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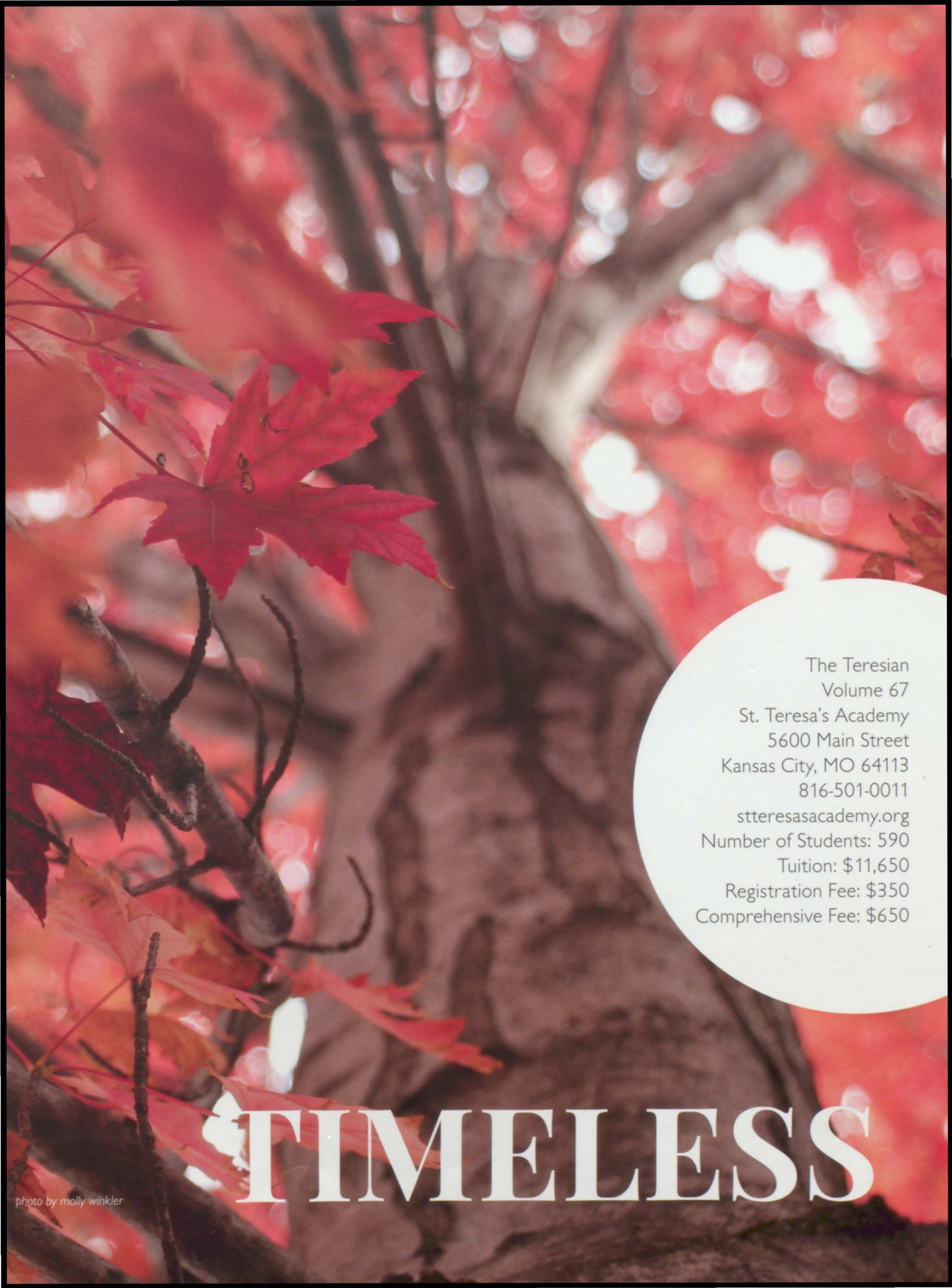


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TRADITION IS TIMELESS

Since the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet established St. Teresa's Academy in 1866, starting with a class of only 140 students and eleven teachers, the Academy has developed over the past 150 years into an educator of over 600 young women. Over the years, teachers, classes, and campus have changed, but the traditions of STA

have not. From excellence in education to crazy themes at rivalry games, both old and new traditions highlight the love and support present at the academy. Since 1866, within the walls of the academy young women have expanded their minds, planned their futures, made lifelong friends, and left their marks in this TIMELESS establishment.



photo by margaret queen



SISTERHOOD IS

TIME

Clothing trends change, politics change, neighborhoods, cities, people, technology, and everyday life all change. However, the environment of support, love and sisterhood at St. Teresa's Academy is perpetual. For 150 years, the young women of St. Teresa's Academy have dedicated themselves to their education, success, and friendships, upholding the legacy of the academy. As they

hold open the doors to Donnelly during passing period for the girl behind them, help each other study for the upcoming ACT, accompany their injured friend in the elevator, and join hands with the sisters next to them to recite the Our Father during a class mass, the students reflect and immortalize the TIMELESS teachings of STA.



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photo by molly winkler





LEFT. Senior Lily Koppen smiles for the camera at the STA vs. Sion volleyball game Sept. 16. The students dressed like Avatars for the game. *photo by margaret queen*

MIDDLE. Juniors Claire McCann, left, Molly Muehlebach, Libby Terril, and Emma Swinney sing "All I want for Christmas is You" by Mariah Carey during the winter sports pep rally Dec. 4. *photo by molly winkler*

RIGHT. Senior Mary Hilliard wipes whipped cream off of her face after getting pied Nov. 23 at the senior class fundraiser. Hilliard suffered from a bloody nose after repeatedly being pied by other students. *photo by liz barton*

BACKGROUND. Stars enjoy a yard day Oct. 22 during activity 2 before the weather turns cold. *photo by liz barton*

BOUNDLESS

The first semester brings a colorful campus accented with autumn hues, the induction of a new class into the community, new teachers, and new experiences. Scattered between average days filled with passing periods, tests, discussions, homework, and advisory parties, are moments and days that define a student's experience at STA. The quad covered with chalk drawings after Frosh Fest, a free day off school to celebrate our hometown team, the hallways filled with pumpkins and costumes on Halloween, girls excitedly primping for homecoming dances, the bleachers packed with crazy girls in face paint and Christmas carols in the quad. All of these and more lead to a year of BOUNDLESS memories made at the Academy.

#LOVEWINS

6.26.2015

The Supreme Court legalized same sex marriage across the United States June 26. The news sparked celebration throughout the country.

The Supreme Court decided after years to legalize same sex marriage. In a 5-4 ruling, the liberals and conservatives were divided until Justice Anthony Kennedy sided with the liberals, pushing the decision through. After the legalization, same sex couples like Jaque Roberts and Carmelita Cabello of Austin, Texas jumped at the opportunity to get married and celebrated one of the biggest civil rights movements in history.
source: nytimes.com



NEW RIGHTS

4.09.1866

The first of many U.S. civil rights acts was passed in 1866.

The Senate and Congress overruled the veto of President Andrew Johnson to pass Civil Rights Act of 1866. The act declared all persons in the United States as citizens without regard to race, color or previous condition.
source: history.house.gov



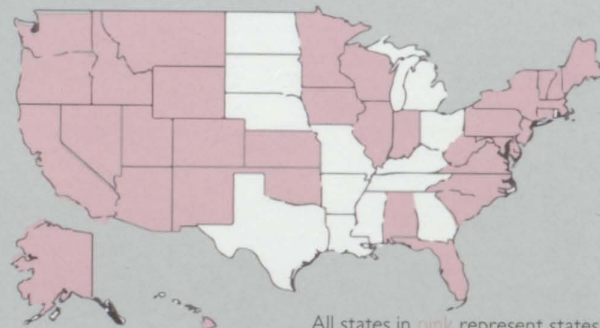
SAME SEX STATS

Statistics were compiled from Pew Research Center.

Before the vote, **57%** of Americans supported gay marriage.

Before the vote, **36** states and the District of Columbia allowed same sex marriage.

After the vote, the USA joined **20** countries in allowing same sex marriage.



All states in pink represent states that allowed gay marriage before Supreme Court Ruling



OVERHEARD QUOTES

Sitting in AP American Literature and Language Sept. 28, junior Gwyn Doran expressed her hate for a certain type of coffee. "I hate Crow's Coffee!" Doran said. "You know what Gwyn, I hate you," long term English substitute teacher Maura Lammers replied.

During advisory time Aug. 26, sophomore Karen Crouch talked about her summer. "It was actually pretty uneventful," Crouch said. "I mean, I only finished like three series on Netflix."

During Honors Chemistry Oct. 26, teacher Mary Rietbrock asked if anyone had questions over a powerpoint. Rietbrock asked sophomore Clara Swanson if she had a question. "How did you know [I had a question]?!" Swanson replied surprised.

WORLD CUP VICTORY

7.06.2015

The United States Women's Soccer team defeated Japan in the World Cup Final July 5 in Vancouver, Canada, clutching their third World Cup trophy.

The United States Women's team scored four goals in the first 20 minutes of the game, defeating Japan 5-2 and claiming the trophy for the third time. The World Cup awarded USA midfielder Carli Lloyd with the Golden Ball award as the first woman to score three goals in a final game. Both the Espys and Sports Illustrated honored the team after the win by featuring each player on their own cover.

source: bbc.com

GERMAN INVASION

9.01.1939

World War II began as Germany invaded Poland Sept. 1, 1939.

Britain and France quickly declared war on Hitler and the Nazi Party. The United States avoided entering the war but were forced to protect themselves after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

source: history.com

TWEET TWEET

"nothing better than listening to a bunch of white people react to fireworks"- senior Kat Mediavilla

@k_middlevillage



"Steve Serrano just read my tweet live on Mix 93.3 that a hamster pooped in my hand. and he called me Paige. Just let that sink in"- junior Paige Powell

@paigeepowell

"im hoping for donuts on the first day of school... it will be a thursday @ sta"- sophomore Audrey Davis

@audrey_davis8



WATCH PARTY

Out of the 37 students polled...

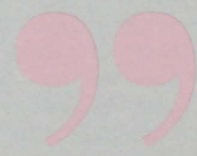
54% of students watched more games than the World Cup Final.

37% of students watched games with friends.

Before a senior class mass Sept. 2, Andie Round complained about administration moving sweatshirt days to Fridays. "I really want a sweatshirt right now," Round said. "Yeah, I don't understand why they moved it," senior Liz Countee said. "I mean, Jesus wouldn't mind."

During his AP English Literature class Sept. 10, English teacher Kelly Fast talked about how he read the Hunger Games series with his daughter. "I just had to change a few minor details in the books," Fast said. "So, 'Peeta is my lover' became 'Peeta is my boyfriend.'"

During advisory Sept. 4, freshman Holly Phalen explained her baking experiences. "Last week I made these brownies with a cookie inside of them," Phalen said. "They were heavenly."





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TIMELESS TRADITIONS

Students reflected on the Passing of the Legacy Ceremony which occurred Aug. 13 in the gymnasium. This annual event welcomed the freshman class into the STA community through the tradition of passing along advice with St. Teresa of Avila medallions.

The senior class smiled up at the freshmen sitting in the bleachers. They remembered sitting there four short years earlier, and recognized the looks of anxiety spread across each freshman's face.

The freshmen stared back down upon the seniors, wondering how the class survived all four years in high school. However, seniors like Annie Alderman knew the freshmen had nothing to worry about.

"I knew what they were feeling and how awesome their experience at STA was going to be," Alderman said.

According to Alderman, she didn't always feel so excited about her high school experience.

"I started my freshman year knowing only like three people from Nativity, from softball, and then [my twin sister] Betsy," Alderman said. "I also had no idea what was going on. I was really confused because I didn't know what [the upperclassmen] meant by 'the sisterhood.' When some of my classmates started to make an effort

to welcome me, I started to understand. Like kids who knew more people started inviting me to their lunch table, sitting next to me in class, and smiling in the hallway. Those little things like that made me feel welcome and were really helpful."

During the Passing of the Legacy Ceremony, each senior gave a hand-written note and a St. Teresa of Avila medallion to a freshman, and the pair hugged.

"I thought it was funny how we had to hug the seniors," freshman Cecilia Curran said. "I kind of thought like, 'Oh, this school is going to be loud and cheery all the time.' But, I was surprised by how much I liked [the ceremony]."

Senior Sophia Prochnow thought that the ceremony benefitted the school as a whole.

"To me, the Passing of the Legacy Ceremony not only introduced the new freshmen to the entire school, but brought the senior class closer," Prochnow said. "I mean, we had been looking forward to sitting on the floor of the

gym as seniors since our first year. It always seemed like a privilege to the seniors before [our class], and we just looked forward to when we would finally be able to experience it."

While Prochnow enjoyed the privilege of sitting on the floor, Alderman felt "jealous" of the freshmen sitting in the bleachers.

"I was kind of envious because [us seniors] only have like eight months left of high school before we leave for college, leave St. Teresa's, and become adults," Alderman said. "So, I was kind of jealous thinking about how [the freshmen] get to experience what I had all over again. They have four years at a great school that I loved going to. A school with face painting days, moon bounces, and Teresian dances. I would want to do it all over again, so I was happy for them, knowing what they have to look forward to."

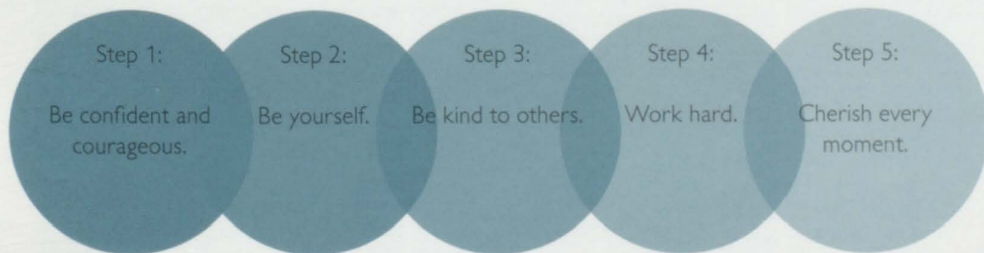
PASSING OF THE LEGACY

Est. 2009 under STA president Nan Bone



FIVE STEPS TO STARDOM

Senior Class President Katherine Mediavilla shared advice she called "Chicken Soup for the STA soul" with the new freshman class in her speech during the Passing of the Legacy Ceremony Aug. 13.



According to Mediavilla, she hoped to share the idea that the sisterhood isn't something a freshman can experience immediately after entering STA, but that they will realize in a "spontaneous moment." She hoped these steps would lead the new freshmen to enjoy their four years in high school.

A. LEAN ON ME Seniors Molly Meyers, from left, Maggie Porter and Elaina Bailey sing along to "Lean on Me" during the Passing of the Legacy Ceremony Aug. 13. It became tradition for the entire student body to sing along to start the year off right. *photo by liz barton*

B. BLESSINGS ON BLESSINGS Sister Joan Tolle blesses the prayer cards and medals during the Passing of the Legacy Ceremony. Sr. Tolle was one of the special guests at the ceremony. *photo by liz barton*

C. BLING BLING St. Teresa of Avila prayer cards and medals lay on the front table before the Passing of the Legacy Ceremony. The prayer cards and medals were given to the freshman class to welcome them to STA. *photo by liz barton*

D. SILLY SISTERS Senior Darby Pedersen, left, laughs as she puts freshman Olivia Michka's necklace on during the Passing of the Legacy Ceremony. Each senior gave a freshman a prayer card, a necklace and a hug. *photo by liz barton*

E. WELCOMING BELL Senior class officers Katherine Mediavilla, from left, Mary Hilliard, Sophia Cusumano and Claire Jefferson ring the famous bell, starting the Passing of the Legacy Ceremony. It was a tradition for the senior class officers to ring the bell to kick off the school year. *photo by liz barton*



MORE STARTS HERE

The STA community welcomed the freshman class with the annual Frosh Fest celebration Aug. 26-28. Frosh Fest kept previous years' traditions with the advisory sidewalk chalk competition, but added some new activities.

The 150th school year kicked off with the 16th annual Frosh Fest celebration which took place at the end of August and welcomed the freshman class to STA. The theme for the school year, "More Starts Here," was introduced prior to the festivities, recognizing the school's anniversary while also looking forward to the school's future.

"To me, 'More Starts Here' means that at this school more excellence starts now," freshman Margaux Thompson said. "STA always has people encouraging each other to live up to their potential."

Frosh Fest changed slightly throughout the years. The freshmen no longer performed in skits, but instead participated in a yard day where they could play games and get to know each other a little better.

"This time the freshmen have with just their class is so important and so special," admissions assistant Anne Flynn said. "This is where so many special bonds and friendships begin and it is great to help those relationships flourish through events like [Frosh Fest]."

Each advisory had a pizza party funded by the school, allowing the advisories to meet their new members.

"It was great that they added an advisory party to Frosh Fest," senior Clare Kenney said. "It gave upperclassmen and the advisor time to welcome the freshmen and helped the advisory be more like a family earlier on."

One thing that carried over was the advisory sidewalk chalk competition. During activity period Aug. 27, each advisory went to their designated

sidewalk square and created their unique piece of art.

"I liked how it was a friendly competition that everyone was really involved in," Thompson said. "Each advisory got to work as a team to try to create something awesome."

The sidewalk chalk competition also was a time all students could dance, laugh and be with each other, according to freshman Annabelle Colombo.

"I love how we got to be with upperclassmen and not just the freshmen," Colombo said. "It made the freshmen feel special and was very welcoming."

According to Thompson, Frosh Fest was a special week at STA that should remain a tradition.

"Frosh Fest helped me to see the sisterhood that exists at STA," Thompson said. "This made me excited to become part of the strong family here."

FROSH BEGINNINGS

STA's first Frosh Fest took place in 1999 and included activities such as a twin day where freshmen dressed up like their "big sisters," yard days, and a water balloon fight.



A. FRESH MEAT A group of freshmen learn the school cheers during Frosh Fest Aug. 26. The cheers were led by senior and Spirit Club president MaryMichael Hough. photo by molly winkler

B. A RAINBOW OF POSSIBILITY Dozens of boxes of chalk were scattered on the pavement Aug. 27. The quad was covered with original designs portraying the school's 150th Anniversary theme "More Starts Here." photo by emma stiles

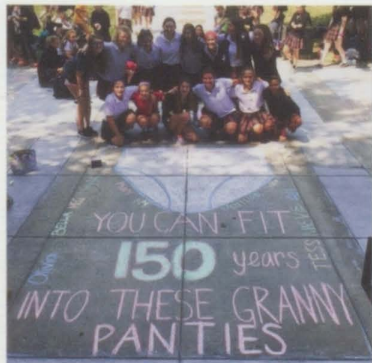
C. HITTING IT OFF Freshman Grace Berghoff hits the volleyball to her friends Aug. 26 in the gymnasium. Many groups of friends had games going on. photo by molly winkler

D. PARTY AT STA Freshmen dance on the steps of the Goppert Center Aug. 26. "I've never seen freshmen comfortable showing their spirit so early in the school year," science teacher Mary Montag said. "St. Teresa's welcoming environment definitely revealed itself this year." photo by emma stiles

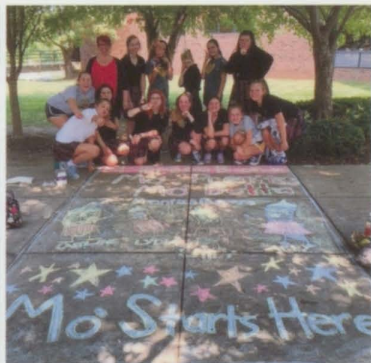
E. CHALK IT UP Senior Tricia Melland works on her advisory chalk design during the sidewalk chalk competition Aug. 27. photo by claire mchugh

INSTA-CHALK

After the sidewalk chalk competition Aug. 27, some advisories took group photos and shared the photos on Instagram.



HAIN ADVISORY
photo courtesy of junior mary clare connor



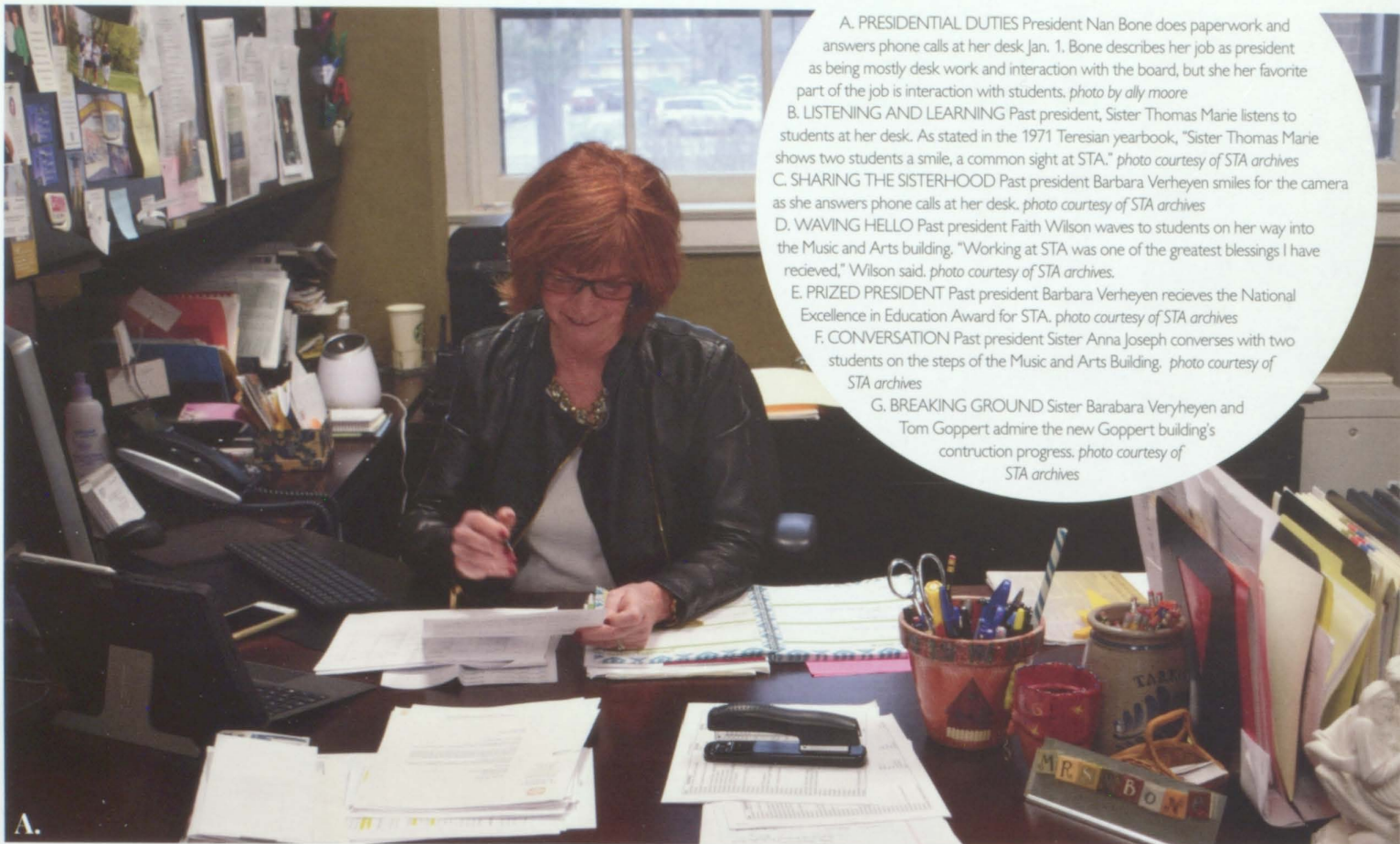
PRENTISS ADVISORY
photo courtesy of senior isabella meisel



FAST ADVISORY
photo courtesy of senior machella dunlea



SANEM ADVISORY
photo courtesy of sophomore katelyne kratofil



A. **PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES** President Nan Bone does paperwork and answers phone calls at her desk Jan. 1. Bone describes her job as president as being mostly desk work and interaction with the board, but she her favorite part of the job is interaction with students. *photo by ally moore*

B. **LISTENING AND LEARNING** Past president, Sister Thomas Marie listens to students at her desk. As stated in the 1971 Teresian yearbook, "Sister Thomas Marie shows two students a smile, a common sight at STA." *photo courtesy of STA archives*

C. **SHARING THE SISTERHOOD** Past president Barbara Verheyen smiles for the camera as she answers phone calls at her desk. *photo courtesy of STA archives*

D. **WAVING HELLO** Past president Faith Wilson waves to students on her way into the Music and Arts building. "Working at STA was one of the greatest blessings I have received," Wilson said. *photo courtesy of STA archives.*

E. **PRIZED PRESIDENT** Past president Barbara Verheyen receives the National Excellence in Education Award for STA. *photo courtesy of STA archives*

F. **CONVERSATION** Past president Sister Anna Joseph converses with two students on the steps of the Music and Arts Building. *photo courtesy of STA archives*

G. **BREAKING GROUND** Sister Barbara Verheyen and Tom Goppert admire the new Goppert building's construction progress. *photo courtesy of STA archives*

It's 7:30am, a cup of hot coffee steams on her desk as she answers her first phone call of the day. Even early in the morning, St. Teresa's Academy president Nan Bone has meetings to schedule, calls to answer, and a college preparatory school to run. Over the weekend, heavy rain caused several leaks in the roof of the Music and Arts building, and Bone begins her morning scheduling repairs. She then moves on to her first meeting, a discussion about fundraising strategies for the upcoming year. She takes a quick break for lunch, and moves on to an afternoon filled with more meetings and phone calls.

"I guess I don't have a typical day, every day is different and I am faced with different things that pop up, like a teacher with an issue or a repair on campus," Bone said.

In 1979, STA replaced one principal of all student affairs and academics with a president and principals under her. Nan Bone is the president, Barbara McCormick

is the principal of academics, and Liz Baker is the principal of student affairs.

"I have under me all the fundraising, all the development, all the business side of the school; tuition coming in and out. But really my job is to answer to the board of directors," Bone said.

Over the years, the role of president/principal has evolved dramatically. While originally the president took on the responsibilities of our current principals, Bone wishes she had time to be more hands on with the students, as she spends most of her time interacting with donors, the board, and the Sisters of St. Joseph.

"Generally, if you think about a systematic chart that has the board of directors and the Sisters of St. Joseph, I have to answer to both them, and make sure our mission is aligning with their missions."

Current president Nan Bone has held her position since 2007, and Faith Wilson held the position before her.

	1866	1869	1869	1887	1904	1904	1908	1916	1921	1927	1933
Sister Franis Joseph Ivory	Sister De Pazzi Connors	Sister Fidelia McMahan	Sister Anoinette Ogg	Sister Rose Vincent Reinhardt	Sister Concordia Horan	Sister Evelyn O'Neill	Sister Irene O'Hara	Sister Pius Neenan	Sister Marietta Jennings	Sister Marcella Casey	

LEADING LADIES

Throughout the years at St. Teresa's Academy, the role of president has changed drastically in both title and responsibilities. Current president Nan Bone's job differs from past presidents' because of the evolution of STA as a college preparatory school.



"I was so unbelievably lucky to have spent most of my career at a place and job I loved," Wilson said. "When I retired I had been at STA for thirty years and had a history with many of the families, and both of my daughters and one granddaughter were there while I was president, but the most rewarding part of the job was interactions with teachers and students."

Although she is no longer as involved in the St. Teresa's community, Wilson continues to stay involved with the Sisters of St. Joseph and CSJ community.

"I am totally in sync with the CSJ Charisms, Unity and Reconciliation, and they were my guides as president and continue to be today," Wilson said. "I continue to be part of the CSJ Associate Program, edited a book on Mother Evelyn, and set up a recognition award for those women in the community who lived those values."

According to Bone and Wilson, although the job of president is time-consuming

and often prevents ample time for interaction with students, these occasions are the most rewarding part of the job.

"The most rewarding is always being around [the students]," Bone said. "Some people say 'aren't [the students] something or another,' because it's an all girls school and I tell them if only they had ten minutes with you they would know that not only are you brilliant, but you have a sense of how lucky you are to have this education and you want to use it to go out and make a difference in the world. That is our ultimate goal here. That's what I'm doing every day, seeing people that are going to go out and be world changers."

1940	1945	1951	1957	1960	1961	1967	1974	1979	1994	1996	2007
Sister Simplicia Daley	Sister Marietta Jennings	Sister Berenice O'Neil	Sister Alfred Noble	Sister Daniel Tamany	Sister Anna Joseph Becherer	Sister Thomas Marie McMahon	Sister Helen Zambrowicz	Sister Barbara Verheyen	Sister Suzanne Giblin	Dr. Faith Wilson	Nan Tiehen Bone



KEEP THE BOND STRONG

The cross country team had more freshmen and sophomores than upperclassmen, but the team still bonded. The season ended with freshman Addie Coppinger placing 51st at State.

It was a typical Tuesday hill workout for sophomore Mia Schloegel, the type of workout that leaves most of the team doubled over in pain. When she came to the top of the hill where coach Mike Egner was waiting, she noticed that he had built an interesting sculpture.

"He took branches and stuck them into the ground and put something on top of them and played music for us," Schloegel said. "Everyone was in so much pain and right as you saw coach Egner, someone would laugh. I never laughed because I didn't have enough oxygen but I did feel a lot better."

Egner's sculptures soon became a Tuesday tradition for the cross country team.

"I get bored when I'm at the top of the hill," Egner said. "So I look around for things on the ground that I can build little sculptures of people and flags and things like that."

Egner returned to the cross country team this year to help coach Karen Moran Redlich. This team was younger than in previous years with more freshmen and sophomores than upperclassmen.

"The coaches expect us to set a good example for the younger girls," junior Emma Kate Callahan said. "I was used to looking up to the juniors and seniors and letting them lead the pack. This year, I was the one who was looked up to."

The welcome from older teammates made it easier for incoming freshmen to transition to life at STA.

"I didn't know anyone when I joined the team," freshman Emily Robyn said. "Running with other freshmen gave me friendly faces to look for in the lunchroom."

According to sophomore Natalie Kistler, the shortage of upperclassmen did not affect their ability to grow closer. Pasta dinners, hours spent together after school, and themed workouts created a strong bond

between teammates.

"We bond so much through the themes," Kistler said. "It gives us a chance to be funny and look stupid together. Since we do them the day before meets, it's like a stress reliever to take your mind off the meet."

The hours spent after school were not wasted. The team advanced to Districts, and Callahan, sophomore Mary Kate Armstrong and freshman Addie Coppinger qualified for Sectionals.

"The postseason team that did not advance to Sectionals practiced with us, and the coaches shared with us how to run and prepare for this difficult task," Armstrong said.

Although Armstrong and Callahan ran strong races, they did not qualify for State. Coppinger finished in the top 30 runners, and qualified for the State meet in Jefferson City Nov. 7th.

"I was so excited that I had qualified, but I knew that it would be really tough to be alone at the starting line at State," Coppinger said. "I was really sad when I found my other teammates and discovered that they hadn't made it through."

At State, Coppinger finished 51st out of 165 runners, and was the 6th fastest freshman in the Class 4 race.

"This is the 27th consecutive year STA has been represented at the Missouri state cross country meet," Moran Redlich said. "That means every year that we have had a program, STA has been there."

Many team members have already started to set goals for the 2016 season.

"I am planning on running next year because I have a good feeling that we are going to do very well as a team next year," Coppinger said. "We decided that we are going to do everything we can in order to qualify [for State] as a team next year."



SCOREBOARD

DATE	LOCATION	PLACE
8/29	Longview Community College	4th
9/5	St. Thomas Aquinas	9th
9/12	Forest Park	16th
9/17	Platte County Invitational	2nd
9/24	Swope Park	3rd
9/26	Rim Rock Park	27th
10/3	Raymore Peculiar	8th
10/10	Jesse James Park	3rd
DISTRICTS/SECTIONALS/STATE		
10/24	Platte Ridge Park	7th
10/31	Jesse James Park	Did not advance
11/7	Oak Hills Golf Course	Did not advance

CROSS COUNTRY



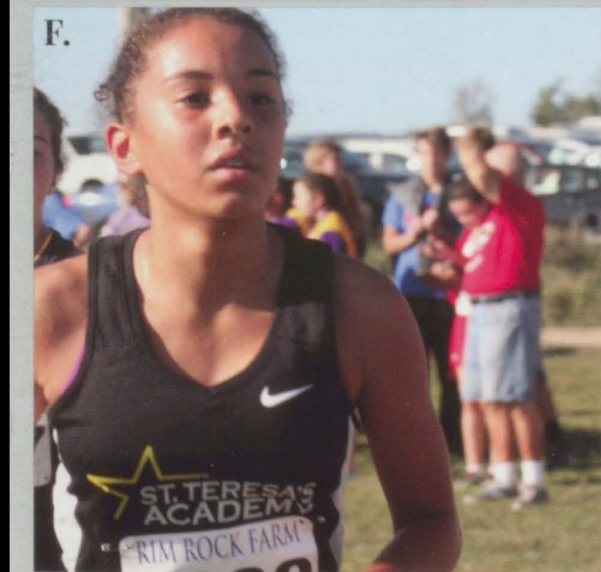
FIRST ROW: (from left) Talia Parra, Paige Sopyla, Catherine Parra, Mary Kate Armstrong, Hannah Steen, Emily McGannon, Emily Robyn, Haley Shaw, Brooke Moore, Kara Kanatzar
 SECOND ROW: coach Heather Reedy, coach Karen Moran-Redlich, Sophie Cuda, Kay VanAsdale, McKenzie Burns, Ellie Porterfield, Aryanna Wyatt, Alexandria Dalecky, Meghan Brownlee, Meredith Muihern, coach Linda Stowers
 THIRD ROW: Grace Schloegel, Mammie Murphy, Emily Zapien, Olivia Robertson, Payton Seever, Gwyn Doran, Kara Black, Devin John
 FOURTH ROW: Meg Duffy, Grace Laird, Katie Donnellan, Mary Hilliard, Liz Barton, Karissa Jamboretz, Sarah Cigas, Addie Coppinger, Emma Kate Callahan
 FIFTH ROW: Lily Koppen, Betsy Alderman, Mia Schloegel, Claire Jefferson, Emily Laird, Hallie Ryan, Emma Jensen, Cecilia Curran
 SIXTH ROW: Mary LePique, Natalie Kistler, MaryMichael Hough, Kathleen O'Boyle



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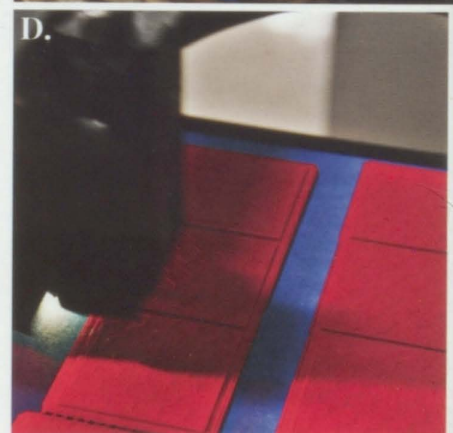
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A. RUN IT OUT Seniors, from left, Kay VanAsdale and Payton Seever compete in a cross country meet Oct. 10. "The best thing about cross country is the bonds you form with the team," VanAsdale said. "It's not really about winning or beating your time, it's about the friendships you form." *photo by ally moore*
 B. TEAM DOGPILE The cross country team gathers in a dogpile after the meet Oct. 10. The team celebrated the last regular season meet before Districts. *photo by ally moore*
 C. WARM EMBRACE Seniors Claire Jefferson and Mary Hilliard embrace before their race begins Oct. 10. "My favorite thing about cross country is the fun atmosphere," Hilliard says. "It's very inclusive of all skill levels, so you can build friendships with lots of people." *photo*

by ally moore
 D. SMILES OF RELIEF Junior Liz Barton laughs before the race at the cross country meet Oct. 10. The cross country team practices every weekday after school, has team dinners, and weekend meets, giving the teammates plenty of time to bond. *photo by ally moore*
 E. TOUGH COMPETITION STA cross country runners compete against athletes from other high schools around the Kansas City area in the varsity race Oct. 10. The length for a girls' high school cross country race is 3.1 miles. *photo by ally moore*
 F. LASER FOCUS Freshman Aryanna Wyatt competes in the varsity cross country race Oct. 10. *photo by margaret queen*



PRINTING ON A NEW LEVEL

STA installed three new three-dimensional printers at the beginning of the school year. Faculty members used the new technology to create many visuals to enhance learning and understanding in the classroom.

What do a mug, a grumpy cat statue and a strand of DNA all have in common? They were all objects STA's new three-dimensional printers made.

Three-dimensional printing made solid 3D objects from a digital file. Arriving late in the past summer, all teachers and educators were planning how they would incorporate them into their classrooms.

A STA donor funded the three new 3D printers. Administration required that teachers integrate the printers into their lesson plans, but first the science teachers needed to understand the logistics of the new technology.

"[The teachers] are trying to keep it printing something new at all times," science teacher Terry Conner said.

Any object printed starts with a virtual model of the object from the software MakerBot which has over 1000 designs and objects to choose from. Also, on Google Sketch-up anyone can create an object to be printed. For example, biology teacher Renee Blake created a DNA sequence specific to her biology class

and chemistry teacher Mary Reitbrock made a 3D model of a glucose model.

"Moving forward, Montag and I are still committed to printing a 3D prosthetic hand to donate to a child who needs it," Conner said.

Students in STEM Club also had the opportunity to design their own object in Google Sketch-up. Senior Sarah Cigas said that the club designed objects for the printers to make.

"I think it will be really cool to see an object that you designed yourself be made a reality," Cigas said. "We are able to watch each object go from its initial design on the computer, to something that you can actually hold in your hand."

The STEM club also printed giveaways for families that attended the annual STA Open House Nov. 8. Freshman Evelyn Moser designed charms that the eighth graders could attach to their backpacks.

"I like how STEM club makes the design opportunity open to all grades," Cigas said. "It was really cool to see freshmen and sophomores get involved in the projects."

MODERNIZING RELIGION 1958 VS. 2015

Since 1958, theology classes at STA have changed significantly. For example, in 1958 senior theology classes included a marriage course. In 2015, seniors learned about the different faiths around the world and about Christian lifestyles, contemporary theology, spirituality, or theology and media.



- A. SIGN OF PEACE The 3D printers create a life size, posed hand. The printers would eventually be used to make and send prosthetic limbs to children in third world countries. *photo by delaney meyer*
- B. CRAZY FOR KC A water bottle rests on a Kansas City Chiefs coaster made by the 3D printer. The printers were used weekly to create numerous items for use in classrooms. *photo by delaney meyer*
- C. THE CREATIONS Many objects, ranging from cats to coasters to bracelets, have been created by the new 3D printers. *photo by delaney meyer*
- D. IN ACTION The new 3D printer, MakerBot, creates six faces that will later form a cube. The 3D printers arrived at STA in August before classes began. *photo by delaney meyer*

GOING NUTS FOR DONUTS

STA girls arrive early on Thursday mornings to buy donuts sold for \$1 in the front hallways of both the M&A and Donnelly Buildings.

WHO: Fine Art Booster Club

WHAT: FAB sold donuts for \$1 a piece. Every week FAB consistently sold five dozen chocolate frosted donuts, five dozen cinnamon twists, and a dozen maple donuts.

WHEN: Every Thursday morning

WHERE: M&A and Donnelly front halls

WHY: They were successfully using this fundraiser for six years to fund the theater department, choir trips, art supplies and for sending art to competitions, Mad for Plaid fashion show competitions and prizes, and the Annual FAB Scholarship.



THE EXCHANGE Sophomore Emily Vosburgh pays junior Libby Terril for a donut Sept. 17 in the front hall of M&A. Each year juniors participating in the fine arts volunteer to take over the weekly donut sales. *photo by grace kitts*

ACTING IN 1917

The first recorded production performed at STA premiered on Feb. 13, 1917. The students performed "The Betty Wales Girls and Mr. Kidd"

CAST AND CREW

Cast

Director: Shana Prentiss
Accompanist: Steve Karlin
Choreographer: Andrea Slowronek
Music Director: Steve Perry
Rona Lisa Perretti: Connor Hodes, Courtney Talken
Chip Tolentino: Aaron Brown, Jed Rellihan
Logainne Schwartzandgrubbeniere: Rose Genaris, Bella Pichardo
Leaf Coneybear: Jeremy Jacobs, Morgan Ball
William Barfee: Ryan Beard, Trey Hunt
Marcy Park: Libby Terril, Hayley Burgess
Olive Ostrovsky: Lily Cosgrove, Reilly Donnelly
Vice Principal Doris Panch: Audrey Davis, Evan Phillips
Mitch Mahoney: David Edmonds, Lia Biritz
Cop: Connor Hodes
Cop/Coneybear's Mom: Courtney Talken
Coneybear's Dad: Evan Phillips, Ryan Beard
Marigold Coneybear / Angel: Lia Biritz, Libby Terril
Pinecone Coneybear / Angel: Reilly Donnelly, Rose Genaris
Raisin Coneybear / Olive's Mom: Hayley Burgess, Lily Cosgrove
Landscape Coneybear / Jesus: Bella Pichardo, Connor Hodes
Paul Coneybear / Olive's Dad: Jed Rellihan, Aaron Brown
Carl Dad: Morgan Ball, David Edmonds
Dan Dad: Trey Hunt, Jeremy Jacobs
Chip's Mom: Kate Willnauer
Barfee's Mom: Maggie Miller
Marcy's Mom: Margaret Jordahl

Crew

Bella Meisel, Marin Brown, Lia Biritz, Sophia Brown, Marin Brown, Sophie Bunch, Reilly Donnelly, Yesenia Eichholz, Rose Genaris, Emma Jensen, Lenytte Matos, Bella Meisel, Molly Muehlebach, Cassidy Schuster, Nicole Slocomb, Olivia Swinney, Libby Terril, Anna Campbell, Bella Meisel, Jillian Morrison, Annie Mullen, Alexandria Davis, Emma Boxx, Olivia Carroll, Katelyne Kratofil, Cat DeRousse, Reilly Atkins, Sophie Bunch, Victoria Cartee, Elizabeth Elm, Nicole Finklin, Erika Matsuda, Lydia Parsa, Mary Kate Randolph, Sophia Brown, Emma Gustavson, Abby Hawley, Kari Flynn, Madeline Loehr, Nicole Slocomb, Jane Kincaid, Olivia Jackson, Kat Mediavilla, Katherine Cory, Michaela Devero, Bridget Dulle, Kate Jones, Lily Koppen, Katie LeCluyse, Claire McHugh, Cassidy Schuster, Darcy Sullivan, Maureen Whittaker



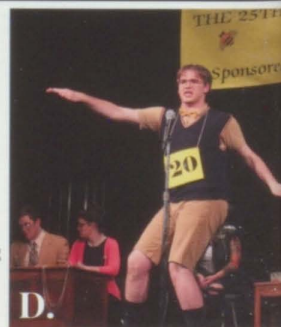
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A. PANDEMONIUM Junior Libby Terril and Rockhurst High School sophomore David Edmonds sing during the song "Pandemonium" in "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" Nov. 2. *photo by molly winkler*
 B. SPELLING SUPERSTAR Freshman Reilly Donnelly sings "My Friend, The Dictionary" during the musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" Nov. 2. Donnelly played the part of Olive in the musical along with senior Lily Cosgrove. *photo by margaret queen*
 C. SAY CHEESE The cast of the musical pose onstage at the end of a song at the musical Nov. 2. The song was about a magic foot that helped a boy spell. *photo by margaret queen*
 D. FANCY FEET Rockhurst senior Trey Hunt uses his magic foot to spell out the word lugubrious in the musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" Nov. 2. William Barfee, played by Hunt, has a magical foot that he uses to spell words at the Bee. *photo by margaret queen*
 E. SENIORS ON STAGE Seniors Lily Cosgrove, left, and Hayley Burgess perform onstage at the musical Nov. 2. Burgess played Cosgrove's mother who had been in India while Cosgrove had been at home with her dad. *photo by margaret queen*



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DOUBLE THE TREBLE

STA's fall musical, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" performed by a double cast, premiered on Nov. 5 in the M&A auditorium. STA introduced the idea of a double cast, providing more opportunities for students.

"CA-P-Y-B-A-R-A. Capybara." Spellers were called from the audience and geeky stereotypes were fulfilled. Two casts of nerds, jocks and politically passionate spellers comically came to life in "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee", Nov. 5.

"I just loved the script," director Shana Prentiss said when asked how she chose the show. "When looking for shows, I'm always looking for great storytelling, and Putnam is just that. It's a beautiful story of coming to terms with one's own self, told in a humorous and touching way."

When developing the show, Prentiss decided to cast differently than she had in previous years by creating two casts to alternate performance nights.

"The show is traditionally cast with only nine actors," Prentiss said. "My goal with any show is to give as many actors opportunities as possible. By double casting, I was able to cast 18 roles. Double casting gives twice as many actors the opportunity to perform."

Senior Hayley Burgess, who has been performing in STA musicals since her sophomore year, was hesitant about double casting. She described her initial reaction as shocked, but as production progressed, she understood why Prentiss chose to double cast. Burgess noted more students getting involved and an expanded learning experience for all cast members.

Senior Connor Hodes, who played the spelling bee moderator, Ms. Rona Lisa Peretti, agreed with Burgess.

"When I first found out we were doing double casting, I wasn't too excited just because I thought I'd be getting less performing

time as the role I wanted, but it does offer more opportunities to people to play bigger roles than they'd normally get," said Hodes. "I think this show is hard to do already since there aren't as many parts."

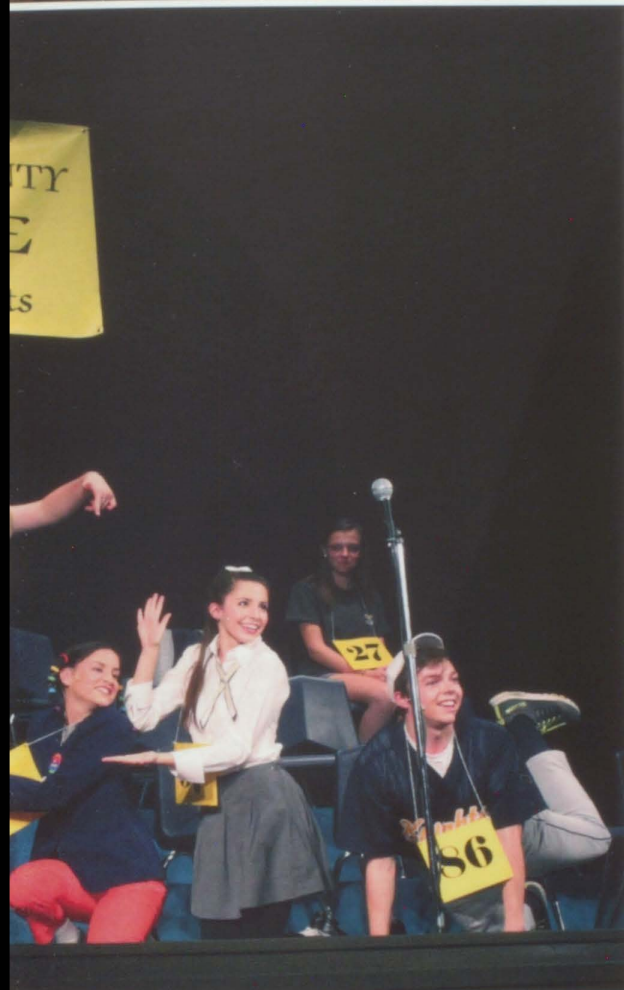
STA music teacher Steve Perry and music director of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," praised the idea of a split cast. Perry explained that it was a small cast show, so traditional casting would be very exclusive. He concluded that educationally, students are provided with more learning opportunities. Perry understood where students could be hesitant but found split casting physically beneficial so voices aren't as fatigued after shows.

Similarly, sophomore Bella Pichardo was happy about the split cast.

"I was excited because I didn't think I'd be able to get a part otherwise so with the double cast I knew I'd have one," Pichardo said. "I think it gives people a chance to play a bigger part earlier in high school rather than having to wait."

When asked about students' responses of a split cast, Prentiss said she encouraged each actor to create their own interpretation of each character.

"I didn't want two shows that were exactly the same," Prentiss said. "I challenged each actor to put their own spin on the character and that eliminated some of the competitive nature. Instead of competing with each other, the actors supported each other and encouraged each other to bring new interpretations to the performance. Because each actor performed in both casts in different roles, it never became a 'this cast vs. that cast' situation. They all worked as a cohesive unit creating two versions of the same story and I was so proud of the outcome."



A WHOLE NEW WORLD

Senior Meredith Raymer spent six weeks in Pune, India where she became fluent in Hindi. While there, Raymer also learned about Indian culture and dance and grew close to her host family and friends.



After her daily walk with her host mother, senior Meredith Raymer sat on benches in her neighborhood listening to women speaking a foreign language she didn't understand.

"It was fun to be around them because they were just so joyful," Raymer said.

Raymer took a six week trip to Pune, India through the the National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) program. According to the program's website, their mission is to promote critical language learning among American youth. NSLI-Y was launched in 2006 and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Raymer became fluent in Hindi while on her trip, however while most people knew some Hindi, the natives spoke Marathi.

"My host family made sure to tell me the words for things in Hindi instead of Marathi," Raymer said.

Raymer's host family included a father, mother, a 14 year old sister, and a 10 year old brother.

"In India, it's common to have joint families where the grandparents live in the house as well," Raymer said. "So the grandparents do live in the house where I was staying but they were gone to visit their other son in Austin, Texas."

Raymer got along well with her host family and tried to talk to them every couple of days after returning home.

"They were really great," Raymer said. "I loved spending time with them."

According to Raymer, there was very little alone time due to safety precautions; her host family went everywhere with her.

"That's also part of Indian culture, like you don't go do things alone," Raymer said. "Everything's very oriented around being with other people."

During the day, Raymer took language, culture and dance classes. On the last day, the students gave speeches in Hindi, sang songs, performed traditional dances and performed Bollywood dances.

According to Raymer, packing to go back home was difficult because of how many items she purchased.

"I brought back two saris and a lot of clothes," Raymer said. "That was the biggest thing. The night before I left, my host mom and brother decided to go get me snacks. So, we went to the store and we got so much. I still have all of this traditional Indian food."

According to Raymer, it's important to her that the college she goes to has classes about Indian culture and even other study abroad programs in India. For her, the whole experience was very eye opening.

"You don't realize how small your little world is until you go to another part of the world and see people in their little bubbles," Raymer said.



A. GO FOR THE GOAT Senior Meredith Raymer holds a goat during a six week trip to Pune, India. photo courtesy of meredith raymer

B. INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION Senior Meredith Raymer poses for a photo with women who lived in her neighborhood, including her host mother. photo courtesy of meredith raymer

C. FOREIGN FAMILY Senior Meredith Raymer colors with her host family as an introduction activity. Raymer lived with host father and mother and had two younger siblings. photo courtesy of meredith raymer

D. SERVING A NEW COMMUNITY Senior Meredith Raymer interacts with Indian students as community service during her trip. Raymer traveled to Pune, India through the National Security Language Initiative for Youth program. photo courtesy of meredith raymer

E. JUST DANCE Students who traveled to India for six weeks perform a rehearsed dance at the final ceremony including senior Meredith Raymer, far right. photo courtesy of meredith raymer







SCOREBOARD

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	
08/21	Ursuline Academy	7-3	W
08/24	St. Joseph Lafayette	6-7	L
08/25	O'Hara	19-1	W
08/27	St. Joseph Central	1-8	W
09/01	St. Pius X	1-6	L
09/02	Mid-Buchanan	5-8	L
09/04	Grandview	13-3	W
09/16	Notre Dame de Sion	2-0	W
09/23	Benton	4-5	L
09/25	Belton	2-3	L
09/29	Warrensburg	4-3	W
09/30	William Chrisman	16-0	W
10/01	Notre Dame de Sion	4-5	L
DISTRICT SEMIFINAL			
10/08	Raymore-Peculiar	2-9	L

A. TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME Senior Rachel Allard throws a strike to a Summit Christian Academy batter Sept. 9. Allard (emma working on getting a statistic) photo by emma stiles
 B. GOING HOME Senior Elaina Bailey runs the bases after hitting a homerun against Summit Christian Academy. (another stat) photo by emma stiles
 C. HEY BATTER BATTER Freshman Lindsey Blaich faces off against Summit Christian Academy pitcher. Blaich hit a ground ball to mid-right field, earning herself a base hit. photo by emma stiles
 D. STAR OF THE TEAM Senior Rachel Allard pitches the ball at the softball game on Goppert Field. The Stars won with a score of 6-2 against Summit Christian Academy. photo by margaret queen

SOFTBALL



FIRST ROW: Gabriella Mesa, Maureen Egan, Jackie Adams, Gabrielle Pesek, Martina Florido, Sarah Mendez, Paige Suholaski, Elaina Bailey
SECOND ROW: Myuah Hamilton, Anniston Tuttle, coach Katie Williams, coach Ty Abney, coach Lindsey Davis, Jordan Kerhing, Sophia Cusumano, Liz Countee
THIRD ROW: Madeleine Watts, Mary Allmon, Kara Sarson, Natalie Telep, Rachel Allard, Chelsea Whitehead, Lindsay Blaich, Olivia Watts

HITTING INTO HISTORY

From its beginning in 1998, the softball team went from a team playing without a field, without equipment and without experienced players to the successful team it is today.

In 2015, the varsity softball team made it to the District semifinals, making it the second year in a row. Coach Ty Abney said they had a shot at winning Districts, but when the program started in 1998, it was a lot different.

"It was difficult [the first year] because we had to find coaches, and a place to practice, because back then we didn't have anywhere," former athletic director Mike Egner said. "So, for the first few years we had the program, we practiced at Brookside park, Sunnyside park, anywhere we could find, and had no home games."

Softball had changed since then.

"We have nicer facilities, we have a batting cage... a very nice, beautiful field, more coaches, and I feel we have more dedicated girls," Egner said. "They commit more to becoming better softball players. [The program] kind of changed year to year, I think it's gotten better every year."

Abney agreed, saying the girls have grown as a team, making it all the way to the District Semifinals.

"Unfortunately only eight teams in the state get to end their season with a win." Coach Ty Abney said.

STA was not one of those teams, losing to Raymore-Peculiar in the District Semifinals.

"Still, losses that end your season and are the last games of a senior's career aren't too much fun," Abney continued.

Despite the loss the team had at the end of the year, Abney said

the team was one of the strongest the school had.

"As a whole, I think our program got better," Abney said. "We played quite a few really good teams in several close games, with a chance to win them all. Our staff was proud of the way the girls fought throughout the season."

According to Abney, much of the team's growth over the last few years was helped by this year's four senior players and two senior managers.

"They were the core group of kids that played a huge part in the success we've had in the last few years," Abney said. "They were all a part of some our program's biggest wins. We're proud of everything they've done for us."

Senior softball player Paige Suholaski agreed, stating that the team grew stronger every year she played.

"Each year I feel we put more time and effort in than the year before," Suholaski said. "I believe the program will continue to grow with good leadership and relationships. If the team stays close and functional they won't have a problem with improving."

The team looked forward to the future, and how the team will grow more in the next few years.

"[The softball staff] is extremely excited about the younger group and incoming players," Abney said. "As long as we continue to improve as a whole, which I think we did, that's all we can really ask."

ABNORMAL ADVISORIES



Most advisories had around four girls from each grade and one advisor, but some advisories had fewer. These advisories started recently with only a freshman class.

Sophomore Kathleen Graham remembered how unique her advisory was from the moment she met them at Star Night as an eighth grader.

While most other tables were filled with girls from all grades, the Stranz advisory only had freshmen. It was one of many growing advisories at STA that didn't have girls from every grade.

Caroline Franke, a member of the Garcia-Gil freshmen-only advisory, said that enjoy the freshmen only atmosphere.

"I feel like it's different from everybody else," Franke said. "I just feel like I know those three other freshmen really well."

Though she definitely viewed her advisory in a positive light, Franke admitted there are some downfalls.

"It would be kind of nice if we had upperclassmen, so we could know what's coming, but I think we'll figure it out," Franke said.

Other advisories that don't have the average 16 girls to one advisor ratio were the Absher and Greene advisories. Last year,

English teacher Kate Absher and theology teacher Jennifer Greene shared an advisory.

This year, Greene has her own group of four freshmen, and Absher has a full advisory.

"This year we're kind of pseudo co-advisories, but not really," Absher said. "At the beginning of the year we just tried to meet every activity, but it ended up being 25 people in my room, which really changed the dynamic of the advisory, and it was overwhelming and no one knew anyone's name, and it was loud, so we kind of broke up with them."

Now, Absher and Greene are two separate advisories, but still get together for birthdays and other events.

Absher, Franke and Graham all agree that their advisories being a little different makes the advisories close.

"I feel like [an advisory] is a good representation of a typical family," Absher said. "You might not be best friends with your family, but you love them in your own way."



A. DRY ERASE TABLES Sophomore Grace Laird writes on the dry erase tables during advisory on Oct. 21. The tables made the classroom more interactive and fun for the girls to write on. *photo by molly winkler*

B. SET UP CREW Science teachers Mary Rietbrock, left, and Renee Blake set up the crock pots for their advisory parties Nov. 23. The advisories on the third floor of the Donnelly building have always had a floor-wide Thanksgiving meal. *photo by haylee gant*

C. GATHER 'ROUND Members of the Jacquin advisory sit and eat together during their Thanksgiving party Nov. 24. This was the first year the advisory made a table of desks for the meal. *photo by alison munoz*

D. HIRNER HANGOUT Members of the Hirner advisory spend time in the classroom listening to announcements and prayer before lunch. All advisories meet for ten minutes in the middle of the day to socialize with fellow students and advisors. *photo by molly winkler*

ADVISORY HISTORY

The year 1974 marked the birth of advisories at STA. Students previously had homerooms, organized by class and alphabetically by last name. Since the daily schedule changed drastically in 1970, the advisory system was created to better fit a new schedule.

OVER AND OUT

English teacher Kelly Fast's advisory uses walkie talkies for an easy checkout.

Fatigued after walking up three extra flights of stairs at the end of the day, seniors Eileen Kerrigan and Machella Dunlea were ready for a solution.

"We both have pre-calculus 9th period and were tired of seeing our cars in the parking lot, but having to walk back up to check out with [English teacher Kelly] Fast," Kerrigan said.

According to Fast, it was theology teacher Michael Sanem's idea to have the two seniors communicate through walkie talkies to Fast.

"Yeah, Fast was cool with it. After we got his approval, Machella bought the walkie talkies online and picked them up at Best Buy after school," Kerrigan said.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Kerrigan, Dunlea and Fast turn their devices on at the sound of the bell, "Unless Fast forgets," according to Kerrigan.



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EX-ADVISOR

After becoming a part-time history teacher, Mike Egner shares about his experience with not having an advisory after 17 years.

Q. What do you miss most about having an advisory?

A: I miss saying good morning every morning to the girls and telling them to have fun today because I think everyone should have fun everyday. Sometimes they were tired or sometimes they were sad and sometimes I feel like I cheered them up.

Q. What aspects about having an advisory do you not miss?

A: It's like having another class because there's so many activities that your advisory is involved with, like the raffle, advisory meetings, keeping track of behavioral reports and things like that. I don't miss that at all.

Q. How often do you get the opportunity to see your old advisees?

A: Every day. My office is right next door to where my old advisory is, so I can still say hi to them at least once a day.

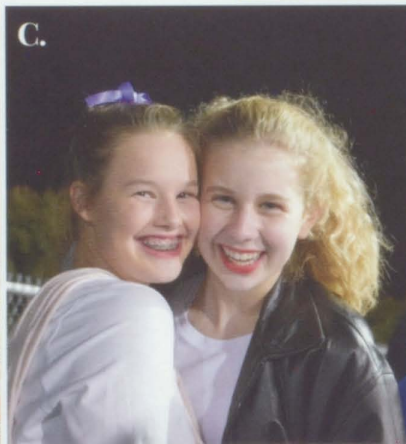
GIRLS GOTTA STAY

Rockhurst High School welcomed girls from STA, Notre Dame de Sion and boys' dates to the RHS Homecoming Dance to join their student section Oct. 9 against Helias High School while the STA dance team performed at halftime.



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Rockhurst High School's chant "Girls Gotta Go" was put aside at the Homecoming Game this year as Rockhurst invited girls into their student section. The girls, along with the boys, cheered on the Hawklets as they faced Helias High School Oct. 9. Every year, Rockhurst has a homecoming football game that ties in with their homecoming dance, but this year was the first year that they allowed girls in their student section. Historically, girls were allowed in the student section at all games, until student leaders changed it around 10 years ago, according to RHS Student Government Association President, Daniel Henry.

"I think girls weren't allowed in the student section because of brotherhood," Spirit Captain, Charlie Weiler said. "Rockhurst students go to sporting events, plays, or whatever to show support to their brothers. Girls are just a distraction that would take away from the game."

The idea of allowing girls into the student section has been talked about for the past three years, according to Henry, however student leadership has not acted on it because they were afraid of backlash. The majority of the work to make the game happen was approving the decisions with

the Rockhurst Administration. Rockhurst only specifically reached out to Sion and St. Teresa's, but encouraged all RHS students to bring their dates regardless of where they went to school.

"I think Rockhurst did a good job of remaining very open to new ideas and organized throughout the whole process," Spirit Club president MaryMichael Hough said. "Even though I don't think STA will follow suit in allowing non-students in our student section, I am all for strengthening the sense of community between STA, Rockhurst, and Sion along with the other high schools in our area."

At first the theme for the game was dynamic duos, but according to Hough, there were concerns that this theme would make girls without homecoming dates feel left out. Because of this, the theme for the game was changed to 50's. Girls were encouraged to wear side pony tails, poodle skirts and blouses. Boys dressed as Greasers by wearing leather and jeans and slicking back their hair. According to Henry, Rockhurst tried to tie the theme of the game to the Homecoming weeks overall theme "Rock Through the Ages."

A. SUPPORTING THE STARS Rockhurst High School seniors show support for the STA dance team by creating a tunnel for them after their halftime performance at the homecoming football game Oct. 9.

"Rockhurst appreciates how hard STA worked on their dance for the game," Rockhurst senior Miles Wood said. "All the guys really love having them." *photo by ally moore*

B. ROCKHURST SPIRIT Led by the yell leaders, the Rockhurst student section poses for a picture late in the fourth quarter during the homecoming football game. Rockhurst beat Helias High School 35-25. *photo courtesy of rockhurst senior miles wood*

C. 50'S FRESHMAN Freshmen Kaleigh Klosak and Molly Cowan pose for the camera in the Rockhurst student section at the homecoming football game. Klosak and Cowan dressed in the suggested 50's theme for the game. *photo by claire jefferson*

D. SHARKS AND MINNOWS Students pose for a photograph after competing in the sharks and minnows game during halftime of the Rockhurst homecoming game. Rockhurst students, STA students, and Sion students competed in the game. *photo by ally moore*

E. FLAG BEARER Rockhurst senior and Spirit Club president Charlie Weiler runs a flag down the field during the Homecoming football game. Weiler asked STA senior Megan Klinginsmith to the Homecoming dance. *photo by claire jefferson*

F. FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS Seniors, from left, Eileen Kerrigan, Kellie O'Toole, and Darcy Sullivan wait by the fence to meet their friends before going in the Rockhurst homecoming football game. "My favorite part of the homecoming game was definitely dance team performing at halftime," O'Toole said. "I wish I could dance."

photo by ally moore



"I think [the Homecoming Game] was a good idea, but I wish that everyone dressed up because then it wouldn't be awkward if you went all out, that's why I didn't go all out," junior Isabel Burnett said. "All my friends dressed up and I had two friends that didn't have dates to the homecoming dance and one friend whose date wasn't at the game, but we all still went."

At halftime of the game, ten Rockhurst, STA and Sion students played a game of sharks and minnows. Each school had one student dress as a shark then all three of them collectively ran around in a designated area trying to tag the students from the other two schools.

"It was really fun to play against the other schools, the rivalry definitely came out in a friendly way," junior Tess Rellihan said. "I was really nervous running in front of everyone because if I accidentally fell it would be very embarrassing."

In addition to the game of sharks and minnows, the STA dance team performed during halftime. In past years, STA strung together a student section of their own to support the dancers, however many girls would only come for halftime of the game. After sending a poll to the STA student population, 49.1 percent said that being allowed in the student section would not make a difference in whether or not they

would attend the games. The next majority, with 23.1 percent of the poll, said they would attend every Rockhurst game.

"I think that being allowed in the boys student section would made some STA students more inclined to go to the football games, because the student sections add to the atmosphere of the game," senior Delaney Meyer said. "The homecoming game was fun because I felt more included where normally girls would be shunned."

This game was a test to see if girls being allowed in the student section is a good thing, according to Weiler, and he personally hopes it becomes a tradition.

"I felt like [the game] was a huge success, especially as a social event," Henry said. "We filled the student section to the fence for the first time in the last few years. While it'll probably stay as the only 'girl game' of the year, we definitely think that it can become a great tradition and hopefully next year's student leadership makes it happen again."

YOU GOT SERVED

Junior Mary Claire Connor and Sophie Sakoulas placed at the State tournament Oct. 16 and 17 in Springfield, MO. Connor and Sakoulas are STA's first students to place in the State tournament since 2003.

The courts were quiet except for the occasional congratulations and encouragement of the players. Juniors Mary Claire Connor and Sophie Sakoulas were one point away from winning districts and advancing to state. Loud cheers erupted as the serve flew over the net and landed out of bounds. The pair were STA's first state qualifiers since alumnae Hannah Bredar and Grace Wells in 2011. Before being paired up randomly before districts, Connor and Sakoulas had never played together as doubles.

"We ended up doing really well and having good chemistry," Sakoulas said. "Our game plan for the season was to get it over the net. So every time we came together, that's what we did."

The duo defeated St. Joseph Central High School in the district finals before heading to state. In spite of their record, their advance came as a surprise to everyone.

"They are certainly a wonderful example of doing anything you set your mind to," head coach Lana Krause said. "I don't know if any of us would have predicted this pair together and this success, but it worked out."

According to Connor, the drive to the state tournament was both exciting and disappointing as the rest of the team were not able to join them.

"It was really cool seeing all these other teams, but we wish everyone could have been there. It was

just two people and our coaches," Connor said.

The junior tandem lost their first match Oct. 16 to Lindbergh High School. According to Connor, it was a two-day competition, and if they lost their last match that same day, they were going to go home. Connor and Sakoulas later came back to defeat Raymore-Peculiar High School and Nixa High School.

On their second day, the duo lost to both Parkway West High School and Lee's Summit West High School. The girls who beat Connor and Sakoulas in the first round ended up winning State.

"Our girls played them well and had no idea that this team would go on to win it," Krause said.

Connor and Sakoulas placed eighth and received All-State honors.

"For these girls to accomplish what they did is commendable," Krause said. "It was so exciting to see them have success."

Krause also said the girls weren't the only ones who missed the rest of the team.

"It is a special opportunity, and I believe every girl on our team is worthy of playing there," Krause said. "By seeing it firsthand, I think they would see that it is a reachable goal."

In the regular season, the team finished with a 10-5 record. "It was an enlightening experience in the world of high school athletics," sophomore Katrina O'Connor said.



