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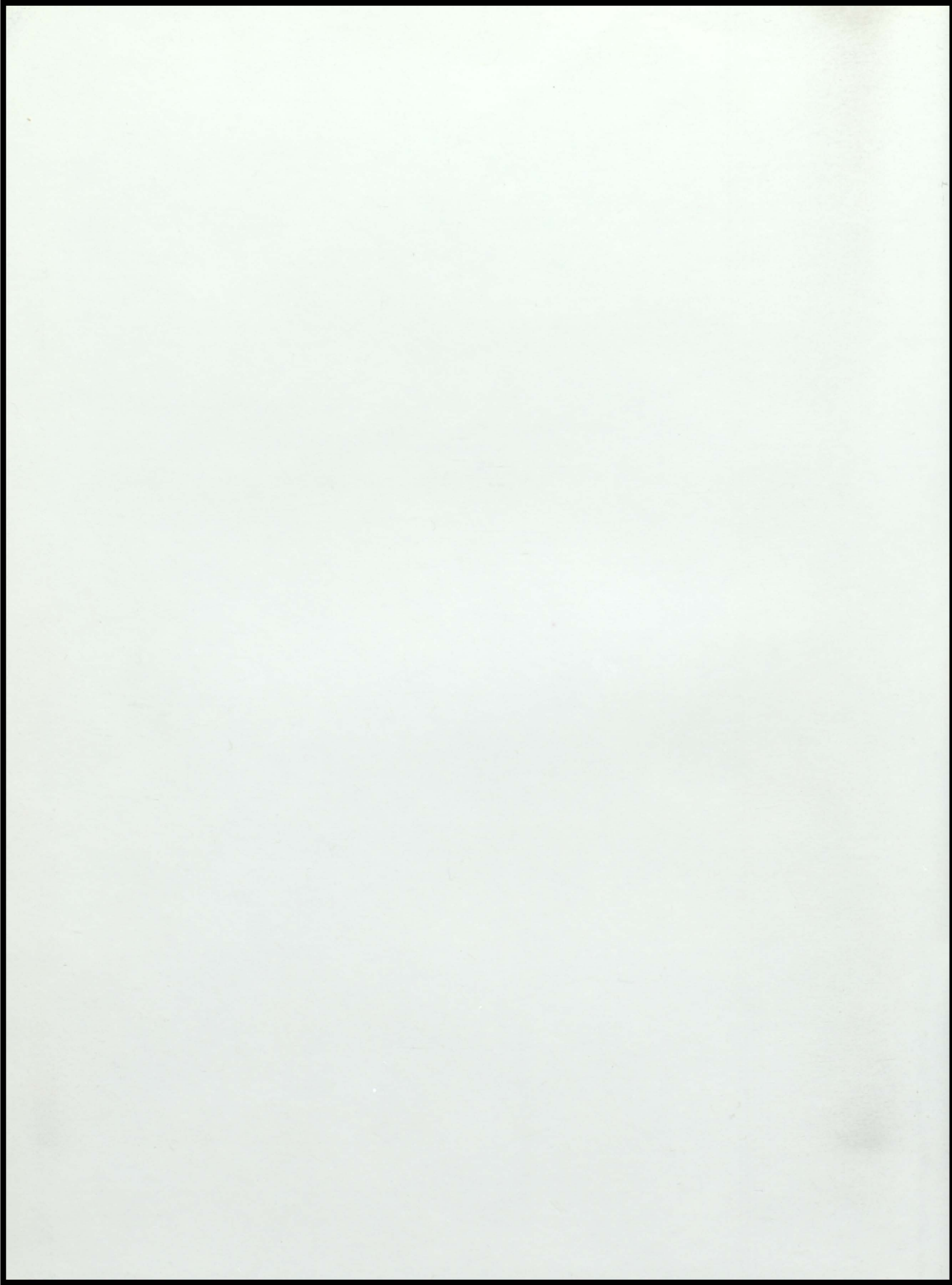
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**moment of truth** Seniors Stephanie Hampel, left, reacts to her name being called as Academy Woman as Cecilia O'Flaherty and McLaren O'Rear scream. "I felt so loved and appreciated by the STA community," Hampel said. "I was completely shocked and was not expecting it at all." PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH

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# this is your year

which moments will you remember?

The constant presence of cranes and mechanical beeping from the machines constructing the chapel during the school day? **no.**

The added class masses that are scheduled every Wednesday morning, giving you an extra hour of sleep on the weeks your class doesn't have to attend mass? **no.**

The home games against Sion where you attempted to keep up with the stomp-clap rhythm of 'Red Hot'? **no.**

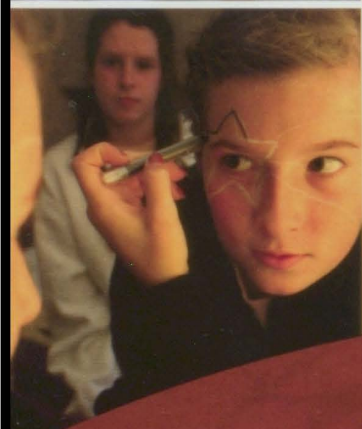
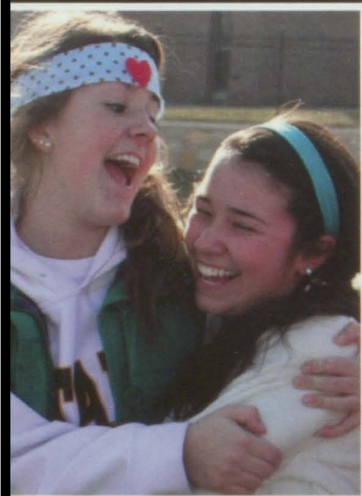


# ...this is your moment

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**paint me blue** STA students donned Smurf attire for the home volleyball game against rival Notre Dame de Sion High School Sept. 7. At one point when the Stars were leading, senior Maddie Dang, dressed as the school mascot, Twinks, ran to Sion's side of the court and pretended to fight the Storm. PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS



# your year is a series of little moments all strung together.

The warm greeting you gave the new theology teacher Michael Sanem at orientation.

The silly face your friend made at you in lieu of a "hey" when you passed each other in the Quad.

These little moments define your year.

Every moment is a memory that should be remembered in detail, from beginning...to middle...to end.

All of us must take time to pause...process...and proceed.

At the time, you don't think these little moments matter...

**...but they do.**





# pause...



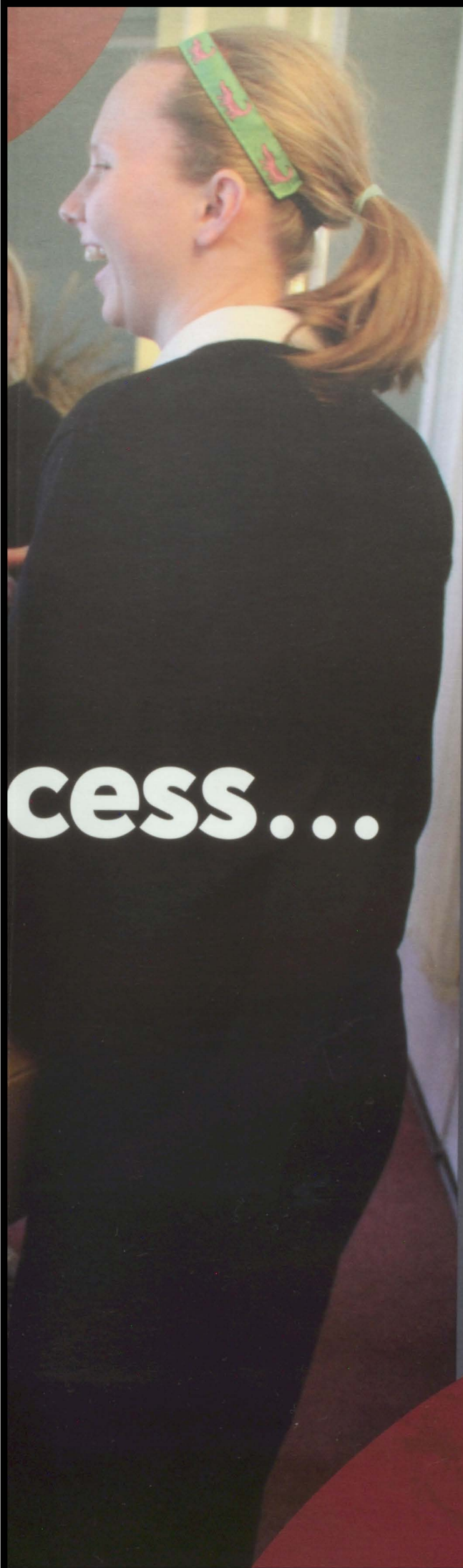
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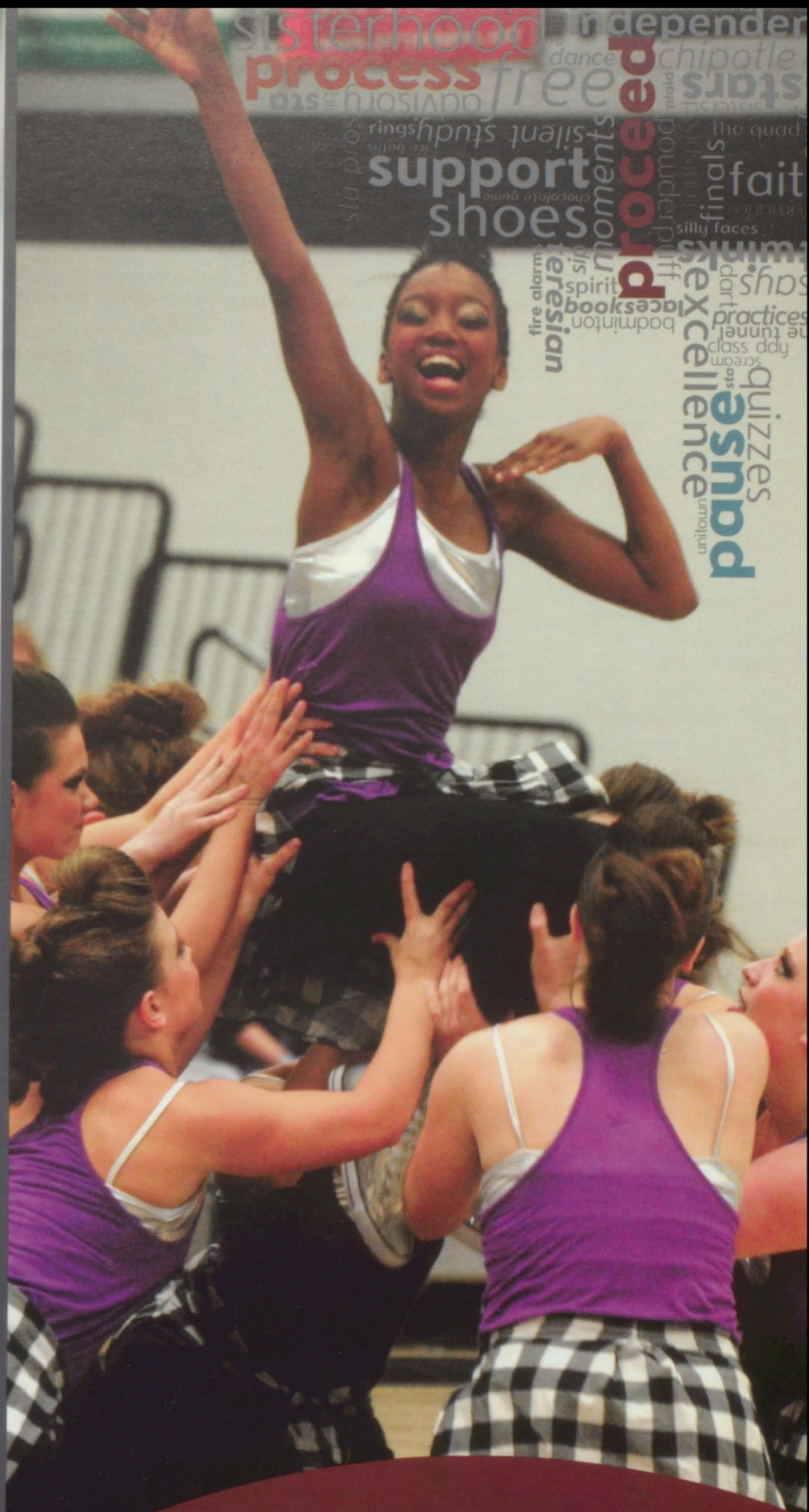
Sophomore Erin Farmer stands in the dugout, watching her teammates compete on the field as she prepares to bat. PHOTO BY MADDIE HORTON

**bring me chipotle** (center) Senior Stephanie Hampel and Junior Courtney Coppinger carry a box of Chipotle burritos to Zahner Lounge. PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW

**touch the sky** (right) Freshman Sydney Wimes poses as her teammates lift her during a routine at State. PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS



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**my substitute family** (above) Senior Brenna Scott poses with the boys of her host family in France. Scott spent most of her time on the family stay with them rather than her assigned hostess. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BRENNIA SCOTT

**picture perfect moment** (right) Junior Meghan Lewis snaps a photo of a landmark in Avignon, France. The trip participants traveled to southern France for the second week of their trip. PHOTO BY MADDI HUGHES-ZAHNER



**french history buffs** The French students explore the Pope's palace in Avignon, France. "The French trip really bonded us because we all spent so much time together," senior Brenna Scott said. PHOTO BY MADDI HUGHES-ZAHNER

# pushed overboard

STA French students traveled to France over the summer and spent time with native host families in southern France. While some students enjoyed their June voyage, senior Brenna Scott told a different story. STORY AND DESIGN BY GABI LUKENS

Senior Brenna Scott was excited to be heading to the beach with her host family in France. She couldn't wait to get out of the cramped three-bedroom apartment that she was sharing with seven other people. The anticipation began to build as they traveled closer to the beach. She could imagine the waves washing over the sandy, warm beach with the smell of salty ocean air filling her senses. According to Scott, what she had hoped would be the perfect day turned out to be the worst day of the trip.

The nightmare that was her family stay began with a two and a half hour car ride with three boys ages 18, 21 and 23. One person was missing: Scott's assigned hostess.

"The girl of my host family stayed home because she hated me so much," Scott said. "On the car ride there, the family would ask me what objects were in English and then tell me the meaning in French. Little did I know, they were planning to quiz me over them later on."

Finally, they arrived at the beach near the southern French city of Aix. Scott was ready to

relax, but was surprised when one of the brothers decided to push her into the ocean. She landed on something sharp and discovered a cut on her foot. Scott had to wait hours for the supermarket to open so that they could buy supplies to cover her toe. The family wrapped her toe in gauze, piled into the car again and headed out for a boat ride.

"When we got to the pier, I figured that we would all be going out on a nice boat ride," Scott said. "As it turned out, only the boys were allowed to go on the boat and I had to be taken to the hospital."

The family took Scott to the hospital. According to Scott, the doctors could only speak French so it was difficult for her to communicate the problem.

"I was so frustrated with the whole situation that I started crying at the hospital," Scott said. "I just wanted to go home. I called home crying every night after that."

Luckily for Scott, only two days of her trip remained. According to Scott, her host family did not even take her to the train station. Reunited with her STA classmates, Scott was happy to head home.

## soundtrack of summer

Kansas City hosted many musicians during summer 2011. From the Uptown Theater to the Crossroads, students described their favorite summer concert.



(above) "Arcade Fire [was my favorite] because it was a good atmosphere. The people were really funny to watch and the music was just really good."  
—emma kelley, sophomore

"Fleet Foxes was the best one that I went to because the Uptown was a good venue. You could see everything. We got there early and got good seats. [Fleet Foxes] was much better live than they are on CD."  
—jordan allen, junior

"Mac Miller was the best because it was a lot of fun. There were a bunch of other artists there, like Kid Ink and Machine Gun Kelly. I also saw a ton of people that I knew there. [Mac Miller] seemed like a part of the crowd."  
—holli hogge, junior



**wrap it up** Senior Brenna Scott cut her toe after being pushed into the ocean during her family stay. It was almost two hours before her host family got her to the hospital. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BRENNNA SCOTT

# my moment

Every student, staff and faculty member was asked to describe a memorable moment at STA. COMPILED BY THE TERESIAN STAFF

[I loved] the volleyball game when everyone dressed up like Smurfs. It felt good to look around and know that all the crazy people painted blue were doing it for the spirit of STA.

—shay cummings, '15

Yard days are unique to STA ... I don't think that would happen at other schools.

—margaret weiler, '14

[Mr. Matthew Bertalott] had something that was bedazzled and I asked him about it and all he said was, 'I like bedazzled things.'

—arinna hoffine, '15

At play practice, [sophomore] Natalie Roll and I had to sit in a sleeping bag together around the outside of the auditorium. As we were laying there, Mr. [Stephen] Himes awkwardly walked by. He stopped, looked at us for a minute ...then shook his head and walked away.

—audrey muelebach, '14

Me and my friends went to the faculty volleyball game. We were shouting and screaming and were mostly cheering for the guy teachers ...that's awkward.

—laura dobens, '14

I was sitting in silent study the other day and there was a girl sitting by herself. One of my friends walked in and told the girl to come and sit with us. That shows me how strong STA's sisterhood is.

—madeline best, '14

Before the Sion versus STA game this year we all dressed up like Smurfs! And we painted our faces completely blue.

—grace scovell, '13

When I was in Mr. [Stephen] Himes' class and Mr. [Kelly] Fast came in and they both started complaining about different school systems. It's like, we aren't the only family, the teachers are, too.

—kathleen blanck, '14

In math class, Dr. Joe [Grantham] made a big story about my name and so after that he called me 'Marley the Ghost.'

—marley schmidlein, '15

Between geometry and world history, me and my friend go and get candy from the development office every day.

—sabrina redlingshafer, '14

I remember picture day we had a yard day ... it was the perfect temperature and I was surrounded by my best friends. I remember thinking this moment is really perfect.

—tessa jean smith, '14



# pause



Take a moment to pause...  
Pause to experience...  
Pause to remember...  
Pause to process...

Announcements.  
Lunch.  
Shake down.  
Silly faces.  
Passing periods.  
Roll call.  
Construction.  
New grass.  
Star cookies.  
Free periods.  
Yard days.  
Smoothies.  
Dissection days.  
Bells.  
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Trigonometry equations.

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**time to pause** Senior Elizabeth Daugherty pauses with an outstretched hand to see where her golf ball lands at practice Sept. 27. PHOTO BY LIBBY SAUDER



Girls in all grades bonded during advisory lunch parties. Advisories set aside a small part of their day to enjoy common interests, such as food or TV shows. Parties provided advisories with a time to learn about each other and explore different interests.

*"A favorite theme for advisory parties in the Prentiss advisory is playing Just Dance. We hook up the game to the projector so everyone can see it. It's crazy and fun. It's a good idea for an advisory party because it gets everyone involved. It's just sort of goofy and a good way to let off some steam in the middle of the day."*

—ms. shana prentiss, drama

*"For our senior going-away party we ordered food from Los Tules. We had so much food that we had to invite a whole bunch of people to come over and eat it. We got all the seniors candles with [pictures of] Jesus on them to remind them of their time at STA."*

—emma wheatley, gargallo advisory, '13

*"We get to sit together, sing along with the songs, and talk about what's happening. We all get really excited, especially when [Glee star] Darren Criss comes on. It's really fun. Having themes for advisory parties is a good idea, but it shouldn't be too strict. It should be really relaxed and chill."*

—erin farmer, himes advisory, '14



**paying a tribute** Junior Regan Stiles commemorates those who battled breast cancer with her advisory Oct. 6 in the quad. October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so the Montag advisory tied pink ribbons around the trees. **PHOTO BY MARINA VIANELLO**



how do you party

# Advisories

## advisory ins&outs

Every school day, STA students were required to check-in when they arrived at school and check-out at the end of school with their advisors. Each advisory used a procedure that worked best for the advisor. Students and teachers described their advisory's system.



**How?** "[To check-out] I have my advisory bring me a star with their name on it. [The stars] are color coded for each grade."

**Why?** "I used to have my advisory just tell me when they were checking out, but then I would forget. It's better for me if there's something concrete in my hand."

—sue marquis, Latin



**How?** For everyday check-in and check-out, Ms. Lisa Dibble had her advisory sign their initials on a sheet as well as hand her a popsicle stick with their name on it.

**Why?** "[The popsicle sticks] are like a double check. It verifies that the student has come in or has left. With the popsicle stick, it allows me to make face-to-face contact with the students, especially in the afternoon."

—lisa dibble, art



**How?** "In the Bertalott advisory, we have to go in the classroom and he stands at his podium. He checks us off as we say 'Goodnight Mr. Bertalott or 'Mr. B.' Then he replies 'Goodnight.' I like that we don't have to write anything down at the end of the day."

**Why?** "I think he does it so no one signs each other out. He can make sure everyone is there really easily."

—bailey whitehead, '14



**How?** "[W]e use note cards attached to magnets. Every morning we move the magnets from the board to our individual coffee cups ... For afternoon, we take the magnets out of the cup and put them on the board."

**Why?** "[Ms. Sarah Knopik] has lots of people talking to her at the end of the day, so it's good to check out without having to interrupt her."

—brianna valine, '14



# pause

Each student was placed into an advisory, a homeroom comprised of girls from each grade, at the beginning of their freshman year. Each advisory had their own traditions that brought the girls closer to one another. The Montag advisory developed their own tradition that they hope to carry on into future years: a tradition for a cause. STORY AND DESIGN BY MARINA VIANELLO

## PAUSE.

One month. One advisory. One cause.

Science teacher Mary Montag and her advisory took one day in October to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Junior Regan Stiles's idea to increase breast cancer awareness came from her mother, who worked at Menorah Medical Center.

"Breast cancer is increasing and, since we go to an all-girls school, it seemed like a topic worth embracing," Stiles said.

According to Stiles, her grandmother had breast cancer, and another Montag advisee, senior Jackie Regan's mother passed away of breast cancer.

"For those who have lost family members [from breast cancer], I thought bringing attention [to the cause] would be good and allow them to remember those people," Stiles said.

## PROCESS.

During an advisory party Oct. 6, the Montag advisory tied pink ribbons around the trees on campus. Stiles's mom ordered cookies decorated with pink ribbons for the festivities. Sophomore Annie Keel felt like the advisory represented STA's philosophy well.

"We felt like we were helping our dear neighbor by informing them about [the cause]," Keel said.

Similarly, sophomore Mattie O'Boyle believed that bringing breast cancer to the attention of the STA community as an advisory brought everyone closer.

"It unified us," O'Boyle said. "We worked together for one passionate cause."

## PROCEED.

"The best part of the whole thing was knowing that we were making a difference in a small way by helping others, not just ourselves," Stiles said.

Stiles hoped to make it a school wide event during the following year. She thought the school could do fundraisers for breast cancer and support the cause by wearing pink ribbon tattoos, and she intended to buy a remembrance book for people to write down the names of their loved ones who have passed away as a result of breast cancer.

"I do not have set plans [for next year] yet," Stiles said. "But I would like every advisory to come to the quad during their activity period on a set day to tie pink ribbons around the campus."



## where's the stash?

Food was a common theme at STA. Both the Whitney and Rueschhoff advisories kept "snack stashes" in their rooms in case students were hungry.

"[Whitney] has a box in the closet that has bread and peanut butter and knives. In the fridge there's also jelly. If people forget their lunch or don't have any money, they can go to the closet and make a sandwich. It's a good idea for everyone. Plus, we have lots of vegetarians [in my advisory] so it's always a good option for them. Everyone likes PB&J."

—jamie seibert, 14

"We have two cookie jars in the advisory. Girls bring in the cookies on occasion and put them in the jars. It's a really good idea, I think. Our advisory favorite is Oreos."

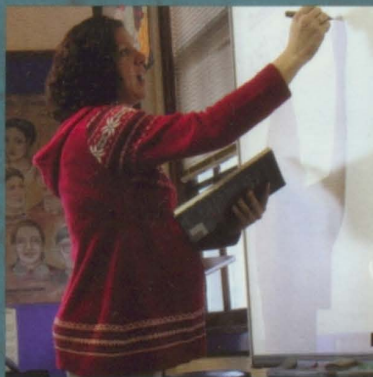
—denise rueschhoff, social studies



## by the numbers

Numerous advisories underwent changes in advisers and locations during the 2011-2012 school year. These are the changes expressed in numbers.

3 pairs of co-advisors  
 133 advisories  
 1 advisory switched buildings  
 21 advisory floor changes  
 15 freshmen with no big sisters



## trading spaces

"The first move was not my choice. I really didn't have a choice [which classroom I was given], but when Ms. [Anita] Rez[nicek] took that job in St. Louis, I asked if I could have the room that I am in now so I could be back with the rest of the math department."

—ms. jeanella clark, math



**all tied up** Senior Paige Wendland, left, places a ribbon around freshman Megan Ehrnman's neck at the school's opening assembly Aug. 18. Many freshmen and seniors admitted to feeling awkward during the Passing of the Legacy Ceremony. PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS

## newbeginning



As she stepped out of her mom's car the first day of school, freshman Carolyn Hornbeck took a deep breath, jittering with excitement. She walked to Ms. Stacie O'Rear's office to check in, then went to Ms. Kathy McCarthy's classroom for her period one class: technology in media. A few hours later, she was surprised to find herself in the Goppert Center.

"I wasn't expecting the Passing of the Legacy ceremony," Hornbeck said. "It was exciting to interact with the seniors and get cool necklaces. The whole thing made me feel at home."

By the end of the day, Hornbeck realized that STA was a fresh start.

"I felt like I was getting ready to make a new beginning from elementary school," Hornbeck said. "My first day of school was really good."



**bear hug time** Senior Taylor Migliazzo hugs a freshmen after presenting her with her St. Teresa of Avila medal Aug. 18. The assembly occurred on the first day of the year and allowed seniors to welcome freshmen into the community with a St. Teresa of Avila medal and prayer card. PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS



**yes, yes, lord** (right) Sophomore Annie Keel performs the hand motions to "Yes, Lord" at the opening assembly Aug. 18. The entire school rocked out to the song at the Passing of the Legacy ceremony on the first day of school. PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS

## my moment

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When we bring shadows on campus is when I really see how great and welcoming and non-judgmental the girls are. I see them embody the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the mission of the school.



—ms. roseann hudnall, admissions director

The passing of the legacy ceremony when I listened to Celia O'Flaherty, senior

class president, give her reflection of being part of this amazing legacy of women to freshmen. It is such an honor for me to serve this school because of the students it produces.

—ms. nan bone, president

On our faculty in-service day we had assigned seating. What was nice about it was that we sat with people we didn't know instead of the typical people we sat with. It was nice to learn more about

the people I sat with, and hear the ways St. Teresa's was meaningful to them.

—ms. marcia warwick, admissions assistant

On the first day of school, I was able to walk outside to change classes and I love that.

—willia knight, '15

I am welcomed by everyone every time I arrive. The benefit of being part of

# hairu

## beginnings

The Passing of the Legacy ceremony welcomed freshmen into the sisterhood. The ceremony had become a meaningful tradition at STA. STORY AND DESIGN BY MADDIE DANG

As senior Celia O'Flaherty concluded her speech to the STA community on the first day of school, every senior and freshman rose from her respective seats. They all formed their lines, waiting to meet each other. As senior Marianna Messerli approached a freshman, the new STA student prepared to receive the St. Teresa of Avila medal. When the medal hooked onto the freshman's ponytail, the two held their breath and looked around to see if anyone had noticed the awkward interaction.

"I was thinking about not messing up," senior Marianna Messerli said. "I just wanted to get [the medal] over her head."

At this third annual Passing of the Legacy ceremony, seniors passed on a medal to each freshman. In addition to the St. Teresa of Avila medal, seniors also presented freshmen with a prayer card that had the prayer of St. Teresa of Avila on the front and a handwritten note from a senior on the back.

After presenting the medal, many seniors enveloped their freshman in a hug.

"[The hug] was a little awkward," freshman Anna Marie Fiorella said. "[But] I felt more welcome because of it."

Although the interactions with seniors were

sometimes uncomfortable, freshman Hayden Lee thought the seniors' knowledge of STA made her feel prepared to embark on her new journey at STA.

"[The seniors made me] feel more welcome because it was the seniors, who have been there for four years and know everything about STA who were welcoming us," Lee said.

However, freshmen were not the only ones who felt a sense of belonging during the ceremony. For many seniors, this ceremony was a reminder of the bonds they created since they were freshman.

"I [was] excited because I felt like I officially belonged to the STA community," senior Rosemary McGraw said.

As the ceremony concluded, McGraw also reflected on the meaning behind the ceremony.

"I think [the ceremony is] STA's way of showing our views on community, acceptance and reverence for St. Teresa," McGraw said. "This ceremony is pertinent and fulfilling for the freshmen as well as everyone else."

As Lee walked out of Goppert, she felt prepared for her new setting.

"It felt good that I was finally at STA because I was now a star and a part of the sisterhood," Lee said.



**laugh it out** Principal of Student Affairs Mary Anne Hoecker, left, laughs with Sister Rosemary Flanigan at the end of the opening assembly Aug 18. The praise band inspired the laughter when they broke out into a rock version of "Yes, Lord." PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS



**our senior leaders** (top right) Seniors Celia O'Flaherty, from left, Allison Fitts, Hannah Wolf, and Alex Mediavilla laugh together during the Passing of the Legacy ceremony Aug. 18. The four class officers helped to lead the opening assembly, in which senior class president O'Flaherty gave a welcoming speech to both new and returning students. PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS

## by the numbers

On the first day of school, the STA community welcomed the freshmen with the Passing of the Legacy ceremony.

3rd annual ceremony

439 students who have received medals

21 seniors gave two medals

151 freshmen

129 seniors

a smaller rather than larger institute of learning is that such a place creates an environment that fosters belonging and cultivates growth.

—ms. peg marland, counselor

The very first day of school defined STA for me. The mass, the assembly, whether you are a new teacher or old teacher, everyone is



engaged in the process, and brings us together as a community.

—ms. amanda johnson, counselor

When Celia O'Flaherty spoke to the freshmen at the opening prayer service, I could see in all the seniors how much you students grow from when you come to when you graduate.

—ms. megan schaefer, computer graphics

When the students, faculty and staff came together for our opening school mass, putting us into focus for the coming school year.

—ms. kathy walters, registrar

It's the spirit of the students and how teachers and student intermingle. I've never worked in a place with such a welcoming atmosphere.

—mr. gil mont, facilities

In advisory I walk in and no one ignores me. [Senior] Megan Lewis is nice and talks to me. She makes me feel included.

—fee pauwels, '15

In drama, I asked [freshman] Anna Marie [Fiorella] to get M&Ms for a shadow and she grabbed the bag and the M&Ms went everywhere.

—maddie beshoner, '15



# my moment

Every student, staff and faculty member was asked to describe a memorable moment at STA. COMPILED BY THE TERESIAN STAFF

During advisory the girls just burst out singing show tunes for no apparent reason. That sense of community and fun is what makes me think of STA.

—ms. alice amick, french

One time I saw a girl drop all of her stuff and someone else stopped to help her pick it up. It showed the kindness of the students of STA.

—ann campbell, '15

Every time that I see with how much enthusiasm the girls work. Because from my experience, I only have experience teaching here at STA and then teaching college students. Just to see with how much enthusiasm the students work here is what makes a big difference to me.

—ms. melissa axton, spanish

Last year I went on Kairos for the first time, and it was really nice to get to know the faculty on a more personal level.

—ms. carolyn hollstein, spanish

We handed around a picture and she gave the pictures to Rachel [Tovar] and we were laughing out loud. It was fun.

—marie green, '15

[The students] did a family presentation to introduce themselves [in class]. It was so awesome, the confidence.

—ms. valda hsu, mandarin chinese

In Junior Classical League I had a student that was the freshman representative. Now she is a state officer. It is special to me to have watched her blossom. That is the epitome of STA to me.

—ms. sue marquis, latin

[My moment is] when the girls come in and everybody is enthusiastic and competitive.

—ms. julia gargallo, spanish

There was a moment outside of [Ms.] Nan Bone's office when [the faculty] were practicing the dance for the skit. Everyone was just having so much fun.

—ms. sherry stiles, development/auction

[I loved] when we did the skit for frosh fest with my advisory. It was a good bonding moment.

—alex amey, '15

The best was during the faculty volleyball game. Mr. [Rafael] Ramirez in the skirt. We were just laughing.

—lauren dufresne, '15



**brushin' it up** Senior Kaili McCamman attempts to paint bamboo in the traditional Chinese style Sept. 27. McCamman hoped the new Mandarin Chinese class would help her connect to her Chinese roots.

PHOTO BY MADELINE BARTH



**pencil it in** Junior Anna Heldt receives help from Mandarin teacher Valda Hsu in class Oct. 4. Heldt, like some other students in the class, chose to take Chinese partially because of her Chinese background. PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON



**hit the buzzer** (above) Sophomores Anna Kropf, from left, Rachel Moran and Abbey Haines wait for a question in a Latin review game Oct. 7. "I'm really competitive, so I think games where the material is put into competition are really fun," Haines said. PHOTO BY MADELINE BARTH

**ham and cheese** (right) Juniors Page Kemna, from left, Annie Steinert and Cricket Martin prepare croque-monsieurs Oct. 7. French club feasted on these traditional French sandwiches while discussing club sweatshirt designs. PHOTO BY MADELINE BARTH

# to or not to speak

A New Mandarin Chinese class was implemented into the languages department at STA. The class held special meaning for students with Chinese heritage who hoped to learn more about their background. STORY AND DESIGN BY MADELINE BARTH

While the Mandarin Chinese teacher busied herself with painting supplies for the students to practice writing their names, junior Anna Heldt ate her authentic Chinese dumplings with chopsticks. Just before her first bite, Heldt paused to watch the steam pour from the pot sticker, waiting for it to cool.

"A big part of the reason I decided to take the class was because I wanted to look and speak the part of being Chinese," senior Kaili McCamman said. "I guess I also want to connect to my past somehow and be able to carry it with me in the future."

Composed of five students, three of which were Chinese, the newly implemented Mandarin class met during periods four and six along with two activity periods Tuesday and Thursday. For the students who had a Chinese background, like Heldt and McCamman, Mandarin was a connection to their heritage and a chance to explore their roots.

"When I was younger my family was a part of an organization called The Walk for Hope, which helped raise money for little girls in China," Heldt said. "There were five main families involved in the organization and we all used to go over to each other's houses and celebrate the Chinese new year."

Mandarin teacher Valda Hsu, who taught Chinese for 17 years, focused on taking a very slow and detailed approach to the language. However, according to Hsu, learning about the culture in addition to the language was very important.

"In the past, I have learned that for Chinese students who were adopted, learning the language and then going back to China to visit their hometown has given them a kind of completion to their life," Hsu said.

McCamman and Heldt, who both took Chinese classes when they were younger, found the Mandarin class challenging and different from learning other languages offered at STA. McCamman felt the unconventional aspect to the class had advantages and disadvantages, but being Chinese didn't make learning about or writing the characters any easier.

According to Heldt, although her heritage did not have much effect on her performance in the class, the class itself influenced her view of Chinese culture.

"Mrs. Hsu talks a lot about what is traditional in China and about the culture and its effects on the people," Heldt said. "Because of this class I often think about how different my life would be if I hadn't been adopted, and what I would be doing if I still lived in China and not in the United States."



**spell it out** Junior Keara Miller, from left, senior Haley Winslow and juniors Anna Heldt and Cricket Martin practice writing Chinese characters on the board Oct. 4. The students were tested often on their ability to write their own names in Chinese.

PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON

## q&a language

One teacher from each language was asked, "What teaching styles do you find most effective in the classroom?" to compare and contrast the four different languages offered at STA.

*"I really like using the French culture to help my students learn the different parts of the language such as verbs, vocab and everyday conversation. Authentic materials such as films, food, magazines and books are extra useful for helping students in listening, reading and writing. This approach also expands the students' knowledge about the country itself."*

**—ms. alice amick, French**

*"I find that derivatives, flashcards and grammar stories are some of the most important techniques to use especially when teaching Latin. But I'm using [the website] Quizlet a lot this year which really helps the students to learn their vocabulary. Vocab is one of the most important aspects of Latin because they are eventually going to be able to relate the Latin vocab to English vocab."*

**—ms. sue marquis, Latin**

*"For beginning levels and younger students I use a methodology called TPR, or total physical response, which involves putting actions and movement with words. I also like using authentic resources from the language such as Spanish songs and videos from native speakers whenever possible [...] It trains your ear to hear the faster Spanish and is helpful in the long run."*

**—ms. carolyn hollstein, Spanish**

*"When teaching Mandarin, I must set aside lots of time for individual attention to my students because it is so different from anything they have ever learned. My students use lots and lots of flashcards for learning the many characters, but I also like teaching them about Chinese culture through activities like calligraphy and making tea."*

**—ms. valda hsu, Chinese**



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# Dueling DIABETES

Junior Kate Witt was diagnosed with diabetes in 2004. Because of her disease, Witt endured daily dietary restrictions from teachers, but now Witt faces diabetes on her own. STORY AND DESIGN BY MAGGIE KENNEY

**A**s third grade teacher Ms. Brooks-Smith passed out fruit snacks to her class, she specifically made sure that she grabbed a sugar-free package. She proceeded with handing out the snacks to all of her students, but when she came to Kate Witt, now an STA junior, she made sure to give her the sugarless package due to Witt's diabetes.

At Holliday Montessori School, Witt walked to the nurse to take her blood tests; now, at STA Witt draws her blood on her own time. If Witt's sugars were too low in elementary school, she sat on the sidelines and watched her classmates play; Witt now participates in lacrosse and cross country for STA. Before, Witt was deprived of sugary snacks, but now eats what she wants.

"It made me so mad that I had diabetes," Witt said. "I am type one [diabetes]. I can have sugar, and the teachers never believed me."

Her only wish was to be independent about her diabetes. She wanted her diabetes to stop affecting how people treated her.

"I wanted to be independent about it," Witt said. "The teachers made me have a buddy when I was going to check my sugars."

In August 2009, Witt's wish was granted. Witt began her studies at STA independent from teacher restrictions about her diabetes.

"It was a huge transition for me," Witt said. "I couldn't rely on a nurse anymore."

According to Witt, everything she had experienced in grade school changed the day she came to STA. She now had the freedom to eat what she wanted, monitor her blood levels on her own, and participate in cross country and lacrosse.

"I have to make sure my blood sugar is at the right levels," Witt said. "Otherwise I lose energy throughout the day."

In grade school, Witt checked her blood sugars at the nurse's office. Now, Witt monitors her carbohydrate intake on her own time.

One day first semester, as first activity bell rang, Witt and her friends marched off to their activity location. As all of her friends got situated in their seats, searched for their blue sheets and talked about their plans for the weekend, Witt took a moment to check her blood and carbohydrate levels.

"Diabetes has become part of my life," Witt said. "I am used to checking my blood sugars all the time, counting carbohydrates, and giving myself insulin."

STA has given Witt the freedom she had been asking for with her diabetes. Although her friends and teachers know that she has diabetes, they treat her like any other student: like she does not have diabetes.

# moment

Every student, staff and faculty member was asked to describe a memorable moment at STA. COMPILED BY THE TERESIAN STAFF

Our entire advisory was out in the Quad during an advisory party, joking and laughing as we tried to tie the piñata up in the tree...It brought our entire advisory closer together.

—mr. kelly fast, english

The moment during the pep rallies when everyone is sitting together, laughing and having fun. It creates a sense of belonging.

—ms. kelly mckee, counseling

Having students come in without a P.E. class at their grade school, then coming in having an 'ah-ha moment' when they realize they can hit a volleyball or pass a basketball.

—ms. stacie o'rear, physical education

We had an exchange student... she was presenting her vase to the class. It was beautiful and the entire class started clapping when they saw it. It was such a nice moment that showed the STA sisterhood and the spirit of inclusion.

—ms. lisa dibble, art

Passing the legacy! I love that we are passing things on to the girls... It's at the beginning of the year... we can't wait to see all those faces come back.

—ms. kathleen barry, alumnae director

It was Mr. [Steven] Himes, Ms. [Jeanelle] Clark, and Ms. [Katie] Dolan. We went down to [Jefferson] City...Most of the way down Clark and Dolan talked about pregnancy and Himes was just there.

—ms. renee blake, science

First time the Praise Band played for mass this year. They had been working really hard and the way the student body responded was just amazing.

—ms. michelle mcintire, music

Our JV golfers asked, 'Can we stop for ice cream on the way back?' after our matches at Unity Farm and Minor Park. They were very excited when the answer was yes.

—mr. jack garvin, athletics

This year's opening all school liturgy. I felt especially connected to STA during the sign of peace, when several girls made the effort to share peace with me.

—ms. linda wilber, database assistant

**ty abney:**  
assistant athletic director  
**alice amick:**  
french, department chair  
**melissa axton:**  
spanish  
**kathleen barry:**  
alumnae director, CSJ associate  
**holly bentley:**  
college counseling assistant



**julia berardi:**  
receptionist  
**matthew bertalott:**  
theology  
**renee blake:**  
science, department chair, technology  
**diana blessen:**  
math  
**nan bone:**  
president, CSJ associate



**jacqui brewer:**  
social studies  
**amy carlson:**  
science  
**greg carlson:**  
software coordinator  
**jeanella clark:**  
math  
**mary beth compton:**  
development director



**terry conner:**  
science  
**mary jo coughlin:**  
theology  
**lisa dibble:**  
art  
**katie dolan:**  
english  
**kelly drummond:**  
administrative assistant, CSJ associate



*Kathleen  
Flemming*

Kathleen Flemming, now known to students as Ms. Barry, graduated from STA in 1969. After sending her daughters there, Barry began working as the alumnae director in 2008. "...enjoy each year...it goes so quickly." PHOTOS COMPILED BY MADDI HUGHES-ZAHNER



*Nan  
Tiehen*

Nan Tiehen, or Ms. Nan Bone, was a part of the STA graduating class of 1969. In 2007, Bone returned to STA as the president. "That sisterhood! Going to an all girls school is so special. I don't think I realized it when I was in high school." PHOTOS COMPILED BY CARRIE HUDSON





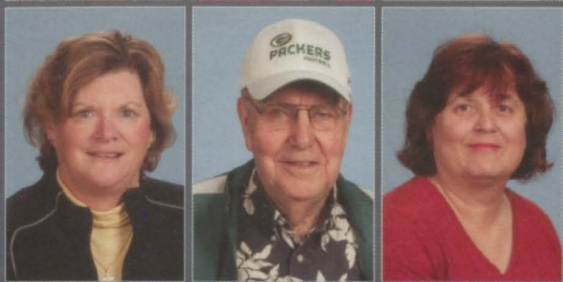
# faculty and staff



**terry egelhoff:**  
development office  
**mike egner:**  
social studies  
**kelly fast:**  
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**becky flores:**  
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**julia gargallo:**  
spanish  
**jack garvin:**  
assistant athletic director



**robin good:**  
theology, department chair,  
campus ministry, CSJ  
associate  
**joe grantham:**  
math  
**betsy hansbrough:**  
theology, campus ministry,  
CSJ associate



my first day

"I was a little overwhelmed with the difference between eighth grade and freshman year that I had to be places and I tend to like to chitchat with people and I kept being late for classes and they weren't kidding and you just were hurrying all over the place but people were friendly and funny...I remember our lunch on that first day and I sat down and we all had our lunches and we got what were called french pastries which are chocolate cupcakes basically. Everybody bought those; they were a quarter and we sat down and started talking and opening our lunch and suddenly the bell rang and lunch was over...I remember just that whole day was really fun and exciting...I had a really good experience and felt like that high school was really gonna be great and last forever and it was the fastest four years of my whole life and it was over."

kathleen barry, alumnae director

## from STA to STA

President Nan Bone and Alumnae Director Kathleen Barry returned to work at their former high school. STORY AND DESIGN BY CARRIE HUDSON AND MADDI HUGHES-ZAHNER

Laughter bounced off the walls of the M&A Building and Donnelly Hall. Leaves fell around students as they walked across the STA quad between classes. This average fall day was not in 2011. Rather than Uggs and Sperrys, girls wore saddle shoes and knee socks. Red tartan plaid skirts reaching three inches below their knees were mixed in with green, blue and gold skirts. The year was 1969. The students are seniors Kathleen Fleming and Nan Tiehen, now known as Ms. Barry and Ms. Bone.

Barry and Bone believed the friends they made at STA were still their closest friends. They played cards, went on walks and vacation together.

"[We've] gone on lots of walks together and solved the world's problems repeatedly," long time friend of Barry, Jeanie Neenan said.

Although Bone separated from her STA friends in college, she was still closely attached to her high school friends. After Bone moved back to Kansas City in 2004, her STA friends were the first to help her unpack.

"They'll be your friends for life," Bone said. "I have good college friends, but to this day, I still

have my best high school friends."

Bone was involved in the equivalent of Campus Ministry, and became vice-prefect her senior year. She fondly remembered attending sports games, screaming their "Class of '69" song and wearing clothes themed to their class mascot, the tiger.

Barry got involved in different ways, becoming co-chairman of the Christmas Basket Drive, a can collection to benefit the less fortunate.

"It was service," Barry said. "We loved doing that."

When the president position at STA opened up, Bone jumped at the opportunity to return to her second home. Barry returned in 2008, after sending all three of her girls through STA. Every day Barry relives her high school experience with her job as STA alumnae director.

"I remember girls laughing and enjoying each other's company [when I was at STA]," Barry said. "It's all a part of the wonderful sisterhood at STA."

Now on an average fall day, Barry crosses the quad. She flows with the traffic, smiling as she realizes STA's spirit has not changed since she was a student. There are still girls laughing and enjoying



**just messin' around** Class of 1969 seniors Nan Tiehen and Kathleen Fleming laugh with friends during a gym class. In 1969, students' gym uniforms consisted of white jumpers and sneakers. PHOTOS

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During his period nine AP US History class, **Mr. Craig Whitney** got off track and started talking about Depends diapers. "If I ever have to wear Depends you should just put me down," Whitney said.

At the start of a Mandarin Chinese class, all the students complained to teacher **Ms. Valda Hsu** about the temperature of the room. "It is pretty toasty in here," Hsu said. "I'm worried about you guys falling asleep. What I will do is prepare a bucket of ice and throw it at you guys."

During midday advisory Nov. 3, **Mr. Eric Thomas** and his advisory discussed their impending kickball game against the Shrock Advisory. "I'm gonna call Mr. [Richard] Shrock and talk trash to him right now," Thomas said.



Mr. Jeff Zimmerman was the man behind the Help Desk every day, fixing battery problems, repairing cracked screens and loading Virtual Labs onto netties. Friday was Zimmerman's favorite day of the week, not because of the upcoming weekend, but because he would always wear his Pacman t-shirt. When asked why he chose Pacman, Zimmerman said it's "the geek part of me." This tradition began when Zimmerman and his friends from Canada, Belgium, Australia and other parts of the US wore their graphic t-shirt every Friday while playing their favorite Massive Multiplayer Online games.

"[Wearing the shirt] was more of an inside joke," Zimmerman said. "We just wanted something something special to just us."

Over the years, people in the group stopped wearing their t-shirt. The only two left who keep up the tradition are Zimmerman and "Spiderman." After seven years of wearing his Pacman shirt, Zimmerman said that "it's almost at its end." For when the time comes to retire the shirt, Zimmerman has a "backup Pacman shirt" so he can continue to carry on the tradition.

**barbara harris:** math  
**jacquelyn hershewe:** librarian  
**stephen himes:** english



**diane hirner:** english  
**mary anne hoecker:** principal of student affairs  
**carolyn hollstein:** spanish



**mark hough:** athletic director  
**roseann hudnall:** director of admissions, CSJ associate  
**debi hudson:** college counselor, development chair



**carrie jacquin:** english, CSJ associate  
**amanda johnson:** counselor  
**joan jordan:** development assistant



## teachers in time

This timeline shows when current faculty and staff began working at STA, starting in 1971. Years where only a few people started is represented by a smaller circle, and years when many people started is represented by a larger circle. Source: Teacher Starting Year List

- 1971** Kathy McCarthy
- 1982** Mary Anne Hoecker
- 1984** Dr. Joe Grantham
- 1984** Sr. Joan Tolle
- 1986** Terry Egelhoff

- 1987** Joan Jordan
- 1989** Mike Egnor
- 1990** Debi Hudson
- 1993** Reneé Blake, Dianne Hirner, Peg Marland, Megan Schaefer

- 1996** Roseann Hudnall, Judy Merriman, Kathy Walters

- 1999** Diana Blessen, Katie Dolan, Jack Garvin, Jacquelyn Hershewe, Mary Montag, Craig Whitney

- 2000** Alice Amick, Matthew Bertalott, Robin Good, Denise Rueschhoff, Theresa Wallerstedt, Jo Weller

- 2001** Shana Prentiss, Stacie O'Rear

- 2002** Pat SIRRIDGE, Matt Stewart, Eric Thomas

- 2003** Greg Carlson, Betsy Hansbrough

- 2004** Lisa Dibble, Linda Wilber

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I looked around in the auditorium during that crazy skit ... One of the seniors ran across and said, "Let's do the wave"...

It's like a party.  
-ms. nancy shuss, development and alumnae office

My husband was the magician they hired for the [auction] skit. He came home and said, "I have the secret sweatpants!"

-ms. jaqui brewer, history

The moment we slapped duct tape on each other's butts for our frosh fest skit embodied what an all girls school is all about.

-ms. sarah knopik, english

The other day I saw some girls playing volleyball in front of Goppert [Center] and one of them got hit in the face with the ball. It turns out the girl was fine and they all just started laughing. It's really good to see how much fun girls at STA have.

-mr. john palacio, facilities

One day I was carrying a heavy box, and a student I didn't know and had never met came up to me and offered to carry it for me. She took it from me, and I thought that was so sweet. Usually girls go so fast in the halls, and I'm so short that they don't see me. But she did.

-ms. judy merriman, business manager

Three years ago, I was having a crappy day and so I was in a free with some seniors who were sophomores my first year teaching. So we decided to play Frisbee in the room for 40 minutes. And they had just installed the projector and someone hit it, but nothing happened. The interaction with students was energizing and positive and made my day better.

-mr. richard shrock, history

The skits when you guys introduce the freshmen [at Frosh Fest defines STA]. I think that shows such great unity among the grades. Everybody gets excited about it. So, I love that part of STA.

-ms. jennifer petree, testing center moderator

I would have to say collaboration and laughter between the faculty and staff and me defines STA. The way that we work very hard together but also laugh and enjoy our times together.

-ms. mary beth compton, development office



steven karlin: music  
sarah knopik: english  
joe lascala: campus ministry  
beth madden: development assistant



sue marquis: latin  
kathy mccarthy: computer science, department chair  
barbara mccormick: principal for academic affairs  
michelle mcintire: music



kelly mckee: academic counselor  
judy merriman: business manager  
gil mont: operations manager  
mary montag: science



stacie o'rear: physical education  
jennifer petree: testing center  
shana prentiss: drama  
rafael ramirez: facilities manager

**2005** Mary Jo Coughlin, Mary Rietbrock

**2006** Julia Berardi, Charlotte Danforth, Julia Gargallo, Sue Marquis, Nancy Shuss

**2007** Nan Bone, Amy Carlson, Terry Conner, Barbara Harris, Richard Shrock, Andrea Skouronek, Diane Wilmont

**2008** Holly Bentley, Kathleen Berry, Jeanelle Clark, Kelly Drummond, Kelly Fast, Becky Flores, Stephen Himes, Diane Hirner (returns after leaving in 2002), Debi Hudson (returns after leaving in 2002), Carrie Jaquin, Beth Madden, Rafael Ramirez

**2009** Mark Hough, Barbara McCormick, Michelle McIntire, Marcia Warwick

**2010** Mary Beth Compton, Dr. Joe Grantham (returns after leaving in 2008) Carolyn Hollstein, Kelly McKee, Gil Mont, Jennifer Petree, Jeff Zimmerman

**2011** Ty Abney, Jacqui Brewer, Valda Hsu, Amanda Johnson, Sarah Knopik, Michael Sanem, Sarah Skidmore, Kim Sirridge, Tyler Stewart

# moment

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Whenever I'm in free period or a lunch and activity period, I feel a very strong sense of caring, friendly, community.

—ms. charlotte danforth, accounts payable

A time when I really saw STA as a community was during Cool School. It was shocking to me how everyone was willing to get up early and sacrifice their time and sleep to get excited for our school.

—ms. diana blessen, math

Watching [senior] Abby Suholaski dive out of the way of a softball when she should have dove towards it.

—mr. ty abney, athletics

I have the same students that come in every activity one. Sometimes they'll give me tips on things we see on TV. Like they gave me tips on Revenge and I gave them tips on American Idol.

—ms. mary anne hoecker, president of student affairs

The entire faculty is going to Harvesters for the afternoon after PSAT. We went last year too; and it was a hoot! It was a great time. It's fun because it's social and helping somebody at the same time!

—ms. barbara harris, math

Whenever I talk to a student their face turns red 60 percent of the time.

—mr. michael sanem, theology

The day that we got to tour the new facilities and got to walk through the new building and walk down the track and see everything up close.

—mr. greg carlson, database manager, web coordinator

At my first debate, a senior came up to me after her debate and said, 'I did it.' It was a moment of 'we believe in our success together', it didn't matter that I was new. We were a team anyway, and she knew that I cared.

—ms. tyler stewart, speech/debate

During an assembly or sports event when all the girls are laughing and chatting and cheering for their favorite sport. Its the love they have for the school.

—ms. diane wilmot, marketing/public relations

kris rhodes: development  
denise rueschhoff: social studies  
michael sanem: theology  
megan schaefer: computer science



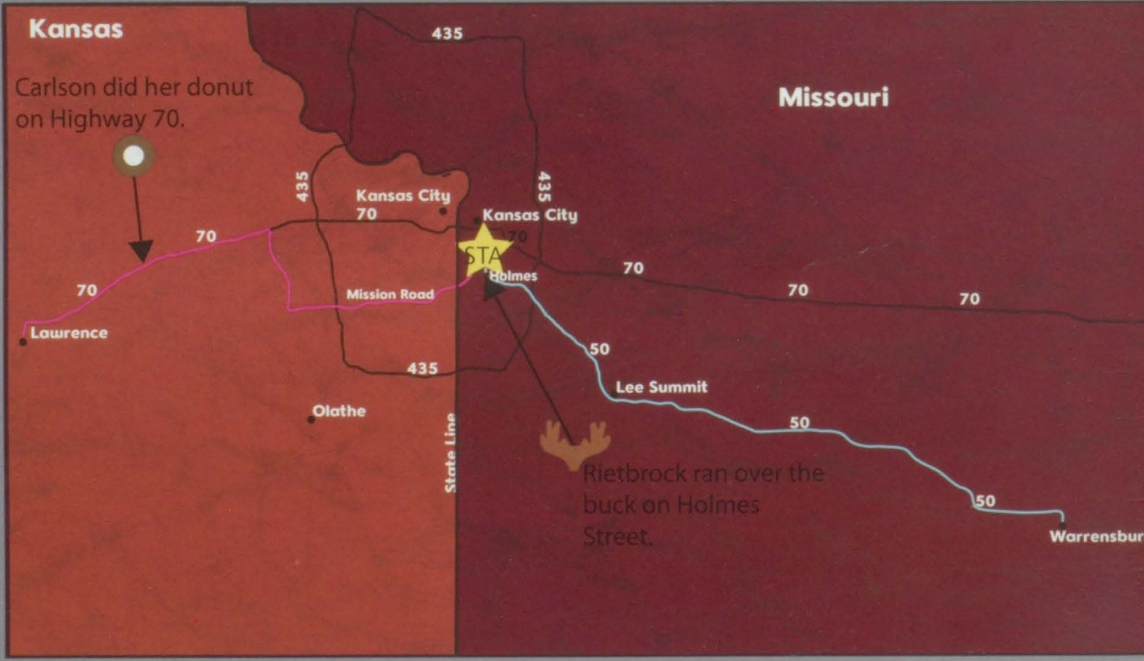
richard shrock: social studies  
nancy shuss: development  
kim sirridge: math  
pat sirridge: social studies



sarah skidmore: science  
andrea skowronek: dance  
matt stewart: network administrator  
tyler stewart: speech/debate



sherry stiles: development, auction chair  
eric thomas: journalism, department chair  
sr. joan tolle, CSJ: computer  
theresa wallerstedt: art



## slowride

Theology teacher Micheal Sanem, lives on 58th street, two minutes from St. Teresa's, but wishes that he lived farther from his work place.

"I can't get a good song in [the time it takes to get to school], sometimes I drive a little further to get a whole song in," Sanem said. "There are really good things about living far away. You can kind of get the work day out of your head, but I am so geographically close and mentally close so it's harder to go home and relax. I would rather live farther away and have a bigger buffer [between home and school]."



**kathy walters:** registrar, academic schedules

**not pictured:**

**charlotte danforth:** accounts payable

**susan duff:** accounts receivable

**valda hsu:** mandarin chinese

**peg marland:** counselor

**john palacio:** facilities

**mary rietbrock:** science



**marcia warwick:** admissions assistant

**jo weller:** math, department chair

**craig whitney:** social studies



**linda wilber:** database assistant

**diane willmot:** marketing, public relations

**jeff zimmerman:** technology support

Mr. Kelly Fast realized he could no longer recognize his students' handwriting because of netbooks. "I'm trying to think, but I don't think anyone's [handwriting] is too terrible," Fast said. "But the standard is Mr. [Steven] Himes, and no one is that bad."

During advisory, Mr. Steven Himes shares his anger about one contestant winning Project Runway. "I'm going to tweet at @project runway, #rigged," Himes said.

During a World History class students were sharing gum when teacher Richard Shrock asked for a piece. "Oh yeah, you were giving me gum," Shrock said, "I used to give out gum. Its deadly."

overheard

# dangerous distances

Chemistry teacher Mary Rietbrock and other STA teachers who live over 40 miles from school have had trouble getting to work. **STORY AND DESIGN BY PAIGE DRUMMOND**

One morning before the sun had risen, Chemistry teacher Mary Rietbrock drove down Holmes like she does every day. A dead buck was lying in the road, but went unnoticed by Rietbrock. With no time to turn away she straddled the deer with her car tires to avoid a crash, but the buck's antlers attached to her undercarriage.

"I was scared," Rietbrock said. "I was just worried about what am I going to do with this deer, I can't bring it all the way to school."

Rietbrock lives 70 minutes away from STA, in Warrensburg, Kansas. She is one of several teachers who live more than 40 miles away from school.

Rietbrock considered how to get the deer detached from her car without the proper tools.

"I was thinking about pulling into Central [High School] and backing my car up and hoping that it came off," Rietbrock said. "[I was going to leave] leave the deer in the parking lot," Rietbrock said.

After a few blocks Rietbrock heard the dragging sound stop.

"It just fell off for the next unlucky driver," Rietbrock said.

Like Rietbrock, Biology teacher Ms. Amy Carlson also lives far from school. Her drive in from Lawrence,

Kansas takes her about 55 minutes each day.

One snowy morning, driving down the highway on her way to work, Carlson also had a traumatic experience.

"I am driving and my car slides and I do a complete donut and I ended up facing forward," Carlson said.

Although Carlson knew what to do in this situation, she did none of it.

"I did exactly what I wasn't suppose to do," Carlson said. "I slammed on my brakes and I didn't turn my wheel the opposite direction. I was completely terrified. I thought my car was going to be demolished."

Carlson learned a valuable lesson from this experience.

"I learned to stay in Kansas City when the weather is bad," Carlson said.

After completing the full circle, Carlson's car righted itself, and she continued down the highway towards St. Teresa's. Covered in sweat, heart pounding, she looked at the driver three lanes across from her in disbelief. They smiled at each other and continued on their way to work, glad that everyone was safe.



**keys to driving** Driving from Warrensburg, Missouri, Ms. Mary Rietbrock drives for approximately 70 minutes to and from school every day. Rietbrock is one of several teachers that live more than 40 miles away from STA.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY PAIGE DRUMMOND

**"I was completely terrified. I thought my car was going to be demolished."**

# my moment

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I have always been impressed when I have a class work together and how good the upperclassmen are at helping the younger classmen. It creates a real sense of community.



—ms. carrie jacquin, english

Walking across the quad and seeing all of the new friends I've made.

—kathleen schrader, '15

I enjoy seeing students recognizing that they need different skills than they have and making a real effort to develop those skills and having a real process of continuing to work on their schooling, even as a senior.

—mr. pat sirridge, social studies

The STA spirit always comes through on SCO Student Appreciation Days. The whole campus gets into enjoying the weather, music and games.



—ms. amy carlson, science

I taught a transition class between geometry and algebra and [the students] made me a binder with all my funny quotes and told me to never throw it away. I still have it.

—ms. jeanella clark, math

The biggest thing would be adopting [Ms. Kim] Sirridge's advisory. Not only do we have three freshman from my advisory, but we also have five from Sirridge's, so 25 people total in the advisory.



—ms. jo weller, math

We played a game once where we put Oreos on our forehead and you had to get the Oreo into your mouth using only your face muscles. It was really hard.

—mr. steven karlin, music

We do lunch for the freshmen on the first day of school so they get to know their advisory. I think it's that coming together that's such a big deal at STA.



—ms. mary rietbrock, science

The teacher skit every year [is] special [because] the teachers are willing to make a fool of themselves. I remember the first time I went on stage, the lights and the screaming ... You can't find the screaming and excitement at any other school.

—ms. theresa wallerstedt, art

I don't like oranges, so during a care club meeting, I drew on [an orange] and named him Fred.

—annie palmer, '13



**taking bathroom breaks** Junior Erin Rasmussen washes her hands Dec. 9 after an advisory party. Rasmussen admitted that she was a bit of a germ freak and always carried hand sanitizer with her. PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER

## by the numbers

The statistics and probability class took a poll on the hygiene habits of STA students. These are some of the analyzed results.

3 percent wash their skirt every day

23 percent brush their teeth once a day

10 percent never wash their skirts

72 percent brush their teeth twice a day

5 percent shave their legs every other day.



## do you smell that?



Gym teachers are some of the few people who have first hand views of hygiene issues at their school. Gym teacher Stacie O'Rear believed hygiene was not a problem at STA. "People are still talking baths, brushing their teeth, and putting on deodorant. If I smell them, then yes we have a problem. But I don't smell people, so we are fine."

—ms. stacie o'rear, gym

# hygiene habits

The statistics and probability class posted a poll on Moodle asking students about their hygiene habits. The class then analyzed the results and gave them to the *Dart* for publication. STORY AND DESIGN BY MAGGIE KENNEY

It was the moment of truth. The statistics and probability class was finally calculating the results of the hygiene poll they had posted on the Moodle page. It only took one glance at the results to stir the class's reactions. According to senior Kate Rohr, the class went silent for a second before screaming "ew." The class was shocked as they discovered some girls only brushed their teeth once a week.

Every day at school, students were bound to find someone covering their greasy hair with a headband, examining their growing leg hair, or asking around for deodorant. The probability and statistics class set up a poll to find out if girls at STA truly had a problem with their hygiene, or if they occasionally go a day or two without a shower.

The questions varied from "how often do you wash your hair?" to "how often do you brush your teeth?" These questions unearthed results that senior Kennedy Burton said were shocking.

"I think a lot of people were shocked by [the results]," Burton said. "I was really surprised and grossed out, especially by the brushing the teeth statistics."

Yet Burton did not believe hygiene was a big issue at St. Teresa's. Probability and statistics teacher

Jeanella Clark agreed with Burton.

"I think the poll alleviated some fears that our students weren't clean," Clark said. "We are girls so we are generally going to be clean."

Clark believed that, while some results were shocking (such as the girls who admitted to only brushing their teeth once a week), some girls did not answer the questions truthfully.

"It is kinda like a myth busters thing," Clark said. "This is what people are saying. Is it really true? Or are they just trying to be funny?"

While it was true that not every girl washed her skirt every week and that some girls participated in no-shave November, Burton believed that it did not reflect STA as a whole.

"I don't think that STA has a reputation of being unclean," Burton said. "Shaving your legs is a personal choice, so I find nothing wrong with no-shave November."

While some teachers did get grossed out when over-hearing conversations about shower schedules, or lack thereof, and queries as to the last time a student had washed her skirt, both Burton and Clark disagree with the claim that STA had a hygiene problem.

**feel my legs** (left) Juniors Madi Schieber, left, and Meghan Lewis joke about the amount of hair on Lewis's legs. Lewis had not shaved for two weeks.

PHOTO BY MAGGIE KENNEY

**coast is clear** (right) Junior Whitney Waeckerle smells her armpit during her free Dec. 12. Waeckerle had forgotten to put on deodorant that day. PHOTO BY

MAGGIE KENNEY



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 Sophomore Molly Corless holds up a spoon at Winstead's restaurant on Dec. 9. PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON



# SHE'S THE CAT'S MEOW

Sophomore Bailey Whitehead received an unusual gift of cat socks for Christmas of 2010 and collected them. Whitehead had high expectations for her unique hobby. **STORY AND DESIGN BY FRANNIE WILKINSON**

Mrs. Donna Adams scanned the row of socks at Macy's looking for which one her neighbor, sophomore Bailey Whitehead, would like the most for a Christmas gift.

"I thought they were darling and [Bailey] would like them," Adams said.

It was a cold December day, and the socks fit like a glove. This would be the first pair of cat socks Whitehead would receive. This pair of socks would start her collection.

"At first I was like that's so nerdy, cat socks, but then I just really got into it," Whitehead said.

The collection only has four pairs, but Whitehead hoped to expand and become known for it, and keep adding more throughout Christmas and other holidays.

"I realized this was a true gift and now whenever people ask me what I want for Christmas or my birthday I won't say 'Oh whatever' I'll say cat socks!" Whitehead said.

Whitehead says that she doesn't want to restrict herself from having the highest quantity of cat socks possible.

"I'm being optimistic and seeing where it takes me," Whitehead said. "I'd like to become famous for my cat sock collection and be on like National Geographic because cats are animals and they like

animals there."

Whitehead says that if she does get on the cover she will attribute the start of the collection to Adams, her neighbor.

Because of Adams, Whitehead had a special place in her sock drawer dedicated to the fuzzy collection and wore them whenever she could.

"When necessary, or if I have a killer outfit and it can be made better, I make it better with cat socks," Whitehead said.

With a small number of socks in the collection Whitehead says some people don't take her seriously or don't consider it a collection.

"I feel like my parents don't take it seriously because they don't understand the beauty of it," said Whitehead.

But not all the pairs in this collection were gifts, Whitehead liked to pick her own socks, too.

"You don't often come by something as awesome as cat socks, so when I saw a pair I just had to get them," said Whitehead.

This collection has not changed her views on cats however; she says she does like cats, especially on socks, but they are not her favorite animal.

"Moose are still my favorite animal," Whitehead said.



# NO FORKS ALLOWED

Sophomore Molly Corless snatched, sneaked and blantly took spoons from different locations around the city, thus starting her collection that she kept hidden in a box. **STORY AND DESIGN BY FRANNIE WILKINSON**

It was the summer of 2011 and sophomore Molly Corless was walking around on the Country Club Plaza with sophomores Erin Trainor and Lucy Kraus when they decided to go somewhere to eat. After ordering their lunch, the group sat down at a booth in the back of Panera Bread Company. Corless ordered soup, and naturally it came with a big, shiny, silver, metal soup spoon. The conversation turned toward whether or not Corless should take the spoon for fun. Corless scanned the restaurant to make sure nobody was looking and moments later, slipped the spoon into the palm of her hand, down under the table and into her bag and walked away with it. Without looking back, Corless had started her spoon collection.

"I was with some friends at Panera and I just decided to take one," Corless said. "We were talking and Lucy said she had taken one before too. I didn't think I would start collecting [spoons], I just got it for fun."

That was the first of eleven spoons she took and kept for her collection over the year. A label with the name indicating where she had gotten the spoon was hand written in permanent marker on the handle of each spoon.

"It's kind of weird but it's just like baseball cards, collectors cars,

or bottle caps and whatever else people collect," Corless said.

According to Corless, she took spoons whenever she felt like it and was thinking about it.

"I have one from the people I babysit's house. I put the kids to bed and then I was standing around in the kitchen and I took [a spoon]," Corless said.

Her collection varied in color and in composition. Some were metal soup spoons, such as the first one from Panera Bread Company, and seven out of the eleven others are plastic. Her collection also had a variety of colors such as silver, white and green.

"I have this one favorite and it is shaped like orange ice cream at the top and then the handle is the cone," Corless said.

Like other collectors, Corless had standards and said she would not accept forks, knives or chopsticks into her collection. It was spoons that would always be her collector's item.

"[Taking spoons] can be awkward sometimes," Corless said. "If I get caught it would be embarrassing. I probably would have been like 'Oh, how'd that get in there?'"

Corless said that the spoon collection was purely for fun and didn't expect it to continue.

"I won't do it in college, that'd be really weird," Corless said.

## cute, cozy, collectable

Sophomore Bailey Whitehead adores her cat socks. PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON



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collection  
christmas gifts  
bailey  
footsies  
gather  
house cats  
colorful  
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Kittens

# freshmen

## class of 2015

New year. New skirts. New faces in the quad. One hundred and fifty freshman entered STA's halls for the 2011-2012 school year, ready to begin their high school career. From bow ties to desserts, these are the freshman of STA. STORIES AND DESIGN BY CARRIE HUDSON AND MADDI HUGHES-ZANNER

Because of her love for music, freshman Lizzie Sanders followed in her sister, junior Kate Sanders's, footsteps, joining the music department. She played percussions for the Praise Band alongside her sister, a cantor.

The M&A Building auditorium was full of students, whispering and waiting for the Thanksgiving prayer service to begin. Ms. Michelle McIntire glanced at the Praise Band members.

Ready.

Freshman Lizzie Sanders counted out the beat in her head before hitting her first note on the drums. Her sister, junior Kate Sanders, took a deep breath before singing the first line of "Canticle of the Turning."

After "randomly" taking band class in the seventh grade, Lizzie fell in love with music.

"It's just really fun because when you're playing something you really love, you just get excited about it and it makes it a really great experience," Lizzie said.

Both Lizzie and Kate demonstrated their talents through the STA Praise Band.

"I'm really proud of [Lizzie]," Kate said. "She's so good at what she does and she loves it, but it's kind of weird because I do [music], and I see her everyday."

Lizzie also thought it was helpful and "cool" to see her big sister every day at school. While Lizzie claimed that they help each other with their music, Kate felt some sister rivalry.

"It's kind of like, 'I love you, but stay in your corner, stay with your drums,'" Kate said.

Packing up the drum set after the November prayer service, Lizzie smiled to herself, proud of her decision to be involved with her sister in STA's music department.

### little drummer girl

Freshman Lizzie Sanders reads music while playing the drums during praise band practice Dec. 7. The praise band received a very loud round of applause after their performance at the school mass Dec. 8. **PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH**



# sister act

## my moment

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Cross country when you are at the meets, and you see people on the sidelines cheering you on...It really pushed me on, and by the end of the year I felt like I knew everyone really well.



-anna meagher, '15

Seeing those new freshman girls coming into STA and then seeing the mature seniors at STA is such a gratifying

moment for me. I am always amazed by the transformation from freshman girls to senior girls.

-ms. joan jordan, development/  
special events

When the teachers did their pep rally skit. They got so into it and worked so hard on everything. That only happens at STA.



-caroline strader, '15

One day, instead of eating lunch, my friends and I laid down and slept. It shows how comfortable we can be with each other.

-monica stanley, '15

I was wearing my auction sweatpants one day, and they were too big, and began to fall down in the middle of the hall. My friend Monica Stanley came over and started laughing at me.

-mireya ramirez, '15

# blake's baker

Freshman Mary Sommerhauser's advisory was blessed with delicious desserts. A favorite was chocolate mice with Hershey's kisses, cherries and slivered almonds.

Seniors set bowls of pasta and salad on tables in the back of Ms. Renée Blake's room as members of the advisory came in from their lockers. Among the macaroni and lasagna sat a container of mice. Although in Blake's room, these mice weren't a typical batch to dissect; these were dessert mice, made out of Hershey's Kisses, cherries and nuts.

Freshman Mary Sommerhauser was known in the Blake advisory for her creative desserts. She made sure she signed up for desserts each time the advisory had a party.

"[When the advisees love my desserts] I feel happy and successful," Sommerhauser said.

The advisory had no argument over

Sommerhauser taking over desserts.

"I always think they are really cute," sophomore Kelly Gardella said. "She's really creative. I know that everyone in the advisory really loves them."

Baking was a part of Sommerhauser's routine for a while, so spending extra time for her advisory was not a problem to her.

"I've just been baking for as long as I can remember," Sommerhauser said. "My mom taught me [when I was young], and I've just always liked it."

As Blake asked her advisees to sign up for their next party, Sommerhauser walked over to the sign-up and again wrote her name in the blank space next to desserts.

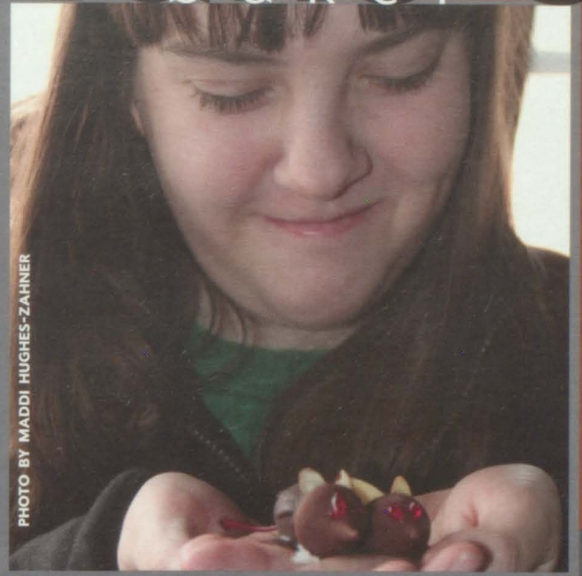


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# put a bow on it



Freshman Betsy Lehr was known at STA for sporting a red plaid bow-tie to match her tartan skirt. It had become part of her daily wardrobe, and friends and peers were accustomed to seeing the plaid bow attached to her white polo collar.

