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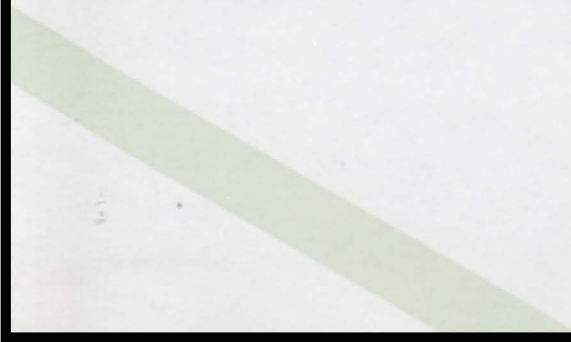


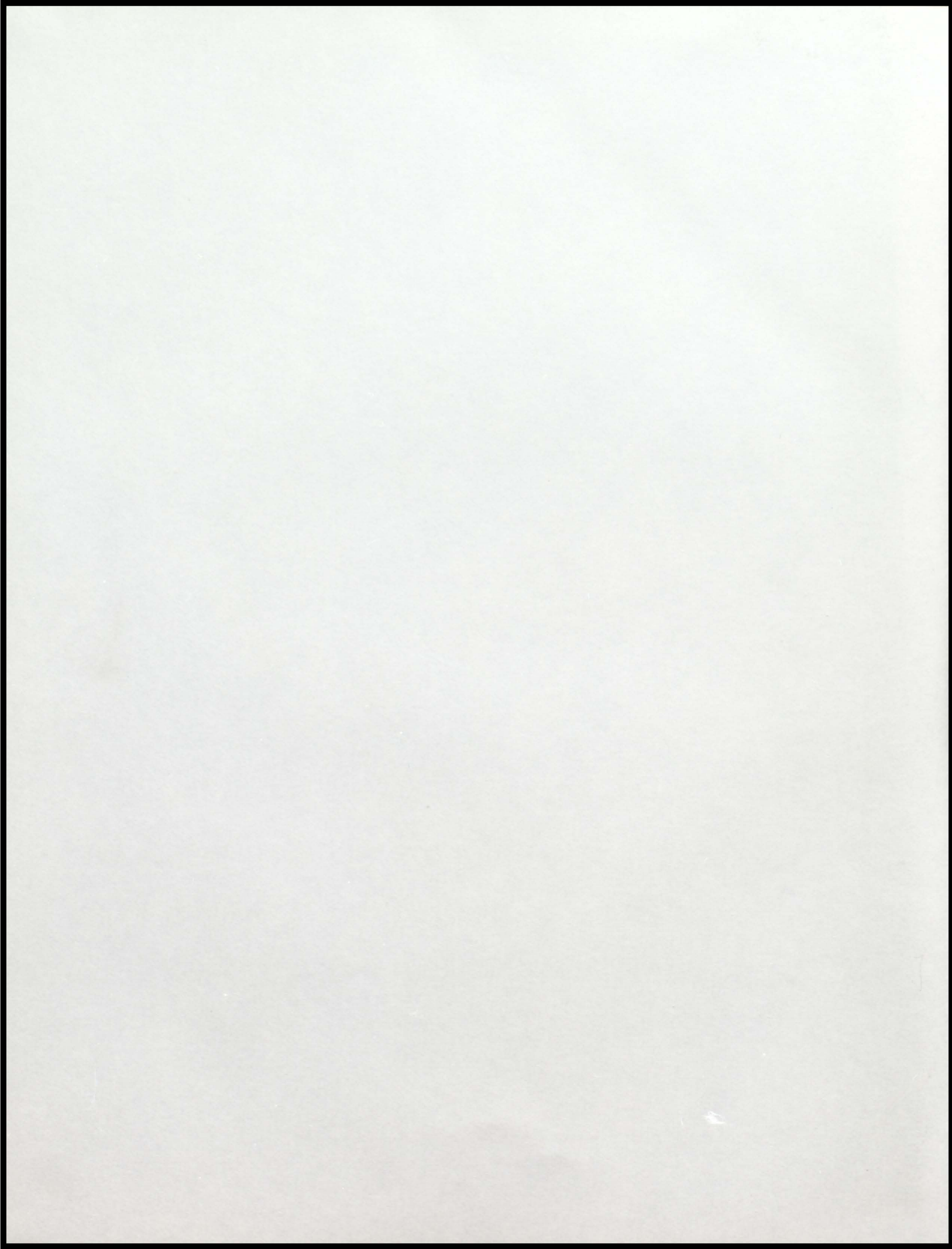


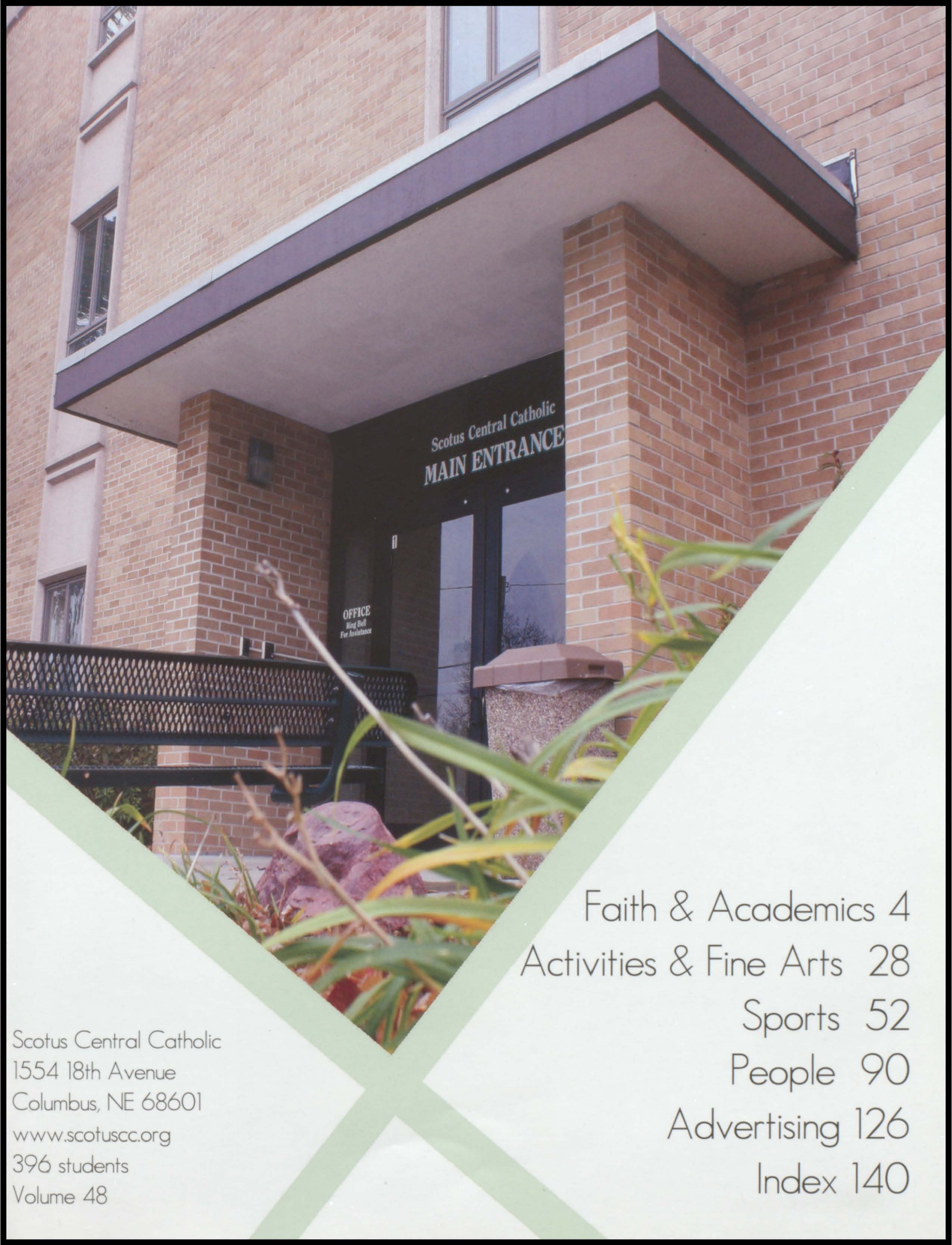
A Year of
Excellence.

"Excellence is the result of caring more than others think is wise, risking more than others think is safe, dreaming more than others think is practical, and expecting more than others think is possible."

-Ronnie Oldham







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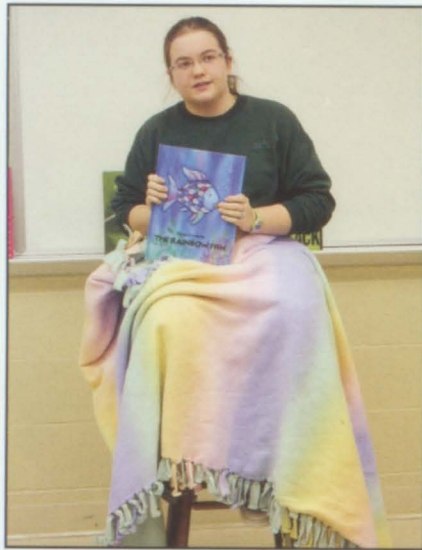
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02 A Moment Of Excellence.

Each year the seniors get the chance to present to their class an important part of their lives in a theme. For the past seven years, Mrs. Kelly Schaad has assigned this project to the seniors. The object of the project is for the seniors to express something they deem significant in their lives. This year's senior class shared intimate stories they held close to their hearts. As each senior presented, their classmates learned something about them that they may not have previously known. This assignment increased the relationship of the seniors and brought them to a new level of closeness.



Senior Lauren Kuta presents her English archdiocese project to her class. (above right) The Rowdy Dowdies get excited during a volleyball game.



When the Rowdy Dowdies are present, there is never a quiet moment. The Rowdy Dowdies once again made their mark on this year's athletic events. They made their appearance at as many Scotus activities as possible and were always loud and proud. During the State Volleyball Tournament, the Dowdies also made quite the accomplishment, receiving first place in the NCAA Sportsmanship Award.

Besides taking care of his cross country and track members and math students, Mr. Merlin Lahm works with a group at Central Community College called 'Shine.' This past summer the group worked with a model of a fluid power arm which showed how hydraulics work. Lahm knew he could design something better than the original model, so he took on the challenge to do just that. Lahm presented the new project to the administrators, and they were very pleased with what they saw.



Mr. Merlin Lahm demonstrates his hydraulic fluid arm invention.

On March 13, 2013, a new papal announcement was made. Because of the special news, Scotus classes were paused so students could watch the announcement live. Fr. Andrew Roza was ecstatic about the selection of the new Pope, Pope Francis. He broadcasted the event over the intercom, and his classroom was definitely the place to be at the time of the announcement. Candy was thrown all over the room and loud cheering took place. Since Fr. Andrew Roza could not attend the papal announcement in Rome, like he had done for the announcement of Pope Benedict XVI, he brought the same energy and excitement to Scotus.



(left) The wrestling team holds their trophy high and celebrates their conference victory.

This year was Scotus' first ever season that they had their own wrestling team, but the boys never backed down to their competition. During the Bergen Duals, junior Conner Lusche pinned his opponent to seal the deal against Pender. Pender had been the number two team in the state, and the Shamrocks beat them as a first year team. The team and the crowd erupted with excitement. Being new and young did not stop the Shamrock wrestling team from being the best they could be.

Junior Laura Miksch has always been quite the competitor in the pool. She wasted no time staying on top and never failed to be a team leader. Miksch met a frequent rival, Sophia Nelson, at state this year. At every race between these two competitors throughout the season, Miksch had always taken the early lead. However, at this year's state meet, the roles were reversed. Nelson took the early lead, and Miksch was forced to catch up. Miksch took the lead in the last 25 yards and brought home the gold.



Senior Morgan Benesch was done coming in second place to David City Aquinas' Marissa Dewispelare. Benesch had come in right behind Dewispelare at state for three consecutive years. On September 14, at the Scotus Invite, Benesch took the stride ahead of Dewispelare and finished the race in front of her. In that moment, Benesch knew a great season was ahead. The race was finished with Benesch in first and Dewispelare close behind.



(left) Senior Morgan Benesch takes the lead in front of Marissa Dewispelare to win the race.

(above) Junior Laura Miksch competes in her race at a home swim meet.



Father Andrew Roza salutes the senior class at the end of his homily during the Senior Mass.



Mr. Tyler Linder inspires the student body at the Homecoming pep rally.

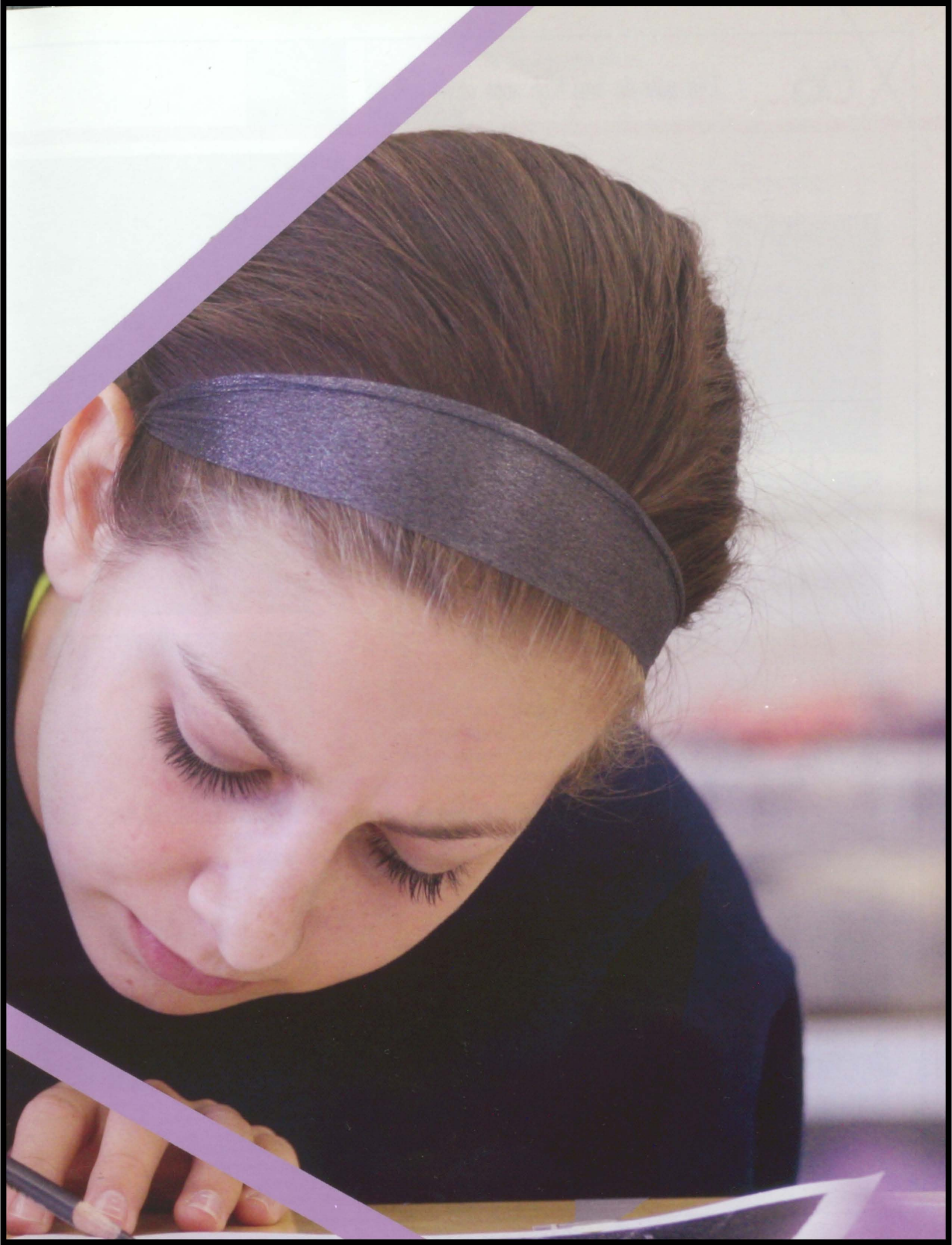
President Wayne Morfeld was about to conclude the pep rally and Homecoming week festivities when he requested that Mr. Tyler Linder say a few words to get the students excited for the night's activities. Linder stood in front of the student body and did his best to pump up the crowd. Before he ended his short, spontaneous speech, he said something to the students and teachers that stuck in their heads. Linder's finishing words were, "Let's all show up and be great together!" The following week the media class further lived out Linder's inspirational words and made posters with these words on them to hang around school.

Explore.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones that you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

-Mark Twain





Class Retreats:

Taking Time Off

Each grade level takes time out of their busy schedule to break away from school and homework once a year. Instead of taking notes and studying for exams, students get the chance to relax and hang loose. Traveling to Duncan, Camp Timberlake, or staying at school, each class participates in several activities.

Father Roza puts together each class retreat.

"Class retreats are designed to help the class work through any outstanding issues that might be present in a way that ensures everyone's involvement," Roza said.

At the seniors' retreat to Camp Timberlake, they were given the opportunity to get bounced off the BLOB into water and test their fear of heights. They had the chance to complete a high ropes obstacle course which included zip lining, climbing and jumping from a high pole, and climbing a rock wall.

"We get everyone involved through team building exercises to get them working and communicating in ways that they normally don't. It's a chance for them to become close to those whom they may not interact with on a daily basis," Roza said.

All students of every grade participate in group activities as well. These activities test their relationships with other students along with agility, wit, efficiency, and many other traits. Playing John Dums' quarter game, making sculptures out of Oreo cookies, and communicating to a blindfolded classmate were just some of events that challenged the students.

"The way each class engages in these activities says a lot about how they engage in tasks that really matter," Roza said. "That's the beauty of retreats. By coming together, students are actually closer than they may have been before."

With being new to Scotus and having to merge with two other schools, the junior high have activities where they get the chance to meet new people. Freshmen and sophomores travel to Duncan where they circle up and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of their class. Juniors usually do the same, but they also play the John Dums' quarter game. The seniors make sculptures with Oreos and also present skits to show their progression from freshmen, to sophomores, to juniors, and finally to seniors.



Seventh graders Wren Allen, Jake Novicki, Lizzie Hoppe, and Brock Krcaman work together to escape a human pretzel they created with their arms.



Father Roza explains the laughing game to the seventh graders. While the napkin is in the air, they have to force themselves to laugh. Once the napkin hits the ground, they have to stop laughing. Whoever laughs or smiles after that is out.





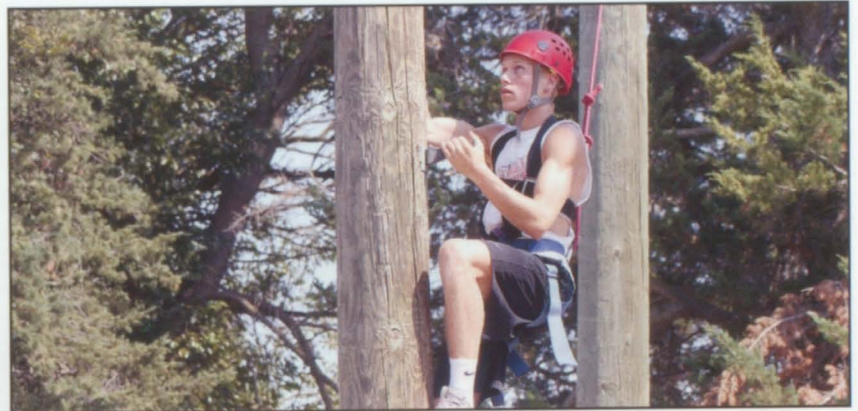
"No. The high ropes did me."

Nate Schacher

Overcoming Fears.



(right) Vanessa Cox plots her next move on the rock wall. (far right) Senior Tara Starzec leaps for the high bar from the telephone pole. (below) Senior Derek Lahm makes his way to the top of the telephone pole.



(above) Senior Ian Robak is launched into the air by the BLOB. (left) Seniors Lauran Hellbusch and Jake Gilson enjoy a canoe ride during free time. During free time, students were allowed to play sports, go swimming, canoeing, and an assortment of other activities.

What was most memorable at your senior retreat?

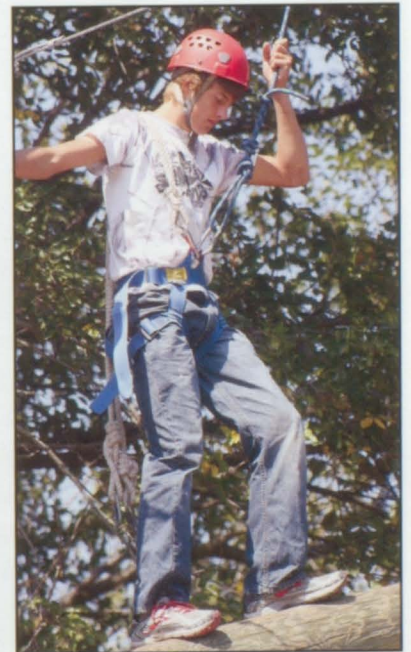
- "Mass. It was our last Mass with just our class, and it was a great way to end the day." --Taylor Weister
- "It was really funny when someone tried to BLOB Joe. When they landed, he just slid off." --Jake Huss
- "I liked our omeo activity. My group just ate them instead." --Allison Smith
- "Katie on the power pole. Enough said." --Nate Schacher
- "I played surgeon on Austin's foot because he stepped on an itty bitty rock." --Anna Perault
- "I brought Play dok that I made in chemistry class last year and played baseball with it." --Brennan Brockhaus
- "Playing with Brennan's Play dok." --Joe Warth
- "When Taylor Johnson did the zipline after having ACL surgery. He used all upper body strength to get to the top." --Bridgette Brune
- "Sam Thalken and Jacob Ruskamp rammed and tipped over other people's canoes." --Kyle Bank

Group Activities.



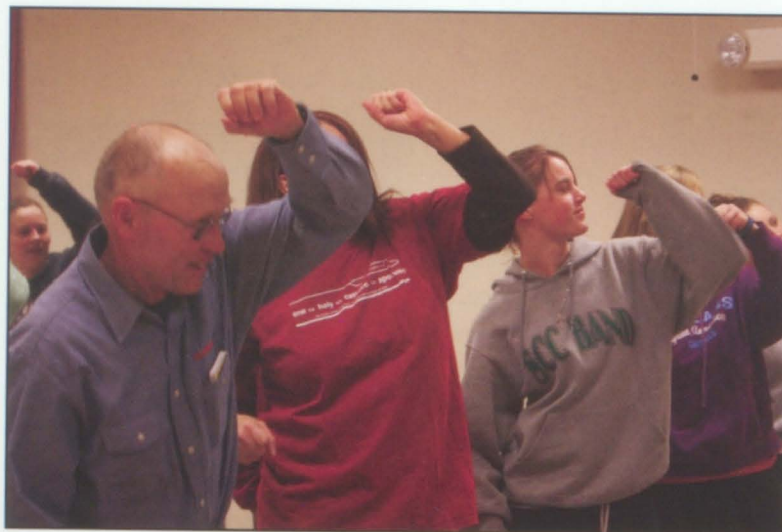
Juniors Halle Fuchs and Corner Moran play a game of John Duns' at their retreat.

Don't Look Down.



Senior Sam Thalken balances himself on a log pole in the obstacle course. Altogether, there were five tasks that had to be completed in the obstacle course.

Growing in Faith.



Juniors Kate Rambour, Carley Foltz, Lexi Mullinex, Tony Zoucha, and Alex Wallick all join together at Godparents.

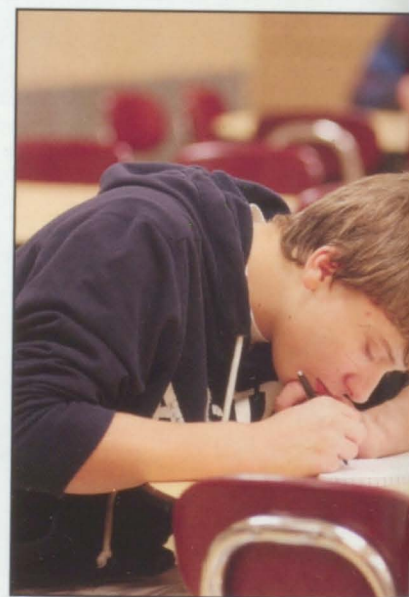
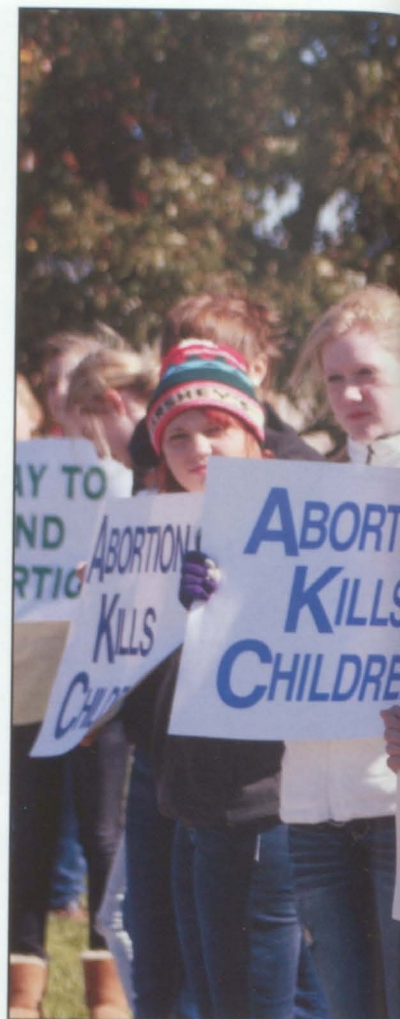
(above) Virgil Tworek, leader of St. Isidore Youth Group, and junior Melissa Thalben dance while at Youth Group.

For many students, Wednesday nights are designated for Youth Group or Godparents. Both activities were developed for teens to grow in their faith. Youth Group, held at CHS, is for all students in grades 9-12. Youth Group starts off their night with an icebreaker which leads to an activity. At the end of their session, members journal and have a snack. Junior Melissa Thalben is part of Youth Group. Her favorite part is the deep discussions they have.

Thalben said, "It's neat to see how people think differently than you but can still relate to you."

Youth Group is similar to Godparents in many ways. Like Youth Group, Godparents begins with an icebreaker and ends with journaling and snacks. Instead of being held at one location, though, Godparents is held at various households. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors all make up groups that are then separated into groups of 10-12 people. The leaders are a couple who have volunteered to lead their group from the time they are freshmen to seniors.

Youth Group & Godparents.



Sophomore Spencer Lechner journals after a meeting of Youth Group.



"The one with the tree - 'How He Loves Us'"

Anna Perault

Faith Opportunities: Youth Rally

This year Scotus had the privilege of hosting the Archdiocesan Youth Rally. Teens from thirty-eight schools and communities came to participate in the event.

St. Bonaventure Director of Youth Belinda Keiter said, "We've had such great participation from Scotus students and the Columbus community, and we have gotten great support from the Columbus community with food and workers, so they asked us to host it. They like coming here."

The teens had the opportunity to reconnect with people they have met at past faith-filled activities.

Keiter said, "It's a good way for them to unite with the other like-minded teens that are faith-filled and want to grow in their faith, and they can reacquaint with people that they've met from the different things they've gone to; they get to see those teens that usually tend to participate in faith-filled events."

Out of the 500 teens, many were Scotus students. Seniors Derek Lahm and Hannah Harrington had the opportunity to help host the event. They were put in charge of announcing the key note speakers and letting everyone know what was going on throughout the day. Tony Melendez and Doug Brummel were two of the key note speakers at the rally.

"Tony Melendez and his band played for the group. Tony used his feet to play the guitar because he was born without his arms, and Doug Brummel spoke as many different characters throughout the day," Lahm said.

Freshman Kelsey Wiehm's favorite part of her experience was watching Melendez.

She said, "It was nice knowing you can do anything you want if you put your mind to it."

Throughout the day the participants were able to listen to speakers, attend confession, adoration, and Mass which was celebrated by the Archbishop.



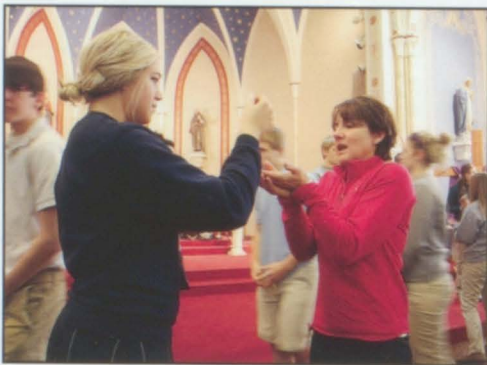
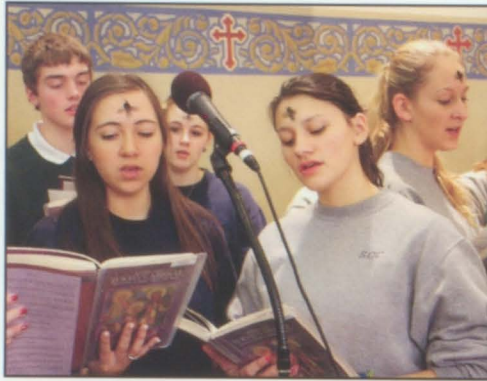
Sophomore Carly Cremers wears tape across her mouth that reads, "Silent no more." The tape was worn for the babies who do not have a voice for themselves.
Igbovel Sophomores Shannon Spulak, Jaimee Beauvais, and freshman Lydia Schoecher protest against abortion during the Life Chain.



Sophomores Hannah Krings and Erica Ernst jam along to the music at the Youth Rally.

What Mass do you attend on the weekend and why?

Practicing Faith.



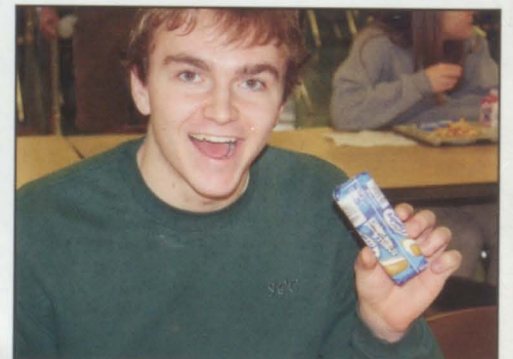
Junior Payton Chahon gives Communion to Mrs. Tooley. (top) Junior Jacob Neinaber, freshman Justina Wernhoff, seniors Pricila Robledo, Sara Legler, and Christine Reiners sing during Mass on Ash Wednesday.



Senior Anna Perault places ashes on senior Hannah Harrington's forehead while senior Shayla Wieser marks senior Craig Ackman's forehead on Ash Wednesday.

Catholic Schools Week.

(right) Students participate in Catholic trivia during lunch while teacher Mrs. Bomar watches for cheaters. (far right) Fr. Andrew Roza leads the human rosary held on the last day of Catholic Schools Week. Members of the Scout community came together to lead the rosary. Each person involved led a prayer and then lit a candle to form a rosary. (bottom right) Senior Kevin Donoghue poses with an ice cream sandwich. As a bonus dessert, students were given ice cream sandwiches during Catholic Schools Week. (right) Father Leo Patlinghug addresses the entire school during an assembly. Fr. Leo is famous for his cooking show, being a priest, break-dancing, and public speaking.





"I attend mass at 7 A.M. on Sunday because I hate wasting time sleeping on a weekend."

Kyle Bonk

Faith During School:

School Wide Participation

As a Catholic school, coming together to practice faith is extremely important. Fr. Andrew Roza puts this at the top of his priority list and fills the school calendar with several faith-based activities, such as the Stations of the Cross, the Living Rosary, and all school Mass. By doing this, the school practices its faith as a community.

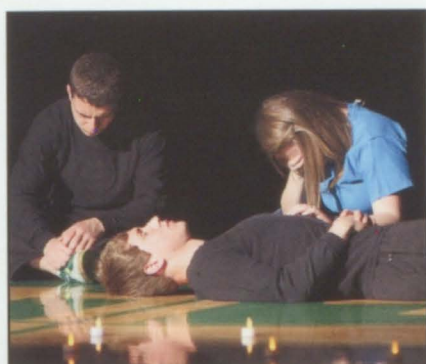
Fr. Roza stated, "Being able to practice our faith together helps strengthen all of us and helps us to see that we're not alone. Coming together in a spiritual manner is an extremely important element to the life of our school."

Along with Penance around Christmas and Easter time, all school Mass is held each month for the students and faculty. This is an important monthly tradition at Scotus.

Fr. Roza said, "It [all school Mass] ensures that they are going to Mass on a certain basis, but also allows any chaplain to speak to the entire school as a body on a somewhat regular basis."

Even though each person experiences and deals with their faith in their own way, everyone is brought together for one reason. Praying as an entire school is the heart of the Scotus community.

"The Church is called the Body of Christ. The image of the human body is that the body doesn't work unless all the parts work together. The Church works the same way. In terms of our school, the better that it works together, especially dealing with faith-based activities, the more everyone enjoys and profits it as an individual," Fr. Roza added.



Junior Ian Ostleik and senior Taylor Wiester as Mary weep over senior Nick Pandorf's body as Jesus. (top) Senior Nick Pandorf as Jesus falls for the first time during the Stations of the Cross.

Baby Steps.

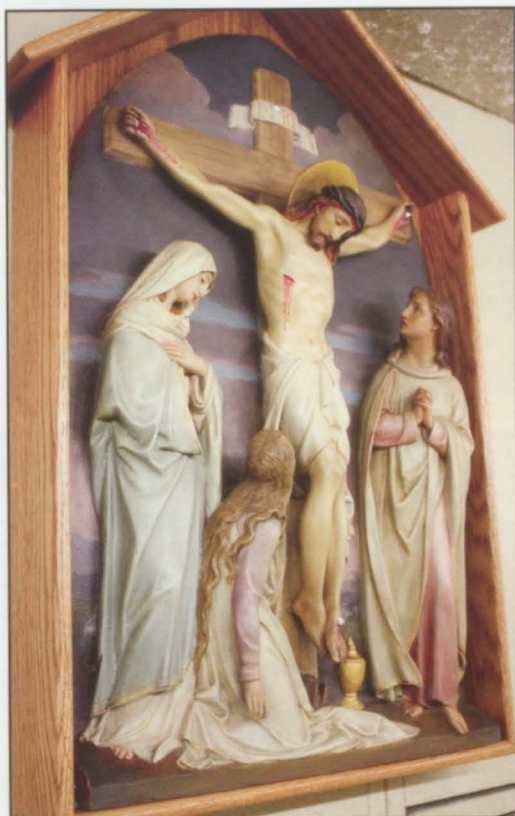
New ways to practice and be reminded of the student's faith have emerged this year, and it's these little steps that will last a lifetime.

A new addition to the senior hallway are the Stations of the Cross, starting with the first station at the chapel leading to the last station at the office. All of the stations have been repainted, refurnished, and returned to Scotus after years of hiding.

Also, at the beginning and end of every school day, a student volunteers to lead the entire school in prayer and pledge of allegiance. All prayers include a bible verse and words of encouragement for those who might be struggling.

Students also have the opportunity to pray and have time to work on their relationships with God in the chapel called "prayer time". The chapel is open throughout the entire school day, and most students worship during their study hall.

Fr. Andrew Roza holds Mass in the mornings for those students who want to spend more time with God and deepen their faith.

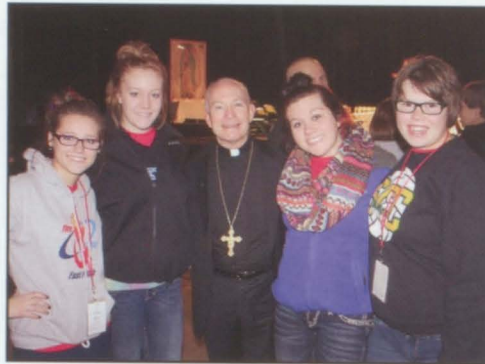


Senior Brennan Brockhaus leads prayer over the intercom after school. (left) One of the Stations of the Cross is pictured in the senior hallway.

Spreading the Faith.



(clockwise)
Senior Bibiana Lopez prays near the abortion clinic for an end to abortion. Freshmen Megan Parker, Amy Heusinkvelt, and Leah Engquist brace the cold in order to stand up for abortion. Juniors Jenny Ryan, Hannah Merrill, Bre Walker, and Emily Allen pose with Archbishop at the youth rally.



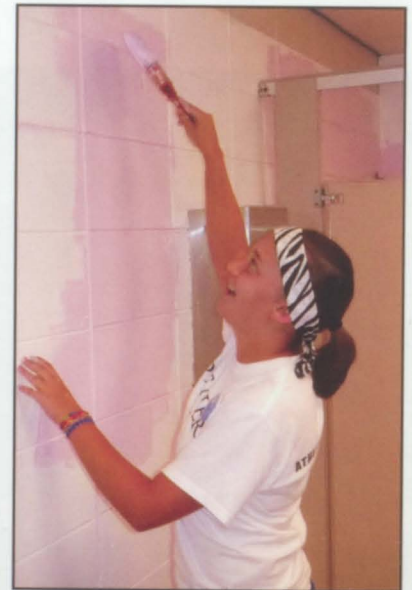
Mission Trip.

This past summer, a number of students extended their service outside of their tight-knit Columbus community. Students traveled to places such as Winnebago, NE, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD, Cortez, CO, and Kokomo, IN. As part of the group that went to Cortez, CO, senior Tereza Tina was able to experience a completely different lifestyle.

"This mission trip helped me realize that not everything is about me, and there are a lot of worse things going on around me. It meant a lot knowing I was able to give the kids the attention they crave because their parents didn't make much time for them," Tina said.

Students took part in a variety of activities to help out the different communities. However, the students were able to have plenty of fun while they were there.

"We painted the church and a high school. We also played with the kids from the town, went on a hike, did icebreakers, and sang together. After a day of work, we always went to get ice cream," senior Priscila Robledo remarked.



(right) A group of students pose at the start of their mission trip. These students traveled to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

(top right) Junior Amy Price repaints a restroom. This past summer, Price traveled to Winnebago, Nebraska. (bottom right) Senior Priscila Robledo plays Bingo with an elderly lady to keep her company. Robledo was a member of the group that traveled to Cortez, Colorado.





"Reconciliation and the campfires. Reconciliation was very emotional for everyone."

Sarah Schumacher

March For Life: Making an Impact

This past January, 32 high school students traveled on the annual March for Life. Students took a 24 hour bus ride to Washington, D.C. On the way there, the students had the opportunity to see Notre Dame, where they attended Mass in the morning. Once in Washington, D.C., students went to a variety of different places.

The students started out their adventure by visiting the abortion mill. Standing outside the abortion mill, marchers prayed in silence. The next day, Scotus students joined thousands of other students for the March. With such a big crowd of students, marchers hoped to make an impact on all those who saw them.

"The march was remarkable. It was thousands of people marching together with the goal to end abortion," senior Nick Pandorf said.

To lighten up the mood, students were able to participate in different fun activities. They stopped at the Patriot Center for a youth rally featuring Matt Maher. Archbishop George Lucas was also there to join in the fun.

Senior Taylor Wiester remarked, "My favorite part of the trip was Matt Maher! The youth rally is always the highlight for me." Mass, Matt Maher, adoration, what more could you ask for?"



A group of Scotus students pray near an abortion clinic while on the March for Life. This year, 32 students from Scotus attended the March in Washington, D.C.

JC Camp.

"I learned a lot about the freshmen class. I learned that they are wonderful kids who could have a great future if they keep their relationship with God." --Shelby Beller

"My favorite part of being a counselor was helping people have the same feeling that I did when I returned home as a freshman." --Kelsey Kessler

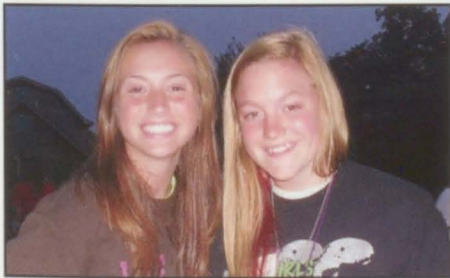
"Hannah Harrington was a role model for me because she is so strong in her faith. She was a part of my 'family' so I got to know her better." --Maddie Hahn

"Being a counselor was a lot different because I had to do more, and we had to be there for the campers. It was like I was their big brother when I was there." --Conner Lusche

"I enjoy watching the campers grow in their faith and become closer to God. I had an amazing first year at JC Camp, and I go back every year to help the campers have an amazing experience like I did." --Jessica Martys

"Being a camper was a great experience, but being a counselor was even better. I am a person who likes to help people and being able to do that for the campers was a great feeling." --Hannah Krings

"The most rewarding part was seeing all the freshmen getting closer to God and growing in their faith." --Abbie Alt



Sophomores Kelsey Kessler and Hannah Krings pose after giving and receiving "Christ Gifts." Both girls were junior counselors this year.
[right] All the campers pose on the last day.



Floor One.

Right-brained.



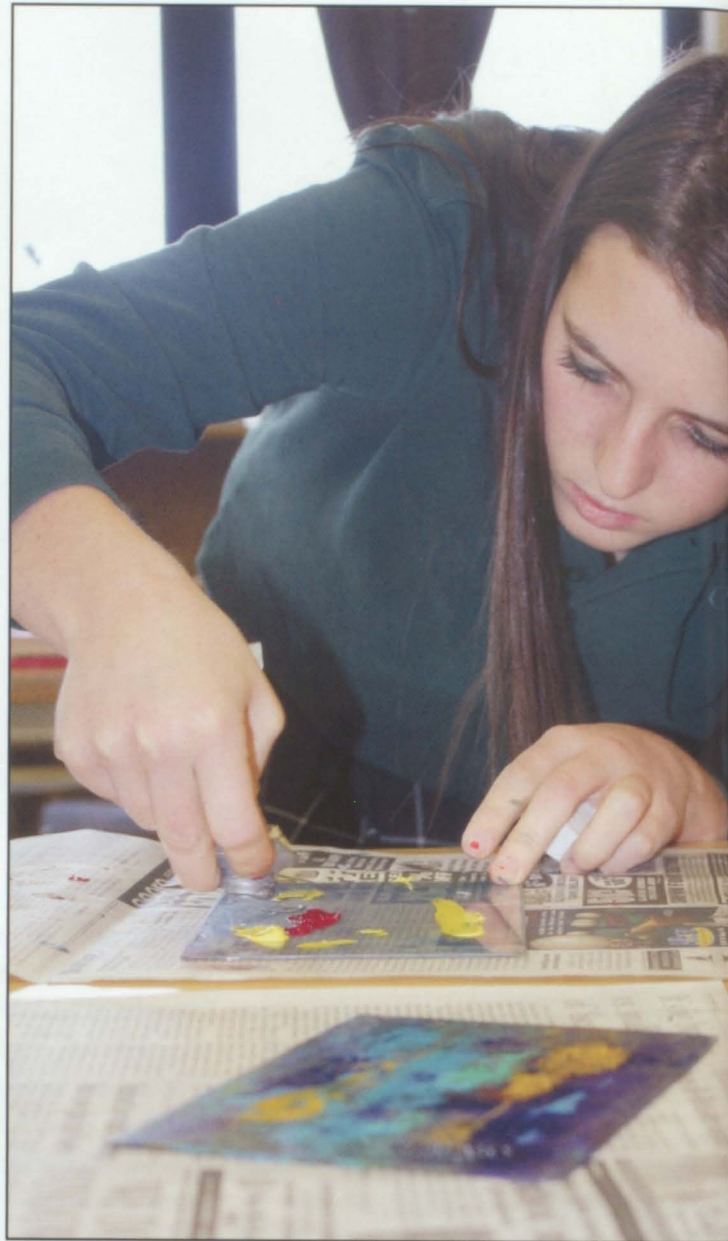
Freshman Jon Lovell makes a chart for proper shading in Art I.



(above) Freshman Bailey Harold draws in Art I. (for right) Senior Catherine Swope prepares her project for Print Making.



(right) Art teacher Mrs. Shadle does a demonstration with colored pencils.



Art: Express Yourself

In the colorful world of art, students are given the chance to express themselves on a more creative level. Students give the left side of their brains a break and exercise the right side. Students who don't necessarily have an active right-brain still find some way to enjoy themselves. For many students, hidden talents have emerged through art. Art teacher, Nancy Shadle, is good with introducing new art techniques to the students.

Art classes are available to every student at Scotus. Art is normally required for junior high and freshmen, but as students progress through school, new doors are opened for them. More art classes become available to them as they grow older. Not in an art class? No problem. Mrs. Shadle holds Art Club every Tuesday after school for students who want to keep art in their busy schedules, and also for those students who need to catch up on assignments.

There is a large variety of art classes at Scotus. Regardless of grade restrictions, the art classes include Art 7, 8, I, II, and III, Printmaking, and Senior Art Experience. In these classes, students have found ways to open up and truly express themselves. By using different techniques, media, and styles of art, students become one with their project as they are allowed to dive deeper and deeper and become more involved in the art world.



"I don't smell anything except the sophomores. And the fear of underclassmen going to their science class. And the sweet smell of mole money"

Dan Strecker

Let's Get Physical.



Seventh grader Emily Carstens lifts weights while in P.E. class. (right) Sophomore Noah Schacher and senior Tessa Stuart pretzel while taking swing dancing lessons.



In P.E. class, students take a trip to the weight room two to three times a week. On the other days, the students normally play a game like matball, dodgeball, basketball, volleyball, and several others. All of these activities keep the students active and promote a healthy lifestyle.

Recently, flag coach Becky Brandenburg came to Scotus to teach students in P.E. how to swing dance. During the forty minute period, Brandenburg enforced that the guy leads the girl. The students were taught basic swing dancing steps including the "pretzel".