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TENNIS



FIRST ROW: Anna Hafner, Anessa Saladino, Sophie Sakoulas, Pria Jean-Baptiste, Olivia Cook, Hannah Zastrow, Meg Rohr, Reece Knudson
 SECOND ROW: Meg Thompson, Madeline Loehr, Sydney Baker, Emily Livingston, Olivia Wirtz, Maggie Fielder, Sadie Green, Isabela Solorio, Emma Lovelace
 THIRD ROW: Coach Jill Frisch, Mary Claire Connor, Gabby Keller, Lindsay O'Leary, Emily O'Neill, Katrina O'Connor, Monica Looney, Bebe Zoog, coach Karen Goehausen, coach Lana Krause
 FOURTH ROW: Sarah Schaefer, Maura Knopke, Raegan Coppinger, Mary Sullivan, Jeannie O'Flaherty, Ada Blasdel, Maeve Madden, Mallory Batliner

SCOREBOARD

DATE	LOCATION	SCORE	
8/21	Cosmo Park	5-4	W
8/22	Cosmo Park	0-9	L
8/25	Homestead Country Club	9-0	W
8/26	Homestead Country Club	1-8	L
8/31	Bennett Park	8-1	W
9/02	St. Teresa's Academy	3-6	L
9/03	Lee's Summit North	7-2	W
9/08	Homestead Country Club	6-3	W
9/09	Homestead Country Club	5-4	L
9/10	Minor Park	4-5	W
9/14	Park Hill	9-0	W
9/16	Homestead Country Club	6-3	W
9/18	Jefferson City	7-2	W
9/21	Park Hill South	6-3	W
9/22	St. Joseph Central	3-6	L
9/24	Homestead Country Club	9-0	W
9/29	Plaza Tennis Center	5-0	W
9/30	Plaza Tennis Center	2-5	L
STATE TOURNAMENT			
10/16	Springfield	0-6, 3-6	L
10/16	Springfield	6-0, 6-4	W
10/16	Springfield	4-6, 6-2, 6-4	W
10/17	Springfield	6-0, 6-4	L
10/17	Springfield	6-3, 6-1	L



A. SERVING JUSTICE Senior Anna Hafner serves the ball during her match on Sept. 24. Hafner is one of the senior captains for the tennis team. *photo by molly winkler*
 B. QUICK FEET Junior Sophie Sakoulas runs to get to the tennis ball during her match on Oct. 17. Sophie is on the varsity tennis team along with her double partner Mary Claire Connor. *photo courtesy of mary claire connor*
 C. DOUBLE TROUBLE Juniors Mary Claire Connor and Sophie Sakoulas congratulate each other during their match at the State Tournament on Oct. 16. *photo courtesy of mary claire connor*
 D. PERFECT SHOT Freshman Maggie Fielder hit the ball during her match on Sept. 24. Fielder holds the number one spot on the varsity tennis team as a freshman. *photo by molly winkler*
 E. BETTER TOGETHER Sophomore Bebe Zoog, left, and her doubles partner Reece Knudson play together in a junior varsity doubles match on Sept. 24. The girls played against two junior varsity St. James players. *photo by molly winkler*

BEGINNER'S LUCK

The STA community gathered in the Goppert Center for the annual Teresian Dance Oct. 17. For many sophomores, this brought a variety of new experiences as it was their first dance at STA.



Running her fingers through her freshly curled hair, sophomore Ruthie McKee frantically searched for her brand new pair of heels in the cluttered wasteland that had become her room the day of the Teresian dance. The endless stress of rushing between shoe stores and scrolling through every dress on Pinterest had led to this night.

"Dress shopping was really hard," McKee said. "It took me a really long time to find dresses. I had to go to like twelve different stores and shop online a lot."

Sophomore Bebe Zoog was equally stressed before the dance, due to the fact that Rockhurst High School's homecoming took place the weekend before. However, she thoroughly enjoyed her dress search.

"[Dress shopping] was my favorite part of [the planning]," Zoog said. "It was fun to get to go shopping with my friends and pick out dresses together."

According to McKee, dress shopping was not the only stressful factor. Planning for before and after parties also demanded a lot of work.

"We had a group of like 30 people, with dates included, so it was really hard to find places where that many people could go," McKee said.

Eventually, McKee's group decided to go to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art to take their pre-dance photos, due to the beautiful scenery and abundance of space.

"We were really happy with [taking photos at the Nelson]," McKee said. "They were a lot of fun."

Zoog agreed that her photoshoot was very enjoyable, but also mentioned that it was a little awkward.

"There were about 30 parents just standing around, taking way too many pictures, but everyone just kind of laughed about it," Zoog said.

Sophomore Sarah Mendez agreed that the photos were awkward, but she still enjoyed her group's other pre-dance plans.

"The dinner was actually the best part of the day because [my group] just got to talk with each other and it wasn't weird," Mendez said.

According to McKee, once she had arrived at the Goppert Center on the night of the dance and navigated through the jungle of green streamers hanging from the ceiling, she officially felt ready to take on her first STA dance.

"It's always interesting, walking into a dance at first and getting a feel for the vibe," McKee said. "[Dances] always start off slow, but they get better as they go on."

Intrigued by the decorative waterfall hanging from the bleachers and the swarm of students below, Zoog said that she was excited for to see everyone and dance with her friends.

Mendez enjoyed her experience at the dance, but admitted that she was disappointed by the song playlist. "Everything was good except for the music," Mendez said. "I requested a song and they never played it."

McKee claimed to have been happy with how the dance went and was eager to continue the fun at her after party.

"I think [the dance] met my expectations," McKee said. "It was a really good time. I'm already looking forward to [next year]."

According to Zoog, she would not change anything about her experience either.

"It was a lot of fun," Zoog said. "I plan to go again next year and I feel more prepared now because I'll know what to expect."

With one Teresian experience under her belt, Mendez wants to tell next year's sophomores to not procrastinate on their shopping and start looking for their outfits early in the school year.

McKee agrees that starting the search for dresses early is a good idea.

"Don't be afraid to just do what you want to do and don't overthink anything about [the dance] because it's going to be fun no matter what," McKee said.



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Substitute English teacher, Maura Lammers, speaks about her experiences at the 2007-2009 Teresian dances and how she believes they compare to today's.

Q: What was the process of preparing for the dance like?

A. The planning process was always a blur. Now I see a lot of girls that use group messages, but that wasn't a thing for us. It was a lot of hunkering down at lunch and figuring out the plans there.

Q: How do the Teresian dances you attended compare to the ones today?

A. Teresian seems more stressful now. Maybe it's because there's more social pressure and social media now, but we did not have to put our lives on hold to plan for the dance.

Q. What aspect from the dances in the past do you wish was a part of the ones today ones today?

A. [We decorated the ceiling] a lot when [former journalism teacher, Eric] Thomas was here. He had to get up on this gigantic machine that took him up to the top of the ceiling and it was just really funny.



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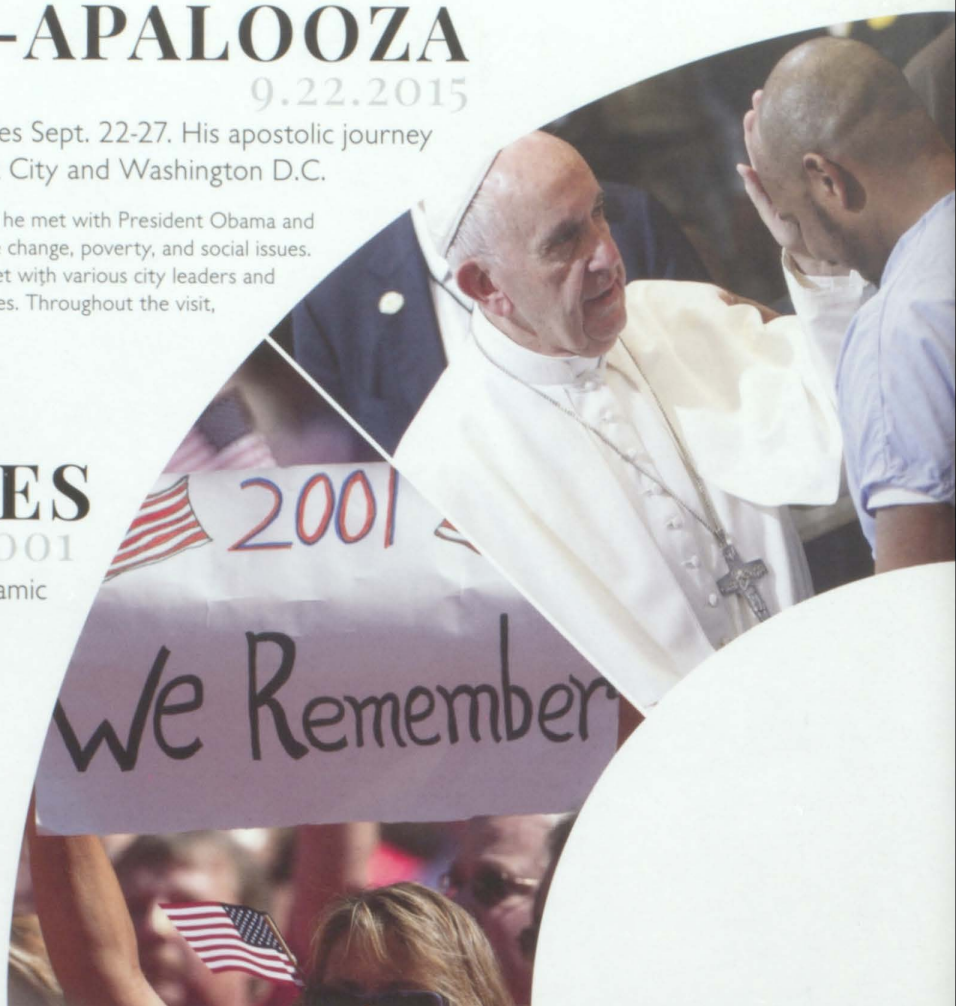
- A. GOOD TIMES Senior Claire McHugh dances with Rockhurst High School senior Jack Franke Oct. 17. photo by paige powell
- B. DANCE, DANCE Juniors Linden O'Brien-Williams, Gabby Ayala and Molly Bird dance together at the Teresian Dance. photo by paige powell
- C. PARTY IN THE STA Juniors Sophie Sakoulas, Samantha Panis, Jamie Haferstine, Emily McGannon and Meg Rohr pump their fists to "Party in the USA" by Miley Cyrus. photo by paige powell
- D. WATCH ME WHIP Juniors Allie McDill, Hannah Zastrow and Rockhurst High School junior Frankie Venteicher "hit the whip" at the Teresian dance Oct. 17. photo by paige powell
- E. GAL PALS Seniors Maddy Russell and Rachael Skeens hold hands while dancing at the Teresian Dance. photo by paige powell
- F. DANCING QUEENS Kathleen Herrington, Eleanor Lueke, Gillian Cutter and Maddie Summers dance to "Hit the Quan" by iHeart Memphis. photo by paige powell
- G. TANGO TIME Sophomore Katie LeCluyse dances with Shawnee Mission West sophomore Charles Trout. photo by paige powell

POPE-APALOOZA

9.22.2015

Pope Francis visited the United States Sept. 22-27. His apostolic journey took him to Philadelphia, New York City and Washington D.C.

Over Pope Francis' five day visit to the U.S., he met with President Obama and Congress to discuss global issues such as climate change, poverty, and social issues. In Philadelphia and New York City, the pope met with various city leaders and the public and visited churches and historical sites. Throughout the visit, Pope Francis drew large crowds.
Source: popefrancisvisit.com



9/11 TRIBUTES

9.11.2001

Four planes were hijacked by members of the Islamic extremist group Al-Qaeda and used in terrorist attacks on the U.S. Sept. 11, 2001.

Two of the hijacked planes crashed into the World Trade Center in New York City. One of the planes crashed into the Pentagon in Washington D.C. The last plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. These attacks were considered the most devastating terrorist attacks in recent history, and were a main component in the beginning of U.S. involvement in the Middle East. Each year on the anniversary of the attacks, people around the country remember the lives lost.
Source: history.com

POPE-INIONS

Out of the 249 students

30.9% of students agree with Pope Francis' statement that we should encourage voluntary simplicity and recognize that poverty "is not just a matter of bread."

20% of students disagree with Pope Francis' statement that the promise to love, from parents to children, is universal.



OVERHEARD QUOTES

During a free period Sept. 17, senior Andie Round complained about how the administration's offices would no longer have candy. "I didn't sign up to go to school in North Korea," Round said.

Oct. 16 while walking to advisory, freshmen Libby Baker and Emily Robyn talked about their weekend plans. "I have a commitment with my bed and I can't break it," Baker said.

Sitting in the hallway of M&A, senior Kellie O'Toole talked to a group of friends before school started. "This morning [Spanish teacher Julia] Gargallo sounded a lot like [singer] Fetty Wap," O'Toole said. "She was like, 'Hi, hello, good morning.'"

ODOM OVERDOSE

10.26.2015

After being found unconscious in a brothel outside Las Vegas, Nevada Oct. 26, former NBA player Lamar Odom remained in the hospital in a coma for several days.

Former NBA player Lamar Odom was rushed to the hospital after being found unconscious in his room due to an apparent drug overdose. Odom and his wife, reality TV star Khloe Kardashian are still legally married, although the two have been working to finalize their divorce. After the incident they have decided to call off the divorce. According to Kardashian, if he does drugs again, she will not be at his side when he wakes up.

Source: history.com

FORD FRENZY

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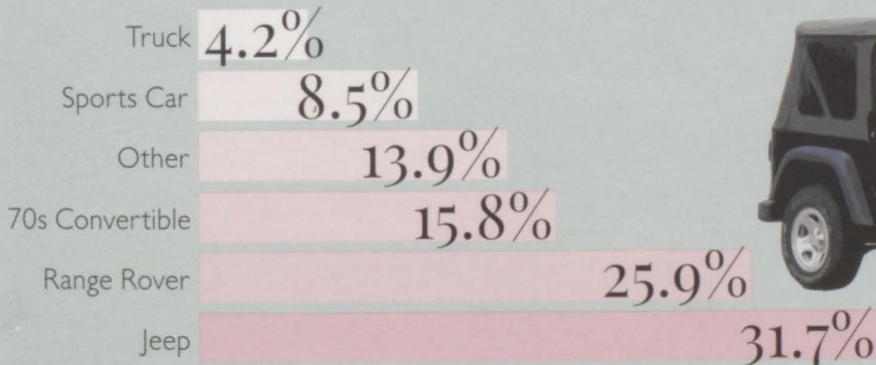
The Ford Motor Company, headed by Henry Ford, released the Model-T automobile.

After its initial release, the Model-T became the first vehicle affordable for the majority of Americans and normalized the use and ownership of automobiles. Originally, the Model-T was priced at \$850 but was lowered to \$300 after a rapid decrease in manufacturing costs. At one point nearly 40% of cars in the United States were a version of the Model-T.

Source: history.com

DREAM CAR

Out of the 249 students polled...



"I bet I spend at least 48 hours each year just by typing in passwords," sophomore Isabelle Flores said during a free Oct. 29

During AP English Literature class Oct. 8, the senior students discussed the AP Comparative Essays that compare two or more books the students read. "You could just say, 'they both have a lot of words,'" senior Casey Campo said. "Some of the words are the same, some of them are different."

Sept. 17 during advisory, junior Jeannie O'Flaherty talked about the voice mail she received on her phone. "This poor guy got the wrong number from this chick, I think," O'Flaherty said. "He keeps calling and saying that he misses her voice. It's so sad."

DECKED OUT

Every year, students come to school dressed in costume on Halloween. Many posted pictures on the social media platform, Instagram.



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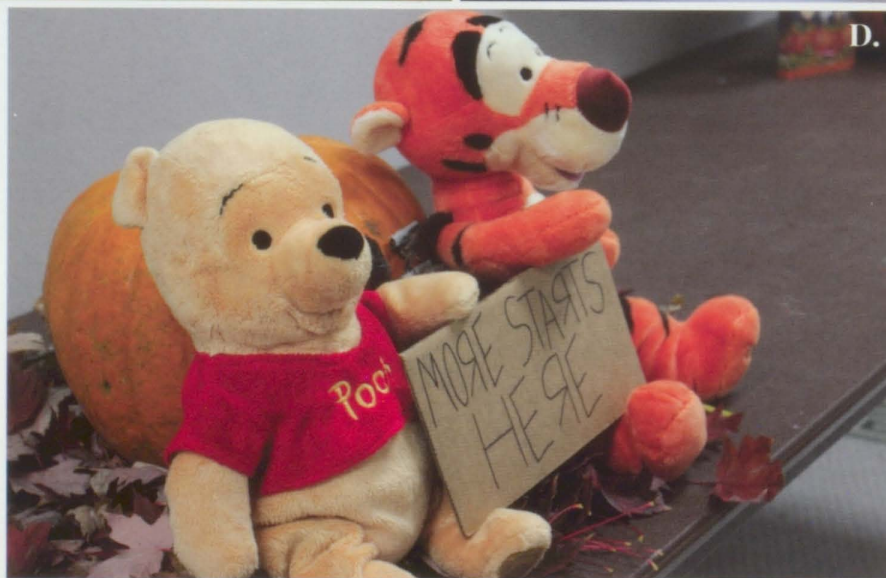
A. THE QUAD The Montag advisory's pumpkin of the quad is on display Oct. 30. The advisory won first place for Donnelly Hall. *photo by haylee gant*
 B. HARD AT WORK The Carlson advisory paints their pumpkin during lunch and activity period Oct. 30. *photo by haylee gant*
 C. LACED WITH TRADITION The Romine advisory's pumpkin sits on display during lunch and activity period Oct. 30. Their pumpkin won second place. *photo by haylee gant*
 D. PUMPKIN PLUSH The Weber advisory's pumpkin, with stuffed Winnie the Pooh characters, sits on display in the hall Oct. 30. *photo by alison munoz*
 E. ONCE UPON A HIMES English teacher Stephen Himes holds daughter Imogen, who was dressed as a princess, next to the pumpkin outside his advisory. The advisory chose a fairytale theme for their



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A. NOTHIN' BUT A THING Juniors Kelly Hulsey and Mackenzie O'Guin dress as thing one and thing two from the popular Dr. Seuss book, "Cat in the Hat". The photo was posted on social media platform Instagram, by O'Guin. Photo courtesy of mackenzie o'guin.

B. CINEMATIC COSTUME Seniors, Meredith Mulhern and Audrey Carol dress as characters from the popular movie, "Heathers". It is tradition at STA for students to dress up for halloween. photo courtesy of meredith mulhern

C. WIGGED OUT Sophomores, Miranda Collins and Kate Jones dressed as characters from TV show, "Portlandia". Collins shared the picture on the social media platform, Instagram. photo courtesy of miranda collins

D. BUSTED Freshman Lily Farkus jumps dressed as a ghost as freshman Addie Coppinger pretends to suck her into a vacuum in reference to the famous movie, "Ghostbusters". photo courtesy of lily farkus

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WICKED TRADITION

Every year, students dress up for halloween and participate in an advisory pumpkin carving contest.

Freshmen describe their first halloween at STA.



Students dressed as fictional characters, animals, teachers and much more sit in their period nine class tensely awaiting the results of the pumpkin carving competition. After weeks of preparation and an hour of hard work, each advisory carved and painted their own pumpkin in an effort to have the best pumpkin in their building. The intercom came on and students yelled excitedly or faced defeat which they used as motivation for the next year. This contest, as well as dressing up in costume, was tradition for students. Freshmen experienced this tradition for the first time.

"I had heard about how into the costumes people got so I was really excited to see what it was like," freshman Lenytte Matos said. "I'd heard about the pumpkin carving contest and I thought it would be really fun."

According to Matos, most freshmen heard about all

of the traditions ahead of time.

"I knew people dressed up, but I didn't realize how big of a deal it was at STA," freshman Gabby Staker said, "I was surprised that almost everyone was actually in costume." After decorating their pumpkin for the contest, students walked through the halls looking at everyone else's creations.

"Walking around with all of my friends looking at the pumpkins with everyone dressed up so crazy was the best part of my day," Matos said. "I felt so close to the people around of me them and I loved it."

Halloween is also a bonding opportunity for advisories.

"Working together with everyone made me a lot more comfortable in my advisory especially with upper-classmen, it was a really good experience," Staker said, "I really think the tradition will continue for a long time."

GOLF



FIRST ROW: Claire Franey, Gabi Dorrell, Mary Catherine Egan, Sophia Prochnow, Bailey Fennessy, Isabel Shorter, Ana Ryan, Grace Langdon
SECOND ROW: coach Teresa Borchert, Corynn McDonald, Katherine Coppinger, Emma Anielak, Lily Manning, Grace Boers, Hannah Grant, assistant coach Martha Linscott

SCOREBOARD

DATE	LOCATION	SCORE
8/24	Shoal Creek Golf Course	404
8/27	Minor Park Golf Course	198
8/31	Kansas City Country Club	338
9/1	Blue Hills Country Club	456
9/8	Lakewood Oaks Golf Course	431
9/9	Blue Hills Country Club	264
9/14	Blue Hills Country Club	423
9/17	Adams Pointe Golf Course	263
9/22	Blue River Golf Course	N/A
9/24	Drumm Farm Golf Course	406

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

9/28 MSHSAA, Class 2, District 7 396

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

10/5 MSHSAA, Class 2, Sectional 4 DID NOT ADVANCE

A. GOLD ON GREEN A St. Teresa's Academy golf bag sits on a golf course during a match at Adams Pointe Golf Club Sept. 24. When the STA golf team doesn't have a match, they practice after school at Swope Park. *photo by alison munoz*

B. SENIOR SISTERS Senior Mary Catherine Egan, left, and senior Gabi Dorrell laugh together after completing their varsity golf match Sept. 24. "Everybody is so encouraging and supportive of each other," Egan said. "I can always count on them to bring me up!" *photo by alison munoz*

C. PUTT PUTT Senior Gabi Dorrell prepares to putt the ball at the girls' state Sectional tournament at Adams Pointe Golf Course in Blue Springs, MO Oct. 5. Seniors Gabi Dorrell and Mary Catherine Egan and sophomore Emma Anielak qualified for the tournament. *photo courtesy of gabi dorrell*

D. GOLF GIRLS From left, junior Clare Franey, senior Gabi Dorrell, junior Hannah Grant and sophomore Emma Anielak pose for a photo after the District tournament at Drumm Farm in Independence, MO Sept. 28. *photo courtesy of gabi dorrell*

E. GOLF MASTER Senior Gabi Dorrell putts from the green at the girls' State Sectionals golf tournament Oct. 5. According to Dorrell, the friendships she has made with the girls on the team are more important than winning or losing. *photo courtesy of gabi dorrell*



DRIVING IT HOME

Through the fall season, the golf team had many ups and downs in their various rounds and tournaments, however that did not discourage them. They stayed strong together and kept their close bond until the end.

Senior Gabi Dorrell was driving freshman Corynn McDonald home after practice one day in September. Dorrell looked down and realized that she only had about two miles of gas left in her vehicle and pulled into what McDonald called a "sketchy gas station."

Concerned, the girls immediately decided to go somewhere else. The next gas station was so crowded that Dorrell and McDonald would have been waiting for almost half an hour just to fill up the gas tank. Finally, they found a sufficient gas station, but were still freaking out.

"Gabi went in and was like, 'Lock the doors. Lock the doors and get down,'" McDonald recalled, laughing. "I don't care what you're doing, just don't draw attention to yourself."

These small memories and shared moments brought the golf team closer together, subtly bonding them, according to the girls.

"I think we just have a lot of fun together and we all support each other," Dorrell said. "It's nice that even when you had a bad day, if your teammate did well then you're still in a pretty good mood because you know that they feel good about it. We just constantly laugh and our coach is so fun."

Sophomore Emma Anielak agreed that the team was well-bonded.

Anielak said that at practice, coach Teresa Borchert would hold competitions and whoever won the competition would get homemade cookies from the coach. The deal was that if a player got cookies she had to share them with the rest of the team. It was good motivation to try harder during practice, Anielak admitted.

Borchert said that the team had a great bond, which was a huge strength of theirs.

"With not having a big team, I think they all were just kind of close knit and just got along very well together because we're different from cross country or tennis," Borchert said. "It's kind of nice to have a smaller amount of girls. I think that makes them closer."

Dorrell described Borchert as being an instrumental part in the fun the girls had during the season. She was very serious, but also laid back and promoted friendships on the team. The coach acknowledged small accomplishments often and made practices enjoyable.

"When you actually play, but it's just for practice with my team, it's really fun because you relax," Anielak said. "I usually play better on those rounds of course because there's not pressure on keeping the score, but those are really fun days."

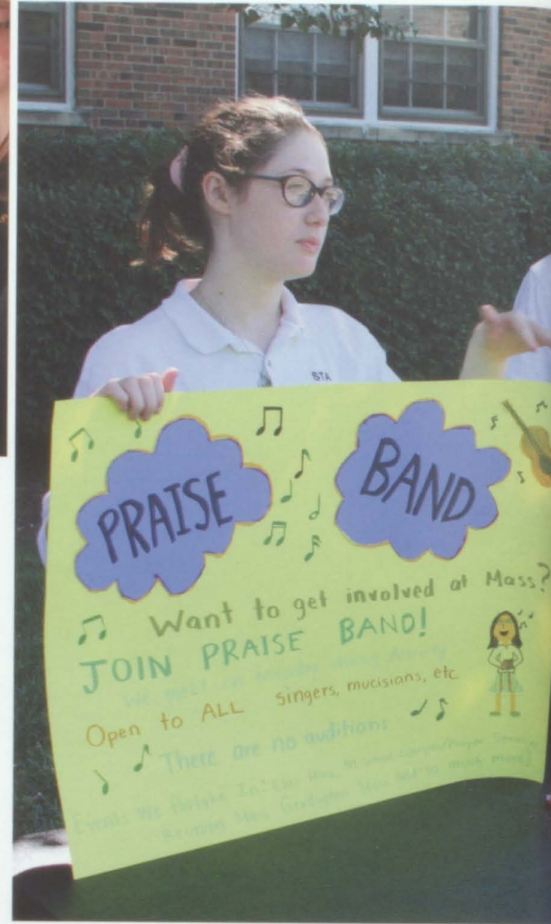
According to Dorrell, it was especially helpful because there wasn't a definite varsity or JV roster. The players could move from JV to varsity and vice-versa based on their scores for a particular week.

"It's nice that there's never a solid line of 'Oh, you're on varsity, you're on JV,'" Dorrell said. "I think I was the only person who didn't move around this season, so that just shows that everybody moves around. That's fun because you're always playing with different people, and you're in tournaments with different people."

Altogether, Borchert tried to make the environment for golf welcoming and fun. She enjoyed seeing how close the players were and thought that they had a great season, whether they made it to State or not. The bond the girls had was strong and incomparable.

"They all worked well together," Borchert said. "We never had any issues... And I think that's huge."





CLUBS FOR EVERYONE

Aug. 25, students gathered in the quad for the annual club fair.

Various clubs set up tables where they introduced the club's, description, purpose, and general goals for the year.

Aug. 25, students piled into the quad to explore the different clubs. Senior and French club officer Sophia Mandacina thought ahead and brought Oreo cookies as opposed to a snack that would melt in the heat. According to Mandacina, who is in French Club, bribery in the form of food was an essential part of attracting students to club stands.

"We talked about what we could do to get people to come to our club," Mandacina said.

According to French teacher Alice Amick, the officers opened the club to students who weren't already in French class, and this was a positive selling point at the club fair.

Clubs brought applications and information to the club fair to hand out to students. Some clubs required a longer application where students must answer questions. These clubs usually would only take a certain number of students. Other clubs took anyone who was interested and signed up.

"The fair is essential to attracting people to the club, especially freshmen who have never seen all of the options," history teacher Craig Whitney said.

The club fair was also a good opportunity for new clubs to inform students and attract new members.

"[Students for Life] is new this year so we really utilized the club fair as a chance to meet new girls who could be interested," junior Marin Brown said.

Brown is the president of Students for Life and felt that the club fair was another success.

"I think the fair went pretty well because throughout the hour we were telling people when they asked what the club was about that we eat food, we watch movies and we talk to boys," Mandacina said. "Those were pretty strong selling points."

Each year, students agree that the club fair is beneficial for everyone.

"Even if you're not super interested in the club fair, just being outside with all of your friends, hanging out and taking food from club stands is so fun," Brown said.

JOIN THE CLUB

Every year many students join a club that meets once a month. This year there were six new clubs with a wide variety of topics for students to join.

Junior Law Society:

JLS was a club for students interested in the legal field. The group advertised possible field trips and experienced guest speakers. The club was founded by juniors Claire Benge and Gabby Wimes.

Philosophy of Mugs:

This club was limited to 12 students who were interested in discussing philosophical, theological, and psychological topics. The club met on normal club days and one Thursday per month. It was moderated by theology teacher, Robert Tonnies.



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A. CINEMA CRITIC Junior Emma Gustavson promotes Cinema Club during Club Fair. During Cinema Club, members watch independent films and discuss them.

B. JOIN THE CHOIR Junior Mary Kate Randolph, left, and senior Betsy Alderman tell a freshman about Praise Band. Praise Band performs at every school and class mass.

C. ART FOR ALL Junior Ellie Grever displays her artwork for Art Club during Club Fair Aug. 25. Grever is very involved in arts programs at STA.

D. DANCE IT OUT Sophomore Bella Pichardo dances at Club Fair on Aug. 25 while promoting Drama Club. Drama club is moderated by drama teacher, Shana Prentiss.

E. STAR SPIRIT Twinks promotes Spirit Club at Club Fair, during activity period Aug. 25. Twinks went around the quad waving to students and taking pictures with them.

Students for Life:

The Students for Life group came together to discuss pro-life topics in a meaningful and respectful manner. The club held prayer services for anyone at the school who was interested. The club president was junior, Marin Brown.

Don't Put This on your Resume Club:

This club was moderated by English teacher, Kate Absher. The club met once a month to take naps, eat, and relax. The point of the club was to participate in activities for enjoyment instead of doing things that look good on a college application.

Bowling Club:

Bowling club was started by senior Laura Dierks. The club left campus on club days to go bowling. The club was open to students of all skill levels. Testing center administrator, Julia Berardi was the moderator.

A HOUSE DIVIDED

Freshman Rhianna Jones' twin sister, Kaitlin, decided to go to Notre Dame de Sion. Despite the rivalry, the sisters believe they have grown closer.



Twins Rhianna and Kaitlin Jones sit across the kitchen table from each other. Books sprawled out, notebooks opened, the sound of a squeaky pencil writing across the page. However, they are not wearing the same clothes. Rhianna is wearing an STA tartan plaid skirt while Kaitlin sits across in a Notre Dame de Sion High School t-shirt. These two sisters go to different high schools, with Kaitlin headed to Notre Dame de Sion and Rhianna to St. Teresa's Academy.

After spending nine years attending Holy Cross Catholic School together in Northeast Kansas City, the girls had always planned on attending STA until Kaitlin's plan took a turn.

"I shadowed Sion after one of my closest friends [from grade school] went there and I ended up liking it a lot better," Kaitlin said. "STA is great with the big campus and all, but I felt more at home and comfortable at Sion."

Despite her sister's new interest, Rhianna had her mind set on STA.

"I wasn't salty about it, but I just didn't want to enter Sion," Rhianna said. "My parents asked me if I wanted to shadow and I said no and they left me alone about it."

While Kaitlin said she liked the smaller campus and more reserved girls at Sion, Rhianna liked the closeness of the community at STA.

"I liked the way the administration here is really close to the students and everyday on announcements they say 'Have a good day STA' and it just really set my decision," Rhianna said. "It's just very close and tight knit."

Another part of their decision was motivated by the idea of separating from one another.

"I feel like we were closer when we were younger and then we hit middle school, we just had a lot of differences," Kaitlin said. "And it was hard when we were always pushed together. I just wanted to be known as an

individual person, not as a twin."

The two girls described each other as having different personalities, with each girl fitting the personality of their school.

"To me, an STA girl is always very outgoing and loud and has to be willing to try new things," Rhianna said. "She has to be willing to go out and cheer on her classmates whether it's the musical, sports, debate or whatever."

For Kaitlin, Sion is very similar to STA but has its own style.

"They both have to be outgoing and they both have to be smart," Kaitlin said. "I just feel like there are so many different people with different backgrounds that you can't really fit every student into one category."

When the girls announced that they would like to go to opposite schools, neither of their parents fought it. According to Rhianna, they just wanted them both to be happy and go to the school they wanted.

"Their main focus was getting the applications in and filling out all the paperwork," Kaitlin said.

Despite their differences and new experiences, the sisters believe they have grown closer.

"When we went to Holy Cross, we would both know what was going on and stuff because we were both there but now we can tell each other a whole bunch of different stuff like what's going on at Sion and what's going on at STA," Kaitlin explained.

With no intention of transferring out, the girls are set with their decision for the next four years. According to Kaitlin, the decision was a good one but still something to get used to.

"I have a lot of respect for STA, it is a very prominent school in the Kansas City area and I believe we are both receiving great educations," Kaitlin said.



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A. TWINNING Freshmen Rhianna and Kaitlin Jones pose together at around age 2. *photo courtesy of rhianna jones*

B. GIGGLING GALS Freshmen Kaitlin and Rhianna Jones laugh while posing for a picture around age 14. *photo courtesy of rhianna jones*

C. THE GOOD OLD DAYS Freshmen Rhianna and Kaitlin Jones pose on Easter at around age 5. *photo courtesy of rhianna jones*

D. TOGETHER FOREVER Freshmen Rhianna and Kaitlin Jones pose in their high chairs around age 1. *photo courtesy of rhianna jones*



BEHIND THE SCENES

The annual auction skit is performed by STA faculty and staff to debut the famous "pant." On the day of the skit, the student body relaxes for an hour and enjoys the performance, however, most students don't realize the amount of work required for its success.

For as long as the students can remember, the faculty has performed a humorous auction skit that leads up to the reveal of the raffle ticket pants for that year.

The official theme of the skit was the popular drama, "Law & Order SVU."

In past years, art teacher Theresa Wallerstedt has written many of the skits, but last year, English teacher Kate Absher wrote a version of the movie "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" with a bit of help from history teacher Alicia Stewart.

This year, Stewart worked alongside Absher and science teacher Taylor Scott to create the script.

Writing the skit was a fun experience but it took a lot of time, according to Stewart.

"We are all very busy and our schedules conflicted a bit so it took a bit to get to the final draft," Stewart said.

According to Stewart they threw around quite a few ideas of what it should be based on, and that took a long time in itself. They came to the final decision and, since Stewart had seen every episode, she wrote the original outline.

"Honestly the most stressful part was finding the time to write it and get together

to edit," Stewart said. "I enjoyed the process of creating it. I love the opportunity to get creative and love working with Scott and Absher."

Stewart agreed that she might even be interested in partaking in the skit creation again.

They had to edit and change around things during the process of coming up with the funny final product. It took a couple of weeks, possibly months and many meetings with a bunch of the faculty.

"We then met with the whole entire group of actors and did a read through," Stewart said. "We always let everyone add feedback and changes and from there we made edits."

With all the changes coming from different directions, Stewart explained that it was a long process. In the many years that STA has been putting on this type of production, who knows if anyone has actually looked into how much work the creators put into it. Without the behind the scenes, there would be no auction skit for us to enjoy.



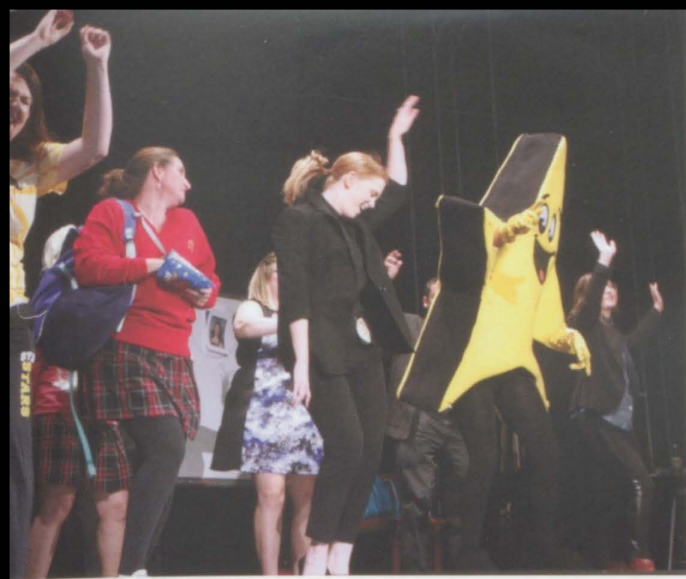
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A. HANDS IN THE AIR Teachers, from left, Kate Weber, Taylor Scott, Carrie Jacquin, Kate Absher, Meredith Snyder, and Anne Papineau dance to "Shut Up and Dance" at the end of the auction skit. Students who sold 10 raffle tickets before the auction received a pair of sweatpants which were debuted at the skit October 1. *photo by delaney meyer*

B. THE PANT Social Studies teacher, Alicia Stewart, shows the pant to the students at the auction skit on October 1. The skit is put on by the teachers each fall to encourage students to sell raffle tickets for the auction. *photo by delaney meyer*

C. TWINKS INTERROGATED Teachers Patrick Nielsen left; and Kate Absher question Twinks as a suspect during the auction skit October 1. *photo by delaney meyer*

D. GUILTY Choir teacher Steve Karlin, right, drags Twinks offstage after being convicted for the kidnapping of Kat Mediavilla in the auction skit. *photo by delaney meyer*

E. EVIL EYE Teachers, from left, Brad Lewis, Maria Garcia-Gil, and Anne Papineau participate in the auction skit. *photo by delaney meyer*



THROUGH THE YEARS

Over the past 15 years, the auction skits have ranged from TV shows, to movies, to plays. Here, they have been compiled into a chronological list.

1999
Friends

2003
Freaky Friday

2007
Hairspray

2012
Keeping Up
With the
Kardashians

2015
Law & Order
SVU



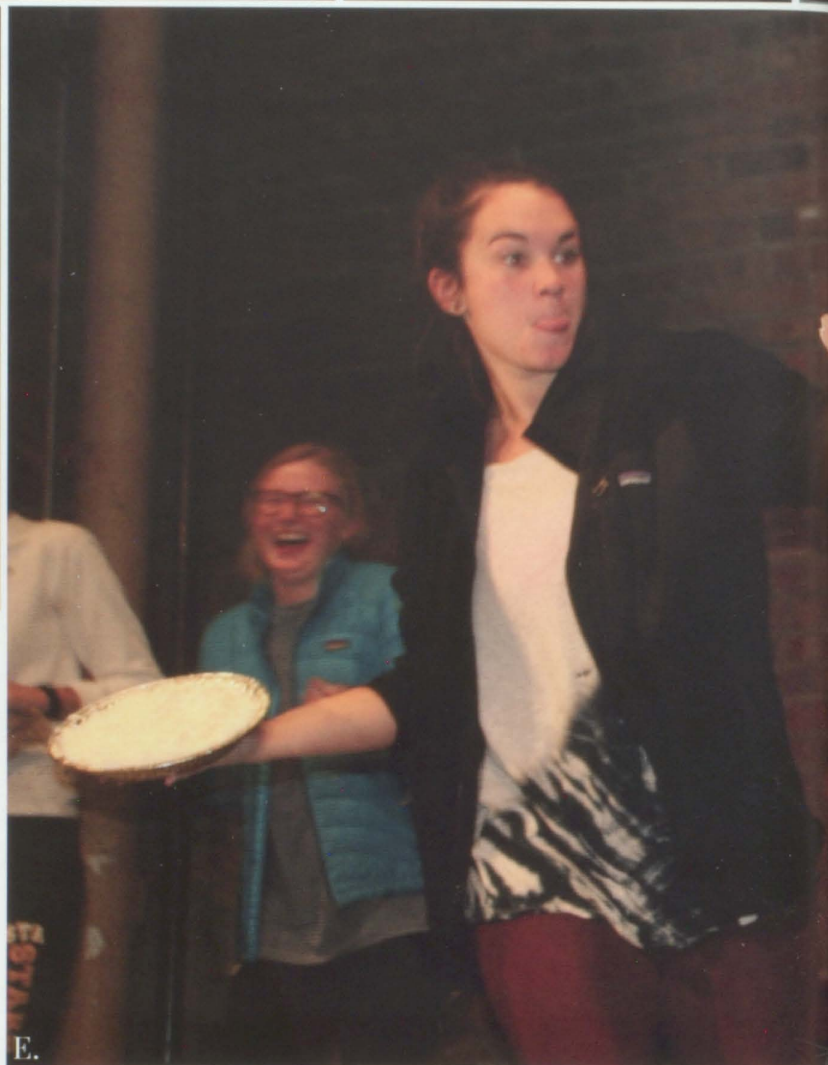
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A. IMPACT Senior Meredith Mulhern pies math teacher Mary Fisher during the Senior class Pie Smash fundraiser Nov. 23. This was the first year this fundraiser was executed. *photo by alison munoz*

B. TASTY TREAT Theology teacher Jennifer Greene eats leftover whipped cream after getting pied. *photo by emma stiles*

C. WHO'S NEXT? Seniors, from left, Sophia Cusumano, Katherine Mediavilla and Mary Hilliard look on as Cusumano pulls out the name of a student. The senior class officers headed the pie smash and ran it during both activities. *photo by liz barton*

D. OH PIE! Science teacher Mary Montag is shocked after getting a face full of freezing cold whipped cream. Montag was the first teacher to support the senior pie smash fundraiser. *photo by emma stiles*

E. BRACE YOURSELF Senior Katherine Mediavilla prepares herself as fellow senior Gabby Keller throws her pie. Mediavilla is senior class president and had a big role in planning the first pie smash. *photo by liz barton*

F. PIED Senior Kay VanAsdale smashes a pie into fellow senior Mary Hilliard's face. VanAsdale paid an extra two dollars to have the chance to pie her class officer of choice. *photo by liz barton*

GOTTA GET THE MONEY

Over the past 5 years, the senior class has held different fundraisers to raise money for a senior gift and prom.



A SMASHING GOOD TIME

Students had the opportunity to throw a pie at the staff and senior class officers Nov. 23 in the auditorium during both activities. Due to recently low interest in Dancing with the Stars, the senior class decided to try something new.

“Three, two, one, pie!” A dish full of whipped cream flies toward her face. The impact is hard, and as the dish falls away, her face is covered with whipped cream. The crowd laughs and the next girl steps up with a pie in her hand. According to senior Sophia Cusumano, getting pied was quite an experience.

“I hadn’t done anything like it before and it felt kinda weird but it wasn’t so bad,” Cusumano said. “The worst part was smelling like spoiled milk and having sticky hair the rest of the day.”

When the senior class had their first meeting, it was announced that they would be doing Dancing with the Stars for their senior fundraiser. According to senior class moderator and biology teacher Sarah Stranz, they called for participants and volunteers. But it was evident that the seniors were not completely on board.

“We let them sign up for a couple weeks and by our next meeting, we just didn’t have enough interest to make it a good show,” Stranz said.

Moving forward, the class officers, president Katherine Mediavilla, vice president Mary Hilliard, secretary Cusumano, and treasurer Claire Jefferson along with class moderators Stranz and English teacher Kate Absher, began brainstorming ideas.

“One thing the girls really wanted was an event within the confines of the school day,” Stranz said. “They wanted to give all students the opportunity to participate.”

The idea of a pie smash came up and the officers decided to go with it. After running it by principal of student affairs Liz Baker, the officers got busy planning. According to Cusumano, the girls made a list of materials they would need and then started discussing how it would work. Finally it was time to ask teachers and announce the fundraiser. Teachers were asked through an e-mail to participate.

“I got a e-mail from Claire Jefferson, that was just an open call asking teachers to participate,” theology teacher Jennifer Greene said. “I had never gotten a pie thrown in my face so I decided to do it.”

Many teachers quickly jumped on board. Stranz believed this is due to the small time commitment required to participate.

“All they had to give was about 30 minutes to an hour of their time on the day of,” Stranz said. “That’s important to our teachers, all of them are so busy and we don’t want to ask too much of them.”

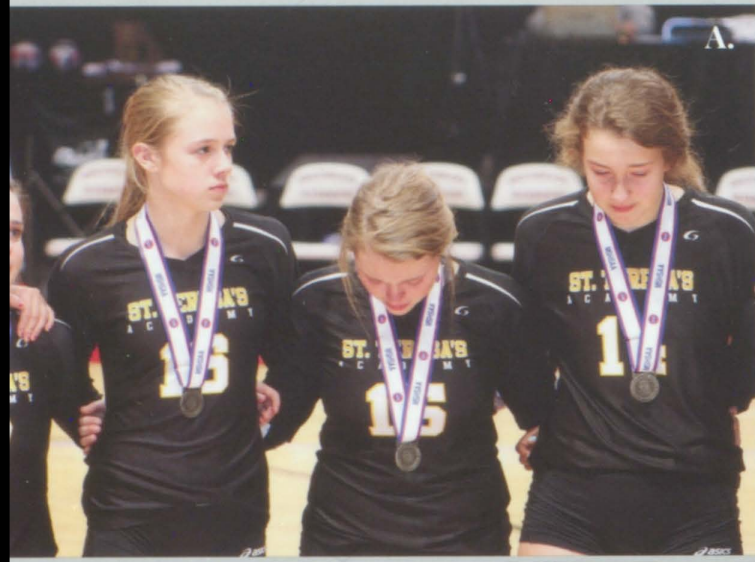
The fundraiser was held Nov. 23 during both activities. The tickets were 50 cents each and the student could put their ticket into whichever teacher they wanted to pie. The teachers were split up in between grade levels, with the freshmen and sophomores being drawn to pie during Activity 1 and the juniors and seniors being drawn during Activity 2. After all the teachers had been pied during second activity, students had the opportunity to pie the senior officers for an extra two dollars.

Overall the fundraiser was a success, with 720 dollars being raised that would go towards the senior class gift and to cover part of the cost of prom. According to Stranz, they would consider doing the fundraiser again.

“We could pull it off again and it would be nice to do it outside on a day that’s warmer so that we can just hose off the sidewalk or mix it into the grass,” Stranz said. “We would also want to have a little bit more forethought about cleanup, but that was a live and learn lesson.”

As the pie smash ends, students with 6th period frees volunteer to help clean up the stage. Whipped cream is smeared everywhere, empty bottles are thrown into the trash and pied students and teachers rush to the bathrooms to clean off their clothes and hair, knowing that their small contribution will go a long way for the senior class.





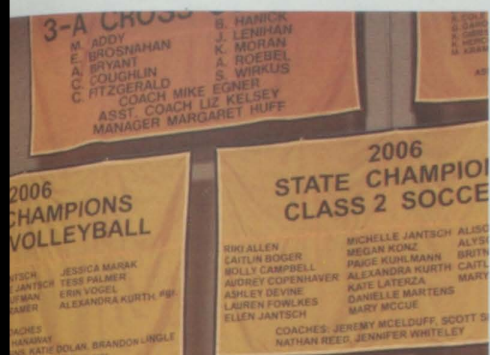
VOLLEYBALL



FIRST ROW: Jacyln Sparks, Anne Claire Tangen, Cassidy Unland, Annabelle Colombo, Margaux Thompson, Jacque Smith, Isabel Flores, Megan Cotter, Elaina Bailey, Katlyn Giefer, Carolyn Scheuler, Erris Pierson, Kaleigh Klovak, Lucy Hoop, Grace Berghoff, Morgan Richards
 SECOND ROW: Sophia Tumminia, Mia Tomasic, Emily Vostburgh, Megan Wairnecke, Lia Siro, Mary Keller, Jamie Tholen, Gabby Wimes, Delaney Meyer, Zoe Jackson, Emma Ruryan, Maddie Torti, Grace Oest, Caroline Franke, Kit Mohajir, Brianne Arefello, Maria Wiedeman
 THIRD ROW: Ayannia Carter, Molly Cowan, Coach Nyala Bullock, Coach Lauren Ramotowski, Anna Kate Powell, Caitlyn Lester, Claire Wilmot, Elle Bichelmeyer, Jordan Klumb, Karen Crouch, Coach Amanda Hanneman, Coach Erica Hinrichs, Coach Missy Larson, Meredith Raymer, Kailey McNett
 FOURTH ROW: Ann Leverich, Hannah Berghoff, Payton Drummond, Molly Bird, Elle Brewer, Isabel Burnett, Lorna Green, Riley McNett, Zoe Willard, Anabel Meloy, Kiernan O'Boyle, Macy Bauers, Cozette Viles

SCOREBOARD

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	
8/25	Blue Springs South	2-0	W
8/29	Lee's Summit West	1-2	L
9/3	St. Thomas Aquinas	1-2	L
9/9	Platte County	2-0	W
9/16	Notre Dame de Sion	2-1	W
9/17	Raymore- Peculiar	2-1	W
9/21	Lee's Summit	2-1	W
9/23	Olathe Northwest	0-3	L
9/29	St. James Academy	0-3	L
10/2	St. Joseph's Academy	0-3	L
10/3	Ozark	2-1	W
10/7	Blue Springs	1-2	L
10/8	O'Hara	2-0	W
10/13	Lawrence Free State	2-0	W
10/13	Shawnee Heights	1-2	L
10/15	Lee's Summit North	1-2	L
DISTRICT TOURNAMENT			
10/19	William Chrisman	2-0	W
10/20	Liberty	2-0	W
10/21	Park Hill South	2-1	W
STATE TOURNAMENT			
10/24	Oak Park	2-0	W
10/24	Raymore-Peculiar	2-0	W
10/30	Ozark	2-0	W
10/31	Lafayette	1-2	L



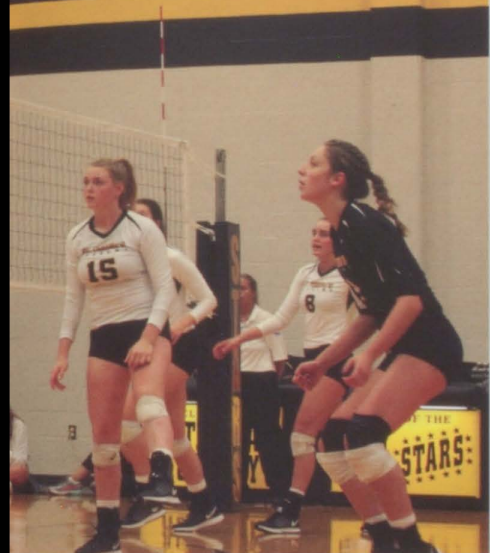
D. A. SOLEMN STARS Sophomore Megan Cotter, from left, freshman Ellie Bichelmeier, senior Delaney Meyer and sophomore Claire Wilmot stand together to receive their State Runner-Up medals Oct. 31. The Stars played Lafayette-Wildwood in the State Championship match and lost two sets to one. *photo courtesy of kala meyer*

B. TRIPLE THREAT Juniors Gabby Wimes, left, Mary Keller, middle, and senior Zoe Jackson go up for a block during the STA vs. Notre Dame de Sion High School game Sept. 16. The Stars won the game 2-1 against Sion. *photo by haylee gant*

C. SLAM Senior Maddie Torti spikes the ball during the STA vs. Sion game Sept. 16. Torti will continue her volleyball career at DePaul University in Chicago next year. *photo by molly winkler*

D. BRING IT IN The Stars celebrate after winning the play-off game October 30 to send them to the championship match. The team won State Runner-Up against Lafayette-Wildwood. *photo courtesy of kala meyer*

E. SPLENDID SPIKES Senior Jamie Tholen spikes the ball at the volleyball game at STA on Sept. 16. The match was a rivalry game against Sion. *photo by margaret queen*



THE TIME IS N.O.W.

The volleyball team was led by seven seniors and a new coach, Lauren Ramatowski. The Stars made a run to the State championship and had a winning record. This was the first time the volleyball team has gone to State since 2006.



As all the girls sat waiting for the annual preseason volleyball meeting, they did not know what to expect from their new coach. The team anxiously awaited to hear her coaching philosophy, while dreading hearing about their preseason workout schedule. Coach Lauren Ramatowski began the meeting stating, "We were 8-16 last year, but we are going to State this year." Shocked, the girls all began to laugh. This year was the first time STA had gone to state since 2006.

The theme "The time is N.O.W." pushed the Stars to a winning season of 13-8. Seniors Maddie Torti, Delaney Meyer, Emma Runyan, Zoe Jackson, Jamie Tholen, Carolyn Scheuler and Elaina Bailey led the team.

"I was really excited to play with all the other seniors because there were so many of us," Runyan said. "It was a really special season because all of us were so ready to play and excited and all wanted to go far."

Over summer the girls participated in many open gyms, three team camps at STA, Lee Summit West league, Kansas State University camp, and a Lee Summit West team camp.

"I was excited for the season to start," athletic director Mark Hough said. "The team had been working very hard at after school sports performance training and playing a lot of club ball outside of school, so I knew they were prepared for success going into the season."

Along with hard practices daily, the team had several nights of team bonding according to Tholen. This included Friday night hang outs, a volleyball lock-in, and a trip to an obstacle course in Leawood.

"It was a focus of ours to get a little better every single day...getting 1% better is a big deal and we celebrated little and big successes," coach Ramatowski said. "I felt like our team grew both mentally and physically on the court. We worked on confidence and leadership building throughout the season which I think was a big reason for our success."

The Stars went into the postseason with a record of 8-8 and optimism. The team made a run to the Missouri Class 4 state championship.

"I would say the highlight of my season was going to state in general, it was pretty neat," Torti said. "Also the teammates, they were funny and I really liked playing with the all the girls."

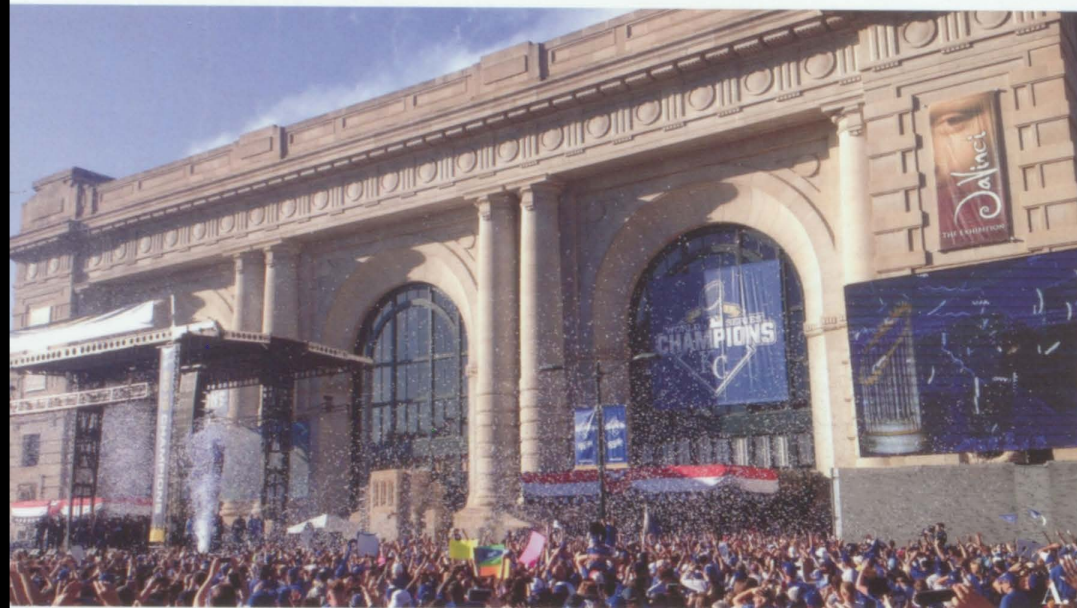
According to Tholen, the Stars "crushed" the first game of the final match. The team ended second in the state.

"The roster was loaded with talent that each knew their individual roles and the value they brought to the team," Hough said. "The team fought through a very difficult schedule and stepped in up in the postseason to make an exciting run to the state championship game. I am very proud of what they accomplished this year and I'm already looking forward to the 2016 season."

CROWNTOWN



After winning the World Series, the Royals celebrated with a 2.3 mile parade in downtown Kansas City Nov. 3. All the players showed their gratitude for their loyal fans and head coach Ned Yost held the trophy up for all the fans to see. About 800,000 people attended the parade.



You are standing on your tippy toes in a crowd among 800,000 other Royals fans to catch a glimpse of these crowned athletes. You might have walked three miles or seen a woman go into labor. You might have complained about your hunger, thirst or claustrophobia. But despite your struggles, you are thankful and overjoyed because not only did your hometown team win the World Series, but your school called off classes to celebrate the victory.

After 30 years, the Kansas City Royals won the World Series against the New York Mets 7-2 in a nail biting game 5 comeback. Kansas City partied like it was 1985 all over again with a huge parade that covered downtown Kansas City.

"[A win] like this doesn't just happen, [the Royals] are seriously the comeback kids," senior Maureen Whittaker said. "It is scary, like someone up there is doing something...this is not normal- it is unbelievable."

The Royals were down in the seventh inning 2-0. But the "comeback kids" were not ready to give up quite yet as first baseman Eric Hosmer hit an RBI double and then later tied the game scoring on a Mets' wild throw. In the 12th inning, the Royals defeated the Mets 7-2. The Royals were crowned champions, winning four games to one. After the game was over, Royals catcher Salvador Perez was voted MVP (most valuable player).

Junior Jacques Smith didn't watch the Royals religiously until they started winning two years ago. However, she was always a fan and believed catcher Salvador Perez deserved the MVP award.

"I was starstruck when I saw Salvy once at a restaurant and got a selfie with him," Smith said. "He is such a great player and has so much energy."

Two days later, the comeback kids and the entire city celebrated the big win which looked more like a vast sea of blue

A. **KILLA CITY** Blue and white confetti explodes onto the crowd while fireworks are set off atop of Union Station and the World Series trophy is displayed on screen. Over 800,000 fans gathered downtown Nov. 3 to celebrate the World Series win and congratulate the Royals players. *photo by delaney meyer*

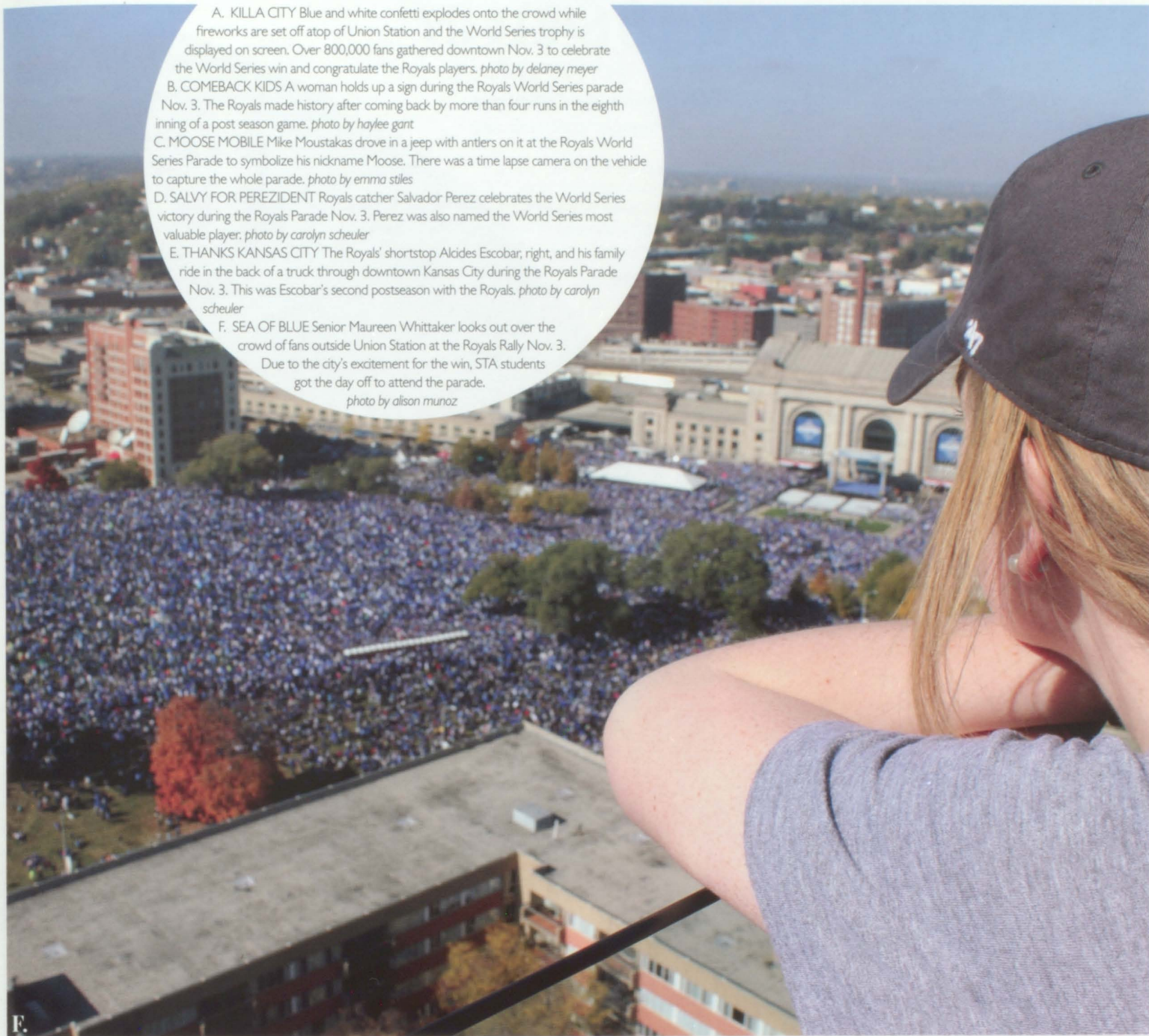
B. **COMEBACK KIDS** A woman holds up a sign during the Royals World Series parade Nov. 3. The Royals made history after coming back by more than four runs in the eighth inning of a post season game. *photo by haylee gant*

C. **MOOSE MOBILE** Mike Moustakas drove in a jeep with antlers on it at the Royals World Series Parade to symbolize his nickname Moose. There was a time lapse camera on the vehicle to capture the whole parade. *photo by emma stiles*

D. **SALVY FOR PEREZIDENT** Royals catcher Salvador Perez celebrates the World Series victory during the Royals Parade Nov. 3. Perez was also named the World Series most valuable player. *photo by carolyn scheuler*

E. **THANKS KANSAS CITY** The Royals' shortstop Alcides Escobar, right, and his family ride in the back of a truck through downtown Kansas City during the Royals Parade Nov. 3. This was Escobar's second postseason with the Royals. *photo by carolyn scheuler*

F. **SEA OF BLUE** Senior Maureen Whittaker looks out over the crowd of fans outside Union Station at the Royals Rally Nov. 3. Due to the city's excitement for the win, STA students got the day off to attend the parade. *photo by alison munoz*



than an orderly fashioned parade. According to the Kansas City Star, within a city of 467,000 people, approximately 800,000 Royals fans gathered to congratulate the team. Fans arrived early in the morning, lining the 2.3 mile parade route running through downtown Kansas City. The parade started on Grand Boulevard between the Sprint Center and the Kansas City Power and Light District and ended at Union Station. At Union Station there was a Victory Rally Stage set up for the team to give speeches, highlight the season, and show their gratitude toward their loyal fans.

On the north lawn of the Liberty Memorial, fans were packed together like sardines to watch the rally. Die-hard fans even perched themselves on bridges and tree branches to catch a glimpse of the crowned team.

Seniors Maureen Whittaker, Alison Munoz, Kellie O'Toole and Darcy Sullivan watched the parade and the rally with a

bird's eye view on the roof of a business building.

"It was ridiculous and there were so many fans," Whittaker said. "I didn't realize how close I was until I saw the aerial shot of the sea of blue."

Not only was it a sea of blue, but a vortex of no phone service, no easy exit, and some sour fans who had been waiting all day for a good spot. It was a day to go down in history as the biggest impromptu World Series parade. Most schools canceled classes calling it a "blue snow day" because, although the weather was 80 degrees and sunny, it was most definitely a day to play hooky and celebrate an overdue win.

"My dad taught me what a sac fly was and when you can steal a base," Smith said. "Not only did it bring my family together, but it brought Kansas City together and the [STA community]."

STARVING FOR JUSTICE

11.02.2015

A group of University of Missouri students, calling themselves Concerned Student 1950, protested the accounts of racism at Mizzou.

Concerned Student 1950 wrote a letter stating their demands, they asked for University of Missouri system President Tim Wolfe's resignation, increased number of black faculty and staff, and a formal apology for the recent events. Graduate student Jonathan Butler embarks on a hunger strike until their list of demands are met. Nov. 9, a public letter was released announcing the resignation of Wolfe.

source: history.com

OBAMA WINS

11.04.2008

The 2008 Presidential election celebrated Barack Obama as the United States' first African American President.



On the evening of Nov. 4, Barack Obama was named the 46th President of the United States. Obama and his Vice President Joe Biden, were the democratic candidates. They won the election with 52.9 percent of the votes, beating John McCain and Sarah Palin who received 45.7 percent of votes. History was made this day as Obama was celebrated as the first African American president.

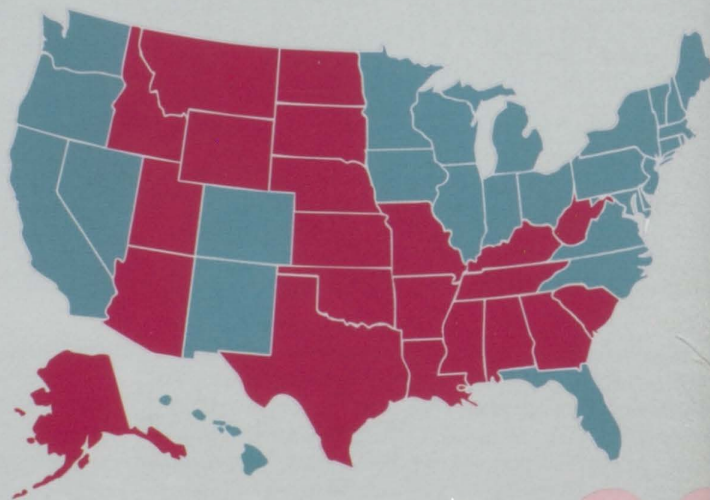
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OBAMA'S NATION

Over 130 million Americans voted in the 2008 Presidential election. Here are the Results, state by state.

-  Barack Obama - Democratic Candidate
-  John McCain - Republican Candidate



OVERHEARD QUOTES

"It's so blah outside right now," freshman Olivia Michka said during a free Feb. 18. "It just makes me want to go home and watch a few seasons on Netflix."

"Finals are going to kill me," freshman Julia Kerrigan said Dec. 3 while walking through the quad. "I mean how am I supposed to find out what happens next in Doctor Who if I have to keep studying for all of these tests?"

"It's colder than hell out here," junior Jade Riedel said while walking through the quad Jan. 20. "I'm pretty sure that's not how the saying goes," junior Charlie Cornell responded.

VICTORY IS OURS

11.06.1918

Germany signs an armistice agreement with the Allied forces in France, ending the first World War.

World War I was fought between the Central Powers, made up of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria, and the Allies, made up of France, Britain, Russia, Italy, United States, Greece, Serbia and Japan. This war left millions of soldiers dead and even more wounded. World War I also killed over 5 million civilians from exposure, diseases and starvation.

source: history.com

TERROR IN PARIS

11.13.2015

Paris was left shaken after hundreds of French citizens were killed in an Islamic terrorist attack.

Starting at 9:20 p.m., a series of attacks began around the northern suburb of Paris known as Saint-Denis. The attacks by a team of Islamic terrorists left 130 people dead and more than 368 wounded. Seven of the attackers were killed, and police are still searching for anyone else connected to these attacks. The attacks marked the deadliest war on France since World War II.

source: history.com

PARIS TIMELINE

Outline of the events which occurred Nov. 13 leaving 130 people dead and more wounded.

9:20 p.m. Stade de France- first two suicide bombers detonate outside stadium

9:25 p.m. Le Carillion bar- Rapid fire shooting at popular nightlife spot.

9:32 p.m. Rue de la Fontaine au Roi- Second shooting outside a few popular restaurants.

9:36 p.m. Rue de Charonne- Third shooting at La Belle Equipe, a french brewery.

9:45 p.m. Shots were fired at the Bataclan, a music venue where a concert was taking place.

9:53 p.m. Stade de France- third suicide bomber detonated at a nearby McDonald's.

10:08 p.m. Police confirmed a hostage situation is underway at Bataclan.

11:58 p.m. French military is deployed. Number of fatalities estimated to be 42.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

STA held the first round of a Shakespeare memorization competition with the opportunity to advance to further rounds in the US and the United Kingdom.

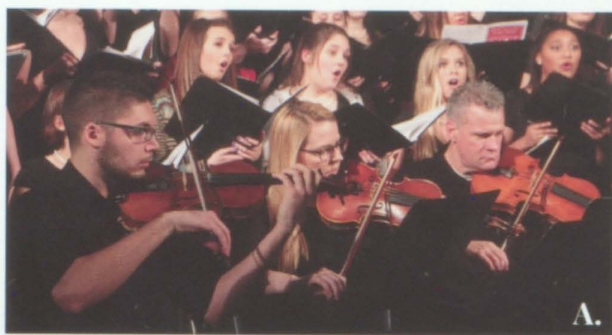
For as long as English teacher Kate Absher can remember, STA has held the 1st round of the Shakespeare contest for students, except for the 2014-2015 school year.

