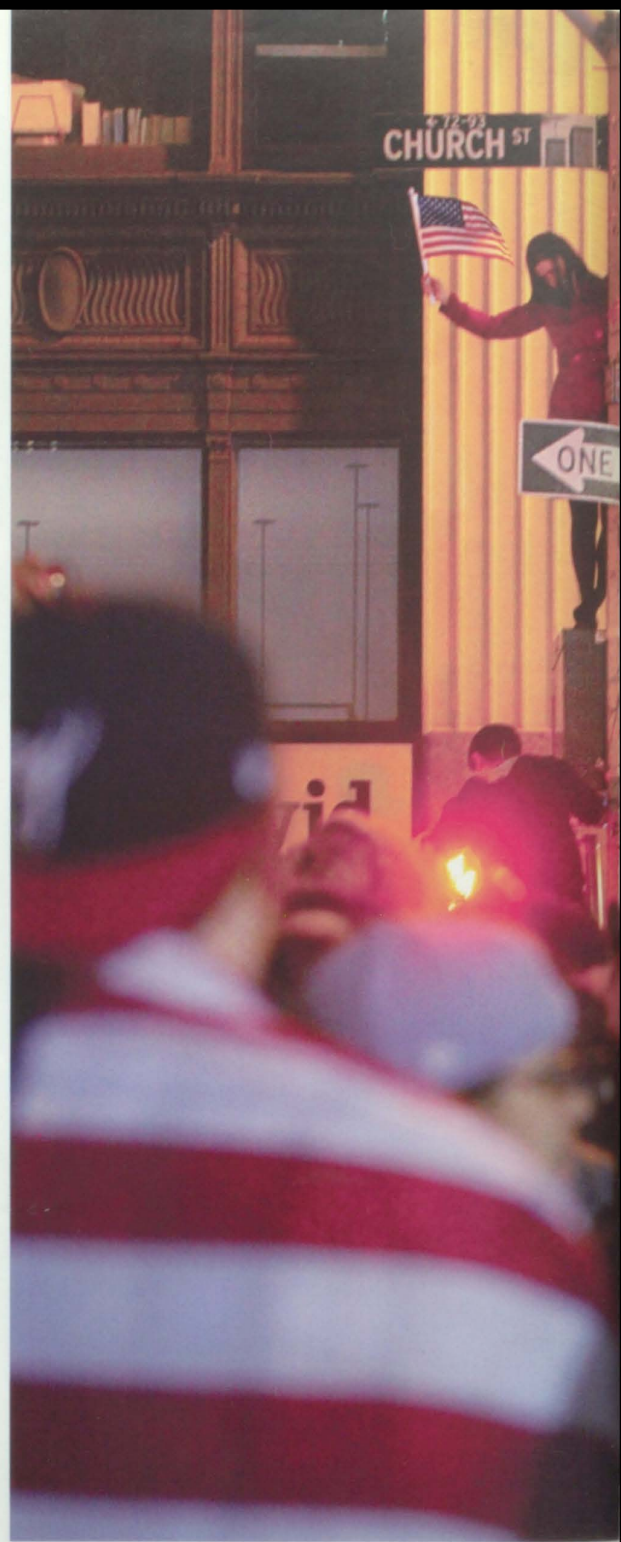
Bin Laden's death did not only affect the number of updates, but also the reactions of STA students, such as junior Danielle Comford,

"My brother, dad and mom were all in the Air Force at one time, so since we we're tied through the military in some way, [his death] was kind of relieving," junior Danielle Comford said.

Though her family felt relief after bin Laden's death, Comford saw its possible repercussions.

"Now I think I am more alert because I don't want his followers to get angry that the United States is celebrating," Comford said. "I hope that [Al Qaeda] doesn't feel the need to avenge his death and make another mark on history, but it's a possibility."

story by maddie dang



WORKING FOR relief

A tornado struck Joplin, Missouri May 22, inspiring freshman Katie Tampke to collect money during finals to aid the affected areas. Sophomore Menley Brennan donated \$20 to the effort.

"My mom did her clinical trials there, so I'm tied to Joplin, because without the hospital, I wouldn't be here. Joplin is a part of my life. I felt like [donating \$20] wasn't enough."

"[My family and I] saw that they were collecting donations, and I realized that people at finals would want to donate money and other goods, so I made a Facebook status saying that I was collecting donations. We raised \$218."

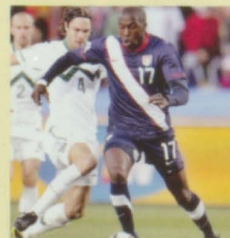


-sophomore **menley brennan**



-freshman **katie tampke**

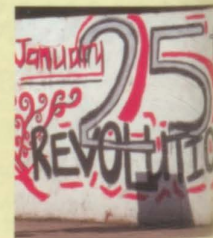
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June 25
The United States competed in the 2010 FIFA World Cup, making it to round 16 before falling to Ghana.



Oct. 13
Thirty-three Chilean miners were rescued from a coal mine they were trapped in for a world-record 69 days.



Jan. 25
Millions of Egyptians rebelled in an attempt to remove President Hosni Mubarak from office.

LOCO over four loko



Junior Meka Kelly reacted to questions about the caffeinated alcoholic drink, Four Loko.

Q. What are your feelings about Four Loko?

A. "I think it's something that you need to be cautious with when drinking because I've read about a lot of people binge drinking because they don't know how much alcohol is in it."

Q. How do you think it affects alcohol consumption?

A. "It's a very alluring bottle because it's bright and draws your eye. I think people drink more because it comes in big cans."

Q. How do you feel about its side effects?

A. "I think that it's dangerous because of the high alcohol content and caffeine. People don't realize how much alcohol is in it because it's flavored and they don't realize how much they've consumed."

Q. Why did you feel this way?

A. "Because of what I've read in newspapers about people drinking too much [Four Loko] and ending up in the hospital. When someone drinks any type of alcohol, they need to be careful because they may drink more than they think."

SECRET LIFE OF DEMI RIBASTE



Senior Demi Ribaste described her feelings during a tornado warning May 25.

During a spring tornado warning, senior Demi Ribaste sat in the basement of Donnelly Hall May 25 and teared up, remembering the events of a tornado in 2003. She listened to the sirens blaring and recalled how her home was destroyed. She worried about her family because she was trapped at school and could not be with them.

"I called my mom because she was asleep and probably didn't hear the sirens," Ribaste said. "She didn't even know I was at school, so I called her so she wouldn't freak out."

Ribaste felt relief when she returned home north of the Missouri river and saw that there was no damage to her house.

"I was so happy it was over and that our house was fine. I knew that nothing was going to happen to our house again."



feb. 21
Ke\$ha performed at the Midland Theater in downtown Kansas City.



march 11
The NFL players' union filed a lawsuit against the team owners, who opted out of the collective bargaining agreement with the players.



march 17
Civil war broke out in Libya over the debate between having democratic elections and continuing to have a dictator.



march 27
The University of Kansas Jayhawks lost to Virginia Commonwealth University in the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament.



april 28
Tornadoes hit Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Arkansas and Tennessee in a three-day period.



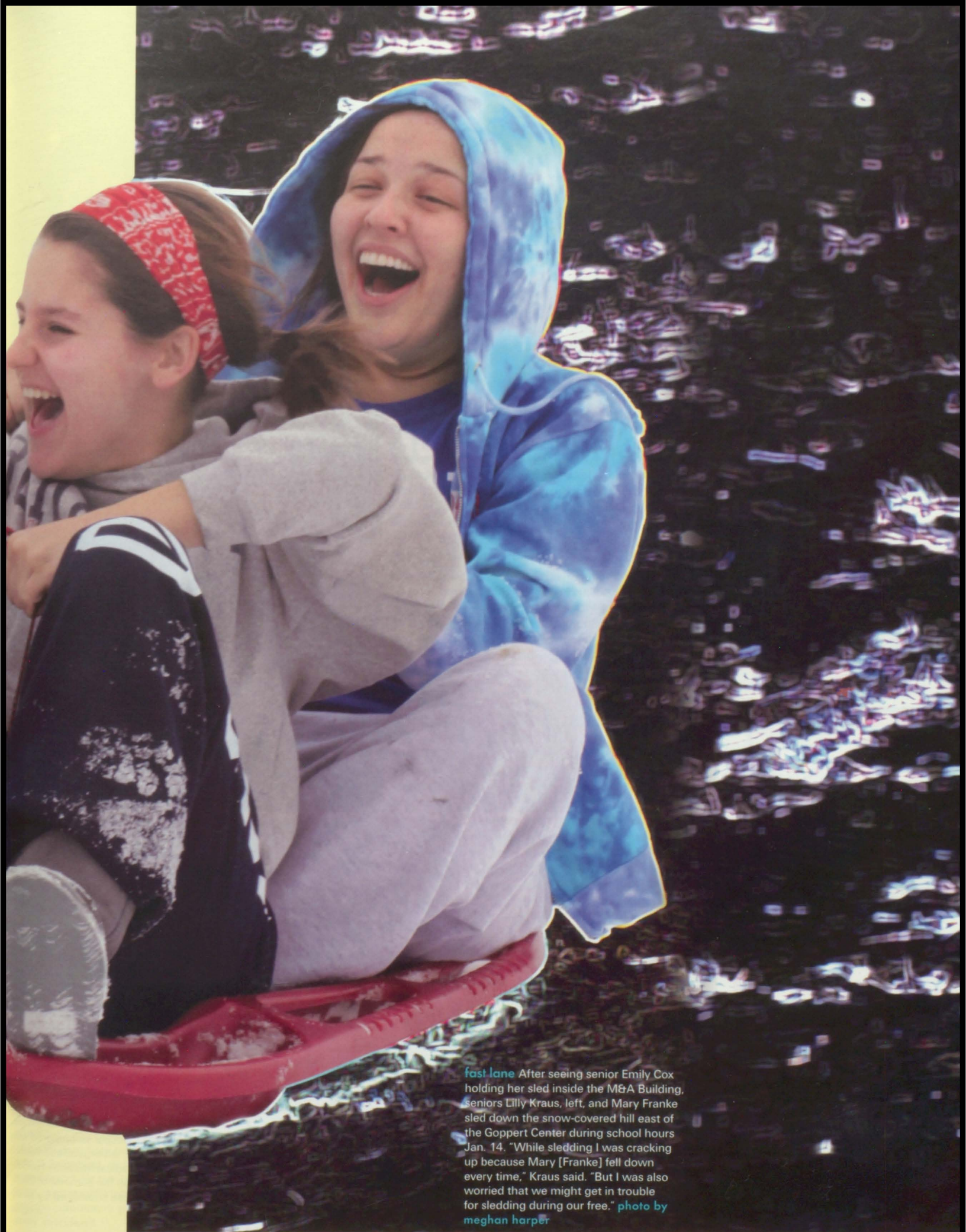
may 5
Flooding occurred along the Mississippi and Ohio river valleys, affecting Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky and Arkansas.

We all experience similar feelings and emotions. The way we **RELATE** to each other makes us a community. Sharing a laugh during the teacher pep rally... feeling mutual frustration after taking a difficult geometry test... leaning in for a hug with a stranger during the Passing of the Legacy ceremony.

We relate to each other in ways that go unnoticed. Sharing similar routines: waking up minutes before school... rebooting our netbooks simultaneously during advisory on Wednesdays... trick-or-treating from office to office between classes. Most importantly, we will always be related through the sisterhood of STA.

relate





fast lane After seeing senior Emily Cox holding her sled inside the M&A Building, seniors Lilly Kraus, left, and Mary Franke sled down the snow-covered hill east of the Goppert Center during school hours Jan. 14. "While sledding I was cracking up because Mary [Franke] fell down every time," Kraus said. "But I was also worried that we might get in trouble for sledding during our free." **photo by meghan harper**

traveling tuna



The cast of STA's production "Greater Tuna" traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland during the summer to perform at the American High School Theatre Festival.



"We performed the show four times and everyday that we performed there were people in the audience rating our performance. It was really nerve racking at first but in the end we got

a really great response from the audience. It was an even better experience than I was expecting. I learned alot about the European culture and Scotland."
-junior **Chelsea Birchmier**

mission ACCOMPLISHED

During the summer, STA students participated in mission trips in locations ranging from foreign countries to neighboring states. The students partook in a variety of activities throughout the weeks of the trip.

Senior Riley Uecker boarded the plane back to Kansas City after two weeks in a Guatemalan village. Tears rolled down her face as she thought of how much more recovery work the town needed due to the hurricane and volcanic eruption that ocured during her stay. Although they had worked hard to help, mud slides remained all over the town and thousands of people died.

"I had a gut-wrenching feeling when we were on the plane ride home," Uecker said. "I was mad at myself in a sense because, although we had just completed a week-long mission trip, there was even more destruction when we were leaving than when we arrived there."

Uecker was one of the many STA students that participated in mission trips all around the world. While some organizations traveled to foreign countries, others sponsored trips in the United States. Students spent their time painting homes, working at food kitchens and interacting with the elderly.

"I thought [the mission trip] would be a great opportunity to meet new people from all over the country," said sophomore Shaeffer Smith, who attended the Detroit mission trip over the summer with Visitation Catholic Parish. "When I came home I realized how blessed I really am." Students felt that helping the community, especially children, made the experience more personal than donating money or clothing.

"The kids truly appreciate every little thing," said senior Emily Strickland, who attended a mission trip to Peru with her family. "One day I took the kids to a movie where there was indoor plumbing. They kept getting up to go to the bathroom to watch the toilets flush."

Like Strickland, Uecker spent the duration of her time with the local kids.

After the 9-hour flight to Kansas City, Uecker arrived home. When friends called on her, she found them unaware of its impact on her.

"I wanted to give up everything I had," Uecker said. "Those people in Guatemala wear the same clothes every day, use the same pot to cook meals in without even washing it, and live in shacks with tin roofs. I felt so spoiled and undeserving when I got home."

story by **kathleen vogel**



say cheese Senior Riley Uecker poses for a photo with two local boys on the streets of San Lucas, Guatemala. Uecker volunteered with an organization called Medical Missions Foundation the summer of 2010. photo submitted by **kirsh mcgib**



face to face (above) Senior Riley Uecker laughs with a young boy from the local daycare center in San Lucas, Guatemala. Uecker and senior Kirsty McGhie spent the day making masks with the children. **photo submitted by kirsty mcghie**

our dear neighbors (left) A Guatemalen photographs seniors Kirsty McGhie, left, and Riley Uecker the local grade school in San Lucas, Guatemala. During the week, McGhie and Uecker became friends with the children through the various activities and games played. **photo submitted by kirsty mcghie**



guatemalan gathering A group of Guatemalen boys gather around for a picture to show off their crowns. While waiting for medical attention, they spent the day making arts and crafts. **photo submitted by kirsty mcghie**



all smiles Senior Emily Strickland dances with a student from the Piura, Peru grade school. Strickland, along with her family, visited their host family in Peru multiple times, occasionally bringing friends to help the community. **photo submitted by emily strickland**

BY THE numbers

9 towns visited

12.8 miles walked to Rome

23 hours in the New York airport

900 year old olive tree seen

From June 15 to June 25, Latin teacher Sue Marquis chaperoned a group of 23 Latin students on a trip to Italy. This group of students consisted of one freshman, several sophomores and juniors and one senior.

23 students

130 steps climbed to reach hotel

7 pizza lunches eaten

22 people seasick

IN IT TO win it

As students embraced their creative sides, Frosh Fest sparked competition between advisories. Students created drawings and skits representing the school year theme of "Possibilities."

During the first few weeks of school, 31 advisories began thinking of themes for the annual Frosh Fest sidewalk competition. When the day came to draw the ideas on the Quad, freshmen and big sisters showed off their creations. Looming overhead were dark grey and black storm clouds, threatening the chalk drawings.

A downpour of rain occurred overnight and the drawings washed away. Though the drawings vanished, the competitive nature remained.

Frosh Fest involved competition between advisories in Donnelly Hall, M&A Building and Goppert Center. Events included a sidewalk chalk competition and a skit contest. The sidewalk chalk competition began Aug. 31, when the freshmen and Big Sisters [upperclassmen] chose a theme that related to STA's 2010-11 school theme of "Possibilities" and created drawings representing it in the Quad.

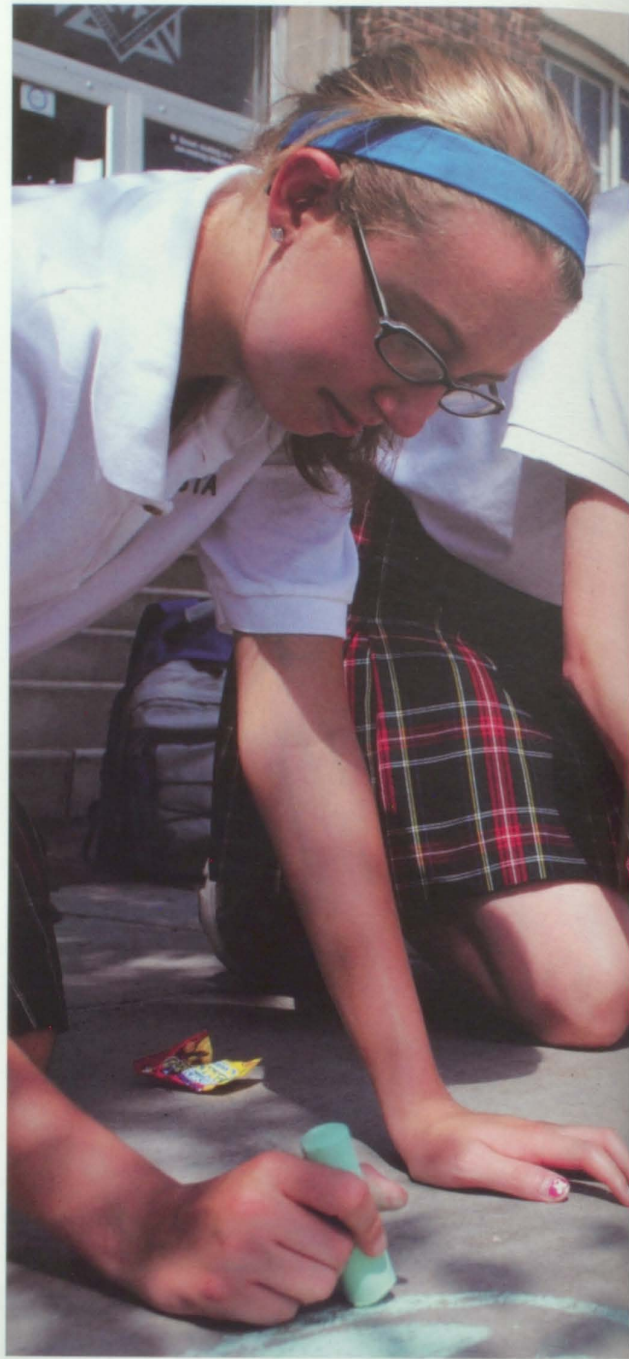
"I remember, for our chalk drawing, [senior] Katie McCalla came up with [Rueschhoff's] good ideas," freshman Clare Mitchell said. "We really worked together and incorporated the possibilities theme by doing the art of possibilities."

The skit contest put the sidewalk chalk sketches into action. Freshmen and big sisters dressed in costumes that coincided with the theme chosen by the advisory. Advisories performed the skits on the gym floor in the Goppert in front of the school community.

"Frosh Fest is the most competitive event between [M&A and Donnelly] because there's not only the chalk drawing contest, but the skits," sophomore Dana Bailey of the Bertalott advisory said. "Both are visible by the whole school. If you choose not to look at the sidewalk chalk or watch the skits, then you pull yourself out of the competition."

Though Frosh Fest revolved around competition, students realized its purpose of helping freshmen adapt to STA.

story by gabi lukens



don't trip With members dressed up as bowling pins, the Bertalott advisory performs their skit for Frosh Fest Sept 1. For one of the first times, the Bertalott advisory received a pizza party for their skit. photo by grace bisbee





chalk it up (above) Freshmen Sydney Campo, left, Elizabeth Taylor, and Mary Murphy draw a chalk design for the Good advisory during Frosh Fest. Taylor and Murphy had older sisters, so they knew about the events of Frosh Fest. **photo by demi ribaste**

quad squad Freshman Cassie Florido, left, and junior Kennedy Burton complete a drawing for the Conner advisory. The sidewalk chalk competition had been an annual tradition, but the rain washed the drawings away the next day. **photo by demi ribaste**



A WINNING advisory



Junior Haley Winslow from the Jacquin/Fast advisory shared her Frosh Fest experience.

Q. Is your advisory very competitive?

A. "We're competitive during Frosh Fest but not during the pumpkin carving contest because we just don't really try."

Q. How did you come up with the idea of a skit about Critter?

A. "It was a combination of everyone in the advisory. The freshmen did most of the thinking though."

Q. How many times have you won Frosh Fest since you've been at STA?

A. "Once and it was this year."

Q. What is it like being on the same floor as the notoriously competitive Dolan advisory?

A. "It's definitely a rivalry since Fast kind of abandons us."

Q. Do you think that your advisory puts a lot of effort into the competitions at STA? Why or why not?

A. "No we don't. I think when we won, it was luck because we had one good idea. Otherwise we don't put that much effort into it. We have a lack of motivation."



advisory love Freshmen Paige Lankford, from left, Angelica Duckworth, Julia Hammond, Miranda Schultz and Jordan Berardi line up to be the different sides of Ms. Carlson during the Frosh Fest skits Sep. 1. The majority of the skits focused on netbooks, critter and the advisor's interests. **photo by grace bisbee**

FRIENDLY competition

The annual Frosh Fest competition produced winners from advisories in Donnelly Hall and the M&A Building. Judges Barbara McCormick, Greg Carlson and Holly Bentley declared the winners. The Egner, Rueshoff, Shrock and Wallerstedt advisories won the competitions in Donnelly Hall. The Bertalott, Dolan, Jacquin/Fast and O'Rear advisories received recognition in M&A.



"Our advisory came up with the idea for our skit the day before. Last year they were from the future, so this year we decided to be from the past."

-freshman **rachel moran**



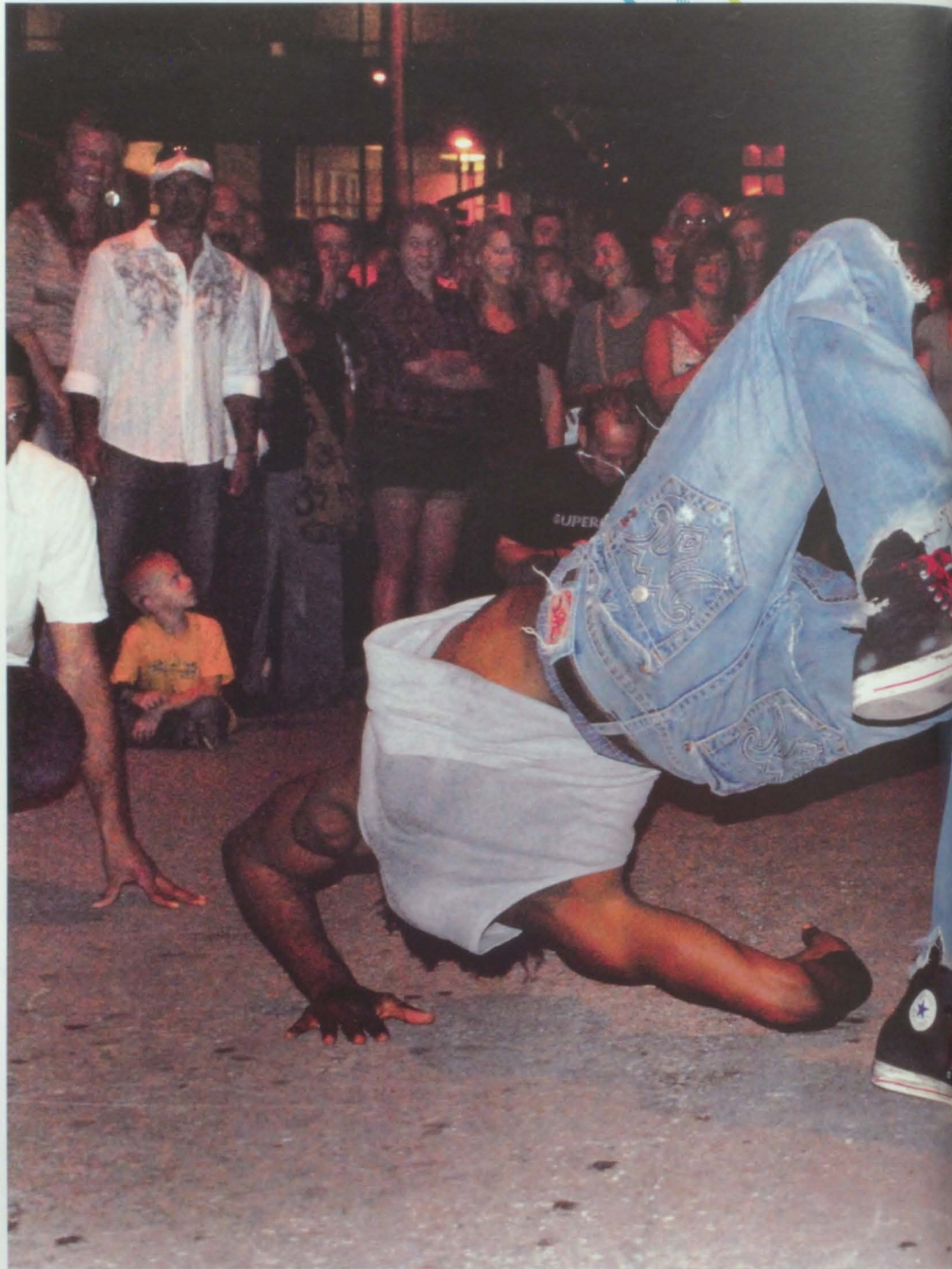
"Being in Dolan advisory, I knew we had a reputation of winning so I assumed this year wouldn't be any different."

-freshman **natalie fitts**

FIRST FRIDAYS what's happenin'

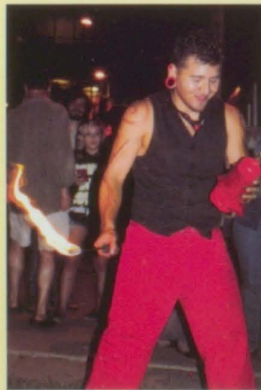
- 4 p.m.** Entertainers and local artists begin to arrive to set up their exhibitions and areas for the night
- 6 p.m.** Many restaurants, such as Lidia's, start their First Fridays half-price appetizers and drinks
- 7 p.m.** Free admission to the Crossroads art galleries begins
- 9 p.m.** Most galleries close to the public
- 10 p.m.** Remaining galleries close to the public
- 12 a.m.** Entertainment and restaurants pack up, concluding First Fridays

pretty in pink (below) Senior Katarina Fitzpatrick observed the painting "Weeping Willows and Cascading Chrysanthemums" at Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art Friday Feb. 4. "The exhibits [at First Fridays] are fantastic, but you also meet so many interesting people who love the artwork and the local art culture," Fitzpatrick said. **photo submitted by michaela knittel**



HOT ACT: first Fridays

First Fridays provided the Crossroads District with free entertainment ever first Friday of every month. Locals **artists** brought out their newest artwork, **DJs** showed off their newest tracks and other **performers** exhibited their unique talents. This entertainer presented his talents of fire eating to Kansas City. **photos submitted by emily cox**



HANGIN' AROUND downtown

Sophomore Hattie Svoboda-Stel turned onto 18th Street from Main Street. She smelled the kerosene from the fire-eating entertainer. She heard the music of local DJs. She saw hundreds of people dancing to the music and looking at the art of local artists. She spent the rest of her night in the Crossroads District located in downtown Kansas City, enjoying these various attractions of First Fridays.

"The art really draws me [to First Fridays]," Svoboda-Stel said. "I love looking at art, and I know a lot of the artists and shop owners like [Ms.] Peggy Noland and [Ms.] Coki Bijoux."

Crossroads community's art galleries, studios and restaurants which opened their doors to showcase local and national artists marked the events of First Fridays. The free evenings of art entertainment occurred on the first Friday of every month, whether it be during the spring or the middle of winter. Svoboda-Stel rarely let the weather affect whether she attended First Fridays and went almost every month during the school year.

Senior Clare Bowen, another First Friday regular, enjoyed the different events hosted in the Crossroads District.

"I love the environment because Kansas City has a bad reputation for not being the cultural center of the universe, so [attending First Fridays] seems important to me," Bowen said.

Bowen and Svoboda-Stel agreed that the Crossroads District provided Kansas City with a place to experience a culture not present anywhere else in the Kansas City area.

"As a citizen [of Kansas City], it is important to celebrate and honor the culture and art that is here," Bowen said. "I think we should be really proud that we have something like [First Fridays]."

STA students find themselves enjoying the atmosphere at the Crossroads District. Open art galleries and free entertainment draw girls to explore the various attractions of First Fridays.

story by alexandra radlike

happy feet (center)

STA students, along with others, gather on 18th Street to watch various entertainers at First Friday, Sep. 3. "I admire the performers because they get out there and do what they do best and don't let anyone get in their way,"

junior Emily Wunder said. photo by morgan said

blind mouse (right)

Senior Emily Cox, top, messes around with St. Thomas Aquinas High School senior Julie Crooks in Midtown Friday, March 4. "I like hanging out

around Midtown because... the art is eccentric and the music is unconventional," Cox said. photo by grace bisbee



staying in versus going out

"I hate missing going out with my friends, but when I get called to babysit on the weekends I usually say yes because I don't have a job and babysitting is my only opportunity to get money. I'm horrible at saving my money, so if I don't get a babysitting job I won't be able to do anything on the weekends anyway because I won't be able to afford it."



freshman
mimi hart
theresa murphy

Students commented on their plans for Friday nights. While some chose to stay in, others preferred to spend the night out on the town.

"I usually like to stay away from home on the weekends. If my parents let me, I would be out all day and night. Usually I do spend as much time as I can away from home and with my friends hanging out, shopping, seeing movies, going out to eat, kickin' it at someone's house, etc."



junior

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CENTRAL ASIA allegations

He wrote two best-sellers recounting his experiences in the Middle East, founded the Central Asia Institute to help build schools in order to promote peace through education and received numerous awards for his philanthropic efforts. However, the world discovered April 15 that best-selling author and humanitarian Greg Mortenson might have been a fraud.

According to CBS News, reporters investigated complaints about how Mortenson ran his non-profit organization, what he used donations for and the truth of the stories in his books "Three Cups of Tea" and "Stones Into Schools."

The news hit close to home to many students and faculty at STA. Since 2008, the STA community and the World Cultures Club raised over \$3,000 for Mortenson's charity, the Central Asia Institute, in order to help raise money for girls going to school in the Middle East.

"We chose to raise money for his organization because we think it's important that we show our support for schools like STA," World Cultures Club president Samantha Cusumano said. "We wanted to show our appreciation for Greg Mortenson and his donation [of his books] to STA."

When *The New York Times* published an article that made allegations against Mortenson concerning the details of his charity, many began to doubt the purpose of his charity.

However, according to World Cultures Club moderator Denise Rueschhoff, Mortenson and the Central Asia Institute still helped many people and raised awareness about issues in the Middle East.

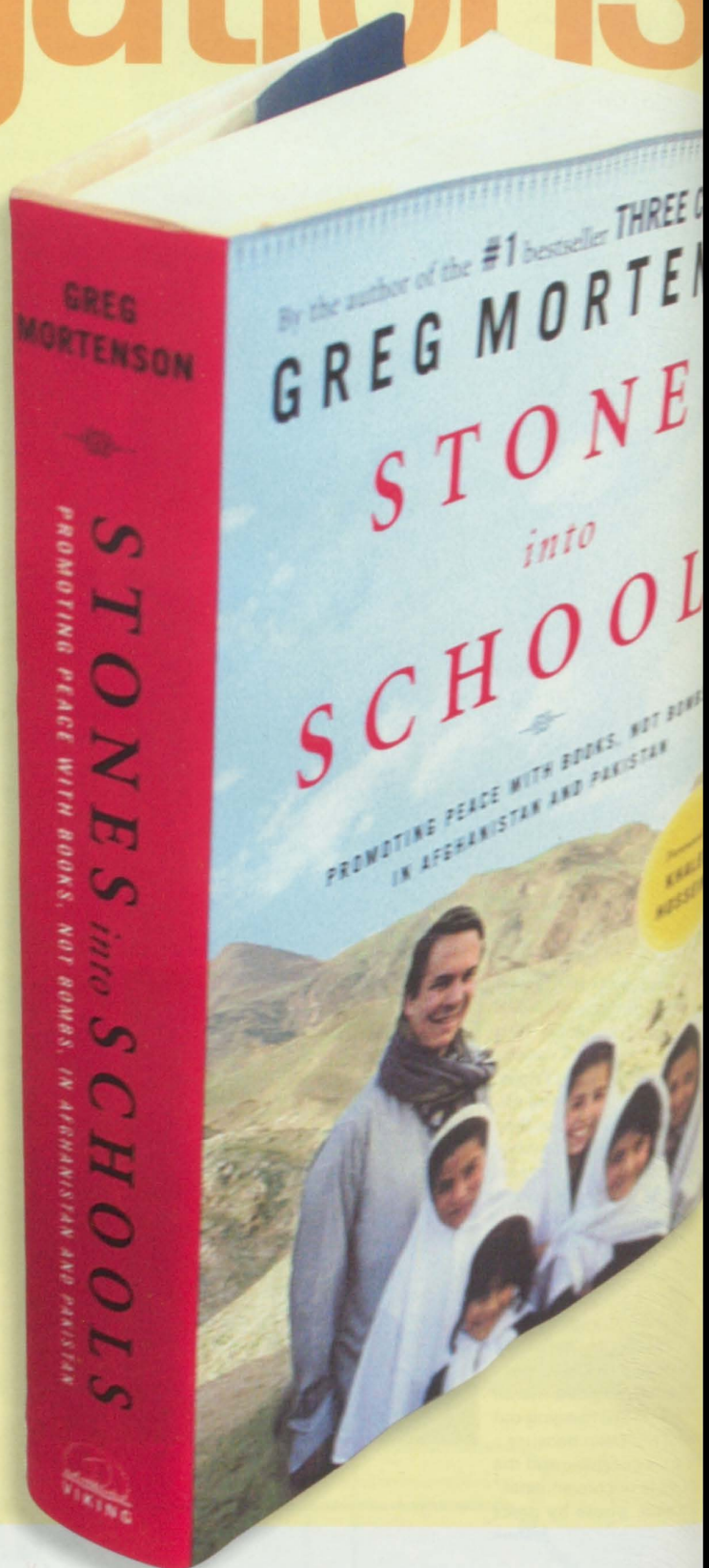
"Obviously this raised some concern, but nothing has been proven so far, and he has built many schools and has been one of the best ambassadors for the West," Rueschhoff said.

According to CBS News, Mortenson denied any claims made against him and his charity and called them unjustified.

Senior Margaret Haake, the vice president of World Cultures Club, felt differently. She believed *The New York Times* article, which accused Mortenson of falsifying details about his dramatic kidnapping, exaggerating the number of schools he built and operated and using his charity as "his personal ATM."

"I was disappointed that we raised all the money for schools in the Middle East," Haake said. "And now we don't really know where to believe the money's actually going."

story by emily baker



HIGH SCHOOL confidential



Cinema Club moderator Stephen Himes described the club's progression in its third year and their activities including a film festival.

- Q.** How has Cinema Club progressed?
A. "This is the third year of the club, which has grown to a group of about 20 students who watch several independent and/or documentary films each year. We've gone from just watching movies to actually staging a film festival."
- Q.** Explain this year's film festival.
A. "Last year, we decided to start an annual film festival as a way of exposing students to movies they probably haven't seen before. We centered this year's festival on a theme: High School Confidential. We thought it would be interesting to give students a choice of high school-themed movies from different eras like "Pretty in Pink," "Rebel Without a Cause," "Saved!," "Better off Dead" and "Say Anything."
- Q.** What is the purpose/goal of Cinema Club?
A. "[The purpose of the club is] to expand the horizons of movie lovers who want more than just Hollywood films but aren't sure where to go."
- Q.** What led you to create Cinema Club?
A. "I'm a film critic with the [Kansas City Film Critics Circle] so it felt like a natural fit."

THE TERESIAN versus THE DART

Students of the publication staffs, the *Teresian* and the *Dart*, argued which publication was better.

"I like the *Teresian* more because Mr. Thomas loves us more. Just kidding. The *Teresian* is really different from the *Dart* and I love how much creative freedom we have. I think it's a lot more fun to design spreads, take pictures and use lots of color. It feels great to get the book after all our hard work and plus, no one throws away the yearbook."

"I like the *Dart* better because Mr. Thomas loves us more. No, but in all seriousness, this was my first year on staff and I already love the *Dart* tremendously because we get the news out to the entire STA community in so many different ways, and we do it all school year long. I love the print and the way we design. I love the duality of the *Dart* with the web and print."



junior
kate rohr
junior
lucy edmonds



photography

STEP-BY-STEP:



get inspired:
"To get me in the 'photography' state of mind I listen to music or read poetry, anything to help me brainstorm ideas for a good photograph."

set up the shot:
"Pick the backdrop or location, the model or object and then work around with what you have."

take the picture:
"There's a lot of different tricks with cameras to make a photo look cooler, but really play around with what makes the shot."

Get different angles, zoom in or out, play with the lighting. It's fun to see the different results you get, so you can choose your favorite later."

time to edit:
"Sometimes I edit. When I get home I upload them and just play with the lighting and contrast, making the photo's exposure different."

Freshman Katie Crowe participated in Photography Club. She explained the steps she took in order to take a quality photograph.

BY THE numbers

SADD Club president Cele Fryer described the activities of the club in terms of numbers.

- 8** club members
- 24** announcements made
- 7** cars tagged before prom and junior ring
- 175** club meetings
- 16** students "killed" on "Grim Reaper Day"
- 350** dollars spent
- 200** friendship bracelets made
- 4** club officers



campus corpses Students lay in the Quad April 15 for SADD Club's "Grim Reaper Day." The club "killed" students before Prom to remind seniors to make good decisions. photo by elise pavicic



picture perfect

Sophomore Felicia Memminger-Warden holds up a photo of her and her biological father, Demond Memminger. While her father was deployed to Afghanistan, Memminger-Warden talked with him less than once a week.

FATHERS

Sophomore Felecia Memminger-Warden had two dads.

One dad was actually her stepdad Mark. This was the dad that Memminger-Warden saw every day, the dad that she watched "Finding Nemo" with and laughed with during dinner at their home in Leawood.

During her sophomore year, Memminger-Warden's biological father was in Afghanistan. But even before he left, she did not really consider him a dad.

"I call my stepdad 'Dad,' which confuses my friends sometimes," Memminger-Warden said. "But it's just because he's been around more."