She walked down the hallway just like any other student. Tartan plaid skirt. Backpack. White polo.

Bow tie?

When freshman Betsy Lehr purchased her skirt and polos before the start of the year, she also bought a hair bow made out of the same STA tartan plaid. Rather than wearing the bow in her hair, Lehr decided to wear it as a bow tie.

"It wasn't me," Lehr said. "It was the bow tie. It chose me."

After wearing it to school, Lehr soon became known as "Bow Tie Betsy," and decided to name the bow

tie "Reynaldo." The teachers became accustomed to seeing the plaid accessory fastened onto Lehr's collar every day.

"Every single teacher I've had, plus some I do not have, have walked by me and complimented Reynaldo," Lehr said.

Her friends also became fond of Reynaldo.

"[Reynaldo] is very shnazzy," her friend freshman Alexia Arrieta said.

Before her first class, when Lehr was talking with her friends, she paused and took a moment to straighten Reynaldo, preparing them both for the day.

We were here running across the quad and my friend slipped on the seal. She just laid there and laughed and we laughed with her.

That kind of silliness would only happen at STA.

-samantha smith, '15

I didn't know anyone in my advisory, but after the first day I realized I had a

lot of things in common with someone, and we are really good friends now even though we don't have any classes together.

-ellen weitkamp, '15

The frosh fest [has been my best memory]. It was fun being outside and getting to know people in the advisory.

-megan bloskey, '15

I fell up the stairs the second week of

school. Some people saw and it was embarrassing.

-katherine grasse, '15

The teachers' volleyball game was really fun, and I liked getting to watch it with my friends.

-abigail haake, '15

Getting shoved into a locker by one of my friends during passing period.

-milcan welch, '15

When the choir lady attacked Mr. [Eric] Thomas I thought it was really unique.

-sara mcknight, '15

How at the volleyball games everybody is sooo loud.

-gina ptacek, '15

How the teachers are open and willing to talk about anything.

-anya mateski, '15

# legacy of lace



The lace found on the Windmoor Center was made by A. Zahner Steel Company, according to freshman Claire Zahner. Zahner's father, Mr. Bill Zahner, who is the CEO of the Kansas City company, oversaw the construction of the lace. Claire shared her excitement about the lace. **STORY AND DESIGN BY MATTIE DAVIS**

**How did you feel about the lace?**

Zahner: I was really excited about it. I think it is really cool.

**Did you get to see the lace before it was finished?**

Zahner: When I would go into my dad's office, he would let me see pieces of the lace, or whatever they were working on at the time.

**How do you feel when you see the lace everyday?**

Zahner: It's exciting for me to see it and know my family did it.

**Do you tell people your father's company designed the lace?**

Zahner: I don't tell people. I think it's nice for

people to see it and form their own opinion without knowing my family made it. People are more honest then about what they think.

**How do you react when people tell you they like or don't like the lace?**

Zahner: It's always nice to hear someone likes the lace. It's okay if they don't, though. It's very original, and people probably don't see it around many places.

**How do you feel about being a part of a family business?**

Zahner: We have a really big family, so a lot of them are part of the business. It's nice to go into the office and see your aunts and uncles.



**taking new directions** (right)

On the first day of lace installation Nov. 7, a construction worker instructs another worker how to place a lace panel on the Chapel of St. Joseph. The lace panel had a bend making it difficult to hoist without further bending. **PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ**



**full family project** (top left)

Freshman Claire Zahner poses in front of the lace on the Windmoor Center on Jan. 13. Zahner's father is the CEO of A-Zahner, the company that constructed the lace. **PHOTO BY MATTIE DAVIS**

**hang it up** (left)

An A-Zahner construction worker positions the lace in the grooves on the front side of the chapel Nov. 7. The grooves were specifically engineered to sustain the weight of the lace while producing a "free-floating effect." **PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ**



**behind the lace** (right)

An A-Zahner construction worker hangs up lace on the Chapel of St. Joseph Nov. 7. The A-Zahner steel company was in charge of designing and constructing the lace. **PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ**



**up up up** (left)

Signaling his fellow construction workers, an A-Zahner construction worker ensures the lace is not damaged as it is lifted onto the new chapel Nov. 7. The lace gave a modern look to the chapel. **PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ**

**a finished project** (right)

St. Teresa of Avila stands in the grotto in front of the new Windmoor Center. The Windmoor Center replaced the grotto where the statue previously stood. **PHOTO BY MATTIE DAVIS**



## moment

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When we play the chocolate game with Mr. [Matthew] Bertalott I think it's a good description of STA. **—dorian bailey, '15**

Everybody works together in class and you are encouraged to ask questions. **—margaret krause, '15**

I had forgotten my netbook in the class before and I was talking to someone

so I wasn't paying attention. I knew I needed it for the next class but I wasn't really thinking and someone from my earlier class came running after me and handed me my netbook as I was entering my next class. **—hannah bredar, '15**

My advisory talks about food a lot. **—anne marie fiorella, '15**

In Drama, when we performed our

music video to 'Sexy and I Know It.' **—bridgie auckland '15**

When I don't have a lunch everyone has food. **—amelia marsh, '15**

[My best memory] is talking with friends in class and laughing and having a good time. **—marita hutinette, '15**



alexandria amey  
caroline angles  
grace arnone  
alexia arrieta  
bridgie auckland



dorian bailey  
haley baldwin  
anna bauman  
carson beineman  
olivia bellatin



maddie beshoner  
megan bloskey  
hannah bredar  
allison bresette  
kennedy bright



hayle brown  
emily burke  
mary burke  
basil burnette  
brogan caffarelli

Mr. Bill Zahner, CEO and president of A-Zahner Steel Company, talked about the lace. STORY AND DESIGN BY MATTIE DAVIS

**How did your company get chosen to do the lace?**

Zahner: We do this kind of thing around the world. The architects [Gould Evans] saw projects we had done and asked us.

**How do you feel about the lace?**

Zahner: I love it. I think it's going to be one of those things that will be timeless. It will influence the mind of the young people that see it everyday. Why not do something extraordinary?

I'm interested to find out how the students like it.

**How do you feel when you hear people like or don't like the lace on the chapel?**

Zahner: If everyone liked it, they did something wrong. If someone doesn't like it, then it causes people to talk about it. I like the idea that people are talking about the good and the bad things about architecture.

chapel q&a

overheard

During an in-class activity in Ms. Gargallo's Spanish I class, freshman Marie Green attempted to translate a dialogue. "Tonight I am going to take off my shirt," Green said. During a Saturday morning conditioning practice for the swim team, freshman Fee Pauwels sprawled out on the floor from being tired and refused to get up. "I'm dead," Pauwels said. "Just leave me here for a while." While walking across the quad, freshman Libby Hyde talked about the quality of different languages. "Spanish is the best language because it's the most fun to learn," Hyde said.

When everyone dressed up for Halloween it was really fun because I got to act like a goth all day.  
-emily godfrey, '15

The faculty is amazing. I think it's cool how teachers can make fun of each other. They relate to the students really well and that's cool.  
-mary burke, '15

When I'm walking in between classes I really feel like I go to this school. I feel like I know everyone and everyone knows me.  
-brit maguire, '15

[I like] how there's always nice soap in the third floor bathrooms [of Donnelly Hall].  
-gloria cowdin, '15

[Sanders] was singing some song about Jesus and by the end of it we were all cracking up. And Alexia [Arrieta] had no clue what was going on, which made it funnier.  
-anna huber, '15

Me and my friend Lizzie sit behind the risers during choir and watch videos on Lizzie's iPod.  
-kathleen nicely, '15

[My best memory] has been the mixer. Especially the dancing.  
-victoria miller, '15

The faculty volleyball game was really fun. I liked seeing the teachers not being so professional and just having fun.  
-fallon mitchell, '15

We were at lunch once and Lizzie

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At the Smurf game everyone in our grade stayed after school to get ready together. It wasn't people that you normally hang out with, but it was so much fun.



—gracie fleming, '15

When Mr. [Matthieu] Bertalott asks a question, we can't say, "I don't know." We have to say something different.

—cecilia zanone, '15

The moment in frees when everyone sits together and talks. It shows how well everyone at STA gets along and bonds when they're together.

—abby tarwater, '15

The faculty volleyball game because it was just hilarious and everyone looked ridiculous.

—madalyn schulte, '15



I was in P.E. and I had to get inside one of the lockers.

—claire reboulet, '15

In my advisory, all the desks are spread apart. But when we have an advisory party, we push the desks together. I really like that.

—molly c. mullen, '15

During lunch when Chick-fil-A came...The line was out the door and I saw people pushing each other just for a chicken sandwich.



That only happens at STA.

—cara lappin, '15

When we get shadows and everyone gets excited.

—olivia bellation, '15

[I love it when you are] walking through the quad and you literally see a huge group of people you know. It happened the first day of school.

—alexia arrieta, '15

The whole time during the auction pep rally I was just thinking how awesome STA and the teachers are. Do teachers at other schools get this into singing and dancing?

—katie hanson, '15

I dropped my backpack once in the hall, and I looked like a freak. My netbook fell off and all my friends were laughing.

—gretchen schloegel, '15

I just like that STA has a fun atmosphere. Even church, which is supposed to be dull and boring, can be kind of fun.

—jessica favrow, '15

daisy calderon  
ann campbell  
leigh campbell  
kylie ceriotti



emily coble  
lilly conwell  
gloria coudin  
caroline crockett



jessica culver  
shay cummings  
abbey curran  
meghan daniels



alexia davis  
courtney didier  
allie dodd  
maria donnelly



## truth comes out

Before going to a new school, freshmen hear rumors about the social life, charisma and overall vibe of that school. STA freshmen shared some of the myths they heard. COVERAGE AND DESIGN BY MARGOT LIVERS



**myth?** STA students are cliquey

**reality?** "I do not agree with that. There are definitely friend groups, but they're not very exclusive or excluding. I would say, for me, that rumor is false."

—bridgie aukland, freshman

**myth?** STA girls eat a lot

**reality?** "I have to admit I didn't really hear a lot about STA before I came. At Star Night I was told that eating was important though. That is definitely true I feel like food is really huge here."

—marita hutinett, freshman

**myth?** girls show up to school sloppy

**reality?** "I would say that is kind of true. It's not as bad as I thought it would be though. I thought people would like smell bad and be really messy. The truth is that everyone just doesn't look nice, we all look laid back and relaxed."

—ceci ismert, freshman



ally drummond  
gretchen dudley  
lauren dufresne  
sydney edmonds  
megan ehrnman  
christina elias

abby ellias  
journey eubank  
jessica favrow  
lindsay fiola  
anna marie fiorella  
suzie fiss

gracie fleming  
maria flores  
rachel fosselman  
emily godfrey  
katherine grasse  
anne gravino

gigi gray  
marie green  
abigail haake  
sophia hall  
katie hanson  
olivia haug

## the firsttime i...

We have everyday routines: walking across the quad, going to lunch and playing a sport. Freshmen described the moment they first experienced these activities. COVERAGE AND DESIGN BY MARGOT LIVERS

### walked across the quad:

"I was with my friends, and we were all saying how we liked it so much. It was a nice day so it really put us in a good mood. I thought it was a breath of fresh air between classes; I really liked it. It was nice to go outside for a change instead of being stuck inside all day like in grade school."

—gina ptacek, freshman



### tried out for a sport:

"I tried out for cross country. It was so nerve-racking seeing all the upperclassmen who were so fast and stuff. It made me feel better seeing a lot of girls in my grade who were just as new as me. It ended up being not as big of a deal as I thought it was."

—lilly o'neill, freshman

### went to lunch in the commons:

"It was crazy. I was really nervous because I didn't know where my friends were sitting. I was trying to look around without looking stupid in front of the upperclassmen. I ended up finding my friends and everything was fine, but it was just crazy."

—sydney edmonds, freshman



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A moment in my advisory that defines STA for me is when we hide rotten bananas around [Ms. wMcIntire's] room. And how we all participate in a common goal during advisory no matter how old you are.



—kennedy bright, '15

Photography made me feel welcome at the school.

—grace arnone, '15

When I walked into English class, the first thing I saw was Alex Arney in her nerd costume. We had an awkward eye contact and then everyone broke out laughing.

—brogan caffarelli, '15

I have a really loud, obnoxious laugh and everyone thinks it's funny.



—gretchen dudley, '15

In Ms. [Mary] Montag's class, we do weird experiments, like we made silly putty and we're going to make flubber. And it's just really fun and exciting.



—olivia haug, '15

Walking through the Quad and everybody is saying hi to everybody because everyone knows everyone, and it really brings out the sisterhood of STA.

—sydney edmonds, '15

Once, in Mrs. Blake's class, we did a review game where we shot nurf guns at the smartboard to answer a question.

—mary sommerhauser, '15

At the volleyball game against [Notre Dame de Sion High School], everyone dressed up in spirit and I painted my whole face black. It shows the spirit of STA.



—anna bauman, '15

Outside of school, I've won scholarships. Not like scholarships for college but scholarships to attend big [dance] conventions and clinics for free.

—sydney wimes, '15

The volleyball game was really unique.

—emma willibey, '15

When we won the volleyball tournament. The whole team was really excited.

—madeline meloy, '15

grace heiman  
viridiana hernandez  
mary hoerer  
arinna hoffine



carolyn hornbeck  
anna huber  
sydney hunter  
maggie hutchison



marita hutinette  
libby hyde  
ceci ismert  
maggie jackson



elizabeth keller  
quinn kernell  
elaine kerr  
whitney klump



# meeting molly







willia knight  
margaret krause  
eden kreighbaum  
cara lappin  
hayden lee  
betsy lehr



brit maguire  
amelia marsh  
caitlyn martin  
anya mateski  
meghan mccalla  
margaret mcclain



sinead mcgonagle  
monica mcgraw  
sara mcknight  
sara jane mcquaid  
anna meagher  
madeline meloy



olivia miglizzo  
siobhan miller  
victoria miller  
elizabeth mitchell  
fallon mitchell  
madeline mullen

“What is your name?” This is the question that most of the freshmen class were asked during registration in May. There were a few Hannah’s, a few Emma’s, but two Molly Mullen’s? Was it possible? COVERAGE AND DESIGN BY GABI LUKENS

**Where did you go to grade school?**

Molly C: Visitation

Molly A: St. Michael’s

**When did you first find out that there was another Molly Mullen?**

Molly C: I found it out during registration in May.

Molly A: I found out when we were signing up to go to STA and they were like, “Oh there’s another Molly Mullen.”

**What was your reaction when you found out about the other Molly?**

Molly C: I thought it was really funny. I never thought I would run into another person with my name.

Molly A: I was like oh really? I thought it was really funny and weird.

**What happened when you first met each other?**

Molly A: I went up to her on the first day of school and I was like, “Hi, I’m Molly Mullen,” and she said hi and then it got awkward so I left.

**Are you two Facebook friends? Is that weird seeing your name on Facebook?**

Molly C: Yeah we’re Facebook friends. It’s

really weird to see my own name.

**Why did your parents name you Molly?**

Molly C: My real name is Mary. It’s a long story but I go by Molly because my mom wanted a daughter named Molly but it’s not a name from the Bible, so she chose Mary. Mary is on my birth certificate but I go by Molly.

Molly A: My parents just liked the name.

**What is your middle name?**

Molly C: Caroline

Molly A: Ann

**Do teachers at STA every get you mixed up?**

Molly A: My mom said that when it was parent- teacher conferences, teachers gave my parents [Molly C.’s] grades instead of mine.

**Do you have any classes together?**

Molly C: No we don’t have any classes together

**Can you describe the other Molly?**

Molly C: She’s very funny. We aren’t very alike at all.

Molly A: She’s really nice and an Irish dancer.

# my moment

Every student, staff and faculty member was asked to describe a memorable moment at STA. COMPILED BY THE TERESIAN STAFF

[I liked] when we mixed corn starch and water in Ms. [Mary] Montag's class. It was really fun.

—lauren zastrow, '15

I thought the auction skit was cool and funny. It made STA seem like it has a fun environment.



—hayden lee, '15

[My favorite moment was] when I played the chocolate game with Mr. [Matthew] Bertalott and the chocolate hit my face.

—alexa davis, '15

I tripped up the stairs one time. I've been pushed against the lockers a lot.

—taran smith, '15

The teachers are really comfortable in the classrooms. Ms. [Katie] Dolan will run around her room screaming at anything.



—christina elias, '15

I would say that the personal effort for every teacher to help a student defines the teacher-student relationship at STA. It is one of many things that sets STA apart.

—madeline mullen, '15

[Mr. Pat] Sirridge always comes to our advisory parties, check in and check out. He and Ms. [Denise] Rueschhoff are always talking and laughing when I see them together.



—gigi gray, '15

The moment at the Sion game where everyone started cheering for the freshmen made me feel welcomed. It made me really happy to be at STA.

—emily burke, '15

I like how there are intramurals [in the gym] during activity.



—mackenzie roach, '15

There was this one time where my friends and I went chalking with a bunch of new STA girls that we just met and someone had told us where this one freshman boy from Rockhurst [High School] lives. We chalked him and asked him to Teresian as a joke. When we got home his facebook status was, "That awkward moment when your neighbor gets asked to Teresian on your driveway." We never told him.

—suzie fiss, '15

When Mr. Sanem came out on stage acting as Draco Malfoy. It shows that we're open to new people and can accept anyone and can be comfortable in front of us.

—melissa le, '14

molly a. mullen  
molly c. mullen  
kathleen nicely  
maddy niemuth  
anne nulton



kaitlin o'brien  
amy o'leary  
lily o'neil  
shannon o'rourke  
carsen pace



fee pauwels  
gina ptacek  
mireya ramirez  
claire reboulet  
grace reda



mackenzie roach  
zoe royer  
madison sage  
lizzie sanders  
marie sarson



## my turkey moments

Freshman Maddy Niemuth compared her first Thanksgiving advisory feast to her family Thanksgiving at home.

COVERAGE BY MADELINE BARTH

"My family switches houses every year. We always spend [Thanksgiving] with my dad's side. Last year, we were at my grandma's house in Wisconsin, and this year we had them come to my house. My grandparents and my cousins always come. It's pretty fun because I usually only see them at Christmas time and Thanksgiving.

We always cook a turkey and a ham. Sometimes we'll add something new if we see something that looks good. We usually just hang around the house, and we always watch the Packers game and the Macy's parade. We also go to the Plaza Lights Ceremony which was exciting this year because I got to sing at it with the girls in the STA choir.

[Hansbrough] advisory Thanksgiving was different from my family one because I was related to the people at my family Thanksgiving. In my advisory, I learned more

about the other girls and it was a nice bonding time for all of us, and it was fun to meet one of last year's seniors. I just felt closer to all of the girls.

I would have to say that my family Thanksgiving was the best, though, because it was with family I don't see very often. But I know that my advisory Thanksgivings will always be really special too."



**give some thanks** Freshmen Maddy Niemuth, left, and Madalyn Shulte eat together during their annual Hansbrough advisory Thanksgiving feast Nov. 22. Each girl in the Hansbrough advisory took the time to say what she was thankful for that year. PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH

# lunch laughter



**tears of joy (left)** Freshmen Grace Wilmot, from left, Anne Nulton, Hayden Lee, Alexa Davis and Ann Campbell cover their faces in laughter during lunch Dec. 6. "I feel like someone always makes a stupid comment or something every day at lunch so we are constantly laughing," Davis said. PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH

**time to dance (below)** Freshman Grace Sly, left, walks over to talk to freshman Jessica Culver during lunch in the Commons Dec. 6. Sly asked Culver questions about the upcoming Dec. 10 Christmas dance and mentioned how excited she was for it. PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH



**twist and chomp (left)** Freshman Lauren Dufresne, left, tries to keep freshman Annie Huber from eating a pretzel during lunch in the Commons Dec. 6. The two girls joked around with their lunch table all throughout the lunch period. PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH



## thankful moments

From the food to music, freshman comment on the experience of their first annual STA advisory Thanksgiving feasts.



"[Shrock advisory] had a combined party with Ms. Rueschhoff's advisory. We put a bunch of tables together, covered them with table cloths and all sat together in Mr. Shrock's room listening to Christmas music and eating."

—carson beineman, freshman

"Mine was really fun because the whole third floor of Donnelly [Hall] could watch Tangled together in Carlson's classroom."

—anne nulton, freshman



"We made Mrs. Himes come to our Thanksgiving feast. It wasn't as awkward as last time, though, because everyone actually talked instead of just watching a movie or something."

—leigh campbell, freshman

"In Dolan [advisory], we were looking at the Sister, Sister blog on Dart News Online and watching the videos of their favorite bands. It was really funny."

—siobhan miller, freshman



"It was awesome! The best part was the food and there was ton of it."

—sara mcknight, freshman

Freshman Gigi Gray was worried about Mr. Matthew Bertalott's first semester oral presentations and explained her stress to sophomores Michelle Dierks and Lizzy Luallin. "I'm literally so scared," Gray said. "I can't present, or perform or talk in front of people!"

During Ms. Melissa Axton's Period 7 Spanish I class, the class listened as she spoke to a middle school shadow in Spanish, and the shadow responded fluently. The whole class was surprised at her skill and reacted to it. Freshman Courtney Didier wasn't paying attention. "Wait, what just happened?" Didier asked.

overheard

Every student, staff and faculty member was asked to describe a memorable moment at STA. COMPILED BY THE TERESIAN STAFF

The other day I was in a class with some friends and someone said something stupid so we all just burst out laughing. Nobody else in the class looked at us weird, like it happens all the time.

—caroline angles, '15

The chalk drawing contest during Frosh Fest was really special. It made me feel really welcomed. Just Frosh Fest in general made me feel really welcomed.



—allie dodd, '15

When I saw Mr. [Jeff] Zimmerman dressed like an STA girl I realized what a unique and funny faculty we have.



—lindsay fiola, '15

So I was in my advisory activity two, I was the only freshman in there at the time and this girl walks in the room and asks my adviser if she can cut her hair. My advisor did nothing about it! She was just like "Yeah, sure." I was just like sitting there thinking is this really happening.

—hayle brown, '15

The first day of school I could ask anyone where a classroom was and they would tell me be nice about it.

—abbey curran, '15



It's just how close everyone is.

—grace heiman, '15

We asked my adviser, Mr. [Richard] Shrock, if he was in the pep rally, and he said no. And what do you know, he is the lead in the pep rally.

—lizzy keller, '15

Today we had a fashion show in technology class and Ms. [Kathy] McCarthy strutted her stuff.

—anne nulton, '15

During our pumpkin carving contest our advisory didn't really know each other all that well. Everyone still shared their ideas and helped each other to make a good pumpkin. It shows how well the different grades can get along even if they aren't the best of friends.



—carsen pace, '15

Pumpkin carving with the advisories. We got to see all the different advisories personalities.

—zoe royer, '15

One time during activity, me and my friends were looking at Seventeen Magazine with a shadow. It was fun because we talked about everyone in the magazines, plus we bonded with our shadow.

—haley baldwin, '15

rachel scheffler  
gretchen schloegel  
marley schmidlein  
kathleen schrader



madalyn schulte  
ellie shorter  
haley sirokman  
grace sly



jacqueline smith  
samantha smith  
taran smith  
greta smithmier



mary sommerhauser  
monica stanley  
averie stapp  
caroline strader



## homeschool q&a

Freshman Gloria Cowdin was homeschooled by her mother from first through eighth grade. Her freshman year at STA had many similarities and differences to the schooling she experienced in the past.

**Q:** Why did you chose to stop homeschooling for highschool?

**A:** I always have known that I wanted to go to a normal school for high school. I thought it would be more academically challenging. Plus, as I get older my mom doesn't have time to teach me all the things I want to learn.

**Q:** Why did you choose to come to STA?

**A:** My parents wanted me to go to a private school so public school wasn't even an option. It was between STA and Sion and STA is closer.

**Q:** How do the classes differ?

**A:** With homeschooling, the class structure was alot different and all my classes had to do with each other in some way.

**Q:** Describe the first day of school.

**A:** It was overwhelming. I didn't know where anything was and I didn't know that many people. I felt a little bit lost but I think that everybody was lost. I was definitely nervous about it but it was a lot better than I thought it would be.

**Q:** What form of schooling do you like better?

**A:** I like going to school because I've been homeschooled my whole life and it's a completely different thing for me. I like being around a lot of people and I like how it has more of a structure. I like it when things are planned out and organized.

**Q:** Are there any downsides of having been homeschooled?



**A:** I don't think so, I'm getting good grades and everything. I was never really graded like we are here. It was more like 'do better next time' or 'this was really good.' But it hasn't been too difficult.

**Q:** Are you glad you came to STA?

**A:** I was nervous but I really love it so I'm glad I chose it. It's been really great so far.



hillary talken  
abby tarwater  
madison thompson  
jenny tilson



ellen weitkamp  
micah welch  
briana wells  
catherine whitmer



emma willibey  
grace willmot  
alexandria wilson  
sydney wimes



claire zahner  
cecilia zanone  
lauren zastrow  
  
not pictured:  
haley hyer

In her period 3 Spanish I class, Ms. Melissa Axton asked a student in Spanish how old their brother was. The student answered 15, also in Spanish. Freshman Kennedy Bright did not fully understand what the question meant in English. "That's a lot of brothers," Bright said. Freshmen Maddie Thompson and Shannon O'Rourke were talking by their lockers about their outfits on a dress down day. Maddie was wearing a soccer shirt, which read "Elite Feet," belonging to her friend Noah. O'Rourke said, "Nice shirt, Maddie. Is it from a soccer team?" "No," Maddie replied, "Noah loves feet."

## freshman spots

Four freshmen described their favorite spots for frees and activity periods to compare the different atmospheres among the classrooms.

"I like to go to Ms. [Shana] Prentiss or the library. I like Prentiss because you can talk and it's the most fun. But, I also like the library because I can study and get homework done. Prentiss is really popular among the freshmen. Silent study is nice and all, but I can't use headphones so it can get kind of boring."  
-freshman cara lappin

"I like being in Prentiss because she's just a really cool teacher. Also, there are no desks in Prentiss so we can spread out and sit in circles. Sometimes I'll go to [Ms. Melissa] Axton because she doesn't make you be quiet. I might go to the dance studio or work out room because I like to practice and exercise."  
-freshman marley schmidt-lein

"I like to go to Prentiss and [Ms. Katie] Dolan the most because they let us talk. Dolan will interact with us and is really nice. If I ever have to get homework done I usually go to [Mr. Michael] Sanem because he makes everyone be quiet during frees."  
-freshman sara jane mcquaid

"For frees I just go to the library because it's quiet and I can get a lot of homework done. For activities, we usually just go to [Ms. Dianne] Hirner or [Ms. Melissa] Axton. We just go there because we don't want to walk too far and it's in the same building as lunch so it's easy."  
-freshman megan bloskey

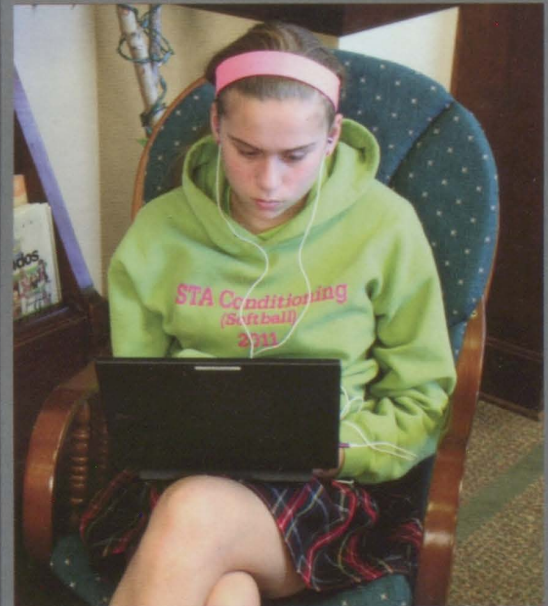
## not a uniform opinion



For the first time Ms. Stacie O'Rear's freshman gym students were given the option to wear their own gym shorts, tennis shoes and t-shirts. The students had mixed opinions on the new rule. DESIGN BY KATHLEEN VOGEL

I wish we had gym uniforms because it would be easier if we had them because I wouldn't have to grab something to wear every day. I would never get in trouble for uniform violations or forgetting my uniform. Plus, everyone would just look the same.  
-freshman siobhan miller

I love not having gym uniforms because I forget my shirt a lot and there's a lot of leftover shirts or extras that people have. If I had a specific gym uniform I'd have to wash it everyday but I have a lot of t-shirts that I can wear instead so I don't have to worry about smelling.  
-freshman monica stanley



Freshman Marie Sarson studies in the library during her free Dec. 8. Many students who wanted to get homework done during frees went to the library.  
PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH

# Clubs & Organizations

## the beston campus

STA students explain why they think the club or organization they are involved in is the best at STA.

### Science Quiz Bowl:

"[Science Quiz Bowl] is the best because we are not really serious about it, but we learn a lot. It's really interesting to have tons of different people connected by one interest. It's also fun to hear all of the random science facts that people know."

—elaine schmidt, junior

### World Cultures Club:

"I like learning about other cultures. I also like bringing in food and eating food from other cultures."

—clare mitchell, sophomore



### Cinema Club:

"I think [Cinema Club] is awesome because I love movies. We don't just watch our favorite movies, but ones that are apparently popular that only [Mr. Stephen] Himes has heard of. It's interesting because Himes is a film critic, so he finds rare movies."

—tessa smith, sophomore

### Cooking Club:



"[Cooking Club] is the best club because we get to just hang out and eat tons of food."

—rachel scheffler, freshman

**calling all girls** Freshmen Briana Wells, left, and Kennedy Bright dance at the Freshmen Mixer Oct. 28. "I had so much fun dancing to Beyonce's 'Single Ladies' [at the mixer]," Wells said. **PHOTO BY CARRIE HUDSON**



## new clubs on the block

This year, multiple new clubs were introduced to the STA community, some created by teachers and other by students. Here is a description of each.

### History Club

**Moderator:** History teacher, Mike Egner

**Why:** "[Mr. Mike Egner knew] the school didn't have a history club and he thought the school needed one, so he came to me and Taylor [Tuellman]."

**What:** "History club's main goal is to spread history around STA. Many people think history is boring, so we show that history isn't boring and that it can be fun too."

—danielle gatapia, senior

### Cycling Club

**Moderator:** English teacher, Carrie Jacquin

**Why:** "[Ms. Carrie Jacquin] rides her bike to school every day, and she's really into cycling, so I'm assuming that is why she started the club."

**What:** "[Cycling Club] is where we bring our bikes, and we go to restaurants in the area to ask about their involvement in cycling. It's a really, really fun club."

—liz mitchell, freshman

### Pet Lover's Club

**Moderator:** Art teacher, Theresa Wallerstedt

**Why:** "The administration asked [Ms. Theresa Wallerstedt] to start a new club, and she is sort of obsessed with her dog, so she decided to do a pet club."

**What:** "[Pet Lover's Club] is to promote animal welfare. We are going to start going to local animal shelters once a month for about two hours to walk dogs and care for them. We have also had speakers from the Humane Society come to talk to us."

—kate witt, junior

## by the numbers

Girls from each grade compete every year as a part of the STA math team. Here are some numbers about the organization.

4 girls per grade per team  
6 different testing subsets  
30 average number of participants  
16 girls on a team  
3 annual competitions

# so input

## my hands up

Every year, the Care Club hosts a mixer for area high schools' and STA freshmen. This year, a record was set for the number of high schools in attendance. STORY AND DESIGN BY ALEXANDRA RADTKE

### PAUSE.

Freshman Sydney Edmonds waited, five dollars in hand, to get to the front of the mob. All she wanted was to get inside, but Rockhurst boys and unfamiliar girls blocked her way. When she reached the front, she laid her money on the table and rushed to look over the balcony in the Goppert Center.

"I heard the freshman mixer was going to be fun," Edmonds said. "It ended up being so much better than everyone said."

### PROCESS.

Oct. 28 brought hundreds of freshmen to STA for the annual freshmen mixer put on by Care Club. According to junior club officer, Dana Bailey, the mixer was a success.

"There were 367 freshmen in attendance...from over 12 high schools," Bailey said. "It looked like [the freshmen] were having fun and meeting new people."

Freshman Dorian Bailey shared Edmond's feelings about the mixer.

"[When I first got there,] there were less people in the gym than I thought were going to be there, but it still looked like so much fun," Dorian said. "My sister told me what it was going to be like, so it met my expectations."

Both Dorian and Edmonds came with a group of girls, but that didn't hinder them from branching out and meeting new people. According to Dana, this is one of Care Club's reasons for sponsoring the freshmen mixer every year.

### PROCEED.

Edmonds pushed her way down the stairs in Goppert only to find herself in a sea of hundreds of other freshmen. As Miley Cyrus' "Party in the USA" rang throughout the gym, Edmonds felt right at home.

"The best part was when they played 'Party in the USA' because it was fun for the STA students to scream 'STA' [instead of 'USA'] during the song," Edmonds said. "I thought it was really fun. It was so much more than I expected."



"The first couple of times [I performed guitar and singing solos at mass], it was really freaky, but it gets easier for me. I've kind of grown out of the stage fright. When everyone started cheering for me [at the first all school mass], I was really confused at first. I didn't understand why everyone was clapping because usually people don't... burst out clapping and yelling in the middle of mass. I was very surprised... Then, when I looked up, I couldn't help but smile."

-hillary talken, freshman

going solo

## rotary club q&a

Junior Shaeffer Smith introduced a new club to the STA community this year with the help of President Nan Bone. As president of the new Rotary Club, Smith answered some questions to explain the club's purpose and mission.

**Q:** What is Rotary Club?

**A:** It's an international community service club.

**Q:** How many girls are a part of Rotary Club?

**A:** There are about 30 girls total. Most of them are juniors.

**Q:** Who are the club moderators?

**A:** President Nan Bone and Principal of Student Affairs Mary Anne Hoecker

**Q:** Why did you want to bring Rotary Club to STA?

**A:** My dad and grandpa are involved at Rotary Club at the Plaza. I watched a presentation at the youth exchange and then talked to the New Generations Director and then talked to Ms. Hoecker and Ms. Bone.

**Q:** How is Rotary Club different from Community Service Club?

**A:** Rotary Club raises global awareness, and it's internationally recognized because there are thousands of clubs all over the world.

**Q:** Why did you ask Ms. Hoecker and Ms. Bone to be the moderators?

**A:** Mrs. Bone was a Rotarian, and when she heard about the club, she thought it embodied a lot of the things that STA stands for.

**Q:** How are you going to publicize the club and get more girls to join?

**A:** We have girls who bring in friends and siblings to meetings, because the girls who are in it really like it. We hope through our projects that people will see what we do and want to get involved.



**the leading lady** Junior Shaeffer Smith, president of the Rotary Club, leads a discussion in the Goppert Center after school Nov. 9. "I think that we will try to get a lot of people involved in community service and make it fun," Smith said. **PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON**



**not messing around** Juniors Sara Schwartz, left, and Rachel Tovar laugh during a Rotary Club discussion in the Goppert Center after school Nov. 9. The club is comprised mostly of juniors, but is open to the entire student body. **PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON**



"It was good to go [to State] as a freshman as doubles so I could get to know what it's like for future years. But I really liked my doubles partner, [Grace Wells]. And like at first, 'cause she's a sophomore, at first, it's not like we weren't friends, it was just we didn't associate with each other on the team. But then we started getting doubles and growing closer and closer."

hannah bredar, freshman

**ready, set, slam** During a Districts match at Rockhurst University Oct. 5, senior Caroline Connor returns a serve to her opponent. Connor played for varsity all four years. PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER



**slamming the serve** Junior Mickey Redlingshafer focuses on her opponent before serving during Districts Oct. 5 at Rockhurst University. Redlingshafer defeated her opponent, winning Districts for the STA tennis team. PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER



**sweeten a loss** After the Districts championship against Blue Springs South, sophomore Grace Wells savors a caramel apple sucker at the Rockhurst University tennis courts Oct. 5. Wells lost in the singles Districts championship, but advanced to State with her doubles partner, freshman Hannah Bredar. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ



**don't "sweet" it** Gabby Ferro, from left, Hannah Bredar, Kathleen Connor, Grace Wells, Leigh Campbell and Caroline Connor watched junior Mickey Redlingshafer's match Oct. 5 at Rockhurst University. The team won Districts with a final score of 5-1. PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER



# licking the competition

The STA tennis team continued to unite players and welcomed new teammates with a sweet post-game ritual. Neither coach Lana Krause nor the team knew how the tradition began, but it was one they maintained for more than five years. STORY AND DESIGN BY KATHLEEN BLANCK

Sophomore Kathleen Connor stepped away from her last game of the match. She walked over to her tennis coach Ms. Lana Krause's bag to look for one thing. It's the thing every STA tennis player loves. It was popular among players as well as their families and made an appearance after every tennis match. It was sighted in the quad, mentioned on tennis shirts and spotted in each player's mouth since before the Class of 2012 arrived at STA.

Caramel apple suckers were a staple of the tennis team for many years.

"We all love [the caramel apple suckers]," Connor said. "And it's kind of like they bring us together because at the end of a match we're all like, 'Where are the suckers?'"

Senior Caroline Connor, Kathleen's older sister, ate the suckers even away from the games.

"I just love to have them like when I read and stuff, just constantly chewing on one," Caroline said. "Like, today, during writing [class], we had a free day to read and I just pulled one out and completely devoured it."

The tradition started before coach Krause's five years of coaching tennis.

"After the match, that's kind of their reward," Krause

explained. "And then the parents like them because it's kind of nerve-wracking to watch tennis matches, so they sit there and suck on them even during the match. It kind of keeps them occupied."

Players also used the suckers as a distraction while watching their teammates' games.

"In intense matches, it's fun to have suckers because they last a really long time," Wells said.

When freshman Maddie Thompson first heard of the caramel apple suckers, the team came up with their team t-shirt design.

"I was kind of excited because I love caramel apple suckers," Thompson said.

Freshman and varsity player Hannah Bredar agreed that the tennis team had a special bond because of the suckers.

"The team's really kind of small, and so I really like [the suckers] 'cause they seemed really welcoming," Bredar said.

After her last match of the day, Kathleen grabbed a sucker and checked on her teammates.

"After we're done, I ask my team how we all did and watch people who have not finished up their match," Kathleen said.



**right on target** Sophomore Kathleen Connor strikes a ball during her final Districts match against Blue Springs South at Rockhurst University. With a Districts win, Connor advanced to Sectionals. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ



## tennis team triples

Before their match, senior Lauren Barrett, from left, freshman Hannah Bredar and freshman Leigh Campbell stretch on the court Sept. 27 at Blue Valley North High School. The girls circled up on the court to stretch and pray before running back to the benches for more snacks. PHOTO BY KATHLEEN BLANCK

## kicking it up

Using a move she learned in fourth grade, sophomore Grace Wells picks up a tennis ball after a volley.

"It's faster because you don't have to keep bending over to pick up the ball," Wells said. "So, I just do it to look cool."



**row one:** Nicole Sakoulas, Gabby Ferro, Fallon Mitchell, Mickey Redlingshafer, Averie Stapp, Leigh Campbell, Emily Hafner, Elizabeth Arensberg **row two:** Maddie Thompson, Holly Fielder, Hannah Bredar, Mr. Jeff Orndoff, Ms. Lana Krause, Ms. Maureen Young, Kathleen Connor, Grace Wells, Amy O'Leary **row three:** Taylor Tuellman, Cecilia O'Flaherty, Caroline Connor, Lauren Barrett PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS

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**curtsy and bow** Senior Martha Ramirez performs with El Grupo Folklorico Atotonilco Oct. 29 at the Municipal Auditorium. Ramirez picked her partner from the crowd at the Amway Latino Market. **PHOTO BY LIBBY SAUDER**

## DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY

Senior Brianna Casey joined her family in the tradition of Mexican dancing at age three. Dancing helped Casey connect to both her heritage and her family. **STORY BY MADELINE BARTH**

Breathing heavily, she smiled and looked out into the crowd, her skirt continued to swish around her legs. The nervousness and anticipation she felt prior to the performance was replaced with relief and happiness as the crowd erupted in applause. For senior Brianna Casey, this was a familiar feeling due to many years of experience. At the age of three, Casey became a Mexican dancer for El Grupo Folklorico Atotonilco as part of a family tradition.

"I first started because my aunt was the director of the group," Casey said. "So from the time I was really little I was encouraged to get involved with it especially since my sister and some of my cousins did it too."

According to Casey's mother, Ms. Yolanda Casey, dancing was an affair that occurred at all family gatherings. She believed dancing had a major effect on Brianna's view of her Mexican heritage.

"She has a true understanding of the culture and traditions, and a respect for what her ancestors have been through to get to this country and how they have thrived," Yolanda said.

According to Brianna, dancing provided a connection to her family's background in Mexico. Her troop wore specific costumes and performed dances that corresponded to different regions of Mexico. Brianna felt that the costumes were the most important aspect of the historic atmosphere in Mexican dancing.

"Each dance and its corresponding costume represents one state or region of Mexico such as Jalisco and Veracruz," Brianna said. "Our costumes are usually made up of a top with a full skirt, but each one is different depending on the dance we are doing."

Yolanda believed watching Mexican dance was beautiful and

exciting partly because of this variety in costumes, music and dances from the different regions.

"[Mexico's] history is so fascinating and incorporates various cultures," Yolanda said. "The dances tell stories and the music is very contagious."

In addition to the various costumes and dances, Brianna said Mexican dancing also required special shoes sometimes called "character" shoes.

"Mexican dancing involves lots of stomping and clapping," Casey said. "We put nails in the heel and toe of each shoe so when we stomp it makes a loud noise on the wood or concrete floors. The footsteps we do go along with the songs and it sounds really cool."

According to Brianna, the hardest part of Mexican dancing was putting all the components together—coordinating the motion of the skirt, the footwork and the clapping along with the music.

"If we're learning a new dance, putting the skirt work and foot work together for the first time can be difficult," Brianna said. "But once we do it enough times it becomes a lot easier and your body just does it automatically."

Yolanda believed, despite the challenges, Casey and her sister were naturals at dancing because it was in their blood. While watching them dance, she felt proud and emotional because of their accomplishments.

"I get emotional mainly because I feel that I have done my job well of helping them carry on the tradition and culture of my parents and grandparents," Yolanda said.

# MOVING FOR MEXICO

Senior Martha Ramirez began Mexican dancing at a young age, followed by her two sisters. Dancing allowed Ramirez to confidently express her heritage in two different worlds. **STORY BY MADELINE BARTH**

With palms sweating and heart pounding, she meticulously went through the choreography in her head making sure she remembered every step. As she nervously tapped her feet and made last minute adjustments to her costume before she went on stage, she paused to look around at her fellow dancers with a familiar sense of family and tradition. Senior Martha Ramirez, who had been a Mexican folklore dancer since the age of seven, felt a special connection to the other members of her dance troop.

"After dancing with the same people for so long you just become really comfortable together," Ramirez said. "Sometimes it's hard to focus at practice because we have so much fun, but at the end of the day we pull it out because we are a big family."

Sophomore Marisa Ramirez followed in her sister's footsteps and began Mexican dancing when she was old enough as a way to spend more time with her.

"I remember watching Martha's performances and thinking that I wanted to be that confident and show my heritage the way she did," Marisa said.

According to Martha, Mexican folklore dancing was different from any other type of dance because it could be slow and romantic or fast and exciting. She felt that everything about Mexican dance was unique, from the costumes to the dance moves.

"You would probably have to see a performance yourself to really understand," Martha said. "It's nothing like salsa or merengue. It's just its own really fun and energetic experience."

Marisa, a member of the same dance troop as Martha but performing at a different level, believed that the excitement and

energy of the dancers spread throughout the crowd.

"While you watch the dancers moving along to the rhythm of music you can't help but tapping your feet or something," Marisa said. "Mexican music is so contagious and really fun."

Martha's troop danced in many events from festivals to conferences, most having to do with Mexican or other types of cultures. Dancing for El Grupo Folklorico Atotonilco and attending the many cultural festivals showed how important Martha's Mexican heritage was to her and her sisters.

"At first I thought dancing was kind of embarrassing, but I realized that I just have to take pride in my Mexican culture," Martha said. "I love dancing and am proud of myself that I have kept the tradition going in my family."

Martha described the neighborhood she had lived and worked in as a "little Mexico" which was very distinct and different from her world of school and friends.

"Keeping with dancing and sharing my experiences shows the two worlds that I live in," Martha said. "I feel like a well-rounded person in both environments because I never stop being who I am, which is a Mexican."

According to Marisa, she saw how dancing had made an impression on her sister and hoped for the same.

"Even today I have more respect for my Mexican heritage and try harder to embrace what I am like Martha does," Marisa said. "Martha has become more confident and knows how to be Mexican in both worlds. I want to be like that some day and hopefully dancing will help get me there."

## just keep spinning

Senior Brianna Casey performs at the Municipal Auditorium during the Amway Latino Market Oct. 29. Casey danced the Jalisco with El Grupo Folklorico Atotonilco.

PHOTO BY LIBBY SAUDER





**strike a pose** Junior Shaeffer Smith pauses between pitches during a game against Grain Valley R-5 High School at Rockhurst University Sept. 26. The Stars lost the game later that night. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



**hey batter, batter** In the fifth inning of a game against rival Notre Dame de Sion High School, sophomore Grace Bullington winds up for a pitch. Bullington was the pitcher for the junior varsity team and second baseman for the varsity team. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



**feelin' the love** Senior Krissy Bryde, left, accepts a flower from sophomore Grace Bullington during the senior night ceremony at Rockhurst University as her father, Phil Bryde, watches. Fellow seniors Amanda Florido and Abby Suholaski were also celebrated for their contribution to the team. PHOTO BY MADDIE HORTON

# triple t h r e a t

The softball team made a rare triple play halfway through their season. The players said that with this play they gained a sense of confidence that led them to a win before a later loss in the District tournament. STORY AND DESIGN BY MADDIE HORTON

Sophomore Grace Bullington stood on second base, and awaited the upcoming play. She heard the crack of the bat and saw the softball coming towards her. It floated in the air for a few moments as if in slow motion. The team was losing four to zero against Grain Valley High School. Bullington knew that the team needed a miracle play to finish the inning.

"The bases were loaded and we needed [a triple play] to get out of the inning," head coach Tyler Abney said.

Bullington caught the ball and instinctively threw it to senior Abby Suholaski on first base. Suholaski tagged the runner out, then launched the ball to shortstop, junior Anna Woolery, who chased down the last player, resulting in a triple play.

The team was three fourths of their way through a rough season, having lost 15 games. According to Abney, the girls had spent the early part of the season in their own heads and lost confidence.

Abney, Bullington, Suholaski and Woolery agreed that the triple play gave the team self-assurance.

"It was a confidence booster," Suholaski said. "We didn't give up and kept going because of that play."

Despite ultimately losing the game to Grain Valley, the play was a milestone that led the team to their season highpoint: going to districts.

The team played two games in the Benton District Tournament, winning the first and competing well in the second, according to Abney.

"It was probably the best tournament we ever played," Suholaski said.

It was a year full of improvement, with districts as the finale. The team agreed that the triple play gave them a sense of confidence for the rest of the season.

"Every play is important in building," Bullington said. "[The triple play] helped lead up to [the season highpoint, and end point, at districts]."



**row one:** Anna Woolery, Laura Dobens, Abby Suholaski, Grace Sly, Bree Begnaud, Sarah Bryant, Amanda Florido **row two:** Mary Gibson, Shaeffer Smith, Erin Farmer, Marie Sarson, Grace Bullington, Carolyn Hornbeck, Rachel Tovar, Ally Drummond **row three:** Sydney Hunter, Krissy Bryde, Haley Sirokman, Allison Bresette PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS

**3-2-1 blast off** Junior Shaeffer Smith throws a fast pitch in the second inning against Notre Dame de Sion High School Sept. 26. "There is a lot of pressure being pitcher," junior varsity pitcher Grace Bullington said. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



**twist and bat** Gaining a single base hit, senior Krissy Bryde hits the ball Sept. 26. Bryde was the Stars' catcher and team leader. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



## softball dictionary

**battle up:** The player has two strikes against them.

**shoot the dish:** The player needs to throw to home plate.

**peel the banana:** The player needs to run wide around the base.

**feet, feet:** The ball is by your feet.

**two you got:** There are two outs.

**fiery grounder:** Hard hit ground balls thrown by Coach Abney.

**come play with us:** The outfielders are positioned too far back.

**watershed moment:** a sad moment.

# blending' a business

The Economics class opened up Smoothie Queen, a student-run smoothie shop, for a class project. The seniors and juniors in the class worked together to start a successful, small business for the first semester class. STORY AND DESIGN BY ALEXIS JENKIN

Junior Margoth Mackey rushed into Mr. Craig Whitney's classroom at the same moment the bell rang. She had not drafted an essay or written class notes, but instead carried a smoothie recipe that she had been contemplating for a week.

Catering to STA's passion for food, Whitney's Economics class changed things up this year by creating a smoothie shop just for STA.

"The class is a lot different from other economic classes," junior Carly Sutton said. "It's not just doing stuff out of a text book."

To start, the class created a questionnaire for students regarding the ingredients they would like, the price they would pay and how often they would purchase a smoothie if the Economics class provided them during lunch.

Once approved by the administration, the students researched the necessary permits to sell smoothies. However, because the students were running and managing the organization themselves, they discovered that they were not obligated to have any permits.

After getting the approval of the administration and researching permits, it was time to make the shop a reality. The shop, which was named Smoothie Queen, shared the window in the cafeteria with JoJo's catering service during lunch every Tuesday and Thursday. The first day of sales, the students did not know what to expect from the business.

"On opening day we did what is called a cold start, where we didn't do any advertising," senior Allison Fitts said. "We just handed out menus."

The class started out with three main smoothies. The Classic, a combination of strawberry and banana, The Orange Sunrise, an orange and mango mixture, and The Berry Delicious, a blend of berries. However, the menu included eight other smoothie recipes by the end of the semester.

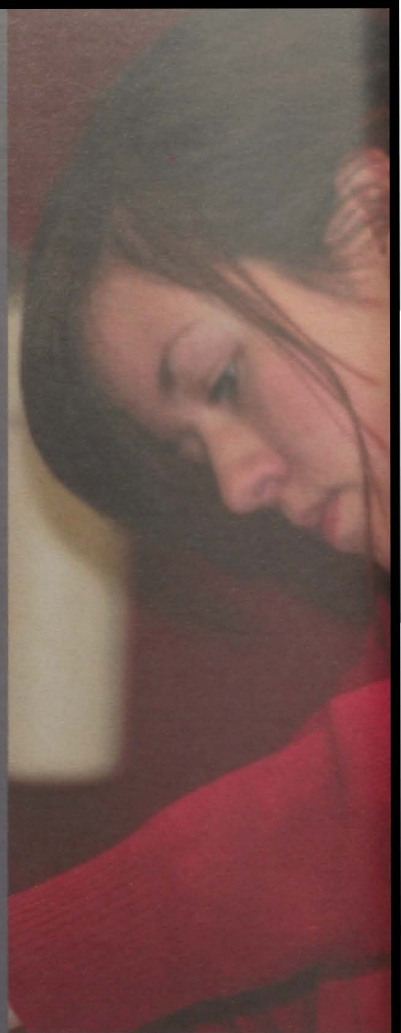
"We started out with a few smoothies just to get our business started," Fitts said. "Then we started playing with our ingredients and came up with new smoothies to sell."

All of the proceeds from Smoothie Queen went to two charities: Safe Home, a charity for women who have been victims of abuse, and Kiva, an organization that loaned money to individuals to help them start their own businesses.

"We talked about keeping the money, but I don't think we are allowed to do that," Fitts said. "We all like the idea of the money going to charity, and we like the idea of helping other women or helping people like us trying to start businesses."

According to junior Andie Drummond, Smoothie Queen helped the economic students to learn through the process of starting their own business.

"Mr Whitney has taught us to embrace responsibility and become great entrepreneurs," Drummond said.



## time's a ticking



Teachers dislike when students come in late to their class, especially when the excuse is "my last teacher let us out late." Latin teacher, Sue Marquis gets frustrated when teachers send students late, so she has a timer in her classroom room that counts down to the second that class ends. "All teachers should have a timer," Marquis said. "The timer resets every 45 minutes, so students know exactly when class ends and when they should leave." According to Marquis, the timer helps her keep track of the time as well as the students.

## my moment

Every student, staff and faculty member was asked to describe a memorable moment at STA. COMPILED BY THE TERESIAN STAFF

The interaction between the [elderly from the] Shepard Center and STA students."



—ms. kathy mccarthy, computer science

Probably the St. Teresa's versus Sion volleyball game. It was really fun when we did the cheers, they were really different and fun.

—eleanor shorter, '15

We had an Awful Waffle Wednesday during our AP History class. It truly embodied the spirit with everyone contributing to the friendliness that everyone shares.

—mr. craig whitney, social studies

When the teachers had the volleyball game between [Donnelly Building and M&A Building], and everyone got pizza. It really shows



the community of STA and the spirit everyone has.

—maggie jackson, '15

Mrs. [Katie] Dolan and Mrs. [Denise] Rueshoff turning [around] every 5 minutes [during the teacher pep rally]. They looked like they were going to fall over...but they didn't.

—maria donnelly, '15

In English we had our first paper. I was confused on some stuff so I went to



**just keep blendin'** Seniors Miranda Green, left, and Emily Holt make smoothies to sell during Activity I Oct. 25. The economics class opened their own smoothie shop as a class project and sold smoothies in the Commons every Tuesday and Thursday during lunch. **PHOTO BY ALEXIS JENKIN**



**double-fisting it** (left) History teacher Craig Whitney helps out at Smoothie Queen Nov. 1. "Instead of relying on someone else to provide you a job, you learn to make your own," Whitney said about his reasoning for starting a class project. **PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER**

**red solo cup** (above) Seniors Melissa Lane, left, and Meka Kelly serve senior Marianna Messerli her "Classic" smoothie during Activity II Nov. 1. All the proceeds from the smoothies were divided between two charities chosen by the class. **PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER**

## what's in a name?

The new school year brought an array of new teachers to the STA community. These teachers not only had to learn the STA way, but they also had to spend the first few weeks learning the names of all their students. New theology teacher Michael Sanem learned names a different way than other teachers.

"We're going to play a name game," Sanem announced.

The students came up with an object that started with the first letter of their first or last name. Sanem then turned these objects into nicknames that would help him remember each girl's name. For example, junior Kate Sanders was given the nickname Snakebite.

"It was a fun and interesting way to learn names," Sanders said.

The game turned out to be a tool for not only Sanem, but his students at well. Junior Christine Jenkin, a transfer student from Salt Lake City, Utah, said that the game helped her to learn the names of some of the girls in her grade.

"We all got a chance to have fun and get to know each other," Jenkin said.

Ms. [Carrie] Jacquin and asked her for the guidelines on what she wanted. It was good and she was really helpful.

—**kylie ceriotti, '15**

[My moment is] probably the St. Teresa's versus Sion volleyball game. It was really fun when we did the cheers, they were really different and fun.

—**grace reda, '15**

[I went] to make up points for gym

when I'm supposed to be in English, and then I got to English like five minutes late. I went up to [Ms. Katie Dolan] afterward and she [said], "Uh yeah what happened?" I [said], "well I went to the wrong class."

—**maggie hutchison, '15**

In Honors Chemistry, we were doing a flame test lab... One student came up to me and said she didn't understand [a post lab] question. I explained [it to

her]... She gasped and said, "That's what I love about science. You learn something everyday!"

—**ms. terry conner, science**

I write notes or comments on students papers, [and] when students are willing to play along and write back, it makes it more personal.



personal.

—**ms. kim sirridge, math**

We were carving our pumpkins [on Halloween] and everyone was talking and no one was holding back or anything.



—**lizzie sanders, '15**

I think the pep rallies are a good defining moment at STA.

—**mary hoesser, '15**

# our traditions



Over the years the cross country team compiled a list of traditions: pasta parties, braided hair for the State meet, never wearing the State shirt before State, never wearing meet shirts before running the meet, never crossing the finish line before the race, ice baths, annual Twinkie relays and themed runs. The team used unwrapped Twinkies as batons while competing in a race around the school parking lot.

**run baby run** Junior Hailey Waldenmeyer passes two competing runners. This year was Waldenmeyer's second year on the cross country team as a JV runner.

PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS

**row one:** Elizabeth Taylor, Caitlin Fletcher, Kelly Stokes, Gretchen Schloegel, Emily Taylor, Katie Hornbeck, Elaine Kerr, Lindsey Valdiviez, Annie Keel, Ann Campbell, Anna Meagher, Quinn Kernell, Anne Nulton, Mady Sargent, Molly Woolery, Samantha Adams, Allison Fitts, Heather Cigas  
**row two:** Cecilia Butler, Julia Hammond, Sarah Vickery, Lily O'Neill, Lane Schulte, Maddie Dang, Libby Randolph, Kelly O'Byrne, Michelle Dierks, Mimi Hart, Stephanie Hampel, Haley Winslow, Hayden Lee, Caroline Angles, Danni Porter, Madeline Barth, Alexa Davis, Madi Kintzle, Lane Maguire  
**row three:** Grace Doran, Lauren Taylor, Grace Reda, Mary O'Leary, Hannah McCausland, Marianna Messerli, Anna Bauman, Brit Maguire, Kate Witt, Alice Green, Ciara Collins, Abby Hooke, Lauren Zastrow, Sadie Duffy  
**row four:** Erin Sellers, Sara Schwartz, Jane Evans, Becca Lueke, Meka Kelly, Hannah Reinhart, Hailey Waldenmeyer, Grace Crowe, Katie McCombs, Megan Hodes, Trish Smith, Courtney Coppinger, Katie Evans, Hannah Wolf

PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS



# fighting for finish

Junior Lane Maguire fell at the State meet in Jefferson City and could not find the energy to get back up. Friends, family and teammates cheered for Maguire as she crawled across the finish line in 37th place. STORY AND DESIGN BY MAGGIE KENNEY

The end was in sight. 60 meters...50 meters... what she had fought for all season was slowly becoming a reality. 40 meters...30 meters...in five short seconds she would secure her 10th place finish at the State meet. Twenty meters...then something happened.

Junior Lane Maguire was approximately 20 meters from crossing the finish line at State when her legs gave out and she fell.

"I felt like I was just dead legged," Maguire said. "I fell down, and when I tried to get up I couldn't. My legs were like dead weights. It was like a nightmare where I couldn't walk and I could see everyone passing me."

Maguire struggled to regain strength, but whenever she stood up, she fell back down again. She watched as runner after runner passed her, fulfilling their dreams of making All-State. Even teammates freshman Ann Campbell and junior Courtney Coppinger ran past her. Helping her would have gotten them both disqualified.

"I didn't know what to think," Campbell said. "She was probably 10 or 15 feet from the finish when I crossed it. I forgot about my race, and all I could think about was Lane."

Realizing that she didn't have enough strength to keep herself up, Maguire gave up all hope of crossing the finish line on her feet and began to crawl toward it. According to Maguire, the one thing that kept her crawling toward the finish line was the team.

"I didn't feel good whatsoever," Maguire said. "But I didn't want to be the person that stopped the team from receiving a banner. I was in disbelief. I hadn't experienced anything like it. I had to push through it though for the team."

Maguire crawled across the finish line in 37th place helping her team secure a fourth place win at State. Although she did not make All-State, Maguire and many other people believe that she ran an incredible race that she should be proud of. Thanks to Maguire's and the rest of the teams efforts, the cross country team received a banner for their achievements.

"Seeing the banner will remind me of the race at State," Maguire said. "But it will also remind me of how many people supported me, and how nice they were even though our team ended up getting 4th place when we could have gotten 2nd if I had placed in 10th."

**hug me please** Seniors Haley Winslow, left, and Lane Schulte, congratulate each other after completing the JV race at KC Metro Oct. 1. Winslow finished seventh, and Schulte placed eighth. PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH





**lean on me** Seniors Libby Randolph, left, and Lane Schulte embrace after watching teammate junior Lane Maguire crawl across the finish line at the State meet in Jefferson City. The team placed fourth in the State meet. PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH



**follow the leader** Freshmen Anne Nulton, left, and Anna Meagher sprint toward the finish at the Kearney Invitational. Nulton finished before Meagher, but both received medals for their performances. PHOTO BY MAGGIE KENNEY



**saving the team** Junior Lane Maguire crawls across the finish line at the State meet Nov. 5 in Jefferson City. In the final stretch, Maguire fell and crawled her way through the finish. PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH

# my moment

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Walking into the [Teresian] dance and getting that burst of adrenaline.  
—sadie duffy, '13

I was wanting a balloon [at Teresian], but all the Rockhurst [High School] guys got one before me . . . It was so unfair.  
—kelly jenks, '13

I locked my keys in my car and they were in the ignition. . . It was during activity. They made an announcement, but I didn't hear it. . . Mrs. [Kelly] Drummond was like, 'Your car is on. . . Mr. [Rafael] Ramirez was waiting for me and my car was just like running. . . I have to recognize the fact that it's absolutely hilarious.  
—hannah katz, '12

When we were playing twister and Mr. [Eric] Thomas was the spinner. Instead of spinning, he would act like he was spinning and give the girls the most difficult position they could do.  
—maddison balachowski, '12

[My favorite all school event] would probably be the auction pep rally because I've never seen anything like it before. A lot of teachers were in it and it was really funny.  
—monica mcgraw '15

The moment the school was getting dressed up for the varsity volleyball game for the Smurfs theme. It shows that we care about each other by planning out a theme and supporting our volleyball team.  
—anne gravino '15

Someone had a shock pen thing and my friend was passing it around during math class. I started screaming and Dr. Joe [Grantham] was looking at us funny.  
—katie hornbeck, '14

The [staff] volleyball game was just so funny and fun and all that.  
—margaret mcclain '15

At play practice my friend Natalie Roll and I had to sit in a sleeping bag together. As we were laying there Mr. Himes awkwardly walked by, he stopped. . . looked at us for a minute. . . then shook his head and walked away.  
—audrey muelebach '14

One day, my sister and I got a Moodle message from Mrs. [Kelly] Drummond saying, 'Your dad dropped off your lunch for you.' We didn't forget our lunch. He saw a lunch on the counter, and it was really his.  
—molly woolery, '14



**like mr. roboto** Junior Rosie Hutchison and Rockhurst High School junior Jake Scovell dance at the Teresian Dance Oct. 15. Hutchison had broken her arm the week before the dance. PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS



**braced and ready** (left) Sophomore Katie Holt removes her brace for pictures before the Teresian Dance Oct. 15. Holt had surgery on her knee Sept. 30. PHOTO BY MATTIE DAVIS



**just in time** (right) Singing to Journey's "Don't Stop Believing" Sophomore Tessa Smith and Rockhurst sophomore Dominic Burkart dance during Teresian Oct. 15. Smith enjoyed singing and dancing with friends throughout the entire dance. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ

# dancin'

## the pain away

Senior Miranda Johnson injured her knee at the Teresian Dance Oct. 15. Johnson pushed through the pain and didn't let it ruin her night. STORY AND DESIGN BY MATTIE DAVIS

The gym is dark. Sweaty high school students dance close together. Nicki Minaj blares from the speakers. There is a quiet pop, and senior Miranda Johnson is on the ground.

"I have a bad knee cap and during the dance it literally popped out of place and then back in," Johnson said.

According to Johnson, she had had a bad knee since a gym class soccer game in eighth grade when she dove for a ball and her knee cap popped out. Since then, Johnson wore a brace for physical activities like school dances.

"In the brace there is a wire that's supposed to keep my knee cap from pushing out," Johnson said. "While it didn't keep it from going out, it pushed it back in immediately."

Senior Christie Fletcher and senior Colleen McInerney helped Johnson to Ms. Stacey O'Rear's office, where she stayed for the rest of the dance, according to Fletcher.

"I think we enjoyed the room more than Miranda," Fletcher says. "We were all in there laughing and joking around."

They all received a lot of attention, reported Fletcher. At one point, a group of boys lined the window looking into the office and made hearts at the group.

"Everyone was fussing over me, even though I told them to stop," Johnson said.

Ms. Mary Anne Hoecker brought Johnson water and Ibuprofen while Mr. Eric Thomas called her parents, recalled Johnson.

"Anytime anyone is injured I make sure to call the parents," Thomas said.

According to Thomas, parents don't always feel comfortable making their kids come home early on such a big night. He liked to help them enforce whatever decision they think it best. Johnson's parents chose to let her stay with her friends.

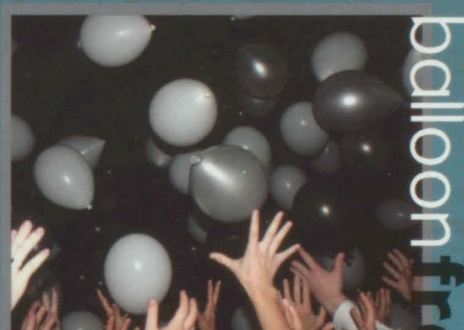
"I wasn't going to let that one moment ruin my whole night," Johnson said.

The lights in O'Rear's office are bright. Johnson sits with with a bag of ice slowly melting to the floor. Her friends are lined up against the window leading out to the dark gym. They are laughing, joking and playing around. This is their Teresian Dance.



**laugh it off** Senior Miranda Johnson laughs with her friends in the STA athletic office while at the Teresian Dance Oct. 15. Johnson retreated to the office to rest after dislocating her right knee cap while dancing to a Nicki Minaj song. PHOTO BY CARRIE HUDSON

**make me wanna** (left) During the Teresian Dance Oct. 15 junior Airicha Lunn and Staley High School senior Paul Newman dance to "Shout". "It was so much fun," Lunn said after the dance. PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER



balloon frenzy

"I was in the crowd, near the back, with a big group of people I know and my date, Robert. I remember my brace slid down so it was harder to walk. People were pressing close to try to get to the balloons. When the net broke everyone started screaming. A bunch of people, mostly seniors, started popping them. Robert got one. No one else near me did. It looked like big pieces of confetti falling. I was startled when one near me popped."

**katie holt, sophomore**

**save my spot** Junior Jackie McGee lays down a marker for her ball while putting with the rest of the varsity team Sept. 15. McGee was one of the six members on the varsity squad that advanced to State. **PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS**



**wind it up** Senior Elizabeth Daugherty, from left, sophomore Frankie Neunuebel and senior Alexis Buford practice driving during practice Sept. 27. Buford and Daugherty were two of the six members of the varsity golf team that scored during matches. **PHOTO BY MADDIE DANG**



**drive it home** Senior Elizabeth Daugherty, from left, sophomore Frankie Neunuebel and senior Alexis Buford, far right, practice driving in front of their coach Teresa Borchert Sept. 27. Daugherty, Neunuebel, and Buford were all members of the postseason team that won Sectionals and advanced to State. **PHOTO BY MADDIE DANG**

## achieving reality

Sophomore Frankie Neunuebel was the final STA golfer to participate on the last green of the match against Notre Dame de Sion High School Sept. 1. As she strolled over toward her team, she saw senior Alexis Buford and junior Emily McCann smiling at her, nearly jumping with joy, already knowing about their 171-178 winning score.

"Alexis and Emily were about to explode and asked me a ton of questions about my score," Neunuebel said. According to Neunuebel, the STA golf team had come close to beating Sion several times in the past.

"We had come pretty close a couple of times this season, so it felt really good to actually beat them," Neunuebel said.

Though they knew Sion would be a formidable opponent, the STA golfers focused on doing their best.

"We were like 'Okay, it's just another match against Sion,'" Neunuebel said.

"So we went into it knowing our goal was to win, but we knew it would be a challenge."



**row one:** Kate Sanders, Ellie Shorter, Jessie Culver, Frankie Neunuebel, Emily McCann, Allison Hogan **row two:** assistant coach Jack Garvin, Alex Jackson, Maggie Kenney, Peyton Gajan, Alexis Buford, Jackie McGee and coach Teresa Borchert. **PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS**



**change my swing (above)** Senior Alexis Buford, left, talks with assistant golf coach Jack Garvin about her swing during practice Sept. 27. Buford participated at State three of the four years she attended STA. PHOTO BY MADDIE DANG



**be your motivation** Before practice, assistant coach Jack Garvin motivates the team by showing them the Districts banner which had not been changed since the 1980s. The team finished second at Districts to Notre Dame de Sion High School Sept. 28, but later won against Sion at Sectionals Oct. 5. PHOTO BY LIBBY SAUDER

## photoreel

Junior Jackie McGee showed how to exit a bunker.



# year of firsts

Members of the golf team won Sectionals for the first time in school history. They attributed their success to their coach's motto. STORY AND DESIGN BY MADDIE DANG

Junior Emily McCann walked over to the final hole at Sectionals feeling down and unhappy with her performance. Then, she looked up and saw her teammates beaming at her. She was the last STA golfer of the day, and she wondered what they were gazing at; it could not be her score, she had done horribly today. Then she saw it, the leader board, with the STA golf team's score ranked first.

"I didn't think I was having a good day [when I arrived at] the final hole," McCann said. "It turned out that I got second, and we were all thrilled because it was our goal to make it to State as a team."

On the other hand, senior Alexis Buford felt the team was going to win the match.

"Coming in [to the last hole], I knew I had beaten the girl from [Notre Dame de Sion High School] that I was playing with, as well as the girl from Kearney [High School]," Buford said. "We knew those were the two teams we wanted to beat, so I felt pretty good."

Though the athletes knew what teams they wanted to beat, coach Teresa Borchert credited the girls' ability to focus on the course for the win at Sectionals.

"You play the golf course, not the other people," Borchert said. "That's what they did at the end of the day, and that is why they had such success."

McCann also said that Borchert's motto about strokes helped the girls focus on their scores.

"[Borchert] always tells us that every stroke matters," McCann said. "We all really took that to heart and made every stroke count. When that was pounded into our heads enough that really helped us as a team."

Buford said that going to State as a team was a completely different experience than going as an individual like she did the year before.

"When you go with a team you have more fun and are more comfortable before you're about to tee off," Buford said. "It gives you confidence and makes you feel better and ready to do your best."

According to McCann and Buford, everyone on the golf team, varsity and junior varsity, improved from last year, which was what led to their success.

"I think the cool thing is that [golf is] all a bunch of individual scores contributing to the team score," McCann said. "The team's combined energy really helped and everyone improved as a team. Since we had a disappointing season last year, it felt good to end this one at State."

As the girls looked up at the score board, Buford took out her camera and held it out for her parents to capture the moment she and her teammates wanted to savor for the rest of their lives.

# Dancing

## QUEENS

Freshman Quinn Kernell taught children with Down syndrome, including her sister, at a non-profit dance organization. Although it could be frustrating, it was something she loved to do. STORY AND DESIGN BY CRISTINA DEZEEUW

**S**TA freshman Quinn Kernell stepped backwards, closed her eyes and let out a big sigh. During a Sunday dance lesson, she continued teaching a new tap dance routine that the children would perform in a few weeks. Her feet tapped on the floor giving the kids an example. She instructed them on how to do the dance, yet they spun around in circles and made up their own tap dances anyway. Quinn, for a second time, stepped backwards, took a deep breath and demonstrated the steps.

Quinn taught tap and jazz at Access Dance, a non-profit organization geared toward children with special needs, for two years with her brother, Rockhurst High School senior Wyatt Kernell. This year, the two siblings assisted each other in teaching a newly added class.

"This is the first year that there is a tap class," Wyatt said. "It gets frustrating because it's usually just me and Quinn teaching, and it's hard for the kids, like learning a brand new subject."

Access Dance was very close to both Quinn and Wyatt's hearts. Among the 40 children that attended, their sister, six year old Lola Kernell, was one of the students. Lola had Down syndrome and had taken classes at Access Dance for three years.

"She loves to dance, more than anything," Quinn said. "She has a passion for it, although she is young."

Even though Lola was her sister, Quinn became frustrated when giving her direction and teaching her the new steps. Lola did her own thing at times and loved improvisation.

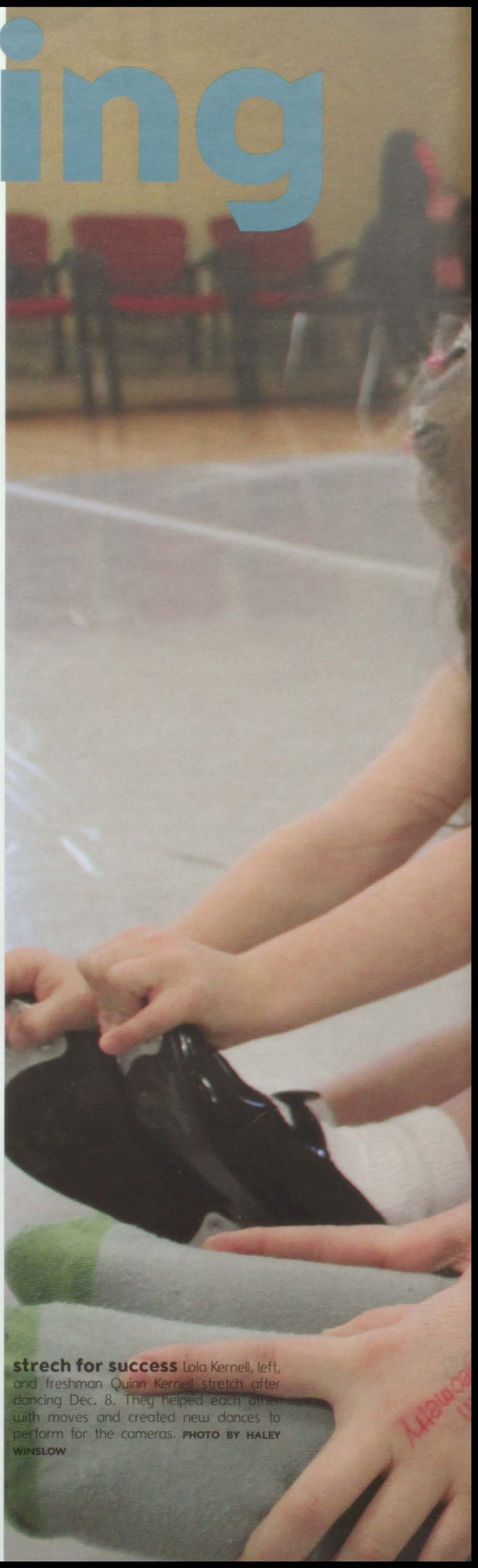
"Sometimes, Lola will flat out just tell me 'no,'" Quinn said. "Sometimes I just laugh and go with what she is doing, but it gets to a point when my patience runs out sometimes."