"Our first round of competition takes place at STA," Absher said. "That winner will then compete in the citywide competition with other schools. If we place first in the city, then she will be sent to New York. To go to England, she has to win the New York round of competition which has students from all over the nation."

Sophomore Maura Graham memorized two Shakespeare pieces.

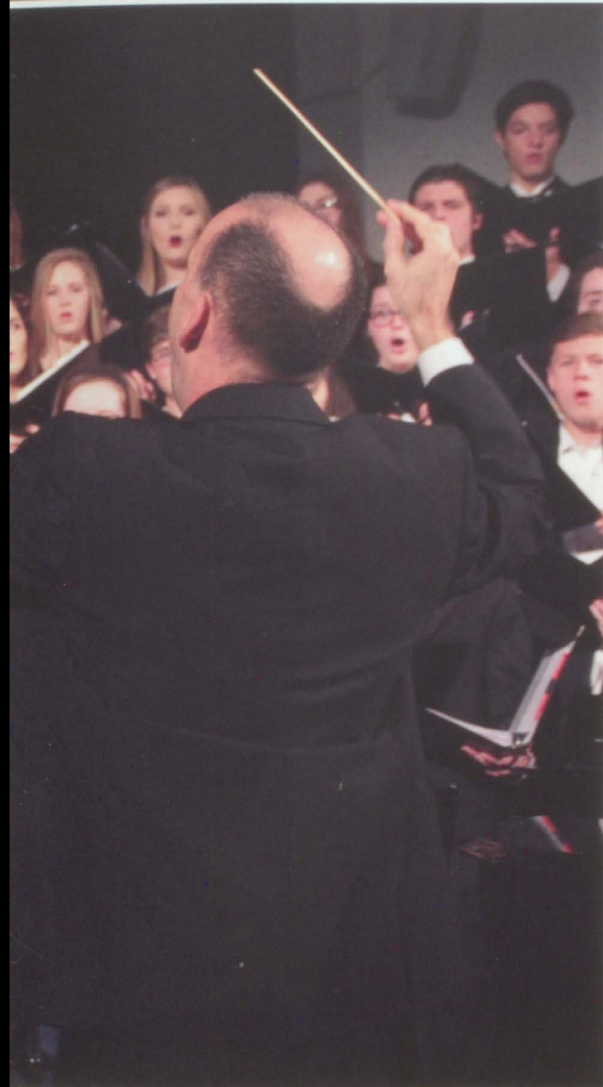
"I memorized 20 lines from a Midsummer Night's Dream Act 2 scene 2," Graham said. "I also had to memorize a Sonnet, and I memorized sonnet 104."

Graham won the STA round this year, and advanced to the city wide round, held at the Plaza Library.





B.



STAR SINGERS

Freshmen Madi Ungashick and Shannon Flynn discussed

what it was like to be new to choir, compared to senior Connor

Hodes who participated in choir for four years.

Every student at STA had their own unique experience, but one thing that remained the same for everyone was that they started as a freshman with no idea of what they were about to do.

When freshmen were selecting their elective, a lot of thought was put into the choice. For the girls that choose to enroll in choir, they may not know how much they will enjoy singing, some of them even starting by enrolling in choir as a filler class.

"I wanted to join freshman choir because all of my friends were doing it," freshman Madi Ungashick said.

After over a semester, Ungashick found a love for singing and planned on continuing choir all four years.

Along with Ungashick, freshman Shannon Flynn realized how much she enjoyed choir.

"Coming into freshman choir, I barely knew a lot of things, but I have learned so much and found out how much I love it," Flynn said.

As they continued to grow with their singing sisters, they started to achieve their potential.

According to senior Connor Hodes, she knew she loved to sing from the start. Hodes participated in choir for four years and was recognized for her talent.

"Choir was my favorite class freshman year," Hodes said. "The upperclassmen were very supportive and encouraged everyone

to do their best. It was a really great environment."

Since then, she participated in and had auditions for different choirs including the All-State choir. She did not get the audition, but she did participate in the Kansas City Metro District Choir, which was for boys and girls.

Along with these many choirs, Hodes participated in the State Sight Reading Bee Jan 29.

"I honestly had no idea what it was until Steve Perry called me over Christmas break to tell me that my scores from my District audition qualified me to participate," Hodes said.

From Hodes' district, 12 people qualified to go to the bee which took place at the Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Ozarks. There were multiple rounds of sight reading different measures and it increased in difficulty each round, according to Hodes. The rounds continued until there was a winner.

Hodes also participated in multiple musicals during her high school career. For example, she played the role of Cinderella in the musical, "Into the Woods." In the 2015 STA musical, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," Hodes played the role of Rona Lisa Peretti.

"It's so ironic that I was in our musical about a spelling bee, and now I got to actually be in a bee of my own," Hodes said.

A. PLAY ALONG Musicians accompany the singers during the Winter choir concert Dec 3. *photo by margaret queen*
 B. SINGING SUPERSTARS Junior Lilly McGonigle and sophomore Emily Vosburgh sing at the choir concert Dec. 3. There were five different choirs at the concert. *photo by margaret queen*
 C. 150 YEARS The STA choir sings at the 150th Mass at Visitation Jan. 31. The mass celebrated the 150th year of St. Teresa's Academy. *photo by margaret queen*
 D. THE MAIN MAN Choir director Steven Perry leads the Varsity Singers

in a song. The Varsity Singers had to audition to be in the choir which is composed of students from STA and Rockhurst High School. *photo by margaret queen*

E. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT St. Teresa's students practice for the winter concert at STA. *photo by margaret queen*

F. SHINING STARS STA students rehearse before the choir concert in the auditorium Dec 3. The students are led by choir director Steve Perry. *photo by margaret queen*



CHRISTMAS CHEER

Despite having a smaller attendance than usual, students who attended the Christmas Mixer and seniors who participated in the traditional Airbands competition enjoyed the annual event.



Senior Airbands: one of the many perks that come with being a senior, the opportunity to perform by lip-synching and dancing in front of everyone at the annual Christmas mixer. Even though she signed up for it, senior Mary Grace Campbell was nervous.

"I thought I would be very nervous and have really bad stage fright, but I felt totally fine on stage and even enjoyed being in front of everyone," Campbell said.

Dec. 5, the day of the dance, students trickled into the Goppert Center to join the annual dance put on by the Student Community Organization.

One of these students was sophomore Katherine Cory, who planned to meet her friends at the dance. She came when the dance started at about 7:30 p.m., when not many people had shown up yet.

"By 7:45 p.m. there were probably about 75 people, but there were never many people," Cory said. "It was mostly freshmen and seniors the whole night."

According to SCO President senior Claire McHugh, there were less people than usual.

"The number was definitely fewer than normal," McHugh said. "Mainly because it was the same night as Sion's Winter Formal."

Just as there were less people than normal, there were less airbands than previous years, with only four teams performing this year. Still, those who participated enjoyed it.

"I wanted to do it because I felt like it is a classic senior thing to do," Campbell said. "It was a 'Senior Year YOLO' type of a thing. I had always loved watching the airbands in the past years, so I couldn't wait for it to be my time."

Despite her anticipation for the dance, Campbell said she never realized how much effort went into planning the dance.

"We practiced a lot the week before the dance," Campbell said. "[Senior] Emma Fernandez mostly did the choreography because she has a lot of dance experience, but we all had our own ideas incorporated into the dance as well. It was surprising how much time you actually have to spend choreographing a dance, I had no idea."

Even with the hard work, Campbell said that she enjoyed participating in Senior Airbands.

"It was fun to hear all my classmates cheering for us," Campbell said. "I would definitely recommend next year's seniors to do an airband. It is a good time to bond with your friends and make memories! Overall a 10/10 experience."

Senior Kristina Coppinger, who was in another Senior Airband, agrees.

"I would totally recommend this experience because I am now such close friends with girls I usually would just say 'hi' to," Coppinger said.

Coppinger also agrees with Campbell that even though it was fun, there were aspects of it that were stressful.

"It's so fun after stressful days and rehearsals are great exercise and a lot of fun," Coppinger said. "It was crazy being in front of people but we had rehearsed so much that I didn't notice all of the people."

So, despite the stress, the low attendance, and all the other factors, those who participated all agreed on one thing: it was worth it.



THE CHRISTMAS MIXER

The mixer has been put on since the 1990's as a fundraiser for the Student Community Organization.



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A. FIERCE Senior Gabby Keller takes off her mask and stares at her friends during her airband Dec. 5. Her airband was called "99 Problems." photo by molly winkler

B. HOLIDAY SPIRIT Junior Claire McCann, left, senior Mary Hilliard, senior Hayley Burgess, and junior Emma Swinney sing together at the Christmas Dance. photo by molly winkler

C. BAD GIRLS CLUB Members of the airband the "Bad Girls Club" get in a huddle during their airband. Senior Mary Hilliard explained, "I would recommend it for seniors in the future because it's just a really fun thing to do with your friends and not really something you would get to do normally." photo by molly winkler

D. NAE NAE Members of the airband "99 Problems" dance at the Christmas Dance. photo by molly winkler

E. SOARING, FLYING Senior Emma Fernandez is lifted up in her airband at the Christmas Dance. Fernandez also dances competitively. photo by molly winkler



SENIOR MIXTAPE

The Teresian compiled a list of various songs from the Senior Airband's setlists.

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| 1. Sandstorm by Darude | 8. Outta My Mind by B.o.B | by Baha Men |
| 2. What Is Love by Haddaway | 9. Get Outta Your Mind by Lil Jon | 14. Promiscuous Girl by Nelly Furtado |
| 3. Pony by Ginuwine | 10. Tip Toe Through The Tulips by Tiny Tim | 15. Eenie Meenie by Sean Kingston |
| 4. Lip Gloss by Lil Mama | 11. KC Anthem by Tech N9ne | 16. Here's To Never Growing Up by Avril Lavigne |
| 5. My Chick Bad by Ludacris | 12. Hot Cheetos N Takis by Da Rich Kidzz | |
| 6. Walk It Out by Unk | 13. Who Let The Dogs Out | |





LEFT. Seniors Clare Kenney, from left, Katherine Green and Grace Orscheln cheer on the basketball team at Notre Dame de Sion High School Jan. 26. The theme for the game was sheep. *photo by margaret queen*

MIDDLE. Juniors Sophie Cuda, left, and Isabel Burnett greet each other with a hug at the Junior Ring dance Apr. 8. The dance took place in the Commons and celebrated the junior class specifically. *photo by carolyn scheuler*

RIGHT. Sophomore Kate Willnauer plays the ukulele and sings at Creative Grounds Feb. 11. Willnauer performed "Somewhere over the Rainbow." *photo by margaret queen*

BACKGROUND. A group of students react to the color being thrown on them during the Color Throw Apr. 22. *photo by molly winkler*

LIMITLESS

The second semester brings melting snow then blooming trees, a new year and weeks filled with sports practices, more homework and final exams. The significant moments that characterize spring at STA include a surprise assembly, the start of the 'Year of the Young Woman,' the gifting of the cherished class ring, a week spent serving our neighbors and the seniors' long awaited prom. The spring season announces the approaching end of the school year, but also the beginning of summer and life beyond the academy with college decisions, caps, GOBNS, and hard goodbyes. But students trust in what they have learned during their years alongside their sisters and excitedly await the LIMITLESS opportunities that lie ahead.

THE MANE ATTRACTION

Sophomore Helayna James started equestrian at a young age and has been riding her horse Tiggy ever since. James is passionate about it and sacrifices her time to after school practices and competitions.

Most students at STA pack their schedules after school with sports, dance and various clubs. Sophomore Helayna James is a unique in this way. Rather than heading to basketball or soccer practice after school, James will head to Settler's Acres to ride her horse, Tiggy.

James started riding horses when her best friend encouraged her to try it out years ago. She started riding at Saddle and Sirloin, one of the top facilities in Kansas City. James later switched over to a different stable where she remains today.

"I moved to a competitive barn, Settler's Acres, to really get more into the show ring," James said "There I had lessons three times a week. I showed at that barn a little more than I did at Saddle and Sirloin, with a total of four shows in three years."

According to James, she has changed and grown as a rider throughout the years. James first started with jumps, she later transitioned to dressage. Dressage is where she shows off a routine of her and Tiggy have worked on. After years of riding, James now strictly works with her dressage coach to train for upcoming performances.

Equestrian isn't always easy, according to James, as she has considered giving it up several times. "I think there are times in any rider's career when you fall off for the hun-

dredth time that day and just do not want to get back on, or you'd be having a particularly difficult lesson where you can't pick up the correct lead and your horse is refusing all the jumps," James said.

On top of the difficulty of equestrian itself, balancing riding with schoolwork and the stresses of being a teenager can be extremely difficult. "School is solving problems and reading and experimenting, but with horseback riding it is all of that and more." James said "I don't think people realize just how physically and mentally challenging riding is."

Despite the added stress, James views riding Tiggy as an escape. "When I'm out at the barn on horseback I forget about all my other problems and can enjoy myself," said James.

For James and there are many aspects of riding that she loves, any negative stuff doesn't seem to matter as much. After years of riding, James has made many friends and has built great relationships with her coaches.

"There are so many different aspects of riding that I love, but I'd say the bond between horse and rider is what makes it special."

From the time that she began her riding career, James' love for the sport continues to grow everyday, although it is an additional commitment, she is glad she still rides today.

"The passion for riding is what makes you get back in the saddle and I'm so thankful that I did."



A. EQUESTRIAN PRIDE Sophomore Helayna James poses for a picture with her horse Tiggy. photo courtesy of helayna james

B. HAY IS FOR HORSES Sophomore Helayna James plays with her horse Tiggy after practice. James practices at Settler's Acres. photo courtesy of helayna james

C. MAY THE HORSE BE WITH YOU Sophomore Helayna James cleans her horse Tiggy before a dressage competition in the stable. James has been riding Tiggy every week for four years. photo courtesy of helayna james

D. UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL Tiggy, sophomore Helayna James' horse, poses for a photo. Tiggy and James have become very close over the years of riding together. photo courtesy of helayna james

E. A GIRL AND HER HORSE Sophomore Helayna James and Tiggy pose for a photo before practice. James practices three times a week for her upcoming dressage competitions. photo courtesy of helayna james



DANCING DIVAS

The dance team endured weekly early morning and afternoon practices throughout the season. Their hard work paid off, as the team ended the season placing 3rd in mix and 4th in dance at State on Feb. 20.

She hears the beep. That obnoxious, maddening, and altogether disturbing noise. It relentlessly manages to suddenly jolt her out of a deep and peaceful sleep. As she pulls herself out from under the warm and cozy covers, she questions why in the heck she does this to herself repeatedly. After eating her granola bar in the car, she basically drags herself to the school gym. Upon arriving, she realizes she has to wait outside in the freezing cold with drowsy eyes and slumped shoulders, for someone to let her in, because she doesn't have the right code to get into the gym for dance team practice at 5:30 am.

But then the music starts. Its blaring tone echoes throughout the whole gym. As she starts her morning workout, running around the gym four or five times, stretching her legs and arms, she feels alive. She feels awake. She feels her passion flowing from within her in each turn, leap and illusion. With her teammates surrounding her, smiling and laughing, she is reminded of why she drags herself there everyday. Her teammates are her family and dance is her passion. She loves it.

This is the reality for girls on the dance team. According to freshmen Caroline Armstrong and Grace Woodbury, though it is hard work and dedication, they love it.

"My favorite part of dance team is definitely just being around my teammates," junior Nicole Maus said. "We have grown so close over the year and they can always make me laugh."

Dance team started tryouts in April where 8th graders try out for the first time and returning upperclassmen reclaim their spots. Practices continued through June and they attended a camp in July.

"I was so nervous to try out but it was totally worth it," Armstrong said. "We are all together for like 9 months so we really get to bond."

There were no sophomores on the team which made the dynamic different from past seasons. However, there were six freshmen.

"It was weird not having sophomores; a little intimidating at first," Armstrong said. "But I met some of my best friends on the team."

The senior captains were Molly Riffel, Alison Munoz and Ally Pribyl. The girls have the privilege of creating the dance performed at the Rockhurst High School homecoming football game, along with general responsibilities as leaders of the team. According to Woodbury, they also make the decision on how the girls wear their hair and makeup.

"I could definitely see myself being a senior captain someday," Woodbury said. "I really want to."

In addition to the early morning practices, the dance team practiced after school for two hours in Verheyen. Before they could practice, they had to fold up all the tables and chairs, and clean up the food left on the floor.

"The floors are usually really dirty so we have to clean them before we can start practicing our routines," Armstrong said, laughing. "We all hate having to do that."

Their hard work paid off as the dance team won third in mix and fourth in dance at state, and first in mix and fifth in dance at the Lee's Summit competition.

"This season went really well and I think we all tried our personal best," Woodbury said. "We definitely grew as a team and I will definitely be trying out again."

Additionally, the team bonded by buying a team pet. The freshmen adopted a Betta fish and named it after Riffel's old Betta fish.

"He has become a team mascot that we all love," Maus said.

The girls take turns sharing the responsibility of keeping the fish. Their coach brought it to state with them and held it up as they performed.

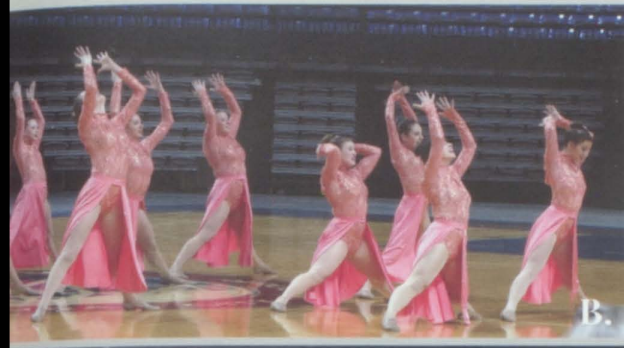
"The security guards yelled at us and asked us what we were carrying around," Armstrong said. "I just told them that we were carrying around a plastic container filled with water and kept running."



DANCE



FIRST ROW: (from left) Sophia Shugart, Grace Woodbury, Maggie Vasquez, Grace Coleman, Olivia Thomas
 SECOND ROW: Caroline Armstrong, Nicole Maus, Elena Engelke, Anna Moore
 THIRD ROW: Molly Riffel, Alex Mullins, Ally Pribyl, Lily Walsh, Alison Muñoz



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A. SASS STA dance team members perform during the Rockhurst High School homecoming football game at halftime Oct. 9. *photo by molly winkler*

B. DANCE FOR STATE The dance team performs their lyrical dance at Kemper Arena during the State Competition Feb. 20. *photo by carolyn scheuler*

C. FINAL COUNTDOWN Senior Lily Walsh, and freshman dance team members wait for the first half to end at the Rockhurst High School football game Oct. 9. *photo by molly winkler*

D. KICKS FOR DAYS The STA dance team performs during the winter sports pep rally Dec. 4. The

girls practice all year until the State competition in February. *photo by molly winkler*

E. #DT4L Senior dance team captain Ally Pribyl looks up at the crowd sitting in the bleachers before the dance team performance at the Rockhurst High School football game Oct. 9. *photo by ally moore*

F. LAUGH OUT LOUD Seniors Lily Walsh, from right, Alex Mullins, and Molly Riffel stand on the sidelines at the basketball game Feb. 24. The Stars dance team celebrated their senior night along with the basketball seniors. *photo by delaney meyer*



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SCOREBOARD

DATE	CATEGORY	PLACE
9/5	UDA DANCE CAMP	
	St. Thomas Aquinas	9th
12/12	KC CLASSIC	
	Mix	1st
	Pom	1st
	Dance	4th
1/23	LEE'S SUMMIT INVITATIONAL	
	Mix	1st
	Dance	5th
2/20	STATE	
	Mix	3rd
	Dance	4th

BUILDING A BOND

Freshman gathered on campus for the annual spring freshman retreat Apr. 1. For freshman, this was an opportunity to bond with new classmates in a special way.

Waiting in the lengthy line made up of her classmates, freshman Annabelle Meloy excitedly waited to sign in and begin the annual freshman retreat, even though it was two months late.

"I didn't really mind," Meloy said. "We were still able to grow closer to each other and it just gave us more time to get to know more people before the retreat."

Freshman Rhianna Jones agreed, claiming that she did not mind the delayed date, but she did mind the irresponsibly-used time at the retreat.

"Everything felt rushed because one activity that ran over time consequently inhibited another and it just became a huge jumble," Jones said.

However, Meloy disagreed, saying that while she thought a longer retreat would have been fun, she thought the amount of time was sufficient.

"The activities made it fun and the time passed quickly because of that," Meloy said.

According to Jones, the private group discussions were one of the highlights of her experience.

"The group dynamic was interesting and fun," Jones said. "[The group sessions] gave us a chance to bond as a smaller group, while still bonding as a class."

According to freshman Margaux Renee, the small group atmosphere allowed her to see a different and interesting side to many of her classmates.

"We have so much fun here at STA; we're always laughing and joking so it was really cool to hear people's serious, genuine thoughts," Renee said.

Freshman Juliette Rafael agreed, saying that she now had a shared experience to talk about with the girls in her group whom she was not friends with before the retreat.

"We have something fun to bond over besides homework now," Rafael said. "We all usually smile at each other in the halls now too."

Although Meloy already knew most of the girls in her small group, she still claims to have learned new and interesting things about them at the retreat.

"It was really interesting to hear [their deep thoughts]," Meloy said. "You can really get to know someone better if you take into account their own opinions. We all shared some pretty personal things and I think that was kind of the whole point of being there together, to come closer."

Renee also claims to have developed a new, stronger bond with her classmates through sharing personal beliefs with them.

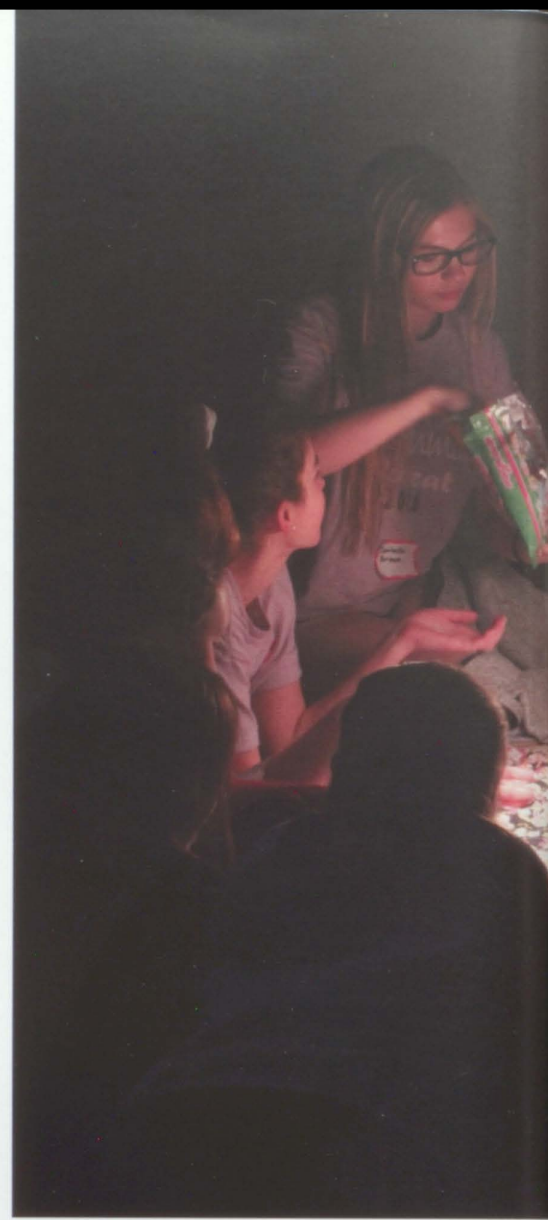
"[The retreat] made me think about how lucky I am to have not only such close friends, but also an entire class of people who genuinely care about my well-being," Renee said. "I honestly just loved every minute. It really made me think about how fast these next few years are going to go by."

Meloy also began to realize how short her time at STA would be, through the letter-writing activity, in which freshmen wrote a letter to their future selves for them to read at their last senior class retreat.

"I am really excited to see how my four years at STA will have affect me by then," Meloy said. "It was challenging to think about what I wanted to tell myself, but it made me think of the most important things that I knew I needed to put in the letter."

Sophomore utility team member, Olivia Matlock, claimed that this retreat was unique and that this freshman class is very different from year's past.

"This class is full of big personalities," Matlock said. "Some of the things these girls are doing I wouldn't have even dreamed of doing as a freshman, and that's a good thing. I really hope the freshman will take the experience of talking with girls outside their friend groups and let that allow them to make new friends and better understand each other."



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A. **LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE** Freshman retreat group leaders from left, senior Sarah Wunder and Caitlin O'Toole, facilitate small group discussion at the retreat Apr. 1. Some of the topics discussed included friendship, being yourself, and faith. *photo by ally moore*
 B. **SIGNING LINE** Freshmen, from left, Madeline Loehr and Lydia Parsa sign friends' shirts at the end of the freshman retreat. Apr. 1 in the Commons. Every girl who attended the retreat was given a shirt to wear. *photo by ally moore*
 C. **NAMASTE** Freshmen practice yoga in the dance studio during the freshman retreat Apr. 1. The activities planned for the retreat included glow-in-the-dark capture the flag, yoga and shirt signing. *photo by ally moore*
 D. **SIGN ME UP** Senior Sophia Cusumano, left, signs the shirt of freshman Libby Baker at the freshman retreat Apr. 1. *photo by ally moore*
 E. **TAG ME MAYBE** Freshman, from left, Caroline Stuckey and Maggie Fielder attempt to tag one another during glow-in-the-dark capture the flag at the freshman retreat Apr. 1. *photo by ally moore*



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BEFORE AND AFTER

Freshman shared their expectations for the freshman retreat and later compared them to their actual experience.

Lenytte Matos:

Expectation: "I expected the retreat to be a lot about connecting with God and finding yourself. I didn't think we would have activities and little skits to do. I also expected the groups to not be so great since we would be with a lot of people we had never talked to before."

Reality: "It was way better than I expected. Doing the skits, having snacks and connecting with your group leaders was a really great experience. I enjoyed it."

Kate Euston:

Expectation: "I expected it to be kind of boring and I didn't think it would be fun."

Reality: "It was so much fun! I loved spending time with my peers and playing fun games. It was a great experience!"

ONE ACT WONDERS

Director Shana Prentiss branched out with the winter play, running from Feb. 18-20 by choosing to put on a series of one-act plays instead of the traditional full story.

B ut in a previous lifetime I was Marie Antoinette."
 "No way!"
 "Yeah, that was me!"
 "The let-'em-eat-cake lady?"
 "I said that in 1793. 'Let them eat cake!'"
 "Isn't that something."

The St. Teresa's Theater Department put on the production "All in the Timing", a compilation of eight one-act plays from Thursday, Feb. 18th through Saturday, Feb. 20th. This was the first time the theater department had ever done one-acts instead of a full production for the winter play.

Drama teacher Shana Prentiss was introduced to the work of playwright David Ives when she was in college. "How swiftly flow the sands of time!" (from the one-act, "Arabian Nights.")

"[Ives] looks at things in just a slightly skewed way and I really like that," Prentiss said. "I appreciate that as a person and as a director. So, I've wanted to take the challenge on of these pieces for a long time."

Junior Emma Gustavson knew that she would audition for the winter play since she's been a part of five STA productions. Though the plays had their stressful moments, she enjoyed the atmosphere.

"At times it can feel like a job because you are so exhausted from tech week and have to give it your all, but [it is] a dream job because everyone is so passionate about what we [are] doing," Gustavson said.

Sophomore Kate Jones agreed that technical rehearsals were exhausting and stressful, but it was a great bonding experience.

"With musicals, I definitely spend

more time with the crew," Jones said. "But with the plays, it's an entire play bonding experience, like the whole cast and crew and everyone."

Well, "a deep hole in the ground" (from "Arabian Nights"), the plays had a great environment surrounding them. The final night was hard for the cast and crew, however.

"It's so sentimental because tech week is only one week long," Jones said. "And like it's so weird how close we get in those seven days. Yeah, I'm like friends with everyone in the play, but I'm not like hang-out friends with everyone because I don't see them that much outside of school. We get so close and then it ends, and it's so sad."

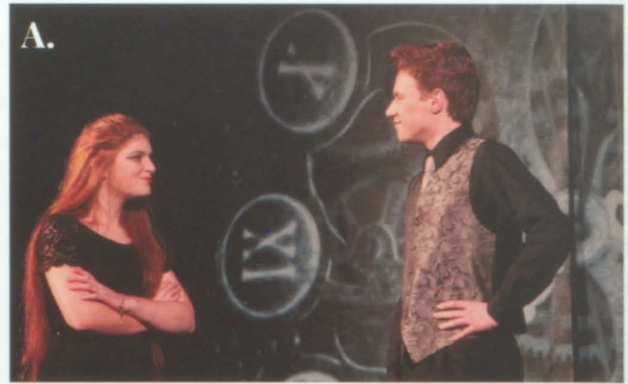
Prentiss enjoyed the whole experience as well, and she highly praised the STA community for its involvement in the production.

"It is unbelievable," Prentiss said. "I stand out in that hallway any opening night and kids that I don't know are like, 'Have a great show tonight! I can't wait to see it!' I mean, I have faculty and administrators that come and see every production and that doesn't happen at every school."

The one-acts were definitely challenging in many ways, but those in the theater program worked through it. Prentiss believed that the production was really about the students.

"This is 100% student-run, and I think that's unique," Prentiss said. "It's not about me. As nice as it is, I'm embarrassed when people are praising me because I'm like, 'It's not about me. It's about the work that they have done.' So I'm proud of that."

If Prentiss could go back and do this all over again, would she? "Sure thing."





A. CHIT CHAT Sophomore Katrina O'Connor and Lee's Summit North high school senior Morgan Ball perform Feb. 17 in the STA winter play "All In The Timing." photo by *maggie knox*

B. GROOVY GRANNY Senior Moira White performs in the winter play Feb. 17 held in the auditorium. photo by *maggie knox*
 C. SMOKING CHIMP ACT Sophomores Maura Graham, left, and Olivia Matlock watch in disapproval as sophomore Miranda Collins' character reaches for a cigarette during the winter play. photo by *emma stiles*

D. JERSEY JOKESTERS Juniors Jeanne O'Flaherty, left, and Maura Knopke taunt junior Alexandra Frisch's character. Frisch played a New Jersey construction worker who believed he was the rightful son of Charles Lindberg. photo by *emma stiles*

E. SENIORS AS SENIORS Seniors Savaria Goodman, left, and Moira White play their parts in "Lives of the Saints" at tech rehearsal for the winter play Feb. 17. photo by *maggie knox*

F. ONE FOR ALL Drama teacher Shana Prentiss gives the cast and crew a pep talk before their first show Feb. 18. photo by *emma stiles*



D.

CAST AND CREW

Cast

Director: Shana Prentiss

Betty: Emma Gustavson

Bill: Paul Hathaway

Interpreter: Hannah Dobson

Norman: Chris Grisafe-Pont

Flora: Eve Aspinwall

Swift: Olivia Matlock

Kafka: Maura Graham

Milton: Miranda Collins

Charlie: Alexandra Frisch

Frank: Maura Knopke

Joe: Jeanne O'Flaherty

Edna: Savaria Goodman

Flo: Moira White

Stage Hands: Bridget Dulle, Olivia Jackson

Trotsky: Anna Campbell

Mrs. Trotsky: Kate Loman

Ramon: Alexandria Davis

Dawn: Emma Gustavson

Don: Wolf Wheeler

Stranger: Bridget Dulle

Instructor: Elizabeth Elm

Jack: Morgan Ball

Jill: Katrina O'Connor

Crew

Isabella Meisel, Mary Kate Randolph, Lia Biritz, Marin Brown, Victoria Cartee, Gabrielle Martinez, Sophia Brown, Kat Mediavilla, Kate Jones, Cassidy Schuster, Louise Christianson, Katherine Cory, Lauren Daugherty, Michaela Devero, Yesenia Eichholz, Nicole Ficklin, Katie LeCluyse, Eden Schulte, Reilly Atkins, Sophia Bunch, Katelyne Kratofil, Bridget Graham, Jillian Morrison, Gina Bisacca, Emma Boxx, Leah Dorris, Isabelle Fleming, Pria Jean-Baptiste, Rhianna Jones, Madeline Medina, Grace Marshall, Valleri Miller, Holly Phalen, Ellery Stubbers, Olivia Swinney, Holly Vervaecke

MEET THE MAYOR

Kansas City Mayor Sly James came to STA

Feb. 1. He visited classrooms and gave a speech

declaring 2016 as 'The Year of the Young Woman.'

STA president Nan Bone and fellow faculty members gather in the front hall of Donnelly waiting to welcome Kansas City Mayor Sly James. The mayor comes in and tours the Donnelly building peeking into classrooms filled with students dressed in red and black sweaters.

"We want the mayor to know what our education is about and how focused on the STEAM initiative we are," Bone said.

According to Bone, she met the mayor at an event a year before and asked him to consider coming to the school. James happily agreed and nearly a year later, James visited campus and watched students test their hoverboards in the hallway of third floor Donnelly.

"I was pretty sure my hoverboard would work, but my project not working in front of the mayor and the president of the school and a bunch of cameras did feel like something that would happen to me," sophomore Olivia Matlock said.

According to Matlock, most of the class felt nervous showing their work to James, but when it worked, there was a strong sense of pride.

"The mayor was also just really cool like he thought what we were doing was awesome and he made us all feel a little calmer I think,"

Matlock said.

After watching the physics class' work, Mayor James was shown the school's 3D printers by science teachers Terry Conner and Mary Montag.

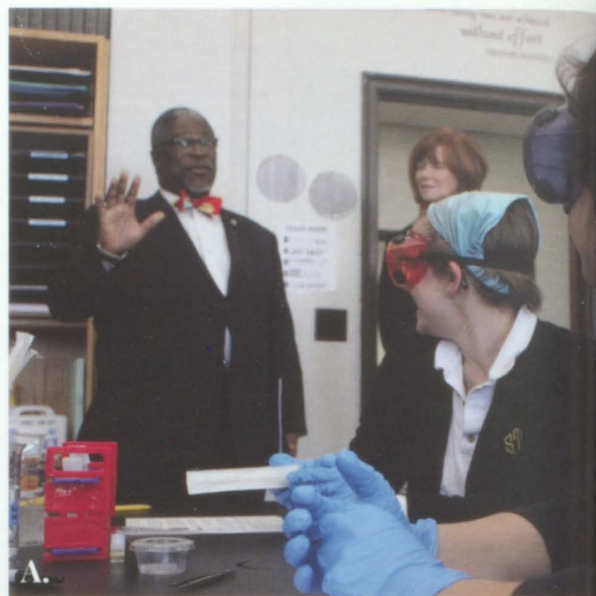
"He seemed really impressed by the work we were doing with the printers," Montag said. "He asked questions about how it worked and watched them for a few minutes really."

The mayor then went downstairs to the publication room and was interviewed by Dart staffers, Helen Wheatley and Audrey Carroll.

"The Dart girls asked really good questions about women's education and women in the workplace," Bone said. "I think he was surprised by how difficult the questions they asked were, but he was excited to have this conversation with them."

After the interview, James was taken into the Goppert Center. He walked to the podium in front of 600 students and faculty. His speech included praising STA for the long history of women's education and declaring 2016 as 'The Year of the Young Woman.'

"I loved his speech," Bone said. "I thought it was so good and from the students I've talked to, the girls felt the same way. And everyone loved taking a selfie with the mayor of course."



MAYORS THROUGHOUT HISTORY

STA opens in 1866.....Alexander Harris
 African Americans gain voting rights in 1870.....Elijah Mcgee
 STA relocates in 1909.....Thomas Crittenden Jr.
 World War I begins in 1914.....Henry Jost
 Women gain voting rights in 1920.....James Cowgill
 World War II begins in 1931.....Bryce Smith
 STA expands into Donnelly Hall in 1941.....John Gage
 STA celebrates 100 years in 1966.....Illus Davis
 First man walks on the moon in 1969.....Illus Davis
 STA builds Goppert Center in 1982.....Richard Berkley
 9/11 terrorist attacks happen in 2001.....Kay Barnes
 STA builds Windmoor Center in 2012.....Sly James
 STA celebrates 150 years in 2016.....Sly James

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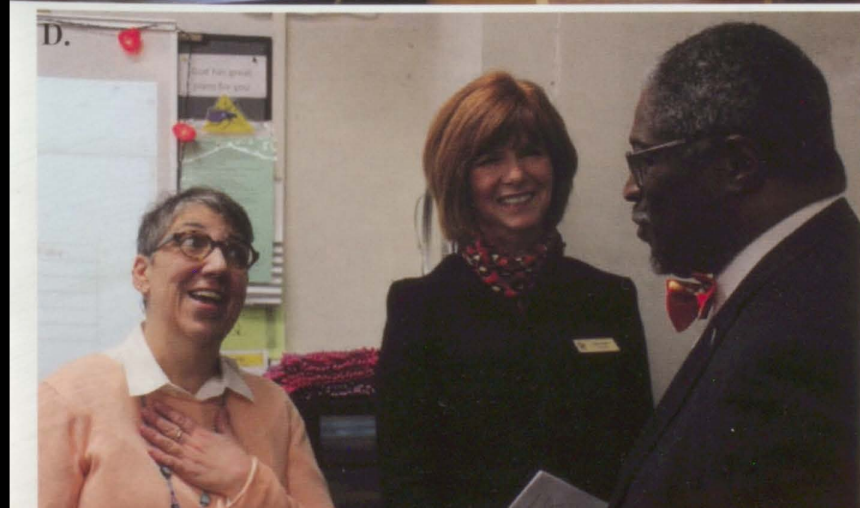
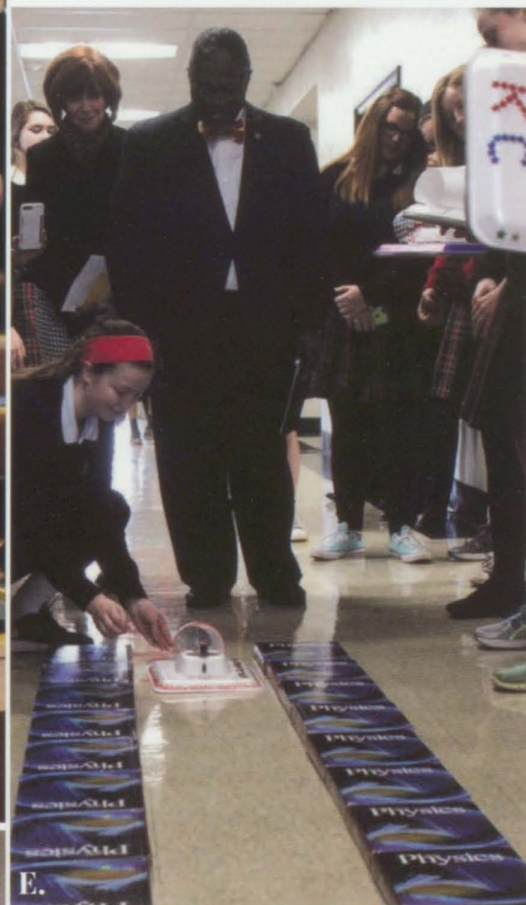
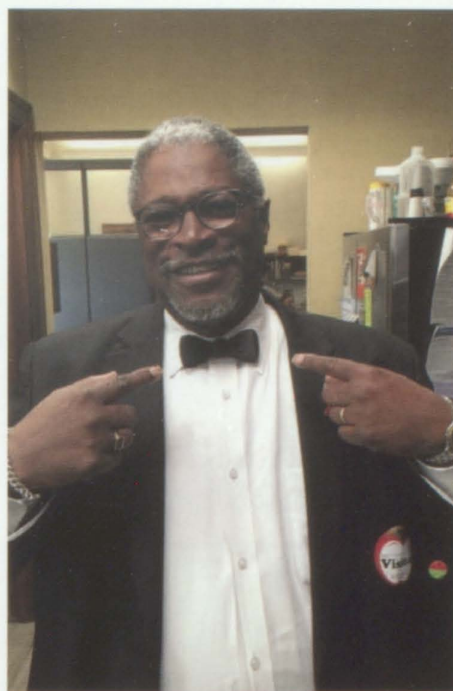
The science classes used the 3D printers to make a gift for Mayor Sly James. The mayor used social media platform, Twitter, to show off his new bow tie.



Mayor Sly James
@MayorSlyJames



What do you say #STA? Love the Bow Tie. First 3D tie I've owned. Thanks #StTeresaAcademy! #kansacity



A. MAYOR MEETING Seniors Erin Burroughs, left, and Elaina Bailey listen as the mayor speaks to their AP Biology class Feb. 1. Before his speech to the student body, Mayor Sly James stopped in to observe multiple classes. *photo by alison munoz*
B. SELFIE WITH SLY Mayor Sly James takes a selfie with the student body following his speech on "The Year of the Young Woman" Feb. 1. *photo by alison munoz*
C. WOMEN ARE IMPORTANT Mayor Sly James gives his speech to the student body Feb. 1. James declared the year of 2016, "The Year of the Young Women". *photo by molly winkler*
D. SCIENCE SMALL TALK Science teacher Mary Montag discusses the science program with Mayor Sly James Feb. 1. STA president Nan Bone led the mayor on a tour of the STEAM programs in the Donnelly building. *photo by alison munoz*
E. FUN WITH PHYSICS Mayor Sly James watches as junior Lizzy Williams displays her hovercraft Feb. 1. Science teacher Terry Conner's honors physics class designed hoverboards to showcase during the mayor's visit. *photo by alison munoz*

TALL TALES

Students share crazy rumors they heard about the surprise assembly.

"I thought DJ Khaled was going to come," sophomore Anna Kate Powell said. "I'm dead serious."

"I'm pretty sure it was rumored that Taylor Swift was going to be there. I blame [senior] Emily Laird for trying to spread that one," senior Sarah Cigas said.

"I heard Tech N9ne was going to fly in on a private helicopter and perform," sophomore Kate Jones said.

"I heard that the one and only Justin Bieber was going to perform at the assembly," freshman Rhianna Jones said.



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CINEMATIC SISTERHOOD

A video commemorating the current students of STA was played for the first time at the surprise assembly Jan. 4.

After a week of filming and several weeks of waiting, an anniversary video celebrating the current students was played at the assembly.

"I got chills when they played the video," senior Gillian Cutter said. "I thought it was very well made and looked very professional."

Freshman Jane Kincaid agreed, also saying that she enjoyed watching it was fun to watch her memories from this year play out before her on the screen.

"I was not in the video sadly, but I loved just seeing people I knew in it," Kincaid said. "It made it so real seeing familiar faces on the screen. I think it just made it that much better."

Cutter claimed that watching the video made her feel proud to be a student at STA and she, too, reminisced on all the great memories she has had at STA.

"Being a senior, it's especially cool to be a part of the 150th anniversary," Cutter said. "Knowing that I'm the 150th graduating class is really special and something that I think I'll remember for the rest of my life."

Kincaid claims that the video showed her the true sisterhood of STA and what it means to be a student here.

"The sisterhood was one of the reasons I chose STA," Kincaid said. "My aunt is still close with her sisters from high school and I can't wait to have bonds like that."

A. DANCE TO THE BEAT Junior Claire McCann and senior Mary Hilliard dance together in celebration at the 150th Anniversary surprise birthday party Jan. 4. *photo by molly winkler*
 B. HAPPY BIRTHDAY STA Senior Mary Campbell throws her hands up in the air after dancing in the dance circle at the 150th Anniversary birthday party. The students enjoyed spending time dancing with their friends and celebrating the school's anniversary. *photo by molly winkler*

C. SCHOOL SPIRIT Juniors Grace Schloegel, from left, Rose Madden, Allie McDill, Meg Duffy, Anna Bresette and Anna Moore jump to the opportunity of posing for a picture during a surprise assembly

held in honor of St. Teresa's Academy's 150th Birthday. *photo by emma stiles*

D. SHOW ME YOUR MOVES Juniors Tess Relliar and Maya Kalmus dance together in a dance circle during the 150th Anniversary surprise birthday party. Students enjoyed dancing together, taking pictures, and talking after a long day of school work. *photo by molly winkler*

E. CELEBRATION Juniors Hannah Grant and Claire Branney dance during the school's 150th Anniversary birthday party. The school surprised the students with a party, the first day back from winter break. *photo by molly winkler*

SURPRISE CELEBRATION

The STA community gathered in the Goppert Center to enjoy a surprise dance party, eat cupcakes and celebrate the beginning of the school's 150th year as an institution.



Packed in the gym beside her classmates and teachers, sophomore Anna Louise Sih anxiously awaited the start of the mystery assembly.

"I had heard crazy rumors, but I didn't believe those," Sih said. "I was really just expecting the assembly to be some teachers outlining new additions to the handbook or something."

Senior Payton Seever also did not expect an impromptu dance party at the assembly.

"I thought we would have notable alumni come speak because we, as women of St. Teresa's, have some incredibly accomplished women who have done amazing things," Seever said.

According to president Nan Bone, she realized that the staff had yet to celebrate the students in the anniversary, so she decided to put the event together over the course of several weeks.

"[Administration] had to secure the DJ and then after New Years Day we went around to all the Party Warehouses to buy leftover 2016 items," Bone said. "We also bought birthday hats and ordered 600 star cookies before [Christmas] vacation."

Bone claimed that keeping the party a secret was the most difficult part of the planning process, but junior Gabby Ayala was glad that faculty did.

"It was really fun to be in class that day," Ayala said. "All of my teachers would tease us about them knowing what was going on and how we didn't. Since they kept talking about how great it was going to be, it made all the students antsy to see what the assembly would be."

Junior Tess Rellihan agreed, saying that she liked that the faculty kept the dance party a secret because it was more fun for both

students and teachers that way.

Once the DJ was revealed, the shocked students quickly rushed down to the dance floor with their friends.

"I remember thinking 'this is hilarious' and running down to the floor with [my friends]," Sih said. "[The dance party] was totally something STA would do, which I love that the administration can be serious, but also have a good sense of humor at the same time."

Ayala claimed that she thought the surprise dance party was a joke at first, but then once she realized the administration was serious, she sprinted straight toward the dance floor.

"I was super excited [when the dance party was announced] because I knew something fun was bound to happen," Rellihan said. "STA always finds a way to let the students have fun, which helps build the sisterhood."

Bone was glad students enjoyed the surprise assembly, claiming it was the perfect example of the unique sisterhood bond that students at STA have and why the students of the past, present and future have made STA the best school in Kansas City.

The goal of the event was to include students all grade levels in the anniversary celebration and senior Jewell Allen believes that was achieved.

"I think STA is doing a great job of including everyone and not just the seniors, because everyone at STA is a part of the celebration," Allen said.

According to Bone, she is proud to lead such a wonderful school and plans to hold many more anniversary events that will appeal to students of the course of the next year.

"It was so fun to spend the last period of the day with my friends dancing...I definitely won't forget this as long as I live," Sih said.

A. LET'S PLAY A GAME Freshmen Mia Tomasic plays a hand slapping game during an advisory party May 3. The Blake advisory was known for having a lot of advisory parties. *photo by bridget graham*

B. PUPPY TIME Mr. Fast plays with senior Machelia Dunlea's puppy Emer during senior farewell parties May 3. Dunlea got the puppy a week prior and brought it to the party for everyone to meet. *photo by molly winkler*

C. TACO TUESDAY A member of the Blake advisory makes a taco during an advisory party May 3. The party's theme was Mexican food for senior Rita Vitton's birthday. *photo by bridget graham*

D. CANDY FOR DAYS Juniors Mary Kate Randolph and Rose Genaris stuff a pinata during their Fast advisory party May 3. Every year Mr. Fast gets his advisory a pinata for the senior farewell party at the end of the year. *photo by molly winkler*

E. LOTS OF LAUGHS Juniors Martina Florida and Laura Kieffer laugh together during a Blake advisory party May 3. *photo by bridget graham*



ADVISORY ANECDOTES

Students and faculty shared their favorite moments from their advisories.

Freshmen Camille Begnaud, Good advisory: "My favorite memory was probably the thanksgiving feast with Perry advisory because we had so much food."

Sophomore Sloane Smith, Himes advisory: "We were playing Heads Up, and the whole advisory went crazy."

Junior Rose Genaris, Fast advisory: "Every advisory party, Fast always says he has a croquet set in the trunk of his car if we want to use it."

Senior Maddie Rubalcava, Blessen advisory: "[My favorite advisory memory was] singing math Christmas songs to other advisories sophomore year."

Math teacher Kelsey Romine: "Last year, we had a gold pre-lit Christmas tree, but only the lights on the bottom half of the tree lit up. We kept it up anyway."

RIGHT TO PARTY

Science teacher Renee Blake has had an advisory for 22 years, making it the oldest. The Blake advisory has been known to have multiple advisory parties in one week.

For members of science teacher Renee Blake's advisory, having more than one advisory party in one week was completely normal. "I try not to have more than two in a week," Blake said. "I tried three one time and that about killed us."

Birthdays, half birthdays and holidays were never ignored. With many parties to plan, it was difficult to order food from new places. Because of this, the advisory got their own set of appliances such as crock pots, microwaves and panini makers, making it easy to accommodate so many parties.

"I hate ordering," Blake said. "We have themes, and we go through the list and they get to choose. We have pasta, Mexican, breakfast, smoothie, paninis, soup, grilled cheese and favorites."

The time spent at the parties was not wasted. It served as a great opportunity for advisees to get to know each other.

"If it wasn't for [the parties] I'm not sure I'd even know the names of the people in my advisory," freshman Jane Kincaid said. "I talk to some of my friends who say that they hardly know the upperclassman and that they never talk. It kind of surprises me because I have such good relationships with the ones in my advisory, which I think is because of the parties."

With so many things going on during activity, it was sometimes hard to find a day that worked with everyone's schedule.

"When we have parties, not everyone stays because they might have other stuff going on,"

sophomore Lauren Lynch said. "When people do stay, we usually just talk or play spoons."

Blake had an advisory since 1993, when she began working at STA. Since her advisory had been around for 22 years, she earned the title of oldest advisory at STA.

"I think we should be proud that we are the oldest," Kincaid said. "It's cool because we are the oldest school in Kansas City, and being one of the oldest advisories, it's cool to think about all the people who have come before me."

Lynch shared the same feelings as Kincaid.

"I think it is something to be extremely proud of because a lot of advisors can move or not have enough time or space for an advisory," Lynch said. "With Blake being the oldest advisory, I think it really shows the sisterhood of STA."

During her time at STA, Blake came up with traditions she still practices today. For senior gifts, she went the extra mile to make sure her advisees don't forget their time in her advisory. For the past 19 years, Blake sewed a stuffed bear for her graduating seniors.

"I make the entire bear," Blake said. "It's jointed and can move. It's probably about 18 or 19 inches tall. Then I make its dress with stars on it and it has a bow in its hair. You can't stop once you start, so I've made about 85-90 bears."

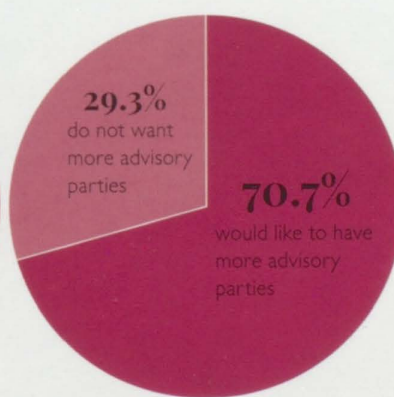
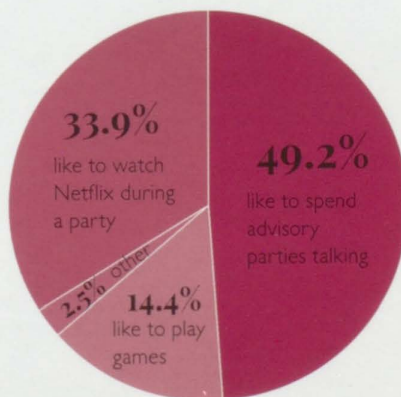
For Blake's advisees, the bear became something they can look forward to receiving as part of their senior gifts.

"I think that is really cute," Lynch said. "I will definitely keep that bear forever and it will forever be a reminder of what an amazing time I had in my advisory."



PARTY PEOPLE

242 STA students filled out a survey on which advisory party activities they enjoy most.





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A. THE RACE BEGINS Freshmen Ada Blasdel, left, and sophomore Maddie Adam dive into to begin their race Feb. 11. The girls swam in the 50 free, with Adam placing 2nd and Blasdel placing 6th. *photo by liz barton*

B. HEAD FIRST Senior Darby Pedersen dives into the pool as her relay team cheers her on at the swim meet against Belton at Longview Community Center Jan 13. Pederson, freshman Kate Lowe, junior Claire McCann and junior Gabby Ayala placed second in the 200 meter freestyle relay. *photo by liz barton*

C. FLIPPING OUT Freshman Caroline Armstrong completes a flip at a dive meet on Jan. 13. Armstrong was one of two

divers to qualify for state this year. *photo by margaret queen*

D. STRETCH IT OUT Freshmen Kate Lowe stretches her arms while on the block during day 2 of ILCS Feb. 11. Lowe advanced to day 2 in both individual and relay events. *photo by liz barton*

E. SISTERLY SUPPORT Senior Darby Pedersen congratulates junior Libby Hutchison after Hutchison qualified for state in the 200 freestyle Feb. 11. *photo by liz barton*

F. FLYING TO THE FINISH Freshmen Evelyn Moser swims the 100 fly at ILCS Feb. 11. Moser placed 3rd in the race. *photo by liz barton*



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SWIM AND DIVE



FIRST ROW: (from left) Emma Smith, Savannah James, Molly Cowan, Kate Lowe, Ada Blasdel, Teresa Drinkhouse, Madi Ungashick, Brooke Casper, Paige Ryan, Evelyn Moser, Talia Parra, Olivia Robertson

SECOND ROW: Emma Winfrey, Caroline Stuke, Caroline Armstrong, Mary Kate Armstrong, Kara Kanatzar, Sarah Mendez, Maddie Adam, Libby Hutchison, Gabby Ayala, Claire Bednar, Bailey Briscoe, Claire McCann, Molly Winkler

THIRD ROW: Coach Rob Cole, Coach Shelley King, Andie Round, Darby Pedersen, Sophia Prochnow, Mary Hilliard

SCOREBOARD

DATE	MEET	PLACE
12/1	Park Hill South	2nd
12/18	William Chrisman	--
1/2	Lee Summit	7th
1/8	Park Hill	10th
1/13	Belton	1st
1/16	COMO	8th
1/23	Blue Springs	1st
1/26	Notre Dame de Sion	1st
1/29	Springfield	--
2/5	St. Pius X High School	1st

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS
2/10 Lincoln College Prep 1st

STATE TOURNAMENT
2/19 St. Peters Rec-Plex Did Not Advance



DIVIN' INTO A NEW DYNAMIC

The swim team had a new coach, Rob Cole, and was led by three seniors, which was fewer than past years. The team changed a lot from last year and had an overall winning record of 8-3 with individuals and relays qualifying for state.

With a new coach, new goals, and many new freshmen, the swim and dive team's dynamic was very different than previous years. The team was led by three seniors, Darby Pedersen, Mary Hilliard and Sophia Prochnow, which is a less amount of seniors than the years before. Pedersen and Hilliard swam and Prochnow dove for the team this year.

"I went into this season absolutely terrified," senior Darby Pedersen said. "We lost some really good seniors as well as some of my best friends on the team as well as our coach aka our backbone. I felt like all of the responsibility to keep the team together, to carry on traditions, to make sure we made state, to keep morale up and to motivate people totally fell on Mary and I's shoulders. It was really scary and really, really stressful. STA swimming is tricky, especially when you're captain, because it's totally an individual sport but you have to make it a team sport."

The team had many team bonding events including a team sleepover. According to senior Mary Hilliard the juniors really stepped up throughout the season and helped out the seniors, which brought the whole team together.

"My expectations of the team was to see everyone improve from last season and have gain experience to build into our next season," coach Rob Cole said. "Also, I wanted to see them achieve self esteem while representing STA at their very best."

The team won ILCs (Independent League Championship) this year.

"A highlight of the season would be ILCs, for me personally because I got my best times in both of my events [500 free and 100 breast]," Hilliard said. "But the best part was in the 500 when I got to swim my last high school meet with two of my best friends, [Pedersen] and [junior Gabby Ayala] by my side. We swept the heat. [Pedersen] got first, I got second, and [Ayala] got third."

STA had a 200 and 400 free relay get a state cut, as well as individuals for both swimming and diving.

"Our 200 free cut was a total surprise and really exciting," Pedersen said. "It was an amazing feeling. I was so, so, so proud of everyone and of myself. I freak myself out so bad for individual event but I love relays. They're so exciting and so much fun. I started crying after the 200 free relay cut just because I was so relieved that we finally got a cut."

The team went 8-3 with our losses coming from the 2nd, 3rd, and 7th place teams at State.

"Even though I complain about swimming all the time, any time I get to be around some of my best friends is a highlight, whether it be pushing through an impossible set together, carpooling to practice, cheering at meets, or swimming next to each other during an event," Hilliard said.

NOAH'S NIGHT OUT

The annual STA Father Daughter Dance was held on Feb. 22, at the Muehlebach Hotel in downtown Kansas City.

This year's theme was "Noah's Ark."

Father daughter dances are a common tradition, however, according to freshman Grace Berghoff, the STA father daughter dance is unlike the others she or her peers have attended in the past.

"I have been to a father daughter dance before, but there was never a theme," Berghoff said. "I like how STA has themes it makes it even more fun, and it is exciting to pick out your costume."

Themes in the past have been heroes and villains, movie characters and decades. This year the theme was Noah's Ark. Dads and daughters were creative with the theme, dressing up as a variety of animals and characters ranging from zebras to Smurfs.

According to freshman Caroline Stuckey, the theme made the dance just that much more enjoyable.

"I thought the theme was great and I liked how everyone went all out with it," Stuckey said.

Along with dressing in theme at the annual dance, another tradition is the senior dance-off. The girls get on the dance floor and dance with their dads until there is a winner. This year, the winner was senior Kristina Coppinger with her dad, Pat Coppinger.

Since the theme was "Noah's Ark," they dressed up as Smurfs, going against the bandwagon of giraffes and elephants.

"Our lame joke was that we missed the ark," Coppinger said.

"Ever since freshman year, my dad and I have been looking forward to this dance contest and to win," Coppinger said. "I am so, so sad that this was my last year, but I'm happy I got to dress up and go with [my sister Kate] once."

"Honestly, my dad and I were born dancers, we seriously just felt the music and went for it," Coppinger said. "I don't think we did any organized dance moves." Her sister Kate had to agree saying that Kristina and her dad were very talented in the freestyle dancing category.

"I had a fun father-sister-daughter bonding time," Kate said. "It was awesome to experience with my sister, who I will miss next year, though I might not like to admit it."

Although this year was Kristina's last year at the dance, Kate said that she would definitely be attending next year.



TWO BY TWO

Students posted pictures on Instagram with their dads dressed as animals going with the theme of Noah's Ark for the Fauther Daughter Dance Feb. 22.



Freshman Ada Blasdel & her dad
photo courtesy of ada blasdel



Sophomore Emily Vosburgh & her dad
photo courtesy of emily vosburgh



Junior Kelly Hulsey joined along Junior Mackenzie O'Guin & her dad
photo courtesy of mackenzie o'guin



Senior Kailey McNett & her dad
photo courtesy of kailey mcnett

- F.** A. DANCING JELLYFISH Senior Carolyn Scheuler and her dad, Kent, dressed as jellyfish and danced together at the annual Father Daughter dance Feb. 22. photo by liz barton
 B. SEEING TWO Senior Zoe Jackson and her dad, Mike, walk off the dance floor after winning 2nd place in the dance off Feb. 22. photo by liz barton
 C. SPLENDID SPIKES Senior Maddie Torti and dad, Tony, dance to What Makes You Beautiful during the senior dance off Feb. 22. photo by liz barton
 D. CHICKEN LITTLE Senior Sophie Burke and her dad dressed as chicks and danced at the annual Father Daughter dance. photo by liz barton
 E. LIONS OH MY Senior Emily O'Neill and her dad dressed as lions and danced together at the annual Father Daughter dance. photo by liz barton
 F. BUNNY RABBIT Senior Eleanor Lueke and her dad dressed as bunnies and danced at the annual Father Daughter dance. photo by liz barton



THE TIARA AND TEARS

12.20.2015

The 64th annual Miss Universe Pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada ended in tears when host Steve Harvey announced the wrong contestant as the winner.

On Dec. 20, host Steve Harvey of the Miss Universe 2015 Pageant mistakenly crowned Ariadna Gutiérrez of Colombia as the winner before figuring out that Miss Philippines, Pia Wurtzbach, was the actual winner. He corrected himself on live television, posted an apology on social media site Twitter and even held a two-day television special to clear the air.

source: abcnews.com

FAIRYTALE FILM

2.15.1950

Disney's animated film "Cinderella" celebrated its release. The feature has been loved and cherished by many people of all ages throughout the years of its existence.

The legendary film "Cinderella" opened in theaters Feb. 15, 1950. Walt Disney created this animated feature based on the fairytale by the Brothers Grimm, chosen because it was similar to the previously released "Snow White". After six years of work on the film, "Cinderella" turned out to be one of Disney's best loved movies of all time as well as one of the highest grossing films of 1950.

source: history.com

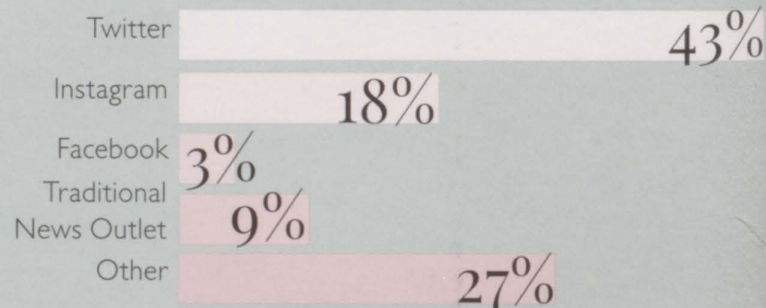


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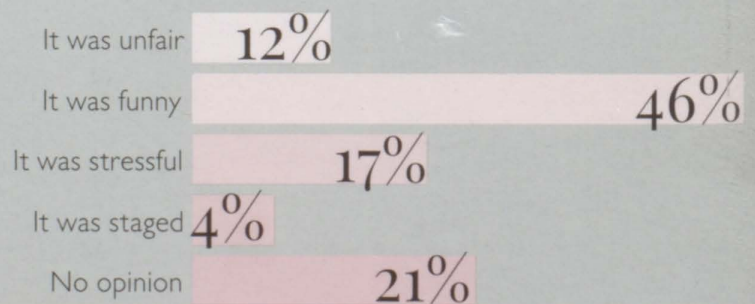
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How did you hear about the Miss Universe controversy?



When host Steve Harvey of the Miss Universe 2015 Pageant announced the wrong winner, what did you think?



A YEAR TO REMEMBER

1.16.2016

The Chiefs lost their playoff game to defending Super Bowl champions New England Patriots Jan. 16, ending their winning streak.

The 2015-16 Kansas City Chiefs' football season ended with a loss to the New England Patriots at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts, with a final score of 27-20. This year was the first in 22 years that the Chiefs had won a playoff game and made it this far in the post-season. Until the crushing defeat, the team had won their previous eleven games they had played.

source: kansascity.com

CALL TO ARMS

12.7.1941

Hundreds of Japanese fighter planes launched a surprise attack on the American naval base at Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu, Hawaii on Dec. 7, 1941.

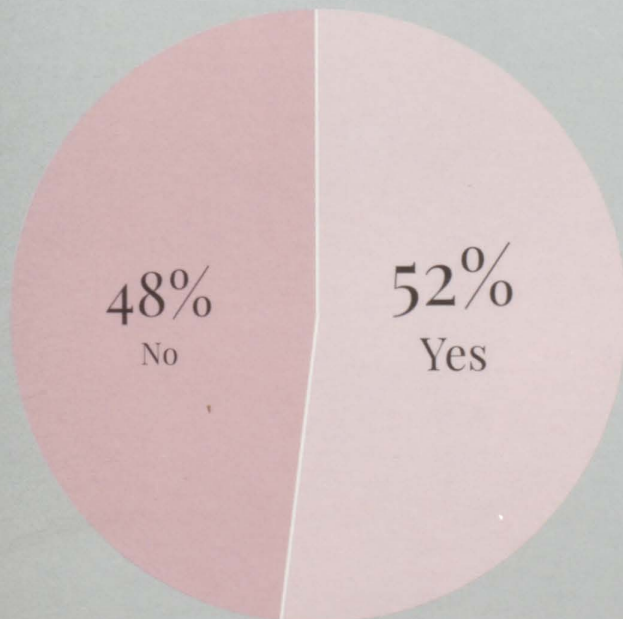
One of the most memorable events in American history, the bombing of Pearl Harbor devastated the whole country. Over 2,000 American soldiers died in the attack and about 1,000 were wounded. This was the catalyst for the United States' declaration of war on Japan. The United States of America had finally joined World War II.

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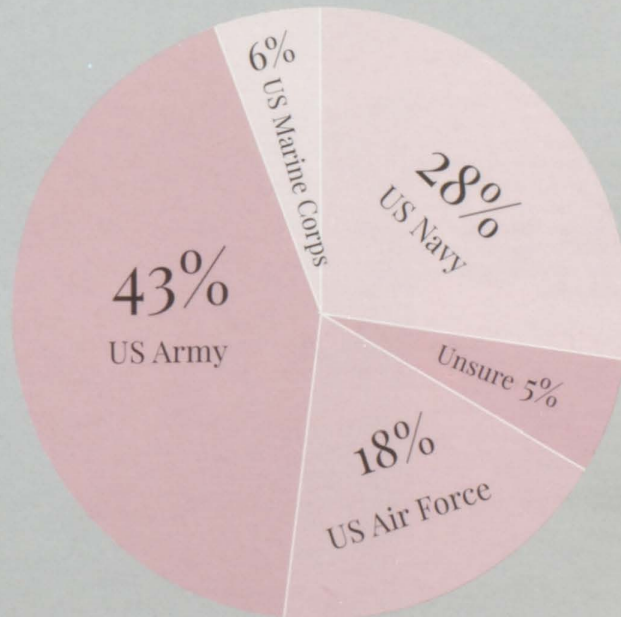
FAMILY PRIDE

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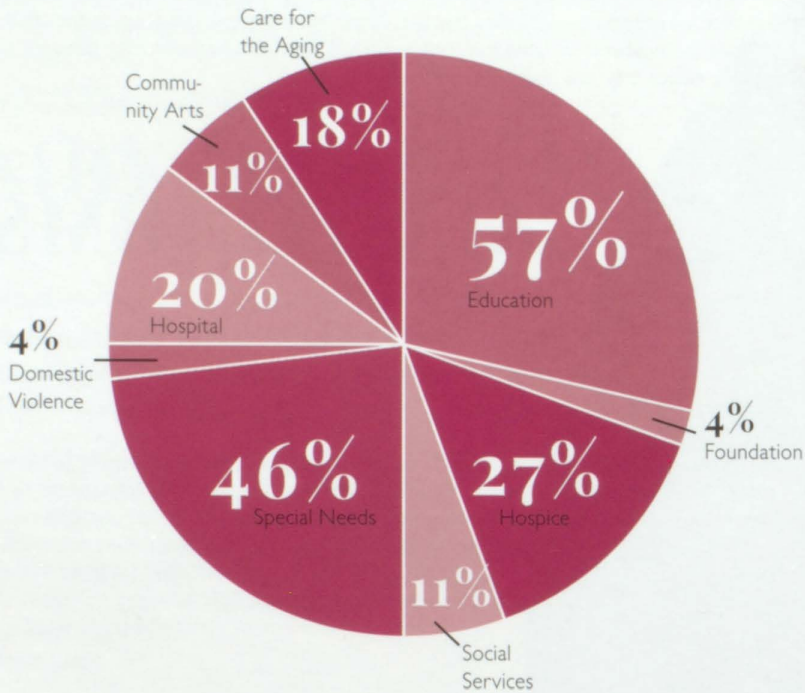


If so, which branch of military was he/she in?