Several science classes are held on first floor. From Chemistry, Physics, and Physiology to Earth and Physical Science, most students are involved in these classes.

Chemistry allows students to explore chemical and physical changes. In order for them to better understand these changes, teacher Jane Dusel-Misfeldt demonstrates and thoroughly explains them through labs. Through these labs, students determine chemical equations, chemical changes, and physical changes.

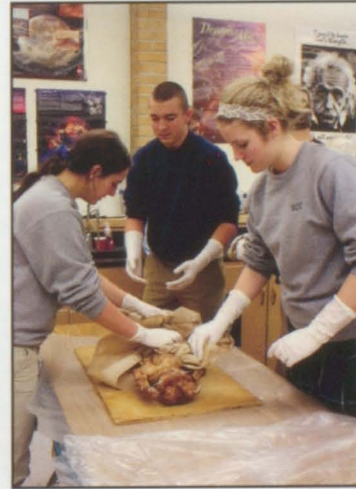
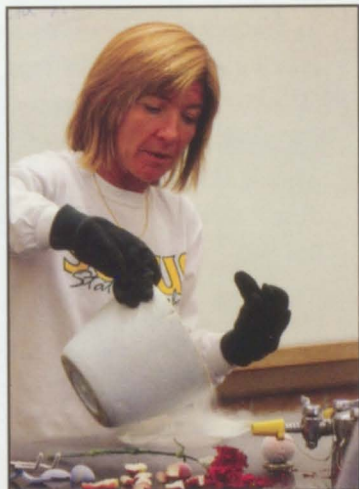
In Physiology, students take a look at the anatomy of the human body. They get the chance to dissect cats, study bone structures, organs, and their functions. The students in this class must be seniors who had an 86% or better in sophomore biology.

Physics gives students an inside look on how the universe works. It also shows how certain objects and quantities behave. They look deeper into the properties of force and motion, energy, temperature, wave motion, and several branches of electricity.

Seniors Derek Lahn, Nick Pandorf, and Brennan Brockhaus skin a cat in Physiology.



(left to right) Chemistry teacher Mrs. Dusel pours Liquid Nitrogen on an inflated helium balloon. During this lab, chemistry students were able to see the changes every day objects undergo when put in Liquid Nitrogen. Senior Genesis Corral makes peanut brittle using science related equipment. Students were able to learn about chemical and physical changes in chemistry. Seniors Catherine Swape, Nate Schacher, and Anna Perault dissect a cat in physiology. This lab helped the students look closely at body organs.



The Science World.

Floor Two.

In Carmen Johnson's Skills for Life class, students are given the chance to learn a variety of tasks that will be of assistance later in life when they are on their own. From learning basic communication skills to learning to write a check, Johnson prepares the students before they head off to college. This class also consists of learning some more important values such as decision making, what to do in a family crisis, and learning how to set short-term and long-term goals. Johnson has taught at Scotus for 24 years and has been teaching Family and Consumer Sciences since she arrived. However, the Skills for Life Class has only been offered for about the last decade.

(top) Junior Sandy Chi practices sewing on a button in Johnson's Skills for Life class. (bottom) Sophomore Allie Anderson threads her needle.



There is never a boring moment on the second floor with teacher Pat Brockhaus. He manages to use his endless array of jokes and facial expressions to keep the class involved. Not only does Brockhaus teach modern government, but he also branches out teaching psychology, sociology, modern problems, and economics.

(left) With a pause in the jokes, senior Annie Zeller takes advantage of the quiet time to prepare for a test in Brockhaus' ninth period government class. (right) Brockhaus engages the class in discussion about current events.



Students at Scotus are required to complete an Archdiocese project once a year for every class. Instead of simply doing a research assignment, the Archdiocese often assigns a more creative project. As seniors, the project includes a speech on a theme of choice. Each student searches for a theme that relates to his or her life experiences and challenges and finds a book with similar themes. Every individual is encouraged to make this project unique by closely tying it to themselves. This project gives students a chance to step out of the box and say something they would not normally tell their class.

(right) Senior Lauren Kuta holds up the book *The Rainbow Fish*. Kuta used five different books to present her love of reading to the class. (middle) Senior Kevin Donoghue sports his "hat of sharing." Donoghue related his presentation to the book *I Dare You* and dared the class to share. (far right) Senior Catherine Swope reads a quote from the book *Harvesting the Heart* by Jodi Picoult. Swope related the themes in the book to the influences parents have on their children.





"Computer Applications, especially because it's right next to my locker."

Evee Birkel

Changing It Up: Technology

Technology is changing all the time. Throughout the years at Scotus, teachers have learned to adapt to these changes whenever they come along. Teacher Patti Salyard has been one to experience many of these changes.

"We have moved from big computers to smaller, flat screen computers. Before having these smaller computers, I had to use the mirrors in my classroom to check students' posture because I could not see over the computers. The software we use is now updated to 2010 software. We were also given iPads and document cameras to assist us in classroom teaching."

Adapting to change in technology is a difficult task for some. The teachers are learning something new each day, and students are often able to help the teachers out.

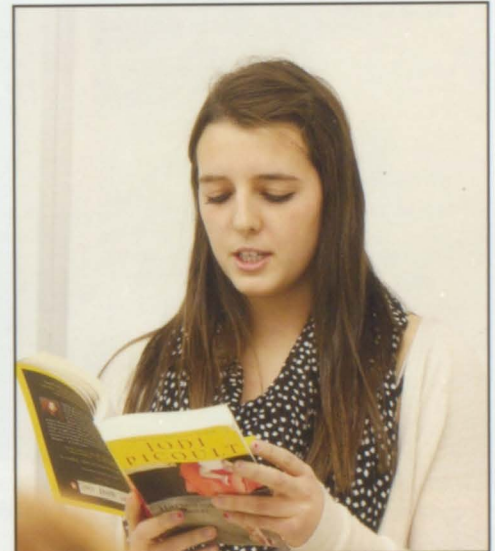
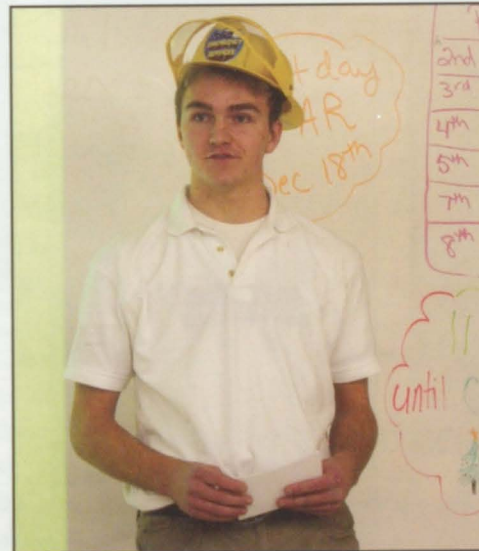
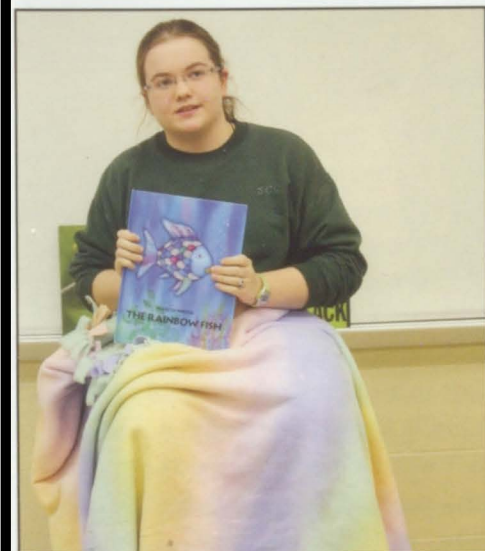
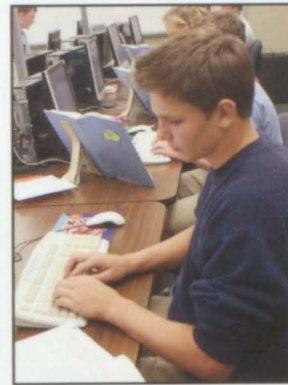
"Most of the time, I do not mind the change. At the beginning it is a little bit more difficult to teach my class, but once I learn how to use everything, classroom teaching becomes much simpler. Senior Marshal Obal gives me a pointer every now and then to help me out," Salyard said.

In the pictures to the left, Salyard and her students utilize the different forms of technology in her classroom. (far left) Freshman Samuel Novicki prepares a letter. The freshmen in Computer Applications I learn the basics of creating a formal letter.

(top) Salyard helps senior Brandon Hahn journalize in Accounting I.

(middle) Freshman Jacob Bos works on preparing his formal letter.

(bottom) Salyard uses her iPad to help teach class.



Floor Three.

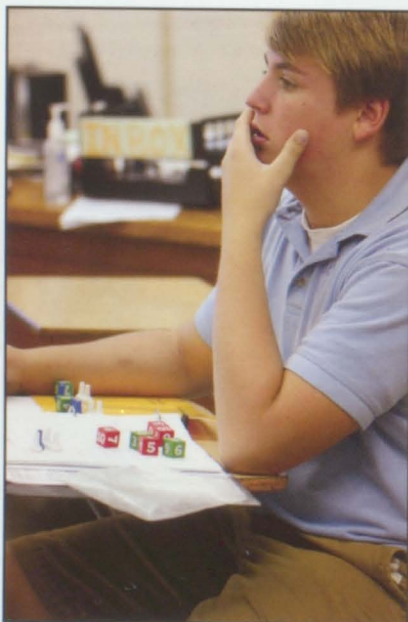
Learning a second language can be a challenge. Spanish teachers use games to get a new language across to the students taking the class. Spanish is the only language offered by Scotus, but students still continue to have an interest in it.

Mrs. Schaer teaches Spanish I and Spanish II. This is her third year teaching at Scotus. Schaer offers a different way to learn some new words by playing games like bingo, battleship, and board wars. Many go on to take all four years of Spanish. Across the hallway, Mrs. Bomar teaches the next two years of Spanish, Spanish III and Spanish IV.

In Mrs. Bomar's class, she also uses games to get the students' attention. The competitive juices start to flow while playing various games like board wars and Monopoly. Monopoly is played every second and fourth Friday of each month. The games create a different way to learn a new language.



In Spanish IV, senior Morgan Benesch quickly writes her answer while playing board wars. (top) Sophomore Jessica Schaefer busies herself with book work during her Spanish II class. (right) Sophomore Abbie Alt hides her sheet from her partner while playing Spanish battleship in Spanish II.



Eighth grader Wyatt Gutzmer uses "Math Manipulatives" to help him with a math problem during Math 8.



Junior Sandy Chi and Eighth grader Amberly Parker play board wars in Mrs. Blaser's Algebra I class.

There are many different math classes that students have to complete throughout their school years. From geometry to algebra to calculus, new concepts are continuously learned. Eighth and ninth graders taking math 8 and algebra I are taught by Mrs. Blaser.

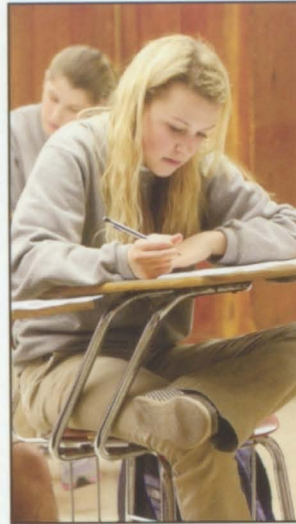


"Doing my make-up and gossiping."

Cody Mroczek



(bottom left) Junior Carly Foltz does a worksheet over "The 4 Marks of the Church."
(bottom right) Religion teacher Mr. Linder stands at his podium and lectures to the class while junior Brandon Cook listens intently.



Mr. Linder is in his second year of teaching Religion at Scotus. He offers students the opportunity to learn about the life of Jesus. His lectures are known to be filled with funny stories, great analogies, and unforgettable phrases. The idea behind his teachings are so the students in the class can relate to the topics and apply them in their own faith life.

World War Simulation: The Battle Field

Mr. Ohnoutka's junior history class has taken an unusual turn this year; students have temporarily traded in their books and notebooks to take part in a war simulation game. This certainly is something that has never been done before.

"It's really hands on. They're learning by doing which is not something they normally get to do in history class," Ohnoutka said.

Mr. Ohnoutka found a teacher in Iowa that had developed simulation games for students to have the chance to get more involved when learning about World War I and World War II. To really have a grasp on what went on in a time of war, there's no better way than to actually live it out. There are many strategies that go through the minds of each student. They want the best for their country by fulfilling every objective given to them, such as keeping land or honoring alliances with other countries.

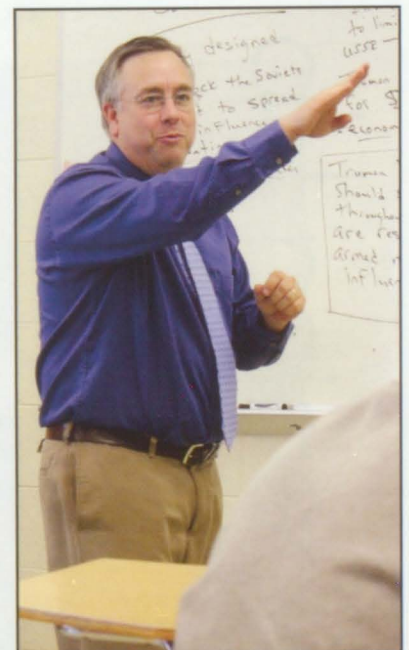
"It teaches students that there are consequences to their actions. The decisions they make are going to affect what happens in the battle. A lot of lives can be changed by the decisions being made," Ohnoutka said.

Not only did Mr. Ohnoutka think the game was worth the couple of weeks spent on the activity, but the students in the class thought it was beneficial as well.

"I got pretty involved inside and outside history class. We would even be talking about it in other classes. I actually spent a couple study halls with some of the allies to work out strategies too," junior Phil Levos admitted.

The many hours needed to be successful in the game wasn't all for nothing, students enjoyed the games for many different reasons in the end.

"I learned that war is no laughing matter, except for when you destroy the forces of Italy because they were back-stabbers who thought they could betray both sides and get away with it," junior Jack Hoppe said.



Mr. Ohnoutka stands in front of the class giving information about World War II.

Media Convergence:

Changing with the Times

Media Convergence is a class created to compile all journalism photos and to meet the media needs of the school. The class was created by journalism teacher Angie Rusker to organize the thousands of photos taken by all the journalism students in her media, newspaper, and yearbook classes.

"This class is intended to meet the 'media' needs of the school. Whenever a school group needs photos on slideshows or advertising, we create something. We've made the senior slide show, the volleyball slide show, advertising for the scoreboard, and taken pictures to be used school wide. The biggest challenge has been coming up with new projects because the students work so fast! They have done a great job," Rusker said.

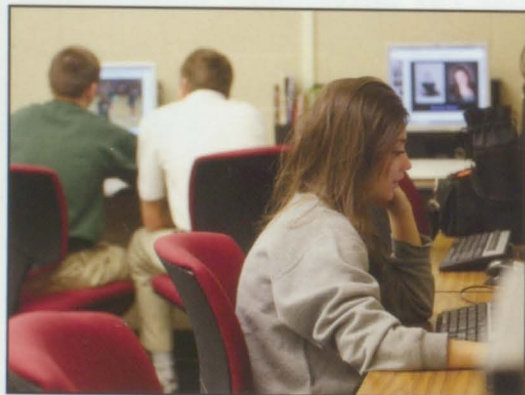
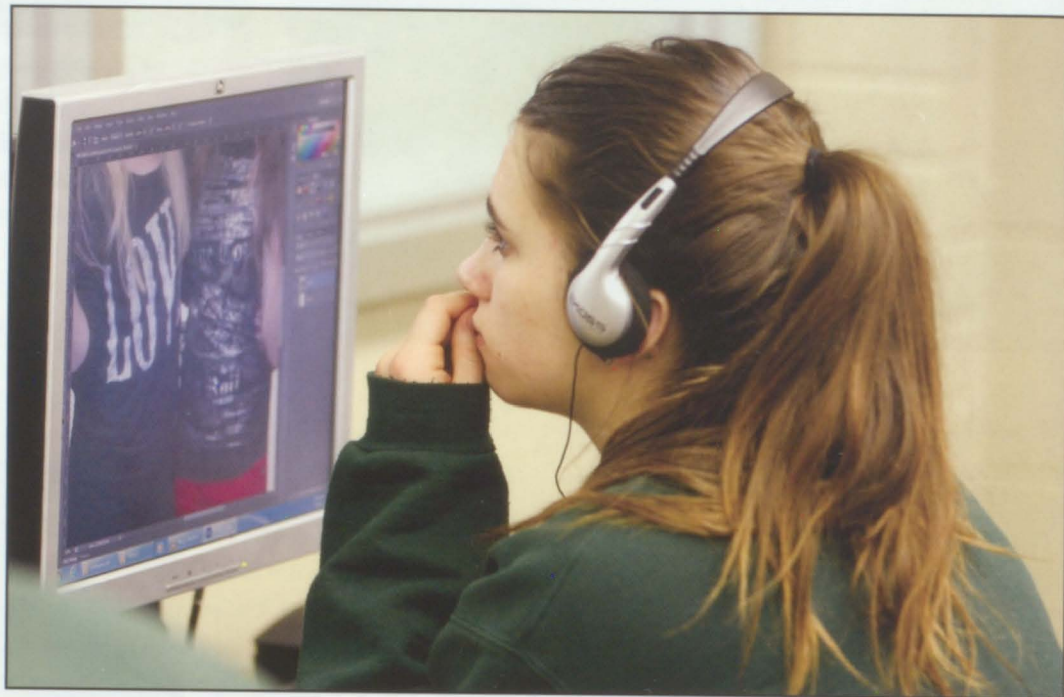
Every student has their own job that they work on everyday in class. There are six jobs that have to be done everyday: loading pictures from the cameras, sorting good pictures to be watermarked, watermarking pictures, loading and sorting pictures on Flickr, loading and writing about pictures on facebook, and tagging pictures on Flickr.

The students in the class have said that it is a fun and great class. Senior Sam Thalken works on the senior slide show during class.

"My favorite part of class is being able to relax. It is nice because school is stressful, and this class is not," Thalken said.

"My favorite part is jamming out to Taylor Swift and being able to see all of the pictures," senior Jake Gilson said.

Senior Kylee Soulliere works on her project during class. The class has many projects that they must do in order to receive a grade.



Junior Alycia Alt works on her project while in the background seniors Zach Zarek and Sam Thalken converse about their own projects.



Left to Right: Brittany Dake, Jake Gilson, Bibiana Lopez, Kyrsten Wood, Alycia Alt, Zach Zarek, Kylee Soulliere, and Sam Thalken practice their 'serious face' for the media class group photo.



"I work at Arby's, and I usually take orders and make food. I keep Mrs. Rusher in a good mood by bringing her some good mood food."

Jake Gilson



Tyler Swanson



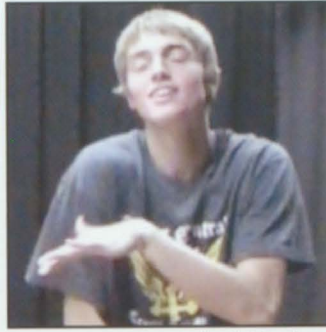
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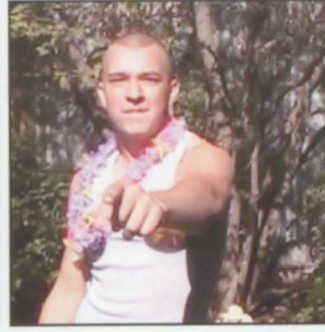
Jake Huss



Taylor Johnson



Jacob Neinaber



Nate Schacher



Sam Slegl



Teresa Tremel

Swanson, Huss, Johnson, Schacher, and Slegl dance to the song "Hey Mickey" during Homecoming week. Chi, Neinaber, and Tremel dance to "Bye Bye Bye". The web design class created four music videos to the songs, "Hey Mickey", "Call Me Maybe", "Bye Bye Bye", and the classes own music montage.

Web Design: New Technology

With new teachers comes new classes. First year teacher Tyler Swanson brought back the class of web design. Even though the class taught the students a great amount of information when working with computers, they were also able to have fun.

Though the class did not have a set schedule while working with the scoreboard, the schedule started to form while the class worked with html. Senior Jake Huss explained what the class did.

"At the beginning of the year, we made videos that were displayed on the football scoreboard. After that, we learned how to create our own website."

Technology is changing everyday so keeping up with all the new programs being created is a hard task to accomplish.

"I thought it was fun to teach with the scoreboard and teaching the basics of html. Html programming is something that is kind of going by the way side, but yet we still need to do a little bit of it. It was interesting to see how the class made their own websites, but the scoreboard was the most fun part about the class," Swanson said.

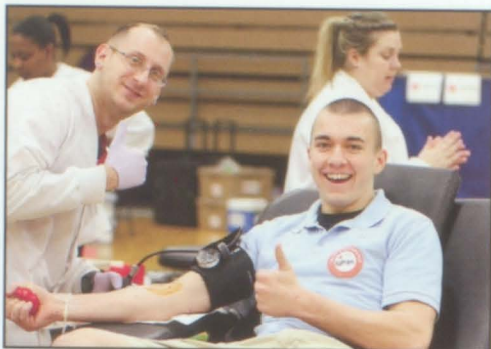
"I would definitely recommend this class to others. You get to have a lot of fun, and you learn a bunch of stuff in the process. Two thumbs," said senior Nathan Schacher.



The Web Design class dances along to the song "Call Me Maybe" in the courtyard. This dance is one of the many dances that the class created for the new scoreboard at Pawnee Park.

How often do you eat Godfather's pizza?

Above and Beyond.



Senior Nathan Schacher poses for the camera with a Red Cross worker while donating blood.

NHS:
Academic Excellence

One extracurricular group that focuses on academic excellence is National Honor Society. NHS members are challenged to be leaders both in and out of school. They raise money for the Holiday Co-op by selling candy canes around Christmas time. This year, though, NHS sold a variety of candy instead of candy canes. NHS also hosted a blood drive in February and raised 106 units of blood. NHS participated in the Closet Extravaganza this year. This is an event where NHS members were asked to donate dresses, shoes, and purses for those who are less fortunate and can't afford to buy dresses for prom. The dresses and accessories were sent to CHS, who hosted the event. NHS members are asked to handle a great amount, receive and keep good grades, be leaders, and give back to their community. Though they may be asked to accomplish many tasks, NHS members strive to get the job done.



Junior Tony Zoucha waits to donate blood for Scotus' blood drive. (right) Juniors Jacob Nienaber, Callie Sokol, Conner Moran, and sophomore Jaimee Beauvais read information packets on blood donations before they donate blood.



Senior Bridgette Brune takes a picture with a member of her group while at Girls' State. (left) Seniors Austin Wendt and Bridgette Brune take a picture together while at Boys' and Girls' State.

Boys' & Girls' State.

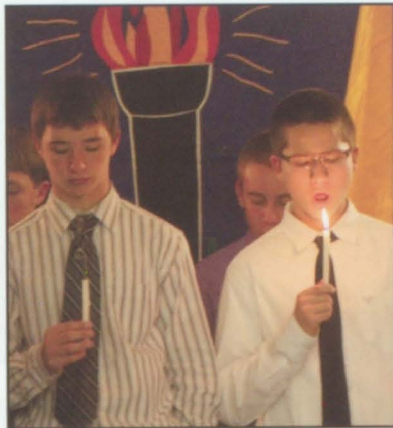
Boys' and Girls' State is an annual program where a girl and boy are chosen from each school to spend a week at the University of Lincoln to learn about the government. This year Scotus was fortunate to send three students, Bridgette Brune, Lauren Kuta, and Austin Wendt. They heard talks from influential people, such as Dave Heineman, Bo Pelini, and John Cook. They each had a chance to run for different offices and held an election. They also had debates over current issues, such as the Keystone XL Pipeline.



"My family and I have pizza about twice a week, at least. Over the summer, I eat Godfather's almost every day."

Lauren Kuta

(below) Sophomores Tucker Ramaekers and Noah Schacher blow out their candles as they are inducted into NHS. The candle is a symbol of the services NHS members perform. Senior Ian Baumgart chats while giving blood at the Scotus blood drive.



(from left) Sophomores Sam Braun, Justina Wernhoff, and junior Phil Levas participate in a dance at FLC. Sophomores Adam Starzec, Shannon Spulak, Jaimee Beauvais, and Allie Anderson pose for a picture at FBLA's movie night.

FBLA.

FBLA members keep busy year round with various activities while also growing in their knowledge and understanding of business. FBLA is in charge of the concession stands at the football games during the fall. The members also visit the residents at Meridian Garden to play Bingo. FBLA members partake in SLC, Student Leadership Conference, in Omaha. There the members take tests over mathematics, technology, and business. Top honors are awarded to those who score the highest. FBLA also hosts an FBLA week where students answer trivia questions, play rock paper scissors, and race in a relay that includes knotting a tie, walking in high heels, and separating paper clips. FBLA hosts a movie night and also holds a pumpkin decorating contest, an ice cream social, and a donut hole social. While learning about business, FBLA members find a way to make the learning enjoyable.



Junior Phil Levas, sophomores Justina Wernhoff, Sam Braun, and seniors Lauren Kuta, Alivia Galley, and Jeremiah Salyard pose for a picture before attending the FBLA Fall Leadership Conference.

"Girls' State was an awesome experience where I met a bunch of new people. I still keep in touch with a lot of them today. I learned a lot about our government, and I'm glad I was given the opportunity to go. I would most definitely recommend the underclassmen to go."



Bridgette Brune

"From Girls' State, I learned how to manage a group of people effectively as I was the Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper. I also understand the important role that the state government plays within our daily lives, and anyone who has the dream of becoming a charismatic, strong leader is obtainable by anyone who wishes to pursue this goal."



Lauren Kuta

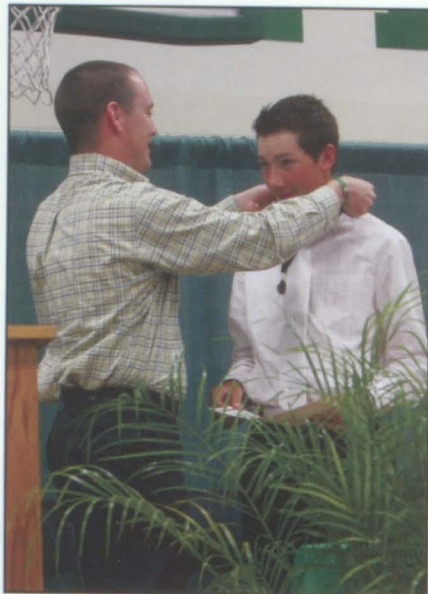
"Boys' State was an amazing experience that I will remember for the rest of my life. Running across Lincoln, participating in mock Supreme Court, listening to speakers, and playing flag football. I made so many life-long friends at Boys' State. It was a life changing experience."



Austin Wendt

Shake Right, Grab Left.

(from left) Senior Marshal Obal receives a medal for the Team/Mates award. Sophomore Carly Cremers accepts the Lynette Topinka Goins Award presented by John Schueth. Senior Brennan Brockhaus is given the Columbus Sertoma Club Scholarship. Senior Catherine Swope wins the Columbus Optimist Club Scholarship.



Honor's Night: "Thank You"

After receiving something, more particularly, an award, the least one can do to express their gratitude and appreciation is to say, "Thank you." Honor's Night is a time to be recognized for achievements whether they be big or small. At this year's Honor's Night, several awards were given to staff and students.

At Honor's Night, there were a number of students who received awards and money for the upcoming fall school year at Scotus as well as seniors who received scholarships for their college education. Sixteen underclassmen received awards to go toward their tuition at Scotus next fall.

In particular, junior Jacob Nienaber and sophomore Carly Cremers received more than one award to go towards their tuition. Nienaber received the Lynette Topinka Goins Award and the Eldora Schnad Music Award. Cremers was also given the Lynette Topinka Goins Award and also received the Pyramid of Success Award.

Two students from junior high received awards for their tuition as well. Seventh grader Sierra Heesacker received the Leonard and Cec Feehan Family Award, and eighth grader Alyssa Kuta accepted the Kathryn Kuta Sweeney Award.

A new award added to the list was the Leadership Award Class of '62. This award was created recently by the Class of '62 to recognize those students who show a sense of leadership for those around him/her. This year the award was given to a freshman or sophomore boy, and next year it will be given to a freshman or sophomore girl. Several awards like this are greatly appreciated by all students and staff only to be summed up in two words, "Thank you."





"Pink. Cuz it's the best."

Megan Meyer

Staff Stands Out.

At the Honor's Night Ceremony, a number of students were given awards and scholarships for the upcoming school year. Perhaps receiving more attention was the number of the staff members who received awards for their years of service at Scotus.

Of the seven staff members who were recognized, four received an award for working at Scotus for five years. They were Mrs. Gail Bomar, Deb Krumland, Ms. Anneliese Ploetz, and Fr. Andrew Roza.

Being awarded for even more years at Scotus were Ed Goerlinger and Peg Keep. Goerlinger is the custodial manager at Scotus and received an award for twenty years of service. It's sad to say that this was his last year at Scotus as he will be retiring. Peg Keep, who works in the cafeteria, received an award for thirty years of service.

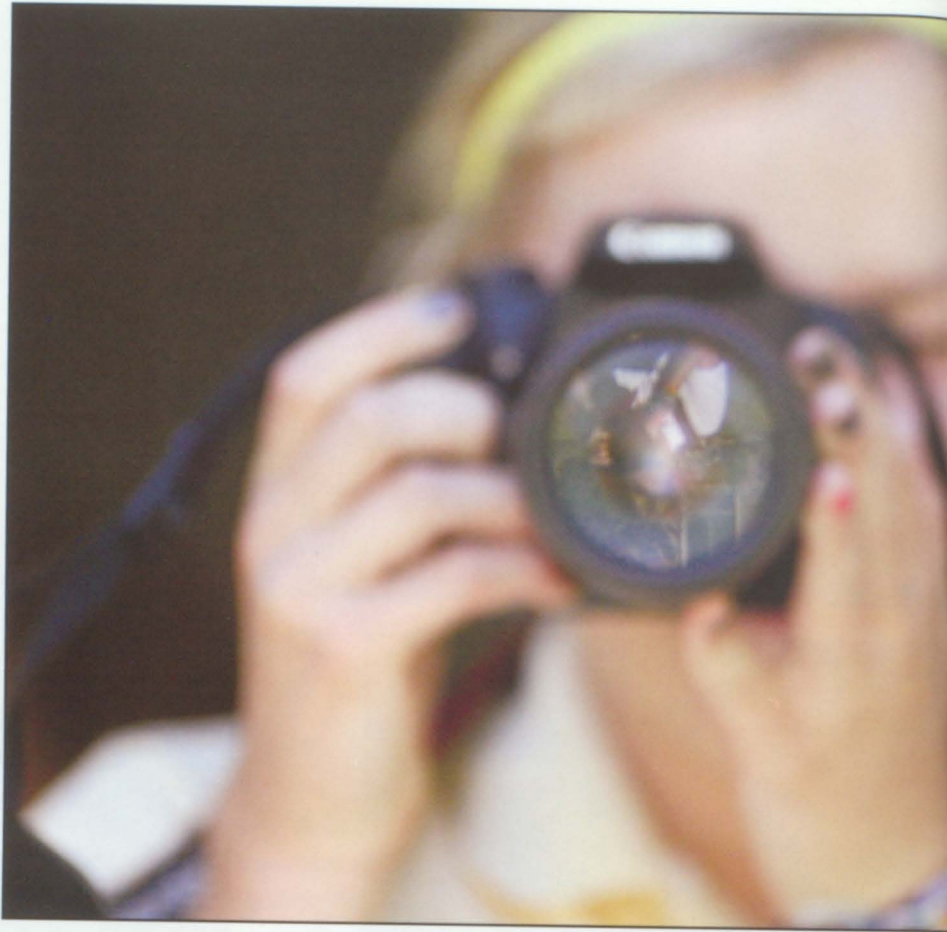
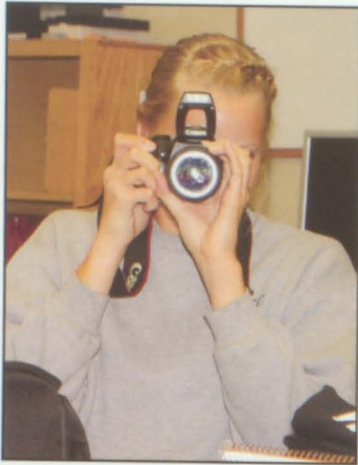
Last but not least, Mrs. Nancy Shadle was given the Teacher of the Year Award from Student Council President Senior Hannah Harrington. Mrs. Shadle was recognized for all the work she has done at Scotus over this past year. What makes this award even more meaningful is that this will be her last year as the Scotus art teacher. She was recognized for every year she taught at Scotus.



Junior Jacob Nienaber receives the Lynette Topinka Gains Award from Development Director John Schueth.

Staff Deb Krumland, Anneliese Ploetz, Fr. Andrew Roza, Peg Keep, Gail Bomar, and Ed Goerlinger hold their awards they received during Honors' Night. (top left) Ploetz receives her award of 5 years of service from Donna Starzec. (top right) Goerlinger is given his award for 20 years of service at Scotus.

(right) Senior Allison Smith takes a picture during yearbook. (below) Senior Hannah Harrington practices picture taking in the courtyard. The first few days of yearbook and newspaper are spent on getting to know the camera and learning how to take good, clear photos.



State Journalism.

Students are taught how to write the standard five paragraph essay throughout their years at Scotus. Knowing how to write a five paragraph essay is crucial, but there are also different forms of writing. State Journalism awards students in different areas of writing, such as editorial writing for newspaper and yearbook feature writing. Scotus was lucky enough to send two students to State Journalism, and they not only attended State Journalism, but were awarded with high honors.

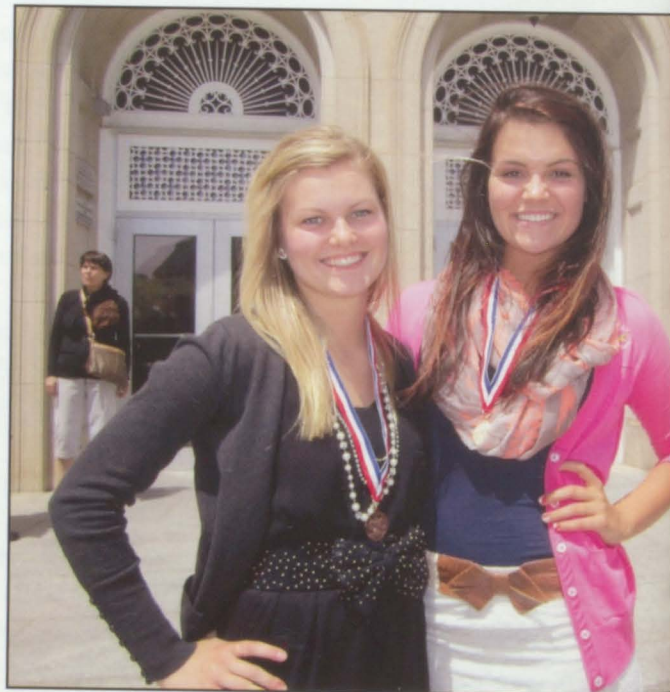
Junior Carly Burkhardt placed first in Class C editorial writing and third in news writing while senior Bridgette Brune placed second in Class C yearbook feature writing. Burkhardt placed first in all-class editorial writing and Brune placed third in all-class yearbook featuring writing. Journalism advisor Angie Russer was impressed and proud of the girls' accomplishments.

"We have never had a champion in all-class. I was so excited that I couldn't take pictures with my ipod because my arms were shaking with excitement," Russer said.

Brune and Burkhardt knew Mrs. Russer was excited because she allowed them to throw up the devices in one of their pictures.

"State Journalism was a new experience for me. I was so surprised when Mrs. Russer told me that I placed in feature writing for Class C, and that I would be going to the all-class competition. You know it's no ordinary day if Mrs. Russer lets you throw up the devices," Brune said.

Aside from writing, State Journalism also awards students for photography. Junior Amy Price placed first in Class C sports/action photography for her outstanding pictures from state volleyball.



Senior Bridgette Brune and junior Carly Burkhardt pose for a picture after receiving their awards at State Journalism. The girls traveled to Lincoln where the event was held.



"I believe that I was a turtle in my life before I was Craig, so basically I will always have a little bit of tortuga in my soul."

Craig Ackman

Journalism: Excited Excellence

The final product always turns out in the end, but much work is put into the yearbook and seven newspaper editions. The main emphasis in both classes is deadlines. Each class is expected to meet their deadlines in order for everything to run smoothly and without stress. Journalism advisor Angie Rusker was pleased with her classes this year.

"I spent less time than any other year working on the pages myself because this year's newspaper class took ownership of their own pages," Rusker said.

The newspaper put emphasis on being excited every day, and the yearbook's theme was excellence, so Mrs. Rusker had excited excellent afternoons all year. Yearbook decides on a theme at the beginning of the year, and with much luck, the yearbook staff decided on a theme within the first week of school.

"Yearbook class went smoothly this year because they agreed on a theme early, and we divided page assignments differently so students had the same number of spreads due each deadline. We had more spreads done May 1st than any other year," Mrs. Rusker stated.

Both newspaper and yearbook classes learn photography throughout the year. Without pictures, the newspapers and yearbook would be plain and boring.

Mrs. Rusker commented, "Even though tens of thousands of pictures are taken throughout the year, 6,000 quality pictures were put on flickr this year compared to the 1,500 pictures posted last year."

Though days in newspaper and yearbook can be stressful, there is a feeling of great accomplishment when looking at the final product.



Junior Shelby Beller handles the camera with care as she practices taking pictures in the courtyard.

(left) Senior Bridgette Brune takes a picture of Hannah Harrington. If you look closely, you can see Hannah's reflection in the camera lens.

Deadlines.

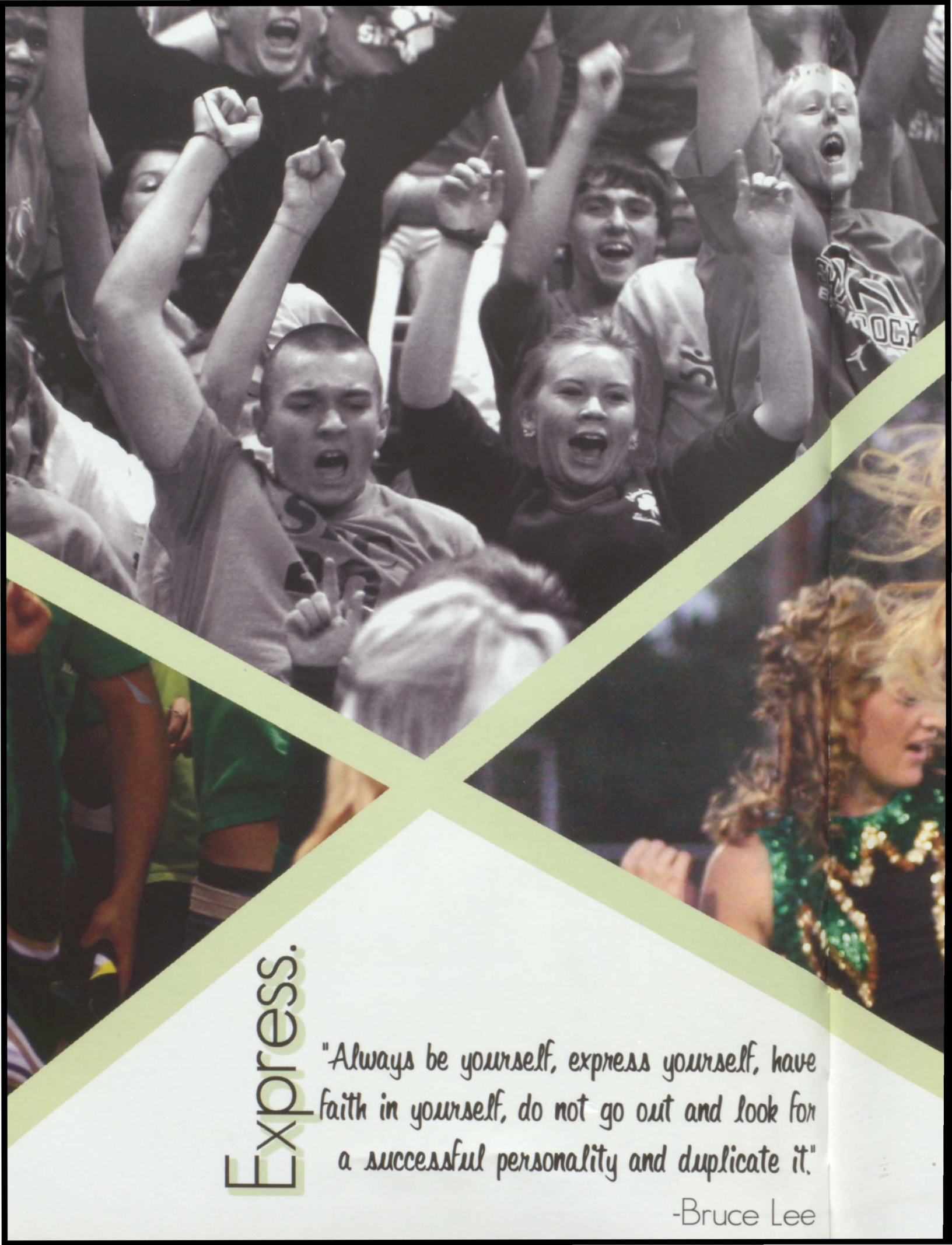
Special Delivery.



Juniors Kristen Ohnoutka, Carly Burkhardt, and Brooke Olmer deliver newspapers to the second floor classes during seventh period. The newspaper staff has a tradition of delivering the newspaper to classes at the end of seventh period in order to avoid students reading the interesting and intriguing newspaper during class. Although it does not bother the teachers during seventh period, teachers find themselves reminding the class to put the newspapers away during eighth period.



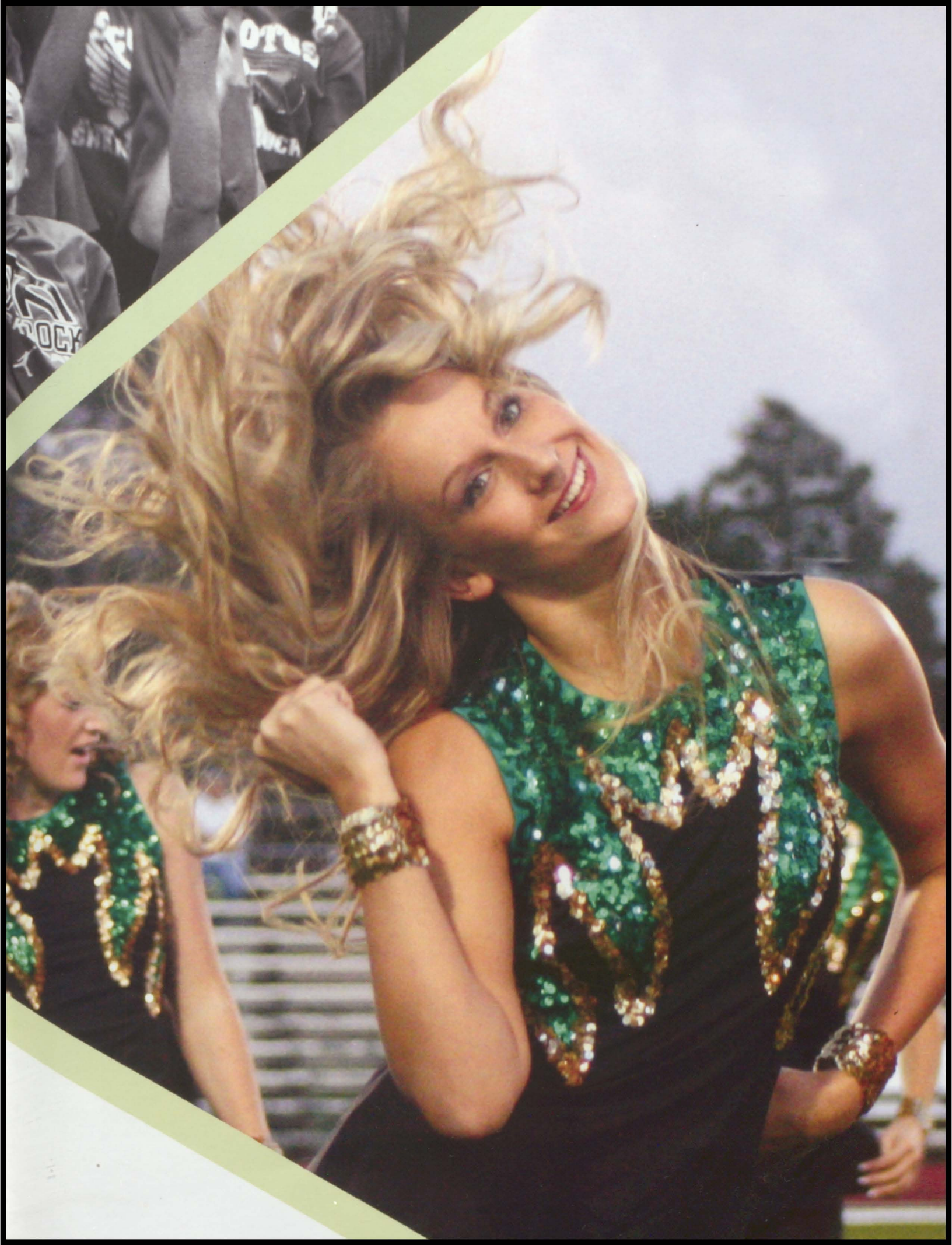
Juniors Kristen Ohnoutka and Brooke Olmer are caught reading the newspaper. Senior Claire Fuchser was the editor of the paper while senior Carrie Bartholomew was the layout editor. These two ladies do much work behind the scenes, but they also have help from the rest of the newspaper staff. The yearbook copy editor this year was senior Kara Moore, and senior Bridgette Brune was the layout editor.