To stay composed, Quinn sometimes walked away for a moment.

"I definitely get agitated, it's inevitable," Quinn said. "It's something I've been learning to control, and still am improving on. I just have to remember that it was equally as frustrating for the people teaching me tap when I was a little girl as it is for me now with these kids."

Quinn also reminded herself of the rewards at the end, both for her and the children.

"It is something that [the kids and I] both love to do," Quinn said. "They're always so happy, and it makes me happy to see them like that. I've grown to love these kids over a year and a half. I love seeing them, they love seeing me and we all have a mutual love for dance."



**stretch for success** Lola Kernell, left, and freshman Quinn Kernell stretch after dancing Dec. 8. They helped each other with moves and created new dances to perform for the cameras. **PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW**



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# moment

Every student, staff and faculty member was asked to describe a memorable moment at STA. COMPILED BY THE

TERESIAN STAFF

[I love] the Sion games. It's a huge rivalry and it's so fun to go all out with the themes.

—daisy calderon, '15

Mrs. [Robin] Good is like my second mom, and I love when she always checks in on us whether we like it or not.

—mary cate feuerborn, '12

A memorable moment was the week before finals when everyone ran onto the track and just screamed. It was a great way to release stress and to just be a little crazy during a time that was really serious.

—grace doran, '13

We were building a set from "Curtains" and we screwed the background into the stage. We didn't know we did until we tried to pick it up, and we couldn't.

—whitney klump, '15

[My moment was] in the musical, someone lost part of their costume and all the girls pitched in to help them find it to go on stage in time.

—morgan marso, '14

[I love] being with friends at a party and "Party in the USA" comes on. We chant "STA" instead of "USA."

—emily mccann, '13

During Frosh Fest I got a lot closer to the upperclassmen in my advisory because we all had to work together to come up with good ideas for the skit and chalk drawing.

—briana wells, '15

The moment at Christmas advisory parties when we do secret Santas in our advisory. We all get together and share gifts with each other.

—emily taylor, '14

One time we were taking the back route to [Mr. Mike] Egner's class and it was snowy outside. Stephanie Allee kept saying that I should slide down the hill since I was walking so fast. Right after she said that she slipped and slid on her butt all the way down the hill and her pants got all snowy and wet.

—danni porter, '13

During our advisory parties, we turn on YouTube and the seniors play hilarious videos and Ms. [Denise] Rueschoff lets us watch them. We also turn on music and break dance.

—mickey redlingshafer, '13

Before the [Notre Dame de] Sion [High School] versus STA game we all dressed up like Smurfs! And we painted our faces completely blue.

—nicole sakoulas, '13

I dressed up as a mime for the Smurfs volleyball game. It was fun because I was mocking Sion's theme.

—maggie rellihan, '13



**processing the assault** Senior Mary LeRoy flinches as a snowball smacks her in the face in the STA parking lot after school Feb. 16. After taking a moment to process the attack, LeRoy joined other seniors in a snowball fight. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ



# process

Take time to process...

Process questions...

Process ideas...

Process before you proceed...

Where did that snowball come from?

Are grades on PowerSchool yet?

Can I go fill up my water bottle?

Should I raise my hand?

Will that be on the test?

What time does this class end?

Is the new sidewalk open?

Is that the fire alarm?

Do you have an advisory party?

Where is silent study?

Is there a test today?

White gold or yellow gold?

Did you hear the announcement?

When is our next late start?

Has the bell rung?

Are you going to practice tonight?

Is Moodle snowing?

Where are you going for your free?

Did you go to Mikey Needleman?

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## silence is golden

Students explain their advisor's policies during midday announcements. While some advisors require complete silence, others allow minimal noise.

### Ms. Melissa Axton's advisory

"Everyone in our advisory hears announcements come on. We listen for two seconds, and then we continue to talk louder. Ms. [Melissa] Axton doesn't do anything about it though. So, I pretty much never hear announcements."



—claire mckeeon, senior

### Ms. Jo Weller's advisory

"We all listen to announcements, and if there is excessive talking she tells us to be quiet. She isn't very strict about talking though, if we are quiet then she is fine. But she never scolds us when we are too loud."



—morgan trees, junior

### Ms. Betsy Hansbrough's advisory

"Ms. [Betsy] Hansbrough doesn't let us talk at all during announcements, especially during prayer. She's usually not as strict about announcements, but during prayer she says it's disrespectful to talk, so no one talks."



—madalyn schulte, freshman



**in her shoes** Mr. Paul Anwander sits at Ms. Terry Conner's desk during advisory Dec. 9. Anwander took over for Conner's classes when she stepped out to recover from heart surgery. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ALEXANDRA RADTKE

## meet mom'n pops

**The girls in the Jacquin-Fast Advisory called their advisors "Mama" and "Papa" because they consider their advisory to be a family. These are reactions to the nicknames from a girl in each grade.**

"I wasn't here when they started it because I am a freshman, so I don't really know what to think about it. It is kind of funny because it's Mr. [Kelly] Fast."

—whitney klump, freshman

"When I was a freshman, I thought it was really weird because they said they were like our parents. This year our advisory split into two, so it was like a divorce in our family."

—cecilia butler, sophomore

"[The advisory] actually came up with the mama and the papa advisor part. But Mr. [Kelly] Fast and Ms. [Carrie] Jacquin went along with it a lot. Mr. [Kelly] Fast takes it seriously outside of advisory too. During my [AP Literature] class, I'll be talking about the advisory, and Mr. [Kelly] Fast will yell at me for spreading 'family secrets.' I think it's funny, but a little weird because that's a teacher to student relationship that usually isn't explored."

—lucia maschler, senior

"Well I think it's funny because they are so not a couple in real life. It's totally weird, but I also think it's completely hilarious because only our advisory could pull it off."

—morgan bene, junior



# heart of the matter

When science teacher Terry Conner knew she would need to take time off to recover from surgery, she also knew that her classes needed a substitute who understood the material. The administration hired an aspiring science teacher to fill in for the remainder of the semester. STORY AND DESIGN BY ALEXANDRA RADTKE

## PAUSE.

"Girls, I have an announcement to make," science teacher Terry Conner said to the girls in her advisory. "The Monday before Thanksgiving break, I am having surgery and I will be out for the rest of the semester."

During first semester, a life-changing heart murmur forced Connor to undergo surgery that would take her from the classroom for the rest of the semester. She knew that her condition would decline quickly without the surgery, so she scheduled her surgery over Thanksgiving break to give the most time to recover.

"Honestly, my first reaction was 'can I put it off until summer?' so I didn't have to miss school," Conner said. "Reality set in, and I realized that I need to take care of myself and get it done before it got worse."

## PROCESS.

To take over Conner's classes, the administration hired Mr. Paul Anwander. Before Conner told her advisory and students, she said that Anwander had just completed his teaching degree and was shadowing her.

"Mr. Anwander was there for several days, observing and helping out in my classes," Conner said. "After it became obvious that something was happening, I told my advisory and then told my other classes one by one."

Conner told her advisory first because she believed they deserved to be the first to know, rather than hear from everyone else.

"She told us after prayer, so everyone was quiet and she just came out and made an announcement about it to the whole advisory," sophomore Emma Allen, one of Conner's advisees, said. "She was pretty calm about it, and she said that she had to

have surgery for a medical condition. [The advisory was] very supportive. We didn't freak out about it. We understood that it was a serious condition, but we knew that she could get through it because she is strong."

## PROCEED.

According to Allen and Anwander, at first the transition was a little rough for the advisory.

"He didn't understand at first what an advisory was, so he seemed kind of lost," Allen said. "But after being here for a couple of weeks, he got better at everything."

According to Anwander, he brushed up on a lot of information before he could take over for all of Conner's classes.

"I have to work ahead to make sure that I understand at least enough to present," Anwander said. "Mrs. Conner is brilliant. I am admittedly not at her level that she is, so I had to go back and brush up on everything so that I can make sense of everything to my classes."

By the end of the semester, though, Anwander felt comfortable with his students and as a teacher.

"I am really enjoying this," said Anwander, who hoped to soon have a permanent teaching job. "This is a great deal here, and I really like it. I am confident, maybe not to step into these high of classes, but to be in teaching grades five through nine after this experience."

Conner was very supportive of Anwander's work and was very impressed at how he and her students dealt with her absence.

"It takes guts to jump into teaching Physics and Chemistry when you have never taught before," Conner said. "I applaud him for taking this on, and I am confident that he is doing well in all the classes."



**History teacher, Mr. Mike Egner, collects bobble heads as a hobby and displays them on five shelves in his classroom. Junior Andie Drummond, in Egner's advisory, reacts to his collector's items.**

"Sometimes the bobble heads can be really creepy because you will turn around, and there they are staring back at you. I think they are kind of weird, but they are Mr. [Mike] Egner's most prized possessions. We have to be nice to him because he is our advisor and tell him that they are cool."

famous faces

## 'tis the season



Girls in each grade bonded over food and games during holiday advisory parties. Students explain their unique Christmas traditions in their advisories.

"Mr. [Eric] Thomas came up with the idea to Christmas carol for our Christmas party. We put on Christmas hats and then walked around the advisories in Donnelly and sang them all Christmas carols."

—claire zahner, freshman

"In my stocking this year, I got a little stamp thing, a candy cane and a piece of chocolate. [Ms. Mary Rietbrock] puts the stockings in front of her podium, and she puts our name on them in glitter glue so we have the same one for all four years."

—katie hornbeck, sophomore

# Breathe

## EASY

For senior Danielle Gatapia, volunteering is more than a graduation requirement. She dedicates her time to help the nurses in the pulmonary rehabilitation center and patients who attend. **STORY AND DESIGN BY KATHLEEN BLANCK**

Senior Danielle Gatapia smiled as she entered the pulmonary rehab center. One patient immediately looked up from her workout to wish Gatapia a Happy New Year. Gatapia returned the greeting happily before offering to help a nurse lugging oxygen tanks into the gym.

She signed in, ready for a day of taking blood pressure, checking the oxygen tanks and filing records. Walking over to the nurse's station, she is bombarded with congratulations on the acceptance letter she had just received from her dream school, Creighton. As patients made their laps around the gym, they would stop to congratulate Gatapia and ask how school was treating her.

"I love the patients that are there because they may have problems breathing, but they're all so happy they're still alive," Gatapia said.

Gatapia has been volunteering every summer since freshman year at St. Joseph's Medical Center. Knowing that she wanted to go into the medical field, Gatapia's mother signed her up to volunteer at St. Joseph's. According to Gatapia, she took blood pressure and bonded with a variety of patients. She had seen patients come and go, with only a few sticking around for the long run, including Mr. Ted Coleman and his wife.

"[Gatapia's] very caring," Ted said. "She's very friendly. She has a warm personality and that's rare in a young girl working with old people. She's very open."

With her upcoming college departure, Gatapia values her time with Ted.

"We're losing our high school girl," Ted told his wife. "She's going off to Creighton."

"Oh, we'll miss her," Carolyn said. "She's done good work."

When she started her journey at St. Joseph's Medical Center, she hoped to start a career in geriatrics, the care of elderly. However, her time volunteering changed her focus to a career in pulmonology, a branch of medical care focused on the lungs and breathing problems. According to Ms. LeeAnn Boyd, the volunteer coordinator at St. Joe's, many volunteers only see the doctors and nurses, not the crucial people in between.

"[Gatapia] was one of those pieces that just kind of fell in," Boyd said.

Back in the rehab center, a patient doing his workout on the treadmill flirted harmlessly with one of the female nurses. He held only one of the many histories Gatapia had learned in her volunteer time. Ms. Shelley, one of Gatapia's long standing patients, articulated the importance of caring not only about a patient's current position but also about their past.

"I think her attitude, her openness, and her interest is rather remarkable in someone her age," Shelley said. "Her interest in hearing those stories and engaging at that [more personal] level."

PHOTO BY JANNIE THOMPSON



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supporting stories  
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# danielle gatapica

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# huddle

## up sectionals

The Stars supported each other during Sectionals by huddling together during the games against Park Hill South and Lee's Summit West. STORY AND DESIGN BY ALEXIS JENKIN

Huddled together, slapping hands, the volleyball team prepared for Sectionals. A low roar of people cheering swelled up around them. The Stars took a moment to come together as a team before facing the only game between them and a trip to State. The team wanted to go out with a bang.

The team tried to huddle between each play so they could get a moment to refocus and rebuild. The huddle was a good time to exchange tips and point out weaknesses of the other team or just be there to support each other.

"Getting in the middle implies that we're all in it as a team," varsity senior Sarah Godfrey said. "You always focus on the good things while your in the middle. Even if I messed up, I would only hear about the things I did well when we gathered together."

During Sectionals, the Stars came together to point out weaknesses and strengths about the other team.

"Half way through the second match [Lee's Summit West] still wasn't making any mistakes," Wemhoff said.

"We started to realize we weren't going to win."

As the game came to a close the Stars realized the loss to Lee's Summit West meant that STA would land second place in Sectionals. There were five seniors on the STA volleyball team this season, which raised the stakes for sectionals.

"None of [the seniors] had ever won state and we wanted to make that our goal," Godfrey said.

This made the loss to Lee's Summit West a disappointing end to the season.

"Lee's Summit West played us well," varsity coach Abbie Lane said. "They were more of an equal match than most of the other teams but [the girls] worked hard. They should definitely be proud of their accomplishments."

The team met in the last huddle of the season. Despite their disappointment they still supported each other with their arms around each others shoulders they tried to shake off the lost game. The fact that they had worked hard and played well was a big enough bang for them.



## psych out



Despite the importance of encouragement for the volleyball team this season, the team also tried to intimidate the opposing team with their voices. "I've seen them shouting but I'm never sure what they're doing," sophomore Heather Cigas said. When the opposing team served, it was the first row's job to call out the other team's plans. The shouts were used to distract the other team and intimidate them. "It's our job to say we know what you're doing and you're not getting away with it," senior Sarah Godfrey (left) said.



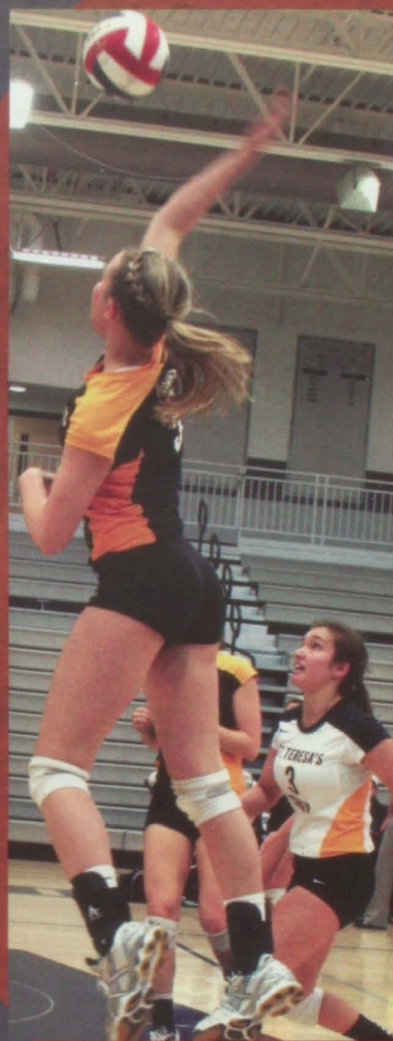
**row one:** Libby Hyde, Shay Cummings, Brogan Caffarelli, Sara McKnight, Mireya Ramirez, Madison Sage, Olivia Migliazzo, Eden Kreighbaum, Molly Laird **row two:** Grace Dominique, Cassie Florido, Clare Mitchell, Lizzy Keller, Jacqueline Smith, Madeline Meloy, Jessica Favrow, Shannon O'Rourke, Gabi Lukens, Caitly Martin **row three:** Courtney Didler, Cori Mroz, Samantha Smith, Taylor Migliazzo, Elena Flores, Maria Flores, Emily Godfrey, Meredith Latenser, Grace Spencer, Ali Lukens **row four:** Jamie Seibert, Adelle Smith, Miranda Shultz, Elaine Schmidt, Nicole Wemhoff, Abbey Haines, Emily Wemhoff, Anna Kroph, Holli Hogge, Kathleen Vogel, Sarah Godfrey, Olivia Scheuler, McLaren O'Rear, Jodie Foster, Dana Bailey PHOTO BY LUCY EDMUNDS



During games, setter Nicole Wemhoff used hand signals to communicate to the rest of the team. "I control the offense," Wemhoff said. "I tell them what I want them to do based on the other team's blockers. I'll typically give them a number which indicates the location of the set." By signaling the numbers to the other players they can tell things such as height, speed and location of the set.



**we are family** Junior Holl Hogge and the varsity team get pumped for their second round of Districts against Raymore-Peculiar High School at Ray-Pec Oct. 26. The volleyball team defeated Ray-Pec 2-0, advancing them to Sectionals. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ



**jump to spike** Sophomore Emily Wemhoff jumps up to spike the ball at the first game of Sectionals against Lee's Summit West Oct 29. The Stars beat Park Hill South in the first game, but lost the second against Lee's Summit West. PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON



**hear me out** Sophomore Anna Kropf, center, uses her fingers to identify the number of hitters and the position of the setter on the Blue Valley West High School team during Districts at Raymore-Peculiar High School Oct. 26. The thumb up signified that the setter was front row and could attack, while the two fingers indicated two hitters. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ



**eyes on prize** Senior Sarah Godfrey runs into position during the first round of the District tournament against Belton High School Oct. 26. PHOTO BY MADDIE DANG

# my moment

Every student, staff member and faculty member was asked to describe a memorable moment at STA. COMPILED BY THE TERESIAN STAFF

[My favorite moment during a free period was] in the workout room with a friend and she fell off one of the big balls.



—viridiana hernandez, '15

During Dancing with the Stars I loved watching [Ms. Amanda] Johnson and [Mr. Stephen] Himes. I loved how she would teach him something and he would be so bad at it. I saw them outside of school and not being teacher-ish. They were fun and goofy, and I loved seeing them goof around.

—elaine schmidt, '13

Dancing with the Stars, which by the way I will never be in. The faculty and staff go the extra mile to make STA fun and special. They have no qualms about making a fool of themselves.

—kelly drummond

A moment like eating Waldo pizza with my friends cheering on faculty playing a volleyball game is something that, to me, would only happen at a school like STA.



—quinn kernell, '15

The moment at Christmas advisory parties when we do secret Santas among our advisory. We all get together and share gifts with each other and it's just fun and that's exactly what STA is.

—brianna valine, '14

One time when a wasp came in during a free and everyone freaked out and like five people were screaming.



Everyone was either really freaked out or laughing really hard.

—rose patterson, '14

When Ms. [Diana] Blessen was practicing for [Dancing with the Stars], she had a few of us in her room and she was trying to do the "Single Ladies" dance. It was literally the best thing ever.

—abby dearth, '14

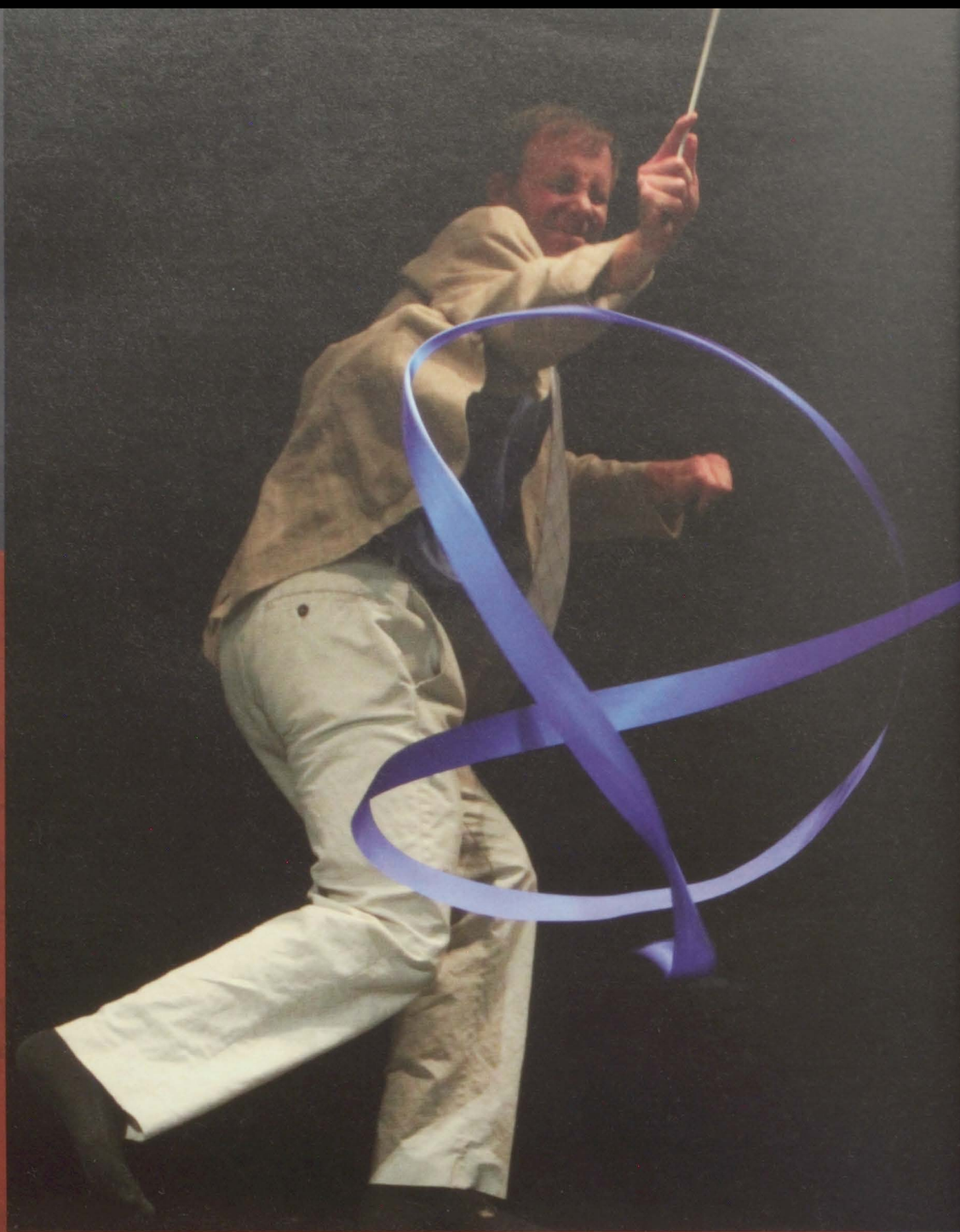
I remember one time in lit class, we were having this really funny discussion with Mr. [Steven] Himes. I don't really know what we were talking about, but it was so funny and everyone was getting into it.



—libby torres, '14

Mr. [Eric] Thomas showed the YouTube videos of me dancing as a little kid to the entire advisory. He told me I had to stay or I would get an SBR.

—emily wemhoff, '14



The third annual senior fundraiser, Dancing with the Stars, had STA teachers and students along with Rockhurst students compete for first place in a spin off of the ABC show "Dancing with the Stars." Here were the winners of the night.

winner's circle

**First Place:** Mr. Stephen Himes and junior Elaine Schmidt  
**Second Place:** Rockhurst senior Hunter Meacham and Senior Mary Cate Feuerborn  
**Third Place:** Mr. Mike Egner and senior Kelly O'Byrne



**let it rain** (right) Rockhurst High School senior Hunter Meacham and senior Mary Cate Feuerborn dance with fake money during the Dancing with the Stars competition Nov. 15. The couple incorporated Meacham's freestyle hip-hop moves and Feuerborn's classical tap training **PHOTO** BY HALEY WINSLOW





# it was the best of Himes

English teacher Steve Himes never competed in the annual Dancing with the Stars competition, until junior Elaine Schmidt succeeded in convincing him to participate as her partner this year. STORY AND DESIGN BY PAIGE DRUMMOND

In preparation for the annual Dancing with the Stars fundraiser, junior Elaine Schmidt sat behind the desk in the Donnelly Hall office with a list of teachers' names in front of her. She had to choose a partner who had already agreed to dance. She noticed one name was missing from the list, English teacher Stephen Himes. Schmidt began to prepare herself to persuade Himes, who never participated in a school performance before.

"Ever since I did the pep rally sophomore year where I impersonated Mr. Himes, I really wanted to do Dancing with the Stars with him," Schmidt said. "He was the only person I would have done it with. Had he said no I probably would have had to drop out of the competition. I'm not kidding."

Before Schmidt had a chance to ask Himes, senior class president Celia O'Flaherty, who coordinated Dancing with the Stars, asked him to participate, but he turned her down because he was going to be out of town that week. However, Schmidt attempted to convince Himes to dance with her anyway.

"He said no at first [because he was going to be out of town] and also said that he promised his wife that he wouldn't take on any more responsibility [at STA]," Schmidt said.

The next week Schmidt went back prepared.

"I rebutted all of his arguments basically and gave him reasons why we should do it and why we could work around his problems," Schmidt said.

Himes thought that Schmidt was relentless but sympathetic.

"After a while it became obvious that I should just go ahead and say I'll do it rather than keep trying to resist, but she understood that I don't have a ton of time," Himes said. "She set everything up and said you know we'll do it this way and set aside a little time to practice and we'll spread it out so that it doesn't feel like a whole bunch of things at once."

Because Schmidt worked with Himes's schedule so much, he agreed to dance with her.

"After she laid it out like that, I really had no choice but to say yes," Himes said.

Himes and Schmidt recalled how their weeks of hard practice and carefully planned practice times led up to a deafening roar from the audience when they walked on stage. They were happy to have been a part of a fundraiser for the senior class, while not taking themselves too seriously.

Despite having fun and winning, Himes said he was going into retirement for the next several years to avoid "overexposure."

**whip it good** English teacher Stephen Himes dances with a ribbon during his Dancing with the Stars performance Nov. 15. According to Himes' partner, junior Elaine Schmidt, this section of the dance was inspired by their very first practice with their ribbons.

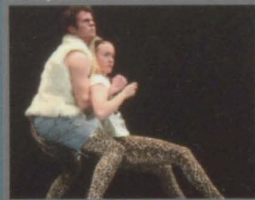
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**go ahead, jump** Senior Margot Livers, right, and Rockhurst High School senior Sam Maassen perform their Dancing with the Stars routine Nov. 15. The pair dressed in matching animal prints and danced to a mix of various genres. PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW

Dancing with the Stars judges Ms. Shana Prentiss, Ms. Katie Dolan and president Nan Bone gave their opinions on some of the various performances they saw at the competition Nov. 15. PHOTOS BY HALEY WINSLOW

judges picks



(left) "I made the comment 'Did you fill out your application?' because I feel he showed his feminine side [in his costumes]," Bone said of Dancing with the Stars couple, senior Margot Livers and senior Sam Maassen.

(right) "[It was] a different approach with the ballet, and I liked it," Dolan said of Dancing with the Stars couple, senior Stephanie Hampel and math teacher Ms. Diana Blessen.



(left) "How precious is that? They are going to be able to look back and have this memory and have it forever," Dolan said of Dancing with the Stars couple, Ms. Stacie O'Rear and her daughter senior McLaren O'Rear.

(right) "Their costumes kind of brought me back to high school," Prentiss said of the couple, sophomore Katie Tampke and guidance counselor Amanda Johnson.



# stressful

## success

Publication staffers often worked outside of the in-class period to complete their assignments and meet deadlines. Despite their hard work, staffers agreed it paid off in the end when seeing their work in print. STORY AND DESIGN BY MARINA VIANELLO

It was 8:35 p.m. on a Thursday evening as sophomore Maddie Horton got into her mother's car to leave campus. Horton felt exhausted, but satisfied after having finished five hours of work on the *Teresian* yearbook at a publication night.

"I felt like I had gotten a lot accomplished but [I knew] there was still so much to do," Horton said.

The publication staff utilized publication nights to finish their work and collaborate as a team. According to publications advisor Eric Thomas, the *Dart* had two publication nights per issue, which was every three to four weeks, one for two hours and one for seven hours. *Teresian* had publication nights every one to two weeks before a deadline.

"My favorite part [about publication nights] is seeing a spread go from mediocre to awesome in one night," Thomas said. "It's just nice to see a project make so much progress in such a small time."

According to *Teresian* editor-in-chief Katarina Waller, most of the work done to complete the yearbook, along with the school newspaper the *Dart*, was done outside of school.

"I think [STA] students don't understand that there is a lot of work that goes into putting the yearbook together," Waller said. "It's the out-of-class time when we get things done."

Sophomore *Dart* staffer Sara-Jessica Dilks worked on her stories and graphics during her own time: during frees, activity periods and publication nights.

"Being on staff becomes one of your top priorities," Dilks said. "It's definitely an intense commitment to take on and a big responsibility. Most people don't realize how much work is put in to taking even one picture or just one story. I have 4 frees a week, and 3 of those I spend in the pub room."

Although staff members said they were often stressed, the after-school time was completely worth it.

"[After completing a spread] I feel such a sense of complete accomplishment not just for myself but for the staff," Waller said. "I can see how everything finally clicks and is falling into place. I can tell how great the [yearbook] is going to be because of the hard work and dedication the staff is putting in."



## mother-daughter q&a



From Nov. 16-19 STA publication students attended the national journalism convention in Minneapolis where they met to compete, share ideas and learn more from experienced professionals and journalism advisers. Among the four chaperones was Ms. Kelly Drummond, administrative assistant and mother to sophomore yearbook staffer Paige Drummond. The mother and daughter compared their trip experiences.

How did you like having your mom/daughter on the trip?

Paige: I didn't have to bring any of my own money, so it was convenient to have her there. She was only embarrassing a few times, but not as bad as I thought it was going to be. It's always good when she's around and I'm used to being with her a lot since she works here.

Kelly: The only reason I went was because Paige was there, which I always enjoy.

What was the best part about going on the trip?

Paige: Getting to hang out with everyone in a different environment was great. It was a fun and relaxing time and we could decide what to do during the day and which classes to go to.

Kelly: I'm always impressed by our students. They behave well, produce good work and are confident. The best part is watching them in their element doing good things and good work.

by the numbers

18 Mac Computers  
33 newspaper staffers  
25 girls traveled to Ball State University for 5 days  
28 gearbook staffers  
2 Pacemaker finalist nominations  
37 girls traveled to Minneapolis for the NSPA convention  
\$475 in cost per issue to publish the "Dart"  
\$45,000 in cost per year to publish *Teresian*

## my moment

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I love it when we have pub nights because I get to see all the staff and we get to just have tons of time to work without the interruptions of the school day. That's when we see all the creative ideas flow and when we have the most fun as a staff.

—katarina waller, '12  
My advisees, including Danni Porter

and Emma Rebein, torture me during advisory parties by putting me into a trash can, covering me in salt, and spraying cooking spray on me.

—sara-jessica dilks, '14  
I was in Mr. [Eric] Thomas's room one Friday waiting for something to load and he just started [gobbling] like a turkey randomly. There were some [freshmen]...I think they

got freaked out because they checked out and ran out of the room.

—anna leach, '14  
One time in Science Quiz Bowl, Elaine Schmidt was saying how to determine the gender of an alligator egg and Mr. [Stephen] Himes walked in and got really weird-ed out.  
—paige drummond, '14  
When we were going to NSPA when we went into the lobby and we were



**a helping hand** Publications advisor Eric Thomas goes over yearbook spreads with junior designer Maggie Kenney, left, and senior editor Margot Livers. "Class time is pretty much divided between working on my pages and getting feedback from the editors and Mr. Thomas, so usually things get done on time," Kenney said. **PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS**



**takes a team** The *Dart* staff begins a night of work at a publication night Dec. 6. Senior *Dart* staffer Celia O'Flarety said all staffers were encouraged to attend the "pub" nights in order to meet approaching deadlines. **PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON**



**time's a tickin'** Junior Sara Meurer, left, and sophomore Sara-Jessica Dilks discuss a spread during a *Dart* publication night Dec. 6. "Everyone puts the most work into the newspaper at the publication nights," Dilks said. **PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON**

## the fartboard



"This summer at Ball State [University], one of the kids in my class said that they had a huge bulletin board where staff members are welcome to put embarrassing quotes, pictures and things that happen in the room. When we got back to school, I wanted to put up a dart board so students could put up anything that would make them laugh. I wish that we would put more funny incidents up there, so when you look over there in my classroom, you just laugh."

—eric thomas, publications advisor

"The fart board is a place to highlight embarrassing or funny moments that the staff has been through together. For example, there's a distorted picture of [senior] Trish [Smith's] face in Old Booth. I don't know why the Dart gets so upset when we change one letter in the title."

—margot livers, senior, teresian

"One, it's not the 'fart' board. Two, I am really ashamed of myself because whenever I look at it, the first thing I see is me holding a men's bathroom sign. It encapsulates the vicious war going on between the Teresian and the Dart, which the Dart will win."

—katie hyde, senior, dart



**taking a look** Junior Lane Maguire, left, and senior Katie Hyde check a spread during a *Dart* publication night Dec. 6. Hyde was editor-in-chief of the *Dart* and had been on staff for three years. **PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON**

all like "YA!" and all the bell hop people were looking at us weird.

—frannie wilkinson, '14

After putting out issue two of the *Dart*, at 11 p.m., we found [senior] Cara McClain, the *DartNewsOnline* editor, out in the quad drawing promos on the sidewalk. Five of us helped until we ran out of chalk. It was just fun



because it was so late, but the girls just wanted to stay longer.

—eric thomas, publications

Every time *The Dart* comes out you can see everyone in the halls during passing period reading it in silence. It's really cool.

—lauren langdon, '14

Over Christmas break I came into the



publication room to finish proofing my deadline spreads, and there were only five of us here, but there was enough food to feed 40 people, so the five of us feasted.

—alexandra radtko, '12

Definitely the *Scream Fest* before finals.

—katie hyde, '12

I think [my moment] was at Dancing

with the Stars when [Mr. Stephen] Himes walked on stage with Elaine Schmidt. I think I died laughing for like twenty minutes.

—sara meurer, '13



My moment is [when] I see friends that aren't in my classes.

—maddie horton, '14



**curtain call** Senior Christie Fletcher and Rockhurst High School junior Ian Von Fange sing "A Tough Act to Follow" during the STA musical Nov. 8 in the auditorium. "In all honesty those two characters described our relationship in a really odd musical way," Fletcher said.

**shining superstar singers** Sophomore Madeline Cozad sings during a night time scene of the fall Musical, "Curtains" Nov. 8. According to Cozad, "Curtains" was her second musical performance at St. Teresa's.

PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON

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# sealed with a kiss

Co-stars Christie Fletcher and Ian Von Fange shared an on-stage kiss in the fall musical, while also having an off-stage relationship. STORY AND DESIGN BY MADDIE HORTON

Musical costars Christi Fletcher and Ian Von Fange finished their dance number and looked into each other's eyes, exhausted and proud of their dancing. "We just got there and I thought that her face was pretty under the light," Von Fange said.

They caught their breath and their lips touched for a brief moment, the crowd ahhh-ing and cheering in response. Nikki, played by Fletcher and Cioffi, played by Von Fange, were not only in an on-stage relationship, but also in one in real life. Fletcher, a senior at STA, and Von Fange, a junior at Rockhurst High School, had been dating since a friend's birthday party the previous January.

According to Von Fange, he never felt awkward during his on-stage kiss because it was nice to just be on stage with Fletcher.

"I don't think about the audience whatsoever because it makes it not as fresh," Von Fange said. "And by thinking about the audience it ruins the magic."

On the contrary, Fletcher did not feel as comfortable with her and Von Fange's onstage relationship in the beginning, but overcame it by the end.

"At first it was [awkward], but by the end of the show, it was just being in character," Fletcher said.

She was uncomfortable with the audience viewing her kiss, especially when her friends were present and cheering.

"It was interesting," Fletcher said. "I was like oh my god, there they are."

However, Fletcher was never nervous when her parents attended the performances since they came to every one. Ms. Denise Fletcher, Christie's mother, thought the relationship added to the play, making the on-stage kiss and relationship feel more authentic.

"Usually on-stage kisses are really awkward and uncomfortable, but their relationship gave a different dimension," Ms. Fletcher said. "I think [their relationship] took away from being awkward and it was really genuine and sweet."

The two pulled apart from their embrace and the crowd applauded in response. The scene ended, and Fletcher and Von Fange no longer dwelled on the kiss. They were just thankful that they did not mess up.

"It was time to continue on with the show," Von Fange said.



**show goes on** The cast of STA's fall musical looks out into the audience with worried expressions during their production of the musical "Curtains" Nov. 8 in the auditorium. "Curtains" was a play within a play and a behind-the-scenes murder mystery.

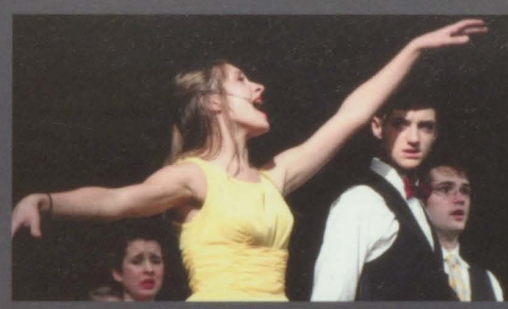
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break a leg



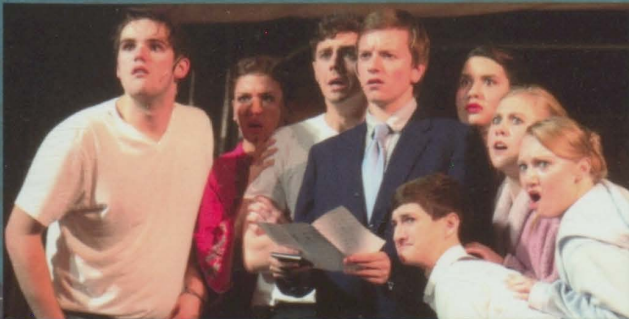
Shakedown was a ritual of chants lead by drama teacher Shana Prentiss, done before every performance in the drama room. "[Shakedown] is an opportunity for everyone to come together and know that we are here together," Ms. Prentiss said. The shakedown was designed for the cast and crew to get rid of any nerves and excite everyone for the performance. "[The shakedown] gets out any jitters that we have before [a performance]," "Curtains" lead Christie Fletcher said. "It brings a connection between the entire cast."



**strike a pose** Sophomore Marina Vianello sings in front of Rockhurst High School junior William Walton during the fall musical, "Curtains" Nov. 7 in the STA auditorium. This was Vianello's second role in an STA performance, and her largest. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



**watching from afar** Senior Mayme Marshall looks off into the distance during the STA production "Curtains" held in the auditorium Nov. 8. Marshall played the role of playwright and performer Georgia in the musical. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



**all huddled up** The musical cast listens to Rockhurst High School junior Ian Von Fange during a performance Nov. 8 in the auditorium. According to Von Fange, he did not expect to play the role of Cioffi, but was pleasantly surprised when he got it. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON

# new moment

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I was in the musical last year and this year. The bond between upperclassmen and lowerclassmen really defined STA because I was like "Everyone here is so nice."  
 —madeline cozad, '12

The moment at Christmas advisory parties when we do secret Santas among our advisory. We all get together and share gifts with each other and it's just fun and that's exactly what STA is.  
 —shana prentiss

The day Chick-fil-A ran out of food and left...we waited in line for the vending machines. We got this unidentifiable meat and gravy, but there was no utensils in it, so we bought another meal just for the spoons, and we had five minutes to eat it. At the moment we were really sad and we were like this is so wrong. The one time I didn't bring my lunch.  
 —gabby ferro, '15

When I was watching the lace [on the Windmoor Center] being put up I was skeptical but it made me think about the unity between us and our sisterhood. That lace bond will never be broken like our sisterhood.  
 —alondra tule, '14

Every day after school me and Abby Dearth go to Ms. [Kim] Sirridge's room because she is our favorite teacher. Sometimes we go in there when we have problems in class, but mostly it is like 'What are you doing this weekend?'  
 —jordan berardi, '14

In Mrs. Clark's advisory, everyone is so excited about the baby. We are all supporting her and bringing her gifts and everyone is included in the excitement.  
 —anna kropf, '14

It was the look on the guy's face in [the French movie] 'L'arna Coeur'. It was hilarious and it made me appreciate being able to watch French movies during activity here.  
 —katie law, '14

Tripping up the stairs in front of Mr. [Steven] Himes.  
 —emma allen, '14

I just like being able to go to my advisor, Ms. Marquis, when I need help or have a question.  
 —hilary talken, '15

[I liked] getting dressed up for the STA vs. Sion volleyball game.  
 —sophia hall, '15

# sophomores

## class of 2014

Walking back into STA's hallways, some sophomores solved Rubik's Cubes, some took the driver's test and others simply enjoyed their year back at the Academy. These are STA's sophomores. STORY AND DESIGN BY CARRIE HUDSON AND MADDI HUGHES-ZAHNER

# tricks of the cube



### twist and turn

Sophomore Emmie McCabe solves a Rubik's Cube during activity period Jan. 8. "When I learned how to solve [the Rubik's Cube] I bought myself a new one."

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MAKENZIE  
CARTER

Sophomore Emmie McCabe walked through the halls solving her Rubik's Cube. After learning from her brother, she said solving Rubik's Cubes became fun and addictive.

As she twisted and tried to organize her six-colored cube, sophomore Emmie McCabe didn't notice the girl behind her as she entered Donnelly Hall. McCabe felt bad that she didn't hold the door open for her classmate, but she was engrossed in completing her Rubik's cube again...

And again.

"After you learn how to solve [a Rubik's Cube], you get addicted," McCabe said.

Her older brother used the Internet to learn how to solve this famous puzzle, so she was inspired to learn herself.

"My brother taught me [how to solve a Rubik's Cube] in the span of two weeks," McCabe said. "Everyday he taught me a new movement."

She walked into Ms. Jacqui Brewer's class, sat down and continued to solve the six-sided puzzle.

"I told Emmie when she gets her [completion time] under a minute we should all take a class trip to Japan and she should compete," Brewer said.

While McCabe used her Rubik's Cube

for "fun," sophomore Shelby Hawkins played to relax.

"Sometimes it's stress relief," Hawkins said. "[It helps] if I'm in the middle of doing a bunch of homework and I want to do something mindless for a few minutes."

Although quick at solving the Rubik's Cube, McCabe's goal was not just to be faster. According to McCabe, solving the puzzle gave her a sense of accomplishment.

"I don't go, 'I need to be faster,'" McCabe said. "I just go with the flow and see if I can figure it out myself."

One last row to twist, and McCabe completed the Rubik's Cube, with all six colors to their respective sides. She slipped the cube into her backpack as the bell rang and history class began.

**"I kinda want to figure it out myself. I don't really care how fast I can go...I just go with flow."**

## my moment

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I found out that Mr. [Kelly] Fast is my cousin. My mom told me and then there was an awkward moment where I had to introduce myself.

—beth dudley, '14

One time I was in Mr. [Michael] Sanem's class, and we heard an alarm. [He] asked if it was a fire alarm, and then told us to wait there. When he came back we got mad at him [for] leaving us there in a fire.

—emmie mccabe, '14

At cross country practice we talk about food when we get bored... we made a rule that we could only talk about food on the way home.



—elizabeth taylor, '14

I was wearing my auction sweatpants [and] they were too big and began to fall down in the hall. Monica Stanley came over and started laughing at me.

—mireya ramirez, '15

One time someone at our lunch table brought a cake for no reason and it shared it with everyone.

—ciara collins, '14



I ate nine Chris Cakes once, and felt so sick during my next free that I had to go home.

—mimi hart, '14

[One day] I was walking across the Quad looking at all the Christmas

# family affairs

Sophomore Fabiola Gutierrez's family has owned and operated Mexican restaurant Teocali since 2006. Teocali has brought the Gutierrez family closer together.

Exhausted from swim practice, sophomore Fabiola Gutierrez pushed the door open at a Mexican restaurant. She put her bags down in the back and gave the main cook a hug before walking over to the bartender and beginning a conversation. However, she wasn't here for a meal; this was her family's restaurant: Teocali.

"My brother basically just showed up with the restaurant deed one day," Gutierrez said.

According to Gutierrez, once both her parents had moved from Mexico, her mother became annoyed with the maid job she held and wished for more. Her brother, in his twenties at the time, told her that "one day she would be in charge." He followed through in 2006 with the deed and became the general manager of Teocali. Her mom cooked and her dad and sister helped out around the business.

However, Gutierrez hadn't started a job there quite yet.

"I'm trying to milk it as long as I can," Gutierrez said as she laughed.

The restaurant was a positive influence on her family's life for the most part. With the exception of seeing her mom less, Gutierrez enjoyed the family business. For [Ms. Michelle] McIntire's advisory, chips and salsa were a welcome addition to advisory parties.

"[Our] whole advisory really likes the [queso] dip," junior Ali Lukens said. "I like it because it's her own family thing and she's bringing it into advisory to share with us."

Coming into the restaurant after another swim meet, Gutierrez walked to the back and greeted two servers on break. She laughed with them over old family photos and enjoyed the special community her family created.



PHOTO BY MADDI HUGHES-ZAHNER

# teacher talk



PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER

Sophomore Natalie Nuessle formed several relationships with teachers during the 2011-2012 school year. Nuessle said she liked learning about her teachers more than she did students.

If you happened to pass Mr. Craig Whitney's classroom after school on a Monday, you likely found sophomore Natalie Nuessle in the room. Or perhaps it was Tuesday.

Or any other day.

Nuessle went to Whitney's room after school every day. She was comfortable around teachers and seemed to know each one. Her advisor Ms. Diana Blessen overheard a student being asked what the most memorable moment had been in advisory who commented that "it probably was something involving Natalie."

Like Blessen, other teachers knew Natalie well. According to her, Whitney told her she was "not 15, [but] 45 [years old]" and she agreed, saying that summed up why she talked to teachers

more than she did students. "I don't think about clothes and boyfriends and stuff," Nuessle said. "I think about what's going on."

Despite her choice of Whitney's room after school, Nuessle claimed that she did not have a favorite teacher.

"They are all teaching differently," Nuessle said. "All humans have flaws and good things about them."

Whitney was no exception. She enjoyed coming to his room each day after school.

"He's nice, has food and keeps me out of trouble with Security Bob," Nuessle said.

As she walked around the basement of Donnelly Hall after school, Nuessle waved to every teacher she passed, a ritual she repeated every day.

decorations when two seniors jumped out of a Christmas present and scared me. I screamed so loud and everyone outside looked at me.

-kailey witcher, '14

We get off topic [in Ms. Mary Montag's class]...we sit there and have in-depth conversations.

-bree begnaud, '14

[My] favorite moment of the year

would probably be hearing Hilary [Talken] sing at liturgy services.

-maddy sommerland, '14

I was late to school, and I was walking across the Quad by myself and all of a sudden I see Mr. [Stephen] Himes running towards me. He was sprinting across the Quad.

-mallory radtko, '14



I am thinking about the first time I saw someone slip on the seal. I laughed, but I felt bad and was thankful it wasn't me.

-kiley o'toole, '14

I was in a free in [Ms. Betsy] Hansbrough's room...[a student] had really bad cramps. [Hansbrough] suggested she lay on the cold ground... that was really STA, teachers giving students advice about periods.

-katie parkinson, '14



In Mr. [Richard] Shrock's class, we ate chicken wings during class.

-julia hammond, '14

I saw my friend walking down the hall and Ms. [Mary Ann] Hoecker was walking in front of me. I yelled for her to fix her shirt. You know, just saving someone from an SBR.

-elena flores, '14

# my moment

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I really enjoy the Thanksgiving feast and being together with all my friends. It's a good way to embrace Thanksgiving.



—**isabella nair**, '14

I'm in Mr. [Stephen] Himes advisory, so pretty much anything he says is a definition of STA.

—**erin farmer**, '14

Advisory parties are special to STA.

—**kelsey rusgjs**, '14

Every day at lunch, Katie Crow gets a root beer. It gets shaken up in the vending machine, and it explodes everywhere. She still does it everyday, and everyday it is still funny.



—**zoe krygiel**, '14

The trip to Saint Louis, [MO] with the JV and varsity volleyball teams. It was great because we all bonded and had fun on the bus.

—**cori mroz**, '14

[I like] planning what Ms. [Jeanelle] Clark's procedures during her pregnancy will be.

—**kim fryer** '14

[I love] waiting in line for the third floor Donnelly [Hall] Thanksgiving lunch with the other sophomores in my advisory. [We're] really impatient.

—**maggie allen**, '14

My advisory stopped me from eating an entire pizza by myself. At how many other schools would a girl be confident enough to eat an entire pizza by herself?



—**natalie nuessle**, '14

While learning to peer mediate, Ms. [Amanda] Johnson said, "I don't know what you girls snort these days." She was joking.

—**giggy reardon** '14

[I like] being with all my friends and being weird, and going to all our favorite volleyball games and church.

—**dominique spini**, '14

During French class, a girl fell over in her desk and the desk fell on top of her...the teacher laughed and made fun of us with us.

—**katie parkinson**, '14

When I'm interacting with my freinds at STA...no matter what we may be doing, you can always be yourself.

—**marisa ramirez**, '14

Our pep rally at the beginning of the year...is lots of fun and shows the freshman how great STA is.

—**crisrina dezeeuw**, '14

emma allen  
maggie allen  
christi backer  
katherine becker



bree begnaud  
jordan berardi  
madeline best  
rachel birchmier



kathleen blanc  
maggie bowen  
anja browning  
grace bullington



cecilia butler  
sydney campo  
heather cigas  
ciara collins



## working the lines

Sophomore Libby Torres and junior Hattie Svoboda-Stel worked at Indigo Wild, working with the soaps and fragrances learning about each other. STORY AND DESIGN BY ALEXIS JENKIN

In a high school setting there was generally a line in between upperclassmen and lowerclassmen, but sophomore Libby Torres and junior Hattie Svoboda-Stel broke through that boundary.

Both Torres and Svoboda-Stel worked at Indigo Wild together. Torres's mom got a job there in early September and asked Torres if she knew any teens in search of a job. Torres was not 16 yet, but when thinking of people to ask, Svoboda-Stel was first on the list.

After the musical ended, Svoboda-Stel started working at Indigo Wild. When Torres turned 16 she also started working. The two kept themselves busy performing different tasks.

"What don't we do?" Torres said. "We put together gift baskets, label soap, stock shelves and one night we even had to wash dishes."

While working, Svoboda-Stel and Torres experimented with many different fragrances. The shelves of Indigo Wild were full of colorful

soaps and bottles filled with colored liquids that each gave off their own, unique scent.

"We get to smell good all the time," Svoboda-Stel said. "I will go in for five minutes to pick up a pay check and then everybody will comment on how good I smell afterwards."

Even while performing their many different jobs, Torres and Svoboda-Stel were still able to enjoy some funny moments.

"Something funny happens everyday, and the people we work with are hilarious," Torres said. "One time when we were making gift baskets we found a stash of candy—the really good kind—and ended up eating it."

Whether they were smelling good together or eating candy together, Svoboda-Stel and Torres found a bond working at Indigo Wild.

**"We get to smell good all the time."**



# overheard



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

Sophomore Sabrina Salerno grew tired of fellow sophomore Mary Hart embodying a Rockhurst High School student as her halloween costume. "Will you stop catching things and saying 'Rock State'?" Salerno asked. "Because I will hit you." During a free sophomore Allison McClendon told sophomore Mady Sargent about a trip she was taking to a small town. "No [cell] service, no internet and no cable," McClendon said. "This is gonna suck." During geometry class, sophomore Becca Ferron discussed the preparations she needed to make for the Teresian Dance with girls sitting at her table. "I might have to shave my legs. They are like a bear," Ferron said. During world history class, Mr. Richard Shrock explained his grading system and the weight of finals. "So what you're saying is we're all screwed," sophomore Natalie Kilgore said. While in a free, sophomore Madeline Cozad discussed her dislike for homework. "Sometimes I just wanna go up to [my teachers] and be like, 'you ain't even cute,'" Cozad said. Sophomore Marina Vianello talked about her fear of going into Mr. Stephen Himes's room. "I'm scared I am going to get in there and [Himes] is going to ask me about the 'Heart of Darkness,'" Vianello said.



**indigo wild frenzy** Junior Hattie Svoboda-Stel, left, and sophomore Libby Torres prepare a tray of soap for labeling while working at Indigo Wild Feb. 13. "I love the sea salt! Also, oatmeal-lavender and almond," Svoboda-Stel said about her favorite fragrances of Indigo Wild soaps. PHOTO BY ALEXIS JENKIN

# my moment

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Christi Backer came into my class today with waxed legs. It was funny. But there's not one specific thing. I just love interacting with the girls, and the sophomores. They're really fun.

—dianne hirner, english

I like that I can say something really stupid, and while my friends will laugh at me, they make sure I'm laughing too.

—katie holt, '14

[My advisory was] just sitting around talking about our sweatshirts, and [I just thought] no one would understand STA other than if you go here. Because you wouldn't understand about advisory, you wouldn't understand frosh fest or anything. You have to be at STA to experience STA.

—dreama weber, '14

Well, on DartNewsOnline, Emily Wernhoff and I have videos from our childhood. One day in advisory, Ms. Dolan showed them to the entire advisory.



—natalie fitts, '14

Coloring on the SmartBoard with Ms. [Kim] Sirridge [was my favorite interaction with teachers] because she's like a really good math teacher and is really funny. She likes to have us interact using the SmartBoard or drawing on it just for fun. She's just a fun teacher.

—lauren hampel, '14

All the girls in choir are really fun and close compared to freshmen choir. It's more fun now that there's upperclassmen.



—christi backer, '14

My moment is the STA and Sion volleyball game because it was really fun because we all got dressed and painted our faces blue.

—molly laird, '14

Last year, my freshman volleyball team was undefeated and we were really good, so it was fun.

—jamie seibert, '14

One time there were these girls dancing in their swimsuit and our coach said "We only spread our legs that wide for breaststroke" and we laughed.



—angelica vincent, '14

During Frosh Fest I got a lot closer to the upperclassmen in my advisory because we all had to work together to come up with good ideas for the skit and chalk drawing.

—grace wells, '14

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 florida  
kim fryer  
jillian gallagher  
kelly gardella



## friendly competitions

Unlike high school varsity basketball teams, a CYO basketball team provided girls with the opportunity to play without being as competitive as a school-sponsored team. A group of sophomores assembled a team as a way to play the sport, but still have fun in the process. STORY AND DESIGN BY MAGGIE KENNEY

Sophomore Bailey Whitehead stepped up to the free throw line at her Community Youth Organization basketball game. She steadied herself, then launched the ball into the air, watching as it flew. Seeing that it was not going to reach the rim, she screamed, "SHOOT." Whitehead's team erupted into laughter as the other team stood around the rim in shock and confusion.

"The other team did not see that coming," sophomore Sabrina Redlingshafer said. "We were all dying [laughing], and the other team was just standing there."

According to sophomore Maddie Horton, CYO basketball was nothing like STA basketball. The team, The Dunkin' Donutz, consisted of girls who had never played before. It was made of all STA girls, except one who attended Bishop Miege High School. The team did not hold practice times and was not as

competitive as a school-sponsored team.

"It depends on the team," Redlingshafer said. "If the other team is really good and we know we are going to lose, then we just mess around."

According to both Horton and Redlingshafer, CYO was a way to bring them all closer. The team gave them more opportunities to see each other on the weekends.

"We see each other at the games every weekend," Horton said. "But we also have CYO bonding time outside of the games too."

Horton and Redlingshafer referred to their games as mostly non-competitive. The Dunkin' Donutz ended their regular season schedule with three wins and three losses. But according to Redlingshafer, it did not matter what their record was at the end, the season was more about having fun and getting to spend more time with friends and classmates.



mary gibson  
annamarie grisafe-pont  
fabiola gutierrez



emily hafner  
abbey haines  
julia hammond



lauren hampel  
mary hart  
mimi hart



shelby hawkins  
maggie herrington  
katie holt

## dancingqueen



Determined. That was how sophomore Jillian Gallagher felt as she walked on the stage at her Irish dancing competition in Minnesota last summer. Determined. That was what Gallagher's teachers had taught her: to try and try until you succeed. Determination. That was what overcame Gallagher as she turned with a huge grin on her face to face her three judges.

"[My teachers] have faith in us," Gallagher said. "They want us to learn from our mistakes, and not let them deter us from the goal we have."

According to Gallagher, Irish dance puts on a lot of added stress to her daily life. Instead of going to bed at 9 p.m., Gallagher does not get to bed until at least 11 p.m. every night.

Although Gallagher sees her Irish dance career coming to an end before she goes to college, Gallagher said that Irish dance has shaped who she is.

"[Irish dance] has made me more outgoing. It helps me to try something new and different and try my hardest to succeed at everything I do."



**only for fun** Sophomores Marina Vianello, from right, Julia Hammond, Sabrina Redlingshafer, Natalie Fitts, Sara Jessica Dilks and Natalie Kilgore laugh as teammate Bailey Whitehead airballs a three-point shot Feb. 12. The girls didn't want to commit to a varsity sport, so they played on a CYO team named The Dunkin' Donutz instead. **PHOTO BY MAGGIE KENNEY**

# my moment

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When some freshman was singing at mass, I literally got goosebumps because it was so good.

—mary hart '14

My advisory is now combined with [the Kim] Sirridge [advisory], so we have more freshman, and it's really big.

—maggie herrington, '14

During our sixth period free, Lauren Nagle and I always...go around campus planking.

—natalie kilgore, '14



The kickball game against [Richard] Shrock's advisory was a lot of fun.

—rachel saunders, '14

My advisory got a new room this year so Mrs. [Betsy] Hansbrough thought we should all bless the room by raising our hands over it.

—anna grisafe-pont, '14

Mr. [Stephen] Himes was trying to set something on his desk one day, but everything kept falling off instead.

—mady sargent '14

The faculty volleyball game...was just hilarious and everyone looked ridiculous.

—maggie bowen, '14

Sometimes when I'm in Ms. [Kathy] McCarthy's room for a free, I'll watch her eat cinnamon rolls.

—mary gibson, '14

Something that would only happen at STA happened when my friend's boyfriend asked her to homecoming by stuffing her locker with toilet paper. It's been floating around the halls for a week and no one cares.

—cecilia butler '14

A defining moment would be on the bus for NSPA [journalism convention].



I was sitting with Maddie Horton, Sarah Jessica Dilks and Frannie Wilkinson and we were talking about how this year had changed from last. It was a good moment to reflect on our experiences on publications.

—marina vianello, '14

[I like the] pep rallies and stuff. The best are the teacher ones, like the "Harry Potter" one this year. That was, hands down, the best all-school event ever.

—sabrina salerno, '14

I walked into Latin wearing my Spanish club sweatshirt [and] Ms. [Sue] Marquis was really confused.

—michelle dierks, '14

One day someone fell down the stairs, and everyone was really nervous 'cause they didn't know what to do. Eventually [we] helped her up.

—savannah trujillo, '14

katie hornbeck  
maddie horton  
annie keel  
emma kelley



natalie kilgore  
madi kintzle  
maddie knopke  
anna kropf



zoe krygiel  
molly laird  
lauren langdon  
paige lankford



meredith latenser  
katie law  
melissa le  
anna leach



## 16 and license-less





lizzie luallin  
fiona madden  
morgan marso



mary grace maschler  
shannon mcauliffe  
emmie mccabe



annie mccalla  
allison mclendon  
clare mitchell



beth mitchell  
rachel moran  
cori mroz

## overheard

Sophomore Mary Grace Maschler was excited to find a picture of herself in The Dart newspaper and showed the class her during her period four speech class. "Look, I'm in the Dart!" Maschler said, pointing at her photo repeatedly. "That's me!"

Sophomores Maggie Allen, Molly Waris and Claire Fisher spoke on the way to swimming practice. They were playing with stuffed animals. "Which one should I play with?" Allen asked. "Should I play with the fishy or Mr. Whale?"

During class, sophomore Kathleen Blanck was telling Mr. Himes that she was looking for a nice little tree to read a book under when she went to college. Fellow sophomore Mady Sargent joined in asking Mr. Himes if he liked where he went to college. "Oh yeah," Himes said. "There was this great little tree that I could read poetry under and everything."

Sophomore Jordan Berardi turned 16 on April 17, and did not get license. Her mom and M&A administrative assistant, Mrs. Julia Berardi, refused to teach her, claiming she is a bad teacher. Jordan got annoyed of having her younger friends to drive her around when she is of driving age.

COVERAGE BY CRISTINA DEZEEUW

### How is the non-driving life?

It's annoying. It's so annoying to have to ask for a ride to go babysit for an hour, or have my friend take me to a CYO game, or even just get picked up to go out to lunch with friends. I feel needy and weird asking for a ride when I'm older than all my friends and don't have a license.

### How does your mom feel about you not driving?

It's kind of become a joke with my mom and me, but there's still meaning behind my digs at the situation. Girls constantly come in and ask for parking stickers after school when I'm in my mom's office, and they're all happy and stuff. It could have been me a year ago. So annoying.

### Is it weird having friends younger than you drive you places?

I wouldn't say it's weird to have my friends drive me, but it's just frustrating because all I'm thinking is "I could be the one driving".

### When do you plan on getting your license?

I want to get it soon, like before I turn 17.

### Why don't you have your license?

I haven't been really taught how to do the weird stuff like backing up in a straight line, which is much harder than it sounds, and parallel parking. I mean, I can drive, like I know how to press the gas and do the generic things.

### How are you going to learn how to drive?

Other than my mom thinking she's a bad teacher, I've completely ruled my dad out of teaching me. He's been in speeding emergency vehicles for the past 30 years and needless to say he thinks everyone drives too slow so I can't handle that. And my sister would teach me, but she's away at college. I don't know, I just feel like it will never happen.

### What is it like to drive with your mom?

It isn't anything bad, we've gone to a cemetery because the roads are winding and narrow. I don't feel comfortable going on a legit legal named street with other cars packing dozens of humans...it scares me. I just need to learn!

# frequent flier

Sophomore Mady Sargent traveled inexpensively and frequently because of her mother's job as a TSA agent for Delta Airlines. **STORY AND DESIGN BY MADDIE HORTON**

Sophomore Mady Sargent's mother, Susan Sargent, worked as a TSA agent for Delta Airlines, allowing her to fly all over the United States free of charge and to other countries at lower prices.

"[Plane ticket prices] just kind of depend on the taxes," Sargent said. "Like, Japan is only \$25 and Italy was only \$50."

She and her family went on six trips annually, including a family trip to Colorado. However she only stayed in each place four days.

Though her trips were frequent, she did not find it difficult to make up school assignments.

"It's difficult to find out what you missed or having to make it up before you leave and everything, but I get caught up pretty easily," Sargent said. "It's worth [the work] as long as you go somewhere."

Although she has been to many places, Spain was Sargent's favorite excursion.

"It is a really lively culture, and it was always sunny," Sargent said. "The people were really nice and helpful. There was so much to see there."

Back home again, Sargent looked forward to upcoming trips, with the possibility of going to Japan for spring break.



**hola from spain** Sophomore Mady Sargent poses in front of a local fruit stand in Barcelona, Spain. Sargent said that Barcelona was her favorite vacation because of the lively culture and nice people. **PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MADY SARGENT**

audrey muehlebach  
emma mullen  
lauren nagle



isabella nair  
frankie neunuebel  
maggie nothnagel



natalie nuessle  
mattie o'boyle  
kiley o'toole



adrianna ohmes  
katy owara  
katie parkinson



**the dancing queen** Dance teacher Andrea Skowrenek stretched on a dance bar on Feb. 16. Skowrenek has been teaching at STA for three years. **PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER**



rose patterson  
camille porterfield  
mallory radke  
natalie rull



marisa ramirez  
giggy reardon  
sabrina redlingshafer  
kennedy reller



mary grace ruhlman  
kelsey rusgis  
sabrina salerno  
mady sargent



rachel saunders  
miranda schultz  
jamie seibert  
francesca shilati

# moment

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I was trying to get people to open a document in PDF form on my Moodle page, but the document would not open in PDF viewer. Several people got confused...Three students got up and started showing the people how to work it. It was the spirit of helping each other.

—mr. stephen himes, english

One yard day, one of my friends told me there was a surprise on the third floor of Donnelly. There was no surprise [and when] I came back down [I] found my friends had nudged my backpack.



—molly waris, '14

I found out that Mr. [Kelly] Fast is my cousin. My mom told me and there was this awkward moment where I had to introduce myself to him.



—emma kelley, '14

[During frosh fest] I was walking around and seeing the sidewalk chalk it was so much fun and no one was being left out. It was just totally STA and I really felt like I belonged.

—kelly gardella, '14

Mimi Hart and I looked over at Emily Taylor one day during activity and she was cutting her leg hair with scissors.

—meghan deruyter, '14

For frosh fest we put letters on our butts with neon duct tape.

—molly corless, '14

When two girls came into ask [Ms. Teresa] Wallerstedt asking for glitter and she kept screaming "Glitter? I am an arts teacher, not a crafts teacher."



—shelby hawkins, '14

During lunch and activity I like to hang out with my friends.

—erin trainor, '14

Feeling the support of my classmates and friends when I gave my speech final that was a rap was so cool.

—bailey whitehead, '15

The moment I saw [Mr. Richard] Shrock dressed up like Harry Potter. Something tells me he wouldn't do that at an all-boys school.



—becca ferron, '15

It's funny how the teachers aren't afraid to say anything.

—meredith latenser, '15

In my advisory when I was a freshman, and we put on those skits during frosh fest and we won and got a pizza party for our advisory.

—lizzie luallin, '15

# namaste namaste

Each year, Ms. Andrea Skouronek guided sophomores through various yoga poses during a class meeting. STORY AND DESIGN BY MADDIE HORTON

Introduction to dance and intermediate dance instructor Andrea Skouronek had been practicing yoga since 1992. Three years ago, she was asked by counselor Bernie Colby to teach sophomores how to practice yoga during one of their class meetings.

She enjoyed teaching yoga because she loved seeing the girls' energy transformation during the meeting.

"When the girls first come in, there are so many of them, and they don't really know exactly what to expect," Skouronek said. "And by the end of the class, after they've done a lot of the sannas and the postures, and when they are lying down, and breathing and

doing the shavasana at the end. It's a total transformation from when they come in all stressed. And their energy is completely calm and lying on the floor. It's incredible."

Skouronek believed yoga not only helped the girls relieve stress, it also encouraged unity, which was why she enlisted the help of volunteers from her classes.

"[Students] doing something together as a class is really empowering," Skouronek said. "To move as a whole class is kind of like Tai Chi in a huge group. There is something powerful about it."

Practicing yoga had become a tradition—one Skouronek hoped to keep.

# moment

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I fell down the stairs when I stepped down because I tripped on my shoe lace. I fell on top of Meghan [De Ruyter], Katie [Hornbeck] and Fiona [Madden]. It was really funny.  
—francesca shilati, '15



Going to Lawrence for a Freshman basketball game when the bus driver got lost and we drove around Lawrence for about an hour. There was snow everywhere and it was crazy. The bus driver refused to wipe the snow off of his windows and everyone was freaking out, especially when he fell asleep on the way home.  
—cassie florida, '14

The moment when I go into Ms. [Sue] Marquis's room and talk to her about what's going on. I'm going on the Italy trip with her so I've gotten to know her a lot better. It defines STA because it shows that it's not only a sisterhood but you can also be close with the teachers and talk to them when you need them.  
—heather cigas, '14



Maybe when everyone was singing along to the song "Popular" from Wicked during Morality class.

—emily cosgrove, '14



When Mr. Himes ended his lecture about India's government by saying, "hashtag epic fail."

—camille porterfield, '14

Mr. Himes gets really awkward and tries to avoid saying words like "tampon."

—beth mitchell, '14

The raffle ticket [auction] was something only STA does. All the teachers were there and I didn't really see anything like that when I went to other schools.

—mary grace ruhlman, '14

Everyday in our free, me and Taylor Rees would try to eat the message from the projector off the wall.



—katie crow, '14

One day I was in Accelerated World Literature working on questions for that class when Mr. Himes started yelling at me because he thought I was doing other homework in his class, but I wasn't. But, then he found out I was doing his work and appologized.

—katy wonder, '14

On picture day, no one wore makeup, did their nice or did anything nice... because at STA we don't worry about those kinds of things.

—kennedy reller, '14

elena silva  
rachel smith  
tessa jean smith  
maddy sommerland



dominique spini  
katie tampke  
elizabeth taylor  
emily taylor



kristin teahan  
libby torres  
erin trainor  
savannah trujillo



alondra tule  
lindsey valdiviez  
brianna valine  
marina vianello



**keep it safe** Sophomore Kelly Gardella poses in an empty parking spot. Gardella's car was stolen out of the STA parking lot Nov. 30. After having her car stolen, she gave other students tips on how to keep their cars safe: 1. Always lock cars. 2. Never leave keys in a car. 3. Never leave personal items in cars. PHOTO BY MATTIE DAVIS





angelica vincent  
katherine viviano  
shannon ward



molly waris  
dreama weber  
margaret weiler



grace wells  
emily wemhoff  
bailey whitehead



frannie wilkinson  
kailey witcher  
katy wonder  
molly woolery

## overheard

During a Halloween advisory party, Mr. Eric Thomas's advisory played Twister. Thomas called out right hand red for sophomore Emma Mullen who responded. "Yeah I can't do that," Mullen said. "I can't even see the red let alone reach it."

Sophomore Abbey Haines explains the plan test's career test to sophomore Katherine Becker, who had not taken the test before, outside Mrs. Amick's room before going in to take the test. "It tells you if you are going to be lawn mower or a scientist," Haines said.

While walking in the quad to honors French IV, sophomores Madeline Cozad and Erin Farmer discussed their weekends. Cozad had spent her weekend at the National Catholic Youth Conference and explained to Farmer what she enjoyed there. "There were people with 'Free Hugs' signs," Cozad said. "You could go up to them and give hugs and it's not weird."

## have you seen my car?

When she was unable to find her car in the school parking lot Nov. 30, sophomore Kelly Gardella accepted that her car had been stolen. STORY AND DESIGN BY MATTIE DAVIS

School had just let out. Students were vacating the buildings and walked out to their cars. The parking lot was almost empty, but sophomore Kelly Gardella was still looking for her car.

"I looked all around the parking lot, but I couldn't find my car," Kelly said.

Kelly's mother, Peggy, had borrowed the car for the day and left the car in the sophomore parking lot, according to Ms. Gardella.

"When I couldn't find the car at first, I thought my mom was playing a joke on me," Kelly said. "I was laughing thinking she just didn't bring it."

Kelly and the two other girls who usually rode with her, sophomore Molly Corless and freshman Basil Burnette, continued to look for the car until no one was left in the parking lot.

"I couldn't believe it could have gotten stolen," Burnette said. "Kelly was getting really upset, so I was trying to make her feel better. I kept laughing it off until we started getting serious."

After the third phone call with her mother, Kelly began to seriously consider the possibility that the car was no longer in the St. Teresa's parking lot.

"Kelly kept telling me she couldn't find it, and I

thought, 'Oh my, it's been stolen,'" Peggy said.

Kelly went back inside the building and reported the car stolen to school President Nan Bone, according to Kelly.

"We remembered there were security cameras in the parking lot, so we decided to see if we could see if they had caught the thief," Kelly said.

The cameras had just gone up that day, but hadn't been hooked up, according to Burnette.

"Even if the security cameras were in place, they would not have been able to identify the thieves because they are set up too far away," Peggy said.

In addition to the theft of her car, Kelly's keys, wallet, and other personal items were also stolen.

"When they found the car, the console in the middle had been ripped out," Kelly said. "They took out tons of change that was in there."

The police found the car and Kelly's personal items 10 days later, along with 17 other stolen cars.