CIRCLE OF SERVICE

Below are percentages of the 303 juniors and seniors who participated in nine different types of agencies during service week.



A. BUILDING BLOCKS Junior Isabella Patterson plays with a child during Service Week Feb. 25. Patterson was one of 18 students to complete service at United Inner City Services. *photo by alison munoz*

B. BACKPACK SEARCH A child at United Inner City Services searches his backpack for something during Service Week Feb. 25. "The kids just all seemed really happy like they liked being there," said junior Maria Tilson. "They didn't dread coming." *photo by alison munoz*

C. PLAYING PATIENT Junior Linden O'Brien-Williams plays with children during Service Week Feb. 25. O'Brien-Williams volunteered at United Inner City Services, a childcare center for underprivileged kids. *photo by alison munoz*

D. BINGO BUDDIES Senior Maggie Knox plays bingo with a child at United Inner City Services Feb. 25. "It's so fun when you're working with those little kids because they love you so much even if you don't even know any them," Knox said. *photo by alison munoz*

E. LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS Senior Katherine Green builds with magnetic blocks with a child at United Inner City Services Feb. 25. United Inner City Services works with children from a few weeks old to six years old. *photo by alison munoz*



FROM OLD TO YOUNG

During service week, junior and seniors picked between a variety of service agencies, all dealing with human interaction, where they accumulated 90 hours between three phases. There were nine different types of agencies from which to choose.

Instead of viewing service week as merely a requirement, senior Maggie Knox used service week as a time to grown close to the kids whom she served.

"For the second year in a row I've gotten sick after service week so it's definitely not easy but it's so rewarding that I just really want to go back," Knox said.

Knox volunteered at United Inner City Services and even though her 90 hours were completed she planned on returning over the spring or summer for a few days.

"You spend a week with the same group of kids you get attached to them just like they do to you," Knox said.

Like Knox, Junior Maria Tilson did her service at United Inner City Services, working with 4 and 5 year olds, and enjoyed getting to know the kids.

"The kids were just so sweet and loving," Tilson said. "...a kid would just come up and sit in your lap and not even ask a question and they would just look up at your face and smile at you and they just look at everything with so much joy...which was just refreshing."

According to Tilson, she was also amazed by how caring the teachers were for the students.

"You could tell they all care so much and they watch out for the kids a lot so it was a cool experience to be a part of," Tilson said.

After working with the preschoolers and seeing the teachers, Tilson was considering becoming a preschool teacher.

"The kids are so new to this world and they don't care about anything, like what people think, I just think

it's really cool being able to see them grow and learn," Tilson said.

Tilson planned to work with a different group of children, maybe babies, over the summer.

Senior Isabella Matthews also planned to return to her service agency, Little Sisters of the Poor, for their annual summer festival.

"I know they probably won't remember us but it'll still be the same thing, like getting close to them again" Matthews said.

During her service, Matthews grew closer to some residents, such as Josephine.

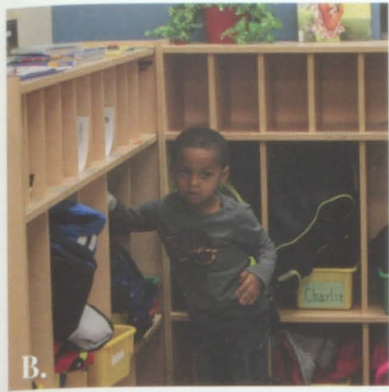
"When I got my contract signed [Josephine] was 102 years old and I was super worried by the time I got there in February she wasn't going to be around but she's still kicking at 103, wheeling herself to bingo everyday," Matthews said.

Junior Clare Fiorella also volunteered at Little Sisters of the Poor and cannot wait to return this summer.

"They were like hopefully I'll be here when you guys come back," Fiorella said. "And I about died...they were just the sweetest, most welcoming ladies I will ever [meet] I can't wait to go back in the summer."

Fiorella's favorite parts were going thrift shopping with 12 of the residents and eating lunch with the nuns Feb. 25.

"They had the funniest stories," Fiorella said. "The one I sat next to in mass, she was telling us how they met [actor] Mel Gibson and all the nuns went crazy... it was really cool to get to know them and it was really cool that they were wanting to get to know us as well."



ART FROM THE HEART

Junior Mara Cressey's favorite hobby is art and she has been drawing for as long as she can remember. Her Instagram account dedicated to her art, @drawings_by_mc, has 13.4K followers.

Many of us have fallen in love with characters such as princesses, tinkerbell and superheros without thinking about the design and effort behind creating these characters. Junior Mara Cressey is different in this regard, since she knows how much work it is to sketch and draw a character. She has been drawing as long as she can remember and specializes in sketching characters from animated movies along with actors and actresses.

Two years ago, Cressey decided to make an Instagram account dedicated to her art. The account is called @drawing_by_mc. In this account she posts depictions varying from actors to animated characters. The account has a total of 13,400 followers.

"At first I posted a lot of things that were very popular at the time so that kind of attracted lots of people, especially younger girls," Cressey said. "I posted a lot of Disney princesses and then my own characters that I would make based off that style. I'd say it's kind of progressed. That's what I did at first and I think that is what got me a lots of followers because that stuff was just so popular."

Cressey recreated Disney's 2015 Pixar movie, "Inside Out", in a recent post. The photo got 1,078 likes and is Cressey's favorite not original drawing she has done.

"I have wanted to have a career in drawing ever since I made my account,"

Cressey said. "I used to want to be an animator or a character designer for Disney but like now I figure it'd be better to have lots of different options or have an interest in lots of different careers involving art. I'd also love a career involving fashion or like hallmark or something like that where I could put the same skills to use."

St. Teresa's offers a course, Art Portfolio, to aid students in making a portfolio representative of their skills to help them show to colleges.

"I'm still deciding if I want to go to a specific art school because I'm interested in a lot of different things," Cressey said. "[Art] is the specific path I want to take so it just depends on the college and what they are looking for. They will kind of give you a guideline if you go and talk to them at college fairs. I went to one of those past year and brought my portfolio and they are more interested in drawings for real life than some of the stuff I had done."

According to Cressey many of her friends will request she sketch them, so often she will informally make a list and sketch her peers when she has time.

"[Art] has given me an outlet to express myself and allowed me to connect with people that I never would have thought been possible," Cressey said. "It is something that I have always loved to do so it's really cool when my art has an effect on other people."



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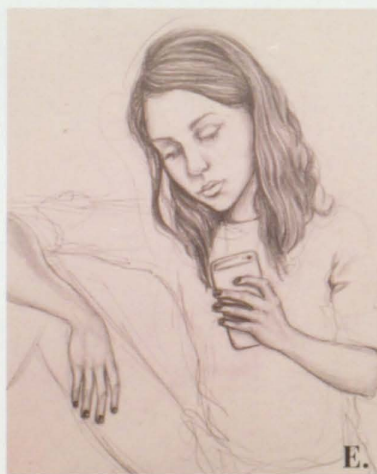
A. THE ARTIST Junior Mara Cressey poses for a picture to post on Instagram so that her fans will know what she looks like. photo courtesy of mara cressey

B. HAPPILY EVER AFTER Junior Mara Cressey recreates Disney's Cinderella and Prince Charming at the climax of the movie, when the clock strikes midnight. photo courtesy of mara cressey

C. PRETTY PRINCESSES Junior Mara Cressey sketched a picture in her notebook of Mulan, Rapunzel, and Tiana. photo courtesy of mara cressey

D. EMOTIONS UNLEASHED Junior Mara Cressey depicted the characters from Disney's 2015 movie, "Inside Out." Each character represents a different emotion. photo courtesy of mara cressey

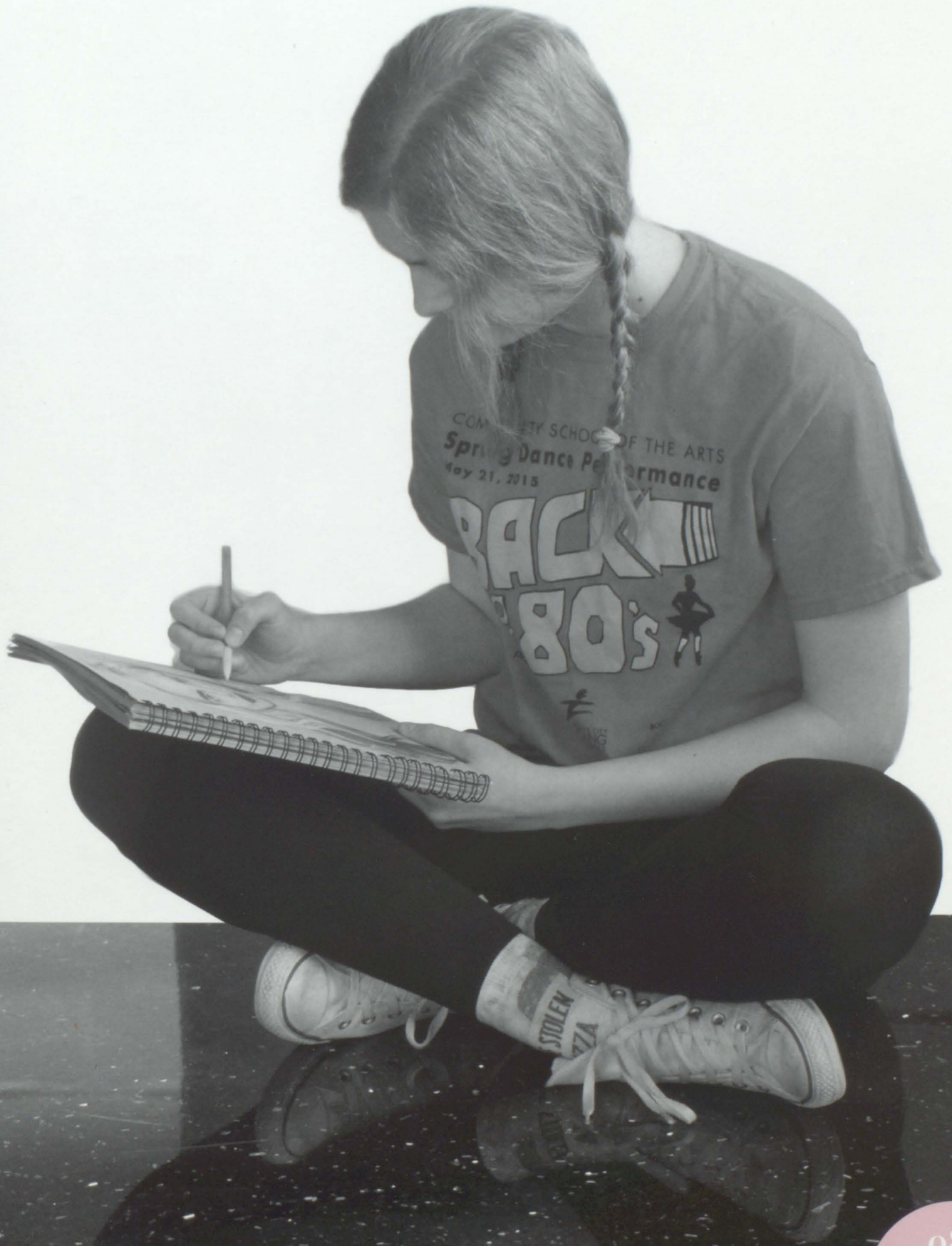
E. SELFIE STATUS Junior Mara Cressey shows her fans her artistic abilities while giving them a glimpse of what she looks like by sketching a mirror selfie of herself. photo courtesy of mara cressey



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MODERN MATH

2016 was the first year that a math class had ever been taught in the M&A building.

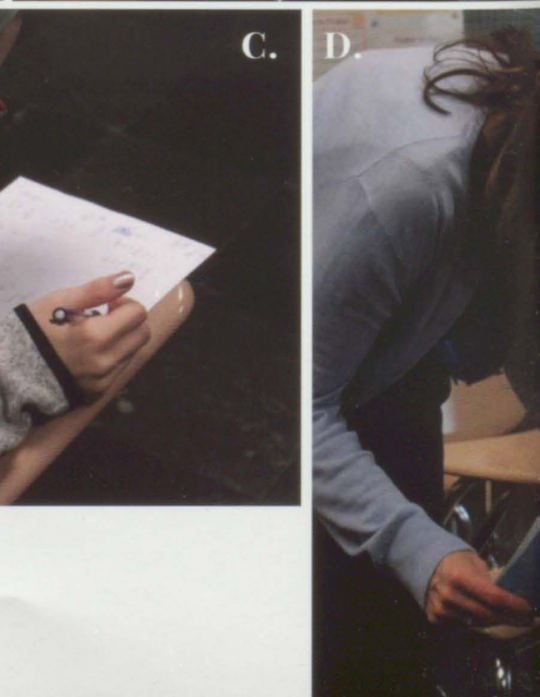
A. LASER FOCUS Freshmen Alexa Crimmins, left, and Elise Cressey work on homework in Math Hub during activity Mar. 9. Math Hub was an easy way for students to get help from teachers and upperclassmen on math homework assignments. *photo by alison munoz*

B. MATH MENTOR Senior Emily Laird helps freshman Isabella Brown with her assignment during Math Hub. This was the first year that Math Hub was available to students. *photo by alison munoz*

C. SOLO STUDY Freshman Isabella Brown takes advantage of the scheduled Math Hub to work on her homework. Math Hub meets during activity periods throughout the week. *photo by alison munoz*

D. WORKIN' WITH WELLER Math teacher Jo Weller checks freshman Isabella Brown's practice test in Math Hub Mar. 9. Weller periodically helps out "the Hub" in math teacher Diana Blessen's classroom. *photo by alison munoz*

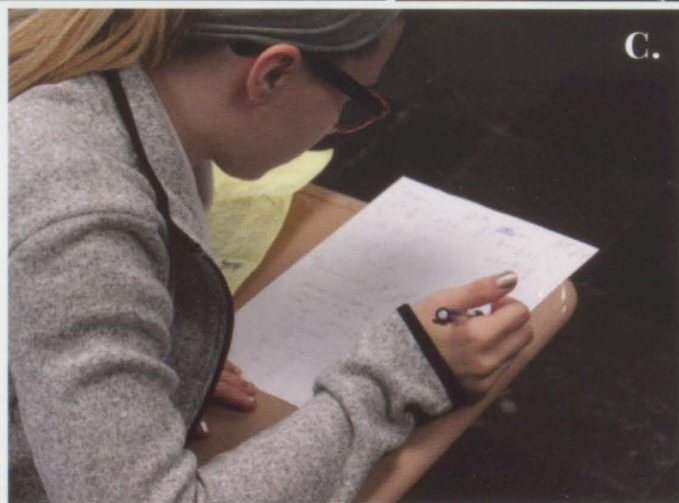
E. STUDY SESSION Freshmen Ella Latier, left, and Helena Berger work together and discuss homework with math teacher Jo Weller. *photo by alison munoz*



KEEPIN' IT OLD SCHOOL

The *Teresian* compiled a list of the 15 teachers who taught at STA the longest.

- 1988 Egner
- 1993 Blake
- 1999 Blessen
Hersheve
Montag
Whitney
- 2000 Amick
Bertalott
Good
Weller
- 2001 Carlson
O'Rear
Prentiss
- 2004 Dibble
Wallerstedt



DECIMALS HAVE A POINT

The Math Hub was one of the many new resources introduced into the classrooms in 2015. It focused on helping underclassmen with math, no matter the level.

If you were not one of the students involved in the Math Hub, this may be one of the first times you've heard of it.

The Math Hub was one of the many new resources introduced to the classrooms in 2015. Started by the head of the math department and math teacher Jo Weller, the Hub was designed to help tutor a small group of underclassmen.

Located in math teachers Kelsey Romine's room on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Diana Blessen's room on Wednesdays and Thursdays, the Hub occurred during activity periods most weeks.

"We wanted a place for students to get help on math from teachers and upperclassmen," Romine said. "This is the pilot year, so we started small with only my freshmen and Mrs. Blessen's sophomores."

Instead of dropping by whenever they had a question, students' Math Hub sessions depended upon the week ahead.

"If there is an event that conflicts with activity periods, then we drop the two day requirement down to one," Blessen said. "We let the students know ahead of time how many [visits] are required that week."

When the Hub was first started, it was unclear how the students would react. Sophomore Emma Boxx had two concerns.

"At first, I was nervous that the Hub might consume all of my activity periods, but visiting the Hub twice a week has been very helpful," Boxx said.

Boxx was also worried about what her peers would think about her receiving math help.

"When other students ask me about the Hub, they are usually just curious about the program and sometimes ask me if they can attend if they need math assistance," Boxx said.

According to Weller, that was the math department's next challenge: opening the Hub to more students in the future.

"More freshmen and some juniors will be involved, and we will continue to include more grades and classes in the next few years," Weller said.

Those involved in the Hub get opportunities to ask questions not only from teachers, but also from upperclassmen. According to Blessen, the Hub started with six original student tutors and have since added more.

"They have a schedule they follow for who comes on what days, and substitute for each other when needed," Romine said. "It strengthens the bond of sisterhood and helps underclassmen feel like they can ask others questions if they need help. Upperclassmen feel the bond of sisterhood, but also enjoy helping others in a subject area they feel passionate about."



A. SHARING THE SISTERHOOD Junior Emma Swinney, left, and sophomore Bella Pichardo perform at the annual Creative Grounds coffeehouse style talent show in the Windmoor Center Feb. 11. photo by margaret queen

B. SING OUT Freshman Chelsea Whitehead performs at Creative Grounds. Whitehead played the ukulele as she sang "Riptide" by Vance Joy. photo by claire mchugh

C. SAME LOVE A group of students sing "She Keeps Me Warm" at Creative Grounds. The group sang the song to support the LGBT community at STA. photo by margaret queen

D. STAR WARS SISTERS Junior Katie Willnauer, left, and Gabrielle Martinez pose for the Star Wars themed photo booth at Creative Grounds. photo by claire mchugh



MAY THE CHORUS BE WITH YOU

Students gathered in the Windmoor Center Feb. 11 to experience the fourth annual Creative Grounds. Creative Grounds is an outlet for students to showcase their talents in the performing arts.

Freshmen Chelsea Whitehead and Elise Cressey excitedly approached the microphone and sang Vance Joy's "Riptide" to kick off the fourth annual Creative Grounds.

"I actually wasn't nervous leading up to it or singing in front of people because I have done it before," Whitehead said. "But, I was scared I was going to mess up the chords on my ukulele."

Creative Grounds is a fundraiser put on by the choir counsel that allows anyone to perform and show the community their talents in a more relaxed setting, according to junior Emma Swinney.

This year, the choir counsel decided to theme the showcase "Java the Hutt" because of the new movie "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." Seniors Hayley Burgess and Connor Hodes initially came up with the idea to add a unique twist to the night.

"Well we considered something that we could do really cool decorations with," Burgess said. "It's also got the coffee pun which is the idea of Creative Grounds - a coffee style event."

A total of 25 students performed at the event. Songs ranged from "Don't Worry be Happy" by Bobby McFerrin to "Fix You" by Coldplay. Sophomore Louise Christianson stood out as the only piano piece. Christianson played "Rainbow Connection" composed by Paul Williams featured in "The Muppet Movie."

"I chose to play 'Rainbow Connection' at creative grounds because after I stopped taking piano lessons the main song I have played is 'Rainbow Connection' and I have always known it so well," Christianson said. "I love the scene in the Muppet Movie when Kermit and Miss Piggy sing it, and the upbeat rhythm of it. It's just a fun song."

Once Christianson finished, accompanist Steven Karlin explained to the crowd that Christianson was transposing the music as she was playing in a different key, which he described as a very impressive skill.

One of the final acts was a group of students including juniors Emma Gustavson, Lily Levi, Elizabeth Hagan, freshmen Nicole Ficklin, Gurman

Thabal, Elise Malone and senior Maureen Havey. The group formed together to sing "She Keeps Me Warm" by Mary Lambert. The song was very important to the members of the group according to Gustavson.

"We decided to sing 'She Keeps Me Warm' because we wanted to have a group of girls in the gay-straight alliance sing a LGBT related song," Gustavson said. "'She Keeps Me Warm' is one of our favorites; it's beautiful, and could easily be broken down to have different parts."

According to Hodes, she was very pleased with the show because it encompassed their overall goal: to allow anyone to come forward and perform something unique.

"Creative grounds is open to everyone in the school, and we try to showcase everyone's unique talents, not just the kids in choir," Hodes said. "It's awesome because everyone in the audience is there to support you, and I feel like it's one of those moments where the sisterhood is really evident."

CREATIVE OUTLET

Creative Grounds was established in 2012 as a coffeehouse inspired talent show where students could share their creative talents with their peers.



A. IMPROV SUPERSTARS Rockhurst senior Aaron Brown, left, and senior Connor Hodes play an improv game at Creative Grounds Feb. 11. Brown and Hodes were both part of the Rockhurst improv group: Stomp Rocket. photo by margaret queen

TROUPE GOALS

As a special treat, members of the Rockhurst High School Improv Troupe performed. The troupe has been around at RHS for a number of years, but 2015 was the first year St. Teresa's Academy students joined the group.

Rockhurst High School seniors Trey Hunt and Aaron Brown, along with seniors Hayley Burgess and Connor Hodes kept the crowd laughing during the quick improv routine. The troupe played improv games like "Texts From Last Night," which involves reading text messages from audience members' phones. According to Hodes, it was her idea to add the Improv Troupe to the setlist for the night.

"The Improv Troupe hasn't gained the publicity among girls as we would like," Hodes said. "We wanted girls to see that improv isn't just a guy thing, and they can audition for the troupe too."

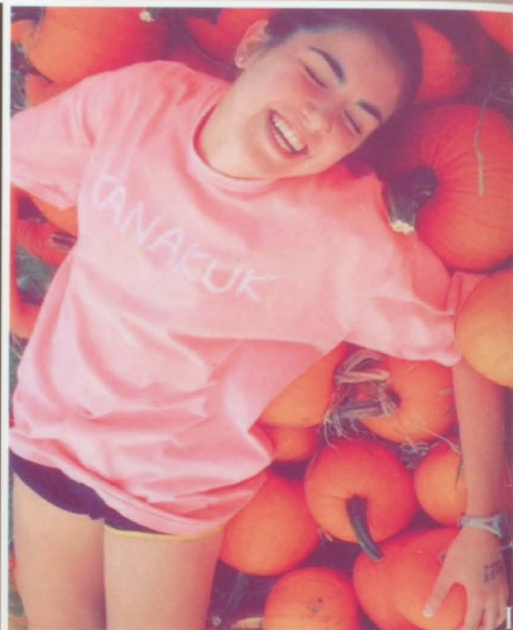
The improv troupe ended the fourth annual Creative Grounds on a high note, making several audience members laugh so hard they cried.

"[Creative Grounds] was an environment that basically consisted solely of people my age so there was no pressure," Hunt said. "We knew going in that it wouldn't be the best, but because of that we felt very free to do whatever we wanted."

FINSTA FEVER



For junior Helen Krause, sophomore Natalie Kistler, and senior Bridget Jones, Finstagram is a safe place for self expression where they feel free to post whatever they want without fear of being judged. In the past year, Finstagram had taken STA by storm.



According to the Urban Dictionary, Finstagram, finsta for short, was "a mixture of Fake Instagram & Instagram. People get a second Instagram account along with their real Instagrams, Rinstagrams, to post any pictures or videos they desire. The photos or videos posted are usually funny or embarrassing. Only your closest friends follow this account." Since the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year, Finstagram or Fakestagram had become popular among many students. They appreciated the creative freedoms Finstagram allowed. These quirky accounts with pun-based names were appealing to students who used them to express themselves without fear of being judged.

Junior Helen Krause, Zehlback, had her Finstagram for a little over a year.

"I don't remember the exact reason I got Finstagram, but a lot of people were getting them and it seemed like something I would do," Krause said. "The rules of real Instagram don't apply to Finstagram at all."

Krause believed the Finstagram-osphere was one where judgement had no place.

"I think everyone likes how honest Finstagram are and that the people who follow them aren't going to judge them for how weird their posts are," Krause said.

Krause thought there was more competition for likes and followers on real Instagram.

"I'll post at 2 a.m., anytime really," Krause said. "No I don't worry about likes, but sometimes I get offended when I only get like four likes because I know people have seen it."

Krause said she posted a "cute pic" on her real Instagram about every three weeks, but posted whenever she felt like it on her fake Instagram.

Finstagram differed from real Instagram in the sense that the users felt free to post anything, anytime. Sophomore Natalie Kistler was an avid Finstagram user.

"I'm not very good at posting frequently," Kistler said. "I post maybe once every two weeks. It depends on how eventful the week is."

Senior Bridget Jones also posted fearlessly on her Finstagram, @meontheweekends. She decided on the name for the account with her friend, senior Audrey Carroll, on a girl's night in. Jones usually posted once or twice a day.

"I post literally anything I want," Jones said. "Bird appreciation posts, things I think are funny, old funny photos, complaints, things I think are cool and inspiring, and friend appreciation posts. I think Fakesta takes a certain sense of humor to appreciate it. I think mine is hilarious and there are others out there that I think are really funny."

Jones was selective when it came to choosing her followers.

"I only accept requests from people I know, and even then I only accept people that I would be comfortable with following me, since I post pretty much anything on my account," Jones said.

- A. LEFT SHARK Junior Helen Krause posts a photo of herself in a shark costume, Feb.24. Krause has used finstagram for a year and a half. *photo courtesy of helen krause*
- B. BIG BOOT Sophomore Natalie Kistler posts a photo with a lifesized boot from a recent trip to Texas, Mar. 15. Kistler is new to finstagram this year. *photo courtesy of natalie kistler*
- C. QT 4 THE QT Senior Bridget Jones posts a photo on Dec. 12 sipping her QuikTrip slush. Jones used the caption, "What a lit night". *photo courtesy of bridget jones*
- D. PUNKIN' PICKIN' Sophomore Natalie Kistler finstagrams a photo of herself on a pile of pumpkins. Kistler used the hashtag, #pumpkinsafety. *photo courtesy of natalie kistler Oct. 16*
- E. BEHIND THE SCREENS Junior Helen Krause, senior Bridget Jones and sophomore Natalie Kistler pose with their cell phones on the steps of Donnelly Hall Mar. 9. All three students have both real Instagram accounts as well as finstagrams. *photo by claire jefferson*
- F. MADAME PRESIDENT Senior Bridget Jones photoshops images of herself into a photo of Mount Rushmore in honor of president's day, Feb. 15. Jones posts daily on her finstagram, @meontheweekends. *photo courtesy of bridget jones*



Jones liked that it was a light, funny way to post whatever she wanted on social media to only a specific group of people.

Kistler, @its.raining.nats.and.dogs, was new to the Finstagram world and described the difference between Finstagram and Instagram to be the "lack of intensity."

"I probably would never post the pictures I post on my Finstagram on my real instagram" Kistler said. "They're just weirder and the pictures have funnier captions. It's not as serious."

Kistler kept her account private and only let other Finstagrams follow her. Krause was just as particular about her followers.

"I let all of my friends follow me, and if it's someone else's finsta who is funny, I let them follow and I follow back," Krause said. "I usually never let boys follow me, though."

So what's the big difference? Why have two separate accounts?

"I don't really know why people have [Finstagrams], maybe just to be funny or express a different side of themselves," Kistler said.

Krause was unsure about the future of Finstagrams.

"I thought they would die out, and I've had mine for a year but it really hasn't," Krause said. "I mean real Instagram hasn't died out either, so I guess Finstagram will just fade out with [Instagram]."



BASKETBALL



FIRST ROW: Isabel Shorter, Libby Baker, Lily Farkas, Grace Kitts, Ryan Wilkins, Olivia Woodbury, Kathleen Herrington, Brooke Moore, Gabby Mesa
 SECOND ROW: Mary Allmon, Alex Dalecky, Grace Berghoff, Gillian Cutter, Eleanor Lueke, Natalie Hull, Hailey Coleman, Rachael Skeens, Camille Begnaud, Lucy Whittaker, Lily Altenhofen, Jadynn Sparks
 THIRD ROW: Catelyn Cambell, Caitlin Lester, Clare Herrington, Brynn Slattery, Teresa Durkin, David Zinser, Amanda Flanneman, David Green, Tygress McCleary, Natalie Telep, Natalie Barber, Chelsea Whitehead, Claire McHugh



SCOREBOARD

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	
11/24	Benton	30-35	L
12/8	Benton	59-51	W
12/10	Shawnee Mission South	64-29	W
12/18	Blue Valley North	62-38	W
1/7	St. James Academy	51-34	W
1/9	Visitation Academy	68-38	W
1/13	Metro Academy	54-44	W
1/19	Bishop Miege	34-47	L
1/21	Olathe Northwest	55-41	W
1/25	Lee's Summit North	68-66	W
1/29	Notre Dame de Sion	56-40	W
2/2	Shawnee Mission North	50-35	W
2/4	Pembroke Hill	70-44	W
2/9	Platte County	64-47	W
2/12	Ursuline Academy	60-41	W
2/13	North Technical	73-56	W
2/18	St. James Academy	46-37	W
2/24	Notre Dame de Sion	62-40	W

LEES SUMMIT TOURNAMENT			
11/30	Lee's Summit West	58-62	L
12/2	Blue Springs	49-33	W
12/4	Lee's Summit North	44-55	L

RAYMORE-PECULIAR TOURNAMENT			
12/28	Grandview	71-67	W
12/29	William Chrisman	58-53	W
12/30	Blue Springs	71-31	W

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT			
3/1	Lee's Summit West	54-31	W
3/4	Belton	40-44	L

A. THAT'S OUR SENIOR Senior Ryan Wilkins dribbles down the court during the varsity basketball game Jan. 13 against Metro Academy. *photo by emma stiles*
 B. HIGH SPIRITS Basketball players, from left, junior Natalie Hull, seniors Kathleen Herrington and Rachael Skeens, Coach Hanneman and freshman Clare Herrington cheer after the varsity basketball team scored a point against Sion Feb. 23. *photo by molly winkler*
 C. FINAL COUNTDOWN Coach Amanda Hanneman signals her team from the sidelines during the Districts basketball game Mar. 4. The stars led Belton High School

with five minutes left in the game. *photo by emma stiles*
 D. DRIVING THE LANE Senior Eleanor Lueke dribbles past her defender during the Sion game Feb. 24. The basketball program celebrated their seniors and performed a dance for them following the game. *photo by delaney meyer*
 E. HEADS HELD HIGH The STA varsity basketball team walks back to their bench after losing the districts championship game against Belton High School Mar. 4. The stars lost by only two points scored in the last second of the game. *photo by emma stiles*

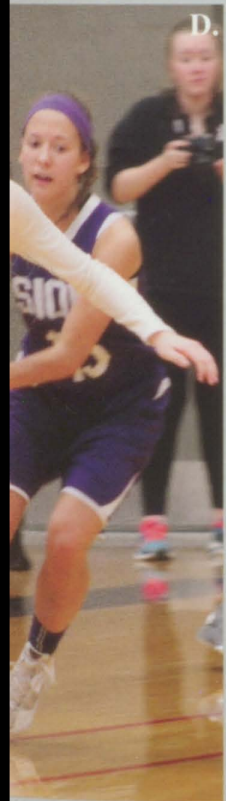




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STAR STUDDED STREAK

The basketball team had an 11-game win streak, led by six seniors and new head coach Amanda Hanneman. This was the longest winning streak STA basketball had in over 20 years.



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It's a cold January evening. The sounds of screeching rubber soled shoes running on the wood floors echoes throughout the empty gym. The smells of vintage sweat and stinky shoes fill the air. Murmurs of encouragement are heard between players and coaches. Snow is lightly falling outside the large glass window of the Goppert Center. It's January, and it's basketball season.

For seniors, the 2015-2016 basketball season began as any other had. New shoes, new freshmen, and most importantly, a new coach. STA welcomed Amanda Hanneman as head coach this year, former University of Missouri women's basketball player and former Avila University, Sonoma State, and University of San Francisco assistant women's basketball coach. This was the seniors' fourth coach in fourth years, and Hanneman understood their hesitation to trust another new head coach.

"It kind of took them a little bit [to trust me]," Hanneman said. "You know finding someone they trust is hard for them, but I had to open up a little bit and I think for me, to open up to them was big."

Hanneman expected an attitude of uncertainty coming in and knew the girls would not open up to her immediately.

"I think they were a little taken back," Hanneman said. "You always hear stuff. 'She's young, she's going to be harsh, she's going to be a little crazy'. I am a little crazy, I'll admit it," Hanneman said while laughing.

For senior Eleanor Lueke, this was her fourth year with the Stars basketball team, and she was hesitant to open up to a new coach.

"At first I was really nervous because of how basketball had been in past years," Lueke said. "Once Hanneman came in, she had everything as far as rules and her expectations of us in a packet for us

ready to go."

The Stars were undefeated through the majority of January and February, winning 10 consecutive games. Junior Olivia Woodbury credited the team's chemistry and teamwork for bringing the team success.

"I think our team chemistry and coaching helped with our winning streak," Woodbury said. "We are all so close off the court and I think that is really important with how we play on the court."

For Hanneman, her goal as head coach was to improve the players' knowledge and improve their skill level, but noted that it was not the most important item on the agenda.

"It's always fun to win but what's just as important is achievement with growing together, chemistry," Hanneman said. "I felt like our relationships were good; I just wanted us to bond together as a team."

Lueke said the hard work each player put in, as well as the new coaching staff helped the team accomplish their goals. For Lueke, this was her most enjoyable season.

"We pushed ourselves and were pushed by Coach Stricken and Coach Hanneman," Lueke said. "I think that just enjoying it more this year was a big part of it because we worked hard but also really had fun together at the same time."

Woodbury agrees with Lueke about the elite staff.

"I think the program was so strong because of Coach Hanneman and the rest of the coaching staff," Woodbury said. "They all knew what they were doing and knew what to tell us to do in order for us to be successful."

R.I.P. NANCY REAGAN

3.6.2016

At the age of 94, first lady Nancy Reagan died from congestive heart failure Mar. 6 in her home in Los Angeles, CA.

After being a controversial, influential, and popular first lady from 1981-1989, Reagan spent her last few years of her life in Los Angeles with her friends and dedicated her time to help advocate for stem cell research. The funeral service for the former first lady was held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California on March 11.

source: nbcnews.com



BARBIE ARRIVES

3.9.1959

Mar. 9, 1959, Mattel introduced Barbie, the first adult featured doll for children at the annual Toy Fair in New York City.

After watching her daughter play with paper dolls of adult women instead of baby dolls, cofounder of Mattel, Ruth Handler, was inspired to create a doll that gave female children the desire of a bright future. The doll was named Barbie after Handler's daughter Barbara. The original appearance of Barbie was inspired by a doll named Lilli who was based on a German comic strip character.

source: history.com



BARBIE GIRL

out of the 181 students polled...



KATE SPADE

3.10.2016

After leaving the New-York based company Kate Spade, Kate Brosnaha has launched a new accessories company herself: Frances Valentine.

The Kate Spade brand was originally created by STA alumna Kate Brosnahan. She initially launched her own line of handbags in 1993. However, in July 2007, she and her husband Andy Spade sold the brand. Kate Spade launched the new company Frances Valentine, going back to her Kansas City roots. On March 9 and 10, Kate Spade revisited her hometown and reunited with the STA community before the girls were dismissed for spring break.

source: history.com

9/11 MEMORIAL

03.11.2002

Two columns of light were illuminated for the first time in remembrance of the terrorists attacks that occurred September 11, 2001 in New York.

This art installation called Tribute in Light is projected annually in New York on the roof of the Battery Parking Garage next to the World Trade Center. The lights extend four miles into the sky and can be seen 60 miles away. The memorial is made up of 88 7,000-watt xenon light bulbs that project the exact dimensions of the Twin Towers.

source: history.com

FASHIONISTAS

out of the 295 students polled...

25%

students who do not own any Kate Spade designer items

75%

students who have Kate Spade handbags or accessories

students who left school at normal dismissal

78%

students who stayed after school to meet Kate Spade

22%



OVERHEARD QUOTES

While walking through the halls of Donnelly Apr. 12, junior Martina Florido told a classmate about her breakfast.

"I am so mexican that this morning with my Cheerios, I also had tortilla chips," Florido said.

Mar. 29 while sitting in advisory, junior Jeanne O'Flaherty explained her latest online shopping experience. "I ordered these Yeezy knock-offs from China for like \$20," O'Flaherty said. "Was that a good idea or bad idea?"

Apr. 13 during U.S. government class, social studies teacher Patrick Nielsen explained journalism in politics. "It's kind of like how Rory from that TV show Gilmore Girls was a journalist," Nielsen said. "I don't know if any of you girls have watched it, but it's a great show."



PARTY IN THE USA

The STA community hosted six exchange students from Paris, France for three weeks. The trip was focused on learning more about the language and culture of both countries.



The STA community hosted six foreign-exchange students from France for a three weeks through the program Language and Friendship.

"I've taken STA students abroad with Language and Friendship before," French Teacher Alice Amick said. "And their emphasis is on language. This is the first time I've participated in the exchange during the school year."

Because the exchange was held during the school year, it allowed for students to actually shadow their host sisters on campus, and see differences between here and their school in Paris, St. Louis St Clément.

"[The differences] were not so much the culture but the school," exchange student Marianne Ferré said. "Like we are boys and girls, and we don't have to wear the uniform; we have smaller classes; we have 35 people in each grade."

Her fellow exchange student, Noemie Donyo agreed.

"The class here is more cool, during class, you can drink [water], and listen to music," Donyo said. "There's more stress in France. The school system is not the same. Not the same, at all."

Despite the differences in school, all the students reported no feelings of homesickness, and enjoyed exploring Kansas City.

"I went to a lot of coffee shops," Gerratt said. "It was so... yum! You have the best cookies, the best chocolate chip."

In addition to coffee shops, Gerratt's host sister, Allison Nagle took her to as many "American" events as possible, including concerts and the Oak Park Mall.

"I don't think we even made it past the first floor," Nagle said. "She wanted to go into every shop."

Besides shopping and going to coffee shops, Nagle said finding activities to do with her exchange student was one of the best parts of hosting.

"We taught each other the swear words," Nagle laughed. "And I showed her Orange is the New Black because it's the only show with French subtitles we could find, and she literally watched the entire show. All three seasons. And that was a cool thing too, because that show has so much slang and weird American words."

Other host families did different activities with their students, like going to the Jazz Museum, World War I Memorial, or even St. Louis.

"We went to St. Louis for a weekend," junior Sarah Cozad said, "[We] did a lot of shopping and eating, hanging out at the park, with my friends. I had a lot of fun hanging out with her."

Cozad, who hosted exchange student Emie Lenfant, said she had wanted to host a French student since she was in grade school, because her sister had hosted an exchange student before.

"I would definitely host again," Cozad said. "My favorite part about hosting was becoming good friends with [Lenfant]; I am going to visit her in June."

Freshmen Harper Dziedzic, who hosted Emilie Paraire agrees.

"I'm definitely going to stay in touch with her," Dziedzic said. "We've skyped once already and our phones have blown up with snapchats from each other. The hardest thing was probably seeing her leave! I really enjoyed having Emilie stay with me and didn't want her to go."

Dziedzic said that the main reason she wanted to host an exchange student was to learn about French culture, which is the same reason many hosted, including Nagle.

"[My favorite part was] the experience of the French culture," Nagle said. "I know she wanted to speak English and experience American culture, but I definitely think that I got a taste of [French Culture] and improved my French. I liked just spending time with her. Sure, we're from different countries, but we're not that different."

BY THE NUMBERS

4,529 miles from Paris to Kansas City

13 hours from Paris to Kansas City

3 weeks

6 hour time difference

6 students



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A. CULTURE SHOCK Sophomore Maddie Adam, right, and her exchange student Léa Dias Rodrigues smile for a picture together. Adam says she enjoyed having an exchange student, but "the hardest thing was the language barrier, especially because I'm not in French." *photo courtesy of alicemick*

B. BIENVENUE! Junior Sarah Cozad, right, welcomes her exchange student Emie Lenfant when she arrives in Kansas City. *photo courtesy of sarahcozad*

C. ALL IN THIS TOGETHER All of the exchange students pose for a photo with their host sisters in the Windmoor building. *photo courtesy of alicemick*

D. SUNNY DAYS Junior Sarah Cozad, right, smiles with exchange student Emie Lefant at a park. Cozad said she and Lefant "did a lot of shopping and eating [and] hanging out at the park with my friends." *photo courtesy of sarahcozad*

E. MEILLEURES AMIES Junior Allison Nagle, left, and her exchange student Noemi Janelle pose for a photo. Nagle's favorite part of hosting was learning more about the French language and culture, and seeing the "crossover" of the French and American cultures. *photo courtesy of alicemick*

F. THEY SEE ME ROLLING Both exchange students and STA students pose for a photo at a Roller Rink. *photo courtesy of sarahcozad*



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LACROSSE



FIRST ROW: (from left) Libby Terrill, Annie Schorgl, Emily Vosburgh, Emma Stiles, Alexandria Davis
 SECOND ROW: Caroline Reynolds, Hannah Steen, Erin Greenhalgh, Holly Ambrose, Caitlin Campbell, Jessica Hanna, Helen Krause, Mary Hilliard
 THIRD ROW: Katherine Mediavilla, Aryanna Wyatt, Sloane Smith, Kate Coppinger, Emma Boxx, Cara Gose, Jackie Adams, Clare Ryan, Molly Muehlebach
 FOURTH ROW: Kamryn Lanier, Grace Fiorella, Olivia Jackson, Monica Looney, Meghan Mayer, MaryClaire Connor, Claire Finn, Gabrielle Clemente
 FIFTH ROW: Mary Mohajir, Olivia Matlock, Siobhan Bradley, Kristina Coppinger, Ellie Petree, Clara Swanson, Kayton Froeschl, Ada Blasdel, MaryMichael Hough



STICKIN' TOGETHER

The lacrosse team went undefeated in league play this season. The team then went on to compete for a fourth place finish in State and a City Championship title.

With almost all of the previous year's varsity team returning to the field in March, the lacrosse team was fairly certain good things would be in store for them this season. According to senior Kristina Coppinger this confidence wasn't all good.

"This season the team had to overcome complacency," Coppinger said. "We knew we were solid and for that reason didn't put in 100 percent effort in all that we did, practice to games. But this year was special because there was the underlying feeling that we could win it all. We were confident in our abilities and made it through the league season undefeated."

In addition to their nearly perfect record, the Stars beat one of the top teams in the country as well as finished the season as City Champions for the first time.

Early in the season, the Stars won a tournament held at STA, where they duked it out with teams

from St. Louis, and ended up beating the top team in Missouri, Cor Jesu Academy.

"There was something about that weekend that made it feel like we were coming together officially as a team and nothing could stop us," junior Helen Krause said.

From there, the Stars had the momentum needed to carry them through the rest of their season victoriously. However, when the time came for the team to compete in State, the outcome wasn't what they had hoped for. The team first won the quarterfinal game in Columbia, then a city tournament game the next day in Kansas City. The following two days the Stars travelled to St. Louis for the State tournament. After two games, the Stars finished fourth in State.

"When we lost state it was disappointing," Coppinger said. "We beat ourselves and that's the worst thing to admit. Our four games in four days in three cities wasn't an excuse for why we lost, but it really didn't help."

However, those losses motivated the team to play their hearts out at the City Tournament the following week. The team played Notre Dame de Sion in the championship game May 24 at Rockhurst University.

After a long, hot and muggy game, the Stars came out on top beating the Storm 11-7 and claiming the City Championship title for the first time.

"Winning the City Tournament was amazing," junior Molly Muehlebach said. "After losing in the final game last year, we knew we had no choice but to win it this year. Then having it be Sion who we beat in the finals made it just that much better."

After ending this season in such an exciting way, the Stars looked forward to the next season.

"I can't wait to just get back out there and see what our team will be like," Muehlebach said. "Each year it's a little different and I can't wait to see what it will be like and how far we will go."



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A. GO LONG Senior Kristina Coppinger and other lacrosse players run along the field May 5. The Stars were playing Blue Valley High School and won. *photo by emma stiles*

B. VICTORY The team gathers after an 11-7 win over the Sion Storm. The winning team of this game would be crowned city champions. *photo by alison munoz*

C. FACE OFF Sophomore Monica Looney wins a face-off against a Sion opponent. The Stars battled the Storm in the city championship at Rockhurst University May 24. *photo by alison munoz*

D. HERE WE GO STARS The lacrosse team cheers before the City Championship May 24 at Rockhurst University. The Stars defeated Notre Dame de Sion for

the third time that season. *photo by delaney meyer*

E. WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS The STA lacrosse team celebrates their victory in the City Championship. The Stars went undefeated in league play for the 2016 season. *photo by delaney meyer*

F. WINNING SMILES Junior Jackie Adams, from left, junior Helen Krause, senior Mary Hilliard, and sophomores Clare Ryan and Olivia Matlock rejoice after winning their varsity lacrosse game May 5 against Blue Valley High school. *photo by emma stiles*

G. EYE ON THE PRIZE Sophomore Monica Looney fights for possession of the ball during the varsity lacrosse game May 5 against Blue Valley High school. *photo by emma stiles*



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SCOREBOARD

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	
3/29	Pembroke Hill	18-2	W
3/31	Lee's Summit	20-2	W
4/4	Shawnee Mission	15-6	W
4/7	Lee's Summit North	12-9	W
4/12	Notre Dame de Sion	17-10	W
4/26	Blue Valley	11-2	W
5/10	Olathe	15-1	W
5/12	Lee's Summit West	10-8	W

STATE TOURNAMENT

5/18	John Borroughs	7-6	W
5/20	MICDS	9-8	L
5/21	Marquette	11-10	L

CITY TOURNAMENT

5/19	Lee's Summit North	13-8	W
5/24	Notre Dame de Sion	11-7	W

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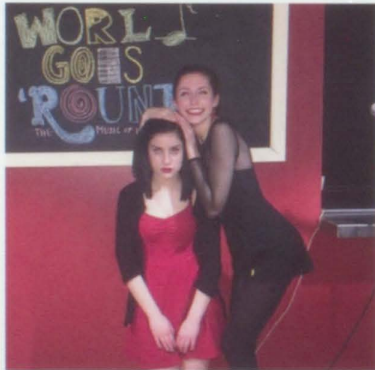
The cast shared photos from the Karlin Kabaret on social media.



Seniors Hayley Burgess and Connor Hodes,
and director Steve Karlin
photo courtesy of senior connor hodes



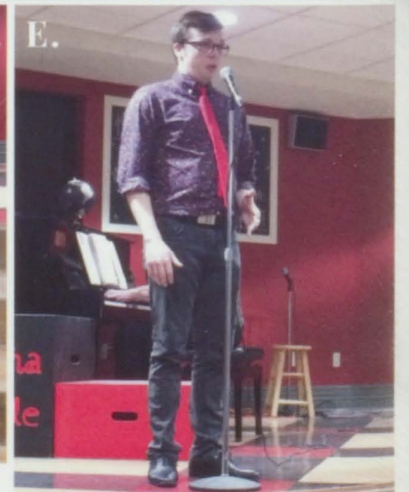
Junior Isabella Pichardo and Rockhurst Senior
Aaron Brown
photo courtesy of senior aaron brown



Junior Isabella Pichardo and senior Hayley Burgess
photo courtesy of junior bella pichardo



Juniors Rose Genaris, Courtney Talken, Bella
Pichardo, and senior Hayley Burgess
photo courtesy of junior courtney talken





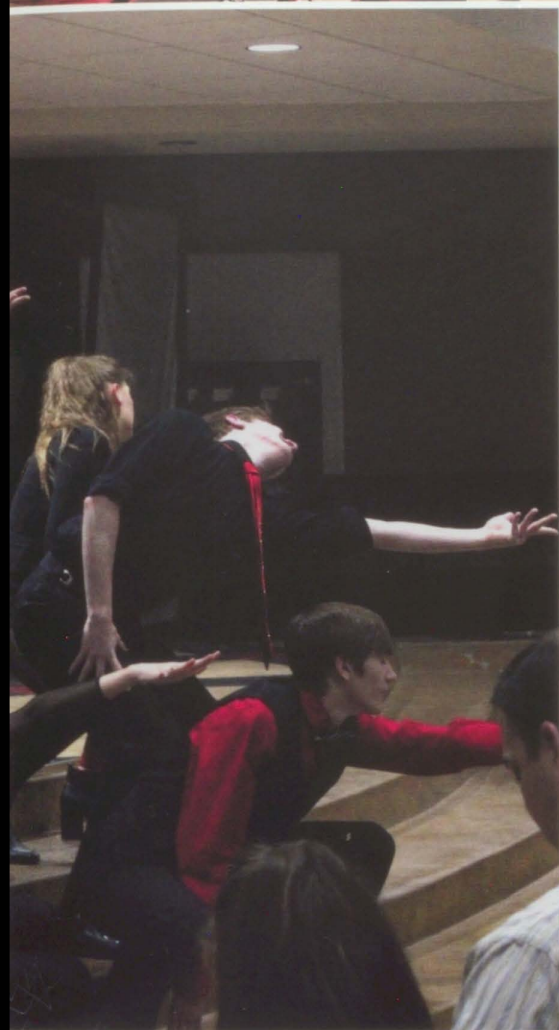
A. FANCY FEET The Karlin Kabaret performers finish the night with a group dance number to "New York, New York" during the performance in the Commons Mar. 4. "[Karlin Kabaret] has definitely been one of my favorite parts of my high school career, so it's sad but I'm happy that I can leave it as it's getting more successful," said senior cast member Hayley Burgess. *photo by alison munoz*

B. ARMS OUTSTRETCHED The cast gestures to director and piano accompanist Steven Karlin Mar. 4. This is the third year Karlin has directed his own cabaret. *photo by alison munoz*

C. REACH FOR IT The cast shares a moment with the audience during their performance of "Money" Mar. 4. *photo by alison munoz*

D. SING SING SING Cast members, from left, Rockhurst High school senior Aaron Brown and junior Rose Genaris perform a duet Mar. 4. *photo courtesy of connor hodes*

E. ONE MORE Rockhurst senior Jedidiah Rellihan performs a solo portion of the performance during the Karlin Kabaret Mar. 4. *photo courtesy of connor hodes*



ROLLIN' INTO THE KABARET

Piano accompanist Steven Karlin directed the 3rd annual Karlin Kabaret in the Commons Mar. 4 and 5. This year's chosen composers were John Kander and Fred Ebb.

Places, everyone!" cabaret director and piano accompanist Steven Karlin announced. The cast scrambled for their spots in the Commons to begin the long-anticipated third annual Karlin Kabaret.

"A cabaret is essentially a variety show, typically in a bar or a restaurant," Karlin said. "They came about during World War II, and artists had to find ways to perform their material without getting shut down. Their solution was to perform a song here, an act there, add a dance at this bar, and a scene at that one, creating a miscellany of performance work: the birth of a cabaret."

Then three years ago, Karlin began to construct his own cabaret.

"I choose a different composer each year, or in this case, a composing team, and we present their music, like a Broadway 'Greatest Hits,'" Karlin said. "John Kander was born in Kansas City in 1927. His nephew Jason Kander is currently the Missouri Secretary of State. It's been cool to see so much KC pride growing in the past few years, I thought it would be nice to choose a composer from home."

The Kabaret has been a favorite of the STA theater department since its debut in 2013. "This was my first time [performing in Karlin Kabaret] and I couldn't help but feel welcomed," junior Rose Genaris said. "I already knew all but one cast member, so I felt right at home."

Although the cast was already comfortable with each other, something was missing for sophomore Courtney Talken. "Personally the only thing for me was that it's different doing

shows without my sister [Hillary Talken]," Talken said. "But it was really nice because a bunch of the seniors from last year come back to see the show, so it's not like they're really gone."

With favorite songs such as "All That Jazz", "Colored Lights", and of course "Cabaret", this year's cabaret included a lot more dancing.

"We've had movement before, but a lot of Kander and Ebb's music is pretty iconic," Karlin said. "Songs like 'All That Jazz' are popular and pretty much unheard without choreography. At the time they were writing most of their shows, dance was a big part of Broadway."

The dancing highlight of the night? Rollerblading.

Lee's Summit North High School senior Morgan Ball had rollerbladed on and off since kindergarten, and took on the job of helping the cast improve their skating skills.

"The number is from the show 'The Rink' by Kander and Ebb, so we thought it was appropriate and fun to incorporate skating into our show," Ball said.

According to Ball, everyone had to practice synchronization since they all had different skating abilities and parts in the number.

"Yeah, at first I wasn't very good at all," Talken said. "But by the end I got it together and so did everyone else and it ended up being really fun!"

As for next year, Karlin already has a plan in mind.

"I've been wanting to do Tapestry [by Carole King] since I started the cabaret. She wrote so much incredible music for so many incredible female artists, so who better to showcase at STA!"

CAST

Morgan Ball	Rose Genaris
Vincent Bockwinkle	Connor Hodes
Aaron Brown	Bella Pichardo
Hayley Burgess	Jedidiah Rellihan
Ethan Ellis	Courtney Talken

NEW PRINCIPAL ON THE BLOCK

Dr. Elizabeth Baker talked about how she came to be the new principal of student affairs at STA and positions she held before coming to STA. Baker became principal of student affairs in 2015.

Good morning sunshine," the principal of student affairs Dr. Elizabeth Baker said as students walked in the doors of the M&A building. Several times each week, Baker held doors open and poked her head into classrooms.

Baker went to school at St. Mary's High School in Independence, MO. Like STA, St. Mary's was a college preparatory school, but unlike STA, it was co-ed.

"We had football, and we had cheerleaders," Baker said. "There were two buildings, and we were located north of the Independence Square."

Upon graduating from St. Mary's, Baker attended the University of Missouri Kansas City.

"I graduated with my bachelors degree in secondary education with an emphasis in English," Baker said. "Then I got my first masters in curriculum and instruction from the University of Central Missouri."

Baker traveled to the University of Notre Dame for her second masters in education administration and then returned to the University of Central Missouri to get her education specialist an emphasis in superintendency.

"And then I got my doctorate from UMKC in education administration," Baker said.

Baker taught at St. Mary's High School for 15 years. Then, Baker decided to change her career course from being a teacher to being a principal.

"The degree at Notre Dame was originally a principal certification," Baker said. "And I thought I should probably be a principal then. So I became an elementary school principal at Nativity of Mary's School in Independence for 12 years. And then Notre Dame was gracious enough to make that certification program into that masters degree."

Baker became interested in the principal of student affairs position at STA that had recently opened up.

"It was very spur of the moment," Baker said. "I decided over spring break that it was something I might want to do. I knew [President Nan] Bone because she was the principal at St. Peter's and then I knew [Principal of academic affairs Barb] McCormick because she was principal at Our Lady of Peace."

Baker also had a personal connection with the position.

"[Mary Ann] Hoecker taught me at St. Mary's High School," Baker said. "So I knew of her, and knew of her illness, and was very sad to see that she passed away. So, when Mrs. Compton decided to leave as an interim principal, I applied and interviewed and came here."

As the new school year got closer and closer, Baker could hardly contain her excitement.

"I was very excited about the students arriving at school because I wanted to meet you, I wanted to start getting to know people," Baker said. "It makes me feel alive to have students in the building."

With the arrival of Baker, came the arrival of her new trademark: daily "Today at STA" e-mails.

"They were really for my own survival at the beginning because I was learning what was going on alongside the freshmen," Baker said. "So I started typing out a list for myself, and I thought 'Oh, this might be helpful for other people.' So I just threw it out there, and the immediate reaction was positive. So it's been kind of a progressing, growing kind of e-mail."

As she first started visiting STA classrooms, Baker was stunned by what she saw.

"The first couple of times I went into classrooms and saw the attention that students were giving, the engagement between students and teachers, I was thrilled," Baker said. "I wish I would have gone to all girls school. What a great opportunity that would've been."



A. WORKIN' HARD Baker stands at her computer in her office. Baker prefers to stand rather than sit in her desk, *photo by caroline muth*
B. OLD SCHOOL Baker in 1987. Baker taught at Bishop Ward High School from 1986 to 1988. *photo courtesy of elizabeth baker*
C. PRINCIPAL PALS Principal of academics Barb McCormick and principal of student affairs Dr. Elizabeth Baker talk together in the quad. The two have known each other since they were the principals of Our Lady of Peace and Nativity of Mary, respectively. *photo by molly winkler*

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'BOUT IT

Baker explains how she acquires the Taco Bell coupons for free tacos which she hands out to students.

Q. Where do you get all your Taco Bell coupons?

A. I had this at Nativity too. So there's a company that does incentives or rewards, and I noticed it was in Mrs. Compton's mailbox. So you write in how many kids that you have and they send you back coupons. So I did it, and I was like "Oh yeah, we're getting tacos people!"



SISTERHOOD WORLDWIDE

Japanese foreign exchange student Erika Matsuda came to the United States and to STA not knowing anyone. While adjusting to her new school was hard, the friendships she made will last a lifetime.



In every freshman class, there are the lone wolves. The people who are the only ones from their grade school, the home schooled, the ones who go against the grain to attend the school of their choice. They don't know anyone at the start of the year, but within a few short weeks, friendships will blossom and a bond will start to form that will last for years to come.

Sophomore and Japanese foreign exchange student Erika Matsuda was one such person. From the moment she first set foot on American soil, she knew no one, except for a vague impression of her host family.

Matsuda came to the United States and to STA through a partnership with Saint Joseph Joshi Gakuen in Japan. According to Matsuda, classes here are much more interesting than in Japan.

"I think we should have debate class and write papers or essays," Matsuda said. "I don't like to write them very much, but those help

you to know and think about many important things. Also, we need homecoming."

Matsuda stayed with sophomore Sarah Schaefer's family first semester and sophomore Clementina Ferraro's for second semester, as well as sophomore Katie Willnauer and her family. After Skyping with the Schaefer's, they picked Matsuda up at the airport.

"They made an adorable welcome poster for me," Matsuda said. "I was so happy."

Since Matsuda already knew Ferraro and Willnauer, it wasn't a surprise when they decided that she could stay at their house. "All the families are so nice and I had great time with all of them," Matsuda said.

According to Matsuda, before she arrived in the United States, she was very nervous.

"I was studying English before I came here, but I couldn't understand

A. SISTER LOVE Seniors Maddy Medina, left and Katherine Mediavilla hug senior Hallie Ryan after Ryan was announced as Academy Woman Apr. 20. Each girl was nominated by their classmates and teachers. *photo by liz barton*

B. SOARIN' FLYIN' Sophomores Julia Mantel and Hannah Steen get on their friends' shoulders during the Color Throw Apr. 22. *photo by molly winkler*

C. A QUIET REFLECTION Seniors Elaina Bailey, left, and Maureen Whittaker stand in front of and discuss the decorated seal before school Dec. 9. Members of the senior class gathered to string lights across the quad and line the seal with flowers in honor of the second anniversary of Becca Lueke's passing. *photo by delaney meyer*

D. CAMERA READY Seniors, from left, Clare Kenney, Sophie Burke, Kate Scofield, Gabby Keller, and Maddie Summers dance and sing while being recorded for a video during a Sion basketball game. The fans, dressed in kiddie pool party theme, came to cheer on the basketball team on senior night Feb. 24. *photo by delaney meyer*

E. YARD DAY FUN Juniors Iyanla Williams, left, Lauren McCann, and Ellie Dayton laugh and high five each other in the quad on a yard day Oct. 22. *photo by molly winkler*

F. SENTIMENTAL SIGN A plaque honoring Jeanne Collins Thompson stands in the quad Oct. 22. *photo by molly winkler*

G. PRESIDENT SQUARED Senior Kat Mediavilla hugs junior Gabby Ayala as she cries. Mediavilla was the Senior Class President for the class of 2016 and Ayala will be the new class of 2017 Senior Class President. *photo by molly winkler*



QUAD OF THE LITTLE FLOWER
HONORING JEANNE COLLINS THOMPSON
*Dedicated to the young women who walk
 these paths in search of a deeper
 knowledge and understanding of God's
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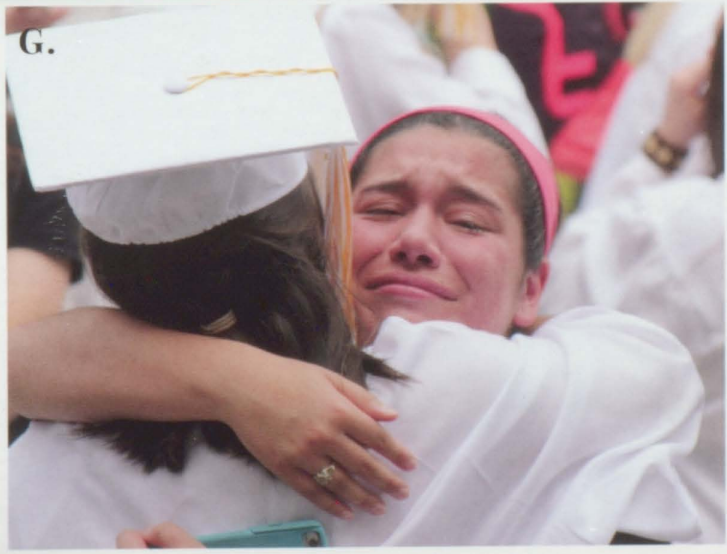
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the classes, especially anatomy and astronomy," Matsuda said. "I couldn't catch up with everyone's conversations at all, but everything got better and better."

With the help of her newfound friends, Matsuda quickly became a part of the STA sisterhood. "Everyone was very friendly and nice," Matsuda said. "I was pretty shy, but since everyone was approachable, I made so many awesome friends."

According to Matsuda, "everything" is not a proper answer for her favorite part about STA. She loved everything too much.

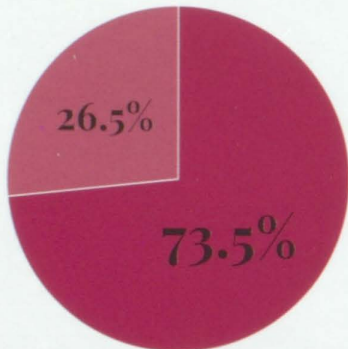
"I loved the events and the friends," Matsuda said. "My favorite events were Teresian dance, the Walk of Fame and the Color Throw. I also loved the musical, the play and choir. My friends whom I met at STA are my treasure, and I appreciate all of the many great experiences that I could get at STA very much."



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VACATION VS. STAY-CATION?

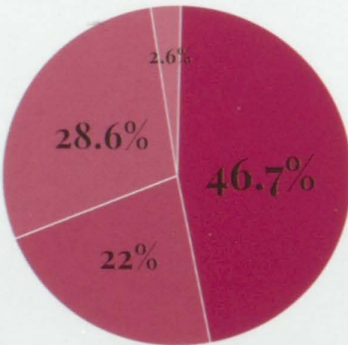
Students took a survey answering where they would be going for spring break. Over a fourth of the students who responded would be spending their break at home. Others, traveled around the country and some even around the world.



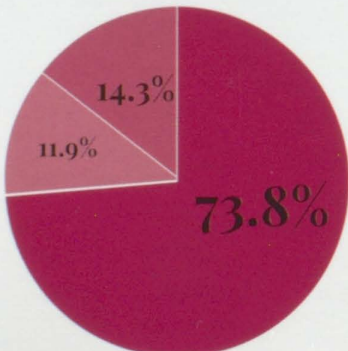
Out of the 309 students surveyed, 73.5% traveled during spring break, and 26.5% stayed home.



Out of the 183 girls who responded and were traveling, 20.8% were going to Gulf Shores, Alabama, 20.8% were going to Mexico, 4.9% were going on a mission trip, and 53.6% were going elsewhere.



Out of the 183 girls who responded and were traveling, 46.7% were traveling with their families, 22% were going with friends, 28.6% were going with both, and 2.6% were going with someone else.



Out of the 84 girls who responded and weren't traveling, 73.8% were going on a "stay-cation," 11.9% were doing, and 14.3% were going something else.



STARS ON A MISSION

Many students traveled around the world over Spring Break to visit families and communities that need help, or even just visitors. A large group traveled to Guatemala, and a few other girls went on separate trips.

Spring Break was typically a time when people go on vacation to hang out and have fun all week long with their closest friends. That was not the case this year for a few girls who spent their break in developing countries spending time helping the poor.

A group of 13 girls traveled to a city in Guatemala called Chimaltenango and lived with a host named Florencio and his family while they were there. According to junior Sarah Cozad, figuring out where they were living for the week changed up a bit from the original plan.

"We were supposed to stay at a convent in San Andres but there was a change of plans so we stayed in a family's house in Chimaltenango," Cozad said. "I thought that being able to stay with the family in their house was such a good experience because we got to spend time with the family and get a better feel of how their lives are."

Junior Molly Muehlebach also enjoyed staying with a family.

"The hospitality we received there was like no other I have ever experienced," Muehlebach said. "They were so selfless and kind to us, who were complete strangers."

According to junior Jeanne O'Flaherty, while they were in Guatemala, they walked around the town meeting families and doing things that might not normally be a part of day-to-day life.

"We were initially supposed to be building chicken coops and stoves, but again plans were changed on us last minute, so we ended up building pig pens and giving pigs to families in Florencio's neighborhood," O'Flaherty said. "So we built chicken coops for two of the days, and for another two days we worked at a school and

painted their cafeteria area."

According to O'Flaherty, the girls all had a great experience and when it came time to leave, it was not easy.

"Leaving was the hardest thing and our goodbyes were filled with tears and love," O'Flaherty said. "All in all, it was an amazing experience and I wouldn't trade it for anything in the whole world."

While the others were in Guatemala, sophomore Monica Looney traveled separately to a village in Haiti called Osapo with a mission group called Global First Response. This was an organization that traveled around the world to provide health for the poorest of the poor.

According to Looney, they were seriously focusing on Haiti, because even after six years it still had sufficient damage from the earthquake in 2010.

"The people in Haiti have no hope and by going we are trying to provide them with some hope," Looney said.

The city they stayed in was very impoverished and the families didn't have enough money for medical care for the children. So, Looney and other volunteers visited the families and gave them some necessary medical attention.

"We went to villages and gave vaccinations to children which was really awesome because these kids are dying everyday of illnesses," Looney said. "We also played soccer with the kids and they are amazing but have nobody to show off their talent to, which was really moving."

Looney said it was one of the greatest experiences of her life.

"I would encourage so many people to go [on a mission trip] sometime in their life," Looney said.



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A. CRAZY KIDS Sophomore Monica Looney posed with three of the kids she met while in Haiti. Looney traveled to Haiti with a mission group over spring break. photo courtesy of monica looney

B. CIRCLE UP The group of girls that traveled to Guatemala over spring break gathered around in a circle with some of the little kids to play games. photo courtesy of sarah cozad

C. PIGGY KISSES Junior Jeanne O'Flaherty kisses a pig while in Guatemala over spring break. photo courtesy of jeanne o'flaherty

D. NEW FAMILY The group of girls that went to Guatemala over spring break pose with the kids from the local school. photo courtesy of sarah cozad

ONE LESS LONELY RING

The juniors gathered in the Auditorium to receive their class

rings April 6 and then celebrated in the Commons for the

annual Junior Ring Dance April 9. The theme was Harry Potter.



Every junior knows the drill at the annual junior ring ceremony. You walk across the auditorium stage in your high heels, grin ear to ear, and grab the black box containing the glistening class ring. Upon receiving the ring and shaking administrators' hands you happily return to your seat and stare at your ring in awe. The only difference this year was that there was also a Justin Bieber concert to get to the same night, which meant instead of returning to your seat you dashed out to your car to head towards the Sprint Center.

"I would say a little less than half my grade left before taking pictures in the Commons," junior Jacque Smith said. "It was kind of sad, since I didn't get a full friend group picture."

According to junior class representative Mackenzie O'Guin, many girls requested that the date be changed at a class meeting but the administrators did not change the date or time and allowed the students to choose the ceremony or the concert.

"My friends got tickets the day of the concert and invited me," junior Alexis Batliner said. "We knew that we would be able to stay for the whole ceremony and still make it to the concert on time. I am glad I decided to do both."