Memminger-Warden's mother and biological father married when her mother was 20. Two years later, her mother Jesse Warden gave birth to Felecia. A year after her birth, the couple decided to get a divorce, according to Warden.

"My dad was planning on going overseas to Korea," Memminger-Warden said. "My mom had grown up in a military family and she knew the kind of life it was. She didn't want that for me or her, so my parents split up."

Despite the divorce, Memminger-Warden's father frequently saw Memminger-Warden at her home in Alabama until she moved to Kansas City when she was 4 years old.

"[That point] was probably when the connection started to fade," Memminger-Warden said. "He couldn't come see me

all the time, and I got used to growing up without him."

When her mom remarried in 2000, Memminger-Warden became used to her stepdad's constant presence and began to call him "dad."

"[My stepdad is] basically my real dad now," Memminger-Warden said. "I don't think it bugs my [biological] dad because he knows he can't be there all the time, and now he knows I at least have someone there for me to call dad."

Although Memminger-Warden had a "replacement" dad, she still visited her biological father every summer. Her biological father had a home in Louisiana with his girlfriend and her two daughters, so Memminger-Warden spent her summers catching up with them.

"I'm not sure exactly when he'll be home [from Afghanistan], but it won't be until late this summer," Memminger-Warden said. "So now I don't know what I'll do in the summer. I don't want to stay in Kansas City, so maybe I'll spend the summer down in Louisiana with his girlfriend."

Because her biological father was abroad, Memminger-Warden mainly used Facebook to contact him. She checked it about every week for any updates from him or his friends.

"Usually he has access to a computer and can Facebook me or some of his friends who spread the word about him," Memminger-Warden said. "If I don't hear from him, I can text one of his good friends who he Facebooks a lot."

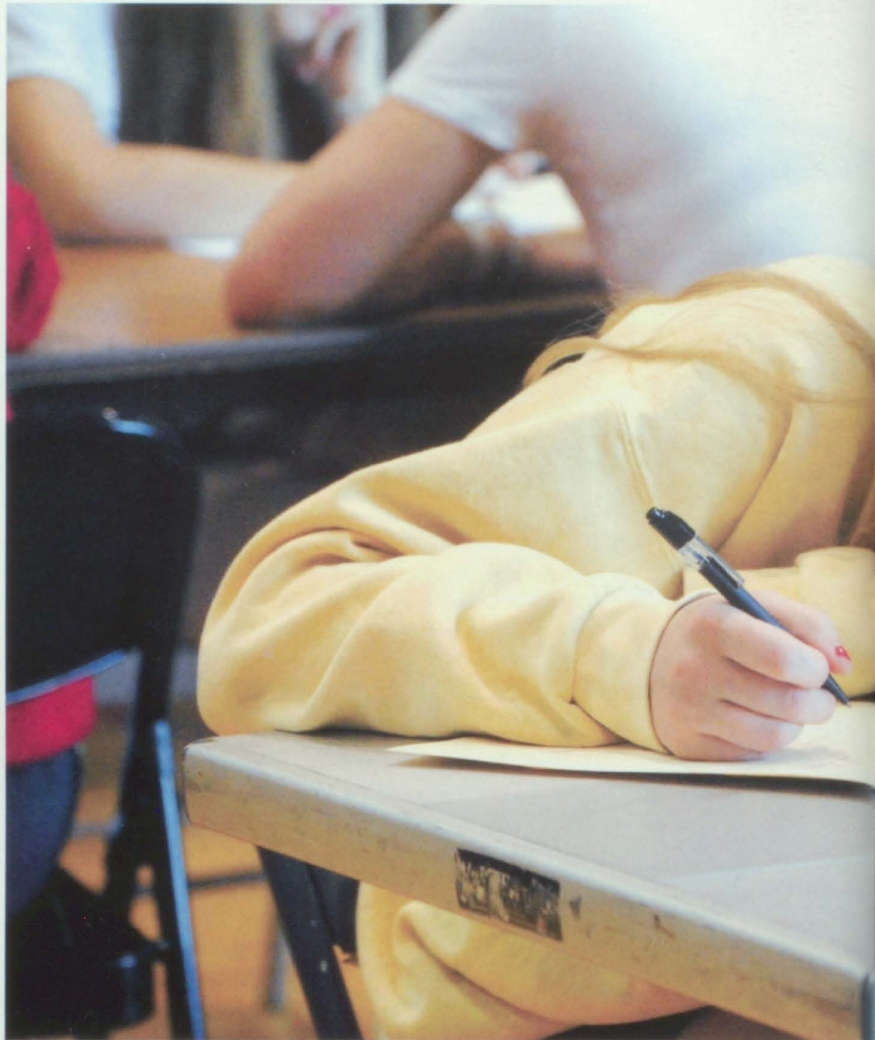
Even though she did not often notice her biological father's absence, she felt unprepared when he told her he was going to Afghanistan.

"My first thought was just, 'Why?'," Memminger-Warden said. "He's been involved in the army for a long time, so I wasn't completely surprised, I just didn't understand why he would want to leave again."

Sophomore Felicia Memminger-Warden experienced an unconventional family. Her life continued to change when her biological father was deployed to Afghanistan.

story by lucy edmonds

and then there were three (below) Sophomore Sophie Bono finishes her New Testament and Morality final as the Goppert Center clears of students. Ms. Robin Good and Mr. Matthew Bertalott were among the teachers who proctored these tests. photo by meghan harper



lendin' a hand (right)

Sophomore Natalie Winterman asks moderator Theresa Wallerstedt a question during her theology final May 26. All freshmen and sophomores took their theology and new testament final May 26. The sophomores had to answer five short-essay questions on their finals along with multiple choice and reading comprehension. photo by lucy edmonds



writing up a storm (far right)

Sophomore Mickey Redlingshafer writes an essay for her morality and new testament final May 26. The sophomores had to answer five short-essay questions on their finals along with multiple choice and reading comprehension. photo by lucy edmonds



SECRET
life of
AN AP TESTER



Junior Grace Crowe experienced the routine of studying, preparing, and taking three AP exams.

They stayed up studying later than other students. They practiced countless vocabulary words and essay topics until their heads hurt. They took four hour tests and handled the anxiety of getting their scores.

However, junior Grace Crowe took three AP tests and found them to be less stressful than semester exams.

"With AP tests there's more of a reason and motivation [to do well] because it's for college credit," Crowe said. "It's more relaxing because they happen before all the other tests and they're not for a grade. They just require more studying."

Although Crowe was taking her first AP tests as a junior, she wasn't as nervous as she expected to be.

"I didn't care as much about Latin, even though it was the hardest," Crowe said. "I was nervous for history because I had to study a lot but it wasn't too bad. I would rather take AP tests than finals anyway."

nap time (left) Sophomore Grace Spencer rests her head while answering a short answer question on her theology final. Students sat at tables with five other testers, causing some girls to feel uncomfortable. photo by lucy edmonds

TESTING troubles

Anxious girls sat in long rows of tables stretching in lines on the cold gym floor while whispering teachers strutted by and patrolled the scene. Necks were bent, pencils were writing and pages were flipping as girls hurried to finish their last test of the semester. As they finished their finals, girls peered longingly outside and scanned the room, silently encouraging each other to finish faster so that everyone could be dismissed.

The school year brought about unanticipated changes to the way semester exams were organized. Instead of taking finals in classrooms and in the order of Friday mods as had been done in previous years, all students had the same finals schedule. Girls took finals on the gym floor of Goppert Center and the M&A Commons according to subject, not class period.

"I liked the new finals schedule once I got used to it," junior Danielle Gatapia said. "At first it was difficult because of the crowd of people and all the distractions."

The administration implemented the new system in December for first-semester finals and carried it out again in May for second-semester finals. Principal of Academic Affairs Barbara McCormick approved of the new schedule and hoped it was well liked by both students and teachers.

"The integrity of the exam was the main reason we wanted to change the format," McCormick said. "We had to change the schedule somehow without mods and found this to be the best solution. We're just trying it out this year, but it may change."

Although most teachers thought the new finals were a success, students sometimes found the setting distracting or stressful because of its unfamiliarity.

"I know some girls have claustrophobia and others have trouble focusing with all the noise," Gatapia said. "Some girls probably did better in the environment where they were taught instead of in the huge gym."

Despite this, Gatapia enjoyed the changes and hoped they would be carried out in the future. She believed it to be a good learning experience and something that would make girls work harder.

"In the end, it really depends on how well you study," Gatapia said. "If you know the answers incredibly well and you are given the test, you can answer it regardless of the noise and crowdedness. It's just one more thing that STA has prepared us for for college."

The changes in semester finals caused students and teachers to make adjustments. The new system mirrored AP tests and placed everyone in the same room according to subject.

BY THE numbers

Here were some changes to finals that occurred with the new system of semester exams outside the classroom.

4
days of testing

6
students per table

390
approximate number of students in Goppert Center

16
teachers proctoring each test in Goppert

65
tables in Goppert

6
test locations

75
minutes for each final

SERVICE surprise

Each year, juniors and seniors were given a week to complete 30 hours of service with a single agency. Many girls were surprised with the tasks they were given throughout the week.

Junior Rowan O'Brien-Williams followed volunteer coordinator Leanna Boyd into the Legal Office at St. Joseph Medical Center on the Plaza. In the room, she saw three six-inch binders piled on a desk. Next to them sat an unorganized pile of papers. Boyd left O'Brien-Williams at the desk for the entirety of the morning with the instructions to alphabetize and file the paperwork into the three binders.

"All I did the entire week was paperwork," O'Brien-Williams said. "I wouldn't mind doing it one day, but it becomes an issue when I am doing it six hours a day, five days a week."

Like some other students, O'Brien-Williams did not get what she expected out of service week.

"There were a lot of things that I could do on the list they provided me," O'Brien-Williams said. "I remember reading about patient transport, delivering things, like mail and flowers, stocking medical equipment and other things like that. That's what I wanted to do."

However, unlike O'Brien-Williams, junior Nicole Wemhoff went into her service week at NorthCare Hospice expecting to be sitting around all day, making sure the clients were comfortable.

"I definitely did not expect to be as hand-on as [I was]," Wemhoff said. "I just expected to visit with patients, but [I didn't think we would be allowed] to go to their houses."

Wemhoff found the most challenging part of service week to be abiding to her agency's policy: no one dies alone. Despite this policy, Wemhoff enjoyed her time during service week and believed her experience to be transformative.

"It was an interesting experience to sit with a dying man knowing that any breath could have been his last," Wemhoff said. "Although I wasn't actually in the room when he passed, it was still sad knowing he died that day, [and I learned that] the power of presence is an awesome thing."

story by alexandra radtke



SECRET life of MARI KERWIN



Junior hoped service week would be uneventful, experienced lock down at agency.

It began as an average day at the Seton Center. Junior Mari Kerwin sat in an office at her service agency when an announcement rang through the halls.

"The person [on the intercom] said 'Attention, all employees and staff, code green,'" Kerwin said. "Obviously, the employees knew what it meant, so that's how they were notified."

Kerwin watched the building go into lock down.

"Then when I heard that there was a shooting [across the street], I freaked out," Kerwin said. "We weren't allowed to leave the building until everything was clear."

Despite the calmness of the employees, Kerwin could not escape from the feeling of terror.

"I was just worried that the shooter would try to break in and hurt someone," Kerwin said. "But afterward, everything calmed down and I was fine."

DAY IN THE life of KRISTEN McENEANY

At service agencies, girls followed a specific schedule.

8 a.m. Senior Kristen McEneany arrived in the Blue 4 room at Operation Breakthrough. She played with the kids or helped the teacher set up for breakfast.

8:30 a.m. Breakfast. McEneany began cleaning up after the kids.

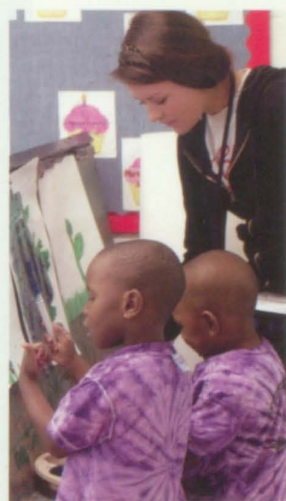
9:15 a.m. Circle Time. McEneany joined the 12 kids in her classroom on the floor to listen to a story.

10:15 a.m. Play Time. Blue 4 left the classroom to play in the Blue Neighborhood indoor play center.

12:15 p.m. Lunch. McEneany helped serve lunch to the kids and set up cots to prepare for nap time. She then left for her own lunch break.

1 p.m. Break's Over. McEneany returned from lunch and reported to Ms. Debbie Skaggs, the volunteer coordinator, for work.

3:00 p.m. McEneany finished her work and left Operation Breakthrough for the day.



McEneany paints with the kids in Blue 4 during Free Time.
photo by alexandra radtke



helping hand (above) Junior Jackie Regan teaches a child, Torrey, from The Upper Room daycare how to write his first name March 3. Regan volunteered in the pre-school room during service week, working with children ages 3 to 5. photo by jenny schorgl

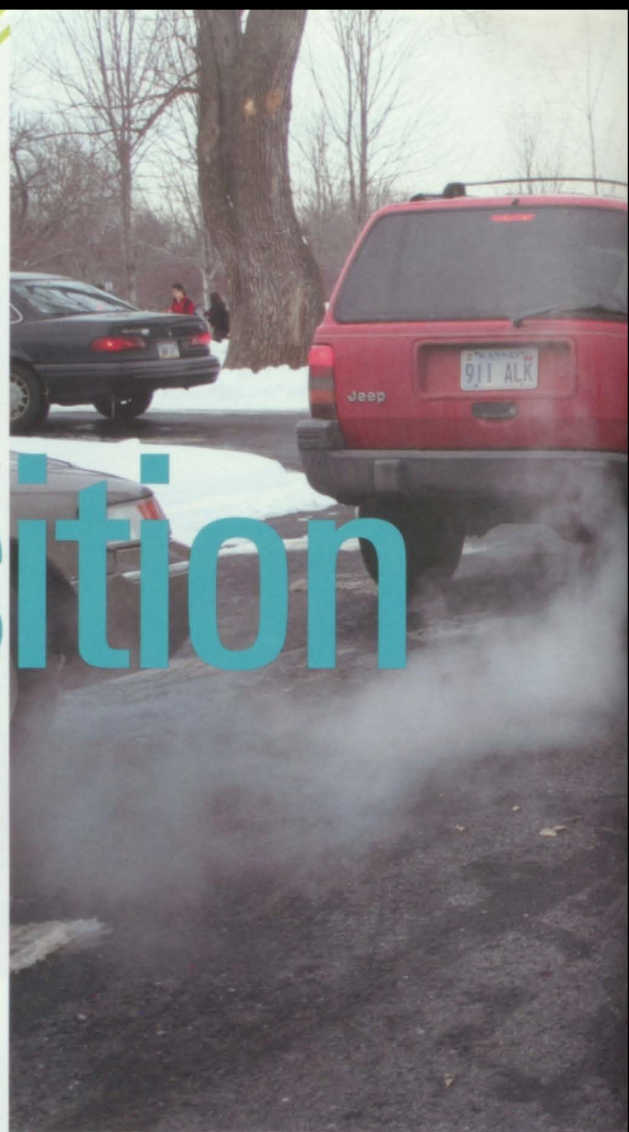


who's calling (left) During service week, senior Catherine Arensberg pretends to call a toddler from The Upper Room on the telephone March 3. The Upper Room was a daycare for underprivileged children, ranging from infants to preschoolers. photo by jenny schorgl

sky's the limit Senior Maddie Lundgren pushes a pre-schooler on the swings during her service week at The Upper Room. "I think the most rewarding [part] is being able to give [the kids] a special one-on-one care that is necessary," Lundgren said. photo by elise pavic



transportation turmoil
 STA neighbor Tom Cooke protests in the parking lot before and after school the week of Sept. 8. Cooke rallied against STA's use of carpooling and the building of the new parking lot.
 photo by emily baker



FRIENDLY opposition

An STA neighbor took offense to the addition of an extra parking lot on campus. He staged a protest and made the STA community aware of his standpoint on carpooling and the construction of the new lot.

He defined himself as a preservationist for the Kansas City historical foundation, the father of a Notre Dame de Sion graduate, a real estate agent and a neighbor of STA, but to students he was merely the man who protested the new parking lot. Mr. Tom Cooke, a resident of 57th Street, decided to take action in April when he discovered STA's plan to build an additional parking lot on campus.

"Right away, I knew this was a bad idea," Cooke said. "So, I went and talked to all the neighbors from 55th Street to 57th whose homes bordered STA. Only one of them was in support of the plan."

The school's reasoning for the new lot was to add more parking spaces for students because the current parking lot was not providing an adequate amount. President Nan Bone also made the argument that it would be safer to keep students from parking on the side streets because of the dangers it presented.

Cooke protested these plans by holding up signs just outside of the parking lot entrance as students arrived to and departed from school for seven days. He said that he only wanted a "friendly protest" in order to bring attention to the lack of a carpool system at STA and to let people know how he felt about the new construction plans.

"Everybody likes change if it's a good thing," Cooke said. "But by building this parking lot you are ruining pristine beauty, and this was the last unused aesthetic part of the grounds."

story by emily baker

parking perks Sophomore Kelly Stokes, left, talks with friends Grace McCarthy and Abbie McNaghten in the new parking lot Friday night on Jan. 17. Sophomores previously parked on the surrounding streets Main Street and Wyandotte Road. After incidents with car break-ins and blocked driveways, the new lot provided a safer alternative for underclassmen drivers. photo by emily baker



TALK ticket



Junior Marianna Messerli talked her way out of a ticket after speeding on a Friday night.

"It was like 10:30, and there was a cop hiding behind a tree. Since it was Ward Parkway I was already speeding, plus I wanted to get home so I was going like 20 over. I saw him right as I passed and instinctively slammed on my brakes, but I pulled onto the next street anyway since I saw the lights go on behind me. When he came up I was already crying and shaking uncontrollably, so that probably helped my case. Then, I just acted clueless and helpless when he asked for my license and registration. I told him I was late for curfew, even though I wasn't, and that I didn't want to worry my mom. I just kept apologizing and saying I'd never do it again. He was really nice and told me he wouldn't even give me a warning. He just said I should be safe and take my time getting home."



carpool commotion Senior Laura Neenan pops the trunk for her carpool, freshman Lauren Langdon and freshman Kristin Teahan, in the new parking lot on Jan. 17. The new lot has created the availability of more parking spots for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. photo by grace bisbee



construction corner A contractor from Kissick Construction discusses STA parking lot plans with a worker. The building of the parking lot took a month to complete. photo by emily baker

transportation

Four STA students found a variety of ways to get to and from school each day. While many girls carpooled or drove with parents, these students took a different approach. Freshman **Katie Wiedeman** rode her bike to school, freshman **Angelica Duckworth** was dropped off in a police car, junior **Miranda Green** drove a car she won in a "Sprite" contest and senior **Michaela Knittel** drove her Vespa.



"My parents made me ride my bike to school every day until it started getting cold," freshman Katie Wiedeman said. "I usually left my house around seven to meet my friend and get to school on time."



"My aunt who works for the Kansas City Police Department picks me up from school every Tuesday because she lives closer than I do, so I stay the night with her," freshman Angelica Duckworth said.



"My mom entered a contest on SpikeTV to win this car designed by Sprite, and she actually won," junior Miranda Green said. "She didn't tell me and my sister until the day they brought it to our house."



"Well, my mom is a single parent and most of the colleges I am looking at are in big cities where I wouldn't need a car, so we decided a Vespa would be a good way for me to get around," senior Michaela Knittel said.

NEWS flash

The wedding between Prince William and Kate Middleton did not escape the scrutiny that came with being the first royal wedding after the death of Princess Diana.

With the cameras flashing in her eyes and the crowd roaring behind her, future princess Catherine Middleton stepped out of her car in front of Westminster Abbey. Everyone looked at the bride as she made her way to the church to follow in the footsteps of the royal brides before her.

Prince William of Wales and Catherine Middleton royally tied the knot on April 29, 2011 in front of millions of people worldwide. Their wedding had already been called the "wedding of the century," but not before being dinged compared to previous royal weddings, one in particular being the wedding of Prince Charles of Wales and Diana Spencer in 1981.

"My mom remembers the importance of Diana's wedding so she was excited for this one," said sophomore Sarah Kane, who lived in England for five years. "I think it's fair to compare Kate to Diana because they're in the same position as future princesses."

Sarah was not alone in thinking this. Nearly everything from the wedding venue to Kate's earrings were described as being either the same or different from that of Diana's wedding. The memory of that wedding 30 years ago was brought up countless times during William and Kate's ceremony and reception.

All that stood between her and her groom was a four-minute walk down the aisle. Kate, however, couldn't help the fact that she was walking down the aisle in the wake of late Princess Diana.

story by margot livers



WHICH IS worse?

Hollywood star Charlie Sheen and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger both committed different offenses against their families.

"I would say Charlie Sheen's actions [are worse] because there was so much more involved with the drugs and the women. People looked up to him and he threw it all away."

"I think Arnold Schwarzenegger's actions are worse because he has kept this secret from his family for a really long time. I don't think it was fair to them for him to have cheated on not only his wife but the whole family."



-sophomore **madi schieber**



-junior **brianna casey**



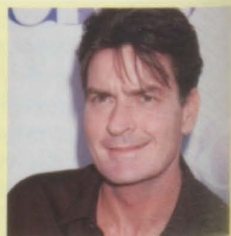
sep. 23

Singer Katy Perry sang a duet with Elmo on "Sesame Street." When the preview for the clip aired, outraged parents forced the scene to be cut.



nov. 11

The National Scholastic Press Association held its annual three-day journalism convention at the Sprint Center in downtown Kansas City.



nov. 22

TV star Charlie Sheen was accused of attempting to choke and threatening to kill 22-year-old Capri Anderson.

REWIRED
REVIEW

to have and to hold Prince William and Ms. Kate Middleton stand at the altar during their wedding at Westminster Abbey in London, England, on Friday, April 29. photo from mct campus

BY THE
numbers

According to bitrebels.com, these were the prices of various royal wedding necessities.

\$434

thousand dollar dress

\$136

thousand dollar ring

\$64

thousand in clean-up

\$32

million spent overall

\$800

thousand dollars worth of flowers

\$80

thousand dollar cake

\$5 million dollars towards security

JAPANESE
tsunami

Senior Kaho Sugano told about her reaction to the earthquake and tsunami in her homeland of Japan.

Q. What part of Japan are you from?

A. "Outside of Tokyo, farther south. It is far away from where the Tsunami hit in Tokyo."

Q. What were you thinking when you heard about the earthquake and tsunami?

A. "I didn't know until I got a text from my STA friends. I wasn't too worried because I knew my family was okay."

Q. How soon after you heard did you talk to your parents?

A. "I heard that morning about the tsunami and I was worried at that point because I had not talked to my parents. During Mr. [Craig] Whitney's class he asked me if I had talked to them and he let me text my mom, but because of the time difference I didn't hear all day. That night I got an email from my mom saying everyone was okay."

Q. Did you stay updated throughout the day?

A. "From my netbook I got on Yahoo! Japan and I looked at that all day."



nov. 23
Disney channel star Miley Cyrus celebrated her 18th birthday. Her racy behavior sparked gossip in Hollywood.



jan. 19
The new season of "American Idol" included new rules and two rookie judges, J-Lo and Steven Tyler. The show also lost judge Simon Cowell.



march 11
An 8.9-magnitude earthquake sent a 23-foot tsunami crashing onto the Japanese coast, killing nearly 2,000 people.



march 17
Jersey Shore star Paul Delvecchio, or "DJ Pauly D," was featured in the St. Patrick's Day festival in the Power and Light District.



may 18
California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger admitted to having an affair with his housekeeper.



may 25
Talk show host Oprah Winfrey ended her ABC series with a two-episode finale. Winfrey's TV run ended after 25 years.

REWIRED
TIMELINE
photos courtesy of mct campus

STAFF & faculty

Alice Amick: french, department chair
Melissa Axton: spanish
Ashley Bailey: english
Kathleen Barry: alumnae director, CSJ associate



Holly Bentley: college counseling assistant
Julia Berardi: receptionist
Matthew Bertalott: theology, department chair
Renee Blake: science, department head, technology team



Diana Blessen: math
Nan Bone: president, CSJ associate
Amy Carlson: science, varsity volleyball
Greg Carlson: software coordinator



Jeanella Clark: math, senior class moderator
Bernie Colby: counselor, sophomore class moderator
Mary Beth Compton: development office
Terry Conner: science



CONNECTED

Many people in the STA community held unique relationships with people they saw at school. In 143 steps, a science teacher was related to a foreign exchange student in the senior class.



Ms. Amy Carlson was not related or married to Mr. Greg Carlson, but both coached freshman "B" team basketball during different years.



Mr. Greg Carlson roomed at Drury University in Springfield with Mr. Stephen Himes.

all gleeked out During the eleventh annual auction pep rally Oct. 1, Ms. Carrie Jacquin and Mr. Richard Shrock, along with other members of the STA staff portrayed characters from the television show "Glee." "[The pep rally] this year was better than any other year because being in a wheelchair slightly camouflaged my total lack of rhythm," Shrock said. **photo by grace bisbee**

HOW I'M rewired

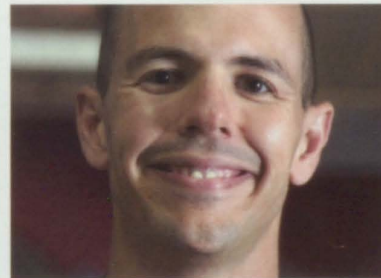
Faculty and staff members described how their hobbies and passions made them unique.



"I collect bald eagle pictures, statues, whatever because the Native American culture believes that bald eagles have a special connection with God and they represent honesty, truth, courage, wisdom, power and freedom. I play the wind flute which is a Native American instrument because it is thought of to be as a prayer, so they rarely used sheet music and it's easy to play, so it's hard to tell that I'm not musically talented." —campus ministry director **joel lascala**

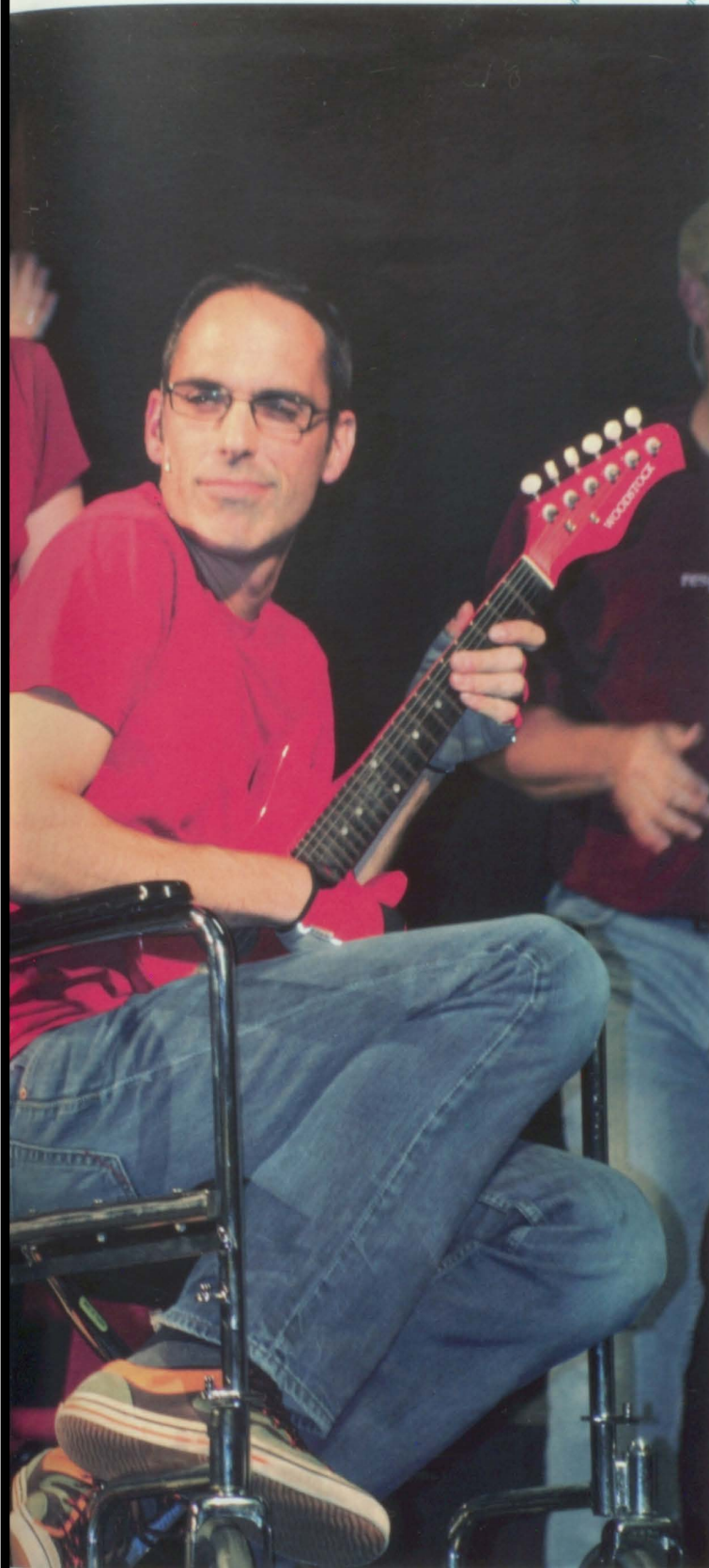
"Well, when I'm sitting at home at night with my kitties all over me it calms me down and lowers my blood pressure. They make me happy. Kitties love you unconditionally no matter what. And they are kitties, not cats." —latin teacher **sue marquis**

"Cooking is what I do in my spare time. It's just what I do to relax. Some people read, some people exercise, I cook. Mexican is my favorite and usually taco salad because it's easy." —technology coordinator **jeff zimmerman**



"My favorite part about scuba diving is that it makes you feel weightless. You're totally absent from gravity. It's so relaxing to just float there and breathe in and out. My favorite dive was in Cozumel. We saw sharks and sea turtles and the water was super crazy clear." —journalism teacher **eric thomas**

compiled by meagan stoops & jenny schorgl



Mr. Stephen Himes taught "Bucket List Shakespeare" and "The Canterbury Tales" with Mr. Kelly Fast at Village Presbyterian Church's book club.



Mr. Kelly Fast ran the Waddell and Reed Kansas City half-marathon in 2009 with Mr. Richard Shrock.



Mr. Richard Shrock coached cross country with Ms. Amanda James.

NEW arrivals

STA welcomed five new staff members: silent study moderator Kelly McKee, English teacher Ashley Bailey, Spanish teacher Carolyn Hollstein, testing center moderator Jennifer Petree, and development office assistant Mary Beth Clune Compton. Petree, an alumna of STA, returned after graduating in 1980.

As she walked up the steps of Donnelly Hall over the summer, she felt more prepared than the rest of the five other new staff members joining the STA community. With each step she took, she remembered the memories she made during the four years she spent as a student at STA.

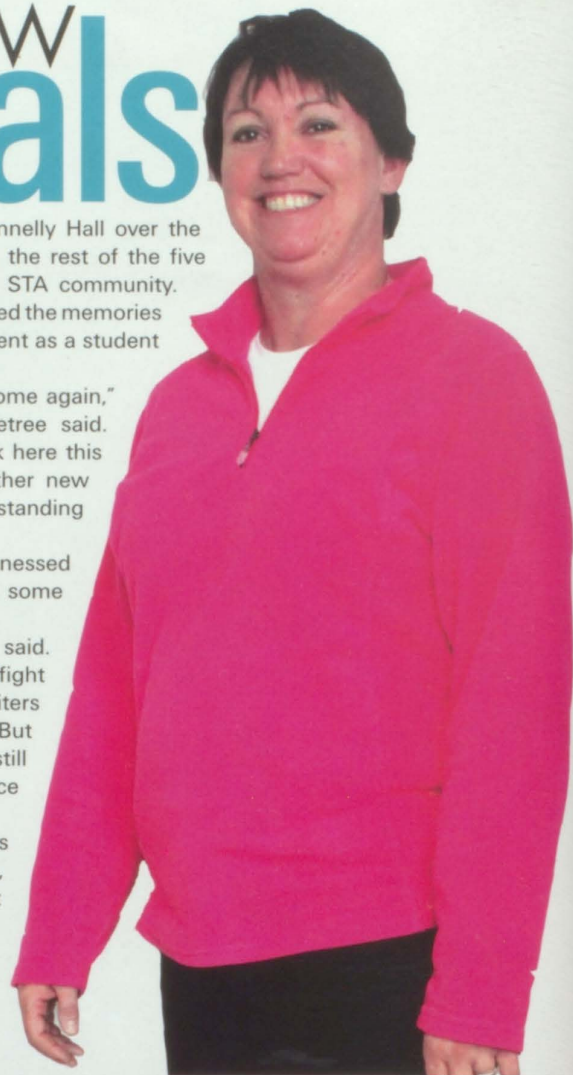
"When I came back I felt right at home again," testing center moderator Jennifer Petree said. "I feel lucky that when I came to work here this summer, I felt steps ahead of the other new teachers because I already had an understanding of how things worked."

No longer a student, Petree witnessed changes as a staff member. However, some aspects of STA remained the same.

"Some stuff has changed," Petree said. "Like how students in my class would fight each other for the five electric typewriters and now they fight over Macs. But [computer teacher] Kathy McCarthy is still here and so is my old classmate, [science teacher] Mary Montag."

Though her student experiences contrasted her professional time at STA, Petree's new job caused her to recollect her years as a student. Returning to STA gave Petree a chance to remember her past.

"I love being back [at STA] because I went to school here," Petree said. "It's just a reconnection to the past."



english teacher ashley bailey

"It was odd to see that students have accountability because I never saw that in public school. Students step up to the plate and want the accountability. I can't wait for my daughter to come here because she would just thrive. The students are competitive and see things in terms of their futures. You [as a teacher] can see their future but at a public school it's like there's a wall where [students] can't see their future. I'm always researching to figure out how to teach better and the environment just encourages me to research more. The environment makes me want to excel with and for the girls."



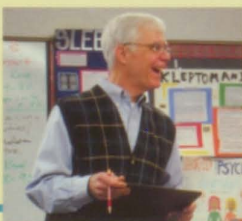
spanish teacher carolyn hollstein

"I love seeing how students are inquisitive and have that spirit of wanting to learn. It challenges me to be a better teacher and I learn something new from my students every day. The most different part is the all-girl environment. I see the environment as really positive. The most positive is the friendships, and the school spirit is just amazing which is so different from the two schools I've taught at before. I am able to make learning a challenge and use a variety of methods that students are really open to, or at least not vocally opposed to."

compiled by katarina waller



Ms. Amanda James planned to move during 2011 to California, a state where Mr. Patrick SIRRIDGE once lived.



Mr. Patrick SIRRIDGE was engaged to be married around the same time as Ms. Katie Dolan.



Ms. Katie Dolan has the same color of hair and frequently gestures during class just like Ms. Jo Weller.

OVERHEARD quotes

OCT. 28

Mr. Patrick Sirridge started the class by commenting on why it was special. "Well, today is a special day," Sirridge said. "Yesterday was Libby [O'Neil]'s birthday and Cassie [Redlingshafer] combed her hair for once."

NOV. 11

Mr. Mike Egner explained life in America in the 1700s and showed a picture of a unshaven, dirty colonial man on the SMART Board. "Girls, this picture is B.S.," Egner said. "Before showers."

DEC. 1

Mr. Craig Whitney discussed the cold. "I was outside in the cold last night, and, you know, I realized I would rather be too warm than too cold," Whitney said. "I'd more take my clothes off than put more on."



Mary Jo Coughlin: theology
 Charlotte Danforth: accounts payable
 Lisa Dibble: art
 Katie Dolan: english
 Kelly Drummond: administrative assistant, CSJ associate
 Theresa Egelhoff: development office

Mike Egner: social studies
 Kelly Fast: english, psat/act prep
 Becky Flores: assistant to president
 Julia Gargallo: spanish, senior class moderator
 Jack Garvin: assistant athletic director
 Robin Good: theology, junior class moderator, campus ministry, CSJ associate

Betsy Hansbrough: theology, campus ministry, CSJ associate
 Barbara Harris: math, sophomore class moderator
 Ann Heid: speech and debate, junior class moderator
 Arlene Hernon: math, psat/act prep, department chair
 Jacquelyn Hershewe: librarian
 Stephen Himes: english

Dianne Hirner: writing
 Mary Anne Hoecker: principal of student activities
 Carolyn Hollstein: spanish
 Roseann Hudnall: director of admissions, CSJ associate
 Debi Hudson: college counselor, guidance department head
 Carrie Jacquin: english, CSJ associate

Amanda James: counselor, freshman class moderator, CSJ associate
 Joan Jordan: development office
 Joe LaScala: campus ministry
 Beth Madden: executive assistant
 Sue Marquis: latin
 Kathy McCarthy: computer science, computer department head, freshman class moderator

Ms. Jo Weller

Painted her nails gold for the STA vs. Notre Dame de Sion High School basketball game with Ms. Jacquelyn Hershewe.



Ms. Jacquelyn Hershewe's

daughter attended STA and was in Ms. Mary Montag's advisory.



Ms. Mary Montag

attended STA during the years that Ms. Kathy McCarthy taught.

OVERHEARD quotes

DEC. 8

During class, **Ms. Anita Reznicek** discussed the importance of Santa Claus for children. "Just like Santa, guess who knows whether you are awake or asleep?" Reznicek said. "God does, or I guess the creepy neighbor next door."

DEC. 9

In calculus, **Ms. Jo Weller** described how views of grades changed in college. "Some people would die to have a C in calculus," Weller said. "I don't know, they would do something bad. They would run over their grandma."

MARCH 7

After walking into the publications room, **president Nan Bone** commented on junior Katie Hyde's look from behind. "That's a nice view there," Bone said as she pulled Hyde's skirt down before Hyde realized she was behind her.

Barbara McCormick: principal for academic affairs
Michelle McIntire: music, STA singers, praise band
Kelly McKee: silent study
Judy Merrin: business manager
Gil Mont: facilities manager
Mary Montag: science



Stacie O'Rear: physical education
Jennifer Petrea: testing center
Shana Prentiss: drama
Rafael Ramirez: facilities manager
Anita Reznicek: theology
Kris Rhodes: development and alumnae office



Mary Rietbrock: science
Denise Rueschhoff: social studies
Megan Schaefer: computer graphics
Richard Shrock: social studies
Nancy Shuss: development and alumnae office
Patrick Serridge: social studies, department head



Andrea Skowronek: dance
Matt Stewart: technology coordinator
Eric Thomas: journalism, department head
Sr. Joan Tolle, CSJ: computer
Theresa Wallerstedt: art, fine arts department head
Kathy Walters: registrar/academic schedules



Marcia Warwick: admissions assistant
Jo Weller: math
Linda Wilber: development and alumnae office
Diane Wilmot: development and alumnae office
Jeff Zimmerman: technology team
Not pictured:
Craig Whitney: social studies
Mark Hough: athletic director



Ms. Kathy McCarthy was the advisor of Ms. Kelly McKee when she attended STA.