"I think my car was taken out of the whole lot because my mom had left the keys under the mat and the doors unlocked for me," Kelly said. "I couldn't believe something like that could happen there though, its such a good place."

love cinematographer

**margoth** sparked  
**mackey** independent video

**aspiration** UMKC

interaction filmed

**camera** New York

college school

**stories** New York

movies

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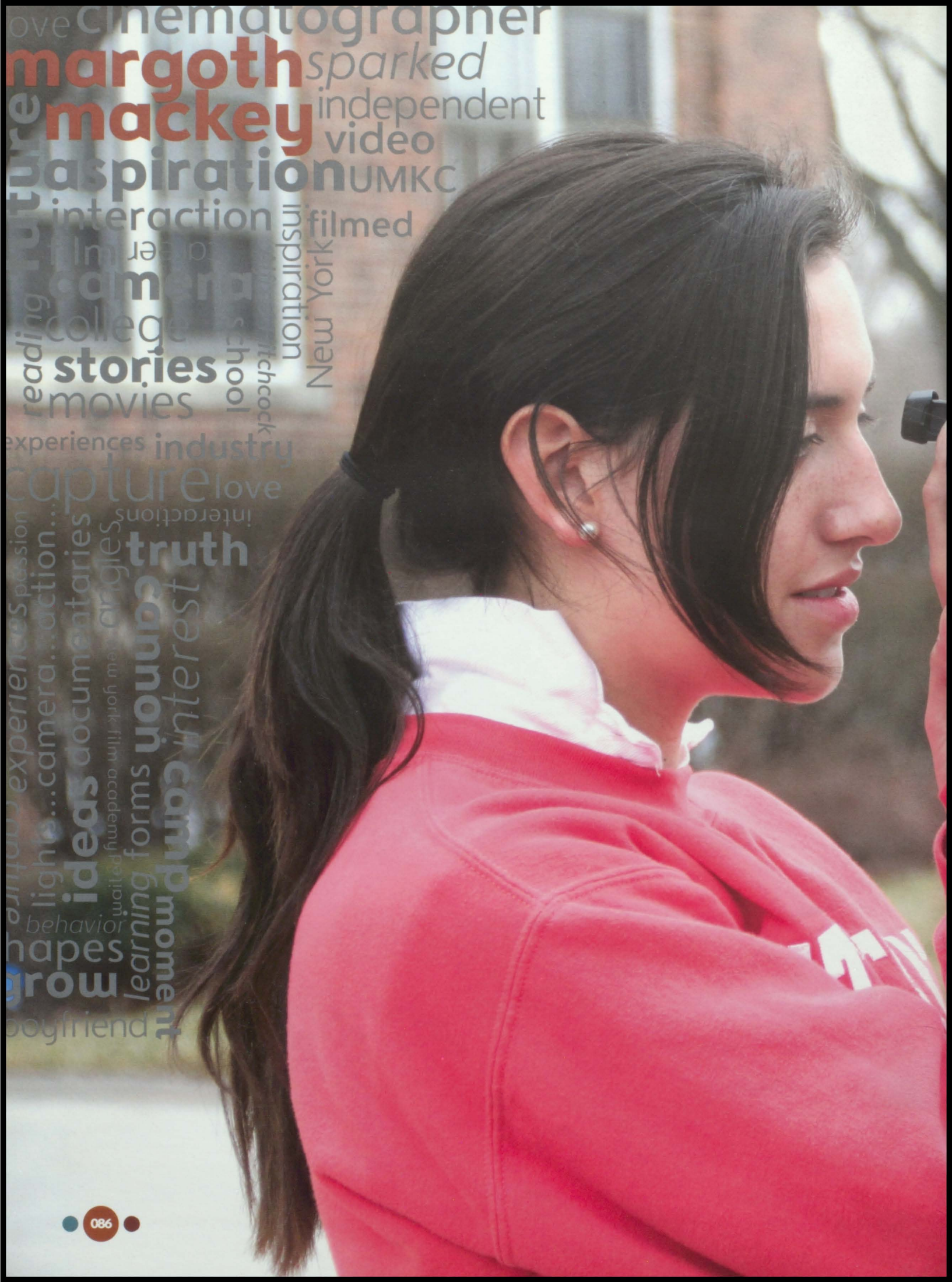
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# And... ACTION

Junior Margoth Mackey's interest in film began in middle school and stuck with her through high school. She was passionate about capturing everyday "moments." STORY

AND DESIGN BY MARINA VIANELLO

Junior Margoth Mackey drove to her boyfriend's house and waited for him to come outside. Before seeing him emerge from his garage, Mackey pulled out her video camera, ready to capture the moment. She started filming as her boyfriend headed for the car. Noticing the video camera, a puzzled look appeared on his face, confused as to what his girlfriend was doing.

"At first, my boyfriend was so uncomfortable when he saw the camera," Mackey said. "He warmed up fast though and was back to his normal self, dancing and singing to the music in the car. He makes the funniest faces but doesn't believe he makes them. When I film him, he can then see the truth."

Mackey loved filming everyday life behavior, which she believed is the best to film. Her interest in film work began in seventh grade and stemmed from her interest in reading.

"I started reading really young," Mackey said. "I was able to imagine [the books] as movies, and I began to think really in-depth about the situations and scenes in the books, like the shots. I would think, 'How could this be a movie?' I love the art of telling stories through images."

Since then, her love for film grew. This previous summer, she took a non-credit introduction to film studies class at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and attended a two-week New York Film Academy camp.

"Going to [UMKC] was really the first time I've ever loved going to school," Mackey said. "I loved learning all about [film]. The more I learned about it, the more I wanted to get into it. Going to New York definitely sealed the deal for me. [I realized film work] is what I want to spend the rest of my life doing."

In the future, Mackey aspired to be a cinematographer, the person in charge of coordinating the film shots and angles in movies. Mackey said being in cinema club at STA with moderator Stephen Himes expanded her knowledge of film and sparked her interest in documentaries and independent films.

"I like seeing how people interact," Mackey said. "The best action or story is never planned, it just happens. I always want to capture that."

Mackey was inspired by film director Alfred Hitchcock, whose works include "Psycho," "Rear Window" and "The Birds."

"He [lived] in sort of a restricted film era," Mackey said. "But he was able to work his way around production codes and do his own thing. He made more independent films and made them how he wanted, despite the time period."

Mackey aspired to do the same, hoping to make her film mark despite her knowledge that she would be entering what she considered to be a "male-dominated industry." Before leaving for college, Mackey planned to make a documentary of her senior year.

"Your best ideas come from experience," Mackey said. "Film forms and shapes people."



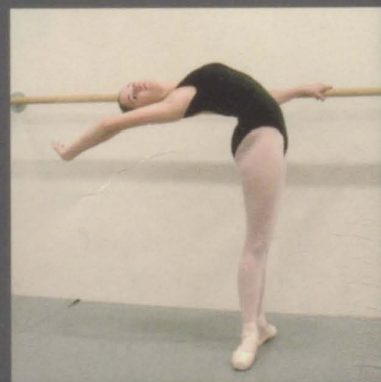
PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER



**stretching for steps** Junior Jill Campbell stretches her legs out during ballet class Feb. 28. "We stretch before every class," Campbell said. "It helps us become more flexible." **PHOTO BY MAGGIE KENNEY**

Juniors Peyton Gajan, left, and Megan Burke participated in a hip hop class at the YMCA. "You don't [get] a good exercise," Gajan said about the class. "Your heart rate goes up and you do break a sweat, but it's not that great."

photo reel



**bending over backward** Junior Jill Campbell stretches her back before ballet class Feb. 28. Campbell said that ballet and school were a stressful combination for her. **PHOTO BY MAGGIE KENNEY**

# grin and bear it

At times, extra-curriculars added to the stress of school instead of providing an escape for students. Junior Jill Campbell and freshman Cecilia Zanone, two ballerinas, found that ballet added to their stress levels. STORY AND DESIGN BY MAGGIE KENNEY

After school, junior Jill Campbell quickly drove home, ate a snack that her mom had out prepared for her and ran up to her room to throw on her leotard for her 4 p.m. ballet class. Rushing out the door, she headed to her ballet class, where she would stay until around 8:30 p.m. After ballet class ended, Campbell would then return home, eat her dinner and start her homework. On a good night, Campbell would finally finish around 12:30 a.m.

Freshmen Cecilia Zanone had a somewhat similar schedule to Campbell. She came home after school to do as much homework as possible, then attended her ballet class, which lasted approximately two and a half hours. Only after returning home and eating her dinner could she finish the rest of her homework.

"I have been doing ballet for 11 years," Zanone said. "I have it six days a week, so you kind of get into a daily routine to keep up with school work and ballet."

According to Campbell, ballet added to her stress rather than relieving it. Because of her long ballet

classes, Campbell tended to put projects off until the due date because she couldn't find the time.

"I spend so much time on ballet that I don't have much time for anything else," Campbell said. "I don't think I have ever watched TV on a school night because I just don't have time."

Zanone agreed.

"Ballet definitely adds to my school stress," Zanone said. "I don't get that much sleep, so sometimes it is hard to concentrate at school the next day."

However, Zanone said the ballet class itself was not stressful for her.

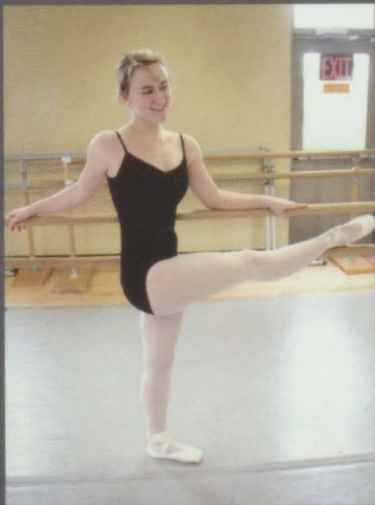
"If I have a bad day at school, I completely forget about it at dance class," Zanone said. "I have a different outlet of friends who don't go [to STA], who help me through my stress."

Both Zanone and Campbell believed that ballet added to their school anxiety, but the art in itself did not stress them out. Even though ballet created busy schedules for the two, they both agreed that it was worth the stress.



**up on pointe** (above) Sophomore Frannie Wilkinson gets up on her toes during ballet class March 7. "Sometimes pointe hurts," Wilkinson said. "It's the things you don't see that hurt." PHOTO BY LIBBY SAUDER

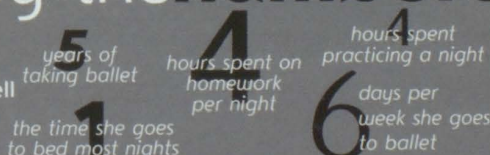
**tie them up** (left) Sophomore Frannie Wilkinson bends down to fix her pointe shoes during class March 7. According to Wilkinson, her ballet classes were hardest when they worked on pointe. PHOTO BY LIBBY SAUDER

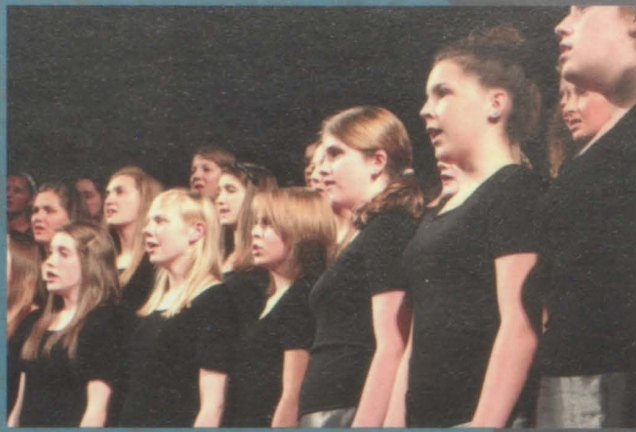


**twist and stretch** Sophomore Frannie Wilkinson stretches her leg during ballet class March 7. Wilkinson took the class in STA's dance studio. PHOTO BY LIBBY SAUDER

## by the numbers

Ballet was a very time consuming art in which many girls at STA took part in. Junior Jill Campbell analyzed how ballet had taken over her life.





**angels of music** Freshman Sophia Hall (far right), along with the rest of the STA choir members, rehearses before a performance Oct. 18. The concert choir, STA Singers and A Capella choir each performed during the Fall concert. PHOTO BY PAIGE DRUMMOND



**follow the leader** Junior Elena Spaulding, from left, sophomore Brianna Valine and senior Martha Ramirez practice with STA Singers in Ms. Michelle McIntire's room Jan. 19. The ensemble rehearsed a song entitled "Te Quiero." PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH

# voicing the issue

STA Singers found scheduling practices especially difficult this year due to busy schedules. Certain members who missed rehearsals struggled to keep up with the rest of the ensemble. STORY AND DESIGN BY MADELINE BARTH

As the bell rang announcing the beginning of activity I, junior Page Kemna rushed to her seat in Ms. Michelle McIntire's classroom to begin rehearsal. Kemna stared at her sheet music, processing the unfamiliar notes. Unlike many other girls in STA Singers, Kemna had never set eyes on this song before due to scheduling conflicts.

"I can't attend the scheduled classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays," Kemna said. "The only time I get to sing with everyone...is on Mondays and Thursdays during activity I."

Choir director Michelle McIntire found practice schedules especially difficult to maintain this year. She believed the conflicts slowed down the process of learning new songs.

"This year has definitely been the most challenging in terms of finding time," McIntire said. "I actually lost one student because her schedule just couldn't maintain STA Singers. How do you deal with...girls who can't make it to any class and [girls] who can only make it to one?"

Sophomore Brianna Valine, another student unable to make the scheduled classes, felt missing practices took a toll on both herself and the group. However, missing class did not just effect Valine, it also effected Kemna.

"It might not affect the other girls as much as it

affects me," Kemna said. "During class they go over hard parts, and I don't get to hear those, so I'm just dangling in the wind, not knowing what to do."

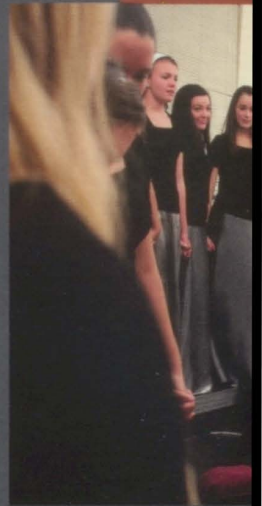
Kemna believed the scheduling conflicts affected the group's "blend," which was very important when singing in such a small ensemble. According to Valine, "blending" meant that all the different melodies in the choir must have the same tone with no part sticking out from the others.

"If someone repeatedly misses rehearsals, especially for a particular song, there can be lots of confusion," Valine said. "There could be two people to a part who blend really well and sometimes adding a third person who has been missing throws off the blend."

According to Kemna, STA Singers would become a formal class the following year, rather than an extracurricular that meets during Activity periods for rehearsal.

Valine was excited because the scheduled class would allow more time in her schedule and an opportunity to become closer to the other singers.

"Since we're a really small ensemble, we are much more tightly knit together as a group," Valine said. "But if it were a class and we could all rehearse more together, we would have better relationships as people who sing together and just as friends."





**practice makes perfect** Sophomore Brianna Valine, left, and junior Ruby Dibble practice singing "Wade in the Water" during STA Singers rehearsal Jan. 19. Dibble received all-state along with senior Mackenzie Jones. **PHOTO BY MADELINE BARTH**



**songs of prayer** (above) STA choir members circle up for prayer before the Fall concert Oct. 18. Choir director Michelle McIntire made it a tradition to pray together before every performance. **PHOTO BY PAIGE DRUMMOND**



**ready, set, sing** Sophomore Madison Fitzgerald sings during the STA Singers practice Jan. 20 in Ms. Michelle McIntire's room. Fitzgerald was one student able to attend all rehearsals during the week. **PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH**



**gaze straight ahead** (left) STA Singers Brianna Valine, from left, Kate Sanders and Page Kemna practice in Ms. Michelle McIntire's room during activity Jan. 25. Because of scheduling conflicts, STA Singers were unable to meet as a group for rehearsal every day. **PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH**



## moment of joy

Sitting on her bed, head and shoulders bent over her books, senior Mackenzie Jones focused on the homework she had put off all weekend. It was late Sunday night when she heard the phone ring. "When I answered the phone I realized it was Ms. [Michelle] McIntire," Jones said. "She told me to sit down, so I figured it was something good and started to get excited but tried to stay calm." McIntire announced that Jones, along with junior Ruby Dibble, had been awarded all-state for the Kansas City, Missouri district. This was the first time in four years that a singer from STA had received the honor. "After I hung up the phone, my brother asked what [McIntire] had told me," Jones said. "I just said I made all-state and he gave me a huge high five. He was way more happy than I thought he would be, which made me even more happy." According to Jones, eight altos, including herself and Dibble, were chosen from the Kansas City district as being all-state. As a senior, Jones felt this accomplishment with extra excitement and rushed to tell her mother. "My mom was on the phone when I told her about [getting all-state]," Jones said. "So of course she had to tell whoever she was talking to all about it and how proud she was." The rest of that night, Jones attempted to finish her homework. All the while, she processed the news, excited to tell the rest of her family and friends the next day.

# perfect finish

With the Chapel of St. Joseph and Windmoor Center complete, students attended their monthly class masses in the new building during February 2012. STORY AND DESIGN BY ALEXIS JENKIN

The sophomore class stood in the hallway of the Windmoor Center, waving to their arriving classmates as they waited to enter the chapel. Once the chapel doors opened, the students filed inside and chose their seats.

The girls looked around the room at the various lace-adorned windows, lectern and altar. A projector from the ceiling displayed, in large letters, "sophomore class mass." With this more intimate space, students felt a sense of serenity and community as they joined together for their class masses throughout the rest of the year.

The Chapel of St. Joseph and Windmoor Center not only completed the STA quad, but also served as a dedicated space for classes to share mass together on Wednesday mornings.

"Having a dedicated place really helps the spirituality of [masses]," campus minister Joe LaScala said. "In the auditorium I felt like it kind of didn't feel like a service."

During the sophomore mass, students felt the difference.

Instead of being so distant from one another in the auditorium, where masses were originally held, the chapel was much smaller, creating a greater sense of class unity and improving the service itself.

"It was a lot more organized and smaller," sophomore Rachel Birchmier said. "The sound was a lot better too."

Having a dedicated space for mass also improved students' reverence and attitude during masses.

"I think having a place just for mass is really cool," freshman Shay Cummings said.

The chapel was a new and long-awaited addition to the STA quad. Class masses helped students come together and experience the chapel with all it had to offer.

As their first class mass proceeded to an end, the sophomore class joined hands to pray. The girls on the end of the rows reached out to the girls standing on the other side. Sunlight came through the lace as the girls' voices echoed throughout the chapel.

CHAPEL OF ST. JOSEPH  
IN MEMORY OF JEANNE COLLINS THOMPSON



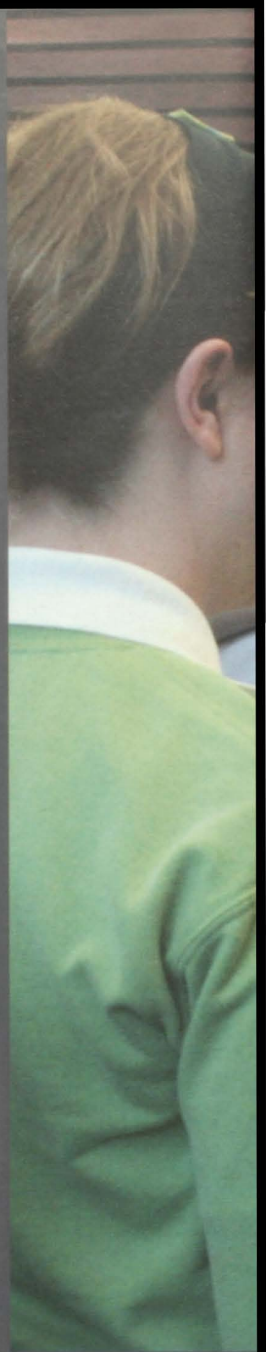
**a first look** The dedication of the chapel Feb. 12 gave the STA community a chance to get a first look at their chapel. Students, parents and alumnae attended the ceremony to honor the new building, dedicated in memory of Jeanne Collins Thompson.

PHOTO BY ALEXIS JENKIN

## leaving your mark



During the chapel dedication Feb. 12, the STA administration used the large whiteboards in the Windmoor Center classrooms to receive feedback on the chapel. STA students, alumnae and parents wrote their thoughts about the chapel using dry erase markers. "So beautiful," one parent wrote. Students also used the board to say other positive things about STA. "Long live tartan plaid!" senior Meka Kelly wrote.







## going to the chapel

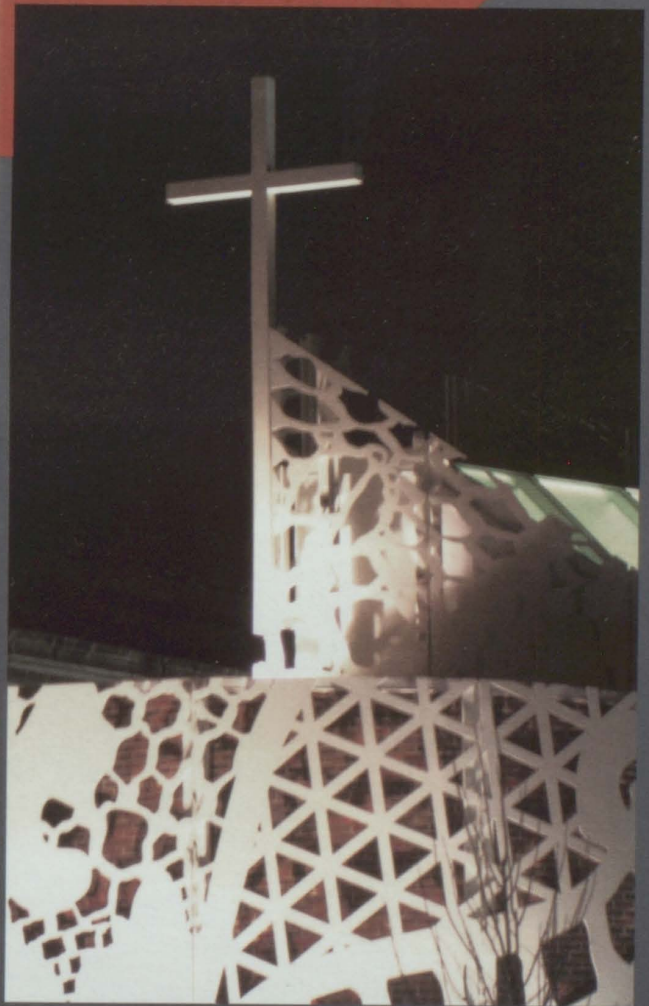
Students describe their reactions after seeing the chapel for the first time.

**freshman jessica favrow:** *I just wandered around and looked at all the history. It was really cool to see the clothes they wore and stuff.*

**sophomore dominique spini:** *I thought it was really cool. The chairs are more comfortable than in the auditorium. I definitely think I'm going to come there for a lot of frees.*

**junior annie palmer:** *I went during a free. I thought it was beautiful. I wasn't thrilled with the lace when I first saw it but on the inside it's so cool.*

**senior emily bresette:** *I thought it was great. You could tell a lot of work had gone into it. I think it will be easier for class masses.*



**a standing ovation** Seniors Paige Wendland, left, and Kate Needham stand during prayer at their class mass March 6. These masses were held every Wednesday throughout the school year. PHOTO BY ALEXIS JENKIN

**union through communion** Senior Jasmine Colhour receives the Eucharist from Father Sean McCaffery of St. Mary's Catholic Church during the senior class mass, March 6. The altar was blessed by Bishop Robert Finn on Feb 12. PHOTO BY ALEXIS JENKIN

**a little dedication** Bishop Robert Finn joined the STA community and dedicated the Chapel of St. Joseph Feb. 12. The dedication made the Chapel a new place for students and teachers to worship. PHOTO BY ALEXIS JENKIN

# juniors

## class of 2013

Returning to school as upperclassmen, some juniors strengthened their faith through music, some found new activities outside of school and a few tried out their talents in the fashion world. These are STA's juniors. STORIES AND DESIGN BY CARRIE HUDSON AND MADDI HUGHES-ZAHNER

## where is my chiffon?



**strike a pose** Junior Hannah Taft gets ready in Ms. Shana Prentiss's room before the Fine Arts Booster Club's fundraiser, Mad for Plaid, Jan. 13. PHOTO BY CARRIE HUDSON

Junior Hannah Taft stepped out of her comfort zone during the Fine Arts Booster Club's Mad for Plaid Fashion Show by modeling a dress decked out in STA's tartan plaid.

Trembling with nerves, junior Hannah Taft posed behind cream-colored dividers as a light shone behind her. The audience caught a glimpse of her silhouette before she walked out and posed in her tartan plaid creation.

"I think I ended up standing on one foot, but I don't remember," Taft said. "It was all kind of a blur. I don't remember a whole lot from them telling me it was my turn to walking off the stage. I was running on pure adrenaline."

STA's Fine Arts Booster Club's first Mad for Plaid fashion show Jan. 13 showcased the school spirited designs of ten groups. "Where is my Chiffon?" was the second group to present, consisting of juniors Sibel Alpakin, Anna McDonald, Cricket Martin, Lena White and Taft; however, only Alpakin and Taft were able to complete the final design and attend the show.

"We met Saturday and worked all Saturday," Alpakin said. "It got kind of crazy towards the end."

Designers McDonald and Alpakin, knew they wanted to include chiffon in the design. According to Alpakin, the inspiration for their team's name came from "Project Runway."

Backstage before the show, Alpakin and Taft were nervous, texting their absent teammates.

"Sibel and I were super nervous, but we didn't throw up, so that's good," Taft laughed. "I was really nervous because I've never really done that kind of thing before. I don't really get on stage for things a lot so it was a little terrifying...[I kept thinking] 'don't fall over, don't trip up the stairs.'"

After presenting their tartan plaid design to judges Laura McGrew, Holly Stewart, Joscelyn Himes and Zach Nickerson, Alpakin and Taft hurried off stage, glad that their design debut went down without a hitch.

**"I was running on pure adrenaline."**

## my moment

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When the seniors decorated the quad. I loved that day. Everybody was cheerful and the Christmas spirit was really present.



—holly fielder, '13

During activity I was walking across the quad with my friends and stepped on the seal, slipped and fell on my butt. It was the proudest moment of my life.

—rachel tovar, '13

Sitting at the back table in Mr. [Craig] Whitney's class with all my friends.

—jane evans, '13

We were in AP lit, and we were talking about if we drank a full Camelbak during class you would have to go pee after class. Ms. [Katie] Dolan then said that her bladder was big, that she does not have to go pee until she drinks three or four glasses.

—makenzie carter, '13

During the first week of school, Mr. [Craig] Whitney asked if I was Mormon, and that was my first impression of him.

—alexis jenkin, '13

Hearing Mr. [Michael] Sanem's thoughts on Monsters for Halloween was really memorable.

—elena spaulding, '13

Last semester, Mr. [Mike] Egner stopped me in the hall and told me a joke. That

# jammin' out

Junior MacKenzie Warrens strengthened her Christian faith by only listening to Christian music. She believed that today's "pop" music is not appropriate, and therefore, attempted to block it from her life to grow closer to God.

Junior MacKenzie Warrens danced with her friends at the Teresian Dance Oct. 17, listening to songs by Ke\$ha, Lady GaGa, David Guetta and more. Warrens's friends sang along while she danced and wondered why people listen to "that kind" of music.

"[At the] Teresian [Dance], I was listening to a song, and I had no idea what song it was," Warrens said. "I was completely astonished that at a Catholic school, they were allowed to play that music...It's kind of awkward because everyone is singing along, but I'm like 'Yay! I don't know this song, but I'll dance anyway.'"

Three years ago, Warrens attended Kanakuk K-2 Camp in Lampe, Mo., where she made her decision to only listen to Christian music.

"Every year during the summer, I go to camp for a month, and all we listen to is

Christian music," Warrens said. "You can't trust other music to be clean, and I really like that philosophy."

Warrens's parents also listened to Christian music. Their family was a fan of the K-Love Radio station, but she said that when she was in a friend's car, she did not have control over what music she listened to.

"I kind of pretend to not pay attention to the radio," Warrens said. "I'll start talking loud and change the subject."

Although entirely escaping pop music was a challenge, Warrens attempted to only surround herself with Christian artists like Brandon Heath and MercyMe.

As a 3OH!3 song drew to a close, Warrens watched her friends mouth the lyrics to a song she didn't know. She shrugged, continued to dance and remembered her commitment to Christian music.



PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON

# one among many

Junior Emma Stanfield joined Venture Crew this school year, a cross between Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Stanfield was one of four girls in the group.

Unsure what to expect, Junior Emma Stanfield pushed open the doors to St. Mary's in Independence and sat down in a circle with the six other members of the group, discussing possible activities.

They were all boys. Except her.

This year, Stanfield joined Venture Crew, a group like Boy Scouts that is co-ed. She got involved when her brother, Rockhurst High School senior Austin Stanfield, learned about the group through Boy Scouts. She said her parents forced her to join, but she enjoyed it.

"[It's] basically a youth group outside of church and school," Stanfield said. "It's a lot of fun [because] it's really small, and it's fun to meet people who come from different backgrounds."

The group consisted of a number of home-schooled kids, but this year three

STA students joined; juniors Alice Green, Alexis Jenkin and Christine Jenkin. Stanfield described how the meetings are member-lead and include group activities.

"We try to do one activity a month," Stanfield said. "[We've done] ice-skating, game night and a movie."

As for the majority being boys, Stanfield was not bothered.

"It's not awkward at all," Stanfield said. "[The boys] are all different and weird in their own way. You learn their different personalities fast."

As the group continued their discussion in the Thursday night venture crew meeting, Stanfield looked around at each of the members. Despite seeing mostly boys, she was not bothered at being a minority in the group.



PHOTO BY ALEXIS JENKIN

showed me the kind of relationship students make with teachers at STA.

—maria luna, '13

I liked dressing up with my friends for the Christmas dance.

—anna woolery, '13

Every lunch period we eat a ton of junk food.

—abbie mcnaughten, '13

During an advisory party once, I burped really, really loud and [Mr. Craig] Whitney was like, "Whoaaaa, Miller." It was really embarrassing.

—keara miller, '13

I had a lot of guy friends in the play, and it was fun to see them in the STA environment...And the play exemplified STA girls because it was so witty and quirky like we are.

—margoth mackey, '13

I can be myself and so can my friends. We always have fun and there is never a time when we are not laughing and smiling.

—felecia memminger-warden, '13

Going across the quad the day before Christmas break with the seniors singing Christmas carols, music blasting and the quad decorated defines St. Teresa's.

—erin rasmussen, '13

The best moment was when our advisory sat in a circle to get to know each other. It was kind of awkward, but fun.

—phyleia battle, '13

My freshman year the choir went to Boston and the experience created strong bonds of sisterhood among the participants.

—amanda koch, '13



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For activity, me and my friends always go to the same teachers, such as Ms. [Mary Jo] Coughlin, and we form bonds with them. It's like a little tradition within our friend group.



—dana bailey, '13

The volleyball game where we all dressed up as Smurfs and beat [Notre Dame de] Sion [High School] was really fun. We stormed the court and made a huge tunnel and it involved almost the whole school.

—caitlin fletcher, '13

In Ms. [Jo] Weller's class, [Weller] is always really helpful and is always open to answering questions and helping students. It allows us to not have to worry about being our selves and asking questions. We can just be who we are.



—sarah vickery, '13

In Ms. [Jeanella] Clark's class, I love how open all her students are about her baby and we call it 'Boobadoo.' That is what her daughter called it before they knew it was a girl, and it caught on in class.

—carrie hudson, '13

One of the best times I've had during activity at STA was sophomore year when Peyton Gajan sprinted up to [Ms. Katie] Dolan and told us how she just ding-dong-ditched Praise Band.

—rosie hutchison, '13

[I like] when I get to catch up with my advisor [Ms. Jeanella Clark] during a free. She truly cares about her students and about how I am doing. I think the love that is expressed for one another through our everyday interactions define the STA community and set us apart from other schools.

—grace mccarthy, '13

There was an activity where all of us went to [Ms. Diana] Bliessen's [room] and we were all really loud. We had to be 'shushed' all the time, but it was really fun.



—page kemna, '13

My friends and I go to the development office and talk to the ladies in there and get candy. We get candy there, like, everyday. It's so cool.

—morgan bené, '13

I dressed up as [Mr. Richard] Shrock for Halloween last year and he thought it was really cool. I walked into his classroom and he said, 'I have that sweater. You should have told me so we could match.'

—madeline gabbert, '13

samantha adams  
stephanie allee  
christina allen  
jordan allen



sibel alpakin  
elizabeth arensberg  
dana bailey  
katherine barnhouse



madeline barth  
phyleia battle  
morgan bené  
sophie bono



menley brennan  
ema brzon  
megan burke  
maya burtin



## in your face

Junior class officers were "pied" in the face during a class meeting Feb. 10. The juniors that threw the pies were chosen based on the number of magazines they sold for a class fundraiser. STORY AND DESIGN BY MATTIE DAVIS



**the chosen ones** Junior Holly Fielder rises to "pie" a class officer with juniors Ellie Nachbor, Hannah McCausland and Margoth Mackey. "If felt really good to shove that [pie] in [junior Elaine Schmidt's] face," Fielder said. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



**claiming the extras** Junior Ellie Nachbor squirts extra whipped cream into her mouth after shoving a pie in junior class officer Sarah Kostoryz's face. "This went on Sarah's face," Nachbor said. "Gross." PHOTO BY CARRIE HUDSON



jill campbell  
makenzie carter  
meaghan coble



courtney coppinger  
mattie davis  
ruby dibble



scout distefano  
grace dominique  
grace doran



andie drummond  
sadie duffy  
jane evans

## overheard

As junior Sara Meurer and sophomores Lizzie Luallin and Kathleen Connor walked into Mr. Richard Shrock's classroom with Chipotle for their advisory party, Meurer told the rest of the advisory about the trip back to school. "Guys, we just got pulled over by Visitation for speeding on our way back to school," Meurer said. "But I didn't get a ticket because Kathleen started crying in the back seat."

During lunch period in the commons, junior Carlisle Sutton told her lunch table the events of her morning. "I was riding to school with Hailey this morning," Sutton began. "We were driving on Ward Parkway and Hailey just looked down at her empty gas tank and started freaking out. We barely turned into a side street before the car completely shut down. We had to call her dad to bring us gas."

During a period nine free, junior Mickey Redlingshafer shared her thoughts with her friends while returning to Ms. Diana Blessen's classroom. "While I was walking down the hall I thought about how someone had thrown up there earlier," Redlingshafer said. "It made me think of the hilarious scene in *Cheaper By the Dozen* when the fat kid slips in the throw up."



**where's my facewash?** (top) Junior class officers, from left, Sarah Kostoryz and Elaine Schmidt are "pied" in the face during the junior class meeting. "I forgot to bring us facewash," Schmidt said afterward. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



**just do it** (right) Junior Hannah McCausland throws a pie in junior Nikki Rodriguez's face Feb. 10. "Hannah didn't want to pie me at first," Rodriguez said. "I had to say, 'Just do it.'" PHOTO BY CARRIE HUDSON



**hold your breath** (right) Junior Sarah Kostoryz wipes whipped cream off of her face after being pied by junior Ellie Nachbor. "I keep breathing in whipped cream," Kostoryz said. PHOTO BY CARRIE HUDSON

# my moment

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Our first advisory party was special.



We did an activity to get to know the freshmen. Everyone was having fun and learned a lot about all the new freshmen.

—erica wind '13

On everyone's birthday, Mr. [Craig] Whitney has the whole class sing for them. I don't know how he knows it's their birthday, but he always remembers everyone's.

—nikki rodriguez, '13

At the Teresian Dance I grew closer to my friends because it was a really fun dance.



—natalie winterman, '13

[My moment is] my first advisory party. I'm pretty sure we put our chairs in a circle and we just talked and got to know each other.

—grace spencer, '13

In my advisory we always sing happy birthday to whomever's birthday it is, and somebody has to bring a dessert in for them. I think that's really special and unique to STA. At my old school they never did anything like that.

—carlisle sutton, '13

It would have to have been winning the Frosh Fest skit competition with our "Holstein Heroes." Our advisory hadn't won anything for a really long time so it was kind of a big deal.



—hannah taft '13

When the sprinklers come on walking in the Quad, with all the new additions, it's so funny when people have to walk away from them.

—ali lukens, '13

When Ms. [Julia] Gargallo couldn't tell the difference between "in" and "on." I felt so bad for her but everyone was laughing.

—peepers gray, '13

It's always the senior days; I saw a senior pushing a girl in a stroller across the Quad really fast, and it was the first period of the day so I was really confused.



—ruby dibble, '13

My favorite advisory moment was when we did white elephant this Christmas, and one of the gifts that was given was a rubber bow and arrow. I ended up with it and accidentally shot it into Ms. [Alice] Amick's desk. She let out a little squeal, and it was pretty funny.

—meghan lewis, '13

In Ms. [Sarah] Knopik's class when we stood up and made weird and crazy noises. We can just stand up and be weird, and nobody cares.

—sophie bono, '13

jane evans  
mercy favrow  
holly fielder  
kaitlin fiola



caroline fiss  
sarah flattery  
caitlin fletcher  
jodie foster



madeline gabbert  
peyton gajan  
abby geiger  
lauren goode



peepers gray  
alice green  
caroline green  
mary heiman



## the first time I...planked

Popping up in pictures everywhere were people with their arms to their sides, legs together and nothing but their bellies touching an object. Celebrities, old ladies and young gradeschoolers alike were taking part in the fad and uploaded photos on the web. COVERAGE AND PHOTOS BY FRANNIE WILKINSON

Step one: find an object. Step two: lay down on your stomach on the object. Step three: glue your hands to your sides or above your head. Step four: take a picture.

Planking was the "new thing" to do in pictures. Junior Ema Brzon took part in the trend and planked in numerous spots such as the pool, on statues and at museums.

The person in the position was supposed to make it look "super epic," according to Brzon.

"It's not hard if you're a [professional]," Brzon said.

Planking was at the height of its popularity over the summer of 2011. It was popular with pictures popping up all over facebook, and *The Dart* newspaper even held a planking-photo contest.

"Sometimes you look stupid in the positions," junior Andie Drummond said.

But according to Brzon, there were good and bad places to plank.

"The worst place is probably in your house because there aren't places to do it," Brzon said.

"I haven't really planked. But my little sister did it all the time when it was super popular, and I remember helping try funny positions," Drummond said. "She did it during the summer, and we have a pool in our backyard...[so] she was like laying across our pool, and my dog came over and started licking her and kinda pushed her into the pool. It was funny."

Along with planking, coning was another summer sensation.

"Coning doesn't compare. Planking is just so much better," Brzon said.

Coning is the act of ordering an ice cream cone at a drive through and only grabbing the ice cream (not the cone) when you pull up to the drive-thru window. Junior Adelle Smith recalls her first time coning.

"I didn't even see [the server's] face," Smith said, "I was just driving. I was so nervous."

Both of the activities were most popular with teenagers but had cases where even the most unusual suspects, such as grandparents, participated.



anna heldt  
allison hogan  
holli hogge



asta holtan  
carrie hudson  
maddi hughes-zahner



rosie hutchison  
alexandra jackson  
alexis jenkin



christine jenkin  
kelly jenks  
sarah kane

## overheard

During activity period, **junior Adelle Smith** talked about Kim Kardashian's short marriage. "Last night we were watching the news and my mom was like what happened to Kim Kardashian?" Smith said. "My sister was like 'Google it, mom.'"

After retelling one of his numerous stories during American History class, Mr. Mike Egner remarked on **junior Margie Stone's** attitude. "See everyone gets it, except you, Margie," Egner said. "I've been so mixed up with your lies!" Stone said. "I can't comprehend this right now."

In Ms. Julia Gargallo's Spanish III class, Gargallo mistook **junior Stephanie Allee**, who was sitting next to **junior Kate Witt** in a hoodie, for a shadow. "Kate, do you have a guest with you?" Gargallo asked. "No... this is Stephanie," Witt said. "Oh, you're not in uniform! That is why I did not recognize you," Gargallo said.

In a free, **junior Kelly Stokes** looked at slides to print for chemistry, she was suprised at a slide for a periodic song. "Wow," Stokes said. "An entire slide for the peroidic table song."

During midday advisory, **junior Christina Allen** told **junior Dana Bailey** how she made cupcakes for the advisory. "Good, we have sweets," Bailey said. "We can use them to persuade the pumpkin carving judges."

During second period AP Language and Composition class, **junior Felicia Memminger-Warden** commented on the odd sound that came from Ms. Katie Dolan's computer when the power outage occurred. "Ms. Dolan, your computer probably just crashed," Memminger-Warden said. "I'm just saying."



(top) One time over the summer I planked on my friend Rachel's car, and she got really mad because she thought I was going to dent her car with my belly or something. She's really protective over her car.

—abby geiger

(top left) I was at Quiktrip, and you know those short little poles in the front by where you park? I hopped on one of those and planked off it, but it was really hard because it was really small, and I was just doing superman on it, and I considered it planking... it hurt really bad.

—rosie hutchison



(left) The first time I planked I believe it was this summer and I was on the back of a boat, a speed boat, and there was this little flat area, it almost looked like a plank board, almost. I just lied down on it and planked.

—caroline fiss

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I think the first advisory party was really awesome. We talked, ate food, and it was really fun.

—christine jenkins, '13

I was working on something in class and Mr. [Michael] Sanem said, "Let your soul be free through the art of coloring." He always has really funny quotes and they make his class enjoyable.

—anna heldt, '13

During history class someone farted and we all burst out laughing. Mr. [Mike] Egner just stared out at the class and waited for us all to stop laughing. It took a good two minutes.

—kaitlin fiola, '13

I was in Mrs. [Carrie] Jacquin's room and I was messing around and leaning my arm on the arm rest of the desk. All of a sudden my chair tipped over, and I was laying on the ground trapped in my own chair.

—ema brzon, '13

Each year for cross country we do a Twinkie race where we have different teams and one person from each team sprints around the parking lot holding a Twinkie. The objective is to run the fastest and still have a little piece of Twinkie left. It's really fun but also disgusting because your hands get covered in sticky Twinkies.

—kate witt, '13

All the teachers are really helpful being there for me. In math when I don't understand something I always go in for the extra help on Wednesdays. It really helps me.

—erin thompson, '13

[I've enjoyed] my time with Ms. [Mary] Montag and taking her classes: what she says in class, how she inspired us. She really showed us how much she loved animals and biology and made us love science.

—regan stiles, '13

I love singing in the hallways with my friends because that's STA and no one cares.

—hattie svoboda-stel, '13

Dana Bailey. Enough said.

—kelly love, '13

In Anatomy class, we were dissecting rats, and Ms. [Amy] Carlson would walk around see how everyone was doing. When she came to our table and saw how far behind we were she said, "And we have one rat that may as well be alive." It made the whole class laugh.

—maggie kenney, '13

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katherine king



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## back2brow

Junior Dana Bailey could say most words backwards. STORY AND DESIGN BY PAIGE DRUMMOND

"Yhpargotohp, Enohpolyx, Arbez, Dia-dnab."

In California for spring break her sophomore year, Dana Bailey found herself surrounded by the language of "op," where you put an "op" before every vowel. A group of Mormon boys would use "op" language instead of cussing and they taught it to Bailey. For instance, "Dana Bailey" would become "Dopanopa Bopaopilopey."

Confused and intrigued, Bailey began trying to say the names of her friends in "op." She soon discovered that, in addition to "op," she could say all of their names backwards as well. Eventually, Bailey could say almost any word or phrase backwards on a moment's notice.

"[I can say everything except] 'onomatopoeia', 'super-califragilisticexpialidocious' and the occasional word," Bailey said.

Bailey did not use her talent everyday, but only when people asked her to say something backwards.

"In my head I'm not saying a sentence and then saying it backwards and then say it again, it's not like that," Bailey said. "If someone asks I'll just say the word backwards [without thinking about it]."

Bailey's talent became very popular when she first discovered it.

"At the end of sophomore year when I had first figured out how to say things backwards everyone would ask me [to say words backwards]," Bailey said. "People were tweeting things backwards. Everywhere I went people would randomly come up to me and say a word and I wouldn't understand what they were doing but they would want me to say the word backwards."

A YouTube video featuring college student Meghan Shea speaking backwards made Bailey wish she had shown her talent to more people.

"I'm really mad I didn't submit a video of myself doing that because that could be me," Bailey said.

Bailey could say most words backwards quickly, but some words were more difficult.

"Photography tripped me up a little bit," Bailey said. "It really just depends on the length of the word and how [much] I see the word."

According to Bailey, she had always had a fascination with letters and their patterns. Still, Bailey wouldn't just go around speaking backwards, but if you give her a word she will repeat it backwards.





cricket martin  
emily mccann  
grace mccarthy



hannah mccausland  
anna mcdonald  
jacqueline mcgee



abbie mcnaughten  
felecia memminger-warden  
sara meurer



keara miller  
ellie nachbor  
annie palmer

## teresian twins q&a

STA Junior Keara Miller welcomed Norwegian exchange student Åste Holtan into her home to spend a year at STA. Holtan and Miller attended the Teresian Dance together in the same dress and took twins to the dance. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KEARA MILLER

Did you know Åste Holtan had the same dress as you?  
Miller: It was a total accident. I tried it on and I showed Åste and she was like "Oh my god I have the same dress."

How did you react when Miller showed you her dress?  
Holtan: I thought she had seen [my dress] before so I was like, "What?" I asked her, "Did you steal my idea?"

Was it weird going in the same dress and with twin brothers?

Miller: They weren't identical so it wasn't weird. It was awkward [for Holtan] to interact with her date though, because at first he didn't think she spoke English.

Holtan: Yeah, he was like "How long have you been in America?" and he said it really slowly. The whole table just laughed and didn't correct him.



**working it backwards** Junior Dana Bailey tries to say the word "zebra" backward as junior Gabi Lukens throws out words for her to repeat backward. Bailey can say almost any word backward except onomatopoeia and supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. PHOTO BY PAIGE DRUMMOND

## overheard

During her Spanish III class period seven, Ms. Julia Gargallo discussed the finals they had just taken. Junior Peyton Gajan raised her hand and asked Gargallo a question. "If I stay after school and give you a back rub, can I get extra credit?" Gajan asked.

During their free period four, Juniors Elizabeth Arensberg and Megan Burke were discussing their past Christmas gifts. "When I was in second grade my mom gave me underwear that was 10 sizes too big," Arensberg said. "I tried it on the other day. Still big."

During American History, students were tired, but junior Menley Brennan came in with a ton of energy. "Does anyone want some of this Monster?" Brennan said. "I kept it fresh in my car overnight."

During an activity period, junior Sarah Flattery discussed the newest app that she had found and downloaded onto her iPhone. "You can put ninja turtles on anyone's nose," Flattery said. "Look at Justin Bieber. It's so funny!"

During Ms. Lisa Dibble's advisory party, girls explained their finals study habits. "I just end up cramming the night before," junior Rachel Tovar said. "I'll cry a little then make a study guide, cry a little, then make another one."

# my moment

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Mr. [Ed] C[hronister] was our sub for Carlson a lot of the year and he brings the juniors Butterfingers every day.  
—kelly stokes, '13



The teacher and faculty volleyball game shows how STA is a strong community where we can be ourselves.  
—alexa watters, '13

Mr. [Matthew] Bertalott told our advisory the story about his first kiss. I doubt he would have done that except for at STA. It shows how close advisories make us.  
—emily reboulet, '13

[My moment is] when the seniors were doing their Christmas caroling. That was pretty awesome.  
—kathleen keaveny, '13



We had a kickball game against Mr. [Eric] Thomas' advisory last semester, and we won, of course.  
—madeline barth, '13

[I like] the varsity volleyball games against Zion when we go all out.  
—allison hogan, '13

On the first day of school, I was able to walk outside to change classes.  
—janie thompson, '13

The whole time during the auction pep rally I was just thinking how awesome STA and the teachers are. Do teachers at other schools get this into singing and dancing?  
—becca lueke, '13

I dropped my backpack once in the hall and I looked like a freak. My netbook fell off and all my friends were laughing.  
—sibel alpakin, '13



In advisory, with Mr. [Richard] Shrock, we played kickball and he was our first base coach.  
—jackie mcgee, '13

The day when the seniors sang Christmas songs in the Quad shows the spirit of STA, like the liveliness of all the STA students.  
—hannah mccausland, '13

In yearbook on publication nights, everyone tries to get their seat. When anybody stands up, someone will jump in right away.  
—mattie davis, '13

[My moment is] not being able to breathe by the time I get from [Mr. Craig] Whitney's room to [Ms. Katie] Dolan's room [and] literally having an asthma attack.  
—sammy patterson, '13

sammy patterson  
madelyn petree  
danni porter  
erin rasmussen



emma rebein  
emily reboulet  
mickey redlingshafer  
taylor rees



maggie rellihan  
emma robertson  
nikki rodriguez  
nicole sakoulas



kate sanders  
madi schieber  
elaine schmidt  
sara schwartz



**listen up ladies** The junior class listens to one of their class officers, Sarah Kostoryz, as she explains the theme for the Junior Ring Dance during their class meeting Feb. 10. The junior class officers decided a theme would enhance everyone's experiences at the dance. PHOTO BY CARRIE HUDSON

"A theme ties things together, ties up loose ends and makes things more cohesive."



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sophia seigfreid  
maty shearhart



emmi shearman  
erin sheehy  
adelle smith



shaeffer smith  
elena spaulding  
grace spencer



emma stanfield  
taylor steen  
annie steinert

## running out the clock



Junior Serenity Wallace watched as chemistry teacher Mary Rietbrock sat at her desk with 10 minutes remaining in class and pondered what she could do. Then it hit her: she could play the fast-paced game she had just downloaded on her iPhone: Temple Run.

"I play Temple Run, everyday in chemistry, but not during class," Wallace said.

Wallace found the game was addictive. According to Wallace, she felt the attraction to the game came from the excitement of it.

"Not knowing what's going to come next [is what draws me to Temple Run]," Wallace said.

When Wallace comes across someone else who plays Temple Run, she confronts them.

"When I see people playing Temple Run in advisory or in a free, I usually ask them what their high score is and then tell them mine," Wallace said.

As Wallace's character ran into a tree, she uttered a sound of regret, then checked to see if Rietbrock saw her. She didn't. Wallace sighed, then began a new game as the bell rang and continued to run as long as she could.

## dreaming of a theme

The junior class officers decided to center the Junior Ring Dance around a theme. They used a popular song to help them plan. **STORY AND DESIGN BY MADDIE DANG**

The only thing junior Sarah Kostoryz could think was "theme"—what it should be, how it could be used, how people would enjoy it. After a planning meeting with junior class moderator Robin Good, Kostoryz began thinking. Then, class president Elaine Schmidt turned to Kostoryz and uttered the words "All of the Lights." After that, it was history. They had just figured out their theme for the Junior Ring Dance.

"We chose 'All of the Lights' as our theme because we loved the song," Kostoryz said. "Also, we were planning to use it to kick start the dance at 8:30 [p.m.]"

According to Kostoryz, Good told the junior class officers that the Commons was such a simple area, and there were so few people going to the dance that they only needed lights for decorations.

"After [talking to Good], I talked to the decorations committee, and we decided to interpret the theme as New York City at night,"

Kostoryz said.

Kostoryz also said that she thought having a theme would help make the dance less uncomfortable for attendees.

"We wanted something so that people would know when the dance actually started so they don't stand around awkwardly," Kostoryz said.

Kostoryz said that the only way she could plan events was to give them a theme because that was how her thought process worked.

"A theme ties things together, ties up loose ends and makes things more cohesive," Kostoryz said.

Once Kostoryz heard those four words, she felt that the dance would be successful. She knew that with a theme, she could put together a dance that would change the Commons into a New York City night, and the setting would help the attendees enjoy it. She knew that it would be a dance full of moments that the junior class would never forget.



**watch and learn** Junior Sara Meurer listens as junior class officer Sarah Kostoryz reveals the theme for the Junior Ring dance during their class meeting Feb. 10. This was the first year the junior class incorporated a theme into the dance.

PHOTO BY CARRIE HUDSON

# moment

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When we watched the kids from the windows during Christmas time. We saw people walking through the decorated Quad and running around on the track. It's just cool because no other school would do that besides STA.



—airicha lunn '13

[The volleyball team] got really close because we've had a lot of hard times with each other...with our seniors, it's gonna be hard letting them go, and it won't be the same next year without them.

—holli hogge '13

The volleyball game. That defining moment reminds me of [STA]...[of] how much I love to be a part of it.

—sarah kane, '13

[The] pumpkin carving. [My advisory] was so close to winning.

—samantha adams, '13

How about the faculty volleyball game? I just think it's so fun and [no] other school does that.

—alexandra jackson, '13

During the faculty volleyball game, the teachers really got into it. Ms. [Michelle] McIntire even tried to tackle Mr. [Eric] Thomas.

—katherine barnthouse, '13

I failed a math test, so I went to talk to Ms. [Jo] Weller. She understood because she knows that it's not like me to bomb a test. She gave me options to help raise my grade.

—megan burke, '13

I'm like a teacher's assistant at a dance studio, and one day I see this STA shirt in the lobby. I was peeking through and I finally got a better look...it was Coach [Mark] Hough! For the entire class we kept giving each other awkward looks through the window...I found out his daughter was actually in my class.



—caroline fiss, '13

Two weeks ago the math team had a meeting...We were talking about what we would do if we had no idea what the answer was. So, we decided we would draw a cat and pass those drawings around on paper with the math "Sine" symbol as their tails. Even though it was academic, [our team] was having fun with it and becoming friends.

—kate sanders, '13

Maddie [Gabbert] and McKenzie [Carter] were heating up lunches when [Carter] grabbed Maddie's lunch out of the microwave and spilled it all over her hands...It was funny at first, but then she got blisters.

—katherine king, '13

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kelly stokes  
margie stone  
libby stoops



kelli strader  
carly sutton  
hattie svoboda-stel  
hannah taft



lauren taylor  
erin thompson  
janie thompson  
rachel tovar



morgan trees  
sarah vickery  
hailey waldenmeyer  
serenity wallace



## semester in senate

Junior Emma Dillon spent her first semester of her junior year working at the US Senate in Washington, DC. According to Dillon, the transition back to STA was both easy and hard for her. STORY AND DESIGN BY MARGOT LIVERS



**say cheese, senator** (above) Junior Emma Dillon poses with Senator Claire McCaskill in Washington, DC. Dillon was able to meet McCaskill along with many other government officials including President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY EMMA DILLON

**enjoy the view** (left) Junior Emma Dillon stands in front of Washington, DC, during her five-month stay. Dillon spent a semester in DC working in the United States Senate. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY EMMA DILLON

# overheard



mackenzie warrens  
alexa watters  
emma wheatley



lena white  
katie wilhelmus  
gracie williams



erica wind  
natalie winterman  
kate witt



anna woolery

not pictured:  
emma dillon  
grace hodes  
whitney waeckerle

Junior Janie Thompson and senior Erin Hutchison noticed that Garozzo's came to STA that day as they walked across the quad. They also discussed how small Hutchison's hands were. Hutchison complained that only the teachers get to eat the food. "Your fingers aren't even big enough to hold the fork to eat it!" Thompson said.

During a Spirit Club meeting, club president senior Brie Sandridge suggested everyone introduce themselves by saying something weird about themselves. Junior Peyton Gajan tried to come up with the weirdest thing about her. "Last time I checked, I could fit ten grapes in my fat roll," Gajan blurted.

During Mr. Craig Whitney's period four AP US History class, junior Andie Drummond defended the Teresian from *Dart* staffer, Caitlin Fletcher. "The Yerds [yearbook staff] puts on an entire dance for us! What did the *Dart* do?" Drummond remarked.

Before period one Oct. 24, Ms. Jeanela Clark's class discussed the movie *The Titanic*. "I watched it this weekend for the first time," junior Holly Fielder said. "I cried so much I almost threw up."

In American history class, students worked on a US Constitution project. Junior Amanda Koch was drawing an American flag on her poster board. "I'm done!" Koch said. "It's perfect: 52 stars."

During Spanish class junior Caroline Fiss looked out the window at the chapel and asked the students around her a question. "So how is all of the lace going to stay on the building?" Fiss asked. "How can so much fabric stay up?"

During free time in American literature class, junior Kelly Stokes was talking to junior Phyleia Battle about working out. "You're doing insanity?" Stokes said. "I have always wanted to do that, but I can't even make it through P-90X."

The clock in her car read 7:15 a.m. as junior Emma Dillon pulled into the STA parking lot the morning of Jan. 30. She took her backpack and netbook out of her trunk, and lugged them up the steps of Donnelly Hall. What would be a normal routine of checking in and going to class was now foreign to Dillon. This was her first time on the STA campus in five months.

Dillon heard about a rare opportunity to work in the United States Senate in Washington D.C. the previous summer.

"My mom works in the Senate for Senator Claire McCaskill," Dillon said. "One of her staffers told her about the opportunity, and then she told me."

Dillon opted to transfer out of the first semester of her junior year at STA, and into the US Senate Page School in D.C. According to Dillon, the only class she had trouble transferring from was Spanish, however, Spanish teacher Julia Gargallo helped Dillon keep up with the classes she missed.

"I wanted to continue Spanish, but it wasn't offered at the Page School," Dillon said. "I met with Ms. Gargallo before I left, and she gave me assignments so I would be caught up with the class when I got back."

Although Dillon was absent from an entire semester of Spanish III, she was able to take the four core classes

(science, math, English and history) at her school in D.C. She thought that the transition back to her classes at STA was relatively easy to make.

"In all of my classes except history, I am actually three chapters ahead so it's not like I have a lot of catching up to do," Dillon said.

While the school work did not pose a problem for Dillon, coming back to STA's atmosphere and social scene after missing an entire semester was not easy.

"I felt really disconnected from the school," Dillon said. "I didn't even know some teachers had changed rooms, so I also felt lost. It was weird having my first day of school at STA be in January."

Leaving her friends and her school for five months was not easy. Dillon, however, made the sacrifice so she wouldn't pass up an opportunity to work in the United States government.

"I definitely don't regret my decision to work in DC," Dillon said. "It was a once in a lifetime chance, and it was good for me to experience something brand new."

Dillon closed her empty locker and looked at her freshly printed schedule to see what class she had first: Algebra II. It was the end of January, but Dillon headed to her new class with a new teacher and new classmates.

# my moment

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Just discussing things with friends helps me to form opinions and make up my mind. It's fun to just talk.



—rachel moran, '14

Mrs. [Theresa] Wallerstedt brought her dog to school and made us be silent during activity because she didn't want us to wake up her dog because it was sleeping.

—lauren nagle, '14

Ms. [Sarah] Skidmore: I'm in her biology class and she was lecturing us, and she had gum in her mouth and it like flew out of her mouth...It was pretty funny.



—maggie nothnagel, '14

One time there was a freshman who was running across the quad, and she completely wiped out on the seal.

—kristin teahan, '14

The sports pep rally defines STA. You can really see the school spirit and it gets everyone involved.

—libby stoops, '13

[I liked] when Mrs. [Jo] Weller dressed up as Kate Needham.

—morgan trees, '13

I like the auction pep rally because the teachers all dress up and it's funny.



—gracie williams, '13

One time I went into Mr. [Richard] Shrock's class for help with a project. We were talking about the topic and then Mr. [Craig] Whitney came in. We had like a 30-minute conversation on the topic and it was really helpful and interesting.

—emmi shearman, '13

The scream day was cool because it was such a cool way for [STA] to connect as a community...by going out onto the new field and screaming with each other for ten minutes really helped me feel the support we have here... and an exciting way to start finals.



—emma rebin, '13

At lunch when me and my friends call dibs on each other's food.

—stephanie allee, '13

Ellie [Nachbor] and I always talk about Mr. Fast because he tutors us. He always makes awkward eye contact before he says hi. He'll walk by in the hallway and kind of squint and look at you awkwardly, then he'll say hi after he's made awkward eye contact.

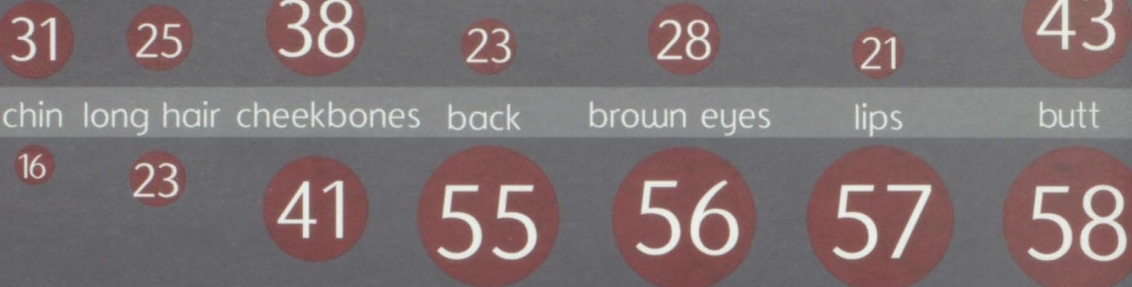
—sarah kostoryz, '13

When I joined the softball team this year everyone was really welcoming. I made a lot of new friends.

—marie sarson, '15

# what a girl wants

The Prep News of Rockhurst High School surveyed 170 RHS students asking what they believed girls found the most attractive in boys.



The Teresian polled 170 STA students with the same questions, asking what they found most attractive in boys. The two surveys found that most girls prefer what boys think they like: tall men with muscled abs.

## 523 miles

Long distance relationships were more accessible to high schoolers because of new technology to improve communication. STORY AND DESIGN BY KATHLEEN BLANCK



**software of relationship** Skyping her Indianapolis boyfriend, Charlie Wessel, March 5, junior Amanda Koch laughs while Wessel talks about his lacrosse practice. Koch and Wessel had only interacted face-to-face two times since they met at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) animator training over the summer. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ

When two people were separated by hundreds of miles, it was hard to arrange a face-to-face meeting. Junior Amanda Koch and her boyfriend Charlie Wessel, lived in Kansas City and Indianapolis respectively, making it difficult to carry on their long-distance relationship.

The two met and immediately connected when Koch was training as an animator for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), during the summer of 2011. They didn't start dating until after the next NCYC Nov. 2011.

"Sharing the experience of NCYC made us become so much closer," Koch said. "We were called the animator couple. And all the animators—there's like 82 of them—knew that we were going to end up dating, even though we lived like nine hours away from each other."

Over Christmas break, Wessel came to visit Koch in Kansas City. She took it as an opportunity to show him around the city. The couple went to Loose Park, ice-skated, went to the movies, out to dinner and shopped together: activities Koch described as unusual to do with her previous boyfriends.

"When we see each other, it's even more special because we're not seeing each other every weekend or through out the week," Koch said. "And when we do hang out, we get to do other things. It's not like we just go to the movies or hang out at our houses because that can get boring."

Long distance relationships were infamous for their tests of trust and limited communication, but with the development of Skype and texting, long distance got closer everyday. Koch planned to visit Wessel the weekend after Valentine's Day, Feb. 17-21 in Indianapolis.

"The distance is hard, but it's not terrible," Koch said. "We got into the relationship knowing that there is a distance."

boys think girls like...

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green eyes

blue eyes

short hair

tall

abs

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85

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girls actually like...

things just not real



**twitter dating tweens** (above) Rockhurst sophomore Jack McLugh, left, dances with sophomore Abby Dearth, at the St. Peter's School spring dance in 8th grade. Dearth and McLugh dated for 9 months in grade school. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MATTIE O'BOYLE

"It's really awkward because you're in middle school, so you don't really know what you want or what [a relationship is] about. And I guess it's a lot easier than a high school relationship because you just like to hang out and there's not a lot of tension, so it's pretty chill."

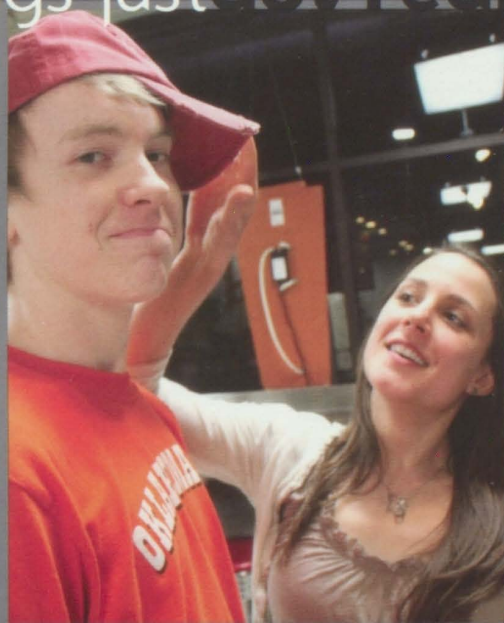
-abby dearth, sophomore

In middle school, girls gave out Barbie-themed valentines and boys reciprocated with Power Ranger cards. In high school, Valentine's Day becomes a more serious holiday to show your appreciation for your special someone. Relationships changed in the same way. STORY AND DESIGN BY KATHLEEN BLANCK

**it's smooth sailing** (right) At Roxberry Smoothie Shop in Lee's Summit, MO, junior Kelly Love and her boyfriend, Lee's Summit High School senior Thomas Fiegenger, play with the Roxberry merchandise while waiting for their smoothies March 8. Love calls him her "church boy" because they met in her confirmation class at Our Lady of the Presentation. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ

"I think [high school relationships are] more serious. There's more thirsting for emotions. You can do more because you can drive. Most of them are fun, some of them are serious. More intense. You go to different schools, if you come here, so it makes it harder to see each other. And you have to make each other more of a priority."

-kelly love, junior



## love/haterelationship

The rivalry with Notre Dame de Sion came to a boil on Valentine's Day 2012 with Senior Night and a performance by the Dance Team. STA students dressed as animals from Noah's Ark, while Sion girls dressed as firefighters in response to the fire alarms in M&A setting off three times Feb. 10. COVERAGE AND DESIGN BY KATHLEEN BLANCK

"It depends on the person, [it can be] kind of bitter, angry, crazy. Some people take it too far, but it's a fun rivalry with your friends from STA. It adds competition. In sports, it makes you want to win more."

moira quinn, sion sophomore

"My sister went to Sion, so there's definitely more of a rivalry in my household. [My sister is] always saying that Sion is better and I'm always saying that STA is better. In my house, at least, [the rivalry] is pretty fierce."

hannah taft, STA junior

"I think [the rivalry] gets a little too intense, but it's a fun competition. I think [STA] looks for stuff to make fun of. I definitely think it's something that will be around for a long time. [The rivalry game] is our biggest game of the year. I think [Sion] usually portrays more classy and [STA] is more like 'We're gonna beat you.'"

emily decoursey, sion senior

"It's pretty intense, but I think we're still friendly, too. Like I know Sion people, [and the rivalry is] pretty intense, but at the same time, people don't really mean it."

heather cigas, STA sophomore



# Separating SISTERS

Freshman Hayley Hyer transferred to STA, leaving Summit Christian Academy and her older sister, senior Hannah Hyer, for the first time. The Hyer sisters had to learn to stay close while attending different schools. **STORY AND DESIGN BY PAIGE DRUMMOND**

She used to climb into Hannah's red 1997 CRV, which she called the "fishbowl" because of its un-tinted windows, like she did every morning on their way to Summit Christian Academy (SCA): the school they had both attended since kindergarten. As they got into the car early in the morning, they turned the radio on and prepared for the 30-minute drive to school. Sometimes they would ride in silence; both of the sisters sensed the other was tired.

On other days, the sisters would laugh and tell jokes. They would talk and cry about their problems at school, home and with their friends. The sisters were best friends.

But this year, Hayley climbed into an SUV belonging to her dad, Terry Hyer, and was met with her father's need to fill the car with conversation even though she was tired. Hayley transferred to STA, leaving Hannah behind at their old school. The girls had to learn how to stay close despite losing their shared drive to school and attending different schools for the first time in their lives.

"[Hannah] said that the first day in the car [without Hayley] she kept looking over to the passenger's seat," Ms. Rhonda Hyer, the girls' mother, said.

It was during this ride to school that the girls used to catch up with each other.

"We would have, like, really deep conversations," Hayley said. "She would give me advice on boys, anything, any problems we were having with our parents, like, all kinds of stuff. We are really, really close. Sometimes we would be crying and stuff, but by the time we would get to school it would be all good and then we'd move on."

By driving Hayley to STA each morning, Terry began to learn more about his daughter's life and Hannah was hearing less and less about her sister's life.

"Usually I would tell [Hannah] everything in the car rides home, and when I'd get home I'd have already said it and I would want to tell [my parents] again," Hayley said. "Now I tell it all to them and she is in the dark."

Without the drive in the morning and their school connection, Hayley felt like they were growing apart.

"It felt like I was moving away from my best friend," Hayley said.

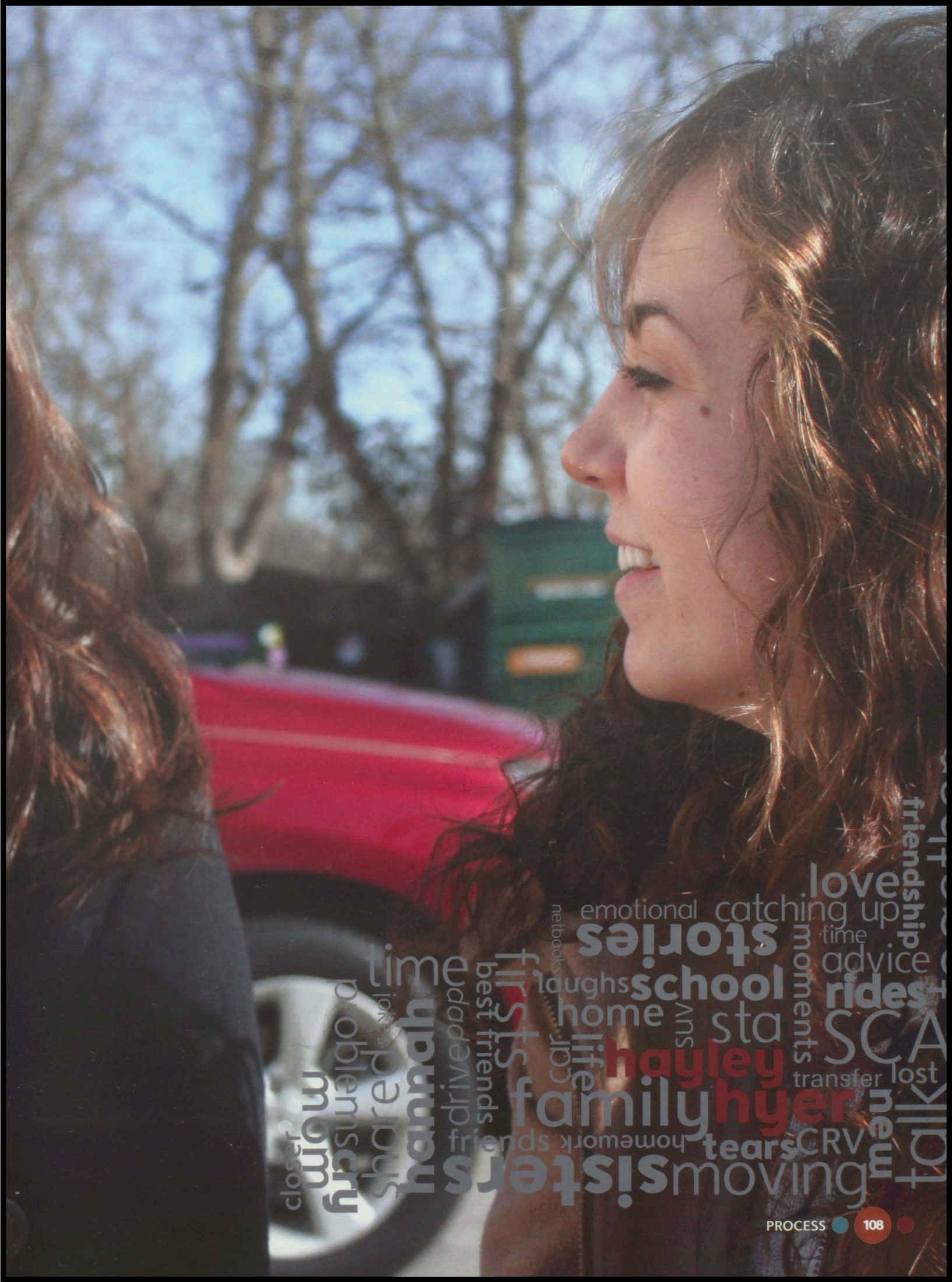
One November night, when Hannah had finished all her homework, she went down to Hayley's bedroom in the basement and found her sister also without homework. Hannah lay down on Hayley's bed and began a conversation about STA that lasted for hours.

They talked about Hayley getting lost on her way to class, the stairs and her new netbook. This, Hayley said, was when the sisters realized that they weren't growing apart, but growing closer. Because they did not spend as much time together, the girls had to work harder at maintaining the relationship they had always had.



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# fighting for life

In Washington, D.C., people of all ages and backgrounds gathered together to become advocates in the annual March for Life. Two students shared their experiences of traveling 60 hours via bus for the march. STORY AND DESIGN BY GABI LUKENS

Junior Annie Palmer was in the hospital for bronchitis and strep throat the night before she planned to board a bus to Washington, D.C. This bus, sponsored by St. Ann's Catholic Church, was driving to the annual March for Life. Although she was sick, Palmer was determined to attend the march. Luckily, the nurse who attended her at the hospital understood Palmer's desire to participate in the event, having attended a few times herself. Palmer was relieved when her nurse cleared her to go.

Coughing and aching, Palmer was ready to make the 24-hour journey to Washington D.C. to be an advocate for life. Unfortunately, the bus ride took a turn for the worse when the group encountered a snow storm. Instead of the anticipated 24-hours, the ride stretched into 36 hours. After finally arriving in Washington, D.C., the travelers were met with a downpour of rain.

"When we were standing outside before the actual march—during the rally—it was pouring down rain and all these random people were sharing their umbrellas with people they didn't even know," Palmer said. "It showed how people come together for a great cause."

The thousands of people cramped under shared umbrellas were holding signs that promoted life, including signs that read: "Defend Life," "Stop Unborn Pain" and "Thank you mom and dad for giving me life." One of the signs immediately caught Pamer's attention.

"One of them that I really remember had a picture of a baby on it and then the crown of thorns and it said, 'forgive them father, for they know not what they do,'" Palmer said. "It was amazing to see the babies represented as Jesus Christ."