Express.

"Always be yourself, express yourself, have faith in yourself, do not go out and look for a successful personality and duplicate it."

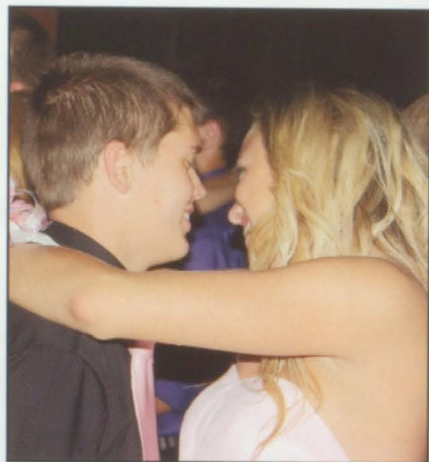
-Bruce Lee



Over the Rainbow.



(above) Seniors Jake Gilson and Kara Moore dance the night away with each other. (above right) Junior Shelby Beller throws her hands up in the air and sings along to a song. (right) Junior Cody Zimmerman and senior Lauran Hellbush gaze into each other's eyes during a dance. Cody didn't let his concussion from the Homecoming football game get in the way of having a wonderful night.

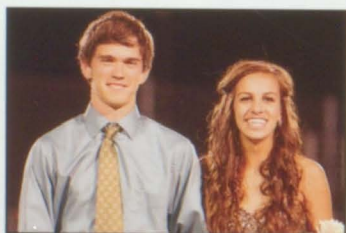


(below) Seniors Annie Zeller and Taylor Johnson share their last homecoming dance together. Taylor brings a creative side to the dance floor, wearing a tie-dye shirt, green slacks, and a black bow tie.

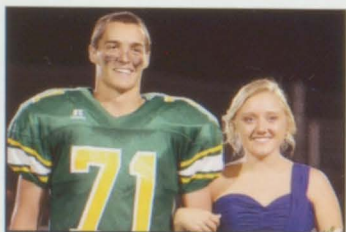
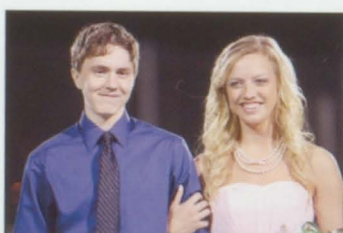


(above) This year's queen, Christine Reiners, and king, Kyle Bonk, share a special dance together. (left) Not letting his crutches hold him back, sophomore Christian Stutzman shows off his dance moves.

The Candidates.



Craig Ackman and Morgan Benesch



Colby Engquist and Lauran Hellbush
Jake Huss and Kara Moore



Derek Lahm and Christine Reiners
Austin Wendt and Kylee Soulliere



"The red teletubby because she has a nice scooter that we can ride into the dance on together."

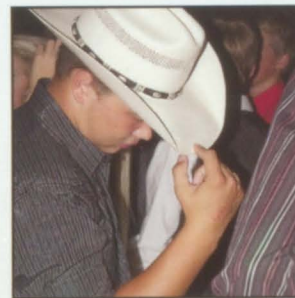
Peter Dolezal

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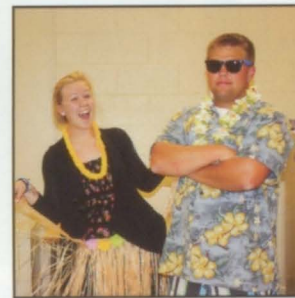
Rockstar

Senior Vanessa Cox, sophomore Lucas Cox, and Mrs. Cox pose for a wild family picture on Rockstar Day.



Wild West

Junior Conner Lusche salutes the camera showing off his western side on Wild West Day.



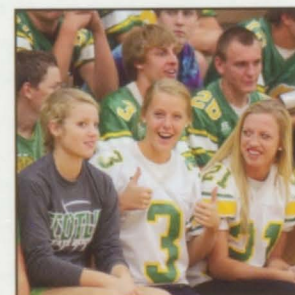
Luau

Senior Claire Fuchser and Mr. Swanson say aloha and pose for a picture on Luau Day.



Wizard of Oz

English teachers Mrs. Schaad and Mrs. Zanardi follow the yellow brick road on Wizard of Oz Day.



Spirit

Seniors Allison Smith, Loran Hellbusch, Brennan Brockhaus, and Zach Zarek show their spirit along with the rest of the school during the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Homecoming 2012:

We're Off to See a Wonderful Night

Scotus students truly felt there was no place like home when attending the Wizard of Oz themed Homecoming at their very own Memorial Gym. There were several events leading up to that special night. First, students participated in a week of fun dress up days.

"All of the themes were great, and everyone was very creative when dressing up for each day. The hallway themes were also fantastic, but I must say, the junior's Pokémon hallway was the best by far," junior Trey Wortman said.

Those days work up all of the excitement for the game and the dance.

"The dance was a lot more fun because we finally got the much needed win, and everyone was in a better mood at the dance," senior Nick Pandorf said.

Defeating Bishop Neumann 42 to 21, the football team's big win set spirits even higher. After the football game came coronation, which resulted in the crowning of this year's King Kyle Bonk and Queen Christine Reinera.

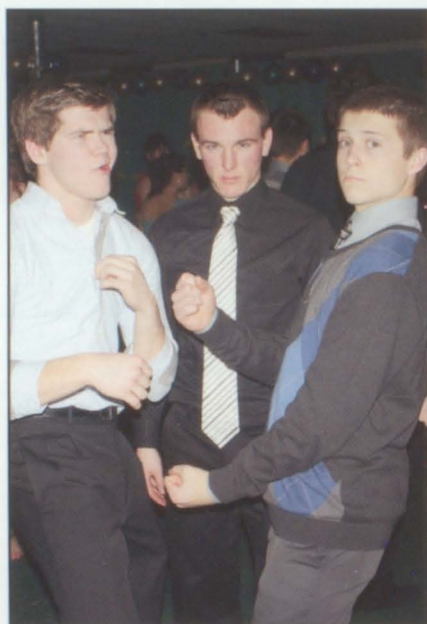
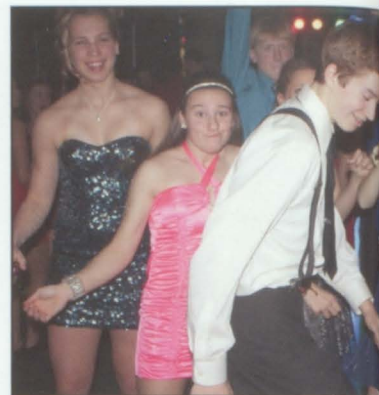
"It was unbelievable, and it truly made it one of the most memorable times of my life," Bonk said.

After all the successes, the football players, candidates, and fans proceeded to the dance. "Homecoming was a blast like always. The music was good as well as the dance moves people brought to the floor," junior Gabi Paczosa said.

The dance was held in Memorial Hall gym where Scotus graduates Peter Heusinkvelt and Eric Diamond made it unforgettable with their DJ skills. The lights, music, and dancing was the perfect end to a perfect week in the Land of Oz.



A Masquerade Ball.



Seniors Jake Huss, Zach Zarek, and Jon Hanson show off their moves for the camera. (top) Seniors Allison Smith, Kylee Soulliere, Jon Hanson, Priscila Robledo, Tessa Stuart, and Lauran Hellbusch pose for a picture while wearing their masks.

Thoughts on Hoppes:

"Jack's dance moves were both entertaining and disturbing. I didn't know that it was possible for a teenage boy to move his hips in that way. Props to you, Jack!" --Catherine Swope

"Jack and Dana's dance moves were very amazing. You could tell they like to get jiggy with it. If all the guys danced like that, dances would be a lot more fun!" --Shelby Beller

"The Hoppes brought out their greatest moves, and it just lifted everyone around them. I was dancing by Jack for a bit, and the way he was moving his hips and body was so entertaining and unreal. I mean, those hips do not lie. Go Jack!" --Hannah Harrington

"I was really surprised by Jack and Dana's dance moves. I never knew they could dance. Jack was kind of off in his own world, and it was so entertaining." --Paige Lyons

"I am impressed by Jack, Dana, and any other boys who were confident enough to let go of their dates' waists and show their own moves. I think the other boys should take notice. Girls like confident boys." --Mrs. Rusher

"They were straight up cray!" --Brooke Olmer



"My sweetheart is Cody because he is filled with sugar and spice and everything nice."

Lauran Hellbusch

The Candidates.



(front row) Kevin Donoghue, Bridgette Brune, Jake Gilson, Alivia Galley, Emma Brezenski, Carter Nickeson, Anna Perault, Taylor Johnson, Ian Baumgart
(back row) Allison Smith, Taylor Wiester, Joe Warth, Kelly Augustine, Alyssa Foltz, Brennan Brockhaus, Austin Wortman, Nick Pandorf, Tara Starzec

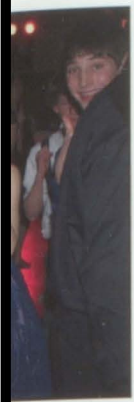
Sweetheart: A Different Twist

Students all have their expectations for dances, but this year, the unexpected happened. With conflicting issues for coronation, the dance's schedule had to be rearranged in order for candidates and students to make it to coronation. Mrs. Boman, who is in charge of Sweetheart, had a difficult task in figuring out the new schedule.

"We had to base the coronation time on the time the candidates could make it back for the dance. We knew Jake Gilson was involved in wrestling, and we wanted to make sure he was able to do his wrestling. Anna Perault had her interview, so we wanted to make sure she got back from Kansas," sophomore class sponsor Gail Boman stated.

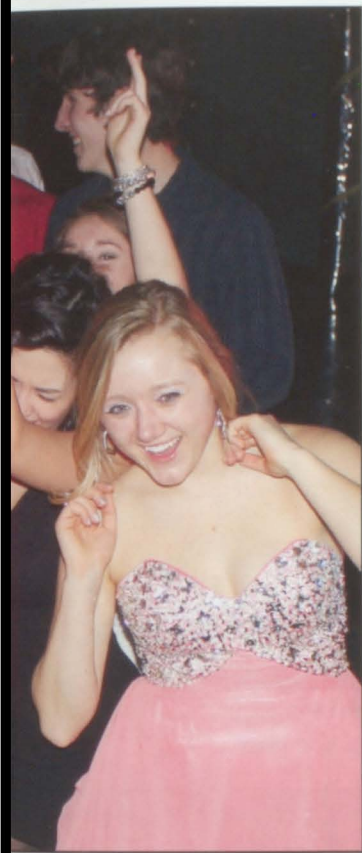
With the complications of scheduling coronation settled, students had the chance to enjoy the night. Many upperclassmen arrived early, ready to dance. With the help of the sophomores, the dance came and went in record timing.

"It's always a good thing when it's over. I was so thankful for all of the sophomores who stayed to help clean up; we got out of there in record time. All their help is appreciated. It's a lot of planning for a few hours of entertainment, but I hope the kids enjoyed the dance," Mrs. Boman commented.



(left) Freshman Dana Hoppe busts a move in front of his class while freshmen Maeghan Pieper, Courtney Labenz, and Olivia Rath dance around him.

(below) Junior Jack Hoppe impresses the ladies with his crazy moves.



(from left) Seniors Gina Bose and Taylor Wiester get their boogy on. Seniors Kara Moore, Shayla Wieser, and Catherine Swape rock out to "Pour Some Sugar on Me." Seniors Allison Smith, Tessa Stuart, Priscilla Robledo, and Brennan Brockhaus shake their lassy taffy.

Prom:

Dancing the Night Away

With snow melted and mud covering the ground, spring had finally made its appearance, just in time for Prom. Despite a few muddy dresses, the night went smoothly, and both the juniors and seniors enjoyed the special event.

Obviously, there is a lot of planning that goes into making Prom a successful night. There is a long list of tasks that need to be completed, people that need to be called, and items that need to be ordered. Luckily, there is also a long list of teachers and students that put their time and talents into insuring that the night is a memorable one. Kelly Schaad has been in charge of organizing Prom for eleven years.

"The week of it I feel like I'm planning someone's wedding because if anything goes wrong, it's my fault," Schaad explained.

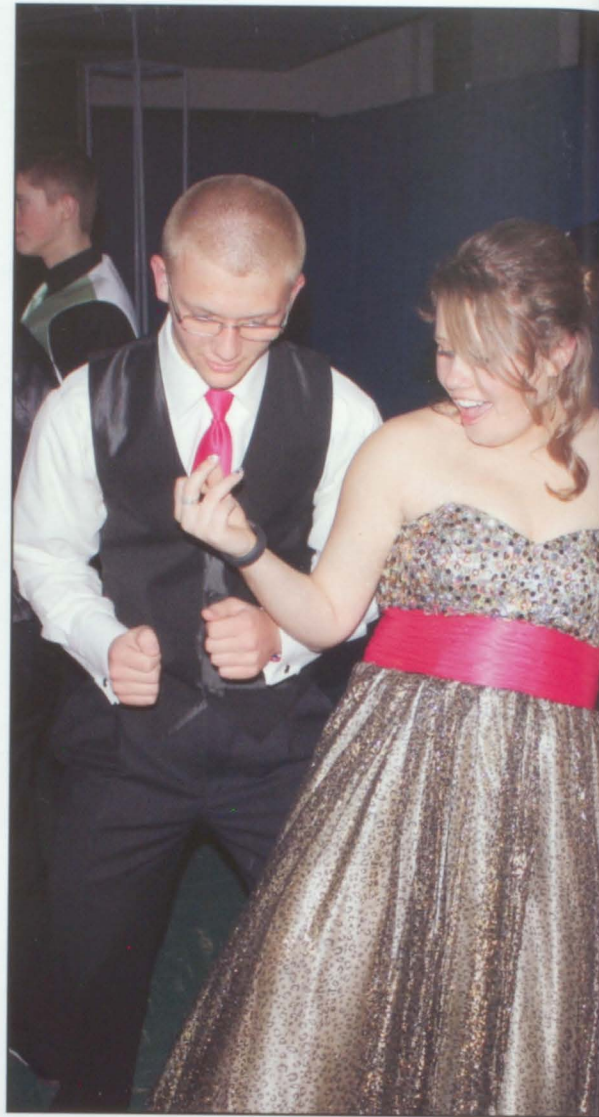
This year was Mrs. Schaad's last year planning the big night, as she will not be teaching at Scotus next year. Schaad added,

"I cried the whole way home because I was so sad! I was like, 'Oh, this is something I have been doing for so long.'"

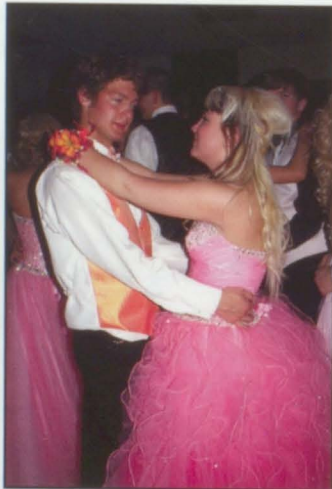
Mrs. Schaad thought that this year went smoothly. Teacher Anneliese Ploetz has played a large part in planning Prom along with Mrs. Schaad for years now. Schaad commented,

"We have gotten to the point where everyone who has done it has done it for so many years. They check off that date on their calendar, they know when to come in, they know what they're doing, and it has been a well-oiled machine."

Prom would not be possible without the enormous amount of help from teachers, and their work is much appreciated. With both Mrs. Schaad and Ms. Ploetz leaving Scotus, next year's Prom crew will have some big shoes to fill.



Junior Daniel Strecker and senior Taylor Wiester pull out some moves on the dance floor.



Seniors Ian Robak and Brittany Dake sway together to a slow song.



Senior Brook Frewing "teaches a crowd to Dougie."



"Steve Nash because he's an animal on the court."

Alex Pandorf

Name Of The Game.

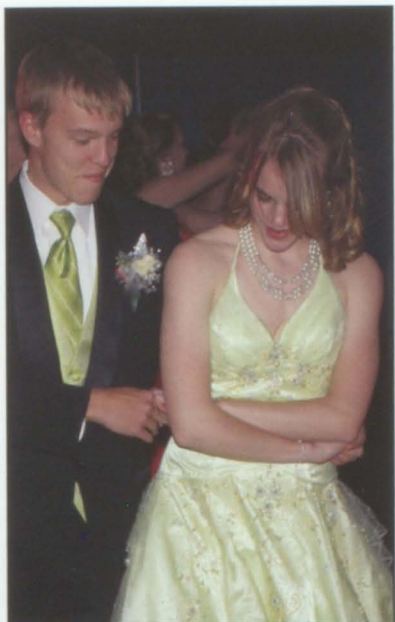
At prom this year, not everyone "got down on the dance floor". Many students got creative, bringing decks of cards and board games. Junior Trey Wortman spent the night playing Monopoly Columbus Edition with friends. Wortman commented,

"I danced and played games. We had to shout during Taylor Swift's songs, but also had to bankrupt everyone. I wasn't going to pass up the opportunity to buy Doozy's and put hotels on it."

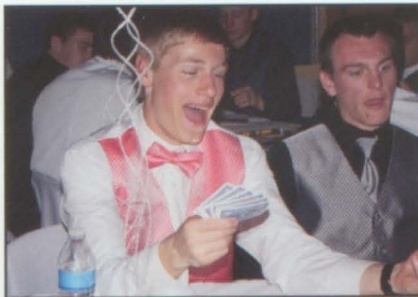
There were also a few groups of seniors that decided to play games. Senior Shayla Wieser added,

"I really liked playing cards because I had a really big dress on, so I couldn't dance. I played Skum and Bologna Sandwich"

Whether trying out new dance moves or stealing properties, all of the students seemed to have a good time at Prom.



Junior Melissa Thalken shares a dance with her date from an outside school.



A group of junior boys enjoy a rousing game of Monopoly. (above) Senior Derek Lahm celebrates a good hand by throwing his cards down on the table.

Like most years, Post Prom was filled with exhausted students shooting basketballs and playing Blackjack in hopes of winning the best prizes. When all of the fake money was finally cashed in, the real entertainment began. This year, a professional hypnotist shook things up a little bit. Going up to the front of the room, he invited about 20 students to come on stage. He also told the audience that it was possible to be hypnotized while just listening from their seats. After being taken through a few steps, the group seemed to be under a trance. Senior Paige Lyons

was among the hypnotized.

"It felt really weird. It was like in my head I knew what I was doing, but my body had full control," Lyons commented.

Overall, the show was hilarious. The hypnotized students were led to believe that they had gone fishing, taken a crazy roller coaster ride, and watched a terrifying horror movie, among other adventures. Junior Luzz Smith was even led to believe that she had eleven fingers. Senior Taylor Johnson added,

"I said that for a living, I do tacos (because I work at Amigos!)"

Sam Thalken was also among those hypnotized. Thalken said,

"The funniest thing that happened was that Cat-Dog beat me up."

The hypnotist brought a lot of laughter and a lot of confusion to

Post Prom.

Thalken concluded, "It was a good experience. I remember it all, and it did not seem that funny, but when people tell me about it, it is really funny."

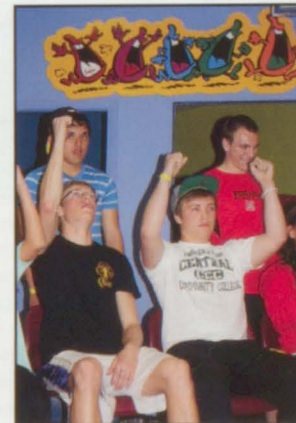
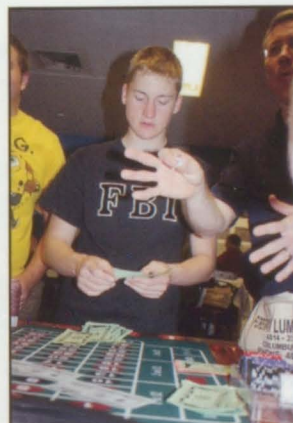
Under A Trance.



(above) Hypnotized senior Sam Thalken laughs uncontrollably at the illusion of a funny movie.

(far right) Hypnotized seniors Derek Lahm and Taylor Johnson get ready for an imaginary roller coaster ride.

(right) Junior Cole Alexander debates how to play the next round of Blackjack.



How do you react when you drop your flag?

Twist & Twirl.



(far left) Juniors Amy Price and Dan Strecker partner up during the guy/girl dance. (left) Seniors Brennan Brockhaus and Ian Baumgart and sophomore Queze Campos gangnam style along with the group.

Guy/Girl Dance.

What was most memorable about the guy/girl dance?

- "The guys played capture the flag with the flags." --Dan Strecker
- "My 'Gangnam Style' dance was extremely awkward-looking, but everyone thought it was funny." --Craig Ackman
- "I loved watching all of the other guys fail. They were so clumsy and kept messing up, but, of course, I never messed up once, obviously." --Jared Hanson
- "Well, Derek nailed me in the back with his pole during the performance, but I just remember freaking out because he wasn't there, and we were performing in like a minute." --Taylor Wiester
- "I laughed at Brennan every time he messed up. I also ran into Queze during the performance." --Ian Baumgart

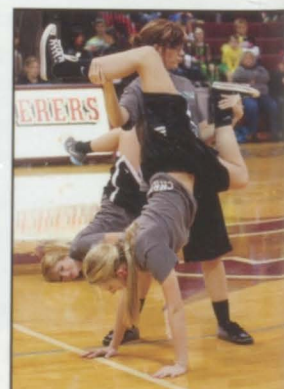
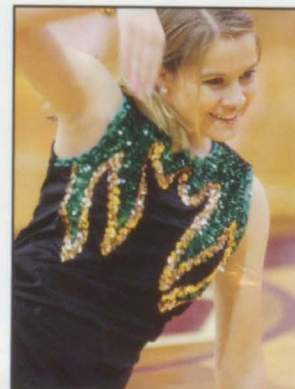
Jam the Gym is a competition, more of a recital, where dance groups and school cheerleading squads perform their routines. Dancers ranged from grade school and kindergarten to college. Some of the dance groups that appeared at the CHS gym were Columbus High, Scotus, Osceola, Schuyler, CCC, and dance studios in town.

The Scotus Flag Corps was one among the many groups who showed how they could get down and jiggy with it. This year's team performed two of their seven dances at Jam the Gym, a hip-hop routine and a routine to the song "Americano". It's a tradition for both the Scotus Flag Corps and Cheerleaders to perform at the Jam the Gym and will continue in the future.

Jam the Gym.



(left to right) Senior Bridgette Brune and freshman Rachel Miksch thrust themselves during Jam the Gym which was held at CHS. Junior Megan Miksch smiles while dancing. Senior Vanessa Cox holds senior Christine Reiners' legs while sophomore Jaimee Beauvais does a head stand (above right) Senior Brittany Steiner spins her flag while flashing a smile.





"It was embarrassing at first, but now I really don't care. At Jam the Gym I dropped my flag, and I just told everyone that I was trying to end the season the same way I started it."

Christine Reiners



Seniors Tara Starzec and Teresa Tira and junior Emily Allen strike a pose in their performance at a home football game.

Flag Corps: New Kid in Town

From having no seniors last year to having seven seniors this year, many changes have been made to the Flag Corps team. Along with these, there was a new addition to the Scotus Flag Corps family, coach Becky Brandenburg. Although Brandenburg has been choreographing for the team from the sidelines for about 6 years, she jumped at the opening this year.

When asked about her involvement in dance, Brandenburg said, "I've been involved with dance since I was 4 and have been teaching since I was fifteen. I graduated from the University of Lincoln with a Bachelor's degree of Fine and Performing Arts in dance, and to this day, I enjoy being involved in the dance community."

Brandenburg has made changes and has new hopes for this year's team. One change is the importance of fitness. She has requested that the girls should lift twice a week.

"It comes from the dance background. You need to be in shape. It helps with leaps and bounds, and also builds endurance and muscle. When you leap on or get off the ground, being strong and fit makes these tasks much easier," Brandenburg said. "Being fit helps the girls avoid fatigue."

Brandenburg, being a graduate from Scotus, returned to help assist with the Flag Corps program and couldn't be more excited to be back.

"My favorite part about being the coach is returning as an alumni. I've been here and like being back in this school. The atmosphere here at Scotus is just awesome. It's nice to be involved in the Scotus community once again."

(top to bottom) Seniors Christine Reiners and Tara Starzec, junior Amy Price, senior Megan Wright, and junior Carly Burkhardt dance during the Columbus Days Parade.

Junior Carly Burkhardt gets her groove on during a home football game.

Sophomore Jaimee Beauvais dances at the Homecoming football game.

Junior Shelby Beller marches during the Columbus Days Parade.

Band-aids.

Band:

Lots of Goodbyes

Every year it is hard to say goodbye to the seniors involved in various activities, but this year it was especially hard for the band to do so. The band had to lose an unheard of eighteen seniors, most of them having been in band since junior high.

Senior Melissa Diamond felt that the senior class left their mark on the program. "We have been the largest class of band members to go through it in a long time."

"I just hope the underclassmen will miss us," senior Carrie Bartholomew added.

For senior Gina Bose, band was more than just an extracurricular activity or just another class. "We all are sort of a family. I have a lot of underclassmen that I've gotten close to because of band."

"We were all so close, and even if we gave each other a hard time, we always wanted everyone to be successful," senior Derek Lahm commented.

Although it was a bittersweet goodbye, Mrs. Cox knows that what the seniors did this year will stay with the band.

She added, "I believe that the underclassmen have watched these seniors and what good leaders they have been. They have had great role models all year, and they are going to know what to do and how to make it work because they have watched them."

The seniors lead the band to success, earning superiors at the Norfolk Parade and at the Harvest of Harmony Parade. They ended the year on a positive note reflective of the year as a whole earning a superior rating in thirteen events and an excellent rating in six events at the District Music Contest.



Extraordinary Surprises.



Seniors Bibiana Lopez and Craig Ackman present Mrs. Cox with her Christmas present at the Holiday Band Concert. Mrs. Cox was happily surprised to receive a Keurig coffemaker.

Mrs. Cox was in total shock when she received a Keurig coffemaker for Christmas this year. The senior class knew that she loved to have a cup of coffee in the morning but never had time to make one at home. It was also a hassle for her to have to carry one into school every day with all of her other bags, so they surprised her with her very own coffee maker she could keep at school. She has used it every day since.



"Hello Kitty."

Brittany Dake

No St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The Scotus Band has attended the St. Patrick's Day Parade since 2002, but the Shamrocks were not seen there this year due to many other conflicting events. A third of the band was involved in either track or soccer which had games and a meet that day. Conference music and conference band were that day as well, so when all of the students involved in those activities were taken into account, a huge amount of the band would be missing. Although it was disappointing that the band could not attend, it showed how involved the students in band were this year.

Mrs. Cox added, "The senior class has shown the other students at Scotus that it is possible to do a fine arts or other activity and still do something else that you love, like athletics. Is it hard? Yes, at times it is. It takes a lot of dedication."

Although it was disappointing that the band could not attend the parade this year, they had many other noteworthy moments.



Junior Hannah Merrill plays the flute at the dinner concert. (top left) Seniors Vanessa Cox and Carrie Bartholomew play their clarinets during the holiday band concert. (bottom left) Senior Derek Lahm, dressed as a parrot from the movie Rio, plays the trumpet at the dinner concert.

(from left) Sophomore Taby Tooley plays with the drumline at the St. Isidore Bazaar. Freshman Dana Hoppe plays the saxophone with the pep band. Senior Charissa Zuerlein plays the baritone at the Columbus Days Parade.

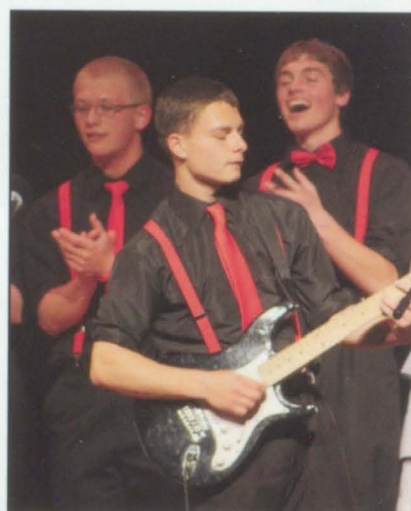
Band In Every Setting.



Sing Loud, Sing Proud.



Freshman Adam Smith, juniors Jacob Nienaber, Ian Ostdiek, and freshman Cole Harrington sing along with seniors Sarah Legler, Paige Lyons, and Hannah Harrington. (far right) Freshman Brady Przymus, junior Bre Walker, and senior Carrie Bartholomew perform at the vocal concert. (middle) Junior Ian Ostdiek rocks out on his guitar while juniors Dan Strecker and Jacob Nienaber clap. (right) Junior Sam Patocka-Brewster and sophomores Justina Wemhoff and Abby Allen sing.



Shamrock Singers: Looking Good

Even though students must try out to be in Shamrock Singers, it is an elective. It is a group of talented singers who come together and share their love for music.

"I chose to be a part of Shamrock Singers because I have always loved to sing. Being a part of a group where everyone shares the same interests has been amazing," senior Paige Lyons said.

The singers started off this year by not only improving their vocals but upgrading their wardrobe as well. The group ordered new black and white uniforms with red accents.

"The suspenders and bow ties make the guys look awesome, and I love the dresses. We get a ton of compliments from other schools," junior Sam Patocka-Brewster said.

The Shamrock Singers had a successful year finishing with seven superior ratings at the district music competition.

"The highlight of my year was getting a one on my duet with Taylor Wiester, and I was proud of myself for being able to actually sing in front of people," senior Gina Bose said.



"Carrie Bartholomew, because she brings me food and can't say her 'g's."

Jenny Ryan

Sharing Talent.

The Shamrock Singers do much more than just sing at concerts. In the summer they sang at the St. Isidore's Bazaar. The singers use their talent to lead the music at Mass during the school year. The group also shares their talent by performing at nursing homes, such as Meridian Gardens. In the spirit of Christmas, the Shamrock Singers even caroled through the halls.



Seniors Hannah Harrington, Taylor Wiester, Gina Bose, and Craig Ackman cantor at an all school Mass.

"We were on the bus, and we were cold, so we told Danny to shut the window. He broke it, so we froze even more." -- junior Sam Patocka Brewster

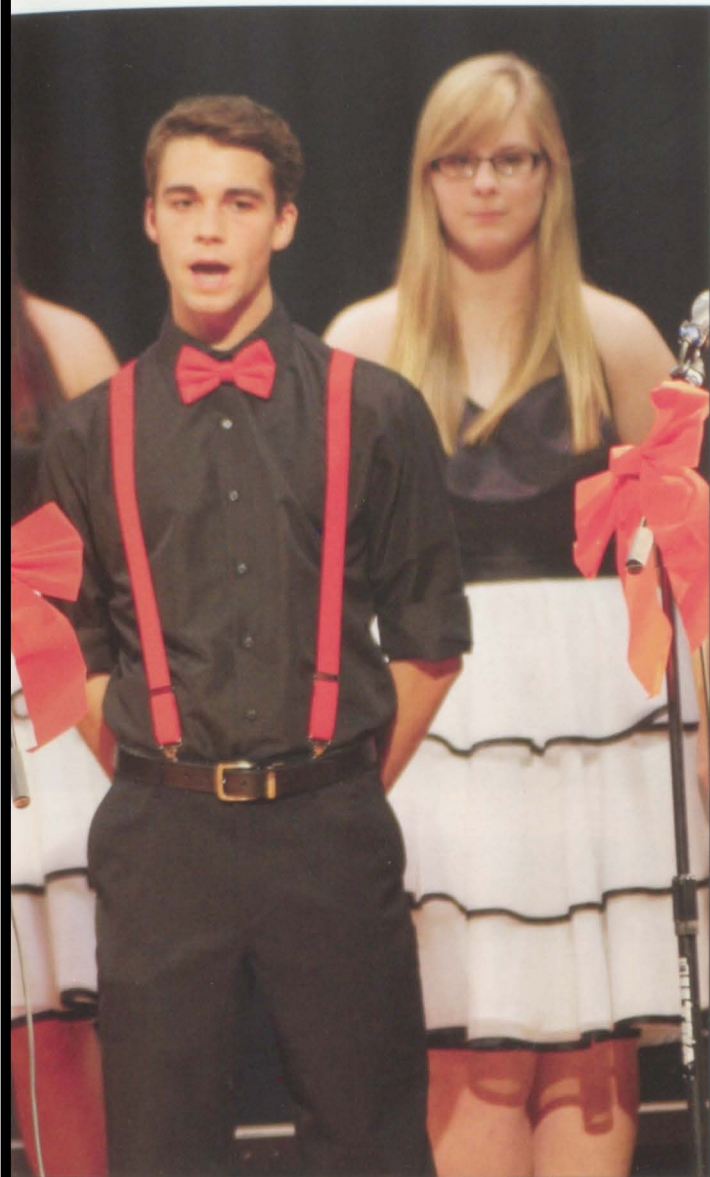
"I was sitting in class with Hannah Krings and laughing so hard that I spit my water all over her." -- junior Bre Walker

"I absolutely love bow ties. I regret getting a regular tie and not a bow tie. They make me look GOOD!" -- senior Craig Ackman

"Sometimes we sing terribly on our bus rides even though we are all supposedly amazing singers." -- senior Justina Wemhoff

"I secretly had my lanyard in our Shamrock Singers group picture." -- sophomore Teddy Paprocki

Music Moments.



All of their voices come together as the Shamrock Singers perform for their friends and family at the vocal music concert.



Seussical:

Center Stage

From trunks, to feathers, to whiskers, this year's Scotus musical came with an array of colors and characters. The production put on by Ms. E.J. Gardner was *Seussical the Musical*. Gardner also produced this musical eight years ago at Scotus. *Seussical* is many Dr. Seuss stories put together into an entertaining musical performance.

The *Seussical* cast was hard at practice from the end of November up until the weekend of February 15, 16, and 17. The cast this year was the largest Scotus has ever had. The cast consisted of 70 members, and 26 of the 70 were seniors. One of the seniors, Taylor Wiester, who played Gertrude McFuzz, was sad to say goodbye to the stage.

"It's crazy to think it's already over, but I have been so blessed being able to participate in the musicals," Wiester said. "It's sad, but I can't wait to come back and watch them in the next couple of years."

Senior Craig Ackman played the lead role as the Cat in the Hat. Ackman's character was witty and quite sarcastic, and Craig was the perfect fit for this part.

"It was fun having a lot of improv moments, and I enjoyed being able to dance a lot too. I also like that I was in a lot of scenes so I could work with just about everyone in the musical."

Young faces stepped up this year and were sure to carry a big role in the musical. Freshman Adam Smith landed one of the leads as JoJo.

"I loved being JoJo. I can relate to him because he is imaginative and not afraid to put himself out there," Smith said.

The cast always loves to see new faces on stage, especially underclassmen.

"If you're considering trying out, do it. Be yourself and have fun," senior Hannah Harrington said. "Trying out my freshman year was definitely one of my greatest decisions, and I do not regret it at all."



The Cat in the Hat, senior Craig Ackman, sings the story of Horton the Elephant to the audience.

A Proposal.



The cast cheers as junior Dan Strecker asks senior Taylor Wiester to Prom after the final performance.

"The musical had quite the surprise ending this year. Dan Strecker, playing the character of Horton the Elephant, came out from backstage holding a bouquet of flowers and a balloon with "Prom?" handwritten on it. He then got the attention of Taylor Wiester, who played Ms. Gertrude McFuzz, and proceeded to read her a short poem he had written:

"I got you three roses
Because you were such an amazing bird.
I have a question,
And all I need is one word.
I have a proposal,
And it's not on one knee.
Will you be my girlfriend,
And go to Prom with me?"



"Being a guy was fun. I got to wear comfy clothes, a wig, I had a beard, and on the last day I wore my earrings like cool guys today do."

Alyssa Foltz

The Principles.

Horton the Elephant:
Dan Strecker.



Gertrude McFuzz:
Taylor Wiesler.



Mayzie LaBird
Hannah Harrington.



Sour Kangaroo:
Sara Legler.



Mr. & Mrs. Mayor:
Teddy Paprocki & Lauren Kuta.



General Schmitz:
Derek Lahm.



JoJo:
Adam Smith.

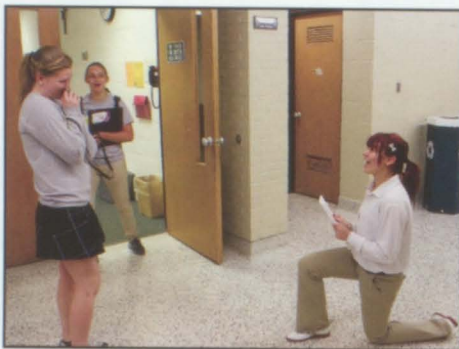


A few of the bird girls, seniors Vanessa Cox, Annie Zeller, Katelyn Baumgart, and Claire Fuscher help to narrate the story.



The Wickersham Brothers, senior Austin Wendt, juniors Jacob Nienaber and Ian Ostliek, and sophomore Joe Sonderman mock Horton, junior Dan Strecker, for believing there are whos on his clover. (above) The cadets, freshmen Dana Hoppe, Paul Swape, Tanner Spencer, Cole Harrington, Brady Przymus, and sophomore Grant Lahm, march onto stage after the "Butter Battle."

Heroes & Dragons.



Sophomore Carly Cremers gets down on one knee to sing to Shannon Spulak. (above) Sophomore Abby Allen sings to Mrs. Rambour. The inductees had to write a song about someone they appreciate.

(right) Senior Craig Ackman and junior Ian Ostdiek play motionless heroes as part of their initiation for Thespians.



Thespians: Heroes & Villains

Heroes and villains was the theme this year for Thespians. Throughout the week inductees answered interview questions, posed inside the display case on second floor, and recited the Thespian motto. To become an inductee, Scotus students must be involved in some sort of fine arts activity.

Sophomore Teddy Paprocki said, "I was involved in plays and music, but mostly I just had to use my charm and witty banter to woo them."

There were many enjoyable aspects about Thespian week for the inductees.

"I enjoyed the hopes of doughnuts at the end of the week the most... then there weren't any," junior Carly Burkhardt said.

Throughout the week the inductees were instructed to perform a task. To be initiated, they had to do the task well.

Senior Craig Ackman said, "There were meetings every morning, dressing up in the box, interviews, making a sock puppet, pictures with every current member, and writing a song about someone you appreciate."

With all these activities, many memorable moments occurred.

"Mrs. Russer leaped in front of everybody who was in the window to make them laugh. That devilish Mrs. Russer. Oh, and Jackson's song to Mr. Lahm," sophomore Carly Cremers said.

At the end of the week the Thespian group inducted twelve new members who will now live out their motto: "Act well thy part, and there in all honor lie."



"Optimus Prime because he is a kick butt robot."

Carly Burkhardt

Spring Play: "Sir Saddlesore & The Dragon"

Once upon a time senior Carrie Bartholomew and junior Phil Levos wanted to direct a play. They came up with the idea of producing a fairy tale. The fairy tale was the story of "Sir Saddlesore and the Dragon." Unlike most fairy tales, though, the characters in the story were not the typical fairy tale characters.

Sophomore Carly Cremers played the character of Princess Julie.

"My character is Princess Julie. She has a strict king father who locks her in a tower so she doesn't fall in love. She's not your typical Disney princess though; she's actually quite stuck up," Cremers said.

Since the play was student directed, it was decided that it could be changed a little to relate to a younger audience.

"The play is intended to be a comedy for younger audiences. This year's cast has quite a few new members that have major roles in the play," director Phil Levos said.

The spring play had a much smaller cast. Even though it was smaller, it was sometimes hard to get everyone together because of other activity conflicts.

"At times, it was hard to practice when people were involved in other activities. This was a talented bunch of kids who were creative and contributed their ideas. They worked hard to make sure that even though they were gone, they knew their part and practiced hard when they knew they couldn't always be there," junior Jenny Ryan said.

The spring play is a switch up from most plays.

Carrie Bartholomew said, "Being the student director is pretty cool. It's a new

experience, and I was excited to switch things up because usually I am in the plays, and Phil is up in the tech booth."

The play was performed for the grade schools and also for the public, and the cast lived happily ever after.

(left) Sophomore Dana Hoppe plays the part of the king. (below) Senior Lauren Kuta frantically hides behind a bush.



Sophomore Carly Cremers and senior Derek Lahm smile for the audience while performing in the spring play.

(above) Freshman Olivia Rath acts her part in "Sir Saddlesore and the Dragon."

Going Head To Head.



Junior Jacob Nienaber portrays various fairytale characters in his humorous speech. (top right) Junior Emily Allen explains surrealism in her informative speech. Her persuasive speech qualified for state. (bottom right) Sophomore Jainaha Sriksumar accepts her medal at districts. (top) Junior Carly Burkhardt exaggerates putting on mascara in duet acting. (middle) Sophomore Carly Cremers presents a collection of poetry.



Speech Team: Talk the Talk

In speech it is not enough to simply talk the talk. Speech is a very subjective competition, and the outcome depends on the opinion of a single judge. It is easy for competitors to miss the mark even with hours of practice. Knowing this, members of the Scotus speech team worked hard to prepare their speeches.

"I practiced a lot by writing my speech from memory. It helps me to keep it memorized well, and then I can focus more on delivery," sophomore Jainaha Sriksumar said.

The team shared the glory when it came to medaling. At the district meet held at Wayne High School, 10 out of the 18 Scotus entries broke to finals. Junior Emily Allen and Sriksumar both qualified for the state competition. Allen for her persuasive speech about political correctness and Sriksumar for her humorous about the downfalls of America. State was held on the University of Nebraska Kearney campus.

"Everyone expected me to qualify in my informative, so when that didn't happen, I was pretty disappointed. I was surprised I got first at districts in persuasive. It was pretty epic," Allen said.

Both girls were ranked fourth and fifth in their rounds, keeping them from moving on to the final round at state. Even though only two students went to state, there is more to speech than medaling.

"You grow closer to your Scotus friends while making lots of new friends, and you improve your speaking skills at the same time," junior Jackson Prokrupek said.



"I saw a person shoot a spitball out of his nose, and it hit his friend in the face."

Jackson Prokupek

Saying Goodbye.

Ms. Ploetz was the speech team coach for five years. Over that time, she made great improvements to the speech program at Scotus. Writing and cutting scripts, listening to countless speeches, and giving up her Saturdays, Ms. Ploetz went above and beyond as a coach. No one appreciates this more than the speech team members.

"Looking back at everything Ms. Ploetz has done for the team, taking it from 2 to 20 people, I realize how much she is going to be missed, and how much we rely on her as a team," junior Emily Allen said.

Unfortunately this was Ms. Ploetz's last year at Scotus, but the influence she had as a speech coach will continue to help her students.



Ms. Ploetz smiles for a picture as she finishes her last grades before moving back to New York.



Mock Trial: Facing Off

Public speaking, role play, and an understanding of the legal system are all requirements for a good mock trial team. These are high demands for any student, especially when competing against fellow classmates. After studying and preparing the case, two of the four Scotus teams were pitted against each other in the final round at the district competition.

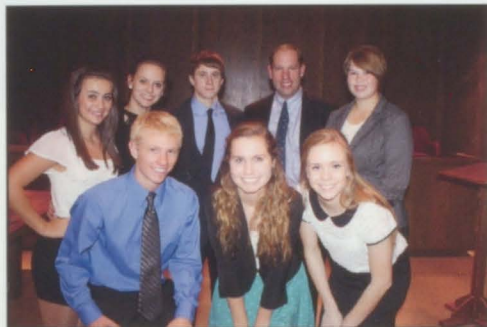
"District competition brought on the butterflies for me because there was so much pressure to get to state," senior attorney Katelyn Baumgart said.

Scotus had four mock trial teams this year. The junior mock trial team finished in second place at districts. The other Scotus team made up of a mix of seniors and juniors went on to qualify for state.

"At State, the competition was intense. You could tell that all the teams were there to win, and they were going to put up a fight," said Kuta.

The Scotus team had no trouble stepping up and holding their own against the tough competition finishing better than last year.

"It was a really nice outcome. Scotus placed eighth last year so we felt it was a big improvement for us to get fifth this year," said senior attorney Austin Wendt.



The freshman team: Allie Johnson, Jessica Lahm, Lydia Schaecher, Sara Schumacher, Hannah Thomazin, Ryan Mustard, Brady Przymus, and Amy Heusinkvelt pose for a picture. (Top) Senior Carrie Bartholomew, juniors Val Borer and Carly Burkhardt, senior Austin Wendt, junior Payton Chohan, and seniors Katelyn Baumgart and Lauren Kuta smile after qualifying for State Mock Trial. (Middle) The members of the junior team included Alycia Alt, Lyzz Smith, Peter Dolezal, Emily Allen, Zach Jepsen, Brooke Olmer, and Kristen Ohnoutka.

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Humorous
It is in the
back

What is your favorite cheer?

Rowdy Dowdies.

(right) Senior Jake Huss ends the roller coaster with a bang.

(below) The Rowdy Dowdies point at senior Jake Gilson who is taking the picture. The marker board reads, "Ay Yo Gillie."

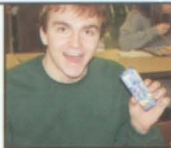
(bottom) The students of the Rowdy Dowdy section participate in the Roller Coaster at a home volleyball game.



The Rowdy Dowdies cheer on the girls' cross country team as they prepare for the start of the race. The Dowdies made fan signs in support of the cross country team.