Ms. Kelly McKee sometimes walked to work, similar to Ms. Carrie Jacquin who rode her bicycle to STA.



Ms. Carrie Jacquin attended Oak Park High School with Ms. Jeanella Clark.

FROM THE CLASSROOM OF terry conner

Science teacher Terry Conner incorporated unique artifacts into her room that had personal meanings to her. She described three of her favorite objects.



astronomy telescope

"My telescope is my window to the sky. This one isn't very big, but I have a bigger one at home. This gives my astronomy class a clear basis of what it does when I have them look through it."



smiley face slinkies

"These are from when my daughter helped me decorate. I love a room with lots of color and lots of stuff to look at. I had the slinkies sitting on a stool in the front of my room and she saw what to do with them."



flying pig

"I love the flying pig that I have in my classroom because I love when people say 'when pigs fly.' You can use it to understand physics because the pig is actually flying."

photos by elise pavicic

LITTLE laughs



go team (top left) At the staff volleyball game Sept. 22, alumnae director Kathleen Barry, left, and social studies teacher Denise Rueschhoff laughed as they cheer on the Donnelly Hall team.
photo by madeline barth

get culverized (bottom left) During the annual Culver's Night Sept. 15, Spanish teacher Melissa Axton, left, and Mr. Rafael Ramirez took a break from serving meals to joke around with each other.
photo by jenny schorgl

live, laugh, learn (right) Senior Madalyne Bird, left, and principal of academic affairs Barbara McCormick attended the senior class meeting Feb. 11 and shared a laugh as they watched the senior class practice a dance. Bird and McCormick attended Kairos together.
photo by jenny schorgl

Ms. Jeanella Clark

changed classrooms and taught in the M&A Building similar to the change Ms. Diane Hirner made during her time as journalism teacher.



Ms. Diane Hirner

was a member of the Fairway City Pool during the 2010 summer with Ms. Becky Flores.



Ms. Becky Flores

had a daughter in the freshman class named Elena Flores.



CLASS OF 2014 freshmen

Emma Allen
Maggie Allen
Christi Backer
Bree Begnaud



Jordan Berardi
Madeline Best
Rachel Birchmier
Kathleen Blanck



Maggie Bowen
Anja Browning
Grace Bullington
Cecilia Butler



Sydney Campo
Heather Cigas
Delaney Clark
Ciara Collins



Elena Flores
played on KC Strikers soccer since she was ten years old with Julia Hammond.



Julia Hammond
participated in the St. Peter's Catholic Church youth group with Abby Dearth.



Abby Dearth
jumped on a trampoline over the summer that belonged to Katie Wiedeman.

HOW I'M rewired

STA freshmen described attributes that set them apart from the class.



"Sports are basically my life and I love basketball, soccer and I started golf this year. Soccer is probably my favorite sport in the world because of the action. I am on the U-15 national team and over spring break, we go to Holland to play Germany's national team and some professional teams. I play club soccer for KCFC Futura Academy and we won State two times in a row. This year we are going to Nationals and hopefully we will win."

—freshman savannah trujillo

"I moved here from St. Louis this year. Everything is new: my house, my friends, my school. [Kansas City] is much smaller [than St. Louis]. In [St. Louis] there are about ten different all girls schools and here there are only two." —freshman cecilia butler



"This year, I'm at STA while my senior sister is at [Notre Dame de] Sion [High School]. We just treat it as if I were still at St. Peter's and as if she were at Sion. It's not a big deal in our house at all." —freshman meredith latenser



"I was born with extra veins in my arms so I've had a lot of surgeries. I also have to wear a sleeve on my arm all the time. For sports, I can't do anything that involves my arm so I do swimming and soccer. I can't do a lot of physical activity either, such as push-ups."

—freshman mallory radtke

compiled by gabi lukens & alex radtke

belt it out Freshmen Maggie Allen, left, and Madison Sargent dance and sing at the freshmen mixer Oct. 22. The mixer provided freshmen the chance to meet student from other local Catholic high schools. photo by alex radtke



Katie Wiedman was a member of the James/Bailey advisory with Katie Law.



Katie Law participated in "Theater at Vis" at Visitation Catholic School with Emmie McCabe.



Emmie McCabe attended Visitation Catholic School with Katie Holt since Kindergarten.

RACHEL SAUNDERS burns rubber

As a go-cart racer, freshman Rachel Saunders participated in a unique sport and spent her time racing.



Perched in her go-cart, freshman Rachel Saunders anxiously waited for the race to start. To her, it seemed like forever as the revving of her engine grew louder and louder making the cheering of the crowd eventually become a dull murmur. Her father's rules repeated themselves in her mind: safety first, have fun and always go fast.

"My dad tells me when to go fast on the track before a race starts," Saunders said. "He tells me to break hard on the corners and to go faster in the straightaways."

With her father and niece also participating, go-cart racing quickly became a family sport in the Saunders family. Saunders and her niece took turns racing around the track in relay races that lasted up to five hours.

"The hardest race was nationals in Nebraska," Saunders said. "During the race I was second then on the last lap I messed up and ended up getting sixth."

In addition to placing first in various local and national events, Saunders was ranked sixth in the nation. Though frequently successful, a feeling of nervousness left Saunders once the race began.

"Before the race starts I get butterflies," Saunders said. "But once the race starts I get a rush of adrenaline."

Saunders participated in two to three races each month from March through November, driving her lime green go-cart adorned with pink flames and shark teeth on the front.

"It gets hard sometimes because I don't get to do things that my friends do," Saunders said. "I think it is worth it though to go go-karting."

Tires screeched on the track signaling the beginning of the race. As she passed go-cart after go-cart, Saunders' butterflies turned into adrenaline. She drove fast on the straightaways and broke hard around the corners to pass racers. As the finish line became closer Saunders could hear the cheers from the crowd getting louder.

BY THE numbers

Saunders broke down her life of go-karting.

6th rank in the nation
9 months of the year racing
75 mph is her fastest speed
6 hours racing for one race
91 car number
2-3 races a month
5-6 wrecks in her go-karting life
3 go-carts in her life

story by maddison balachowski



Katie Holt had a sister who was a junior at STA similar to Cassie Florida.



Cassie Florida's father coached Shannon McAauliffe's softball team.



Shannon McAauliffe attended the same parade where a float ran over Kelly Fletcher.

OVERHEARD quotes

DEC. 8

Freshman **Beth Mitchell** shared her excitement about the following day. "Jeans day tomorrow!" Mitchell said. "Don't you mean, 'sweatpants day' tomorrow?" freshman **Katie Daniels** said.

DEC. 10

While singing to the song "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" in **Ms. Arlene Hernon's** advisory, freshmen **Natalie Nuessle** changed lyrics. "Ms. Hernon got run over by a reindeer," Nuessle said.

JAN. 1

While riding to school, freshman **Molly Corless** described her break. "Yeah I went skiing in this place, I don't know if you have heard of it, but it's called Steamboat, Colorado," Corless said.



Emma Connelly
Kathleen Connor
Molly Corless
Emily Cosgrove
Madeline Cozad
Katie Crow

Katie Daniels
Abby Dearth
Meghan DeRuyter
Cristina Dezeeuw
Michelle Dierks
Sara-Jessica Dilks

Laura Dobens
Paige Drummond
Jellie Duckworth
Beth Dudley
Erin Farmer
Gabby Ferro

Becca Ferron
Claire Fisher
Natalie Fitts
Madison Fitzgerald
Kelly Fletcher
Elena Flores

Cassie Florido
Kim Fryer
Jillian Gallagher
Kelly Gardella
Mary Gibson
Anna Grisafe-Pont



Kelly Fletcher went to St. Elizabeth's Grade School with Grace Bullington.



Grace Bullington played softball for three years with Erin Farmer from fifth to seventh grade.



Erin Farmer lived three blocks away from Madeline Best.

OVERHEARD quotes

JAN. 6

While practicing pronouncing animals in Spanish during class and discussing how cultures say various animal names, freshman **Clare Mitchell** asked a question. "So do animals talk a different language?" Mitchell asked.

JAN. 6

Freshmen **Lizzie Luallin** and **Kathleen Connor** pretended to start a food fight during lunch. "I'm going to stuff my peanut butter and jelly sandwich up your nose," Luallin said. "Not if I eat it first," Connor said.

JAN. 12

Freshman **Margaret Weiler** talked to junior **Olivia Scheuler** about Jesus' life. "It would really suck to be Jesus' brother because he's so awesome," Weiler said.

Fabiola Gutierrez
Emily Hafner
Abbey Haines
Julia Hammond
Lauren Hampel
Mary Hart



Mimi Hart
Shelby Lynne Hawkins
Maggie Herrington
Katie Holt
Katie Hornbeck
Madeline Horton



Emma Kelley
Natalie Kilgore
Madison Kintzle
Madeline Knopke
Lucy Kraus
Anna Kropf



Hannah Krull
Zoe Krygiel
Molly Laird
Lauren Langford
Paige Lankton
Meredith Latenser



Katie Law
Melissa Le
Anna Leach
Lizzy Luallin
Fiona Madden
Morgan Marso



Madeline Best participated in the same play group as Bailey Whitehead when she was a toddler.

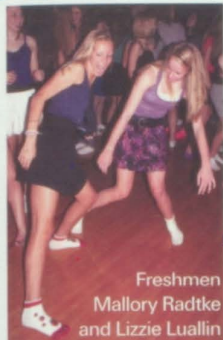


Bailey Whitehead met Cecelia Butler at Off Broadway shoes in Ward Parkway Mall a few months before school started.



Cecelia Butler attended the same birthday party as Francesca Shilati in St. Louis when she was three.

FRESHMEN rewind



Freshmen
Mallory Radtke
and Lizzie Luallin

freshman mixer
Oct. 22, 2010

"I broke my foot during a cross country race and had to wear my orthopedic boot to the freshman mixer and the Christmas dance. Trust me, dancing with a boot is not that much fun."

— lindsay valdiviez



"I got in a huge fight with my boyfriend at the Christmas dance so that kind of stunk. But I tried my best to have still have fun and dance!"

— katie daniels



Senior
Lilly Kraus
and her dad.

father daughter dance
13 Feb. 2011

"The funniest thing that happened that night was when my dad squeezed Cecilia Butler's dad's butt. And that night was the first time they had ever met."

— mattie o'Boyle

fresh fest
week of Aug. 30, 2010



"I'm in the Jacquin/Fast advisory and we won the skit contest this year which was awesome. This was, like, the first time our advisory has ever won anything during Fresh Fest!"

— audrey muehlebach

NEW beginnings



Freshman
Lizzie Luallin
described how
her freshman
year experience
differed from
her nine years of
grade school.

Q. What would you say was the biggest difference between high school and grade school?

A. "The biggest difference would probably be all the freedom. In grade school you had to walk in lines and your teachers had to watch your every move. I feel that in high school they don't baby you as much."

Q. Do you think freshman year at STA provided a good transition from grade school?

A. "Yeah, it's not really overwhelming and everyone, even the teachers and stuff, have been really welcoming which made the transition easier."

Q. Describe the feelings you had on the first day of freshman year.

A. "On the first day I think I was both excited and nervous. I was excited to meet so many people and have a fresh start. But I was nervous because I didn't know what to expect."

Q. Did you play sports or participate in any extra-curricular activities that affected the course of your year?

A. "Well I played JV basketball and I'm going to play soccer too. I met a lot of people when I played basketball, but it definitely made it harder on my academics because I didn't get home from school until pretty late."

Q. Were you still friends with girls from your grade school or did you make a new group of friends?

A. "I am still really good friends with three or four girls from grade school, but I have also made a bunch of new friends. Doing sports, summer camps and having classes with different people and stuff like that helped a lot with making new friends."

Q. How would you describe your rewired experience at STA?

A. "So far it's been really awesome and I absolutely love it! I love all the freedom and meeting new people. I was with the same people for nine years so it's been so awesome to branch out and get out of my comfort zone a little bit."

mikey needleman band
Feb. 3, 2011

"Right after the concert I wanted to ask Mikey if he would sign my shirt, but I was too nervous."

But then I made my friend ask him and he did it! That shirt will be worth millions one day."

— camille porterfield

last
SCHOOL DAY
May 23, 2011



Francesca Shilati
lived on the same street
as Mimi Hart's grandma
in St. Louis.



Mimi Hart
was cousins with Mary
Hart.



Mary Hart
played on the same
third grade soccer team
as Ciara Collins.

CONTINUING THE legacy

photo by jenny schorgl

The seniors welcomed the class of 2014 during the Passing of the Legacy Prayer Service. Freshmen received St. Teresa of Avila medals.

In August 2009, STA welcomed a new tradition called the Passing of the Legacy Prayer Service. Seniors presented freshmen with a St. Teresa of Avila medal and necklace on the first day of school to help welcome them and give them confidence. The second Passing of the Legacy Prayer Service was held on the first day of school, Aug. 18, 2010.

"I think that [the service] was a great way to welcome the freshmen," said freshman Anne McCalla, pictured at right. "It didn't feel awkward at all. I felt like it could have been a little more personal though."

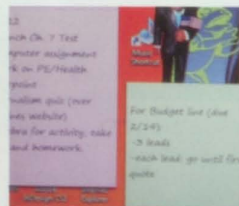
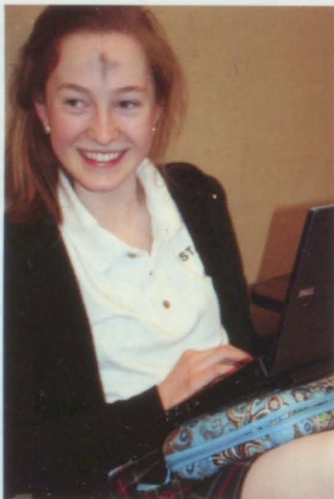
Senior Mary Kate Duffy, left, felt the experience had a significance to freshmen.

"I remember when I was a freshman all the seniors seemed really intimidating," said senior Mary Kate Duffy. "I think it was a good way to show [the freshmen] that we aren't."



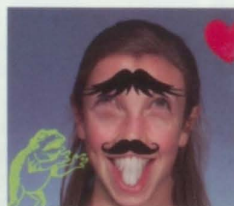
sara-jessica dilks FROM THE NETTIE OF

Freshman Sara-Jessica Dilks used gadgets and photos to personalize her netbook desktop. She described four of her favorite objects that she used daily.



sticky notes gadget

"The sticky notes gadget is such a convenient gadget to use because you can just jot down your homework, notes or reminders. Sometimes I use it instead of my planner."



custom background

"It's my friend Laura Vedder's school picture, and a group of us edited it to make her look really weird. It's hilarious because everytime I open my netbook her face is staring at me."



sidebar pong

"It's this little desktop game, and it's kind of like ping pong. Whenever I have no work to do I just start playing. I used to play Tetris but it got banned, so this is the next best thing, I guess."



mozilla firefox

"I use firefox instead of internet explorer, because it's a lot easier to use. Most of the time I use it for school-related stuff, like Moodle and Googledocs., but sometimes I'll use it to listen to music."



Ciara Collins's parents are friends with the parents of Fiona Madden.



Fiona Madden attended preschool at Rainbow School with Heather Cigas.



Heather Cigas had Sally Alderidge as a volleyball coach who babysat for Paige Lanford.

OVERHEARD quotes

JAN. 12

Freshman **Michelle Dierks** talked to a friend about the two snow days STA had after Christmas break. "My brother Mark always takes the gloves and hats from our house on snow days," Dierks said. "I had to wear socks on my hands."

JAN. 14

During a dance team practice, freshman **Katie Daniels** expressed her feeling about her new astrological sign. "Damn it! I don't want to be a crab," Daniels said.

JAN. 24

Freshman **Jordan Berardi** commented on the smell in Latin teacher **Sue Marquis'** room. "Dude, it smells like dookie in here," Berardi said. "Shouldn't [Marquis'] candle cover that up?"



Mary Grace Maschler
Shannon McAuliffe
Emmie McCabe
Anne McCalla
Allison McClendon
Beth Mitchell

Clare Mitchell
Madi Mitchem
Rachel Moran
Cori Mroz
Audrey Muehlebach
Kaitlin Murphy

Lauren Nagle
Isabella Nair
Frankie Neunuebel
Maggie Nothnagel
Natalie Nuessle
Mattie O'Boyle

Kiley O'Toole
Arianna Ohmes
Katy Owara
Katie Parkinson
Rose Patterson
Desiraye Pearson

Camille Porterfield
Mallory Radtke
Natalie Rall
Marisa Ramirez
Giggy Reardon
Sabrina Redlingshafer



Paige Lankford shared the middle name Marie with Paige Drummond.



Paige Drummond had eighth grade homeroom with Ms. Curry along with Abby Haines.



Abbey Haines played softball with Becca Ferron in grade school.

OVERHEARD
quotes

JAN. 24

During swim practice, freshman **Molly Waris** explained to freshman **Claire Fisher** how bored she felt during a free. "I was so bored today," Waris said. "I wrote a poem about how much I hate backstroke."

JAN. 27

While pairing up to practice ballroom dancing during dance club, freshman **Natalie Kilgore** commented on her height in comparison to freshman **Mary Gibson**. "I'm taller, so you are obviously my follower," Kilgore said.

MARCH 23

During the ground breaking ceremony on the shovels and hard hats used. "Do you think they're ever going to use those hard hats again?" Blanck asked. "Or those shovels?"

Kennedy Reller
Tess Rolston
Mary Grace Ruhlman
Kelsey Ruscig
Sabrina Salerno
Madison Sargent



Rachel Saunders
Miranda Schultz
Jamie Seibert
Francesca Shilati
Elena Silva
Hali Sims



Rachel Smith
Tessa Jean Smith
Maddy Sommerland
Dominique Spini
Tristin Stuteville
Katie Tampke



Emily Taylor
Elizabeth Taylor
Kristin Teahan
Libby Torres
Erin Trainor
Savannah Trujillo



Alondra Tule
Lindsey Valdiviez
Brianna Valine
Laura Vedder
Marina Vianello
Angelica Vincent



Becca Ferron received her First Communion at St. James Parish with Molly Woolery.



Molly Woolery carpooled to school with Marina Vianello every day.



Marina Vianello went to the Baker University's Broadway at Baker camp, and became best friends with Katherine Viviano.

1. FOOD FANATICS



oodles of noodles During their first weeks of high school, freshmen learned of the importance of food at STA. In the photo above, freshmen Madison Fitzgerald and Gabriella Ferro munched during lunch March 24.

"People get really into [food] here, some days I'll bake cookies and bring them to school, but I never have any

to bring home after," freshman Maggie Bowen said. "All the teachers don't mind us eating in class because everyone can eat whenever they want and I think that is great. In grade school a lot of girls wouldn't eat more than fruit and Wheat Thins for lunch, I think it's great that everyone is so comfortable with themselves and we get to eat so much."

SECRETS OF THE academy

Here are the top nine things freshmen

did not know before attending STA

9. **SLEEPING IT OFF:** Students found time to nap during the school day to catch up on missed sleep.
8. **TEACHERS' STYLE:** Freshmen adjusted from how they learned in grade school to how teachers taught at STA.
7. **HIGH SCHOOL RECESS:** Though they studied and applied themselves academically, freshmen valued their free periods and activities for socializing.
6. **FIVE-MINUTE SPRINT:** Made up of three buildings, nine floors of classrooms and thirteen stair cases, STA's campus challenged freshman to make it to class during the five minute passing period.
5. **CLOSELY KNIT:** As they spent more time at STA, freshman became a part of the STA community.
4. **LEGENDS OF THE ACADEMY:** The rumored haunted fourth floor and tunnel running from M&A to Donnelly Hall encouraged freshmen to explore their school.
3. **WHAT UNIFORM?** Though students usually wore plaid skirts and black sweaters, freshmen embrace wearing STA auction and yoga pants to school.
2. **CAMPUS CRITTER:** Critter, the campus cat, surprised freshmen when he appeared in classes.

Katherine Viviano
Shannon Ward
Molly Waris
Dreama Weber
Margaret Weiler



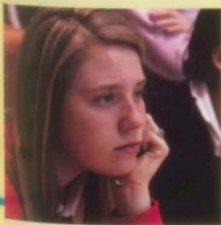
Grace Wells
Bailey Wemhoff
Emily Whitehead
Katie Wiedeman



Frannie Wilkinson
Kailey Witcher
Katy Wonder
Molly Woolery



Katherine Viviano was a cast member in the play "Honk" along with Madeline Cozad and became friends with her.



Madeline Cozad lived close to STA so she could walk to school just like Kelly Gardella who walked home after school.



Kelly Gardella lived on 62nd street which was a block away from sophomore Emily McCann, who lived on 63rd street.



CLASS OF 2013

sophomores

Samantha Adams
Stephanie Allee
Christina Allen
Jordan Allen



Sibel Alpakin
Elizabeth Arensberg
Dana Bailey
Katherine Barnhouse



Madeline Barth
Phyleia Battle
Clancie Beisser
Morgan Bene



Sophie Bono
Menley Brennan
Chloe Brown
Ema Brzon



Emily McCann
was first cousins with
Keara Miller.



Keara Miller
had known Elizabeth
Arensberg since they
were 3-years-old.



Elizabeth Arensberg
lived on Pennsylvania
Street just like Rose
Hutchinson.



rock and roll Sophomore Emma Dillon jams out on her inflatable guitar to Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" at the sophomore talent show Feb. 18. "I wanted to show our grade my goofy personality and the talent show was the perfect way to show them," Dillon said. *photo by maggie kenney*

HOW I'M rewired

STA sophomores described what made their year different from freshman year.



"I have a lot more freedom this year because I can drive. My parents expect a lot more out of me because I can drive though. They have me running errands all the time. My brother is a freshman in college this year so the house is quieter. This also makes them more strict though because they only have one kid to focus on. At school, a lot has changed too. Besides the new scheduling, it's nice to not be a freshman. It's cool knowing all of the ins and outs of STA." —sophomore *madi schieber*

"I got my license this year and that's new for me. My dad recently got a job and he has been out of work since 2009 so that's a big change for my family. I'm also pushing myself more at school because I want to do better." —sophomore *adelle smith*



"I'm moving to Denver next year and I feel like I have so much to do before I leave. I have to live more and spend time with friends. I try not to think about it too much because I'm still in shock. If I had the choice, I wouldn't move." —sophomore *emily reboulet*



"Coming to STA was a big change from [Shawnee Mission] East. Obviously one big difference is the all-girls thing. The classes are harder and at East I had block scheduling so I only had three classes a day there. At STA, I feel like we are one big family because it's so much smaller than East."

compiled by gabi lukens and maggie kenney —sophomore *grace dominique*



Rose Hutchinson attended Homestead Country Club with Kathleen Keaveny.



Kathleen Keaveny was best friends, as well as cousins, with Emma Rebein.



Emma Rebein attended church at Visitation Parish for 9 years with Shaeffer Smith.

STICKY business

Sophomores Elizabeth Arenberg and Peyton Gajan found a passion for duct tape. The duo used it to create a variety of products to sell.



It started with a common household item: duct tape. It ended with a homemade, colorful product: duct tape bracelets. Sophomores Peyton Gajan and Elizabeth Arenberg began creating duct tape merchandise for friends and eventually created a business.

"We made the bracelets as a joke and it became popular," Gajan said. "We were surprised, but excited."

Arenberg and Gajan started their craft during the summer entering sophomore year after a friend of Gajan's taught her to make the bracelets using only duct tape. In order to sell their various products, they started a website, ducttapedudes.lifeyo.com, purposely spelling duct tape as "duck" to gain popularity.

"The website is on StumbleUpon.com where random people can find it," Arenberg said. "People can also like it on Facebook."

According to Arenberg, the duo remained busy throughout the year by making items for friends at school, the most popular being the "Flower Pen." When not creating presents for friends and family, they gained exposure by making items for their website.

"We didn't think that people would really like the products," Gajan said. "But they became popular probably because they last a long time and are waterproof."

As Arenberg and Gajan continued to create duct tape products, the different colors and types of duct tape triggered their newest creations.

"Different kinds of duct tapes inspire us to create different items or make things," Arenberg said. "Making things gives us something to do when we are bored on weekends."

BY THE numbers

Arenberg and Gajan sold their duct tape products on their website ducttapedudes.lifeyo.com.

49

"likes" on Facebook.com

\$7.50

the cost for a pair of Duck tape shoes

10

comments on their blog

7

different products sold on website

\$60

made off of the website

3

different kinds of bracelets sold

\$25 the most a single person has spent

story by maddison balachowski



Shaeffer Smith practiced competitive Elite Group tennis at Mission Hills Country Club with Meaghan Coble.



Meaghan Coble attended an overnight confirmation retreat at Conception Abbey for the St. Peter's confirmation group with Sarah Vickery.



Sarah Vickery went to Country Club Christian Preschool on Ward Parkway when she was three with Jill Campbell.

OVERHEARD quotes

DEC. 3

Speech teacher Ann Heid informed her class about the upcoming assignments and tests of the week and asked sophomore Page Kemna if she had a question. "Oh, uh, nevermind," Kemna said. "I already answered it in my head. I think I just had deja vu."

DEC. 6

Chloe Brown referenced "Harry Potter" when Mr. Craig Whitney asked where a student went. "Where's Cirocco?" Whitney asked. "She disappeared," Brown said. "Hopefully she didn't get splinched in the process."

DEC. 6

After a long debate over who lost papers for their group project, sophomores Elizabeth Arensberg, Rose Hutchison and Sadie Duffy blamed sophomore Peyton Gajan. "Never trust Peyton," Hutchison said.



Megan Burke
Maya Burtin
Jill Campbell
Makenzie Carter
Meaghan Coble
Courtney Coppinger

Mattie Davis
Ruby Dibble
Emma Dillon
Scout Distefano
Grace Dominique
Grace Doran

Andie Drummond
Sadie Duffy
Jane Evans
Mercy Favrow
Holly Fielder
Kaitlyn Fiola

Caroline Fiss
Sarah Flattery
Caitlin Fletcher
Jodie Foster
Sarah Frey
Madeline Gabbert

Peyton Gajan
Abby Geiger
Sarah Gnefkow
Lauren Goode
Peepers Gray
Alice Green



Jill Campbell
played on the KC Strikers soccer team during third and fourth grade with defender Meghan Lewis.



Meghan Lewis's
mom, Lisa Dunbar, went to Southwest High School with Kelly Stokes's dad.



Kelly Stokes
played defense on a Brookside soccer team with Margoth Mackey.

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quotes**

DEC. 7

Sophomore Holli Hogge admired the cat she drew on sophomore Kelly Love's hand during class. "I'm good at drawing cats," Hogge said. "Except he's got a wiener dog body and short legs. But his tail droops, which is good."

DEC. 7

During Ms. Mary Montag's class, sophomores Grace Scovell and Peyton Gajan argued about months of the year. "Peyton doesn't know her months either," Scovell said. "She's like January, March, September..."

DEC. 8

Sophomore Maddi Hughes-Zahner nicknamed her inside-out backpack. "Nugget!" Hughes-Zahner said. "I shall call her nugget and she will be my nugget!"

Caroline Green
Mary Heiman
Anna Heldt
Grace Hodes
Allison Hogan
Holli Hogge



Carrie Hudson
Maddi Hughes-Zahner
Rose Hutchison
Alexandra Jackson
Kelly Jenks
Sarah Kane



Kathleen Keaveny
Page Kemna
Maggie Kenney
Katherine King
Amanda Koch
Sarah Kostoryz



Sarah Langtry
Meghan Lewis
Kelly Love
Becca Lueke
Ali Lukens
Gabi Lukens



Maria Luna
Airicha Lunn
Margoth Mackey
Lane Maguire
Megan Mandl
Cricket Martin



Margoth Mackey met Caitlin Fletcher in eighth grade when they went to see "The Unborn," a horror movie.



Caitlin Fletcher knew Hattie Svoboda-Stel since kindergarten even though they did not attend the same grade school.



Hattie Svoboda-Stel went to Zoe Weber's birthday party in third grade along with Taylor Rees.

OPHOMORE rewind

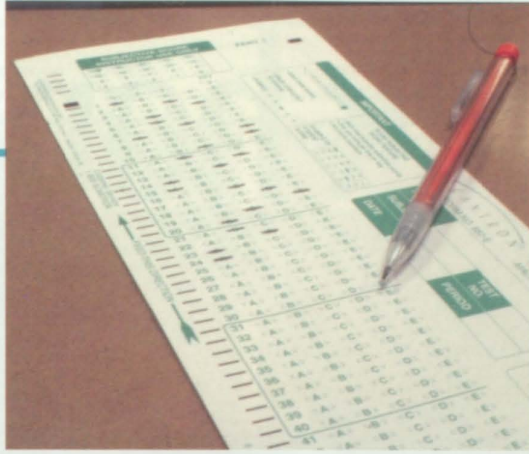
teresian dance
Oct. 16, 2010



sophomore
Maria Luna

"My Teresian group had ordered and paid for an awesome party bus to take us to the after party. But when we came out of STA there was a Metropolitan bus, not a party bus waiting for us."

—Hailey Waldenmeyer



PSAT
Oct. 13, 2010

"When I was about halfway done with the questions on the science part, I realized that I had skipped one on accident and all of the little bubbles were off by one. I had to erase all of them and redo it."

—Adelle Smith



sophomore
Jackie McGee

"I'm in the Himes advisory and we carved our pumpkin into an apple for Adam and Eve, but it had the snake from 'Heart of Darkness.' It was so awesome and I was so mad we didn't win."

—Kelly Love

pumpkin carving contest
Oct. 29, 2010



"After my group finally got the presentation over with, we realized that we were a whole minute short of the time limit. Of course we got points off, but we were just glad it was over."

—Grace McCarthy

ground breaking ceremony
March 23, 2011



"During the entire time the bishop and other guests were doing the turning of the dirt, I thought a dead body was going to show up under the pile of dirt. Like on a crime show."

—Grace Doran

SIBEL: rewired

Sophomore Sibel Alpakin discussed how her mother's aneurysm "rewired" her year.



Q. What happened on the day of your mom's aneurysm?

A. "Well, the bleeding in her brain started on Feb. 8, but she didn't go to the hospital until 4:30 the next day. She was very lucky it was a small aneurysm and bled so slowly. The ambulance brought her to St. Luke's on the Plaza, which is the best neurological hospital in Kansas City. My mom was taken into surgery and then sedated for a few days, but when she woke up she actually seemed perfectly fine!"

Q. Did your mom have any complications that "rewired" her time at the hospital?

A. "First of all, my mom is only 39 and is very young to have an aneurysm since they normally occur in people above 40. But after the surgery she got a staph infection, pneumonia, and her heart was working at 30 percent the normal rate. She also had to be put on a breathing machine, which injured her trachea."

Q. How long was your mom in the hospital?

A. "After the brain surgery she was in the ICU for two weeks and then transferred to the regular hospital for one more week. About a week later on Feb. 21, she had to go back to the hospital because she was having breathing issues. She had another major surgery to remove scar tissue in her trachea."

Q. What did the doctors do to keep your mom alive?

A. "Basically the neurological surgeon on duty went through a vessel in her leg to her brain and filled the aneurysm with coils which is where they insert tiny wiring to block the bleed. She also had an angiogram, echocardiogram, and many other tests."

Q. How has your mom's health issues "rewired" your year?

A. "It's made getting school work done harder, especially since I'm terrible at staying up late. And I'm always doing school work or visiting my mom. I appreciate my friends a lot more because there's no one like them that can always take my mind off what's going on and make me laugh."

last SCHOOL DAY May 23, 2011

Taylor Rees
attended Sion Lower
Grade School with
Anna Woolery.



Anna Woolery
lived in the Hyde Park
neighborhood with Kate
Witt.



Kate Witt
played on a recreational
softball team with Alice
Green in fourth grade.

sophomore sock hop

photo by elise ferron

Sophomores attended their first high school semi-formal, Teresian, Oct. 16. The theme was "Alice in Wonderland."

Every year, the sophomore class waited in anticipation for the Teresian dance. Not knowing what to expect, sophomores planned the evening to the best of their ability.

"The process of getting ready for Teresian was crazy," sophomore Chloe Brown, pictured middle, said. "I had everything ready except my hair and make up, and only had about an hour and a half to get ready. I called my cousin and aunt and I swear they got to my house so fast and got the job done. The whole hectic process of getting ready is part of Teresian."

Although stressed because of her first Teresian experience, Brown felt it helped her to be prepared for next year.

"I'll have everything planned out before so I don't have to worry about it as I'm putting on my dress," Brown said. "And hopefully I will have a date."



FROM THE CAR OF menley brennan

Sophomore Menley Brennan kept a random assortment of items to personalize her car. She described her three favorites.



old speakers

"My sister had the car before me and she blew out the original speakers. For a Christmas present this year, my parents decided to buy me new speakers and I haven't taken my old speakers out yet."

bumper sticker

"My family got the idea of getting a Mini Cooper from the small cars driving around in Europe. When they got Mini Coopers in the States, we got one and put a British Flag on it to pay homage to Europe."

cd collection

"After I got my license, I realized that the radio tends to play certain songs too much. I asked my friends to make me some CDs and now they just give me random CDs every time I see them."



Alice Green
attended Central United Methodist Church with Hannah Taft.



Hannah Taft
rode horses at R&R Stables in Lee's Summit with Emma Stanfield.



Emma Stanfield
went to Visitation Church with Hannah McCausland.

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DEC. 10

During math class, sophomore Elaine Schmidt left her group and walked over to another one while wiping Purell on her cheek.
"Guys, I'm joining your group," Schmidt said. "Danni licked my face."

JAN. 21

During a free in Ms. Mary Montag's room, sophomores Mattie Davis and Lauren Taylor discussed running on the weekends with friends.
"I get uncomfortable when people watch me when I run," Davis said.

JAN. 27

Sophomore Hattie Svoboda-Stel expressed her feelings to sophomore Page Kemna in Mr. Richard Shrock's world history class.
"Oh my god Page, you're so fly," Svoboda-Stel said.



Murphy Marx
Emily McCann
Grace McCarthy
Hannah McCausland
Anna McDonald
Jackie McGee

Abbie McNaghten
Felecia Memminger-Warden
Sara Meurer
Keara Miller
Ellie Nachbor
Annie Palmer

Sammy Patterson
Madelyn Petree
Danni Porter
Erin Rasmussen
Emma Rebein
Emily Reboulet

Mickey Redlingshafer
Taylor Rees
Margaret Rellihan
Emma Robertson
Nikki Rodriguez
Nicole Sakoulas

Kate Sanders
Madi Schieber
Elaine Schmidt
Sara Schwartz
Grace Scovell
Sophie Seigfreid



Hannah McCausland started a collection of "gross" objects with Gracie Williams.



Gracie Williams carpooled to Visitation Parish School with Emily Reboulet.



Emily Reboulet played on the STA freshman basketball team with Courtney Coppinger.

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JAN. 24

On her birthday sophomore Peyton Gajan explained why she did not receive her license.
"I failed the driving test," Gajan said. "I forgot to use my signals when I turned."

JAN. 26

While Mr. Stephen Himes discussed the difference between Elaine and sex in movies, sophomore Elaine Schmidt asked which theme was worse.
"So Mr. Himes," Schmidt said. "Would you rather have your children watch 'Braveheart' or 'Love and Other Drugs?'"

MARCH 23

Sophomores Andie Drummond and Sara Meurer discussed each other's outfits for the Ground Breaking Ceremony.
"I like your skirt," Drummond said.
"I like your shirt," Meurer said.
"I like you," Drummond said.

Matalyn Shearhart
Emmi Shearman
Erin Sheehy
Amanda Lynn Sloan
Adelle Smith
Shaeffer Smith



Elena Spaulding
Grace Spencer
Emma Stanfield
Taylor Steen
Annie Steinert
Regan Stiles



Kelly Stokes
Margie Stone
Libby Stoops
Kelli Strader
Hattie Svoboda-Stel
Hannah Taft



Lauren Taylor
Erin Thompson
Janie Thompson
Rachel Tovar
Morgan Trees
Sarah Vickery



Brenna Viles
Whitney Waeckerle
Hailey Waldenmeyer
Serenity Wallace
MacKenzie Warrens
Alexa Watters



Courtney Coppinger ran track at St. Ann's Catholic School in the eighth grade with Grace McCarthy.



Grace McCarthy was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church with Annie Palmer.



Annie Palmer lived a block away from and drove by Sara Meurer's house in Mission Hills on the way to school.

1. NO LONGER FROSH



booking it Sophomores became more confident and outspoken as they moved up the ranks of high school. In the photo above, sophomore Abby Gieger used a free moment during accelerated world literature to read author Franz Kafka's "The Metamorphosis." "As a freshman you are kind of scared; you're kind of like

a deer in headlights, when you don't know what you're doing," sophomore **Emma Robertson** said. "Now you're a little more confident in what you are doing and where you are going...this allows you to focus more on school itself rather than thinking, 'Where am I going?'" **photo by demi ribaste**

MOMENTS of sophomore year

Returning to the academy for their second year of high school, sophomores embraced the attributes of the 2010-2011 school year.

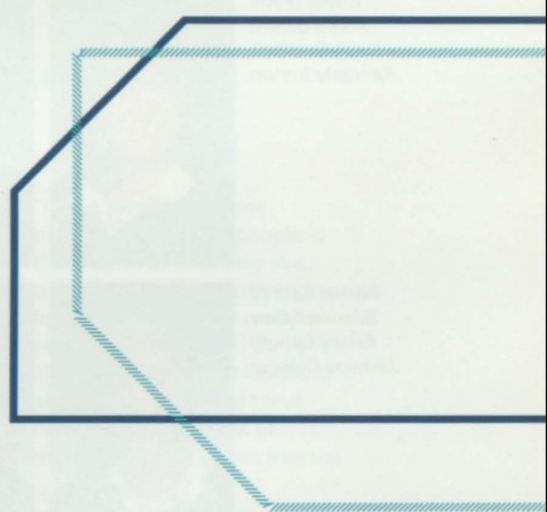
- 10. **MOCSA Students** participated in the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault program during lunch/activity to create awareness about sexual abuse.
- 9. **SAY GOODBYE TO SLACKING OFF** Sophomores experienced harder courses and more class work.
- 8. **VARIETY OF CLASSES** The administration allowed sophomores to experience more choices in electives.
- 7. **SPEAK UP** Students had to take the public speech class including impromptu and the Modern Woodmen of America Speech Contest.
- 6. **HAND OVER THE KEYS** Over the course of the year, sophomores turned 16 and received their licenses.
- 5. **SIPPY SIP SIP** Throughout the year sophomores worked on their first of two history group projects.
- 4. **HELP A SISTER OUT** As upperclassmen, sophomores were allowed to participate in the activities of Frosh Fest as Big Sisters in their advisory.
- 3. **EXCUSE ME MRS. OFFICER** For the first time, sophomores **Elaine Schmidt, Nikki Rodriguez, Elena Spalding and Courtney Coppinger** acted as class officers after being elected freshman year.
- 2. **RECONSTRUCTED ROADWAYS** With the construction of an additional parking lot, the class of 2014 became the first sophomore class allowed to park in the lot.