With Palmer was junior Kelly Jenks. According to Jenks, she was surprised by all the posters, but also at the kindness she saw.

"The posters were really sad because people would put aborted babies on them," Jenks said. "It was amazing to see everyone be really nice, though, because I was expecting people to be crazy so it was a nice surprise."

Once the march was finished, the group piled back onto the bus and prepared for their ride back to Kansas City. Palmer, although she was still sick and had missed school, was glad to have helped in the cause for stopping abortion.



## moment of shock

Junior Kelli Strader recounted the story of her friend who committed suicide. STORY AND DESIGN BY GABI LUKENS

"I was at lunch with a friend when my phone started to ring. It was my mom, and when I answered she asked me if I knew the Karlin family. I knew that their 18-year-old son, Tom, was really involved in our parish and youth group. Then my mom told me Tom had committed suicide. My phone fell right out of my hand and hit the floor. I couldn't believe it. I picked my phone back up, and my mom said that we would talk more when I got home. I went through the next couple of days in complete shock. It all hit me at his wake and funeral, when I saw all of the people

who showed up to support Tom, and I started bawling. In the midst of all the tragedy, I really saw God in all of the people who organized rosaries and memorials and hot dinners for the Karlins."



**take a moment** Junior Kelli Strader prays at Holy Trinity Chapel Sunday, Feb. 5. After Karlin's death, Strader and her friends went there to pray for him. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ



## moment

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When we were choosing what we were going to do for our pumpkin. Mr. [Craig] Whitney pulled up a picture of Snooki [from "Jersey Shore"] and started talking about what [the pumpkin] would look like.   
—grace wilmot, '15

I love walking through the halls of M&A and hearing singing coming from the choir room. It reminds me of how we are

educating girls on the arts, and it gives me a sense of peace and pride in STA.   
—ms. mary jo coughlin

In Spanish, on the third day of school, we didn't know how to speak Spanish, so we got yelled at, [Ms. Carolyn Holstein] asked us to stop talking, and we didn't know what she was saying because she was speaking Spanish.   
—greta smithmier, '15



I think the blood drive for Cameron Benjamin [defined STA because] there were so many people there that cared so much.   
—ms. betsy hansbrough

Sometimes we get emails from former advisees and read them aloud and it's always special. If we notice someone is feeling down, we all respond to that, and that's always special.   
—mr. matthew bertalott

At Dancing With the Stars, they were

**so many signs** At the march for life Jan. 23, thousands of people who participated held up Pro-Life signs. The signs were meant to leave an impact. **PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ANNIE PALMER**



**right to life** (right) Junior Annie Palmer stands in front of the White House with another student who attended the march. Palmer battled an illness throughout her stay in Washington, D.C. **PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ANNIE PALMER**

**stop unborn pain** Junior Kelly Jenks holds up a sign in the shape of a stop sign during the Pro-Life march Jan. 23 in Washington, D.C. According to Jenks, she was surprised at how many people came together to peacefully protest abortion. **PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ANNIE PALMER**

**pause for cause** (far left) Thousands of people come together to march for life Jan. 23. The march drew people of all ages and from all over the country. **PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ANNIE PALMER**

doing the videos for the teachers, and for Elaine [Schmidt]'s mystery guest I died laughing. No one would get why Mr. [Stephen] Himes was so funny unless they went here.

—shaeffer smith, '15

I was walking into the gym and there was snow on the ground. There was snow on the side of the sidewalk in a snow pile and I went up and was trying to be all cool and kick



the snow pile and I fell on my back. I was up in the front of the line.

—miranda schultz, '14

[My moment was] during a junior class mass when the old priest was trying to make his homily and he said, "There was a woman at the grocery store, and she told me...what did she tell me...what...did she tell me?" And he couldn't remember. Literally precious.

—margie stone, '13

Our interaction with teachers are usually really casual, like we can talk to Ms. [Katie] Dolan about what we're doing on the weekends.



—alice green, '15

[Definitely] during swim team when Claire Fisher got a varsity cut on her 500 free. Everyone was really happy and it brought the team together.

—madi schieber, '13

We always have really funny discussions and off topic things with Mr. [Michael] Sanem. The other day, he started talking about how he drank a bunch of [cold medicine] last night because he had a cold and he had a lot of violent dreams of a zombie apocalypse.

—shannon mcauliffe, '14

Ms. [Terry] Conner was trying to explain a lab, and it looked like she was trying to drop it likes it's hot.

—jessie vincent, '12

# three little pigs

Like many others, the Ramirez family attended the Father-Daughter Dance. Senior Martha and her father, Rafael, placed third in the senior dance-off contest, setting a high standard for her two STA sisters. STORY AND DESIGN BY CRISTINA DEZEEUW

After successfully completing their first round, Martha and Rafael took the dance floor with the other finalist couples. With their eyes set on first place, Rafael whipped out a move he knew would win the crowd and the competition: the worm.

Rafael, the STA facilities manager, wove in and out of dancing pairs on the dance floor, wiggling like a worm during the annual senior father-daughter dance off at the Marriott Muehlebach Feb. 12. According to Rafael, this move secured them a spot in the finals among seven other couples.

"It was really cool to be in the dance off with my dad," Martha said. "I mean, we can dance! We were popping out the moves, but our talent probably kept the audience thinking that we had practiced. Oh yeah, we were sore the next day."

While the finalists danced, dads and daughters watched and cheered for their favorite couple. Among the crowd were Martha's two other sisters who also attended STA: sophomore Marisa and freshman Mireya.

Although, Martha and Rafael tried to win first

place, they earned third overall. While Marisa and Mireya would have liked to see Martha and Rafael place first, they were proud of them nonetheless.

"When they got the prize, I was so proud of them and happy for them," Marisa said. "Mireya and I cheered so loud for them, so they better have gotten a prize. But [third] place, I mean that's probably better than what me and my dad will get when I am a senior."

The Ramirez family, one of the only parties of four attending the dance, is very close according to Mireya. They all get along really well, and even though they fight, they still love and support each other no matter what.

"I knew they were having a good time watching, and it was cool to see that," Martha said. "Honestly though, we're always there for each other: from being at volleyball games, to dance performances, to doing homework...the list goes on and on. I'm blessed to have siblings like that. I hope they know I appreciate everything they do for me and know that I love them forever and ever times infinity."



## all hands on deck

Every year, students and their fathers attend the Father-Daughter Dance. Sophomore Abby Dearth and her dad handmade costumes for this year's theme of superheroes and supervillians.

**Q:** How did you and your dad decide to be the Titanic and iceberg?

**A:** A couple of nights before the dance, we still didn't know what we were going to do, so we just started googling heroes and villains. We had a pretty solid list going when my dad mentioned the Titanic and the iceberg.

**Q:** How did people react to your costumes?

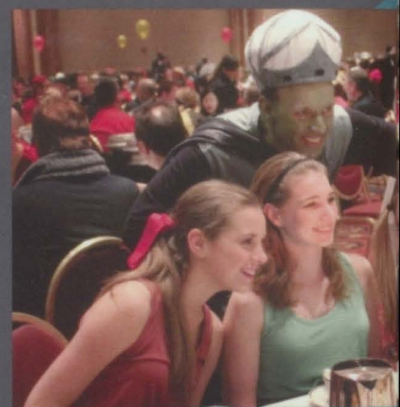
**A:** When we got to the dance, people were like laughing and pointing at us, and my dad was loving it.

**Q:** How did you guys make the costumes?

**A:** We mainly used cardboard to shape the boat and the iceberg, but also those little toilet paper rolls for the smokestacks. Then my dad spent a ton of time painting each window, and the name of the boat on the side. My dad attached suspenders to it to hold it up and wore a captain hat. For the iceberg, we just took a big piece of cardboard and busted the sides so it was more of a circle around me. I painted it white and wore a big white t-shirt over the top that said "iceberg."



**come, sail away** Sophomore Abby Dearth, left, and her dad pose for a photo at the Father Daughter Dance Feb. 12. "At first, I thought it was really depressing because so many people died," Dearth said. "But I think we really did it justice with the costumes." PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW



**four's a party** Freshman Siobhan Miller, Keara Miller, their father Sean Miller, and Aste Holtan take pictures after finishing the Father Daughter Dance Feb. 12. The group of four Jojo and the three Power Puff Girls. PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW

## moment

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When you walk across the quad you can just yell out anyone's name and have a conversation with them and no one really cares.

—maria flores, '15

My legs were so sore and I was walking and they hurt so bad that they gave out and I slid down the stairs and fell. Everyone around me asked if I was okay but I just started laughing.

—jellie duckworth, '14

I've gone to Mrs. [Sarah] Knopik in class and she takes time...to personally help me to do well in her class and on her papers.



—elizabeth arensberg, '13

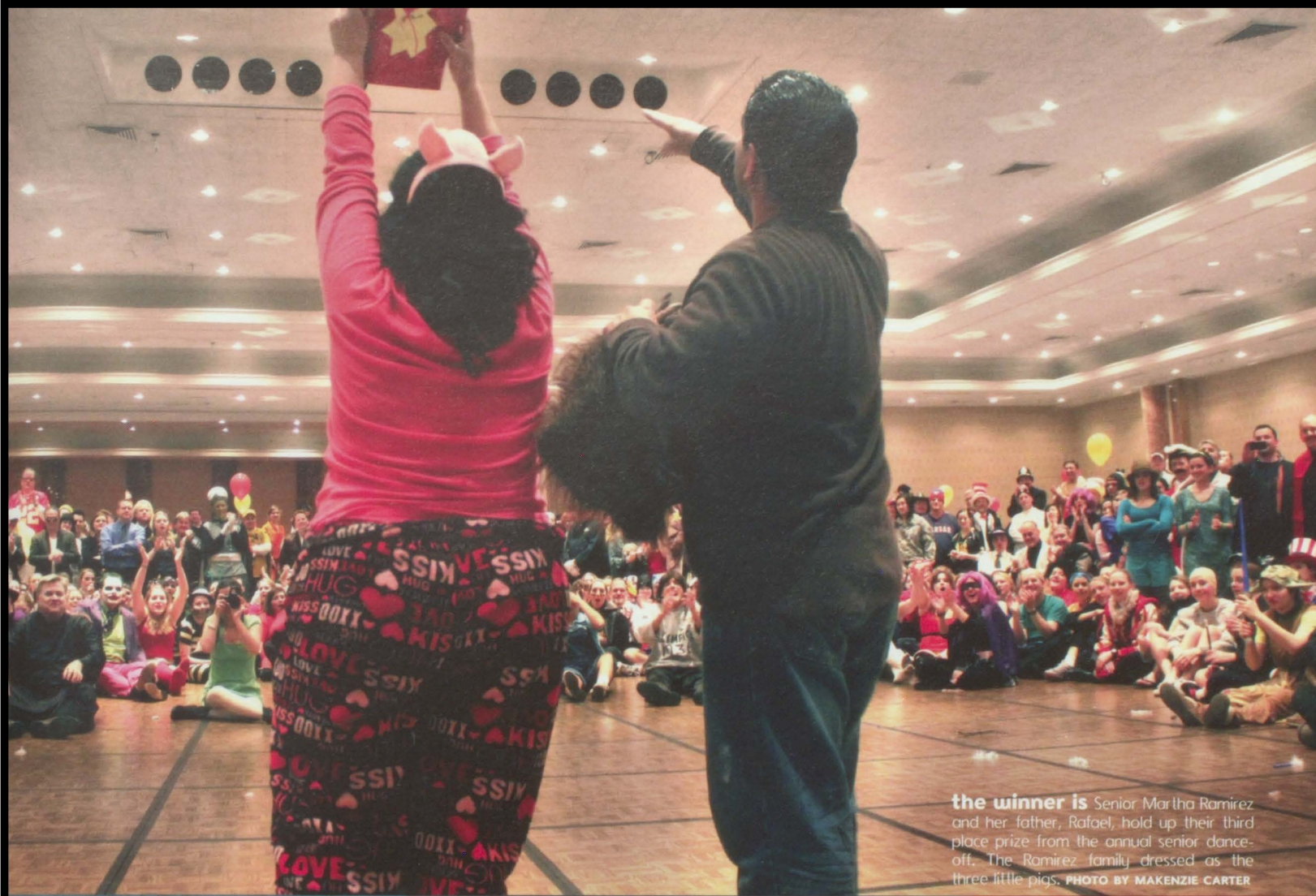
We played kickball for the first time in advisory and no one was really into it. We played Thomas [advisory] and he would call us days before to scare us and stuff. And then we got to the

game and we completely beat them and Mrs. [Stacie] O'Rear said that it was the best advisory game she had ever seen.

—mary leroy, '12

My favorite moments are when all [of the faculty is] together. When we're at parties and rehearsing the auction pep rally, that's some good stuff.

—rafael ramirez, facilities manager



**the winner is** Senior Martha Ramirez and her father, Rafael, hold up their third place prize from the annual senior dance-off. The Ramirez family dressed as the three little pigs. **PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER**



**big, bad wolf** (left) The Ramirez family, from left, Marisa, Martha, Rafael and Mireya play into their characters. The family came to the Father-Daughter Dance Feb. 12 dressed as the three little pigs and the big, bad wolf from the popular children's story. **PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW**



**time for supper** (left) Fathers Mr. John Robertson, from left, Mr. Dan Witt, juniors Emma Robertson and Kate Witt chat at their table before dinner at the Father-Daughter Dance. The pairs dressed as characters from "Alice in Wonderland" and "Phineas and Ferb." **PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW**

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In Ms. [Mary] Montag's class everyone is really wacky and laid back. It makes me feel really comfortable at STA.

—rachel fosselman '15

When Ms. [Robin] Good announced that she likes riding motorcycles during advisory.

—sophie seigfreid, '13

In Spanish class Mrs. [Julia] Gargallo was talking and we can understand

what she's trying to say but she sometimes sounds funny so we laugh in not in a mean way, but one time she mistook Stephanie Allee as a shadow and it was really funny.

—gabi lukens, '13

One time during activity a friend was talking to me about another friend with boyfriend problems and we started laughing. Then there was this awkward silence and she was like "Why were

you laughing?" and I said "Because you are." It was funny.

—maya burtin '13

During our CSJ meeting we were planning our tampon/pad drive and we were trying to decide how to make it a big success. We had the idea of making it a competition against Rockhurst. It was such an STA moment.

—christina allen, '13

The skit that we had to do for Frosh Fest was really funny. It was dressing up as coins to symbolize change.

—grace hodes, '13

I dressed up as [Mr. Richard] Shrock for Halloween last year and he thought it was really cool. I walked into his classroom and he said, "I have that sweater. You should have told me so we could match."

—madeline gabbert, '13





## by the numbers

Over Christmas break, STA's swim team changed their practices from once daily to twice a day. These were the changes expressed in numbers.

5 weekly practices  
 120 minute practices  
 25 minute drive to Longview Swim Club  
 2 practices daily  
 3 coaches  
 5 miles swam each day



**share the love** (above) Senior Marianna Messerli hugs freshman Taran Smith during Senior Night Jan. 26. Smith competed in the 200-meter freestyle and medley relay at the State competition. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



**it's circle time** (top right) Freshman Maggie Hutchison, from left, junior Rosie Hutchison, junior Jane Evans and coach Mr. Andy Wilcox huddle up with the rest of the swim team before a meet Jan. 7. The Northland Park Hill Invitational was held at the Gladstone Community Center. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



**like a butterfly** Senior Hannah Reinhart swims butterfly in a race Jan. 7. Reinhart swam for varsity all four years at St. Teresa's. PHOTO BY LIBBY SAUDER

# just keep swimming

Swim coach Andy Wilcox added daily two-a-day swim practices during Christmas break. Though the swimmers' times initially got slower, they began to improve as the season and practices continued. STORY AND DESIGN BY MADDIE HORTON

Sophomore Katie Hornbeck touched the wall after powering through the water for a timed race in practice. She looked up at the clock and, confirming her fears, saw that her time was worse than it was two weeks ago.

"I wasn't expecting to do that well because I was already really tired," Hornbeck said.

Over Christmas break, swim coach Andy Wilcox added two practices a day, more than doubling the team's time in the pool. According to Hornbeck, the swim team swam for two weeks, two times a day, for two hours, totaling five miles each day.

Hornbeck and sophomore Claire Fisher had not looked forward to these practices because of the exhaustion the girls felt afterward.

"All I wanted to do was eat and sleep [after those practices]," Hornbeck said.

Despite the initial lack of improvement, the swimmers saw their times decrease as the season came to an end.

"I got my [varsity swim time] two weeks ago," sophomore Claire Fisher said. "I don't like [the two-a-day practices,] but I like how they pay off."

Hornbeck added that the two-a-day practices put the team's time two weeks ahead of schedule.

"[Notre Dame de Sion High School's swimming times are] still a lot better than ours because they do two-a-day [practices], every day," Hornbeck said. "The teams that are better than us are the ones that do two-a-day [practices], but then we were better than the one-a-day practices. So I guess the two-a-days helped us improve our times."

Hornbeck agreed with Fisher, happy that they helped her improve her time but dreading the time commitment and intense physical exertion required for these practices.

"Now I'm happy that I did them because it made me better," Hornbeck said. "They are tiring, but I know I would want to do them again. They took a lot of time and made me really tired and hungry, but they helped us get better."

Back at the meet, Hornbeck drug herself out of the water, and tried not to focus on her slower time. Instead, she hoped that she would soon look up at the clock to see a much improved time than the time she was achieving prior to Christmas break.

**take a breath** Junior Maddi Hughes-Zahner takes a breath while swimming the 200-meter freestyle event at a meet in Springfield, Mo., Jan. 28. The swim team took the varsity team to Springfield every year for two meets. PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS



**back it up** Freshman Haley Baldwin prepares for her backstroke event at a meet in Springfield, Mo. Jan. 27. Baldwin swam the 100-meter backstroke at State, one of four girls to swim individually at state. PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS

## taran smith q&a

**Q:** How did you feel being one of two freshman competing at State?

**A:** It was very nerve-racking because I did not know what to expect and it was fun to be a part [of state].

**Q:** What was difficult about competing in State this year for you?

**A:** I expected myself to be really nervous and intimidated by the older and faster girls, and I was [really intimidated].

**Q:** Did the competition bring you closer to your team members?

**A:** Jane Evans, Rose Hutchinson and I became really close.

**Q:** How did your races go at State?

**A:** [The races] were okay. We dropped which was good. We were only a few seconds away from a [school] record.

**Q:** What are your goals for next year's swim season?

**A:** I want to qualify individually since I was on the 200 free and medley relay this year.



Juniors and seniors shared special moments they experienced while participating at their agencies during service week.

**Operation Breakthrough**

"We were working in [the classroom] Purple 2 and Sister Berta, who's in charge of Operation Breakthrough, came in and asked if all the kids could be on camera. KCTV5 came in and they were reporting on a story about this diaper drive and how it's benefiting Operation Breakthrough. They wanted background video of kids playing and we were playing with the kids the whole time. So we were on the news that night."

—hannah wolf, senior

**American Stroke Foundation**

"We went to the Roasterie Factory. They took us on a tour and the tour guide was going really fast and speaking in monotone because it was scripted or whatever. And then we get back to the room and he says that you can take whatever you want and then one of the people thought 'oh anything?' so he picks up one of the coffee things and one of the girls was like, 'Are you going to pay for that?'"

—anna heldt, junior

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

"There was this little girl that could barely speak any English and on the last day when I tried to help her she looked up at at me and was like 'Miss Gray, I love you.' It was so cute. She literally did not talk the rest of the week."

—peepers gray, junior



**helping her hear** Senior Katie Hyde, left, and Swope Ridge resident Jackie Evans share a laugh at a birthday party at the nursing home Mar. 2. Hyde spent time writing questions to communicate because of the woman's failing hearing. PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW



**here comes cake** Senior Katie Hyde and other Good Shepherd Hospice nurses and volunteers sing to a Swope Ridge Nursing Home resident, front, for his 79th birthday March 2. The group played casino-themed games, listened to jazz music and ate pizza and cake. PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW



**setting the scene** Senior Cassie Odneal works on a casino-themed game at service week Mar. 2. Odneal volunteered at Good Shepherd Hospice and spent the week visiting patients, planning a birthday party and baking cookies. PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW



**through the grapevine** (above) Senior Erin Sellers, left, and junior Elaine Schmidt play a game at Good Shepherd Hospice during service week Feb. 27. The students were given a paragraph to remember and pass from person-to-person. PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW

**home alone**

The class of 2015 experienced a week of school half empty while the juniors and seniors were participating at their service agencies.

I mean it was a lot quieter and like [there was] no one here...it [was] just like the freshmen ruled the school.

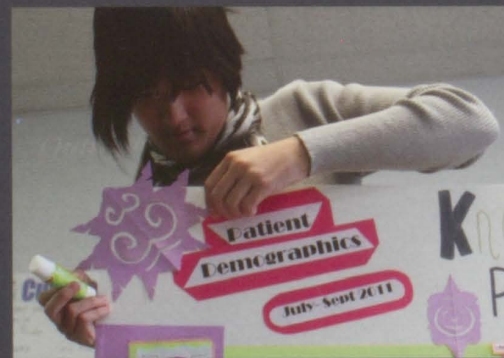
turner conwell, freshman

It was great because upperclassmen are scary! So we had the campus all to ourselves.

gretchen dudley, freshman

It just seemed really empty, and the stairs weren't as crowded. I could climb the stairs faster.

averie stapp, freshman



**posters, papers, patients** (left) Junior Cricket Martin puts the finishing touches on a poster for Good Shepherd Hospice March 2. Martin, along with the other student volunteers, spent service week making posters, visiting patients and assisting in the office. PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW



## my moment

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Praise Band has grown after each appearance. Students have been more attentive to them with singing and listening.

—ms. robin good, theology

Every time [junior] Adelle Smith passes me in the hallway she punches me, and then hides behind someone so I don't know who it is.



—jordan allen, '13

When we won the chalk contest and the skit at Frosh Fest was so fun. It's my freshman year and we had already won. We were all celebrating.

—ally drummond, '15

The teachers are open and approachable to questions. I like the all-girl environment because you can participate in class and not be embarrassed.

—allison bresette, '15

In Cooking Club when we just have like these epic feasts. It's just kind of like the unity of STA.

—rachel scheffler, '15

One time I was putting Mr. [Eric] Thomas's picture on a spread, and I was replacing it. I used his old school picture to fill the spot before...and he was wearing the same shirt, standing two feet away from me.

—maddi hughes-zahner, '13

I like how the auction skits only apply to STA and it's really funny because only we can appreciate the jokes that [the teachers] make.



—mary heiman, '13

When we did the whole school run around the new track. I took my little sister by the arms and spun her around in the air. It was really fun and everyone just had a lot of energy.

—jill campbell, '13

I was walking across the Quad with my friends [when] the sprinklers were on and one of them yelled, "Bad sprinklers!"



—mackenzie warrens, '13

I'll go to [Ms. Shana] Prentiss' room a lot during activity, and she is really chill and lets you do whatever. Usually when I go there it's really fun because she is really nice and cool.

—adelle smith, '13

For art portfolio, Ms. [Theresa] Wallersteadt surprised us. We usually have food days on Tuesday and she cooked us breakfast foods.

—jacqueline kerr, '12



# we party hard

Each year, upperclassmen leave campus for a week to volunteer at various agencies. Senior Katie Hyde and several others went to Good Shepherd Hospice, where they served the community and partied with residents. STORY BY FRANNIE WILKINSON

Representatives from local service agencies filled the Commons, advertising to students. After visiting the Service Fair, juniors and seniors applied to agencies, where they would proceed to complete 90 volunteer hours over the following two years. Senior Katie Hyde chose Good Shepherd Hospice for her agency and completed her hours in March.

"I remember being at the service fair and really liked their mission, and how it was evident that the agency was based on connection with the patients and being in compassionate care, which is part of their motto," Hyde said. "So that made an impression on me...I'd like to [volunteer again]. Maybe when I come back over Christmas Break [next year], I'll be able to come and help out."

While at the hospice, Hyde and other STA volunteers spent half their time doing office work. The other part of Hyde's time was spent with the residents. One day, Hyde made breakfast for a resident in the resident's own home and helped plan a birthday party for Tony, who was turning 79.

"We decide to throw a huge extravagant party,

and we celebrated it with him," Hyde said. "He absolutely loved it."

The volunteers put up black curtains, decorated the walls in playing cards and strung poker chips about the room to achieve a Las Vegas theme. Senior Haley Winslow, also at Good Shepherd, made a playlist of music that he would like.

"I just remember his face just completely lit [up] when he saw the room," Hyde said. "He just started crying and [said] 'Nobody has ever done this for me, I can't thank you enough.' I think we definitely achieved the desired effect because he was so happy and overwhelmed at our presence."

The party had cake, pizza and games with prizes. Music played and, before long, all the volunteers had to go. Unbeknownst to the volunteers, they would not see Tony again. Tony died March 28, four weeks after his party.

"It's always sad when you have to leave patients," Hyde said. "That was always in the back of my mind, like 'Will I ever get to see them again?' It's really sad when you dwell upon it, but it teaches you to [live in the moment.]"



**the stank face** From left, sophomore Camille Porterfield, junior Sara Meurer, senior Alexandra Radtke, junior Caroline Fiss and sophomore Kim Fryer strike a pose during the hip-hop performance. Faces were crucial in dance competitions. PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH



state story

After hard work at early morning and after school practices, the dance team was rewarded with fourth place overall at State.

The team placed second in their hip hop routine, as well as fourth in pom. The top teams were all within seven points of each other. These two scores helped them receive fourth overall.

"I think people expected a different outcome, which motivated us," co-captain Theresa Murphy said. "It was really great to get fourth. We worked really hard."

One of the ways the dance team prepared for State was looking at the scores from the past three years. They compared the scores of the top three teams and figured out what they needed to win State.

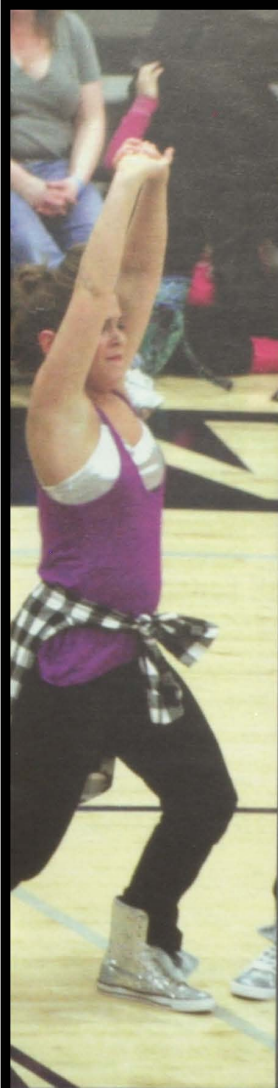
"It sounds really nerdy, but it's so dance team," co-captain Alexandra Radtke said.



**warm up buddies** Senior Alexandra Radtke, left, and sophomore Katie Daniels practice in their assigned warm-up classroom. The team competed in pom and hip hop at Lee's Summit West High School Feb. 25. PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW



**a leg up** Freshman Sydney Wimes warms up with the rest of the team before State. Wimes was the only freshman on the team. PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW



### splitting the work

The dance team started out their pom routine with a full team jump at State on Feb. 25. Dance team used their faces to attract the attention of the judges.

PHOTO BY ALEXIS JENKIN

# keep on smiling

The STA dance team used a variety of facial expressions to capture fans' attention during dances. The team's performances and exaggerated faces granted them a fourth place finish at the State competition.

STORY AND DESIGN BY ALEXIS JENKIN

The dance team sat in a circle preparing for their State performance. Their music blasted through their earphones. As the team went through the dance in their heads, they made the facial expressions they planned to use throughout the dance.

At competitions, the dance team practiced their facial expressions with each other during down time. The team wanted to know what "facials" everybody else was doing but not in a way that would make it look awkward or planned.

"I think [Notre Dame de Sion] choreographs their facials, but when our facials match it's because we feel the same way," junior Emmi Shearman said. "When we're all experiencing the moment together it just pops out."

The facial expressions added emotion to their dancing, and the faces changed with the routine

they were doing. During the pom routine, the team used big smiles.

"The smiles come from just having fun," co-team captain Theresa Murphy said.

During the hip hop routine they used a wider variety of expressions because, in that dance, every team member did their own thing.

"Hip hop is more about sass and stank face—not being repetitive," co-team captain Alexandra Radtke said.

Expressions communicated to the audience what the dancers were feeling while their smiles and sass brought them into the moment together.

It was finally time for the dance team to take their place at the center of the gym floor. Co-team captain Theresa Murphy took a breath and stepped into position. When the music began every girl on the team had a big smile on her face.



**all together now** Seniors Theresa Murphy, left, and Alexandra Radtke perform their senior dance at the basketball game against Notre Dame de Sion High School Feb. 14. Murphy and Radtke shared the job of team captain. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



## taking on pom

Dance team added pom to their list of routines in the 2011-2012 school year. At State the team performed their pom routine to "Ballroom Blitz" by Blue Oyster Cult. With bows in their hair and gold poms in hand, the girls did twirls and jumps in their new routine.

"Pom is a completely new style for us," dance team co-captain Theresa Murphy said.

During pom, the girls tried to embody stereotypical cheerleaders instead of just the sass they used during hip hop.

# trashy fashion

During club meetings March 8, fashion club held a competition: students were asked to design and create a dress only using toilet paper. Girls partnered-up and took turns designing and modeling their creations. STORY AND DESIGN BY PAIGE DRUMMOND

## PAUSE.

Junior Felicia Memminger-Warden's arms ached as she tried to keep them outstretched just a little longer. Sophomore Madeline Best stood, roll of toilet paper in hand, mentally designing as she wrapped the toilet paper around Memminger-Warden.

"[Being wrapped in toilet paper] felt kind of weird," Memminger-Warden said. "It wasn't loose, but it wasn't tight either. And it was over my clothes so it was awkward."

During club meetings March 8, Fashion Club participated in an activity that everyone could participate in. Members paired up and took turns designing a toilet paper dress on one another.

"Last year, our vice president, [STA graduate] Clare Magers, came up with the idea," club president Madalyn Doyle said. "It was a 'Project Runway' challenge she thought was really fun. The club seemed to like [the idea] but we never got around to it. This year we decided to have a really fun day and we just did."

## PROCESS.

After Best finished her design, the two switched roles—allowing Memminger-Warden to take control of the roll of toilet paper. Without a design in mind, Memminger-Warden began making a shirt.

"I was like, we'll put this here and put that there," Memminger-Warden said. "I was planning

on doing a shirt and it just kept getting longer. It actually looked like a dress."

Best felt similar to Memminger-Warden about being wrapped in toilet paper.

"It made me feel like I couldn't move, almost like a mummy," Best said. "It wasn't very flexible."

The small part of the classroom Memminger-Warden was given made it difficult to construct her design, but she still continued wrapping Best until the outfit was complete. As a finishing touch, Memminger-Warden added a bow and sent her model to the rest of the group for judging.

## PROCEED.

As her model lined up along the wall with the other models, Memminger-Warden hoped for a win, but Best's design won instead.

"I did [want to win], now that I think about it, even though I didn't go in thinking about [winning]," Memminger-Warden said. "I didn't mind losing, though. I just wanted a prize from the prize bucket."

Best said she liked Memminger-Warden's dress but saw her win coming.

"Winning—I kind of expected it," Best said. "I felt I did my best, and my best was good enough."

Memminger-Warden said that before the year is over she wants to win a challenge and get a prize from the club's prize box.



**three's a company** From left, lead singer Enrique Chi, drummer Brendan Culp, and percussionist Juan Carlos Chaurand play in the auditorium for a Spanish club fundraiser March 9. **PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER**

## making movies q&a

The band Making Movies came to STA to preform as a fund-raiser for Spanish club during Activity I and II March 9. Juan Carlos Chaurand, percussions, answered questions about the band and it origins.

**Q:** How was your experience at STA?

**A:** This is my seventh time performing here. I always enjoy coming here. I think I'm an honorary star. They gave me a sweatshirt.

**Q:** Would you consider coming back to STA?

**A:** Yeah, we'd love to as long as we are asked to come back.

**Q:** Where did you get your band name?

**A:** [We got our name] from an old rock band called Dire

Straights and Enrique [Chi] grew up in Panama listening to them. They have an album called "Making Movies," and he said if he ever had a band he would name it after them.

**Q:** Where do you guys get the inspiration for your music?

**A:** [Inspiration for our music comes from] a lot of different places. I like a lot of latin music. My dad is also a musician. I get a lot of my inspiration from him. Enrique could say the same thing; his dad is also a musician.

Clubs and organizations were a way for students to express themselves and share talents. Students described the ways their clubs and organizations show off the talents found on campus.

**OverExposed (Photography) Club**



"Overall I thought it was good to show off photographer's talents because we have some very talented photographers in the club. And a lot of people don't even think that photography club does anything or has any talent. So it was cool to show off our amazing photographers and give everyone a little gift."

-lauren langdon, sophomore

**Windmoor Magazine**

"Windmoor is great. It gives people who aren't involved in yearbook and newspaper an opportunity to show off their talents. We also try to accept art from a wide variety of students not just our friends. We try to hold our publication to a higher standard because we only come out once a year."

-lena white, junior

**Junior States of America**

"Every meeting we do current events that are controversial, and everyone raises their hand and gives their input."

-libby randolph, senior



**wrapping it up** Sophomore Madeline Best wraps her partner junior Felicia Memminger-Warden in toilet paper. Best was one of the winners of the Fashion Club toilet paper clothes making competition. PHOTO BY PAIGE DRUMMOND

This year each grade was represented in the STA Dance Club. Here are some facts about the organization.

- 2 co-presidents
- 7 club meetings this year
- 47 number of participants
- 4 guest teachers
- 1 field trip to the Performing Arts Center

by the numbers

**servin'it**

Clubs and organizations not only act within school but also take their work into the community. Students explain how they serve their dear neighbor.

**National Honor Society**



"We went to [Horizon] Academy. We chaperoned their dance. We got them really into it. We danced with them and made sure everyone was included. We are also going to plant flowers in [former STA teacher Anne] Heid's flower pots."

-maggie kenney, junior

**Community Service Club**



"We did Food for Thought around Halloween. We just do a bunch of projects but nothing you can do outside of school. A lot of the stuff we do gives an opportunity for students to participate so they don't have to drive somewhere and do it."

-eden kreighbaum, freshman

**Students Association for Global Awareness**



"We recycle in M&A every week. People are able to see people out there taking charge. They see people actually going out there and doing it. When they see that I think it makes them more likely to take up the cause."

-anja browning, sophomore

In Book Club, students read seven books throughout the year and discuss them at club meetings. Students share quotes from their favorite books.

"[My favorite quote is] 'Great! He has indigestion, so let's torture him with cake,' from 'Fire' by Kristin Cashmore. I just like the book a lot."

-alexis jenkins, junior

"My favorite quote would be 'When you tell a lie, you steal someone's right to the truth...when you cheat, you steal the right to fairness.'" It's from the 'Kite Runner' by Khaled Hosseini."

-jamie seibert, sophomore

"[My favorite quote is] 'And Juliet is the sun,' from 'Romeo and Juliet' by William Shakespeare because it is the best love story."

-emily hafner, sophomore

keep it quoting

# Scream your heart out

On the Friday before finals, students were allowed to run from the Quad and onto the Kevin Gray Field to scream during lunch and activity period. The purpose of this Scream Fest was to blow off stress before finals week. STORY AND DESIGN BY GABI LUKENS

"Attention STA: This Friday, the Friday before finals, we will be having a Scream Fest on our new field. This will be an opportunity for you to come to the field and scream as loud as you can to relieve the stress of finals. Everyone better be there."

Junior Grace Doran heard senior class president Celia O'Flaherty's familiar voice over the intercom. At first, thinking no one would participate, Doran was hesitant about the activity. When Friday rolled around, she was one of the first few people outside for STA's first annual Scream Fest. Doran was worried that no one was coming. Suddenly, O'Flaherty came running outside followed by many students, screaming, "EVERYONE TO THE FIELD!"

"When Celia told everyone to go to the field, everyone got really enthusiastic," Doran said. "We all started screaming and running to the field."

The idea for this Scream Fest started to form at a leadership committee that had taken place earlier in the year. While O'Flaherty was in charge of organizing the event, she said she was not the one who thought of it.

"It wasn't my idea," O'Flaherty said. "We were at the leadership committee and [junior] Sarah Kostoryz pitched the idea for [a Scream Fest] and letting stress out before finals, and how colleges do it sometimes. I had completely forgotten about it and then remembered right before finals. I asked [Ms. Mary Anne] Hoecker about it, and she approved."

Gathered on the Kevin Gray Field, jumping and

running around, students screamed as loud as they could. According to sophomore Katie Daniels, students hoped Scream Fest would provide an outlet during the hectic week before finals.

"I was excited [about the Scream Fest]," Daniels said. "I thought it was a really fun and creative way to get people's minds off of finals and relieve stress."

After Scream Fest, Daniels realized that students looked very strange to onlookers.

"[During Scream Fest], I was thinking, 'wow, this is really fun,' but I bet the people driving by think we're freaks," Daniels said.

Scream Fest helped Daniels to focus on something besides her geometry final. Girls jumped on each other, lept onto the pole vaulting mats and grabbed each other only to scream in each other's faces.

"It really helped, and it was fun to go crazy for a bit," Doran said. "It was good to get that crazy because even on student appreciation day it doesn't get that crazy. I definitely think that we should do it again."

According to O'Flaherty, students should expect Scream Fest to become an annual event to get rid of pre-finals stress.

"[Seniors] won't be here [for spring finals] but I'm planning on doing some sort of handing down the Scream Fest along with the kilt at Class Day," O'Flaherty said. "I'm thinking of getting a microphone or something like, hopefully, to pass it on to the next class president to keep it going."



**scream with me** Sophomores Camille Porterfield, left, and Katie Daniels scream at Scream Fest Dec. 9. "I was thinking wow this is really fun, but I bet the people driving by think we're freaks," Daniels said. **PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW**

## stressful moments

From projects and tests to ACT's and college searches, STA students explain what stresses them out the most.

*"We have a project in English right now that's really stressful. We have to do a bunch of research on a celebrity and find lyrics and make a website. It's very stressful and kind of hard."*



—daisy calderon, freshman

*"The school projects have definitely piled up. Freshman year, we didn't have very many projects, and this year we do. Worrying about classes for next year has also been very stressful lately."*



—mary grace ruhlman, sophomore

*"I feel like the work load has been a lot more than it has been in the past. The ACT and prep for ACT has been very stressful as well."*



—sadie duffy, junior

*"All of the projects, like plant projects and biology labs, and homework and remembering all of the due dates [have been stressful]."*



—kelsey ceriotti, senior



**just go crazy** (above) Seniors Alex Mediavilla, from left, Christina Barton, Erin Sellers, junior Elaine Schmidt, senior Stephanie Hampel and senior Katie Hyde stand in a circle to participate in the Scream Fest Dec. 9. Girls gathered all over the soccer field to scream away the stress of finals. **PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW**

**hear me roar** (right) Senior Kerry Egan screams with her other senior classmates. The day of the Scream Fest was also a day for seniors to dress in Christmas apparel. **PHOTO BY LIBBY SAUDER**



# my moment

Every student, staff member and faculty member was asked to describe a memorable moment at STA. COMPILED BY THE TERESIAN STAFF

The moment when a few of the teachers came into our room while a sub was teaching. They started talking with the students and the sub, and it shows how strong of a relationship the teachers have with the students and each other. Everyone has a really strong bond.



—betsy lehr, '15

I love when girls make me laugh. I like to see them having a good time and still being really passionate about their learning. You don't see that as much at other schools.

—sarah skidmore, science

Earlier this year a girl was trying to come in the side door of Donnelly that was locked. It was close to class time and another girl went out of her way to open the door for her.

—susan duff, development

The bus trip for our field trip was pretty fun. We would spot hobos and take pictures of them.



—maddie thompson, '15

Once I tripped up the stairs, and when I fell all my stuff fell. My pencil bag kind of exploded everywhere, and people were staring at me but tons of people were picking stuff up.

—lauren goode, '13

[My moment] was probably when no one had anything to do during a free in Ms. [Mary] Montag's room, so we all played cards.



We played BS, and it was just really fun because everyone participated, and it felt good.

—caroline green, '13

When we talked about [Ms. Tyler Stewart's] boyfriend. She told us about the guy she met, and their experiences and date and how she kissed him goodbye. She kept squealing and laughing, and later we found him on YouTube.

—rachel smith, '14

In theology we were studying the Passover and some of the Passover foods. Ms. [Mary Jo] Coughlin brought in a lot of food for everyone and was going crazy. It was really fun. This showed how close she was with students.



—eden kreighbaum, '15

In geometry Ms. [Kim] Sirridge draws funny things on our worksheets for class like stars with dialogue. One day we were doing triangles and two of them were together and it looked like a bow tie. [The class] told her, and so now she puts penguins with bow ties on our tests.

—lindsey valdiviez, '14



**cover your ears** (above) Senior Maddy Ismert screams while holding her ears at the Scream Fest Dec. 9. Up to 560 girls were screaming together on the field that day. PHOTO BY LIBBY SAUDER

**piggy back rides** (left) Senior Mayme Marshall, left, gives Katie McCombs a piggy back ride at Scream Fest Dec. 9. Marshall and McCombs were decked out in Christmas wear for senior theme day. PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW

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During the volleyball game, when Mr. [Eric] Thomas and Ms. [Michelle] McIntire were chasing each other around was really funny.

—claire fisher, '14

In advisory we worked together to make our pumpkin. Everyone contributed and helped out, even all the freshmen.

—molly a. mullen, '15

I love that a lot of the teachers got involved in the pep rally because it shows they care and want to be involved with the students. Ms. [Denise] Rueschhoff and Ms. [Katie] Dolan were pretty cool because they had to work together and be really connected.

—lilly conwell, '15

[My moment was just] playing dodgeball during activity. I don't think other schools let you do that.

—sinead mcgonagle, '15

One time [senior] Maddie Ismert and [junior] Courtney Coppinger and I were in a free not doing anything and there were these brownies, and we started rolling them up and made them look like poop. Then Courtney went into the bathroom and put them on the toilet seat. In my next class Peepers came in and said that somebody had pooped on the toilet seat. It was funny because she believed it.

—hailey waldenmeyer, '13

When the teachers dressed up, acted, and sang for the Harry Potter auction pep rally was so STA.

—maty shearhart, '13

My favorite was [Mr. Richard] Shrock dressed as Harry Potter.

—katie wihelmus, '13

Mr. [Ed] C[hronister] was our sub for [Ms. Amy] Carlson a lot of the year, and he brings the juniors Butterfingers every day. I think it's nice that he does that.

—kelly stokes, '13

[My moment would be] walking to class across the Quad with people that you know and talking to them.

—aste holtan, '13

A memorable moment I had at STA was freshman year when I wiped out going up the stairs from the Commons. Alice Green, Kate Witt and I still laugh about it.

—emma stanfield, '13

I liked when [the teachers] dressed up as students. It made STA seem cool and fun.

—shannon o'roure, '15

# out with a bang

Each year, parents worked with the school to put on TNT, which created a sense of community. As the last TNT ended, these volunteers treasured the last moments. STORY AND DESIGN BY MATTIE DAVIS

The extra items were driven to the thrift store. The last of the boxes were hauled out. The floor cover was folded up. Workers sat in relief, feeling the success of the last TNT sale.

The Trash 'n Treasure Sale, or TNT, was put on for its 40<sup>th</sup> and final sale March 30 and 31. Over those 40 years, TNT built friendships, helped the less fortunate and connected the STA community.

"The whole St. Teresa's community was involved in TNT," Ms. Terry Egelhoff, a development and special events worker at STA, said. "It was a good community builder."

Volunteers worked from early September to late March to put the sale together. During their time together the volunteers formed many friendships.

"When I came to St. Teresa's, one of my friends suggested I join the TNT volunteers," theology teacher Mary Jo Coughlin said. "I made many of my friends at STA through TNT."

The sale typically brought in 36,000 to 40,000 dollars a year, according to Egelhoff. The work building up to the sale, however, was very labor intensive. The volunteers put in countless hours every year to accomplish TNT.

"The administration is very grateful to the women and men in our community that have helped with the execution of the sale for the past forty years," Egelhoff said. "Their commitment should be an inspiration

to all of us."

According to Egelhoff, many in the community did not realize how much effort went into putting the sale together. They understood why it should close, but were still upset it ended. Volunteers, teachers and students would miss the friendships created through TNT.

"I think the coolest part of TNT are the relationships formed," president Nan Bone said. "People come together during this. I'm sad that might end."

The TNT sale was originally created as a spring fundraiser, but also to help the poor in the Kansas City area, according to Egelhoff. Each year they give leftover items to a thrift store and often furnish homes for some that could not do it themselves. With the end of TNT, STA would no longer be making those yearly donations.

"I think the saddest part of TNT ending is that we will no longer be helping the people we have been," Egelhoff said.

According to Egelhoff, the Development Office and the parent organization was planning another spring fundraiser to replace TNT in future years. A committee had been formed to brainstorm ideas for the new sale. The hope was that the new sale would create the same community effect.

"I enjoyed walking through the last TNT and seeing alumni, current parents and old chairwomen volunteering," Egelhoff said. "Everyone was very close."



## humble beginnings



**at the start** The TNT sale began in 1972 in a boiler house that used to be on the Windmoor Campus. "It was started as a fundraiser for the school and a community service project," Ms. Terry Egelhoff said. PHOTOS COMPILED BY MATTIE DAVIS





**in full swing** (top) The TNT sale typically brought in between 36,000 and 40,000 dollars per sale. "TNT has always been such a big thing [at STA]," said alumnae Katie Drummond. PHOTO BY MATTIE DAVIS

**sale slowing down** (middle) As the last buyers left, people expressed how they felt about the sale ending. "I'll miss TNT," Ms. Mary Anne Hoeker, principal of student affairs, said. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ

**last pack up** (bottom) Volunteers cleared the Goppert Center after the last TNT sale. "I'm so sad," Ms. Mary Montag said. "I understand, but I think it's a fantastic fundraiser." PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ



**boys on campus**  
(above) Jake and Eddie Kraus, cousins to STA graduate Lily Kraus, help out at the TNT sale with their mother Roberta Kraus March 30. The twins are freshmen at the University of Missouri. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ

**drive into action**  
(left) Riding on a golf cart, Ms. Katie Dolan, left, and Ms. Kelly Drummond drive around the back of the Goppert Center March 30. The final TNT sale was held there March 30 and 31. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ

Ms. Laurel O'Leary is a 91-year-old graduate of St. Teresa's Academy, who wears her 1936 class ring to this day. After graduating from STA, she attended Smith College. She taught during the Great Depression, then became a social worker for Jewish Holocaust survivors. When she attended STA, she believed the school's mission was to keep young girls away from "Jesse James"-type men.



**proud sta supporter** STA alumnae Laurel O'Leary hides behind her hands during the last TNT sale March 30 in the Goppert Center. O'Leary continued to wear her STA class ring from 1936. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ

the people you'll meet

# my moment

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[I love] when I see a lot of girls passing through the quad while singing songs especially on Friday.

—jenny tilson, '15

I forgot shorts for dance one day and Emily Taylor took hers off in the middle of the quad and gave them to me.

—fiona madden, '14

It was raining and everyone was walking [in] the quad. There was a huge clap of thunder and everyone started screaming and running, even me.

—maddy niemuth, '15

I was in the cafeteria one day and my friends were making a beat on the table. I got up, went over there and started dancing. I didn't care what people thought. I just did it.

—alexandria wilson, '15

I was walking down the stairs...And some of the seniors in my advisory walked by me, and they said hi to me. I actually thought I had a real relationship with them that I wouldn't have at other schools

—siobhan miller, '15

One day at cross country we had a "Twinkie race" and used a Twinkie instead of a baton and at the end of the race it was a ball of smush.

—lily o'neill, '15

[A good moment was] when I was trying on Teresian [dresses] in [Mr. Michael] Sanem[']s room] and he told me to stop having a romantic comedy montage with my friends.

—sarah godfrey, '12

It was that moment when the curtains first close at the end of the show, and everyone gets crazy happy. We all start dancing around like fools.

—adrianna ohmes, '14

It is really nice that Mr. [Rafael] Ramirez always opens the door for us even when it is freezing cold outside.

—kelli strader, '13

The kickball games make our advisory work together...and it makes it so students aren't shy anymore. It gives everyone something common to talk about.

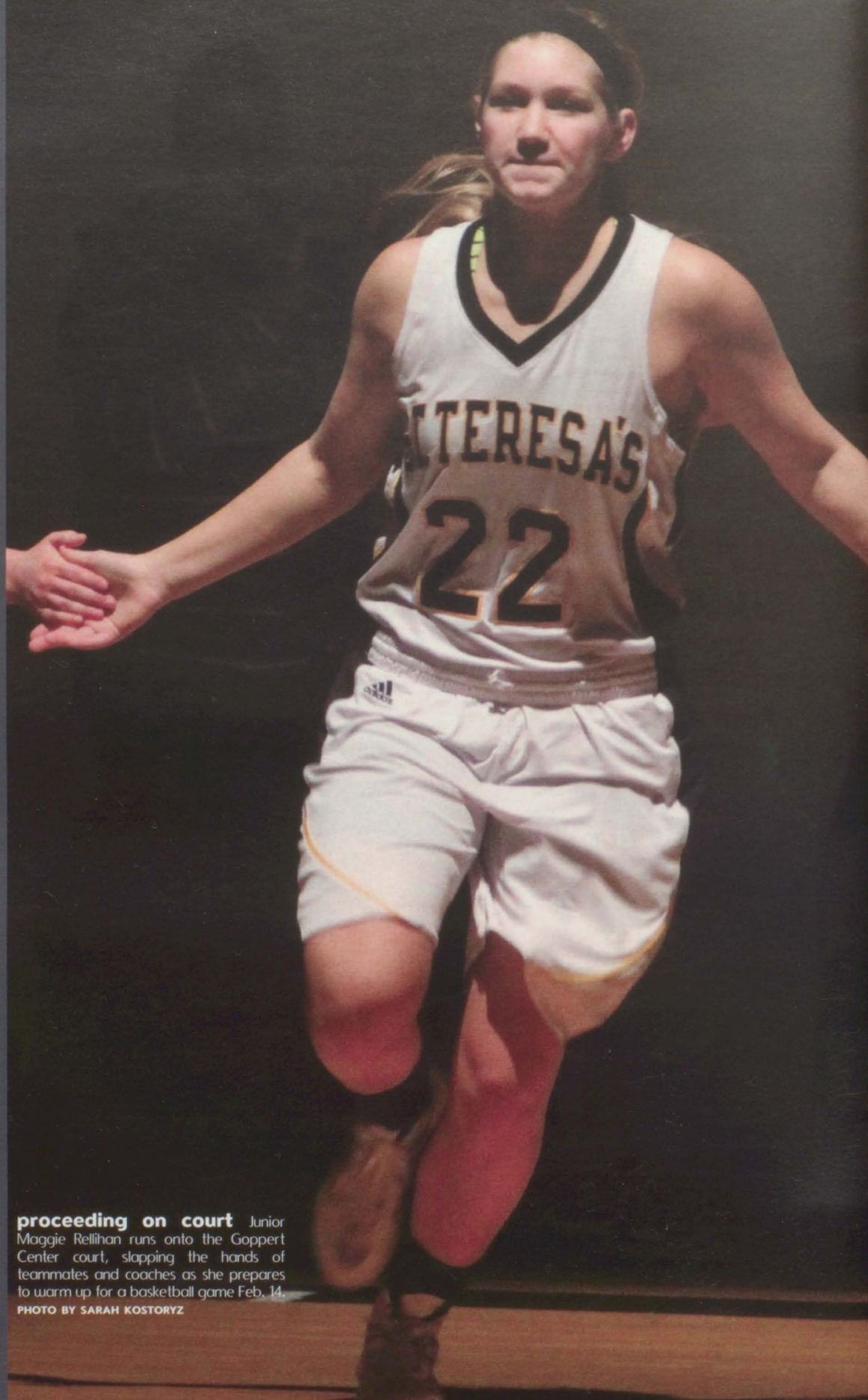
—whitney waeckerlie, '13

My defining moment this year was found at the Kairos Retreat. I became closer with my classmates and found my own unique relationship with God.

—martha ramirez, '12

Last year during our first advisory party we went on YouTube and taught Ms. [Denise] Rueschhoff how to Dougie, and then after that we all started Dougie-ing... now every time I ask Ms. Rue to Dougie for me she does.

—katie tampke, '14



**proceeding on court** Junior Maggie Rellihan runs onto the Goppert Center court, slapping the hands of teammates and coaches as she prepares to warm up for a basketball game Feb. 14.

PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ

# proceed

Take the strength to proceed...

Proceed with your moment...

Proceed with your year...

Proceed with your life...

Sprint that last straightaway.  
Place the test tube over the bunsen burner.  
Walk across the quad with your friends.  
Finish that last Spanish sentence.  
Eat a second plate of Chris Cakes.  
Sketch the gym in drawing I.  
Pick the restaurant in advisory.  
Dress like a construction worker.  
Trick-or-treat for cans on Halloween.  
Ace that social concerns test.  
Lose your voice at home games.  
Click submit on the TurnItIn website.  
Wait for the bell to ring in advisory.  
Redesign your poster board for ASP.  
Sing Taylor Swift songs in the chapel.  
Start planning for next year.  
Give out bear hugs on yard days.  
Endure second semester finals.  
Laugh at the teachers playing volleyball.  
Dance wildly with your dad.  
"Tebow" as Mr. Kelly Fast walks to his room.  
Decorate the quad in everything Christmas.  
Throw your cap at graduation.

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# shrocking the court

Mr. Richard Shrock's advisory played the first STA kickball game during an advisory party. Since then, Ms. Stacie O'Rear has organized kickball games between advisories that allow bonding and friendly competition between students and teachers. STORY AND DESIGN BY KATHLEEN BLANCK

## PAUSE.

The girls in Mr. Richard Shrock's advisory put on their game faces as they prepared to take on Mr. Eric Thomas's advisory. The preparation began before Ms. Stacie O'Rear made the games official. The advisory even practiced together during advisory parties.

"Last year, we played in our own advisory one day for a party, and it was really fun and we thought, 'Oh, we should play again,'" Shrock said. So, we told Mr. [Eric] Thomas, and we talked about playing advisory versus advisory."

Sophomore Mary Grace Ruhlman explained the advisory's passion for kickball simply.

"We wanted to do something competitive," Ruhlman said. "That's kind of how it started."

The advisory also designed t-shirts for to show their passion for kickball. The t-shirts, designed with school colors, read "Shrock advisory varsity kickball" on the front.

## PROCESS.

Sophomores Lizzy Luallin and Kathleen Connor enjoyed the competition of kickball.

"Now, we're undefeated," Luallin said. "It's a great time."

"It's all thanks to Shrock," Connor said. "He's a very good player."

The game for the Shrock advisory had been described as "intense, very intense."

"We won't take this for granted," Luallin

said. "We don't take this for a joke. It's serious. We don't lose."

Shrock was also known for his positivity about the game despite some fumbles.

"Shrock never yells," Luallin said. "He's always like, 'Come on, let's go,' and claps."

The girls spent their game time bonding, huddling up and calling plays.

"[I really like] watching Shrock get into the game because he really gets into it," Connor said. "And winning. We win a lot."

## PROCEED.

Much to his advisees dismay, Shrock announced that he would only be coming back part-time the next year. This meant no more Shrock advisory and, therefore, no more Shrock advisory kickball.

"We have a lot of fun, and we're like a family," freshman Meghan Daniels said. "We know each other really well."

But the girls were not going to let this change affect their bond.

"We were really surprised because we didn't think it would happen at all, but we knew we'd see him around," Daniels said.

Without Shrock, the girls knew the following year would be different.

"It was a sad moment when we talked about it," Shrock said. "It'll be different some, but hopefully not too different for them."



# Advisories

## going bananas



**hide and seek** According to sophomore Katherine Viviano, Ms. Michelle McIntire's advisory gave McIntire the game "Banagrams" after hiding bananas around the classroom. PHOTO BY KATHLEEN BLANCK

"Well, last time they hid [the banana] in one of her drawers, and they sort of forgot about it for a while. But then we saw all these gnats everywhere. So we went and checked it, and it was all rotten.

All these gnats were everywhere. It was disgusting. They had to throw it away, but I don't think she found out. I thought it was hilarious. It's good that our advisory can have fun and stuff and let loose during school."

—kylie ceriotti, mcintire '15

## you've got mail



### Ms. Barbara Harris' advisory

"[The bins are] good to put all our stuff in, but I wish Ms. [Barbara] Harris would do something more with the [boxes]. Maybe like at the end of the week or end of the month she could put little candies in them. Only for Christmas she puts candy in them."

—allison mcclendon, '14



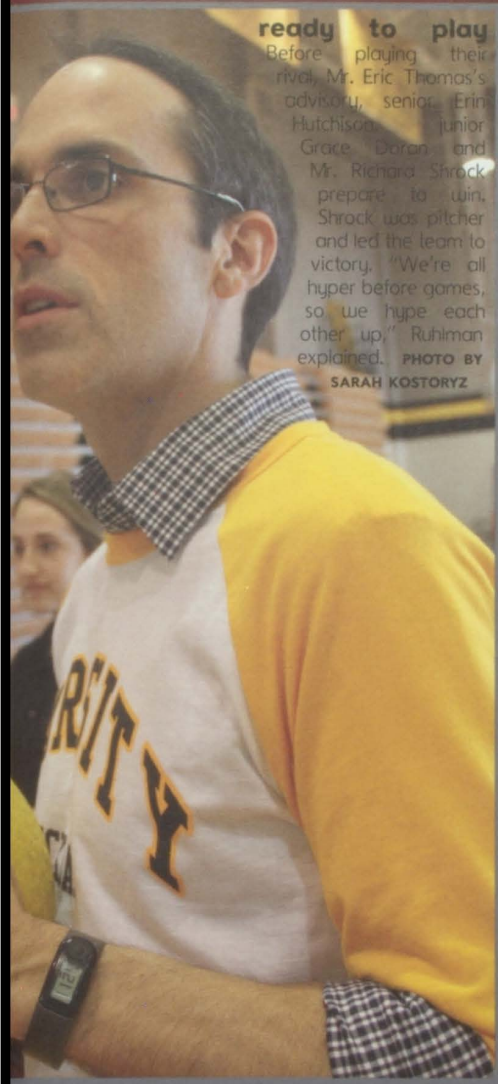
### Ms. Carolyn Hollstein's advisory

"[The cubbies] make advisory pretty easy because I know where to look everyday for anything new. It's also probably less stressful for Ms. [Carolyn] Hollstein because she doesn't have to remember a million little things for everyone in the advisory."

—shelby hawkins, '14

## ready to play

Before playing their rival, Mr. Eric Thomas's advisory, senior Erin Hutchison, junior Grace Doran, and Mr. Richard Shrock prepare to win. Shrock was pitcher and led the team to victory. "We're all hyper before games, so we hype each other up," Ruhiman explained. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ



## that's my spot



STA sophomores, juniors and seniors look for prime parking in the morning based on arrival time, advisory location, and carpool.

● **giggy reardon, '14**

**Ms. Renéé Blake's advisory, third floor donnelly**  
"I park behind Donnelly because I'm third floor, and it's already a long way, so I want to make it shorter. But also I have track after school so it's a lot easier to grab my stuff and go rather than grab my stuff and walk all the way across the Quad to get to my car."

● **madeline gabbert, '13**

**Ms. Diana Blessen's advisory, second floor donnelly**  
"Usually, I try to park on the Donnelly side of the main parking lot as close as possible. If not, I try to park in the sophomore lot up close, so it's sort of how close I can get to my advisory."

● **emmi shearman, '13**

**Ms. Theresa Wallerstedt's advisory, basement donnelly**  
"My usual parking space has to do with my advisory, and it has to do with my schedule after school. I park off campus, on the Donnelly side, perpendicular to Main St. because I leave for work or dance everyday after school. It's just easier to get out of there than the parking lot."

● **danni porter, '13**

**Ms. Stacie O'Rear's advisory, goppert center**  
"Well, I take Margie Stone to school, and she's in Donnelly. I'm in Goppert, so I can park on either side, but she throws a fit if I don't park on her side."

**park it girl** After the construction of the Windmoor Center and the new sports complex, more parking spaces were available to STA students. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY KATHLEEN BLANCK

● **kate sanders, '13**

**Ms. Alice Amick's advisory, second floor m&a**  
"I park in the M&A lot because my advisory is in M&A and so is my sister's. I like to park in the middle front so I can just pull out. I like to be closer to Windmoor so I can try to get out early."

## under their wing

Two new advisories made up of only freshmen asked for guidance. Mr. Michael Sanem's advisory paired with Ms. Robin Good's advisory, and Ms. Kim Sirridge's advisory with Ms. Jo Weller's advisory.



**Sirridge and Weller**



**Sanem and Good**

### How does the Weller advisory welcome you?

"They invite us over to do things with them, like advisory parties, and they're having food for the seniors. They just invite us over during activity."

**Why have the partner advisory?** "[We pair up] so we can get the experience of having older girls in our advisory, even if we don't technically have older girls."

—arinna hoffine, sirridge '15

### How do you welcome in the Sirridge advisory?

"We're kind of like the Momma Bear. Sirridge advisory will come to us for a party, if they have questions or if they don't know what they're doing. So they're our baby bears."

**Why?** "We pair up because they don't have anyone older than them to show them the way or be their big sister."

—frannie wilkinson, weller '14

### How do your advisories connect?

"In the morning and afternoon, we would [meet in Sanem's room], but during midday, we would go up [to Ms. Good's room]. We would have advisory parties because they could drive for food."

**Why?** "We're only freshmen in Sanem, and he didn't know what to do, but Good had everyone so she knew what to do."

—hayle brown, sanem '15

### How does the pairing up affect the Good advisory?

"It's alright, but it means we have double the freshmen, so we have advisory parties with [the Sanem advisory]. We also help them learn to be an advisory because they have no upperclassmen."

**Why?** "I think [our advisories paired up] because it was convenient and close."

—sammy patterson, good '13

With great advisory parties comes great responsibility. Some girls have their fair share of advisory party mishaps and traditions.

"Well, for birthdays [in Ms. Amy Carlson's advisory], Mercy [Favrow] makes like the best Oreo balls, and so whenever she brings them everyone like attacks the thing. But it's funny because like literally, people jump on each other to see who gets the most Oreo balls."

—jellie duckworth, '14

"Last year [in Ms. Katie Dolan's advisory], Mariah [Hughes] got a soda at an advisory party, and she accidentally dropped it on the floor. She picked it up and put it back on the table, but she didn't say anything. So someone went to pick it up, and it sprayed everywhere. And she was like, 'Oh, I forgot to tell you that I dropped that.'"

—natalie fitts, '14

foodfrenzy

# Luck of the Irish Cup

The basketball team celebrated their hard work by defeating rival Notre Dame de Sion High School, receiving the Irish Cup. STORY AND DESIGN BY MADDIE DANG

The buzzer sounded. It was over. The air was electric as five girls dressed in white and gold gathered on the court for a group hug. The girls dressed in purple walked off with their heads hung low. STA's varsity basketball team defeated Notre Dame de Sion High School for the first time in 10 years, winning them the Irish Cup.

"After watching [the Irish Cup] be passed off the previous three years [to Sion] and to finally put our hands on it was almost like, 'Wow all of our hard work and sweat was all worth it,'" senior captain Megan Lankford said.

Lankford, along with senior Megan Lewis, believed that this game defined their season. However, coach Chance Stephens did not agree with that assessment.

"We had a lot of highs [this year]," Stephens said. "We won 15 games, which is the most in a long time. [However] it defined the direction the program is going."

The win was a high point in the season because, according to freshman Gigi Gray, the Stars' loss to Sion earlier in the season motivated the team to perform better.

"Losing earlier in the year to Sion affected the team dynamic because it pushed us to work harder and improve so that we could beat them later on."

Stephens wanted the girls to play their hardest and believed that they had the best shot at winning

against Sion.

Gray also said that the team went into the game with a particular strategy: to work together and do their best to stop the Storm's offense.

"The team's mindset was that if we came in playing our best as a team and shutting down their key players, then we would be able to win," Gray said.

That is what they did. They shut down the Sion offense that defeated them two weeks before, took control of the game on the home floor, and won 60-53. Junior Maggie Rellihan led the team in scoring with 22 points, which was an improvement from the first game. Lewis said in addition to Rellihan, the entire team played better during the second meeting.

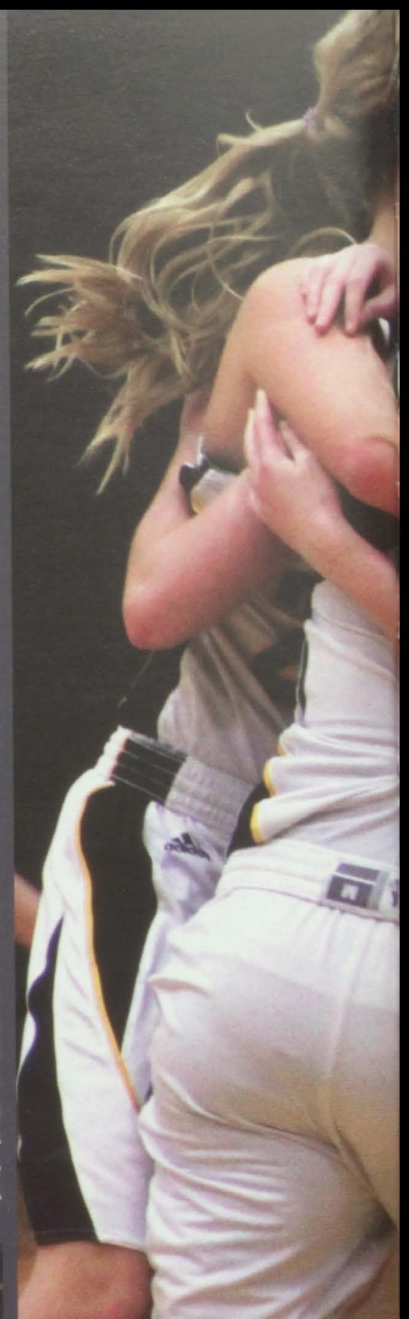
"Our first game against them was not a real showing of what we were capable of and we needed to prove ourselves," Lewis said.

After athletic director Mark Hough handed the Irish Cup to Lankford and Lewis, the two held it up to the crowd, proud of their accomplishment. They watched as the fans, dressed as animals, stormed the court and formed a tunnel for them. They ran through, huge smiles on all of their faces, knowing they accomplished something that nobody at STA that year had ever seen before. They knew this was the start of something new, a new beginning to STA basketball.

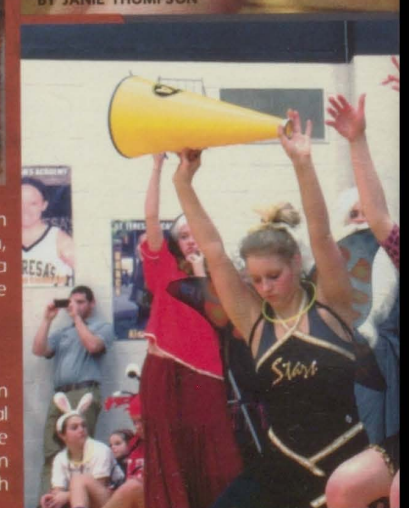


**row one:** Daisy Calderon, Gretchen Dudley, Haley Sirokman, Becca Lueke, Melissa Le, Maggie Rellihan, Megan Ehrnman, Ellie Shorter, Olivia Bellatin **row two:** Kennedy Bright, Jenny Tilson, Maggie Herrington, Grace Bullington, Shannon McAuliffe, Megan Helt, Shannen Freeman, Lizzie Luallin, Gigi Gray, Carson Beineman **row two:** Amelia Marsh, Sydney Edmonds, Michelle Dierks, Anna Marie Fiorella, Jennifer Blake, Megan Lankford, Megan Lewis, Paige Lankford, Abby Haake, Lily O'Neill. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

**we're party animals** (right) STA seniors, from left, McLaren O'Rear, Marianna Messerli, and Rachel Caffrey, dressed as animal cheerleaders, cheer on the varsity team during the rivalry game between Notre Dame de Sion High School Feb. 14. "I had never seen an environment like that in girls high school basketball before," coach Chance Stephens said. PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON



**love this feeling** The STA basketball team, from left, junior Maggie Rellihan and seniors Megan Lankford and Megan Lewis celebrate after the final buzzer sounds during the rivalry game against Notre Dame de Sion High School Feb. 14. The group hugged in front of a full house of family and students. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON





## coming up short



Sweat dripped from junior Becca Lueke's chin. She heard the opposing team cheering while her teammates remained silent. The scoreboard usually showed the varsity team's hard work, but not today at Districts.

"The first thing I thought of was our seniors and how I would never play with them again," Lueke said. "Then I thought that next year, we would win districts for my final year."

Lueke also said that she thought the team was playing well even though the scoreboard did not reflect that, opponent Lee's Summit High School winning 51-31.

"We were well prepared for the game, but just fell short when it really mattered," Lueke said.

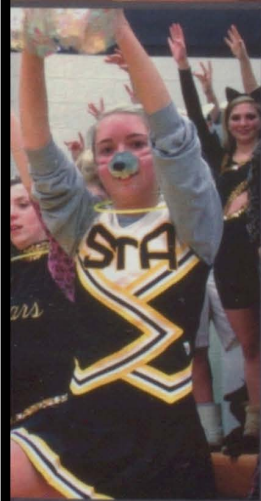
Coach Mr. Chance Stephens emphasized that this year was a turning point in STA basketball.

"I think the girls after this year's success are excited for STA basketball," Stephens said. "I think we'll have girls coming back and coming in who have something to look forward to."



**outta my way** (above) Sophomore Savannah Trujillo, right, drives against a Pembroke Hill High School basketball player during the fourth quarter of a varsity away game Feb. 2. The Stars won the game with a seven point lead, ending the game with a score of 46-39. PHOTO BY MADDIE DANG

**coming in hot** (left) Junior Becca Lueke performs a lay up, forcing her way past two Pembroke Hill High School defenders during the second quarter in the varsity game Feb. 2. This season marked Lueke's third year on the varsity basketball team. PHOTO BY MADDIE DANG



**just tunnelling through** (above) After the STA victory over Notre Dame de Sion High School, senior Megan Lankford leads the team through a tunnel of STA students dressed as animals for the Noah's Ark theme Feb. 14. This STA win propelled the team through the rest of the season. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



The STA basketball team broke several records this year and, according to coach Chance Stephens, left, it was due to the athletes' hard work.

12  
senior Megan Lankford's school record for assists in a single game

86  
senior Megan Lankford's school record free throw percentage

18  
junior Maggie Rellihan's number of rebounds in one game that ranks second all time at STA

4.1  
assists per game by senior Megan Lankford, holding second all time at STA

by the numbers

# all around the world

Over the summer, sophomore Emma Allen, along with 60 American and Canadian volunteers, visited seven countries with Reign Ministries, a Christian evangelist organization that focuses on spreading the word of God to people around the world. STORY AND DESIGN BY MADDIE HORTON

## costa rica

"I almost got kissed by a weird man. They kiss on the cheek, and I was totally confused. I backed up and was like 'Ah.' I didn't know what to do because he almost kissed the wrong place."



## united states of america

The STA community awarded sophomore Emma Allen the first Mother Evelyn O'Neil Award for her service to the Kansas City area and Reign Ministries. STORY AND DESIGN BY MADDIE HORTON, PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY EMMA ALLEN

Sophomore Emma Allen received the Mother Evelyn O'Neil Award because of her service in the Kansas City area and her participation with Reign Ministries. Though Allen thought she fit the candidate description, she didn't think she would win the award.

"I nominated myself because I felt I fit a lot of the criteria and thought it was a cool opportunity to give back," Allen said. "But, I didn't expect to win"

When her name was announced, Allen was surprised.

"There were a lot of upperclassmen who do a lot of cool stuff so I didn't feel like I would win it this year."

Allen attributes her win to her summer ministry program across Europe, which she found out about from her uncle who worked for Reign Ministries. There, she traveled throughout Europe evangelising.

"It has given me a large sense of what the world is like and how we also need to focus in our own communities as well as contributing other places," Allen said.



**sealed in service** Sophomore Emma Allen poses on the seal with her Mother Evelyn O'Neil award on May 11. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON

## italy

"It was hard to get people to talk to you because it's mostly a tourist spot and there were so many people who were touring [who] didn't want to

stop and talk. But it was interesting because a lot of people wanted to talk. They were pretty open minded."



## germany

"In Germany, when we were on the streets, we had to compete with this huge orchestra performance. So we just kept blasting our music and they got mad at us."



## holland

"The entire time we camped in tiny tents. Our campsite got flooded and we were told it was the worst weather for the entire trip. It rained three times a week."





## england

"The people [were a challenge]. A lot of the people were set on their own religion and are very closed. That was probably the most difficult part."



## belgium

"Belgium was one of the first places we went. In Belgium we got a lot of people who wanted to listen to what we were talking about, which was cool. They were very interested in what we were doing there and how we were helping. That was really good about Belgium. But, even though there were people who really wanted to learn about [other religions] there were others who really didn't. They were completely closed off. You would be like 'oh hey' and the moment you mentioned 'church' they would walk away."



## france

"We almost got kicked out of Paris because we were playing music to our performances. The police there were like 'you have to turn off your music' and they went crazy. Could you imagine if we got kicked out? We would have nowhere to go."