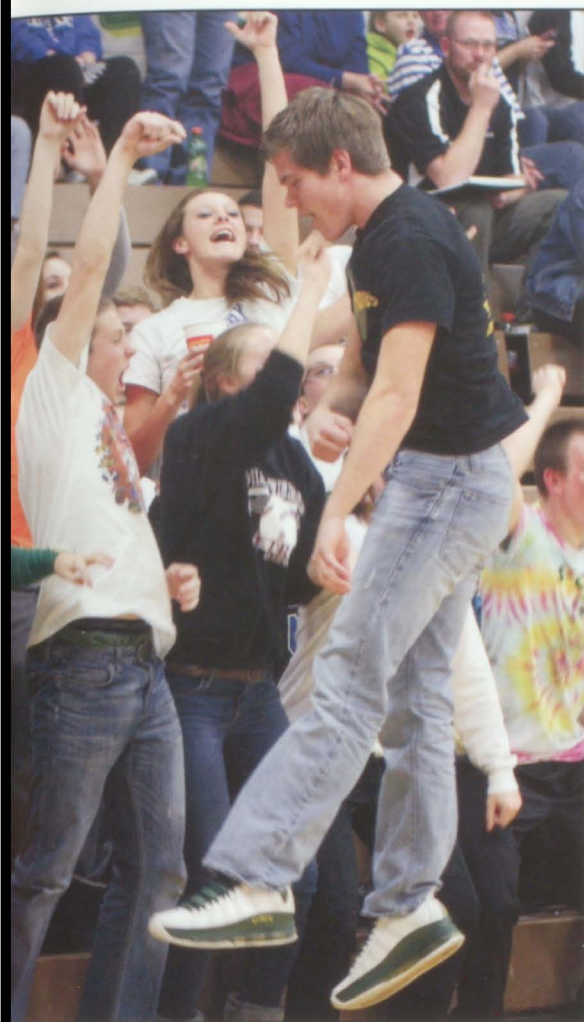
The Rowdy Dowdies are supportive of all activities. 115 students made their way to Kearney to support the boys and girls at State Cross Country. The Rowdy Dowdies cheered the girls' cross country team all the way to first place.





"Where ya going? Nowhere!"

Kevin Donoghue



The student section roars in applause for the volleyball girls at State Volleyball.

School Spirit: Sportsmanship Award

This year the Scotus Rowdy Doudies cheered their hearts out at State Volleyball. Their creative cheers, marker boards, and loud voices won them the Sportsmanship Award for Class C1. At the winter pep rally, Coach Petersen told the students how deserving they were of the award.

"All the way from the band to the cheerleaders to the students to the parents and fans, they were very deserving of the award," Petersen said.

One of the judges for the sportsmanship award approached Mr. Petersen after the first round at state.

He said, "Your student body was incredible. I have never seen anything like it before." Mr. Petersen knew then that that school had a good chance at winning the award. Mr. Linder and Mr. Swanson were given the opportunity to accept the award.

Mr. Swanson said, "It felt pretty good to accept the award knowing that we got last place last year."

Both Mr. Linder and Mr. Swanson felt the Doudies were deserving of the award as well. Mr. Linder said, "The student section was phenomenal. That was echoed not just by our building, but a lot of people came up to us and said, 'Your kids are having so much fun!'"



Mr. Linder and Mr. Swanson pose for the picture after accepting the Sportsmanship Award.

Real Men Wear Green.

A Night of Laughter:

Mr. Shamrock

The Mr. Shamrock pageant once again graced Memorial Hall Gym with its presence after taking a year off. Senior student council member Kara Moore was one of the hosts of Mr. Shamrock this year.

"Last year, there were not enough willing participants to put on the show. This year, the senior boys were great sports, and it all turned out really well," Moore explained.

The student council tried out something new this year having the show on a Sunday night instead of the usual Monday. The change worked out really well as more people were able to attend.

"This year we had the biggest turnout we have ever had. It was definitely the most well attended. I think that from now on, we will try to keep it on a Sunday," student council sponsor Joan Lahn said.

Most of the contestants had numerous talents and outfits, differing from more serious past years. There was also a lot of outside help from classmates, friends, and family members of the contestants.

"Those guys really put themselves out there for our entertainment, and it was really great," added Spanish teacher Gail Bomar. Bomar had never been able to attend a Mr. Shamrock show before, due to Monday night conflicts. "It lived up to everything I thought it would be. Even my husband enjoyed it. He doesn't know those kids like I do, so for him to enjoy it really meant something. It was extremely entertaining. Very, very fun."

There were a total of ten senior boys who participated in this year's show. There were three categories that the contestants were judged on: talent, interview, and a "catch that dream girl" outfit. The judging panel consisted of a diverse handful of people. Homecoming queen Christine Reiners was a judge, along with Sweetheart queen, Alyssa Foltz. The other judges were Fr. Roza, Mrs. Schaad, Sandi Fisher, and former Mr. Shamrock, Levi Gasper.

Taylor Johnson took the crown, and Kevin Donoghue came in at a close second. All the proceeds collected went to the Simon House, Johnson commented.

"Winning Mr. Shamrock means that I can look back and remember that in high school I won something important."



And the Contestants Are...



The 2013 Mr. Shamrock Contestants were Craig Ackman, Nathan Schacher, Kevin Donoghue, Austin Wendt, Sam Thalke, Jake Huss, Taylor Johnson, Jake Gilson, Lahn, and Brandon Hahn.



"The fan in my parents' room is the biggest fan in my house."

Jake Huss

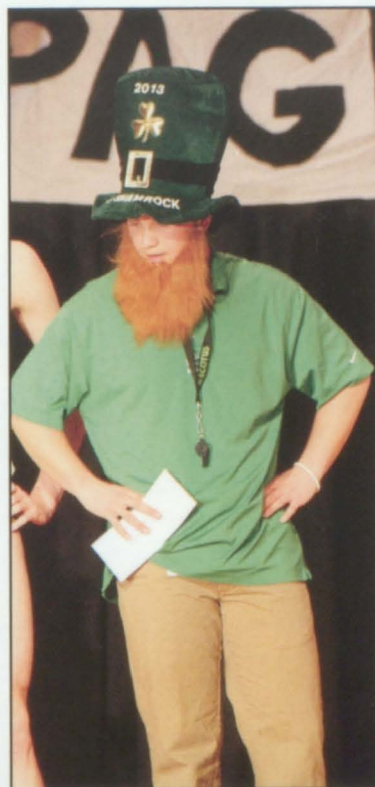
A Winner Is Crowned.

(far left) Taylor Johnson gives a witty response to a question during the interviewing portion of the show.

(left) After being crowned with an Irish beard and hat, Johnson lets his title of Mr. Shamrock sink in.

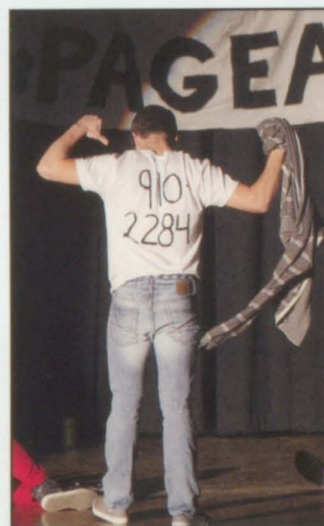
(below left) Jake Huss tears his sweatshirt off at the end of his talent performance to advertise Craig Ackman's phone number.

(below) Kevin Donoghue sails across the stage on his roller blades.

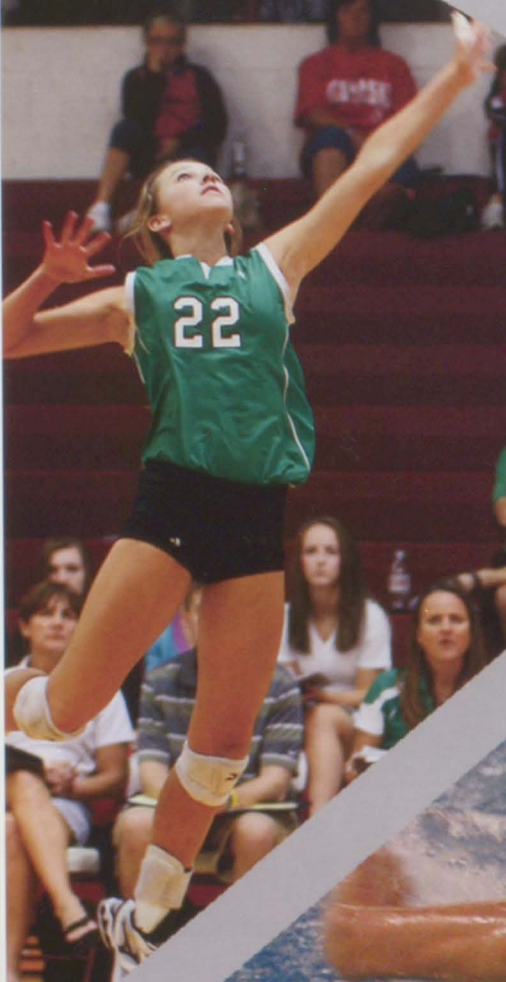
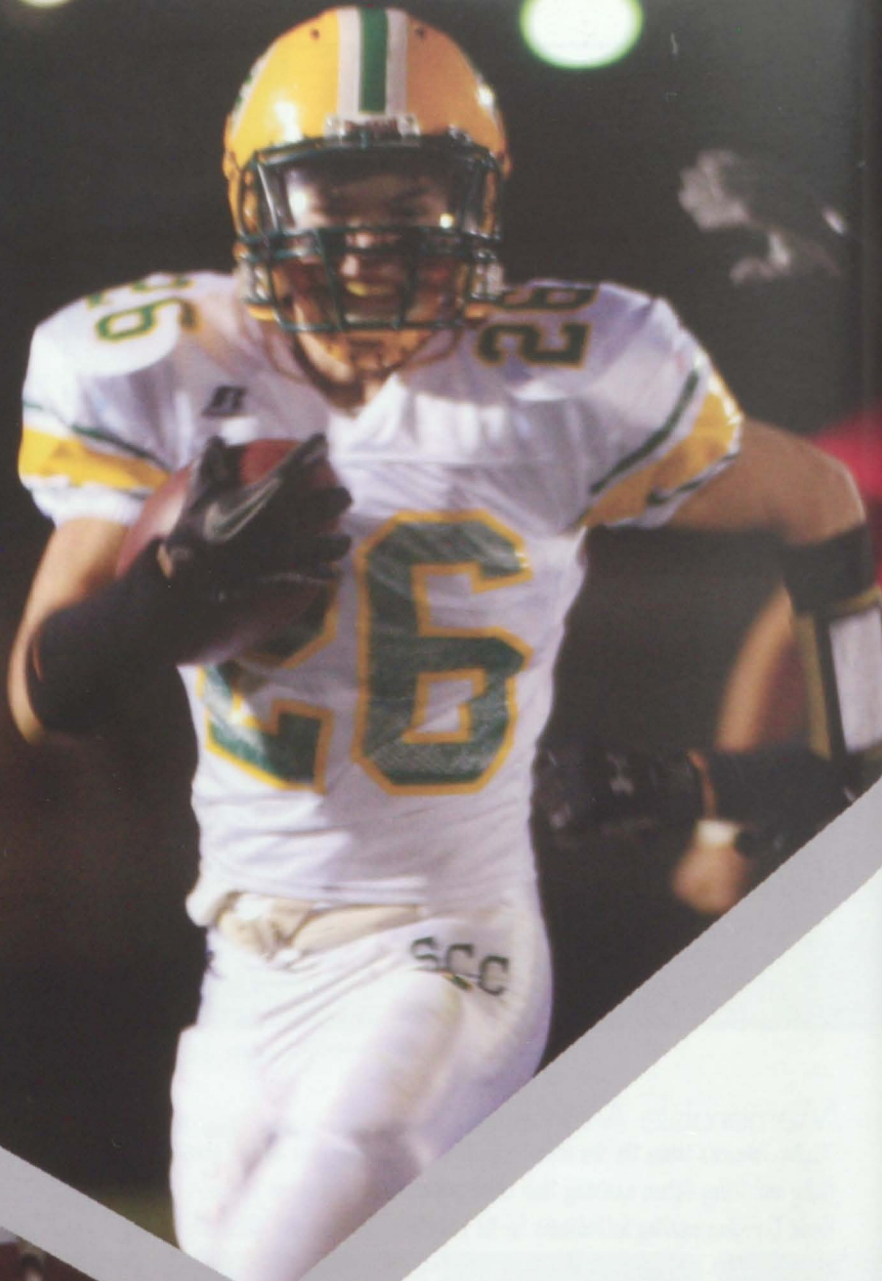
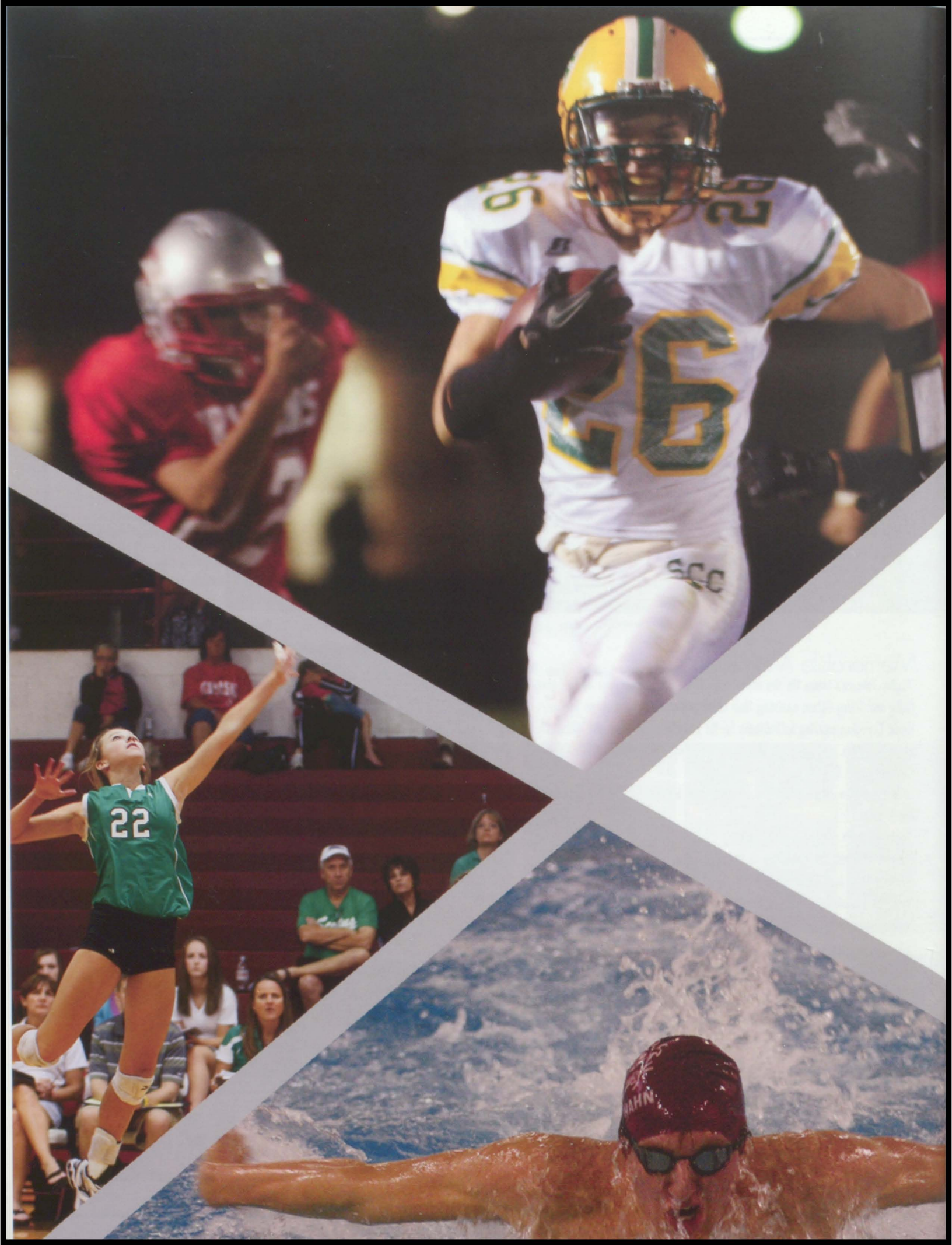


Memorable Moments

- Taylor Johnson's Under the Sea ballet adventure. "How many legs do you have? 8!"
- Colby and Riley Gilson assisting their older brother, Jake, in a dance routine.
- Kevin Donoghue wearing rollerblades for the majority of the show and gracefully sailing across the stage. At one point, he stated, "I'm going to be honest with you guys, I'm being paid to do this."
- Nathan Schacher dropping it like it was hot while his bread took a painful amount of time to toast.
- Taylor Johnson very accurately depicting Coach Roger Kreinke. "Boys, Boys, Boys"
- Joe Warth making an appearance in almost everyone's talent.
- Brandon Hahn in a Speedo.
- Sam Thalben winging the entire show.
- Craig Ackman bringing in all the ladies with his tear-jerking guitar performance.
- Jake Huss's striking resemblance to J-Biebs, and his display of Craig Ackman's phone number on the back of his t-shirt.
- All of the parents appreciating Derek Lahm's interpretation of Steve Martin's "King Tut".
- Austin Wendt quoting Mr. Monfeld's motto, "What I'm doing right now is the most memorable thing I'll do all year."



All ten contestants hold hands as they wait nervously for the winner to be announced.

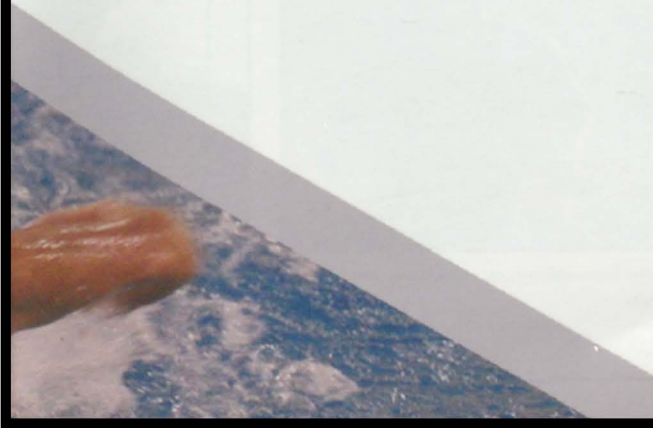




EXCEED.

*"The rewards for those who persevere
far exceed the pain that must precede
the victory."*

-Ted W. Engstrom



What is one thing that goes through your head during a race?

Finishing On Top.



Front Row: Morgan Benesch, Jessica Schaecher, Kelsey Kessler, Brooke Olmer
 Second Row: Carly Fehringer, Itzel Chilapa, Callie Sokol, Jaimee Beavais, Alyson Stuart
 Third Row: Lydia Schaecher, Shelby Beller, Mikayla Gasper, Shayla Wieser, Tessa Stuart, Catherine Swope, Emily Fehringer, Gabi Paczosa, Jessica Lahm

Girls' Cross Country:
 State Champs

After several years of almost, the Scotus girls' cross country team finally got to call themselves champions. For the seniors, it was something they had been striving for since freshmen year.

Senior Morgan Benesch, who not only received first place medal as a team, also came in second, earning herself another medal.

"This season was the best of my four years," Benesch said.

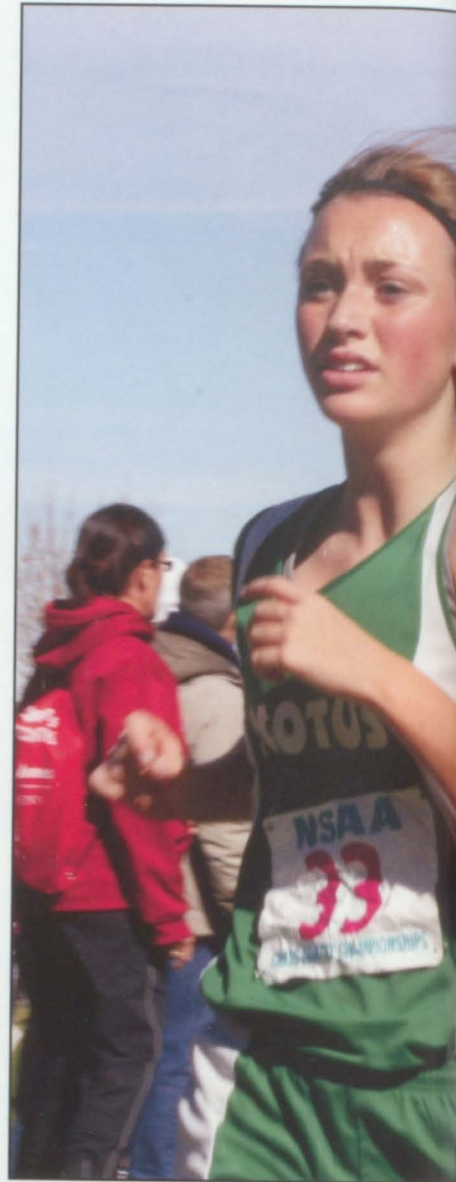
Sophomore Carly Fehringer, new to the team and Scotus, started in JV and moved herself up to the third runner on varsity.

"It was an unreal experience to be able to hold the trophy and say that you contributed," Fehringer said.

Junior Brooke Olmer, who was an alternate for the varsity team, enjoyed how close the girls' team became.

"We always laughed a lot and had fun at meets. Especially when we intermixed with boys on other teams," Olmer said.

The girls' cross country team proved to have a successful year with a record of 118-1. Not only did varsity win first place at State, but the JV team also came in first place at every meet. The girls' team gained many new runners and each contributed in the success of the year.



Sophomore Kelsey Kessler runs at State in Kearney.



Junior Mikayla Gasper finishes at the Lakeview meet.



Sophomore Jaimee Beauvais runs past a Lakeview competitor at the Scotus Invite.



Freshman Alyson Stuart races at the Lutjulusche course.



"The song "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" is stuck in my head every race."

Mikayla Gasper

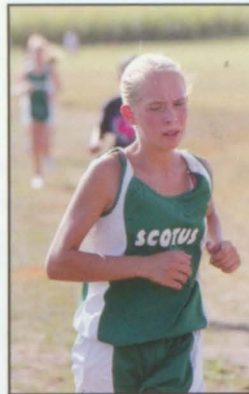
Senior Morgan Benesch finishes the State race in 2nd place.



Senior Catherine Swope competes at the Lutjelusche course.



Senior Tessa Stuart finishes the Lakeview meet.



Senior Shayla Wieser runs at the State meet in Kearney.



State Champions.

Front row: Brooke Olmer, Shayla Wieser, Morgan Benesch, Jessica Schaecher
Back row: Coach Sokol, Kelsey Kessler, Jessica Lahm, Carly Fehringer, Coach Lahm

Quotes.

"It's booty thug" -- Mikayla Gasper

"OMG guys, We look so slick." --Jessica Schaecher

"Wanna go eat at Steak and Stack?" --Carly Fehringer "newgirlprobs"

"ALWAYS walk, NEVER go up the wall." --Seniors

"When Fort Calhoun told us we had the best hair out of anyone at State." --Morgan Benesch

"You're going to need these miles for October 19th." --Coach Lahm

"I tried to crowd surf on the bus one time..." --Brooke Olmer

"You are my idol." --Kelsey Kessler

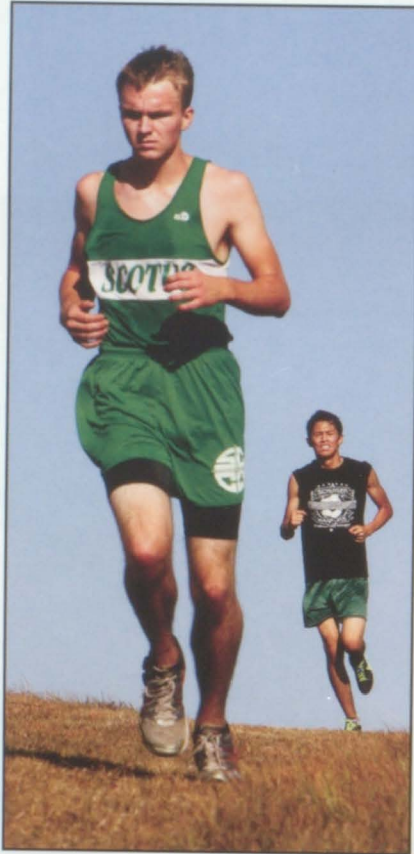
"I don't listen to rap music, but when I run, I am a hardcore gangster." --Catherine Swope



Junior Gabi Paczosa smiles while running at Lutjelusche.

Giving Everything.

(right) Junior Alex Lyons pushes ahead of the other runners. Freshmen Jared Hanson and Paul Swope follow close behind, focusing on getting yet another personal best for the year.
 (below) Senior Kevin Donoghue continues to stretch out the distance between him and his opponent at the Scotus' home course at Lutjelusche.
 (below right) Freshmen Victor Carral and Cody Siemek run side by side to get through the long 3.1 mile race at the Boone Central Invitational.



(above) Junior Ivan Chilapa and sophomore Eduardo Lopez work on keeping their places at the Lakeview Invitational. Chilapa finished first place, while Lopez finished in second.
 (left) Senior Sam Thalken and Kevin Donoghue, junior Jacob Nienaber, and sophomores Eduardo Lopez and Adam Smith shoot down the hill after hearing the starting gun go off. The boys got runner-up at the district meet in Albion.



"Listening to the upper classmen, including the boys, singing Taylor Swift songs."

Eduardo Lopez

Boys' Cross Country: Pushing Hard 'til the End

After coming off a great season last year, the boys' cross country team had big shoes to fill.

"Just the feeling of coming off a state championship and the feeling that I had to step up as not only a teammate, but as a runner as well, I think that pushed me to be not only a better runner, but a better teammate in the way of wanting the best possible out of every single boy and girl on our team," junior Jacob Nienaber said.

The boys put a lot of hard work and sweat into becoming the team that they turned out to be. This year's team was led by junior Ivan Chilapa, a returning state competitor.

"The boys' varsity team went above what was expected of them," Chilapa said.

A lot of hard work goes into the season in order for the runners to be as good as they can be. When it comes time for the state meet, the most important thing is to be prepared.

"The workouts at practice really challenge us to be the best we can be. They push us really hard and make us work at a high rate," junior Peter Dolezal said.

Head cross country coach, Merlin Lahm, was Nebraska coach of the year. He was behind all of the workouts at practice.

"Mr. Lahm seems to have a mathematical equation for every run we do. He has the whole season planned out, and he really knows how to improve our running abilities in a short amount of time," senior Sam Thalben said.

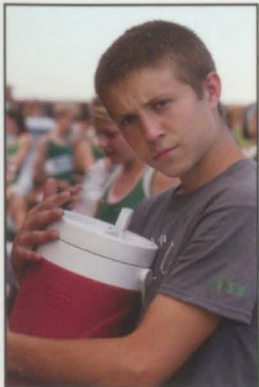
Teammates help push other teammates to try and run their best during practice and on meet days. There is always a little bit of friendly competition among teammates.

"Even though we're all on the same team, we all try and compete with each other. You try to beat someone who you didn't beat in the meet before. You always want to keep moving up," senior Jon Hanson said.

With the motivation and competition at its peak, the boys ran at districts getting 2nd place, sending them to Kearney for the State Meet. The varsity runners ended up 11th in the State Meet with their season coming to an end, and bringing their overall team record to 93-34.

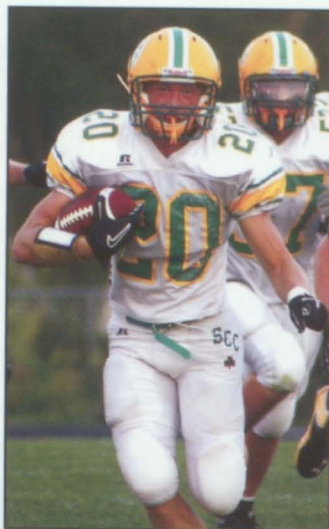


We Love Water.



Senior Jon Hanson poses with a cross country runner's best friend, water. Juniors Peter Dolezal and Alex Lyons quench their thirst while trying to keep up their pace. Freshmen Mason Brändenburg and Jared Hanson have a different way of getting back in the race by having water dumped on them.

Team Unity.



Senior Derek Lahm keeps the football and makes a run during a home game against David City Scouts, while senior Jake Gilson runs the ball during the David City Aquinas football game. (right) Senior Nick Pandorf tears up the field as he runs the ball against the Grand Island Central Catholic Crusaders.

Football: One Unified Team

The Scotus football team had one goal in mind this season: compete every game. With a tough schedule ahead of them, team unity was key. The senior football players attended a leadership class which helped strengthen their leadership, as well as bring the team closer together. Leading the Shamrocks were senior captains Jake Huss, Derek Lahm, Nick Pandorf, and Austin Wendt.

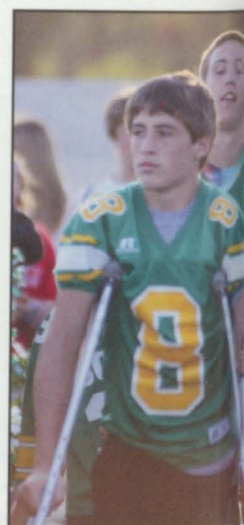
Pandorf commented, "We were a lot more unified and had better leadership. I was a lot more confident with myself this year compared to last year's season."

The team had to overcome one major obstacle though, and that was injuries. The injuries ranged from concussions to sprained ankles to torn ACL's and MCL's. With these injuries, the Shamrocks continued to compete to the best of their abilities.

"You overcome injuries by depth. We had depth at certain positions, others we didn't. The way to overcome depth is to become more physical in the weight room. 'Become bigger, faster, and stronger,' head coach Roger Krienneke stated.

The Shamrocks ended the season with a record of 3-6. This may not be a winning record, but when it comes down to it, the players won't remember their record, but rather what they took away from Scotus football.

"I am going to miss the whole high school football atmosphere. Nothing compares to breaking out of that tunnel and rushing out in front of the home fans," senior Jake Huss said.





"Coach Krienke, of course."

Jacob Ruskamp

The offensive line and seniors Nick Pandorf, Austin Wendt, and Kyle Bork look at their wrist bands before making an offensive play.



(below) Senior Jake Huss and sophomore Tony Duren run the football against the David City Scouts.



Pregame Rituals/Superstitions.

"I wouldn't talk to anyone 30 minutes before the game." -- senior Brook Frewing

"I always tried to look like a 'G' on the field, so accessories were very important to me."

-- senior Jake Huss

"I had a footlong meatball sub with two chocolate chip cookies and a lemon lime gatorade. I had to have this meal." -- senior Austin Wendt

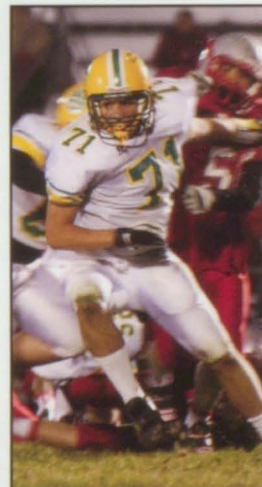
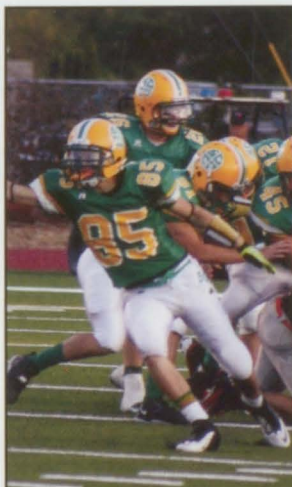
"I would shave my head every Sunday, so by Friday my hair would grow, and my helmet would be perfectly tight on my head." -- senior Nate Schaecher

"I don't have any superstitions. That stuff is all in your head. If something bad happens that is just luck not because of something you did." -- senior Kyle Bork

"I always put my right shoe on first, then tie the left one first." -- senior Jake Gilson

"I would always take my inhaler before every game." -- senior Nick Pandorf

"I would always take Nick's inhaler before every game." -- senior Derek Lahm



(left) Senior Adam Strecker makes a tackle against Wahoo Newman. (right) senior Kyle Bork breaks a tackle against the Madison Bulldogs.

(from left) Senior Taylor Johnson crutches along the sideline before a game. Sophomore Christian Stutzman crutches through a fan tunnel before a home game. Senior Jake Huss is helped off the field by Randy Perault after an injury.



Just Keep Swinging.

Girls Golf:
A Season of Success

Some teams depend on an all-star player to carry them through their season. The Scotus girls golf team, however, fielded a team full of dominant players. They shared the spotlight, challenged each other, and had fun competing together.

Junior Kate Rambour, the third varsity golfer, ended up being the top finisher for the Shamrocks at their first meet. She received 5th place at Jackrabbit Run in Grand Island. She scored a 91, which was a new best score for her. Rambour was not the only golfer setting new personal bests. At the Aurora Invite, junior Amy Price shot an 86 tying two other golfers for 1st place. The meet ended with a play off between the three girls to decide a winner. After three holes, Price came out with the win.

"Even though I was playing for an individual medal, my team played a big part. They were going crazy cheering after every shot, and I just played off their excitement," Price said.

The whole team played well at the Oakland Craig Invite. For the first time all five varsity players medaled. Emily Allen took 1st place with a score of 91. Amy Price placed 2nd with a score of 96, Nieve Johnson placed 5th with a score of 99, Kate Rambour finished 7th with a score of 100, and Abby Allen placed 15th with a score of 108.

"The Oakland Craig Invite was a big deal. Our team won first and all five of us medaled. It was the first time I medaled in the top 15 which meant a lot to me," sophomore Abby Allen said.

This year district golf was at Plainview, a course the girls do not usually play during their regular season. They received third place as a team, which qualified them for the state tournament at Quail Run.

"Everything we accomplished this year we did as a team and that included qualifying for state," Price said.

Playing state on their home course was a unique experience. The girls will have a chance to repeat their success next year and qualify for state on their home course again.

"I think we did really well this year and have a lot to be proud of. I am excited to see what we can accomplish next year since our full varsity will be returning players," Emily Allen said.



(far left) Sophomore Abby Allen holds her finish as she tees off at the Shamrock Invite. (left) The girls proudly display their medals from the Aurora Invite. The team showed what they were made of by taking second in that meet.



"Putter, you can't play golf without it."

Abby Allen

(top) Senior Carrie Bartholomew lines up her put. (middle) Junior Kate Rambour chips onto the green at Quail Run. (bottom) Junior Emily Allen, sophomore Nieve Johnson, and junior Kate Rambour smile for a picture after they finish their state rounds.



The girls golf team kicked off their season by coming together as a team. The whole team went to Ashland, NE and went through a high ropes course.

Junior Emily Allen said, "Golf may be considered an individual sport, but from this trip we learned that it is important to all come together as a team. A good individual score and playing well as a team can be the difference between a good season and an awesome one."

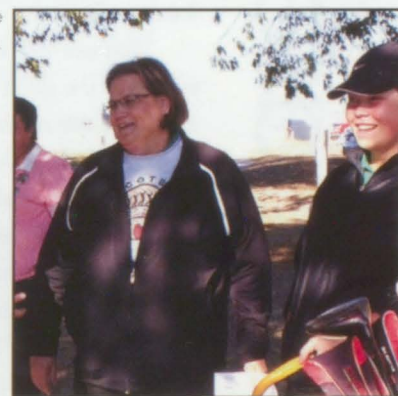
Sophomores Jordan Engel, Abby Allen, and Nieve Johnson wait to take on the course. Senior Carrie Bartholomew secures her helmet. The whole team poses for a picture before they start the high rope challenge.



(right) Coach Niebalski and junior Emily Allen share a laugh while waiting for the District meet to start.

Coach's Comments.

"It was an exciting season with a lot of girls stepping up to lead the team in various meets. With no one dominant player, the girls realized they all had to contribute at every meet. We will graduate one senior, Carrie Bartholomew. This year's five varsity starters, all underclassmen, return next year. Our JV players will hopefully give them some competition for the five starting spots next year," Coach Niebalski said.



(from left) Freshman Megan Parker shows off her chipping skills. Sophomore Jordan Engel putts on the green at the Shamrock's home course. Sophomore Nieve Johnson watches her shot during the Shamrock Invite. Freshman Leah Enquist works on her chipping at practice.

Bases Loaded.



(above) The in-field meets together before the start of the inning. (right) Senior Annie Zeller waits for the pitcher to release the ball.

CHS Softball: Growing Pains

The Columbus High Discoverers' 2012 softball team had the talent, skills, and heart but could not quite put it all together. The year started off great with success and victories. As the season took off, more games were worked into the schedule leaving less time for practice.

"There were some areas where we needed help, but because of a certain amount of practices left, we didn't get to work on them," senior Annie Zeller said. "It was also difficult towards the end of the year when we were all tired and stressed out."

Together on the varsity, junior varsity, and reserve teams, there were eleven Scotus girls. Senior Allison Smith was the only returning varsity player for Scotus. She was joined by senior Annie Zeller, juniors Teresa Tremel and Jenny Ryan, and freshmen Maddie Hahn and Savannah Robertson.

"There were several new members to varsity this year. Many of the starters were freshmen," Smith said. "Having such young, inexperienced players on the team made some games and practices difficult, but they were a great help when it came down to it."

Aside from the difficulties, the CHS varsity softball team ended with a 10-23 record, which hardly shows the hard work and dedication all the girls put forward.



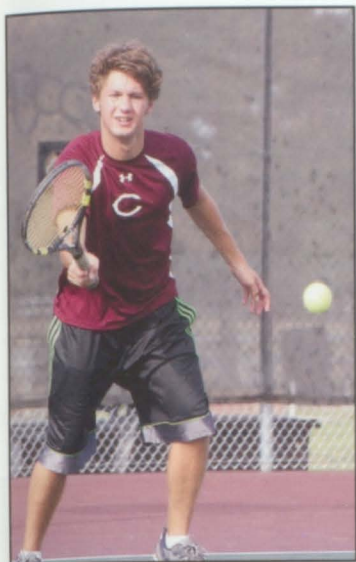
(above) Freshman Maddie Hahn throws the ball back to the pitcher during a home game. (right) Senior Allison Smith looks back a runner at a home tournament.





"This may sound gross, but we drew a big circle in the dirt, hacked up a big loogie, and let it fly"

Allison Smith



(left) Senior Ian Robak hits the ball to his opponent during a home match. (below) Sophomore Noah Schacher gets ready to return the ball over the net at a home duel.



CHS Boys' Tennis: Serving It Up

This year the CHS Discoverers tennis season was a time for firsts and lasts. It was a time for new titles and accomplishments. The team won their first home tournament ever hosted in Discover history. They also won their first duel against Fremont with 5 of 9 matches.

Junior Zach Jepsen said, "It was a fun experience and great practice to get even better for next year. There are several new players and, from what I can tell, we have a lot of valuable experience which will help us next year."

As a co-op sport with Columbus High, there were six Scotus boys on the team. They were seniors Craig Ackman, Dylan Kuta, and Ian Robak, junior Zach Jepsen, sophomore Noah Schacher, and freshman Dana Hoppe.

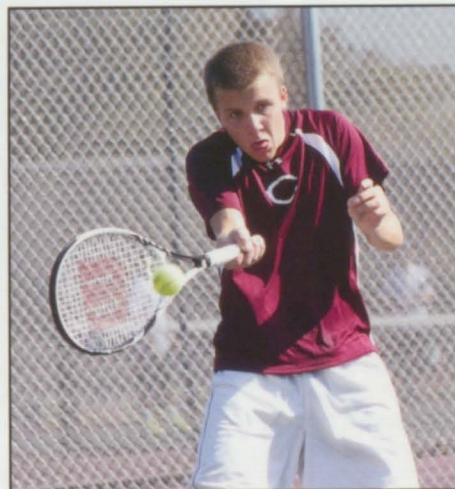
Returning state competitor, Ackman, joined Schacher as they went to state as doubles partners and finished in the first round with a score of 6-0 and 6-3. Fortunately, this last for Ackman happened to be his favorite.

"One of my favorite parts of the season was playing with Noah at State," Ackman stated. "We lost and won matches, but all together it was a great season filled with fun times."

Big Returns.



(left) Senior Craig Ackman tosses a ball into the air for a serve. (below) Senior Dylan Kuta hits the ball.





The bench stands up to celebrate after the team wins a point.



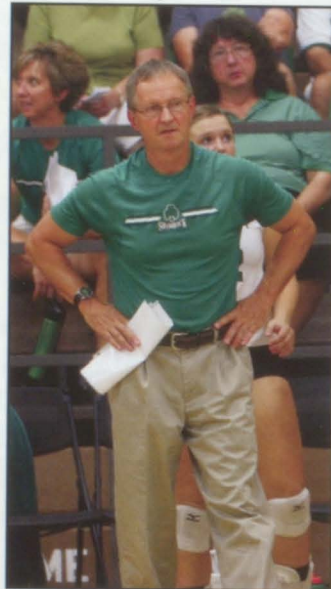
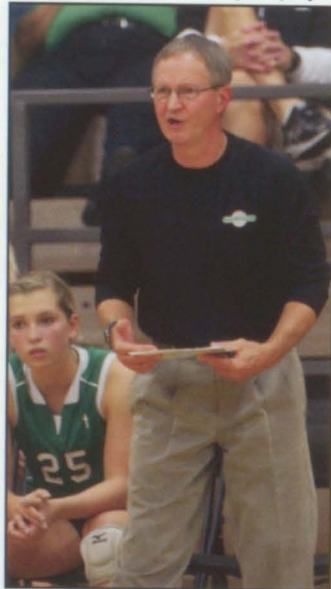
Players celebrate after winning the third set against Kearney Catholic in the state finals.



Junior Carley Foltz and senior Kara Moore celebrate after a play.

Coach John Petersen has coached volleyball for 41 years, and 36 of those years have been at Scotus. Under his direction, the Shamrocks have made an appearance to the state tournament 26 times. Of the 26 times, Scotus has made it to the finals 22 times, winning 15 state championships. This past summer, Coach Petersen received the National Coach of the Year award from the National High School Coaches Athletic Association. Of course, this humble man gives much credit to his assistant coaches and players, but he has built a tradition at Scotus and has become a legend to his volleyball players and the Scotus family.

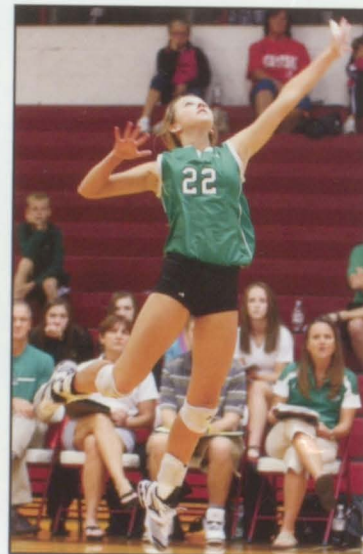
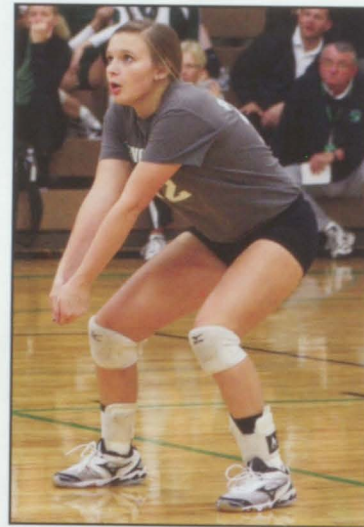
National Coach of the Year.



Famous Sayings of Coach Petersen:

- "You're a big weener!"
- "That's just a lack of effort."
- "You're killing me man!"
- "This is the worst volleyball I've ever seen, and I've been doing this for a long time."
- "Unbelievable."
- "Stay off the net."
- "How can you shank a ball that's right at you?"
- "Errors, errors, errors."
- "My grandma in a wheelchair with three broken wheels can move faster than you."
- "You usually get what you deserve."
- "Ya know, I will always be your biggest critic, but I will also be your biggest fan."

(top) Junior Alli Bos serve receives the ball during a home tournament. (bottom) Junior Carley Foltz jumps to attack the ball on the outside.



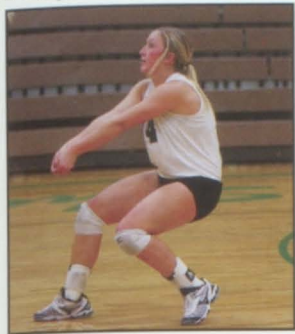
Celebrations.



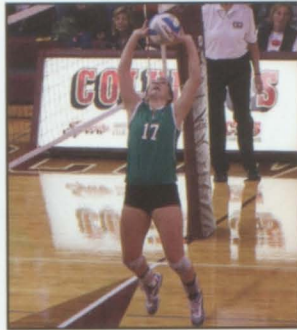
"On a good day, I love the color purple, but sometimes I'm in a black sort of mood."

Kara Moore

Pass. Junior Emily Kosch passes the ball during a home junior varsity game.



Set. Senior Kara Moore jump sets the volleyball during the first subdistrict game.



Hit. Freshman Maeghan Pieper attacks the ball out of the middle.



Block. Senior Kyrsten Wood lines up a block during a home volleyball game.



Volleyball: Finishing Strong

The Shamrocks went into the season with a lot of holes to fill. With only two starters returning and outside hitter Lauran Hellbusch out with a knee injury, the girls had a big challenge ahead of them. With many obstacles confronting the team, the girls ended their season with nothing less than an outstanding year.

"I thought we had a chance to be pretty good, to compete. I would not have predicted us to be 25-4 at the end of the season, especially with Lauran out. We had two new left sides, a freshman in the middle, a new right side, and a new libero in the back, so we had all the reasons in the world to think that we might really struggle," head coach John Petersen said. "Our goal, and it sounded crazy, was to get to the championship match. Once you get to the championship match, you never know what's going to happen."