The following weekend was the

Junior Ring dance, with a Harry Potter theme.

"Christina Kirk and I were in charge of decorations, but neither of us have read or watched the Harry Potter franchise in full, so we were initially a little terrified," O'Guin said. "However, after a ton of Pinterest, glitter, some serious assistance from my mom, and the work of our classmates, I feel it came together fantastically."

There was a DJ at the dance and the juniors were able to request songs that they wanted. Many songs were requested, including "Actin Like You Know" by O'Guin.

"The girls around me were like, 'Go, go, sing!' so I ran up to the DJ and I asked for the microphone, saying, 'This is me! This is my song! Can I sing? This is my song!'" O'Guin said. "She gave me this real skeptical look, 'You want to sing?' ... 'Oh, you're Mackenzie Nicole?' 'Yes! Yes I am!' 'OH! Here you go!' So, like I'd promised, I performed. It was a blast, because I love performing, and everyone was super hyped."

Many girls posted snap stories of the performance. O'Guin even let some girls come up to the front and perform with her.

"Overall both the ceremony and the dance were so much fun," Smith said. "I can't believe it already came and went."



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Junior Alexa Pierson reflects on the week of junior ring ceremony and dance.

Q: What was your favorite part of the junior ring ceremony?

A. It was finally getting the ring and feeling apart of the rich history of STA. I wear the ring almost everyday.

Q: How was Junior Ring different from previous dances?

A. It was good because it was just your grade so you knew everyone and everyone had a great time. My highlight of the dance was when Mackenzie sang her own song, it was fun., I mean you got a private concert.



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A. PRAYERS FOR THE FUTURE Juniors bow their heads as a prayer is said over their class at the Junior Ring Ceremony at STA Apr. 6. The junior class chose Jennifer Greene and Mary Montag to speak at the ceremony. *photo by margaret queen*

B. PIANO PLAYER Junior Kamryn Lanier plays the piano at the Junior Ring Ceremony at STA Apr. 6. Students from the junior class sang songs, read poetry and played instruments at the ceremony. *photo by margaret queen*

C. SCREAM AND SHOUT Juniors Reilly Johnson, from left, Emma Swinney and Tess Rellihan dance together at the Junior Ring Dance Apr. 9 in the Commons. The Junior Ring Dance was a tradition that the class celebrated together after receiving the prized class rings. *photo by carolyn scheuler*

D. LOCAL CELEBRITY Junior Mackenzie O'Guin, right, sings her original song "Actin' Like You Know" at the Junior Ring Dance Apr. 9 in the Commons with her class. O'Guin ran up to the DJ to sing after a classmate had requested the song. *photo by carolyn scheuler*

E. RAISE THE ROOF Juniors Meg Rohr, from left, Ellie Brewer and Camryn Gish dance with their hands raised at the Junior Ring Dance Apr. 9 in the Commons. After the dance, petals from the corsages littered the floor. *photo by carolyn scheuler*

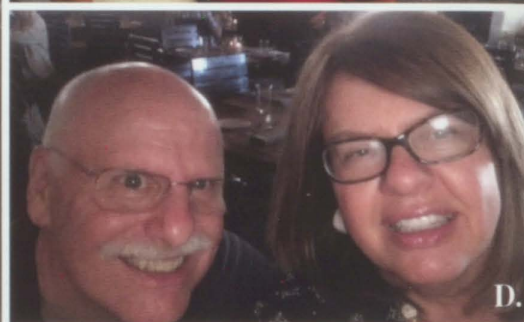
F. BUST A MOVE Juniors Jacque Smith, left, and Camryn Gish dance the night away at the Junior Ring Dance Apr. 9 in the Commons. *photo by carolyn scheuler*

G. LOVE IN THIS CLUB Junior Paige Powell, right, dances with Rockhurst High School junior Jackson Reichman during the Junior Ring Dance Apr. 9 in the Commons. *photo by carolyn scheuler*

H. CELEBRATING THE SISTERHOOD Juniors take pictures showcasing their new rings after the Junior Ring Ceremony at STA Apr. 6. The juniors received their rings before their dance on Friday. *photo by margaret queen*

SWEETHEART SUCCESSES

People always said it would never last but these three STA alumnae defied the odds and married their high school sweethearts. Grandparents, parents, and even theology teacher Michael Sanem told their stories of how their high school love became their forever partner.



It all started out so simple. Boy likes girl. Girl likes boy. They date, go to dances together, exchange rings, and graduate. From there, they get married and start their lives together. For class of 1968 STA graduate Mary Beth Denzer, it all began on the playground of St. Francis Catholic School in the 8th grade.

"They used to have the 8th grade girls sell candy to the other kids," Denzer said. "And that day, we were selling to the altar boys and my friend came up to me and said, 'Well I just heard there are two boys that like you.' One was a jock-tall, blonde, buzz cut, freckles and really nice. The other was this guy that had greased back hair, wore tight pants and boots and played in the band. Now you tell me, who would you pick?"

Denzer picked the latter, a shy boy whose interest in music drew her in.

"There was always music in my family because my brothers were in a band, so it seemed natural for me to like a guitar player," Denzer said.

They attended all homecomings, WPAs, and spent time together each weekend.

"There were just lots of fun parties back then," Denzer's husband, Tommy, said. "We also loved going to movies, we would go to the drive in and just regular old movies."

Despite all the fun and games, it wasn't always easy for them when it came to their parents' requests. According to Denzer, their parents were worried that they weren't dating other people. To satisfy their nagging parents, both dated other people during senior year but nothing changed the way they felt.

"I never wanted to date anyone else," Tommy said. "I wanted to marry her in the eighth grade."

Tommy popped the question on Christmas of 1968 and she said yes.

Fast forward 14 years to 1982, when STA senior Barbie O'Toole started her

summer job at the Starlight Theatre concession stand. She started this job to make some money and see some cool bands, but ended up meeting her future husband. Barbie's impression of her co-worker and recent Rockhurst High School graduate Tim O'Toole was a good one.

"I thought he was really cute and very funny," Barbie said. "He had a great sense of humor, which was important."

A month later, Barbie hosted a party that Tim attended. That night, he asked her to be his girlfriend. Despite the excitement of the new relationship, the age gap was a struggle at times.

"We never went to STA dances or events together," Tim said. "Looking back that's one of our regrets. If we had to go back and do it all over again we certainly would. But, at that time we didn't and it was probably more my fault than hers."

The difference in grades made an impact. According to Tim he would've felt out of place at a high school dance and Barbie respected that. Because of that, Barbie didn't attend her senior prom.

"It made me sad at the time, but looking back it's only one dance," Barbie said.

After both graduated UMKC and had spent seven years dating one another, Tim proposed in 1990. They have been happily married for 25 years and they advise other high school sweethearts who are considering breaking up for college to give it a whirl and follow both your heart and gut.

Fast forward another nine years to 2000. It's 2 a.m. when Michael Sanem finally hangs up the phone with girlfriend Megan Dimond. This was an every night occurrence for the two, but it had been a long time coming since their first meeting during the summer of 1998.

"It wasn't an immediate fall-in-love attraction," Sanem said. "We both thought the other was very loud and outspoken."

A. PROM-A-RAMA STA alumna Mary Beth Denzer poses with then-boyfriend Tommy Denzer at prom in 1968. *photo courtesy of mary beth denzer*

B. YOUNG AND SWEET Theology teacher Michael Sanem and his high school sweetheart and wife Megan Dimond pose for a photo at their high school prom. *photo courtesy of michael sanem*

C. 25 YEARS LATER STA alumna Barbie O'Toole poses with husband Tim O'Toole on vacation in 2015. *photo courtesy of tim o'toole*

D. COUPLE GOALS Tommy Denzer poses for a selfie with STA alumna Mary Beth Denzer in 2016. The couple has been together since 1964. *photo courtesy of mary beth denzer*

E. BABY MAKES THREE Theology teacher Michael Sanem poses with wife, Megan, and their son Willy May 24. The couple began dating in 2000. *photo by liz barton*

F. CONVERSATION Past president Sister Anna Joseph converses with two students on the steps of the Music and Arts Building. *photo courtesy of STA archives*

G. SUMMER LOVIN STA alumna Barbie O'Toole poses with then-boyfriend Tim O'Toole in 1984. The couple met when both began working at Starlight Theatre in 1983. *photo courtesy of tim o'toole*



Despite being just friends, they ran with the same crowd, going to parties and freshmen events together. They started to like each other sophomore year and began officially dating junior year. Dimond was the initiator of the relationship.

"I was definitely more into him at first," Dimond said. "I was more aggressive."

However, one important road block stood in Dimond's way: Sanem's girlfriend.

"She was too old for him, so we took care of it," Dimond said.

They went to both Teresian and homecoming together, as well as Rockhurst junior ring and prom. In addition, they spent time together every Sunday.

"Sunday was couple day," Dimond said. "We would go see a movie or hang out and watch TV and maybe get lunch. Sometimes we would eat dinner with each others families."

When the time to leave for college came, they decided to split as he would be attending Loyola University Chicago and she would be attending UMKC. However, the split only lasted a year.

"She was chasing me again," Sanem said. "I wanted to get back together in December and then she wanted to get back together in June."

Once dating again, the pair took turns flying back and forth to see each other about every three to four weeks.

"The distance totally sucked, but we made it work," Dimond said.

After both graduated, Dimond moved up to Chicago and the two married. They stayed in Chicago for five years, moving back to Kansas City in 2011. Despite their story, they still would have never guessed this would have happened.

"At 16, I would have never believed this, so you never know what's going to happen," Dimond said.



WALK OF FAME

The Walk of Fame & Color Throw was established in 2013 under president Nan Bone.



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A. COVERED IN COLOR Juniors Ellie Meysenburg and Claire McCann react to the seniors throwing color on them during the Color Throw. According to McCann, the color throw "is a great event that supports the school and having no school is definitely a plus." *photo by molly winkler*
 B. COLOR HYSTERIA Junior Reagan Shatto and senior Grace Kitts laugh as they watch their classmates get color thrown on them during the Color Throw. *photo by molly winkler*
 C. TUNNEL OF LOVE Senior Lauren Ryan runs through a tunnel at the Walk of Fame Apr. 22. Underclassmen made a tunnel for all seniors to run through after they finished their last lap around the track. *photo by margaret queen*
 D. DANCE PARTY Juniors Jamie Hafenstine and Tess Reilhan dance on the field during the Walk of

Fame. There was a DJ and students could request songs to be played. *photo by molly winkler*
 E. JUST LIKE A WAVIN' FLAG Seniors Katherine Mediavilla and Mary Hilliard wave flags while running their first lap of the Walk of Fame. Mediavilla was the senior class president and Hilliard was the vice president. *photo by molly winkler*
 F. PARACHUTE FUN Juniors Grace Schloegel and Rose Madden laugh together during the Walk of Fame. On the field there were parachutes, hula hoops, and loud music playing. *photo by molly winkler*
 G. PRESIDENT PRIDE Junior Gabby Ayala holds the "150 Flag" leading the junior class around the track during the Walk of Fame. Ayala was elected president of the class of 2017. *photo by molly winkler*

LIFE IN COLOR

The Walk of Fame and Color Throw was an annual fundraiser

held at STA. To participate, students either gave

addresses to be contacted for donations or paid a buyout.

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors run and walk through the quad to where they see the senior class standing. Girls are singing and laughing as they run to be covered in colored powder. When they reach the field, seniors begin throwing the color as underclassmen pick up their own bags of color to throw back. In a matter of seconds, the field becomes a cloud of blue, pink and orange.

"People had talked a lot about the color throw and how fun it was, but I didn't understand why until I went," freshman Brooke Moore said. "I'm already excited for next year."

According to junior Gabby Ayala, the color throw was one of the most exciting days of the school year.

"There's something about the whole school outside with the music and everyone's laughing and dancing," Ayala said. "Then you walk around the track with your class and the sisterhood just feels alive."

In addition to being a special day for students, the Walk of Fame and Color Throw also benefitted the school's emergency fund. Students either paid or gave names and addresses of people the school could request donations from.

"I think it's a really good idea for a fundraiser and it definitely gets people excited so I hope they keep doing it for a

long time," Ayala said.

According to Moore, there are a few things she wished she had known beforehand.

"I got a lot of the color in my mouth because I had it open the whole time so it tasted really gross and my teeth were blue," Moore said. "It was funny, but I'll keep my mouth closed next year."

Moore also wished she had brought a towel to put on her car seat after leaving the color throw.

"I didn't even think about it before, but I got a lot of color in my friend's car so I would for sure recommend bringing something to cover the seats in your car with," Moore said.

After the colored dust settled, students could be seen taking pictures together covered in color.

"STA girls take over Instagram after the color throw," Ayala said. "Everyone is posting pictures of their colored hair and with their friends. My feed is like a rainbow of STA girls."

After the Walk of Fame and Color Throw was over, students went to lunch with friends and hanging out together.

"Even if you don't know them, but you see someone in the color throw shirt with multi-colored hair walking around, you wave and smile," Ayala said. "I guess because you know that's one of your sisters."



INSTAMOM

Seniors shared photos from the Mother Daughter Luncheon on Instagram.



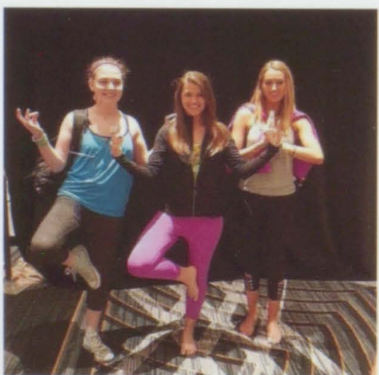
Seniors Emma Jensen, Lilly Koppen, and Josie Buford
photo courtesy of senior josie buford



Seniors Grace Orscheln, Gabby Keller, Maggie Hodes, Emily O'Neill, and Katherine Green
photo courtesy of senior katherine green

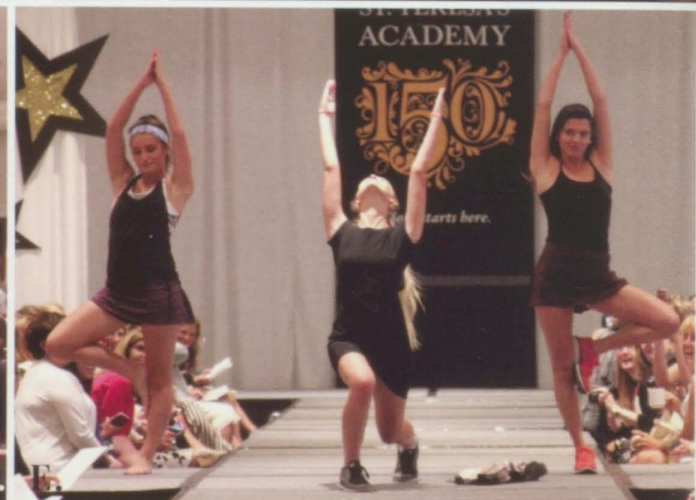


Seniors Maddy Medina and Bridget Jones
photo courtesy of senior bridget jones



Seniors Tricia Melland, Maggie O'Neill, and Katherine Robertson
photo courtesy of senior maggie o'neill

A. MODEL BEHAVIOR Seniors Maggie Knox and Audrey Carroll walk down the runway linked arm and arm during the Mother Daughter Luncheon fashion show Apr. 17. *photo by molly winkler.*
 B. DANCING DOWN THE RUNWAY Seniors Laura Dierks, from left, and Zoe Jackson dance as they walk down the runway during the fashion show Apr. 17. *photo by molly winkler.*
 C. FINAL PROCESSION Seniors Eileen Kerrigan and Ally Moore walk down the runway at the end of the fashion show at the Mother Daughter Luncheon Apr. 17. Kerrigan and Moore worked with "Scoobie Boutique" to model their clothing at the fashion show. *photo by molly winkler.*
 D. WORK IT Model Senior Claire Anello poses during the fashion show Apr. 17. Anello and her friends walked down the runway in "Lilly Pulitzer". *photo by molly winkler.*
 E. YOGA MASTERS Seniors, from left, Kate Scofield, Meg Thompson, and Darby Pedersen pose wearing yoga wear from "Lululemon Athletica" during the Mother Daughter Luncheon Apr. 17. *photo by molly winkler.*
 F. SURFING USA Seniors Natalie Rose, Caitlin O'Toole, and Kay VanAsdale pose on the runway during the fashion show Apr. 17. Rose, O'Toole, and VanAsdale wore clothes from "Title 9". *photo by molly winkler.*



THE MOTHER DAUGHTER LUNCHEON

The first recorded Mother Daughter Luncheon occurred in 1969.



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LADIES LUNCHEON

The annual Mother Daughter Luncheon took place Apr. 17 at the Marriott. The day brought different experiences for everyone, especially for those who attended without their mothers.

A dress, a table, make-up, you have everything ready for the annual Mother Daughter Luncheon... Except your mother. This is what happened to senior Ellie Porterfield.

"My mom couldn't go to the luncheon because she was recently diagnosed with brain cancer and couldn't attend," Porterfield said.

Despite her mother not being able to attend, Porterfield was still determined to go after attending all four previous years. Instead of opting out her senior year, she decided to go with her family friend, Jenny Love.

Porterfield wasn't alone in going without her mother, either. Sophomore Gabby Martinez's mother was out of town during the luncheon, so she attended the luncheon with sophomore Isabel Fitzpatrick and her mother, Laura Fitzpatrick.

"Isabel has always been my best friend and her mom and my mom are close," Martinez said. "So [Laura] has always been kind of like a second mom, so it was just like oh hey, I can ask the Fitzpatrick's to adopt me for the day."

Since she was close with the family she went with, Martinez said her experience was not noticeably different from when she went with her own mother.

"I think obviously I would have loved to go with my mom, but it wasn't

necessarily better or worse," Martinez said. "The Fitzpatrick's are like family."

According to Martinez, she still enjoyed the luncheon because of the time she spent with friends.

"My favorite part of the luncheon is getting the chance to just kind of dress up and hang out with my friends," Martinez said. "I think all of the luncheon is fun so I guess my least favorite part would be watching my friends eat their delicious looking cupcakes while I can't because I'm gluten and dairy free."

Porterfield also enjoyed the event, saying that despite the fact she couldn't go with her mother, she had fun being with her friends and participating in the annual senior fashion show.

"It was so much fun," Porterfield said. "I wore a green jumpsuit with a fun pattern and an open back, it was really pretty."

Porterfield also stated that she would have preferred to go with her mother, but insisted that she was glad she went, and encouraged other girls to attend, even if their mothers could not.

"I would recommend it because it's still a great experience either way," Porterfield said.

A DIFFERENT TRACK

With new coaches, new athletes, and a new event, it was a year of firsts for the track and field team, which offered new experiences to the team who still remained successful, according to coach Green.

Stepping out onto the field, sophomore Annabelle Cusumano wasn't sure what to expect. It was her first year doing a high school sport, and her very first time doing pole vault. She never would have expected in a few short weeks, she'd be competing at Sectionals.

"It was awesome to make sectionals this year, I really wasn't expecting it because it was my first year in the sport [because] I usually don't have time," Cusumano said. "So it was a new, fun, experience."

Cusumano was one of two pole vaulters who qualified for sections, with junior Elsa Feigenbaum making it all the way to state and placing 13th.

Feigenbaum wasn't the only one to qualify for state. Two students who participated in javelin throwing went to state, junior Natalie Hull and sophomore Sofia Giocondo.

"For javelin we didn't have to compete at districts or sectionals because they took the top 16 people with the farthest throws in the state to compete at State," Giocondo explained. "Each day at practice me and Natalie would go through our normal routine of warming up and then practice a few full throws and get advice from the coaches about what we are doing wrong or things to focus on."

Giocondo went on to credit some of her success to the coaches.

"[For javelin throwers] our original coach was coach Ramatowski but he had to move so then coach Samuels, coach Brown, and coach CB took over and helped us," Giocondo said. "I knew that if I focused and listened to all the new advice and technique I was getting I could throw it further."

Giocondo stated that competing in State was her favorite part of the track season, especially because it was the first year they

had javelin at state.

"I would consider the highest point of the season was the last few weeks when we had districts, sectionals, then state," Giocondo said. "It was a time when we all had to focus and compete hard to get further to make it to state. I thought as a whole track did pretty good [this season]. The girls who made past districts and sectionals and went on to state deserved to be there. We put in a lot of work to get us at state."

Cusumano agreed.

"I think we did pretty good, we may not have always been the best in the meet," Cusumano said. "But, we tried our hardest."

Head coach David Green agreed, saying he wanted to instill a high competitive drive to the Track & Field program.

"I want every STA athlete to step on the track in practice or at a meet and have a 'I'm going to win' mentality," Green said.

Besides that, Green said he was proud of the many "firsts" that came this year.

"There were several milestones set this year, including Natalie Hull and Sophia Giocondo in the javelin, Hailey Coleman knocking down the STA record in the shot put and the weight relay," Green said.

He also thought that the team got progressively better throughout the year, even though they had to adjust to the changes at the beginning of the year.

"The team struggled adapting to a mostly new coaching staff and adjusting to a different philosophy and training program," Green said. "[However,] all events were successful because our team performance level gradually rose every single track meet. They contributed great knowledge and a competitive drive that has inspired many of the Stars as well as their performance. I look at our 'lows points' as the start of success and greatness to come with STA track & field."



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TRACK AND FIELD



FIRST ROW: Anna Louise Sih, Gabrielle Pesek, Sarah Mendez, Erris Pierson, Laura Logan, Pria Jean-Baptiste, Raiyon Smith
SECOND ROW: Annabelle Cusumano, coach CB, coach Mark Hough, coach Earlen Brown, coach David Green, coach Ladonna Goodman, coach Richard Samuels, coach JC Ramatowski, Adeline Kreighbaum
THIRD ROW: Olivia Cook, Anyse Cann, Haley Shaw, Devin John, Gabriella Mesa, Meredith Mulhern, Erin Burroughs, Morgan Richards, Madeline Loehr, Emma Kate Callahan, Teresa Drinkhouse, Lenytte Matos
FOURTH ROW: Kathryn McCabe, Megan Cotter, Isabel Flores, Sofia Giocondo, Katrina O'Connor, Mamie Murphy, Emily Zapien, Natalie Telep, Grace Laird, Sarah Schaefer, Cecilia Curran
FIFTH ROW: Maggie McConnell, Emily Laird, Leeny O'Boyle, Savaria Goodman, Machella Dunlea, Mia Schloegel, Hannah Berghoff, Mary Lepique, Lauren McCann
SIXTH ROW: Gabby Wimes, Kiernan O'Boyle, Chelsea Whitehead, Hailey Coleman, Betsy Alderman, Rachel Allard, Onyi Oligbo, Natalie Hull, Ellie Bichelmeyer, Claire Wilmot

A. MILE BY MILE Sophomore Grace Laird runs in the mile event at the District track meet at Grandview High School May 14. This season was Laird's first season on the STA track and field team. *photo by mamie murphy*
B. JUMPING JUNIOR Junior Lauren McCann jumps a hurdle at the District track meet. Girls had to place at the District meet in order to move onto Sectionals. *photo by margaret queen*
C. STRAIGHT SPRINTIN' Sophomore Olivia Cook sprints in the 4x400 meter relay at the District track meet at Grandview High School May 14. Cook also participated in jumping events throughout the regular season. *photo by mamie murphy*
D. SPEEDING START Sophomore Sarah Schaefer jumps off the block at the District track meet. Schaefer ran the 100 meter hurdles at the meet. *photo by margaret queen*
E. LAUGHIN' LADIES (from left) Sophomores Kiernan O'Boyle, Mia Schloegel and Senior Emily Laird laugh at a snapchat filter on Schloegel's phone between races. Track allowed girls of all grades to bond. *photo by mamie murphy*
F. TWO MILE TEAM (from left) Junior Catherine Parra and sophomore Mia Schloegel run in the two mile event at the Districts track meet. Schloegel placed 4th and Parra placed 7th. *photo by emma kate callahan*



SCOREBOARD

DATE	OPPONENT	OVERALL PLACE
04/05	Grandview	7th
04/08	Bishop Miege	2nd
04/15	Raymore-Peculiar	2nd
04/29	Joe Falcom Invitational	4th
05/14	Class 5 District 7 Championships	4th
05/21	Class 5 Sectional 4 Championships	12th
05/27-28	MSHSAA Class 5 State Championships	30th

KEEPIN' IT IN SYNC

Freshman Evelyn Moser had competed on a synchronized swimming team for three and a half years. Her team had recently qualified for Nationals.

It was the regional competition. Her team had traveled hours to Colorado, and she was to compete for her first time, and a solo no less. Freshman Evelyn Moser pulled on her sparkling swimsuit, gelled her hair back into a perfect bun, and applied about a pound of waterproof makeup. She was ready, but very nervous.

As she waited to swim her routine Moser realized that she forgot one vital thing: her nose clip. Her music began, she dove in, discreetly put it on, and all was well.

Though her 11 year old self was having a panic attack in the moments before her first competition, Moser was not discouraged.

She has been practicing synchronized swimming with the Kansas City Sea Sprites for a few years.

Moser found that land sports weren't really her thing, so she tried swim team and loved it. She swam competitively for four years until it got boring, and that's when she learned about synchronized swimming.

"Most people say [synchronized swimming is] like dancing in the water because of so many aspects that apply to dance," Moser said. "It's also kind of like cheerleading in the same way. It's choreographed; it's to music, to beats. And then, there's throwing people and all sorts of different techniques that you use."

Though it was not a very common sport in the Midwest at the high school level, synchronized swimming proved to be fairly physically demanding. Moser's team practiced four times a week, and one of those days was purely conditioning. Every Saturday and Sunday, she was in the pool from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

"You need to be fit," Moser said. "Because you're there like egg-beating for 20 minutes when your coach is yelling at you. Or when you

swim, you need to be high out of the water and present yourself, and it's like treading of the water. That's probably the most demanding thing."

The Kansas City Sea Sprites synchronized swimming team was the oldest in the nation and the only one in Missouri. The next closest team was in Colorado. Needless to say, the team traveled often for competitions that were two or three days long.

Through the long practices and competitions, Moser grew very close to her teammates. For years, she related them to being her sisters.

"I love them all very much," Moser said. "I mean, we do have our moments where personalities clash, but other than that, it's really great because they're like my second family outside of school. It's so nice to have an environment where it's like, not stressful. We're just there to do stuff that we love."

That bond came in handy because Moser felt very in-sync with her teammates when she swam. Though she was thinking about what the judges were thinking, she felt amazing when she was swimming.

"The whole idea of swimming and competing is just so exciting," Moser said. "You feel so satisfied after you swim and when you compete because you're like, 'I tried my best and that's all that matters.'"

Moser took pride in being able to say that she did synchronized swimming. It held a very big part in her life.

"It's probably a step down from education," Moser said. "There's the family, the friends, education, health, and then synchro[nized swimming] is up there with them. It's really big because I focus so much of my time and effort on it that I feel like I need to give 110 percent to it whenever I'm focusing on it."



A. LASER FOCUS Freshman Evelyn Moser gives her full attention to her swim coach during Sunday morning practice April 23. Moser and her teammates were determined to perfect their group routine for an upcoming competition. photo by emma stiles

B. SPLASHY SYNCHRO Moser takes a break after warm ups and practices the technical details of her swim routine at the Red Bridge YMCA. photo by emma stiles

C. STREAMLININ' Moser warms up before practicing her synchronized swimming group routine. She and her team warmed up for over an hour before practicing for their upcoming competition. photo by emma stiles

D. BUTTERFLY FLY AWAY Moser practices the butterfly stroke while warming up with her synchronized swim team. photo by emma stiles

E. SYNCHRO SISTAS Freshman Evelyn Moser poses with her teammates after competing in the 2014 National competition. photo courtesy of evelyn moser





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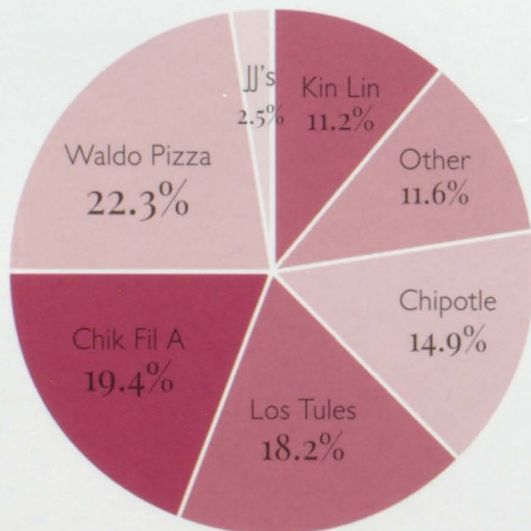
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FOOD FAVORITES

The *Teresian* polled 242 students about their favorite restaurant to order food from for advisory parties.



A. LET'S PLAY A GAME Freshman Mia Tomasic plays a hand slapping game during an advisory party May 3rd. The Blake advisory was known for having a lot of advisory parties. *photo by bridget graham*

B. PUPPY PARTY Freshman Gabby Staker and sophomore Natalie Kistler pet senior Machella Dunlea's puppy Emer during senior farewell parties May 3. *photo by molly winkler*

C. FAREWELL FIESTA Senior Eileen Kerrigan swings a stick at the Captain America pinata during senior farewell parties May 3. The pinata stick broke so she had to find a stick off the ground to use in its place. *photo by molly winkler*

D. FUNKY FROSH Freshmen Evelyn Moser and Jane Kincaid laugh together at an advisory party May 3. During the party, Moser and Kincaid were trying to convince science teacher Renee Blake to get an advisory pet. *photo by bridget graham*

FAREWELL FAMILY

All advisories gathered to wish their seniors a farewell

May 3. Goodbyes were celebrated with advisory-favorite

foods, gifts and special time to spend with their sisters.

Surrounded by her advisory sisters as reruns of the Office played in the background and the delicious taste of Los Tules danced on her tastebuds, senior Sara Stubbendieck, member of the Leatherman advisory, spent her last advisory party sharing her highs and lows of the week with her beloved advisory.

"This party made me really sad to leave STA," Stubbendieck said. "I thoroughly enjoy advisory and I am going to miss all my advisees and Mrs. Leatherman so much next year."

Stubbendieck claimed to feel an extra-special connection to the rest of the girls in her advisory due to the fact that her advisory has had three different advisors in four years.

"I feel like all the girls in my advisory are so much closer because we have been through so much change together," Stubbendieck said. "I feel like my advisory is my little home at STA and it has been one of the greatest parts about my four years here."

Romine advisory senior, Betsy Alderman, also considers her advisory to be her second home.

"[My advisory] helps me make so many decisions, they know me better than anyone," Alderman said. "They even helped me to make my college decision through a pros-and-cons list during the party today [May 3]."

Senior Isabella Meisel, member of the Prentiss advisory, agreed that her advisory has been one of the best parts of her STA experience.

"[My advisory] just makes me so happy, they're so cute," Meisel said. "Advisory is like a little family within a big sisterhood, it's such a great community."

Seniors in each advisory also received meaningful gifts created by their advisory sisters.

"We received mugs with the state of Missouri on it with a heart near where STA

is and then the state of where we are going to school with a heart near our future school and on it read 'home is where STA is,'" Stubbendieck said. "I loved how it incorporated pieces of STA and my future."

According to Alderman, receiving the gifts from her advisory made her sad to leave the close-knit community of STA.

"Being the class that was being honored made it all feel so real that our time at STA is almost complete and I'm not ready to say goodbye to my wonderful advisory that became my family," Alderman said. "[Time] goes by so fast and all I can say is that I'm not ready to say goodbye to all these wonderful people."

Similar to Alderman, the farewell parties acted as a rude awakening for Meisel.

"It didn't really hit me until after the part that very soon I'll be sitting on the floor of Prentiss' room with my advisory for the last time," Meisel said. "Advisory is one of my favorite parts of the day, so it was pretty sad to realize that soon I won't have that every day."

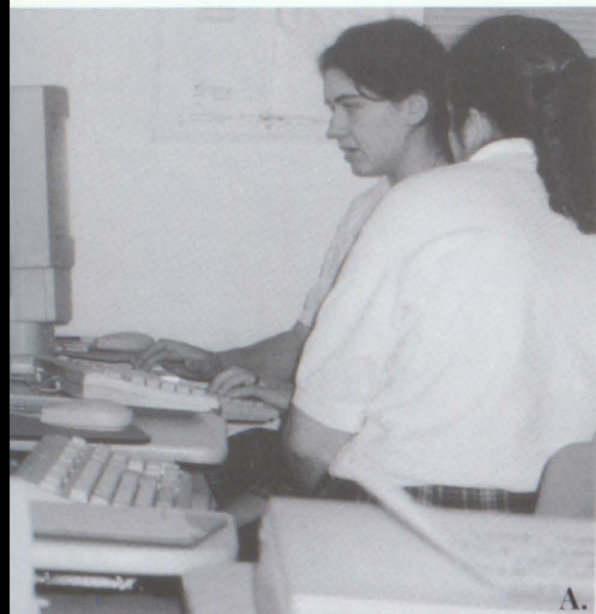
After reflecting on her four years at STA, Stubbendieck was thankful to have an advisory system that allows underclassmen to have sisters to look up to and upperclassman that are leaders for underclassmen.

"I want to tell [my advisory sisters] to get involved, attend every school event and cherish every moment you have at this amazing school," Stubbendieck said.

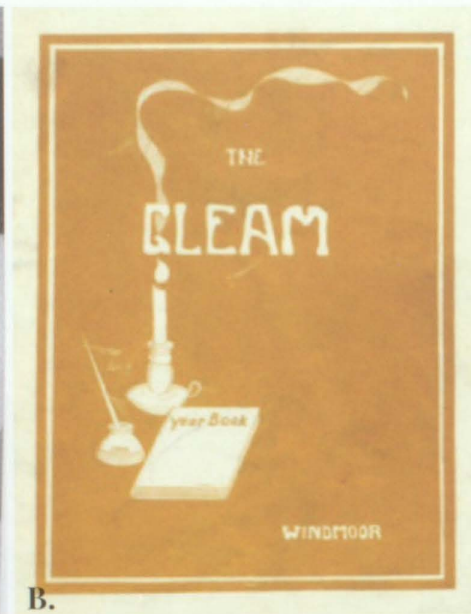
Meisel, also thankful to have been given the opportunity to make such wonderful memories with students from all classes, wanted to tell her advisory to refill the snack drawer and that they are always welcome in her life for years to come.

"I love each and every one of you and you all will always have a place on my floor at KU," Meisel said.





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SUCCESS IN THE PRESS

Publications started in 1913 with a publicity journal, *Views*.

Since then, publications had grown into a very competitive and renowned part of STA, with both

The Dart and Teresian winning awards each year.

In room D204, the 22 Mac computers sat, each screen displaying a different page or story. The editors-in-chief were meeting with a new staff member about her page and a photographer was editing her pictures from a soccer game. Advisor Brad Lewis sat at his desk, preparing for the end of the year banquet and reviewing pages to be sent to the publisher. The pressure to be the best was always looming, as each staffer glanced up at the awards board daily. According to Dart editor-in-chief and senior Mary Hilliard, the expectations affect every move the paper makes.

"There's a lot of pressure to not only continue the excellent work of the Dart, but build upon it and strive to improve," Hilliard said. While the STA publications were regarded with respect based on the awards won, the publication room had humble beginnings on campus.

Beginning in 1913, the school journal, *Views*, started out as more of a publicity tool for the school. *Views* quickly faded out when *The Gleam* was introduced in 1922. It was both a newspaper and literary magazine that was released quarterly for one dollar. The *Gleam* then turned into a full newspaper,

The *Teresian*. It was the newspaper for both Avila College, which was housed on campus, and STA. Finally, in 1943, *The Dart* was born. It was the school's first newspaper removed from the college and the publication's name held a special meaning. It is said that God's love for St. Teresa of Avila was so great that He pierced her heart with His Divine love with a dart, hence the namesake of the high school's first newspaper.

The yearbook, *The Avila*, was first published in 1942. It kept the name until 1968 when the staff changed it *The Teresian*. The change came due to confusion about who's yearbook it was, STA's or Avila's. The *Teresian* yearbook had since won two Pacemaker awards, the highest award possible. They were given through the National Scholastic Press Association and honors the top yearbooks of the year nationwide. STA won in 2011 and 2013, for the books "Rewired" and "Exposure."

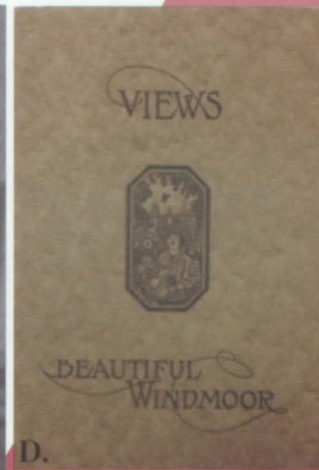
"[The yearbook] takes a lot more work than some people may realize," one of the two yearbook editors-in-chief and senior Carolyn Scheuler said. "All of the time spent on each story, picture, and page is unbelievable. Also, if you take into account the

fundraising we do with the *Teresian* Dance each year and selling senior ads, all the work really adds up. Honestly, though, it all is worth it once we see the books come hot off the conveyor belt at the publishing plant. You just feel so accomplished."

The newest addition to the publications at STA was *DartNewsOnline*, which was started in August 2009. Alumna Sydney Deatherine and Rosie Hodes launched the website and in its first year it won a pacemaker award from NSPA. *DartNewsOnline* continued strong, thanks to web editors senior Audrey Carroll and junior Madi Winfield.

"I think *DNO* stands out because of our engaging and unique coverage," Winfield said. "*DNO* offers a lot of opportunities for creativity to grow into something bigger than just a story."

Despite the pressure in the publication room, a sense of accomplishment overcome insecurities. The long hours spent staring at a computer paid off before and hopefully would continue. Despite the missed deadlines or lack of nominations, the publications represented the school and were cherished by each student.



A. HARD AT WORK Two students work on the Teresian yearbook in 1998. The Teresian was named "We're looking toward the future... How about you?" photo courtesy of STA archives
B. HUMBLE BEGINNINGS The Gleam was introduced in 1922 as a literary magazine. photo courtesy of STA archives
C. ALL EYES ON THE SCREEN Former STA students work on publications in 2003. photo courtesy of STA archives

D. THE START OF IT ALL The publicity magazine, Views, was introduced in 1913. The journal marked the beginning of publications at STA. photo courtesy of STA archives
E. GO DART! The Dart was born in 1943, after multiple other newspapers. The Dart still runs strong today, publishing about one issue a month. photo courtesy of STA archives

THE HAPPIEST CONVENTION ON EARTH

Students from the Dart and Teresian traveled to Orlando, FL with teachers Brad Lewis and Kelly Scott for the National Scholastic Press Association Convention Nov. 10-15. The girls enjoyed two days at Disney World and Universal Studios and attended the conference, learning about different areas of expertise in



A. LOOK! ITS DUMBO Students from the Dart and Teresian pose for a picture at Disney World Nov. 12. The girls enjoyed an entire day at Magic Kingdom, visiting the characters and going on rides. photo courtesy of torie richardson
B. DANCE DANCE Students from the Dart and Teresian pose for picture after the convention dance November 13. The girls wore their uniforms to represent STA. photo courtesy of bridget jones.
C. FIRST DAY FUN Students from the Dart and advisor Brad Lewis pose for a picture in front of the Universal sign Nov. 11. The girls spent a day exploring Universal. photo courtesy of torie richardson

PROM GRAMS

STA seniors posted pictures on Instagram before prom with their dates along with other people.



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photo courtesy of tricia melland

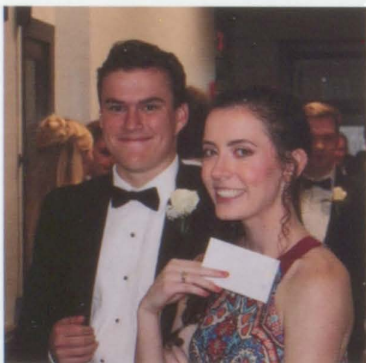


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A. GIRLS Seniors Meg Thompson and Lexi Holsapple dance together at the annual prom Apr. 8 at the Uptown Theater.

photo by liz barton

B. BOYS AND GIRLS Senior Sophia Prochnow and Shawnee Mission East senior Alex Glazer share a dance at prom.

photo by liz barton

C. PROM PIT The seniors and their dates all dance together at prom. The Uptown Theater provided the group a nice venue for dinner and then the dance.

photo by molly winkler

D. SPINNING AROUND Senior Laura Dierks and her date, Rockhurst senior Andrew Blickhan dance at prom together.

photo by molly winkler

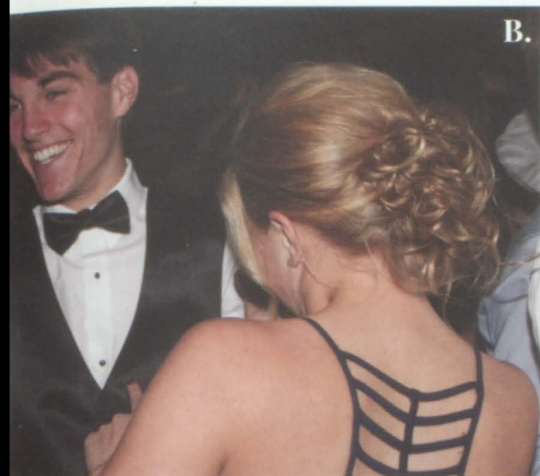
E. PRE-PROM PICS Junior Ellie Meysenburg and senior Maureen Whittaker pose for a photo at the pre-prom event Apr. 8 in the quad.

Pre-prom included a professional photographer in the auditorium, and casual group pictures scattered throughout the quad.

photo by molly winkler

F. DANCE TOGETHER Seniors Kathleen Herrington, left, and Gillian Cutter dance at prom.

photo by liz barton



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THE NIGHT OF NIGHTS

Each year in April, seniors and their dates attended the annual prom dance as their last STA dance. This year, some of the girls went a bit unconventional and got creative to make their night even more enjoyable.



A month until school was out, and until the seniors graduated from STA forever, everything was going as smooth as it could, preparing for their last few weeks of their high school career. The only thing that kept everyone going was the excitement leading up to the dance they had been waiting for since freshman year. Prom.

Senior Nicole Blanck admitted that prom was her favorite school dance of them all.

"I loved pre-prom and taking pictures with all of my friends and the underclassmen," Blanck said. "The prom venue was also beautiful and made prom really feel special."

When getting ready for the dance, being original is key unless the goal is nothing special. Blanck realized that she had a bad tan line from her recent trip over spring break, so to make things better, she had to get creative. Blanck used a flash tattoo to conceal what she referred to as an awful tan line.

"What started out as just a tan line cover up ended in me receiving dozens of compliments on

it," Blanck said.

Blanck also talked about how even when asking her date to prom, she had to get creative.

"I asked my date using a box of donuts," Blanck said. "I wrote 'I donut want to go to prom with anyone else' on the lid and on one of the donuts inside."

Along with Blanck, senior Tricia Melland also had fun when asking her date to prom.

"I actually spelled out 'PROM?' in dogs treats to ask him," Melland said.

Melland brought along her service dog Kenny as her date, and everyone loved it.

"When we were announced and went across the stage, everyone went crazy as Kenny sat down for the picture," Melland said. "So many people were asking if they could get a picture of us too."

Once at prom, according to Melland, Kenny did wonderful. He even sat at the table with everyone for the first time.

"He's normally on the ground under my chair, but I eventually caved in when my friends asked me to let him sit in the empty chair next to me," Melland said. "I definitely had the cutest date."



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UNPREDICTABLE PRODUCTION

The annual student productions ran April 22 and 23. For crew members and performers alike, this production had a different atmosphere than the fall musical and spring play.

It was one of the final run-throughs for student productions when Claire Molloy got out on stage and things did not go as planned.

"[Senior] Maggie Knox was supposed to pretend to push me out of the way on stage," Molloy said. "She ended up really pushing me, then tripping me, and I ended up falling into the curtain. It was all caught on tape because that was the night Dart was filming."

Moments from Molloy's fall captured the dynamic of the whole production, a lower stress chance to get out and perform. For sophomore Eve Aspinwall, student productions was another chance to get out on the stage, but in a different way than in STA's traditional productions.

"It was so much more relaxed," Aspinwall said. "We had only a couple rehearsals before tech week compared to everyday for two hours for like a month."

This relaxed feeling drew some students that did not participate in the annual musical or play.

"Different people try out," Aspinwall said. "For tryouts, it's also relaxed. For some of the plays, we didn't read from the script, we just did improv or other stuff."

Since student productions are typically short, there were fewer rehearsals. According to Molloy, this made student productions more appealing.

"It is more flexible with your schedule, which is really nice because I couldn't do the spring play because of work," Molloy said.

While this flexibility made it more convenient for the students, it also increased

the chance of something going wrong.

"The first day of tech week we were all still on script," Molloy said. "We even tried to run through it right before we went on stage, but we screwed up."

Behind the scenes work was also not perfected before opening night, but the students never doubted that things would turn out in the end. According to sophomore Gabby Martinez, stage crew had its own minor problems.

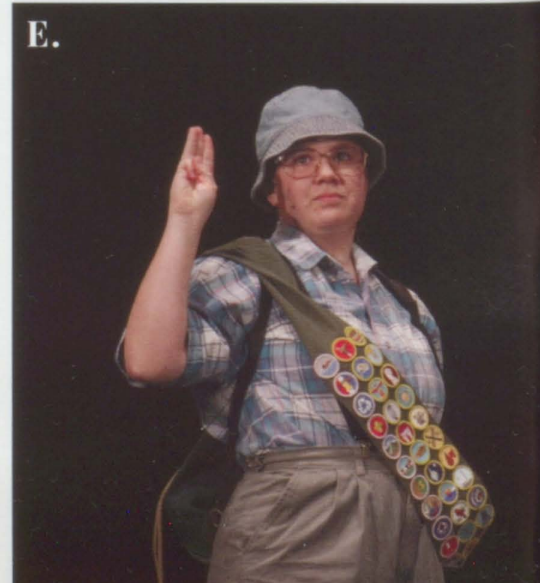
"I borderline didn't really know what I was doing, so it was kind of stressful, but it was really fun to get to figure it all out," Martinez said. "There was never a point where I thought things weren't going to work out. At one point I did mess up the curtains. I opened them too early, realized when they were like halfway open, panicked a little, and then tried to rapidly close them."

However, the audience was very forgiving since the entire operation is student run.

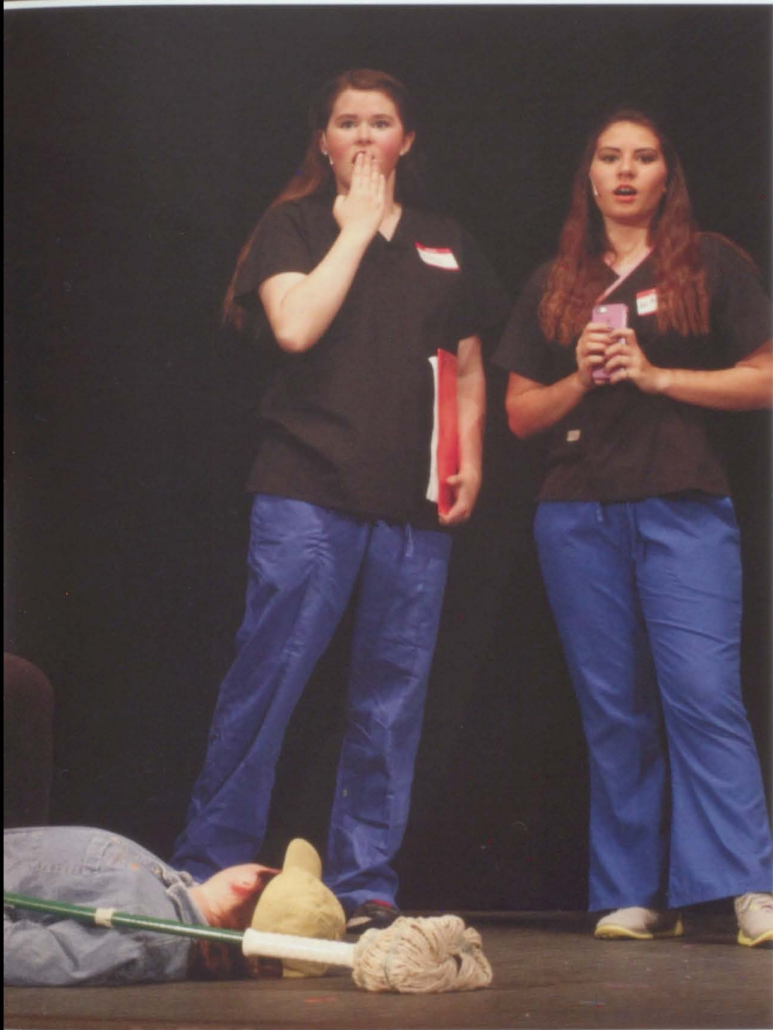
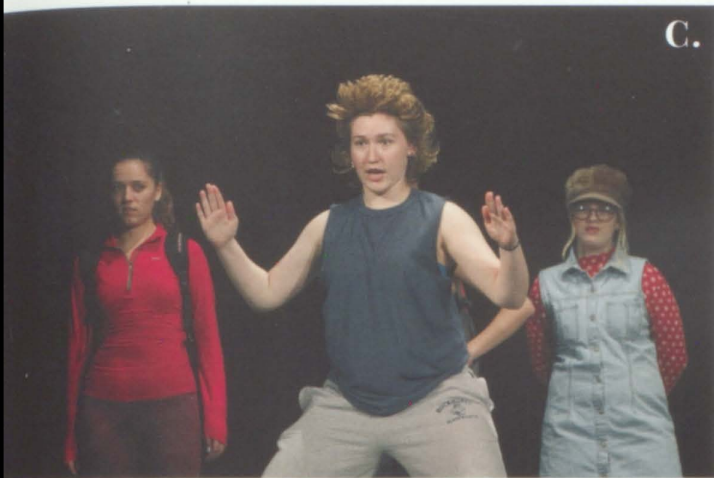
"It was okay though because everyone laughed and it was like a 'that was funny' laugh not a 'wow someone messed that up' laugh," Martinez said. "I think that Stu Pros is different from other productions because it really is student productions. The directors, actors and crew were all of us putting on these plays as students."

According to Molloy, the low stress made the whole production a better experience, and gave everyone a chance to grow closer with their cast mates.

"I really liked the bond I made with all the people in my show," Molloy said. "They were all really funny. Most of them were seniors, but they were all very welcoming and nice."



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A. PRECIOUS MOMENTS Students, from left, Lauren Daugherty, Maura Graham, Mary Kate Randolph and Kate Loman perform in the student production called "Moments." *photo by margaret queen*
 B. STRIKE A POSE Juniors, from left, Madi Winfield and Olivia Jackson take a selfie during student productions as part of their act. *photo by margaret queen*
 C. KEEP CALM Sophomore Miranda Collins delivers her lines on stage during student productions. According to Collins, her character was based off of Andy Dwyer from the show "Parks and Recreation." *photo by margaret queen*
 D. MAN DOWN Students, from left, Liz Countee, Claire Molloy and Katelyne Kratofil act shocked during student productions as senior Maddy Medina pretends to be dead. *photo by margaret queen*
 E. SCOUT'S HONOR Senior Maddy Medina and sophomore Anna Campbell perform in "Get Lost" at student productions Apr. 23. *photo by margaret queen*

THE FINAL BOW

For sophomore Miranda Collins, student productions was her last on-stage performance at STA, since she planned to transfer to Bishop Miege High School after sophomore year.

Q. How many STA productions have you been in?

A. I've been in two shows, "All in the Timing" and student productions. I would have done more, but I got really sick freshman year and couldn't do them.

Q. Going into it, did you know that student productions would be your last production?

A. I did, and it was bittersweet. I knew that it would be my last time on the STA stage, but I plan to come to every STA performance over the next couple years.

Q. What is a major thing you will miss about STA's productions?

A. The people and [director Shana] Prentiss. They put their heart and soul into every show, and Prentiss is honestly one of the best human beings on the planet.

CAST AND CREW

"GET LOST"

written and directed by grace girardeau and meredith mulhern

Cast

Jennifer: Maura Knopke
 Greg: Jeanne O'Flaherty
 Angela: Violet Cowdin
 Mikey: Miranda Collins
 Henry: Anna Louise Sih
 Joshua: Anna Campbell
 Lorraine: Reilly Donnelly
 Gerald: Maddy Medina
 Rivers: Audrey Carroll
 Billy: Lily Cosgrove

"IT'S GETTING HAM#LIT"

written and directed by sophia mandacina and sarah wunder

Cast

Hamlet: Bella Pichardo
 Ophelia: Olivia Jackson
 Romeo: Madi Winfield
 Juliet: Eve Aspinwall
 Claudius: Bridget Graham

Crew

Kate Jones, Jillian Morrison, Lia Biritz, Oli Carroll, Katie Gregory, Katie LeCluyse, Gabby Martinez, Emily Vosburgh

"MOMENTS"

written and directed by isabella meisel, katie donaldson and josie buford

Cast

Suz: Lauren Daugherty
 Jade: Maura Graham
 Becca: Kate Loman
 Chloe: Mary Kate Randolph
 Interviewer: Lily Koppen

"OPEN MIC NIGHT"

written and directed by torie richardson

Cast

Sam: Olivia Sweeney
 Karissa: Alex Frisch
 Leilani: Elise Malone
 Jemma: Polly Johnson

"BLACK SCRUBS"

written and directed by cara gose and maddie rubalcava

Cast

Holly: Claire Molloy
 Alda/Marley: Maggie Knox
 McAdams: Katelyne Kratofil
 Detective: Liz Countee
 Dr. Riddle: Caitlin O'Toole
 Rodger: Hannah Jirousek
 Janitor: Maddy Medina
 Patient: Annie Alderman

BEYOND THE DIET

With diet trends becoming more popular, some students felt pressure from friends and society to start dieting. For freshman Olivia Swinney, body image and dieting led to more serious problems.



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For many STA students, staying healthy and fit was a part of an everyday routine. While some girls kept their health in check for sports or personal reasons, others felt the pressure of body image from society.

"It's kind of a thing now," freshman Lucy Whittaker said. "A lot of people see dieting as something that everyone should be doing if they want to be healthy."

When surrounded by those on diets, some students believe they have to diet themselves.

"I know people who have succumbed to diet peer pressure," sophomore Anna Kate Powell said. "They start [dieting] when other people do it, but when they see people that have actually achieved something from it, then they want to do it too."

What can start out as a simple diet can sometimes turn into something more serious. According to freshmen Olivia Swinney, her struggle with anorexia began as a diet.

"I had tried dieting for years," Swinney said. "It promotes a healthier lifestyle and has really good benefits, but it can also promote really unhealthy stuff."

For Swinney, societal expectations and body image issues played a big part in her eating disorder.

The media puts forward that smaller bodies are always better," Swinney said. "Popular culture promotes it."

Friends and family soon noticed that something was wrong. At the end of her eighth grade year, Swinney went to Oklahoma for inpatient treatment.

"I was hospitalized in Tulsa, so that affected my friendships and my family relationships," Swinney said. "Up until last year I did ballet at Kansas City ballet. I eventually had to stop that and stop dancing because it got so bad."

Refusing to let anorexia take over, Swinney got out of treatment and returned to regular life.

"Recovery is learning how to let your voice that wants you to be healthy be louder than your eating disorder," Swinney said. "I've realized that I'm trying to be more confident with myself, not just my body."

Since she started school at STA, Swinney noticed that many students did not completely understand what it is like to deal with an eating disorder.

"It's a lot harder than it looks," Swinney said. "It doesn't look easy but it's so painful and miserable. I think the most common misconception [is] that you can't be diagnosed with an eating



A. TASTY TREAT Students brought donuts and other snacks for a class party in English teacher Katie Weber's room May 13. *photo by camille goodwin*
 B. LUNCH BUFFET Sophomores, from left, Kathleen Graham and Siobhan Bradley set up food for a buffet May 13. *photo by camille goodwin*
 C. JUMP IN Sophomore Meghan Baker tries to break through a red rover line during activity period outside Feb. 26. "With the amount of technology we use it is good to get a nice break during the day to go outside," sophomore Kate Jones said. *photo by caroline muth*
 D. SLAMMIN' SALAD Chef Scott Brake refills the greens in the salad bar at Bistro May 13. *photo by camille goodwin*
 E. TAKE A BITE Freshmen Teresa Drinkhouse eats an apple while talking with freshmen Maggie Fielder during lunch May 13. *photo by camille goodwin*
 F. HEALTH IN HER HANDS Freshmen Olivia Swinney holds an apple from Bistro. Swinney began her struggle with anorexia before starting at STA.

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disorder unless you're underweight."

According to Swinney, the students at STA should not try to accuse others of having dieting issues.

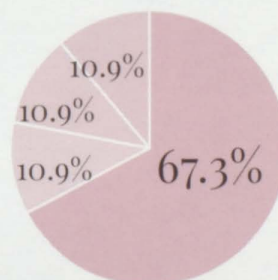
"A lot of people try and self diagnose themselves or others," Swinney said. "I've heard a lot of 'she can't have an eating disorder because she's not skinny enough, or she hasn't lost enough weight'. If you're already susceptible to an eating disorder and are around friends who say 'I need to lose weight I'm going on a diet' it can definitely be a gateway for that and provide room a lot of comparison."

While diet trends become more popular, sophomore Devin John agreed that crash diets that promote unhealthy lifestyles are not always the answer.

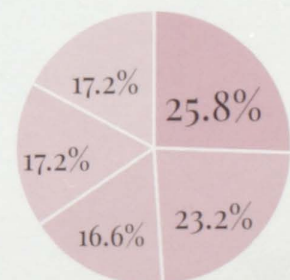
"I think people take it too far when it's like 'oh I can only have so many carbs or I should skip a meals for this' because it honestly doesn't help," John said. "You should be making correct eating choices and living a healthy lifestyle, but not to the point where it's unhealthy and making yourself sick."

BY THE NUMBERS

STA students filled out a survey about how they try to stay healthy.



Of 147 students surveyed, 67.3% said they defined dieting as eating healthy and working out. Another 10.9% said dieting is eating fewer calories per day. 10.9% defined dieting as cutting certain foods completely. The other 10.9% did not choose any of the previous choices.



Of 151 students surveyed, 17.2% said they don't work out. Another 17.2% work out 1-2 times a week. 25.8% said they work out 3-4 times a week. 23.2% work out 5 times a week. The last 16.6% said they work out everyday.



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A. ALL DOLLED UP Freshman Olivia Thomas gets her face painted with a floral design during Student Appreciation Day Apr. 28. *photo by ally moore*

B. WE ALL SMILE 4 ICE CREAM Sophomores Layne Stowers and Sarah Schaefer chat on Student Appreciation Day Apr. 28. Student Community Organization puts on this event annually. *photo by ally moore*

C. DANCE TO THE MUSIC Juniors Jeanne O'Flaherty, Maura Knopke and Bailey Fennesy dance outside the Goppert Center on Student

Appreciation Day Apr. 28. *photo by ally moore*

D. PARTY AT STA Senior Savaria Goodman dances with freshman Grace Coleman while surrounded by classmates Apr. 28. Popular songs were played on a speaker outside the Goppert Center. *photo by ally moore*

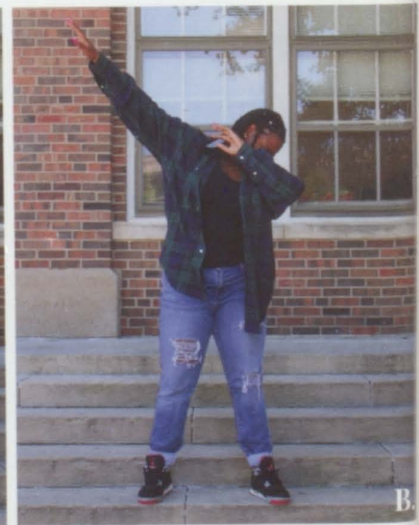
E. SUPER SPIKE Junior Kayton Froeschl spikes a volleyball while juniors (on right side of net) Jackie Adams and Meggie Mayer attempt to block it and gain a point for their team during Student Appreciation Day Apr. 28. *photo by emma stiles*

GETTIN' JIGGY WIT IT

Senior Savaria Goodman does Hip-Hop dancing as a past time and demonstrates some of her favorite moves.



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A DAY OF PLAY

Student Appreciation Day took place on Friday Apr. 29.

Students celebrated the day full of rich tradition with face painting, dance parties and balloon art.

Faces covered in doggy face paints, girls dancing to Miley Cyrus, popsicles everywhere; these are just few of the sights seen at STA's annual Student Appreciation Day, hosted by the Student Community Organization Club.

"My favorite part about Student Appreciation Day is probably getting to hang in the quad during our frees and, of course, the dance party during activity," said junior Camryn Gish.

This year, STA brought in face painting and balloon art with Petunia and Giggles the clowns. Students ate lunch outside in the quad, while playing volleyball or having a dance party with their classmates. Frees were spent outside so students could enjoy the warm spring weather. Certain teachers allowed class to take place outside so students could enjoy the beautiful day.

For freshman Maggie Fielder, Student Appreciation Day was something unique she had never experienced.

"I liked eating on the lawn with my friends and listening to music!", said Fielder. "I really liked [Student Appreciation Day] because [Student Appreciation Day] was a carefree, fun way to

spend lunch and activity!"

Junior Ellie Meysenburg agrees with both Gish and Fielder, and enjoys the casual atmosphere Student Appreciation Day provides, as well as its rich tradition at STA.

"I love student appreciation day because I get to relax at school with my friends and have a really fun time," said Meysenburg. "Student Appreciation Days have been some of the best memories I have made at STA."

Freshman Grace Coleman's favorite part of the afternoon was when junior Mackenzie O'Guin gave a sampling of her newest song "Actin' Like You Know" in front of all of her classmates. O'Guin performed her popular hit on the stairs in front of the Goppert Center. Coleman likes Student Appreciation Day because it's a chance for girls from different grades to bond.

"It's really cool to see everyone having fun together" said Coleman. "I like that [Student Appreciation Day] gives us a chance to do one last big, fun thing with the seniors before they have to leave."



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A. THE NAE NAE: Bend your knees, put your left hand up and right hand down by your hip, wave your left hand and walk backwards.

B. THE DAB: Lift your right arm in the air, put your left arm at a 45 degree angle and pretend you're sneezing into your left arm.

C. THE WHIP: Bend your knees, make a fist and punch it frontwards.



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IN A TIME FAR, FAR AWAY

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Cultural phenomenon *Star Wars Ep. IV: A New Hope* celebrated its 39th anniversary on May 25.

After opening in just 40 theatres, the world was surprised to see director George Lucas' film morph into an international sensation, making \$786.6 million by the time it stopped being shown in theatres. His popular movie soon evolved into an entire franchise, the most recent film released in late 2015. The *Star Wars* saga is expected to be completed in 2019.

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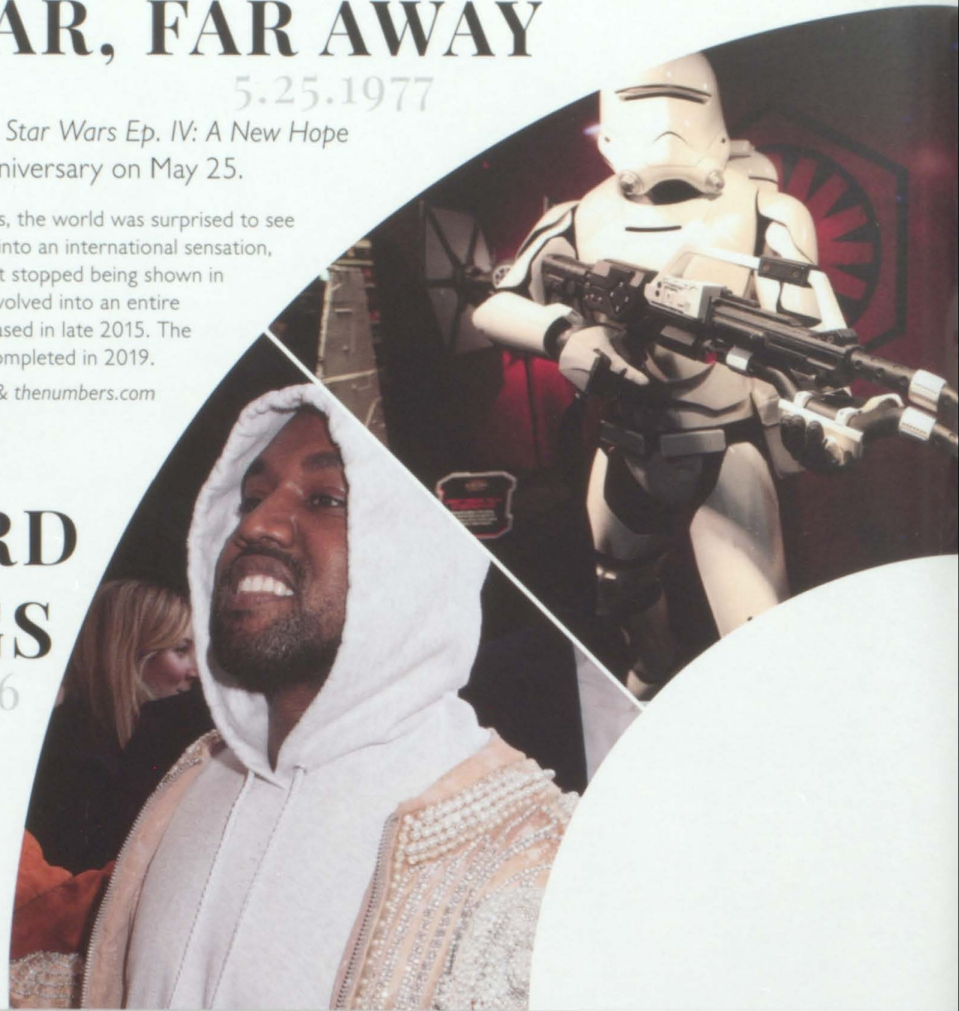
RECORD RECORDINGS

spring 2016

Many well-known artists released record-breaking albums this spring and their first-week sales were some of the highest in years.

Music artists Zayn, Beyonce, Rhianna, Drake and Kanye released albums in the spring of 2016 that broke sale records and topped charts like U.S. Billboard Hot 100 songs, Billboard Top Albums.

source: billboard.com & pastemagazine.com



TOPPING CHARTS

Zayn's *Mind of Mine* debuted March 25th, 2016.

Zayn became the first U.K. male solo artist and the first U.K. act to debut at No. 1 since his former-band, One Direction, did it in 2012.

Rihanna's *Anti* was released January 28th, 2016.

Anti became Rihanna's eighth Billboard Top Ten album and *Anti* jumped from No. 27 to No. 1, the biggest jump in eight years.

Kanye's *The Life of Pablo* was released February 14th, 2016.

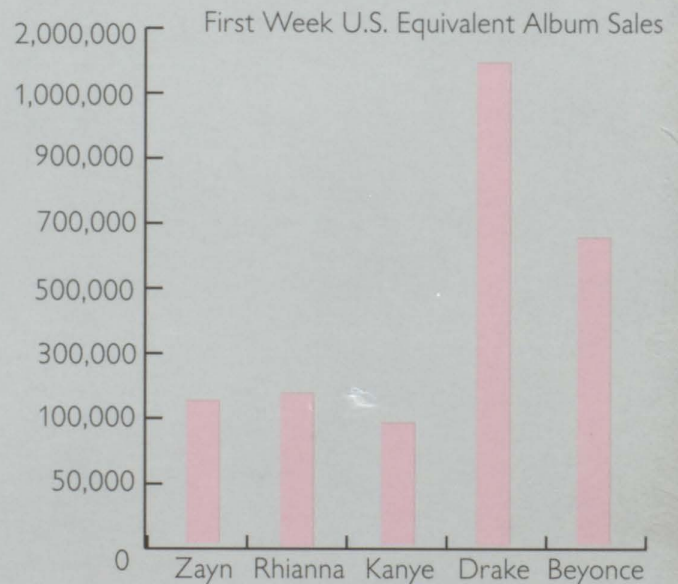
The Life of Pablo was the first album ever to hit No. 1 on the Billboard charts with over 50% streaming. It was also illegally downloaded over 500,000 times in the first few days after its release.