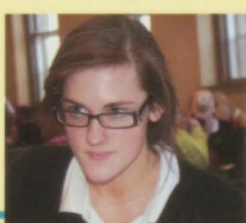
Emma Wheatley
Lena White
Katie Wilhelmus
Gracie Williams

Erica Wind
Natalie Winterman
Kate Witt
Anna Woolery

Not Pictured:
Mariah Hughes



Sara Meurer took dance class at the Pulse Performing Art Studio in Red Bridge with **Caroline Fiss**.



Caroline Fiss met **Ellie Nachbor** in fifth grade when Nachbor's family moved to Kansas City and their families became good friends.



Ellie Nachbor swam with junior **Hannah Reinhart** on the same country club swim team called the Lakers in Columbus, Ohio.

CLASS OF 2012 juniors

Maddison Balachowski
Lauren Barrett
Christina Barton
Katie Beirne



Chelsea Birchmier
Jennifer Blake
Emily Bresette
Sarah Bryant



Krissy Bryde
Alexis Buford
Sarah Burchett
Kennedy Burton



Rachel Caffrey
Brianna Casey
Kelsey Ceriotti
Jasmine Colhour



Hannah Reinhart
played on a Brookside
soccer team with Katie
Evans for two years.



Katie Evans
was cousins with
Libby Sauder and they
both attended St. Ann
grade school since
kindergarten.



Libby Sauder
joined the Kansas City
Chess Club for fun with
McLaren O'Rear.

hot cakes Juniors Kathleen Devine, left, and Brie Sandridge watch in surprise as Kelly O'Byrne catches a flying pancake. Students enjoyed a lunch of unlimited pancakes, sausage links and Tang orange juice all for just five dollars. photo by alexandra radtke

HOW I'M rewired

STA juniors described what made them rewired.



"Well, this is no secret, but I'm culturally rewired. I am second generation Mexican-American. Basically, my parents took the best of their growing up and applied the language, the faith and the traditions to our family. This past year has also been different. I spend more time alone in my room or am really busy with extracurricular activities, like basketball managing, ACT prep classes and student productions practices."

—junior **martha lucero ramirez**

"Lots of things have changed this year. Classes are stressful and more intense than the years before. Friends also seem closer because many of us have been together for two-plus years and have gotten to know each other better because of it." —junior **lauren barrett**

"I love taking pictures and writing, it's my hobby and I hope to major in photojournalism. I also love to make YouTube videos, so I'm just kind of a film, photography, writing kind of gal, which is unique I'd say. Our class is a lot more accepting and [I am] close with my classmates." —junior **laura stacy**



"I think what makes me different from other people is that I don't tend to stay in a bad mood about something for very long. I'm not really a negative person and I don't like to be. I'm always laughing about something and I find humor in the smallest of things." —junior **shannen freeman**

compiled by gabi lukens, maggie kenney and grace bisbee



McLaren O'Rear attended a YMCA camp called Camp Chief Ouray, located in the mountains of Granby, Colorado with Anna Meyers.



Anna Meyers participated in the junior/senior Kairos 32 with Hannah Hitt.



Hannah Hitt was in Mr. Eric Thomas's digital photography class and sat next to Jacqueline Kerr everyday.

GHOST- writer

Junior Hanna Katz had a belief system that provided her with exciting opportunities. Katz wrote columns about her Jewish faith for the *Kansas City Star* four times throughout the year.



Sitting in front of the computer, junior Hanna Katz pondered what to write for her second article in the *Kansas City Star*. Her thoughts wandered back to the summer before sophomore year when a trip to Europe turned into a religious eye opener. As a follower of the Jewish faith, the trip became tear-jerking when she visited a concentration camp in Poland where members of her family died during WWII: Auschwitz.

"I cried the whole time I was [in Auschwitz]," Katz said. "But I realized that the whole experience made everyone of the Jewish faith stronger."

At the end of sophomore year, Katz's mother found an article in the *Kansas City Star* faith section asking people to apply to be a guest writer. The chosen writers would reflect on how their faith affected recent events in their lives. Based on her first article, Katz received the position.

"I have always written on my own," Katz said. "I love to write whatever stories come to my head. I especially enjoy persuasive writing because I can convince someone of a point of view I have."

During grade school, Katz attended a two-week writing camp where she was placed in a group of high school students because of her advanced writing skills. Being a journalism and publications student freshman and sophomore year, Katz felt she had the basics to contribute to the column.

"Many of my articles are about my experiences in my youth group," Katz said. "My youth group connects me to my faith and, because I go to a Catholic school, it is important to me that I have an opportunity."

Katz became an active leader in her Jewish youth group and spent much of her time with the group. The articles Katz wrote ranged from topics about her trip to Europe, her youth group and her social concerns class.

"I think the perspective of my column is different from everyone else's because I am a teenager and they are not," Katz said. "You get to explore the everyday experience in your life from the view of your faith."

story by maddison balachowski

STEP-BY-STEP: column writing

Junior Hanna Katz explained her process from start to finish writing a column for the *Kansas City Star*.

"Come up with an **idea** that you find easy to write about. People write best about the **experiences** that they have. Take an experience and write about it."

"Get a general idea of how your story is going to flow. Start an **outline of the story**. Decide what points you want to make in your writing."

"Start your **rough draft** of the story using the outline you made to guide you. Keep the flow of the story by not stopping writing till you finish the story."

"Have someone that you know **look over your story** and give you their feedback. This person should have experience in writing a story like you wrote."

"Create your **final draft**. The final draft should be a story that you feel comfortable with people you don't know to read it and form an opinion of it."



Jacqueline Kerr volunteered at the Mattie Rhodes Art Center during junior-senior service week with Madalyn Doyle.



Madalyn Doyle rowed for three years with the Kansas City Rowing Club on Wyandotte County Lake, just like Paige Wendland.



Paige Wendland attended grade school at Curé of Ars Catholic school where she met Kelsey Rodriguez when they were both in fourth grade.

OVERHEARD quotes

AUG. 26

Junior **Rowan O'Brien-Williams** described her test strategy in AP American history. "I was going to put Portuguese for that question but then I thought about how much I love Spanish class, so I put Spanish instead," O'Brien-Williams said.

NOV. 30

Junior **Emily Holt** told junior **Caroline Mendus** about her experience in the hall. "So I was wondering why **Ms. [Shana] Prentiss** was looking at me funny," Holt said. "Then I looked back to ask you if you knew and I saw that you weren't beside me anymore and I was still talking to you."

DEC. 2

Mr. Kelly Fast's students discussed his habit of crashing advisory parties. "You crash everyone's advisory parties except your own!" junior **Cecilia O'Flaherty** shouted.



Danielle Comford
Caroline Conner
Lindsay Cook
Grace Crowe
Maggie Cussen
Maddie Dang



Elizabeth Daugherty
Annie DeRuyter
Kathleen Devine
Madalyn Doyle
Kate Dujakovich
Lucy Edmonds



Kerry Egan
Katelyn Ehrnman
Katie Evans
Eimile Fallon
Mary Cate Feuerborn
Allison Fitts



Christie Fletcher
Amanda Florido
Shannen Freeman
Danielle Gatapia
Sarah Godfrey



Ariana Goode
Alexandra Greathouse
Miranda Green
Stephanie Hampel
Hannah Haywood



Kelsey Rodriguez carpooled to school in her mom's Toyota Highlander since the beginning of freshman year with **Mary LeRoy**.



Mary LeRoy played on the JV basketball team whose coach was **Christie Fletcher's** dad.



Christie Fletcher received a Dance Club sweatshirt designed by **Margot Livers's** mom.

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DEC. 7

During Spanish class, junior **Mary O'Leary** commented on the difficulty of the quizzes to junior **Katie McCombs**.
"I love when you say it will be a 5-minute quiz," O'Leary said. "Then I know it will only be a 15-minute quiz for me."

JAN. 13

Juniors **Margot Livers**, **Meka Kelly** and **Lane Schulte** discussed the use of slang.
"Mrs. Bailey, can I use slang in my writing?" Livers asked. "Like 'def' instead of 'definitely?'"
"Obvi," Schulte said.
"Oh, that was awk," Kelly said.

JAN. 19

Juniors **Taylor Migliazzo** and **Lydia Thomsen** talked about having a snow day.
"The news said that it is supposed to start snowing at noon," Migliazzo said. "We will definitely have a snow day."
"No, it said that it was supposed to start snowing at 12," Thomsen said.

Megan Helt
Hannah Hitt
Megan Hodes
Emily Holt
Erin Hutchinson
Katie Hyde



Lizzy Imperiale
Maddy Ismert
Mary Kate Jenks
Miranda Johnson
Mackenzie Jones
Ava Jurden



Nicole Kamradt
Molly Kaniger
Hanna Katz
Meka Kelly
Logan Kembel
Jacqueline Kerr



Mari Kerwin
Melissa Lane
Megan Lankford
Mary LeRoy
Megan Lewis



Margot Livers
Mayme Marshall
Lucia Maschler
KaiLi McCamman



Margot Livers attended a summer lacrosse tournament in Vail, CO with Cecilia O'Flaherty.



Cecilia O'Flaherty had AP American language and AP US history back-to-back every day with Alexandria Mediavilla.



Alexandria Mediavilla was a member of the track and field team sophomore year alongside Abby Uche.

JUNIOR rewind

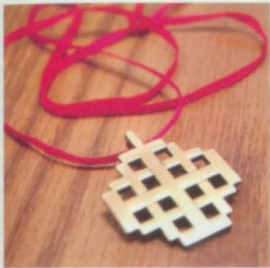


junior
Annie DeRuyter

practice ACT
Nov. 3, 2010

"When I was taking the ACT my phone went off. Everyone was laughing because the theme song to 'Sponge Bob Squarepants' was my ringtone."

—maddy ismert



kairos retreat
March 29-31, 2011

"I really don't think it matters what year someone goes on Kairos just as long as they do it. It definitely opened my eyes about God and the girls around me."

—jasmine colhour

last SCHOOL DAY May 23, 2011

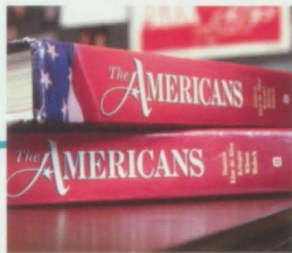


junior
Sarah Turgeon

junior/senior service week
week of Feb. 28, 2011

"I loved just working with kids that had some type of mental disability or learning impairment. It was cool to see if they were able to do something that day they had never been able to do before."

—logan kembel



american studies projects
March 28, 2011

"It was really hard having all four people in my group write a paper together because everyone has different writing styles. But I actually liked doing the presentation because we got to teach people about something new and interesting."

—erin hutchison



junior ring
April 14, 2011

"I feel like the ring ceremony will help our class grow closer and remind us that we are going to be the leaders of the school next year so we have to act like it and set good examples for the other classes."

—mayme marshall

MIRANDA: reanimate



Junior
Miranda
Johnson
discussed
her love
for anime
creation and
conventions.

Q. Do you do any other types of art such as painting or pottery?

A. "Well I plan to go to art school so I have to draw, take pictures, do pottery, fibers and paint. But I'm never bored with anime and that's why I keep coming back to it again and again."

Q. How often do you attend anime conventions?

A. "So far I've been once a year to a convention called Naka-Kon for over five years. But I do hope to attend another this coming summer and more in the fall."

Q. What activities go on at anime conventions?

A. "They offer screening rooms to watch shows and movies, host guest speakers to talk about various topics and at night they throw dances and raves. However, the biggest attraction is the cosplay where they have people perform skits and runway shows to show off people's skills. It's a way for people to come out to meet other people and just be comfortable in a place where everyone is there to have fun."

Q. What is your favorite part about drawing anime?

A. "There is a sort of mystical quality to it. You can make a person as crazy and off beat as you want and they will always look beautiful in their own way. It's my way of fighting the detailed oriented and realist approach most artists want me to take. I love anime because it's always changing. The stories are as varied as the art people use to portray it."

Q. How and when did you get started drawing anime?

A. "My uncle Fred really is the one to blame for my obsession. When visiting him once he showed me three miyazaki movies: 'Spirited Away,' 'Princess Mononoke' and 'My Neighbor Totoro.' Since then I have been obsessed with drawing doodles and making my own characters."

Q. What exactly is anime?

A. "In basic terms, it's Asian cartoons. Anime is short for animation but is usually used to refer to animation from mostly Japan. But there are animes from China and Korea as well."

Q. Approximately how long does it take you to make a drawing?

A. "It depends on the drawing. If it's a doodle, anywhere between 5-20 minutes or until I get mad with it and scrap it. If it's for a friend, I'll take up to 5 hours to sketch, flush out the pose and color it perfectly."



Abby Uche participated in debate class and attended debate competitions with Mackenzie Jones.



Mackenzie Jones was the violinist in Praise Band during its first year with Colleen McInerney who played the guitar.



Colleen McInerney went to the 2010 National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City similar to Sarah Godfrey.

IF YOU LIKE IT PUT A ring on it

photo by alyson mcnaghten

One junior expressed her excitement for the tradition of the Junior Ring Ceremony, finding symbolism in the ring.

The process began at the last class meeting sophomore year when they placed the orders for their class rings. One year later on April 14, they sat in the center section of the auditorium, in alphabetical order, waiting to proceed to the stage and receive the blue velvet box that held "the ring."

"I felt that it was the first moment I felt like I was almost a senior," junior Katie Hyde said. "It was a time when I felt solidarity with my class and like we were really unified."

After receiving their rings, the girls filed down to the Commons to pose for pictures and admire their new rings. For Hyde, the pictures reminded her of an important milestone.

"It was fun, but my cheeks hurt afterwards," Hyde said. "I thought it was important to document such a momentous event in the life of an STA girl."



Haley Winslow, Erin Hutchison, Christina Barton, Katie Hyde

emily holt

FROM THE BACKPACK OF

Junior Emily Holt showed off three of the "random" things she carried around in her backpack throughout the year.



paper pocket

"I have random papers folded up and stuffed in the side pocket of my backpack, three of which are late slips, two are Course Registration Appointments, both of which I failed to attend, and an elevator pass."



chapstick collection

"I always have a bunch of ChapSticks in my pencil bag. All different kinds: ChapStick, Aveeno, Burt's Bees, the kind my dentist makes, etc. What can I say? I take good care of my lips."



bag of popcorn

"I keep [the bag of popcorn] in my backpack because I never know when I might need it, like if we're watching a movie in improv[isation] or if I just want to have popcorn at lunch."



Sarah Godfrey founded the tie-dye club with Patricia Smith for its first year in 2010-2011.



Patricia Smith attended the Ke\$ha concert at Sprint Center Feb. 20 with Megan Hodes, who bought tickets via Ticketmaster for roughly \$35.



Megan Hodes went to kindergarten round up and played with Katie Hyde, who became desperate to have a play date with Hodes after that night.

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JAN. 25

During trigonometry and analysis, junior **Rosemary McGraw** joked about being confused with a problem. "Math is for squares," McGraw said. "Get it? Get it?"

JAN. 26

While walking across the Quad, juniors **Alexis Buford** and **Kate Dujakovich** commented on the snow not melting and wanting warmer weather. "Yeah, I am more of an 85 degree kind of girl," Buford said. "This snow is just not cutting it for me."

JAN. 28

During chemistry class, junior **Shannen Freeman** explained her immature behavior. "I'm the queen of immaturity," Freeman said. "I've pretty much got that title wrapped up."



Cara McClain
Katie McCombs
Rosemary McGraw
Colleen McInerney
Claire McKeon
Lucy McManness

Alexandria Mediavilla
Caroline Mendus
Marianna Messerli
Anna Meyers
Taylor Migliazzo
Erika Mikkelsen

Kelly Muraski
Theresa Murphy
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Rowan O'Brien-Williams
Kelly O'Byrne

Cecilia O'Flaherty
Mary O'Leary
McLaren O'Rear
Cassie Odneal
Hannah Otto

Brenna Palmer
Katie Patterson
Sara Pence
Madison Phillips

Katie Hyde

once ruined a batch of chocolate chip cookies with Rowan O'Brien-Williams at the beginning of second semester junior year.



Rowan O'Brien-Williams

worked as a lifeguard at Fairway Pool over the summer for her first year with Katie McCombs.



Katie McCombs

played club soccer as an outside midfielder on the Kansas City Strikers with Ava Jurden who played center midfielder.

OVERHEARD quotes

MARCH 23

While standing in the Quad during the groundbreaking ceremony, junior **Brie Sandridge** pointed to **Mr. Eric Thomas** on the roof of the M&A Building. "Look," Sandridge said. "It's a bald eagle."

MARCH 30

During psychology class, **Mr. Pat Sirridge** introduced the topic of sleeping. "I am going to try to get through this lesson on sleep in the next few minutes," Sirridge said. "Without putting us to sleep," junior **Miranda Johnson** said.

APRIL 14

While playing with junior **Sara Pence's** skirt during a free in the library, junior **Katie Patterson** noticed her shorts and asked where she got them. "Like my boxers?" Pence said. "I was a gangster for Halloween last year so I had to buy myself some silk boxers."

Alexandra Radtke
Martha Lucero Ramirez
Elizabeth Randolph
Alexandra Reddis
Jackie Regan
Hannah Reinhart



Kelsey Rodriguez
Kate Rohr
Brie Sandridge
Lorraine Sands
Libby Sauder
Olivia Scheuler



Megan Schilling
Elizabeth Schorgl
Lane Schulte
Brenna Scott
Erin Sellers
Rachel Shedd



Patricia Smith
Laura Stacy
Abby Suholaski
Lydia Thomsen
Sarah Turgeon



Erin Twaddle
Taylor Twellman
Abby Uche
Jessica Vincent



Ava Jurden went to St. Peter's Elementary School and was in the same homeroom with Caroline Mendus.



Caroline Mendus attended the Teresian dance sophomore year in the same group as Hannah Otto.



Hannah Otto walked to school when she attended Visitation Catholic school, just like Caroline Connor.

SECRETS of the trade

By junior year, girls knew what to expect during the school day.

11. BREAK TIME The administration banned students from using their "netties" during lunch in the commons.

10. WATCHFUL EYE Juniors found out that they received SBRs if teachers found their netbook unattended in the hallways.

9. PARKING PRIORITIES Juniors received permission to park in the student parking lot for junior and senior drivers only.

8. BUBBLY ADDICTION Though they found it challenging to turn off "Bubbleshooter," Ms. Kelly Drummond still handed out multiple SBRs to juniors.

7. DRESS UP, PLEASE Juniors knew to never forget red or black sweaters on formal dress days because Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker gave SBRs.

6. STRICTLY PROHIBITED In Mr. Matthew Bertalott and Ms. Mary Rietbrock's classrooms, juniors learned they had to be in uniform to avoid receiving a uniform violation.

5. NIX THE YOGA PANTS Through the winter season, juniors began to understand that they were not allowed to wear yoga pants as a pair of "black pants."

4. MUSTY WATER The water fountain outside of Ms. Robin Good's classroom had hot water and juniors avoided drinking from it.

3. QUIT QUICK STUDIES After two years at STA, juniors learned that cramming last minute for a test harmed their grade.

2. COLLEGE GIRL By the end of the year juniors understood they needed to begin preparing for college by keeping their grades up and studying for the ACT and SAT.

1. NO DRAMA HERE



Giggles & good times With two years left remaining at STA, juniors tried to avoid creating drama with each other throughout the school year and made attempts to become closer as a class.

During lunch activity 1 in the Commons, juniors Rosemary McGraw, left, and Sarah Burchett giggle during a conversation.

"I feel like we should connect and bond because of how it will affect our lives in the future," McGraw said. Everyone needs to be accepted and you never know, you might end up meeting someone who you didn't think you would end up liking. This year I say 'hi' to everyone and I make it a point not to exclude anyone in our grade." **photo by alyson mcnaughten**



Kathleen Vogel
Katarina Waller
Nicole Wemhoff
Paige Wendland



Liz Wiens
Haley Winslow
Hannah Wolf
Emily Wunder



Caroline Connor took an ice skating class at the Carriage Club when she was ten at the same time as Mary O'Leary.



Mary O'Leary's aunt lived next door to Kelly O'Byrne on 67th Street in Kansas City.



Kelly O'Byrne was cousins with Bishop Meige senior Austin O'Byrne who went to St. Ann's School with senior Zoe Busey.

CLASS OF 2011

DEC. 8

During Shakespeare class, senior **Eilene McSorley** described her feelings about the new art club sweatshirts which featured a drawing of an owl on the front. "I love this owl so much, I'm going to wear it when I go on an adventure in the woods," McSorley said.

DEC. 9

Campus Minister **Joe La Scala** tried to keep the girls in the office quiet during mid-day advisory prayer. Seniors **Margaret Haake** and **Alex Beineman** joked about the situation.

"While Joe is away, the girls will play," Haake said.



Zoe Busey was best friends with Alex Christian in first grade at St. Ann's grade school.



Alex Christian played on the indoor soccer team that her dad coached sophomore year with Ellie Edelman.



Ellie Edelman lived in Belton, MO in the same neighborhood as Sara Gassman.

OVERHEARD
quotes

DEC. 9


While reading student-written sonnets in Ms. Ashley Bailey's Shakespeare class, students debated who was going to read the next poem. "Why does everyone feel like they are judged in school?" senior Samantha Cusumano said. "Why won't anyone share?" "There's a reason you're stuck in the corner," senior Laura Martin said.

DEC. 10


During a current events class, Mr. Craig Whitney discussed the new airport security measures with senior Kirby Buckley. "Come on, someone groping you?" Whitney said. "What's not to love?" "Only if they buy me dinner first," Buckley said.

JAN. 26


During a discussion about what they were working on during "reading time" in Mr. Kelly Fast's AP literature class, senior Kirsty McGhie asked what she needed to do and senior Kathleen Hough responded. "Wait, aren't we supposed to be reading 'Othello?'" McGhie asked. "But Kirsty that's 'No Fear Shakespeare,'" Hough said pointing to McGhie's book.

Sara Gassman's mom coached Laura Martin's seventh grade volleyball team at St. Thomas More.



Laura Martin started a Harry Potter tribute band called "Wizard Rock" with Anna Rayburn.



Anna Rayburn won a Scholastic Silver Key Award for one of her drawings alongside Amy Wendland who received recognition for a story she wrote.

CLASS OF 2011 seniors

Catherine Arensberg
Emily Baker
Morgan Barrett
Alexandra Beineman



Madalyne Bird
Grace Bisbee
Maria Blando
Clare Bowen



Margaret Bradford
Dominique Brawner
Jordan Brown
Kirby Buckley



Jessica Bullington
Zoe Busey
Catherine Castleman
Cydney Chibnall



Amy Wendland's mom worked Saturdays at the Ford Learning Center at the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art with Elise Ferron.



Elise Ferron had a cousin, Notre Dame de Sion High School senior Anna Selle, who debated against Anna McTygue.



Anna McTygue and her boyfriend worked as servers at Minsky's Pizza in Prairie Village with Evan Thompson.



HOW I'M rewired

STA seniors described attributes that set them apart from their class.



"It's kind of fun to have a twin at STA. I never have to go to anything alone. But what sets me apart from my classmates is that I don't only have a twin sister, I also have twin brothers who are freshmen at Rockhurst [High School]."

—senior ally franken

I think [at STA] people understand that we are different than each other and have our own personalities and we are set apart from each other. But I don't think it sets me apart [from my class]."

—senior gina franken

"STA is an all girls school, so I think it is easier to [make] friends, especially [since] I usually don't talk with guy friends. And STA has uniforms so I don't need to pick [out] clothes every morning. I hadn't been to an all girls school [before] I came here."

—senior kaho sugano



"I think I'm set apart from other seniors because I've been living at home alone for the majority of the year. I love the peace and quiet, and I love the independence, but it gets very lonely."

—senior claire cirocco



"It's something that is a huge part of my life and takes up a lot of time, but because it's not school-related, it probably looks like I'm not very involved. Everyone is always really supportive and interested. My friends come to a lot of my games, which is nice."

—senior ali clauss

compiled by meagan stoops

tough love Seniors Alyson McNaghten, Betsy Tampke and Cydney Chibnall joke around during the senior Powderpuff game April 17. The seniors lost to rivals Notre Dame de Sion High School by one touchdown. photo by lucy edmonds



Evan Thompson had a younger sister who was a sophomore at STA and was in an advisory on the third floor of M&A just like Mary Kate Duffy.



Mary Kate Duffy went to preschool in 1997 at Country Club Christian on Ward Parkway with Addie Thompson.



Addie Thompson participated in "Stations of the Cross" at Visitation Parish during the Lenten season with Lilly Kraus.



'row'ed to success

LEAH MILLER

Senior Leah Miller rowed competitively for two years after she attended practice with a friend. Rowing continued to be a large part of Miller's life, and she planned to continue at the collegiate level.

What started as a joke, quickly turned into a hobby for senior Leah Miller.

Miller, who began rowing in March of 2009, was looking for something to do since softball and swimming season had ended. After her first rowing practice, Miller was hooked; rowing soon became her passion.

"What don't I love about rowing?" Miller said. "Whenever I am having a bad day, it is my escape from the world. No matter how much my arms or legs hurt, I always have a smile across my face."

In order to succeed in her new hobby, Miller trained seven days a week, year-round.

"I always find it funny when someone announces that soccer or lacrosse or some practice is cancelled and you hear silent yesses come from random girls," Miller said. "Whenever I get a text that rowing is cancelled, my heart actually sinks, I love working hard and pushing myself in rowing."

Whether she practiced at the indoor warehouse in the West Bottoms, the Athletic Training Center in Shawnee, Wyandotte County Lake or 24-Hour Fitness, Miller trained every day possible.

During her two years of rowing, Miller won over 20 gold medals, 15 silver medals and 15 bronze medals. Her success continued when the Naval Academy Summer Rowing Camp named her Most Valuable Rower in her boat and when her team voted her team captain for the 2010-2011 season.

After receiving a scholarship, Miller planned to attend Ohio State University and row for their crew team.

"Rowing at Ohio State is a big deal and getting a scholarship from them is very difficult because the team is very competitive," Miller said. "I'm just honored to receive one at all because I know there are many girls that would love to have it."

BY THE numbers Senior Leah Miller broke down her life in terms of competitive rowing.

2⁺ years rowing	1 college scholarship for rowing	18 hours a week spent training	12 months of the year rowing
20 gold medals	3-4 places trained	200 dollars spent per oar	6 types of boats used

story by meagan stoops



Lilly Kraus worked as a cashier at Brookside Toy & Science on 63rd Street with Lindsay Girardeau.



Lindsay Girardeau travelled to Spain on the STA-sponsored 2010 summer trip in June with Megan Porterfield.



Megan Porterfield played on the same tennis ladder at Indian Hills Country Club with Meagan Stoops in the summer.

OVERHEARD quotes

JAN. 26

Senior **Elizabeth McBee** talked to senior **Riley Uecker** about how she wanted to relieve her sore back. "I need a small Asian to walk on my back," McBee said. "Well, I could walk on your back," Uecker said."

JAN. 26

During government class, senior **Laura Martin** provided a sarcastic answer to Mr. **Pat Sirridge's** question. "How many people do you think were living in the U.S. when the Constitution was written?" Sirridge said. "Eighteen," Martin said.

JAN. 27

During world faiths class, senior **Caroline Gray** discussed her mom's obsession with collecting dolls and toys. "My mom still has like hundreds of Beanie Babies in a box downstairs," Gray said. "She thinks they will be worth millions someday. Dream on, mom."



Alex Christian
Claire Cirocco
Ali Clauss
Kelly Clay
Colleen Corcoran
Emily Cox

Samantha Cusumano
Mary Kate Duffy
Ellie Edelman
Rachel Edmonds
Elise Ferron
Melody Finn

Katarina Fitzpatrick
Alexa Fowlkes
Mary Franke
Ally Franken
Gina Franken
Cele Fryer

Hayden Fudemberg
Sophia Garozzo
Sara Gassman
Emy Gatapia
Lindsay Girardeau
Victoria Godfrey

Holly Grant
Caroline Gray
Margaret Haake
Meghan Harper
Aubree Hawkins
Dagny Heinsohn

Meagan Stoops

was coached by Mr. Jeff Bubnitz on the same Leawood soccer team in elementary school as Kirsty McGhie.



Kirsty McGhie

went to Yogurtini three to four times a week to study with the "calc clique" after school with Kathleen Hough.



Kathleen Hough

participated in Irish dance during grade school, just like Molly Kenney.

**OVERHEARD
quotes**

APRIL 12

During a Thomas advisory party, senior **Mary Kate Duffy** talked about how she was fascinated with death by killer whales. "I went onto youtube and searched for the video of a killer whale," Duffy said. "It is like watching 'Shark Week' but with killer whales."

APRIL 13

Seniors **Ally Franken** and **Katie Pautler** discussed the Powderpuff game. "I have decided that I am going to play in the Powderpuff game this weekend," Franken said. "I wonder what's the worst that could happen?" "Maybe your other appendix bursting," Pautler said.

APRIL 14

During a class meeting, senior **Kathleen Hough** and **Lilly Kraus** discussed the JV Dance Team performance they had been planning for the senior Powderpuff game. "My mom found this STA cheerleading uniform at a garage sale," Kraus said.

Jade Hernandez
Maggie Holt
Kathleen Hough
Rebecca Hupp
Tessa Jianas
Montaya Jones



Molly Kenney
Libby Kieffer
Keara Kinney
Michaela Knittel
Meredith Koch
Taylor Kramer



Lilly Kraus
Karson Kuhlmann
Shelby Kuhns
Lauren Laudan
Madeline Lueke
Maddie Lundgren



Clare Magers
Maria Maluenda
Laura Martin
Elizabeth McBee
Katie McCalla
Claire McDonald



Kristen McEneaney
Kirsty McGhie
Alyson McNaghten
Eilene McSorley
Anna McTygue
Molly Meagher



Molly Kenney played premiere soccer with the Blue Valley Stars Soccer Club for four years with Kate Passantino.



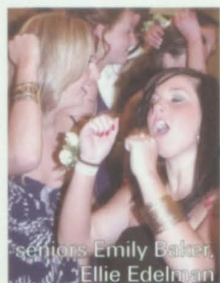
Kate Passantino was in Mr. Walt Tabory's 6th grade math class at St. Peter's School with Sarah Schulte.



Sarah Schulte played softball in grade school with Claire McDonald's cousin, Shawnee Mission East High school senior Haley Fosnough-Biersmith.

SENIOR rewind

prom
April 15, 2010



seniors Emily Baker, Ellie Edelman

"I thought [prom] was really fun, but way too short and the food was not good. I loved the location and photo booth because the theater was pretty and the photo booth was fun."

—alexandra beineman



seniors Madalyn Bird, Lindsay Girardeau

"It was really fun creating a maze with the caution tape. It turned out better than we thought because we heard from underclassmen that it was a really successful prank. I really liked how we wrote 'seniors' in the fence with the caution tape."

—courtney peterson

last SCHOOL DAY May 3, 2011



senior air bands
Dec. 11, 2010

"[Being in the winning air band] was so much fun. For the first time, I felt like a star! It took my breath away. We prepared for about two weeks and pulled a couple of all nighters to perfect it."

—lindsay girardeau



seniors Ryan Tucker, Hayden Fudenberg, Claire Bowen

"Almost every single girl in our grade was at the campout so it was really fun for all of us to bond one last time outside of school. It was one of the only times we were together as a class so it was a really great experience."

—madeline lueke



seniors Sue Seeman and Sarah Moran

"[The deadline] affected my decision because I had to make my decision pretty quickly...so I had to make sure I had all of the information to choose what school was right for me in time for the deadline."

—elizabeth vater

senior campout
April 17, 2011

national college reply day
May 1, 2011

FUTURE changes



Senior Laura Martin described what next year held in store and how she expected it to differ from time spent at STA.

Q. How do you expect your friendships formed at STA to change?

A. "I really hope that I stay friends with all of my current ones, but I know that I'll make new friends at [Florida State University]. Maybe my friends and I will grow apart, but I hope not very much."

Q. How do you expect it to be different than your four years at STA?

A. "It will have guys for one, and it will be really different living without my parents and without them anywhere near me. I'll have a lot more responsibility."

Q. How are you feeling about the changes that will occur?

A. "I feel excited and scared, and kind of weird that everything is sort of starting all over again."

Q. What led you to choose Florida State?

A. "I chose FSU, Florida State University, because it has a really good science program, which is what I wanted, and because the school itself was really nice."

Q. How do you expect it to be similar?

A. "I ended up in an all-girls dorm, because housing is limited at FSU, and I think that will remind me of STA. Also, I'm pretty sure that after STA, college won't be that much harder."

Q. What kind of activities do you plan to participate in?

A. "I have no idea. None at all."



Claire McDonald's older sister, Erin McDonald, was in the Dunlay advisory during her time at STA just like Maggie Bradford.



Maggie Bradford dressed up as a character from the "Hangover" for Halloween October 2010 just like Dagny Heinsohn.



Dagny Heinsohn took Rockhurst High School senior Mike Barber to STA prom, who took Libby Kieffer to Rockhurst prom.

OVERHEARD quotes

MARCH 22

Senior **Katie Pautler** commented on senior **Maggie Bradford's** laughter. "Guys," Pautler said. "Maggie doesn't laugh at her own jokes. She only laughs at people's reactions."

MARCH 28

During advisory, seniors listened to **Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker** announce the prices of the graduation ceremony. "We paid to go here, we should not have to pay to leave," senior **Katie Pautler** said.

APRIL 6

Senior **Gina Franken** discussed the addition of the fence around the Quad. "I walked right up to the fence, stood there and thought about finding an opening," Franken said. "Then I finally realized that I could just walk around the fence to get in."

Casey Miller
Leah Miller
Anna Mincher
Sarah Moran
Alison Mundy
Marissa Naggy



Laura Neenan
Molly O'Boyle
Brittany O'Brien
Elizabeth O'Neil
Clare Odegard
Kate Passantino



Katie Pautler
Elise Pavicic
Courtney Peterson
Maura Porter
Megan Porterfield
Kara Pruitt



Nina Raimo
Elle Rauch
Anna Rayburn
Cassie Redlingshafer
Demi Ribaste
Maggy Roth



Morgan Said
Megan Schaff
Samantha Scheuler
Jennifer Schorgl
Megan Schrader
Sarah Schulte



Libby Kieffer planned on attending Rockhurst University, just like **Jade Hernandez**.



Jade Hernandez attended Visitation Elementary School with **Casey Miller**.



Casey Miller held a graduation party in Reinhardt Estates, which was where **Meghan Harper** lived.

wrapped

photo by lucy edmonds



One senior expressed how she felt tackling during the Powerpuff football game against Notre Dame de Sion High School.

Eilene McSorley ran at full speed towards a girl in a neon pink jersey. Wrapping her arms around the girl, she dragged her to the ground.

"I wouldn't have played if it was touch [football]," senior Eilene McSorley said. "I really don't like football that much, but the idea of getting to tackle Sion girls drew me in."

The annual, seniors-only football game against Notre Dame de Sion High School was something she had been looking forward to, especially since she was allowed to tackle.

McSorley said that the game was a way for her to channel some of her frustrations with some of the Sion girls into tackling. She also said that she was not shy about playing football.

"I knew that I was stronger than the other girls, so I wasn't afraid of the contact," McSorley said.

Despite McSorley's efforts, STA lost the game by one touchdown.

jennifer schorgl

FROM THE CELL PHONES OF

Senior Jennifer Schorgl went through three iPhones in the past year and eventually switched to an iPhone 4. She described the incidents surrounding each phone and her feelings about her fourth iPhone.



iPhone 3GS #1

"I switched to AT&T in June of 2010 and two days later, I dropped my brand new iPhone in water. Then, I went to the Apple Store the day before I left for Italy and started crying because I had just bought the phone and they expected me to pay \$300 for a new one."



iPhone 3GS #2

"I was really careful with it during the summer. Then in Sept., I went to [the University of Missouri] and dropped my phone and shattered the screen. I tried to hide it from my parents, but I took a nap one day and my mom came into my room to wake me up and saw it."



iPhone 3GS #3

"During spring break, I went to Mexico, and on the first night I lost my phone on the beach. Either someone stole it or I dropped it out of my purse. When I got back to the states, I called AT&T and told them what happened, but I wasn't eligible for an upgrade until May."



iPhone 4

"I ended up buying an iPhone 4 with 16 gigabytes. A week later, I dropped it in water. Then, I put it in rice for about two days, and the only button that didn't work was the home button, so I put it in rice for another day and it works fine now."



Meghan Harper

played on the same basketball team in grades four through eight as Lauren Lauden.



Lauren Lauden

danced in the Kansas City Ballet with Tessa Jianas until freshman year.



Tessa Jianas

lived on the same street as the children Ryan Tucker babysat.

OVERHEARD
quotes

DEC. 7

Seniors **Holly Grant**, **Maria Blando** and **Jordan Brown** discussed scheduling in Mr. Craig Whitney's room during a free. "Who do we go talk to about schedules?" Grant asked. "Barbara Walters," Brown replied. "It's Kathy Walters," Whitney explained.

APRIL 11

Senior **Molly Kenney** and sophomore **Peyton Gajan** discussed Kenney's "jungle" themed prom after party. "Do you or your mom have any animal print clothes?" Kenney asked. "Are you kidding me?" Gajan replied. "My mom basically lives in animal kingdom."

APRIL 13

During class meetings, senior **Laura Neenan** talked about reading tweets over the weekend. "Your guys' tweets were hilarious this weekend," Neenan said. "It wasn't just like I recognized that they were funny, I was literally LOL-ing at them."

Lauren Scott
Sue Seemani
Emma Steck
Meagan Stoops
Emily Strickland
Alexandra Stucky



Ali Stueve
Betsy Tampke
Addie Thompson
Evan Thompson
Ryan Tucker



Alysa Turner
Riley Uecker
Claire VanAsdale
Elizabeth Vater
Paige Vondenkamp



Sarah Waller
Amy Wendland
Anna White
Kristen Wieliczka



Sarah Wirtz
Taylor Woodruff
Chloe Zinn
Not pictured:
Sierra Stanton
Kaho Sugano



Ryan Tucker starred in the Rockhurst High School musical "Damn Yankees" with Katie Pautler.



Katie Pautler was left handed just like Montaya Jones.



Montaya Jones loved dancing and jewelry just like Colleen Corcoran.

SIMPLY seniors

During senior year girls experienced opportunities and privileges they had waited for since freshman year.