## austria

"Austria was a harder place to work in because it's more of a place people go to visit. There are not really any people [that live there]. That was one of our break stops, so we didn't do a whole lot there. We mostly rested up for the next country so it was like a vacation spot."



## switzerland

"In Switzerland, we mostly went to the local places. And at our campsite, we hung out with the people there."



# it takes two

This year, the theatre department performed the school's first split-cast drama, "Dancing in Lughnasa." Each cast performed two shows during the run of the play.



dancing through life (above) "Cast A" of "Dancing in Lughnasa" performed both Wednesday and Friday during show week. The cast met three times a week in order to prepare for the show. PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH

"I really liked ["Dancing at Lughnasa"]. It gave a lot more people the opportunity to be involved, and we ended up with two entire shows instead of one. It was great, and we made that many more friends!"

—kate needham, senior

"I wasn't sure how it would work since it was the first time doing it, but it turned out to be a lot of fun. It was interesting to watch the other cast and think about your own interpretation of the character."

—erin sellers, senior

**it's show time** (below) Senior Rosemary McGraw puts on her make up for the winter play "Dancing at Lughnasa." McGraw played the youngest sister Rose, a mentally disabled girl who loved to dance. PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH



**the bench warmers** Rockhurst junior Drew Jurden and sophomore Audrey Muehlebach converse a scene from "Dancing with Lughnasa." Jurden played the character Gerry in both the A and B casts. PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH



**ring around rosie** From left, sophomore Audrey Muehlebach, and seniors Christie Fletcher, Rosemary McGraw, and Alexandria Mediavilla dance on the "Dancing At Lughnasa" set during a dress rehearsal March 25. "Dancing at Lughnasa" was an Irish drama about five unmarried sisters struggling economically. PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH

## my moment

Every student, staff and faculty member was asked to describe a memorable moment at STA. COMPILED BY THE

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We spent an entire activity coming up with a pumpkin idea. We got so sidetracked that we started talking about people who had died. We never even came up with a good idea.



—basil burnette, '15

When we get yard days, and everyone is sitting in a big circle together, and it doesn't matter how weird you are.

—journey eubank, '15

I'm in Good/Sanem advisory and one time Ms. [Robin] Good tripped over someone's foot and she tried to catch herself from falling, but made a funny noise instead.

—sarah jane mcquaid, '15

I would say Chris Cakes defines STA for me. Every STA person is down in the cafeteria waiting for food. Definitely the definition of STA.

—frankie neunuebel, '14

In advisory, Mr. [Stephen] Himes was discussing how "Project Runway" was a rip-off this year. He was mad about the winner because he thought it should have been Joshua McKinley and got really into his rant about it.



—leigh campbell, '15

My favorite moment was during Dancing With the Stars when I saw [Mr. Richard]

are you serious? (below) Junior Sarah Kostoryz, left, and Rockhurst High School junior Ian Von Fange, act during the winter play. Kostoryz and Von Fange's characters had a playful relationship that consisted of playing pranks on each other. PHOTO BY MAGGIE KENNEY



Putting on a play at STA took time and effort. Sophomore Audrey Muehlebach analyzed how much effort was put into plays at STA.

## by the numbers

8 people in her cast  
3 play practices a week  
15 hours spent perfecting the accent  
4 number of days performed  
16 people in the show



give me break (left) "Cast A" of "Dancing at Lughnasa" performs Friday night. The other cast, Cast B, performed Thursday and Saturday nights. PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH

# a new voice

The theatre department chose "Dancing at Lughnasa" as their spring play. The actors needed to perfect Irish accents for the show. STORY AND DESIGN BY MAGGIE KENNEY

It's a Friday morning, and junior Sarah Kostoryz rushes out the door to head to STA. She puts her backpack in the trunk, turns on the car and frantically puts a CD into the CD player. But what started playing wasn't the normal radio music she usually listened to. Kostoryz was listening to a tape teaching her how to speak in an Irish accent in order to prepare for her role in the upcoming play "Dancing at Lughnasa."

"The CD had a British man that translated English sounds to Irish sounds," Kostoryz said. "He was so proper, that it was funny listening to. He would say whole sentences which we had to repeat. They were ridiculous. 'The goat was only a stone's throw away'."

According to Kostoryz, she had to ignore the funny looks she got from other drivers staring at her because they thought she was talking to herself. The accents were such a crucial part to the play that her friends and family began to make her talk in an Irish accent every time she spoke.

"The Irish setting was an important aspect of

the story, so the accents were essential," Ms. Shana Prentiss, head of the theatre department said. "It's a difficult dialect, but I knew that we would have students who could handle it."

According to Kostoryz, both casts had fun working on the accents. Whenever they were backstage, they would all speak to each other in Irish accents. Kostoryz claims that the accents were one of the main things that bonded the cast together and, with the help of each other, they each perfected their accents while having a good time.

"I was terribly impressed with accents," Prentiss said. "We spent time in rehearsals working together to ensure that everyone's accent sounded similar, since they were all from the same area."

Kostoryz said that her accent became part of her, and she had only "Dancing at Lughnasa" to thank.

"Now when I try to do a British accent, it turns Irish by the end of the sentence," Kostoryz said. "Even when I recite Shakespeare it sounds slightly Irish. Whenever I'm out with friends, I will throw it in there and people just find it ridiculous."



Shrock, [Mr. Michael] Sanem, [Mr. Eric] Thomas and Himes dancing during that video. I think they like the attention that we give them.

—maddie knopke, '14

Ms. [Amy] Carlson was going to bring us snacks for the advisory. So the next day she just brought one roll of Ritz crackers for everybody.

—mercy favrow, '13

During advisory, [junior] Sarah Flattery used me to take a photo for her Digital Photography class and just had me hold up a pencil. I guess she was using the picture and manipulating it on the computer. I thought it was odd, but I wanted to help her so I let her take the photo.

—cricket martin, '13

I haven't experienced it yet, but I've heard that Junior Ring is a really big

thing that defines St. Teresa's. I'm really excited to experience that part of the sisterhood.

—abby geiger, '13



My favorite moment would be seeing the teachers get into the auction skits. It's really funny.

—lane maguire, '13

Well every Halloween Katie Tampke and

I coordinate our Halloween costume. Last year we were Mario and Louie and this year we were boy scouts," Mitchell said. "It gives STA a sense of home and family."

—clare mitchell, '15

# moment

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## couponcrazy



Sophomore Lauren Langdon reacted to bags given to students at the Mother-Daughter luncheon full of samples and coupons for local business.

"That was awesome. I was so excited because there was coupons in there to like Macy's and my mom shops there all the time. The soap made me really excited because I love that soap. I have that soap at my house, and it smells so good."

—lauren langdon, sophomore

The opening of school mass because it exhibits what our community is all about. The unity exhibited there exemplifies what our community is all about.



—terry egelhoff, faculty

At the STA volleyball game, our true STA spirit comes out. I went to the Smurf game this year, and everyone was dressed and painted blue, they weren't afraid to paint themselves blue, it shows how devoted STA students are.

—grace bullington, '14

When the power went out this year I was in Ms. Montag's room with my shadow and we played the game categories. She also canceled a quiz that day because she didn't print it out and her computer was down.

—emily hafner, '14

The volleyball game with the teachers was pretty fun. Everyone was cheering and stuff.



—catherine whitmer, '15

In Shakespeare, we were waiting for class to start and Mr. [Kelly] Fast was sitting at his computer. Mr. [Steve] Himes walked in and said, "Fast." Mr. Fast said, "Yeah, Himes?" and then Mr. Himes stood there a minute thinking. Then he said, "I forgot what I was going to say. So I'll just catch you later."

—rosemary mcgraw, '12

At lunch sometimes my friends and I auction off our food and Elizabeth Arensberg does an auctioneer voice. It makes everyone laugh.



—peyton gajan, '13

The other day I walked into my advisory and Ms. [Sarah] Knopik was wearing my sweatshirt. I left it in there and she was like, "Well, I was cold. I hope it's okay!"

—jodie foster, '13

We were in Ms. [Tyler] Stewart's room one time and we just danced the entire time.

—courtney didier, '15

Probably when we have yard days because I love the outdoors and I'm with my friends.

—megan erhnman, '15

I like STA because everyone can be friends with everyone. It's really easy to make friends. Everyone is really nice.

—theresa murphy, '12



**how's it look?** (above) From left, senior Maddy Ismert, Ms. Lisa Thomsen and senior Lydia Thomsen adjust their outfits before going down the runway April 15. Ismert and her group wore dresses worth over \$1,000. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ

**work it, girl!** Senior Kelsey Rodriguez poses on the runway during the fashion show at the mother-daughter luncheon. Seniors modeled outfits from several local businesses. PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER

# her majesty's runway

**zip me up** Senior McLaren O'Rear admires her dress as senior Martha Ramirez ties it for her. The girls model dresses from the Gown Gallery at the senior fashion show. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ

A group of seniors searched for outrageous vintage dresses to walk in during the annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon fashion show. The seniors were successful in their search with the help of an unusual store named Her Majesty's Closet. STORY AND DESIGN BY PAIGE DRUMMOND

Seniors Libby Randoph, Lydia Thomsen, Rachel Caffery, Maddy Ismert and Kathleen Devine walked into Her Majesty's Closet, a second-hand designer clothes store in Prairie Village, Kansas. They were overwhelmed by the amount of clothes they had to choose from, but could only pick one outfit to wear down the runway for their fashion show. Then a store employee came up to them and asked if they wanted to see some vintage dresses.

The five girls made up the group of seniors modelling clothes from Her Majesty's Closet for the annual senior fashion show, displaying fashion from local business at the Mother-Daughter Luncheon.

"It looks like a thrift store but when you look it's a whole row of gems, pure gems," Ismert said. "There were walls of ball gowns and shoes for us to chose from, but there wasn't anything we wanted to wear so we figured we would just pick the craziest stuff we could find."

The girls wanted dresses that were crazy but still fashionable.

"We wanted the most high fashion dresses," Thomsen said. "[Devine's] ended up being like \$1500, and all of the dress were donated by the same lady."

The girls also tried to make their outfits different from other senior groups.

"We like to call it straight off the Titanic-style dress," Caffery said. "I think all of the other dresses were what people would actually wear."

The girls all agreed that the store was the right fit for them.

"It was great," Devine said. "It went really well with our personalities."

To complete their look, the group wanted a good runway walk, so they drew their inspiration from their dresses. They agreed to walk down the runway as seriously as possible until the end where they would add a little spurt of fun with a little butt-shaking dance at the end of the runway. The group wanted to shock the audience with their dresses and with their runway walk.



**one by one** (above) Seniors Rachel Caffrey, Maddy Ismert, Kathleen Devine, and Libby Randoph walk down the runway at the senior fashion show. The group tried to stay serious throughout most of the walk. PHOTO BY PAIGE DRUMMOND

**strut their stuff** (left) From left, Megan Hodes and Katie Evans pose in the center of the runway during the senior fashion show April 15. The Mother-Daughter Luncheon and senior fashion show was held in the Marriott Hotel in the same venue as the Father-Daughter Dinner Dance. PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER



At the Mother-Daughter Luncheon April 15 Ms. Nan Bone read a prayer to STA students and their mothers about the importance of a mother:

"Lord, Please help our daughters know true happiness. We ask

Your blessing on each of them as they continue on this journey of life. Help them realize through their various undertaking. You will be there to guide them.


Lord, we also ask your blessing on the mothers gathered here today. Help them realize that the real work of mothering begins with them. Help them find their own spark so they can fan those around them. Freeing their own spirit will help others soar. Help our mothers to focus on each moment by being wholly present, which will point the way to holiness and to our heavenly Father.

And bless this food for thy use and make us ever mindful of the wants and needs of others. Amen."

let us pray

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**NIKKI RODRIQUEZ**



# Justice

FOR ALL

Junior Nikki Rodriguez dedicated her time to her community through her position as a defense attorney on Youth Court – a court run by youth, for youth. STORY AND DESIGN BY ALEXIS JENKIN

Junior Nikki Rodriguez looked down at her blazer and skirt as she walked into the University of Kansas City Missouri School of Law. She wondered what kind of cases she would encounter that night, how the youth would react and what would be their sentence.

Juniors Nikki Rodriguez, Holly Fielder and Ellie Nachbor dedicated two Tuesdays every month to Youth Court, an organization where juvenile offenders went to be judged by a court of youth volunteers. Youth Court met in the UMKC law school with youths that came from all over the Kansas city area. Rodriguez joined Youth Court as a defense attorney after she heard a school announcement about the program.

"I had known that Ellie Nachbor was [participating in youth court] and, since I was really interested in law, I decided to apply," Rodriguez said.

After being accepted into the program, applicants were required to go through a training process. Although the court was completely run by youth, it still followed the Missouri state court system. The court viewed real cases and decided on real sentences. Sentences could range from a mere apology to a set amount of hours dedicated to community service. Youth ages 6–17 came from all over the Kansas City area for their trials.

"It's challenging because you meet so many different people, all from totally different backgrounds," Rodriguez said. "It's hard to explain to a 12-year-old that comes from an abusive family that it is wrong to steal because you don't know what they've been through."

Participants of youth court learned about the court justice system through real life experiences. During a case, the volunteers would stand up in front of a jury and either defend or prosecute their client. It was important for the judge, prosecutor and defense attorney to work together. Because of this, Fielder was able to collaborate on some cases with Rodriguez.

"There have been a couple times when me and Holly have been on the same case," Rodriguez said. "And I think we both have a connection where if a 12-year-old is being prosecuted for trespassing, [we] still think he can be a good kid."

When defending a youth, Rodriguez often emphasized positive things the youth had in their lives, such as extra curricular activities or religious responsibilities. The youth court staff tried to make every trial fair by giving everyone an equal chance.

In a room outside the courtroom, Nachbor, Rodriguez and other staff members gathered together before receiving their cases. Around the room some staffers were working on homework and listening to music. In the next hour, some of the staff would walk back into the now familiar courtroom and defend another kid who appeared to be just like them.

PHOTO BY LIBBY SAUDER

# nearly punctual

STA senior Erin Sellers's prom date, Rockhurst junior Drew Jurden, arrived on stage out of breath for pre-prom after running all around campus. He surprised Sellers after telling her he would likely be late. STORY AND DESIGN BY CRISTINA DEZEEUW

Senior Erin Sellers grabbed a ticket and wrote two names on it: her own name and the name of her date, Rockhurst High School junior Drew Jurden. Standing in the line of girls and their dates, Sellers waited to be announced at pre-prom even though she knew Jurden wouldn't be able to make it.

She let classmate after classmate step in front of her. Now it was getting late and there were only two or three people left. With Jurden still absent, she decided to be announced by herself because her date obviously wouldn't be able to make it in time.

"When I first asked Drew to prom he told me that was the day he was getting back from Kairos, but he really thought he was going to make it in time for pre-prom," Sellers said. "I wasn't really planning on him making it since I knew he was just coming home and would have to go back to his house, change and make it to STA."

Surprised that he even agreed to attend her prom right after Kairos, Sellers was not upset at all at the fact that he was not there for pre-prom.

"I just ended up deciding I'd go out alone and do something funny," Sellers said. "I told Mr. [Patrick] Sirridge that he didn't have to announce my date but he said he would anyway."

In her royal-blue strapless chiffon dress, Sellers stepped on stage with her back turned away from the crowd for her funny little moment as Sirridge announced her and her absent date.

Meanwhile, Jurden was sprinting across the quad to the M&A building. Running around the circle in

the auditorium, Jurden tried to figure out where to go and made it just as Sellers was walking across the stage. Out of breath and carrying a corsage box, Sirridge saw him and finished announcing the couple.

"Mr. Sirridge started saying 'Erin Sellers, escorted by Drew Jurden, who's coming...'" Sellers said. "Then out of nowhere, Drew ran up where people were supposed to walk out and Mr. Sirridge went, 'And here he is!' It was one of the craziest things seeing him there on stage right then! It just felt insane, like one of those ridiculous ABC Family movies where you watch them and think 'Come on, that doesn't happen in real life.'"

After they walked off stage, Jurden ripped into the corsage box to put it on Seller's wrist and apologized for his tardiness.

"I was just trying to get him to take a breath and get a drink of water," Sellers said. "So many moms came up to tell him how cute the whole thing was, and a couple [other moms] semi-threatened me to appreciate my date. I really was so grateful that he had gone through so much trouble to make it!"

Although the incident was not planned in any way, many at the event thought the couple had planned their entrance.

"It was real, and Drew gets the credit," said Sellers. "He deserves it 100 percent."

The couple drove off together with a group of friends and, according to Sellers, it was a stellar start to a pretty fantastic prom.



**sing to me** Senior Rosemary McGraw and Rockhurst senior Phil DiMaggio sing together at prom April 20. Prom was held in downtown Kansas City at The Little Theater. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON

## late for a date

STA seniors Ava Jurden, Hannah Wolf and Mary O'Leary's dates for prom were all late because of a lacrosse game. Rockhurst High School seniors Max Mohajir, John Schmidlein and Emerson Hodes made an appearance at pre-prom but had to leave shortly after taking a few photos with their dates. "It was pretty funny to take a few pictures with them in all of their lacrosse gear with face masks on," Jurden said.



**all by myself** Senior Erin Sellers waits back stage at pre-prom April 20. Her date, Rockhurst high school junior Drew Jurden, arrived at STA as Sellers walked on stage. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON





# my moment

Every student, staff and faculty member was asked to describe a memorable moment at STA. COMPILED BY THE TERESIAN STAFF

One time during activity me and my friends were messing around when walking down the hallway. One of them tripped and fell. It was hilarious.

—kathleen devine, '12

On the first senior tailgate there were 20 of us seniors sitting in a circle playing a game. It was fun because people kept joining and it was a good, uniting moment for our class.



—hannah wolf, '12

One time during our class mass Caroline Connor said "genitals" instead of "Gentiles."

—mary o'leary, '12

My friend came down to lunch one time and called extras on every person at my table's lunch, it was pretty funny.

—emily bresette, '12

The day we decorated the Quad for Christmas Marianna [Messeri], Allison [Fitts], Hannah Reinhardt and Lane Schulte and me were in the Quad doing nothing. So we decided to wrap Marianna and Allison in a box and have them pop out and scare people walking across the quad.

—katherine evans, '12

When the teachers dressed up in the school uniforms on the day we dressed up as teachers because it shows how goofy STA is and how everyone likes to have fun.

—libby randolph '12

One time I saw a girl pull a baked cake out of a trash can and then eat it. That was pretty beautiful. I mean, the cake itself hadn't touched any of the trash, but still. It was awesome.



—kate rohr, '12

A moment during passing period that stands out to me is when I'm walking across the Quad and I hear Maddy Ismert barking at our friends.

—mayme marshall, '12

The respect that the students have for the teachers most defines STA. Students can joke around with their teachers and still be in a positive, learning environment

—kelsey ceriotti, '12

Normally in my advisory when we have parties we sit separated from each other and watch a movie, but for our party before Christmas break, we moved all the desks to one side and sat in a giant circle together. We all just talked.

—nicole kamradt, '12

**drop it low** (right) Senior Danielle Comford dances to "The Cha Cha Slide" by DJ Casper at prom April 20. Prom was at The Little Theater. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



**hello my friend** (left) Seniors walk around and talk to their friends at Prom April 20 held at The Little Theater downtown as they waited to have dinner. After dinner, the servers moved some tables to make room for a dance area near the speakers. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



**dancin' with friends** (left) Senior McLaren O'Rear laughs with her date while dancing during prom April 20. O'Rear said the dance was her favorite part of the prom experience. PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER



**pre prom prep** (right) Senior Shannen Freeman reapplies lip gloss before pre prom April 20. Couples were allowed to stay in Ms. Michelle McIntire's room before going out on the stage. PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER



## by the numbers

Following her parents' legacy, senior Taylor Migliazzo signed a contract Nov. 4 committing herself to playing for the University of Oklahoma women's volleyball team.

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# roadside surprise

After a string of college visits, senior Jessie Vincent stumbled upon and toured one more college in Iowa. After additional visits to the small college, Vincent chose it as her destination for the following school year. STORY AND DESIGN BY MADELINE BARTH

Driving through Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on the hunt for a good lunch place, senior Jessie Vincent spotted a small college on the side of the road. On a whim, Vincent, along with her dad and stepmom, decided to stop and ask a few questions about the school. Initially, Vincent had traveled to Iowa for Iowa Private College Week to visit Cornell College and, after multiple tours at other schools, stumbled upon Coe College.

"I was not at all impressed at first," Vincent said. "I was tired, and it was just another school. My stepmom made a joke as we got out of the car saying, 'Watch, this is where you'll end up going.'"

After returning home, Vincent began researching more about Coe College. As she researched, the private, liberal arts college rose on her list to tie with her number one school: St. Olaf College. According to Vincent, the ultimate decision came down to scholarships.

"In March, I got a letter from St. Olaf [College] saying I had not received any scholarships," Vincent said. "Coe [College] had offered me quite a bit in scholarships...I thought about it for about two hours and came up with a lot of reasons to justify my decision."

According to Jessie's father, Scott Vincent, Jessie had always been interested in smaller colleges and was extremely invested in finding her perfect fit.

"I went to [the University of Kansas] and would have loved for Jessie to go there, but only if she really wanted to and thought it was the best fit," Scott said. "Of course I am sad to have her leaving town, but we are very close so I am not worried about the distance."

Coe College admissions counselor Molly Jorgenson, also a former Coe College student, was delighted to recruit a student willing to step outside of her comfort zone and challenge herself.

"Many students aren't aware of Coe College's amazing faculty and academic programs until setting foot on campus," Jorgenson said. "I know Jessie will do great things at Coe, and I wish more students from her area would take time to apply and visit."

Despite being the only student from STA attending Coe College next year, Jessie was eager to spend her next four years in a different environment.

"Mostly, I am just excited to meet new people," Jessie said. "I'm a little sad about being away from home, but I'm also excited about living somewhere new."

After a tour of the campus and discussions with multiple professors, Jessie drove away from Cedar Rapids and her future college. In a matter of months, she would return to Coe College and proceed with the next chapter of her life.

**Creighton bound crowd** College counselor Debi Hudson takes a photo of seniors Mary Cate Feuerborn, from left, Lizzy Imperiale, Caroline Mendus, Danielle Gatapia and Abby Suholaski May 1. The five students chose Creighton University as the college they would attend next year.

PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW



**giddy up, girlfriend** Senior Erin Sellers gives senior Kate Rohr a piggy back ride across the Quad May 1. Sellers chose Washington University in St. Louis while Rohr committed to Tulane University. PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW



**senior pow wow** Seniors Kate Rohr, from left, Jessie Vincent, Olivia Scheuler and Taylor Migliazzo hang out during a free May 1. Vincent sported a Coe College t-shirt representing the school she chose to attend the next year. **PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW**



**read my shirt** Seniors Katie McCombs, left, and Megan Lankford make their way across the Quad May 1. All seniors sported attire from their chosen college in honor of National College Decision Day. **PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW**



**one last week** Seniors Libby Randolph, from left, Megan Hodes, Taylor Migliazzo and Katie Patterson socialize in the M&A Commons May 1. Seniors wore memorabilia from their chosen college. **PHOTO BY MADELINE BARTH**

## close to home

Four STA seniors, all pursuing different careers, chose to attend the University of Missouri–Kansas City at the beginning of the 2012 fall semester. UMKC was located just five blocks from STA.

After struggling to choose between Washington University in St. Louis and UMKC, senior Alexandra Greathouse decided to pursue her dream of becoming a reproductive endocrinologist through the six-year medical program at UMKC.

Because of her love for Kansas City, and its financially logical location, senior Lorraine Sands chose UMKC as the destination to pursue a career in which she could utilize her passion for Spanish and the humanities.

With one of the best dentistry programs in the nation, UMKC seemed the perfect fit for senior Erika Mikkelson once she had established her desired future career during her sophomore year at STA.

Senior Nicole Wernhoff, despite nerves on entering a new environment, chose to become a setter for the UMKC women's volleyball team because of a desire to remain close to her family and excitement for the coaching staff.

*"I decided to attend UMKC after I went to the welcome reception for students admitted to the program. Once I met the other students, I knew UMKC was where I wanted to go."*

*"I'm happy I chose UMKC because I think I will like its casual atmosphere, and I expect to really enjoy the classes I take...But mostly I can't wait to move into my apartment and get kittens with my roommate."*

*"I've always had a huge passion for science, but being a doctor just seems a little too extreme for me. I want a career where I can interact with others while practicing my love for science at the same time."*

*"As a senior, you have already earned your spot. But coming in as a freshman, you have to work 1,000 times harder because you have to prove yourself to your coach and teammates."*

## techmom

Junior Menley Brennan had been a part of the tech crew since her freshman year at STA. Brennan, who was sometimes referred to as "mom" by fellow sound crew members, reminisced on how she first became interested in tech.

"I was first inspired in grade school when we had a jazz party, and I did the lights. Then when I came to STA I wanted to continue doing tech but didn't know how to sign up. I would ask [drama teacher] Shana Prentiss every day how to sign up, and she would get so annoyed with me. I ended up signing up for "Greater Tuna" and fell in love with [tech]. I originally signed up for lights but switched over to sound because it was more complicated. I really loved the entire experience, from the tears to the laughs."



**oh, hey girl!** Junior Sarah Kane portrays a nurse named Miss Peaches in "The Nursing Home." Seniors Katie McCombs, McLaren O'Rear, Martha Ramirez and Brie Sandridge wrote and directed the play.

PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER

# maniac affair

In the spring, STA students performed in the Student Productions, a collection of plays written and directed entirely by seniors. The dramatic plot of the play "Maniac" differed from the rest of the plays. STORY AND DESIGN BY MARINA VIANELLO

Senior Kelsey Rodriguez spent her night furiously writing down notes and thinking of ideas for two hours before telephoning fellow senior, Rosemary McGraw, at 10 p.m. Rodriguez had an idea for a Student Production that was different from the average play shown at STA. Instead of being comical or including STA inside jokes, she wanted to direct a dramatic play.

"I said to Rosemary, 'If you don't like my idea at all, stop me,'" Rodriguez said. "But I wanted to talk to someone about it."

Rodriguez's idea was to direct a play surrounding a main character named Victoria who had multiple personality disorder. Victoria went to a law internship interview yet was unqualified for the job because of her mental instability. The interview went downhill because Victoria's other personalities took over. Among the other personalities were Vicki, Victor and Tori, who act differently depending on how Victoria dealt with abuse as a child. Unfortunately, Victoria can't remember anything that happens once another personality takes control. The play would be titled, "Maniac".

After talking with McGraw about her idea, Rodriguez approached senior Kate Needham at lunch the next day.

"Kate loved the idea too," Rodriguez said. "It was like a light bulb had gone off."

And so began the process of creating a Student Production. According to Rodriguez, she came up with the initial idea and oversaw the entire process. McGraw led the staging and acting and helped get Rodriguez's vision onto the actual stage while

Needham served as the writer, putting Rodriguez's original vision into words.

Rodriguez said she wanted to direct a serious play in order to effectively get a message out to the audience.

"A lot of teens go through struggles and don't know who they are," Rodriguez said. "They must go through challenges to figure out who they are."

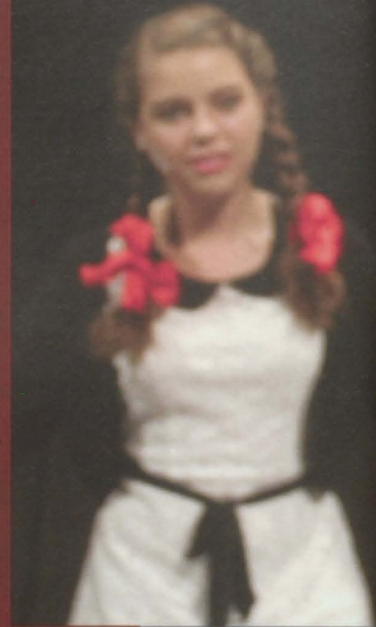
Rodriguez initially obtained the idea for "Maniac" after watching the 1976 drama film "Sybil" about a girl with the same mental disorder except portrayed differently. She also received inspiration from the 2010 movie "Insidious."

"I've always been fascinated with different brain things," Rodriguez said. "And I wanted 'Maniac' to be creepy but not sad."

Along with portraying a message to the audience, Rodriguez, Needham and McGraw directed a dramatic play to show off their talents and those of the actresses.

"It's not just about memorizing lines," Rodriguez said. "But really it's about getting the emotion of how their character became what they are because of the abuse Victoria felt as a child. They are there for a reason."

After holding auditions and diligently practicing to perfect the play, two months later it was finally opening night. Rodriguez, Needham and McGraw sat in the STA auditorium watching their play being performed on the big stage. As Victoria, played by senior Christie Fletcher, looked out at the audience and said her last line, "Who am I?", Rodriguez got chills. Her vision had become a reality.



**I feel pretty** Sophomore Katie Crow, left, applies makeup to sophomore Paige Drummond April 27. Drummond was in the production "Where the Wild Thongs Are," written and directed by seniors Danielle Gatapia, Miranda Johnson and Kaili McCamman. PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER

# my moment

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TERESIAN STAFF

I'm on the softball team. At practice we were at [Bishop Miege High School] and blasting music. The neighbors called the cops but we drove away.  
—sydney hunter, '15

Winning the first home sophomore volleyball game. We had to play three games, and once we won them all everyone was so excited. We were the first sophomore team ever at STA and we won the first home tournament!  
—caitlyn martin, '15

I like doing chemistry labs. My group is awesome so it makes them super fun. Being a transfer student, it also helped me make new friends.  
—katherine becker, '14

[My moment would be] geometry with Ms. [Kim] Serridge. [She is] always hyper and bubbly, and it makes it really fun.  
—emma mullen, '14

My friends and I came up with teachers at STA that are like teachers in "Harry Potter"...Ms. [Mary Anne] Hoecker would be Professor Trelawney, Mr. [Kelly] Fast would be Professor Lockhart and Nan Bone would be Dumbledore.  
—madison fitzgerald, '14

There was one time at lunch when I was quoting "Drake and Josh." When I said, "You ate my enchilada." Someone came by and was like, "Why are you so mad? I didn't eat your enchilada."  
—taylor rees, '13

When it was Halloween I was wearing a sumo wrestler costume and Alexis Buford was a body builder. Every time we saw each other in the halls we would attack and jump on each other.  
—menley brennan, '13

On the second day of school I was going from Mr. [Eric] Thomas's room to M&A and I tripped down the stairs. Everyone looked at me like I was a freshman, but really it was my third first day of school.  
—ellie nachbor, '13

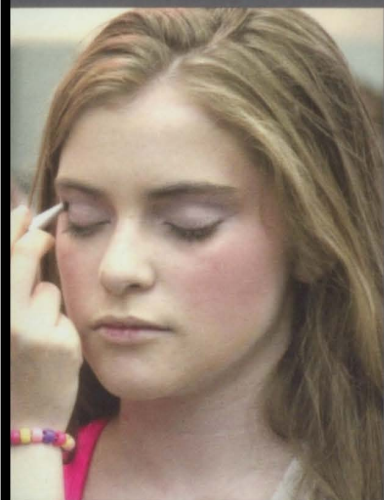
Sometimes Mrs. [Julia] Gargallo talks to us about how it is difficult for us to tell the difference between por and para, which means "for" in Spanish, but for her in English it's like the difference between in and on which is really simple.  
—madelyn petree, '13



## taking pain away

Freshman Marley Schmidlein, left, and sophomore Shelby Hawkins portray different personalities of a character dealing with multiple personality disorder. The play "Maniac" was the only dramatic Student Production.

PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ



**old people problems** Senior Maddy Ismert, left, and sophomore Kim Fryer play senior citizens in the play "The Nursing Home." The Student Productions were performed April 27 and 28 in the auditorium. PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER



**all dolled up** Junior Kate Sanders prepares for opening night of Student Productions April 27. Sanders was in the play "Sloppily Ever After," written and directed by Kate Rohr and Erin Sellers. PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER

## teamtechie

Before opening weekend of theatrical productions at STA, all cast and crew members took part in tech week to rehearse the show together with the technical aspects. Sound crew members shared their feelings about the week.

"It's the most stressful, best week of my life. Abby [Dearth] and I hold countdowns for it every year. I love it, and I get to meet a lot of older girls I don't normally get to talk to."

—natalie kilgore, sophomore (right)

"I hate it when I'm in it but I really love it. Tech week comes first; over school, over food, over friends, over stress level, over sanity. By the end of the week the whole cast is family."

—abby dearth, sophomore (far right)



# into the

## MORNING LIGHT

Depression affected seniors Lucy Edmonds, Melissa Lane and Liz Wiens in one way or another. Because of this, the three held a organized a walk to raise awareness about depression and suicide. STORY AND DESIGN BY MADDIE DANG

Four laps on a track equals one mile; one mile to walk to raise awareness for depression and suicide. To bring people "Out of the Darkness," seniors Lucy Edmonds, Liz Wiens, and Melissa Lane, as well their adult advisor, Ms. Amanda Johnson, organized a walk to educate members of the STA community about depression. They wanted to explain to people that the problem exists, even if it goes unnoticed.

"[Depression] exists, and it's real," Johnson said. "Everybody knows someone who is depressed or someone who has committed suicide, and it's not something we can ignore very easily."

According to Wiens, the idea for the walk came from theology teacher Michael Sanem's story about a walk that he participated in while he lived in Chicago, IL. The walk Sanem participated in lasted from dusk until dawn and was meant to raise money and awareness for depression and suicide. Wiens, Edmonds and Lane tried to replicate this walk at STA the morning of April 27.

"I think people our age are not very aware [of depression] at all," Wiens said. "Some of them don't really know what it feels like or how it affects people. I think people think that since it doesn't affect them, it's not really real. It's important that the people can recognize it so they can help people who have it."

The morning began at 6:30 a.m. and lasted until 7:30 a.m. During that time, there was a presentation about the symptoms of depression as well as how people can help others' suffering. After that concluded, Edmonds, Wiens and Lane led roughly 30 students in a four-lap walk around the track. Even though there was not a large amount of people there, Edmonds thought the walk still had an impact on those who attended as well as those who did not.

"I think that the people that went have some sort of history, a friend or family member who has experienced depression. So for them, it was [understanding] important pieces to the problem," Edmonds said. "I hope it just opened the eyes of the people that didn't go. I think a lot of girls at STA don't know it's a lot more common than they'd think."

Johnson also said she thought the walk and presentation informed a lot of students and has better prepared them for a situation involving depression.

"Change starts with one person, and I think that if any one of the 30 or so people that showed up would try, they can create change in those people they know and share the information they know with others," Johnson said.

Through the cold wind and drizzle, Edmonds, Lane, and Wiens steadily led the students around the track. The three helped participants begin to understand the pain of depression and suicidal thoughts. They wanted participants to see that, even though it may not directly affect the participants themselves, everyone could make a difference in someone's life. Everyone had the ability to help someone out of the darkness and into the light.

PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON



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**it's all right** Junior Maya Burton comforts sophomore Mary Gibson after Gibson did not qualify for State in the 400-meter dash at the sectional meet on May 19. However, Gibson qualified for State in the 4x400 meter relay, and placed sixth at State. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ



**lean on me** Unable to qualify for the State meet, sophomore Clare Mitchell seeks solace from teammate Giggy Reardon at the sectional meet on May 19. Mitchell's 4x200 meter relay team placed fifth. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ



**we are champions**

Juniors Courtney Coppinger and Lane Maguire laugh together at the State meet on May 26. Their relay team went on to win the state race.

PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ



**over the hurdle** (above) Junior Serenity Wallace jumps hurdles during the 100-meter hurdles at a track meet. Wallace was a sprinter on the STA track team. PHOTO BY MAKENZIE CARTER



**gimme the baton** (right) Reaching for the baton, sophomore Mary Gibson prepares to run her lap of the 4x400 meter relay. Gibson's team placed sixth overall in the Class 4 State Championship. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ

**a happy ending** (left) Finishing first in the 3200-meter race at Blue Springs Sports Complex, freshman Ann Campbell is congratulated by her teammates: juniors Lane Maguire, Hannah McCausland and Courtney Coppinger April 28. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ



# winning it all

The 4x800 relay team raced in the state meet May 26 and placed first. Juniors Courtney Coppinger, Lane Maguire, and Hannah McCausland won their first gold medal from state after three years together. STORY AND DESIGN BY MATTIE DAVIS

The crowd cheered. The finish line was in sight. There were no runners ahead. It was the moment that the entire season had worked for. First place. Relief. Joy. Accomplishment.

These feelings hit junior Lane Maguire as she crossed the finish line after completing the 4x800 meter relay during the state meet May 26. For the first time, her relay had won first place at State.

"It felt great," Maguire said. "We were all really focused, and we all really wanted it."

Maguire's relay included freshman Ann Campbell and juniors Hannah McCausland and Courtney Coppinger.

"It's hard in a relay to have everyone run their best, but we were lucky that this time everyone did," Maguire said.

The group set a personal record at 9:20.10. McCausland did not experience the excitement originally, however, because she had an asthma attack right after she ran.

"I was fine running, but when I finished I kept trying to sit down, and Courtney [Coppinger] had to hold me up," McCausland said. "I realized I was having an asthma attack and Sarah [Vickery] had to go get my inhaler."

McCausland recovered normal breathing quickly

but had blurred vision during the pictures and interviews.

"It took me a while to realize what was going on, but when it hit me, it was really exciting," McCausland said. "We've worked so hard towards this for three years."

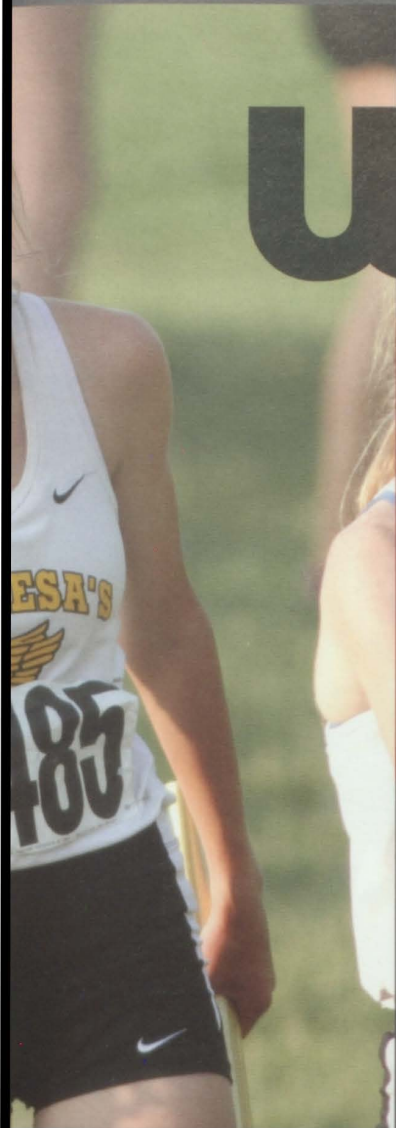
Maguire, Coppinger and McCausland have run together for three years. Their freshman year they placed eighth in the 4x800 at State and their sophomore year placed sixth. Campbell joined them for the first time this year.

"The difference this year from the last years is Ann [Campbell] and our new coach," McCausland said.

The relay members did a variety of exercises throughout the season to get them ready, from sprints on the new Coppinger Track to long runs on the Trolley Track Trail. They plan on doing the same for the 2013 season.

"Next year will be hard, because we won this year," McCausland said. "But I'm really excited."

The teammates stood together on the first place block. They huddled close for pictures and looked down at all the people congratulating them. Together, they had accomplished their goal.



that's our freshman Kennedy Bright waits to sprint the 4x200 meter relay while junior Maya Burtin holds the block at the sectional meet May 19 at Raymore-Peculiar High School. Bright qualified for State in the 100-meter dash. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ

**row one:** Sara-Jessica Dilks, Lane Schulte, Sabrina Salerno, Kennedy Bright, Ann Campbell, Carson Beineman, Regan Stiles, Lizzie Sanders, Serenity Wallace, Molly A. Mullen, Arinna Hoffine, Maddie Dang **row two:** Gina Ptacek, Kelly Muraski, Hayden Lee, Jordan Berardi, Natalie Kilgore, Alex Amey, Gretchen Schloegel, Maria Luna, Lindsey Valdiviez, Clare Mitchell, Brit Maguire **row three:** Coach Matthew Voelker, Coach Mark Hough, Coach Earl Brown, Holly Fielder, Katie Wilhelmus, Maddie Knopke, Mary Gibson, Coach Michael Duschen, Coach Dana Stram, Coach Richard Samuels **row four:** Sammy Patterson, Ally Drummond, Alice Green, Grace Doran, Hannah McCausland, Caroline Angles, Viridiana Hernandez, Haley Baldwin, Anya Mateski, Haley Sirokmen, Betsy Lehr **row five:** Viridiana Hernandez, Rosie Hutchison, Alexa Davis, Rachel Smith, Abby Dearth, Kennedy Reller, Gloria Cowdin, Lane Maguire, Sara Schwartz, Maya Burtin **row six:** Miranda Green, Kathleen Connor, Bailey Whitehead, Lauren Nagle, Madelyn Petree, Giggy Reardon, Courtney Coppinger, Molly Corless

# Seniors

## class of 2012



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**1. Jasmine Colhour:** Lady Gaga Day. My mom made my earrings, and she got more into the theme than I did. She got mad if I didn't dress up in the theme. The earrings she made me had a poker hand of cards hanging from them.

**2. Mary Kate Jenks:** Nerd Day. I got to let my inner nerd shine. My friends and I all got Justin Beiber tattoos and put them on our necks. It's nerdy to like Justin Beiber when you're 18 so it worked.

**3. Taylor Migliazzo:** Biker Chicks Day. I got to ride

my mini motor bike named Daisy all around the Quad in between classes. I thought it would be funny, and I wanted to show off my hot wheels at STA.

**4. McLaren O'Rear:** Rockhurst Boy Day. I liked to embrace my inner boy. I liked the fact that we could chant "dome" all day long to make fun of all the Rockhurst boys. My friends and I were all fighting over my guy friend's clothes.

**5. Cassie Odneal:** Biker Chicks Day. Everyone in

## moment

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Ms. [Sarah] Knopik wrote me a note and put it in my advisory cubby one day. She said how the advisory appreciated all I do and how this year was going to be a great year. It made me feel really good about myself.

—emily holt, '12

There was one time in my AP Lit[erature] class, when Mr. [Kelly] Fast was off doing something before class started. So we all decided to gang

together and say that we like this character, Mr. Brocklehurst, who we were supposed to hate. Mr. Fast felt really awkward.

—kate needham, '12

When I see people I know [passing through the Quad] and I say "hi" to like ten people in a row.



—lizzy imperiale, '12

In Mr. [Mike] Egner's advisory, we got

whipped cream and made mustaches with them and then took pictures

—alexis buford, '12

The Paris/England trip with Mr. [Mike] Egner [was my moment]. I saw another side of him and really started to appreciate him more and it was just really fun.



—laura stacy, '12

Every Friday during the school year, the seniors chose a costume theme for the class. Some of the students would get decked out from head to toe while others simply wore small accessories. Some of the seniors shared their favorite theme days, including "Nerds" shown below.



our class actually dressed up and got really into it. I don't remember anyone who could dress up that didn't. Plus, I saw someone riding their bike across the Quad, and they completely wiped out.

**6. Celia O'Flaherty:** Ugly Christmas Sweater Day. Everyone has some awesome ugly sweater, and it was fun because we decorated the Quad and sang Christmas carols. I got all my sweaters from my Grandma, and the one that I wore she told me right before that I might not want to wear it because it was one of her "fancy ones."

**7. Stephanie Hampel:** Teacher Day. All the students dressed like teachers, and [the teachers] dressed up like us. Seeing Mrs. [Sue] Marquis in full uniform made my day and the fact that Mr. [Jeff] Zimmerman dressed like a girl. Me and Ms. [Diana] Blessen each had our own QuikTrip mugs and I saw lots of Mr. [Kelly] Fasts running around.

**8. Hannah Reinhart:** Teacher Day. Dressing like teachers was hilarious. Paige Wendland walked into AP Gov and was wearing the exact same shirt as Mr. Sirridge. It was by accident too.

Everyone looks forward to yard days on that one spring day where you can chill in the quad with your girls, bask in the sun, listen to music, eat Bomb Pops and Waldo, nugget peoples' backpacks, play Red Rover, and even get your face painted by clowns.



-katie mcombs, '12  
[I liked] the senior tailgate. It was really

fun. There was music, games and fun.

-rachel shedd, '12

Mr. [Mike] Egner's classes in general [are my favorite because] not only is he one of the most engaging teachers I know, but he keeps something as dull as European history lively and relevant in our Western Civilization class.

-elizabeth daugherty, '12  
Once we waxed Colleen [McInerney]'s

leg with duct tape during lunch.

-miranda johnson, '12

[When] me and two other girls that I ran track with would get sent to do the distance running and we would go over to Baskin Robbins to get ice cream when we didn't feel like running. ...walked in and they already had our ice cream order because they recognized us



from going in there so much.

-abby uche, '12

One time, when we were walking up the stairs from lunch, Trish [Smith] departsed Kathleen [Vogel].

-katie patterson, '12

# seniors

## class of 2012

For their last year at STA, some students traveled on mission trips to Africa, some sold donuts in the mornings, and others became friends with an STA celebrity singer. These are STA's seniors and they all have something to confess. STORIES AND DESIGN BY CARRIE HUDSON AND KATHLEEN VOGEL

Senior Katie Hyde worked at the *Leaven* Catholic Newspaper as a paid intern. During the school year she traveled to Africa on a mission trip and wrote an article about her experiences for the *Leaven*.

Senior Katie Hyde walked into the *Leaven* Catholic Newspaper's office, ready to ask if they had any internships available. She hoped to learn more about the workings of a newspaper in order to fuel her love of journalism.

"Internships with newspapers are kind of a good foot in the door," Hyde said. "The *Leaven* seemed like a really good fit for the types of things I would be writing, places I would go, and people I would work with."

At her internship, Hyde traveled around the city reporting for the paper. She also contributed to office work and the design of the paper.

"For that summer, it was perfect," Hyde said. "It was exactly what I wanted to do. I wanted to be out meeting people and interviewing people."

One day, Hyde walked into associate editor Anita McSorely's office to tell McSorely about an upcoming mission

trip she would be taking to Africa.

"I told her I would love to write about [the mission trip]," Hyde said. "I wrote a ton while I was there...just like journaling...Thinking about details for what would make an article...First I considered whose perspective it should be from. If it should be a personal narrative...or feature story about the incredible work that the surgeons do...or about the people in Mali...or about the other people I met, little kids on the street. There were so many different things that I knew could work as a story."

When Hyde returned to Kansas City, she began writing a story for the *Leaven* from her point of view, narrating her experiences in Mali. Through her internship and her participation on the mission trip, she found a way to combine her love of journalism with her ambition to help others.

writing  
from the heart



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY KATIE BEIRNE

### my moment

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One time I was eating lunch and I saw... Mr. [Kelly] Fast had his iPhone in one hand and his MacBook out...and I was just like "Wow, Mr. Fast, you would."



—krissy bryde, '12

[My moment was] at publication night when we were talking about whether or not we liked our Moodle passwords.

—margot livers, '12

One day I wore pants that were longer than my skirt and they were brightly colored. The whole day I was avoiding the teachers so I wouldn't get an SBR.

—kelsey rodriguez, '12

Everyone in my calculus class always gets together and talks about how much we don't understand a lot of the stuff that we're doing in class.

—logan kembel, '12

While getting [Ms. Shana] Prentiss's room ready, [Mr.] Rafael Ramirez and [Mr.] Gil Mont were so friendly...I remember riding with them to Costco to get shelving units for Prentiss's room and they [were] so funny.

—becky flores, executive assistant

Only at STA would the teachers dress up as Harry Potter characters for a pep rally and throughout the year

# bring a dollar buy a donut



PHOTO BY CARRIE HUDSON

Every Thursday, students would arrive at school to see their friends walking to their first period class with a donut, some of which senior Brie Sandridge sold.

Coins and bills clattered in the bottom of a cardboard box sitting next to dozens of donuts. Senior Brie Sandridge sat in the front hall of M&A, greeting people with a warm smile as they walked into the building.

"Would you like a donut?" Sandridge asked each girl walking into the building.

Sandridge began selling donuts every Thursday morning the end of her junior year to help support the Fine Arts Booster Club. As one of FAB's biggest fundraisers, donut Thursday gained regular customers throughout the year.

Dr. Joe Grantham bought a donut every Thursday from senior Kelsey Rodriguez, who also sold the FAB donuts in the Donnelly Hall.

"Sometimes [Mr. Matthew] Bertalott

buys two," Sandridge said. "Or [senior] Miranda Johnson...The freshmen are really steppin' it up. Like Ceci Ismert and Lizzie [Sanders]."

Sandridge bought a donut "every once in a while" but never grew tired of visiting Fluffy Fresh bakery to pick up the donuts early on Thursday mornings.

"[It's a] little hole in the wall off of Johnson drive," Sandridge said. "Cute little couple...We've kind of developed a friendship [with them]. They're like 'Hey Brie! There's that donut sweatshirt.' They're so cute."

Sandridge packed up the empty boxes and gathered the fundraiser proceeds as the bell for first period rang throughout M&A: only one week until her next visit to Fluffy and Fresh.

# famous friendship

Senior Colleen McInerney became friends with lead singer Mikey Needleman from the Mikey Needleman Band through a three-day retreat for teens. Needleman and his band came to STA once a year to perform a concert for all the students.

Students chattered as they walked across the quad anticipating the event that they waited for all year. Posters hung all around the school announcing the performance in the auditorium. Many students restlessly listened to announcements, awaiting the bell that would allow them to rush down to the auditorium to hear the Mikey Needleman Band perform. Among these students was senior Colleen McInerney. While McInerney was excited to listen to the band perform, she also saw it as an opportunity to see a friend.

"When the band comes to school to perform I still get really excited because I love seeing them play," McInerney said. "But I also like the chance to catch up with Mikey and see how everything is going."

McInerney became acquainted with Needleman through Teens Encounter Christ (TEC), a retreat she attended Jan. 14 through 16 at the Savior Pastoral Center.

Needleman was part of the crew who talked and ate lunch with the retreatants when McInerney attended.

"At first I was kind of nervous and shy to talk to him just because everyone at STA is like obsessed with him," McInerney said. "But now that I know him, everything's really casual."

Through the retreat, McInerney had the opportunity to get to know Needleman. According to McInerney, the laid back friendship that they created through the three days continued through weekly interactions at class mass. Because of McInerney's theology practicum, she helped clean up after the masses and had the opportunity to talk with Needleman.

"Now that I know [Needleman] I still love his band and his music, but I'm not as obsessed like I used to be," McInerney said. "Sometimes I pretend to be obsessed just to mess with him since he gets really embarrassed, but it's more out of fun."



PHOTO BY JANNIE THOMPSON

randomly become their Harry Potter personas to make an announcement.  
-olivia scheuler, '12

Just theme days in general or the advisory volleyball game. Some of that just wouldn't happen at other schools.  
-kerry egan, '12

On dress down days it's always hilarious to be walking through the quad and seeing the seniors all dressed up. You

do like a double take.  
-katheryn beirne, '12  
[I love] walk[ing] across quad with friends, we're not afraid to say what we think...it's a comfortable atmosphere.  
-caitlin nelson, '12

[My moment is] when I got to sword fight with Mr. [Mike] Egner on stage during Dancing With the Stars.  
-kelly o'byrne, '12

Anytime we have advisory parties because it brings us all together. Plus food in general defines STA.  
-lane schulte, '12



My favorite moments are the dance parties to [Li'l Mama's] "Lipgloss" in the cafeteria.  
-anna meyers, '12

The auction pant pep rally shows

STA's dedicated teachers that want to make school fun as well as hard.  
-mackenzie jones, '12

Being able to spend the night [in the motherhouse] and meeting the CSJ provential leadership team while staying there...to celebrate their 175 years.

-barbara mccormick, principal of academic affairs

# the moment

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The teacher volleyball game [was my moment] because it's funny to see them not act like teachers. I think it's really cool to see them almost act like students.

—sarah bryant, '12

Friday period one, Hannah Otto, Lucy McManess and I do weird things [at the Help Desk]. We climbed into the actual Help Desk, and we drew pictures on the board. On the day seniors decorated the Quad, we put "Pin the Beard on Matt" on the door using his Moodle picture. We made directions and everything.

—brenna palmer, '12

One of the best things about being a senior is dressing up every Friday. I know that I won't be alone because of my friend Miranda Johnson. Even when I slack off, I know that she gives an awesome creative spark!

—taylor twellman, '12

One time Laura [Stacy] and I saw Mr. [Stephen] Himes at the Plaza art fair. He didn't know that, though.

—annie deruyter, '12

[My moment was] when Mr. [Eric]



Thomas made me start over my spread on the night the paper was supposed to be exported, but it turned out to be my best spread.

—christina barton, '12

During a cross-country meet we saw people from different teams laughing as they walked by our tent. We didn't know what they were laughing about, but as soon as we got back to our tent we realized they were all laughing at the picture of Lane Schulte on the senior poster that was hanging up.

—hannah reinhart, '12

During an advisory party, our advisory convinced Ms. [Carrie] Jacquin to sing karaoke again. She sang "I Touch Myself" earlier last year, and it's just fun to see her go along with it just to make our advisees laugh. It's always a good time.

—haley winslow, '12

The teachers' pep rally was hilarious. Only our teachers would do that in front of 500 girls.

—amanda florido, '12

My moment would be the day before Christmas break. The seniors banded together and sang Christmas carols.



—maddie dang, '12

I just like relaxing at lunch with friends. It's a good break from the day.

—sarah burchett, '12



**madison balachowski**

"I only use the third floor Donnelly restroom for the soap and lotion."



**lauren barret**

"I have never read an entire book for any class."



**christina barton**

"I read every book in AP Lit on time, cover to cover."



**kathryn beirne**

"I've memorized every banner in the gym."



**sarah bryant**

"I never bought a donut on Thursday."



**krissy bryde**

"My first day of STA as a freshman I put on make up and shaved my legs."



**alexis buford**

"I've never used a bathroom at STA."



**sarah burchett**

"I've put more effort in thinking of this confession than I have into homework all year."



**kelsey ceriotti**

"I go to QuikTrip almost every early out."



**jasmine colhour**

"I always had my netbook charger when you asked to borrow it. I told you I didn't because I was just too lazy to get it out!"



**danielle comford**

"While working at the help desk, I got Jeff [Zimmerman] to dance to Skrillex with me."



**caroline conner**

"I accidently pronounced gentiles as genitals during our senior class mass."



**chelsea birchmier**

"Sometimes I look up really weird, random things on Google just in case the administration is watching my netbook."



**jennifer blake**

"Everytime I had to fart during AP [Biology] class I would go to my mom's backroom and do it. Then I would leave her with it."



**emily bresette**

"I spend more time reading *People* online than I do on my netty doing homework."

## overheard

During AP Government, Mr. Pat Sirridge discussed Constitutional Principles. Senior Mary Cate Feuerborn had a question about the principles. "Well wouldn't that be state versus state?" Feuerborn asked. "Yes, and what is that called?" Sirridge answered. "The F-word...federalism."

During a period six world faiths class, Mr. Matthew Beralott was teaching about Abraham and the roots of Judaism. He asked the class to tell him the modern-day name for the country that Abraham was from. "Where is Ur?" Beralott asked. "And don't say next to 'Uh.'"

Seniors Alexandra Radtke and Katie Patterson discussed shaving habits while talking about the hygiene survey the statistics class had put on Moodle. "I shower, I just don't shave," Radtke said. "Me too, but I shave on Fridays," Patterson agreed. "Eh, no-shave October, November, December..." Radtke responded, walking out of the room.



**kennedy burton**

"I have never fully read any book for a [Literature] class at STA."



**rachel caffrey**

"The reason why the first floor M&A water fountain is yellow."



**brianna casey**

"Mrs. Weller, I was the one that wrote 'mom, help me' on the wall in your classroom...so sorry."

## alexis buford q&a

**How long have you been playing golf?**

I've played for four years.

**What college are you planning to play golf for?**

I'm planning on playing for William Jewel [College] in Liberty[, Mo.].

**Why did you choose this school in particular?**

I like how it's small, close to home and I liked the coach. I know every freshman on the team, and I know one girl that is older. It's comforting knowing I was going to be with people I knew.

**Will there be any other STA students playing golf at college this coming year?**

No, I am the only one, but I knew I would be.



**lindsay cook**

"I never turned in an accountability because I was too lazy to get stamps."

## sarah burchett q&a

Senior Sarah Burchett had to leave her family after senior year to pursue her dream of becoming a pilot through the United States Navy. STORY AND DESIGN BY MADDIE HORTON



**not for self** Senior Sarah Burchett poses with an American flag April 3. Burchett was the only STA student planning on enlisting in the military after graduation. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON

**Have you always wanted to join the navy?**

I've wanted to be a pilot since freshman year. I wanted to join the air force, but you are less likely to become a pilot [if you enlist in that], weirdly enough.

**What made you want to enlist in the navy?**

My step dad [inspired me].

**Do you know anyone else who is already in or will be joining the navy?**

My best friend, Brent, is joining, and he introduced me to my recruiter.

**When do you begin training?**

I go to PT, physical training, every Monday, and I am leaving for boot camp on July 18.

**What emotions are you feeling?**

I am excited and anxious. I want to see what it's like. But, it's a sad process because I have to leave my little sister and my family.

**Should more STA girls enlist?**

I don't think that [the navy] is for everyone, but I think it's something everyone should look into. College didn't appeal to me so [the navy] was the right choice for me.

# overheard

At the end of a world faiths class before Christmas break began, seniors discussed how Jesus Christ and Santa Claus both come on Christmas day. "I have to admit," senior Kate Needham said. "I hope that Jesus isn't the one coming down my chimney."

After watching the movie "Jane Eyre" in college composition, the class convinced Mr. Kelly Fast to look up pictures of the lead actor, Michael Fassbender. "Look at that one!" senior Liz Wiens said about a picture of Fassbender posing with an unknown man. "I wish I was that man!"



**grace crowe**

"I don't know how to spell salutorian."



**maggie cussen**

"I can never complete a semester without tripping up the stairs in M&A."



**maddie dang**

"Anyone want to take a gander at what makes my oreo balls taste so good? Just kidding."

# the QuikTrip clique

The clique started the first week of the school year when a group of seniors checked out during a period nine free in Ms. Julia Berardi's office. A couple of girls announced that they were going to QuikTrip and invited the others to join. Piling into one car, they drove off the campus—marking the first excursion of the QuikTrip clique. STORY AND DESIGN BY CRISTINA DEZEEUW

According to senior Lucia Maschler, her favorite things to get at QuikTrip were Rooster Booster, corn nuts or cheetos.

"I love Rooster Booster because school sucks all the energy out of me," Maschler said. "I would rather have a direct injection of caffeine but Rooster Booster works."

The worst thing Maschler ate from QuikTrip was a snack pack that consisted of broccoli, carrots and cheese.

"Brie [Sandridge] and I were trying to eat healthy," Maschler said. "The snack pack thing was literally the grossest thing ever."

According to senior Katie McCombs, her typical snack from QuikTrip consisted of a Rooster Booster slushie or a taquito.

"I usually don't have any money," McCombs said. "I just mooch off other people."

One of McComb's experiences at QuikTrip also involved Brie Sandridge's snack pack, but also Lucia Maschler's corn nuts.

"Brie's snack pack thing was nasty," McCombs said. "But Lucia's corn nuts are repulsive. I think I chipped a tooth biting in to one. They're a dangerous food."

According to senior Megan Lankford, her favorite thing was to not get anything to eat or drink, but to just eat other people's food in the car.

"When I do get something, though, I get a Rooster Booster and a sucker, or a Gatorade and some sort of snack—like Chex Mix since it's soccer season," Lankford said.

The most disgusting thing Lankford had ever eaten from QuikTrip was from Brie Sandridge's snack tray.

"Everyone who tried it almost threw up," Lankford said.

According to senior Brie Sandridge, a Rooster Booster slushie and chocolate covered pretzels were her favorite snack from QuikTrip.

"We all have our own little snacks," Sandridge said. "Lank has her suckers, Katie gets her taquitos."

Like the other girls, Sandridge said the infamous snack pack was the worst thing she had ever eaten at QuikTrip.

"The cheese pack was bad, really bad," Sandridge said. "It ended with some serious stomach aches and regret."



**kate dujakovich**

"Everything you've heard about the tunnel is true...I've seen it."



**lucy edmonds**

"I hate the Dart."



**allison fitts**

"I signed my name in the tunnel before senior year."



**christie fletcher**

"I covered Ms. [Shana] Prentiss's room in rice crispy treats."



# my moment

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[We had] five plates of food between me and Marianna [Messerli] during our Thanksgiving advisory party.

—lindsay cook, '12



Mr. [Stephen] Himes did the splits at Dancing with the Stars, and now it's kind of burned into my memory.

—ava jurden, '12

[I love] when you see teachers outside of school. It's easy to talk to them. When I see teachers driving I always honk [to them].

—emily wunder, '12

My moment was at the [Notre Dame de] Sion [High School] game. I was sitting on the bench watching both sides and their cheering sections. I was happy with how composed and respectful our side was during the game.

—megan helt, '12

[I liked] when the seniors decorated the Quad. It really showed how much we all enjoy STA and I think everyone really enjoyed it.

—lydia thomsen, '12



In algebra class, Ms. Clark took a student's phone after she was using it in class and accidentally dropped it. Then she gave it back to the student because she felt bad. It was so funny.

—sara pence '12

[I like] how competitive [Ms. Alice Amick's advisory is] when we were trying to win [the sidewalk chalk contest]. We spent a lot of time on the chalk. We planned it out like a few days before.

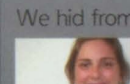
—kelly muraski, '12

During class mass, Caroline Connor was doing the first reading, and instead of saying "Gentiles," she said "genitals" and everyone tried to hold back laughing.

—brenna scott, '12

My advisory tries to get us to share our food during advisory parties with other advisories but we love food too much and are too lazy to share and it's always really awkward.

—colleen mcinerney, '12



We hid from Mr. Fast in the book closet in his room during AP Lit[erature last year]. It shows that the teachers can have fun in class while still teaching.

—kathleen vogel, '12

We were in the bathroom by Mr. [Mike] Egner's room and talking about serious farting. We open the door and Egner was standing right there.

—maddy ismert, '12



**elizabeth daugherty**  
"I can read minds. Seriously."



**annie deruyter**  
"I once ran away from a nurse giving me a shot and hid in a cabinet. I was 13."



**kathleen devine**  
"I steal candy from Ms. [Barbara] McCormick's office."



**madalyn doyle**  
"I still don't know the names of at least 15 girls in my class."



**kerry egan**  
"I never made my food for cooking club by myself."



**katelyn ehrnman**  
"I stole Allison Fitt's printer code because I used up all 1,000 of my pages."



**katherine evans**  
"I started the Swine Flu epidemic at school sophomore year."



**mary cate feuerborn**  
"Mr. [Kelly] Fast has sat at my dining room table."



**amanda florido**  
"I never read any of the assigned literature books."



**shannen freeman**  
"I ask teachers to leave the room just so I can fart in the hallway."



**danielle gatapia**  
"When people sit in front of me, I gently touch the tips of their hair."



**sarah godfrey**  
"I'm the one who pushed [Ms. Barbara] Harris off her bed...oops."

# moment

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Dancing with Ms. [Diana] Blessen... was defining. It's not everyday that you do Dancing with the Stars. It wasn't awkward because we're a lot more similar than we thought. She's just so nice and like, the cutest person.

—stephanie hampel, '12

There was this time in Mr. [Kelly] Fast's class we were talking about this steamy chapter in a book we were reading and Ms. [Barbara] McCormick came to sit in on the class. We managed to continue the class discussion without Ms. McCormick knowing we were talking about a risqué scene.

—jasmine colhour, '12

I love love love having classes when Mr. [Ed Chronister] is subbing. He's just the nicest and happiest person he can always put me in a good mood.

—megan lankford, '12

Ms. [Denise] Rue[schhoff] told us this story when she was an Australian exchange student. She was going to a football game and asked, "Who are we rooting for?" and everybody started laughing because rooting means having sex there.

—megan hodes, '12

I was walking up the third floor M&A stairs and [Mr. Kelly] Fast stops me and says, "Hey are you in Ms. Jacquin's class?" and I said, "No, I'm a senior," and he said, "Oh. You look like a freshman."

—rachel caffrey, '12

[I like] student appreciation day because it's [the] one day where the school can relax and have fun in the Quad. It gives students a chance to spend time together and blow off steam.

—libby sauder, '12

Seeing the musical was cool because lots of people [were] involved and you could tell that the cast had really bonded. They put on a great show.

—paige wendland, '12

A memorable moment for me at STA would definitely include Ms. [Barbara] Harris. I've had Harris for three years, which is roughly 600 days, 24,000 minutes, and 1,440,000 seconds (and yes I did that math on a calculator, sorry Ms. Harris).

—caroline connor, '12

[I liked my] freshmen basketball team. That was where I met a lot of my friends and it was a good time.

—katelyn ehrnman, '12

Our pep rally at the beginning of the year...it's lots of fun and shows the freshman how great STA is.

—nicole wemhoff, '12



**ariana goode**

"One time I left school during activity and lunch to go out to lunch with my friends."



**alexandra greathouse**

"I frequently wish that Mr. [Pat] Sirridge was my grandpa and Ms. [Jo] Weller was my mother."



**miranda green**

"I'm actually a lobster."



**stephanie hampel**

"My stomach is the eighth wonder of the world."



**emily holt**

"I'm scared of Sister Joan."



**erin hutchison**

"I was mistaken for a shadow by a freshman."



**katie hyde**

"If I told you, I'd have to kill you."



**lizzy imperiale**

"I caused the fire in Mr. [Michael] Sanem's room."



**mackenzie jones**

"I hate Chris Cakes."



**ava jurden**

"I'm the 'she' in She's A Keeper."



**nicole kamradt**

"I have no shame pooping in the school bathrooms."



**molly kaniger**

"Martha Ramirez and I were the ones who put lotion on the Donnelly [Hall] railings and recorded people's reactions."

# overheard

During Ms. Jo Weller's second period pre-calculus class, senior **Katie McCombs** commented on Weller's grading methods. "So centimeters are a whole point? Wow, that's awesome," McCombs said.

In christian spirituality, senior **Ariana Goode** tried to convince Ms. Robin Good to leave the lights off. "No, we need to leave them off so the light of the candle can show us our true beauty," Goode said.

While in AP literature, the class discussed grade school boys starting fights. "When I was in fifth grade, the eighth grade boys started a fight," senior **Celia O'Flaherty** said. "I was watching when one of the boys missed the kid he was fighting and punched me in the face."

Senior **Sara Pence** explained why she would not trade her family's spring break trip to Las Vegas for a trip to Mexico with all of her friends. DESIGN BY KATHLEEN BLANCK



**ready, set, smile** Senior Sarah Pence and her cousin Phil Licata took a picture while she visited Las Vegas for Spring Break. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SARAH PENCE

One night, we were in the same back room as Bruno Mars, so that was a lot of fun. During the day, we got a lot of meals comped because of my cousins, we got to go VIP, and cut in lines. Senior spring break is kind of special because it's a lot more meaningful; you're a lot older, you have more respect from your parents, you're able to do more things. It's just kind of like a celebration of being a senior and going to college.

—sara pence, senior

spring breakrocks



**hannah haywood**

"I drive the same car as my 82-year-old neighbor."



**megan helt**

"I've never bought a donut on Donut Thursday."



**megan hodes**

"I'm a Riot Maker."



**maddy ismert**

"I have baby Lisa."



**mary kate jenks**

"After two years of working on the 'Aeneid,' I have yet to translate a line."



**miranda johnson**

"I've never had a star cookie. I really want one."



**hanna katz**

"I'm Jewish."

## spring breakscare

According to Seniors, spring break is the last hurrah before graduation—one last time to relax with friends and celebrate being accepted to their dream colleges. Two seniors explained what went wrong over their last high school spring break in Las Islas Mujeres.

The last day [Kennedy Burton] was not feeling well, not well at all. She was tired and she slept all day, out on our wrap-around-porch couches. So, at like 8 o'clock, I walked into our room and she said, 'Everything hurts.' And I was freaking out because like 5 minutes later she wasn't responding. Like at all. She was unresponsive, which scared me. So, we had to call the island doctor, which sounds, like, so sketch. So, the doctor came and, basically, [Burton] was dehydrated severely, and she had to get an IV. The funniest part was when she was coming to, when they were about to put the IV in, and I tell her that she has to have an IV, and she starts bawling 'cause she has to have a needle. And she was like, "I don't want to have a needle." And we were just happy she was alive. That was the scariest part of our trip. And I never want it to happen again.

—taylor twellman, senior



**don't forget water** Senior Taylor Twellman, left, and Kennedy Burton dance in Las Islas Mujeres over Spring Break. Burton would later suffer from severe dehydration, putting a damper on her spring break vacation. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY TAYLOR TWELLMAN

# overheard

Before a yearbook class, senior Maddie Dang showed her classmates her unique gums until senior Kathleen Vogel interrupted her. "Maddie, you have a really flabby upper lip and it's grossing me out," Vogel said.

During activity one, senior Rosemary McGraw shared her excitement about her new auction sweatpants with her friends. "I found my pants!" McGraw said, appreciating her joke.

While waiting in line to order lunch at the Minneapolis Institute of Art during the NSPA trip, senior Trish Smith had a question about the menu. "Cilantro's a meat, right?" Smith asked.

When Mr. Kelly Fast called roll in his AP English literature and composition, he realized senior Christina Barton was present. "Barton?" Fast called. "Here even though it says you have an activity." "Oh, do I?" Barton asked. "I'll leave. I wanted to skip school today anyway."



**meka kelly**

"I pulled the fire alarm both times...just kidding. That is a federal offense."



**logan kembel**

"I never participated on Reboot Wednesday."



**jacqueline kerr**

"I spend more time drawing in my planner than I do working on homework."

## stitching thememories

With prom less than a month away, most seniors were out dress shopping, however senior Miranda Johnson decided to design and make her own dress. STORY AND DESIGN BY MARINA VIANELLO

After a long day of volunteering at her service agency, senior Miranda Johnson returned home. However, her work for the day was not done. She was in the process of designing and sewing her own dress for the school's upcoming senior prom, which would take place April 20.

Johnson originally got the idea to design a dress for a school dance at the end of her sophomore year. Her junior year, she planned on making a dress for the Junior Ring Dance, but her plans fell through. This year, she knew it was the perfect time to do it.

"I still had the design from sophomore year and really liked it so I finally decided to make my prom dress out of it," Johnson said.

According to Johnson, she bought her fabric and started cutting the patterns over the summer. She started working but didn't get most of the work done until December.

"I realized [prom] was coming soon and that I should probably start working on the dress again," Johnson said. "Right now I'm almost done [with my dress]. It's all sewn, so now I need to tailor it so it fits perfectly."

Although Johnson considered herself an artist, she did not consider herself a fashion designer. She never took a formal fashion designing class and instead taught herself the basics



with her mother's help. She drew inspiration for her dress from outfits she saw or read about in books and magazines.

"I wanted something that nobody else could have," Johnson said. "I knew I wanted something original and the best way to do that was make it myself."



**megan lewis**

"I pray for snow days starting in August."



**margot livers**

"I actually did cry when I found out Critter died because he and I were really close."



**katie mcombs**

"I flew Mary O'Leary across the Pacific Islands border and put her up for adoption in the U.S."



**rosemary mcgraw**

"I'm a witch. Oops! Obliviate!"

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When my sister shadowed me during yearbook, Mr. [Eric] Thomas asked her to tell the class something they did not know about me so she made something up to be funny and told them I have dance parties alone in my room. So now all my friends make fun of me for something I do not do.



-erin hutchison, '12

[I liked] coming to decorate [the Quad] for Christmas with my friends.

-lauren barrett, '12

[My moment was] waxing Colleen McInerney's hair. Her hair is disgusting... the hair is longer than men's hair. [Mr. Craig] Whitney gave us duck tape and we waxed it. There is a patch with no hair on it.

-christie fletcher, '12

[My moment is] the first day all seniors dressed up on Friday. We all participated in something just for fun and just for us. It was a really cool thing to do.

-alexandra redden, '12

I compliment [Ms. Julia] Gargallo's outfits and she gets mad for not being professional. But I love Ms. Gargallo.



-rowan o'brien-williams '12

During activity once, Lorraine [Sands] and I were sitting outside Mr. [Kelly] Fast's room. We didn't know where to go, because he wasn't there and everyone else was full. Then Ms. [Carrie] Jacquin walked up, and we thought we were going to get yelled at for not being anywhere for activity. She then asked where he was, and we said we didn't know. Instead of getting mad at us, she just handed us each a full sized candy bar and walked away. It was weird.



-cara mcclain, '12

Every time there is a birthday, I sing happy birthday on the top of my lungs.

-molly kaniger, '12

[My moment is] the teacher skit with Harry Potter. Ms. [Theresa] Wallerstedt as Snape was pretty funny.

-madalyn doyle '12

I remember all the talks in Mr. [Stephen] Himes's class about the Garden of Eden and the snake. What book was it? Oh, the "Heart of Darkness."

-caroline mendus, '12

One of my most memorable moments at STA would have to be when the class of 2012 came to school at six o'clock in the morning to decorate the campus with Christmas decorations on the last day of the first semester.

-alexandria mediavilla, '12



**mari kerwin**

"I laugh at my own jokes because I think I'm hilarious."



**melissa lane**

"I had a nose ring all junior and senior year."



**megan lankford**

"I watch so many crime scene shows I could kill you and get away with it."



**mary leroy**

"On senior goth dress up day, my true personality came out."