Drake's *Views* was released April 29th, 2016.

Views became Drake's sixth consecutive No. 1 album and had over 245 million streams during the first week alone, a record.

Beyonce's *Lemonade* was released April 23rd, 2016.

With *Lemonade*, Beyonce became the first artist in history to have their first six albums debut at No. 1 and the first female to chart 12 or more songs on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 at the same time.



source: billboard.com & pastemagazine.com

TRAGEDY STRIKES

3.22.2016

A series of suspected terrorist attacks took place in Brussels, Belgium Mar. 22 in several locations.

There were two terrorist bombings in Brussels, Belgium Mar. 22 at the airport and at a metro station. The attack resulted in the death of the three bombers and 32 people from different areas all around the world and 340 injuries. The attack in the Zaventem International airport occurred in the main terminal. The metro station that was also attacked was located in the city centre in close proximity to several European Unions.
source: nbcnews.com and bbc.com

DROP-OUTS

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Donald Trump won the Republican party nomination for the 2016 presidential election after his three opponents dropped out of the race.

Republican candidate Marco Rubio was the first to abandon the presidential race Mar. 15 after losing in the Florida primary to opponent Donald Trump. A short time later, republican candidate Ted Cruz also dropped out of the race May 3 following his loss to Trump in the Indiana primary. Earlier during the primary, Cruz had claimed to be continuing the race until the very end. The next day, republican candidate John Kasich quit the race due to Trump's significantly higher ratings in the polls.
source: cnn.com

TRUMP TRUMPS COMPETITION

Students shared their opinions about Donald Trump's Republican candidate nomination for the upcoming presidential election.

STUDENT OPINIONS

"When Rubio suspended his campaign I saw Cruz as the best candidate choice and Trump falling behind due to his immature attacks.

Nevertheless, when Cruz dropped out, I [saw Trump as the best candidate].
- Senior Leeny O'Boyle

"Honestly, I was shocked because [Cruz, Kasich and Rubio] appeared to be very anti-Trump and were trying to stop him from being the nominee and the only way to stop him was stay in the race. It was stupid on their part."

- Freshman Rhianna Jones

"I was upset when [Cruz, Kasich and Rubio] dropped out because I did not want Trump to be the Republican nominee, but I knew they would eventually have to because [Trump] was crushing them in the polls.
- Junior Haley Shaw

THE SMALL THINGS

Seniors gave speeches, created videos and performed at Class Day May 19. This annual event honored seniors and provided one last time for them to be together as a class.

You're babysitting. The kids are put to bed. You walk into a room. You look out the windows into the backyard. The sun is setting and the grass and trees are unnaturally beautiful. This makes you think of STA - the sunrises before school and the quad. You realize all the little things have made your experience at STA so unique and amazing. And then you start writing.

This was the reality for senior Hallie Ryan as she started writing the annual Academy Woman speech for Class Day.

"I think seeing that sunset and the beautiful green of the trees reminded me a bit of the sunrises at school and so my speech just went from there- all those little things about these last four years that have built up to my experience at STA," Ryan said. "I was just so inspired in that moment."

Before writing her speech, Ryan was given the simple prompt to write a short reflection of her time at STA.

"It was really hard writing it," Ryan said. "I didn't really know how to sum up something with that guideline."

While Ryan struggled with how to start her speech-which she would give on Class Day, other seniors knew from an early date what they wanted to perform.

"The end of junior year, I made a short bucket list of all the things I wanted to do senior year," senior Emma Jensen said. "I had three things on it. I had: be a Kairos leader, be

in a [student production], which actually didn't happen, and then perform ["Landslide" by Stevie Nicks] at class day."

Jensen played the guitar while senior Connor Hodes sang the junior's chosen song.

Jensen asked Hodes "because [she] thought it'd be fun to wrap up all of [their] years together since [they] were friends in like preschool and... since [they are] rooming together [in college]."

Both Jensen and Ryan were nervous before performing, but their reactions were very different.

"I was getting really nervous but I just looked up on stage and saw my amp sitting up there and my amp really reminds me of my parlor at home... and that [was] really calming," Jensen said.

However, Ryan started getting emotional before her speech.

"Looking out into [the senior's] faces and realizing I felt safe- that I have this home but it was time to leave- that was hard and to give that speech while those thoughts were running through my head was hard," Ryan said.

According to Ryan, during class day she realized how great the community at STA was and being with her class one last time was an amazing experience.

And so finally, looking back out that window, you finish writing with, "When you realize you have found your new home, remember the home that is St. Teresa's."





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A. ALL TOO WELL Junior Gabby Ayala and senior Mary Hilliard laugh/cry as they say goodbye to each other. The two met through swim team at STA, photo by molly winkler

B. PROUD SISTERS Seniors, from left, Mary Hilliard, Kat Medlavilla, Maddie Torti, and MaryMichael Hough smile as they listen to senior Academy Woman Hallie Ryan as she gives a speech at Class Day, photo by molly winkler

C. CLOSING TIME A group of seniors perform an original song to the tune of "Closing Time" on Class Day May 19, photo by emma stiles

D. IRISH BLESSING Seniors, from left, Connor Hodes, Lily Cosgrove, Hayley Burgess and Hannah Wells sing the "Irish Blessing" during Class Day. All five girls were a part of the STA Singers while attending STA, photo by molly winkler

E. FINAL FAREWELLS Senior MaryMichael Hough comforts sophomore Hannah Steen as they say their goodbyes, photo by emma stiles

F. OFFICIAL SPEAKER Senior Sophia Cusumano gives a speech as her fellow class officers watch on class day May 19, photo by emma stiles



F.

I'M GOOD

Senior Mary Hilliard made a video of senior year to the Mowgli's song "I'm Good."

Q. Where did you get the idea for doing a video?

A. "I was driving to orientation actually, and it was a really sunny day and I had the windows down and the song came on the radio and I was just like, 'this song is a good anthem for senior year because it's just a really happy song and what if I did a video to this song over the whole year?'"

Q. When did you decide to start filming?

A. "Usually when I was filming it was kind of on a whim. I filmed at our first senior tailgate and then at all the [Notre Dame de] Sion games and then just a few theme days."

Q. What were you feeling before and after



GOOD VIBES Seniors Kailey McNett, left, and Lexi Holsapple act for senior Mary Hilliard's video, photo courtesy of mary hilliard

Class Day?

A. "Over second semester I was putting it together, putting it together. So I had seen it probably like a hundred times before it was actually shown... I was so nervous when we sat down for Class Day and I was like, 'I hope they like it, I hope they like it.' Because I'd filmed them the whole year, so I wanted it to be a good final product because it was some effort on their part and then afterwards I felt relieved like, 'Okay, everyone's seen it they know what it's like.'"



A.

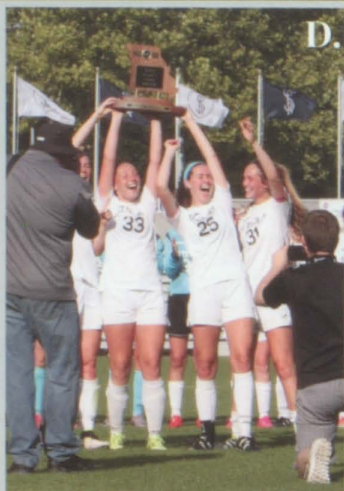
A. FEAR THE FROSH Freshman Lily Farkas battles a St. Joseph's Academy player for the ball Jun. 6. Farkas scored two goals during the game, leading the Stars to their State victory. *photo by alison munoz*

B. HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT Alyssa Seitzer dribbles the ball away from two Notre Dame de Sion opponents during a game at the Sion soccer field May 3. *photo by haylee gant*

C. DOG PILE The STA varsity soccer team collapses in a dog pile after being named the 2016 MSHSAA Class 4 State champions. The team finished the season with a 20-4 record. *photo by alison munoz*

D. STATE CHAMPS The team's senior captains hold the championship trophy above their heads as they are declared the winners of the championship game. The Stars defeated the St. Joe's Angels 4-2. *photo by alison munoz*

E. PUSH IT Senior Maddy Russell runs to the ball at the State Semifinals at Swope Park on June 3. Russell won the State championship with the team last year too. *photo by margaret queen*



E.

SCOREBOARD

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	
3/21	Park Hill	1-0	W
3/22	Lee's Summit North	0-2	L
3/28	St. James Academy	4-0	W
4/2	Notre Dame de Sion	2-1	W
4/5	St. James Academy	2-0	W
4/7	Park Hill	3-2	W
4/12	Lee's Summit North	4-5	L
4/13	Smithville	7-0	W
4/15	Edwardsville	3-4	L
4/16	Divine Savior	4-0	W
4/19	Lee's Summit	2-3	L
4/21	Lee's Summit West	5-0	W
4/26	Blue Valley West	3-1	W
4/28	Hickman	5-0	W
5/3	Notre Dame de Sion	1-0	W
5/10	Topeka Hayden	3-0	W
5/12	Raymore-Peculiar	7-0	W
DISTRICT TOURNAMENT			
5/14	William Chrisman	8-0	W
5/18	Truman	3-0	W
STATE TOURNAMENT			
5/24	Lee's Summit North	3-1	W
5/28	Park Hill	2-0	W
6/3	Cor Jesu Academy	3-0	W
6/4	St. Joseph's Academy	4-2	W

The cheers of the crowd roared as senior Maddy Russell thrust the 2015 State soccer trophy in the air with her overjoyed teammates, feeling an amazing feeling that she knew she just had to feel again.

"I knew [winning State again this season] would not come easy and that we would have to work hard to win another title," Russell said. "But [the STA soccer team] decided to come together as one to achieve one goal: winning State again."

Sophomore Maggie Prim agreed, claiming that the team had gotten a taste of what it was like to win State and wanted desperately to get back there and do it again.

"There's a huge target on our backs every season because of how successful the team has been for years and while that's a little nerve-wracking, it's cool to be that team everyone wants to beat," Prim said.

Aside from winning a title again, the soccer team was also dedicated to building a strong team atmosphere, one that would benefit them during the difficult games.

"[Playing on the STA soccer team] was like playing with the older sisters I have always wanted," freshman Lily Farkas said. "My favorite part of the season actually was coming to the practices because they were fun and I always felt welcomed."

Russell said that her favorite part of the season was when the soccer team cried together at a dinner on a team trip to Chicago because they had all realized how much they valued each other.

SOCCER



FIRST ROW: Sasha Blair, Kate Euston, Jasia Tolbert, Hunter Loehr, Maureen Egan, Maggie Hart, Mary Kate Armstrong, Olivia Williams, Ana Ryan
SECOND ROW: Alex Dalecky, Cassidy Schuester, coach Luke Harmon, coach Garrett Loehr, coach Dan Shaver, coach Emily Welch, coach Kellie Reilly, coach Dan Salzman, Kara Kanatzar, Isabella Brown, Audrey Giersch,
THIRD ROW: Olivia Ruch, Lily Altenhoffen, Cassidy Unland, Paloma Solorio, Sydney Baker, Reece Knudson, Gabby Ayala, Emily DeWitt, Kaleigh Klosak, Margaux Renee, Paige Sopyla, Margaux Thompson
FOURTH ROW: Macy Trujillo, Lily Farkas, Payton Garret, Juila Mantel, Addie Coppinger, Corynn McDonald, Meghan Schmidt, Kate Scofield, Emma Anielak, Faith Palausky, Katherine Cory
FIFTH ROW: Holly Vervaecke, Gabby Staker, Elexa Pierson, Delaney Meyer, Lulu Fiss, Alexis Batliner, Caroline Franke, Tess Rellihan, Paige Powell, Mia Tomasic
SIXTH ROW: Olivia Rose, Lucy Whittaker, Audrey Davis, Abby Small, Maggie Prim, Maddy Russell, Grace Kitts, Natalie Kistler, Alyssa Seitzer, Reagan Shatto

BACK TO BACK

The soccer team won the Missouri State title Jun. 6, defeating their post-season rivals St. Joseph's Academy, 4-2, resulting in their second consecutive State win and an 18-4 season.

"Although it's kind of a sad memory, it's something I won't forget because it reminds me of how much I miss my team and how close we all became," Russell said. However, once the post-season rolled around, all energy shifted back to winning State.

"Everyone was a lot more focused than normal," Farkas said. "The intensity was a big change."

Prim agreed, claiming that the entire team "stepped it up a notch" even more after winning the semi-final game.

"We were playing against St. Joseph's and we're pretty evenly matched with them whenever we play them," Prim said. "You never really know what the outcome will be."

Before the State game, Russell and the soccer team decided that getting second place was not an option.

"There was no way that we had come that far to get second place," Russell said. "We worked so hard as a team to get there and it was our last chance to show what we had and get a result."

After coming back in the second half of the game and winning 4-2, Farkas said that the moments following were definitely some of the best of her life.

"We had made STA history," Farkas said. "It was amazing."

Russell agreed, but claimed that having back-to-back wins only added to the excitement.

"It was unreal," Russell said. "Winning State in general is not an easy thing to do, but it's a great feeling to have been able to do that twice."

Coach Jeremy McElduff claimed to have been unsurprised by their win, as he had confidence in his team since the beginning.

"After I stopped wiping away tears, I was just so proud of the girls," McElduff said. "It's a great feeling. I'm always proud of the girls and this year was no different."

Prim was incredibly impressed with the hard work her team put into getting this win.

"Our season didn't really start how we wanted it to, but winning State again just showed us that we are capable of winning big games and that we are still the best team in the state," Prim said.

Prim was also appreciative of the team's dedicated seniors and claimed that it will be difficult to not have them leading the team next season.

"There are some big shoes to fill next season," Prim said. "I will most likely be taking [senior] Abby Small's position next year, which makes me nervous because she's so good. It's like having to perform after Beyonce."

According to Russell, there is not one single thing she will not miss about the STA soccer program and her team.

"I love you all so much, thank you for all the memories and making my final season at STA the best one yet," Russell said. "I'm really going to miss you all."

INSTAGRADS



Senior Betsy Alderman
photo courtesy of betsy alderman
(@betsyalderman)



Seniors Claire McHugh, MaryMichael Hough, Grace Kitts, Darby Pedersen, Eleanor Lueke, Sophie Burke, Hayley Burgess, Kate Scofield, & Delaney Meyer
photo courtesy of mary hilliard
(@maryhilliard)



Senior Hayley Burgess
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Seniors Kara Black, Ellie Porterfield, McKenzie Burns, & Megan Klinginsmith
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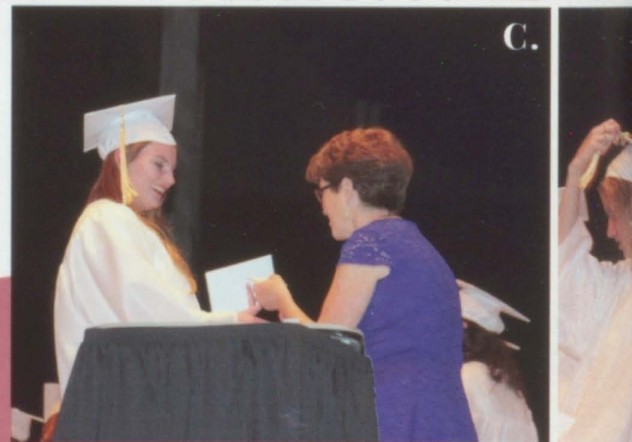
A. SINGING GOODBYE TO STA Senior members of the choir sing the alma mater at graduation May 22. photo by molly winkler

B. STA FRIENDSHIPS Seniors Maddie Torti and Darby Pedersen pose for a picture after graduation May 22. Graduation took place at the Music Hall. photo by molly winkler

C. OFFICIALLY AN ALUM OF STA Senior Jadyn Blank smiles as she receives a pin from alumni director Kathleen Barry, symbolizing that she has officially graduated from STA. photo by molly winkler

D. THE MOVING OF THE TASSEL Seniors, from left, Josie Buford, Hayley Burgess, Sophie Burke, and McKenzie Burns move their tassels to the left side of their caps, as they graduate. photo by molly winkler

E. PICTURE PERFECT Seniors, from left, Anna Hafner, Caitlin O'Toole, and Hallie Ryan pose for a picture after graduation May 22. photo by molly winkler



C.



HEARTS SINCERE TO YOU

The class of 2016 graduated May 22 in the Municipal of Auditorium the Music Hall. The ceremony was a celebration of their achievements as well as being a nostalgic end to a fantastic four years at STA.

Sunday, May 22, the 150th class of STA sat together for the last time, received their diplomas, moved their tassels, threw their caps high in the air, and officially became alumnae of the oldest school in Kansas City.

For many seniors, graduating is something everyone is excited for, but completing the last year of high school also means the beginning of the last of everything.

According to senior Sophia Cusumano, many seniors, herself included, take their time at STA for granted.

"I think that we don't realize what we have until it's gone," Cusumano said. "I didn't realize how important my time at STA was to me until I realized I couldn't go back."

Senior Bridget Jones agreed.

"I used to be so excited to leave," Jones said. "But once second semester hit, I realized how much I'm actually going to miss STA and mostly the people I've met and the memories we made together."

Jones describes senioritis as when you are so excited to move onto the next chapter in your life, that you fail to focus on the present.

"I cried a lot and tried to really focus on my time at STA instead of the fact that I had to leave it so soon," Jones said. "Sometimes I'll just see something, like a picture or text and it'll get to me that high school is over forever and I cry. But crying is good

sometimes, especially if you have the right group of friends there to support you through it."

According to Cusumano, knowing that everything will be your last is the worst part of being a senior.

"I hate that we have to leave," Cusumano said. "It's been home the past four years so it's hard to have to move away from your home."

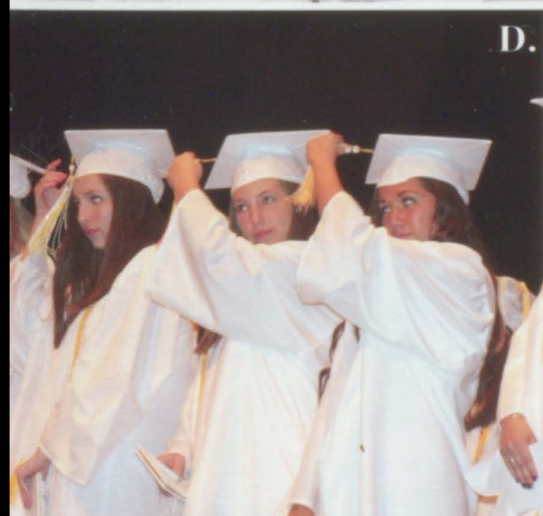
According to Jones, the worst part about leaving STA is that you can do nothing to stop it.

"It's like a timer is set and you know that eventually it's going to go off," Jones said. "There's nothing you can do about it but watch and live for everyday."

"Appreciate every single moment at St. Teresa's," Cusumano said as advice to underclassmen. "Time flies by and you can't get it back."

In Jones' opinion, the one thing that makes STA meaningful is, of course, the sisterhood.

"But not the sisterhood they made up for advertising purposes that you see in pamphlets and billboards," Jones said. "I mean the sisterhood that you see when you feel lost and sad and someone smiles at you in the hallway, or the sisterhood that is there to help you make your college decision when you think you'll never make it. The sisterhood that laughs and sings along to all your favorite songs in the car when you have nothing else to do on a Saturday night. I'm going to miss the real sisterhood, the spontaneous moments of pure care and love that are always there when you need them."







LEFT: Senior Mary Hilliard, from right, films senior class president, Katherine Mediavilla, and principle Liz Baker, while holding a sign Feb. 24. Many of the students and faculty gathered in the gym to cheer on the STA basketball team on their senior night. *photo by delaney meyer*

MIDDLE: Seniors MaryMichael Hough and Mary Grace Campbell dance in front of Goppert April 28 during a student appreciation yard day coordinated by SCO club. *photo by emma stiles*

RIGHT: Junior Molly Winkler rests her head on the side after finishing a hard race Feb. 11. "I was supposed to get first in my heat, but I gained one second. I was disappointed but I had swam multiple races beforehand," Winkler said. *photo by liz barton*

BACKGROUND: Seniors cheer and get excited during the STA vs. Sion game Feb. 24. The theme for the game was "kiddie pool" so girls wore goggles, floaties, and swim caps. *photo by molly winkler*

ENDLESS

From Star Night to graduation, relationships developed within this community of young women and then were put to the test. These undeniable connections between groups grew during free periods, retreats, study sessions, yard days, and rivalry sports games. Girls bonded over the stress of AP tests, the challenge of college essays, the excitement of school dances, mixers, the planning of advisory potlucks, and anecdotes of the latest boy drama. Throughout their years at the academy, students grew from 600 strangers passing in the hallway into carpools, tutors, cast, crew, teammates, best friends, and sisters. The friendships made within these hallways and classrooms are as ENDLESS as St. Teresa's Academy itself.

Ty Abney: *assistant athletic director*
 Kate Absher: *english, speech, debate*
 Alice Amick: *french, department chair*
 Julia Amigo: *spanish*
 Liz Baker: *principal for student affairs*
 Kathleen Barry: *columnae director*
 Julia Berardi: *testing center*
 Matthew Bertalott: *theology*
 Renee Blake: *science*
 Diana Blessen: *math*
 Nan Bone: *president*
 Kathy Brodie: *director of leadership and counseling*
 Amy Carlson: *science*
 Greg Carlson: *database manager, web coordinator*
 Edward Cronister: *substitute*
 Terry Conner: *science*
 Barbara Cusick: *development office, parent association liaison*
 Lisa Dibble: *fine arts*
 Kelly Drummond: *administrative assistant*
 Lindsey Duff: *english*
 Susan Duff: *accounts receivable*
 Terry Egelhoff: *development/special events*
 Mike Egner: *social studies*
 Kelly Fast: *english*



SLICE OF LIFE



A. CLUBBIN' Social Studies teacher Alicia Stewart left, talks to senior Hallie Ryan about Future Business Leaders of America at the club fair Aug. 25. *photo by molly winkler*



B. SLICE OF LIFE Theology teacher Robert Tonnies, left, and English teacher Kelly Fast enjoy an advisory part in Fast's room Oct. 1. Fast invited Tonnies to the pizza party because Tonnies has no advisory to celebrate with. *photo by molly winkler*



C. ROYAL MEETING President Nan Bone and auction coordinator Terry Egelhoff prepare to make an announcement at the St. Teresa's Academy auction Nov. 21. *photo by emma stiles*

THE NEW GUY

Social Studies teacher Patrick Nielsen was new to STA after teaching at Archbishop O'Hara High School for three years.



Q: Why did you decide to come to STA?

A: I wanted to teach at a catholic school and a school that was considered one of the best in the area as well as the region. I was excited at the prospect of coming to such a highly regarded catholic school with a rich history.

Q: What has been the biggest adjustment for you so far?

A: I don't feel like I have had to make any big adjustments in the classroom with my teaching, so I will say the biggest adjustment has been the most obvious and that is going from a coed school to an all girls school. As a result I try to put a greater focus on women

in the subjects I teach.

Q: What is your favorite part of STA?

A: My favorite part of STA are the students, all of the girls are so focused and appreciative. I get great questions in all of my classes, and great discussions. As a teacher your day is so much easier with great students and it makes you feel great when every day, without fail, as students are leaving class I always hear multiple thank you's. In all of my other teaching opportunities I have never seen that on such a regular basis and I think that speaks to the high character of the girls at this school.



Renee Fietsam: *math*
 Mary Fisher: *math*
 Becky Flores: *executive assistant*
 Anne Flynn: *admissions assistant*
 Maria Garcia-Gil: *spanish*
 Julia Gargallo: *spanish*

Robin Good: *theology*
 Jennifer Greene: *theology*
 Lisa Gross: *athletic trainer*
 Ray Hain: *social studies*
 Jackie Hersheve: *librarian*
 Steve Himes: *english*

Dianne Hirner: *english*
 Mark Hough: *athletic director*
 Roseann Hudnall: *admissions director*
 Debi Hudson: *college counseling*
 Carrie Jacquin: *english*
 Amanda Johnson: *counseling*

Joan Jordan: *development/special events*
 Steven Karlin: *piano*
 Maura Lammers: *english*
 Kayla Leatherman: *digital media*
 Brad Lewis: *digital media*
 Marina Lopez: *spanish*

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

English teacher Katie Dolan moved to Washington DC after the 2014, while history teacher Jacqui Brewer left STA to pursue a life long dream of hers in Kansas City.

Katie Dolan

Q: What have you been doing since leaving?

A: I run the Writing Center at Connelly School of the Holy Child, an all girls, private, Catholic high school in Potomac, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D.C. I help students with any kind of writing assignment from a thesis statement to a college essay.

Q: What do you miss about STA?

A: I miss the diversity of thought and the quirkiness of spirit in STA students. I also miss traditions specific to the Academy - Advisory Parties, Sion Games, Faculty Auction Skit, Seniors decorating the Quad for Christmas, Yard Days, the Tartan Plaid.



Jacqui Brewer

Q: What have you been up to since leaving?

A: I opened my retro boutique, Brookside Betty's. It's been a lot of fun. I get to travel to market to buy new inventory. The shop has been featured in the news a few times, and I have the best customers in the world.

Q: What do you miss about STA?

A: One thing I miss about STA is all the great students I had. STA girls are amazing women, and I love hearing about all the great things you ladies are up to. I love it when former students stop in to visit and let me know what's new in their lives, and it was great hearing about all the college acceptances last year.



Liz Majors: college counseling

Sue Marquis: latin

Jennifer McBratney: development assistant

Barbara McCormick: principal of student affairs

Kelly McKee: academic counselor

Gilbert Mont: operations manager

Mary Montag: science

Patrick Nielsen: social studies

Stacie O'Rear: physical education

Fred Palacio: facilities

John Palacio: facilities

Anne Papineau: social studies

Steve Perry: music

Jennifer Petree: administration

Shana Prentiss: fine arts

Martha Ramirez: business office

Rafael Ramirez: facilities manager

Mary Rietbrock: science

Kathy Rohr: business office

Kelsey Romine: mathematics

Michael Sanem: theology

Megan Schaefer: marketing, public relations

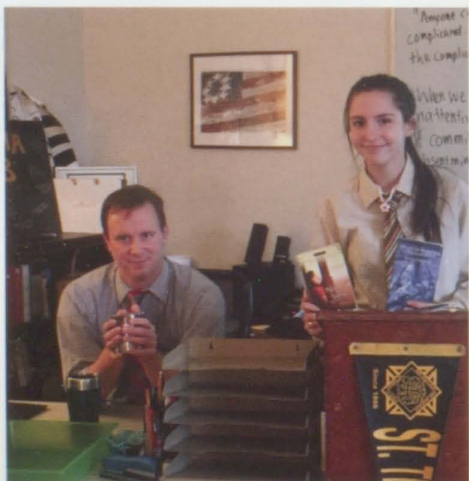
Kelly Scott: digital media

Taylor Scott: science



TWINNING WITH TEACHERS

Every Friday was a senior dress-down day. Nov. 20 the seniors' Friday theme was "Teachers" so many students dressed up like teachers they have throughout the day.



Senior Hayley Burgess dressed up as English teacher Steve Himes. photo courtesy of hayley burgess



Senior Eileen Kerrigan dressed up as English teacher Kelly Fast. photo courtesy of eileen kerrigan



Senior Meredith Raymer dressed up as math teacher Jo Weller. photo courtesy of meredith raymer



Nancy Shuss: *development assistant*
 Andrea Skowronek: *dance*
 Meredith Snyder: *campus ministry*
 Alicia Stewart: *social studies*
 Matt Stewart: *technology*
 Sarah Stranz: *science*

Angela Sweeny: *nurse*
 Robert Tonnies: *theology*
 Theresa Wallerstedt: *art*
 Kathy Walters: *registrar, academic scheduler*
 Marcia Warwick: *star shop manager, administrator*
 Kate Weber: *english*

Jo Weller: *mathematics*
 Ashley White: *mathematics*
 Craig Whitney: *social studies*
 Linda Wilber: *database assistant*
 Diane Wilmot: *marketing, public relations*
 Jeff Zimmerman: *technology*

WAY BACK WHEN?

Theology teacher Jennifer Greene, journalism teacher Brad Lewis, and social studies teacher Mike Egner reminisce on their senior year of high school.



"One of my favorite memories from Miego is our senior retreat in which they had a 'senior walk,'" theology teacher Jennifer Greene said. "We were randomly assigned a partner from our class and we were given a list of topics and sent on a walk for an hour to just visit."

Bishop Miego High School
 Class of 1988



"My senior year was a new school for me so basically everyone thought I was an under cover cop because they said I looked like I was 25," journalism teacher Brad Lewis said. "I attended three high schools and received varsity letters from four high schools."

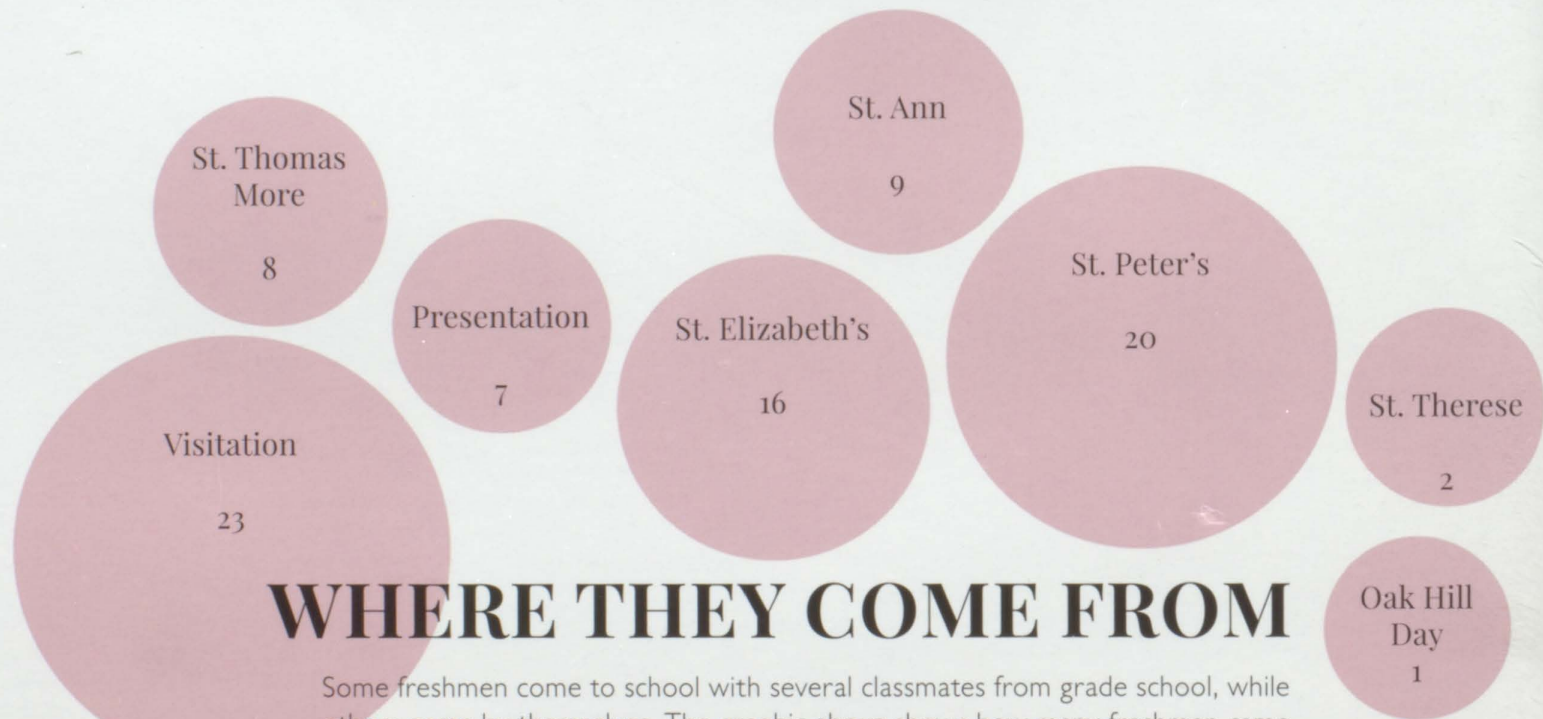
Blue Valley Northwest
 Class of 1994



"My favorite memory of senior year was seeing my best friend, Zeke Ferguson, earn Salutatorian honors and being selected Homecoming King," history teacher Mike Egner said.

Oak Park High School
 Class of 1967

Mary Allmon
 Lily Altenhofen
 Brianne Arello
 Caroline Armstrong
 Libby Baker
 Olivia Baker
 Sydney Baker
 Natalie Barber
 Olivia Barrett
 Mallory Batliner
 Macy Bauers
 Hannah Bechtel
 Camille Begnaud
 Helena Berger
 Grace Berghoff
 Ellie Bichelmeyer
 Lindsey Blaich
 Sasha Blair
 Hannah Bland
 Ada Blasdel
 Grace Boers
 Isabella Brown
 Mo Burns
 Ayannia Carter



WHERE THEY COME FROM

Some freshmen come to school with several classmates from grade school, while others come by themselves. The graphic above shows how many freshmen came from each grade school.



Brooke Casper
 Grace Coleman
 Annabelle Colombo
 Lizzie Concannon
 Addie Coppinger
 Kate Coppinger
 Emma Corder
 Molly Cowan
 Elise Cressey
 Alexa Crimmins
 Rachel Curiale
 Cecilia Curran
 Alexandria Dalecky
 Lauren Daugherty
 Liv Davison
 Jaden Donigan
 Reilly Donnelly
 Leah Dorris
 Teresa Drinkhouse
 Harper Dziedzic
 Emily Effertz
 Brooke Eldridge
 Elizabeth Elm
 Lauren Ennis

CLASS STATUS

Freshmen share their thoughts about STA on social media platform: Twitter.

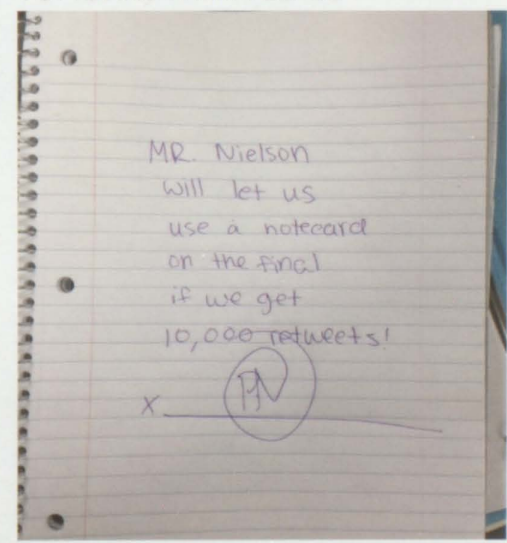
Addie Coppinger (@addiecoppinger): current mood: stressing over this ultimate frisbee test tomorrow

Lily Farkas (@lilyfarkas): When your parents forget to pick you up from basketball #loved

Sophia Tumminia (@sophiatumminia): rt if you can't feel ur feet after the first day of sta

Caroline Armstrong (@caroline_arms): It's 8am and I've already competed in a dance competition and eaten lunch. wbu?

Alexa Crimmins (@acrimmins_alex) PLEASE RETWEET BY 7:00 AM TOMORROW!!!!!! PLEASE



Kate Euston
Lily Farkas
Nicole Ficklin
Maggie Fielder
Grace Fiorella
Isabelle Fleming



Kari Flynn
Shannon Flynn
Caroline Franke
Megan Gallagher
Audrey Giersch
Mary Rose Giwa



Lorna Green
Katie Gregory
Myuah Hamilton
Maggie Hart
Abegail Hawley
Clare Herrington

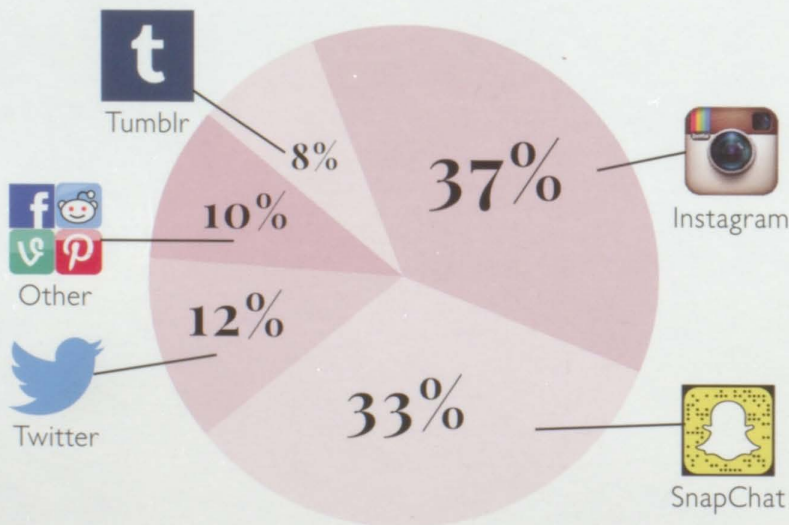


Cecilia Hodes
Lucy Hodes
Lucy Hoop
Emma Jackson
Savannah James
Hannah Jirousek



SNAP PIC

Freshmen voted for their favorite social media and the results were compiled into a pie chart below.



photos courtesy of anne clare tangen



Polly Johnson
 Rhianna Jones
 Margaret Jordahl
 Rory Keener
 Julia Kerrigan
 Jane Kincaid
 Kaleigh Klosak
 Jordan Klumb
 Reece Knudson
 Kendall Lanier
 Ella Latier
 Caitlin Lester
 Ann Leverich
 Madeline Loehr
 Kate Lowe
 Elise Malone
 Anna Maloney
 Grace Marshall
 Lenytte Matos
 Kathryn McCabe
 Maggie McConnell
 Corynn McDonald
 Annabelle Meloy
 Gabriella Mesa



ARTSY ABILITIES

Freshman Anne Claire Tangen went on photo shoots about once a month, and posted the photos on her separate Instagram and VSCO accounts.

Q. What is your favorite thing about photography?

A. [Photography]'s something unique about me that not a lot of people I know do and it's something I feel I'm good at.

Q. What are people's reactions when you tell them you're into photography?

A. Most people are surprised because they wouldn't think that I like anything in the category of art. I'm terrible at art.

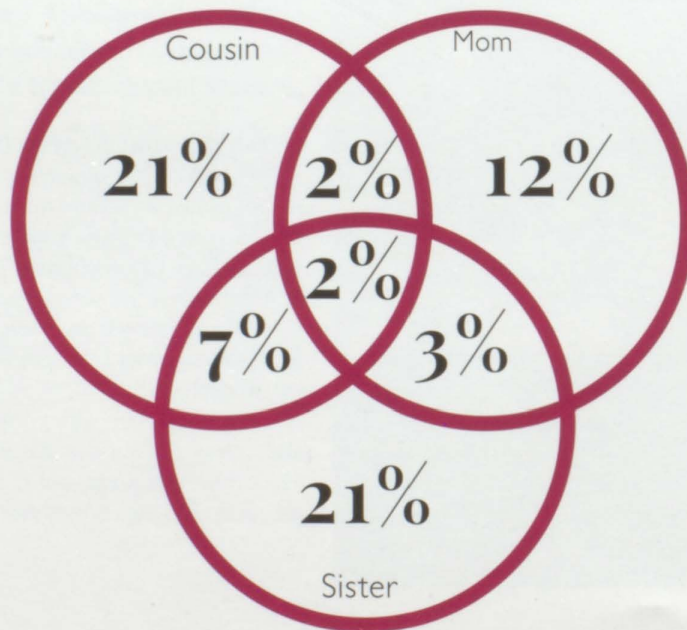
Q. How did you first get interested in photography?

A. I saw this girl she's on Instagram, she's not my friend, but she's a friend of a friend and she's really good at photography. I thought it was really cool so I started to get into it and then it built up and now I really like it.

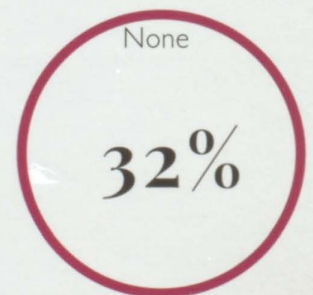
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 Brooke Moore
 Jillian Morrison
 Evelyn Moser
 Katie Mulhern
 Talia Parra
 Lydia Parsa
 Victoria Parsons
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 Holly Phalen
 Erris Pierson
 Juliette Rafael
 Emily Reib
 Caroline Reid
 Margaux Renee
 Caroline Reynolds
 Olivia Robertson
 Emily Robyn
 Olivia Rose
 Liv Ruch
 Paige Ryan



FRESHMEN LEGACIES



The majority of freshmen have a relative who attended STA.





Jianna Salas
 Kira Sanford
 Annie Schorgl
 Eden Schulte
 Jacquelyn Seyferth
 Isabel Shorter
 Sophia Shugart
 Sophia Silva
 Lia Siro
 Brynn Slattery
 Emma Smith
 Paloma Solorio
 Paige Sopyla
 Gabby Staker
 Whitney Stoettner
 Ellery Stubbers
 Caroline Stuckey
 Mary Sullivan
 Olivia Swinney
 Anne Claire Tangen
 Natalie Telep
 Gurman Thabal
 Olivia Thomas
 Margaux Thompson

LOVING STA

Freshman Lenytte Matos had two cousins: sophomore Vanessa Eichholz and junior Yesenia Eichholz who attended STA. Matos answered questions about having relatives who attended STA.

Q. Did your family largely influence you to attend STA?

A. Kind of, I had the choice to come to STA or go somewhere else, but my cousins attend STA and my parents really wanted me to come here.

Q. Does the fact that you have these family members change or shape your portrayal of STA?

A. Yes, it does change/shape my portrayal of STA, because before I came to STA, my cousins were always talking about how much they love STA and they told me basically everything about it. And I'm really glad that they told me everything they did about STA because now that I go here, I can see why they love it so much.

Q. Why do you love STA so much?

A. Well I really enjoy the atmosphere, and it's really different from how middle school was because there aren't any boys. But, I really enjoy that part, like you don't have to worry about anything. I really love the teachers too, they're all so sweet, when I first got here I was terrified of them but by the second week of school, I got over that because they really made me feel welcome as a freshman. And just I don't know, I love everything about STA in general.



CRAZY COUSINS Sophomore Vanessa Eichholz, from left, junior Yesenia Eichholz and freshman Lenytte Matos talk after school on the steps of the Music and Arts Building May 18. photo by emma kate callahan

Jasia Tolbert
Mia Tomasic
Sydney Tucker
Sophia Tumminia
Madi Ungashick
Cassidy Unland



Maggie Vasquez
Francine Vaughn
Holly Vervaecke
Cozette Viles
Olivia Watts
Chelsea Whitehead



Lucy Whittaker
Maria Wiedeman
Olivia Williams
Olivia Wirtz
Grace Woodbury
Claire Wunder



Aryanna Wyatt



INSTAFROSH

Many freshmen used Instagram to post pictures of their lives.



kate lowe (katelowe_) - crazy for KC (and days off ;) #foreverroyal



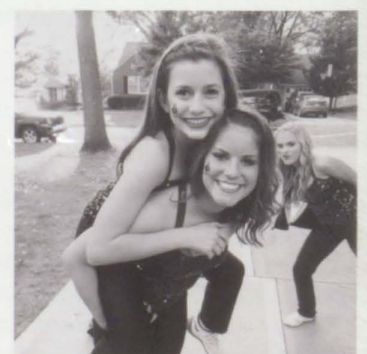
caroline stuckey (cstuckey_) - Jayhawks in the Tigers den



emily reib (emilyreib) - on my way to steal yo animal



brooke moore (bro.oke.) - here's to 3 more years of running together



grace woodbury (gracewoodbury)- fav captain

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY

The annual Freshmen Mixer was held Sept. 26 in Goppert. The mixer was a chance for the freshmen to bond and dance together, as well as interact with freshmen from other area Catholic schools.

Groups of freshmen walked through the doors of Goppert at 7 p.m. Sept. 26. Music blaring, lights off and the screams of friends filled the air. Every year, the Care Club sponsors a freshmen mixer in the fall and invites all area Catholic high schools. The mixer gives the freshmen the chance to get to know each other better as well as meet new people from other schools.

According to freshman Paige Sopyla, the mixer was a success.

"I liked the dancing and talking to people from other schools," said Sopyla. "They

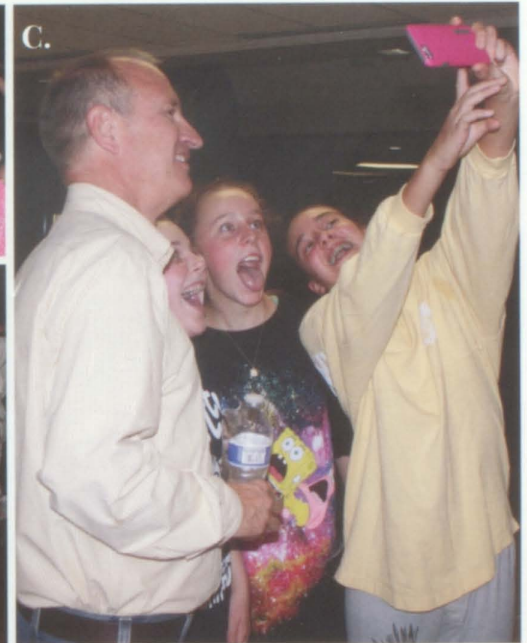
also played good music."

However, despite the new trend in setting themes the mixers was not brought to STA. The absence of a theme was quickly noticed.

"Next year, I would suggest making a theme," Sopyla said. "Some people started making their own theme and it was kind of weird."

Overall, the mixer was a success with over 300 freshmen attending and new memories made by all the freshmen.

"I thought it was really fun and one of the best mixers overall," Sopyla said.



A. HOOD GO CRAZY Freshmen raise their hands in the air during the song "Hood Go Crazy" by Tech N9ne. The DJ took requests throughout the night at the freshman mixer Sept. 26. photo by molly winkler

B. MIXING IT UP Freshmen laugh and dance together at the Freshman Mixer Sept. 26 hosted by Care Club. Like all dances, the freshman had to leave their shoes in Verheyen. photo by molly winkler

C. LEMME TAKE A SELFIE Freshmen, from left, Emma Smith, Margaux Thompson and Grace Berghoff take a selfie with theology teacher, Matthew Bertalott at the freshmen mixer Sept. 26. The mixer was hosted by Care Club. photo by delaney meyer

FRONT RUNNING FRESHMEN

Four freshmen reflect on what it was like being on the varsity team of various teams during their first year at STA.



Addie Coppinger, varsity cross country: "It was kind of a shock because I came into high school having no idea who I would run with so being the top runner was intimidating. But all the girls were really accepting and they really helped me get through the first couple weeks."



Ada Blasdel, varsity swimming: "I felt very lucky to be on varsity because I got the opportunity to be around great leaders. It was a learning experience but I made memories I will never forget."



Maggie Fielder, varsity tennis: "I mean I was kind of scared at first because I didn't know anyone but then all the girls were so welcoming and included me in everything so it was a good way to start the year."



Olivia Thomas, varsity dance: "The best part about being on dance team as a freshmen was getting to know my teammates so well, especially in the beginning. It was pretty intimidating at first but in the end I knew that I had even upperclassmen to call some of my best friends."

Maddie Adam
Samantha Allan
Emma Anielak
Mary Kate Armstrong
Eve Aspinwall
Reilly Atkins



Meghan Baker
Isabelle Begnaud
Hannah Berghoff
Lia Birtz
Emilie Blanck
Kelly Blickhan



Emma Boxx
Siobhan Bradley
Sophia Brown
Sophia Bunch
Zoë Butler
Victoria Cahoon



Anna Campbell
Catelyn Campbell
Anyse Cann
Olivia Carroll
Louise Christianson
Hailey Coleman



TWEET TWEET

Sophomores share their thoughts about STA on social media platform: twitter.



"Went to the grocery store to pick up some ice cream. Dropped the tub of ice cream and split my pants when I went to pick it up."
-sophomore Lily Manning
@lilymanning_

"Tip: don't drink green tea next to your periodic table project. You may spill and have to start over!!"
-sophomore Catelyn Campbell
@CampbellCatelyn

"dear all STA students, I apologize if my insanely pale legs blind you while walking in the quad. It's not my intention to inflict this pain."
-sophomore Emilie Blanck
@emiblanck

"Just drank sour chocolate milk for the first time in my life #blessed"
-sophomore Maureen Egan
@maureenegan99

OVERHEARD QUOTES

During advisory Feb. 24, English teacher Kelly Fast argued with sophomore Natalie Kistler with eating at Chik-fil-a since she disagreed with the company's beliefs. "It's like if you asked Hitler to make you a really good omelet," Fast said.

While throwing an orange during activity Feb. 24, sophomore Natalie Loehr threw the fruit a little too hard to sophomore Anna Kate Powell. "Hunter broke my collarbone with an orange," Powell said.

During AP World History March 7, sophomore Claire Molloy complained how full her inbox was on her school email. "I have 45 unread emails, and four of them are from my mom," Molloy said.



Miranda Collins
Olivia Cook
Katherine Cory
Megan Cotter
Taylor Crimmins
Karen Crouch

Annabelle Cusumano
Audrey Davis
Michaela Devero
Bridget Dulle
Catherine Ebbitts
Maureen Egan

Vanessa Eichholz
Clementina Ferraro
Lulu Fiss
Isabel Fitzpatrick
Isabel Flores
Payton Garrett

Sofia Giocondo
Camille Goodwin
Grace Langdon
Bridget Graham
Kathleen Graham
Maura Graham

ALL AROUND THE WORLD

Sophomore Catherine Ebbitts reminisced about the trips she has taken.

For sophomore Catherine Ebbitts, travelling around the world has always been a part of life.

"I feel like traveling has made me into the person I am because I have been doing it for so long," Ebbitts said. "The first trip I took on a plane was when I was only two months old, and you learn something new at the end of each trip and gain some life skills."

Ebbitts has been to nine different countries and all over the United States. One particular trip she found interesting was to China in the fall of 2015.

"It was such a unique and unforgettable experience," Ebbitts said. "The culture there is amazing and in a word, peaceful. I went to Shanghai, Beijing and Hong Kong and saw many different landmarks and even walked on the Great Wall of China. We also got a tour of the 2008 Summer Olympics Stadium."

Over Christmas Break on a trip to Miami with her mother, Ebbitts stayed at the same hotel as celebrities Gigi Hadid, The Weeknd and Pitbull.

"One day I was at the pool, and all of sudden everyone started to crowd around this one area," Ebbitts said. "All of a sudden, Gigi Hadid walks out of the crowd with a ton of fans at her heels. She walked right past my chair and so I decide to video the whole thing on Snapchat. It was pretty hilarious."

Even though they have seen many parts of the world, Ebbitts and her family do not want to stop there.

"My family and I have been dying to go on a trip to the Middle East, like Dubai or somewhere like that," Ebbitts said. "I would also love to visit Thailand since it looks like such a cool place."



A. MONUMENTAL SNAPS Sophomore Catherine Ebbitts takes a picture of the Great Wall on her trip to China. photo courtesy of catherine ebbitts

B. JUNEAU IN JUNE Catherine Ebbitts takes a picture from her cruise ship on her trip to Alaska. photo courtesy of catherine ebbitts

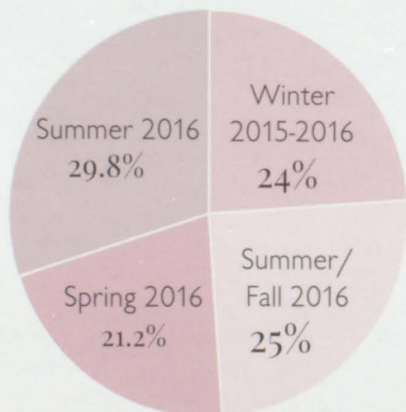


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 Kate Jones
 Kara Kantazar
 Jordan Kehring
 Natalie Kistler
 Katelyne Kratofil
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 Grace Laird
 Katie LeCluyse
 Tannis Lierman
 Isabella Lipari
 Edie Livers
 Emily Livingston
 Hunter Loehr
 Laura Logan
 Monica Looney
 Lauren Lynch
 Maeve Madden
 Molly Madden
 Lily Manning
 Julia Mantel



DRIVING DEMOGRAPHICS

The Teresian polled 104 sophomores about when they will begin driving.



PHILO-SOPH-Y

Members of the Sophomore philosophy club, "Philosophy of Spoons," spoke about their experience with the new club.

This year marked the beginning of the philosophy Club, philosophy of Mugs, but it also marked the beginning of the philosophy club for sophomores.

"Mr. Tonnies made the club Philosophy of Mugs this year, which you had apply for," club president Sophomore Maura Graham explained. "Only upperclassmen got in, so [Theology Teacher] Mr. Tonnies decided to create a separate club so sophomores could have a chance in the club."

The name for the club is Philosophy of Spoons, which Tonnies thought of. "We were brainstorming names he says 'So we need to think of a fun name, something quirky. You're like a little Philosophy of Mugs, So what's a small version of mugs?'" Graham said. "And I suggested Philosophy of Cups but Mr. Tonnies said 'Philosophy of Spoons.' And I'm like.... A spoon definitely isn't a small mug, but it stuck."

The club usually watched videos or read literature and discussed them using discussion questions.

"We blow each others' minds" Club Co-President Clara summed it up.



Gabrielle Martinez
 Olivia Matlock
 Erika Matsuda
 Ruthie McKee
 Riley McNett
 Angela Medina
 Sarah Mendez
 Claire Molloy
 Annie Mullen
 Gigi Mullins
 Mamie Murphy
 Caroline Muth
 Kiernan O'Boyle
 Katrina O'Connor
 Grace Oest
 Onyi Oligbo
 Faith Palausky
 Gabrielle Pesek
 Isabella Pichardo
 Allison Porras
 Anna Kate Powell
 Maggie Prim
 Morgan Richards
 Ana Ryan

After seeing her fellow students dancing at the Noah's ark themed father-daughter dance, sophomore Olivia Matlock joked, "See, this is why God sent a flood."

Upon learning that her second semester Geometry class would be taught by Kim Sirridge and not Kelsy Romine, sophomore Sal Scott complained, "Romine, it's like you're breaking up with us!"

"I love Bruce Springsteen," sophomore Maura Graham said during a free after seeing his concert the night before. "He has the voice of a chain-smoking angel."

OVERHEARD QUOTES

MEETING THE MAYOR

A. SCIENCE SUCCESS Sophomore Olivia Matlock poses for a photo with Mayor Sly James. Matlock got to meet the Mayor through her participation in STEM club. photo courtesy of olivia matlock.



Sophomore Olivia Matlock describes her experience meeting Mayor Sly James when he visited.

"When Clara [Swanson], Claire Witt, and I were waiting by the 3D printer, we were all freaking out. We kept going over what we were going to say and reminded ourselves to smile and not freak out. When he came out of the elevator we greeted him and he smiled and thanked us

for greeting him. I did a lot of the talking when he asked about the printers but we were all a lot less stressed out after talking with him. He joked around with us and was really interested in what we had to say. It was an amazing experience to talk with the Mayor!"

Clare Ryan
Kelsey Scanlon
Sarah Schaefer
Mia Schloegel
Amelia Schulte
Cassidy Schuster



Sal Scott
Anna Louise Sih
Nicole Slocomb
Raiyon Smith
Sloane Smith
Greta Sonnenberg



Mavis Spearman
Taylor Staves
Hannah Steen
Layne Stowers
Charlotte Sturr
Clara Swanson



Courtney Talken
Lucy Tancona
Tone'Nae Toomer
Emily Vosburgh
Megan Warnecke
Zoe Willard



SECRETARY SUCCESS

Sophomore Sarah Schaefer was named District Four's secretary at the FBLA district competition Feb. 8.



Q. What made you want to run for the position as district secretary?

A. "Right now I'm the sophomore representative for [STA] and I really like it, so I thought it would be a great opportunity to be a district officer."

Q. What was the application process like?

A. "We had to fill out an application that answered why we wanted to be district secretary and what my qualifications were. Then, we also had to get up and give a minute-long speech in front of all the voting delegates."

Q. What was the campaigning process like?

A. "I was kind of nervous [to give my speech] because all the other positions were running unopposed, except for mine. Mine had three

people running for it, but it was fun. I like public speaking."

Q. How do you believe being district secretary will affect you?

A. "I think it will help me become even more involved in FBLA and help me learn more about the program and learn more about business and such."

Q. What most excites you about being the district secretary?

A. "I'm really excited to meet all the other district officers. I've talked to them a little bit, they're from just Lee's Summit and Platt County and it's just going to be really cool to see how their chapters run."



Kate Willnauer
 Claire Wilmot
 Claire Witt
 Sofia Young
 Emily Zapien
 Kelsey Zimmerman



Lizzy Zirkel
 Bebe Zoog
 Not Pictured: Kaitlin Loman
 Not Pictured: Kelsey Scanlon

INSTAGLAM

Sophomores share photos of their first experience at the Teresian Dance Oct. 17.



Audrey Davis & Gigi Mullins
 photo courtesy of audrey davis (@audrey_davis8)



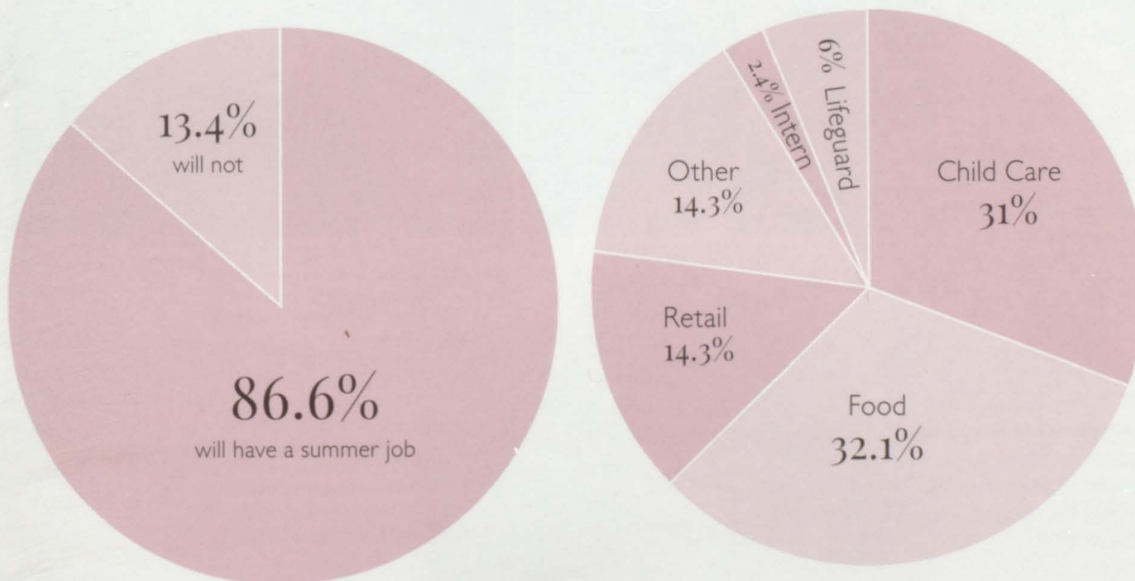
Kathleen, Maura & Bridget Graham
 photo courtesy of maura graham (@mauragram)



Natalie Kistler, Hannah Berghoff, Claire Wilmot & Maeve Madden
 photo courtesy of natalie kistler (@nkistler31)

SUMMER SALARIES

The Teresian polled 97 sophomores about their summer jobs.



Jacquelyn Adams

Gabby Ayala

Anna Barone

Aimee Barthol

Liz Barton

Alexis Batliner

Claire Bednar

Molly Bird

Gina Bisacca

Katya Blair

Anna Bresette

Ellie Brewer

Bailey Briscoe

Marin Brown

Isabel Burnett

Molly Burns

Emma Kate Callahan

Victoria Cartee

Molly Coble

Michaela Coleman

Mary Claire Connor

Raegan Coppinger

Charlie Cornell

Lily Cornell



#WINNING

Junior Gabby Ayala had won multiple radio contests, scoring tickets to a few different concerts.

For Junior Gabby Ayala, winning a couple of front row tickets to a concert is a norm. According to Ayala, she and the Mix 93.3 radio hosts have quite the friendship.

"I always win from Mix 93.3, Steve Serrano and I are great friends," Ayala said. "Just kidding, he thinks I'm crazy."

According to Ayala, she is not positive as to how many tickets she has won, but an average is around five maybe more.

"I might have forgotten some people I've seen, but I remember Zendaya, Cody Simpson, MKTO and Echo Smith," Ayala said.

Ayala also won tickets to a festival called Boo Bash, but didn't end up going. She won't tell anybody how she wins her tickets, as she wants to keep that to herself.

"It's a secret!" Ayala said when asked about her strategy.



A. MEET N' GREET Junior Gabby Ayala won tickets to see Zendaya and got the chance to meet her and talk to her. *photo courtesy of gabby ayala*

B. KISSES FROM MKTO Junior Gabby Ayala posed with two members of the band MKTO after winning tickets to see them in concert. *photo courtesy of gabby ayala*

C. BOYS BOYS BOYS Junior Gabby Ayala and another former student pose with the band Midnight Red. *photo courtesy of gabby ayala*



Mary Cornell
 Lily Corp
 Sarah Cozad
 Mara Cressey
 Sophie Cuda
 Lexi Curtis
 Alexandria Davis
 Ellie Dayton
 Caterina DeRousse
 Emily DeWitt
 Hannah Dobson
 Katie Donnellan
 Gwyn Doran
 Payton Drummond
 Meg Duffy
 Yesenia Eichholz
 Elena Engelke
 Karen Enriquez
 Frances Fedinets
 Elsa Feigenbaum
 Bailey Fennesy
 Sarah Ferron
 Amy Finn
 Claire Fiorella

TWEET TWEET

"You know you're not a kid anymore when the dentist automatically cleans your teeth with mint flavor instead of bubblegum ;/." -junior Claire Franey @cfraney8

"Last week I wrecked my car going down an icy hill and cried to Barb McCormick for 15 minutes" -junior Allie McDill @allisonmcdill77

"I recently found out there are real live high school students who go to bed before 10 PM...Whoever you are, plz contact me ASAP w/ tips" -junior Linden O'Brien Williams @ThisIsLinden

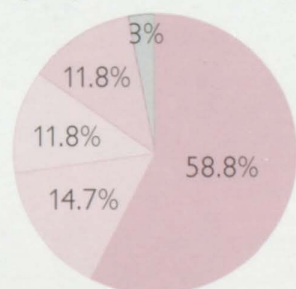
"Blown off homework all week. Do I regret it? No. Will I regret it? Probably. Have I given up on junior year? Yes." -junior Molly Burns @mollykburns4

"Love seeing people with their ask fm link still in their bios, you do you" -junior Camryn Gish @camgishy

"Nothing like hearing my own song on the radio on my drive home" -junior Mackenzie O'Guin @MackenzieNicole

SENIOR EXPECTATIONS

34 Juniors were surveyed about how they feel about going into their senior year next year.



58.8% of the juniors interviewed were excited for senior year, 14.7% were nervous, 11.8% were sad, 3% didn't care, and 11.8% had other feelings.

Junior Linden O'Brien Williams said she was nervous. "It's pretty weird that we're going to be at the top of the heap next year. It'll be hard to get used to not having anyone older than us to guide us and being expected to lead the rest of the school."

Junior Ellie Brewer said she was excited. "It's exciting to be a role model for the incoming freshmen."

Junior Samantha Panis said she was nervous. "I am excited to be a senior but that also means that my time at STA is coming to an end and I don't want to leave."

Martina Florido

Claire Franey

Alexandra Frisch

Kayton Froeschl

Haylee Gant

Isabelle Gatapia



Rose Genaris

Katlyn Giefer

Camryn Gish

Gretchen Gleason

Hannah Grant

Ellie Grever



Emma Gustavson

Jamie Hafenstine

Elizabeth Hagan

Annie Hart

Cassie Hayes

Deidre Herrman



Skye Hewitt

Natalie Hull

Kelly Hulsey

Libby Hutchison

Olivia Ingle

Olivia Jackson



COLLEGE COMMITS

Juniors verbally committed to play sports at various colleges.

PAIGE POWELL



Sport: Soccer
College: Rockhurst University
How long she has played: 14 years

HELEN KRAUSE



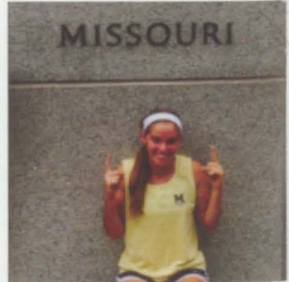
Sport: Lacrosse
College: University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
How long she has played: 7 years

MACY TRUJILLO



Sport: Soccer
College: Kansas State University
How long she has played: 10 years

TESS RELLIHAN



Sport: Soccer
College: University of Missouri
How long she has played: 13 years



Reilly Johnson
 Serena Jonas
 Maya Kalmus
 Mary Keller
 Laura Kieffer
 Abby Kierst
 Christina Kirk
 Maura Knopke
 Helen Krause
 Maya Krygiel
 Kamryn Lanier
 Mary LePique
 Ellis Leptien
 Lily Levi
 Megan Lewer
 Emma Lovelace
 Lydia Lundquist
 Rose Madden
 Nicole Maus
 Meggie Mayer
 Claire McCann
 Lauren McCann
 Allie McDill
 Caroline McDonald

HANGIN' AROUND

Junior Kelly Hulsey talked about her experience doing aerial silks.

For most people, a normal Monday night would consist of doing homework and soccer practice or something of the sort. Junior Kelly Hulsey, however, spends her Mondays doing tricks on specialty fabrics that hang from the ceiling.

After moving her sophomore year, Hulsey was looking for a new dance studio when she stumbled upon a class of aerial silks at Lucia Aerial at Town Center Plaza in Leawood, Kansas. She immediately knew that's what she wanted to do.

"My favorite part about silks is it's just a different feeling being in the air and doing all these moves," Hulsey said. "You could be in a resting pose and out of breath, and people will still be clapping like, 'Oh my god, look what she's doing!'"

Hulsey believes she has grown through doing aerial silks and, though it is individual, it has helped her learn about depending on other people and having people depend on her.

Aerial silks takes a lot of strength and conditioning and it's a bit painful, yet Hulsey thinks the pros outweigh the cons.

"I'd much rather be covered in silk burns and laughing with my "family" than at home, without any silk burns, and not with my family from Lucia," Hulsey said.



A. FLYING HIGH Junior Kelly Hulsey practices aerial silks at Lucia Aerial at Town Center Plaza in Leawood, Kansas. She attends class once a week, on Monday, courtesy of Kelly Hulsey.
 B. IN THE AIR Junior Kelly Hulsey practices at Lucia Aerial in Leawood, Kansas, April 4. Aerial silks is an artistic athletic skill where a person uses specialty fabric to climb and drop in a variety of positions, courtesy of Kelly Hulsey.

Emily McGannon
Lilly McGonigle
Ellie Meysenburg
Bailey Mitchell
Anna Moore
Ashley Morris



Molly Muehlebach
Gloria Mun
Hannah Murphy
Allison Nagle
Linden O'Brien-Williams
Jeanne O'Flaherty



Mackenzie O'Guin
Lindsey O'Leary
Colleen O'Rourke
Samantha Panis
Catherine Parra
Isabella Patterson



Madelyn Peters
Elexa Pierson
Paige Powell
Allison Proski
Mary Kate Randolph
Regan Reda



Tess Rellihan
Jade Riedel
Meg Rohr
Abby Rose
Siobhan Rowan
Sophie Sakoulas



“ OVERHEARD QUOTES ”

Junior Tess Rellihan walked across the quad Mar. 23 with senior Grace Kitts. "When your class leaves, the halls are going to get so quiet," Rellihan said. "But I know a few juniors will step it up to fill the silence."

"My mom left me the simplest note in my lunchbox today," Jade Riedel said during advisory Apr. 14. "All the note said was 'hi.'"

Junior Natalie Hull talked to junior Olivia Woodbury as they walked across the quad Feb. 11. "I'm so glad basketball is an indoor sport," Hull said. "I can't even imagine having to slide around in the ice and snow."