12. ADVISORY APPRECIATION Advisories threw seniors their last advisory party and gave them senior gifts and roses to mark their last day at STA.

11. BYE, BYE BLUE SHEET If they had no SBRs, seniors no longer turned in accountabilities at the end of the week.

10. GET OUT OF HERE Seniors could leave school during period 9 frees if they completed their required service hours.

9. SEALED WITH A KISS Before their years at STA ended, many girls kissed the seal in the middle of the Quad.

8. UP TO THE TOP Some seniors explored the fourth floor of the Music & Arts Building.

7. ALL ABOUT US The Dart staff handed out the "Senior Issue" at graduation.

6. FINALS FAREWELL If they had a 95 percent in a class at the end of the year, seniors were exempt from the second semester finals.

5. THEMED OUT Each Friday seniors could dress in a designated theme, such as gangsters and Rockhurst boys.

4. ACADEMY NOMINATIONS During the spring seniors voted for academy woman, the girl from their class who they felt most represented the STA.

3. KILT CONNECTIONS For the second year, seniors passed around a plaid kilt identical to the tartan skirts worn at STA.

2. LASTING IMPRESSION Seniors marked the end of their time at STA by signing their name in the "tunnel" located in the basement of Donnelly Hall.

1. SERIOUS SENIORITIS



who let the dogs out As their time at STA neared its end, seniors became infected with senioritis and spent time together joking around and focusing on embracing many aspects of STA spirit.

During a varsity basketball game against Notre Dame de Sion High School Jan. 27 seniors Catherine Arensberg, from left, Sophia Garozzo and Kathleen Hough cheer on

their classmates.

"On our way to the last soccer game, [senior] Betsy Tampke and I were getting all nostalgic and for the last pep rally we really wanted to make the best of everything," Hough said. "I think that senioritis definitely affected me because it made me want to embrace what time I had left."

SENIOR seasons



clownin' around (top left) Dressed as jugglers for Halloween, seniors Kristen Wieliczka, left, and Anna Rayburn show off their juggling skills. Seniors played in the Quad during their frees throughout the day. **photo by jordan brown**

snow what? (bottom left) Senior Lindsay Girardeau, left, ducks during a snowball fight with senior Madalyne Bird after school Jan. 14. When it snowed many seniors spent their frees sledding, throwing snowballs and making snow angels throughout campus. **photo by grace bisbee**

nervous nuggetters (right) On a yard day, seniors Kirsty McGhie, left, and Emily Baker rush to finish "nuggeting" senior Mary Franke's backpack. Seniors pranked their friends by removing the contents of backpacks, turning the backpack inside-out, and then replacing the contents of the backpack into an impossible-to-carry "nugget." **photo by jenny schorgl**



Colleen Corcoran quit a fall sport during her senior year just like Claire VanAsdale.



Claire VanAsdale went to Kaho Sugano's birthday party at Ward Parkway Lanes bowling alley.



Kaho Sugano was the exchange student from Hyogo, Japan and related to the new environment at STA each day she attended school.

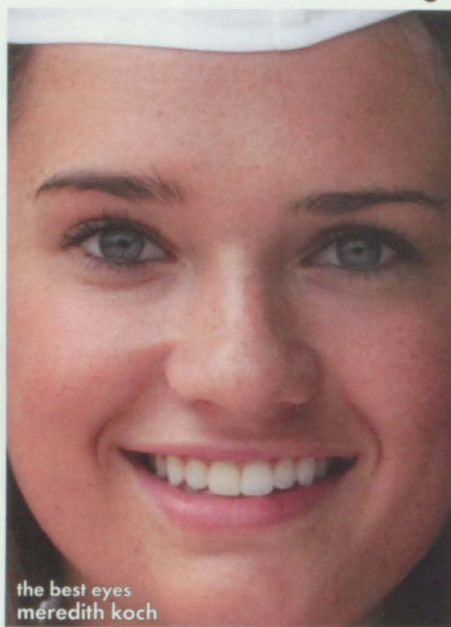
the best

CLASS OF 2011

The 131 members of the senior class voted for each of their classmates to win a "The Best" or "Most Likely To" title. Every girl in the class received recognition for a title in one of the two categories.

THE best...

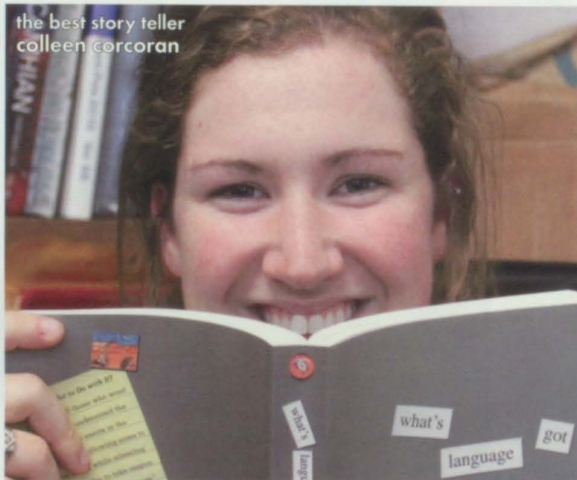
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- car Megan Porterfield
- personality Catherine Arensberg
- facebook page Montaya Jones
- obsession Zoe Busey
- looking in photos Sophia Garozzo
- singer Ryan Tucker
- dancer Tessa Jianas
- complexion Jessica Bullington
- listener Elizabeth McBee
- senior power trip Alexa Fowlkes
- artist Michaela Knittel
- athlete Caroline Gray
- slacker Elle Rauch
- lunches Kirsty McGhie
- advice Samantha Scheuler
- manners Casey Miller
- moocher Kirby Buckley
- headbands Margaret Haake
- in-class texter Rebecca Hupp
- procrastinator Grace Bisbee
- dimples Morgan Said
- nails Keara Kinney
- liar Gina Franken
- sense of humor Mary Franke
- sneeze Elise Pavicic
- hair flip Sierra Stanton
- vocabulary Elizabeth O'Neil
- posture Katarina Fitzpatrick
- human-loud speaker Samantha Cusumano
- music selection Maddie Lundgren
- house Lauren Laudan
- high school job Clare Bowen
- study habits Sarah Moran
- backpack Holly Grant
- stalker Mary Kate Duffy
- facebook statuses Katie Pautler
- cell phone Catherine Castleman
- foreign language skills Maria Maluenda
- hobby Ali Clauss
- leader Molly Kenney
- sweatshirts Claire Cirocco
- out-of-uniform socks Victoria Godfrey
- dressed on theme days Betsy Tampke
- coffee Riley Uecker
- planner Hayden Fudemberg
- organizational skills Cydney Chibnall
- girl to get gum from Anna Mincher
- jewelry Megan Schrader
- eating habits Claire VanAsdale
- bumper stickers Katie McCalla
- friend Addie Thompson
- cook Emily Strickland
- tattoo Emily Cox
- piercings Kara Pruitt
- hand writing Libby Kieffer
- creativity Rachel Edmonds
- tour guide Claire McDonald
- earrings Molly Meagher
- peacemaker Brittany O'Brien
- attitude Courtney Peterson
- waitress Nina Raimo



the best eyes
meredith koch



the best school spirit
lilly kraus



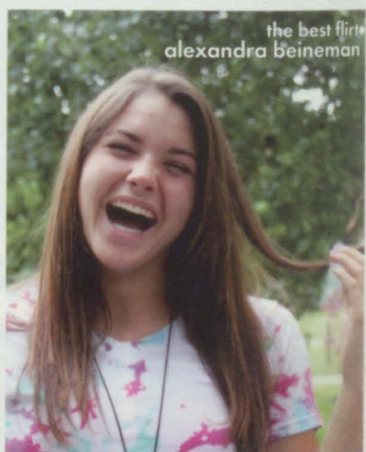
the best story teller
colleen corcoran



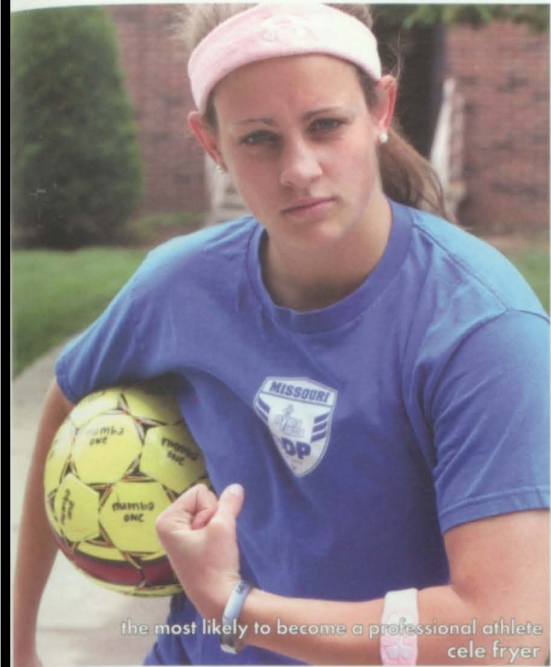
the best hair
lindsay girardeau



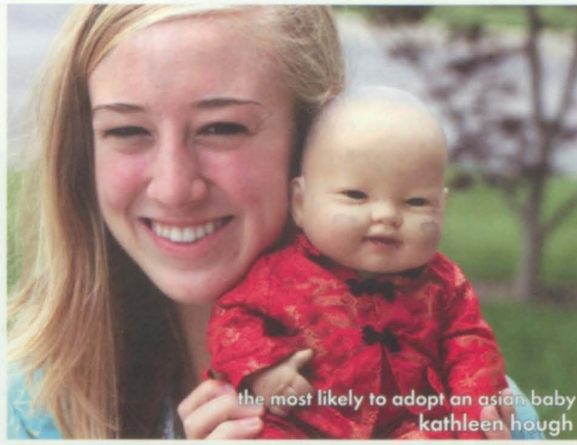
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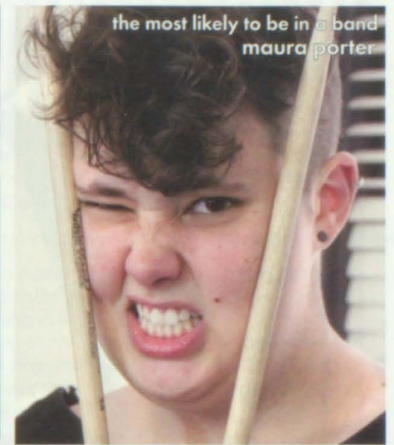
the best flirt
alexandra beineman



the most likely to become a professional athlete
cele fryer



the most likely to adopt an asian baby
kathleen hough



the most likely to be in a band
maura porter



the most likely to give you a hug
elizabeth vater



the most likely to open a coffee shop
molly o'boyle



the most likely to have the best laugh
maggie bradford



the most likely to overthrow the government
anna mclygue

THE MOST likely to...

- live on a farm
- become a police officer
- become a hoarder
- end up in the military
- have 10+ kids
- live in foreign country
- have best looking spouse
- write a best seller
- own a tanning salon
- be on "my strange addiction"
- be on reality tv show
- win the lottery
- drive a fancy car
- compete in the olympics
- marry high school sweetheart
- party with her kids
- teach at STA
- never go by her full name
- start her own religion
- never be heard from again
- become a supermodel
- take over the world
- never age in appearance
- never grow up
- be on the FBI's most wanted
- become a soccer mom
- invent something useless
- go to jail
- have a biography written about her
- marry an older man
- become a dermatologist
- own a restaurant
- become a fashion designer
- become a race car driver
- become CEO of a company
- become a brain surgeon
- freeze herself for study
- become a motivational speaker
- become a spy
- be late to graduation
- become a psychologist
- open an art gallery
- open a crafts store
- become editor of a magazine
- beat Bode in badminton
- have her own talk show
- win a Nobel peace prize
- skip class reunions
- become a saint
- become a lawyer
- travel the world
- become an astronaut
- win Jeopardy
- open a hair salon
- stay close to friends in college
- become first woman President

- Maggy Roth
- Eilene McSorley
- Taylor Woodruff
- Dominique Brawner
- Madeline Lueke
- Kaho Sugano
- Alex Christian
- Amy Wendland
- Karson Kuhlmann
- Kelly Clay
- Emily Baker
- Dagny Heinsohn
- Ellie Edelman
- Leah Miller
- Paige Vondenkamp
- Lauren Scott
- Melody Finn
- Cassie Redlingshafer
- Maggie Holt
- Aubree Hawkins
- Marissa Naggi
- Laura Martin
- Alyson McNaghten
- Emy Gatapia
- Jordan Brown
- Meagan Stoops
- Kristen Wieliczka
- Maria Blando
- Alexandra Stucky
- Jennifer Schorgl
- Elise Ferron
- Alison Mundy
- Clare Magers
- Morgan Barrett
- Madalyne Bird
- Ally Franken
- Sara Gassman
- Taylor Kramer
- Shelby Kuhns
- Kristen McEneaney
- Laura Neenan
- Clare Odegard
- Anna Rayburn
- Megan Schaff
- Sarah Schulte
- Kate Passantino
- Sue Seemani
- Ali Stueve
- Evan Thompson
- Alysa Turner
- Sarah Waller
- Anna White
- Sarah Wirtz
- Chloe Zinn
- Emma Steck
- Meghan Harper

the most likely to

BECAUSE I KNEW YOU



reunited (above) The seniors gather at STA for class day May 12. "I was happy because [Class Day] had finally come," senior Alexandra Stucky said. "But I was sad because it would be the last time I am with my whole class at school."

photo by maddie dang

facing the future (right) Senior Paige Vondenkamp receives her diploma from president Nan Bone and graduates from STA. "I think the future of our class looks extremely bright," Vondenkamp said.

photo by lucy edmonds



RANGE OF emotions

The senior class experienced a range of emotions as their graduation neared.

Tears, laughter and excitement filled the auditorium when the class of 2011 came back to school for the last time as a grade May 12 for their Class Day. But according to senior Paige Vondenkamp, as graduation neared many girls could not help but be excited.



senior margaret hacke



senior catherine arensberg



senior kirby buckley



front and center (above) The senior STA singers perform at graduation May 15. They sang together for the last time singing the school song for the audience. photo by lucy edmonds

can't fight this feeling Seniors Madalyne Bird, from left, Grace Bisbee and Maria Blando laugh during graduation. Senior Sarah Moran made many people laugh with her valedictorian speech that dubbed their class as "awesome." photo by lucy edmonds



Hats off (right) The senior class throws their caps off after graduate. Once they received their diplomas, they were no longer students at STA. photo by lucy edmonds

ST. TERESA'S GIRLS

Seniors Kathleen Hough, Betsy Tampke, Lilly Kraus, Lindsey Girardeau, Molly Kenney and Mary Franke composed a rendition of "California Girls" by Katy Perry and performed it during Class Day.

Greetings loved ones. Let's take a journey.

I know a place, where the Quad is really greener.
Lukewarm fishy, yellow, there must be something in that water fountain.
Lounging in my frees, lying underneath the trees,
(they're dogwoods).
Boys break their necks, try'na creep a little sneak peek (at us).

You can travel the world,
But nothing comes close to the KC, MO.
Once you study with us, you'll be falling in love,
with Nan Bone.

St. Teresa's girls are unforgettable.
Tartan plaid, white polo on top.
On SCO yard days, we hand out popsicles
(I got a drum stick, oh!)

St. Teresa's girls are indefinable.
Fast, Himes, Shrock, we get it, they're hot!
Brookside represent, now put your hands up
(We've got BO).

Sex there's just one,
without boys there is more pizza (Waldo).
In frees, eat and sleep,
play BubbleShooter on my netbook,
(Read my horoscope).

You can travel the world,
but nothing comes close to the girls with host.
Once you explore with us,
You'll be setting off alarms. Oh!

St. Teresa's girls, we're unmaintainable.
Don't own a comb, it's not the weekend.
My legs are hairy, and I read Harry Potter
(Wait there was homework? Oh oh oh oh no).

St. Teresa's girls, we're undeniable.
SBRs, I'm on level 9 (whoops!).
Seniors represent, now put your hands up!
Oh oh oh oh!

Toned, tanned, fit and ready.
These satchels are getting heavy.
Mid-west ain't no coast,
these are the girls I love the most!
I mean Donnelly, M and A,
Goppert and new chapel (Hey).
These girls are freaks,
they never sleep,
advisory parties every week.
I'm okay, can't stay away
I love this place just like I love Kelly Drummond.

Trick or treat?
Every day's like Halloween
Polo shirt, hangin' out.
All those hems, hangin' out.
Panini, linguini, zucchini
Yogurtini I eat everythingy
Rueschhoff, my lady,
those maps make me crazy.
I'm all up on ya.
'cause you representin' STA.

St. Teresa's school, you're unforgettable.
Nothing is complete without a theme.
Sisterhood, so close, we catch each other's
colds!
I'm throwing up, but can't miss that math test.

Class of 2011 our year's unchantable.
It doesn't matter, let's scream it louder.
Senior pranks and s'mores at Maggy Roth's farm,
Senior year yeah it was so bro.

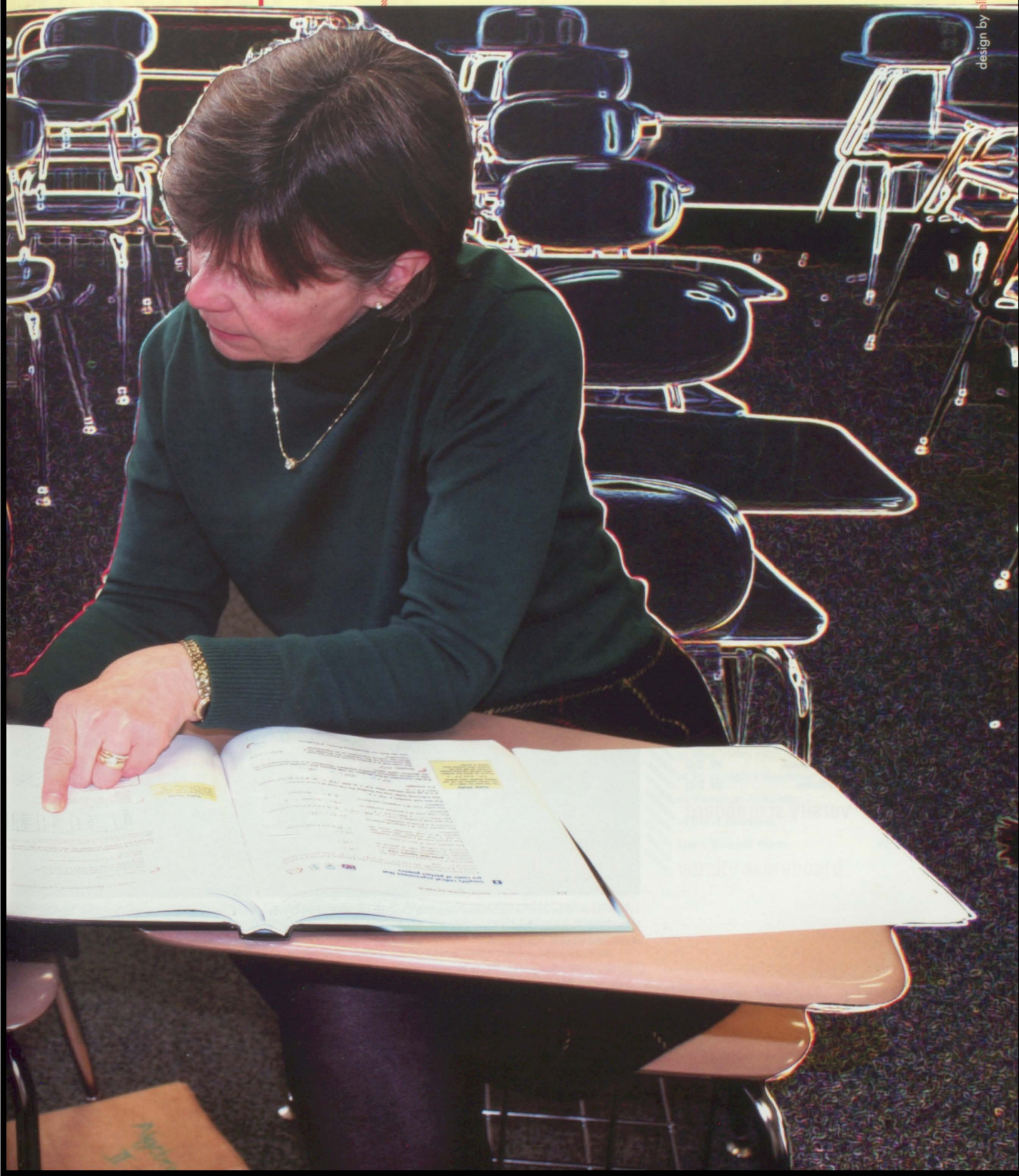
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We embrace STA by getting involved. Keeping team records as the manager for the basketball team... Tying ribbons on seniors' windshields the day before Prom for SADD club... Volunteering at the auction for your last four NHS service hours. Explore the **REFERENCE** to see the different ways students participated during the school year.



a squared + b squared

Junior Nicole Kamrdt, left, reviews algebra II homework with Ms. Barbara Harris Feb. 15. Harris taught two algebra classes each day. photo by clare odegard



volleyball



Front Row: Holli Hogge, Grace Spencer, Olivia Scheuler, Sarah Kostoryz, Meredith Latenser, Gabi Lukens **Row 2:** Elaine Schmidt, Adelle Smith, Dana Bailey, Coach Katie Dolan, Abbey Haines, Mercy Favrow, manager Ali Lukens



Front Row: Tessa Jean Smith, Kelsey Rugsis, Clare Mitchell, Cassie Florido, Molly Laird, Kiley O'Toole, Rachel Smith, Sydney Campo **Row 2:** Jamie Seibert, Miranda Schultz, Cori Mroz, coach Missy Larson, Allison McClendon, Mary Grace Maschler, Elena Flores

game

score

Topeka Hayden	L, 2-1
at St. Thomas Aquinas	W, 2-0
at Notre Dame de Sion	W, 2-0
O'Hara	L, 2-1
at Blue Valley West	W, 2-1
St. James Academy	W, 2-0
Cor Jesu Academy	L, 2-0
St. Joseph's Academy	W, 2-0
Ozark	W, 2-0
Pembroke Hill High School	L, 2-1
Visitation Academy	L, 2-0
at Shawnee Heights	W, 2-0
at Shawnee Mission Northwest	W, 2-0
at Lawrence Free State	W, 2-0

varsity scoreboard



Front Row: Samantha Scheuler, Cristina DeZeeuw, McLaren O'Rear, Victoria Godfrey, Sarah Godfrey, Nicole Wemhoff, **Row 2:** Coach Amy Carlson, Emily Wemhoff, Kathleen Vogel, Taylor Miglizzo, Holli Hogge, Anna Kropf, Assistant Coach Abby Lane

basketball



Front Row: Michelle Dierks, Cassie Florido, Bree Begnaud, Paige Lankford, Molly Woolery, Molly Laird, Tristin Stuteville **Row 2:** Emily Reboulet, Katherine Barnthouse, Madeline Lueke, Caroline Gray, Megan Lankford, Savannah Trujillo, Emma Steck, Peepers Gray, Grace Bullington, Miranda Schultz **Row 3:** Shannon McAuliffe, Katie Pautler, Megan Lewis, Maggie Relihan, Sarah Kane, Mary LeRoy, Becca Lueke, Ally Franken, Margaret Weiler **Row 4:** Melissa Le, Rachel Smith, Lauren Nagle, Hanna Krull, Rachel Saunders, Mary Grace Maschler, Madison Fitzgerald, Maggie Herrington, Mary Gibson, Lizzie Luallin

varsity scoreboard

game	score
Notre Dame de Sion	W, 45-42
Basehor-Linwood	W, 38-37
at Shawnee Heights	L, 58-28
Savannah	L, 50-41
Lawrence	W, 53-50
Olathe Northwest	W, 58-35
Metro Academy	L, 40-35
Central	L, 59-45
Raytown	L, 52-38
Smithville	W, 48-46
at Helias Catholic	L, 65-49
at Jefferson City	L, 54-51
Benton	W, 42-34
at Notre Dame de Sion	L, 63-49
Visitation Academy	W, 56-34
Pembroke Hill	L, 37-35
Lincoln College Prep	W, 48-43
Southwest Early College	L, 64-23
Incarinate Word Academy	W, 71-30
St. Joseph's Academy	W, 92-40
at Spring Hill High School	W, 52-37
Metro Academy	L, 49-46



Front Row: Kelli Strader, Emma Rebein, Allison Fitts, Stephanie Hampel, Kelly O'Byrne, Kelly Clay, Katie Hornbeck, Jade Hernandez, Lucy Edmonds, Margot Livers, Audrey Muehlebach, Molly Woolery **Row 2:** Grace Wells, Grace Hodes, MacKenzie Warrens, Cydney Chibnall, Margoth Mackey, Kate Witt, Molly Meagher, Maggy Roth, Claire VanAsdale, Emma Connelly, Samantha Adams, Christina Barton **Row 3:** Annie DeRuyter, Grace McCarthy, Allison Hogan, Celia O'Flaherty, Lizzy Imperiale, coach Bre Duvall, coach Jessica Hanna, coach Holly Ambrose, Megan Hodes, Kathleen Hough, Megan Porterfield, Cosline Connor **Row 4:** Shaeffer Smith, Madeline Horton, Kelly Fletcher, Madisen Sargent, Brenna Viles, Emily Rosgen, Kelly Jenks, Shaeffer Smith, Kelly Stokes, Mary Heiman, Natalie Rall, Morgan Marso **Row 5:** Grace Williams, Ciara Collins, Ema Brzon, Mattie Davis, Margaret Weiler, Katie Tampke, Lauren Taylor, Erin Trainor, Lydia Thomsen, Keara Miller

lacrosse

game score

Notre Dame de Sion	L, 10-4
Lee's Summit North	W, 10-1
at Notre Dame de Sion	L, 12-6
Lee's Summit West	W, 11-2
at Notre Dame de Sion	L, 12-6
Shawnee Mission East	W, 12-1
at Platte County	W, 13-1
at Edmond	W, 10-2
at Wichita	W, 12-0
Notre Dame de Sion	L, 8-4
at Blue Valley High School	L, 17-5
at St. Joseph's Academy	L, 10-1
at Visitation Academy	L, 5-3
at Barat Academy	W, 10-5
Lee's Summit North	W, 10-1

varsity scoreboard

softball

varsity scoreboard

game	score
Lafayette (St. Joseph)	W, 4-0
Notre Dame De Sion	W, 18-3
Archbishop O'Hara	W, 9-4
Rock Bridge	L, 11-1
Jeff City	L, 4-0
KC Classic	6th, 189
Benton	W, 5-4
Smithville	W, 5-4
Grain Valley	L, 4-2
Notre Dame De Sion	W, 13-1
Park Hill South	L, 4-5



Front Row: Emy Gatapia, Maddy Sommerland, Grace Bullington, Laura Dobens, Matalyn Shearhart, Erin Farmer, Mary Gibson; **Row 2:** Emma Steck, Krissy Bryde, Abby Suholaski, Anna Woolery, Allison Fitts, Amanda Florido, Anna Grisafe-Pont, Keara Kinney; **Row 3:** Rachel Tovar, Sara Pence, Coach Sarah Johnson, Coach Don Lang, Coach Dave Turney, Shannon McAuliffe, Shaeffter Smith; **Row 4:** Chloe Zinn, Ally Franken, Anna White, Katie Pautler, Eilene McSorely, Sarah Bryant

meet location

Missouri All-Comers Meet	Hearnes Fieldhouse
Ron Ives Invitational	Liberty High School
Rusty Hodge Invitational	Blue Springs South High School
Gray Parker Invitational	Blue Springs High School
Kansas Relays	University of Kansas
Lee's Summit Tiger Classic	Lee's Summit, MO
Fort Osage Throwers Showcase	Independence, MO
Joe Falcon Invitational	Belton, MO
Class 4 District 7	Peculiar, MO
Class 4 Sectional 4	Staley High School
Park Hill South	Park Hill South

varsity scoreboard

track & field



Front Row: Sammy Patterson, Serenity Wallace, Francesca Shilati, Regan Stiles, Lindsey Valdiviez, Amanda Koch, Clare Mitchell; **Row 2:** Maria Larena, Hannah McCausland, Shilae Green, Kelly Muraski, Elena Spaulding, Jennifer Blake, Sarah Vickery, Sabrina Salerno, Scout Distefano, Lane Schulte; **Row 3:** Madelyn Petree, Lane Maguire, Coach Matthew Voelker, Coach Mark Hough, Coach Earl Brown, Coach Amanda James, Coach Dana Stram, Abby Dearth, Miranda Green; **Row 4:** Sara Schwartz, Maya Burtin, Mary Gibson, Heather Cigas, Emily Taylor, Kennedy Reller, Cecilia Butler, Elizabeth Taylor; **Row 5:** Maggie Bowen, Molly Corless, Giggly Reardon, Alexandria Mediavilla, Hailey Waldenmeyer, Courtney Copping, Becca Lueke, Grace Dominique

swim & dive

varsity scoreboard

meet	score
Independence Invitational	6th, 148
COMO High School Invitational	5th, 200
Blue Springs South	1st, 252
Park Hill Invite	4th, 156
Lee's Summit High School	1st, 164
KC Classic	6th, 189
Tom Horn Independent League Championship	1st, 173.5
State	18th
Park Hill South	L, 4-5



Front Row: Katie Hornbeck, Kelsey Ruscis, Kelly Gardella, Molly Waris, Dominique Brawner, Fabiola Gutierrez, Beth Mitchell, Mallory Radtke; **Row 2:** Alexa Fowlkes, Grace Scovell, Mary Franke, Madi Schieber, Lucy Edmonds, Sarah Vickery, Elizabeth Arensberg, Maggie Allen, Lane Maguire, Jacqueline Kerr, Morgan Bene, Cele Fryer; **Row 3:** Coach Kerry Jones, Christina Barton, Marianna Messerli, Zoe Krygiel, Brie Sandridge, Madeline Knopke, Peyton Gajan, Emily McCann, Ellie Nachbor, Angelica Vincent, Sarah Wirtz, Maddi Hughes-Zahner, Coach Katherine Mingle; **Row 4:** Rachel Edmonds, Dominique Spini, Anna Mincher, Mary Kate Duffy, Rose Hutchison, Libby Sauder, Jane Evans, Meka Kelly, Hannah Reinhart, Addie Thompson, Katie Wiedeman

meet

score

Liberty Invitational	1st
Ray-Pec Invitational	2nd
Paul Enke	2nd
Rim Rock	5th
KC Metro	4th
Hazelwood Invitational	2nd
Districts	3rd
Sectionals	4th
State	7th

varsity scoreboard

cross country



Front Row: Caitlin Fletcher, Kelly Stokes, Samantha Adams, Lane Schulte, Francesca Shilati, Kelly Jenks, Mary Kate Jenks, Regan Stiles, Katherine Parkinson, Kate Rohr, Molly Woolery, Emily Taylor, Lindsey Valdiviez, Elizabeth Randolph, Jessica Bullington, Sarah Vickery; **Row 2:** Grace Hodes, Danni Porter, Mimi Hart, Kelly Fletcher, Maddie Dang, Mattie Davis, Elizabeen Taylor, Cecilia Butler, Ciara Collins, Mari Kerwin, Heather Cigas, Kate Witt, Grace Doran, Laura Neenan, Kelly O'Byrne, Sara Schwartz; **Row 3:** Jane Evans, Hannah Wolf, Patricia Smith, Lauren Taylor, Lane Maguire, Marianna Messerli, Coach Amanda James, Coach Karen Moran, Coach Kelly Fast, Coach Richard Shrock, Mary O'Leary, Chelsea Birchmier, Amy Wendland, Hannah McCausland, Alice Green, Katie Evans; **Row 4:** Marissa Naggi, Paige Vondemkamp, Addie Thompson, Megan Hodes, Peyton Gajan, Meghan Harper, Becca Lueke, Madeline Lueke, Molly Meagher, Hailey Waldenmeyer, Courtney Coppinger, Meka Kelly, Hannah Reinhart, Katie McCombs, Kathleen Hough

golf

varsity scoreboard

match	score
Liberty Invitational	3rd, 369 (12-3)
Notre Dame De Sion	L, 196 (12-4)
Lee's Summit North/ Blue Springs	1st, 187 (14-4)
Pembroke Hill	L, 169 (14-4)
Richmond Torment	2nd, 360 (30-6)
Truman Tournament	4th, 354 (41-9)
Notre Dame De Sion	L, 166 (41-10)
Barstow Quad	W, 196 (44-10)
Notre Dame De Sion Tournament	8th, 368 (54-17)
Barstow	W, 173 (55-17)
Districts	2nd, 342 (61-18)
Sectionals	3rd, 374 (66-20)
Pembroke Hill	W, 194 (67-20)
State	Madalyne Bird, All-State



Front Row: Sabrina Salerno, Frankie Neunuebel, Delaney Clark, Frannie Wilkinson, Shannon Ward, Kate Sanders;
Row 2: Coach Jack Garvin, Elizabeth Daugherty, Alexis Buford, Madalyne Bird, Emily McCann, Alexandra Jackson,
Jackie McGee, Coach Teresa Borchert

match

score

Liberty High School	W, 7-2
Central (St. Joseph) High School	W, 8-1
Pembroke Hill	L, 5-4
Notre Dame De Sion	L, 7-2
St. Joseph's Academy	L, 6-3
Visitation Academy	L, 6-3
Barstow High School	W, 5-4
Blue Valley West High School	W, 8-1
St. James Academy	W, 9-0
Blue Springs High School	W, 9-0
Bishop Miege High School	W, 9-0
Park Hill South	L, 5-4

varsity scoreboard



Front Row: Megan Porterfield, Megan Schaff, Catherine Arensberg, Cassie Redlingshafer, Kirsty McGhie; **Row 2:**
Elizabeth Arensberg, Emily Hafner, Murphy Marx, Gabby Ferro, Meaghan Coble, Nicole Sakoulas, Lauren Barrett,
Mickey Redlingshafer; **Row 3:** Holly Fielder, Kathleen Connor, Grace Wells, Cecilia O'Flaherty, Caroline Conner,
Taylor Twellman, Abbie McNaghten

tennis

dance team



Front Row: Theresa Murphy, Sara Meurer, Taylor Kramer, Emmi Shearman; **Row 2:** Grace Bisbee, Lauren Laudan, Betsy Tampke; **Row 3:** Lindsay Cook, Alexandra Radtke; **Row 4:** Katie Daniels, Camille Porterfield, Kim Fryer

varsity scoreboard

competition	score
Ft. Osage Classic	1st Place Jazz
Dance Team	1st Place Hip-Hop
Lee's Summit North Invitational	3rd Place Jazz
Dance Team	3rd Place Hip-Hop
State	5th Place Hip-Hop
	8th Place Overall



Front Row: Elena Flores, Paige Lankford, Morgan Trees, Karson Kuhlmann, Peepers Gray, Caroline Gray, Lizzie Luallin, Savannah Trujillo, Lauren Barrett, Emma Allen, Julia Hammond; **Row 2:** Michelle Dierks, Jellie Duckworth, Mickey Redlingshafer, Katie Beirne, Tristin Stuteville, Mary Hart, Cele Fryer, Janie Thompson, Megan Lankford, Ava Jurden, Maddi Hughes-Zahner, Mimi Hart; **Row 3:** Kelly Gardella, Katelyn Ehrman, Cristina DeZeeuw, Margaret Rellihan, jv coach Mike Comiskey, head coach Jeremy McClelland, "C" team coach Jeanella Clark, Megan Lewis, Mallory Radtke, Maggie Kenney, Maddie Knopke; **Row 4:** Cori Mroz, Katie Holt, Maggie Herrington, Laura Vedder, Molly Kenney, Emily Reboulet, Erin Farmer, Rachel Smith, Meghan DeRuyter, Kathleen Connor; **Row 5:** Emmie McCabe, manager Madeline Lueke, manager Rose Patterson, Bailey Whitehead, manager Alexa Fowlkes, manager Alexa Stucky, manager Shannon Ward

soccer

game

game	score
Notre Dame De Sion	W, 2-1
St. Pius X High School	W, 6-0
Cherry Creek High School	W, 2-0
Tulsa Union High School	W, 2-1
Jenks High School	L, 4-3
Blue Valley West High School	W, 3-1
Lee's Summit West High School	W, 4-1
Lee's Summit North High School	W, 4-1
Olathe North High School	W, 10-0
Shawnee Mission East High School	W, 2-1
Kearney High School	W, 2-1
Liberty High School	L, 2-1
St. James Academy	W, 3-1
Smithville High School	W, 2-0
Notre Dame De Sion	W, 2-0
Topeka Hayden High	W, 7-1
Blue Valley North	W, 2-0
District Semifinals	W, 5-0
District Finals	L, 1-0

varsity scoreboard

St. Teresa's offers students the opportunity to participate in one club and any organization, allowing students the opportunity to get involved and explore their interests. For more information see pages 18, 62 and -98.