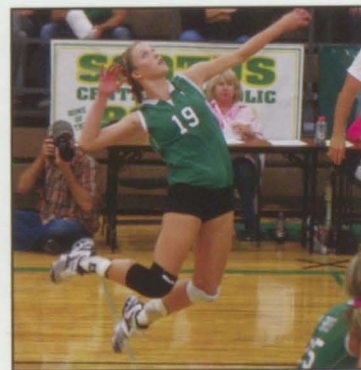
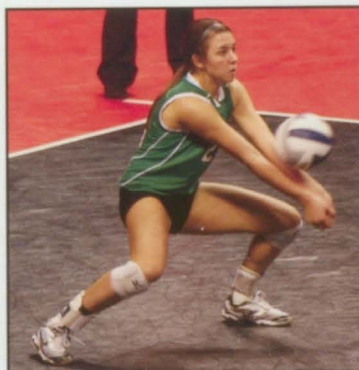
Throughout the season, the team went through some ups and downs. Practices dragged out some days, and the games grew harder and harder. In the end, though, the Shamrocks pulled out to compete at their highest level.

"You want to finish well, and I can't imagine that we could have finished much better. Nobody would have given us a chance to win even one set, yet alone two, and we were right there in the fourth set. Then their [Kearney Catholic's] size got us in the fifth. We competed so well, and we played so hard, and that's what you're looking for. Can you achieve at your highest level," coach Petersen added.

With the season at an end, the players have much to be proud of. They also have many experiences that they will never forget.

"Scotus volleyball is a lot of work, dedication, and time. In the end, it's so worth it. This program has really made me realize how much I like volleyball," junior Emily Kosch said.

Compete.



(left) Junior Payton Chohan tips the ball against Lakeview. (above) Senior Alyssa Foltz digs the ball during the State Championship game against Kearney Catholic. Senior Lauran Hellbusch attacks the ball during her first game back against Omaha Skutt.

Loud and Proud.



(from top) Seniors Morgan Benesch, Hannah Harrington, Hailey Luebe, Katie Breidenbach, and junior Kate Rambour cheer on the sides at a wrestling meet. Senior Kylee Soulliere brings the pep to the rally as they perform to Scotus' fight song. The cheerleaders perform to this at the beginning and end of every pep rally, along with the flag corps. Senior Kylee Soulliere, sophomore Shannon Spulak, and freshman Anna Wickam perform during Jam the Gym at CHS.



The cheer squad gets the crowd pumped up with the "Taco Bell" song. The unique cheer gets everyone excited to watch some football. (above) Junior Kate Rambour gets the crowd back on their feet during a volleyball game.



"We fight, we make up, but we have a great time and work hard."

Shannon Spulak

Cheerleading: We Got Spirit

The many activities the cheerleaders are in every year turns into a full time job for each and every girl. They not only have to cheer at every volleyball game, basketball game, football game, and wrestling meet, but they also have to worry about creating routines for camps, Jam the Gym, and State Cheer. This takes more than just a little bit of dedication brought from everyone.

One of the activities the cheerleaders take part in every year at the very beginning of the season is the NCA cheer camp.

"Cheer camp really helped me because it's the first time I ever cheered in front of an audience, so I was less nervous when the time came for our first volleyball game," junior Brooke Olmer said.

NCA cheer camp allows the cheerleaders to gain more experience, and they always bring back new cheers to perform at games. Another activity they put on was the little girls cheer camp. This year's theme was "The Beat of Love."

"I love it, it's one of my favorite things we do all year," senior Katie Breidenbach said. "Sometimes it can be a little difficult because there are so many, but we always come up with cute themes and dance routines every year."

With the obvious presence of the student body, the cheerleaders always have to work on incorporating the Rowdy Dowdies as much as possible.

"Certain cheers attract students, and they join right in. Almost everyone likes the crowd cheers," senior Hannah Harrington said.

Some cheers that got the Rowdy Dowdies up and moving were "get 'em get 'em go" and "lets get a little bit rowdy."

The cheerleaders ended their season with an eighth place finish at the state competition in Grand Island. They were lead by captains Katie Breidenbach and Hailey Luebe.

(top) The cheer squad leads the Rowdy Dowdies during a basketball game.

(bottom) Senior Katie Breidenbach dances with the little girls that went to the "Beat of Love" cheer camp. This special dance is done every year during halftime of a boys' basketball game.



Junior Kate Rambour, seniors Hailey Luebe and Morgan Benesch, and junior Jenna Thiele perform during half time of the Homecoming football game.

Freshman Megan Meyer, senior Annie Zeller, and juniors Kate Rambour, Lyzz Smith, and Hannah Merrill take a break from cheering to pose for a picture.
above) Junior Alycia Alt cheers during a football game.

Girls Basketball: Building Tradition

The girls' basketball season did not end as the team had hoped, but it was not the end result that defined their team. Their goal for the season was to earn respect, and in many ways they did this.

Junior Kristen Olmoutha said, "We made a huge impact on the program by having a winning record before Christmas, and though we didn't make it to state, we competed really well against some tough teams."

The team won the Holiday Tournament which was an accomplishment and not something that is won every year with ease.

The season was full of tough losses and exciting wins.

Junior Payton Chohon recalled, "Losing to Pierce sticks out in my mind. We played terrible, and they were all giants. Carley even got a technical foul."

Senior Alyssa Foltz commented, "The win against Boone Central sticks out to me because we won by one point, and I strongly dislike them."

Scotus girls' basketball has always been known for its intense defense.

"This year our strength was again on the defensive end. Our defense was able to keep us in games and give us opportunities to win games. We returned kids who had some experience at the varsity level," head coach Jarrod Ridder said.

The season was not only full of game memories but also funny moments off the court.

"Basketball is a super long season, and it can be tough to stay with it with full focus all of the time. You need those light-hearted moments to get you through. You can't be serious all of the time," Perault said.

The season wasn't about playing for the fans, coaches, or parents, it was about playing for each other.

"I will forget about all the wins and the losses, but I will never forget all of these girls who made all of the hard times worth while," Perault added. The team finished with a 14-7 record. They lost in the second round of districts to Wahoo High, but they have high hopes for next year.

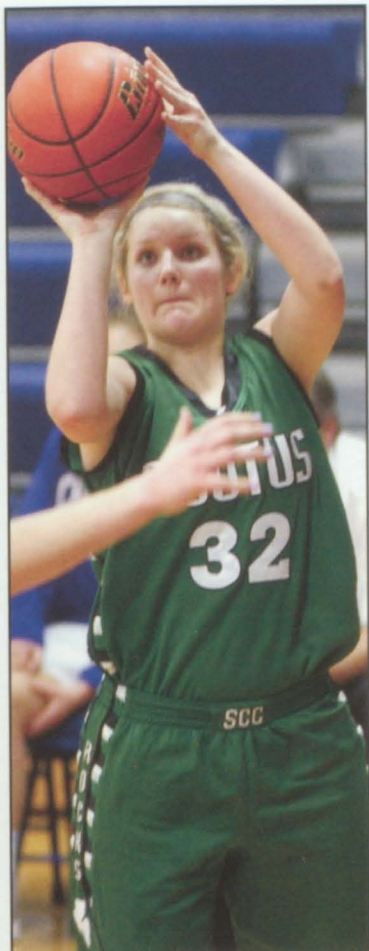
"We have a nice group of kids coming back next year. I am looking forward to working with the girls and coming back and working towards improving for next year," Coach Ridder concluded.





"I got a technical for saying, 'I pushed through the screen.'
The referee thought I said, 'Oh my goodness.'"

Carley Foltz



Sophomores Liz Preister, Allison Beiermann, Carly Fehringer, and Jessica Schoeher provide entertainment on the bench.

The Benchwarmers.

- "Thinking about what would happen if we would go up to coach and tell him that we were ready to go in"
- "Cheering super loud when nothing happened."
- "Laughing at the way Kelsey's arms move when she plays on when she falls."
- "Making WWI jokes with Mr. Coulter that apply to the game."
- "Carly almost knocking down the giant gatorade jug."
- "Eating 4 sloppy joes after sitting the bench"
- "Coach Ridder saying Lys and Carley go in, and we thought he said Liz and Carly. We almost peed our pants."

Take it to the Hoop.

Senior Anna Perault takes a jump shot. (left bottom) Juniors Kristen Ohnoutka, Carley Foltz, and Payton Chohan along with senior Alyssa Foltz set up the defense. (left top) Alyssa Foltz defends against a Schuyler player.



(top left) Junior Carley Foltz drives to the hoop. (top right) Junior Kristen Ohnoutka dribbles down the court. (bottom left) Senior Kara Moore looks to pass the ball. (bottom right) Junior Payton Chohan puts up a wall down in the paint.

Boys' Basketball:

Stepping Up

The boys' basketball season started out strong this year. Their first six games all came out with wins. At the end of the season, their record was 14-10. With the season off to a great start, the players made goals for their season.

Senior Brennan Brockhaus said, "I wanted to surprise a lot of people and beat good teams."

The team did just that. They won 14 games, which had not happen for 15 years.

Head Coach Jeff Ohmoutka said, "We had 11 rated teams on our schedule to start the year. We ended up beating three rated teams in a row right off the bat. We beat Norfolk Catholic, who was the pre-season number one team in the state."

With only two juniors and two seniors on the team, everyone had to step up.

"Grant Lahm had a really nice year. He averaged 20.5 points per game. I was also really happy with both of our seniors. They both had great senior years," Ohmoutka said.

The Shamrocks made it to the second round of subdistricts where they lost to Wahoo.

"Our program took a big step forward this year. Moving forward, we must continue to get better and push each other to take the program to a higher level," Ohmoutka said.



Sibling Bond.

This season, the team consisted of two brothers. Senior Derek Lahm and sophomore Grant Lahm played together on the team. Derek enjoyed playing on the team with his brother. He said, "It was the best basketball season of my life." Next year will be different for the both of them. Grant said that he will miss Derek's screaming on the court. Derek's response came a little more deeply. "The fact that he is my brother. We had a type of chemistry that I don't think anyone else can have," Derek said. The two brothers shared some great memories on the court. Grant said, "At Boone Central I hit my head, and when I stood up, I fell back, and he caught me." One of Derek's memories was of Grant and him bowing to each other before every game. The Lahm brothers worked hard together on the court and helped bring success to the basketball season.



(top) Senior Derek Lahm shoots the ball at the subdistrict game held at CHS against Wahoo.

(top left) Freshman Jackson Kumpf dribbles the ball down the court at the subdistrict game against Wahoo.

(right) Freshman Cole Harrington guards Battle Creek at a home game.

(left) Sophomore Grant Lahm drives past a Concordia defender.



"I dribble with my eyes closed."

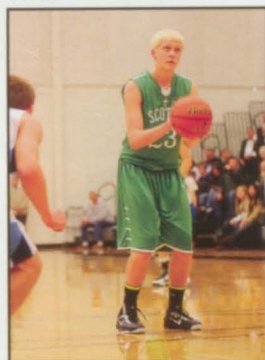
Derek Lahm



Junior Nathan Ebner passes the ball at a home game against Wahoo Newman.
(top) The team huddles before the beginning of their game.



(below) Junior Derek Kaslon, sophomore Garrit Shanle, and senior Brennan Brockhaus prepare to shoot a free throw.



Free Throws.

"All I hear is static." -- Derek Kaslon

"I just hope I make the basket." -- Garrit Shanle

"I hear nothing around me." -- Toby Tooley

"I take a few dribbles and hope it goes in." -- Brennan Brockhaus

Changing Of The Guard.

(bottom right) Senior Brandon Hahn powers through the butterfly.
 (below) Junior Peter Dolezal swims the breaststroke portion of the 200 medley relay. Hahn and Dolezal took this relay to state.
 (top right) Junior Laura Miksch comes up for a breath while doing the breaststroke. She individually qualified for state in both the 100 breaststroke and 50 freestyle.



Swimming: Filling Big Fins

All teams depend on team leaders to help carry them through a season. They are hardworking and motivate their team members to practice and compete to the best of their ability. After losing strong senior leaders after last season, the Columbus High swim team had some big spots to fill.

Every year you're always going to have people graduate. This year it affected our boys the most, but they still did very well. They got the 200 medley relay record. The girls lost a few good swimmers but were still strong this season," junior Laura Miksch said.

The swimmers wasted no time stepping up and competing well in the first meet of the season. In the dual against Fremont, both the boys and girls won, and several swimmers' times qualified them for state from this first meet. The team continued swimming well, and their hard work paid off in the end. The girls went on to win the conference meet, and the boys came in second.

"It was awesome to finish out my senior year with a bang by winning conference. I was so proud of everyone on the team. We had been working all year for this, and we finally did it. I have never been so happy in my life," senior Jill Bonk said.

Miksch qualified for state in four events: 50 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, 200 medley relay, and the 200 freestyle relay. She went on to win the gold in both the 50 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke. Miksch's medley relay team finished in 11th place, and the 200 freestyle relay finished in 8th place. Senior Brandon Hahn and junior Peter Dolezal were part of the state qualifying 200 medley relay team which finished in 10th place. Hahn also qualified in the 100 backstroke, and he placed 7th.



"I bettered my time at almost every meet this year, and girls won conference."

Melissa Thalken



"My favorite memory was when I was asked to the Sadie Hawkins dance over the intercom at a swim meet." -- Brandon Hahn

"Having Swedish fish at swim meets is a tradition, and this year I brought them. Everyone really wanted some, and we went through three huge bags." -- Melissa Thalken

"I enjoyed the entire season mostly (except for the days where practice was unbearable). I really enjoyed meeting all the CHS kids and making friendships." -- Hannah Thomazin

"My funniest memory was getting to push Coach Peters in the water after conference and watching Coach Peters and Coach Lovci swim an IM. Coach Peters ended up beating Coach Lovci." -- Jill Bonk

Swimming Moments.

Junior Melissa Thalken reaches back while doing the backstroke at the Hastings Dual. (top left) Senior Jill Bonk smiles for a picture as she cheers on the team at the Columbus Relays. (middle) Freshman Hannah Thomazin turns to take a breath while swimming the freestyle.



Junior Peter Dolezal gets ready to mount the blocks before starting his race. (far left) Sophomore Alex Dolezal competes in the backstroke. (top left) Junior Zach Spencer warms up before taking to the blocks. (bottom left) Junior Ivan Chilapa competes at the dual against Lincoln Southwest.



Wrestling:

The New Sport

After a long co-op relationship with Columbus High School, Scotus finally decided to create a wrestling program. There were twenty-seven athletes and six coaches who participated in the debut year.

The athletes had only good words to say about starting off the sport.

"I think it was a good idea; it makes us in better shape for other sports, and it gives us new challenges to overcome since most of us are new to the sport," senior Kyle Bonk said.

"I think it was a good idea because for kids that do not swim or play basketball, they can wrestle. Having wrestling gives more opportunities," freshman Alec Foltz said.

The team was able to accomplish a lot for being a first year team. They won both the Centennial Conference Tournament and Bishop Neumann Invite and were able to beat tough competition.

"We beat some great teams in duals, like Pender who hasn't been beat in a dual since 2008," freshman Seth Gutzmer said.

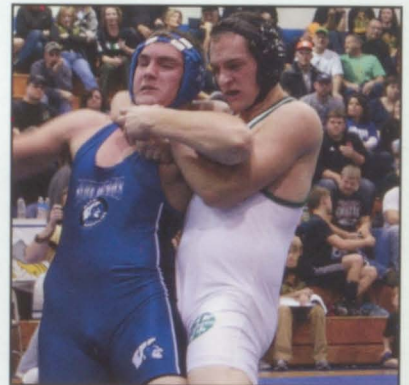
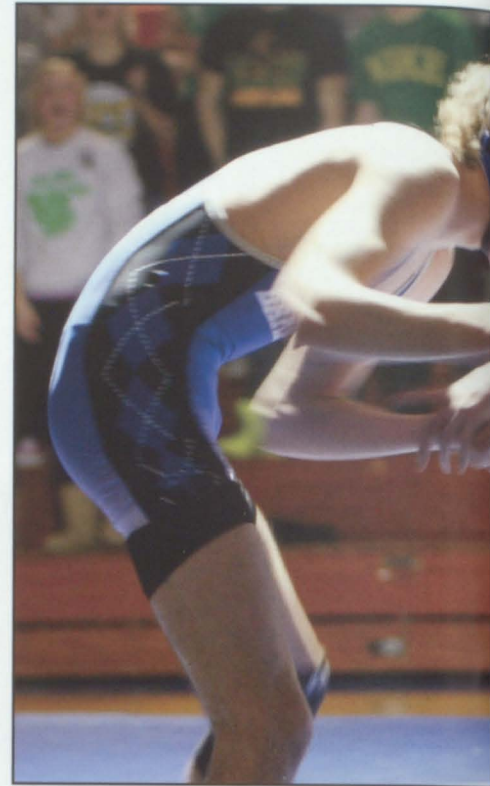
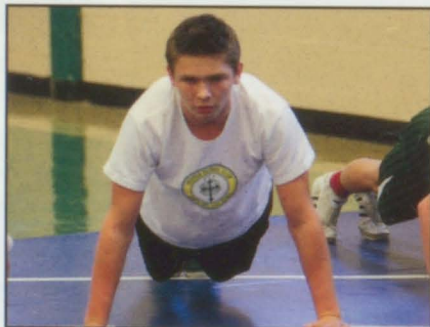
Some of the wrestlers were able to win individual medals; freshmen Mason Brandenburg and Marcus Dodson each placed first at the Lakeview Invite, and at the Centennial Conference, freshmen Gage Speicher and Alec Foltz placed first in their weight groups.

The team ended their season with a record of fourteen and nine in duals. Freshmen Marcus Dodson and Mason Brandenburg qualified for state by winning their prospective weight classes at districts.

Next year looks like a promising year with sixteen returning letter winners.

Our Turf.

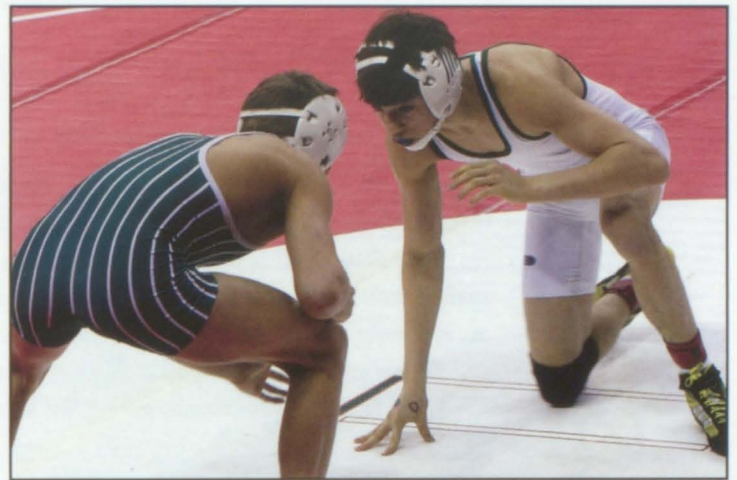
(below) Freshman Jacob Bos does pushups as part of conditioning. (right) Freshmen Nathan Tworek and Boston Goodrich pumble in on the first practice of Scotus wrestling. The practices for wrestling took place in the cafeteria that had to be rearranged to make room for all of the mats needed for safe practicing.





"Pretzel coated in white chocolate on almond bark."

Nathan Tworek



Freshman Mason Brandenburg is staring down his opponent from Gretna at the State Tournament.

State Wrestling.

Appearing at state for any athlete is a great honor, but Mason Brandenburg and Marcus Dodson accomplished this great feat their freshman year.

"It was a good experience, and I hope I will be able to make it the next three years and do much better next year," Brandenburg said.

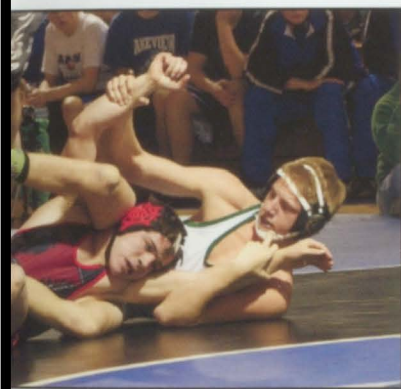
"I feel like I did pretty good. I am happy with what I accomplished by placing. Next year my goal is to do even better," Dodson said.

Even though Dodson finished state with a loss, he ended his season with a record of 41-10.

"I felt really good knowing my hard work got me to state. The kids in my bracket were all older than me, and I think it was cool how I was the one making some of the others nervous," Dodson said.

Dodson won his first match 10 to 3, and then in the second match, he pinned his opponent in just one minute and eight seconds, but his winning streak ended in the semi-finals. Dodson took home the sixth place medal at the state meet.

"I am really happy that I got the option to go. State was really exciting, everybody was wishing me the best of luck. The atmosphere of the place was crazy," Dodson added.

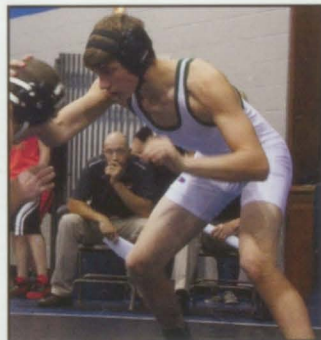
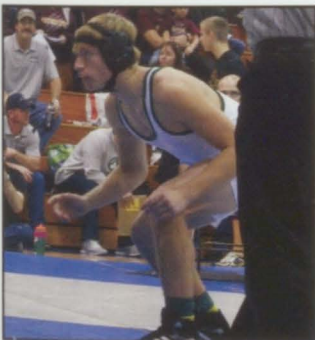


Freshmen Alec Foltz hand fights from a neutral position at the Lakeview Invite.

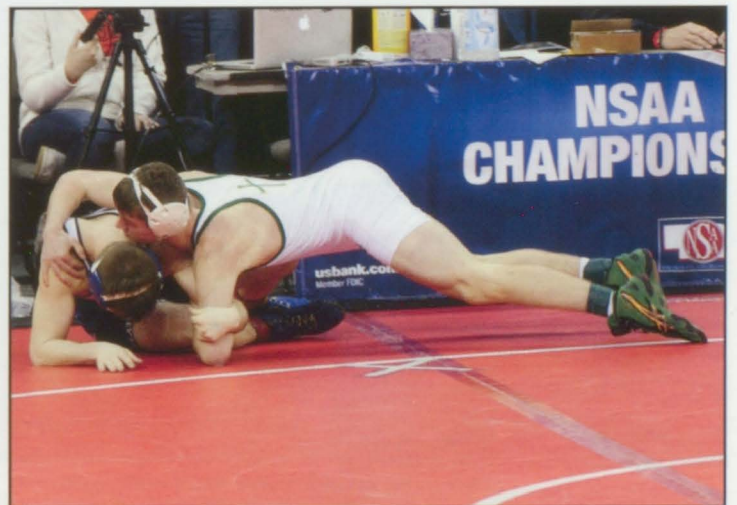
(far left) Senior Kyle Bank squeezes an opponent from a standing head lock position.

(left) Freshman Seth Gutzmer is crab riding the opponent from Boone Central/Neumen Grove at the Lakeview triangular.

Brothers & Teammates.



(left) Senior Jake Gilson stands in a neutral position before making a move, and (right) sophomore Riley Gilson begins to attack his opponent. The Gilson brothers are one of two sets of brothers who were on the wrestling team. The second set of brothers were senior Kyle Bank and freshman Ross Bank.



Freshman Marcus Dodson tries to keep his toes inside the circle as he gets two points for a takedown at his state semi-final match.

Boys' Golf:

Hoping for Success

Having only one senior on the golf team did not stop the Shamrocks from having a successful season. Senior Marshal Obal was a leader to the team throughout the season.

"Senior Marshal Obal is leading by example. He works very hard on his game. It's also good in that sometimes seniors 'check out' emotionally from the time and work involved to excel at the game of golf, and with only one, hard working senior on the roster, we didn't have to deal with that this year," Coach Karl Dierman said.

The team not only has a strong senior leader but has many under-classmen becoming leaders as well.

"Five of these players are returning lettermen, and two of the freshmen have already medalled at varsity invites," Dierman said.

The golf team took advantage of each practice they got and worked hard bettering themselves for future competitions.

"In order to prepare we must practice. We usually chip, putt, and hit range along with other drills. We as golfers are prepared for tough conditions so the weather is no deterrent for the Scotus golf team to go and practice," Obal said.

Having depth on the team challenged the golfers to work harder and compete against themselves for varsity spots.

"Depth on the golf team helped increase the competition throughout the team for playing time," junior Blake Schroeder said.

Some of the major highlights of the season included winning the dual versus Humphrey St. Francis on their home course, Quail Run. Unfortunately, the Shamrocks lost to Elkhorn South in a Triangular, but they still beat Schuyler and received second place. At the Scotus Invite the Shamrocks placed third. The Shamrocks also had many people medal individually which was a huge accomplishment for the team.

The team ended the season by getting a runner-up finish at districts and an 11th place finish at the state competition.



Freshman Marshall Dreifurst reads the greens and focuses on his next putt.
 (right) Junior Conner Lusche putts the ball, sinking it into the hole.





"One to two. Just depends on the course."

Keaton Swanson

Senior Marshal Obal chips his ball onto the green while sporting his snazzy checkered outfit.



The Hill-Valley Cup.

The golf team teed off their season by winning the Hill-Valley Cup against Lakeview. The 9 Hole Hill-Valley Cup is a two day event with three different matches per player. There were 18 points overall and whoever wins the most points takes the cup. *Scotus golfers* carried around the trophy cup with them throughout the next school day. Junior Michael Kurtenbach was found drinking out of the cup in the cafeteria the day after it was successfully won by the team.



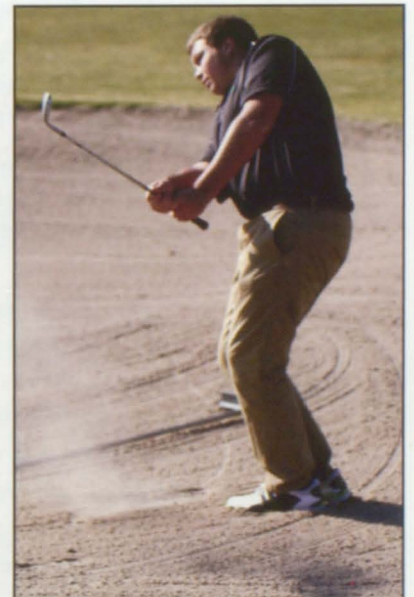
Senior Marshal Obal and freshman Brandon Johnston stand and watch other teams while anxiously waiting for their own turns.



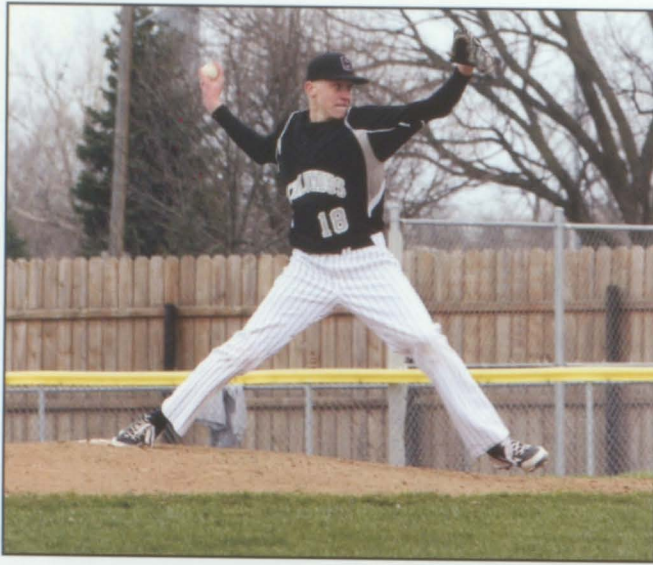
Hazards.



Freshman Brandon Johnston attempts to make a difficult shot next to a water hazard. (left) Junior Blake Schroeder attempts to hit a long putt while teammate Marshall Dreifurst spectates from behind.



Junior Michael Kurtenbach explodes the ball out of the sand trap and safely onto the green.



(far left) Junior Derek Kaslon pitches during a home game against Blair who was ranked number 4 in class B.
(left) Junior Austin Ewers waits for a chance to make an advance to 3rd base.
(below) Sophomore Tyler Morton throws the ball in field while junior Cole Alexander backs him up.

Coming Home.

Boys' Baseball: End of an Era

This year's baseball team was a young one, having only four seniors compared to last year's twelve, but this did not bring the team down. They kept going with good attitudes, team spirit, and new goals for the season. There were six Scotus players on the varsity team. One of those included junior Derek Kaslon, who was one of the leading pitchers.

"With only 4 seniors on the team, we are all really trying to step up and be good leaders," Kaslon said.

Although the baseball team is young, it has not stopped them from playing and defeating top teams such as class B, number 4 Blair. They also got the chance to play top teams, such as Norris and Skutt.

This year's baseball season has significance to it because it is their coach's last year of coaching after fourteen years. This motivated the baseball players to work extra hard.

"We are playing this season for our coach since it is his last season," sophomore Tyler Morton said.

The main goal as a team was to make it in the top 7 to get a home district game, then make it to state. They fell short of that goal in the championship game at districts, losing against Omaha West Side.

"Overall we had a great season. We all tried our hardest to step up and make it a memorable last season for our coach," junior Nate Ebner said.

The team ended the season with a record of 7-15.





"I always had to have my hat on. Hats were 'the thing' for the tennis team this year."

Elizabeth Preister

(right) Junior Carley Foltz serves the ball during the Columbus Invite. CHS girls placed 4th at the tournament.

(far right) Junior Amy Price focuses on the ball while making a return volley back over the net.

(below) Sophomore Elizabeth Preister takes her stance as she gets ready to hit a back hand.



Love Means Nothing.

Girls' Tennis: Battling 'til the End

A major obstacle this year for the CHS tennis team was having to step up and adjust to their young team. There is one senior on the team, who attends Columbus High and does not compete at the varsity level. This has been a huge change compared to last year's team which had seven seniors. Carley Foltz and Amy Price were two juniors that had to step up.

"It's difficult adjusting from having so many seniors last year to only having one, but we have all stepped up and tried to make the most out of this season," Foltz said.

The tennis season was cut short due to the winter weather, but the team still managed to succeed throughout the season.

"Tennis has gone great. I've been playing a lot of competitive people, like Marion and Westside, and it's a great experience and a lot of fun," sophomore Elizabeth Preister said.

The team has been determined to do well throughout their many obstacles, and it has taken much of their time and effort.

"It feels awesome to be on varsity as a sophomore. It has been a lot of hard work, but it is very rewarding," Preister said.

The team was successful throughout the entire season, earning two seeded draws at the state meet, even though no competitors advanced on to the second day.



Girls' Soccer:

A Surprising Season

With five seniors lost from last season, the girls' soccer team had many spots to fill. Not to mention, there were nine incoming freshmen on the team. The girls had a young team but that did not define their success.

The girls started the season out by winning their home tournament. The girls continued their success against Lakeview, but saw their first loss against a Class A team, Pima. The loss did not slow the girls down though; it only helped them realize what they needed to work on.

"Our focus this year was to play a game of possession. We did not play well when we started getting into the boom ball game. When we possessed the ball, we could be pretty dangerous," senior Kara Moore said.

Throughout the season, the girls faced injuries and terrible weather. The girls had three games cancelled and had many practices inside. Injuries were the team's biggest set backs.

Senior Sam Slegl commented, "My injuries did hinder me, but they've definitely built up my pain tolerance and mental toughness as well. Although I suffered through injuries, I couldn't have asked for a better way to end my high school career."

Though the girls could complain about the weather and injuries, they have little complaints about how the season ended.

"We all improved so much, and everyone had so much fun. We had great team chemistry and that's one of the main reasons we were so successful this year," junior Payton Chohon said.

The team ended the season with a record of 11-4. The girls won their district and made it to the semifinals at state where they lost to Skutt. It was a hard loss, but the Shamrocks have nothing to hang their heads about.

"We ended the season playing our best soccer. The team stepped up all over the field and played their hearts out. I couldn't have been more proud of my girls!" head coach Kristie Brezenski said.



Freshman Kimberly Stutzman defends Scotus' goal by clearing the ball out of their half of the field. (right) The team huddles together for final words before taking the field at state. The team said a special prayer before every game, "Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, bless this field that we play on. If we do our very best, know that God will do the rest." (far right) Freshman Morgan Tharson controls the ball in the midfield during the Papillion LaVista tournament.



Thunder Strikes.





"It was embarrassing at first, but then I got comfortable with it."

Emily Fehringer

Girl Soccer Probs.

"Those days when, no matter how hard you try, you can't handle the ball at all." -- sophomore Jaimee Beauvais

"I'm allergic to the grass, so my body is always itchy."

-- freshman Emily Fehringer

"Does anyone have pre-wrap?" -- freshman Bailey Honold

"Being too tired after practice to take off my sweaty socks and shinguards." -- The entire team

"If it wasn't for soccer, I would be fat. I also wouldn't have tan lines for prom." -- junior Emily Kosch

"Icy hot and showers don't mix well, at all."

-- freshman Morgan Thorson

"Come soccer season, I have bruises covering my body. I think people think I am abused or something." -- senior Kara Moore

"Freshmen! Get the balls!" -- freshman Anna Wickham

"One time I was playing goalie and got scored on about five times in a row, and then I got yelled at for ten minutes. Another time I was playing goalie, I got nailed in the face."

-- senior Kyrsten Wood

"I wear goalie gloves, so I have to have someone else tie my shoes and do my hair. I also get grass and turf in places there shouldn't be."

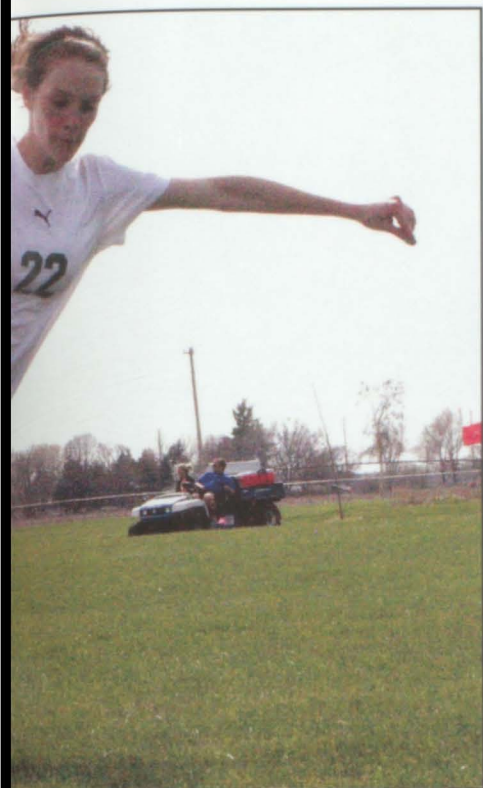
-- junior Payton Chohan

"Tearing my ACL in soccer." -- junior Alli Bos

"I try to be a good manager and shag all of the balls out of the net, but I end up getting caught in the net, tripping, and falling on my face all for that one ball." -- senior Lauran Hellbusch

"When your jeans all of the sudden seem two sizes too small because of soccer conditioning." -- senior Sam Slegl

"Being in the gym for half of the season because of the stupid snow." -- senior Hannah Harrington



Goalie Management.



(from left) Sophomore Jaimee Beauvais, junior Emily Kosch, and sophomore Jessica Schaecher all wind up to take a shot on goal. The girls put much emphasis on improving their shooting throughout the year. Senior Kara Moore shoots a penalty kick during a shoot out while junior Payton Chohan watches intently.



(far left) Senior Kyrsten Wood is helped by senior Lauran Hellbusch as she gets ready to play goalie for a JV game. Wood and Hellbusch were the managers for the team this year, but were often asked to play goalie at practices. The team encouraged Wood to play goalie for one game, but were disappointed to see that she didn't even get to touch the ball during the game. (left) Junior Payton Chohan chats with coach Fr. Roza before the first game of state. Father is the goalie coach and worked with Chohan to make her the amazing goalie she is today. Chohan ended the season with 98 saves and only 12 goals scored against her and the team in the 16 games they played.

Willing To Work.

(far right)
Sophomore
Noah Schacher
gets ready to
cross the ball
down the field.

Senior Zach
Zarek takes a
fall as he
struggles to
keep control
of the ball.



Boys' Soccer: Making Changes

The 2013 boys soccer season ended a little earlier than they would have hoped. With a difficult district, the season ended with a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Schuyler. Despite this fact, nobody could have asked for a harder working group of guys. Senior Jake Huss commented,

"Trying to be the leader of the team can be challenging, but we had a group of guys willing to work, which made it easy. They are talented guys, so I expect great things to come over the coming years."

Last year, the team's record was 7-11. Making massive improvements, the team turned around with a winning record of 9-6. Most of the team's losses were close scoring games, with many of them going into overtime.

"I feel like we played well, but just had trouble finishing at times, which led to our misfortune," senior Jake Gilson said.

On the other hand, almost every one of the team's wins were won by a landslide. Their big wins gave them the confidence to go into tougher matches and do the best that they could. The team won the Grand Island triangular and placed well in several other tournaments.

This season, the team struggled with injuries, but was able to push through with so many underclassmen stepping up to help out. Senior Dylan Kuta concluded,

"I was disappointed that we didn't make it to state, but I probably had the most fun I've had during soccer in high school. I hope that the underclassmen learned that you need to be able to have fun with athletics and be able to joke around."

With all of the improvements made this season, and all of the young talent, there is a lot of hope for the years to come.



Senior Jake Huss aggressively competes for the ball while teammate Cody Zimmerman watches close behind.



"Whenever Austin Wendt would say something stupid, coach would mock his high ACT score. Eventually, the entire team caught on."
Paul Swope



Goalies Taylor Johnson, Tanner Spencer, and Christian Stutzman warm up together before a game.



Saving the Day.

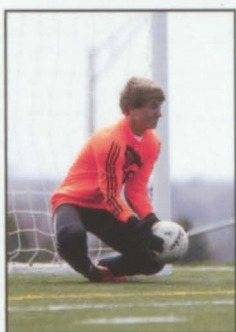
When the score is tied, there are five minutes left in the last half, and each team is desperately trying to score, there is one man a soccer team needs to be able to count on. This man is the goal keeper. The boys' soccer team had three goalies this season, each rotating depending on injuries and individual improvement. Senior Taylor Johnson played goal keeper for his team last year, but this year was forced to sit out for half of the season due to a torn ACL. Luckily, he was able to recover fully enough to get in some games this season. Johnson commented,

"The best part of being goal keeper is that you can make or break a game, and the worst part is all of the pressure that comes with that."

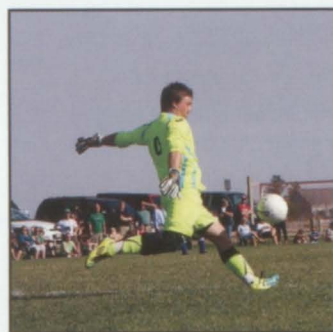
During Johnson's recovery, freshman Tanner Spencer and sophomore Christian Stutzman stepped in.

"It's the best when you make a great save and Father Roza tells you that you're going beast mode," Stutzman added.

Despite the pressure of being keeper, all three goalies made their team proud this season. The two young goalies will give the boys' soccer team an edge in the years to come.



Freshman Tanner Spencer catches the ball before it sails into the goal.



Senior Taylor Johnson punts the ball down the field after making a save.



Catch Me If You Can.



Freshman Cole Harrington protects the ball from his opponent.



Freshman Jackson Kumpf chases the ball down the field.



Freshman Alec Foltz prepares to send the ball down field.

Scotus sports would not have been the same this year without the added effort of the freshmen. Soccer was no exception to the athletic excellence their class displayed each season. There were 26 guys on the soccer team, 9 of them being freshmen. Many of the boys played key parts in the team's success. Each game, up to five freshmen started, the number varying due to injuries. Jackson Kumpf commented,

"Being able to play a lot as a freshman has been a great learning opportunity for my next three years. I feel like I was able to hold an important role for the team."

Many of the freshmen felt that they learned valuable lessons from the upperclassmen that they will be able to carry into the future of the Scotus soccer program.

"The upperclassmen taught me to take every game as serious as the next," Cole Harrington said.

"The upperclassmen taught me how to smack talk," Kumpf added.

The freshmen benefited the entire team and gave everyone hope for a bright future.

Girls' Track & Field:

Wishing for Warmer Weather

With warm spring weather right around the corner, high school girls were eager to begin their track season after much pre-season conditioning. The track athletes were ready to get outdoors and start practicing.

However, the beautiful spring weather did not arrive as expected. The chilly air and the snow remained instead of being replaced by humid air and green grass. There was a point during the season where the girls' track and field team did not compete for 28 days straight. Many practices were held inside along with the soccer athletes. Despite an inconvenience like this, the girls continued to put a good effort into practice day in and day out. With twelve seniors to provide leadership to the underclassmen, they were successful at all the regular season meets. Prior to state, the team had an undefeated record. It became clear that their efforts during the season paid off when eleven girls qualified to travel down to the State meet at Burke.

At Burke, the girls' team finished in third place. The team could not have been so successful without the good efforts each athlete gave at state. Junior Laura Miksch placed third in the 100 meter dash, fifth in the 200 meter dash, and was runner-up in the 400 meter dash. Also in the 400 meter dash was freshman Jessica Lahm, whose effort earned an eighth place. Senior Morgan Benesch ran for a runner-up performance in the 3200 meter run, and she earned third place in the 1600 meter run. Perhaps the most exciting performance of the day came from senior Tara Starzec who took not only first place in class C, but also first place among all the classes in pole vault.

(below from left)

Sophomore Shannon Spulak high jumps at Pawnee Park.

Junior Kristen Ohnoutka triple jumps. She was one of eleven girls to qualify for the State Track Meet at Burke.

Senior Tara Starzec pole vaults. Starzec cleared a height of 11' 8" at the State meet to claim a new school record.

Sophomore Hannah Krings throws the shot put.

Freshman Mikayla Nienaber hurdles at the Boone Central Quadrangular.

Makin' the Jump.



Tough Training.



"I wish it would have been better. I needed a tan."

Courtney Brockhaus

Handing off the Baton.



Sophomore Kelsey Kessler hands off the baton to senior Morgan Benesch during the 3200 meter relay. The 3200 meter relay team consisted of Schumacher, Brune, Kessler, and Benesch.
(left) Senior Morgan Benesch runs with the baton during the 3200 meter relay at the Scotus Relays held at Pawnee Park.
(top left) Freshman Sarah Schumacher runs with one lap left in the 3200 meter relay.
(top right) Senior Alyssa Faltz takes off as she receives the baton in the 400 meter relay.



Do you have any pre-meet rituals you do before you compete?

Boys' Track & Field:

Always Improving

From all the improvements last year, the 2013 Scotus boys' track and field team continued to get better and better. The team was lead by it's four seniors. The 2013 season was off to a late start due to the weather, but the Shamrocks did not see this as a roadblock. They found places to practice and continued to make their season progress.

During their regular season, the team won seven meets and were runner up in three. By the end of the season, the boys' team had nine state qualifiers. Both Derek and Grant Lahm qualified in the triple jump, and Derek qualified in the long jump as well. The team of Adam Strecker, Jared Duren, Joey Nyffeler, and Eduardo Lopez qualified for the 3200 meter relay. Joe Warth entered the state tournament in both the shot put and discus while Garrit Shanle entered in the discus. Ivan Chilapa qualified in the 3200 meter race, and Alex Wallick went to the state meet competing in the pole vault. The Shamrocks competed their highest ability and even brought home a few state medals. Derek Lahm won the gold medal in the triple jump while Grant Lahm received eighth place. Warth received a medal in the discus taking fourth place.

Keep Progressing.



Senior Craig Ackman gets ready to approach the pole vault pit.
 (far right) Sophomore Ryan Ruskamp clears the pole vault bar.
 (right) Junior Alex Wallick begins down the runway for his pole vault attempt. Wallick qualified for state in the pole vault.



Pushing to the Top.



Senior Joe Warth throws the shot put at a home track meet. Warth qualified for state in the shot put and discus.



Sophomore Garrit Shanle warms up for the shot put. Shanle qualified for his first state track meet in the discus.





"Not really, but I always seemed to point my tongue in the direction I was about to throw."

Joe Warth

On Your Mark.



Sibling Rivalry.



Brothers senior Derek Lahm and sophomore Grant Lahm both participated in the triple and long jumps throughout the 2013 season. Both of the Lahms were state qualifiers this year.

(top) Sophomore Eduardo Lopez carries the baton through the 3200 meter relay. Lopez qualified for state on the 3200 meter relay team.
(middle) Freshman Justin Zoucha finishes his race.
(bottom) Sophomore Jared Duren pushes to finish the race at a home meet. Duren also qualified for state on the 3200 meter relay team.

Honoring the Best.

The Athletic Banquet: A Time Of Honor

At Scotus Central Catholic, the athletic banquet is a time where athletes are honored for how hard they have worked throughout their seasons. The night starts out with a great dinner night after awards night. Then the former Scotus athletes that are inducted into the Hall of Fame are introduced. Then the Hall of Fame winners give their thank you speech and following that, all of the coaches stand in the front and talk about the highlights of the season and mention the letter winners. After the coaches speak, the awards are given out for the athletes of the year, Sentoma athletes of the year, KLIR athletes of the year, Babe Ruth, Gene Witt, Hoza Family Scholarships, Lifters of the year, Shamrock Club Scholarship, and Eleanor Loshbaugh Scholarship. The night comes to an end after every coach has talked and after every athlete is given the award they deserve.