**mayme marshall**

"Kelly Fast terrifies me."



**lucia maschler**

"I rejected my letter from Hogwarts to come to St. Teresa's."



**kaili mccamman**

"I am a man."



**cara mcclain**

"I'm allergic to soy milk, but I secretly drink it every chance I get."



**colleen mcinerney**

"I've never tucked in my shirt."



**claire mckeon**

"I never read *Jane Eyre*. Sorry, Mr. Fast."



**lucy mcmanness**

"I got locked in the book closet in the back of Mr. Fast's room. Now I know where he keeps his emergency supply of hair gel...just kidding."



**alexandria mediavilla**

"I get goose bumps every time I touch cotton balls."

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We were watching funny YouTube videos, and I tried to show one that I thought was hilarious, but Ms. [Katie] Dolan said it wouldn't be funny. It took me probably 5 minutes to convince her to watch it and when we finally did...it was not funny at all.



-mclaren o'rear, '12

On footie pajama Friday dress down day, Krissy Bryde and I went and took pictures in the bathroom and spent the whole free in there.

-abby suholaski, '12

Advisory kickball is fun because you can spend quality time with advisees and kick butt.

-ariana goode, '12

My freshman year was the first time I went to the Academy Woman [assembly] and I didn't know what it was and I watched the seniors. Seeing them cry throughout the years, it's become more important and more special. It'll be awesome when that's us. I'm excited to have that memory.

-danielle comfort, '12

The atmospheres of the games are so intense and full spirited and cheering for our team to win. The dedication of everyone showing up in costumes and losing their voice is so STA.



-kennedy burton, '12

Going on Kairos really bonded me with my classmates. Being on your own with them made me really get to know them a lot better. The whole experience was awesome.

-miranda green, '12

This semester I'm in sports and fitness and the first day we decided that our song is "Sexy and I Know It" by LMFAO and the second day of class the song came on. It comes on the radio pretty much everyday during the class.



-hannah otto, '12

One memorable moment from an activity period is when Cara [McClain] and I were just sitting outside Mr. [Kelly] Fast's room and Ms. [Carrie] Jacquin came over and we thought she was going to get mad at us for just sitting in the hallway, but instead she gave us big candy bars.

-lorraine sands, '12

During class, Ms. [Julia] Gargallo made us take off our shoes and leave them outside [the door]. Later she told us we couldn't have our shoes back if we kept talking.

-patricia smith, '12

During lunch we always bring a ton of food, and we always trade. Food definitely is a huge factor to STA.

-mari kerwin, '12



**caroline mendus**

"I make juice with Mr. Whitney every Wednesday period 7."



**marianna messerli**

"I saw Kelly Fast wearing army pants and flip-flops, so I bought army pants and flip-flops."



**anna meyers**

"I think I've convinced my body that it's allergic to the STA sweaters...although teachers never believe me."



**taylor migliazzo**

"I'm usually texting when I say I'm 'using my pump.' Having diabetes has its pros!"



**kate needham**

"I paid Erin Tuaddle to do all my homework. ;)"



**caitlin nelson**

"I have never worn a school shirt."



**rowan o'brien-williams**

"I wear non-uniform socks when I wear my Uggs to school."



**kelly o'byrne**

"My dad named me after Mr. Fast: the original woman warrior."



**mary o'leary**

"My name is Martin and I am the first male to successfully graduate from STA."



**mclaren o'rear**

"I shower naked."



**hannah otto**

"I never learned the trig table values. Sorry Weller!"



**brenna palmer**

"I ate at least half of my lunch during advisory every day when Ms. Wallerstedt wasn't looking."



**erika mikkelsen**

"Although I laughed, I never once understood any of Mr. Sirridge's jokes."



**kelly muraski**

"I thought that cell phones only have service in the state you live in."



**theresa murphy**

"I was smokin' some BBQ down by Sanem's room. Then I heard sirens and ran out. :/."

# overheard

While walking down the hall, senior Libby Randolph discussed the importance of class rings. "That's like the definition of sisterhood," Randolph said. "Fist bumping and your [class rings] clinking together."

Mr. Kelly Fast discussed the origin of the name "Kelly" with senior Kelly O'Byrne, who was saying it was a girly Irish name. "I mean, it means female warrior," O'Byrne said.

During statistics and probability class senior Lizzy Imperiale shared a fact about her father's past. "My dad went to school with a kid named Nimrod Weasel-Fish," Imperiale said.

During a passing period senior Marianna Messerli talked to sophomore Emily Wemhoff about advisory kickball. "Is anything on your body sore?" Messerli asked. "Like your arms or legs? Because you are a sore loser."



**cassie odneal**

"I never took just one piece of candy from the Donnelly offices."



**celia o'flaherty**

"There is a cat living inside of me that has been controlling my thoughts and actions this whole time."



**katie patterson**

"I secretly sometimes miss Ms. Hernon as my advisor."



**sara pence**

"I wore yoga pants for an entire month straight this winter and didn't get caught."

# togas or tiaras?



Latin convention? Prom? Math state? Senior Paige Wendland had to make a decision.

"I might have tried to attend some of each, but I am a state officer, so I have to go to the Latin state convention," Wendland said.

The Latin state convention included tests, Jeopardy! games, art projects and more, according to Latin teacher Ms. Sue Marquis.

"I've made some of my best friends through [Junior Classical League], but there's more in [Math Team] for me because it is a competition...the Latin convention is more fun," Wendland said.

This is the first year Math Team qualified for the state convention, according to Wendland's teammate, junior Elaine Schmidt.

"To qualify, girls need to get fifty percent of the questions right," math team moderator Jo Weller said. "It doesn't sound hard, but the questions are really crazy, so it is really great Elaine and Paige made it."

However, neither Schmidt nor Wendland were able to attend. The competition fell on the same weekend as the Latin convention, the Junior Ring Dance and prom.

"I'm not too bitter about missing prom," Wendland said. "[Senior] Kate Needham can't go either, so we're going to have an alternate prom. There will be better music, people I like, and especially better music."



# overheard

In US government, the class was discussing how their was a phone line you could call for the White House. Senior Rachel Cafrey got out her phone and dialed the number. Once she got a hold of a representative, she couldn't think of anything to say. "Ok well, will you just let Obama know that we all said hey?"

During a school mass, senior Sarah Godfrey commented on one of the priest's rituals. "Since the priest washes his hands before touching the host, is that where washing your hands before dinner came from?" Godfrey said.

During pre-calculus, senior Caroline Connor discussed her haircut appointments. "The girl that styles my hair has the same kind of hair as me," Connor said. "She always says 'big hair, big fun' and I come out of the salon with an afro."

Senior Kelsey Ceriotti described her love of sleep to senior Erin Twaddle. "I could sleep every minute of every day," Ceriotti said. "That's called being dead, Kelsey," Twaddle replied.



**madison phillips**

"I used Egner's snack drawer as my lunch."



**alexandra radtke**

"I was born with a third nipple."



**libby randolph**

"Ms. [Michelle] McIntire always begs me to join STA singers because I have the voice of a country angel."

# seniorbucket list

There were several things that seniors wanted to do before they graduated. Some seniors shared their top ten ideas. STORY AND DESIGN BY MAGGIE KENNEY

**1. Go in the tunnel**

Sign your name on the wall of the secret tunnel before graduation.

**2. Wear the kilt**

Wear the kilt to school instead of your school skirt.

**3. Go on the roof**

Check out the view from the Donnelly Building roof before you graduate.

**4. Leave school for a free**

Take a free off to go to QuikTrip.

**5. Participate in the senior prank**

Help STA remember your class after graduation by planning a prank with your class.

**6. Leave messages to students in textbooks**

Write a message to a future student in your textbook (ie: an equation to fly a broom stick or a funny message).

**7. Ride the elevator**

Without getting caught, take a ride on one of the school's elevators.

**8. Spend a free in Ms. Julia Berardi's office**

Spend a free or activity period with Berardi. Just don't tell administration.

**9. Steal a Coca-Cola from the teachers lounge**

There is soda in the teachers lounge for teachers: go ahead. Buy one.

**10. Use the men's bathroom**

At an all girls' school, anything dealing with boys is fascinating. Use the men's restroom.



**kate rohr**

"I'm the one who designed the chapel. Sorry, dad."



**brie sandridge**

"Those aren't really donuts."



**erin sellers**

"I never read an entire book for my AP Literature class. My worst one: I read 17 pages of *Les Miserables*. It's a 500-page book."



**rachel shedd**

"There's not a staircase that I haven't fallen on."



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**alexandra reddis**

"I hold my breath every time I walk past the bad smelling trees."



**jacqueline regan**

"In the summer I went into the tunnel and was the first person to sign my name for our class."



**hannah reinhart**

"I frequently use the men's restroom in Goppert."



**kelsey rodriguez**

"I love my cat Mo...maybe too much."

In [Mr. Kelly] Fast's class we all set our backgrounds on our netbooks as his face. When he saw it he was so creeped out.

—erika mikkelsen, '12

My friends and I always used to go to [Mr. Mike] Egner's [classroom] for fries, and we asked him to see if he could get left over turf from the new track for us to sit on, and he actually did! Now there's turf on his floor for us.

—chelsea birchmier, '12

The ten minutes before [US] Government class with [Mr. Richard] Shrock literally describes STA. [We] joke around a bit and just be crazy before starting notes.

—lucia maschler, '12

I had [Ms. Ann] Ramsey for Spanish [my sophomore year], and it was hard for her to communicate in a big group. One-on-one though, it was easy, and that shows how dedicated STA staff is.

—shannen freeman, '12

I'm in Cooking Club, so that's pretty STA—all the eating and stuff. So I'd say when I joined that I really liked it.

—maggie cussen, '12

[My moment was] going in the chapel the first time. I thought I was going to hate it, but I actually liked it. It's more comfortable than I thought, and I love the leather chairs!

—cassie odneal, '12

About two years ago, I bought electric blue tights, but never wore them. When I found out the theme [was Smurfs], I got excited that I could wear them. Only at STA would I be able to wear them to a game.

—lucy mcmanness, '12

Thanksgiving advisory parties are my favorite because they have the best food and it's one of the only times we all sit together and actually talk, instead of breaking off into small groups or watching a movie.

—erin twaddle, '12

[My moment was] when Brenna Scott dragged me down the hall by my foot in front of shadow's. Mr. [Pat] Sirridge called her a bully but it was funny. From then on, Sirridge and I were best friends.

—meka kelly, '12

One of my favorite moments was Thanksgiving. My little sister is kind of like the honorary sister of the advisory. When she came to Thanksgiving, everyone talked to her and welcomed her. It was a really defining moment for me because I saw how welcoming everyone is at this school.

—danielle gatapia, '12



**lorraine sands**

"I don't think I have a confession!"



**libby sauder**

"I have a crush on security Bob."



**olivia scheuler**

"I'm perfect."



**lane schulte**

"I get occasional irregularity."



**patricia smith**

"I'm the only one who took the uniform changes seriously."



**laura stacy**

"I wish I was English so much that sometimes, I involuntarily speak with an English accent. It just comes naturally, mate."



**abby suholaski**

"My advisor never gave me my blue sheet senior year."



**lydia thomsen**

"I did shotput sophomore year."

# season's prankings

Seniors met on the quad at 5 a.m. to adorn the campus with Christmas decorations and bring students a bit of Christmas cheer on the Friday before finals week. STORY AND DESIGN BY MADDIE DANG



**hand in hand** Seniors Alexandra Greathouse, from left, Abby Suholaski, Katie McCombs and Rachel Caffrey cross the newly decorated quad Dec. 9. **PHOTO BY CARRIE HUDSON**

It was pitch black outside when they arrived. No sun to keep them warm or to light the Quad while they crept around, placing boxes in trees, setting up generators and hanging lights. The seniors were dedicated to getting this done before anyone arrived at school. They wanted to finish their first semester with their own mini-prank.

"[Senior] Allison Fitts came up with the idea of decorating the Quad in Christmas stuff one day a few weeks before during newspaper class," senior Hannah Wolf said. "We both asked if we could go to the bathroom and we immediately went outside searching for outlets and other things we would need to decorate. No one even questioned if we should do it or not, we just started planning it."

Not only did the seniors decorate, but before the first bell and between classes, they belted out Christmas carols in the Quad or on the stairs in front of each building. Principal of academic affairs Mary Anne Hoecker said that the class contributed to a better spirit around the school during a stressful time.

"I think that people were into studying for semester exams, and I think it just brought a

new kind of cheer to the community that day, and I liked that," Hoecker said. "It seemed to lessen that panicky stress that can hit students before semester [exams]."

Seniors also dressed up for the occasion. Two seniors that dressed together were Maddy Ismert and Rachel Caffrey as matching elves.

"I thought that wearing a matching costume was fun and gave me a warm feeling knowing my other half was somewhere," Ismert said.

Both Hoecker and Ismert thought the success of the day came from a lack of damage and a greater sense of spirit.

"If [the seniors] had asked if they could have done it, I would have said yes," Hoecker said. "If they meant for it to be a surprise, they succeeded. It didn't hurt anybody, and it didn't harm anything."

After the last bell rang and the sun shined, the seniors who remained on campus walked to the quad, gathered their belongings, and smiled as they finished up what was expected to be a repeated occurrence for years to come.



**sarah turgeon**

"This should've been a senior prank."



**erin tuaddle**

"Everyday at lunch, I use my lunch bag to hide my texting, since I already ate the rest of my lunch in Activity One."



**katarina waller**

"I never started a paper more than two hours before it was due."



**nicole wemhoff**

"I started sleeping with a spoon under my pillow and my pajamas inside out the day after school started."



**merry christmas, darlings** Senior Colleen McInerney holds her hand in a peace sign to the students arriving at school as she sings with her fellow seniors Dec. 9. **PHOTO BY CARRIE HUDSON**



**signs of christmas** A "Merry X-Mas STA" sign hangs in a tree in the middle of the quad Dec. 9. The seniors chose to meet at school early to decorate the quad to bring the Christmas season to the STA community before finals week. **PHOTO BY CARRIE HUDSON**



**buddy the elves** Seniors Rachel Caffrey, left, and Maddy Ismert sing along with other seniors before classes start Dec. 9. Ismert and Caffrey wore similar costumes to bring Christmas cheer to STA. **PHOTO BY CARRIE HUDSON**

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**taylor twellman**

"When I had a class last that was in Silent Study, I signed in and saw that we had no homework. I went to Mrs. [Julia] Berardi, and she let me out early!"



**abby uche**

"I wear whatever I want under my sweatshirt on Wednesdays. No polo."



**jessie vincent**

"I am a dragon-dinosaur-unicorn-hobbit."



**kathleen vogel**

"Mr. [Mark] Hough asked me to join the track team this year...so that I could do shotput."

In one of our pre-calculus classes with Mrs. [Jo] Weller, [senior] Martha Ramirez's phone went off, and it was a really funny ring tone. Everyone was cracking up.

—brianna casey, '12

Sophomore year in world history, [Mr. Richard] Shrock convinced my class that he was planning on adopting a pair of teacup pigs... We spent the whole class period thinking up names for them and getting excited. Turns out he wasn't getting any pigs at all.

—liz wiens, '12



**paige wendland**

"The M&A basement bathroom leads to the Ministry of Magic."



**liz wiens**

"I was not in uniform a single day at STA."



**haley winslow**

"Yes, this is my real hair."



**hannah wolf**

"Ms. McCormick—I actually did hide in the ceiling above the third floor Donnelly bathroom, but I'll never tell you how I got up there."

One day we all hid the closet in Mr. [Kelly] Fast's [AP Literature] class, he walked in and sat at his desk and started working on other stuff. We came out like five minutes later.

—marianna messerli '12

When we had an all-day yard day in the spring, and there were speakers out blasting music while everyone laid out...it was a really pretty day out and my friends, and I just relaxed during frees and played soccer.

—jacqueline regan, '12

One day it was freezing cold [during cross-country practice] and Coach [Karen] Moran let us speed over to Winstead's [Restaurant] to get hot chocolate or food. We got our food and the three of us are sitting in my car, trying to duck down to hide from the runners and shovel down our food. Watching Kelly [Jenks] try to talk and drink scorching hot chocolate at the same time was hilarious.

—erin sellers, '12

The teacher pep rally with the sweatpants was the best...I had to call my mom and lie that I had a test so she would cancel my doctor's appointment so I wouldn't miss it.

—melissa lane '12

When Abby Wambach came to our school, she talked about how important and influential it is for us that we go to an all-girls school. That was such a cool thing to hear because it made me realize how big an impact going to STA will have on the rest of my life, and in a good way, too.

—allison fitts, '12

[My moment was when] we went to dinner together, and it was really great to just bond before we all went to college.

—megan lewis '12

## overheard

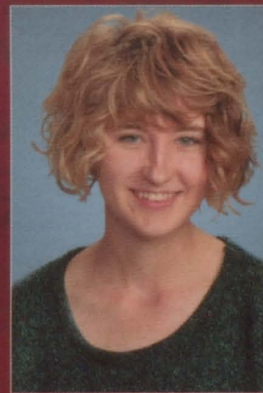
During an anatomy and physiology class Nov. 11, senior Brie Sandridge and Ms. Amy Carlson talked about Sandridge's failure during a virtual lab. "Really Brie? Thirty-three percent?" "Yeah, you know I'm definitely ready to perform hip surgery with that score," Sandridge replied.

During a passing period Nov. 8, senior KaiLi McCamman complained about wanting Christmas to arrive as soon as possible. "I just want Christmas right now," McCamman said.

During the annual fire drill Aug. 18, senior Abby Uche complained as students filed out of Donnelly Hall the their designated areas. "There's no point in me practicing for a fire drill, because honestly, I would just run around in a circle until someone rescued me," Uche said.

During a free Dec. 1, seniors Sarah Godfrey and Kathleen Vogel discussed different yearbook colors. "I think we should do a yearbook of all black and gold," Godfrey said. "Where's the black and gold?" "I think...this is exactly why you're not on yearbook," Vogel retorted.

During a period three AP government class Dec. 5, senior Kate Rohr was complaining about how sore she was. "I need someone to take a hammer to my spine," Rohr said. "I am so sore from CYO basketball. I got slapped in the face, and I just can't handle the pain."



**emily wunder**

"Mrs. [Renée] Blake is actually my den mother."

**not pictured:**

**martha ramirez  
brenna scott**

# and the nominees are...

## Mosts...

Seniors wait anxiously back stage as they hear their name called for their "mosts" nominations.

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|---|---|
| <b>friendly:</b><br>kerry egan              | <b>oblivious:</b><br>madison phillips     |
| <b>intimidating:</b><br>jennifer blake      | <b>daring:</b><br>kailli mccamman         |
| <b>outgoing:</b><br>mclaren o'rear          | <b>competitive:</b><br>marianna messerli  |
| <b>boy crazy:</b><br>rowan o'brien-williams | <b>opinionated:</b><br>mary kate jenks    |
| <b>original:</b><br>emily wunder            | <b>sarcastic:</b><br>claire mckeon        |
| <b>talkative:</b><br>erin twaddle           | <b>goofy:</b><br>lucy mcmaness            |
| <b>hilarious:</b><br>maddy ismert           | <b>loyal:</b><br>katarina waller          |
| <b>trendy:</b><br>erin hutchison            | <b>ambitious:</b><br>hannah wolf          |
| <b>unchanged:</b><br>maggie cussen          | <b>laidback:</b><br>lucy edmonds          |
| <b>changed:</b><br>melissa lane             | <b>approachable:</b><br>kathryn beirne    |
| <b>enthusiastic:</b><br>colleen mcinerney   | <b>sassy:</b><br>jasmine colhour          |
| <b>rebellious:</b><br>sarah burchett        | <b>kindhearted:</b><br>kelsey ceriotti    |
| <b>trustworthy:</b><br>logan kembel         | <b>sneakiest eater:</b><br>theresa murphy |



### libby sauder...

**most likely to own a vintage shop**  
"I think it would be a fun job to do after I have a career or the career I want doesn't work out. It would be a fun thing to do, but I don't have any plans right now."



### paige wendland...

**most likely to become president**  
"I think it's odd [that I was voted most likely to become president] because I have a very deep fear of public speaking and hate arguing."



### haley winslow...

**most likely to be the next Oprah**  
"I think I could be Oprah sometime in the future just because I want to travel the world, meet new people, and be influential in the lives of others."

# Most Likely To...

Students crowd outside the Star-studded gala awaiting the nominations for their senior most likely to's. DESIGN BY PAIGE DRUMMOND PHOTOS BY SARAH KOSTORYZ

- write a bestseller:**  
liz wiens
- join the peace corps:**  
katie hyde
- have 10 kids:**  
grace crowe
- become a CEO:**  
christina barton
- marry a celebrity:**  
ariana goode
- never age:**  
rachel caffrey
- own a vineyard vines store:**  
hannah reinhart
- be in the olympics:**  
kathleen vogel
- go to the moon:**  
jessie vincent
- forget your name:**  
caroline connor
- live at home forever:**  
patricia smith
- climb mt. everest:**  
alexis buford
- travel the world:**  
caroline mendus
- never be in uniform:**  
kelly o'byrne
- save a rainforest:**  
chelsea birchmier
- own a shoe store:**  
sara pence
- work at a zoo:**  
elizabeth daugherty
- still be carpooling at the age of 40:**  
mary leroy
- party with her kids:**  
brenna scott
- become an STA teacher:**  
nicole kamradt
- marry her high school sweetheart:**  
katherine evans
- become the next nan bone:**  
alexandria mediavilla
- host a late night talk show:**  
kate rohr
- build a qt in her house:**  
shannen freeman
- become the next american idol:**  
mayme marshall
- die of hyperactivity:**  
libby randolph
- become a youtube celebrity:**  
mari kerwin
- take over the world:**  
danielle gatapia
- not show up to graduation:**  
sarah turgeon
- max out her credit cards:**  
kennedy burton
- own the most pets:**  
taylor twellman
- become a professional athlete:**  
nicole wernhoff
- chase down an ice cream truck:**  
hannah otto
- go to jail:**  
cassidy odneal
- win a hotdog eating contest:**  
lauren barrett
- win the nobel peace prize:**  
hanna katz
- get lost in her own neighborhood:**  
rachel shedd
- live in another country:**  
alexandra reddis
- organize the first class reunion:**  
megan helt
- always shop at forever 21:**  
miranda green
- live in an igloo:**  
abby suholaski
- become a spy:**  
kelly muraski
- run away with the circus:**  
emily bresette
- never text you back:**  
meka kelly
- market off the world:**  
maddison balachowski



**kate needham...**  
most likely to overthrow the government  
"I will have achieved this by our 10 year reunion—so if you want to be in my regime make friends with me now."



**brie sandridge...**  
most likely to be on SNL  
"Honestly I'm just glad I didn't win most likely to win a hot-dog-eating contest because that's what I thought I was going to get."



**danielle comford...**  
most likely to be on the next season of jersey shore  
"Even though I can see myself fist pumping with Snooki, I am perfectly happy repping the shore here in KCMO."



**maddie dang...**  
best stalker

"I'd like to thank Stephenie Meyer for writing 'Twilight' because her character Edward Cullen is who I learned to be a stalker from."



**miranda johnson...**  
best dressed on theme days  
"THANKS!"

# I'd like to thank the Academy...



## **margot livers...** best school spirit

"I accept this award in honor of STA, Spirit Club, Dolan and US Toy. I couldn't have done it without them. I. Am. Proud of me."

## **lindsay cook...** best in-class texter

"I'd like to thank all the teachers who have caught me for the 13 detentions I have had to serve and five SBRs I have received."

## **kelsey rodriguez...** best out-of-uniform socks

"I am going to thank my cat Mo for always taking my socks out of my laundry basket so I can't find any matching socks."



## **cara mcclain and lorraine sands...** best friends

"We thank each other and Patrick and Lincon."



## **annie deruyter...** best eyes

"Thanks, class, I guess."

## Best in Class

Rather than strutting down the red carpet, seniors clad in plaid awarded these "bests" to their classmates. DESIGN BY FRANNIE WILKINSON PHOTOS BY SARAH KOSTORYZ

**smile:** kathleen devine  
**car:** lucia maschler  
**personality:** celia o'flaherty  
**laugh:** martha ramirez  
**obsession:** lizzy imperiale  
**singer:** mackenzie jones  
**dancer:** christie fletcher  
**listener:** sarah bryant  
**artist:** jacqueline kerr  
**athlete:** megan lewis  
**slacker:** sarah godfrey  
**lunches:** molly kaniger  
**advice:** jackie regan  
**manners:** brenna palmer  
**moocher:** katie mcombs  
**procrastinator:** erin sellers  
**liar:** taylor miglizzo  
**sense of humor:** laura stacy  
**senior power trip:** alexandra radtke  
**house:** alexandra greathouse  
**high school job:** krissy bryde  
**facebook statuses:** emily holt

**leader:** allison fitts  
**planner:** megan lankford  
**bumper stickers:** hannah haywood  
**cook:** lydia thomsen  
**tattoo:** abby uche  
**piercings:** caitlin nelson  
**handwriting:** erika mikkelsen  
**creativity:** madalyn doyle  
**attitude:** brianna casey  
**story teller:** ava jurden  
**shoes:** mary o'leary  
**hair:** mary cate feuerborn  
**flirt:** megan hodes  
**complexion:** kate dujakovich  
**mom:** stephanie hampel  
**excuses:** katie patterson  
**eater:** lane schulte  
**wardrobe:** olivia sheuler  
**hugs:** anna meyers  
**comebacks:** katelyn ehrman  
**nicknames:** rosemary mcgraw  
**disney fan:** amanda florido

## wonderwomen

Salutatorian, valedictorian and academy woman were annually coveted titles. Each recipient gave a speech at a school event.

One January morning, senior Kate Needham discovered she was the 2012 valedictorian. She called her parents from Ms. Barbara McCormick's office and told them the news. Unable to reach her mom on the phone, Needham decided to go see her at work, only one building away, at Kansas City Young Audiences. Needham's dad had already told her mother the news when Kate arrived. When Kate reached the third floor of M&A, she found her mother in tears.

"It was a really special moment between me and my mom," Needham said.

Needham also gave a speech to her class at graduation on May 20.

"I talked about how it's really sad for us to go away, leave each other, but we shouldn't go on that," Needham said. "Then I talked about how there is this really powerful human reaction to looking at the stars because it reminds you of how small you are but then how much you can accomplish and how much is waiting for you out in the world."

It was like any other mid-day announcement and prayer. Except this time, a voice over the system announced the names of the nominees for Academy Woman. Stephanie Hampel nearly choked on her bag of chips when she heard her name.

"I was so caught off-guard," Hampel said. "I was excited but so surprised. I just was not expecting it."

The seniors and teachers had chosen Hampel as one of three girls they thought best captured the values of St. Teresa's.

"It's something they decide on collectively, and I think that's what makes it special," Hampel said.

On the day of the awards ceremony, Hampel, Cecilia O'Flaherty and McLaren O'Rear waited on the gym floor to hear the name of the recipient.

"I could picture both McLaren and Cecilia receiving it as well," Hampel said. "They are both so deserving."

Ms. Nan Bone called Hampel's name. Hampel was nervous and excited as she looked up into the crowd and started to formulate what she would say into the microphone. She stepped up to the microphone and gave a tearful thank-you to her class, family and teachers.

Then on class day she gave another address to her class.

"It was my beginning of my goodbyes," Hampel said. "Saying no matter where our class is next year we will all be connected and carry with us what we learned at St. Teresa's."

Grace Crowe was the 2012 salutatorian, which meant she had the second highest GPA in the school.

"I wasn't really expecting it," Crowe said. "I was happy and my parents were happy."

At the time of her acceptance, her future college, Vanderbilt University, was not aware of her accomplishment.

One of the privileges of being named salutatorian was speaking at the graduation lunch.

"Basically I said that our experience at St. Teresa's could be summarized in the motto, all must be loved, all must be held dear and all must be helped," Crowe said.



**one last goodbye** Seniors Martha Ramirez, from left, McLaren O'Rear, Mayme Marshall, Kate Needham and Christie Fletcher hug each other May 18 after they sang for the school. The quintet was one of four groups that performed on Class Day. PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ

# no need to say goodbye

On May 18, seniors returned to school in caps and gowns to say goodbye to the school one final time before graduation. STORY AND DESIGN BY FRANNIE WILKINSON



Senior Kelsey Rodriguez couldn't think of anything but her performance as she slipped into her her gown and adjusted her cap. College counselor Debi Hudson and campus ministry head Robin Good spoke first, followed by several seniors, such as class president Cecilia O'Flaherty and Academy Woman Stephanie Hampel. As it got closer to her time, Rodriguez became more nervous. Senior Brie Sandridge took her seat after passing off the donut sweatshirt to sophomore Katherine Viviano, and senior Kelsey Rodriguez ventured to the front of the auditorium.

"I was most nervous before I was about to get up there," Rodriguez said. "I had practiced a few times with my voice teacher and then quite a bit on my own, so I was pretty confident."

Rodriguez, the only soloist to perform at Class Day, sang "Wishing You Were Somehow

Here Again" from the musical "Phantom of the Opera." And, although she had performed on stage a couple times before, three for STA, Rodriguez could not help but allow her emotions to show in front of her class.

"I remember looking at the wall and trying to keep it together, but as soon as I looked at my class I just lost it," Rodriguez said. "I felt like it was the first time people ever heard me sing and I was showing my [talent] to them."

After several more groups, each getting more energetic and peppy, came the parody song of the afternoon. Seniors Margot Livers, Hannah Wolf, Caroline Connor, Brie Sandridge, Meka Kelly, Katie McCombs, Rachel Caffrey, Maddy Ismert and Kelly O'Byrne changed the lyrics to "Young, Wild and Free" by Wiz Kalifa to make it personalized to STA with inside jokes.

"As a whole group we practiced probably ten or fifteen times all together," Livers said.

After all the practices the group was ready to perform in sunglasses and baseball caps. The students laughed and cheered as the girls sang their song to St. Teresa's.



**In the shadows** Seniors await their turn to cross the stage in a ballroom of the Convention Center downtown May 20. One hundred and twenty-nine seniors graduated, receiving both their diploma and an alumnae pin. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



**hold my hand** Seniors Lauren Barrett, from left, Maddison Balachowski and Stephanie Hampel hold hands before walking onto the stage moments before graduating May 20. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON

## the girls of the academy

Seniors Rachel Caffery, Caroline Connor, Maddy Ismert, Meka Kelly, Margot Livers, Katie McCombs, and Kelly O'Byrne, Brie Sandridge and Hannah Wolf composed a rendition of "Young, Wild and Free" by Wiz Khalifa and performed it in front of the whole school during class day May 18.

Is this thing on?

So what my shirt's out?  
So what we're lazy?  
So what we don't shave—  
Feel my hairy knees.

So what I didn't read?  
Sparknotes did the job for me.  
'Cause we're the girls of the Academy.

So what, I keep it rolled up?  
My skirt's not three inches, but at least I showed up.  
Keep it chill with my teachers.  
Keep it clean for the shadows.  
Our skirts look good don't it?  
Just kidding, you can see last Thursday's donut.

Mom, call the 501-0011 I'm stayin' home sick today.  
While you're at it for lunch I want some Chipotle.  
I'm the class clown so I'll just skip the day,  
But I ain't full so I'll hit up Chik-Fil-A.

Um, yeah, you know what?  
It's like I'm 14 again,  
Braces on ma face,  
Tore my shirt on the chapel lace.

Spanish—I can only count to seis.  
Oh my God, Mr. C's subbin'—  
Grandpa lovin'. Sellin' it—  
Tickets flyin' away, the pant comin' my way.

Had a hard day, want a yard day.  
Running from Marquis because my socks are gray.  
Here we are: third SBR 'cause my car was

illegally parked.

So what we're too loud?  
So what we're all weird?  
So what we all like Mr. Sanem's beard?  
So what we just eat?  
Diets aren't for me.  
'Cause we're the girls of the Academy  
Uh, and now it's Wednesday  
Liturgy today get to hear Praise Band play

When Joe says God I say YAY  
Tell 'em, Mad—

Flowin, everywhere she goin'—  
Hoecker's skirt you knowin.  
When I roll up,  
Get my detention but I don't show up.  
That's how it shouldn't be done.  
Runnin' round Donnelly havin fun.  
Shrock spittin' 'bout how bears are brown.  
Drummond letting us explore the campus grounds.

From the floor up, we explore up—  
Jo Wella's Gang.  
So gimme more, Montag's projector.  
And do my thang.

Now I'm chillin'.  
Fresh outta Egner feelin'  
Like in the medieval times.  
His bobbleheads touchin' the ceilin'.

Got my own nettie, no charger, no Twitta.  
Had a science project—Libre Office ruined it.

Barb McCormick  
Comin' our way—  
On her iPhone, get mon-ay.  
We gonna stay  
In Berard-ay—watch her use School Reach  
ta-day

So what there's no boys?  
So what? We don't care!  
So what, are these stains?  
On my tartan wear?  
So what we trick or treat?  
Snickers and Hersheys.  
Cause we're the girls of the Academy

Needham.  
Wendland.  
When we study like them  
We're national scholars.

Lankford.  
Wemhoff.  
And we're all just kickin' butt.

So we just—

Johnson.  
Haywood.  
When you draw like this  
Picasso's jealous.

Waller.  
K. Hyde.  
And we're always Best in Show.

So what we've had fun?  
So what there'll be tears?  
So what we'll want back  
These best four years?  
So what we're leaving?  
We'll always love the academy.  
'Cause we're the class of twenty twelve!



**hip, hip, hooray!** Seniors Stephanie Hampel, from left, Hannah Wold, Cecilia O'Flaherty and Alexandria Mediavilla cheered on their other classmates during class day May 18. Four groups of seniors performed songs for the school. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON



**you made it** Senior Claire McKeon receives her diploma from president Nan Bone at graduation May 20. Graduation was held in a ballroom at the Kansas City Convention Center. PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON

## the girl with the donuts



"Bring a dollar, buy a donut, support Fab," administrative assistant Kelly Drummond said every Wednesday over announcements. And without fail, every Thursday seniors Brie Sandridge and Kelsey Rodriguez sat in the lobbies of the M&A and Donnelly buildings, respectively, yelling their catch phrases and selling donuts. When the seniors were done with school, sophomores Katherine Viviano and Christi Backer took over as the new donut girls. Because of this, Sandridge announced during Class Day that she would be starting a new tradition of passing the "Donut Girl" legacy onto another student. She presented sophomore Katherine Viviano with a sweatshirt reading "Another Day, Another Donut."

# another man down

Due to injuries during the lacrosse season, several players were benched. Other teammates stepped in to fill the empty positions, strengthening the team. STORY AND DESIGN BY ALEXIS JENKIN

Lacrosse practice began when the players walked onto the track together. They then ran their allotted two laps before beginning drills. However, sophomore Katie Tampke was not running with them. Instead, Tampke walked over to the bench. She looked down at her ankle taped up in a black brace. For Tampke, the day her ankle was better and she could be back on the field could not come fast enough.

Tampke was one of many who found themselves injured during the season. Players had to work even harder as a team to make up for the missing bodies, especially during games.

"It affects the team a lot because you don't realize how much the person is involved in the game until they can't help," junior Samantha Adams said. "When they're not there it messes you up."

Adams suffered from shin splints during the last half of the season but did not allow the splints to stop her from playing. Not all injured players had that option. In addition to Tampke, junior Margoth Mackey and senior Margot Livers were required to sit on the bench during at least one game that season. Livers sustained a concussion, Mackey suffered from a recurring knee injury and Tampke

sprained her ankle during practice.

"Missing practice was one thing, but sitting helpless on the sidelines during games was torture," Livers said. "I hated watching my team play [Notre Dame de] Sion [High School] without me."

Mackey's injuries were not caused by lacrosse but were a result of tissue being pinched in her knee over time. She spent a lot of the season with the athletic trainer and had to ice her knee often. These injuries required much adaptation on the team's part and caused stress when trying to cover a now-empty position.

"The hardest thing was bouncing back after someone we needed was out," senior Lucy Edmonds said.

This season, the lacrosse team suffered more injuries than any other sport at STA and all past lacrosse seasons put together.

"It was a struggle, but the main thing was keeping our heads up and not letting it affect our game," Adams said.

After the team finished their laps, Tampke limped over to join her teammates in stretching. As she stretched, Tampke mentally prepared herself for another day of watching her team improve their skills without her.

that's our freshmen



Freshmen Anna Meagher and Margaret Krause were the only freshmen to make the varsity lacrosse team. Both had played youth lacrosse prior to St. Teresa's.

"I wasn't expecting to make Varsity," Meagher said. "At first it was a struggle because I had to get used to new rules and how fast everything moves. [And] the first practice was kind of intimidating because I was playing with so many older girls and I didn't know any of their names."

During the season, both Meagher and Krause got to know the other girls and became more comfortable playing on varsity.

"Having younger girls on the team is great because upperclassmen know [the girls] can hold the team together when we're gone," junior Samantha Adams said.



**pass it here** Senior Annie DeRuyter prepares to sprint down the field at the start of the game against Notre Dame de Sion High School May 12. The Stars made a comeback in the second half, but fell short in the loss. PHOTO BY ALEXIS JENKIN



**give me that** Senior Lucy Edmonds and Notre Dame de Sion sophomore Maggie Keenan compete for the ball during a draw May 12. The Stars lost the game with a score of 10-9. PHOTO BY ALEXIS JENKIN



**eyes on you** Senior Megan Hodes, left, and sophomore Katie Hornbeck pay close attention to their coach during halftime at the varsity lacrosse game March 23. The team played the first half of the game in the rain and started the second half just as the sun was coming out.

PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW



**stretching her limits** (far left) Freshman Sydney Hunter stretches during practice. Hunter was part of the JV team that won city championships May 12. PHOTO BY LIBBY SAUDER

**keep runnin', runnin'** (left) During practice May 3, senior Cecilia O'Flaherty leads the lacrosse team in running a timed mile. The team ran a timed mile around the track at least once a week. PHOTO BY LIBBY SAUDER



**row one:** team manager Zoe Royer, Rachel Scheffler, Molly Woolery, Kelli Strader, Audrey Muehlebach, Anna Meagher, Margaret Krause, Samantha Adams, Kelly Jenks, Caitlin Fletcher, Grace Sly, team manager Sara Jane McQuaid  
**row two:** Mady Sargent, Anne Gravino, head coach Jessica Hannah, Katie Hornbeck, Allison Fitts, Elizabeth Arensberg, Emma Rebein, Kelly O'Byrne, Lucy Edmonds, Stephanie Hampel, coach Holly Ambrose, Jessica Culver, Anne Nulton, Sydney Hunter  
**row three:** Heather Cigas, Maggie Allen, Natalie Rall, Margot Livers, Kate Witt, Annie DeRuyter, Margoth Mackey, Katie Tampke, Lizzy Imperiale, Mackenzie Roach, Madi Shieber  
**row four:** Siobhan Miller, Maria Donnelly, Danni Porter, Mattie Davis, Molly Laird, Caroline Conner, Megan Hodes, Cecilia O'Flaherty, Lily O'Neil, Lauren Hampel, Maggie Hutchison, Margaret Weiler, Keara Miller

# Onward AND UPWARD

After Mr. Kevin Gray passed away June 2011, the Gray family found ways to keep his legacy alive. Kevin influenced both the STA and Kansas City sports communities with the Kansas City Sports Commission. **STORY BY GABI LUKENS**

After being diagnosed with cancer in March 2011, Kevin Gray fought for three hard months. He died June 15, 2011, but not without leaving an impact on the entire Kansas City community. Kevin was an important part of the Kansas City Sports Commission. As a part of this organization, Kevin worked to improve the sports of KC. He was on the campaign for the construction of the Sprint Center, as well as worked with WIN for KC, an organization that helps to empower women in sports.

Not only did he push for sports improvement in Kansas City, but he advocated even more locally within the STA community. STA's new track and field would not have been possible without Kevin's push for it.

"The field was dedicated to him because, ever since [we've been at] STA, he'd been all over the athletics department," Kevin's daughter, junior Peepers Gray said. "He also had connections with UMKC, and he talked to [Ms.] Nan [Bone] about it."

The Gray family was grateful for the dedication of the field. At the dedication, college freshman

and STA alumna Caroline Gray realized what an impact her dad had on the communities of both STA and Kansas City.

"The dedication ceremony of the track was incredibly humbling," Caroline said. "It made me incredibly proud to be the daughter of such an inspiring man who truly loved STA and loved sports and wanted to make a positive impact."

The Kansas City community remembered Kevin in countless ways, including an inaugural Father's Day Run for him June 16.

"The community has really helped with the race that we're doing on June 16, on Father's Day, in honor of my dad," Peepers said. "Most of the money raised will go to the [Kevin Gray Family] Education Fund, some goes to his company, and then the rest will go to cancer research."

According to Caroline, their father always taught the girls to never stop living their lives, even through tough times.

"Even through the toughest of times, you have to keep living your life," Caroline said. "That's one thing my dad taught me was to always follow my dreams and live to my fullest potential."

STA junior Peepers Gray and her sister, college freshman Caroline Gray, wanted to have a permanent reminder of their father, Kevin Gray, with them every day after he passed. **STORY BY GABI LUKENS**

When Mr. Kevin Gray hung up the phone after a casual conversation with a friend or family member, he usually said the familiar words "Onward and upward, man."

Kevin, father of junior Peepers Gray and freshman Gigi Gray, was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma cancer and passed away June 15, 2011. The *New York Times's* Health Guide describes the type that Gray has as "a rare tumor with only several hundred new cases per year throughout the United States." Kevin's saying, "Onward and Upward," gave his family hope during his battle with cancer.

"Every time he'd answer the phone and then hang up he'd say 'onward and upward, pal' or 'onward and upward, man,'" Peepers said. "He was just always saying it and it became a bigger meaning when he got sick."

Caroline Gray, former student at STA and now a freshman at the University of Nebraska, has similar feelings toward the saying "Onward and Upward."

"Onward and Upward is a sense of hope for me," Caroline said. "It means that, even through the toughest of times, you have to keep going and you can't stop living your life."

To give the community a reminder of "Onward

and Upward," the Gray family had bumper stickers made in honor of Kevin.

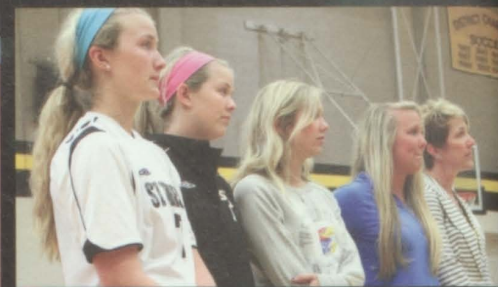
"It's awesome seeing all of the bumper stickers," Gigi said. "We always speed up to the car and we try to figure out who's driving it. Sometimes it's people we don't even know."

The Gray family uses "Onward and Upward" to remember Kevin. However, Peepers and her sister, Caroline, wanted to have a more permanent reminder of the saying. To achieve this, the each had the phrase tattooed on their foot, telling their mother that they would go behind her back to get them if necessary.

"Me and [Caroline] got it over Thanksgiving break," Peepers said. "We always wanted to do it, and when my dad got sick, we had a reason to. My mom agreed to finally come with us, even though my dad hated tattoos."

Caroline and Peepers got the tattoos to have a permanent and positive memory of their father.

"Every time I go to put on my soccer cleats before a soccer practice or game, I see that tattoo on my foot and it warms my heart," Caroline said. "Every time I do anything in life now I do it for him."



**continue the legacy (top)** Freshman Gigi Gray, left, junior Peepers Gray, Lindsey Gray, Caroline Gray, and Ms. Katie Gray at the dedication ceremony of the Kevin Gray Field March 21. **(second)** The "Onward and Upward" bumper sticker displayed on a car. **(third)** The Kevin Gray Field is used by students daily. **(fourth)** The name of the Kevin Gray Field displayed on the side of the Gopper Center. **(last)** The Kevin Gray Inaugural Run, held for the first time June 16, 2012. **PHOTOS COMPILED BY JANIE THOMPSON AND GABI LUKENS**



community sports sisterhood influence kansas city **Kevin Gray** ceremony education fund **WIN for**  
 carry on upward mantra tattoo advocate campaign  
 do it now remember  
 family  
 bumper sticker **caroline** lindsey  
 Gigi love father family memory peepers memories  
 connect  
 keep going  
 athletic  
 stay strong  
 dedication  
 ceremony  
 education fund  
 WIN for

**tattoos are forever** Freshman Gigi Gray, left, and junior Peepers Gray sit on the soccer field. Peepers has "Onward and Upward" tattooed on her left foot in memory of her dad. **PHOTO BY JANIE THOMPSON**

## showboating

Clubs and organizations are lead by student-elected officials, usually seniors and juniors. Club presidents from Spirit Club, SADD and Science Club comment about their club's involvement in the STA community.

### Science Club



"We recycle once every club meeting. Basically, we all split up and collect the paper and cans around Donnelly [Building], [Students Assembled for Global Awareness] does M&A [Building], and we take it out back. It's a huge help to the school and maintenance and it makes everyone aware of recycling."

—anna meyers, '12

### Spirit Club

"Basically we bring the entertainment to the school. We come up with themes for games that a lot of people will be interested in and try to get as many people at the games as possible to cheer for our teams. This year in the pep rallies, we tried to spotlight people that haven't been before. In the end, Spirit Club tries to bring everyone together to support and highlight everyone's individual talents."

—brie sandridge, '12

### SADD Club

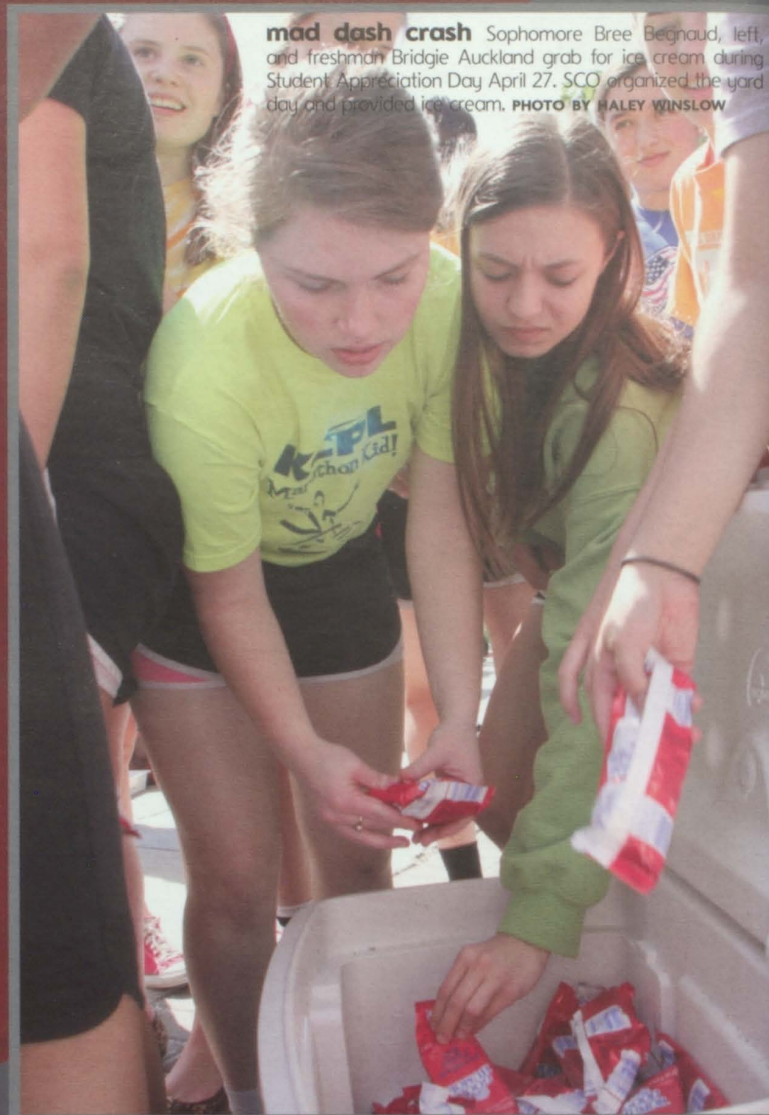
"Our goal is to spread awareness about alcohol and drugs at STA before dances, like Teresian and prom, but also alcohol and drug use in general. We try to be influential and spread a message without being too preachy. We believe that it is more influential when it comes from the student body as opposed to coming from adults."

—lucia maschler, '12

## 7 things

Sophomore Elena Flores lists her seven favorite things about Tie Dye club.

1. tie dying
2. the girls in the club with me
3. the moderator
4. the officers
5. being able to keep and use what we make
6. club meetings
7. having a smaller club



**mad dash crash** Sophomore Bree Begnaud, left, and freshman Bridgie Auckland grab for ice cream during Student Appreciation Day April 27. SCO organized the yard day and provided ice cream. PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW

## lend a helping hand

Peer Helpers was a student-led organization focused on peer mediation and student leadership. Due to high enrollment the previous year, member enrollment would be limited for the following year.



Senior Rowan O'Brien-Williams and guidance counselor Amanda

Johnson reinvented the student-led peer mediation group this school year. Sophomore Natalie Rall joined Peer Helpers with the hope of helping STA grow as a community.

"I wanted to get involved with helping the community to become closer and a better environment," Rall said.

According to Rall, the only problem that the organization had was the number of club participants. She believed that there were too many people that didn't have a job to do.

"Many girls were just sitting

around, doing nothing," Rall said.

According to Johnson, next year there would be restrictions on the amount of girls that will be let into the club. Her hopes are making each Peer Helper more important and more beneficial in the club's activities.

"[Having less members] will be more beneficial for sure and we still have a lot of girls involved," Johnson said.

Even though Peer Helpers will be taking less members, the application process remained the same.

"The applications were pretty much the same this year," Rall said. "But this year they were taken more seriously. I think girls will be rejected based on their application and recommendations and how much they contributed last year."

# we scream for ice cream

Student Community Organization was a club that ensured STA acted as a community throughout the year. Each year, SCO celebrated students by distributing ice cream to students and faculty and by hiring face painters and clowns. STORY BY MADDIE HORTON, DESIGN AND COVERAGE BY ALEXANDRA RADTKE

## PAUSE.

Senior Erin Sellers dragged the bucket to the front steps of M&A Building. She felt hundreds of eyes on her, watching and waiting. As she stepped away from the bucket, students rushed in from all sides.

On April 27, Student Community Organization, also known as SCO, hosted the annual Student Appreciation Day. According to senior Katie Evans, a club officer, the yard day is a way of celebrating students and giving everyone a fun break before the end of the year.

"It's a day to celebrate the hard work and effort that the students put in throughout the year," Evans said. "This is why it falls at end of the year. It is fun and relaxing for all the students."

## PROCESS.

"Everyone just raced [to the ice cream]," freshman and SCO member Sara Jane McQuaid said. "It was a huge line [but] the ice cream was really good."

SCO club chose to give out ice cream on Student Appreciation Day because of its reputation with the students.

"[The ice cream] is a tradition and most of the students look forward to it and it's really popular to the students," Sellers said.

According to Sellers, the goal of Student Appreciation Day was not to make a profit.

Instead, the club used the money raised from the Christmas Dance for Teacher Appreciation Day, Student Appreciation Day, and the pumpkin contest.

To plan, SCO members broke into teams. "Some students were in charge of cleanup, ice cream," Sellers said. "We brainstorm and decide what [the students] like, who we can hire. [SCO club] try to [plan Student Appreciation Day] out and let the school know."

## PROCEED.

McQuaid thought Student Appreciation Day was the best day of the year.

"I liked being outside with everyone," McQuaid said. "I liked the balloon people and the ice cream."

McQuaid not only enjoyed Student Appreciation Day, but also helped plan it since she was a part of SCO.

"Me and four other girls went to Costco [to buy ice cream]," McQuaid said. "In my morning free, I set up nets and we cleaned up afterwards."

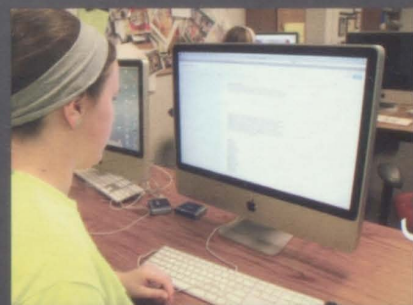
McQuaid thought that, without her position on SCO, she would not have any concept of how much work was put into Student Appreciation Day.

"It was cool to see how much work was put into [Student Appreciation Day] and how much planning [SCO did]," McQuaid said.

This year, French Club showed the movie "Mary Kate and Ashley Passport to Paris" as the club fundraiser. Below are some numbers about the success.

2 projections of the movie  
7 French desserts  
65 people attended the movie  
30 dollars raised for the club  
1 meeting to plan the fundraiser

by the numbers



making money

"I started e3 club because I wanted to find a way that STA girls can raise money without relying on their parents for the money and so that the fundraising is happening during the year. I want the club to raise money to educate people and provide money for struggling people so they can start selling their own products and services."

—maggie bowen, '14

## meeting the club

Once a month, clubs met to plan school-wide activities and focus on common interests in the STA community. Sophomores Libby Torres and Anna Leach and junior Mickey Redlingshafer describe their respective clubs and explain a typical club meeting.

**Why did you decide to join the club you are in?**

**Torres:** I have always liked art, but I never wanted to take an art class because I wanted to get involved in drama. So, I thought [joining art club] would be a good way to get into art.

**Leach:** I joined drama club because I had a lot of friends already in the club and I had heard that it was a lot of fun. I knew that it was super relaxed and chill, but that I could still get involved.

**Redlingshafer:** I have been in [Junior Classical League] since freshman year, and I originally joined because I think it's a good way to meet other people who I don't hang out with all the time. Also, the really smart people who are good at Latin are

in the club, so it was nice if I ever needed help on homework.

**How many years have you been involved in the club?**

**Torres:** I have been in art club for both freshman and sophomore year.

**Daniels:** This was my first year in the club. Last year I was in French club.

**Redlingshafer:** I have been in the club for three years.

**Describe a basic club meeting.**

**Torres:** We sign in and eat lunch. We talk about club issues, like what we are going to do next. If we have nothing to do, we play Pictionary. But sometimes, we paint tiles for the aids walk benefit and make posters to hang around the school.

**Daniels:** Everything is really loosely

organized. There are student leaders who decide if we talk or relax or play improv[isation] games.

**Redlingshafer:** It's not all work. At the beginning of the year we hold elections, and during the year we talk about conventions; who can and cannot go and what contests we are entering.

**What fundraiser did your club conduct?**

**Torres:** Last year we made headbands [to sell], but this year we held a bake sale.

**Daniels:** Unfortunately, we weren't able to get a fundraiser together this year.

**Redlingshafer:** I don't think we had a fundraiser this year, but we did have a lot of parties, like our annual Christmas party.



**just keep baking** Junior Sarah Flattery makes posters for the Art Club for an upcoming fundraiser on their last club meeting. "The best part of art club of was getting to screen print our own club sweatshirts," Flattery said. "Some of the bake sale money went to pay for those." PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH

# the team is young

After losing five seniors, the STA varsity soccer team found underclassmen to help lead the team to a second place finish in the District. Through leadership, confidence and humility, the team reached each goal they set for themselves at the beginning of the season. STORY AND DESIGN BY KATHLEEN BLANCK

With age came wisdom, but youth brought excitement, energy and attitude. The STA varsity soccer team, traditionally dominated by upperclassmen, started their season with three freshmen and four sophomores. The younger players, though less experienced, had untapped potential. With affection and guidance, upperclassmen hoped to shape the underclassmen into good players and great leaders.

"The younger girls have really stepped up," senior Ava Jurden said. "Some of the best players on our team are in the freshmen and sophomore classes."

Youth also brought the element of surprise.

"There's a lot of talk about the freshmen and sophomores this year, so the other teams kind of don't know what to expect as much, because they expect the upperclassmen to lead," freshman Gigi Gray said. "And it's strange because we're such a young team, we have to practice a lot more together because we kind of came straight into the season young. It's kind of made it a lot different

playing with a young team because we're not as experienced together."

According to junior Janie Thompson, the freshmen and sophomores "pulled their weight."

"We love our seniors, and they're obviously a help to us, but [having underclassmen on varsity] gives us confidence that we have a team that can still win," Thompson said.

The team was declared fourth in the nation by ESPN in the Powerade Fab 50 Rankings April 1 after defeating St. Thomas Aquinas High School and St. Pius X.

"We're a good team, but I don't know if we're the fourth in the nation," Jurden said. "I think it's definitely a motivator, because the coaches always say we have so much potential."

The upperclassmen, like Jurden, believed that this year was the best they had experienced at STA.

"We're keeping all of our key players, I mean, yes, they're losing five seniors, but they'll still have some of the best players on the team," Jurden said. "I really think it's only up from here."



**starting line up** Senior Ava Jurden (front) as freshman Dorian Bailey (middle), and junior Janie Thompson (back) chest bump before the game May 3. The Stars begin every game with this tradition.

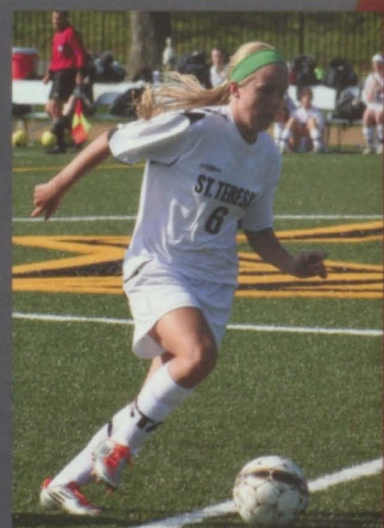
PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON



**row one:** (from left) Averie Stapp, Olivia Bellatin, Elena Flores, Paige Lankford, Emma Allen, Leigh Campbell, Lizzie Sanders, Julia Hammond, Sinead McGonagle  
**row two:** Amelia Marsh, Marie Green, Jellie Duckworth, Åste Holtan, Taran Smith, Meghan DeRuyter, Megan Ehrnman, Mary Hart, Basil Burnette, Ceci Ismert  
**row three:** Lindsay Fiola, Grace Wilmot, Dorian Bailey, Morgan Trees, Mickey Redlingshafer, Caroline Strader, Janie Thompson, Ava Jurden, Lauren Barrett, Katie Beirne, Elaine Kerr, Gretchen Dudley, Abby Haake  
**row four:** Maddie Thompson, Alexandra Radtke, assistant coach Emily Welch, coach Jeremy McElduff, Kim Fryer, Savannah Trujillo, coach Mike Comiskey, coach Alyson Russell, assistant coach Kellie Jensen, Maggie Kenney, Emily Reboulet, Anna Bauman  
**row five:** MaryKat Hoesser, Mallory Radtke, Maggie Rellihan, Peepers Gray, Gigi Gray, Cristina DeZeeuw, Lizzy Luollin, Megan Lankford, Meghan Lewis, Maddi Hughes-Zahner, Carson Pace



**quick heads up** Senior Ava Jurden, front, heads the ball away from a St. James High School player May 3. The Stars won the game 2-0. PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON



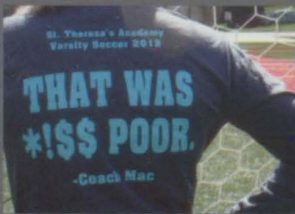
**she double dribbles** Senior Megan Lankford dribbles down the field during the varsity home game against Blue Valley West. Lankford played varsity soccer and basketball for STA. PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH

## teetrouble

The athletic administration confiscated the soccer team's T-shirts that quoted coach Jeremy McElduff. The front read "quite frankly" and on the back, "that was piss poor."

"It's not a big deal. I mean, yeah, we were kind of bummed because we just got T-shirts and they were cute and funny, and the whole team and coaching staff thought it was a funny saying to put on the shirts. But if it's what the administration wants, we'll respect that."

—ava jurden, senior







reaching our goals

At the beginning of the season, the STA Varsity soccer team sat down to set five goals for themselves. Before Districts, Coach McElduff told the girls that they had reached all their aims: to score at least 50 goals, to have fewer than 15 goals scored against them, to have at least 10 shut outs, to have a winning season and to have less than four losses.

*"I think it was a good accomplishment because it kind of gave us a boost before Districts and gave us confidence. And [it's a good accomplishment] because we have a lot of new girls that have been playing [so we know] that we can still reach our goals and that we're still a good team."*

—Janie Thompson, junior

**home field advantage** (below) Senior Katie Bierne speeds past Lee's Summit North senior Allie Stephenson April 17. The STA varsity team played the game on the new McDonnell Family Sports Complex. PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON



**that's my ball** Junior Morgan Trees defends the ball from a Kearney High School player April 26. The Stars won the game 2-1. PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON



**playing keep away** STA sophomore Savannah Trujillo, right, steals the ball from Blue Valley West freshman Reece Christopherson April 10. The stars lost the game 4-2. PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON



**pass it here** Mallory Radtke keeps the ball away from the opposing team. The Stars played April 10 at STA. PHOTO BY TRISH SMITH



### WORLD CULTURES CLUB

**ROW ONE** Mary Cate Feuerborn, Mary LeRoy, Katelyn Ehrnman **ROW TWO** Gabi Lukens, Ali Lukens, Megan Hodes, Kathryn Beirne, Giggy Reardon, Molly Waris, Hannah McCausland **ROW THREE** Sydney Wimes, Emma Connelly, Katherine Becker, Clare Mitchell, Anna Woolery, Molly Woolery, Emma Robertson **ROW FOUR** club moderator Denise Rueschhoff, Annie Huber, Megan Ehrnman, Alex Amey, Meghan Daniels, Grace Hodes



### JUNIOR STATESMEN OF AMERICA

**ROW ONE** Airicha Lunn, Jennifer Blake, Madison Phillips, Maddy Ismert, Rachel Caffrey **ROW TWO** Sophie Seigfreid, Serenity Wallace, Erin Rasmussen, Amanda Koch, Libby Randolph **ROW THREE** Micah Welch, Lizzie Sanders, Kate Sanders, Nikki Rodriguez, Lauren Taylor



### CAMPUS MINISTRY

**ROW ONE** Katarina Waller, Natalie Nuessle, Brenna Scott, Megan Helt **ROW TWO** Carrie Hudson, Lucia Maschler, Lucy Edmonds, Marianna Messerli, Mary O'Leary, Caroline Connor, Anna Kropf **ROW THREE** club moderator Joe LaScala, club moderator Robin Good



### SPIRIT CLUB

**ROW ONE** Kim Fryer, Margaret Weiler, Maddie Dang, Kelly O'Byrne, Alexandra Radtke, Brie Sandridge, Margot Livers, Christina Barton, Kathleen Devine **ROW TWO** Audrey Muehlebach, Cecilia Butler, Maggie Herrington, Lindsey Valdiviez, Katherine Viviano, Lauren Nagle, Madi Schieber, Sarah Kane, Maggie Kenney, Elaine Schmidt **ROW THREE** Kennedy Reller, Mallory Radtke, Madeline Barth, Danni Porter, Grace Wells, Meka Kelly, Elizabeth Arensberg, Kathleen Keaveny, Peyton Gajan, Rosie Hutchison **ROW FOUR** Isabella Nair, Mary Hart, Mimi Hart, Ellie Nachbor, Makenzie Carter, Morgan Bené, Kelli Strader, Andie Drummond, Janie Thompson, Caroline Fiss **ROW FIVE** Maggie Hutchison, Gracie Fleming, Sophia Hall, Anne Nulton, Maddie Thompson, Gigi Gray, Caroline Strader, Alexa Davis, Katie Tampke, Sara-Jessica Dilks



### CARE CLUB

**ROW ONE** Dana Bailey, Hannah Wolf, Allison Fitts, Becca Lueke **ROW TWO** Annie Palmer, Carrie Hudson, Erica Wind, Sara Meurer, Annie DeRuyter, Nicole Sakoulas, Natalie Winterman, Meghan Lewis, Miranda Green **ROW THREE** Emily Bresette, Emily Holt, Celia O'Flaherty, Grace McCarthy, Libby Stoops, Jodie Foster, Claire McKeon, Jasmine Colhour **ROW FOUR** Mattie O'Boyle, Julia Hammond, Hannah Reinhart, Katie McCombs, Emily Wemhoff, Natalie Fitts, Jordan Berardi **ROW FIVE** club moderator Matthew Bertalott, Molly Corless, Kailey Witcher, Maddie Knopke, Jillian Gallagher, Marina Vianello, Grace Dominique, Kelsey Rusgjs



### HISTORY CLUB

**ROW ONE** Kaili McCamman, Danielle Gatapia, Miranda Johnson, Jessica Vincent **ROW TWO** club moderator Mike Egner, Maddison Balachowski, Kelsey Rodriguez, Sarah Bryant **ROW THREE** Maddi Hughes-Zahner, Sarah Kostoryz, Gloria Coudin



**PET LOVERS CLUB**

ROW ONE Anna Meagher, Madelyn Petree, Kate Witt, Erin Thompson ROW TWO Maggie McClain, Fee Pauwels, AnnaMarie Grisafe-Pont, Alondra Tule ROW THREE Grace Wilmot, Suzie Fiss, Carson Beineman, Elaine Kerr ROW FOUR club moderator Theresa Wallerstedt, Monica Stanley, Caroline Angles, Anna Marie Fiorella

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# welcome

to the club



**NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY**

ROW ONE club moderator Debi Hudson, Mackenzie Jones, Lucia Maschler, Alexandria Mediavilla, Allison Fitts, Christina Barton ROW TWO Kathleen Vogel, Kelsey Ceriotti, Marianna Messerli, Katie Evans, Hannah Reinhart, Hannah Wolf, Colleen McInerney ROW THREE Rowan O'Brien-Williams, Erin Sellers, Katie Hyde, Celia O'Flaherty, Annia DeRuyter, Mary Kate Jenks



**ART CLUB**

ROW ONE Libby Torres, Frankie Neunuebel, Jacqueline Kerr ROW TWO Journey Eubank, Erin Trainor, Emily Cosgrove, club moderator Lisa Dibble ROW THREE Mary Burke, Rachel Fosselman, Anna McDonald, Meghan McCalla



**CINEMA CLUB**

ROW ONE Elizabeth Daugherty, Krissy Bryde, Libby Sauder, Shannen Freeman, Taylor Tuellman ROW TWO Katherine King, Nicole Kamradt, Margoth Mackey, Willa Knight, Hannah Bredar, Kijie Ceriotti ROW THREE Abbie McNaghten, Maria Luna, Dreama Weber, Anna Kropf, Tessa Smith, Abbey Haines ROW FOUR club moderator Stephen Himes, Emma Mullen, Sydney Hunter, Allison Bresette, Rachel Tovar, Ally Drummond



**TERESIAN**

ROW ONE Alexandra Radtke, Carrie Hudson, Katarina Waller, Kathleen Vogel, Margot Livers, Maddie Hughes-Zahner ROW TWO Lucy Edmonds, Erin Hutchison, Haley Winslow, Libby Sauder, Maddie Dang, Trish Smith ROW THREE Frannie Wilkinson, Maddison Balachowski, Ellie Nachbor, Sarah Kostorz, Gabi Lukens, Maggie Kenney ROW FOUR yearbook moderator Eric Thomas, Cristina DeZeeuw, Paige Drummond, Kathleen Blanck, Maddie Horton, Marina Vianello



**TIE DYE CLUB**

ROW ONE Elena Flores, Jellie Duckworth, Sarah Godfrey, Madi Kintzle, Annie Keel  
 ROW TWO club moderator Diana Blessen, Kennedy Bright, Maggie Jackson, Madison Sage, Amelia Marsh  
 ROW THREE Kathleen Schrader, Lizzie Luallin, Peepers Gray, Lindsay Fiola  
 ROW FOUR Brogan Cafarelli, Jenny Tilson, Emily Godfrey, Jessica Favrow, Madeline Beshoner



**PEER HELPERS**

ROW ONE Alexandra Radtke, Marianna Messerli, Olivia Scheuler  
 ROW TWO Brie Sandridge, Katie McCombs, Rosemary McGraw, Logan Kembel, Claire McKean, Danielle Comford, Allison Hogan, club moderator Amanda Johnson  
 ROW THREE Katie Hornbeck, Molly Waris, Maria Luna, Maya Burtin, Erin Sheehy, Maddie Dang, Sarah Burchett, Frankie Neunuebel, Brenna Palmer, Megan Lankford, Brenna Scott, Meghan Lewis  
 ROW FOUR Beth Dudley, Clare Mitchell, Maggie Kenney, Megan Burke, Elizabeth Arensberg, Peyton Gajan, Kate Sanders, Madelyn Petree, Sammy Patterson, Katherine Barnthouse, Emily McCann  
 ROW FIVE Giggy Reardon, Katie Tampke, Natalie Roll, Abbie McNaghten, Kelli Strader, Morgan Bené, Carrie Hudson, Kate Witt, Grace Doran, Mickey Redlingshafer, Grace Hodes



**DART**

ROW ONE Rowan O'Brien-Williams, Kate Rohr, Katie Hyde, Hannah Wolf, Christina Barton  
 ROW TWO Abby Uche, Erin Sellers, Katie McCombs, Lucia Maschler, Sara Meurer, Emily McCann  
 ROW THREE Caitlin Fletcher, Lane Maguire, Shaeffer Smith, Emma Wheatley, Natalie Fitts, Emily Wemhoff  
 ROW FOUR newspaper moderator Eric Thomas, Nikki Rodriguez, Rose Hutchison, Mickey Redlingshafer, Meghan Lewis, Lauren Langdon, Adrianna Ohmes



**STUDENT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION**

ROW ONE Lucy Edmonds, Katie Evans, Erin Sellers  
 ROW TWO Shaeffer Smith, Whitney Waeckerle, Jane Evans, Emily McCann, Grace Scovell  
 ROW THREE Libby Hyde, Bree Begnaud, Jackie McGee, Alex Jackson, Lizzy Keller, Kelly Fletcher, club moderator Amy Carlson  
 ROW FOUR Kelly Jenks, Sara Schwartz, Sarah Vickery, Caitlin Fletcher, Mickey Redlingshafer, Sara Jane McQuaid, Ciara Collins, Katy Owara, club moderator Becky Flores



**BOOK CLUB**

ROW ONE Allie Dodd, Molly A. Mullen, Averie Stapp, Kelly Murski  
 ROW TWO club moderator Jackie Hershewe, Christina Elias, Cori Mroz, Marie Sarson, Lena White  
 ROW THREE Sibel Alpakin, Hannah Taft, Fallon Mitchell, Viridiana Hernandez, Emma Willibey



**SADD CLUB**

ROW ONE Danielle Comford, Lucia Maschler, Megan Lankford, Colleen McInerney  
 ROW TWO Alex Greathouse, Abby Suholaski, Kennedy Burton, Alexis Buford, Megan Lewis  
 ROW THREE Abby Geiger, Maddie Gabbert, Megan Mandl, Mary Grace Ruhlman, Katherine Barnthouse, Emma Stanfield  
 ROW FOUR club moderator Michael Sanem, Alexa Watters, Kiley O'Toole, Sydney Edmonds, Mary Grace Maschler, Alice Green



### JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

**ROW ONE** Kate Needham, Alex Greathouse, Tessa Smith, Erin Rasmussen, Hannah Taft, Paige Wendland  
**ROW TWO** Mary Kate Jenks, Logan Kembel, Kelly Jenks, Emily Cosgrove, Katie Holt, Abby Uche, Katarina Waller, Paige Drummond, Natalie Nuessle  
**ROW THREE** Lauren Goode, MacKenzie Warrens, Sibel Alpakin, Margoth Mackey, Lauren Taylor, Alice Green, Victoria Miller, Megan Ehrnman, Ally Drummond  
**ROW FOUR** Annie DeRuyter, Courtney Coppinger, Maggie Kenney, Mickey Redlingshafer, Jordan Allen, Grace McCarthy, Anna Meagher, Sydney Hunter, Gloria Cowdin  
**ROW FIVE** Grace Wells, Molly Woolery, Meghan DeRuyter, Francesca Shilati, Anna Kropf, Emily Wemhoff, Cecilia Zanone, Ellen Weitkamp, Olivia Scheuler  
**ROW SIX** Molly Laird, Claire Fisher, Adrianna Ohmes, Jillian Gallagher, Heather Cigas, Katie Hornbeck, Abbey Haines  
**ROW SEVEN** Audrey Muehlebach, Lauren Nagle, Anna Woolery, Megan Lewis, Nicole Wemhoff, Katelyn Ehrnman, Hannah Haywood, Ava Jurden, club moderator Sue Marquis



### FASHION CLUB

**ROW ONE** Caroline Mendus, Madalyn Doyle, Rachel Birchmier  
**ROW TWO** Frannie Wilkinson, Katie Grasse, Alex Wilson, Felecia Memminger-Warden, Dominique Spini



### MATHLETES

**ROW ONE** MacKenzie Warrens, Kate Sanders, Grace Crowe, Erin Sellers, Paige Wendland  
**ROW TWO** Natalie Rall, Sarah Kostoryz, Elaine Schmidt, Katie Hornbeck, Lane Maguire, Libby Stoops  
**ROW TWO** club moderator Jo Weller, Frankie Neunuebel, Hannah Wolf, Shelby Hawkins, Madison Fitzgerald, Emily Cosgrove



### ROTARY CLUB

**ROW ONE** Rachel Tovar, Dana Bailey, Shaeffer Smith, Emily Rebolet  
**ROW TWO** Libby Hyde, Sophie Seigfreid, Grace Doran, Ali Lukens, Gabi Lukens  
**ROW THREE** Grace Spencer, Danni Porter, Madeline Barth, Taylor Steen, Morgan Bené, Taran Smith, Jackie McGee, Allison Hogan  
**ROW FOUR** Eden Kreighbaum, Clare Mitchell, Beth Dudley, Emma Kelley, Sara Schwartz, Sammy Patterson, Andie Drummond, Ally Drummond