FRENCH CLUB

activities: explored the French culture, held a bake sale fundraiser which donated money to an orphanage in Haiti
row one Brenna Palmer, Megan Helt, Rebecca Hupp, **row two** Maya Burtin, Alexa Waiters, Alysa Turner, Kirby Buckley, **row three** club moderator Alice Amick, Annie Steinert, Maddi Hughes-Zahner, Erin Trainor, Fannie Wilkinson



STUDENTS ASSEMBLED FOR GLOBAL AWARENESS

activities: also known as SAGA, sold water bottles as a fundraiser, planted a tree on the campus
row one Anja Browning, Elizabeth Schorgl, Sarah Burchett, **row two** Kelsey Ceriotti, Chelsea Birchmier, Hannah Hitt



ART CLUB

activities: sold headbands a fundraiser, painted ceramics to donate to the Macy's AIDS fundraiser mosaic, watched educational art films
row one club moderator Lisa Dibble, Libby Torres, **row two** Frankie Neunuebel, Clare Odegard, Rachel Moran, Katie Parkinson **row three** Maggie Holt, Melody Finn, Aubree Hawkins, Erin Sheehy, Miranda Johnson, Jacqueline Kerr **row four** Madeline Gabbert, Elise Pavicic, Michaela Knittle, Hayden Fudemberg, Hattie Svoboda-Stel, Sierra Stanton, Mary Heiman **row five** Kristen Wieliczka, Amy Wendland



CINEMA CLUB

activities: held High School Confidential, the annual filmfest, watched Oscar-nominated documentaries between meetings
row one Grace McCarthy, Shannen Freeman, Elizabeth O'Neil, Molly Meagher **row two** Taylor Twellman, Margoth Mackey, Libby Sauder, Maria Luna, Katherine King **row three** club moderator Stephen Himes, Abbie McNaghten, Elizabeth Daugherty, Alexandra Greathouse, Abby Geiger, Krissy Bryde, Rachel Tovar

SPANISH CLUB

activities: watched movies, ate Mexican food, participated in the Notre Dame De Sion High School and Rockhurst High School Spanish Club meetings

row one Haley Winslow, Paige Lankford, Marisa Ramirez, Elena Flores, Kim Fryer, Rachel Smith **row two** Lindsay Cook, Madison Kintzle, Angelica Duckworth, Michelle Dierks, Lizzie Luallin, Christi Backer, Kelsey Ruscis, Mary Gibson **row three** club moderator Melissa Axton, McLaren O'Rear, Megan Mandl, Keara Miller, Zarah Kostorz, Kathleen Connor, Cristina DeZeeuw, Laura Vedder, Maggie Herrington, Brianna Casey, Mary O'Leary, Erika Mikkelsen **row four** Maggie Allen, Jamie Seibert, Cassie Florido, Samantha Adams, Emma Rebein, Molly Waris, Caroline Connor, Martha Lucero Ramirez



COME **together** AS ONE



BOOK CLUB

activities: created a list of books that were films, read the books and watched the movies followed by a discussion
row one Amanda Lynn Sloan, Kelly Muraski **row two** club moderator Jackie Hershewe **row three** Sibel Alpakin, Abby Uche



WINDMOOR

activities: created the Windmoor magazine, sold shirts as a fundraiser
row one Evan Thompson, Anna Woolery, Cara McClain, Clare Bowen **row two** Brenna Palmer, Mary Cate Feuerborn, Maura Porter, Kristen Wieliczka, Anna Rayburn, Molly O'Boyle, Lorraine Sands **row three** club moderator Carrie Jacquin, Marissa Naggi, Claire Cirocco, Maddie Lundgren, Lena White, Sibel Alpakin



SPIRIT CLUB

activities: organized three pep rallies, led the spirit crowd during games, sold spirit sunglasses as a fundraiser

row one Alexa Fowlkes, Victoria Godfrey, Taylor Kramer, Elizabeth Vater, Catherine Arensberg, Kathleen Hough, Betsy Tampke, Molly Kenney, Grace Bisbee, Jordan Brown **row two** Meka Kelly, Margot Livers, Kelly O'Byrne, Brie Sandridge, Alexandra Radtke, Maddie Dang, Christina Barton, Elizabeth Arensberg, Peyton Gajan, Mimi Hart, Isabella Nair **row three** Margaret Weiler, Katherine Viviano, Kathleen Devine, Ellie Nachbor, Margaret Rellihan, Maggie Kenney, Kelly Stokes, Rose Hutchison, Mallory Radtke, Kennedy Reller **row four** Grace Wells, Katie Tampke, Elaine Schmidt, Madeline Barth, Andie Drummond, Janie Thompson, Madison Schieber, Morgan Bene, Makenzie Carter, Caroline Fiss



OVEREXPOSED PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

activities: participated in the Fine Arts Showcase, sold postcards with members' photos
row one Kelly Clay, Alyson McNaghten, Meredith Koch, Elise Ferron, Lauren Langdon **row two** Erin Hutchison, Hanna Katz, Christina Allen, Katie Crow, Abby Dearth, Paige Drummond **row three** Jordan Allen, Madelyn Petree, Bailey Whitehead, Giggy Reardon, Maggie Bowen, Adrianna Ohmes, club moderator Eric Thomas



PRAISE BAND

activities: performed at the school masses and the Fall Festival, practiced twice a week
row one Colleen McInerney, Cricket Martin, Mackenzie Jones, Katie Law, Brianna Valine, **row two** club moderator Michelle McIntire, Emmie McCabe, Holly Fielder, Kate Sanders, Anna Heldt, Meredith Koch

COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB

activities: sponsored Food for Thought, organized the blood drive, helped the World Cultures Club with their service project
row one Megan Burke, Sara Gassman, Karson Kuhlmann, Gina Franken, Rachel Shedd, Katarina Waller, Lucy McManness, Katie Hornbeck *row two* Katarina Fitzpatrick, Holly Fielder, Nicole Wemhoff, Maddison Balachowski, Lorraine Sands, Cara McClain, Grace Crowe, Jackie Regan, Heather Cigas *row three* club moderator Betsy Hansbrough, Cori Mroz, Melissa Le, Katie Wilhelmus, Phyleia Battle, Stephanie Allee, Emmi Shearman, Emma Wheatley



SADD CLUB

activities: made posters and ribbons for major school dances to discourage students from destructive decisions, lead round table discussion, organized grim reaper day before prom
row one Mary Grace Maschler, Shannon Ward, Hannah Taft, Colleen McInerney, Matalyn Shearhart, Alice Green, Kailey Witcher, Mari Kerwin, Megan Bresette *row two* Rachel Caffrey, Mayme Marshall, Marissa Naggi, Katherine Barnthorpe, Emily Lankford, Lucia Maschler, Danielle Comford, Kennedy Burton, Alexis Buford, club moderator Richard Shrock



SCIENCE CLUB

activities: recycled every club meeting, made ice cream, tie-dyed shirts, performed other science experiments
row one Anna White, Maria Blando, Ally Franken, Claire VanAsdale *row two* Holly Grant, Ellie Edelman, Erin Rasmussen *row three* Sue Seemani, Taylor Migliazzo, Natalie Wuress *row four* Chloe Moran, Serenity Wallace, Brenna Viles, MacKenzie Warrens *row five* Grace Bran, Serenity Reboulet, Lane Maguire, Nicole Sakoulas, Jill Campbell, Kathleen Keaveny, Natalie Winterman, Meghan Lewis, Anna Meyers *row six* club moderator Terry Conner, Beth Dudley, Emily Taylor



TIE-DYE CLUB

activities: tie-dyed articles of clothing
row one Lauren Goode, Caroline Green, Elle Rauch, Megan Porterfield, Abbey Haines, Grace Bullington *row two* Libby Kieffer, Tessa Jianas, Olivia Scheuler, Tessa Jean Smith, Molly Corless, Jordan Berardi *row three* Jackie McGee, Mariah Hughes, Danni Porter, Elizabeth Randolph, Rose Patterson, Lauren Nagle *row four* Alexandra Jackson, Cassie Odneal, Sara Pence, Sarah Godfrey, Patricia Smith, Kathleen Vogel, club moderator Diana Blessen



SCIENCE QUIZ BOWL

activities: participated in the Science Knowledge Bowl competition and the Avila University competition
row one Elaine Schmidt, MacKenzie Warrens, Anna Leach, Clare Mitchell *row two* Shelby Lynne Hawkins, Fabiola Gutierrez, Sarah Kostoryz, Emily Cosgrove, Maddie Dang *row three* Erin Twaddle, Erin Sheehy, Kate Witt, Anna Woolery



MATH TEAM

activities: attended KCATM math competition, took monthly math tests during activity periods
 row one Kate Sanders, Libby Stoops, Sarah Kostoryz, Elizabeth O'Neil, Natalie Rall, Shelby Lynne Hawkins, Kathleen Hough row two Lane Maguire, Sue Seemani, Paige Wendland, Sarah Moran, Laura Martin, Grace Crowe, Hannah Wolf, club moderator Jo Weller



NEWSPAPER

activities: published the Dart newspaper, managed DartNewsOnline
 row one Emma Robertson, Madalyne Bird, Allison Fitts row two Nikki Rodriguez, Megan Schaff, Mary O'Leary, Cassie Redlingshafer row three Cara McClain, Christina Barton, Hannah Wolf, Laura Naenan, Betsy Tampke row four Lucia Maschler, Katie Hyde, Emily McCann, Sarah Wirtz, journalism advisor Eric Thomas row five Cecilia O'Flaherty, Rachel Tovar, Sara Meurer, Lane Maguire, Taylor Woodruff row six Cele Fryer, Katie McCombs, Emily Bresette



YEARBOOK

activities: published the Teresian yearbook, organized the Teresian dance
 row one Maddie Dang row two Alyson McNaghten, Jordan Brown, Grace Bisbee, Meagan Stoops, Madeline Barth, Katarina Waller, Margot Livers row three Clare Odegard, Emily Baker, Colleen Corcoran, Lucy Edmonds row four Elle Rauch, Maggie Kenney, Meghan Harper, Alexandra Radtke, Ellie Nachbor, Maddi Hughes-Zahner, Carrie Hudson, Maddison Balachowski



CAMPUS MINISTRY

activities: planned masses, prayer services and retreats, read mid-day prayer
 row one Colleen McInerney, MacKenzie Warrens row two Allison Fitts, Lucy Edmonds, Danni Porter, Regan Stiles, Natalie Nuessle row three Mary Grace Ruhlman, Samantha Scheuler, Cele Fryer, Addie Thompson row four director Joe LaScala



FASHION CLUB

activities: organized a school dress-up day fundraiser, held the Recycled Runway fashion show
 row one Regan Stiles, Kelly Love, Holli Hogge, Kaitlin Murphy, Dominique Spini row two Madalyn Doyle, Ariana Goode, Sarah Turgeon, Caroline Mendus, Emma Allen, Rachel Birchmier row three Beth Mitchell, Sammy Patterson, Erin Thompson, Meaghan Coble, Airicha Lunn, Sydney Campo, Molly Laird, Laura Dobens, Rachel Saunders row four Madison Fitzgerald, Mercy Favrow, Sophie Seigfreid, Katie Daniels, Kiley O'Toole, Maggie Nothnagel, Mattie O'Boyle row five Zoe Krygiel, Taylor Steen, Morgan Trees, Peepers Gray, Natalie Rall, Natalie Fitts row six Adelle Smith, Allison McClendon, Dreama Weber, Dominique Brawner, Claire McDonald row seven Sarah Flattery, Emily Wunder, Molly Kaniger, Kaho Sugano



JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

activities: participated in regional and national Latin competitions
row one Hannah Taft, Ariana Goode, Erin Twaddle, Abby Uche, Erin Rasmussen **row two** Abbey Haines, Katie Hornbeck, Sibel Alpakin, Alexandra Greathouse, Sue Seemani **row three** Sarah Waller, Lauren Taylor, Megan Lewis, Nicole Wemhoff, Kate Needham, Alexandra Reddis



DEAD POET'S SOCIETY

activities: visited poet from The Writer's Place, participated in Zine creation, performed poetry readings at meetings
row one Sarah Waller, Maura Porter, Molly O'Boyle, Desiraye Pearson **row two** Anna McDonald, Lena White, Claire Cirocco, Alondra Tule, Katie Law, Evan Thompson

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

activities: sponsored Culver's night each semester, worked with Horizon Academy, made valentines for Children's Mercy Hospital
row one club moderator Debi Hudson, Betsy Tampke, Kelly Clay, Cydney Chibnall, Claire VanAsdale, Hannah Seemant, Annie DeRuyter, Mary Kate Jenks, Sue Seeman, Allison Fitts, Lucia Maschler, Alexandra Radtke **row two** Megan Schaff, Alexandria Mediavilla, Rowan O'Brien-Williams, Christina Barton, Katie Evans, Marianna Messerli, Colleen McNerney, Kelsey Criotti, Kirsty McGhie, Laura Neenan, Alex Christian, Sarah Moran **row three** Elle Rauch, Kathleen Hough, Addie Thompson, Meghan Harper, Sarah Wirtz, Megan Porterfield, Grace Crowe, Taylor Kramer, Emma Steck, Jessica Bullington, Elizabeth McBee, Katie Pautler, Cecilia O'Flaherty



COOKING CLUB

activities: organized food themes for each meeting, talked about and ate each food dish, made breakfast food in the Commons, moderator shared cooking techniques with members
row one Emily Hafner, Madeline Horton, Madison Sargent, Audrey Muehlebach, Katy Owara, Kristin Teahan **row two** Lauren Hampel, Madeline Best, Becca Ferron, Camille Porterfield, Meghan DeRuyter, Logan Kembel, Lauren Barrett, Hannah Haywood **row three** Maggie Cussen, Mary Hart, Lydia Thomsen, Stephanie Hampel, Hannah Otto **row four** club moderator Craig Whitney, Kerry Egan, Paige Wendland, Laura Stacy



DRAMA CLUB

activities: played improv games
row one Sabrina Salerno, Emmie McCabe, Fabiola Gutierrez, Ruby Dibble, Kate Sanders, Emma Stanfield, Emma Robertson, Gracie Williams, Erin Twaddle **row two** Kathleen Blanck, Meredith Latenser, Brianna Valine, Angelica Vincent, Gabby Ferro, Anna Heldt, Alexandra Reddis, Dagny Heinsohn, Shelby Kuhns, Keara Kinney **row three** Shelby Lynne Hawkins, Erin Farmer, Elizabeth Taylor, Madeline Cozad, Menley Brennan, Francesca Shilati, Morgan Marso, Alison Mundy, Alexandria Mediavilla, Laura Martin, Lindsay Girardeau, Leah Miller **row four** Kelly Gardella, Claire Fisher, Natalie Kilgore, Fiona Madden, Christie Fletcher, Claire Cirocco, Sarah Moran, Ryan Tucker, Kate Needham, Rosemary McGraw, Mary Kate Duffy





STUDENT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

activities: planned Christmas dance, held pumpkin carving contest, organized student appreciation day and teacher appreciation day

row one Grace Scovell, Emily McCann, Mickey Redlingshafer, Scout Distefano, Mary Franke, Emily Baker **row two** Caitlin Fletcher, Sarah Vickery, Jane Evans, Marianna Messerli, Lucy Edmonds, Kelly Fletcher **row three** Katie Evans, Sara Schwartz, Whitney Waeckerle, Cassie Redlingshafer, club moderator Becky Flores



DANCE CLUB

activities: practiced yoga and other types of dance during meetings, choreographed and performed original dances

row one Kelli Strader, Ema Brzon **row two** Audrey Muehlebach, Emily Taylor, Shannon McAuliffe, Marina Vianello, Madeline Cozad, Jillian Gallagher, Christie Fletcher, Ciara Collins **row three** Lauren Nagle, Sydney Campo, Katherine Viviano, Claire Fisher, Camille Porterfield, Madeline Best, Meghan DeRuyter **row four** Elizabeth Taylor, Rose Patterson, Dreama Weber, Mary Hart, Morgan Marso, Grace Wells, Leah Miller



JUNIOR STATESMEN OF AMERICA

activities: discussed and debated a variety of topics including current events

row one Nikki Rodriguez, Tristin Stuteville, Maddy Ismert, Jennifer Blake **row two** Katy Wonder, Madalyne Bird, Kate Passantino, Anna McTygue **row three** Emma Kelley, Lauren Taylor, Kate Witt, Elizabeth McBee, Madison Phillips



WORLD CULTURES CLUB

activities: brought in food from different countries each meeting to learn about other cultures, hosted fundraiser for the Central Asia Institute, discussed world affairs, hosted two guest speakers

row one Katie Beirne, Meghan Harper, Casey Miller, Margaret Haake, Sarah Wirtz **row two** Anna Woolery, Molly Woolery, Ali Lukens, Hannah McCausland, Clare Mitchell, Emma Connelly, Julia Hammond **row three** club moderator Denise Rueschhoff, Kelsey Rodriguez, Mary LeRoy, Cecilia Butler, Gabi Lukens, Grace Hodes, Catherine Castleman, Courtney Peterson **row four** Katie Hyde, Megan Hodes, Mary Cate Feuerborn, Katelyn Ehrman, Samantha Cusumano, Madeline Knopke



CARE CLUB

activities: organized freshmen mixer, provided study tips for freshmen, decorated Valentines for freshmen

row one Hannah Wolf, Madeline Lueke, Lilly Kraus, Allison Fitts **row two** Lauren Laudan, Megan Schaff, Emma Steck, Alexandra Stucky, Lauren Scott, Caroline Gray, Laura Neenan, Colleen Corcoran **row three** Claire McKeon, Melissa Lane, Jasmine Colhour, Ava Jurden, Katie McCombs, Theresa Murphy **row four** Becca Lueke, Sarah Kane, Emily Holt, Miranda Green, Lane Shulte, Hannah Reinhart, Courtney Copping **row five** Annie DeRuyter, Rowan O'Brien-Williams, Cecilia O'Flaherty, Lizzy Imperiale, Erica Wind **row six** club moderator Matthew Bertalott, Dana Bailey, Amanda Koch, Sara Muerer, Annie Palmer, Carrie Hudson **row seven** Sarah Langtry, Libby Stoops, Margie Stone

senior GRID

The class of 2011 filled out online surveys revealing who they were and what kept them wired during their time at St. Teresa's Academy.



my name is	people call me	senior quote
CATHERINE ARENSBERG	Kitty Cat, Kitten, Pee Wee, C\$, Cat, Frin, Poe, Pussy Cat, Craig, Lard, Catherine Marie, Bro	"A hug a day keeps the demons at bay." —Proverbs
EMILY BAKER	Ez-bake, Ez-cheese, Kimmy, Ebay, Cheeze, Meemz	"If anybody axe you who I am...I'm the world's greatest." —R. Kelly
MORGAN BARRETT	Morgs	"Nobody gets to live life backwards. Look ahead, that is where your future lies." —Ann Landers
ALEXANDRA BEINEMAN	Alex, AB, AI, Beans, Big AI the truck driver	"Had no excuses for the things that we'd done. We were brave, we were crazy, we were mostly young." —Kenny Chesney
MADALYNE BIRD	Mad Bird, Mad, Bad Bird, Maddy, Madskis, Birdie, Bird Woman of Alcatraz, Baby Bird	"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." —Dr. Seuss
GRACE BISBEE	G Bizz, B Berf Cherf, Gurgle Berf, Gizzard Breath, Dry Eyez	"Do you not like my mouth words, Mr. Fingers?"
MARIA BLANDO	Ria, Maria B, Mariah Carey, Diego	"Some like cheese, but I like chedda."
CLARE BOWEN	Claire	Haha
MAGGIE BRADFORD	Baby Eyes, Baby Carlos, Skipper, Midget, Moby, Mannie, Mags Brads	"Poppin' in on me and ma gopill"
DOMINIQUE BRAWNER	Dom, Domino	"I'm sorry I ruined your lives and crammed eleven cookies into the VCR." —Buddy the Elf
JORDAN BROWN	Blanket Jackson, Gizzard Breath, J Brizzle	"I like that boulder. That is a <i>nice</i> boulder." —"Shrek"
KIRBY BUCKLEY	Kirbs, Kirb-Check, Kirbuddy, K-baby, Furby, Kirb-o, Kirbalicious	"I may or may not be wearing Halloween underwear in the middle of summer." —Ryan Tucker
JESSICA BULLINGTON	Jess	Everything happens for a reason.
ZOE BUSEY	Zbeeze, Zbeezy, Buse, Zo, Zobug, Zobo	"I just like to smile. Smiling's my favorite!" —Buddy the Elf
CATE CASTLEMAN	Square	"That's dumb."
CYDNEY CHIBNALL	Chibs, Chibsy, C.Y.D., Cindy Chinball, Sydney	"Here comes the sun." —The Beatles
ALEX CHRISTIAN	AI, Big AI, Dri	"That's what she said." —Michael Scott
CLAIRE CIROCCO	Sircoco, Clurr, Clay, Ian MacKaye	"You've been chosen as an extra in the movie adaptation of the sequel of your life." —Pavement
ALI CLAUSS	Toots, AI Pal	"That's what she said." —Michael Scott
KELLY CLAY	Kelly Clay (never just Kelly)	"Set your expectations low and I will be sure to exceed them." —Anna Rayburn
COLLEEN CORCORAN	Coco	"Turns out not where but who you're with that really matters." —Dave Matthews
EMILY COX	Cox, Em, Em C, Eco, Moco	"How does it feel to be one of the beautiful people, now that you know who you are?" —The Beatles
SAMANTHA CUSUMANO	Spam, Mom, Samantha, Sammy, Sis	"To have courage for whatever comes in life...everything lies in that." —St. Teresa of Avila
MARY KATE DUFFY	MK, Mary Beth, Merly, Mike, Toast	"Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today." —James Dean
ELLIE EDELMAN	Lucy, Belton girl, Andrea	"If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?" —Steven Wright
RACHEL EDMONDS	Rachiebaby, Rach, Rachele, Rotchol, "The R-a", Rachel Lizzy	"Just do it." —Nike

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i groove to	my pet peeves are	i like	confession
Krizz Kaliko, Kanye West, Beyonce, Bon Iver, Tech N9ne, Jurassic 5, Fleetwood Mac	My phone being blocked at 11:30 every night without fail	Hot Tamales, oversized clothes & sweat-shirts, bomber hats, Chinese food, music	I'm obsessed with Michaela Knittel (and so are you).
"Love in This Club" by Usher, "Bootylicious" by Destiny's Child, "Ditty" by Paperboy, Tupac	Long toes, people who open my door without knocking, T.G.I. Friday's	Nuggets	I'm Brian Fellows.
Kid Cudi, Blink-182, Tech N9ne, "Why Not" by Hillary Duff, "Girlfriend" by Avril Lavigne	Unfriendly people	Summer, weekends, friends, horoscopes, black cars, lemonade, living life	I've gotten way too many speeding tickets.
Joe LaScala's iPod	Table manners, negativity, when people walk in through the left door (freshmen)	Snow, fireworks, the Arkansas Razorbacks	I make the same wish on the first star I see every night.
Lady Gaga, Florence and the Machine, The Beatles, Christmas music	Bad drivers, acting nice while being mean, students who correct teachers	Kin Lin, Urban Outfitters, caffeine, trig homework, QT, dogman	I work in Ward Parkway Mall selling Native American jewelry.
Joe LaScala's intercom music	People driving in two lanes on Meyer Blvd	Grapes	"I am not the same, I am an alien." —Salad Fingers
"We Like the Cars" by Le Tigre, "Brand New Key" by Melanie Safka	Bumming my last piece of gum from my pack, shedding hair	My family, late starts, warm weather, discovering new music	I once made a rap band with my six best friends.
Joanna Newsom, Cake, Modest Mouse, The Tallest Man on Earth, Ke\$ha	People who speak or text in abbreviations, bottled water, movie theater prices	You	I watch "StarTrek Next Generation" with my family almost nightly.
White noise	When couples sit next to each other during breakfast, lunch or dinner	Laughing so hard I cry, family, friends, cupcakes, archaeology, happiness	"I got one on the way." —Usher
Silence	Drivers who do not use a turn signal, people who complain	Warm weather, sleeping, swimming, watching TV, ice cream	I hate squirrels.
Boats	Irrational	Rusty spoons	The fetus Mrs. Blake has in a jar is my babysitter.
Nappy Roots	Bad grammar, when people say "inneresting" or "dif-fernt," slow drivers, mouth breathers	TayButt, Sporcle, Tetris, Bubble Shooter	My favorite animals are koala bears.
Black Eyed Peas, Ke\$ha, Taylor Swift, Jack's Mannequin	When people act like they know something and they really do not	Molly Meagher, listening and singing to music, snowboarding, Will Ferrell	I went to the Sion Winter Formal.
Hard core rap, electronica/dance, my own beat	Bad drivers, picking of the nose, chewing with your mouth open	Candy, candy canes, candy corn, syrup, Sporcle, Bubble Shooter, my friends	I have a deep, pathological fear of clowns.
Beach House, The Doors, Troop 41	Loud chewers	Doing the John Wall	I hardly ever showered my whole four years at STA.
Everything	Misspelled words and people who stop in hallways or on the stairs	Ice cream, Sporcle and road trips	I'm a closet sass and Zoe Busey wrote a rap about it.
Avril Lavigne, Eminem, Ke\$ha, Nickelback	Hair on my clothes, slow drivers, people who act dumb	Orbit gum, KU basketball, concerts, friends	I've never been out of the country.
Fugazi, Why?, Roy Orbison, Sufjan Stevens, The Talking Heads	People who don't dance at shows, knuckle popping and dairy troubles	Dinosaur egg oatmeal, the 90s, bats, riot grrrl, making mixes, the Midwest	I eat paper when I'm anxious.
Music that shocks my teammates	Slow drivers, people who do not use their turn signals, vuvuzuelas	Playing hockey, not having to drive on roadtrips, Chipotle, fuzzy boots	I actually like the color pink.
What don't I groove to? That's the real question.	Bad drivers, gum, scratching forks on plates	Pelvic thrusting, Ms. Rietbrock, musicals, frolicking, ice cream	Wet, dirty dishes scare me.
90s music	Bad toenails and fingernails, when people quote movies, sleeping with socks on, aggressive people	Naps, onion bagels, Frank's RedHot, snow, "Grey's Anatomy"	I was born with holes above my ears.
Whatever fits the mood	People who talk over really loud music, slow walkers	Music, photography, foreign films, the smell of rain and fresh cut grass	If you have lost a sweatshirt, it's probably at my house.
Whitney Houston	Chomping gum, grammatical errors	After school naps, Berardi, meditation, Mrs. Good's microwave	I sometimes secretly sit in the auditorium by myself when no one is watching.
Ke\$ha	No turn signals, when people sing and do not know the words	Driving with nowhere to go	I play Bubble Shooter everyday.
Lil Boosie, Country and Dubstep	Veins, tacky lawn ornaments, steak, voicemails	Cottage cheese and apple sauce mixed together	Too many to count
"Sk8er Boi" by Avril Lavigne	When people abbreviate the word tomorrow as "tommm"	Boyz	I stole money from church in second grade (still need to confess).



my name is	people call me	senior quote
ELISE FERRON	Sassy Chee, Tool, Ralph Lauren, Jersey Girl, Maya	"Why Not?"
MELODY FINN	Mel	"For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone." —Audrey Hepburn
KATARINA FITZPATRICK	KFitZ, Katawampus, Fitzgerald	"Hugs are like an emotional Heimlich." —Charlotte (Chuck) Charles
ALEXA FOWLKES	Sexy Lexie, Lex, Lexa	"Love is like the wind, you can't see it but you can feel it." —"A Walk to Remember"
MARY FRANKE	Mur Phronk, Mare, Mur Bur, Murspice, Stanky Franke, Cheryl, Sherrie, Cher	"Dance like no one's watching, sing like no one's listening and fart like no one's sniffing."
ALLY FRANKEN	Larry, Baby Babboon	"And remember, even the smallest envelope is heavy for an elf." —"Glee"
GINA FRANKEN	Reg, Regie or Regina	"Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass. It is about learning to dance in the rain." —Vivian Greene
CELE FRYER	Baby Cele, Celey, Celebop, Cell, Frydog, Cecil, Cecelia, Silly Cele, Cecelia Bedilia, Ninja Cele	"I don't know if you know this, but I'm kind of a big deal."
HAYDEN FUEMBERG	H, HFud, HayButt, HayHay	"She looks like a visible fart." and "It's funny because you don't bake with a toaster!"
SOPHIA GAROZZO	Sofetus	"Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today." —James Dean
SARA GASSMAN	Python	"Sometimes you act like you have a brain the size of a pebble, but other times I can't understand half the words you are saying, so I guess your smartness changes on a day to day basis."
EMY GATAPIA	Emy	"Keep it classy."
LINDSAY GIRARDEAU	Ginger	"My body's immobile, but yet I'm so sexy."
VICTORIA GODFREY	Vic, V, Awry	"We came expecting, left remembering. We came strangers, left friends. We came with nothing and left with everything." —Anonymous
HOLLY GRANT	Hollister, Holz, Snickfritz	"Nicely done brosky." —a freshman behind me
CAROLINE GRAY	Carol, Tank, Awry, Chewbacka	"We were young, we were wild, we were restless...but we weren't crazy." —Josh Gracin
MARGARET HAAKE	Marge, Madge, Peggy, Marjorie Clock, Maglet, Mom, Snooks	"Detrás, Detrás! DETRASI" —Mrs. Gargallo
MEGHAN HARPER	Marper, Marp, Megzieh	"It's a great day today! Libby can vote and Cassie brushed her hair!" —Mr. Patrick Sirridge and "I hate quotations, tell me what you know." —Emerson
AUBREE HAWKINS	Aubs	"Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today." —James Dean
DAGNY HEINSOHN	Dogwood, Jesus, Digit, Dags	"Oh sheesh y'all t'was a dream!"
JADE HERNANDEZ	JAH, Jadé, or estrella	"Friendliness makes friends." —Mia Farrow.
MAGGIE HOLT	Magatha, Marge, Harry Potter, "Hey you!"	"There is a dance for everything."
KATHLEEN HOUGH	Kath, Kat, Kafo, K-leen, 11houkat, Ho, Boo, K-dog, Jb, Beanie1143, Weirdo	"If ya'll are lookin' for me, I'm right here." —Norman Lanford
REBECCA HUPP	Lilian, Lilly or Becky	"I get to go to a lot of overseas places, like Canada." —Britney Spears
TESSA JIANAS	Tess, TJ, Teej, Lessa	"Happiness is just a curly fry away." —Arby's Restaurant
MONTAYA JONES	TayButt, Montoya, Taydo, Montable, Token, Monstropolous, Bruhaha	"[Insert Hayden noise] My car's a-shakin." —Hayden Fudemberg

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"Girlfriend," country music, "Hey Jude" by The Beatles, Eminem, Wild at Heart	Reckless drivers	Country roads, QT, Ralph Lauren, bobbies, Scorpios and Virgos, after parties	Everything I learned at STA Pat Dunlay taught me. -PD4L
Indie Alternative	When people tap their pencils during tests	Music	I am obsessed with NeverShoutNever!
Knittel's beatboxing	Slow walkers and the close-minded	Animated movies, sing-alongs, spontaneous dance parties	I steal napkins.
B.O.B, Rihanna, Mike Posner, Sasha Fierce, Trey Songz, Nicki Minaj, Eminem, Sugarland	Being called Alexandra or Alexis	My Nike shorts and Pink yoga pants with V-necks	I'm always the one to leave a dump on the first floor of Donnelly.
My fartbeat and Lindsay Girardeau rapping in the basement of Donnelly	When a person taps their foot while I am taking a test, busywork	The laugh of the day (got one every day junior year in Mr. Whitney's class)	I fart every single time I am in the library. Sorry Mrs. Hershewe.
"Glee"	When frogs pee on me when I am holding them	The smell of wood, Chapstick	I steal donuts from the Krispy Kreme dumpster.
Rockers and rappers	People who chew with their mouth open, dogs with no hair	Nature, pets, outdoor activities, friends, food and photography	I watch Spongebob every morning from 7-7:30 as I get ready for school.
Whatever's bumpin'	Squeaky mechanical pencils, people cutting their nails with scissors, crumbs in my car	Soccer, dogs, song searching, laughing, sarcasm, exploring STA	I made it to the fourth floor...and set off the alarm. Sorry Ms. Hoecker.
"Glee", Taylor Swift, Joe Purdy, Griffin House	Stupid people, people taking my food without asking	Holly Grant, chips, painting my nails and making funny noises	I know how to get free candy from the vending machines.
Everything and everyone	When somebody says "no offense, but"	Chocolate	Check the tunnel.
"Ridin' Solo" by Jason Derulo. Definitely my theme song.	People driving slow, people asking too many of the same questions over again	Long walks on the beach, sitting on the couch with nothing to do, watching TV	I eat fried Snickers. They are delish.
Anything but country	Bad drivers	Comfy chairs	I make eye contact with people I don't know, thinking they're reading my mind.
"Lip Gloss" by Lil' Mama	When websites make you have a password with numbers and/or capital letters	Heelies	I was part of the reason the Donnelly fire alarm went off.
Kid Cudi, Mumford and Sons, Florence and the Machine	People who don't use their blinkers, clickers	Soccer in the rain on the Fourth of July, heated class meetings	Sometimes when I am walking down the hallways, I pretend I'm in a dance video.
My own beat	Gum smackers, slow walkers and drivers, mouth breathers, fake people	TayButt, friends, family, swimming, Sporcle, Tetris, Bubble Shooter	I play Bubble Shooter during class.
Kid Cudi, Wiz Khalifa, Lil Wayne, Keith Urban	Gum chompers, slow walkers, late people	To count the number of times Cele Fryer falls down during soccer practice	I am allergic to severe body odor.
Mikey Needleman Band, Praise Band and Lady Gaga	Foot-to-foot contact, singing louder than the radio, "FAIL!", pants, Muffin	Masks, princess parking, chauffeuring, duets, kl@k\$, bromance	My locker is the reason that the second floor of M&A always smells.
I'm From Barcelona, The Revivalists, Motion City Soundtrack	Squeaky pencils, slow drivers, chalk	Google Docs	I have never rebooted my nettie on Wednesdays during advisory. Sorry Matt.
The Beatles	People who can't drive and try to drive in front of me	Holidays with friends	I wanted to go to a public school.
Dirty Heads, Jack Johnson, Sublime, Rodney Aldean	People chewing with their mouth open, bad drivers, couples sitting next to each other in booths	KU men's basketball team (shocker)	I asked for a sea horse for Christmas.
Anything "Glee" sings	When people don't flush the toilet after they've used the toilet. Gross, please flush!	Pop Rocks, Heelies and Moodling	I like wearing thigh-high socks.
My Calculus homework. I boogy while deriving and integrating.	The word "like" and brussel sprouts	Nutella on toast and smiling. Not necessarily at the same time.	I will one day be your world dictator. Wars will be fought with love and huggles.
"Rude boy" by Rihanna, "Bootylicious" by Destiny's Child and "Lip Gloss" by Lil' Mama. They define me.	Rompers, tuna, the word "retarded," "kk." 13-year-old girls	Asians, Avril Lavigne, Red Bull, Cletus, QT, Larry, Molly Kenney, canoodling	My chick on the side says she's got one on the way. Man, I'm thrown.
My offbeat internal jams	Slow drivers: you will not get pulled over for going 5 over, I promise.	My cat, any form of sugar, watching awkward situations	I think Robert Pattinson is ugly, really really ugly.
Eminem, Elton John, "Hip Hop Police" by Chamillionaire, basically anything by Sugarland	Terrible handshakes, open doors, Christmas music before Thanksgiving, the sound of styrofoam	Libby Keiffer	Arby's is Libby's and my favorite restaurant.
"Hip Hop Police" by Chamillionaire with the moves I learned from Libby and Tessa	Sickness, open doors when I'm in a room and closed doors when I'm not in the room	Holly Grant, Menley Brennan, Tessa Janas and Bubble Shooter	I love Maura Porter.