Anessa Saladino
Kara Sarson
Grace Schloegel
Meghan Schmidt
Reagan Shatto
Haley Shaw



Jacque Smith
Nicole Snow
Isabela Solorio
Jaclynn Sparks
Emma Stiles
Chloe Sutton



Emma Swinney
Libby Terril
Maria Tilson
Macy Trujillo
Helen Wheatley
Iyanla Williams



Lizzy Williams
Caleigh Wilson
Gabrielle Wimes
Madi Winfield
Emma Winfrey
Molly Winkler



Olivia Woodbury
Hannah Zastrow
not pictured: Claire Bengé

CALIFORNIA GIRL

Junior Claire Franey spent her spring break touring several prospective colleges and universities. Franey toured a total of six schools and also visited some of her extended family while in California.



Newport Beach, California.

Q. Why do you want to go to school in California?

A. I have been to California multiple times to visit my extended family in

Q. Which colleges did you visit?

A. I visited Pepperdine University, Loyola Marymount University, University of California Los Angeles, University of California Irvine, University of California San Diego, and the University of San Diego.

Q. Who did you go with?

A. I went with my mom, dad, brother, and sister and we met up with my aunt, uncle and cousin at their home in

Newport Beach so we just decided to incorporate some college visits into our family vacation. I love the weather and the atmosphere in Southern California and look forward to every stay.

Q. Do you know what you want to study?

A. I'm thinking pre-med right now. Both of my parents are doctors so they are very helpful in looking at colleges and picking good science programs.

Q. What was your favorite/least favorite school?

A. My favorite school was Pepperdine University in Malibu and my least favorite school was the University of California, Irvine.

Q. What was the best part of your trip?

A. I loved touring all of the schools and seeing their gorgeous campuses. But on our off days, we went to Disneyland and Universal Studios and got to see the new Harry Potter world at Universal, so that was awesome.



Annie Alderman
"Mrs. Coughlin made me sit in the corner freshman year for 'misbehaving'."



Betsy Alderman
"The dive coach told me to get my priorities straight after I ditched practice for a hair appointment."



Rachel Allard
"I would unplug Ms. Amick's smartboard before class to waste time."



Jewell Allen
"I fake tanned for prom."



Claire Anello
"The harder the class, the smaller the handwriting."



Elaina Bailey
"Mrs. Berardi wouldn't let me checkout with my dad Junior year because she thought he was my boyfriend."



Cassandra Beechwood-Hall
"I definitely broke more things than I fixed at the Help Desk."



Anna Bennett
"I've had a candy stash in my backpack since freshman year."



Kara Black
"My only SBR is from eating an apple."



Jaclyn Blanco
"I once missed 15 minutes of chemistry because I forgot Windmoor's pass code."



Nicole Blanck
"I don't actually have a last name... that's why it's blanck."



Annie Bolin
"I know more about Mr. Fast's daughter than I do about myself."



Amber Brownlee
"I am as vast and ancient as the seven seas that once covered this chaotic world with heavy darkness."



Meghan Brownlee
"I'm secretly Tonnie's adopted kid."



Josie Buford
"I almost body checked Mr. Fast to throw up in the teacher bathroom."

PEOPLE I AM GOING TO MISS

Senior Mary Hilliard, created an Instagram account near the end of the school year for the seniors to post about people they are going to miss. The account information was put on the senior Facebook page so anyone could post a picture and kind statement about someone.





Hayley Burgess
"I got into the hardest math class at STA because of a scheduling error."

Sophie Burke
"Freshman year, I got 100% on an essay that I accidentally wrote on Mother Teresa instead of St. Teresa."

McKenzie Burns
"In cross country, my friend and I stayed behind on a long run day and got a ride."

Erin Burroughs
"My first kiss was with a boy named Aaron."

Clare Cain
"I'm actually Lorenzo Cain's daughter"



Mary Grace Campbell
"I went to the library for a free of the first time this semester and I found that it is a truly magical place."

Casey Campo
"I wish they had taught us more about Vikings."

Audrey Carroll
"I wasn't actually abandoned on the England/France trip, I just left to go find Harry Styles."

Maya Charles
"I am extremely proud to announce that I will graduate St. Teresa's Academy with 40+ SBR's and 40+ detentions"

Sarah Cigas
"27 year NASA study concludes women named Sarah fart the most."



Gabrielle Clemente
"I didn't read one full book in all of my four years at STA."

Madeline Cook
"Yes, Ms. Stewart is my cousin."

Kristina Coppinger
"Before the season began, I hurt Cara Gose in a scrimmage. That's why she had to have surgery."

Lily Cosgrove
"I calculated it- I spent more time in the choir room than my bedroom this year."

Elizabeth Countee
"I've never gotten an SBR (because the one time it could've happened I walked out before Mrs. Brewer made me sign it)."

CODING COOLNESS

Senior Clare Kenney spent last summer in a coding program in Chicago. She spent her time learning during the day and touring downtown Chicago in her evenings.

Q. What made you try coding?

A. I decided to try coding because it was something that I was curious about. In January of 2015, my sister told me to apply to this program she heard about through her work called Girls Who Code, so I did and got accepted.

Q. What did you do for the program?

A. Basically my Monday through Friday in Chicago consisted of me getting

up at 7:20ish and then taking the L from Lincoln Park downtown to the GE building. Each day we learned Python, Scratch, html/css, JavaScript- those are all coding languages. At graduation we presented projects to GE executives and our parents.

Q. How will this experience develop in your future?

A. There is such a lack of women in coding, so there will definitely be many cool job opportunities.



Violet Cowdin
"I wasn't actually homeschooled I was a professional car salesman for nine years of my life."



Sophia Cusumano
"I'm angry toward others because I have too much love for myself."



Gillian Cutter
"Sophomore year I slept in the bathroom during I sleep in mass."



Colleen DeRuyter
"I've probably washed my uniform skirt twice.... In four years."



Laura Dierks
"I don't have a senior confession."



Katie Donaldson
"I am the reason we can't get candy from the offices anymore."



Gabi Dorrell
"I didn't believe that Mr. Whitney's wife existed until I met her this year in the weight room."



Machella Dunlea
"I checked out everyday using Walkie talkies with Mr. Fast, Land Rover over and out."



Mary Catherine Egan
"I accidentally got my hair stuck in the buttocks of Mr. Nielsen's pants."



Emma Fernandez
"I met Mr. Sanem at a dinner party freshman year."



Claire Finn
"I matched with Nam the bistro guy on Tinder."



Allison Frye
"Bypassed Smoothwall for Buzzfeed, FB, and Netflix.
Keyword: VPN"



Lauren Gentleman
"I'm naturally a red head."



Grace Girardeau
"I litter."



Savaria Goodman
"Low key surprised I'm graduating #iwouldliketothanktheacademy"

SEARCH FOR THE SKIRT

Lost in September, many seniors were deprived of the opportunity wear the traditional STA kilt.

Last seen at STA in the fall, the original kilt was thoroughly searched for several months, was not found.

"I've sent school-wide emails, tweeted #FindtheKilt and have made multiple posts to our senior class page asking for everyone to look for it," senior class president Kat Mediavilla said. "I know many people have looked really hard for it, so it's really a bummer that it's not showing up."

Many seniors were upset by the fact that they will not be given the opportunity to wear the kilt, as their graduated sisters did before them.

"It's pretty unfortunate," senior Sophia Cusumano said. "[Wearing the kilt]

is a fun tradition and I wish we were all able to participate in it."

However, a similar kilt was found and was used as a replacement in attempt to keep the tradition alive.

"If we never find the kilt, I'll definitely buy a kilt on Amazon or just really any place that I can find one because I really don't want this tradition to be lost," Mediavilla said.





Sarah Gorden
"I don't even go here."



Cara Gose
"It's actually pronounced 'Goose'."



Katherine Green
"They put the wrong Green for salutorian."



Sadie Green
"I have never taken the top off my Jeep because I am afraid of squirrels."



Kenzie Grimaldi
"I spoke with a British accent for the first week of school and convinced a sub I was from England."



Anna Hafner
"I used internet explorer until junior year."



Maureen Havey
"My sister went to school in my place once and nobody noticed."



Kathleen Herrington
"I actually paid for the cab."



Mary Hilliard
"I flipped a coin to decide where I was going to high school."



Connor Hodes
"I used to tell people Ally Moore was my cousin from Canada...!"



Maggie Hodes
"Connor and I are twins."



Lexi Holsapple
"Freshman year DT girls used the teacher code to go to the vending machine and Security Bob chased us out of school."



MaryMichael Hough
"I drove to STA every morning last summer so my mom would think I went running club, but I just slept in my car for an hour."



Siena Hutchinson
"I lost five pounds after the development office stopped giving out candy."



Zoe Jackson
"I kept a soup ladle in my backpack for three years so I could steal from the vending machines."



SLICE OF LIFE

A. ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU Senior Hayley Burgess, left, laughs at senior Connor Hodes while she sings her part of "All I Want For Christmas is You" by Mariah Carey. Members of the STA choir performed during the winter pep rally Dec. 4. photo by molly winkler
B. GIGGLIN' GALS Seniors (from left to right) Gabby Keller, Eleanor Lueke, Ryan Wilkinson, and Ellie Porterfield share a laugh while watching the short video made by the spirit club for this year's first pep rally Sept. 24. photo by emma stiles



Karissa Jamboretz
"I didn't actually have back surgery sophomore year, the drive from up north is just really taxing."



Claire Jefferson
"Don't pick your nose after school on Ward Parkway. I learned that the hard way."



Emma Jensen
"OMG I can't believe I get to be right by THE Bridget Jones in the yearbook!"



Bridget Jones
"I don't even like birds."



Gabby Keller
"Freshman year I put a dollop of wasabi on Andie Round's graham crackers and frosting...She almost puked."



Clare Kenney
"Nell is actually my twin sister."



Eileen Kerrigan
"I've cried seven times in the library this year thinking about leaving my dog for college."



Meghan King
"I haven't gone to a class mass since freshman year."



Grace Kitts
"A portion of my Presidential Service Award hours were required for diversion."



Megan Klingsmith
"The only thing I have learned in math these past 4 years is that I hate math."



Maggie Knox
"I've never read an issue of the Dart."



Lily Koppen
"I've gone up to the M&A 4th floor a few times after hours to explore."



Emily Laird
"I stopped to get ice cream in the middle of a track practice and timed it so it would seem like I ran the full workout."



Charlotte Lorenz
"I never shadowed STA before I transferred here."



Eleanor Lueke
"Freshman year I was hit by a car at cross country practice but I was too scared to tell Coach Moran."

SENIOR ASSASSINS

To win, participants in "Senior Assassins" must spray all of their "kills" without getting sprayed in the process.

Clare Kenney

"One of my favorite memories was when [senior] Carolyn Scheuler killed me...she was so dedicated she sat outside of my house in my bushes for two and a half hours...it was really scary but it was just so funny...it truly was assassins."



Katie Donaldson

"I went to [senior] Sarah Stubbendieck's Eagle's gymnasium and I saw her backpack...I turned the corner and shot her and it was funny because she wasn't expecting it at all."



Grace Girardeau

"The funniest moment was when...I went to [senior] Carolyn Scheuler's volleyball practice... I barely missed her and her coach kicked me out so that was funny. It was like public humiliation."





Sophia Mandacina
"I carry deodorant for everyone but I've never used any in my life."



Isabella Matthews
"I've never read a book for a class."



Claire McHugh
"One time I didn't have my accountability stamped and when I ran from Mr. Sanem I fell down the stairs & went to the hospital."



Allie McInerney
"Sophomore year, Mrs. Good had to drive Zoe, Gabby, and I to swim team practice & she gave us lollipops so we wouldn't talk."



Kailey McNett
"Freshman year I almost got an SBR for ordering pizza to bootcamp."



Katherine Mediavilla
"The Mediavilla assassination was all a set-up."



Maddy Medina
"For most of freshman and sophomore year, I thought Drummond said, 'Bring a dollar, buy a doughnut, and support Fast.'"



Isabella Meisel
"When I get bored I leave class and just wander around campus for a while."



Tricia Melland
"I was the one who accidentally unplugged the 3D printer when it was printing the bust of Albert Einstein. Sorry Ms. Conner!"



Delaney Meyer
"The only reason I made my mile for soccer was because the timer told the coaches I ran a 6:59 when I actually got 7:02."



Molly Meyers
"I live a block away from school and I'm rarely on time."



Ally Moore
"Juan Jimenez locked all my SBR's from freshman and sophomore year in a file cabinet so there's no proof of them."



Alexandra Muehlberger
"Since October, I've known where I'll be attending college. But according to attendance, I've been visiting colleges every Friday."



Meredith Mulhern
"I once played a dancing tree in a musical."



Alex Mullins
"I take dress down days at least once a week and no one notices."

Laura Dierks

"My favorite spray was probably [senior] Alex Mullins...I was going to this Chief's watch party at [senior] Maya Charles house and she was just there...I just went downstairs and sprayed her...after a minute she was like 'ohhh you got me for assassins.'"



Kat Mediavilla

"I was really nervous to kill [senior] Laura [Dierks]... but in advisory she let slip that she was going to eat sushi at this place called Ra in Town Center...I had to build up the courage to run in and shoot her but it was worth it."



Carolyn Scheuler

"My friend [senior] Sarah Cigas and I hid in [senior] Clare Kenney's bushes for two hours one night after a basketball game...[Kenney]'s was the best one because right when we got her she screamed so loud."



Alison Munoz
"I watched Netflix during every free of senior year."



Leeny O'Boyle
"Actual senior banners vs. The printed off XC senior version. I prefer the latter :)"



Emily O'Neill
"I left my car running for an entire school day."



Maggie O'Neill
"I haunted the gym at our freshman retreat."



Taylor O'Sullivan
"That is the ugliest skirt I have ever seen."



Caitlin O'Toole
"I was too scared to use the bathroom at school until Junior Year."



Kellie O'Toole
"I started the rumor that the seal is turning into a sinkhole."



Grace Orscheml
"I don't have a senior confession."



Darby Pedersen
"I have never turned in an accountability or a blue sheet (Thanks Mansma!)."



Ellie Petree
"I put my notes in Ziploc bags so I can study in the shower."



Maggie Porter
"I've only gone to our class mass once this year."



Ellie Porterfield
"Sophomore year, I lit Jamie Tholen's hair on fire."



Ally Pribyl
"I come late to school just so I don't have to check in with my 3rd floor advisory."



Sophia Prochnow
"I still have two unserved detentions."



Margaret Queen
"I fell down a flight of stairs and cried so much that I was sent home."

LEAVING AN IMPACT

Senior Hallie Ryan was named Academy Woman of the class of 2016 at the Awards Ceremony Apr. 20.

It was only the second time senior Hallie Ryan had stood in front of the school in her four years at STA. The first time, she spoke at a prayer service and never imagined that she would be there years later, alongside her fellow nominees for the most prestigious award at STA: Academy Woman. As she looked out at the sea of faces that make up the STA community, she was overcome with emotion.

"Being nominated as Academy Woman was just kind of a way to recognize that I did make an impact on people's experience," said Ryan.

For Ryan, being nominated was enough for her and being nominated alongside seniors Kat Mediavilla and Maddy Medina made it even better. As her name was called by President Nan Bone, Ryan bursts into tears as she was hugged and congratulated by Medina, Mediavilla and Bone. As her classmates came down from the bleachers to congratulate her, there were no words needed.

"They didn't need to say any words for me to know they were happy for me and that we felt connected as a class," said Ryan.



HAPPY TEARS Senior Hallie Ryan cries after she is announced Academy Woman April 20, as fellow nominees seniors Kat Mediavilla and Maddy Medina offer her congratulations. photo by liz barton



Allison Quinn
"Mrs. Warwick probably hates my mom and me because of the amount of times my mom has called me out."



Meredith Raymer
"I've never actually been out of the country."



Amelia Redick
"I'm not a natural blonde...."



Victoria Richardson
"I'd joke that a teacher is my mom/dad, but we don't have any black teachers."



Molly Riffel
"I was the one who made the assigned seats at my lunch table freshman year."



Gwen Robertson
"One time I peed my pants at a Rockhurst game."



Katherine Roberston
"I haven't gotten a SBR for wearing a sweatshirt since freshman year and I've worn one everyday since."



Natalie Rose
"I bite into string cheese."



Andie Round
"For the entirety of my fifth grade year I convinced myself I was a vampire."



Maddie Rubalcava
"I sent a survey about race scholarships to STA & the next day Compton banned mass emails."



Emma Runyan
"Junior year I pooped my pants in the parking lot and went home for the rest of the day."



Madalyn Russell
"Mrs. Good gave me a detention for any future times I would get in trouble."



Hallie Ryan
"My name is actually pronounced like 'hay-lee,' I just never corrected anyone."



Lauren Ryan
"I memorized the code for the back door of M&A from a teacher and used that code all through sophomore year."



Carolyn Scheuler
"Kat and I used the money to support our 'fish fund' as we raise pet fish together."

CONE O'CLOCKIN

Senior Kat Mediavilla started the idea of Cone O'Clock as a way to spend time with friends while also eating a favorite food.

Q: Tell me how Cone O'Clock got started.

A: "It got started the night that my friends from sound crew- Claire McHugh, Maureen Whittaker, Darcy Sullivan and I went to the Rockhurst concert choir. We had planned to get cones afterwards and when we were on our way to McDonald's we all started chanting 'What time is it?... Cone a Clock!' and the name stuck.

Q: Have you done anything special with this idea?

A: "Actually yes. I decided to ask my friend

Daniel Simon [Rockhurst High School senior] to prom using the Cone O'Clock theme. The first time I met him was when we went to get cones with him and McHugh, so I thought it would be funny to turn 'Cone O'Clock' into 'Prom O'Clock'.

Q: Will you be continuing Cone O'Clock in college?

A: "Yes I definitely plan on continuing it in college. It's something so much more than eating an ice cream cone... I see it as a small way to get closer to my friends and to take my mind off of life's stresses."



#PROMOCLOCK Senior Kat Mediavilla poses with Rockhurst High School senior Daniel Simon after asking him to prom. Mediavilla asked him to prom using her idea of Cone O'Clock. photo courtesy of kat mediavilla



Katie Schwertley
"The real reason I missed so much school is because I was away training for the olympic curling team"



Kate Scofield
"I had the flu at the Christmas Dance. :)"



Shelby Scott
"I always get ready in the school parking lot."



Payton Seever
"I've been told the teachers codes all four years."



Alyssa Seitzer
"I accidentally Facetimed No Bone freshman year"



Rachael Skeens
"One time I got into a party by saying I was Eleanor Lueke, I misspelled her first and last name..."



Abby Small
"The movie 'The Sandlot' is loosely based on my life."



Honour Sollars
"I almost got expelled junior year."



Sara Stubbendieck
"I said I did track freshman year to have enough credits to graduate."



Paige Suholaski
"I have read every single book assigned in my Lit classes."



Darcy Sullivan
"Freshman year I made it through an entire Bertalott class wearing a sweatshirt."



Maddie Summers
"Sorry about the stain on the seal :/"



Meg Sweeney
"I pierced my ears in the third floor donnelly bathroom my sophomore year. The piercings are crooked."



Jamie Tholen
"Sorry Mrs. Good, that smell in your room sophomore year wasn't your candle burning. . . it was my hair. @ellieport"



Meg Thompson
"Even though I've been on staff for two years, I've never read the Darts (Sorry EICs)."



SLICE OF LIFE

A. SHOOT TO THE SKY Senior Clare Kenney raises her bow and arrow at the volleyball game against Sion on Sept. 16 at STA. Students from STA overfilled the student section at the game. *photo by margaret queen.*
 B. DUCK DUCK STAR Senior Maureen Whittaker riles up the crowd with her duck call at the camouflage themed STA vs. Miego basketball game Jan. 20. *photo by emma stiles*



Maddie Torti
"I used to cry doing my astronomy homework because I'd think about how small we are and flip out. Every time."



Anniston Tuttle
"My gpa dropped 3% when I started One Tree Hill at the beginning of junior year."



Kay VanAsdale
"I was so scared I was going to fail freshmen PE that I cheated on the Eclipse Ball test by writing the rules on my leg."



Ceara VanBuskirk
"I didn't choose the twin life..."



Molly VanBuskirk
"...the twin life chose me."



Lily Walsh
"Junior year Alex and I ran out of school without permission just to try to go energizing.."



Madeleine Watts
"I kept the track jacket/shorts but felt guilty so I snuck them back a year later."



Hannah Wells
"Sister Joan blocked me on Moodle Freshman year. Still blocked."



Amanda Wesche
"I dress up on Fridays so I don't have to wear pants."



Moira White
"I'm a natural blonde."



Maureen Whittaker
"I used Google Translate for just about every single French assignment."



Genevieve Wiedeman
"I've never had a parking sticker."



Ryan Wilkins
"I'm actually Roman Sherman."



Sarah Wunder
"I'm actually illiterate."



Alison Yancey
"I managed to watch movie trailers through an entire Himes class without him knowing."

I would say that my highest point was the day we got to wear groudfits to school for our senior theme and my lowest was when I found out we were temporarily kicked off the XC team for putting up our "banners." - Sarah Cigas

"My high point at STA was when I joined the cross country team, it really changed my view on STA. It made me notice the sisterhood and really fall in love with a life long sport. My low was my entire junior year, I overwhelmed myself with extracurricular activities and AP classes." - Payton Seever

"[My] high was definitely senior year because all of your hard work is paying off and although you don't get to completely relax until the second semester, you do have more time to hang out with friends and really enjoy sports seasons [My low was] probably realizing that it is the last year of STA."
 -Leeny O'Boyle

HIGHS & LOWS

Seniors shared their "high" moments and their "low" moments of their time at high school.

SPORTS SIGNERS

17 seniors signed to play sports in college. These sports include soccer, volleyball, lacrosse, basketball, dance and swimming.



A. MOVING UP Seniors Grace Kitts, Madalyn Russell, Alyssa Seitzer, Abby Small, Emma Runyan and Maddie Torti prepare to sign to play sports in college. photo courtesy of STA Athletics
B. SPRING SIGNING Seniors Kristina Coppinger, Eleanor Lueke and Delaney Meyer pose for a picture after signing to play sports in college. photo courtesy of STA Athletics



SENIOR STATS

Below is a list of the averages and awards the senior class earned.

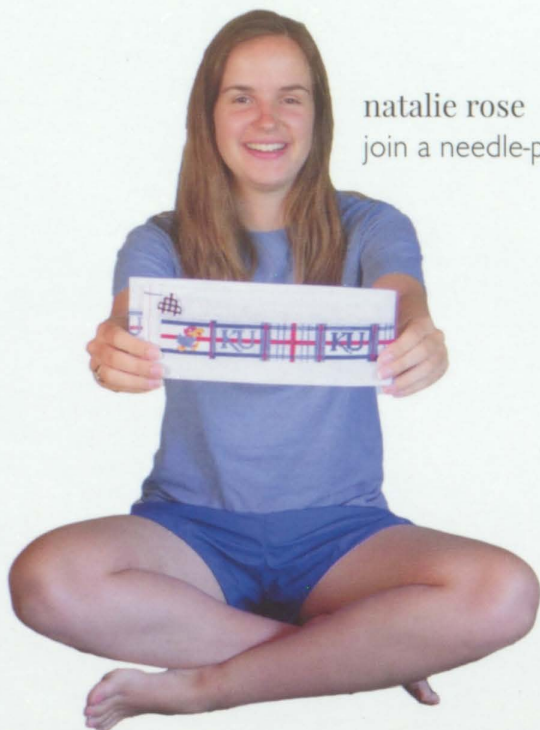
- Average GPA: 90.90%
- Average ACT: 26
- Valedictorian: Sarah Cigas
- Salutatorian: Sadie Green
- National Merit Finalists: Alison Munoz, Margaret Queen, Victoria Richardson

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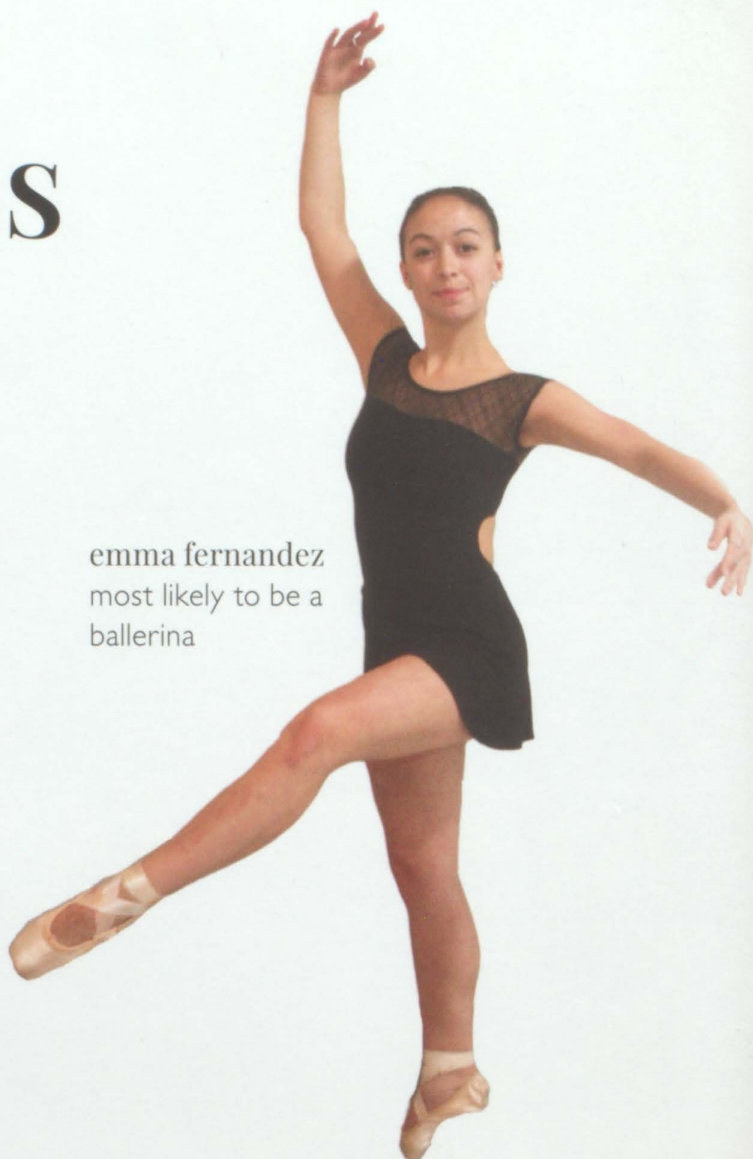
- FIRST ROW: Tricia Melland, Sophia Cusumano, Alison Yancey, Rachael Skeens, Emma Fernandez, Katherine Mediavilla, Kate Scofield, Machella Dunlea, Mary Hilliard, Lexi Holsapple, Jamie Tholen, Kathleen Herrington, Claire Jefferson, Ally Moore
- SECOND ROW: Kay VanAsdale, Gwen Robertson, Claire Finn, Katherine Green, Claire McHugh, Hayley Burgess, Maddie Summers, Megan Klinginsmith, Kailey McNett, Eleanor Lueke, Maureen Whittaker, Darcy Sullivan
- THIRD ROW: Anna Hafner, Hallie Ryan, Madeline Medina, Mary Grace Campbell, Grace Orscheln, MaryMichael Hough, Darby Pedersen, Grace Kitts, Delaney Meyer, Emily Laird, Carolyn Scheuler, Caitlin O'Toole, Amelia Redick, Rita Vittori
- FOURTH ROW: Ellie Petree, Eileen Kerrigan, Alison Munoz, Madeline Cook, Sophia Prochnow, Emily O'Neill, Laura Dierks, Clare Kenney, Sophie Burke, Amber Brownlee
- FIFTH ROW: Margaret Queen, Gabby Clemente, Elizabeth Countee, Molly Riffel, Colleen DeRuyter, Zoe Jackson, Madalyn Russell, Meg Thompson, Sophia Mandancina, Hannah Wells, Jewell Allen, Natalie Rose, Molly VanBuskirk, Amanda Wesche, Sarah Wunder
- SIXTH ROW: Savaria Goodman, Grace Girardeau, Abby Small, Elaina Bailey, Cara Gose, Torie Richardson, Shelby Scott, Meghan Brownlee, Karissa Jamboretz, Kathleen O'Boyle, Meredith Mulhern, Annie Bolin, Mary Catherine Egan, Ceara VanBuskirk, Josie Buford
- SEVENTH ROW: Andie Round, Moira White, Isabella Matthews, Sarah Mitchell, Clare Cain, Audrey Carroll, Jaclyn Blank, Isabella Meisel, Nicole Blank
- EIGHTH ROW: Violet Cowdin, Maggie Knox, Maddie Rubalcava, Lauren Gentleman, Sarah Gordon, Maggie Porter, Molly Meyers, Genevieve Wiedeman, Alexandra Mullins, Katie Donaldson, Emma Jensen, Payton Seever
- NINTH ROW: Casey Campo, Katherine Robertson, Maggie O'Neill, Cassandra Beechwood-Hall, Maureen Havey, Paige Suholaski, Connor Hodes, McKenzie Burns, Kara Black, Lily Walsh, Kristina Coppinger, Sadie Green, Allison Frye, Annie Alderman
- TENTH ROW: Sarah Cigas, Claire Anello, Erin Burroughs, Taylor O'Sullivan, Ally Pribyl, Kellie O'Toole, Anniston Tuttle, Rachel Allard, Alyssa Seitzer, Meghan King, Meg Sweeny, Ryan Wilkins, Gillian Cutter, Allison Quinn, Anna Bennett, Betsy Alderman



SENIOR SUPERLATIVES



natalie rose
join a needle-point club



emma fernandez
most likely to be a
ballerina

IS MOST LIKELY TO

Annie Alderman..... own a sports team
 Jewell Allen..... become a fashion designer
 Claire Anello..... never drive a car without parental supervision
 Cassandra Beechwood-Hall..... become an online therapist
 Anna Bennett..... marry an older man
 Kara Black..... be on Real Housewives of Kansas City
 Jaclyn Blanck..... lose her phone
 Amber Brownlee..... live in an exotic place
 Josie Buford..... awkwardly dance away from her problems
 Hayley Burgess..... marry a gay man
 Sophie Burke..... have 10 kids
 McKenzie Burns..... party with her kids
 Erin Burroughs..... professionally swim with dolphins
 Clare Cain..... become a dog whisperer
 Casey Campo..... become a cat lady
 Audrey Carroll..... dismantle the patriarchy
 Mary Catherine Egan..... get in a bar fight with a Mizzou fan
 Maya Charles..... beat Tech N9ne in a rap battle
 Kristina Coppinger..... sass Mr. Fast
 Sophia Cusumano..... contract an exotic disease
 Gillian Cutter..... be hated by engineers

Colleen DeRuyter..... become a title boxing trainer
 Katie Donaldson..... become a NYT best-selling author
 Gabriella Dorrell..... become a vet
 Machella Dunlea..... marry her high school sweetheart
 Claire Finn..... be on the Bachelor
 Lauren Gentleman..... become a magician
 Savaria Goodman..... become a motivational speaker
 Sadie Green..... become a meme
 Mary Hilliard..... be a triathlete
 Maggie Hodes..... drive a mini-van
 Lexi Holsapple..... have a pet whale
 Zoe Jackson..... be in touch with her masculine side
 Karissa Jamboretz..... be a puppeteer
 Emma Jensen..... name her child Kale
 Bridget Jones..... open a bird sanctuary
 Clare Kenney..... be a professional leprechaun impersonator
 Maggie Knox..... join the peace corps after college
 Lily Koppen..... yell
 Emily Laird..... show up at JK Rowling's funeral
 Charlotte Lorenz..... marry someone shorter than her
 Eleanor Lueke..... marry a pro basketball player

maddie summers
most likely to be in a civil union
with a corndog



laura dierks
most likely to win a lifetime supply
of flaming hot cheetos



lily cosgrove
most likely to release a ukulele
album

Sophia Mandacina..... slack on group projects
Isabella Matthews..... be a Junior League Member
Claire McHugh..... be dropped off by her spouse on her first day of work
Allie McInerney..... be on Law and Order
Kailey McNett..... steal your man
Katherine Mediavilla..... make cone o'clock a national holiday
Tricia Melland..... find cures for hundreds of diseases
Delaney Meyer..... get married in the woods
Sarah Mitchell..... be a reptile wrangler
Ally Moore..... be a park ranger
Alexandra Muehlberger..... vote for Donald Trump
Meredith Mulhern..... be chairman of a sorority
Alexandra Mullins..... become a model
Emily O'Neill..... discover a volcano in Prairie Village
Maggie O'Neill..... reinstate the irish mafia
Taylor O'Sullivan..... be a Jehovah's Witness
Caitlin O'Toole..... break animals out of the zoo
Kellie O'Toole..... be the PTA President
Darby Pedersen..... start a fitness blog
Ellie Porterfield..... have her own reality show
Margaret Queen..... wear Birkenstocks forever

Meredith Raymer..... live in a foreign country
Amelia Redick..... be a crocodile hunter
Molly Riffel..... become a nun
Katherine Robertson..... be a tree farmer
Emma Runyan..... become a gastroenterologist
Madalyn Russell..... go to prison
Hallie Ryan..... get ID'd until she's 40
Lauren Ryan..... be a girl scout troop leader
Shelby Scott..... make an appearance on jerry springer
Abby Small..... be on the women's national team
Paige Suholaski..... raise the world's politest children
Jamie Tholen..... fall in a man hole (sewer)
Meg Thompson..... help starving children in Africa
Kay VanAsdale..... discover a new species
Rita Vittori..... become an amateur yodeler
Hannah Wells..... be a sloth
Moira White..... be the next Einstein
Ryan Wilkins..... cry at graduation
Maureen Whittaker..... marry a foreign guy
Alison Yancey..... be late to graduation



Sarah Cigas
best flosser

Cara Gose and Torie Richardson
best best friends



Annie Tuttle
best ceramic pieces

BEST OF...

Betsy Alderman..... *best resort wear*
 Rachel Allard..... *best athlete*
 Elaina Bailey..... *best future mom*
 Nicole Blanck..... *best eyes*
 Annie Bolin..... *best desserts*
 Meghan Brownlee..... *best KC wear*
 Sarah Cigas..... *best flosser*
 Gabrielle Clemente..... *best athleisure*
 Elizabeth Countee..... *best hair*
 Madeline Cook..... *best cheekbones*
 Violet Cowdin..... *best finstagram*
 Allison Frye..... *best french speaker*
 Grace Girardeau..... *best composter*
 Sarah Gorden..... *best style*

Mary Grace Campbell..... *best dancer*
 Katherine Green..... *best love triangle*
 Kenzie Grimaldi..... *best music taste*
 Anna Hafner..... *best Nicholas Cage obsession*
 Maureen Havey..... *best hair stylist*
 Kathleen Herrington..... *best theme dresser*
 Connor Hodes..... *best voice*
 MaryMichael Hough..... *best school spirit*
 Siena Hutchison..... *best tattoo*
 Claire Jefferson..... *best snuggler*
 Gabby Keller..... *best flirt*
 Meghan King..... *best pathological liar*
 Grace Kitts..... *best laugh*
 Megan Klinginsmith..... *best monograms*

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES



Sarah Wunder and Amanda Wesche
best superhero duo

Eileen Kerrigan
best passive-
aggressive texter



Madeline Medina..... *best overall person*
Isabella Meisel..... *best theater tech skills*
Molly Meyers..... *best smile*
Alison Munoz..... *best braider*
Kathleen O'Boyle..... *best taste in heavy metal music*
Ellie Petree..... *best crazy sock collector*
Maggie Porter..... *best slacker*
Ally Pribyl..... *best hugs*
Sophia Prochnow..... *best sociopath*
Allison Quinn..... *best sass*
Gwen Robertson..... *best dimples*
Andie Round..... *best vegan*
Maddie Rubalcava..... *best artist*
Katie Schwertley..... *best facebooker*
Kate Scofield..... *best driver*

Carolyn Scheuler..... *best prom date*
Payton Seever..... *best hunter*
Alyssa Seitzer..... *best freckles*
Rachael Skeens..... *best looking boyfriend*
Honour Sollars..... *best procrastinator*
Sara Stubbendieck..... *best party tricks*
Darcy Sullivan..... *best DJ*
Meg Sweeny..... *best hippie style*
Maddie Torti..... *best comebacks and threats*
Ceara VanBuskirk..... *best halloween costumes*
Molly VanBuskirk..... *best listener*
Lily Walsh..... *best eyebrows*
Madeleine Watts..... *best hush puppy player*
Genevieve Wiedeman..... *best movie extra*

CALIFORNIA

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY
Sophia Prochnow
Hallie Ryan

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY
Andie Round

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY
Betsy Alderman

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
Alison Munoz

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Sarah Cigas
Lily Walsh

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO
Gabriella Dorrell
Kay VanAsdale

NEBRASKA

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY
Claire Anello
Jaclyn Blanck
Nicole Blanck
Gabby Keller
Megan Klinginsmith
Maggie Knox

Kathleen O'Boyle
Eleanor Petree
Madeleine Watts
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
Elaina Bailey
Tricia Melland

MINNESOTA

ST. OLAF COLLEGE
Amelia Redick

ILLINOIS

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY
Ryan Wilkins

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY
Mary Grace Campbell
Audrey Carroll
Charlotte Lorenz
Margaret Queen
Maddie Torti

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Amanda Wesche
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY
Annie Alderman
Alexandra Muehlberger
Carolyn Scheuler

IOWA

GRACELAND UNIVERSITY
Emma Runyan

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY
Rachel Allard

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
Amber Brownlee
Kenzie Grimaldi

BRIARCLIFF UNIVERSITY
Delaney Meyer

DRAKE UNIVERSITY
Bridget Jones

MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY
Taylor O'Sullivan

COLORADO

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER
Casey Campo

REGIS UNIVERSITY
Madeline Medina

ARIZONA

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
Kristina Coppinger

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Eileen Kerrigan

KANSAS

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Rita Vittori

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
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Lauren Gentleman
Sophia Mandacina
Katherine Mediavilla
Sarah Mitchell
Caitlin O'Toole
Madalyn Russell
Paige Suholaski
Maddie Summers
Margaret Sweeny

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Annie Bolin
Josie Buford
Madeline Cook
Mary Catherine Egan

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Connor Hodes
Lexi Holsapple
Emma Jensen
Lily Koppen
Isabella Meisel
Grace Orscheln
Ellie Porterfield
Gwen Robertson
Maddie Rubalcava
Lauren Ryan
Darcy Sullivan
Jamie Tholen
Meg Thompson
Genevieve Wiedeman

MISSOURI

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
Cassandra Beechwood-Hall

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
Lily Cosgrove
Sarah Gorden
Maureen Havey
Siena Hutchison

ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY
Anna Bennett
Honour Sollars
Ceara VanBuskirk
Molly VanBuskirk

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
Meghan Brownlee
Sophie Burke
McKenzie Burns
Elizabeth Countee
Gillian Cutter
Laura Dierks
Claire Finn
Kathleen Herrington
Zoe Jackson
Karissa Jamboretz
Grace Kitts
Allie McInerney
Meredith Mulhern
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Darby Pedersen
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Molly Riffel
Katherine Robertson
Natalie Rose
Katherine Scofield
Payton Seever
Maureen Whittaker
Sarah Wunder

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
Machella Dunlea
Emily Laird
Ally Pribyl
Alyssa Seitzer

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Eleanor Lueke

WILLIAM WOODS UNIVERSITY
Shelby Scott

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI KANSAS CITY
Isabella Matthews
Abigail Small

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI
Alison Yancey

TEXAS

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Maggie Hodess
Claire Jefferson
Anniston Tuttle

UNDECIDED

Katie Schwertley
Moira White

WHERE'D THEY GO?

WISCON-

UNIVERSITY OF
Ally Moore
MARQUETTE
Clare Kenney
Hannah Wells

OHIO

MIAMI UNIVERSITY
Anna Hafner
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
Claire McHugh

NEW YORK

PARSONS THE NEW SCHOOL
Violet Cowdin

INDIANA

BUTLER UNIVERSITY
Emma Fernandez
UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME
Mary Hilliard

PENNSYLVANIA

DREXEL UNIVERSITY
Jewell Allen
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
MaryMichael Hough

MARYLAND

MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY
Cara Gose

OKLAHOMA

NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA
STATE UNIVERSITY
Maggie Porter
OKLAHOMA STATE
UNIVERSITY
Victoria Richardson
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
Hayley Burgess
Molly Meyers

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
Erin Burroughs
WARREN WILSON COLLEGE
Grace Girardeau

ARKANSAS

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
Clare Cain
Maya Charles
Gabrielle Clemente
Sophia Cusumano
Colleen DeRuyter
Allison Frye
Kailey McNett
Alexandra Mullins
Maggie O'Neill
Kellie O'Toole
Rachael Skeens

SOUTH CAROLINA

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Sara Stubbendieck
WOFFORD COLLEGE
Meghan King

MISSISSIPPI

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
Sadie Green

LOUISIANA

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE
Savaria Goodman

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ABU DHABI
Meredith Raymer



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 ROW THREE: Amber Brownlee, Moira White, Audrey Carroll
 ROW FOUR: Michaela Coleman, Lily Cosgrove, Katherine Robertson, Maggie O'Neill
 ROW FIVE: Mary LePique, Helen Wheatley, Katrina O'Connor

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 ROW FOUR: Margaux Thompson, Jordan Klumb, Jewell Allen, Meredith Snyder
 ROW FIVE: Darcy Sullivan

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 ROW THREE: Jeannie O'Flaherty, Lucy Hoop, Brianne Arello, Jennifer Greene, Emma Swinney, Molly Muehlebach, Jaclyn Blanck

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ROW ONE: Madi Winfield, Bailey Fennesy, Andrea Skowronek, Maura Knopke, Alexandria Davis
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 ROW SEVEN: Brad Lewis

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 ROW FOUR: Grace Marshall, Holly Phalen, Margaux Renee, Lydia Parsa, Emma Smith, Reilly Atkins, Shannon Flynn, Margaret Jordahl, Courtney Talken, Bridget Dulle, Valleri Miller, Nicole Ficklin

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ROW ONE: Allison Frye, Sophia Mandacina, Ana Ryan, Jordan Kehring, Isabel Fitzpatrick, Louise Christianson
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 ROW THREE: Isabella Brown, Frances Fedinets, Amy Finn, Emily Reib, Camille Begnaud
 ROW FOUR: Ella Latier, Mara Cressey, Lexi Curtis, Elise Cressey
 ROW FIVE: Isabella Matthews, Kelsey Hulsey, Amelia Redick, Alice Amick

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ROW ONE: Maya Kalmus, Gwen Robertson, Emma Fernandez, Megan Lewer, Michael Sanem
 ROW TWO: Claire Finn, Madeline Cook, Colleen DeRuyter, Anna Bennett, Corynn McDonald
 ROW THREE: Gabby Staker, Lizzie Concannon, Brynn Slattery, Grace Fiorella, Audrey Giersch
 ROW FOUR: Liv Davison, Maya Charles, Madalyn Russel, Mary Grace Campbell, Gabi Dorrell

INCLUSION PROJECT



ROW ONE: Tone'Nae Bradley-Toomer, Julia Kerrigan, Liv Davison
 ROW TWO: Kelly McKee, Michelle Johnson
 ROW THREE: Torie Richardson, Amber Brownlee, Amy Finn

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 ROW THREE: Libby Hutchinson, Katie Donellan, Maura Knopke, Mia Tomasic
 ROW FOUR: Lily Corp, Isabella Solario, Kelly Hulsey, Hunter Loehr
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 ROW SEVEN: Kayla Leatherman, Cassie Hayes, Alexis Batliner, Ellie Brewer, Natalie Hull, Lucy Hodes

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ROW ONE: Rachel Curiale, Ayannia Carter, Lauren Ennis
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 ROW THREE: Theresa Wallerstedt, Sarah Gorden, Ellie Petree, Betsy Alderman
 ROW FOUR: Siena Hutchinson, Honour Sollars

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ROW ONE: Delaney Meyer, Camille Begnaud, Katlyn Giefer, Clementina Ferraro, Grace Langdon
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ROW THREE: Carolyn Scheuler, Patrick Nielsen

SADD CLUB



ROW ONE: Maureen Egan, Martina Florido, Claire Franey, Hannah Grant, Colleen O'Rourke
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ROW FOUR: Julia Amigo

STEM CLUB



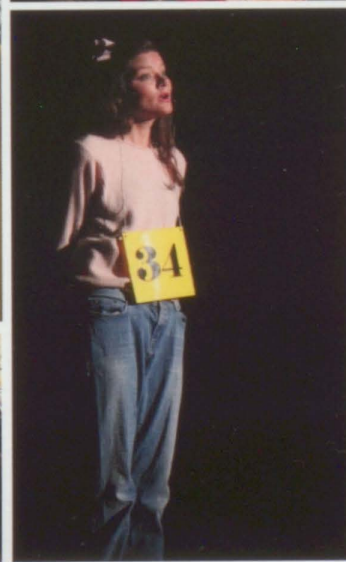
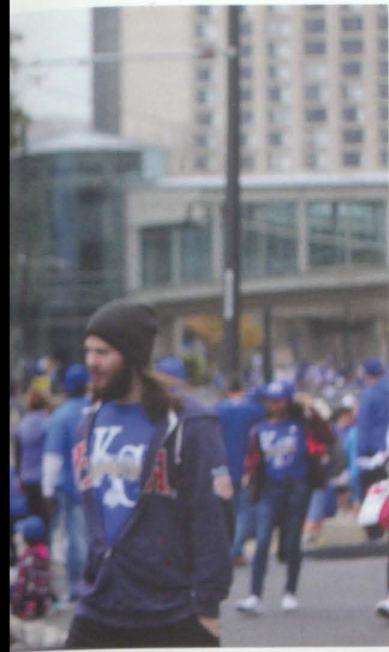
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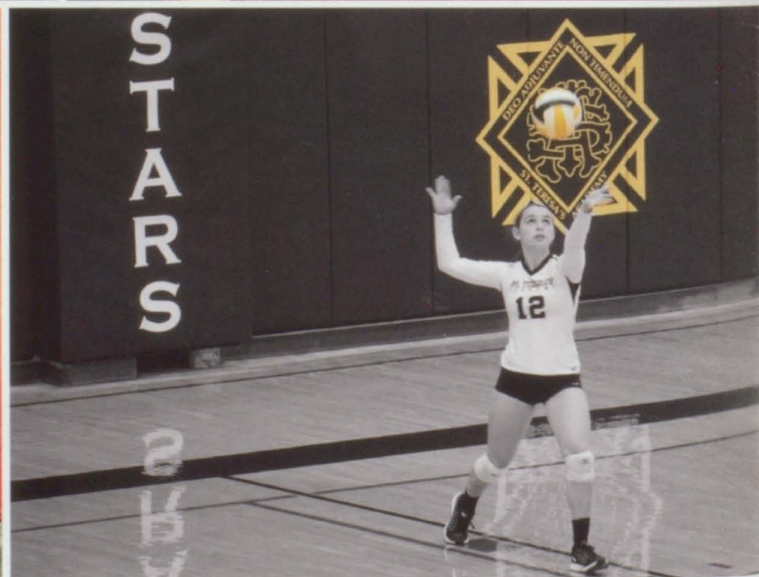




Elaina Bailey



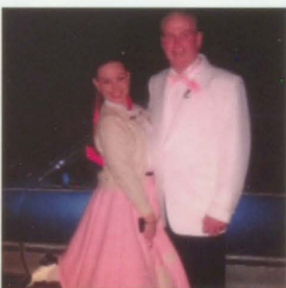
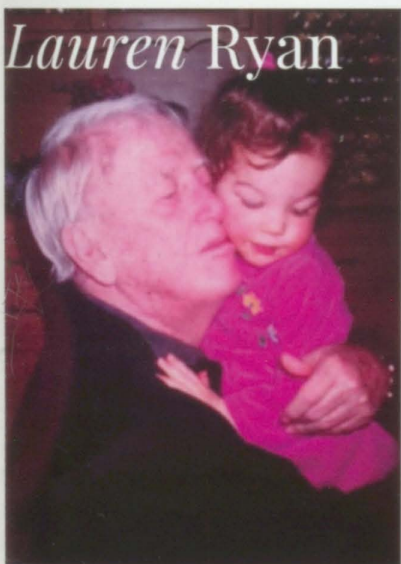
YOU DID IT! Your family is so proud of the woman you have become. There is no doubt that your future will be bright. We love you so much #1! Shine on like the STAR we know you are.
Mom, Dad, Carmella, Luke Jr & Gabriella



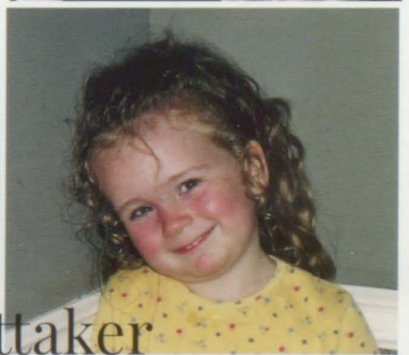
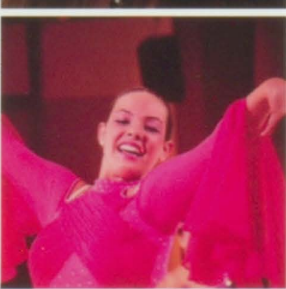
Alexandra Mullins

Alex, We are incredibly proud of what you have accomplished, the obstacles you have overcome, and the wonderful young lady you have become. Keep smiling and strive to be the best possible person you can be. You are very special and we love you.

Mom, Dad, Gigi, and Emma



May the good Lord be with you down every road you roam, and may sunshine and happiness surround you when you're far from home. We love you, Maureen
Mom, Lucy and Pete



Tookie, You are amazing! Everything you have accomplished makes us so proud! With all your hard work and preparation we're confident that you will achieve any goal you set for yourself. Go with Jesus in your heart!
Love, Mom and Dad

Maureen Whittaker



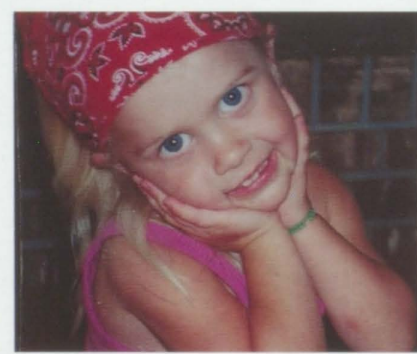
Katherine Green

We are so proud of you and will be here for you always! You have it all Katherine at your fingertips, watch out world here she comes! LOVE YOU TO THE MOON AND BACK!
Mom, Dad, Caroline and Spencer



Kate Scofield

Congratulations Kate! We are so proud of you. Work hard and follow your dreams. We love you! Mom, Dad, Caroline and Lauren
Go Finky!

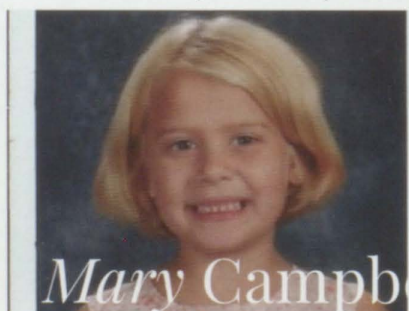


Mary, you are the connector of our family - sweet, kind, intelligent, wise, and witty. We love your gentleness, your happy spirit, your sense of humor, and your wonderful contagious laugh. You will always be our 'Little Mary.' We love you!

To our Molly Rose, "A Rose by any other name would still smell as Sweet"... you have been our sweet gift!



Molly Riffel



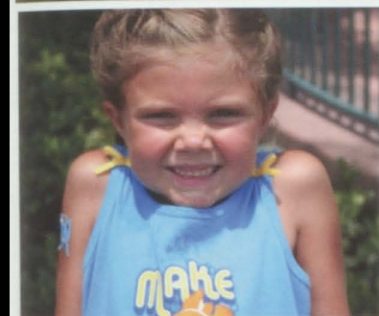
Mary Campbell



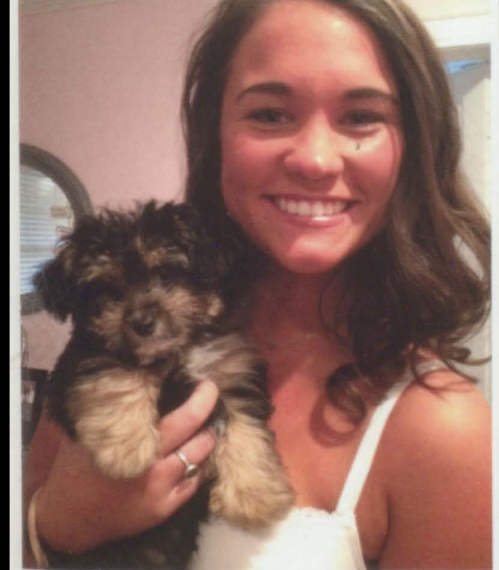


Our love Maddie, our beautiful daughter and sweet sister.
 You will always be our "beauty queen"
 Thank you for the gift of being you, the kindest soul, determined spirit, and faithful friend. Be brave and strong, God is always with you and we are here for you always.
 We love you deeply, Mom, Dad, Zach & Olivia

Madeline Cook

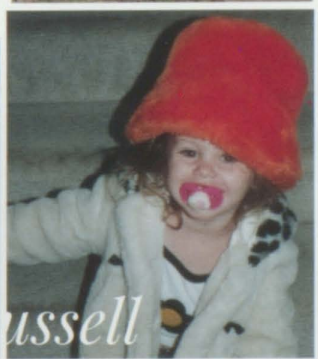
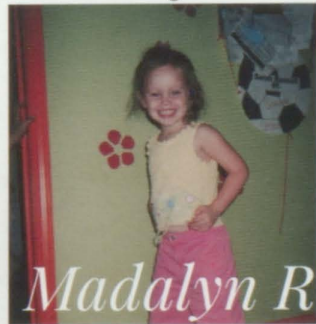


Gabby Keller



Our Daughter, Our Little Sister, Our Aunt. Loving you is so easy. Your BEAUTIFUL smile brings us joy. May Our God Bless and guide you on your new journey. Love always, Your family. We see you baby "Shaking that Thang"

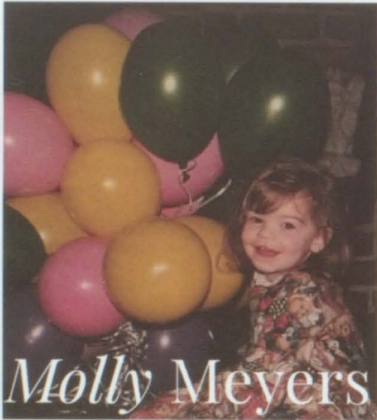
G-Baby - Take your gigantic spirit and spread it far and wide, girl! With all our love and pride, Mom, Dad, Maddie, Jack and Jagger



Madalyn Russell



"She is clothed in strength and dignity, and she smiles at her future." Proverbs 31:25
 Molly, your mom was so very proud of you and we are too.
 Dad, Adam, Eric and Katie

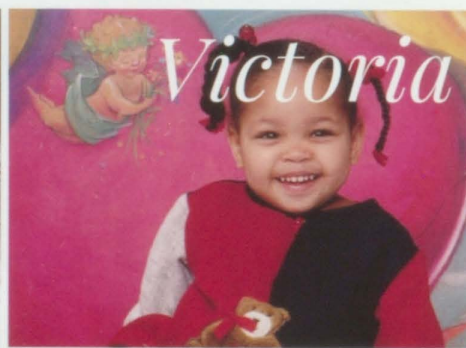


Molly Meyers



Andie Round

"And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music." - Friedrich Nietzsche



Victoria

Richardson

Torie, Congratulations on all that our Lord, Jesus Christ has allowed you to accomplish. We are so proud of the young woman you have become. We can't wait to see what God has in store for you!
 We love you!
 Love, Dad & Mom



Anniston Tuttle



RIFF RAM BAH ZOO! Have fun at TCU!!!
We are so proud of you, Annie! We love you Mouse!
Yo momma, Daddy & Robin, Mana, Gramps, Uncle PB,
Barker's, Carter's, Chapmans, Harry and The Raisin



Siena Hutchison

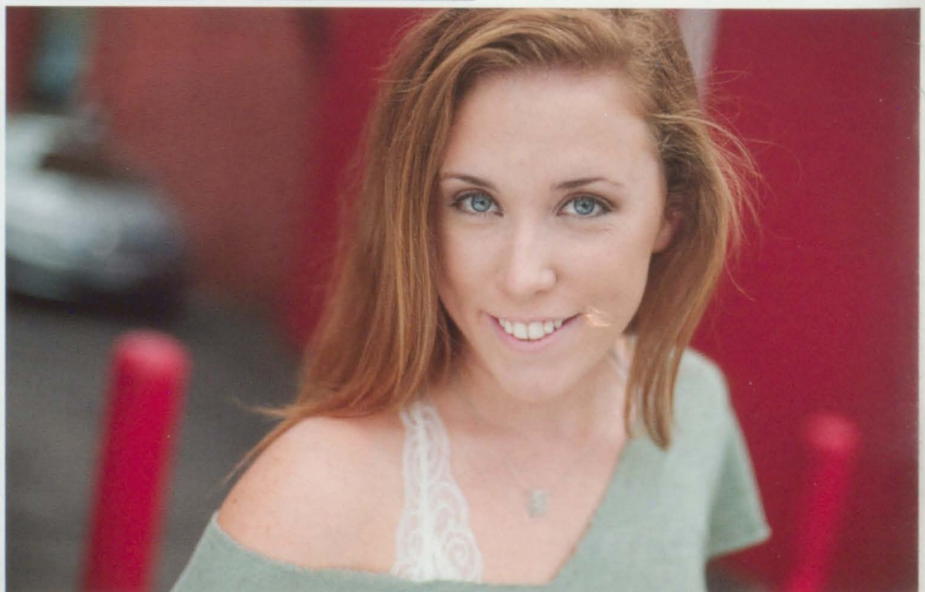


Congratulations to Siena: a thoughtful, intelligent and witty young woman. You are ready to embrace the many fun times and challenges on life's long, winding road. Remember your strong family roots! We love you always.



Claire Finn

Our beautiful ginger. We adore your vibrant energy, your passion for your animals, and your love of life. Oh, the places you'll see! We love you. Mom, Dad, Connor, Elise, Ruby and Tucker



Kristina Coppinger



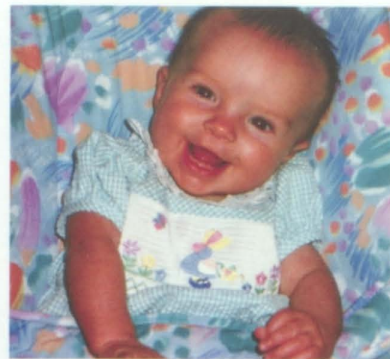
We are so very proud of our kind, intelligent, generous and passionate Kristina. You are a great joy and blessing to us. Go set the world on fire!
We love you always,
Mom & Dad, Kate and JP

Emma Runyan



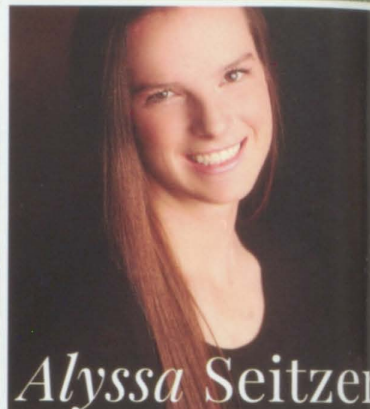
Emma, congratulations! We are extremely proud of the young woman you have become and love the work that is still in progress. Always remember "You're a Runyan!"

Love, Mom & Dad



Alyssa, God blessed our family with a wonderful daughter 18 years ago and you have brought us great joy ever since! We will always be here for you.

Love... Dad, Mom, Ben, Tom, and Joe

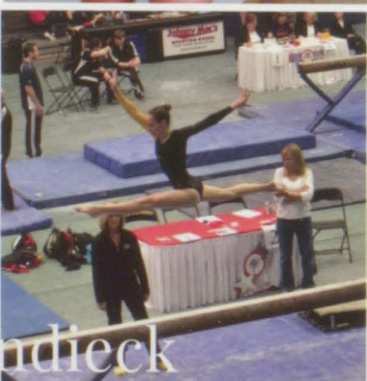
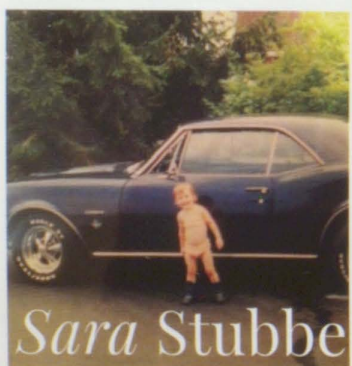


Sara - we are so proud of you. Wherever you go, go with all your heart! Love, Mom, Dad and Alex

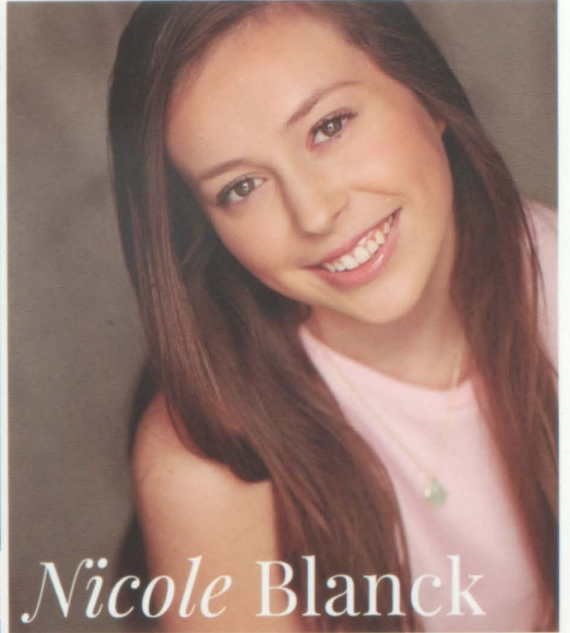


Anna, stay true to yourself and what you believe. Only you know the path to follow when you listen to your heart. You live with passion. It has been an honor to watch you become the woman you are today.

Love, Mom, Dad, Emily, Luke & Patrick



Sara Stubben dieck



Nicole Blanck

In the blink of an eye, you have become an amazing woman. Pursue your dreams confidently and have fun every day. Let your faith guide you and always remember how truly loved you are.
Mom, Dad & Emilie



Alexandra Muehlberger

Alexandra Jayne - you are the light of our lives. There are not enough words to express how incredibly proud of you we are. May God continue to bless you. You have exceeded our wildest expectations. We love you, angel.



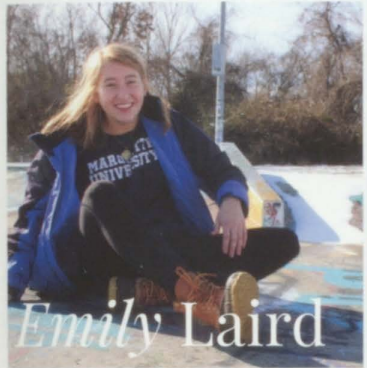
Rachel Skeens



Rae - Like a true Star, you've been the light of our life since the day you arrived. Your path so far was not always easy but you amazed us with your determination and we could not be more proud of the extraordinary young woman you've become. Find something you love and go do it - everything else will take care of itself.
Love, Mom and Dad



Dear Emily, You have grown so much at STA! We will miss your energy, reading Harry Potter, ice cream runs, and twizzlers! Good luck following your dreams! Always let faith be your guide. Love, Dad, Mom, Charlie, Molly, Grace



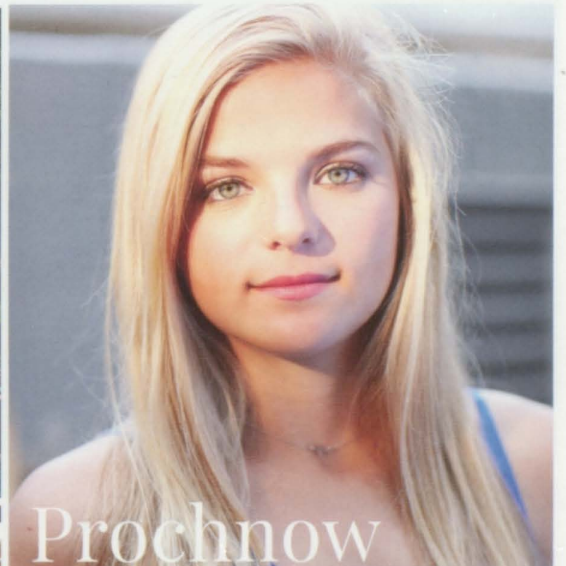
Emily Laird



Kay VanAsdale

Congratulations, Kay! We are so proud of you!! We hope your dreams stay BIG, your worries stay SMALL, and know we will always LOVE you!

Love, Mom, Claire and Stephen
OXOXOX



Sophia Prochnow

Sophia,

You have always delighted us with your wit, your intellect and your intuition. Remember - it's kind of fun to do the impossible. Keep defying gravity. We love you! Mom, Dad, Connor and Bode





Clare Cain

Congratulations Clare! We are so proud of you. We can't wait to see where life's adventure leads you next! Wish you all the best. Love, Mom, Dad, Mikey, and Henry

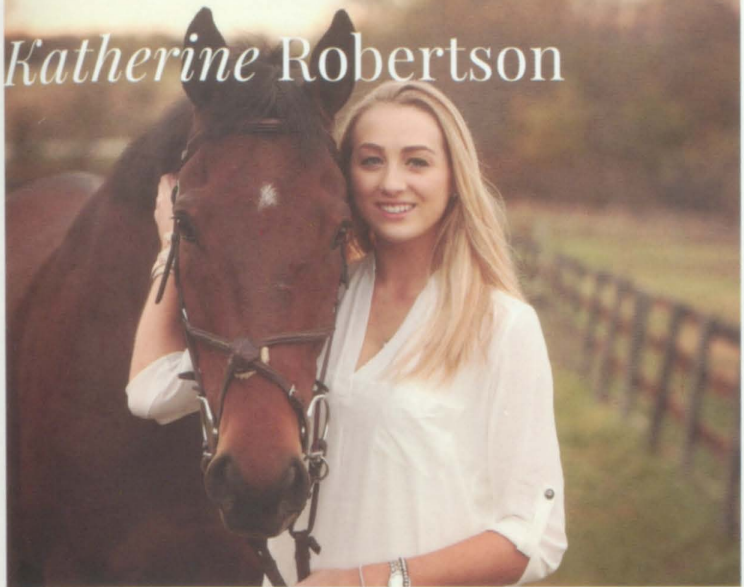


Megan Klinginsmith



Prayer, Purpose, Pursuit, Persistence, Passion, Pride, Make the World smile!





Katherine Robertson

We are so proud of all your accomplishments, but most proud of the kind, loving daughter you are. Make the lives of those around you better. Always have the courage to persevere in all you do.