(left) The activities director, Gary Puetz, hands junior Cody Zimmerman his award. Zimmerman won the Eleanor Loshbaugh Scholarship. Zimmerman participated in football, wrestling, and soccer.

The Best of the Best.

Tom Rogers, Class of 1999, and Heather (Van Akeren) Diederich, Class of 2000, are holding their awards that they received at the Athletic Banquet. Rogers, Diederich, and Molly (Engel) Christianson, Class of 2001, were the three new recipients that were added into the Scotus Athletic Hall of Fame. With these additions, there are now fifty-one former Scotus athletes hanging on the wall outside of the weightroom. To be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame, the person being nominated has to be an alumni for at least ten years.





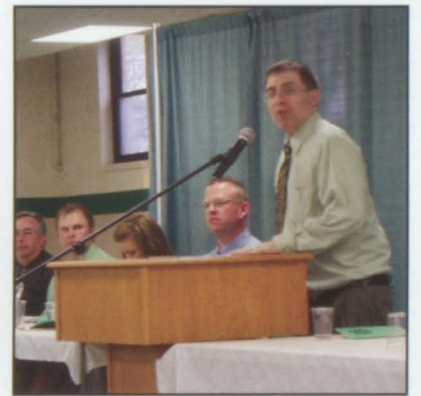
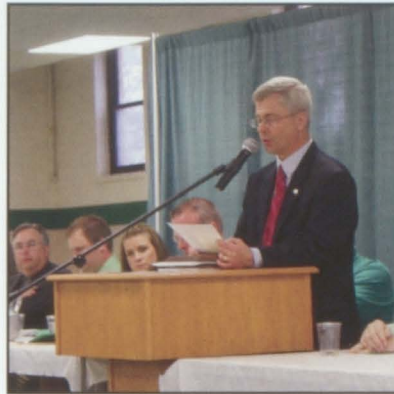
"Because I like getting out of school."

Laura Miksch

Speaking of Excellence.



Seniors Derek Lahm and Kara Moore show their smiles after being awarded the athletes of the year. Lahm participated in football, basketball, and track. Moore participated in volleyball, basketball, and soccer.



(top left) Development director John Schueth introduces the athletes who are being honored by induction into the Hall of Fame.

(top right) Tracy Dodson, who is the head wrestling coach, is new to the athletic banquet. He told everyone about how great the first wrestling season went and announced the wrestlers who lettered.

(above left) Jacqueline Smith talks about the highlights of the cheerleading season and mentions her letter winning cheerleaders.

(above right) The master of ceremonies was Jim Dolezal, who is a long time sports announcer and a Scotus graduate of 1981.

Winning the Awards.

Athletes of the Year -- seniors Derek Lahm & Kara Moore

Sentoma Athletes of the Year -- seniors Kyle Bonk & Morgan Benesch

KLIR Athletes of the Year -- seniors Derek Lahm & Alyssa Foltz

Babe Ruth -- seniors Brennan Brockhaus & Lauran Hellbusch

Gene Witt -- seniors Adam Strecker & Morgan Benesch

Hmoza Family Scholarships -- seniors Derek Lahm & Kara Moore

Lifters of the Year -- seniors Nick Pandorf & Kara Moore

Shamrock Club Scholarships -- seniors Jake Gilson & Tara Starzec

Jeff Podnaza Scholarship -- junior Eduardo Lopez

Eleanor Loebhaugh Scholarship -- junior Cody Zimmerman

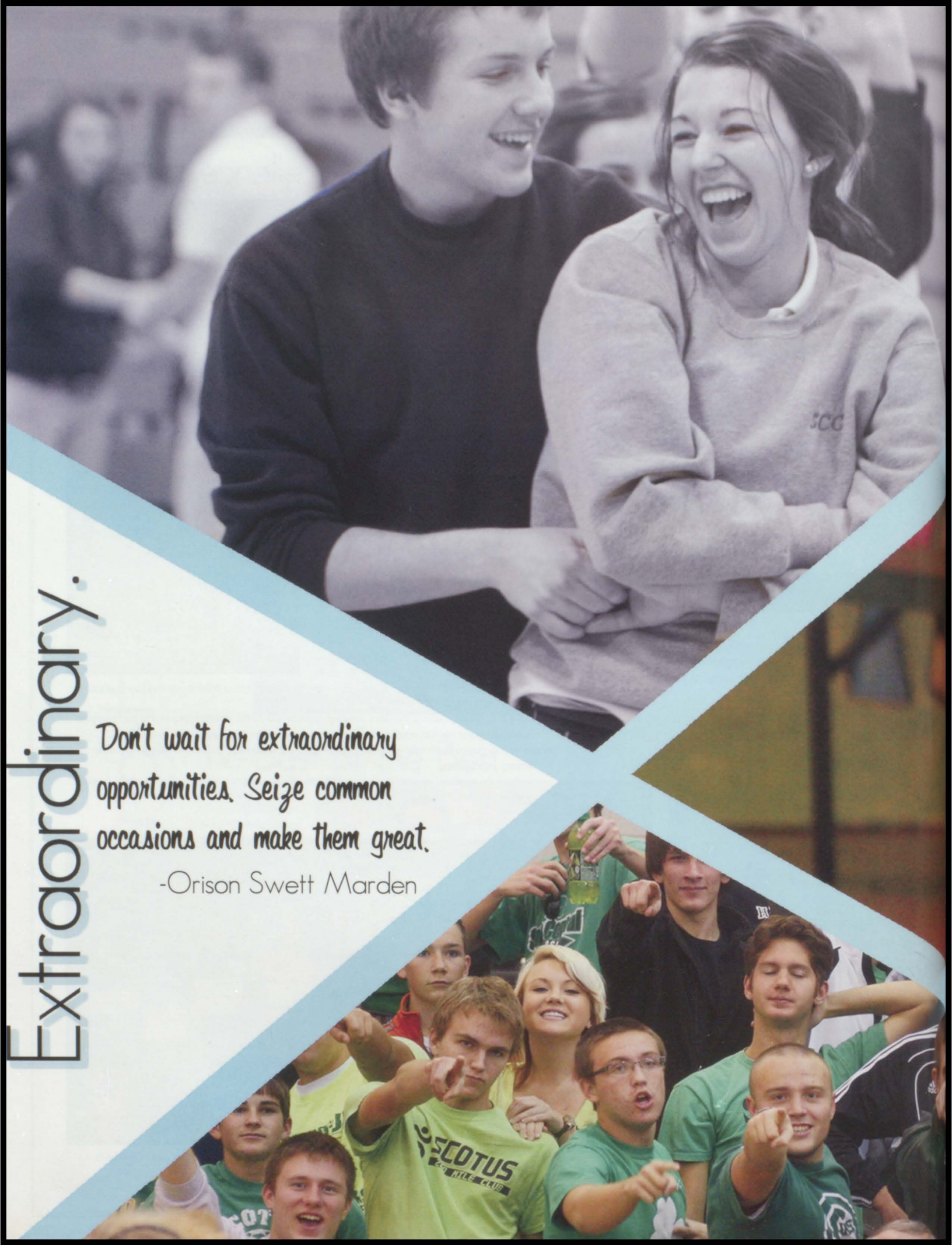


Derek Lahm, Adam Strecker, Alyssa Foltz, Eduardo Lopez, Morgan Benesch, Tara Starzec, Lauran Hellbusch, Brennan Brockhaus, Cody Zimmerman, Jake Gilson, and Kara Moore.

Extraordinary.

Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great.

-Orison Swett Marden





Randomness:

The True You

A student's day is full of school, sports, homework, work, and all other aspects that are already included in the yearbook, but there are many sides to the students that are not always seen. The yearbook, newspaper, and media staffs have captured the "True You" that is not always included in the yearbook.

Admitting The Truth.

"I have a freckle on my toe that looks like a heart."
-- Emma Zeller



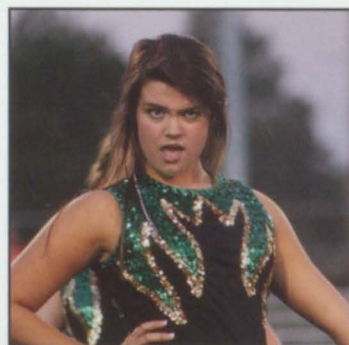
"I am easily panicked. If I am in a room that's too loud, or too hot, or too crowded, I will freak out, and it's not pretty."
-- Kristen Ohnoutka

"I'm obsessed with fries and ice cream. I'm Vietnamese but live in Denmark."
-- Jenny Vu



"I'm Batman. People tell me all the time that I'm too good of a person."
-- Alex Pandorf

"The 'True Me' is really into interpretive dancing, no one knows this, but I go to the river at midnight and dance to all sorts of music. It is how I express myself. "dance4life."
-- Queze Campos



"I have panic attacks when it comes to cleaning my room. I have serious attachments to my clothes."
-- Carly Burkhardt

"The truth is, I'm not the real JZ. The real Jay-Z is an entertainer who sings awful music."
-- Jordan Zoucha



"There are two tragedies in life. One is wanting something that you can't have and the other is you can get something that you don't want."
-- Sam Suo

Randomness.



"I do not have a favorite type of fish. They are gross, and I am terrified of fish. I was bitten by one when I was little, and I still haven't recovered."

Jill Bonk

The True You Student.

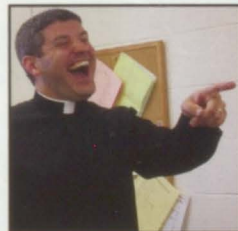
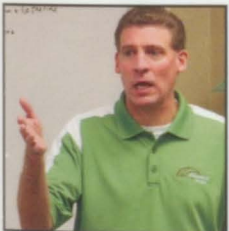


Senior Claire Fuchser poses while her picture is taken during physiology class.

(above) Senior Hannah Harrington shows how she always takes pictures while in the yearbook classroom.

(left) Senior Katie Breidenbach struts her stuff while acting like a cat down the hallway.

The True You Teachers.



"I have a rocking, folding chair because I like to rock"

-- Pat Brockhaus

"I'm not freaking out, are you freaking out? Because I'm not freaking out."

-- Angie Rusher

"I want you to do it with a dramatic dance. Go."

-- Father Andrew Roza

"Boom" "Somebody must have divided by zero! No, that's just religion class. Metaphysical evolution of our universe? Who knows."

-- Merlin Lahm

"La maletena, trunk of the car. That's where you put the bodies you are trying to hide."

-- Gail Bomar

"Bunnies, everyone loves bunnies. They're soft, warm, and cuddly, and they taste good too."

-- Tom Salyard



Faculty.

Shelly Adams
April Beck
Karen Beck
Andy Bierman
Joan Birchem
Julie Blaser
Gail Bomar
Pat Brookhaus
Sherrife Cerny



Wade Coulter
Kristen Cox
Lauri Diamond
Jane Duse-Misfeldt
Stella Dush
E.J. Gardner
Ed Goerlinger
Annete Hosh
Cathy Hoops



Carmen Johnson
Betty Kampovitz
Peg Keep
Deb Drumland
Kathy Kruse
Joan Lahm
Merlin Lahm
Tyler Linder
Oliver Loseke



Peg Marfeld
Wayne Marfeld
Deb Ohnoutka
Jeff Ohnoutka
Larry Pallas
John Petersen
Anneliese Ploetz
Cathy Podliska
Gary Puetz



Cheryl Rambour
Andrew Roza
Angie Rusher
Patti Salyard
Tom Salyard
Kelly Schaad
Stephanie Schoer
John Schueth
Nancy Shadle



Amanda Simons
Tyler Swanson
Janet Tooley
Pam Weir
Becki Zanardi
Marge Zegar



Extreme Makeover.

Member of Scotus faculty Anneliese Ploetz lost an amazing 100 plus pounds through an HCG weight loss program. She continued to lose weight throughout the school year.

"It's incredible to know that twenty years from now I won't have to be struggling with diseases and sicknesses from obesity. Those are deadly, and that was part of my motivation."



Before and after shots of faculty member Ms. Ploetz after she lost 100+ pounds.



Every word that comes out of Gina Bose's mouth"

Mr. Brockhaus

Relationships:

Bromance

The cliché phrase of 'best friends forever' may not actually hold much truth when it comes to high school relationships, but for faculty members Tyler Linder and Tyler Swanson that is not the case. Both attended Fremont Bergan High School and have been friends ever since. How did they end up here at Scotus together?

"Divine Intervention," Linder remarked.

"He put in a good word for me," Swanson added.

Linder enjoyed it here at Scotus so much that he did not hesitate in calling up his friend when he heard of the job opening. Swanson sent in his application and got the job. The two now teach, coach, and even live together.

"We never really get sick of each other," both agreed.

"There's nothing really that bothers me about him," Swanson admitted. "He is perfect."

Linder, on the other hand, disagreed, "When he throws the ice tea bags in the garbage without a garbage bag in there, it drives me nuts!"

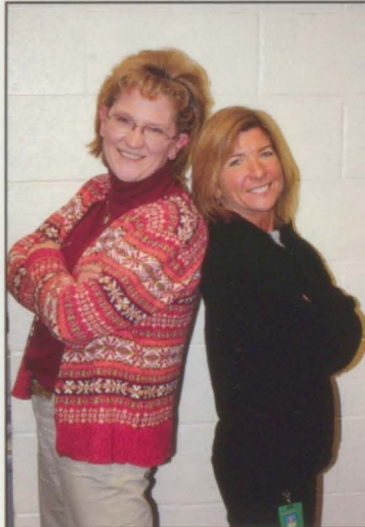
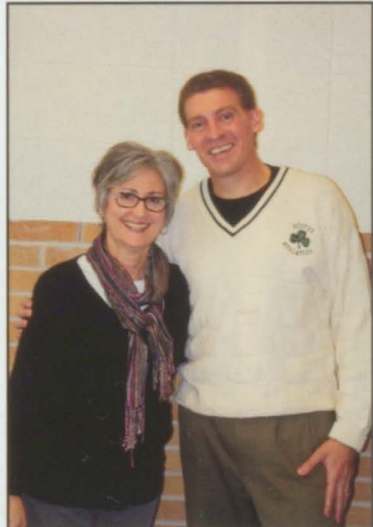
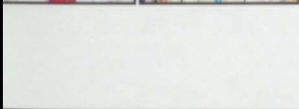
Differences aside, they've managed to make it through football season and managing a student section together with flying colors.

"He helped me out during the football season. Whenever I had a question I would ask him. I was a little lost," Swanson replied. "He made sure I was where I was supposed to be, and I did the same for him."

Walking away with the sportsmanship award at the state volleyball tournament proved that there was no task that could break up their friendship.



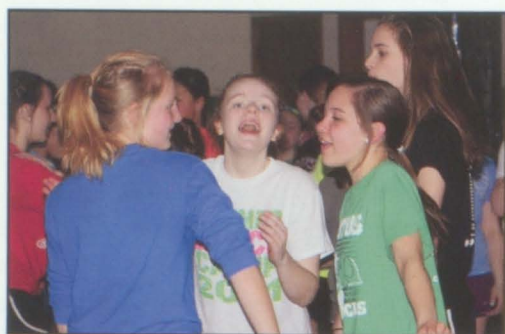
(top) Faculty members Mr. Linder and Mr. Swanson accept the Sportsmanship award at the state volleyball tournament, and (bottom) show their support at one of the previous volleyball games.



Friendships.

There are many diverse relationships among the Scotus faculty. Becki Zanardi and Kelly Schaad have been best friends for 15 years. Nancy Shadle and Pat Brockhaus may disagree on certain issues, but they have agreed to disagree and have become great friends. Cathy Podliska and Jane Duseel-Misfeldt are sisters and have worked here together at Scotus for 23 years.

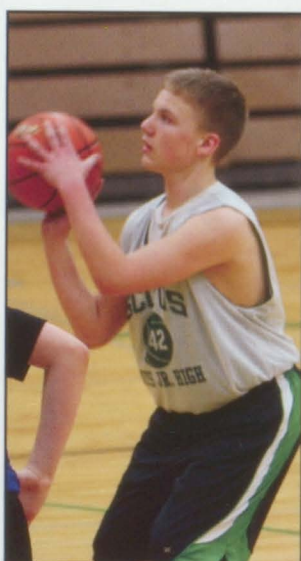
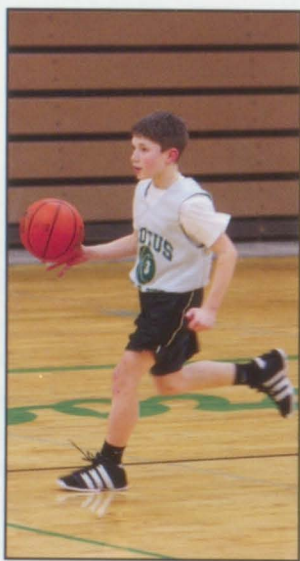
Building Character.



Seventh grader Kendra Wise lays on her stomach and pushes herself while participating in the scooter races. (above) Eighth graders Alayna Wilson, Maddie Sinovic, Haley Faust, and Courtney Flint break out their moves during the dance portion of the night.



Seventh grader Landon Sokol pulls along eighth grader Itzel Chilapa during a team scooter race. (above) Eighth grader Nathan Ostdiek takes a break from basketball to eat a much needed meal at the junior high fun night.



Seventh graders Colson Kosch and Jake Novicki play their last junior high game of the season.

(right) The eighth grade girls show their support for their fellow boy classmates. They made their own Rowdy Dowdy section.



Junior High: Fun Night

The Junior High Student Council has put on at least one junior high fun night every year for the past few years. Being head of the council, Mrs. Blaser has to fit many activities to keep the students busy throughout the night. The night starts at 7 p.m. and goes strong until 7 a.m.

When attending the fun night, seventh and eighth graders have the opportunity to dance downstairs in the cafeteria, on they can play games in the gym. In the gym, there are many different tournaments that are played. From basketball to volleyball to scooter races, there are many options open. The junior high also gets pizza and drinks so they can have enough energy to go all night and all morning long.



"Sam Schacher took the microphone talking about random things like applesauce forever and wouldn't give it back."

Grace Wickham

Retreat.

The seventh graders get a little break early in the year to have a chance to get a little more acquainted with each other for an in school retreat. There, they have a chance to intermix and mingle with some of the new faces they will be seeing more often of. The new members of Scotus play games and hang out during school hours.

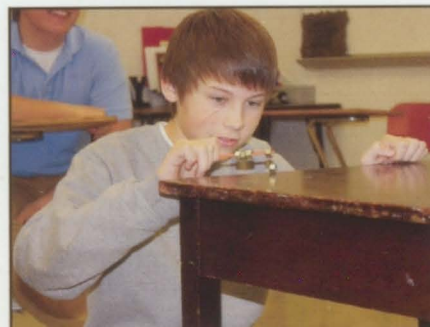
The eighth graders also have a retreat during the year, but theirs is for confirmation. Even though there are kids from other schools, this is a day where eighth graders have the chance to bond. It's not only just organized activities. There's also opportunities to have free time and play different games such as football, volleyball, or ping pong.



Eighth grader Zachary Svehla plays ping pong during a break at his retreat.



The eighth graders play a game while at their confirmation retreat. The object is to get tangled without breaking the connection of hands. (below) Seventh graders get ready to start their seventh grade retreat with Fr. Roza.



Eighth graders Bennet Frewing and Hunter Smith play "Minute to Win It" in Mr. Linder's Building Character class.

Growing Up.

Junior high is often thought of as the years that shape into who students are going to be when they grow older. Students go from being the big dogs at their elementary school and back to being the bottom of the food chain at Scotus.

Seventh and eighth graders get a good feel as to what high school years are going to be like. There are not too many dramatic changes from junior high to high school. Something that all junior high kids notice is that they only have the privilege of having half lockers rather than full lockers.

The junior high is a large portion of Scotus' student body. The students section would shrink to half its size without the presence of the younger students. They not only go to support the high school games, but also go to their fellow classmates games and start their own cheering section.

Seventh Grade.

Getting Involved:

4-H

The seventh grade class has found their niche outside of school in the 4-H program. They get involved in the program through a number of events including animals, baking, table settings, sewing, food tables, photography, etc. They would all agree that they have learned leadership and responsibility through the program.

Ellie Bock, member of the Buckeroos, responded, "I have learned how to be more respectful and take care of living animals."

When it comes to taking care of the animals, there have been ups and downs for the students. Courtland Pieper, member of Wranglers, has mixed feelings.

"They can be fun, or they can be really annoying," Pieper admitted.

Kayla Hall, member of the Fantastic 4-Hers, would agree with the annoying part.

"They're very loud and dangerous. Sometimes I would rather die than take care of them. They are a lot of work," Hall said.

They are indeed dangerous as many of the students have experienced.

Hall remembered, "One time my goat attacked my mom, knocked her out, and Dr. Allen had to come check it out at the farm. She still has a lump on her head."

"I remember almost getting run over by a horse and having a goat drag me," Bock recalled.

Trevor Kaslon, member of Lads n Lassies, and Maddie Neville, member of Dandy Bakers, both have their own 4-H memories.

"We made cookies for the elders, and I accidentally ate half of them in two days," Kaslon remembered.

Neville recalled, "I remember trying to make puppy chow, and I used flower instead of powdered sugar."

Mistakes and problems aside, they all give credit to their leaders and parents for their 4-H success. Maggie Feehan, who works as an individual, knows she couldn't have done it alone.

"My mom has always helped me with my projects," Feehan added.

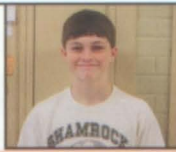
All of their hard work can be seen displayed at the Platte County Fair at the beginning of July.



Trevor Kaslon shows his rabbits at the Saline County Fair. He does 4-H there with his grandma, who has been a leader for 50 years.



Ellie Bock shows off her goat, and Bryan Littlefield meets with the judge for his food projects at the Platte County Fair.



"I would always push my brother Kevin down the stairs."

Nathan Donoghue



Wren Allen
 Chase Andresen
 Elley Beaver
 Ashley Beck
 Grant Bettenhausen
 Matthew Bichlmeier
 Ellie Bock
 Shania Borchers
 Tessa Bridger

Natalie Bratty
 Emily Carstens
 Chuckie Case
 Trey Dallman
 Nathan Donoghue
 Kaitlyn Enderlin
 Maggie Feehan
 Austyn Follette
 Jared Gaspers

Aaron Gonka
 Noah Greisen
 Kayla Hall
 Joel Hanson
 Dylan Heesacker
 Sierra Heesacker
 Tabitha Henke
 Josh Hergott
 Calen Hinze

Lizzie Hoppe
 Carson Hottovy
 Brandon Hlynh
 Ashley Jakubowski
 Tisa Kasik
 Trevor Kaslon
 Madison Kerkman
 Kyle Kabza
 Colson Kosch

Brock Kracman
 Jadyln Larsen
 Walker Lehr
 Bryan Littlefield
 Tyler Miksch
 Alyssa Morton
 Logan Mueller
 Maddie Neville
 Adelynn Newman

Jake Novicki
 Winston Obal
 Grace Odbert
 Courtland Pieper
 Alex Preister
 Faith Przymus
 Matt Quinn
 Zack Quinn
 Morgan Rinkal

Jenna Salerno
 Landon Sokol
 Marika Spencer
 McKenna Spencer
 Allison Starzec
 Caitlin Steiner
 Matt Stredker
 Anna Swape
 Jadyln Taylor

Trevor Vaught
 Alaina Wallick
 Grace Wickham
 Kendra Wiese
 Kelli Williams
 Michael Wright

What is your most frequent thought about during the day?

Eighth Grade.

Emerson Belitz
Tyler Brandenberg
Itzel Chilopa
Evan Chohan
Matthew Csukker
Nicholas Dolezal
Kira Dreher
Haley Faust
Courtney Flint



Adam Foreman
Ashley Foreman
Bennett Frewing
Wyatt Gutzmer
Mitchell Halligan
Trevor Halligan
Nathan Hiemer
Nikki Hoer
Matthew Hoer



Eastyn Klink
Anthony Kosch
Naomi Kosch
Keaton Kudron
Alyssa Kuta
River Liebig
Eli Merrill
Hannah Mielak
Brady Miller



Cody Mroczek
Dillon Muchmore
Jared Mulligan
Layton Mullinex
Chase Newman
Mallory O'Hearn
Seamus O'Hearn
Megan Ohnoutka
Nathan Ostdeik



Duncan Paczosa
Amberly Parker
Hannah Parker
Abbie Perrault
Brooke Podolak
Crystal Rinkal
Riley Roddy
Emma Ruskamp
Sam Schacher



Natalie Schoecher
Layne Schroeder
Megan Schumacher
Cassie Seckel
Maddie Sinovic
Derek Slegl
Hunter Smith
Will Sonderman
Anthony Sprunk



Emma Strecker
Zachary Svehla
Cameron Swanson
Landri Swett
Dalton Taylor
Kaylee Tanniges
Noah Twarek
Tatem Vance
Tate VanCannon



Abbi Wendt
Jeffrey Wheelock
Alayna Wilson
Chelsy Zimmerman
Alison Zoucha





"My boyfriend that does not know he is my boyfriend."

Abbie Perault



Nathan Hiemer, Itzel Chilapa, and Bennett Frewing finish the race at Boone Central.

Jr. High Sports: Cross Country

This year Jr. High students were given the opportunity to go out for cross country. Of the Jr. High students, three eighth graders decided to go out for the long distance running.

Eighth grader, Bennett Frewing, came in 14th at the Boone Central Invite.

He said, "being in Jr. High did not make a difference compared to being in High School."

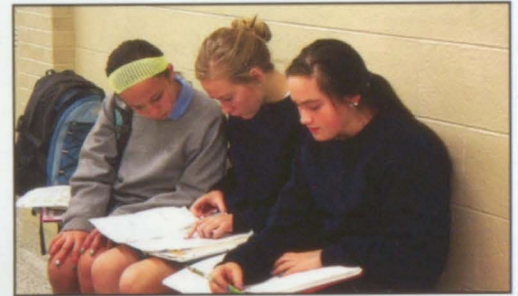
Nathan Hiemer came in 2nd at the Boone Central Invite this year.

He said, "Going out for cross country seemed fun."

Itzel Chilapa was attracted to the running sport.

She added, "Running is in my blood" and "It is a family thing."

This year Itzel also joined her brother, Ivan, in the sport.



(top left) Trevor Halligan, Chase Newman, and Matthew Csukker hang out before classes begin. (top right) Hannah Mielak, Ashley Foreman, and Mallory O'Hearn compare math before school. (bottom left and right) Peter, Alex and Nicholas Dolezal, Hannah and Eli Merrill pose for a sibling photo. Many of the students in the eighth grade have multiple older siblings at Scotus.

Freshmen.



A group of freshmen sit together to hang out and watch the Columbus Days Parade.

Varsity Sports:
Starting Out Strong

The freshmen made a significant impact on Varsity sports this year. As they entered into their first year of high school, the athletes proved that they were ready to go. One of the athletes was Maddie Hahn, starting catcher on the CHS softball team.

"I played since I was young and practiced all of the time, going to camps and anything I could do to get better," Hahn remarked.

Most of the freshmen athletes had similar stories: dreaming since they were young of playing varsity sports. Maeghan Pieper started as the middle hitter on the volleyball team.

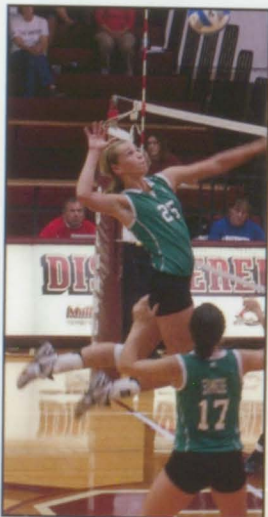
"I always dreamed of playing varsity volleyball my freshman year, but I didn't think it would actually happen," Pieper added.

Although they were successful, all of the athletes worked extremely hard. Savannah Robertson played on the CHS softball team along with Hahn.

"It's a lot more pressure. You're expected to play at a higher level you haven't had much experience with. I knew from the start it was going to be a challenge, and I'd really have to pick up my game if I wanted to stay on varsity," Robertson commented.

Another contributor was varsity cross country runner Adam Smith.

"Now I know that if you have a goal or dream, you can reach it with the right attitude. When it comes to accomplishing your goals, the sky isn't the limit; there is no limit," Smith concluded.



(from left) Maeghan Pieper helps the team out with a kill at one of the many varsity volleyball games she played in this season.

Savannah Robertson gets ready to hit the ball while she is up to bat at a varsity softball game.

Tanner Spencer crosses the ball to the inside during a varsity soccer game. Spencer also started as goalie throughout the season.

Jessica Lahm passes a competitor while running for the varsity cross country team at a meet.



"Bartle-doo: a response to any question or argument in which one replies bartle-doo."

Dana Hoppe



Jennifer Belsan
Evee Birkel
Quinn Blaser
Ross Bonk
Jacob Bos
Mason Brandenburg
Bailey Braun
Courtney Brockhaus
Justin Brockhaus

Natalie Chappell
Victor Corral
Marcus Dodson
Marshall Dreifurst
Leah Engquist
Emily Fahringer
Alec Foltz
Carson Fuchser
Boston Goodrich

Seth Gutzmer
Maddie Hahn
Jared Hanson
Cole Harrington
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Kaleb Putney
Miles Putnam
Olivia Rath
Darin Rinkol

Savannah Robertson
Lydia Schaecher
Sarah Schumacher
Justin Shanle
Cody Siemek
Adam Smith
Gage Speicher
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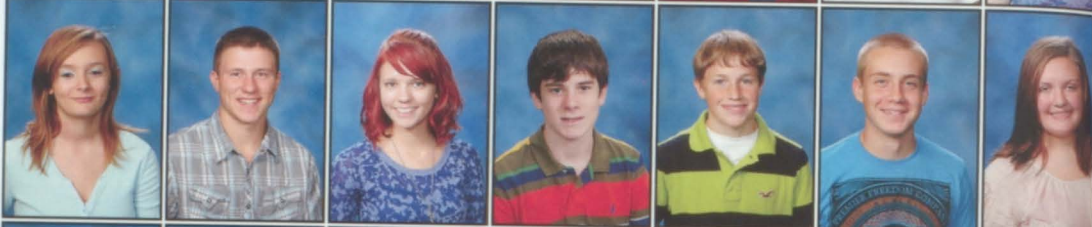
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Jaime Gasper
Riley Gilson
Nieve Johnson
Kelly Kamrath
Kelsey Kessler
Chase Karger
Briana Kouma
Hannah Krings
Erin Kwaproski



Grant Lahm
Cally Larsen
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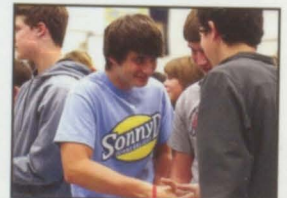
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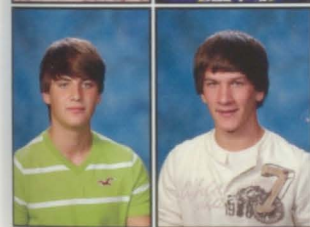
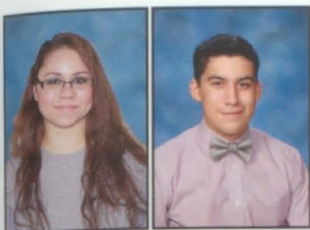
The sophomore class was well represented at the Youth Rally.
(left) Grant Lahm throws his arm in the air during a performance.
(middle) Hannah Krings and Erica Ernst clap along while celebrating Christ.
(right) Adam Starzec and Trevor Pandorf shake hands.





"Want You Back' because it really speaks to me when I have a bad day."

Noah Schacher



Spencer Lechner signs autographs for the elementary school students. This is Lechner's first year as the school mascot.

Spencer Lechner: Showing Spirit

When at certain sporting events, such as football or volleyball, the person who can be easily spotted is Tony the Leprechaun. Sophomore Spencer Lechner has revived Tony for some of the fall sports.

"The reason I became Tony was that it let me do a very energy-consuming activity while cheering on friends," Lechner said.

The previous mascot, Jacob Nienaber, decided that he was unable to be the mascot because he had cross country meets that could interfere, and he was also in charge of the new scoreboard. Since no one was taking on the role of the mascot over halfway through the fall sports season, Lechner decided to be the new mascot.

"When I am wearing the costume, I feel energized," Lechner said.

At the football games, all the little kids run towards Tony wanting autographs.

"They are really annoying, but it somehow makes me happy," Lechner said.

Lechner enjoys having the opportunity to be the mascot, but there are some reasons as to why it may not be the best job.

"It is hot, and it scratches your face; it is also hard to move around when in the costume," Lechner said.

Overall though, Lechner enjoys the job.

"I don't see why people don't want to be a mascot."



Carly Fehringer and Jainaha Srikumar are the only sophomores taking junior level classes. As a tenth grader, Srikumar is taking psychology, advanced math, and English 11. Fehringer is taking accelerated chemistry and Spanish 3. Both students are unique because they transferred into Scotia.

"I decided to take these classes because I wanted to keep moving forward in my education instead of retaking a few classes again," Fehringer said.

What would you tell underclassmen not to do?



(left) Juniors Gabi Bellini de souza and Sandy Chi pose for the camera. This year the junior class got the chance to welcome two new foreign exchange students to their class. Gabi arrived here from Brazil, and Sandy is from Taiwan.



(right) The traditional game of "John Duns Says" was played once again at the junior class retreat.



Juniors.

Make-A-Wish:

Alt goes to Hawaii

It is often said, "Don't judge a book by its cover." That is especially true with junior Alycia Alt. One glance at Alycia, and one would suspect that everything is going right for her. However, since Alycia was 4, she has suffered with Crohn's Disease, an inflammatory disease that causes inflammation in the lining of her intestines.

"It causes terrible stomach aches, body aches, and leg pains almost all the time," Alt said.

With the Make-A-Wish Foundation knowing the pain Alt was going through, she was given the privilege of making a wish this year. They sponsored a trip for her and her family to vacation in Hawaii.

"I chose to go to Hawaii because I wanted to travel somewhere. Hawaii was the easiest place to make plans for our whole family to go to," Alt recalled.

While in Hawaii, Alt was given the opportunity to try new activities. She got to choose from a list of activities to do while she was there.

Alt said, "I went snorkeling, parasailing, on a glass bottom boat, on scenic drives, and to a luau!" There was some unexpected excitement, however, "We ended up having to evacuate our hotel because of a tsunami threat."





"Don't bring a gun to school."

Cole Alexander



Cole Alexander
 Emily Allen
 Alycia Alt
 Shelby Beller
 Gabi Bellini de souza
 Clare Bohac
 Val Borer
 Alli Bos
 Carly Burkhardt

Sandy Chi
 Ivan Chilapa
 Payton Chohan
 Colt Clarey
 Brandon Cook
 Walter Cordova
 Peter Dolezal
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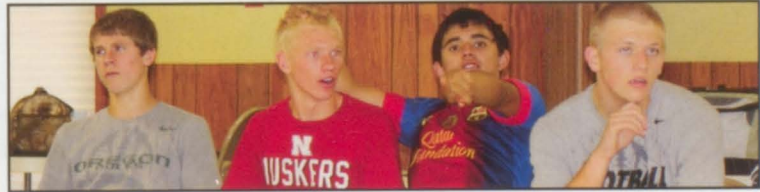
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Junior girls Alli Bos, Gabrielle Paczosa, Kristen Ohnoutka, Jenna Thiele, and Emily Kosch, and junior boys Peter Dolezal, Zach Jepsen, Walter Cordova, and Daniel Strecker circle up during their class retreat.



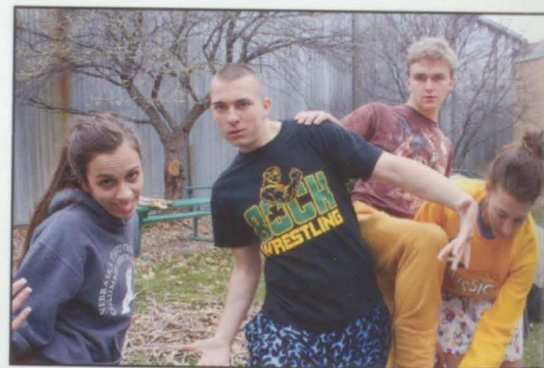
A Final Wave.



Last Week For Seniors: Going Out with a Bang

As the final week for the graduating class of 2013 rolled around, the seniors had big plans. In the early hours of their last Monday of high school, the earliest staff members there were surprised when they found numerous tents set up and scattered throughout the courtyard. The seniors figured what better way to start off their week than with a campout in the school's courtyard. The students were very sneaky about how they got into the courtyard the previous night, but with everyone's cooperation, they managed to get it done.

While the week progressed, the seniors were granted a few privileges, such as choosing their own seats at lunch and being able to eat in the courtyard. As always, the seniors had a dress down week, and they selected the school's lunches for their last days at Scotus. When Friday, their final day, came around, the Senior Mass was celebrated. That same day, when the seventh period dismissal bell rang, the seniors assembled throughout second and third floors and began to throw 1000 bouncy balls down the stairs and within the hallways. Bystanding students and teachers were taken by surprise at the attack, but they soon joined right in. The senior class of 2013 was sure to make their mark on the school.



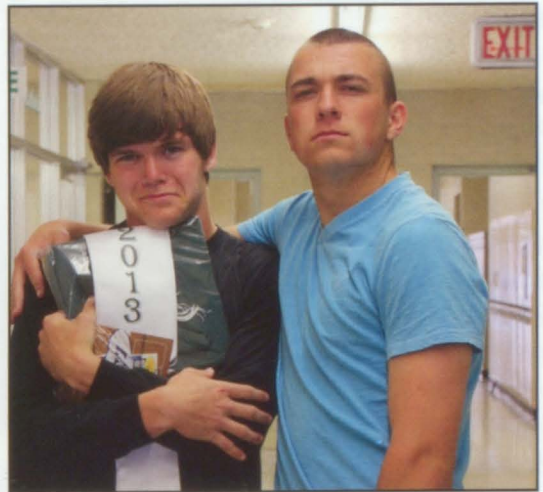
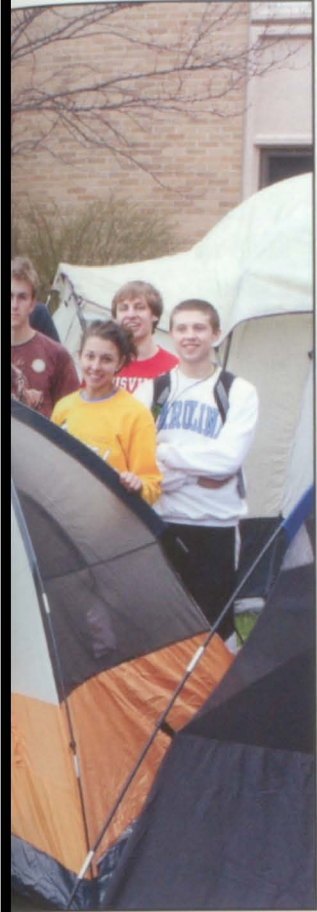
Morgan Benesch, Nathan Schacher, Kevin Donoghue, and Alyssa Foltz show off for the camera the morning after their campout. (top left) Kylee Soulliere, Catherine Swope, Shayla Wieser, Derek Lahm, and Priola Robledo cook some pancakes after waking up from their campout in the courtyard. (bottom left) Taylor Johnson flashes a thumbs up while making breakfast. (top) Members of the senior class pose outside their tents for a group photo. The seniors snuck into the courtyard the previous night to set up tents for a campout.



"Tara and I talked about all sorts of deep life stuff. Then North Korea bombed us, and Sam Tholben and I went to chase them away. We didn't make it back to our tent until way after 4 a.m. so I basically spent only two hours in my tent sleeping."

Kylee Soulliere

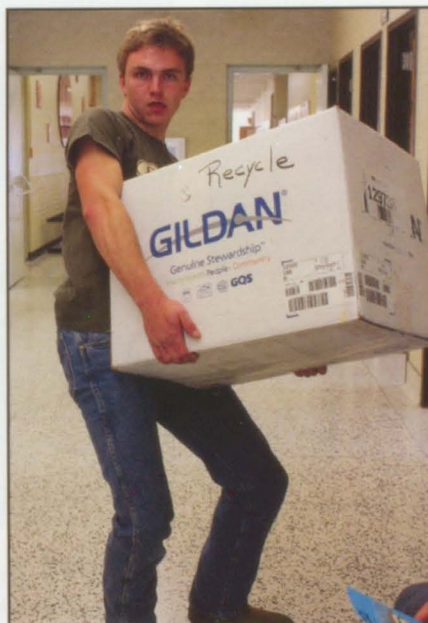
Forever Friends.



Jon Hanson, Jacob Ruskamp, and Sam Slegl hang out in the courtyard on their last day.

Jake Huss and Nathan Schacher get emotional as they receive their caps and gowns. (above) Brennan Brockhaus, Tara Starzec, and Carrie Bartholomew smile for the camera during their last day of journalism class.

Lasts.



(top left) Brittany Dake shows excitement for the camera while she cleans out her locker.

(bottom left) Morgan Benesch celebrates as she finalizes her last check out sheet.

Kevin Donoghue helps carry the recyclables out as the seniors clean out their lockers for the last time.



If you were handcuffed to anyone in your class, who would you choose?

402-910-2284! If you don't know this number, you probably don't belong in the senior class. This is the number of our beloved NHS president, **Craig Ackman**. Ever since junior high, people in our class have used this number for comedic purposes. It has been written on walls, car windows, and countless sheets of paper. When a weird guy hits on a girl in our class, it is common practice for them to give the guy **Craig's** phone number. **Craig** has received countless calls and texts as a result. Even if you don't know it, the number 402-910-2284 will live on in Scotia forever.

-Kevin Donoghue

You usually see **Carrie** in her long luscious sunshined blonde hair walking the halls, minding her own business. People are nice to her when they pass by, but when I see **Carrie**, I pet her hair like a dog

and run away so she can't do the same. I don't know why I do it, but I just enjoy it, so I don't stop. Also, **Carrie** and I went on a ski trip to South Dakota. It was **Carrie's** first time skiing with me. Every time I would look for



Craig Ackman.

Carrie, she would be on the ground trying to get up because she didn't take ski lessons. I made **Carrie** do the big slopes. When I reached the bottom, **Carrie** had already fallen before she even got halfway. She managed to get down by sliding on her butt. After that, she stuck to the bunny slopes.



Carrie Bartholomew.

-Pricila Robledo

In second grade, **Morgan** had headgear and glasses at the same time. The first day she got to school with her headgear, the teacher had to warn the class that she looked different, and no one could laugh at her. Whenever the teacher would give the students a piece of candy, **Morgan** always had to have a cookie because candy would get stuck in her headgear.

-Alyssa Foltz

One day during sophomore year, **Jon** didn't come to school because he woke up and couldn't move his legs. Literally.

-Jon Hanson



Ian Baumgart.



Katelyn Baumgart.



Morgan Benesch.

Harry Potter on the Wii. So, basically I was mad because I didn't technically win since we never finished the game, and **Kyle** was satisfied. We haven't played Risk again since that night, and that's probably a good thing. I still say that I beat him though!

-Christine Reiners

It was crazy watching **Katelyn** struggle all track season junior year with injury after injury only to see her win the silver medal at state track.

-Bridgette Brune

The first time that I hung out with **Jill**, we played outside in the snow. **Katelyn** and **Ross** were also there. They kept making fun of me because I had never played a foot of snow before, so I kept tripping in my snow boots. They also taught me how to sled. I was really bad at and kept falling off.

-Christine Reiner



Jill Bank.



Kyle Bank.

One time **Kyle** and I were playing Risk. He had told me that I couldn't beat him, so I took that as a challenge. It was just him and me playing, and it got to a point where **Kyle** wouldn't take his next move. We sat there for probably 10 minutes arguing about it. I finally got so mad at him that I threw the dice at him and went in the other room where **Jill** was playing



"Colby, I wouldn't get annoyed by him because he's quiet, and he's probably the only one that could get us out of them"

Katelyn Baumgart

During junior year, Annie, Tessa, Brittany, and I went over to **Bridgette's** for a girls night. We all went over to her house early but didn't tell her. We somehow got into her garage and sticky noted, chalked, stringed, and saran wrapped her car. That was the day **Bridgette** made the terrible mistake of trusting us.

-Ian Baumgart

-Allison Smith

Vanessa's, Teresa's, and my gospels for junior religion intertwined, and we came up with the Gospel according to Harry Potter for Teresa's. In it, Harry got all his information from his twin sister Carrie who was disguised as the apostle Bartholomew.

-Carrie Bartholomew

Vanessa Cox.



A day I will never forget is my first day at Scotus. I was so nervous to meet everyone at first, Katie, Annie, Hannah, and Taylor drove me to school that day since it was my "big day." I think that they were just as excited for my first day at Scotus as I was. It seemed like whoever I walked past stared at me, and it freaked me out. Especially my first ten minutes in the school, I felt like the lost new kid that I was.

Brittany Dake.



Everyone was a lot more welcoming than I thought they would be. I was very lucky to already have best friends at school before I started. I was very fortunate to join such a great class.

-Carrie Bartholomew

I convinced **Genesis** that my dad was a racist, and she wasn't allowed in my house. Obviously, he's not, so it was really funny. Our OID for speech, 'nuff said.

-Hannah Harrington

Brennan and I went to Joe's cabin in North Bend sophomore year. We were with Jake Gilson, Austin Wendt, and Derek Lamm. We were camping and decided to play hide-and-seek. **Brennan** and I hid on the neighbor's porch for two hours while sitting in lawn chairs. The people kept walking within two feet of us and never found us. We kept laughing and they could hear us, but they couldn't figure out we were right in front of them.

Brennan Brockhaus.



Bridgette Brune.



Genesis Corral.