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MOLLY KENNEY	Molls, funny and cool	"All we can do is laugh."
LIBBY KIEFFER	Libz, Libberachi, Lib, Tibby	"Happiness is just a curly fry away." —Arby's Restaurant
KEARA KINNEY	KK, Kra, Cher	"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." —Martin Luther King, Jr.
MICHAELA KNITTEL	Optimus Prime	"One time, yesterday I was..."
MEREDITH KOCH	Mere, MereBear, MereMere, Lil' Mere.	"A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song!" —Maya Angelou
TAYLOR KRAMER	Tay-Tay, TK, Kratay, TayKray, T-Swizzle	"When in doubt, dance!" —Anonymous
LILLY KRAUS	Lil, Lils, Littih, Lion Ann, Diamond Lil	"Sometimes I like to pretend Shrock is our dad." —Margaret Haake
KARSON KUHLMANN	Kars, Kar Kar, KK	"Pain is an illusion of the mind only experienced by those who are weak." —Anonymous
SHELBY KUHNS	Shelb, Shelbo, Berta, Sophie, Cheetah, Chi Chi, Cheech, Gierl	"We all have been degraded. We all will be the greatest." —The Maine
LAUREN LAUDAN	Laudy, L-Squardo, Laudypants	"It's just life, so just keep dancing through." —Wicked
MADLINE LUEKE	Madz, Mad Dawg, Murds	"Sometimes you feel like a nut, sometimes you don't." —Almond Joy
MADDIE LUNDGREN	Maddie, MP, that girl who is always talking about Zelda and music	"Yes, it's chaos, clocks, and watermelons—you know, it's—it's everything." —"I'm Not There"
CLARE MAGERS	Clare Bear, Diva, Sir, Lady GaGa, Snookie, Claire, Clair, Clara, Clore, Clove, Jade	[Something hilarious and witty, but reveals an underlying message that should be applied to everyone's life.]
MARIA MALUENDA	Maria. That's it.	"Everything happens for a reason." —Anonymous
LAURA MARTIN	Inappropriate names, insane	"It is a mistake to think you can solve any major problems just with potatoes." —Douglas Adams
ELIZABETH McBEE	Beth, B	"Cause when your hourglass runs outta sand, you can't flip it over. Start again, don't blink." —Kenny Chesney
KATIE McCALLA	Katie, KTM, BBTT	"If I could reverse it I don't think that it'd be worth it 'cause I know in my heart I would never let you tumble to the ground." —Tilly and the Wall
CLAIRE McDONALD	Call me Ishmael	"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." —Plato
KRISTEN McENEANY	Krissy, Kris	"Never let anyone tell you how to live your life." —Blink 182
KIRSTY McGHIE	Kirst, Kristy, Kristen, Krystal, Krispy, Hershy, Misty, Kirst the Worst of Thirst, Thirsty, Bon Qui Qui, Lursty	"In the criminal justice system...offenses are considered especially heinous...the dedicated detectives who investigate... an elite squad called the Special Victims Unit..." —"Law and Order: SVU"
ALYSON McNAGHTEN	Aly, McNaynay, McNugget, Snuggle Umpykis	"I'm not short, I'm fun-sized." —Anonymous
EILENE McSORLEY	Beans, Beast, McSwirley, Eilene with rock with it	"May we all have are adventures, meet new friends and do something worth doing." —Anonymous
ANNA McTYGUE	Anna Banana, McToogie, Shortie McLovin', McTiger	"It's not a contest, but I'm winning." —Stephen Colbert
MOLLY MEAGHER	Molls, Meger	"One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it's worth watching." —Gerard Way
LEAH MILLER	Leah Kathleen, Beast, Killer Miller, Quasi	"The jello has set, the sun has risen, today is the day we get outta prison." —Anonymous
CASEY MILLER	Case-baby, Precious, Grapedrankisha, Butter	"Sapphire and faded jeans, I hope you get your dreams. Just go ahead let your hair down. You're gonna find yourself somewhere, somehow." —Corinne Bailey Rae

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ANNA MINCHER	Ann Banan, Minch, Anna Minchilada, Mincher the Pincher	"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." —Eleanor Roosevelt
SARAH MORAN	Sarah, Cassiopeia	"[S]He attacked everything in life with a mix of extraordinary genius and naive incompetence, and it was often difficult to tell which was which." —Douglas Adams
ALISON MUNDY	Ali	"Sky rockets in flight!... Afternoon delight!... Aaaaaa-afternoon delight!" —The Starland Vocal Band
MARISSA NAGGI	Kitten	"I have five clocks in my life, and only one has the time right" —Matt and Kim, "Daylight" lyrics
LAURA NEENAN	Neeenz, Laurie, Neener, Baby Laur, Little Neenan, Loryl, Laurie, Begona	"Laura Neenan, let's go to school." —Mr. Patrick Sirtidge
MOLLY O'BOYLE	ELYOBO, Molls, Mollsberry Pie, Walrus, Morry	"Coming out of me living is always thinking. Thinking changing and changing living" —W.H. Auden
BRITTANY O'BRIEN	Midget, too small for small	"All your dreams can come true, if you have the courage to pursue them." —Walt Disney
ELIZABETH O'NEIL	They don't. I call them.	"The knack of flying is learning to throw yourself at the ground and miss." —Douglas Adams
CLARE ODEGARD	Smelly, Burton	"I knew a guy who was dyslexic, but he was also cross-eyed, so everything came out right." —"Gummo"
KATE PASSANTINO	Square (Cate Castleman only)	"Friends are like bras: close to your heart and there for support." —Anonymous
KATIE PAUTLER	KP, Pouty, Pawtler	"If the person you are talking to doesn't appear to be listening, be patient. It may simply be that he has a small piece of fluff in his ear." —Winnie the Pooh
ELISE PAVICIC	Epav, Leasey	"I kept a spudgun in my bag at work for almost an entire day. Can you imagine if I were deranged?" —Dwight Schrute
COURTNEY PETERSON	Court, Court-Court, C-BIZ	"I'm the author of my life and unfortunately I'm writing in pen so I can't erase my mistakes." —Anonymous
MAURA PORTER	Zarba, Marblez, Marsupial, Mo Po, Henry.	"It's hard not being told who to be but the trade off's incredible just to feel that you're free." —Theo Hilton
MEGAN PORTERFIELD	Megs, Mego, Boo	"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams; live the life you've always imagined." —Thoreau
KARA PRUITT	Care Bear, Prune Juice, Pru Dawg	"Never take life too seriously. No one makes it out alive anyway." —Anonymous
NINA RAIMO	Nini, Neens, Nino, Tina, Rainbow	"An eye for eye only ends up making the whole world blind." —M.K. Gandhi
ELLE RAUCH	L_rauch, Olga, Beetle, Pretzel	"The good times are killing me." —Modest Mouse
ANNA RAYBURN	A nerd	"Shhhhhh! I'm trying to think about pig organs!" —Kelly Clay
CASSIE REDLINGSHAFER	Cass, Sass, Sassy, Sassquatch, Quatch, Caserole, Role, Casper, Cass CountySassafrass, Cassandra	"Gimme a litre o' cola."
DEMI RIBASTE	Dem, Haste Ribaste	"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail." —Ralph Waldo Emerson
MAGGY ROTH	Mags	"It's not having what you want, it's wanting what you've got." —Sheryl Crow
MORGAN SAID	Schmorgs, Morg, Mom	"Put your guns away."
MEGAN SCHAFF	Megs, S.L.	"Why not?"
SAMANTHA SCHEULER	Scheuler, Shoe, Christina	"Uh-huh. Life's like this. Uh-huh. Uh-huh. That's the way it is." —Avril Lavigne
JENNIFER SCHORGL	Jenny, J, Jen, JenJen, J-Money, Skorgl, Clara	"People always think I'm Jewish." —Demi Ribaste



i groove to	my pet peeves are	i like	confession
Depends on the weather	slow people, people who say "what?" even though they heard what you said	Candy, taking naps, Mary Franke's laugh, scary movies	Sometimes I shower, lay down and take a nap with the water still running.
Queen, The Beatles, Muse, Elvis Costello, The Killers, classical music	stupid questions, traffic and bad drivers, the passage of time	Dancing, theatre, science fiction, writing, reading, life	I am actually a princess from another planet.
Anything. I'm not picky. However, I don't find country music to have the freshest beats	People chewing gum with their mouths open, mouth breathers	Lamp	I am doing this Senior Grid running on 2 hours of sleep.
Vampire Weekend, Ella Fitzgerald, The Beatles	Long fingernails and ignorance	Hot tea, dancing animals, and public transportation	I drive barefoot a lot.
"Lip Gloss" in the basement of Donnelly	A warm Dr. Pepper	Studying maps and peeling dead skin foot skin	The baked beans in the back of Rueschhoff were mine.
Queen	Black ankle socks, walking across the crosswalk without pushing the walk button	The Roasterie, coffee, pandas, the mail, Almond Joys	I can spit really, really far. It's a talent.
Country, rap, anything really	Cold weather, slow drivers, the ACT, people cutting their fingernails in public	Donut Thursday, QT, Chiefs	I am the reason McCormick has to restock her candy bowl every day.
Beethoven's Sonate Pathetique, 3rd Movement	You	Nutella on pretzels, sitting by bodies of water, British sitcoms	The devil and I have tea on Tuesdays. I usually bring crumpets.
Bright Eyes, Bikini Kill, Nick Drake, Joanna Newsom	Pants without back pockets, mouth breathers	Body hair, feminism, water, books, making things, Podcasts	I hope there is some room still in the middle.
Country music	People being late, snoring and mouth breathers	Hard boiled eggs	I have an obsession with the BET channel.
Showtunes	People who pretend they know everything	Rainy days, cold weather, mismatched socks	I hold my little sister above my head and walk around singing "The Circle of Life."
Keane, Phoenix, The Beatles, Arctic Monkeys	People who leave their turn signals on, long toe nails, bigotry	Museums, ethnic food, Googling	I meep.
Beyonce, Alicia Keys	Repeating myself and when people tap or click their pens.	To eat, sleep, text, talk, shop, hang out, and dance	I used to be obsessed with Tweety Bird.
Anything sung by unshowered individuals with neckbeards.	Being patronized, Katie Horner, whales, "tots" and "pork chops", inconsiderate people, institutions	Wandering, the 90s, Fern Gully, octopi, Kathleen O'Connor, 7-11, Zarba	I've watched Dodgeball twice a week every week since sophomore year.
Ke\$ha, Kid Cudi	Slow drivers	The smell of Burberry Brit, warm weather, PJM, Mercedes Benz	I rewrote the poem in the second stall in the second floor bathroom in M&A.
Cudi, Faith Hill, Ke\$ha, N'Sync, Weezy, T. Swift	People whispering while I'm trying to sleep in the testing center, using fingers as a toothpick	Hairy legs	I like to watch myself sing in the mirror with my retainer in.
Almost anything	Being touched, especially by feet! And slow drivers or people who don't use their signals.	Watching movies, chewing gum, jeans, and sweatshirts	I pee in the pool.
Dubstep, cherfin' music, electric golfcartz	Bent forks, sticky floors, untied shoes	Tuwttles	I never took my TRAILS test.
The beat in Kelly Clay's head. I'm telepathic.	Loud gum chewing, loud food chewing, excessive blinking	Shiny objects, ice cream, knock-off Oreos, Explosion Wednesdays.	One time I hosted a MarioKart tournament...highlight of my life.
"How Many Days 'Til Christmas" by Cele Fryer	When I'm playing ping pong against someone and they just hit it to me under the table.	It, the way you move on the floor	I'm not Prussian royalty. PS Jenny: I got a 36.
Kid Cudi, Ke\$ha, The Pretty Reckless, Lady Gaga, T-swizzle	Slow drivers, nail biting, the dress code	Cookies, my laptop, music, summer, my iPhone	I've farted in the library at least 10 times. Sorry Ms. Hersheve.
Rascal Flatts	Slow drivers in the fast lane	Being outdoors	I'm obsessed with scarves.
Mumford and Sons, Matt Nathanson, anything that describes my current mood	Bad drivers, bad spellers, slow walkers	Driving at night, sleeping in, white mochas, summer	I don't know how to swim.
The Killers, The Goo Goo Dolls, Tech N9ne, Kid Cudi, Ke\$ha.	Netbooks	Laughing, rain, the party house, driving with the windows down, traveling	I never go the speed limit.
"Send Me on My Way" by Rusted Root	Fedoras, Rockhurst's "Dome" cheer, adult braces, Owl City	Nuggeting, crippled "Christina's" elevator rides with Wallerstedt	To be initiated into a club, I once licked someone else's ear wax.
Daughtry, Creed	Bad drivers, campus construction, Open Office	Dads	I can't swallow pills.

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MEGAN SCHRADER	Meg, Meggo, Meggie	"The most important thing is to enjoy life—to be happy—that's all that matters." —Audrey Hepburn
SARAH SCHULTE	Sarebear	"Did you know that dolphins are just gay sharks?" —"Glee"
LAUREN SCOTT	Lo lo, Losco, Pockets	"Dwwwwayne wade, dwwwwayne wade."
SUE SEEMANI	Sue Sue, Suzen, Tsunami, Suemani	"Ut vitas beatas viveremus, si forte si forte."
SIERRA STANTON	Stanton	"Let your heart be still, calm down, and release your stress because everything will work out. Don't worry."
EMMA STECK	Em, Emma Lou	"Every story has an end, but in life every ending is just a new beginning." —"Uptown Girls"
MEAGAN STOOPS	Meg, Megs, Meggers	"Life's good in the Arno hood."
EMILY STRICKLAND	Emily Taylor, E-Stryk, Troll, Emma, Emi, Chef	"I'm so stressed out right now."
ALEXANDRA STUCKY	Stuck, A-Stuck, Stucky, Koolaidria	"There are no shortcuts to any place worth going." —Beverly Hills
ALI STUEVE	Ali, Al, Alex, AlPal, AliBaBa, Bean, Sugar Bear	"It doesn't matter if you win or lose, it's what you do with your dancin' shoes." —"Grease"
KAHO SUGANO	Kaho	アメリカ最高 (America is awesome!)
BETSY TAMPKE	Buttsy, Patsy, B-Tamp, Trampke, Tamps, BT	"Let's all throw our books at Myrtle because she can't feel it!" —"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"
EVAN THOMPSON	Ev Bev, Eva Longoria, Nevan	"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." — Robert Frost
ADDIE THOMPSON	Adds, Adz, Adel, Tad Pole, Anna, Adelaide	"So, yeah."
RYAN TUCKER	Momma	"Everyone has to be from somewhere, it's up to you where you end up." —Pink Floyd
ALYSA TURNER	Alyba, Lybs, Mrs. Turner	"One of the advantages of being disorderly is that one is constantly making exciting discoveries." —A.A. Milne
RILEY UECKER	Pukes, Forks, Poopsie, Yooks, Pastry, Grasshopper, Rilez, Hoodrat	"Classic example."
CLAIRE VANASDALE	Claire, Vannypoo, Clanasdale	"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." —Dr. Seuss
ELIZABETH VATER	Darth	"Don't do it because it's cool. Do it because <i>you're</i> cool." —T-Pain
PAIGE VONDEMKAMP	Pager Rager, Mom, Paigey Poo, P	"For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone." —Audrey Hepburn
SARAH WALLER	Svetlana, Turtle, Sarah Beara	"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." —Albert Einstein
AMY WENDLAND	Ames, Amos, Ami, Amesicle	"Yes, I am a hunter and it's you season." —"Parks and Recreation"
ANNA WHITE	Vanna, Dingo, Little Tea Kettle	"Morning. It's morning, everyone! Today's the day! The sun is shining, the tank is clean, and we are gonna get out of... The tank is clean. THE TANK IS CLEAN!" —"Finding Nemo"
KRISTEN WIELICZKA	Wieliczka, Wielicz	"There is no Them. There are only facets of Us." —John Green
SARAH WIRTZ	Swirtz, Turtle, Wirtz	"I went to bed so late last night! I was up until 9:30!" —Unknown freshman
TAYLOR WOODRUFF	Tay, Woody, Wootay	"You have everything you need, if you just believe." —Josh Groban
CHLOE ZINN	Clo, Clos, Zinn, Cloclo, Zoe	"I feel like a small bird with a big song!" —Jerry Van Amerongen

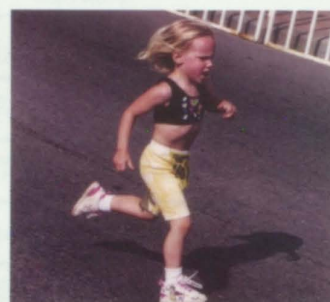


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Kid Cudi, Phoenix, Lady Gaga, Passion Pit	Eye boogers, crusted lotion	Clothes, shopping, The Mixx, Audrey Hepburn, Christmas	I dye my hair.
Natalie Portman's Shaved Head	Kids	Shooting bubbles	The cricket that reads to me at night is totally stealing my jewelry.
Kid Cudi, Weezy and Wiz	Feet draggers, gum chompers, shirt nippers	Fall leaves, naps, rubber cement, creamy corn	I have been through the tunnel.
Big Bang, Cake, Zero Assoluto, Nicki Minaj	Broken pencil sharpeners and when teachers require that I do timed writings on my Netbook	Arrested Development, South Korean shows and Chuck Norris jokes in Italian	I name every exceptionally good week "Sue is Awesome Week."
Neon Trees	An open microwave, hangnails, and dogs that bark at early hours	Books, video games, art, music, friends, the future	I ate the last cookie in the cookie jar.
Whatever is on the radio	Quitters, bad drivers, Katie Pautler's music ADD (I still love you)	Softball, Chipotle, the smell of rain, surprises, summer	In 6th grade I tripped and fell running down the sidewalk and broke my arm.
Ke\$ha and whatever comes up when my iPod's on shuffle, usually rap	One worded text messages, people who don't use their blinkers, people who drive slow	Snow days, breakfast food, sleeping, the color pink	I drink Diet Coke at breakfast.
Anything Indie, like myself	Speed traps, when teachers tell me how to format my notes	It when you call me Big Poppa	I had an accident in my cat suit in the seventh grade.
The Fray, Lil' Wayne, Kayne, and Ke\$ha	When people keep texting me if I don't answer	Casey Miller, my Starbucks cup, STA, Carlson advisory	I still watch "Secret Life of the American Teenager."
Usher, Pink, "Billionaire" by Travis McCoy, "Just a Dream" by Nelly, "If I Die Young" by The Band Perry	Children screaming, slow drivers, random stray hairs, paper cuts	Camping, football, basketball, photography, music, friends	My bra size has been the same since freshmen year.
J-pop	When the Internet is really slow	Listening to music, shopping and karaoke	I've ate dog treats as my snack when I was in 3rd grade.
C-Money, D-Nice, D-Tay, G-Dep, J-Hood	Disrespect, stinky feet, pimples round ma' mouth, when people don't dress in theme	Farting in Mr. Fast's class	I was serving as a Eucharistic Minister, and I farted in front of the altar.
Blink-182, Eminem, T-Swift, Michael Jackson, Jack Johnson, Keith Urban, The Beatles	When people pick at their nails and it makes a clicking noise, hypocritical people	Sleeping, my dog, my friends, reading, Spongebob Squarepants, really good food	I will miss my sister the most when I go to college.
Christmas music, Josh Groban, Glee, Avril Lavigne, the beat of my own drum	Long nails, really slow drivers, carrying your backpack on one shoulder	My advisory (go Herson) and Yogurtini	I know everyone's name from STA (freshmen, I'm still working on you).
Broadway cast albums	People singing along at productions and Jell-o	Musicals, way too much	As of December of my senior year, I don't have my driver's license.
John Williams, Mendelssohn, Charlie Winston, Jesus Christ Superstar and Godspell	Poorly written books	The cello, reading (particularly on rainy days), wheel thrown pottery, Egyptology	I am selfish, private and easily bored. Will this be a problem?
Enya	When Rockhurst boys randomly form a cluster and scream "dome," Viagra commercials, bagpipes	Ryan Reynold's body	It's me that's been leaving those massive deuces in the toilets lately. Sorry.
MIKA	Smoking, spitting, and when clocks tick really loud	Mint chocolate chip ice cream, pasta, summer, being outside, birds	I hate carbonation.
Katie Pautler singing show tunes	When my food touches	Macaroni, John Stamos, the color green, my water bottle, Mary Kate Duffy	My life goal is to beat Bubble Shooter.
Citizen Cope, Regina Spektor, Notorious B.I.G	Feet, Victoria Godfrey's hiccups, the word "panties," late people	Cereal, old people, family, cuddling, fish, convertibles, friends	I wish I was Lisbeth Salander.
Almost anything, but especially alternative, pop, rap, 80s music	Rude/slow drivers, chewing with your mouth open, Christmas music in November	Music, shopping, clothes, ice cream, nail polish	I once knew the names of all the different types of horses and dinosaurs.
Michael McDonald, Enya, Hader	Netbooks, knuckle cracking, tourist destination bumper stickers, "holiday lights"	Baobab trees	I woke up at 6:30 and waited two hours for Jonas Brothers tickets.
MIKA, Glee, Train, R.E.M., Rob Thomas, Veggie Tales	When my dog burns my toast	Walking Club, procrastinating, the softball team, lolcats	I didn't wear underwear all of junior year.
"California Dorks" by Jason Munday, the voices in my head who have violins, the Shins	People congregating in the hallway and when people walk heavily	YouTube, dancing in tutus and metallic leggings, Explosion Wednesdays	I missed.
Praise Band	Gum and food chomping, slow drivers, drivers that don't use their turn signal	My school uniform	I am intimidating and I like it.
Country, alternative, random rap songs, a little bit of everything.	When there are two doors available and everyone tries to cram in and out of one	The underground tunnel in the basement of Donnelly and Ms. Montag	I have spent multiple frees in random KCYA rooms.
Rappers, rockers, musicians	Nails on a chalkboard, liars, people who do not use their turn signal	Music, movies, monkeys, Chinese food, fantasy books, zebras, laughing	I hate spiders, even the tiny ones.



KELLY CLAY

Keep the music in your heart. Be brave and courageous in your endeavors. Run the race but remember: it's the journey that is important. Most of all, have fun in life like there is no tomorrow. Congratulations! We are so proud! Love, Mom & Dad



Congratulations!
We are so proud of you Maria!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Billy

MARIA BLANDO



CATHERINE ARENSBERG

We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments at STA. You are a wonderful daughter and have given us much joy and laughter over the past 18 years. We look forward to your next great adventure! Love, Mom, Dad, Drew, Jack & Elizabeth



DOMINIQUE BRAWNER

Dominique— You have brought so much joy and laughter into our lives. We are really going to miss you! Remember to always dream big and reach for the stars. We love you, Mom & Dad



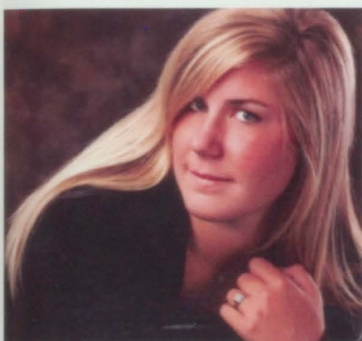
Mads,
You are our sweet, sensitive,
intelligent, compassionate, funny,
beautiful young woman.

Go be all that you can be!

We love you!

Mom, Dad, MK & David

MADALYNE BIRD



ALEXA FOWLKES

You love her smile. You'd recognize her walk a block away. She makes you laugh. She makes you proud. You hope for her, you dream for her. You pray that life will always treat her well. You love her more than words could ever tell her. Love you so much, Mom, Dad & Sisters





ALEXANDRA BEINEMAN

Congratulations Alex! We are so very proud of you. You are a remarkable daughter, sister and friend, and the brightness you bring to our daily lives will be greatly missed. Your generosity, kindness and grace will take you far in life, and Arkansas is lucky to have you. We love you,
Mom, Dad and Carson



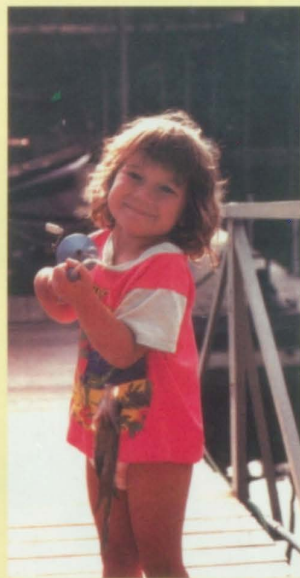
SAMANTHA CUSUMANO

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail." -Ralph Waldo Emerson
We are so proud of you. We love you. Mom, Dad & Sophia



CYDNEY CHIBNALL

Our dearest Cydney, you are our shining star and we are so very proud of you. Congratulations, as you have shown us you can succeed in anything you put your mind to!
Love Always!
Dad, Mom and Sam



ELLIE EDELMAN

Ellie, we share in your joy. May God continue his love and guidance in your life. We love you dearly and pray for your health, happiness and success as you move forward in life's journey. All our love, Mom & Dad, David & Matthew



"We shall not cease from exploration And the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time." -T.S. Eliot
We are proud of you, keep exploring. Love, Mom & Dad

HAYDEN FUDEMBERG





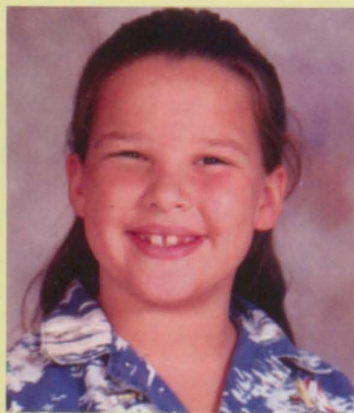
CELE FRYER

Dear Cele, congratulations on an amazing four years! You have worked so hard and made all of us very proud. Remember to always trust in God, do what you love and what you believe in and you are sure to succeed in whatever you choose to do. We love you so much! Mom and Dad, John, Lee, Kim, Angel and Gracie



MARY FRANKE

Mary, you are full of life, love and laughter. We're so proud of you. Time to spread your brand of sunshine to the college crowd. We'll miss you. CARPE DIEM PEOPLE! Love, Mom and Dad



Mary Kate... Watching you grow into the beautiful young woman you are has been a joy you cannot imagine. Live life with an open heart and you will be blessed. You make us proud every day! Love you always, Dad, Mom, Sadie, Meg and John

MARY KATE DUFFY





CONGRATULATIONS ALLY!

We are so proud of all you have accomplished and can't wait to see what lies ahead for you. Keep your goals high and always follow your dreams! Love, Mom, Dad, Gina, Mike & Jack

ALLY
FRANKEN



TAYLOR KRAMER

Congratulations Taylor! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments! National Honor Society, Dance Team Captain, Academic All-State Dancer! We are even more excited for you to pursue your Communications Disorders major wherever you decide to go to college. No pressure- All we say is Mizzou-Rah!



AMY WENDLAND

Hats off to you, Amy!
We love you, Dad, Mom, Jack and Pete



MEAGAN STOOPS

Meagan: Congratulations! We are so proud of you! It has been a joy to watch you grow into such a confident, young and lovely woman. Follow your dreams...enjoy the adventure...live large. Love, Mom and Dad





"Who doesn't know what I'm talking about, who's never left home, who's never struck out to find a dream and a life of their own, a place in the clouds, a foundation of stone." ("Wide Open Spaces" by The Dixie Chicks) Alex, we are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad

ALEX CHRISTIAN



MEGHAN HARPER

Megsicle, eighteen years ago you made us a family and every day we thank God for the gift that is you. The joy you provide in our lives is indescribable. We love you so much!
Mumsicle, Dadsicle and Dansicle



GINA-CONGRATULATIONS!
We are so proud of you! The world is yours to conquer; we are behind you all the way. Keep smiling and always reach for the stars! Love, Mom, Dad, Ally, Jack & Mike

GINA FRANKEN





The many faces of Lindsay Anne Girardeau... There's never a dull moment with the fun-loving, multi-talented, kindhearted and beautiful girl who fascinates us daily. We can't wait to see what's next! We love you so much! Mom, Dad, Hannah and Grace

LINDSAY GIRARDEAU



DAGNY HEINSOHN

Dagny, you have made us proud. The sky is your limit. Grow with the beauty and compassion God gave you. Embrace the world and be your sweet wonderful self. Love always, Mom & Dad



MONTAYA JONES

We are so grateful to God for blessing us with a wonderful daughter/sister. You have brought us so much joy & happiness. Always keep God as the center of your life. Always remember Phil 4:13. Love Always, Dad, Mom & Rryan





CLARE MAGERS

To broaden your mind, you must see the world!
Congratulations!!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Daniel, George, and Eric



MICHAELA KNITTEL

Congratulations Bazel! I am so incredibly proud of you and everything you have accomplished, and can't wait to see what amazing things this new adventure will bring for you! All my love for always, Maz.



MOLLY KENNEY

We wish you the very best as you begin the next stage of your life. We love you, Molly! Mom, Dad, Katie, Maggie, Clare & Murphy



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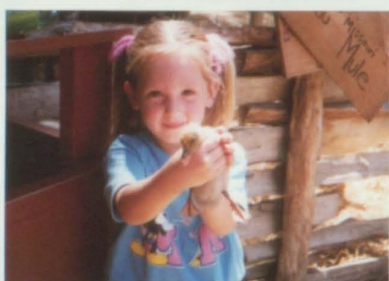
Tessa, congratulations to our little shining star. You are beautiful inside and out, and have brought us so much joy. We love you and are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Matt, Michael, Courtney, Patrick, Anna Grace and the Shmooflies.



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BETH MCBEE

Congratulations Beth! We are so proud of you.



KATIE McCALLA

Katie, laugh your heart out. Dance in the rain. Cherish the moment. Ignore the pain. Live, Laugh, Love. Forgive & forget. Life's too short to be living without regret... Love, Mom, Dad, Annie & Mega



PAIGE VONDEMKAMP

Congratulations Paige Mariel!
We are so proud of you!
Good luck with this next exciting chapter in your life!
You will be great!
We love you!
Mom, Mike, Haley, Holden and Liam



KEARA KINNEY

Keara, we are proud of you for being your own person and making good decisions. Keep your quiet determination, have fun and do well. When there are opportunities, take them and if they are right for you and change your life, let them.
Love, Dad & Mom



CASEY BROWN

BRITTANY O'BRIEN

Brittany, we are so proud of you and the person that you have become. We know that you will continue to excel in whatever you do in life. Good luck at MU and don't forget to study. Love, Dad, Mom and Taylor



MOLLY MEAGHER

Molly, we are so proud of your accomplishments at STA. Your enthusiasm and spirit will take you far. We love you! Mom, Dad, Mitch, Reed & Anna



JADE HERNANDEZ

For every ending there's a new beginning. For every memory there is a dream ahead. Love, Dad, Mom, Xavier and Ezra





ELISE PAVICIC

Elise, we love you! We are so proud of you. You have brightened and warmed our hearts since the day you were born. We send you to college with much love as you continue your life adventure. Love,
Mommy, Daddy and Meredith



Baby, you've come a long way...
Congratulations on everything,
Sam!
We will ALWAYS LOVE YOU!
Dad, Mom, Olivia, Carolyn and
Jake

SAMANTHA SCHEULER



Libby, We are so proud of you for all your hard work at STA. You are a smart and capable young lady with a very good heart. We know you will go far in life. Good luck at college! Love you always!
Mom, Dad, Katie and Laura

LIBBY KIEFFER



CASEY MILLER

Casey, we are so proud of you! Congratulations! Go Frogs! Love you so much, Mom & Dad



Know that you are an inspiration and a blessing, and that you are loved and believed in always. Enjoy what lies ahead. Dad, Mom, Becca and Sarah

ELISE FERRON



ADDIE THOMPSON

Addie, thanks for being a great trail blazer for the rest of the family. Keep surrounding yourself with great people and great things will continue to happen. God be with you always! We love you! Mom, Dad and your siblings.



KATIE PASSANTINO

Katie— we love you and are so very proud. Congratulations! Mom & Dad





DEMI RIBASTE

Demi, we've watched you the last four years grow into a smart, kind and stunning young woman. You have made us so proud. Your future will be full of amazing accomplishments. Get ready for an extraordinary adventure into life! We love you with all our hearts. Mom, Dad and Natalie



ANNA WHITE

Anna, you are sunshine in our lives and for the world. We can't wait to see how you shine in college! You've worked so hard and done so well.
Love, Mom, Dad and Henry



"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined"—Thoreau. You did it, Em! We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Brian & Laura

EMILY STRICKLAND



Lauren, always remember, wherever you go and whatever you do, you have family & friends, and we love you SO much! Congratulations! Love, Mom & Dad.
"This is your time, this is your Dance. Live every moment, leave nothing to chance."
—Michael W. Smith

LAUREN LAUDAN



MEGAN PORTERFIELD

Megan Leigh—
 "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams,
 live the life you've imagined!" —Henry David
 Thoreau. We love you!
 Mom, Dad, Camille, Ellie, Colin and Lexie



LAURA NEENAN

"When I see your face, there's not
 a thing I that would change cause
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 whole world stops and stares for
 a while because you're amazing,
 just the way you are." —Bruno
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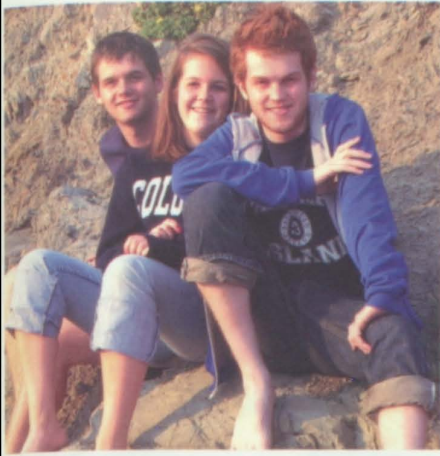
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Congratulations, Claire!
 We are so proud of you! "Laugh often,
 Dream big, Reach for the stars!" And know
 that we will always be here for you!!
 Love, Mom, Dad, Stephen and Kay xoxox



KIRSTY MCGHIE

Congratulations, Kirsty! We are very proud of you. Lots of love, Mom, Dad, Andrew and Ronan



ELLE RAUCH

Always remember the good times! I am so proud of you. Love you!
xoxo,
Grandpa



My amazing & precious dollface: We are very proud of you & all love you so much! You are unique; someone who has found her way. Remember, there isn't anything you can't do; because it's all about your attitude! You, my doll, have plenty! Be true to yourself.
Momma/Dad/Sean/Beagles



LAURA MARTIN

COLLEEN CORCORAN

Congratulations Colleen!
We love you!
Mom & Dad

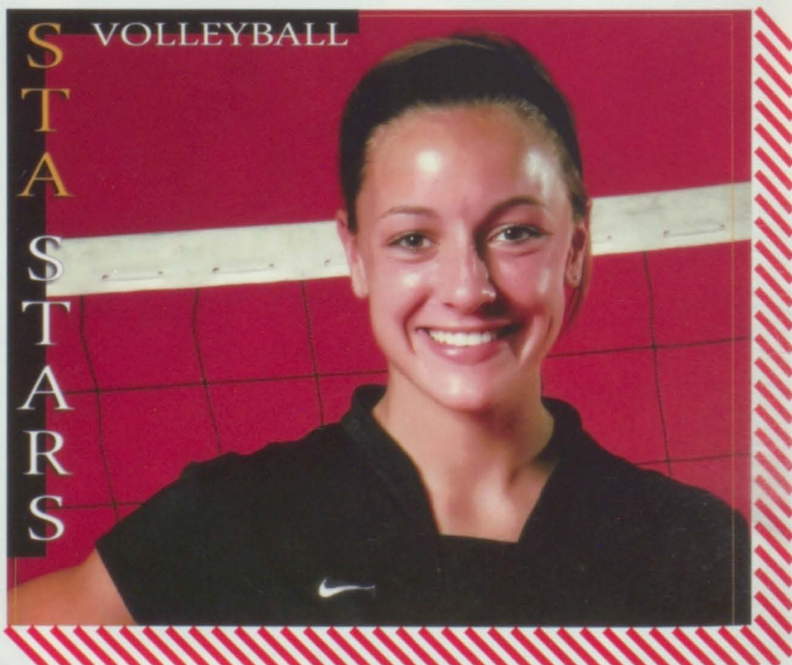




VICTORIA GODFREY

Congratulations! We are very proud of you. As you embark on the next part of your journey in college, remember: "I will love you forever. I will like you for always. As long as I am living, my baby you will be." You are beautiful in every way. God will guide you and we will always love you.

Mom, Dad, Sarah, Emily, John & Michael



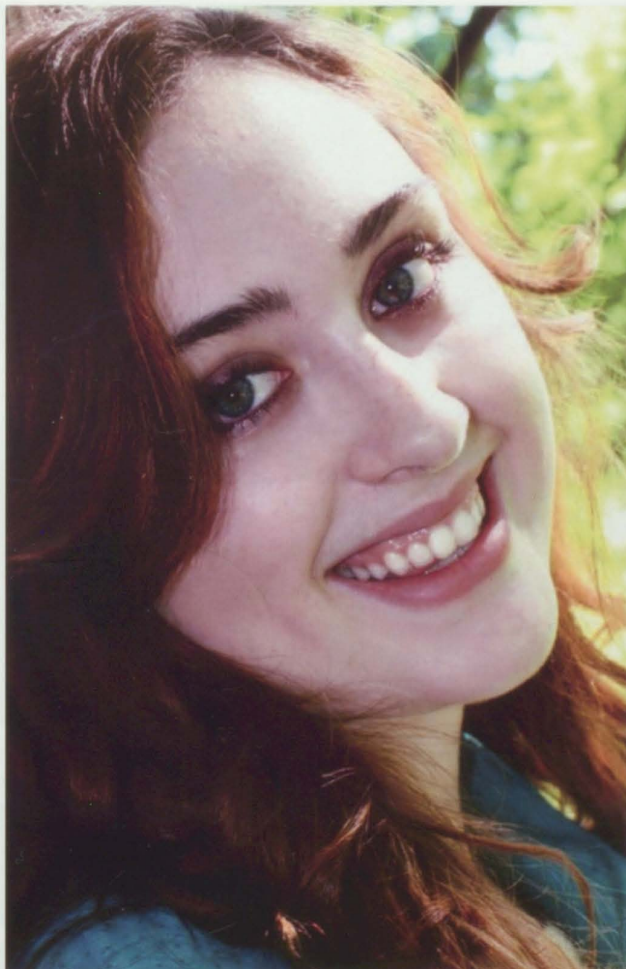
LEAH MILLER

Leah, you are a treasured gift. Stay true to yourself and follow your dreams. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Enjoy your next adventure.



Dearest Ali (Princess), "I hope the days come easy and the moments pass slow. And each road leads where you want to go. And if you're faced with the choice and you have to choose, I hope you choose the one that means the most to you."
 —Rascal Flatts
 We love you...
 Mom '83, Dad and Sam

ALI STUEVE



MARISSA NAGGI

"Oh the places you will go!" —Dr. Seuss. Follow your heart in all that you do and always, always remember how much you are loved.
 Mom, Dad and Evan





KATIE PAUTLER

Katie, we are so proud and amazed by all you have done. You are everything we knew you would be the day you were born. Now one door closes and another opens. Be happy, and wherever life takes you, know we are with you. Love, Dad, Mom, Ben, Joe and Hallie



RILEY UEKER

Congratulations, Riley! We are so proud of the wonderful person you have become! "Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." —Proverbs 16:3 With much love, Dad, Mom, Grace and Kate



Our littlest Bobo is moving on... Oh, the places you'll go. We love you and are SO proud of you. Mom, Dad, Erin '09

CLARE McDONALD





Congratulations Maddie!
Good Luck next year.
♡, Allie

Congrats I'll miss
you
Nathaniel



MADELINE LEUKE

1,950 brown bag lunches. Peanut butter with strawberry preserves (not grape). It is truly the simple things in life that make life great. You get that. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. We will miss your lunch sack on the counter next year.

I love you Congrats. ♀
© Michael

Congrats dawg. Good
luck next year. Love you.
xoxo Becca ♀
Congratulations Maddie!
I love you and will
miss you next year!
♡, Eleanor



RYAN TUCKER

The world is your stage and you have taken it by storm! You are the most magnificent of shining stars. We are so proud of everything you have accomplished at your time at St. Teresa's. The next stage awaits you. We love you very much. Your biggest fans, Mom, Dad & Michael



SARAH SCHULTE

Sarah, may your world be full of adventure. We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You will go far! We love you, Mom, Ranie, Daniel, Solomon and Grandma.



Sissy, you bring sparkle to everything you encounter. We are so proud of your accomplishments at STA and wait expectantly to see what unfolds on your path. We know you will shine. Henry, Dad, and Mom

MARGARET HAAKE



SARAH WALLER

Sarah, We've watched you grow from an adorable little girl to a beautiful young woman. We are all so proud of you! Your family loves you and supports you more than you could ever imagine. Love, Mom, Dad, Katarina, Margaret, Michael and Cinnamon



Congratulations on all your success so far. From NHS to dedicated athlete. We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. We can't wait to see what you do next! Love, Mom, Dad & Curran

EMMA STECK



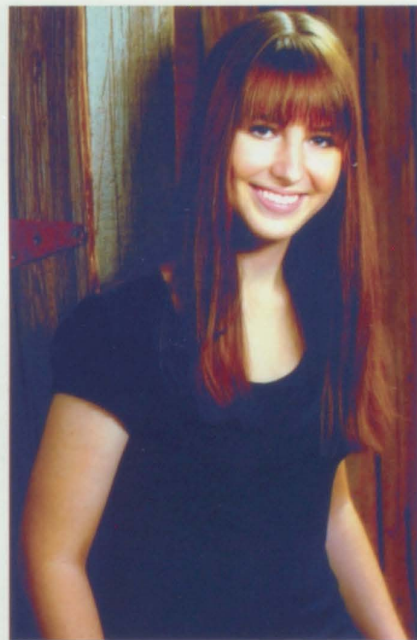
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KRISTEN WIELICZKA

You have brains in your head
 You have feet in your shoes
 You can steer yourself
 any direction you choose
 You're on your own. And you know
 what you know. And YOU are the
 guy who'll decide where to go.
 —"Oh, the Places You'll Go"
 by Dr. Seuss



ELIZABETH
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ELIZABETH VATER

Elizabeth, Congratulations! You have grown so much, and in so many ways, these last for years at STA. (It flew by way too fast!) We are so very proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad and Mark





"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."

—Mark Twain

Beautiful and bright, just like the stars...