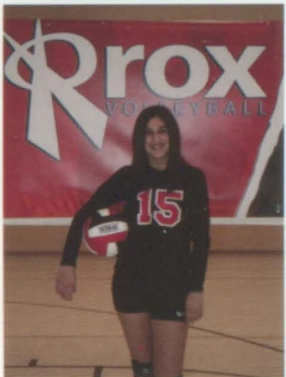


Love, Mom, Dad, and Sam



Sophia Mandacina

Congratulations, Sophia! Dream big and dream often and remember: "Wherever you fly, you'll be the best. Wherever you go, you'll top all the rest. Oh, the places you'll go...!" - Dr. Seuss
We love you!! Mom, Dad and Joseph



Each Day Another Milestone!
Wishing You Joy and Happiness
Today and Always
Blessings!
Papi, Mom & Alex



Kellie O'Toole

You have grown into such a beautiful woman. We could not be more proud of your accomplishments at both STA and in your community. Now, a new chapter begins...WooPig! We love you so much! Mom, Dad, and Tim



Katherine Mediavilla



Darby Pedersen



These years have passed so quickly! We are so proud of the young woman you've become. Your smile and laughter warms our hearts. We know you are bound for great things, keep reaching for the STARS! Love, Mom, Dad, and Alex

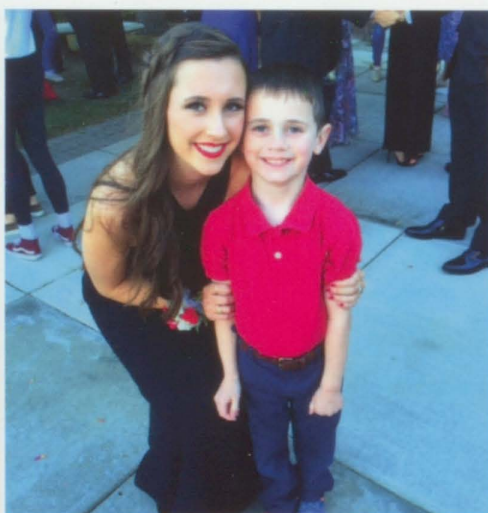
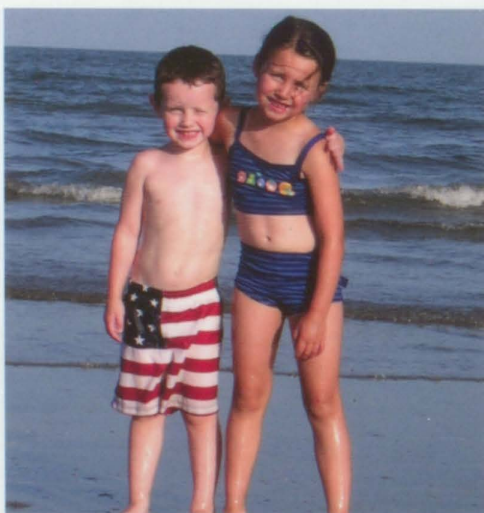


We are so proud of you and grateful for the love and laughter you've brought to our family. You are a bright and shining star, so share your sparkle with the world!

Love Mom, Dad, Tyler, Andrew & Jack



Elizabeth Countee

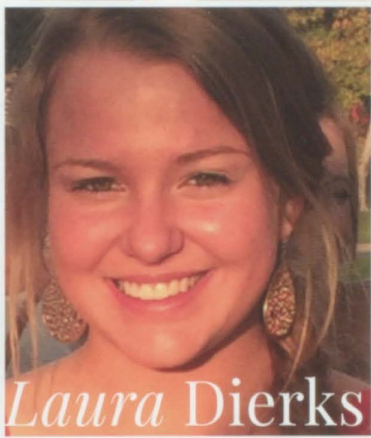
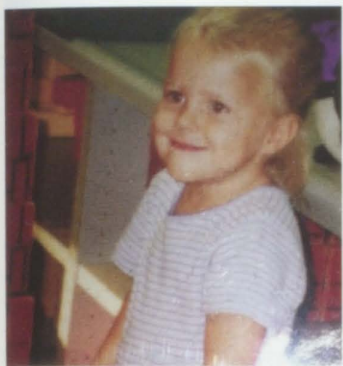


Jamie Tholen

Always proud of our star. Love, Mom, Dad, Morgan, Tommy and Teddy



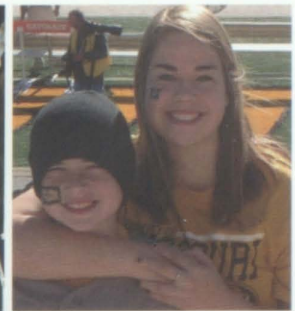
Laura - Can't tell you how proud we are of you - Not easy being youngest of five but you are better because of it - We are convinced you will do great things! GOD Bless & Love, Mom, Dad, Tricia, Mark, Brian & Michelle



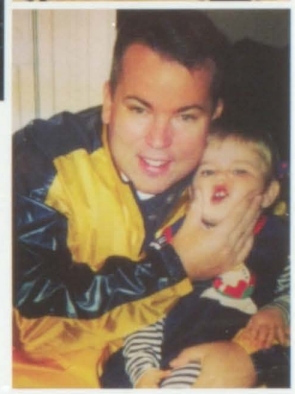
Laura Dierks



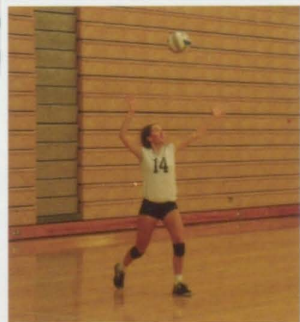
Gillian Cutter



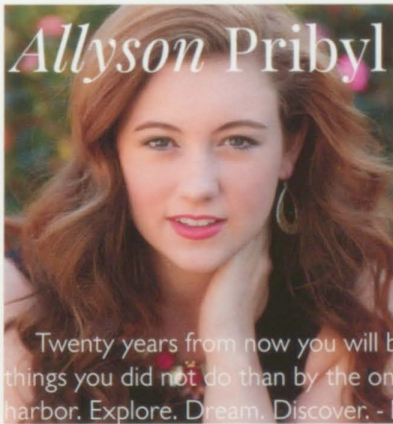
Gillian, we are so proud of all of your accomplishments. You have been the star of our lives since 1998 and now it is time to shine in the world! Love, Mom, Dad and Matt



Kailey McNett



Kailey, Words cannot express how proud we are of the confident, smart, caring, beautiful young woman you have become. You have brightened many lives. We look forward to your accomplishments in life's next chapter. Love, Mom, Dad, Riley and Gage



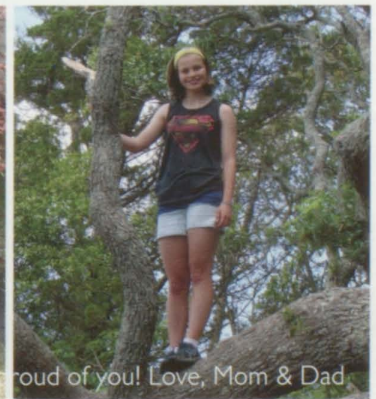
Allyson Pribyl



Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you did not do than by the ones you did do. Sail away from safe harbor. Explore. Dream. Discover. - Mark Twain



Cara Gose



More adventures await! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad



Maddie Rubalcava

Maddie,

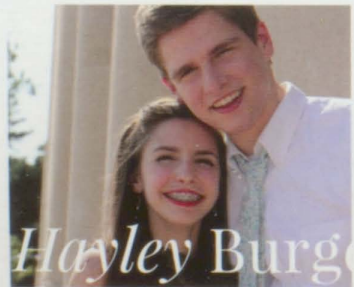
We have watched you grow into a strong, intelligent, creative, independent, and beautiful young woman. The doors are about to open for you. Embrace the journey, enjoy the ride, and reach for your dreams.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Joey



Lulu, it's been the most extraordinary blessing to have you in our lives! You are amazing, talented, funny, beautiful, smart-we can't wait to see what awesome things your future holds for you!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Charlie



Hayley Burgess



Sarah Gorden

Never change who you are so that other people will like you. Just be yourself and the right people will love you just for being you...just as we do.

Love, Mom, Dad, Thomas, Clover



Colleen DeRuyter



Colleen,
Your smile lights up a room...always has! Stay close to God and continue to let Him shine through you. We love you and are so very proud of you!
Mom, Dad, Matt, Annie and Meghan



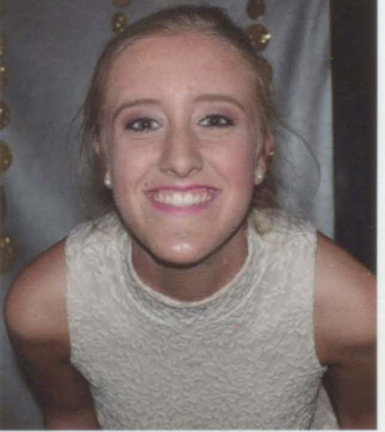
Tricia Melland



"The most beautiful thing in this world is to see your parents smiling and knowing that you are the reason behind that smile."
Thank you for giving us so many smiles!
Love, Mom, Dad, Bryan, Andrew, and Kenny!



Mary Michael Hough



Can't imagine our world without you! We cherish your sense of humor and love the sound of your voice (almost as much as you do). Thanks for blessing our lives with your contagious personality. Always be fun, spunky and confident as you are now.
Love, MDMLK



Claire McHugh



Claire, it has been our pleasure watching you grow up. We are proud of you, we support you in all that you do, and we love you very much! Love and happiness - Mom, Dad, Jack, and Grant
Thanks STA! What a great experience!

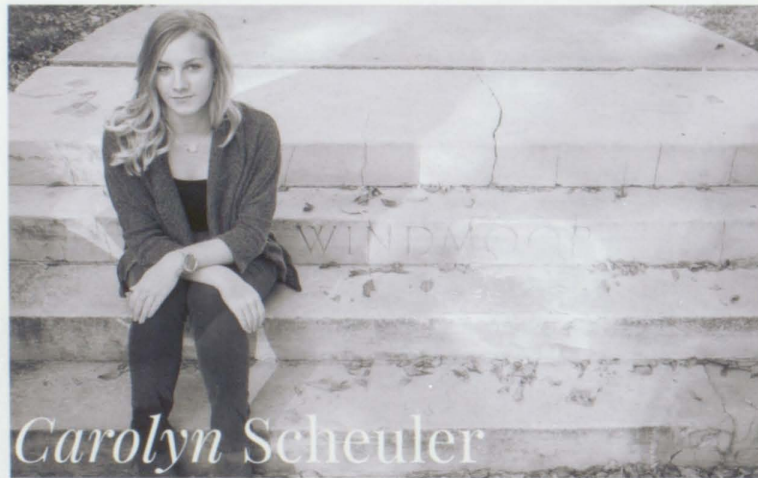




Margaret Queen

Spread joy. Chase your wildest dreams. - Patch Adams
Margaret, you have grown into a remarkable person, serving others while striving to learn new things and challenging yourself. Stay joyful, go live your dreams.

Love Mom, Dad, Zach & Millie

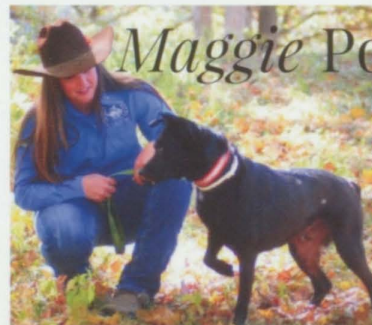


Carolyn Scheuler

Wow! This yearbook is awesome - we can't put it down!
Carolyn,

We are so proud of you, the Editor-in-Chief. God's blessings on you and all you do - forever!

Love, Mom, Dad, Sam, Olivia and Jake



Maggie Porter

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." - Henry David Thoreau. We could not be more proud of you, Maggie. Follow your passion. Love, Mom and Dad



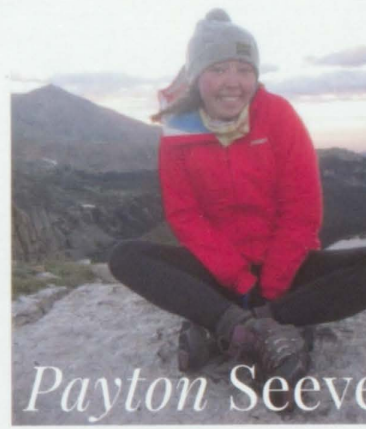


Claire Jefferson

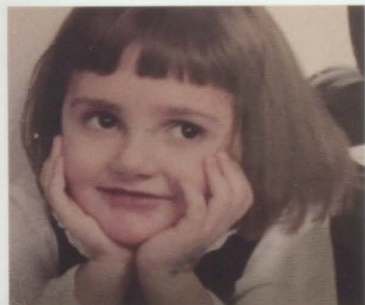
Claire Mae - We are so proud of the kind, compassionate young woman you have become. We love you to the moon and back....times infinity.
Xoxo, Mom, Dad, Erin, Kelley and Jerry



Payton, It has been wonderful sharing the journey and all the stops along the way. We are very proud of you and can't wait to see what amazing things you do with your life. Love, Dad, Mom & Tori



Payton Seever



As you begin life's journey may your travels be filled with light, joy and love. Your great sense of humor and fairness will serve you well. May your glass always be full. We love you. Mom, Dad, Kate, Tess

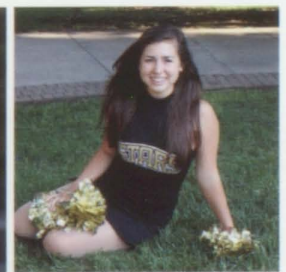


Bridget Jones



Alison Munoz

Allison, We couldn't be more proud of everything you have accomplished. We can't wait to see what the next chapter holds for you. Love you so much!
Dad, Mom, and Christopher



Eileen Kerrigan



We are so very proud of the young woman you have become! Love, Dad, Mom, Julia, and Georgia



Allie Quinn

Congratulations Allie! We are extremely proud of you & excited to see what the future holds for you. You're an amazing young lady! Remember to laugh, be kind, work hard & continue to dream big! Love, Dad, Mom & Olivia



Hallie Ryan

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."
-Mother Teresa
We are so proud of you!
Mom, Chris, Nicholas and Emma



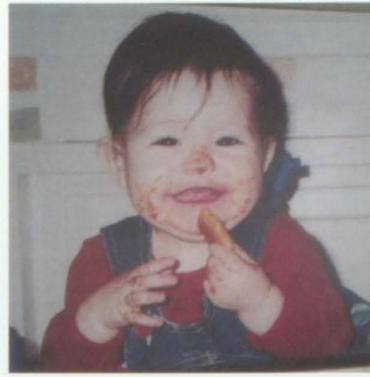
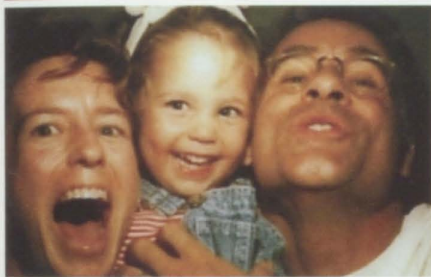
Jo - From your first day of pre-school at STS to your senior year at STA, you have lead the way! You are beautiful inside and out. We love you!
Mom, Dad, Alex & Pups!



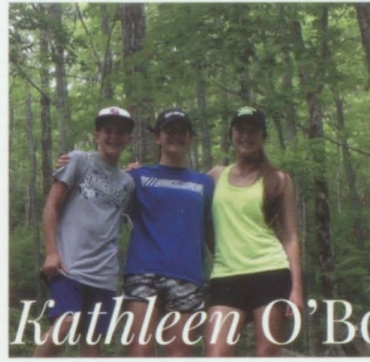
Josie Buford



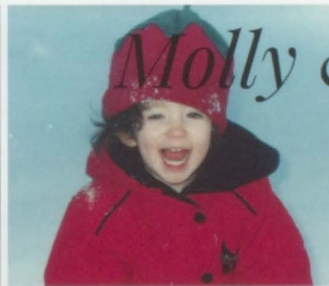
Emma Jensen



Leeny, born in the ICU; now off to college to become a nurse- your mom and I cannot be more proud! Smart, driven, witty and always a goofball - we love you so much. You have exceeded all our expectations.



Kathleen O'Boyle



Molly & Ceara Van Buskirk

Go Forth & Set the World on Fire
St. Ignatius Loyola
Congratulations! We love you,
Mom & Dad
THANK YOU STA





Gabriella Dorrell



Gabi, you are the perfect balance of humility, tenacity, beauty, intellect and wit. We can't wait to watch you soar, but please know you always have a place to land with us. Love, Mom, Dad, Austin and Lucas



Kara Black



Sarah, You've always made us so proud, certainly for your accomplishments, but more importantly for your dedication, hard work, and overall concern for others. Keep it up and you'll accomplish great things! Love, Heather, Wen and John (YFF)



Sarah Cigas

The best things in life are the people we love, the places we've seen and the memories we've made along the way. Congratulations Kara! You will always be our princess.

We love you, Mom, Dad, Drew, Matthew



Gabby Clemente

Keep your bright light shining wherever you go, Gabby. We love you. Mom, Dad, Phillip and Rosie



Caitlin O'Toole



We are so proud of the young woman you have become and are excited to see what still lies ahead! Good luck at K-State, you will do awesome! We love you "Cate the Great"! Dad, Mom, Kiley and Conor

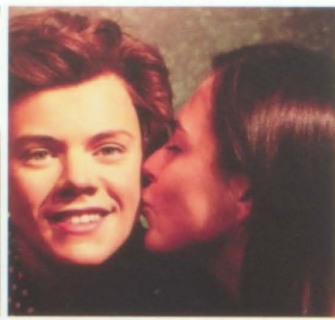


McKenzie Burns

As the youngest of our children, you will always be our baby! College will be a life changing experience as you grow into a mature, responsible & loving member of the family with us by your side.

Love, Dad, Mom, Luke, Nicole, BJ & JP





Maddie Torti

We can't imagine the story of our lives without you. You light up our world like nobody else! It's time for you to escape Kansas City and follow the sun but don't forget where you belong-home-if you ever feel alone. Get out there and live while you're young and make the sound track of your life the best song ever!

XO - Mom, Dad and Sam



Grace Kitts

Faith, Family, & Friends

Dear Grace,

We love you and are so proud of you. Even though you are graduating from STA...keep reaching for the "STARS" all throughout your life! The sky's the limit!

Love, Mom & Dad, & Family



Faclyn Blanck

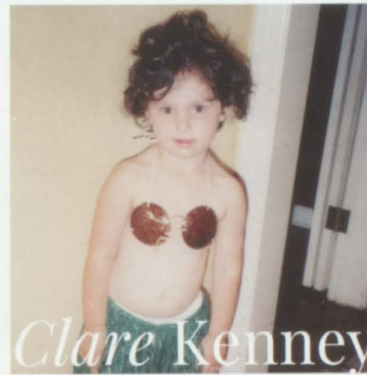


You are beauty, integrity, honesty, compassion, loyalty,,rolled into one amazing daughter. We saved the best for last! Love always, Mom & Dad



For 18 years you've entertained us. We've laughed and smiled with you and I will miss you very much! Wherever you go and whatever you do, know that you have our full love and support.

Love, Mom, Dad, Katie, Molly, Maggie and Finnegan



Clare Kenney



"Wherever you go, go with all your heart." - Confucius. Your journey is just beginning, Gwen. Live life to the fullest! OUR hearts and prayers go with you always. We love you so very much.

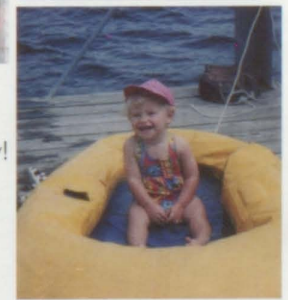
Mom, Dad, Spencer



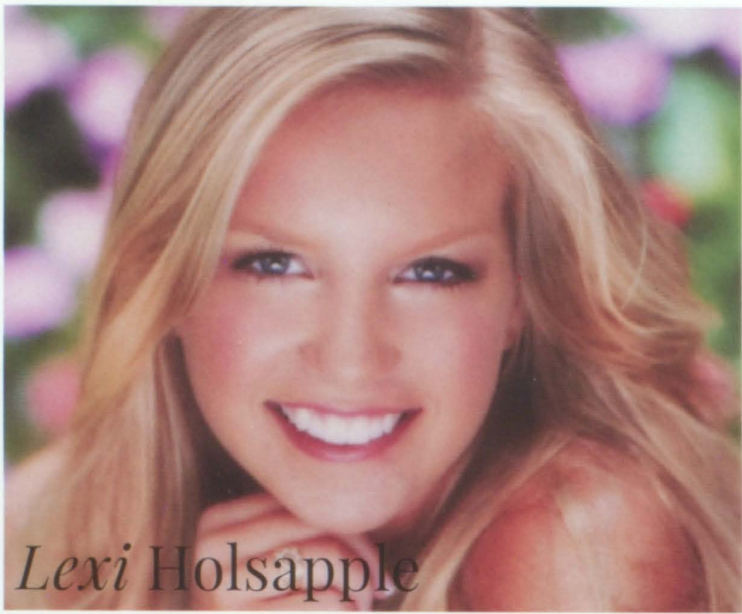
Gwen Robertson



Meg Thompson



We hate to see you "sail away" but congratulate you on a great ride at STA! It's finally your turn, baby Margaret Mary! You did it, and we are so proud! Love, Mom, Dad, PJ, Emily Caroline and Robby

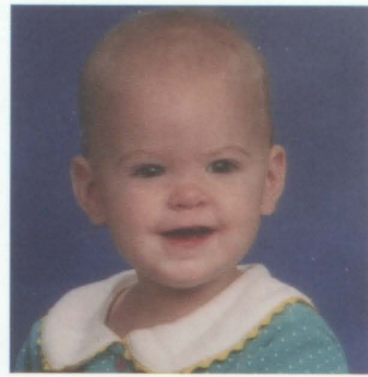


Lexi Holsapple

Lexi, we love you with all our hearts. You truly are a wonderful young lady. So proud of you and what you always have stood for. Always know we're here for you and your biggest fans. God bless you Pooh!

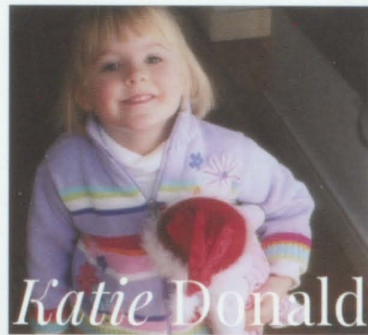
Love...

Daddy, Momma and Bubba



Congratulations, Katie! We are so proud of you! With your energetic personality, creativity, and determination you find success in whatever you choose to do and we will be there to love and support you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Sara, and Michael



Katie Donaldson



You have BRAINS in your HEAD. You have FEET in your SHOES. You can STEER yourself any DIRECTION you CHOOSE - Dr. Seuss

We are proud of you and love you always! MIZ...

Love, Mom and Dad



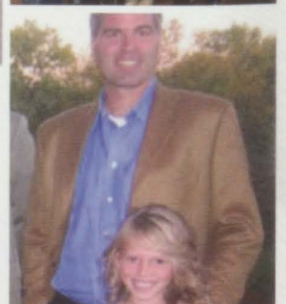
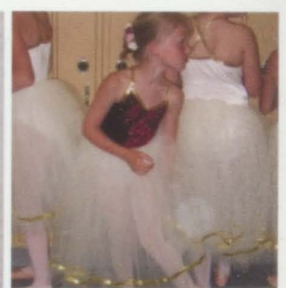
Zoe Jackson

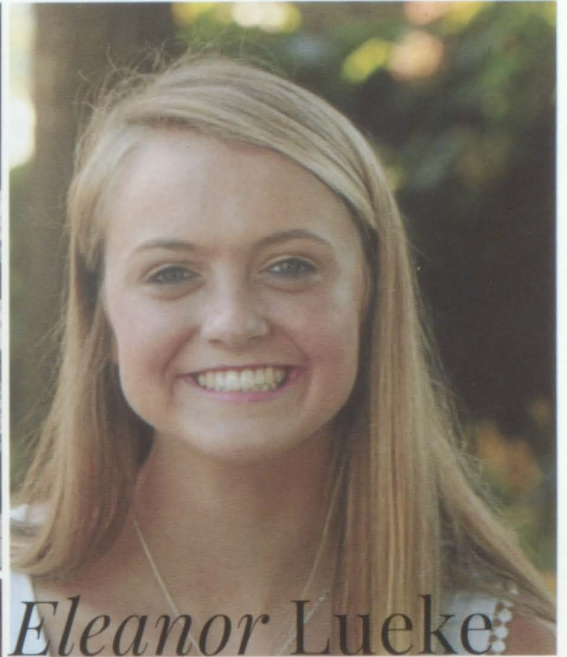


Lily Walsh

Lily, We are so proud of who you are right now and honor who you will be in the years ahead. Dream big, smile wide, laugh out loud and see the beauty all around and within yourself.

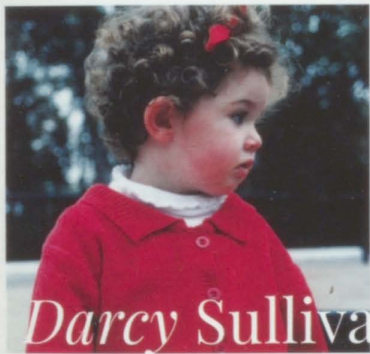
Love, Mom, Dad, Mac, Donovan and Charlie





Eleanor Lueke

You continue to be an example of beauty, strength, joy, humility and integrity. Stay awake and continue to keep your vision and values before you. "He has given his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways" Psalms 91:11



Darcy Sullivan

D, we couldn't be more proud of your accomplishments at STA. You made it look so easy! You are a beautiful, loyal, intelligent, funny, young woman (Jayhawk). We can't wait for the next chapter.

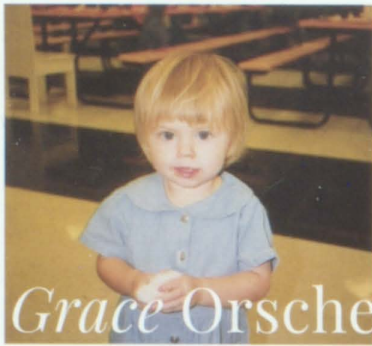
Mom & Dad



Sadie Green

Sadie, We are so very proud of you and love you more than words can say. Remember to always be happy and never change. Love, Mom and Dad





Grace Orscheln

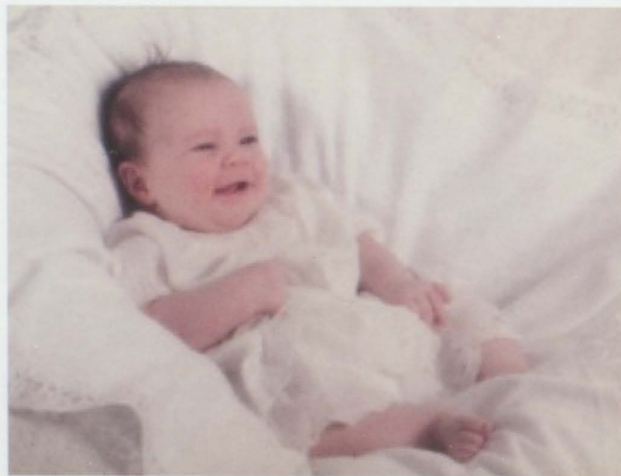
Congratulations! We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. You have such an enthusiasm for life, friendship, and adventure. You are so uniquely talented and will contribute something really special in this world-only you can give. Love you always - Mom, Dad Emily, Katie, & John



Natalie Rose

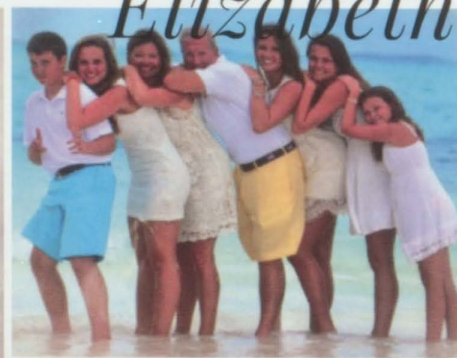


Natalie, you are a wonderful gift to our family. We are so excited to watch you as your life unfolds. Experience life and learn as much as you can. No matter where your journey takes you, we are always with you. All our love, Mom, Dad, Black and Scott



Elizabeth Porterfield

Keep your eyes, ears, and mind open... the whole world is a classroom. Always be generous in patience, gratitude, and forgiveness. Be grateful for role models in your life, and be one for someone else. Keep a childlike sense of wonder. Believe in beauty, the goodness, and the wisdom that are uniquely yours. Love, Dad, Mom, Megan, Camille, Colin and Lexi



Maggie Knox

In everything you do, you are all in, determined and running toward a challenge. Keep letting your bright, kind spirit and your beautiful mind lead you.

All our love, Mom, Dad, Rachel & Charlie

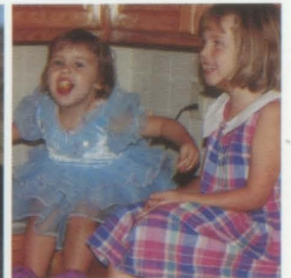


Ellie Petree

Ellie, so funny, so serious, so passionate. God bless you. We love you and wish you all the best. Love, Mom, Dad, Madelyn, John and Copper



Casey Campo



We cannot wait to see what great things your special talents, passion & humor bring to this world. Continue to be the guardian of your galaxy. We love YOU for all that you are.

Your small army, Mom & Dad

Abigail Small



Abby, we love your smile, determination and your humor, but most of all we love you! As you go into your future, blaze your own path and remember with God all things are possible!

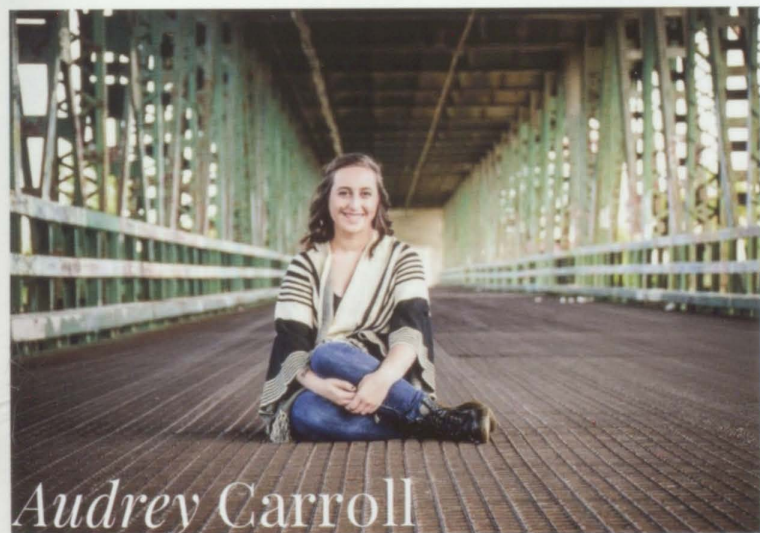
All Our Love, Mom and Dad



Emily O'Neill

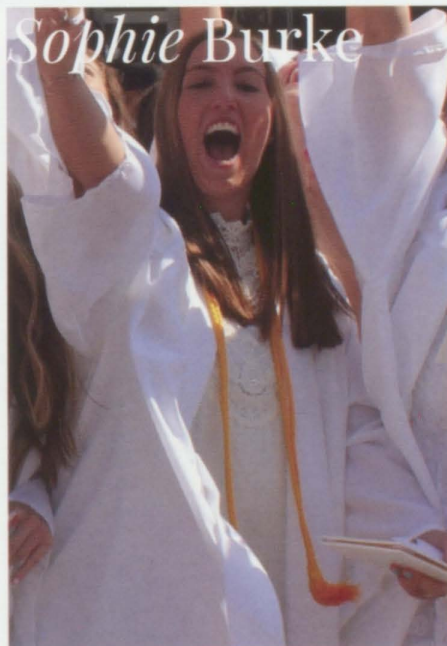
Emily, we are all so proud of you and excited about the journey ahead. "Minds are like parachutes - they only function open." - Thomas D.

Love, Mom, Dad, Etagegn, Conor, Patrick, Asabe, Hudson, Addis & Bernie



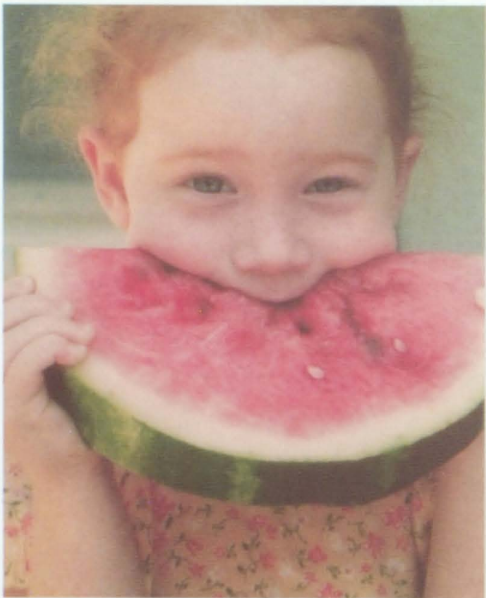
Audrey Carroll

Audrey, you make us incredibly proud everyday. We are excited to watch you do so many new and great things. We love you tons! Congratulations! Love, Mom, Matt, Olivia & Franco



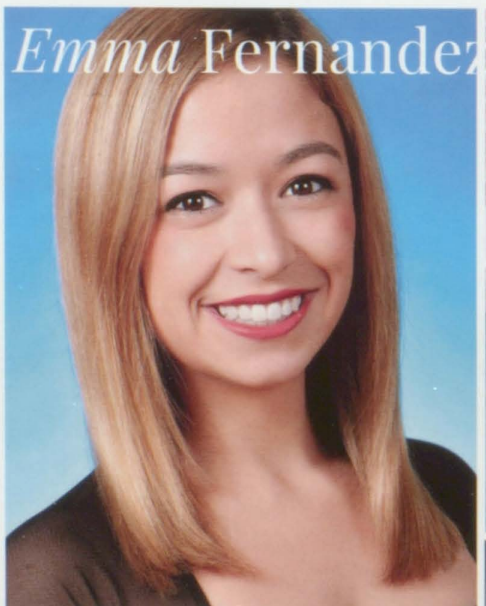
PERFECTION! We adore you. Mom, Dad, Megan, Zach





Grace Girardeau

Happy Graduation Grace - the last of the Girardeau girls at STA! Continue forging your own path and please, go out and save the world!



Emma Fernandez

We are so proud of you! We love you so much. You are amazing!
Love, the gang

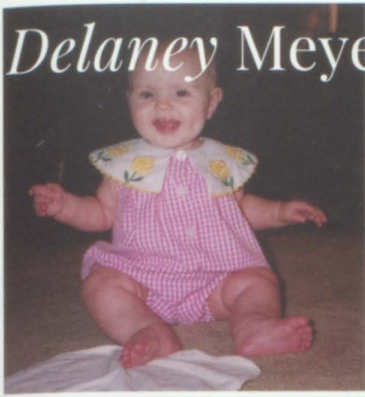


Meghan Brownlee

Let your past with the Stars help guide your future journeys.
We love you, Dad, Mom, Aly and Elaina



Delaney Meyer



Delaney, D, Little Miss Sunshine, Laney, Del, Sunny D, Laney Kate...no matter the name, our love is the same. You are an amazing young woman and we are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Topper and Grandma



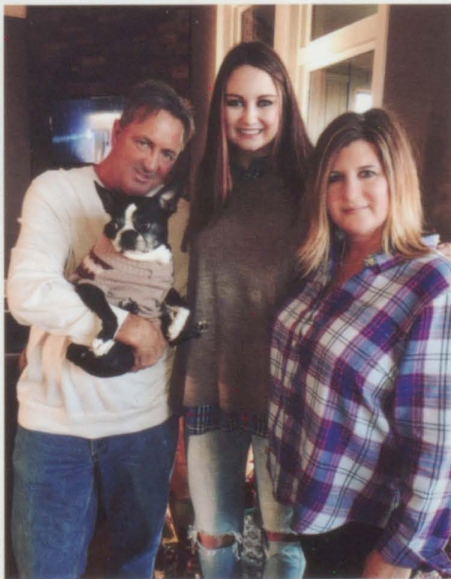
Sophia Cusumano

Sophia, "Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars." - Harriet Tubman
We are so very proud of you and look forward to your bright future!
Love you always, Mom, Dad and Sam



Charlotte Lorenz

Greet the future with anticipation, dream big and work hard, remember your roots, manners and the way home. Most importantly know you are loved and be in love with YOUR life.
Love, Mom & Dad

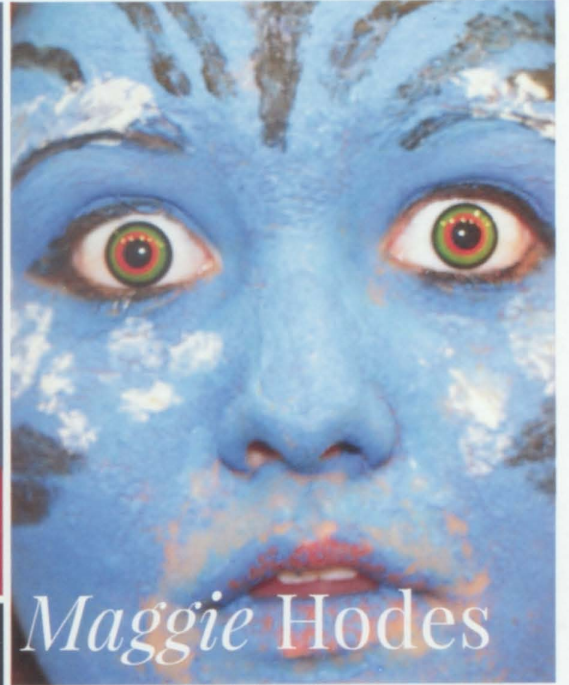


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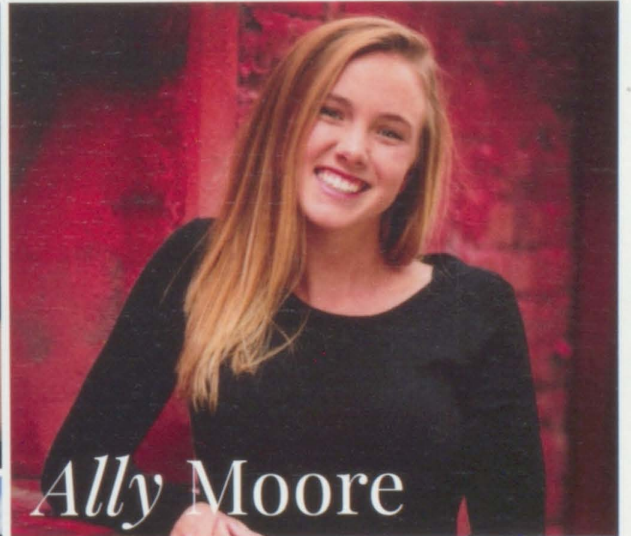
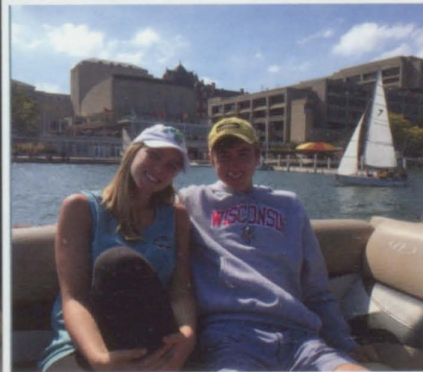
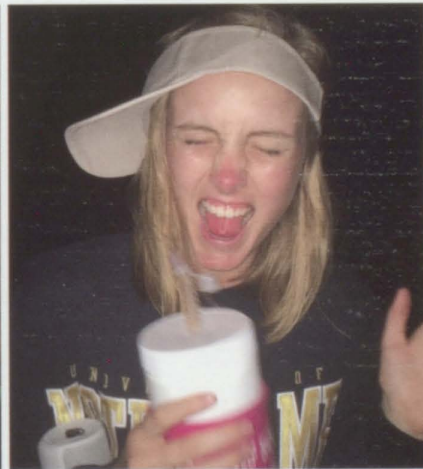
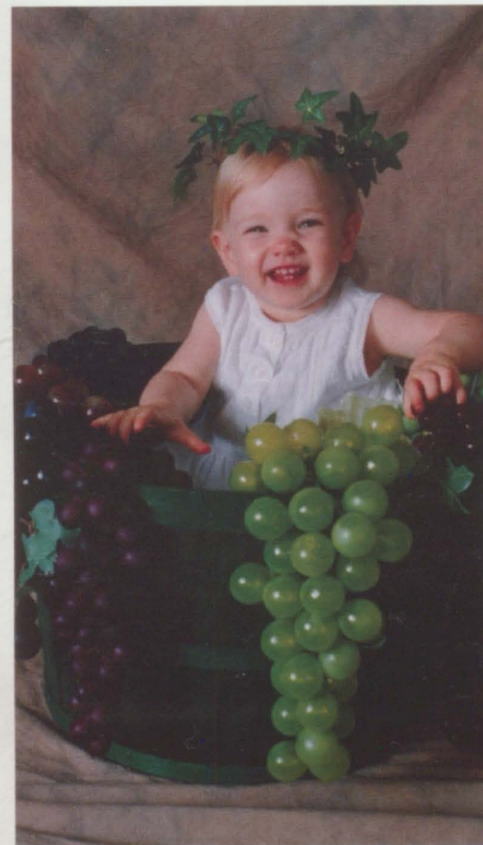
Congratulations. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments and characteristics. You are the glue that holds our family close together. Going on a vacation or trip without you is not nearly as fun as when you go and lead us in games and full-time laughing. You have a special gift to see things that other people don't (remember, "I see a watch"). While we will miss you deeply next year, you are definitely ready for the next step in your life. Good luck and come home often.





Maggie Hodes

Lord, send down you love and protection
With all if the angels and saints to be with Maggie
on this journey through life. Fill her heart with
your love, her face with your smiles, and bless her
in the name of The Father, The Son, and The Holy
Spirit. Amen!



Ally Moore

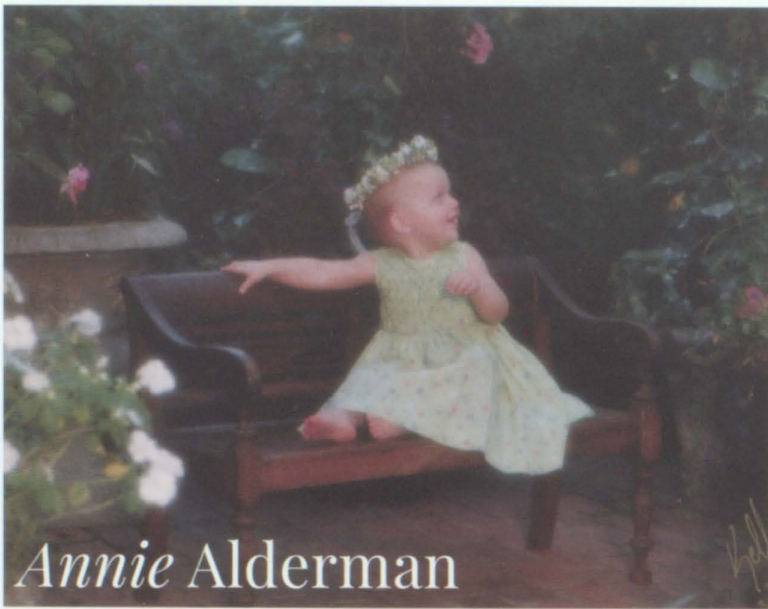
Mom, Dad, and Jacob,

Mom told me to "wing it!" on this message, so here's
what you probably would've written:

"Dearest Ally,

You are by far the most talented, smartest, best look-
ing, funniest, nicest one in our family. You are going to
be so much more successful than any of us. We like you
way more than we like each other.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Jacob"



Annie Alderman

Congratulations, Annie! The past 18 years have flown by so fast and have been so incredible. We are very proud of you, and love you so much! You're off to great places! Work hard, laugh often, dream big and don't forget to call home!

We will miss you! xoxo



Alison Yancey

We could not be more proud! Congratulations on your graduation and moving on to UCM. So many great things are in store and we will be cheering you on!

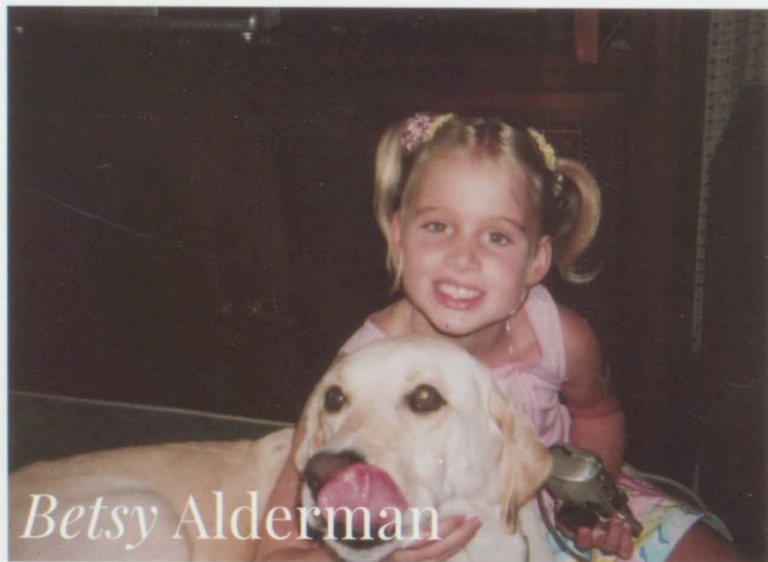
Love, Mom, Dad & Brad



Meredith Mulhern

We are so proud of everything you have accomplished! You have filled our lives with joy and love, and we wish you nothing but the best in everything you do!

Love, mom, dad & Katie



Betsy Alderman

Congratulations, Betsy! We love you and are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished! Your hard work, determination, positive attitude and smiling face will serve you well as you continue into the next chapter. Today is your day! Oh, the Places You'll Go! You got this!

We will miss you! xoxo



Thank you to our Senior ad parents

The Teresian staff would like to sincerely thank those senior parents who have supported both their daughter's and the Teresian yearbook through their purchase of a senior ad.

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Congratulations Class of 2016



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YERDS SAY GOODBYE

Senior staffers said goodbye to the time they spent writing, designing, and photographing on staff. Each senior shares their favorite memory from their yearbook career.

KATIE DONALDSON (two years): My favorite memory was each publication night when we would sit in a circle while we ate our dinner and answer hypothetical questions. The best question was definitely the one about which food we would choose if we could only eat one thing for the rest of our lives, it was such a tough question!

GRACE KITTS (two years): My favorite memory is during class one day when Claire McHugh logged into Kate Scofield's e-mail account because she left her computer open from the Dart class period and sent a school-wide e-mail saying that she had lost her retainer and needed help finding it.

CLAIRE MCHUGH (two years): My favorite memory from being on the Teresian is probably procrastinating my work by looking up horse puns in the back of the room with Grace Kitts and Delaney Meyer.

DELANEY MEYER (one year): My favorite memory was taking dumb selfies on the Mac photo booth in the back of the room with Grace Kitts and Claire McHugh. We would take the selfies and then set them as our desktop wallpapers.

CLAIRE JEFFERSON (one year): My favorite memory was going to the Herff Jones publishing plant and meeting the people who make the yearbook possible for us to make. Everyone who worked there was so nice and fun!

ALISON MUNOZ (one year): My favorite memory was the hypothetical questions we did at publication nights. The funniest question was what food would you eat for the rest of your life because as soon as someone answered everyone else would want to change our answers because we all literally just love food that much.

MARGARET QUEEN (two years): My favorite memory was going to the dance put on by NSPA in Orlando, FL because everyone wore their STA uniform to it. When they played "Party in the USA" [by Miley Cyrus], we all screamed, 'Party at STA.' Even though people looked at us oddly for wearing our uniforms, we had a great time dancing with each other and everyone else there.



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A. ROLE MODELS Seniors Carolyn Scheuler, far left, and Ally Moore, far right, pose for a photo with Junior Liz Barton, middle, on the seniors' last day of school. Barton will be co-editing the Teresian with junior Abby Kierst for the 2016-2017 school year. photo courtesy of carolyn scheuler
 B. THE FAMOUS TRIO Seniors Delaney Meyer, from left, Claire McHugh, and Grace Kitts pose for a picture taken by the Mac computer's camera during a yearbook class on the seniors' last day of school. The three always sat in the back of class and enjoyed their time there, according to Kitts. photo courtesy of grace kitts
 C. READY FOR GOODBYES Seniors Ally Moore,

left, and Carolyn Scheuler pose for a photo on Class Day May 12 in the quad. The two co-edited "Timeless" together. photo courtesy of ally moore
 D. LEADERS OF THE STAFF Seniors Carolyn Scheuler, far left, and Ally Moore, far right, pose for a photo with publications advisor Brad Lewis during the publications banquet May 16 in Verheyen. Each day, the three would start yearbook class with a few announcements and the agenda for the day. photo courtesy of carolyn scheuler
 E. THE YERDS The Teresian staff pose for a funny photo during their field trip to the Herff Jones Publishing Plant. A few of the staffers sat on a throne made of yearbooks. photo courtesy of brad lewis

LETTERS FROM THE EDITORS

TO ALLY AND CAROLYN:

Thanks for all the guidance, support and great leadership on TIMELESS. Thanks for enforcing the circles, the difficult spacing and the headlines. This book wouldn't be half as good without it. Sorry for not getting stories done, putting off interviews and never having photos. But it all worked out! We are so excited to see the book in all its glory and hopefully make you proud with our own baby. Thanks for being the best editors ever losers. Much love and good luck in Chicago & Madison!!

- Liz and Abby

TO LIZ AND ABBY:

The staff is so lucky to have you two as their next leaders. You guys will do great and will be the perfect duo without a doubt. Be ready for yearbook to take over your every waking breath, every minute of your day, and even haunt your dreams. Remember to always put it first no matter what. Hang out in the pub room instead of with your friends.

Okay, just kidding. We hope you love senior year at STA! Let yearbook be the fun part of your day and find ways to make it even more enjoyable! Can't wait to see what you two do!

- Carolyn and Ally

TO LEWIS:

Thanks so much for being the most patient and understanding advisor out there. Thanks for secretly fueling the newsies vs. yerds feud and buying in to the publications traditions that we enjoy so much. Also, thanks for calming our nerves every time we lost a page due to an alias freak accident. But for real, TIMELESS would not have been possible without your hard work, dedication, and temperance. Thanks for giving up the first few weeks of your summer to hang out with stressed-out, dramatic teenagers. Thanks again for everything you do for both staffs.

- Carolyn and Ally



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class of 1873

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SLICE OF LIFE



TOP. GROOVY SMOOTHIE Freshman Erris Pearson waits for her smoothie Oct. 27. Members of the CSJ Club organized the fundraiser to support Best Dressed KC, an organization which provides prom dresses and shoes to girls who cannot afford them. *photo by delaney meyer*
BOTTOM. POUR IT UP Junior Allison Nagle, left pours smoothies while junior Molly Muelbach places straws in each cup during the CSJ smoothie sale Oct. 28. *photo by haylee gant*



TOP 5 MOVIES OF 2015

1. Star Wars: The Force Awakens
2. Jurassic World
3. Avengers: Age of Ultron
4. Inside Out
5. Furious 7
6. Minions
7. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2
8. The Martian
9. Cinderella (2015)
10. Spectre

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In the Quad: Mildred Leach
class of 1911

SPRING CLEANING

The year 2015 included multiple celebrity breakups that left fans wondering.

- Reality TV stars Kourtney Kardashian and Scott Disick broke up after an on-again-off-again relationship of 9 years.
- Singer Joe Jonas and model Gigi Hadid broke up after dating for five months.
- Actor Andrew Garfield and actress Emma Stone called it quits after four years.
- Comedian Nick Kroll and actress Amy Poehler broke up after two years.
- Singers Zayn Malik and Perrie Edwards ended their engagement of nearly two years.
- Country singers Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert filed for divorce.

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In the Quad: Mary Purcell
class of 1926

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In the Quad: *Eileen O'Hearn*
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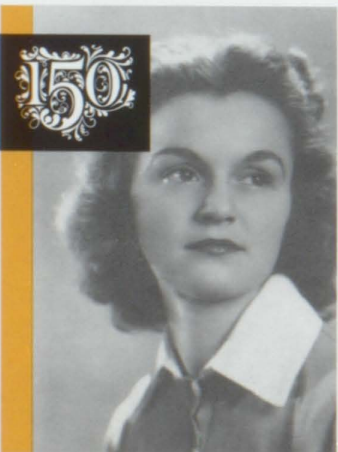
BRONCO STAMPEDE

The Denver Broncos defeated the Carolina Panthers 24-10 during the 50th annual Superbowl football game. According to nfl.com, the Broncos' victory proved that "defense wins games."



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ADELE'S RETURN

Pop artist Adele returned to the scene after four years of staying quiet. She released her album, 25, in November of 2015 and it topped the charts immediately. This album sold 3.5 million copies in its first week. Adele then performed her song "I Miss You" at the 2016 Grammys award show.

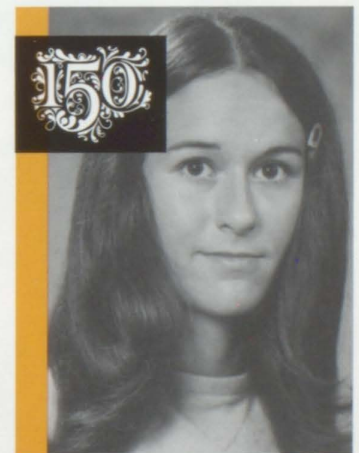


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THE BEST OF THE INTERNET

- Pop artist Drake was featured in memes that flooded the web after the release of his music video to "Hotline Bling"
- People all over the world found various look-alikes to Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz. The most popular included Kevin, a character from hit TV show "The Office," the Zodiac Killer, a wanted serial killer who was never identified from the 1960s, and a blobfish.
- Actor Shia Labeuf released a motivational video that overtook social media. The video featured him yelling, "just do it."

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In the Quad: Katren Schweiger Komoroski class of 1974

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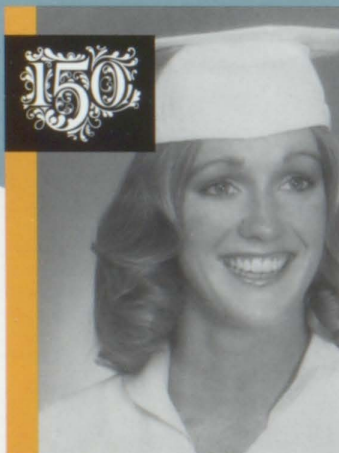
"Me: 'A tale of two cities is the worst'
K Fast: 'Actually it's the best and worst'" -
sophomore Tannis Lierman
@TLierman

"I'm either going to dream about the surface
area of a cone or me being in World War II" -
sophomore Lulu Fiss
@luufiss

"hoverboards are the new heelys" - junior Paige
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@paigeeppowell



In the Quad: *Roberta Gumbel*
class of 1978



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Kathleen Aylward Weideman
class of 1980

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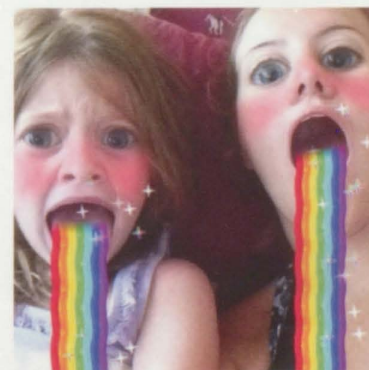
In the Quad: Lee Curry
 class of 1987

NEW TREND: SNAPCHAT FILTERS

Snapchat introduced new face-recognizing filters. Some popular filters included the dog filter and the rainbow filter, pictured below.



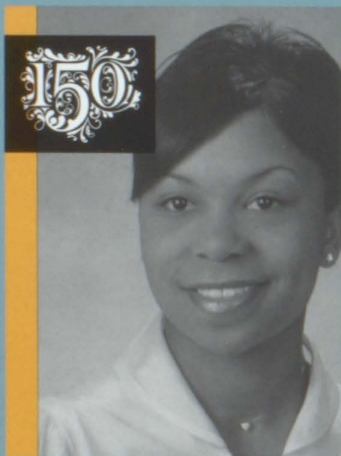
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TOP 10 SONGS OF 2015

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2. CHEERLEADER (FELIX JAEHN REMIX) - OMI
3. TAKE ME TO CHURCH - Hozier
4. LOVE ME LIKE YOU DO - Ellie Goulding
5. SEE YOU AGAIN - Wiz Khalifa ft. Charlie Puth
6. HELLO - Adele
7. LEAN ON - Major Lazer ft. Mo & Dj Snake
8. HOLD BACK THE RIVER - James Bay
9. WHAT DO YOU MEAN - Justin Bieber
10. SORRY - Justin Bieber

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SLICE OF LIFE



ICE CREAM FOR A CAUSE Junior Hannah Grant scoops up ice cream for a fund raiser for SADD Club called "Project Purple." All proceeds went to the foundation and students could buy sundaes for \$1 on Nov. 5. photo by molly winkler

ELECTION OPINIONS

Students share their opinions on social media about the two presidential nominees; Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

"would you really be comfortable with trump as your leader during a terrorist attack"- senior Audrey Carroll via twitter

"trump, hillary or bernie? oh wait I'm sorry let me correct myself: which std would you prefer genital herpes, chlamydia, or gonorrhhea"- senior Jamie Tholen via Instagram



In the Quad: Rose Hutchinson
 class of 2013



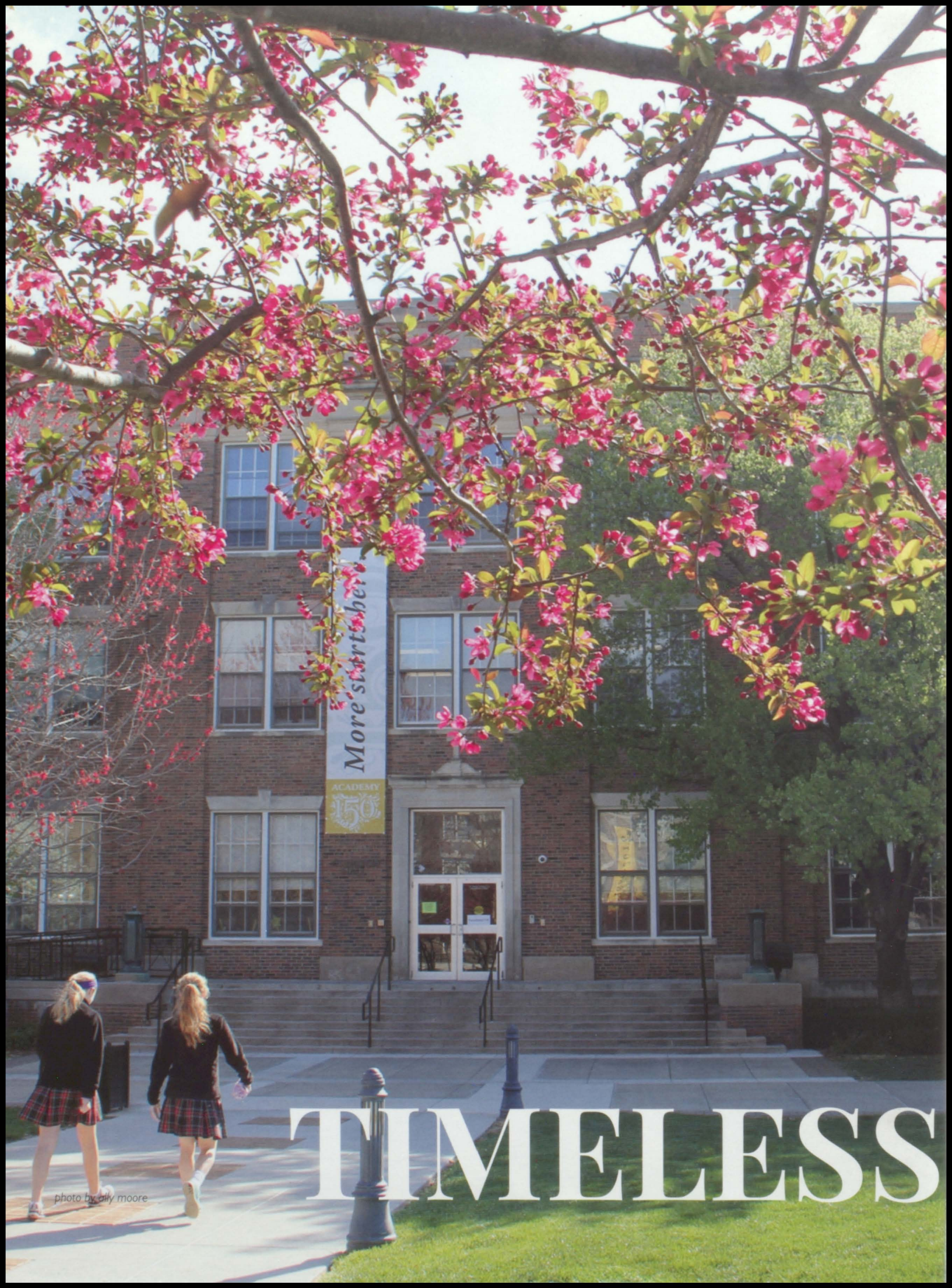
ST. TERESA'S ACADEMY IS TIME

"In this house, all must be friends, all must be loved, all must be held dear, all must be helped." These words have echoed through the walls of STA for the past 150 years. They have inspired, uplifted, and encouraged each girl who has climbed these stairs, walked past the seal, and sat in these desks. These shared experiences between 150 years of students who have studied,

laughed, cried, and grown into young women at STA, connect decades of alumnae with their fellow sisters. These relationships thrive on the empowering values instilled by the extraordinary faculty and staff. Together, it is the people and the traditions that compose the TIMELESS character that is St. Teresa's Academy.



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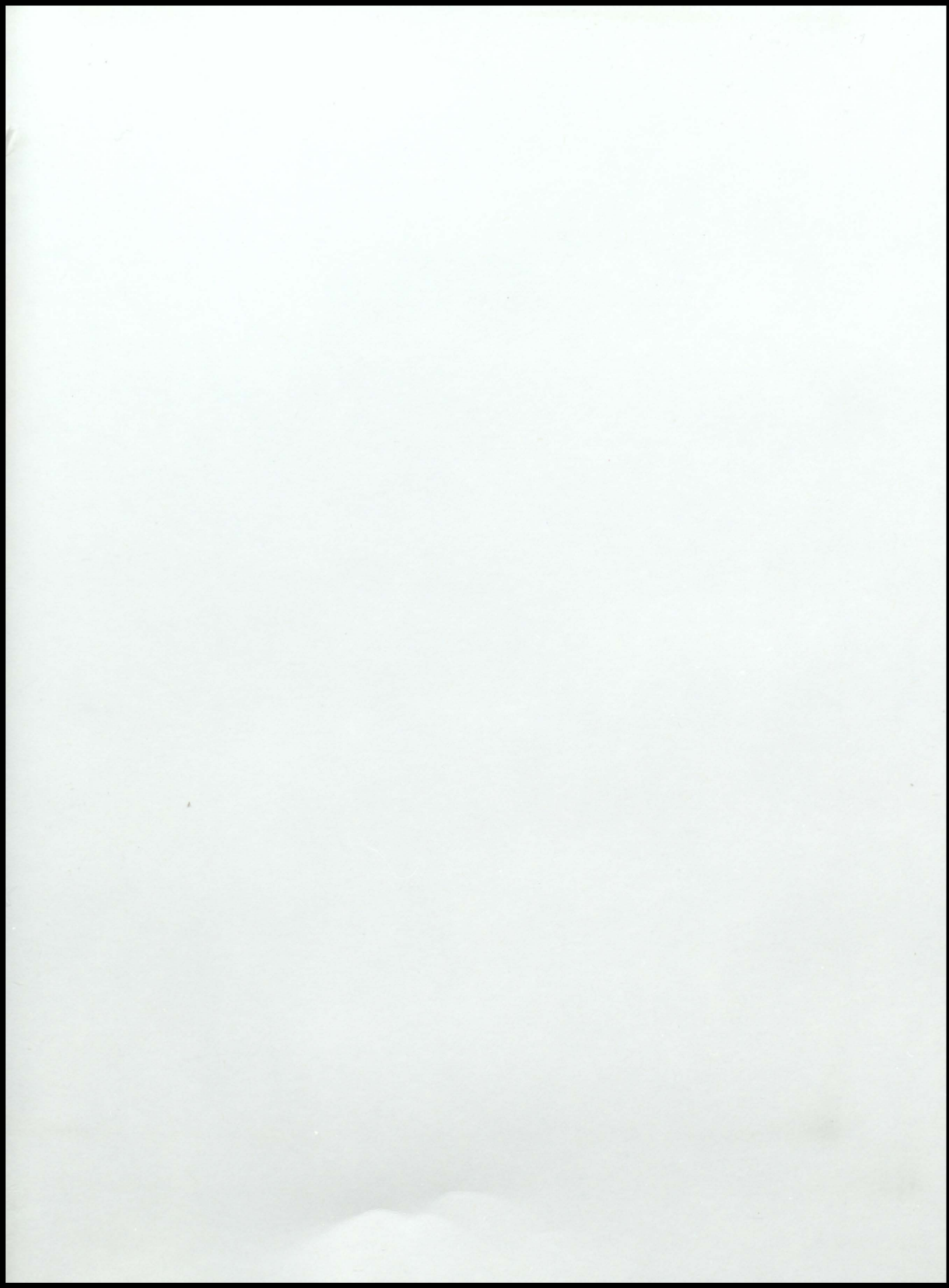


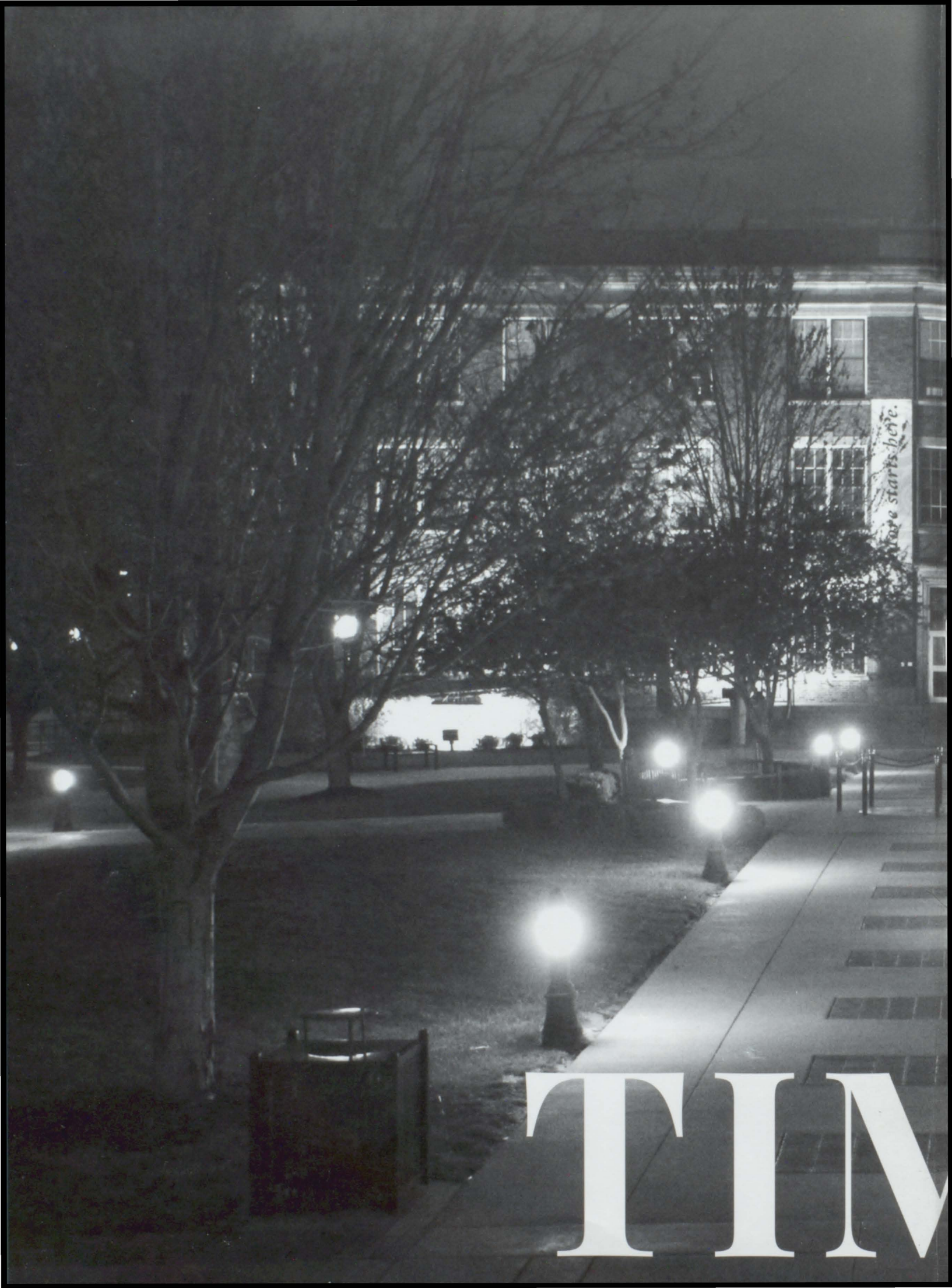
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