### STUDENT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

**ROW ONE** Marianna Messerli, Katie Evans, Alex Mediavilla, Hannah Wolf, Lucy Edmonds  
**ROW TWO** club moderator Nan Bone, Allison Fitts, Katie Hyde, Erin Sellers, Celia O'Flaherty, club moderator Mary Anne Hoecker  
**ROW THREE** club moderator Barbara McCormick, Emily Wemhoff, Abbey Haines, Katie Tampke, Elaine Schmidt, Nikki Rodriguez

### WINDMOOR

**ROW ONE** Mary Cate Feuerborn, Claire McKeon, Brenna Palmer, Katie Beirne  
**ROW TWO** club moderator Carrie Jacquin, Abby Dearth, Shannon McAuliffe, Sibel Alpakin, Lena White  
**ROW THREE** Kiley O'Toole, Sophie Seigfreid, Sammy Patterson, Peyton Gajan, Emma Rebein  
**ROW FOUR** Madeline Best, Maggie Nothnagel, Christina Allen, Kathleen Nicely, Christina Elias



### SCIENCE QUIZ BOWL

**ROW ONE** Elaine Schmidt, Alex Greathouse, Paige Wendland, Jessica Vincent, Erin Sheehy, Frankie Neunuebel, Anna Woolery  
**ROW TWO** Fabiola Gutierrez, Zoe Royer, MacKenzie Warrens, Shelby Hawkins, Katie Holt, Anna Leach, Emmie McCabe, Emily Cosgrove  
**ROW THREE** club moderator Mary Montag, Lane Maguire, Kate Witt, Clare Mitchell, Natalie Rall, Libby Torres, Paige Drummond



**PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**

ROW ONE Hanna Katz, Erin Hutchison, Bailey Whitehead, Jordan Allen ROW TWO MaryKat Hoesser, Haley Balduin, Arinna Hoffine, Grace Arnone, Samantha Smith, Caitlyn Martin  
ROW THREE Marley Schmidlein, Gracie Williams, Lauren Langdon, Aste Holtan, Carsen Pace, Siobhan Miller, Courtney Didier ROW FOUR club moderator Eric Thomas, Katie Crow, Adrianna Ohmes, Taylor Rees, Christina Allen



**SCIENCE CLUB**

ROW ONE Olivia Miglizzo, Anna Meyers, MacKenzie Warrens, Grace Doran, Abby Haake ROW TWO Maria Flores, Cecilia Zanone, Camille Porterfield, Mady Sargent, Meghan DeRuyter, Beth Dudley ROW THREE Brit Maguire, Laura Dobens, Sydney Campo, Elizabeth Taylor, Rose Patterson, Emily Taylor ROW FOUR Leigh Campbell, Gretchen Schloegel, Lily O'Neil, Sara McKnight, Taran Smith, Ann Campbell, Hayden Lee



**COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB**

ROW ONE Kate Rohr, Katarina Waller, Nicole Wemhoff, Holly Fielder ROW TWO Daisy Calderon, Eden Kreighbaum, Maggie Nothnagel, Heather Cigas, club moderator Betsy Hansbrough ROW THREE club moderator Joe LaScala, Kaitlin O'Brien, Maddy Niemuth, Sammy Patterson, Katy Wonder ROW FOUR Mary Kate Jenks, Stephanie Allee, Katie Wilhelmus, Madalyn Schulte, Katie Hornbeck



**SPANISH CLUB**

ROW ONE Martha Ramirez, Caroline Connor, Brianna Casey, McLaren O'Rear, club moderator Melissa Axton ROW TWO Olivia Bellatin, Claire Reboulet, Catherine Whitmer, Hayle Brown, Cristina DeZeeuw, Haley Winslow, Mary O'Leary, Anna Bauman ROW THREE Caroline Crockett, Abbey Curran, Haley Sirokman, Sinead McGonagle, Molly C. Mullen, Mackenzie Roach, Ellie Shorter ROW FOUR Marisa Ramirez, Shannon O'Rourke, Grace Reda, Greta Smithmier, Mireya Ramirez, Jessica Culver, Grace Sly



**FRENCH CLUB**

ROW ONE Cricket Martin, Megan Helt, Brenna Palmer, Brenna Scott ROW TWO club moderator Alice Amick, Anya Mateski, Annie Steinert, Maya Burtin, Kristin Teahan



**STA SINGERS**

ROW ONE Page Kemna, Mackenzie Jones, Ruby Dibble ROW TWO club moderator Michelle McIntire, Rachel Moran, Amanda Koch, Lauren Goode, club moderator Steven Karlin ROW THREE Madison Fitzgerald, Elena Spaulding, Holly Fielder



**CYCLING CLUB**

ROW ONE Liz Mitchell, club moderator Carrie Jacquin, Lauren Dufresne



**DRAMA CLUB**

**ROW ONE** Kate Needham, Christie Fletcher, Alexandria Mediavilla, Rosemary McGraw, Elena Spaulding **ROW TWO** Briana Wells, Marie Green, Katie Hanson, Monica McGraw, Menley Brennan, Gabby Ferro, Alexandra Reddis, Madeline Cozad, Fiona Madden **ROW THREE** Maggie Bowen, Natalie Kilgore, Morgan Marso, Zoe Royer, Anna Leach, Katie Holt, Shelby Hawkins, Angelica Vincent, Emmie McCabe **ROW FOUR** Erin Farmer, Maggie Allen, Maddy Sommerland, Margie Stone, Kathleen Blanck, Beth Mitchell, Fabiola Gutierrez, Annie McCalla, Hillary Talken **ROW FIVE** Gina Ptacek, Gretchen Dudley, Megan Bloskey, Basil Burnette, Meredith Latenser, Sabrina Salerno, Claire Fisher, Katie Law, Ellen Weitkamp, Alexia Arrieta



**SAGA**

**ROW ONE** Sarah Burchett, Chelsea Birchmier, Kelsey Ceriotti **ROW TWO** club moderator Mary Rietbrock, Sarah Turgeon, Emily Wunder, Ariana Goode



**CONCERT CHOIR**

**ROW ONE** Cecilia Zanone, Liz Mitchell, Maddy Niemuth, Anne Nulton **ROW TWO** club moderator Michelle McIntire, Monica Stanley, Micah Welch, Alexia Arrieta, Anna Huber, club moderator Steven Karlin **ROW THREE** Katie Grasse, Daisy Calderon, Emily Burke, Kathleen Nicely, Lizzie Sanders, Caroline Strader **ROW FOUR** Madalyn Schulte, Maggie Hutchison, Hillary Talken, Taran Smith, Sophia Hall



**COOKING CLUB**

**ROW ONE** Lydia Thomsen, Stephanie Hampel, Paige Wendland, Hannah Haywood **ROW TWO** Becca Ferron, Katie Daniels, Emma Allen, Natalie Rall, Maggie Cussen, Rachel Scheffler, Ceci Ismert, Whitney Klump **ROW THREE** Lizzy Imperiale, Hannah Otto, Kerry Egan, Keara Miller, Erika Mikkelsen, Logan Kembel, Emily Coble, Abby Elias **ROW FOUR** Allison McClendon, Lauren Hampel, Mary Sommerhauser, Kathleen Nicely, Lauren Barrett, Melissa Lane, Laura Stacy, club moderator Craig Whitney



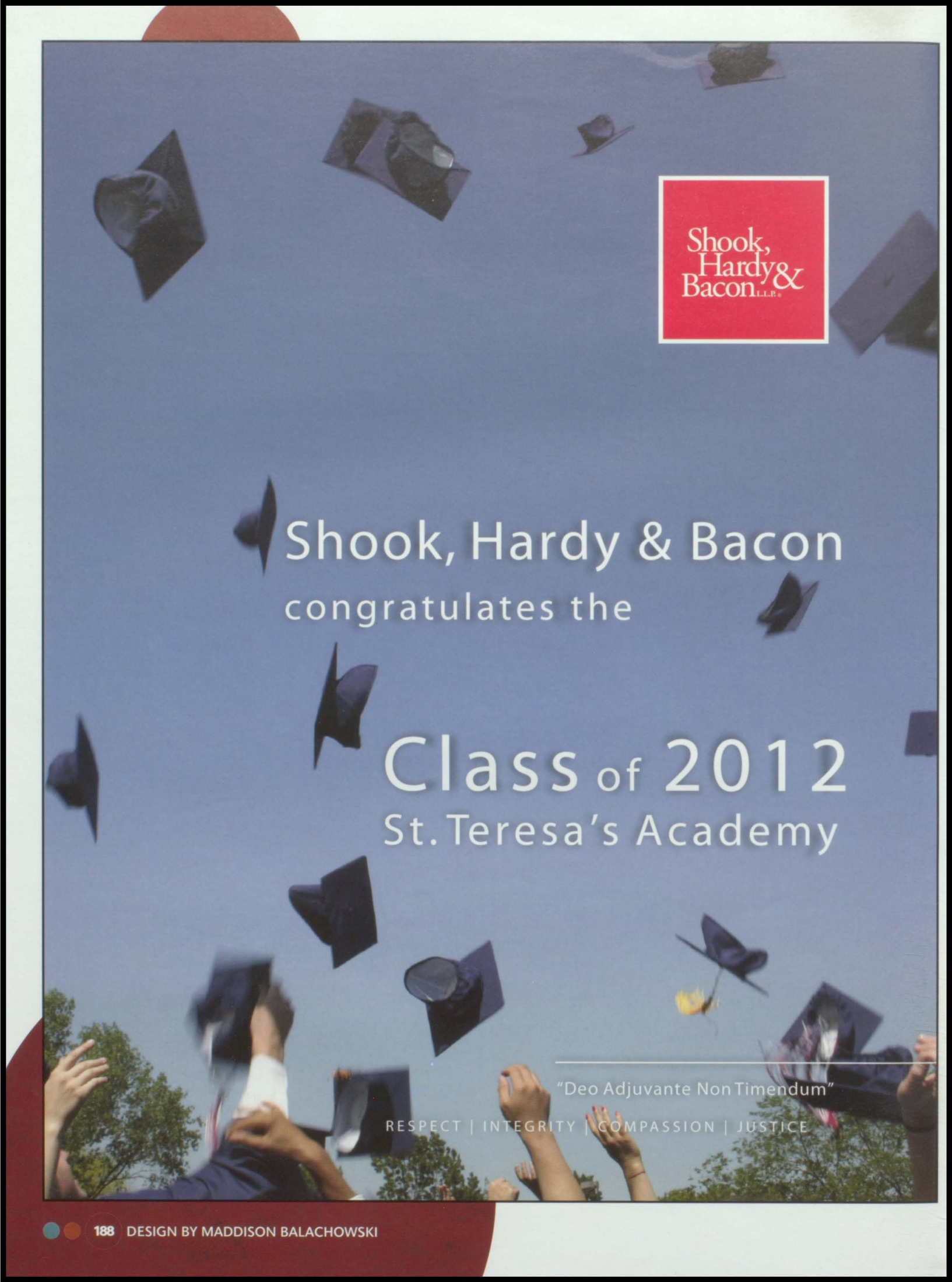
**PRAISE BAND**

**ROW ONE** Amanda Koch, Mackenzie Jones, Megan Helt, Colleen McInerney, Cricket Martin, Holly Fielder **ROW TWO** Katherine Grasse, Journey Eubank, Emmie McCabe, Katie Law, Anna Huber **ROW THREE** club moderator Joe LaScala, Liz Mitchell, Anne Gravino, Kathleen Nicely, Lizzie Sanders, club moderator Michelle McIntire **ROW FOUR** Micah Welch, MaryKat Hoesser, Marley Schmidlein, Hillary Talken



**A CAPELLA CHOIR**

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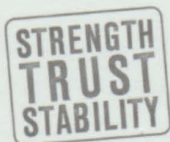
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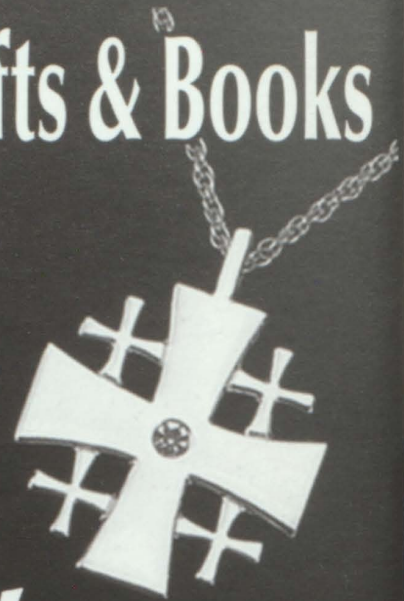
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# marianna

marianna messerli

Beej, we are so proud of you! You have accomplished so much, reached incredible heights, overcome great obstacles, experienced profound joy, all with unwavering kindness and grace. We love you "more than life itself!" Mom, Dad, Robbie & Kyle  
 "It takes courage to grow up and turn out to be who you really are." - E.E. Cummings



# brenna

brenna palmer

Brenna, Congratulations! We are so proud of you. Thank you for a wonderful 18 years! Love, Mom, Dad and Annie



# kate

kate needham

Kate, we are so proud of all you've accomplished! We know you'll explore the big and small questions of life with conviction and a dose of good humor. Conscendo cum fiducia! Mom, Dad & Michael



# melissa

melissa lane

Mel-Keep jumping, dancing, creating, surprising, exploring, laughing & making beautiful music! You are a gift and the world is all yours! We love you.



# christina

christina barton

"You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose."—Dr. Seuss. We look forward to seeing where your life takes you. Visit occasionally. We are very proud of you. Love Mom, Dad and Liz.



# cara

cara mcclain

Cara, what a joy it has been watching you grow into the caring and confident woman that you are today. Be true to yourself and pursue your dreams. We love you! Mom, Dad, Pat, Kathleen, Maggie and Charlie



# shannen

shannen freeman

We are extremely proud of you. You are a joy and a strong, caring young lady. Every day we are honored to be your parents. Enjoy the life of discovery ahead, our precious daughter. Love always, Mom and Dad.



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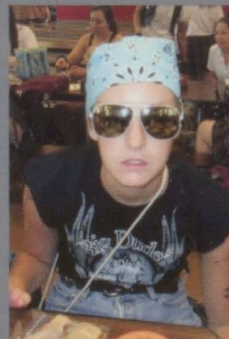
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# katie

katie mccombs

Oh, the many faces of our daughter! We love each and every one, and are proud of our Bugs. Watch out world! All our love, Dad, Mom and Matt



# haley

haley winslow

As you travel around the world, make many friends and always stay true to yourself. You are a blessing. Go far, reach wide and enjoy your journey!



# mackenzie

mackenzie jones

Mackenzie, You have a heart of gold. Your work ethic is like no other. You have a love for life and determination that will take you far in whatever you choose to do. Each day you are a blessing to us and we love you so much. Dad, Mom, Scott and Carson



# kelsey

kelsey rodriguez

Kelsey, Our determined, strong, talented, beautiful daughter who has ALWAYS been the "Light in our dull life!" You set your goal and succeeded. Now go take on Chicago! With love and pride, Dad, Mom and Richard



# mayme mayme marshall

Mayme, your energy, humor and talents have shined so brightly! We have been blessed to share in so many of your adventures and dreams. You have grown into such a remarkable young woman. Cherish every moment...the biggest and the simplest! "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."- Eleanor Roosevelt  
Love, Mom, Dad and Van



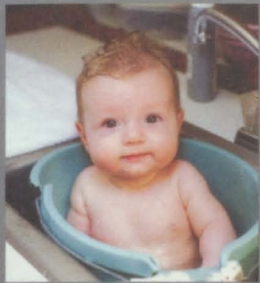


**sarah**  
sarah bryant

We have been blessed to watch you grow into a beautiful young lady. Continue to work hard and you can achieve anything you wish. We are very proud of you! Love, Mom + Dad

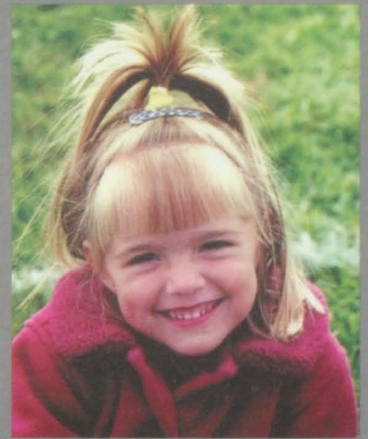


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Congratulations Rachel! We are so proud of you. May your journey be filled with happiness and success. Remember to keep God close to your heart. We love you! Mom, Dad, Megan and Alex



**lizzu**  
lizzy imperiale

Dearest Lizzy, we love you. Always and forever. Mom, Dad & Michael



**rosemary**  
rosemary mcgraw

We're a lucky family. We love you endlessly. If you've met her, you'll never forget her because love grows where our Rosemary goes and nobody knows like us. Congratulations, Rosemary!



**maddison**  
maddison balachowski

Congratulations PITA, so now you start the next stage of your journey. Keep making good choices and know we love you.  
Mom, Dad, Belle, Kayley and George



**megan**  
megan hodes

Megan, we love you and are so very proud of you! Follow your dreams wherever they take you! Never stop wondering and never stop learning.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Ellen & Sidney



**alex**  
alex greathouse

Alex, we are so very proud of you!! Your hard work and dedication are about to pay off!! Go show the world what you're made of!! Make sure you remember to have some fun along the way and don't take life too seriously!! We Love You, Mom and Dad



# madalune

madalune doyle

We should have known early on that your future would be in fashion! Whether you choose L.A. or N.Y., you will shine as a fashion designer. You make us so proud! Love, Mom and Dad



# nicole

nicole kamradt

Nicole, eighteen years have come and gone away too quickly. You have matured into a wonderful young lady with integrity, honesty and self-confidence. We are excited about watching and being part of your adventure that is yet to come. Love always! Mom and Dad



# katie

katie evans

Katie, we are so proud of you. We know you will have a great experience in college. We love you! Mom and Dad, Jack, Jane and Tom



# alexandra

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Alex, "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."—Dr. Seuss. Congratulations! Love, Mom, Dad, Mallory and Kyle



**erin**  
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Erin, the friends and memories you've made at STA will last a lifetime. We are so proud of the intelligent, focused and caring young woman you have become! Love forever, Mom, Dad and Siena



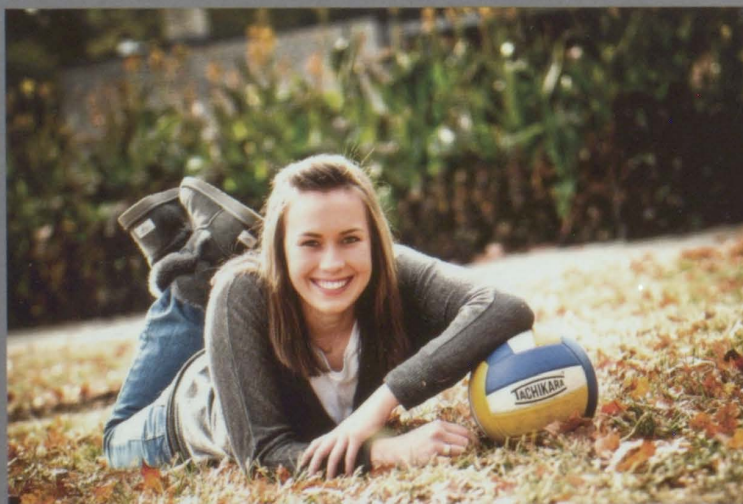
**kelsey**  
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Congratulations Kelsey! You have grown into a beautiful and amazing young woman and you always make us so proud. You have a tremendous future ahead of you. We love you so much! Mom, Dad & Kijie



**nicole**  
nicole wernhoff

Nicole, thanks for being a great trail blazer for the family. We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what life has in store for you next. Love you always! Dad, Mom, Emily, Jon and Colton



**hannah**  
hannah otto

First you were our little angel. Then you became our shining star. You have always been uniquely sweet, silly, creative, wonderful Hannah! xoxo Mom, Dad, John, Paul and Buster



What a gift you have been in our lives! We are extremely proud of you and grateful to share in your journey. Continue to dream big..Live Here Now..Enjoy the trip! In the words of Winston Churchill, "If you're going through hell, keep going." Our hearts will always be with you. We love you!



**kate**  
kate rohr

Congratulations Kate—you have made us so proud in so many ways. You've become such a wonderful young lady, and we look forward to watching you grow toward your dream. We love you so much. Mom, Dad, John and Megs.



**olivia**  
olivia scheuler

Olivia, what a wonderful young lady you have become! We are immensely proud of you and will love you ALWAYS! -Mom, Dad, Samantha, Carolyn and Jake



**celia**  
celia o'flaherty

May your troubles be less  
And your blessings be more.  
And nothing but happiness  
Come through your door!  
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Jack and Jeannie



# caitlin

caitlin nelson

Caitlin, you have accomplished much. Success, failure, happiness and sadness will all come your way. Stand tall. Believe in yourself. "When you get up in the morning, you have to decide who's in charge." Get up every morning and say, "I'm in charge today."



# caroline

caroline connor

Work hard. Be kind and amazing things will happen. We love you, Dad, Mom, Joseph, Kathleen, Mary Claire and John



# danielle

danielle comford

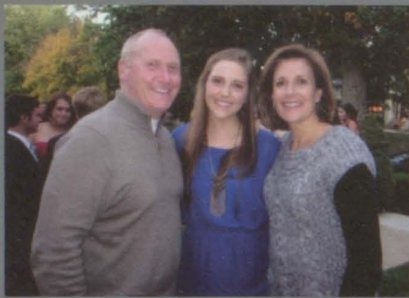
Danielle, your laugh and spirit light up the world. You will do great with whatever you set your mind on. We are so proud of you. Love you mija, Mom and Dad



# kathleen

kathleen vogel

So much of us is made of what we have learned from you. You'll be with us like a hand print on our heart. Because we knew you, we have been changed for good. Wishing you all things wonderful. With much love and prayers, Mom, Dad, Jen, Eric, Kaitlin, and Erin.



# taylor

taylor migliazzo

Taylor, We are really, really, really, really, really, really, really, really, really, really, really, really, really, really, proud of you. Boomer sooner. Love, Mom, Dad and Olivia



# christie

christie fletcher

You, Christie, you will stay A wonderful person in every way! As you end high school And your next stage starts, Let your talents grow! You'll be a tough act to follow-- We know! Love, your biggest fans, Mom and Dad





**kaiLi**  
kaiLi miccamman

Congratulations Kai-Li! We are so proud of you. You have worked hard and grown into a beautiful young woman. Follow your dreams, enjoy your journey and keep laughing! Love, Dad and your family



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lucy edmonds

Happy-go-Lucy!  
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We love you, Lucy! MoM and DaD



**emily**  
emily brescne

Where have the years gone. We're very proud of the person you have become. We will always be here for you. Follow your heart in all you do. Love, Mom, Dad, Allison, Jacob & Sugar



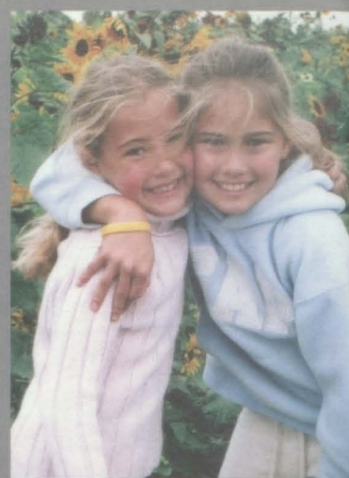
**erin**  
erin twaddle

Dear sweet Erin, You are a gorgeous wonderful daughter. Caring, generous, kind, smart are just some of your many qualities. We look forward to seeing your future accomplishments! Love, Mom, Dad, Nicole, Duchess, Lillie



**mary**  
mary o'leary

Dearest Mary, You are a precious gift to us and to the world! As you move to your next chapter in life always know how much you are loved. May your light always shine bright and may God bless you in all you do! All our love, Mom, Dad, Amy, Thomas, Brendon and Ryan.



*Each breath  
we take  
is a gift...  
Each moment  
of life  
is a grace.*



**katie**  
katie patterson

Katie, we celebrate you and your accomplishments. You have always brought love and joy into our lives. Remember where you come from, challenge yourself, enjoy the journey and remember to pay your blessings forward. We are with you. Love, Mom, Dad & Ben



**alexis**  
alexis buford

"Promise me you'll always remember...You're BRAVER than you believe, and STRONGER than you seem, and SMARTER than you think."  
—Christopher Robin to Pooh  
Love always, Mom, Dad, Jo



# maddie

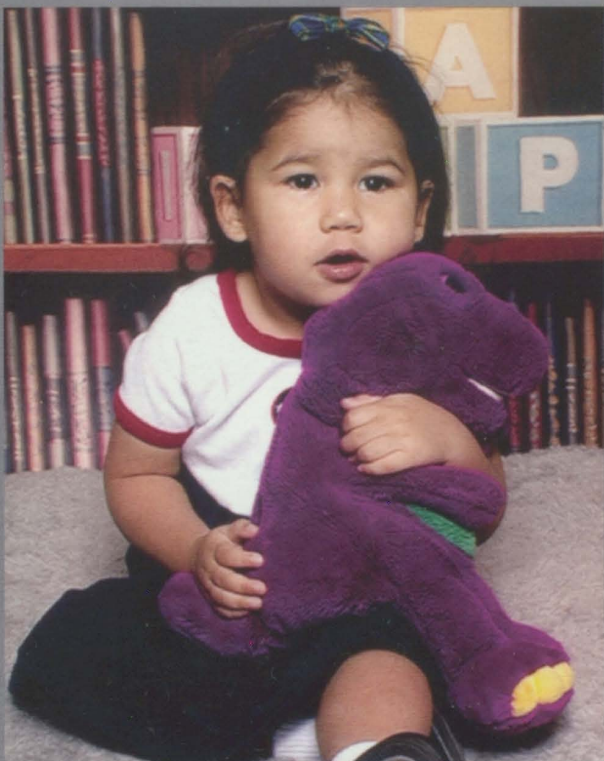
maddie dang



Dear Maddie,  
Young woman, our daughter, our joy and our heart. You've reached the end only to find a new start. The world sees the young woman with her charm and her smile, but behind the woman, we will always see the child. We love you so much, Your Mom & Dad p.s. SAM AND FRODO FOREVER!!!!

Dear Madwoman,  
Remember that club we made about living on the sun? I still think about it every day. You're one of the funniest, most creative and kind people I know. I love you, and I'm going to miss you so much. You're going to be an AMAZING pediatrician.  
Love, Gabrielle

Dear Madelion,  
Congratulations!!! I am sosososo proud of you. Not only for getting into college (though I am for that too) but for becoming a really awesome and good person. I know you are going to have so much fun next year, and I cannot wait to come visit you wherever you decide to go! Miss you!!!! Love, Bianca



Maddie,  
Congratulations on reaching your goal. We are so proud of you for setting your sights high and making every effort to achieve that goal. You worked hard and proved to yourself and everyone what you are capable of. Best wishes for continued success...  
Love, Ba, Gma & all of your aunts, uncles and cousins

# sarah

sarah godfrey

You have always been a ray of sunshine to our family. Your free spirit adds so much joy to our lives just by having you as a part of our family. Congratulations to you as you graduate from STA. We love you! Love, Mom, Dad, Victoria, Emily, John and Michael



**rowan**  
rowan o'brien-williams

Congratulations Graduate! "Where are you...in the world?" What a great daughter, big sister and fine young woman you have become! You make us so proud and happy, Rowan. All our love, Mom, Dad and Linden



**kathleen**  
kathleen devine

Kathleen, we are so proud of you and what you have accomplished. You have worked so hard. We can't wait to see what the next chapter of your life brings. Always keep your smile going. Love, Mom, Dad, Ashley and Katelyn



**hannah**  
hannah wolf

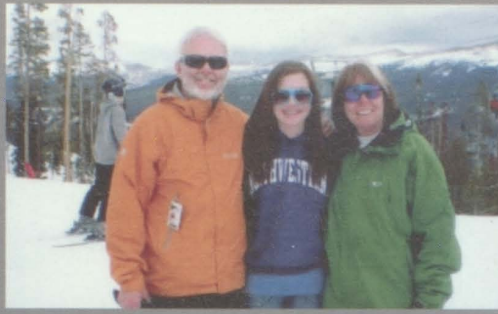
Hannah, you have been a joy to watch grow into the lovely young lady you are today. We are so very proud of you and look forward to the next chapter of your life. Congratulations and good luck at Vanderbilt! We love you! Mom, Dad and Jacob



# cassie

cassie o'neal

Love each day. Cherish each moment. Never fear living out your dreams. We are with you always. Love, Mommy and Daddy



# annie

annie deruyter

"We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do."  
 -Mother Teresa. Annie, we are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Matt, Meghan and Colleen



# megan

megan lewis

Megan, we love you and are very proud of you. We are thankful for your experiences and are excited for your future. Mom, Dad, and Matt



# mary kate

mary kate jenks

We are so proud of how you've grown into a wonderful, spiritual, scholastic and beautiful young woman. All our love, Mom and Dad



# hanna

hanna rose katz

Dear Hanna, as the years have passed, our love and pride has grown: all the way to the moon and back, many times over. We look forward to all the excitement of the coming decades. We are so excited that the baby Octopi is all grownup! All our love, Mom, Dad and Erin



# elizabeth

elizabeth daugherty

"What lies before us and what lies behind us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." We are proud of you. Independent, empathetic, curious, open-minded, loving. We love you, the person you have become, and know your inner beauty will serve you well throughout your life. Mom, Dad and Evan



# lindsay

lindsay cook

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail." – Ralph Waldo Emerson. Lindsay, we love you and are so proud of all you have accomplished!



# hannah

hannah haywood

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined. We love you! Mom, Dad, Holly and Waldo





# stephanie

stephanie hamper

Stephanie, Your STA years flew by and you made great memories! The lessons you learned will take you far! Enjoy your journey! Love, Mom, Dad, Chris, and Lauren



# jacqueline

Jacqueline Kerr

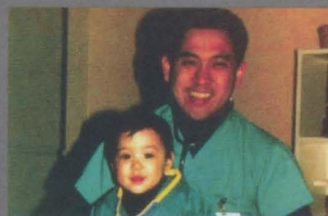
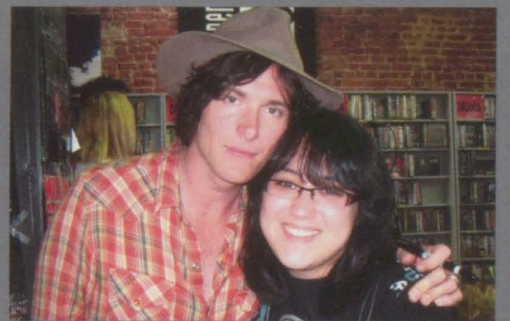
Jacqueline...we are so proud of you! You are beautiful and kind and talented in so many ways. You are truly a shining star. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments at STA. We love you, Mom, Dad, Elaine, Alexandra and Christina



# danielle

danielle gatapia

Danielle, Congratulations. We are so proud of who you have become as a person! We love you! Love, Dad, Mom, Sister and the dogs



# erin

## erin sellers

"Um, how else can I say it? 'You're being let go.' 'Your department's being downsized.' 'You're part of an out-placement.' 'We're going in a different direction.' 'We're not picking up your option.' Take your pick. I got more." Now go out in the world and do great things! Love, Dad, Mom, Amanda, Ryan and Nathan



# maggie

## maggie cussen

We are so proud of you! We have watched you grow into a strong, confident young woman who knows where she's headed and what she wants from the next phase in life. Go get em'



# erin

## cassie christina

Dolan, you inspired us to go to STA. Thanks for teaching us and guiding us all four years. We will always remember the fun we had at Camp Katie. Love, Erin, Christina, Mags and Cass

# taylor

## taylor twelman

Congratulations Taylor! We are very proud of you. Good luck at Mizzou! Love, Mom and Dad



# theresa

theresa murphy

You have become a person who sets her goals high and views obstacles as opportunities. We are so proud of you and what you have accomplished. May all your dreams come true! Love, Dad, Mom, Matt, Kevin and Kaitlin



# alexandria

alexandria mediavilla

Alex, We love you and are so VERY proud. Congratulations! Papi, Mom and Kat



# lydia

lydia thomsen

"Hope resides in the future, while perspective and wisdom are almost always found by looking to the past." —Greg Mortenson. We love you Liddybug, we are proud of you. Dad, Mom and Søren



# hannah

hannah reinhart

Wherever your heart is, that is where you will find your treasure. So go out and seek your fortune. May your "I do it myself" attitude carry you through. Love Tony, Michele and Lauryn



# katelun

katelun dujakovich

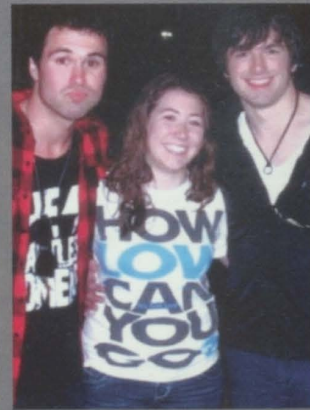
Dearest Kate, You are the light of our lives and we are so proud of you and the young lady you have become. Congratulations and Roll Tide! Lots of Love, Dad, Mom and Dan



# logan

logan kembel

Logan, congratulations! We are so very proud of you and what you have become...a beautiful, independent young lady with a bright future ahead of you. Life is a journey. Enjoy the adventure! We love you, Mom & Dad



# abby

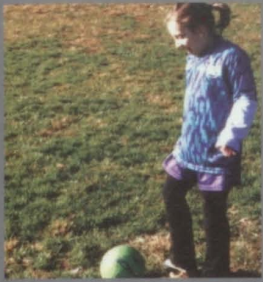
abby uche

We are so proud of all you have accomplished Abby! We know you will be a great success in whatever you choose to do. We love you! Dad, Mom, Isaac and Minah



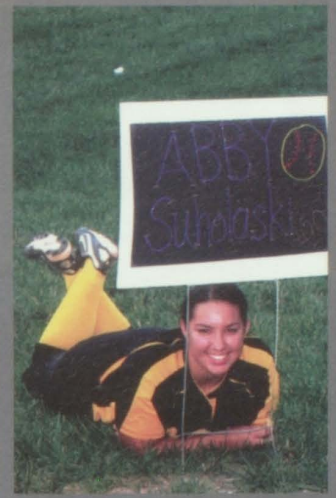
**lucy**  
lucy mcmanness

Lucy, you came into this world as a miracle and you continue to shine with God's love. Your passion for life is contagious. Enjoy your next chapter. Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine and always remember to think big thoughts but relish small pleasures.



**abby**  
abby suholaski

Abby, we are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. You are such a beautiful and amazing person. We know wonderful things await you. Your family loves you always. Keep smiling that beautiful smile! Love, Mom, Dad, Paige, Ryan and Jane



**mary cate**  
mary cate feuerborn

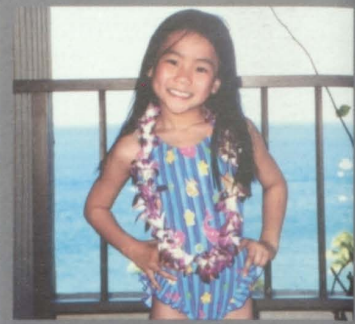
The years have deepened the love you gave us from the moment we heard, "It's a girl!!" Our "baba" has matured into a confident young lady who will soon enter college. STA has strengthened your knowledge and friendships for lifelong happiness. Congratulations, Mary Catherine! Love, Mom and Dad and Peter



# mari

mari kerwin

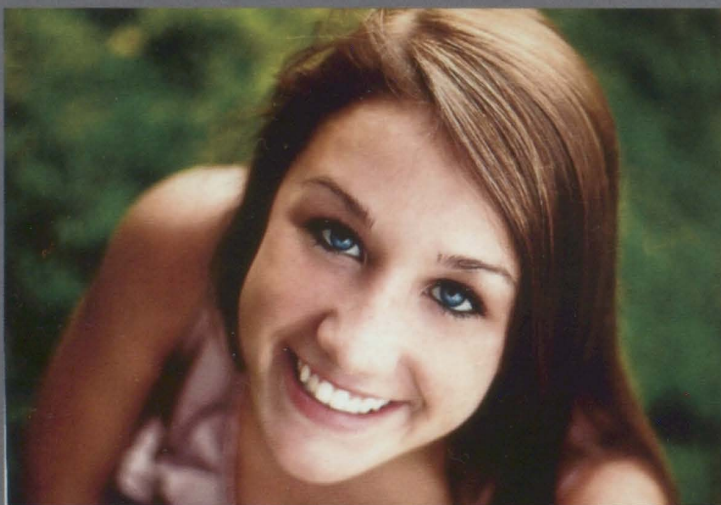
Mari, what a loving, joy-filled journey I have been on since God put us together. You were an amazing baby and child, and now you are becoming an amazing woman. I pray that the angels will protect you as you spread your wings and fly. With all my love, Mom.



# libby

libby randolph

Libby, it's been such a joy watching you grow and learn and enjoy life. We're so proud of you and know that you will succeed as you tackle the next adventure. Know that we're always there for you.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Tommy and Mary Kate



# mclaren

mclaren o'rear

Congratulations McLaren! We are so proud of you. You are a STAR!  
Love, Mom, Dad, Mo and Madeline



# laura

laura stacy

We are so proud of you and the choices you have made in your young life. You have so much to offer—stick to your values and may God's love always guide you. M+D+P+P



# patricia

patricia smith

Patricia, we are so lucky to have you in our lives. Continue to shine and be the beautiful person you are. Love, Dad, Mom, Mary, John, Charlie and Snowflakes



# lane

lane schulte

Seeing you succeed these last four years has provided us great joy. Youth, knowledge and dedication combined will provide you with innumerable opportunities, so take advantage of these gifts. We love you and wish you all the best as you start your next great adventure. Love, Mom, J.D. and Grandma



# alexandra

alexandra reddis

Congratulations Alexandra! I am so proud of your accomplishments. You have given me many wonderful memories, and I look forward to many more from my rising star. May all of your dreams come true. Love always, Mom



# paige

paige wendland

"Can I have a jelly bean?" Pineapple upside down cake, North Woods, Dnalnews, "Bah-rool!", "Just a winter's long cold...", JCL everything, the Factual Wendlands, 648-DOGS, Who needs 1st grade? Paige, we love you and are so proud of you! MTRRUTMY... Mom, Dad and Kelsey



# katarina

katarina waller

Katarina, who would have thought that our GLM would turn out to be such a stunning, confident, capable young woman? We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Sarah, Margaret and Michael





# chelsea

chelsea birchmier

Chelsea, people may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do. So explore, dream, discover and always trust in God without reservation. "Caelitus mini vires" my strength is from Heaven. We are so proud and love you. Mom, Dad, Rachel, Miles, Joel



# brianna

brianna casey

You are a force to be reckoned with! We are so proud of you! Always remember where you came from and keep those beliefs and values close to your heart. Keep that breathless smile and have fun! Mucho amor, Mom, Dad and Mika



# sara

sara pence

Congratulations! We are so proud of you! These last four years have flown by. Now on to the next chapter. We know you will be successful at college and beyond. Go Mizzou! Love always, Mom, Dad, Angel and Jewels



**lauren**  
lauren barrett

Congratulations Lauren! You have brightened our hearts since the day you were born. We are so excited to see where you shine next! We love you, Mom, Dad, Morgan and Mary Kathryn



**megan**  
megan helt

"You're a shining star/ No matter who you are/ Shining bright to see/ What you could truly be"- Earth, Wind & Fire/ Congrats! Love always- Mom, Dad and Phil



**ava**  
ava jurden

A baby girl, a gift to us, born the last day in May, historians will in dense prose discuss the inimitable Ava J. We love you, m,d,z,e.



**kelly**  
kelly muraski

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one come to you without leaving happier."-Mother Teresa Kelly, You have certainly made our lives happier. We love you! Mom, Dad and Mark



# miranda

miranda johnson

Sometimes, a character. Always, wonderful! You make life an adventure. We have been privileged to share your adventures. Never be afraid to be who you are because you are fabulous. We love you to pieces and look forward to sharing the many adventures yet to come. Love, Mommy, Daddy and Chelsea



# megan

megan lankford

We are so proud of everything you have accomplished at St. Teresa's. You will always be a shining star to us! Good luck on the next chapter of your life and always remember you can do anything you put your mind to. Congratulations and Love you, Mom, Dad, Stephanie and Paige



# martha

martha ramirez

Martha Lucero, in this journey of life, you will encounter both challenges and opportunities. May you face the challenges with great efforts as you've done before and embark on all the opportunities made available to you. We love you and are very proud of you! Love, Dad, Mom, Marisa, Mireya and Rafael



# colleen

colleen mcinerney

These things, we warmly wish for you—someone to love, some work to do, a bit o' sun, a bit o' cheer, and a guardian angel always near. We love you! Mom, Dad, Claire, Michael, Katie & Ali



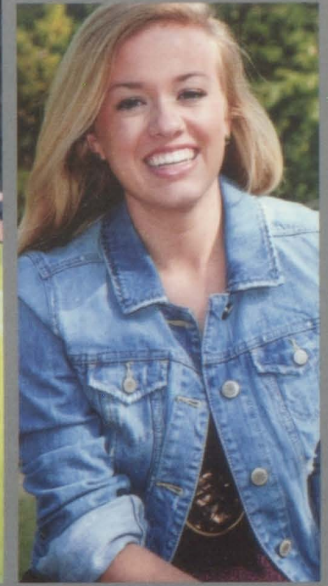
# thomas advisory

To Kate Needham, Maddison Balachowski, Theresa Murphy, Katie Hyde and Mary O'Leary: The advisory is going to miss you next year! Have a great time in college.



# margot margot livers

Margot, since the day you were born we have been *enchanted* by your *sparkling* beauty, kind spirit and funny ways. Stay true to your faith and to yourself, and you will *dazzle* the world. All our love, PL, John, Lane, Jack, Taco and, of course, Melanie!



# teacher farewells

As a community, the students, faculty and staff would like to say farewell to teachers who left STA at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. The community said goodbye to music teacher Michelle McIntire along with math teachers Ms. Jeanella Clark, Ms. Barbara Harris and Dr. Joe Grantham. Each one of these teachers were an inspiration to the community—especially those students in the Music and Math departments. Thank you teachers!



**Michelle McIntire**

A Capella Choir, Concert Choir, Orchestral Ensemble, Piano, Band

"Well, I'm sad she's leaving because she has been my advisor for all three of the years I've been at STA. Ms. McIntire's first year teaching at STA was also my first year coming to STA, so we were new together."

—Ali Lukens '13



**Jeanella Clark**

Algebra II, Geometry, Statistics & Probability

"Ms. Clark was exactly what an advisor should be. We will all miss her very much!"

—Megan Ehrnman '15

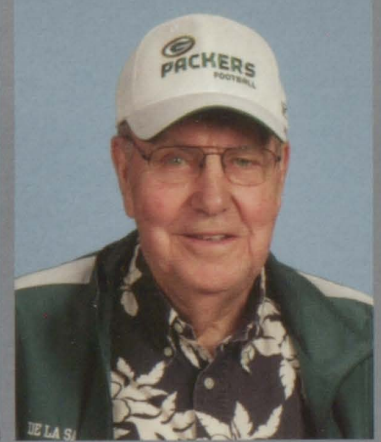


**Barbara Harris**

Algebra I, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus

"People will miss Ms. Harris because she always watches you to make sure you are doing everything right. Basically, she pushes her math students to do more."

—Maddie Thompson '15



**Dr. Joe Grantham**

8th Grade Accelerated Algebra I, Algebra I

"I will miss Dr. Joe's humor and compassion and giving him his donuts every donut Thursday."

—Ms. Kelly Drummond

# forever a yerd

The 2011-2012 Teresian Yearbook seniors recall "yerd" memories and favorites, saying farewell to their yearbook family and friends.

**Maddison Balachowski:** 2 years on staff. "I will miss not having to change rooms for advisory and check out."

**Maddie Dang:** 2 years on staff. "There's so much I'll miss about being a yerd. But most of all, I'll miss the awesomeness of 10 p.m. on publication nights, when I'm crying for one of two reasons: I'm laughing so hard about my terrible headline or I'm crying about my spread...I'll miss you Teresian!!!"

**Lucy Edmonds:** 3 years on staff. "Yearbook has taught me the art of avoiding deadlines and never doing my work, shout out to Kathleen Vogel. It's been a great three years. Mr. Thomas, please don't staple a camera to my face. Love you all, YERDS FOR LIFE!!! P.S. I don't actually hate the *Dart* even though I pretend like I do."

**Erin Hutchison:** 1 year on staff. "I love being an artsy photog and all the friends I've made on yearbook! Sometimes I really do have dance parties alone in my room (just kidding... maybe). Shout out to period four and the yearbook clique. Love you forever!"

**Margot Livers:** 2 years on staff. "The best thing about being on staff was getting to bicker with @KathleenVogel

everyday. Mr. T, props to you for putting up with us."

**Alexandra Radtke:** 2 years on staff. "We will always be better than the *Fart*...there's no competition. Love you guys, love the Teresian, love you Dad. Stay yerdly!"

**Libby Sauder:** 1 year on staff. "I had such a fun time being a yerd this year and I am going to miss it so much! Keep it classy. Peace, Love, BACON."

**Patricia Smith:** 1 year on staff. "What I'm going to miss about yearbook is being intimidated by Lucy Edmonds's photography skills."

**Kathleen Vogel:** 3 years on staff. "The thing I'll miss the most about being a yerd is pub nights with the five course meals and the 'Harry Potter' theme music provided by Margot Livers. Thanks Mr. T for accepting Lucy's and my procrastination and Margot and me even though we're weird...and fight...a lot."

**Haley Winslow:** 1 year on staff. "Thanks for a great year Yerds!!! I'm proud to pass the baton on to our new and returning staffers with this masterpiece of a book! Forever Yerds > the *Fart*...peace, love, Camera #2."

## teresian staff

- editor-in-chief  
katarina waller
- managing editor  
carrie hudson
- section editors  
maddi hughes-zahner  
margot livers  
alexandra radtke  
kathleen vogel
- senior ads editor  
ellie nachbor
- business manager  
maddison balachowski
- writers & designers  
madeline barth  
kathleen blank  
maddie dang  
mattie davis  
cristina dezeew  
paige drummond  
maddie horton  
alexis jenkin  
maggie kenney  
gabi lukens  
marina vianello  
frannie wilkinson
- photo specialist  
lucy edmonds
- photographers  
makenzie carter  
erin hutchison  
sarah kostoryz  
libby sauder  
patricia smith  
janie thompson  
haley winslow

# teresian moments

Sitting on Carrie Hudson's bed at Ball State just talking about our problems (oh, and some yearbook stuff, too). Trading turns freaking out about spreads with Kate Rohr at shared publication nights. Texting Hannah Otto late at night/early in the morning as she made up this crazy story about Critter and an accountability that ended up being the theme copy for "Surroundings." Staring at Dad blankly as he told me I was going to be editor-in-chief. The boy with the bread. Napping in Dad's big, black chair. Clutching my half-Rooster-Booster/half-Diet-Pepsi Quik Trip concoction and laughing deliriously while I'm supposed to be proofing spreads. Watching Kathleen Vogel and Margot Livers bicker endlessly. Designing spreads next to Maddison Balachowski all of junior year. Playing kickball with the *Dart* during publication night.

These are just a few of my moments as a member of the Teresian staff.

**To Kathleen Vogel and Lucy Edmonds:** You've been two amazing people to share these last three years with. Thank you for supporting me this year and for being there for me no matter what I asked you guys to do.

**To Carrie Hudson:** We could not have pulled off this book without you. You are so amazing and I would have gone insane without you (seriously). Words cannot express how thankful I am that you were my managing editor this year. Not only did I get a great yerd for the job, but I also gained a close friend over the course of the year. I have no doubt that you will do an amazing job as co-editor next year and can't wait to see the Teresian yearbook for 2012-2013.

**To Marina Vianello:** You have completely blown me away this year. Your dedication, your passion, and your enthusiasm have been so great on staff and I am so glad

that you are co-editing next year. I have full faith in you!

**To Dad:** Thank you for believing in me, especially when I didn't believe in myself. Having you as a teacher these last four years has been...beyond words. You are such an amazing teacher and I don't think I will ever be able to thank you enough for all that you've taught me in and out of the classroom. I know we call you "Dad" in jest, but you have been a father figure to me these past four years.

**To my staff:** I never could have asked for a better group of girls. You've dealt with my craziness, my weirdness, and all of my ideas. Thank you for having faith in me and for giving me some of my best memories on staff! Never forget how important you girls are and how amazing and talented each one of you is.





# colophon

## 2011-2012

**price to students**

\$40-\$60 (February-August)

**photography service**

Student and staff portraits by DeCloud Studios

**cover**

Four-color-litho with desluster lamination and embossing

**typography**

Body text was Effectra Medium 9. Captions were set in Effectra Thin 8. Headlines were set in various sizes of Effectra Medium, Effectra Heavy and Effectra Thin.

**printer**

Herff Jones, 2525 Midpoint Drive, Edwardsville, KS 66111

**plant customer service rep**

Ms. Julie Bogart

**publisher representative**

Ms. Nancy Hall

**submission**

Pages were submitted over nine deadlines between November and June using the Herff Jones ePage. Software included Adobe InDesign CS3, Adobe Photoshop CS3, Adobe Illustrator CS3 and Adobe Bridge CS3.

**paper**

80-lb gloss

**production run**

525 copies

**binding**

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**pages**

246 pages

**estimated total production cost**

\$45,000

**computers**

13 24-inch iMacs, 2 20-inch iMacs, 28 Dell Latitude 2100 10.1-inch netbooks, 2 MacBook Pro

**additional computer equipment**

Two Epson Perfection 1660 photo scanners

**photo equipment**

CompactFlash cards, four Canon Rebel XTs, one Canon 50D, one Canon 7D, four 18-55 mm f/3.5-5.6 lenses, two 75-300 mm f/4-5.6 lenses, one 135 mm f/2.8 lens, one 50 mm f/1.8 lens, one 20-35 mm f/3.5-4.5 lens, one 300 mm f/4 lens, one 28-135 mm lens, two 18-135 mm lens, two Canon Speedlite 420 EX Flashes

**associations and awards**

The Teresian is a member of the Missouri Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA), the Journalism Educators of Metropolitan Kansas City (JEMKC) and the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA). The MIPA honored the 2010-2011 Teresian, "Rewired," with an Superior rating and the NSPA honored it with an All-American rating, earning five marks of distinction in all categories. The NSPA also awarded "Rewired" as a Pacemaker at the national convention in Seattle, Wash., April 2012.

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## my moment

Every student, staff and faculty member was asked to describe a memorable moment at STA. COMPILED BY THE

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I thought it was really cool how teachers supported the school and put on a play for us and got involved.

—emma connelly, '14

I love Chris Cakes days because of the eat-odd contests. It shows a big part of STA, which is eating.

—sarah flattery, '13

When we went to mass and our advisory forgot our [remembrance] sheet. We all looked at Mr. [Richard]

Shrock and started laughing at him.

—carson beineman, '15

[The auction skit] shows off [the teachers'] goofy side and STA is definitely a goofy place. And it shows that the teachers can act just as silly as the students.

—emma wheatley, '13

The conversations we have in government [are my favorite interactions

with teachers]. Before class each day Mr. [Pat] Sirridge asks us, "What government is in the news?" I love studying government so this is my favorite part.

—mary kate jenks, '12

[My moment was] when Praise Band broke out into the sister act song "Oh Maria" and the entire school danced and sang along. It really showed the spirit of STA.

—cecilia o'flaherty, '14



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In advanced drawing, two girls came in from Ms. [Denise] Rueschoff's class and asked if Ms. [Theresa] Wailerstedt had glitter for a poster they were making. Ms. Wailerstedt freaked out because it was an art class and we don't use glitter.

-anna mcdonald, '13

I was walking down from my Latin free and I saw a bunch of people who I played volleyball with—like the seniors. It

was really fun to get to walk with them because it just shows how diverse STA is and how extracurriculars help people get involved and meet upperclassmen.

-abbey haines, '14

[My moment was] when our advisory won the chalk contest and the skit. We were all celebrating during lunch and it was fun to win as a freshman.

-ally drummond, '15

The auction pep rally shows STA's dedicated teachers that want to make school fun as well as hard work.

-mackenzie jones, '12

[My moment was] during the gospel music playing over the intercom and Ms. [Kim] Sirridge started making funny faces.

-caroline crockett, '15

[My friends and I have] lots of inside

jokes. We usually...end up laughing about something that's going on.

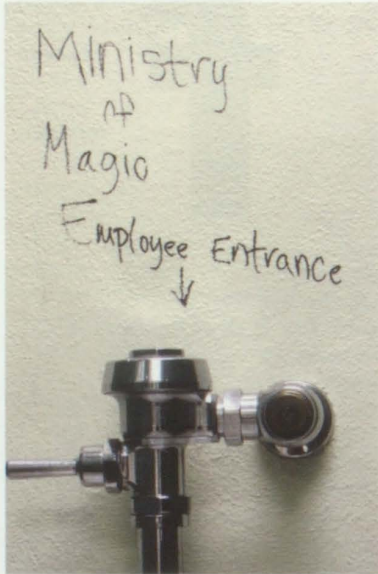
-anja browning, '14

One time [my friends and I] talked about tampons an entire lunch and activity period. It shows that we don't care what we talk about and don't really have a limit.

-jillian gallagher, '14



**active crime scene** Sophomore Lindsey Valdiviez, left, and freshman Samantha Smith measure fake evidence for an accelerated biology forensics project. **PHOTO BY LIBBY SAUDER**



**magical flushing toilet** An anonymous student wrote "Ministry of Magic Employee Entrance" above a toilet in the basement bathroom of the M&A building. **PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ**



**prepare to attack** Seniors Shannen Freeman and Alexis Buford make snowballs to throw at their friends in the parking lot Feb. 16. **PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ**

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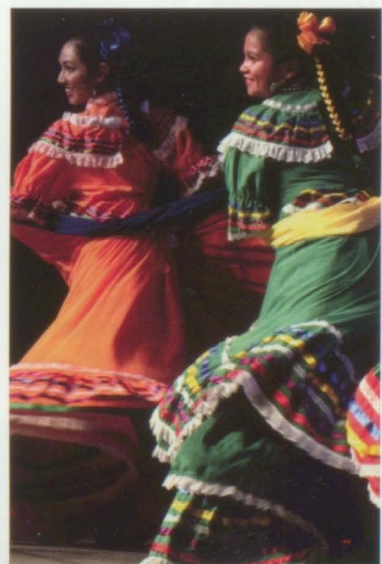
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**just double trouble** Junior Rose Hutchison and freshman Maggie Hutchison play long lost twins in a Spirit Club pep rally Feb. 21. **PHOTO BY ERIN HUTCHISON**



**take the challenge** The senior class challenges the junior class to a kick ball game on April 26. The senior class won 6-2. **PHOTO BY PATRICIA SMITH**



Seniors Martha Ramirez and Brianna Casey perform with El Grupo Folklorico Atotonilco at Municipal Auditorium Oct. 29. **PHOTO BY LIBBY SAUDER**

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## my moment

Every student, staff and faculty member was asked to describe a memorable moment at STA. COMPILED BY THE TERESIAN STAFF

[I love] when I see people eating lunch... and laughing with their friends.

—amy o'leary, '15

In class it's all girls [and] easier to concentrate.

—meghan daniels, '15

The second day I got to STA I slipped and fell in the Quad because it was raining and seal was slippery.

—taylor steen, '13

The auction pep rally because every one's together and the teachers are a part of it, too. We have a different teacher-student relationship than other schools.

—annie steinert, '13

When Allison Hogan and I walked into school. It was really icy. I wiped out, and she ran away from me and acted like she didn't know me.

—grace dominique, '13

[My moment was] when our grade made cards for all the people in our grade who were sick. It made me really realize how close we are a community and basically sisters.

—kelly fletcher, '14

In JSA we watched YouTube videos one time. Everyone thought they were hilarious, especially one about a lady sitting on the toilet.

—serenity wallace, '13

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(photos from left) Margot Livers plays a yearbook game; Nikki Rodriguez donates hair to Pantene's Beautiful Lengths Campaign; Shannon O'Rourke and Olivia Haug hang out during a yard day; Michelle Dierks races downcourt against Sion. PHOTOS BY TERESIAN STAFF



**make me laugh** Senior class officers Alexandria Mediavilla, from left, Cecilia O'Flaherty, Hannah Wolf, and Allison Fitts judge girls auditioning to perform in the school's annual fundraiser "Dancing with the Stars." **PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS**



**STA's freaky friday** Ms. Lisa Dible and Ms. Mary Montag laugh Oct. 21, when the faculty dressed like students in response to the seniors' plan to dress like teachers for the day. **PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ**



**split it up** Junior Emma Robertson does the splits while in Ms. Betsy Hansbrough's room Nov. 22. **PHOTO BY CARRIE HUDSON**

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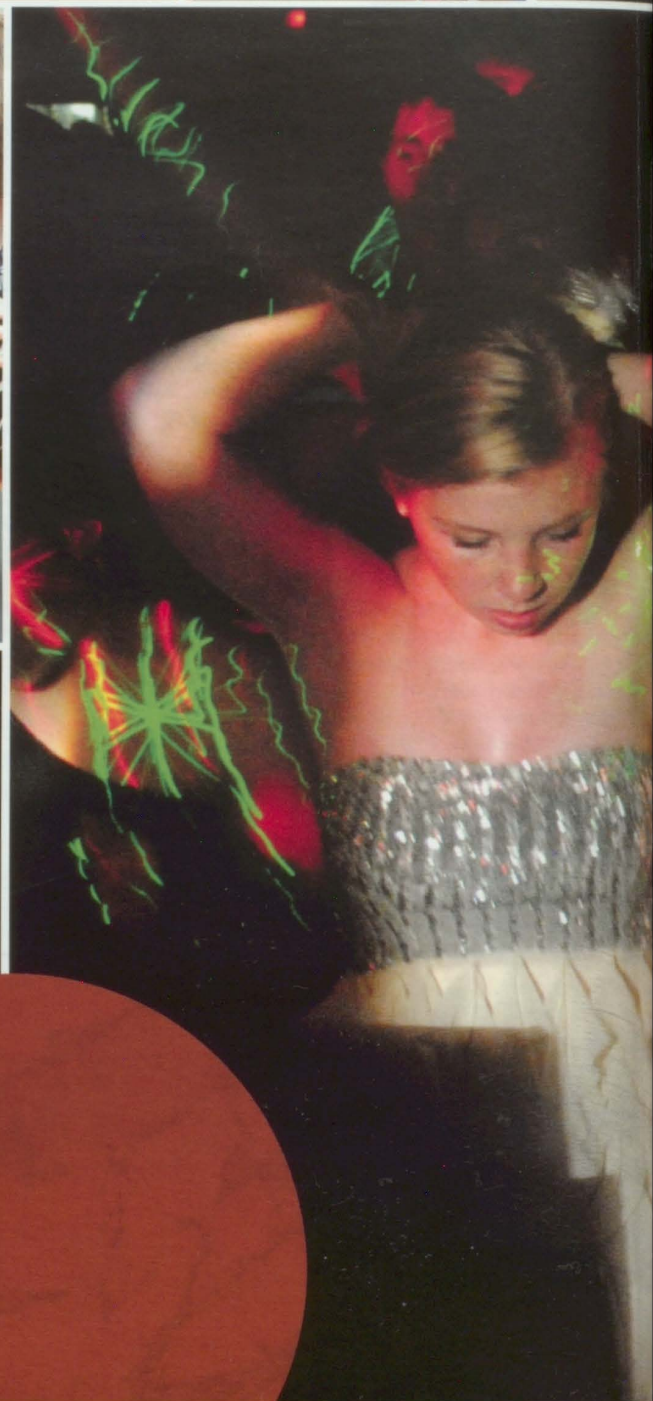
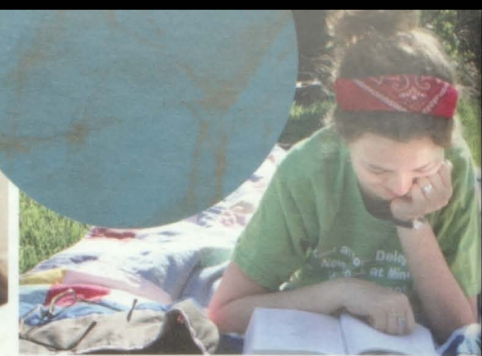
**catch it, girl** Junior Erica Wind catches a kickball during a advisory kickball game Jan. 30. **PHOTO BY HALEY WINSLOW**



**what's going on** Freshman Taran Smith and sophomore Kathleen Connor of the Shrock advisory participate in a kickball game against the Thomas advisory in the Goppert Center Nov. 10. **PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ**



**all for amur-i-ca** Juniors Peyton Gajan and Mickey Redlingshafer attend the assembly for soccer player Abby Wombach in the gymnasium Mar. 29. **PHOTO BY LUCY EDMONDS**





# your year was full of activities...people...moments.

You cried at the last advisory party of the year when you said goodbye to the seniors.

You screamed as your friend jumped on your back for one last piggy back ride after finals.

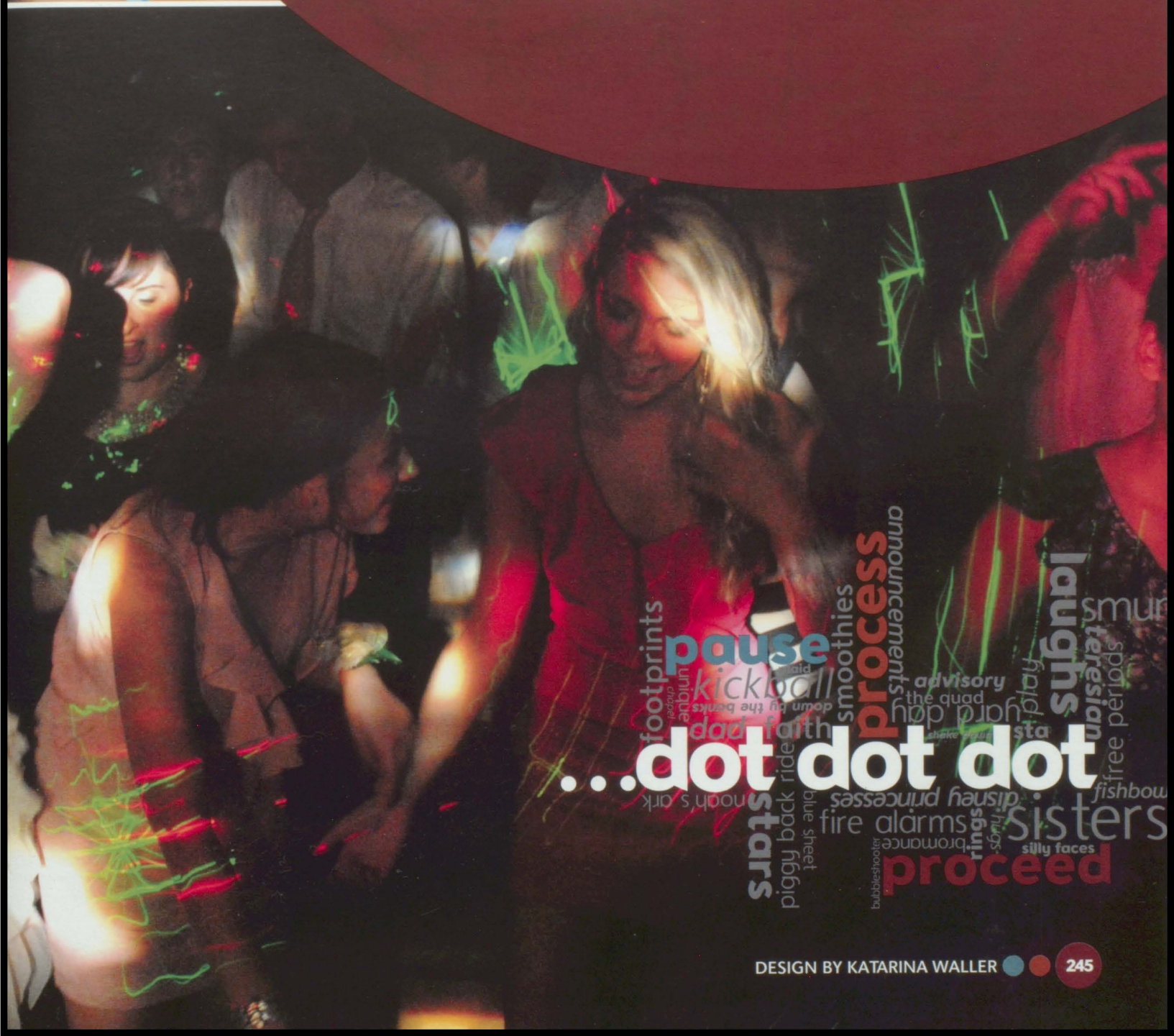
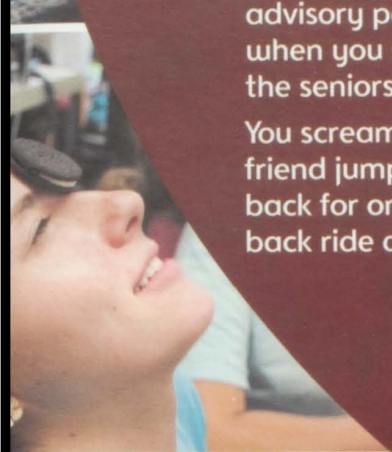
You listened to one last joke from Mr. Patrick Sirridge before walking out of his classroom.

Be this your first year, last year or somewhere in between, these have been your moments as you wandered through your year at the Academy.

Your moments have been broken down into three parts defined by three dots symbolizing three parts of a moment—the initial pause, followed by a process, to get ready to proceed.

These moments have brought you to this moment now...

...one to remember.

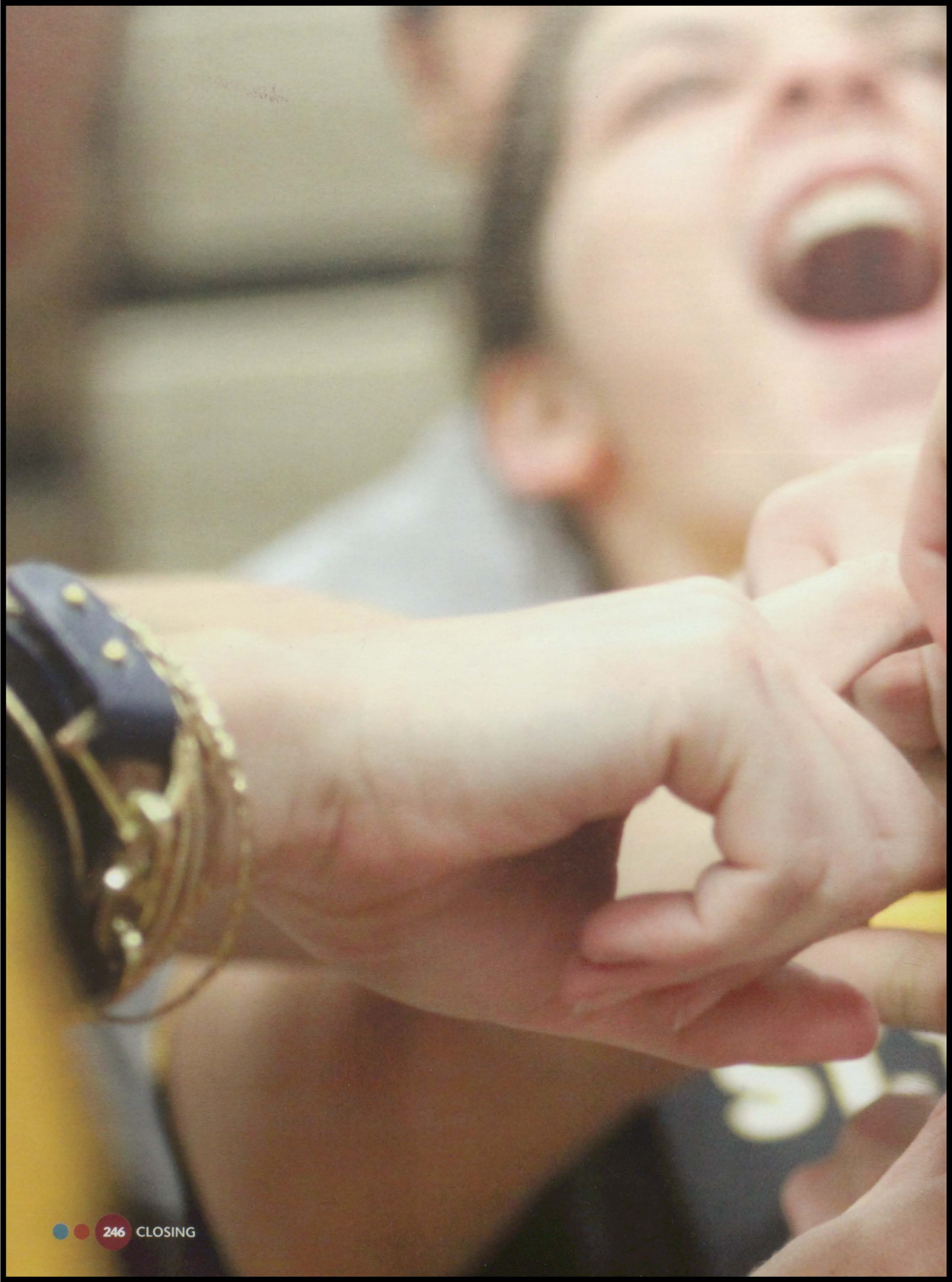


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silly faces  
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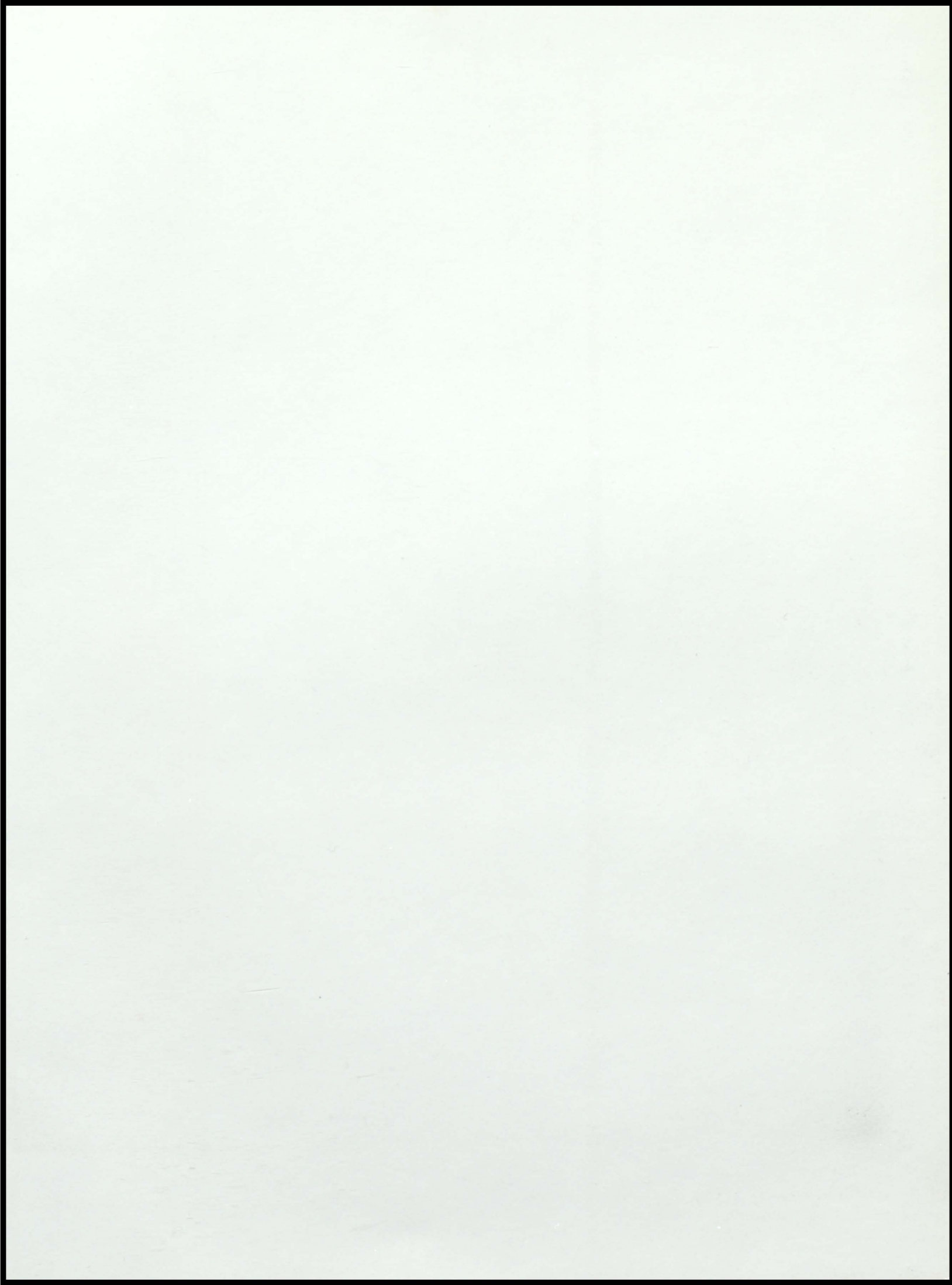
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**all for one** Winning the Districts championship Oct. 26, the varsity volleyball team screams while grabbing the trophy. The team defeated Raymore-Peculiar High School and Belton High School at Raymore-Peculiar High School, advancing the Stars to Sectionals.  
PHOTO BY SARAH KOSTORYZ





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period.