We love you,
Mom and Dad

CLAIRE CIROCCO



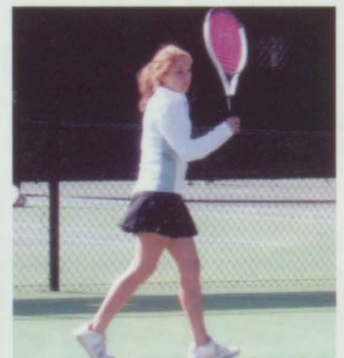
REBECCA HUPP

"With courage you will dare to take risks, have the strength to be compassionate, and wisdom to be humble. Courage is the foundation of integrity." —Keshaven Nair
Congratulations, Rebecca! We are so proud of you!
Love, Daddy, Mommy & Cashion



MEGAN SCHAFF

Megan, you are truly a gift from God. We are so proud of you. Dream big and keep reaching for the stars.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Brian, Branden and Patrick



JENNIFER SCHORGL

Jenny,
We are so proud of you and the young woman you have become. As you begin your next journey may you accomplish all that you set out to do. We love you, Mom, Dad and Katie



ALYSON McNAGHTEN

Let your dreams be your North Star.
Always dream big!
We love you!
Mom, Dad & Abbie



Believe in your dreams and place them like twinkling stars in the heavens. Reach high... believe... achieve. Let your stars illuminate the path God guides you. Embrace your gifts, share them generously, make God's world a better place. May all your dreams come true.
Love, Mom, Dad and Amanda Jane

MEREDITH KOCH





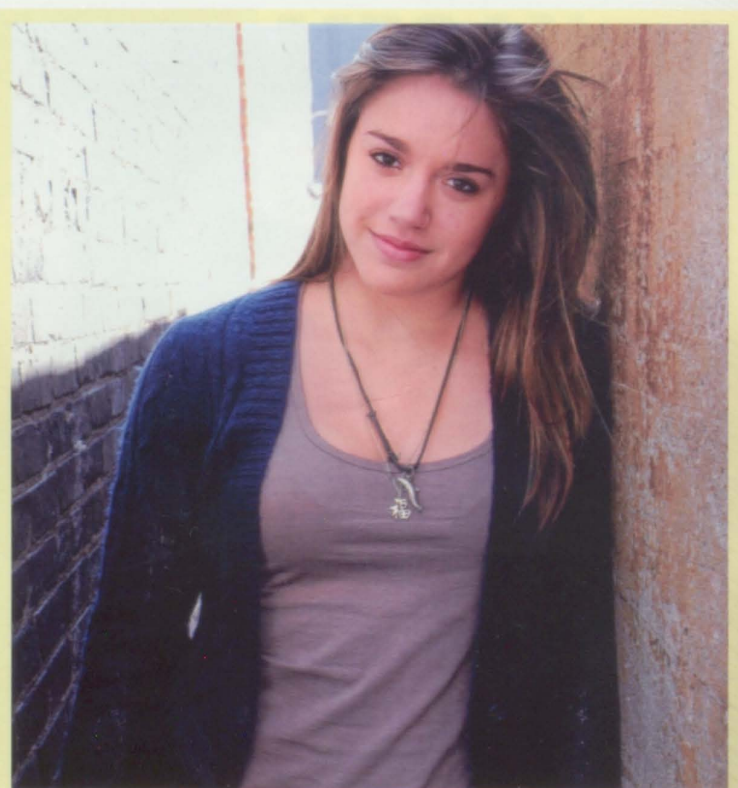
KATHLEEN HOUGH

You are still Queen Kathleen! No matter where you go, never forget who you are and where you came from. With love,
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ANNA RAYBURN

For Anna, who grew in wisdom and nature, never forgetting to stop to smell the flowers in the proper millinery. Congratulations to our internationalist, lover of justice, compassionate friend, thinker, linguist, artist.
Mom & Dad



ALI CLAUSS

"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can become it."—William Arthur Ward
We have seen you achieve and become so much. Continue to follow your dreams. We love you and we'll always be there for you.
Mom, Dad, Michael & Matthew



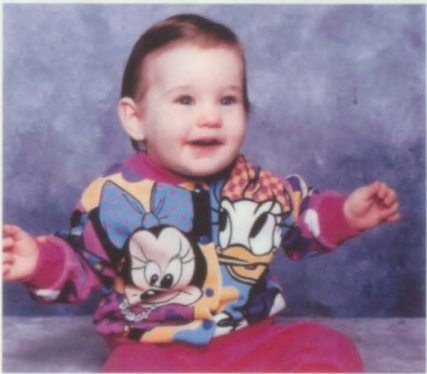
SARAH WIRTZ

Congratulations Sarah, we're all very proud of you. You've had some great accomplishments in your life so far. Good luck on the next stage.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Jack



Congratulations! Another milestone to check off your list. We are so very proud of you and your accomplishments. Can't wait to see what your future will bring, the best is yet to come. God bless you and keep you safe. Love, Mom and Dad.

TAYLOR WOODRUFF

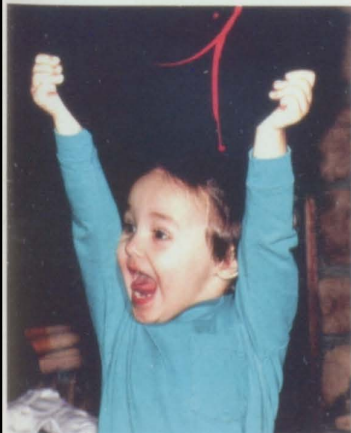


ANNA MINCHER

Congratulations Anna! Always keep that spirit that fuels your wonderful sense of humor and your beautiful smile. We love you!
Dad, Mom, Jeff, Megan, Jay and Alex

MELODY FINN

"Don't live down to others expectations because you are already past!"—Amy Finn. Go and conquer the world! We all love you, Mom, Maggie, Michael, Tommy and Amy



We will miss you!
Thomas Advisory
Class of 2011



CASSIE REDLINGSHAFFER

We love you, Cassie!
We are so proud of your
accomplishments at St. Teresa's!
Good luck with everything you do.
Dad, Mom, Rex, JoJo, Mickey
& Pierre

BETSY TAMPKE

Betsy,
You were once our little girl
and now you are our shining star.
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Sarah, Anne, Katie
and Will



Morgan Said CONGRATS!

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"Mom!" We wish we had room for "300
words" to celebrate you here.

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department, the administration and Mr.
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MOLLY O'BOYLE

Molly, you are LOVED! As
you enter the next phase of
your young life, be true to
your friends, be true to your
faith and be true to yourself.
You started your life with an
incredibly sweet disposition
sprinkled with a spark of
individuality— traits allow you
to be yourself— ALWAYS!
Love Mama & Daddo

MORGAN SAID

It's time to conclude this chapter
and appreciate the story you're
writing for yourself. We are so
proud of you and all of your
accomplishments. And yet, there's
still so much more of your story to
be told. We look forward to the
next chapter as you write your
dreams.

Love, Mom and Cody



MEGAN SCHRADER

You will always be golden to us!
Love, Mom, Dad, Tommy, Mary
Jean, Janice, Jane, Kathleen,
Amy and Matt



A FOND FAREWELL



Ms. Arlene Hernon dedicated the past 31 years to STA's math department, teaching Accelerated Algebra I, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus and various other math courses. She helped students prepare for the PSAT and ACT and served as the chair of the math department. *photo by jenny schorgl*



Ms. Anita Reznicek, who began teaching at STA in the fall of 1988, taught several theology classes including World Faiths, Contemporary Theology and Models of Faith. Reznicek will assume the presidency of STA's sister school, St. Joseph's Academy, in St. Louis. *photo by jenny schorgl*



Freshmen met Ms. Bernie Colby in Star Seminar where she introduced them to STA life. For ten years, Colby welcomed transfers and worked as the academic counselor and sophomore class moderator. *photo by jenny schorgl*



Ms. Amanda James, personal counselor at STA for the past three years, served as the head coach of track and field and as the assistant cross country coach. She was also the freshman class and Peer Helpers moderator. *photo by demi ribaste*



English teacher Ashley Bailey devoted her time to STA the past year through Fashion Club, Dancing with the Stars and teaching. She taught American literature, contemporary literature, Shakespeare and world literature. *photo by jenny schorgl*



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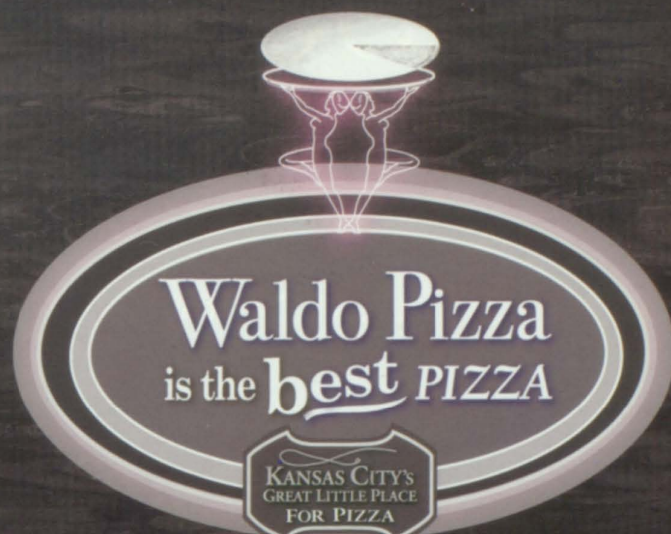


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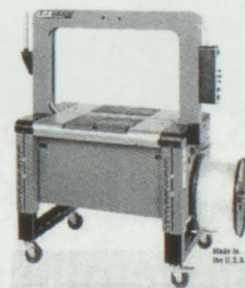
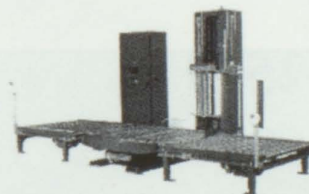
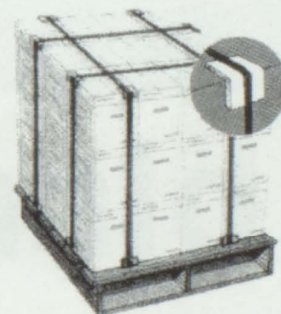
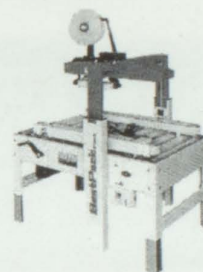
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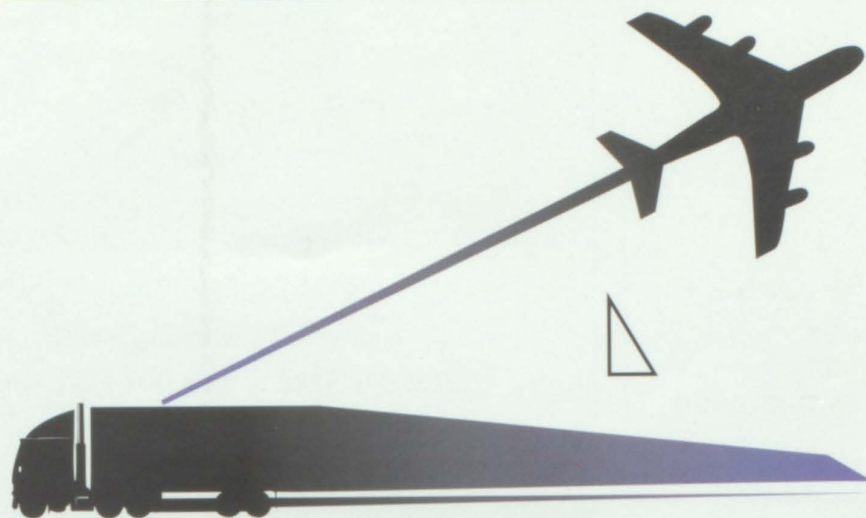
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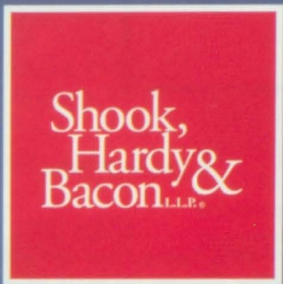


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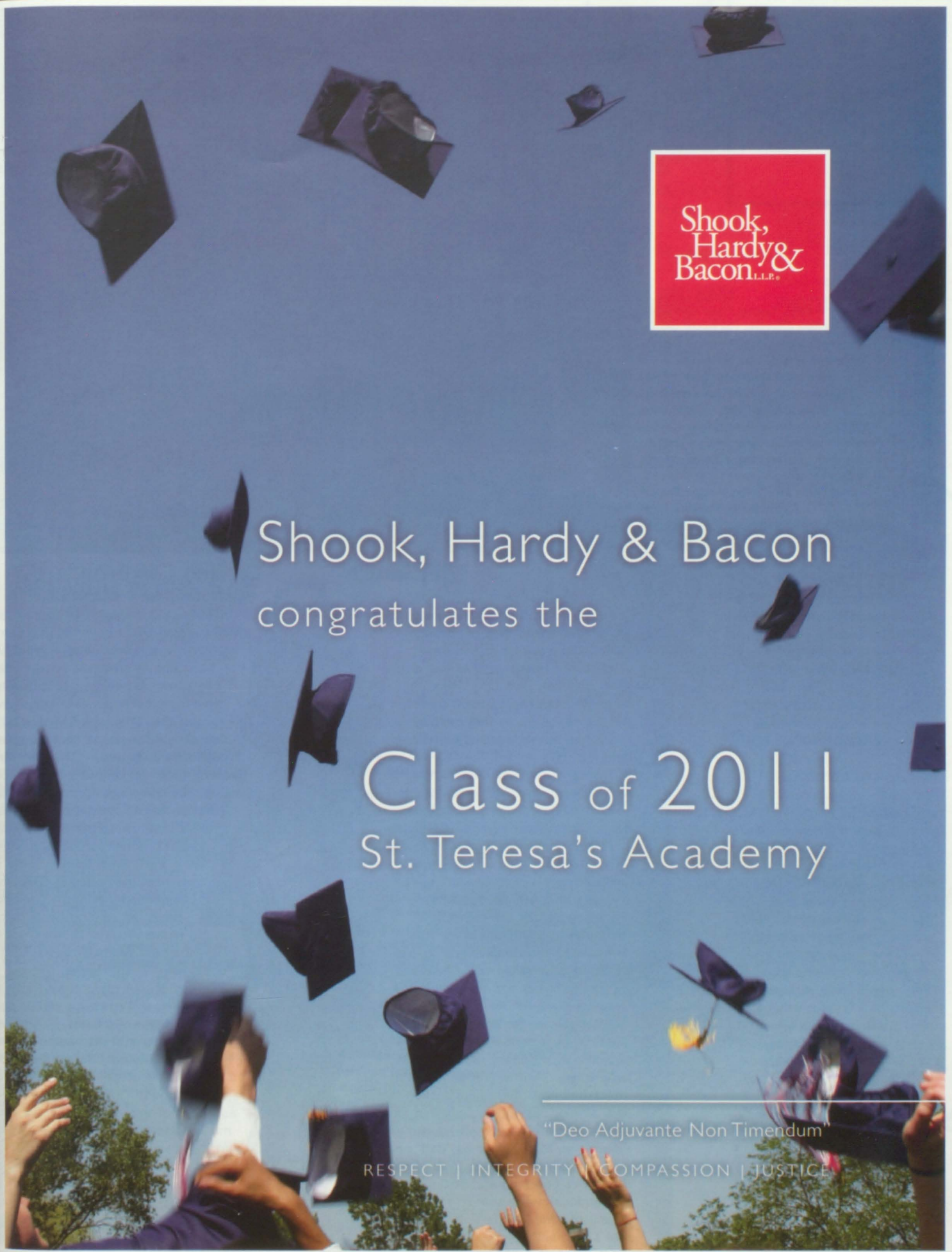


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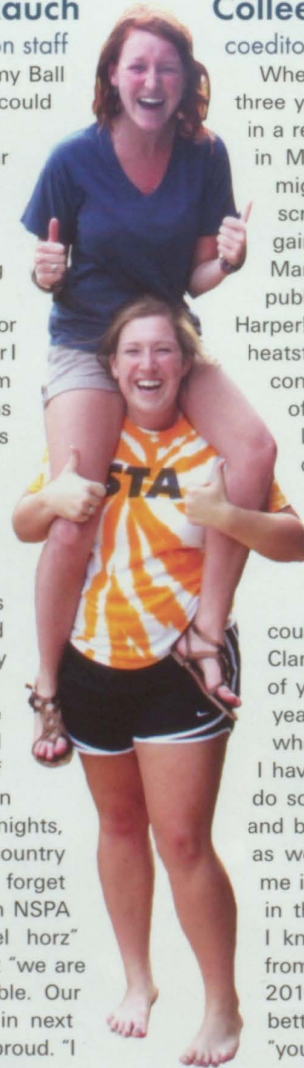
Firstly, I would just like to thank my Ball State roommate, Noelle. I never could have made it this far without her.

Secondly, thank you to my dear wife Colleen. We will soon be separated, but I will always cherish the memories of my first marriage. I have loved every second of making you disgusted.

Thirdly, thank you Mr. Thomas for convincing me to stay on yearbook after I spent two hours crying in the bathroom my freshman year. It wasn't until I was on staff that I realized the Teresian was better than the Dart in every way (just kidding, well sort of).

Lastly, a big shout out goes to my managing editors. I will never refer to Marper as anything but her true name, will always walk to Fast's class as slowly as possible with Claire and will never forget the sting of Jenny rejecting me in AP Bio (every day).

Yearbook made these last three years of high school the best and weirdest of my life. I love my staff (infection), playing robot unicorn attack and ninja during publication nights, and singing along to Colleen's country Pandora stations. I will never forget referring to Mr. Thomas as "dad" on NSPA field trips, cracking up over "reel horz" alternative coverage and belting out "we are tremendous!" while standing on a table. Our legacy of strangeness will live on in next year's staff and they will make dad proud. "I don't just think it, I know it!"



Colleen Corcoran

coeditor-in-chief: 3 years on staff

Where do I begin? During my last three years at STA I have found a home in a red swivel chair (never a gray one) in Mr. Thomas' room. I have gotten migraines staring at a computer screen for six hours at a time. I have gained the "Yearbook 15" by eating Marper's three-pound cookies during publication nights. (Thanks Mrs. Harper!) I learned various ways to avoid heatstroke in a college dorm that lacks air conditioning. I have drilled thousands of InDesign shortcuts into my brain.

I have proofed pages upon pages on a tight time frame. Some of my best memories at STA have happened during yearbook class or during publication nights. To Mr. Thomas, you're the best yearbook advisor a girl could ask for. To Marper, Scorgul, & ClanAsdale, our go-to crew, I love all of you and will miss you dearly next year. Katarina, I cannot wait to see what you do with the book next year. I have absolute confidence that you'll do something great! To Elle, my wifey and best friend, I'll miss you next year as well, but am confident you'll keep me in mind when you're frolicking up in the Colorado mountains barefoot. I knew we shared the same genes from the beginning. To the staff of 2010-2011, I couldn't have asked for a better staff. As a wise man once said: "you are tremendous, you really are tremendous."



SENIOR YERDS SAY farewell

Claire VanAsdale: 3 years on staff
"I am so grateful that I have been able to call myself a yerd these past three years. Clowns, people pages, pub nights and all my fellow yerds, I'll miss you!"

Meghan Harper: 2 years on staff
"Because of yearbook, I'm Marper. Thanks for the hundreds of yerdy memories. I'll miss everyone, but Smorgl we get 4 more years together...if I'm not hit by a car first."

Jennifer Schorgl: 2 years on staff
"I will miss bossing everyone around and watching Marper walk in front of cars at NSPA."

Molly Kenney: 2 years on staff
"I loved publication nights with the whole staff because I got to see girls on staff I didn't have class with! The hypothetical question turned into who can come up with the funniest/most awkward response instead of a real answer. The best was "If you got a tattoo, what would you get and where?" and some of my fellow senior yerds talked about getting eyeballs tattooed on their eye lids, or a unibrow, or angels wings on our backs. Stay weird, yerds. LOOOOOVE, Molly"

Elise Ferron: 2 years on staff
"[My favorite memory was] getting in trouble after me and Meghan Harper were 'too loud' spending the night with the tennis team in Springfield, MO for a tournament and Mr. T had to talk to us about it...lol good times."

Meagan Stoops: 2 years on staff
"Melvin on the Metro, missin' you and D.C. every day."

Emily Baker: 2 years on staff
"One of my best yearbook memories was eating my weight in pasta and cookies bigger than my head on publication nights with Jenny Schorgl."

Clare Odegard: 1 year on staff
"[I will miss] sitting next to Elise. Period."

Grace Bisbee: 1 year on staff
"I'm glad I had the opportunity to be a part of the yearbook staff for a year. The class was a good asset to my senior year. I enjoyed being led by our fab editors-in-chief, fire rauch and coco, as well as marps, j schorg, and claire. The book is gonna be da bomb (thanks Clare for your designing input). And finally, thanks for a great year Mr. Thomas! Luh all mah yerds."

Demi Ribaste: 1 year on staff
"[My favorite memory was] stalking the Reference pages with Elise Pavicic."

Alyson McNaghten: 1 year on staff
"My most memorable moments from yearbook include all the times Elise Pavicic acted as my personal assistant. Thanks, Elise, for coming with me to nearly all of my photography assignments and carrying my equipment while I ran around snapping photos. Yerds for life!"

Elise Pavicic: 1 year on staff
"[I will miss] listening to Demi talk to herself."

Jordan Brown: 1 year on staff
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WIRELESS

At 11:39 a.m., Mr. Eric Thomas's classroom was dark, except for the glowing computer screens of over a dozen netbooks, as students attempted to finish homework and course registration sheets. When the lights flickered on, students scrunched their eyes shut and began a mantra of "no, no, no" in hopes that they could will the power to remain off. After the flickering had stopped and the minutes continued to tick by, students let out excited shouts as the idea of being sent home early became more possible.

Because the announcement system was also shut down in the power surge, the administration sent available teachers around to every classroom to deliver announcements. The first wave of announcements at 11:45 a.m. brought an order to unplug everything from the wall to prevent damage to technology. In addition, teachers asked students to prepare for passing period because the day would continue as usual, just a little darker.

As the day continued, students and teachers struggled to continue classes without the help of electricity and technology. AP American language teacher Kelly Fast was able to teach his class as planned with a class discussion over the novel his students were reading.

"Everyone get your book out, I guess, since you don't need an outlet for that," Fast said, opening the blinds to brighten the room.

However, not all teachers had the ability to carry out their original lesson plans. Ms. Carrie Jacquin's English I class was scheduled to take a computerized test that day, but the lack of internet made it impossible for her students to take the test.

"Since the internet was down we just played charades," freshman Michelle Dierks said. "She told us that she would try and figure out what was going on with the lights and the internet and that we would take the test if everything came back on."

Because students were so wired and distracted, many teachers took the same course of action that Jacquin did.

Mr. Craig Whitney knew that his lesson plan could be carried out since it would be a regular class discussion, but he questioned his students' ability to concentrate. Because of this, he gave his AP US history students the choice of continuing class or playing games. The students opted for games.

Because of the school's reliance on technology, students and teachers found it difficult to work around the power outage. The school was left unplugged and in a state of confusion.

A local power outage left the three buildings without light or any source of technology for 2 hours during the school day. The loss of electricity forced teachers and students to find alternate ways of performing everyday tasks.

BY THE numbers

The power outage at school Feb. 24 had many numbers surrounding the event.

3 periods of class without power **2**

times the lights flickered

11:39 a.m. the time the power surge occurred

1 power surge

1:30 p.m.

when the administration sent the students home



returned netties

The netbooks, which became essential to students' every day life throughout the year, were returned during finals week.

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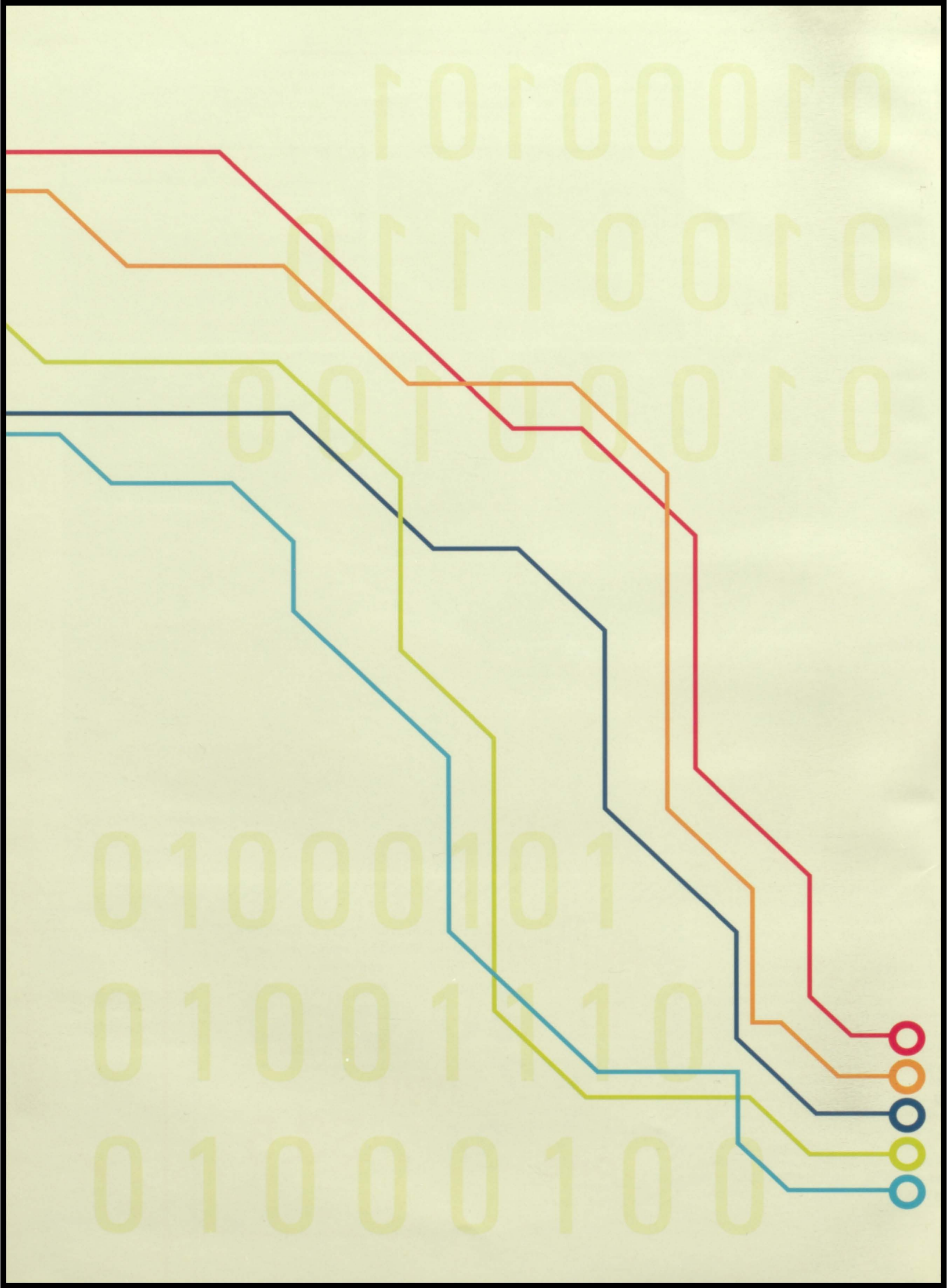
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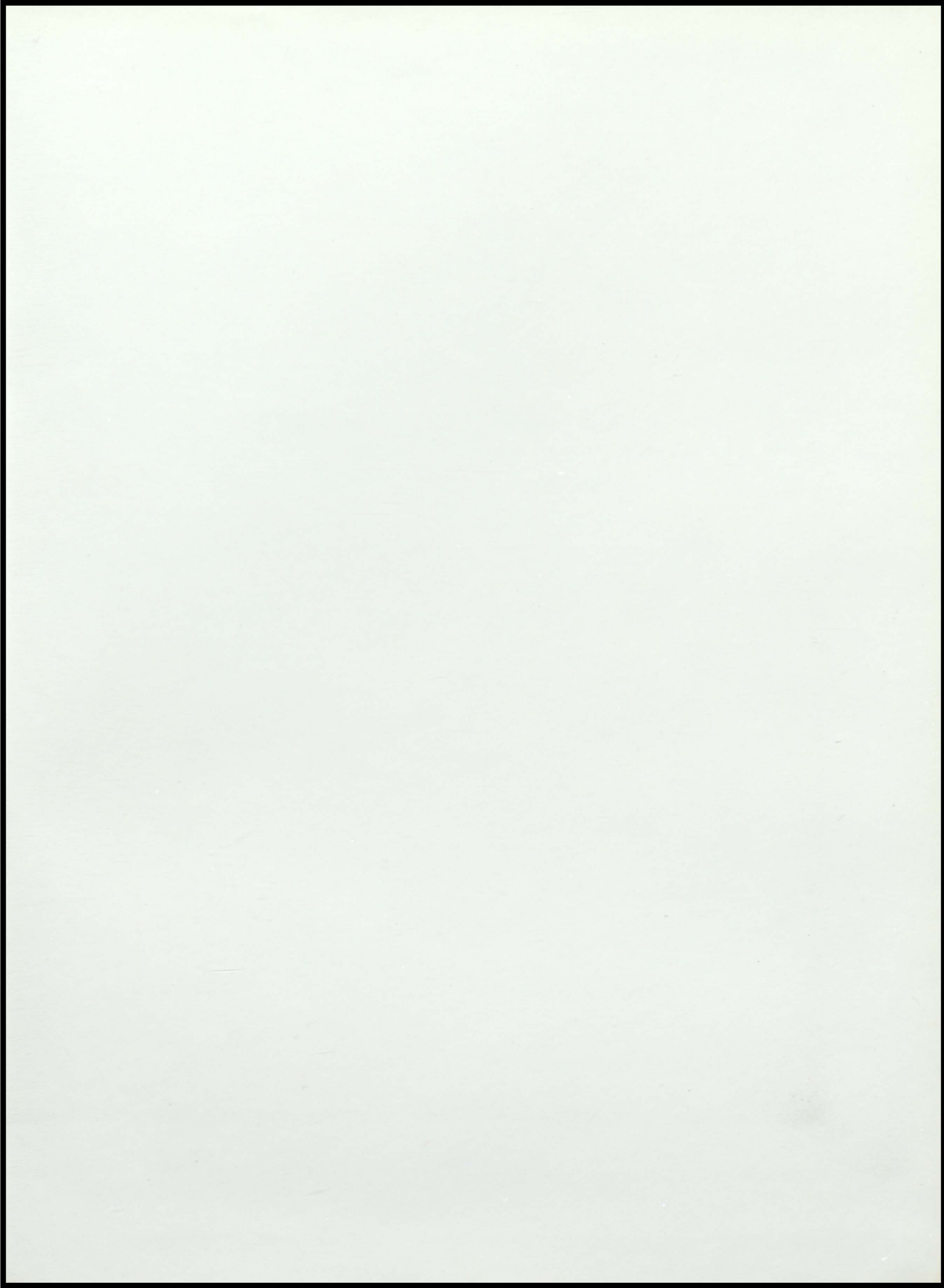
Just as the 2010-2011 school year was rewired, we too became rewired and will continue to do so on a daily basis.

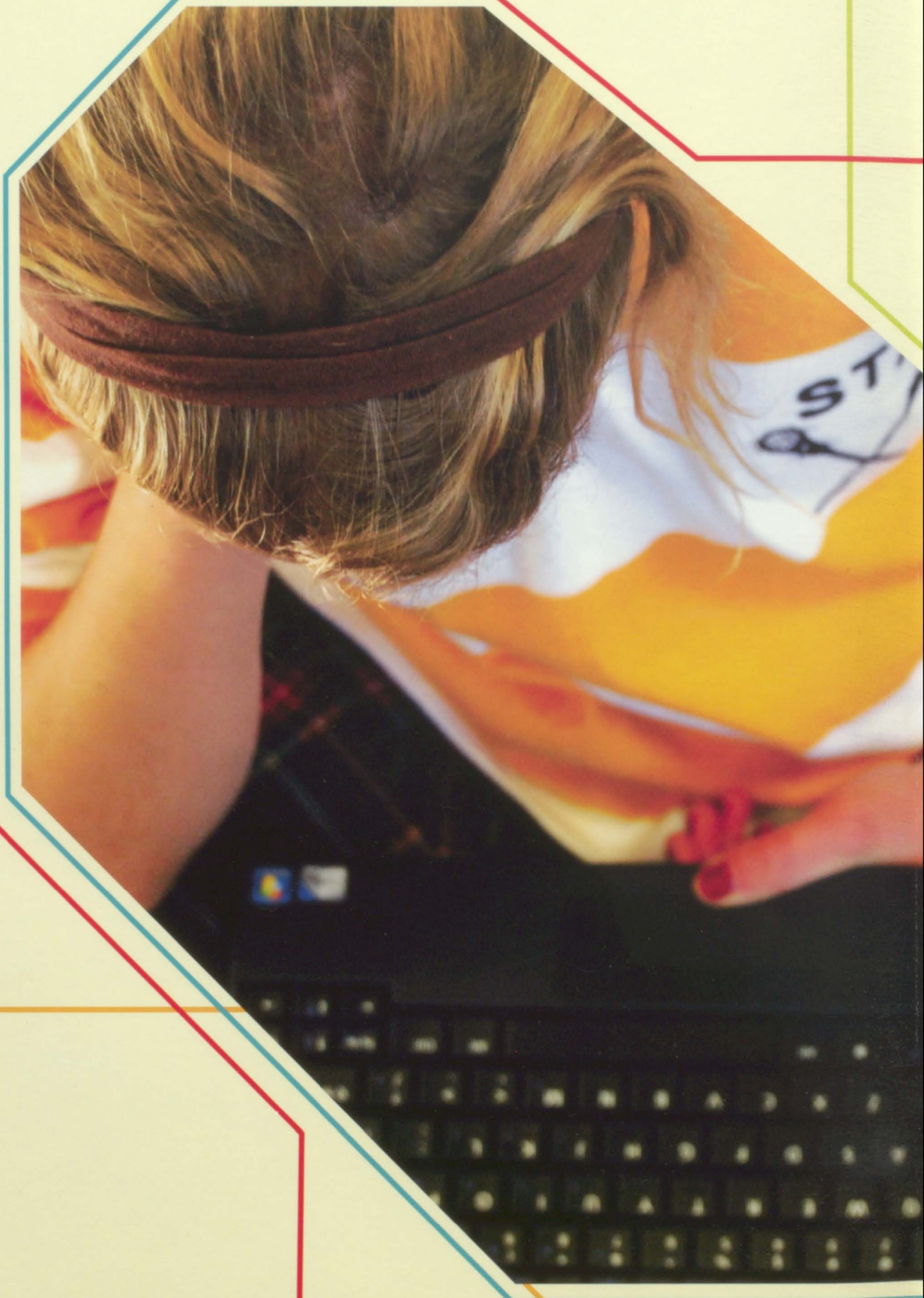
REWIRED. We unplugged our netbooks for the last time...cleaned the half-eaten sandwiches out of our lockers... and turned in our "gently used" textbooks and novels. We struggled to make it through our week of finals and dreaded the three tests crammed into 3 hours. We studied away, hoping that we would be able to run out of the Goppert Center screaming, "I'm done!" and look back on the year like it never happened because after a while, everything just seemed normal.

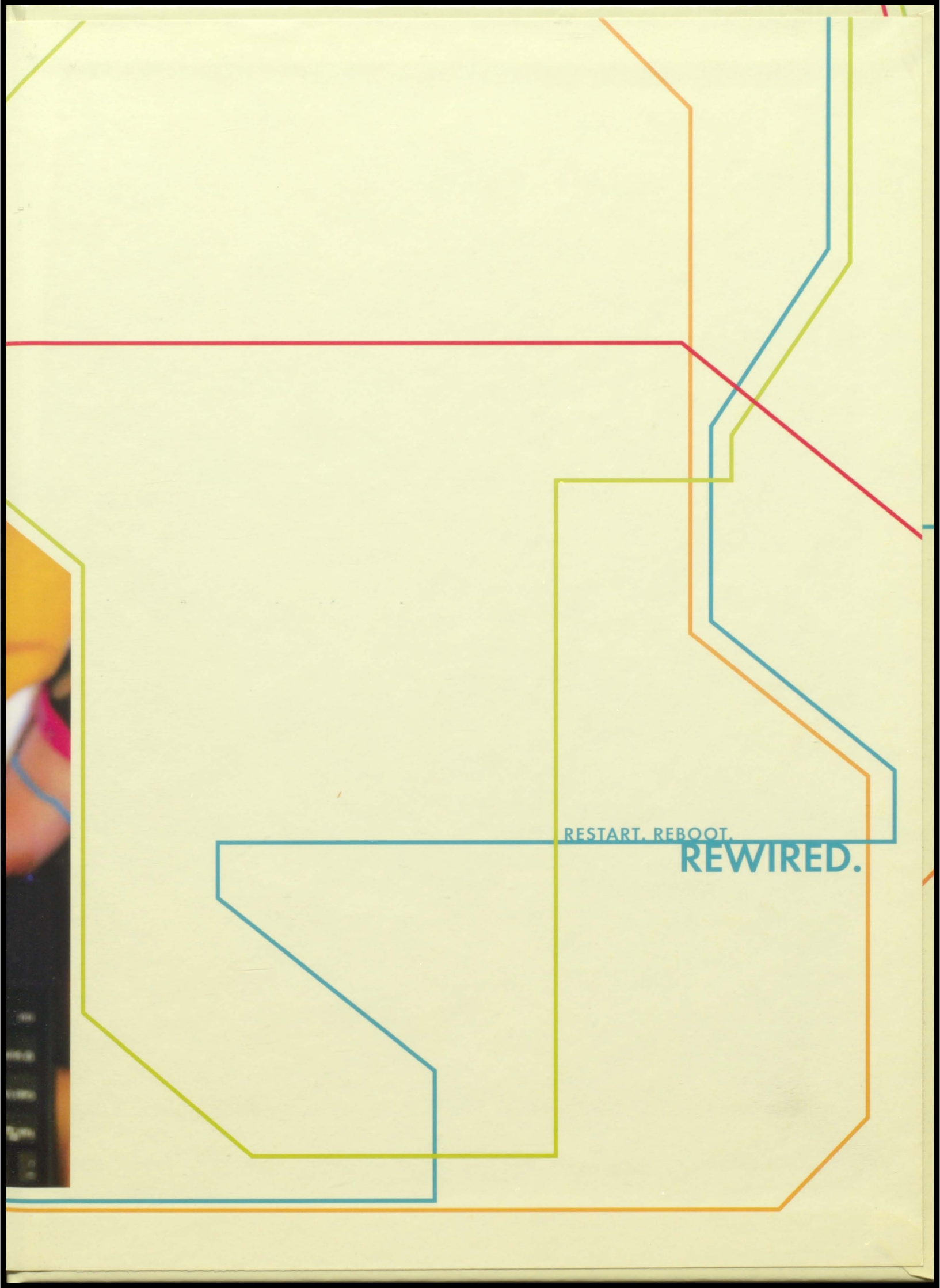
Carrying around maroon satchels was just a slight addition to lugging around our backpacks... logging onto Moodle was a daily occurrence... walking around a 9-foot chain link fence was normal...hearing power drills while taking a 200-point calculus test no longer phased us.

We had changed along with our school and continued to adjust to each new day. We reacted to the nail-biting District games and overcame







The image features a light beige background with several overlapping, angular lines in red, orange, blue, and green. These lines form a complex, circuit-like pattern. On the left side, a vertical strip shows a partial photograph of a person's face, including a pink visor and a black device. The text 'RESTART. REBOOT.' is printed in a blue, sans-serif font, positioned above the larger word 'REWIRED.' which is also in blue and bold.

RESTART. REBOOT.

REWIRED.