For our dinner concert for band, the seniors have lines, but we can have a notecard with us on stage. **Gina**, being late as usual, didn't have a notecard or her lines memorized, so I tore off her lines from the script. Once we got out there, she said her lines, but they weren't all on the sheet. She was stuttering and looking at us for help. By that time, everyone was laughing at her, and she had to make something up on the spot. This is what we call a Gina moment.

-Taylor Wiester

Gina Bose.



Katie Breidenbach.



In eighth grade, **Katie** stole every guy from me that I liked. No joke. When I liked someone, she somehow needed them in to like her instead! It was devastating. I'm not quite sure how, but we are still best friends to this day. At one point in eighth grade, basically all of the girls in our group of friends didn't talk to her, and we even "skunned" her. We finally invited her over to Morgan's one night to be nice, and we each had our own interventions with her in Morgan's room where we talked through our problems and apologized. It was probably one of the most pathetic and dramatic things we all ever went through in junior high, but it is still one of the funniest stories we'll ever have.

-Brittany Dake

If you could be someone else for one day, who would you be, and why?

It was kindergarten when we first became friends. I was too shy to talk to anyone, so **Melissa** was the first person to talk to me. She invited me over for a sleepover, and that night we slept in her basement. We were sleeping and all of a sudden the TV turned on. At that age, we thought that was pretty scary. We stayed up the rest of the night and didn't move a finger. To this day, we still laugh about it.

-Alivia Galley



Melissa Diamond.



Alyssa Foltz.

In sixth grade, **Alyssa** and Derek dated for a day. **Alyssa** wanted to break up with him but didn't want to do it herself. So **Lauran** and I did it for her. We went up to him at recess and told him that **Alyssa** wanted to break up with him. Derek started crying.

-Morgan Benesch

Alivia and I have been best friends since kindergarten. While growing up together, we were called the 'Giggle Girls'. **Alivia** went camping with my family one time, and while we were walking around the campsite, she began choking on a peanut from laughing so hard. A few weeks later she was taken to the hospital because she couldn't breathe right. The doctors soon found a peanut lodged in her lungs, and it was causing her breathing trouble. Everything turned out fine, but the choking incident was partly my fault.

-Larissa Loeffler

Brook, Hunter K., Dylan, and I went to KFC together. This is when we discovered the "Papa Breast". We also named **Brook's** mole on his forehead "Doug", and that is now **Brook's** nickname.

-Nathan Schacher



Kevin Donoghue.



Brook Frewing.



Alivia Galley.

On the first day of senior year, **Kevin** and I rode to school on scooters. We were both wearing overalls. We parked the scooters in senior row, but unfortunately, someone moved them.

-Brennan Brockhaus

Colby Engquist: smartypants, handsome, outgoing, dream guy! Everyone wants him, but no one can have him. **Colby** has always had a love for me, he just doesn't want to admit it! He steals my locker notes to go to the office off my locker, and he puts them in his locker to worship. Actually he just



Colby Engquist.



Claire Fuchser.

puts them on my locker every now and then so I go to the office to find I have nothing there, and he laughs at me, that jerk! One day he wrote me a love note too! Be jealous girls, he's mine. I told him to admit he liked me, and this was not easy. The note was full of smiley faces, hearts that he broke and I stitched them back together, and at the end he finally admitted it! He said he didn't "like me," but he "tolerated me." Good enough!

-Lauran Hellbusch

One of my best memories with **Claine** was on March 1, 2013. We got to see Luke Bryan! The whole three hours we had to wait to see him were insane! Seeing Luke Bryan got us both super excited. I'm glad I got to see my favorite singer with one of my best friends.

-Kyrsten Wood



"Beethoven, because he was a big dog that never let anyone get in his way."

Quinn Goodrich

Jon, Ian B, Brennan, Zach, and I all went to Maximus one night to play pool. We walked in to find these old, unattractive people dancing Gangnam Style. Before we knew it, the lady got up on the pool table and started dancing inappropriately. We were violated! Zach thought he was going to throw up, and Jon started crying. It was awesome!

-Allison Smith

My favorite memories with Jake were going fishing at his cabin every night after work. It was a real relaxing time after work sitting on that dock.

Laughing about jokes was fun, and the fact that we never caught any fish.

-Jake Huss



Jake Gilson.



Jon Hanson.

Dear Cheddar Bob: Back in the sixth grade, when we were in our High School Musical stage where we loved all the songs, I remember the time we called Katelye Scalliere and were singing the songs to her because we thought she was...well, hot. But fear not, as embarrassing as that was, I don't know if it will top the time we were at my cabin, and I busted out that sick dance move to the Tom Monello guitar battle off of guitar hero. You just happened to have your phone out and got the whole dance on video, and we watched it over and over again because we were trying to figure out how insane the dance move was. I don't really remember how I did it, and I don't think anybody will ever be able to do it again, but one thing about that is that I will never forget it.

-Jake Gilson

When Quinn was gone in Germany junior year, I made a special trip to Platte Center to put a pink flamingo in her front yard. Her mom e-mailed her saying that aliens were at their house because of it.

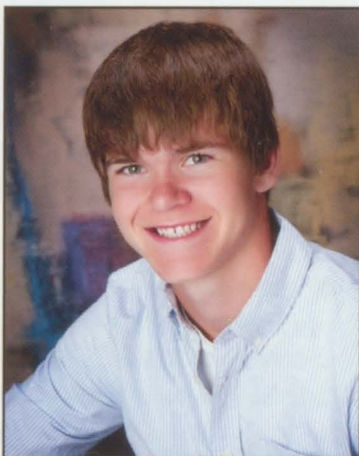
-Kevin Donoghue



Quinn Goodrich.



Hannah Harrington.



Jake Huss.

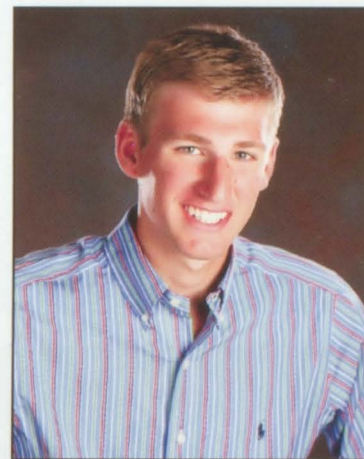
After Lauran's knee surgery, she was stuck in bed and had nothing else to do, so we made some moles for chemistry. All the medicine that Lauran had to take made her really loopy and tired at random times. She would be wide awake one moment cutting fabric, and then all of a sudden she would be sleeping with scissors in her hand trying to cut the fabric. On we would be talking with her and look away, and she would suddenly be sleeping or staring at you with a weird look. We finally took the scissors away from her so she did not hurt herself.

-Katie Breidenbach

-Tessa Stuart

Brandon and I have done some pretty crazy stuff together. On the 4th of July we decided to make a sparkler bomb. We had about 100 decent sized sparklers, and we duct taped them together. Brandon placed it in the sand at his house and lit it. It started off just as a fountain of fire, but then exploded and flames shot everywhere. He managed to start the sand and some grass on fire after it exploded. It was pretty crazy.

-Zach Zarek



Brandon Hahn.



Lauran Hellbusch.

I locked myself in my room one night, and Hannah was screaming at me to let her in, but I would not open the door for her. She then decided to begin ramming her head on the door trying to get in but miserably failed, and I am pretty sure she even blacked out for a couple seconds.

At Sweetheart our freshmen year, Taylor was being Taylor, so I told him that he was a disgrace to our class. I was obviously kidding, but to this day he will never let me forget I said that. I wish he would forgive me...

-Anna Perault



Taylor Johnson.

For the majority of the year, Lauren has worn teal Ugg boots to school, and no one has said a word to her about it. My theory is that the teachers do see her wearing them and think to themselves, "She walks to school every day for goodness sake. Let her wear the boots!"

-Kara Moore



Lauren Kuta.



Paige Lyons.



Sara Legler.



Dylan Kuta.



Derek Lahm.

So Kuta, there are too many memories to put into this one word document, but I am sure I can think of a few. Like the time we were at my cabin, it was Cheddar, you, and me, and we were chilling on my dock, fishing, listening to nature when all of the sudden from behind us an enormous dust storm came from out of nowhere, and us three thought it was the end of the world. We were just in shock because the sky in front of us was clear, and when we turned around it was Mother Nature just showing us what she can do. We hurried and ran up to my cabin and locked everything up and bailed as fast as humanly possible. None of us wanted to go home yet, so we went to DQ for about an hour or so. That's not the greatest story in the world, but it's one of those stories that we will never forget.

-Jake Gilson

I remember when we were going back to class one day after lunch freshman year, there was a few of us a little ways behind our class. As we got to the courtyard, Derek decided to kick the door handle with his foot. Instead, he missed the handle and shattered the glass in the door. Let's just say Mrs. Johnson wasn't in too good of a mood the rest of the class period. Also, in grade school Derek broke at least four windows while playing kick ball.

-Bridgette Brune

Paige and I were neighbors freshmen year when I moved into my new house. We began to hang out literally EVERY DAY. We were those ornery freshmen and sophomores, always finding trouble. Paige would always cook me chicken and macaroni and cheese. We were the best of friends.

-Sam Slegl

Sophomore year Sara and I were in a group with Taylor Merrill and Bibiana for an English project. I remember Sara and Bibiana constantly fighting over nothing. A couple hours later everyone got on each others nerves and was arguing with everyone. So Sara left, I left, and then Bibiana left Taylor's house. So basically nothing got accomplished. We still laugh about that today.

-Hailey Luebe



"I would wish that there was no such thing as speed limits because I love to speed, and I wouldn't get pulled over."

Larissa Loeffler

Larissa and I were always known as the giggle girls since kindergarten and are still known as that to this day. We found ourselves getting in trouble a lot because we laughed too much; we laughed at everything.

-Alivia Galley

In grade school, Hailey, another girl, and I would pretend that we were the Cheetah Girls and would play it every day during recess.

-Kelcey Stutzman

In second grade Marshal and I kissed between the double silver slides at recess. It was my first kiss, forever and always. Marshal claims he doesn't remember, but it happened.

-Katelyn Baumgart



Larissa Loeffler.



Hailey Luebe.



Marshal Obal.



Bibiana Lopez.



Kara Moore.



Nick Pandorf.

Whenever there would be a Michael Jackson song playing, Bibiana would always talk about how much she loves Michael Jackson. Now, whenever I hear a Michael Jackson song, I always think of Bibiana and how much she loves Michael Jackson.

-Kara Moore

On the way to a football game, Allison, Kara, Catherine, and I went to McDonalds to get food. We all got chicken nuggets, so we had like 40 nuggets in one, big bag. Catherine and I were in the back of Allison's car going through the bag getting everybody's food out for them. I took a bite out of one of Kara's chicken nuggets and put it back in the box without her knowing. When she opened it, she started freaking out, screaming like always. Catherine and I said the McDonalds' workers must have taken a bite out of it. Kara threw it out of the window in disgust right before we told her the truth. She then got mad at us because she wasted a perfectly good nugget.

-Lauran Hellbusch.

In eighth grade Dylan, Nick, and I were at Dylan's house. We decided to break out the board game Risk. Side note, Risk usually takes 4 to infinity hours to complete, and it is very rare that the whole game gets finished. We started at 8 p.m. and played deep into the night. Over the course of the game, tensions grew as alliances were formed and broken, and people got lucky, angering others. We played until 5 a.m. when we decided to take a break. We decided to bike over to Cubby's from Dylan's and get ice cream. We thought we were rebels because we were breaking curfew. We went back to Dylan's and chowed down the ice cream.

-Ian Robak

What is the meanest thing you have done to an underclassman?

Ian lost his keys at my house for seven months, and then they randomly showed up seven months later...

-Katie Breidenbach

Ever since I saw *Pricila* in 6th period study hall, I knew she was trouble—that is when it all started. She would sneak behind me and unzip my bookbag. I would turn around and yell at her, and she would just stand there and laugh.

-Marshal Obal



Ian Robak.

We had an interesting SLC our freshman year. *Jeremiah* and *Sam* were staying in the same hotel room, and they found drugs up in the bathroom ceiling. They were shown it by someone who stayed there the year before. Mrs. Salyard had the hotel manager move us to new rooms. The school van got vandalized the year too!

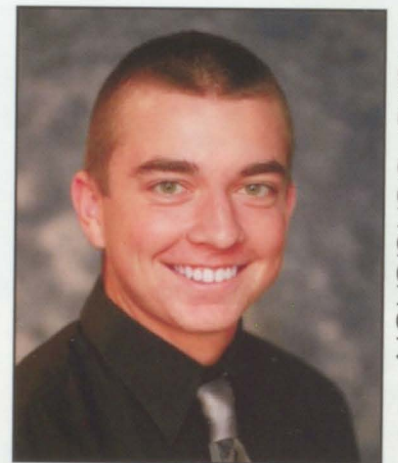
-Melissa Diamond



Jeremiah Salyard.



Pricila Robledo.



Nate Schacher.



Jacob Ruskamp.

Junior year in chemistry, *Nathan* wanted to make a MOLEster. Mrs. Dussel wouldn't let him. Also, junior year in Spanish class, *Nathan* started a "word of the day" game. When Mrs. Bomar said the word of the day, everyone started screaming. She wasn't very happy.

-Dylan Kuta

Ruskamp and I used to make this drink called purple drink. We used the dry packets of gatorade from school, and then we would make it in a five gallon jug in the back of the bus. We would put it in water bottles and pass it around.

-Taylor Johnson

Our sophomore year, *Anna* got hit in the face with a basketball, and everyone called her Avatar because her nose was all blue and swollen into her eyes like an Avatar's are. Two years later, her nose still randomly turns blue.

-Catherine Swope



Anna Perault.



Christine Reiners.

One time, I got to spend the night at *Christine's* house for a week. Her parents were in California, so we had the house to ourselves. We went outside to get some of my clothes out of my car. We shut the front door behind us, and it locked. We ran around the house trying to find an open door, but they were all locked. We had to stay in the cold, and it was getting dark. The only person who had a key was Mike, *Christine's* neighbor. Unfortunately, he was not home. We called my mom to come pick us up until Mike came home. Luckily, my mom came quickly. Just as she was pulling in, Mike came home, so he opened the door. Now we always make sure that we leave the door open.

-Jill Bonk



"Allison and I have a competition to see who can hit the most seventh graders after lunch. I always win"

Tessa Stuart

Back in junior high, a group of my friends were in math counts. None of us really did any work, and we would drive Mr. Salyard nuts on most occasions. One day, Tara and Taylor came up with a parody of "Fergilicious" called "Rectanglicious". At one point, they had lyrics to almost the entire song, and all of us in math counts thought it was the coolest idea ever. We even tried to get Mr. Salyard to buy team t-shirts that had "Rectanglicious" on them for the whole team. This notion fell through, however. Instead, Tara made us the t-shirts sophomore year so that we could remember all of our nerdy math counts memories.

-Lauren Kuta

One night at Katie's house, Sam disappeared into the bathroom for awhile. I heard her voice but knew no one else was in there with her, so I walked over to the door to find Sam pacing around the bathroom and talking to herself. She was stressing and rambling on about boy problems to some non-existent person. She still gets mad at me for telling this story. Oopa.

-Hannah Harrington

For Allison's birthday last year, I decided to buy her a big black fish and name it NFL. I had a black fish with big eyes in my mom's tank named NBA. Tessa and I decided to get it from Wal-Mart and use my old tank. Being the smarties that we are, we drove all the way to Allison's with two fish in a full tank of water with no lid. We drove about 5 miles an hour, and water was splashing everywhere. We took all the back roads to her house, so no one would get mad at my slow driving. Tessa was pretty much soaked from all the splashing, and I was dying from laughing the whole way. Professional delivery I'd say.

-Brittany Steiner



Sam Slegl.



Allison Smith.



Kylee Soulliere.



Tara Starzec.



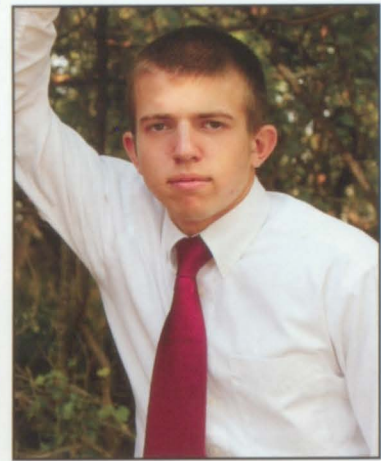
Brittany Steiner.

One time in eighth grade I stole Kylee's boyfriend at her dance recital. She then proceeded to write poems about how I'm a fat cow. We are now best friends, but I think she is just waiting for me to get a hot boyfriend she can steal.

-Quinn Goodrich

We were doing an experiment in Physics with projectile motion, and Mr. Salyard asked, "Did everybody hear it?" After about two seconds of everybody else's silent nodding, Adam simply said, "No," and we all laughed.

-Derek Lahm



Adam Strecker.



Tessa Stuart.

In 6th grade Toni Osontowski invited all of us girls to her house for a sleep over. Toni had a cement floor downstairs, and we were all roller blading when Tessa fell and cracked her lip open. Toni's mom would not let her go home and made Tessa eat a sloppy joe. Tessa never liked Toni after that.

-Melissa Diamond

It was the day before junior prom, and Tessa and I went over to Brittany's house to do our nails. We wanted them to be "poppin", so we had a cool idea to cover them in glitter. Brittany had a big container of gold glitter, and it had a messed up lid where you could sprinkle or pour it out. Brittany had the bright idea to stick her finger through the hole. Long story short, Brittany got her thumb stuck in a tub of glitter, and it took an hour to get it out.

-Allison Smith

Do you like cats or not? Why?

Ever since we could drive, our godparent couple has told us not to park in a certain spot in front of their house because it is illegal. We always just blew it off and parked there anyway. One unfortunate Wednesday night, **Kelcey** ended up parking there. Someone rear-ended her, and the cop that came to check it out gave her a ticket for her parking job.

-Katelyn Baumgart



Kelcey Stutzman.



Teresa Tira.

We went to St. Louis for our band trip last summer and didn't get much sleep. **Teresa** and I were both very hyper and loopy from the lack of sleep. We went to a Cardinals game one night and sang Taylor Swift's song "Mean" the entire night. The only words we knew were, "Someday, I'll be living in a big old city." We sang this over and over again the entire game and danced around. We got some pretty weird looks, but we had a good time.

-Charrissa Zuerlein

Catherine was in Omaha earlier this year, and I needed to get into her house to get cream cheese. She gave me her garage code, and Kara suggested that we mess with **Catherine**. We hid ALL of her underwear. When she got out of the shower and couldn't find her underwear, her mom convinced her that she had sleptwalked and hid the underwear herself.

-Anna Perault



Catherine Swope.



Joe Warth.

During freshmen sweetheart, **Joe** asked his big time crush, Katelyn Kenkman, to dance with him. She said yes, and he took her over to where all the other freshmen were dancing. He couldn't stop talking about it for weeks.

-Adam Strecker

When we were seniors, we had to do a movie for our Ethics class. We wanted to have an explosion in our film for an awesome effect. We got some dry ice, and **Sam** put it in a bottle and added a little water. He put the cap on and started to shake it. Then, he put his arm back ready to throw the bottle and BOOM! It blew up in his hand. He then proceeded to drop to the floor in pain.

-Marshal Obal



Sam Thalken.



Austin Wendt.

Our junior year, **Austin** walked into the cafeteria, and last year's senior class got the entire room to start clapping for him for no reason at all (even the teachers).

-Catherine Swope



"Scotus teaches us that God does not make mistakes.
Cats make me question this."

Austin Wendt

During our junior year, **Kyrsten** and I went with Sam Thalber, Ian Robak, Nick Pandorf, and Lawson Kula to Washington D.C. with Mr. Olmosutka for *Close Up*. We met these adorable boys from Mississippi, and we crushed on them the entire trip. They were true southern gentlemen, and boy were they attractive!! We also roomed with two girls who were from Minnesota. When we came back home, we each had a mixture of a Minnesotan/Southern accent. **Kyrsten** and I are determined to meet up with Dionte and Walker again after high school, and trust me, IT WILL HAPPEN!

-Claire Fuchser



Kyrsten Wood.



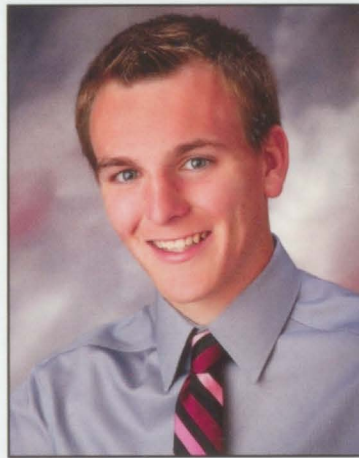
Annie Zeller.

Our sophomore year, we were running the dike at cross country practice. Morgan Duven, **Shayla**, and I all had to pee super bad, so we ran into the woods to go. When we came out, **Shayla** was walking really weird and looked like she was in pain. She told us that when she pulled down her shorts, a whole bunch of sandbars got stuck to the inside of them. She literally couldn't even walk, so she had to go tell Mr. Lahm. She ended up just standing there picking them all off until it wasn't painful to run.

-Catherine Swope



Shayla Wieser.



Zach Zarek.

One time, we went to Lincoln to watch **Annie** play softball and went to Red Robin afterwards. **Annie** got so sick that on the way home, she started bawling her eyes out. She cried the entire two-and-a-half hour ride home. That was the first time I ever hung out with her family.

-Taylor Johnson



Charrissa Zuerlein.



Taylor Wiester.

I can remember one time **Zach** was at my house for an exploration project. We were not working as usual, and he was jumping on my bed. Somehow, he fell off and hit the dry wall and put a hole in it.

-Brandon Hahn

Over the summer, **Charrissa** and I went to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota for mission trip. We were so exhausted from the heat and lack of sleep that we got insanely hyper. We were in the bus, and the topic of the Hunger Games came up. **Charrissa** said something about how she was cold because the vent was pointed right at her on full blast. Randomly, I shouted out, "Let the Ginger Games begin!" I quickly opened the vent and held her arms down so she couldn't recluse it. Carrie was taking pictures during the entire thing. I looked like a crazy person, and **Charrissa** looked absolutely miserable.

-Teresa Tira

Taylor Wiester's life wouldn't be nearly as exciting or complicated without me. I'm the meddler in her life. In 9th grade, I asked Derek if he would go to Sadie Hawkins with her. I did it behind her back though, and I told him not to tell her I asked. I ended up telling her anyway and started off by saying, "Um Taylor, you're going to hate me." I usually beg her to let me meddle because she is too chicken to do anything for herself. Our junior year, she told me she might ask Grey (our friend from Elgion) to go to a dance with her. I was so afraid she wouldn't actually do it, so I texted him and asked him if he would. He said yes. I told him to act like he didn't know when **Taylor** finally asked him. She ended up finding out and got mad at me and told me to stop meddling. Finally, our senior year, she liked Dan Stoeber, but this time she told me I couldn't meddle. So when Dan came up to me and asked me who **Taylor** liked, I told him I didn't know. Well, I should have just told him because other people came up to me and said that Dan liked **Taylor** too. Then, when **Taylor** finally told him herself, he came up to me and yelled at me for lying to him. So, the moral of the story is that **Taylor** created a lose-lose situation for me. I guess I just need to ask her for her permission to meddle next time.

-Gina Bose

We're Outta Here.

(right) The front row of seniors listens intently to senior class president, Kara Moore, as she gives the welcoming speech. (below) Senior Nathan Schacher receives his diploma from school board president, Donna Starzec.



Class of 2013:

Before us lies the timber, let us build.

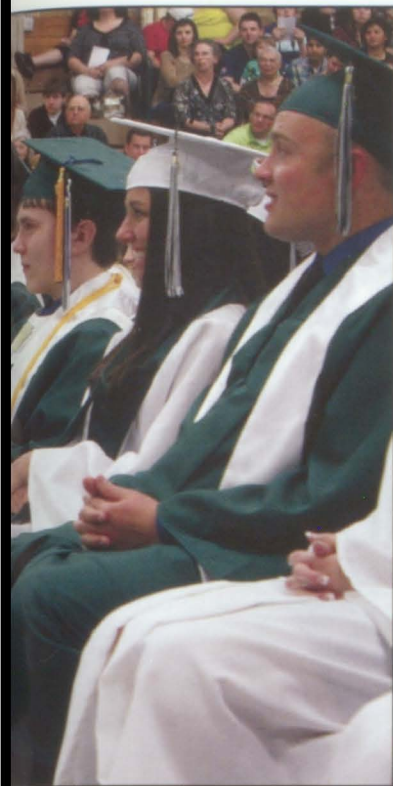
Following a year unlike any other, it was no surprise that the graduation commencement of 2013 followed suit. There were no generic speeches given or cheesy lines said or stiff hand shakes exchanged. Everything about the ceremony was personal, a trait that reflected what the class of 2013 had exhibited the whole year. Father Roza said it best when he described the senior class as a community that brings people in because of the happiness and satisfaction that they radiate. The senior class as a whole creates personal bonds with everyone they encounter, this being something unique that sets them apart from other classes. Their smiling faces and welcoming embraces will be deeply missed as they venture on to new and exciting places. With diplomas in hand and final goodbyes said, the future looks bright for the class of 2013. They have been given the tools and knowledge they need to take the next step. It is now up to them to find their place in the world, but no matter where they find themselves, they will always know that they have a home in the people they have spent the last six years of their lives with.

"It is not the building on the books that have created a home for us, it is the people, and in this home we have created a family and many memories," senior class president Kara Moore stated.

Just as there was nothing generic about the graduation ceremony of 2013, there is hope that the future of the seniors will follow suit as they leave their personal mark on everything they encounter in the many years to come.



"I think I was most scared of Mr. Petersen during math class because he always yelled at me for not paying attention and looking out the window."
Morgan Benesch



The Honorees.



Well Deserved Awards.

Not only was the graduation commencement about the 2013 seniors, it was also about honoring people who have made a difference at Scotus. Scotus alum Tim and Amy Harrington received the Scotus Alumnus of the Year Award. This is an award honoring alum who continue to support and volunteer their time to Scotus.



The Outstanding Service Award was given to Diane Kudron and Ed Goerlinger. Mrs. Kudron has worked at Scotus for an incredible 29 years under seven different superintendents. Mr. Goerlinger was forced to retire last fall due to a health issue with his shoulder after serving Scotus for 19 years as the director of the custodial and maintenance department. Both have played key roles in the success of Scotus by doing countless jobs that are necessary to keeping things running smoothly on a daily basis.



Lastly, Kyle Bonk received the Spirit of Scotus Award, an award honoring a senior who has shown excellence in school spirit, whether that be through academics, faith, or sports.

(from left) Senior Hannah Harrington processes in at the beginning of the graduation ceremony. Senior Katie Breidenbach receives her diploma from school board member Tim Harrington. Senior Shayla Wieser is all smiles as she processes into the graduation ceremony.



The Last Salute.

Father Roza and senior class president, Kara Moore, hit the nail on the head with their final words said to bring the year of 2013 to a close. Kara brought the class together, settling the controversy over the selection of the class song, "Home". She described how it can relate to all of their lives as they overcome their fears of leaving behind the only people they have ever really called home. She and the class shared many laughs as she talked about numerous funny moments that only they would understand. She also poked fun at Father Roza for the horrible videos he would make them watch in class. But most importantly, she made every word count as she summed up everything the senior class hoped to express in their final goodbye.

Father Roza encouraged the seniors to not be afraid as they venture out into the world to find themselves. He especially stressed that no matter what, they will always have God.

"God reveals who you are. God will always give you a sense of looking forward because you understand who you are. You will always be loved, blessed, and valued."

With those words that were written to perfection in mind, the seniors now have the task of discovering what is still unwritten.

(top left) Senior class president Kara Moore laughs with Mr. Morfeld and Fr. Roza while giving the welcoming speech.

(left) Fr. Roza says final words to the seniors at the graduation ceremony.

The Rest Is Still Unwritten.

Taylor,

Ever since you were a little girl we knew that God was orchestrating your life. We have enjoyed every dance, song, play, and speech that you performed with all your heart and soul. Never forget how much we love and believe in you. We can't wait to see what the future holds for our precious daughter.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Brennan,

We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Best of luck in college and with your future goals. Always keep God in your life!

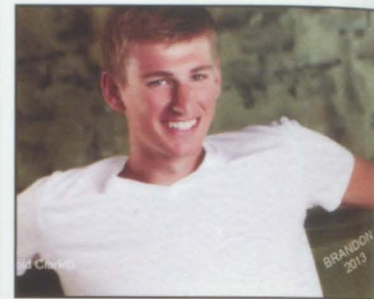
Love,
Mom, Dad, Justin, and Courtney



Brandon,

We are so truly blessed to have you as our son! We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Keep your faith in God and always believe in yourself. We love you so very much!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Maddie



Katie,

Thank you for being the young woman you have become! God blessed me with you, and I am honored to be your mother. I look forward to watching you grow into your next chapter in life. Remember to keep your faith burning, and keep God in your heart, and know I will always be there for you!

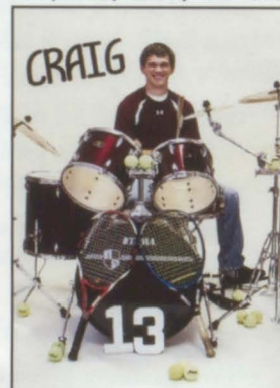
Love,
Mom



Craig,

As you begin this new journey in your life, always remember to keep God at the center. Be your own person, and know that you are loved. We are all so proud of the young man that you have become. Rock on!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Scott, and Brian



Regina,

Since we had to move senior year, you've had to make a lot of decisions. We're proud God led you "Show me your ways O Lord; teach me your paths." (Psalm 25:4) Although miles keep us apart, you are forever in our hearts!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and the Bose Bunch





"I will miss being tucked in at night by them. Hopefully I have a nice roommate."

Brennan Brockhaus

Hannah,

Nothing can be said to you that we have not already said over the past 18 years. We know you will succeed in whatever you choose to do. You are a true blessing to this family and we love you more than you'll ever know. Keep God close always!

Love you,

Dad, Mom, Meggie, Emily, and Cole



Bridgette,

Dad and Mom are so happy for you as you start your next adventure! We are proud of all you have accomplished. You have a great work ethic, and we are confident you will be successful in all you strive to do. Keep God close to your heart and happiness is sure to follow. We love you and will miss you! You will always be our little "Angel".

Love,

Mom and Dad



Brittany,

May your beautiful smile light the path to your next adventure in life. You have never been afraid to take on a new challenge; I hope that spirit stays with you forever. Dream big!

Love,

Your Family



Dear Priscila,

I'm so proud of you. We love you, and we wish you the best of luck at college and in your future! Keep God in your life! Keep faith and you will succeed in whatever you do!

Love,

Mom and your brothers and sisters



Carrie,

You've brought us so much joy. We're very proud of you and all that you've accomplished. Keep striving to do your best and you will be able to achieve anything. We love you very much!

Love,

Dad, Mom, and Chelsea



Christine,

You know how much we love you and how proud we are of the young woman you have become. May you always dance as if no one is watching and may God always be your guide in life.

Love you lots and lots,
Mom, Dad, and Sis



What are you going to miss most when you leave home?

Marshal,

Always remember you will forever hold a special place in all of our hearts. Follow your heart and God's will through this next chapter in your life. Mom and Dad will always be there for you.

Love you always!
Mom, Dad, Winston, Lyndon, and Calder



Kyrsten,

We are very proud of you. As you go through life, remember to always keep God in the center of it. With faith as your guide, you certainly will enjoy success and happiness.

We love you,
Mom and Dad,
Olivia, Whitney, Emma, and Madilyn



Allison Rose,

The day God brought you into our lives, everything changed. Blue eyes, pony tails, and contagious smiles have filled our hearts and memories. We have watched you grow from a shy little girl to a confident young woman. We could not be prouder or love you more. We will always be your biggest fans, and you will always be our 'funny girl.'

Love,
Dad, Mom, Kristin, and Hunter



Jake,

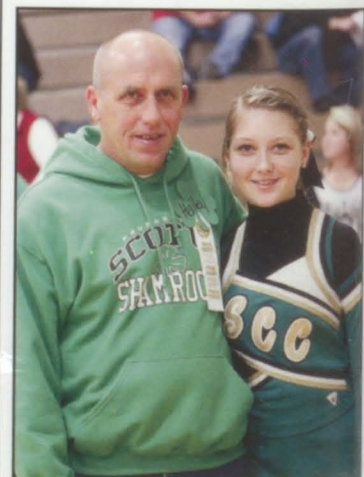
It has been such a joy watching you grow into such a wonderful young man. We are so proud of you and wish only the best for you in your future. May God bless you and keep you safe as you enter your next journey in life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Morgan, Riley, and Colby



Love you Hailey!
I am always here if
you need me.

Dad





"I will miss my family, friends, and classmates, and that I'm missing my younger siblings grow up."

Gina Bose

Dear Annie,

We are so proud of what you have accomplished and the wonderful girl that you have become. We can't wait to see what God has in store for our little girl with a green blankie that loves to swing. We wish you a future that is as sunny and happy as a day in the park.

We love you,
Mom and Dad



Christine,

We are so blessed to have been chosen as your Godparents. From the baby with the "Attitude" to the beautiful young woman crowned "Homecoming Queen," you have always made us proud. Your intelligence, talent, kindness, and beauty are qualities that will bring you success as you begin a new chapter in your life. May God give you the strength and guidance to use these qualities to carry out His plan for you.

We love you bunches!
Nannie Doris and Parrain Joe



Taylor,

Good luck in all that you do "T"! May God be with you always.

Love you,
Dad, Mom, and the Gang!

Brook,

We miss the little boy you once were, but are so proud of the man you have become. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments and your graduation from high school! We are so excited to see what the future holds for you and may God continue to guide you along your journey!

Love,
Mom and Dad,
Bennett, Brennan, and Jack



Tara,

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We wish you success in your dreams and are excited for all of the plans God has for you. You are truly a blessing in our lives and we love you very much!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Adam



Kelcey,

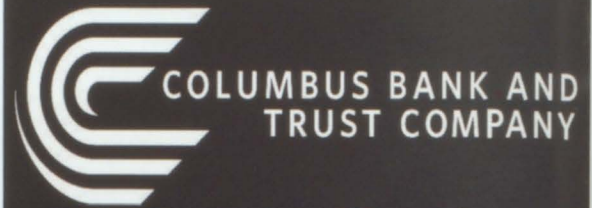
As you graduate today,
 We pray that you will always know,
 How very proud we are of you
 Though it may not always show.
 We thank the Lord every day,
 For all He's done in you
 And through the years that lie ahead,
 Know God walks there too.
 We love you very much,
 and you will ALWAYS be our Baby Girl!
 Love,
 Dad, Mom, and Christian



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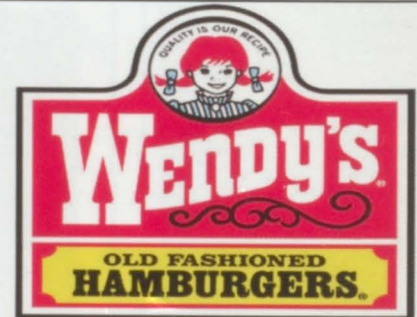
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(from top) Junior Alycia Alt poses for a picture. At the pep rally sophomore Nieve Johnson, junior Melissa Thalken, and the band play the school song, and freshman Anna Wickham gathers the contestants for a game.



"I don't know; I actually do them."

Lydia Schaecher



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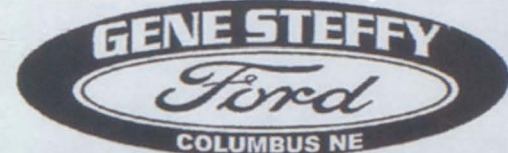
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Senior Vanessa Cox performs half time of a football game. Senior Ashley Lube announces at the pep rally. Senior Megan Miksch and the flag corps perform at the pep rally.

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(From top) Senior Claire Fuchser and juniors Derek Kaslon and Alex Wallick cheer at state volleyball. Senior Jeremiah Salyard balances on a high wire at the senior retreat. Megan Ohnoutka, eighth grader, supports the volleyball team at state.

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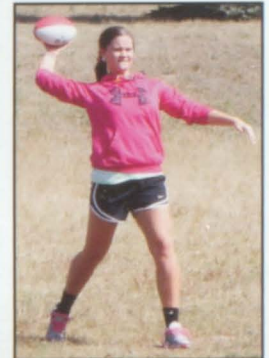
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(from top) Junior Jessica Martys plays football at the junior retreat. Also on the retreat cousins Megan and Laura Miksch have a snack while Halle Fucks hula-hoops. Seniors Larissa Leffler, Alivia Galley, and Melissa Diamond pedal across the lake during the senior retreat.



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 Fourth Row: Cally Larson, Lyzz Smith, Kate Rambour, Alycia Alt
 Fifth Row: Brooke Olmer, Jade Mostek

Flag Corps



First Row: Teresa Tira, Bridgette Brune, Taylor Wiester, Brittany Steiner, Christine Reiners, Tara Starzec, Vanessa Cox
 Second Row: Amy Price, Amy Heusinkvelt, Olivia Rath, Jaimee Beauvais, Amme Walhofer
 Third Row: Coach Brandenburg, Rachel Miksch, Shelby Beller, Carly Burkhardt, Savannah Robertson, Tori Rinkol, Emily Allen, Megan Miksch, Mrs. Cox

Shamrock Singers



First Row: Sara Legler, Carrie Bartholomew, Cole Harrington, Justina Wernhoff, Bre Walker
 Second Row: Adam Smith, Jenny Ryan, Ian Ostdiek, Hannah Krings, Taylor Wiester, Tanner Spenceri, Gina Bose, Dan Stredker
 Third Row: Hannah Harrington, Brady Pryzmus, Sam Patocka-Brewster, Ms. Gardner, Lauren Kuta, Jacob Nienaber, Tara Starzec
 Fourth Row: Christine Reiners, Teddy Paprocki, Craig Ackman, Paige Lyons

Thespians



Front Row: Tara Starzec, Amy Price, Sara Legler, Ms. Gardner, Jacob Nienaber, Justina Wernhoff, Callie Sokol
 Second Row: Jackson Prokupek, Carly Cremers, Melissa Diamond, Abby Allen, Jenny Ryan, Jainaha Srikumar
 Third Row: Emily Allen, Teddy Paprocki, Lyzz Smith, Christine Reiners, Carrie Bartholomew
 Fourth Row: Kevin Donoghue, Craig Ackman, Carly Burkhardt, Phil Levos

Band



First Row: Sara Legler, Genesis Carral, Megan Miksch, Brittany Steiner, Vanessa Cox, Ashlea Rinkol, Melissa Diamond, Rachel Miksch, Megan Parker, Mikayla Nienaber, Second Row: Carrie Bartholomew, Katie Reisdorff, Hannah Thomazin, Megan Meyer, Eeve Birkel, Hannah Merrill, Elizabeth Preister, Fallon Case, Jaimee Beauvais, Bibiana Lopez, Third Row: Mrs. Cox, Jennifer Belsan, Kimberly Stutzman, Jenny Ryan, Alivia Galley, Taylor Wiester, Kevin Donoghue, Dana Hoppe, Queze Campos, Fourth Row: Lydia Schaecher, Teresa Tira, Gina Bose, Charrissa Zuerlein, Nieve Johnson, Melissa Thalken, Lucas Cox, Grant Lahm, Fifth Row: Derek Lahm, Jeremiah Salyard, Phil Levos, Carly Cremers, Bailey Braun, Darin Rinkol, Justin Brockhaus, Paul Swope, Ryan Steiner, Sixth Row: Kaleb Puntney, Nathan Tworek, Teddy Paprocki, Jared Hanson, Savannah Robertson, Amy Heusinkvelt, Eduardo Lopez, Toby Tooley, Seventh Row: Chris Beon, Jacob Nienaber, Riley Gilson, Craig Ackman, Joe Warth, Adam Starzec, Cody Siemek, Joe Sonderman, Adam Smith



"There is a 30% chance it's already raining." - Mean Girls

Lyzz Smith



National Honor Society

Front Row: Taylor Wiester, Carrie Bartholomew, Vanessa Cox, Amy Price, Anna Perault, Craig Ackman, Kara Moore, Shelby Beller, Bridgette Brune, Shayla Wieser, Allison Smith. Second Row: Katelyn Baumgart, Charrissa Zuerlein, Lauren Kuta, Christine Reiners, Tara Starzec, Gina Bose, Morgan Benesch, Ian Robak, Nick Pandorf, Brennan Brockhaus, Quinn Goodrich. Third Row: Derek Kaslon, Jessica Martys, Alli Bos, Catherine Swope, Austin Wendt, Kevin Donoghue, Derek Lahm, Colby Engquist, Peter Dolezal, Garrit Shanle, Abby Allen. Fourth Row: Alex Wallick, Melissa Thalken, Emily Allen, Carly Burkhardt, Lyzz Smith, Brooke Olmer, Gabrielle Pazzosa, Mikayla Gasper, Jacob Nienaber, Jared Donoghue, Jared Duren. Fifth Row: Jessica Schaecher, Elizabeth Preister, Valerie Borer, Megan Miksch, Laura Miksch, Jenny Ryan, Carly Fehringer, Grant Lahm, Erica Ernst, Carly Cremers, Jaimee Beauvais. Sixth Row: Noah Schacher, Tony Zoucha, Michael Kurtenbach, Phil Levos, Trey Wortman, Jackson Prokupek, Trevor Placzek, Justina Wernhoff, Shannon Spulak, Jainaha Srikumar. Seventh Row: Kelsey Kessler, Taby Tooley, Tucker Ramaekers, Nathan Ebner, Colt Clarey, Jack Hoppe, Adam Starzec, Joe Sonderman, Jaime Gasper.



Speech Team

First Row: Phil Levos, Jacob Nienaber, Emily Allen, Carly Burkhardt, Mikayla Nienaber, Adam Smith, Dana Hoppe, Ms. Ploetz
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Mock Trial

First Row: Valerie Borer, Carrie Bartholomew, Lauren Kuta, Katelyn Baumgart, Austin Wendt, Carly Burkhardt, Payton Chohan, Mrs. Rambour
 Second Row: Emily Allen, Brooke Olmer, Kristen Ohnoutka, Alycia Alt, Peter Dolezal, Zach Jepsen, Lyzz Smith
 Third Row: Alex Dolezal, Tyler Morton, Jared Duren, Elizabeth Preister, Allie Anderson, Abby Allen, Erin Kwapioski, Justina Wernhoff
 Fourth Row: Ryan Mustard, Hannah Thomazin, Sarah Schumacher, Allie Johnson, Jessica Lahm, Lydia Schaecher, Amy Heusinkvelt, Brady Przymus



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 Second Row: Adam Smith, Brooke Olmer, Phil Levos, Samantha Braun, Justina Wernhoff, Shelby Beller, Bailey Braun
 Third Row: Allie Johnson, Emily Fehringer, Brandon Johnston, Natalie Chappell, Ryan Mustard, Justin Brockhaus, Paul Swope



Campus Ministry

Front Row: Lauren Kuta, Carrie Bartholomew, Hannah Harrington, Paige Lyons, Gina Bose, Taylor Wiester, Shayla Wieser, Derek Lahm, Melissa Diamond, Catherine Swope, Anna Perault
 Second Row: Fr. Roza, Melissa Thalken, Valerie Borer, Dan Strecker, Carly Burkhardt, Jacob Nienaber, Emily Kosch, Ian Ostleik

What is the weirdest thing in your locker?



Front Row: Katelyn Baumgart, Kylee Soulliere, Kelsey Stutzman
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 Tree: Allison Smith, Shayla Wieser, Anna Perault



Front Row: Tori Rinkal, Vanessa Cox, Amy Price, Savannah Robertson, Nancy Shadle
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Front Row: Kristen Ohnoutka, Tara Starzec, Claire Fuchser, Craig Ackman
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"I don't really have anything weird in my locker, but Jainaha has popcorn, premium interior semi-gloss paint, soy patties, 3 bags of candy, and a gumball machine." **Carly Cremers**

Teens For Life



Front Row: Bibiana Lopez, Gina Bose, Taylor Wiester, Hannah Harrington, Paige Lyons, Charrissa Zuerlein, Shayla Wieser, Catherine Swope
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Class Officers



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 Third Row: Jaimee Beauvais, Carly Cremers, Shannon Spulak, Jared Duren
 Fourth Row: Jackson Kumpf, Cole Harrington, Kelsey Wiehn, Sarah Schumacher (not pictured Grant Lahm)

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7th Grade Football



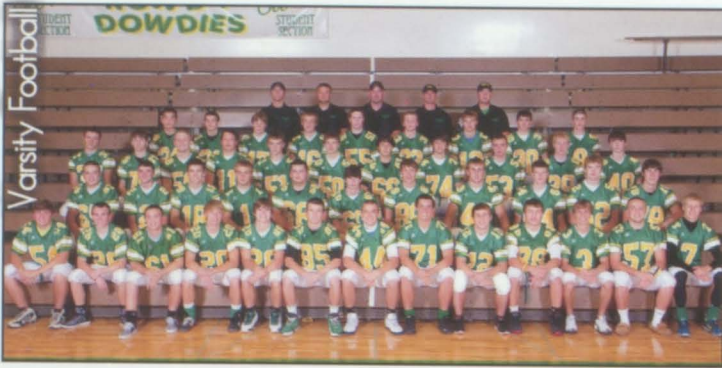
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8th Grade Football

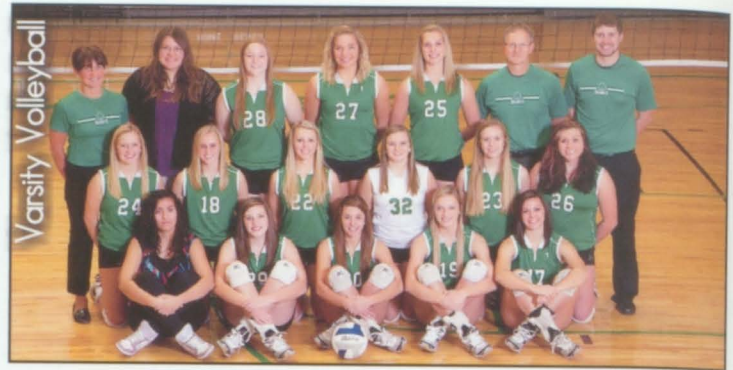


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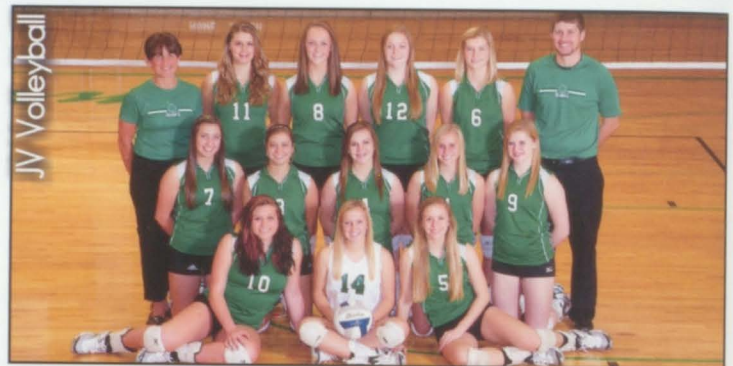
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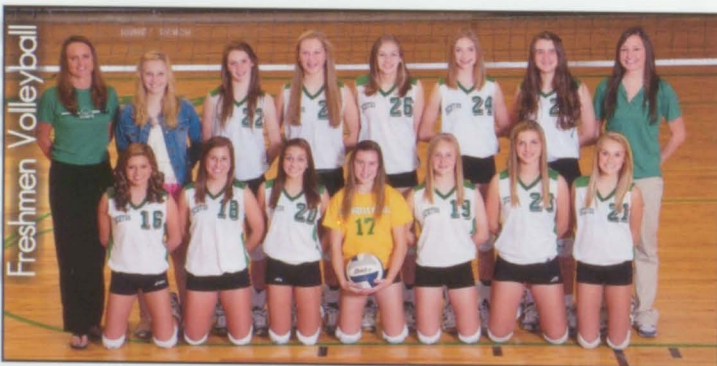
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Front Row: Nikki Hiner, Maddie Sinovic, Eastyn Klirk, Alayna Wilson, Courtney Flint, Crystal Rinkol, Mallory O'Hearn
 Second Row: Megan Schumacher, Haley Faust, Naomi Kosch, Chelsy Zimmerman, Hannah Mielak, Natalie Schoecher, Hannah Parker
 Third Row: Landri Swett, Megan Ohnoutka, Abbie Perault, Kaylee Tonniges, Cassie Seckel, Alison Zoucha, Tatem Vance
 Fourth Row: Ashley Foreman, Amberly Parker, Alyssa Kuta, Emma Strecker, Abbi Wendt, Emerson Belitz



"I said, 'Hey yo girl!' to a female, and she smiled, and when I later asked for her number she said no."

Sam Thalken

7th Grade Volleyball



Front Row: Tabitha Herke, Emily Carstens, Caitlin Steiner, Tessa Bridger, Sierra Heesacker, Madison Beckman, Alaina Wallick, Adelynn Newman
 Second Row: Ellie Bock, Kendra Wiese, Kayla Hall, Anna Swape, Alyssa Marton, Grace Oabert, Maggie Feehan, Maddie Neville
 Third Row: Shania Borchers, Ashley Jakubowski, Kaitlyn Enderlin, Grace Wickham, Jady Larsen, Natalie Bruty, Faith Przymus, Lizzie Hoppe
 Fourth Row: Elley Beaver, Kelli Williams, Jenna Salerno, Marika Spencer, Madison Kerkman, Jady Taylor, McKenna Spencer, Allison Starzec



Front Row: Cally Larsen, Samantha Braun, Jill Bork, Laura Miksch, Paul Swape, Alex Dolezal
 Second Row: Briana Kouma, Allie Anderson, Zach Spencer, Brandon Hahn, Peter Dolezal, Hannah Thomazin, Ivan Chilapa, Melissa Thalken

Girls Cross Country



Front Row: Jaimee Beauvais, Lydia Schaecher, Alyson Stuart, Callie Sokol, Gabrielle Paczosa, Mikayla Gasper, Brooke Oliner
 Second Row: Itzel Chilapa, Jessica Schaecher, Morgan Benesch, Catherine Swape, Shelby Beller, Carly Fehringer
 Third Row: Coach Amy Sokol, Student Manager Kelcey Stutzman, Emily Fehringer, Kelsey Kessler, Jessica Lahm, Shayla Wieser, Coach Merlin Lahm



Front Row: Cody Siemek, Austin Svehla, Victor Corral, Sam Thalken, Jon Hanson, Kevin Danoghue, Bennet Frewing
 Second Row: Paul Swape, Jared Hanson, Ian Ostdiek, Ivan Chilapa, Mason Brandenburg, Peter Dolezal, Jordan Zoucha, Darin Rinkol
 Third Row: Coach Amy Sokol, Nathan Hiemer, Jack Hoppe, Alex Lyons, Eduardo Lopez, Jacob Nienaber, Adam Smith, Coach Merlin Lahm

Girls Golf



Front Row: Abby Allen, Nieve Johnson, Emily Allen, Mary Kate Rambour, Jordan Engel, Amy Price, Leah Engquist
 Second Row: Megan Parker, Coach Tanya Niedbalski, Carrie Bartholomew



Front Row: Marshall Dreifurst, Jacob Wright, Bailey Braun, Keaton Swanson, Marshal Obal
 Second Row: Coach Karl Dierman, Blake Schroeder, Conner Lusche, Michael Kurtenbach, Alex Lyons, Brandon Johnston, Darin Rinkol

Girls Varsity Basketball



First Row: Kara Moore, Anna Perault, Alyssa Foltz,
 Second Row: Coach John Petersen, Kelsey Kessler, Payton Chohan, Hannah Krings, Allison Beiermann, Coach Jarrod Ridder,
 Third Row: Coach Joe Held, Elizabeth Preister, Kristen Ohnoutka, Carley Foltz, Carly Fehringer, Jessica Schaecher, Coach Wade Coulter

Boys Varsity Basketball



First Row: Derek Lahm, Brennan Brockhaus,
 Second Row: Tucker Ramaekers, Grant Lahm, Cole Harrington, Jackson Kumpf,
 Third Row: Tyler Marton, Garrit Shanle, Derek Kaslon, Eduardo Lopez, Miles Putnam, Nathan Ebner

Girls Junior Varsity Basketball



First Row: Jessica Schaecher, Coach Wade Coulter, Jessica Lahm,
 Second Row: Elizabeth Preister, Kristen Ohnoutka, Carly Fehringer, Morgan Thorsen,
 Third Row: Allison Beiermann, Hannah Krings, Kylie Rollman, Allie Johnson, Kelsey Kessler

Boys Junior Varsity Basketball



First Row: Jared Danoghue, Cole Harrington, Jackson Kumpf, Toby Tooley,
 Second Row: Tyler Marton, Tucker Ramaekers, Tanner Spenceri, Jared Duren,
 Third Row: Justin Brockhaus, Miles Putnam, Eduardo Lopez, Quinn Blaser, Brady Przymus

Girls Freshmen Basketball



First Row: Anna Wickham, Natalie Chappell
 Second Row: Bailey Honold, Courtney Labenz, Emily Fehringer, Morgan Thorsen, Kelsey Wiehn, Jessica Lahm,
 Third Row: Coach John Petersen, Kimberly Stutzman, Jennifer Belsan, Moeghan Pieper, Courtney Brockhaus, Allie Johnson, Sarah Schumacher, Coach Joe Held

Boys Freshmen Basketball



Front Row: Justin Zoucha, Bailey Braun,
 Second Row: Dana Hoppe, Caleb Ostdek, Tanner Spenceri, Jacob Wright,
 Third Row: Quinn Blaser, Brandon Johnston, Sam Novicki, Brady Przymus, Justin Brockhaus, Coach Pat Brockhaus



"Going out to the lake and hanging out with my friends because its just relaxing, and you don't have to worry about anything."

Tyler Morton



8th Grade Girls Basketball
 First Row: Nikki Hiner, Itzel Chilapa, Abbi Wendt, Emma Strecker, Eastyn Klink, Kaylee Tonniges, Naomi Kosch
 Second Row: Megan Schumacher, Alyssa Kuta, Landri Swett, Megan Olnoutka, Abbie Perault, Hannah Mielak, Alison Zoucha



8th Grade Boys Basketball
 First Row: Keaton Kudran, Duncan Paczosa, Cody Mroczek, Dalton Taylor, Anthony Kosch, Nathan Ostdiek
 Second Row: Eli Merrill, Evan Chohan, Mitchell Halligan, Matthew Csukker, Adam Foreman, Tate VanCannon, Matthew Hoenk
 Third Row: Chase Newman, Zachary Svehla, Bradyn Miller, Riley Roddy, Derek Slegl, Trevor Halligan



7th Grade Girls Basketball
 First Row: McKenna Spenceri, Faith Przymus, Alyssa Morton, Grace Wickham, Jadyln Larsen, Elley Beaver, Maddie Neville, Kendra Wiese
 Second Row: Anna Swope, Natalie Brutty, Jenna Salerno, Tessa Bridger, Marika Spencer, Tabitha Henke, Madison Kerkman, Adelynn Newman
 Third Row: Ashley Jakubowski, Kayla Hall, Grace Odbert, Maggie Feehan, Lizzie Hoppe, Shania Borchers, Jadyln Taylor, Allison Starzec



7th Grade Boys Basketball
 First Row: Colson Kosch, Calen Hinze, Tyler Miksch, Chase Andresen, Carson Hottovy, Logan Mueller, Wren Allen
 Second Row: Matt Strecker, Brock Kracman, Nathan Donoghue, Trevor Kaslon, Jake Navicki, Matthew Bichmeier



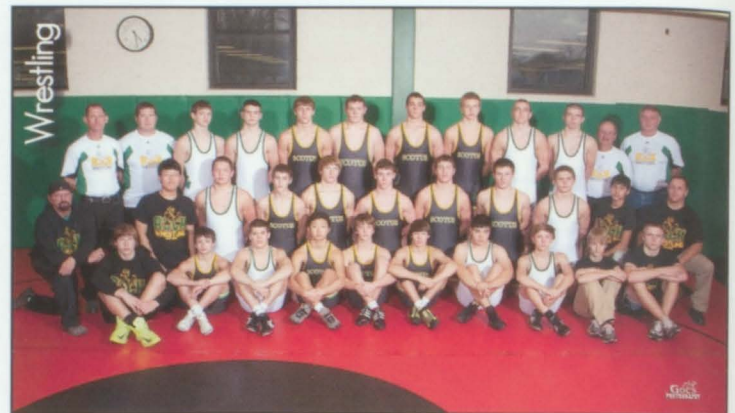
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 Front: Cole Alexander (5)
 Middle: Tucker Ramgekens (4), Tyler Morton (5), Nate Ebner (6)
 Back: Austin Ewers (3), Derek Kaslon (4)



Junior Varsity Baseball
 Back: Riley Gilson (1), Miles Putnam (5)



(top of circle, clock-wise) Jenny Ryan, Annie Zeller, Allison Smith, Emma Zeller, Eevee Birkel, Sammy Patocka-Brewster, Savannah Robertson, Sam Legler, Briana Kouma, Maddie Hahn, Teresa Tremel



Front Row: Kaleb Puntney, Gage Speicher, Cody Zimmerman, Basley Pelster, Alec Foltz, Mason Brandenburg, Nathan Twarek, Marshall Dreifurst, Cody Siemek, Ryan Mustard
 Second Row: Coach D.J. Brandenburg, Chris Bean, Conner Luscha, Christian Stutzman, Jake Gilson, Marcus Dodson, Jacob Ruskamp, Lucas Cox, Jacob Bos, Victor Corral, Coach Rod Bos
 Third Row: Coach Tracy Dodson, Coach Tyler Linder, Riley Gilson, Carson Fuchser, Ryan Ruskamp, Ross Bonk, Kyle Bonk, Seth Gutzmer, Nate Schacher, Adam Streckler, Coach Karrath, Coach Schlesinger



Front Row: Elizabeth Preister, Carley Foltz, Erica Ernst
 Second Row: Amy Price, Emma Zeller, Leticia Kuwae, Hannah Thomazin, Cally Larsen
 Third Row: Jainaha Srikumar, Savannah Robertson, Jordan Engel, Justina Wemhoff



Left to right: Zach Jepsen, Dana Hoppe, Craig Ackman, Dylan Kuta, Ian Robak, Noah Schacher



Front Row: Courtney Labenz, Briana Kouma, Mikayla Gasper, Shannon Spulak, Alivia Galley, Laura Miksch, Brooke Olmer, Carly Fehringer, Kristen Ohnoutka, Jessica Lahm, Lydia Schaecher
 Second Row: Melissa Diamond, Hannah Krings, Bridgette Brune, Kylee Soulliere, Chantel Sharke, Shelby Beller, Catherine Swape, Morgan Benesch, Katelyn Baumgart, Kate Rambour, Shayla Wieser
 Third Row: Coach Tanner Johnson, Coach Merlin Lahm, Coach Roger Kreinke, Coach Danielle Wessel, Kelsey Kessler, Alyssa Foltz, Courtney Brockhaus, Charrissa Zuerlein, Maeghan Pieper, Mikayla Nienaber, Melissa Thakker, Bibiana Lopez, Emily Allen, Sarah Schumacher, Coach Kim Grubaugh, Tara Starzec, Coach Ron Starzec, Coach Janet Tooley



Extendo arua. There is nothing worse than when I try to reach the remote from the couch by stretching, and I just end up falling off the couch.
Katie Reisdorff

Boys' Track



Front Row: Austin Svehla, Daniel Strecker, Justin Zoucha, Jaime Gosper, Adam Smith, Dana Hoppe, Boston Goodrich, Alex Pandorf, Lucas Cox, Coll Clarey, Corner Moran
 Second Row: Adam Strecker, Justin Brodhous, Jack Hoppe, Quinn Blaser, Carson Fuchser, Jacob Nienaber, Anthony Zoucha, Chase Karger, Brandon Cook, Adam Starzec, Brady Prymus, Grant Lahn, Ryan Ruskamp, Coach Tanner Johnson
 Third Row: Coach Janet Tooley, Coach Kim Grubbaugh, Jared Hanson, Yi "Sam" Sui, Alex Wallik, Joey Nyffeler, Zach Jespen, Nathan Twork, Jon Lovell, Ivan Chlapa, Jared Duren, Jared Donoghue, Toby Tooley, Coach Danielle Wessel
 Fourth Row: Coach Merlin Lahn, Derek Lahn, Craig Ackman, Ryan Mustard, Garrit Sharle, Trevor Pandorf, Samuel Novicki, Eduardo Lopez, Joe Warth, Trey Wortman, Trevor Placzek, Mac Mapes, Ross Bank, Coach Roger Kreinke, Kevin Donoghue, Coach Ron Starzec

Girls' Soccer



Front Row: Kyrsten Wood, Kara Moore, Sam Slegl, Hannah Harrington, Lauron Hellbusch
 Second Row: Morgan Thorson, Bailey Honold, Abbie Alt, Emily Fehringer, Jenny Vu, Emily Kosch
 Third Row: Jessica Schoscher, Natalie Chappell, Jaime Beauvais, Gabrielle Pazzosa, Alli Bos, Sarah Slegl, Kelsey Wiehn
 Fourth Row: Kimberly Stutzman, Jennifer Belian, Payton Chohan, Allie Johnson, Allison Beiermann, Anna Wickham
 Fifth Row: Coach Cindy Kosch, Coach Kristie Brezenski, Coach Jackie Hacke

Boys' Soccer



Front Row: Evan Chohan, Will Sonderman, Gage Speicher, Anthony Kosch
 Second Row: Cole Harrington, Zach Zarek, Noah Schacher, Peter Dolezal, Joe Sonderman, Paul Swape
 Third Row: Jacob Bos, Ian Ostdek, Jake Gilson, Dylan Kuta, Ian Rabak, Alec Foltz, Jackson Kumpf
 Fourth Row: Cody Zimmerman, Boeley Pelster, Taylor Johnson, Christian Stutzman, Tanner Spencer, Walter Cordova
 Fifth Row: Marcus Dodson, Jake Huss, Austin Wendt, Nate Schacher, Ryan Fuchs, Nick Pandorf, Jacob Ruskamp
 Sixth Row: Coach Chris Herdzina, Coach Clint Tarczon, Coach Jeff Kosch, Coach Jon Brezenski

8th Grade Track



Front Row: Kaylee Tonniges, Naomi Kosch, Bradyn Miller, Matthew Calkier, Dalton Taylor, Nathan Ostdek, River Liebig, Chase Newman, Duncan Pazzosa, Nathan Hemer
 Second Row: Itzel Chlapa, Abbie Perault, Abbi Wendt, Aloyra Wilson, Megan O'Hrouka, Keaton Kudron, Zachary Svehla, El Merrill, Mitchell Halligan
 Third Row: Courtney Flint, Ashley Foreman, Mallory O'Hearn, Cassie Seckel, Haley Faust, Alyssa Kuta, Eastyn Kirk, Emma Strecker, Alison Zoucha
 Fourth Row: Trevor Halligan, Adam Foreman, Matthew Hoerik, Tate VanCannon, Jared Mulligan, Megan Schumacher, Tatem Vance, Emma Ruskamp, Nikki Hiner

7th Grade Track



Front Row: Wren Allen, Chase Andersen, Tyler Miksch, Colton Kosch, Austyn Follette, Alyssa Morton, Anna Swape, Shania Borchers, Kayla Hall, Kelli Williams, Grace Osbert
 Second Row: Trey Dallman, Nathan Donoghue, Dylan Heesacker, Grant Bettenhausen, Chuckie Case, Carson Hattovy, Madison Kerkman, Elle Beck, Marika Spencer, Margan Rinkal, Jady Taylor
 Third Row: Jake Novicki, Logan Mueller, Matt Strecker, Calen Hinze, Ashley Jakubowski, Natalie Brutty, Grace Wickham, Jady Larsen, Jenna Salerno, Tessa Bridger, Faith Prymus
 Fourth Row: Maddie Neville, Allison Starzec, Kendra Wiese, Eley Beaver, Lizzie Hoppe, McKenna Spencer, Tabitha Henke, Caitlin Steiner, Kattlyn Enderlin

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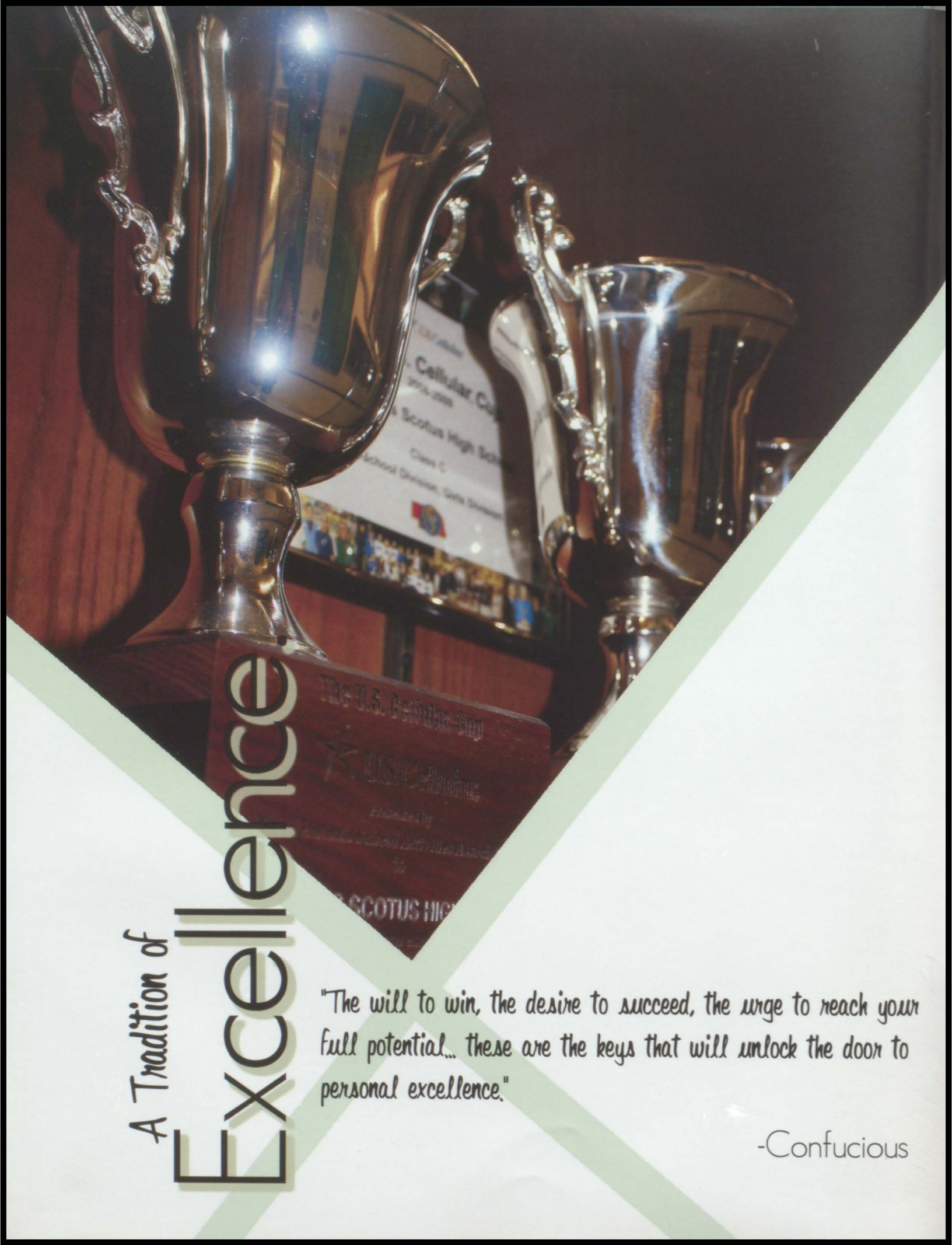
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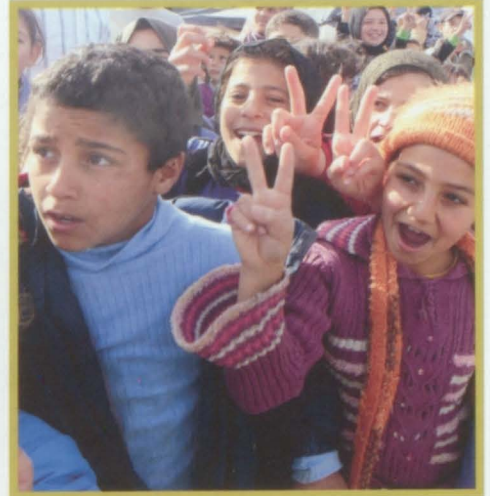
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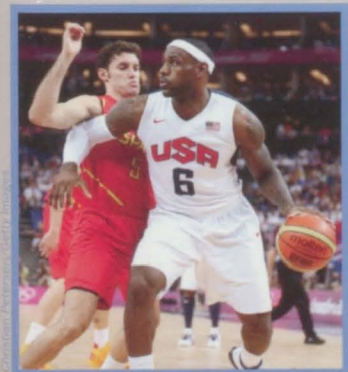


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News

North Korea Launches Rocket ▶

The world is uneasy as North Korea launches a rocket that may have put a satellite into orbit around the Earth.



Women Senators Now Number 20

The U.S. Senate achieves a new record: 20 female senators in office, 16 Democrats and four Republicans. The new total beats the previous record by four.



BP Agrees to Settlement

Shortly before the second anniversary of the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, BP reaches a settlement with thousands of businesses and individuals hurt by the spill.



Terrified Theatergoers

In Aurora, CO, actor Christian Bale and his wife Sandra Blazic visit the memorial that was created for the victims of the mass shooting that occurred during a midnight screening of *The Dark Knight Rises*.



Felix Baumgartner Takes a Leap

Skydiver Felix Baumgartner breaks a world record by jumping from a space capsule almost 24 miles above ground.



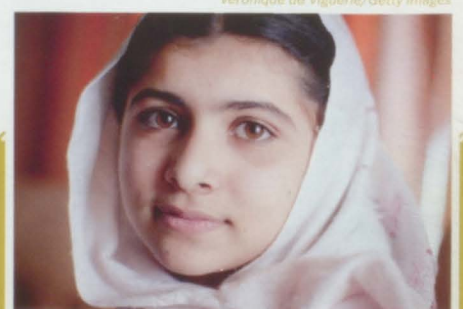
Hurricane Sandy Hits New York

Hurricane Sandy hits New York, flooding transit tunnels and prompting President Obama to sign an emergency declaration for the entire state.



New Jersey Battles Hurricane Sandy

The Jersey Shore copes with widespread flooding, power outages and property damage resulting from Hurricane Sandy.



Malala Is Teenager of the Year

Malala Yousafzai, the 15-year-old Pakistani schoolgirl shot by the Taliban because she campaigned for the education of girls, is named Teenager of the Year by *The Muslim Times*.



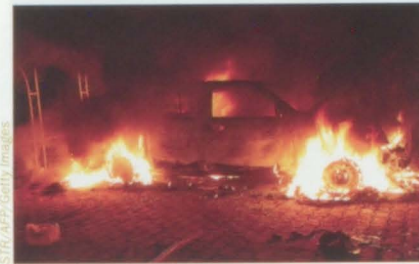
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Mortgage Sweet Mortgage

Homebuyers benefit from favorable lending rates as the slow economy keeps home mortgage interest rates as low as 2.94 percent.



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Benghazi Attack Kills Ambassador

Armed attackers kill Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and six other Americans at the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya.



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Chicago Teachers Strike

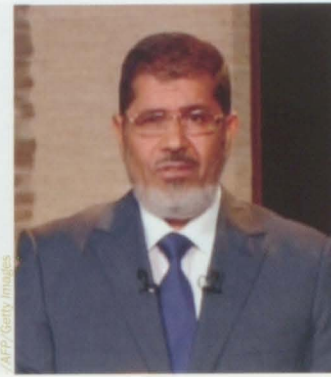
After the Chicago Teachers Union fails to reach an agreement with the city, more than 26,000 teachers and staff walk off the job.



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Congress Teeters on Fiscal Cliff

To postpone \$109 billion in federal budget cuts, Congress passes a compromise bill that raises taxes on the nation's wealthiest.



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Morsi Becomes Egypt's President

Egypt holds a democratic presidential election, and conservative Muslim candidate Mohamed Morsi is declared the winner.



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Dragon Capsule Concludes Mission

With the safe return of the SpaceX Dragon capsule, NASA successfully completes its first commercial supply mission to the International Space Station.



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Sandy Hook Elementary Students Return to Class

Three weeks after the Sandy Hook tragedy, classes are relocated to the former Chalk Hill Middle School in nearby Monroe, CT. "Our collective strength and resilience will serve as an example to the rest of the world," tweeted the principal from Newtown High School.



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Junk Food Junkies Mourn Twinkies

The troubled Hostess Brands, Inc. shuts down operations, signaling a probable end for the once-popular Twinkies snack cake.



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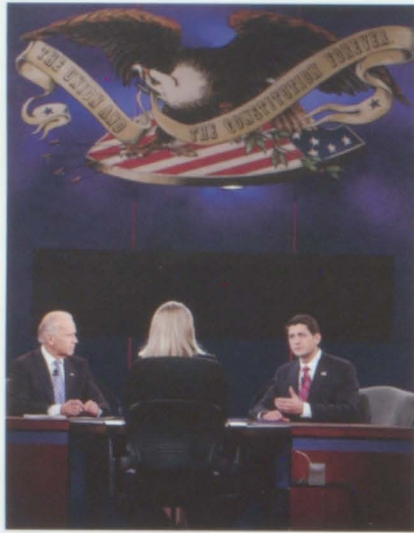
UN Aid for Syrian Refugees

The United Nations launches a \$1.5 billion aid effort to bring food, clothing, shelter and medical supplies to Syrians fleeing more than two years of war.

Election

Vice Presidential Candidates Debate

Vice President Joe Biden and Republican vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan debate a wide range of issues in Danville, KY.



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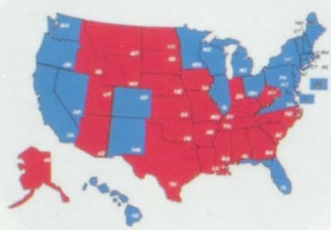


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First Family Appears at DNC

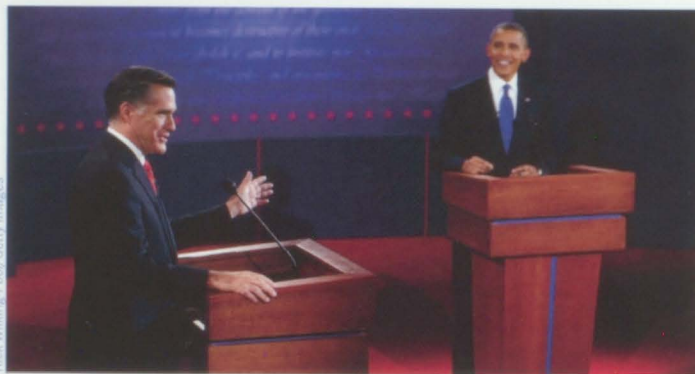
President Barack Obama accepts his party's nomination and addresses the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC.

Obama 332 Romney 206



Election Map Shows Key State Wins

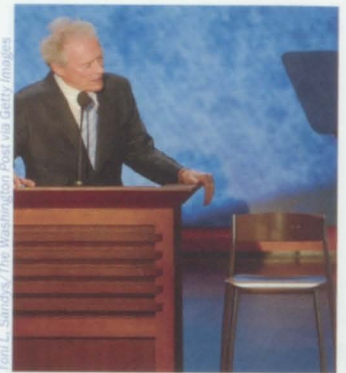
With a total of 332 electoral votes, Barack Obama easily exceeds the 270 electoral votes he needs to win the 2012 presidential election.



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Obama and Romney Debate

President Obama faces his challenger, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, in a debate about domestic policy at the University of Denver in Denver, CO.



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Clint Eastwood Acts at RNC

Onstage at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, FL, Clint Eastwood pretends that the empty chair beside him is President Obama.



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Voters Face Lines at Polls

Voters in the 2012 election faced long lines at the polls across the country, especially in key battleground states such as Virginia, Ohio and Florida.



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Obama Claims Victory

Despite high unemployment and a slow economic recovery, President Barack Obama wins a second term in the White House.



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Nation's Capital Celebrates Inauguration

In Washington, D.C., President Obama is sworn in for his second term at a public ceremony marking the nation's 57th presidential inauguration.

Olympics

U.S. Women Win Soccer Gold

Thanks to two goals by midfielder Carli Lloyd and a critical save by goalie Hope Solo, the U.S. women's soccer team defeats Japan for the gold.



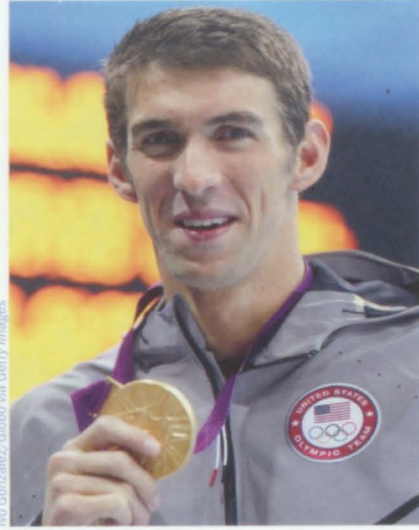
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Missy Franklin Swims to Victory

After winning four gold medals and one bronze at the Summer Games, swimmer Missy Franklin still plans to swim for her high school in Aurora, CO.

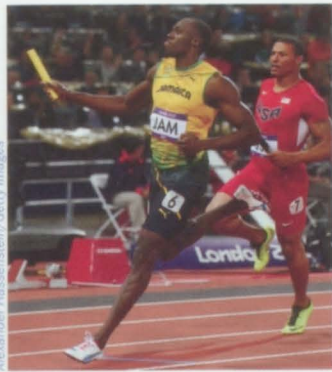


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Michael Phelps Pools His Winnings

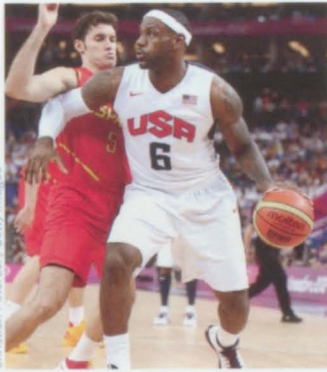
Michael Phelps swims to his 18th gold medal and his 22nd medal in total, making him the most decorated Olympic athlete in history.



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Usain Bolt Sets Record

Jamaican Usain Bolt wins the 100-meter event in 9.63 seconds, setting a new Olympic record and cementing his reputation as the fastest man on Earth.



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U.S. Defends Men's Basketball Title

The U.S. men's basketball team, led by NBA star LeBron James, defends their Olympic gold title by defeating Spain 107-100.



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Allyson Felix Runs for Gold

Sprinter Allyson Felix wins the Women's 200-meter final. It is one of three gold medals she takes home from the Summer Games.



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Oscar Pistorius Wins on Artificial Legs

South African sprinter Oscar Pistorius is the first double-leg amputee to compete in the Olympics. He took home two gold medals and a silver.



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Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh Jennings Are Golden

The U.S. beach volleyball team of Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Wash Jennings win their third consecutive gold medal.



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Paralympic Games Welcome More Athletes

For the first time in 12 years, people with intellectual challenges are invited to compete at the Paralympic Games for physical and intellectual disabilities.



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Fab Five Grab Gymnastics Gold

The "Fab Five" (also known as the "Fierce Five") of the U.S. women's gymnastics team win the gold for the women's team competition.

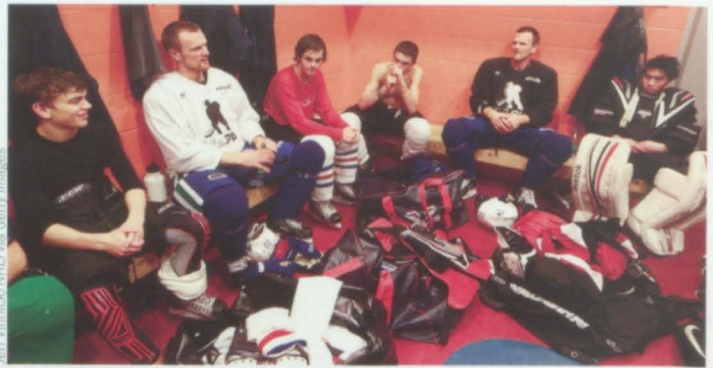
Sports

Freshman Wins Heisman ▶

On the 40-year anniversary of freshman eligibility, the Heisman Trophy goes to the first freshman in its history, Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel.



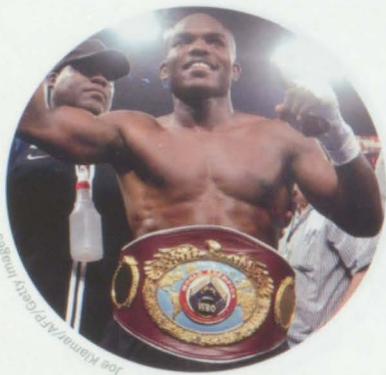
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NHL Lockout Shortens Season

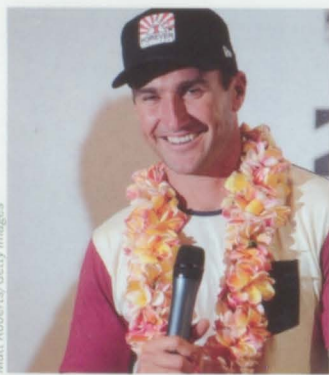
After a 113-day lockout, the National Hockey League reaches an agreement with the players' association, resulting in a compressed season.



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▲ Timothy Bradley Unseats Pacquiao

A hotly debated, split-decision victory for U.S. welterweight Timothy Bradley ends the 15-fight winning streak of Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao.



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▲ Australian Surfs to Victory

Joel "Parko" Parkinson wins his first Association of Surfing Professionals world championship title and the Pipeline Masters on the same day.



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▲ Williams Is Named ITF World Champion

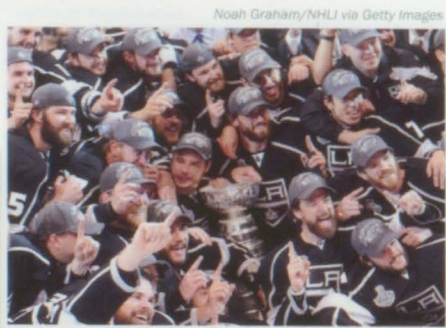
For the third time, Serena Williams earns the World Champion women's prize from the International Tennis Federation.



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▲ Golfer Rory McIlroy Wins World Title

Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy is the world's No. 1 golfer after winning the Deutsche Bank Championship and the BMW Championship.



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▲ L.A. Kings Play It Cool

In game six of the 2012 Stanley Cup Finals, the Los Angeles Kings skate to victory, defeating the New Jersey Devils 6-1.



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▲ Keselowski Wins NASCAR Championship

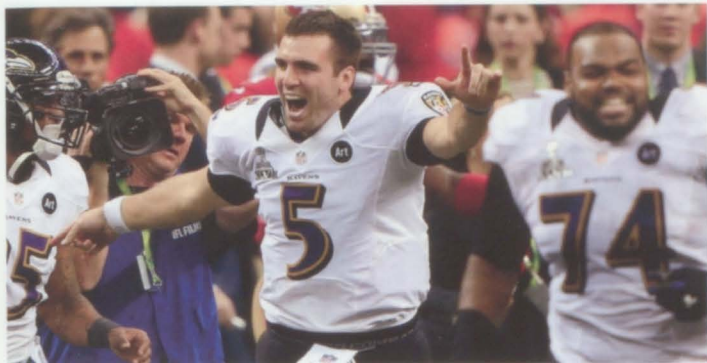
Despite finishing in 15th place in the Ford EcoBoost 400, Brad Keselowski claims the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship.



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▲ The Miami Heat Burn Up the Court

In game five of the 2012 NBA Finals, LeBron James and the Miami Heat defeat the Oklahoma City Thunder 121-106.



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Baltimore Ravens Win Super Bowl XLVII

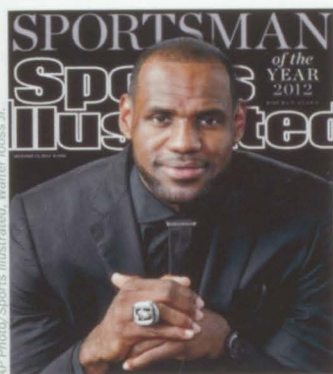
In a dramatic game interrupted by a power outage at the Superdome in New Orleans, the Ravens defeat the San Francisco 49ers 34-31.



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Indiana Fever Jinx the Lynx

The Indiana Fever defeat the defending champion Minnesota Lynx 87-78 in game four of the 2012 WNBA Finals.



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LeBron Scores Another Award

Sports Illustrated names basketball superstar LeBron James of the Miami Heat their Sportsman of the Year for 2012.



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Garrett Reynolds Rolls to Rule

In San Francisco, cyclist Garrett Reynolds takes home two Dew Cup championships for the BMX Street Cycle finals and the BMX Streetstyle competition.



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Stacy Lewis Is Queen of the Greens

U.S. professional golfer Stacy Lewis wins four LPGA titles, the most on the year's tour, and is named the LPGA Player of the Year.



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World Series

The San Francisco Giants defeat the Detroit Tigers 4-3 in the 10th inning of game four to win the World Series in a sweep.



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Paul Rodriguez Beats the Street

Paul Rodriguez (aka P-Rod) captures the gold in the Men's Skateboard Street final at X Games 18 in Los Angeles.



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Andy Murray Serves Up a Winner

After losing four major finals, Scotland's Andy Murray wins the U.S. Open Men's Singles Championship by defeating defending champion Novak Djokovic.

Music

Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert Win Awards ▶

At the 46th annual CMA awards, married couple Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert take home the year's highest honors in country music.



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fun. Releases Second Single ▶

After the success of last year's "We Are Young," fun. has high hopes for its latest single, "Some Nights."



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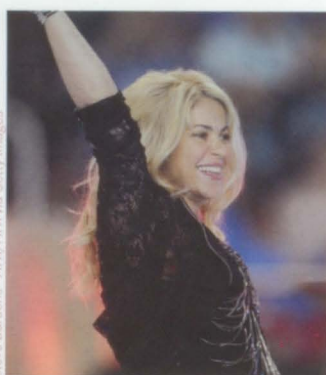
Carly Rae, whose song "Call Me Maybe" is a surprise hit, is named New Artist of the Year by the American Music Awards.



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▶ Ocean Considers Fiction

Breakout music star Frank Ocean tells an interviewer that he might write a novel because he enjoys the storytelling aspect of music.



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▶ Shakira Wins AMA Award

Colombia's global pop star Shakira wins her fourth AMA statuette, bringing home the award for Favorite Latin Artist.



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▶ PSY Is Most Watched

With more than 854 million hits, the viral video of "Gangnam Style" by Korean pop star PSY becomes the most-watched YouTube video of all time.



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▶ Two Grammy Nominations Go to Newcomers

The Lumineers, a folk-rock band from Denver, receive Grammy nominations for Best New Artist and Best Americana Album.



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▶ Pop Fans Love One Direction

After appearing at the Summer Olympics, the popular English-Irish boy band One Direction releases its second album, *Take Me Home*.



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▶ Bryan Emerges as Rising Country Star

Singer-songwriter Luke Bryan's singles, like "Kiss Tomorrow Goodbye," are climbing the pop and country charts.



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◀ Taylor Swift Achieves a Record

With the release of *Red*, her fourth studio album, Taylor Swift is the first female artist to release two albums with sales of \$1 million.

▲ It's Nicki Versus Mariah in "Idol" Feud

Dueling American Idol judges Nicki Minaj and Mariah Carey swap insults and threats on camera and via Twitter.



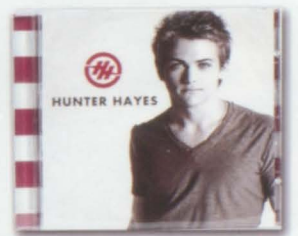
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▲ TobyMac Inspires AMA

The American Music Awards choose TobyMac as the year's Favorite Contemporary/Inspirational Artist.

▲ Pink Enjoys a Career First

After 12 years in the music business, Pink finally achieves a No. 1 album with the success of her newest release, *The Truth About Love*.

▲ Rapper Supports Veterans

Flo Rida contributes his talents to the "Got Your Six" campaign, which helps combat veterans return to civilian life.

▲ CMA Celebrates Hayes

At age 21, Louisiana native and multi-instrumentalist country star Hunter Hayes is named Best New Artist at the CMA Awards.



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▲ Bieber Makes Headlines at AMA

Justin Bieber duets with Nicki Minaj, brings his mom up on stage and gets a kiss from Jenny McCarthy at the American Music Awards.

▲ NEEDTOBREATHE Wins Dove Award

The South Carolina Christian music band NEEDTOBREATHE wins the Dove Award for Group of the Year.

▲ Viewers Sing Cassadee's Praises

Los Angeles-based solo artist Cassadee Pope garners the most viewer votes and becomes the first female winner of *The Voice*.

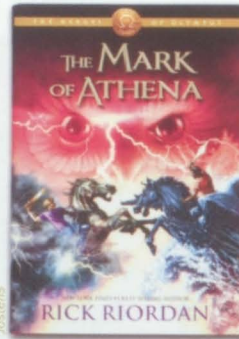
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iPad Mini™ Debuts ▶

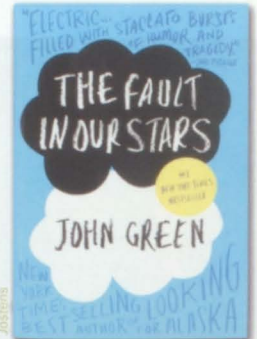
Shortly before the holiday shopping season begins, Apple launches the iPad mini, a small tablet computer.



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▲ Readers Hail Return of Teen Demigods

Novelist Rick Riordan publishes *The Mark of Athena*, the third book in his popular series, *The Heroes of Olympus*.



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▲ Teen with Cancer Narrates Novel

The Fault in Our Stars is a fiction bestseller about a romance between teens who meet in a cancer support group.



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▲ Electronic Gamers Cheer FIFA Soccer 13

The latest version of the popular game allows players to analyze plays and create new offensive opportunities.



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▲ Nintendo Opens Virtual Theme Park

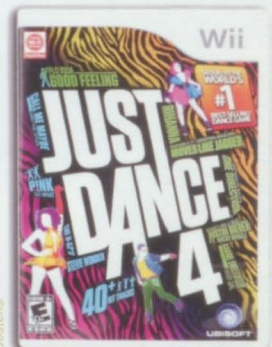
Gamers and their Mii™ characters explore NintendoLand, a virtual theme park featuring attractions based on Nintendo game worlds.



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▲ Boom Cube Turns Up the Volume

The powerful, miniature Boom Cube™ speaker hangs from a keychain and sets your MP3 tunes free from your earbuds.



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▲ Jump Up and Just Dance 4

Just Dance® 4 is the latest version of the chart-topping dance game, featuring new songs, new workouts and six rounds of dance-off battles.



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▲ Gamers Welcome Wii U™

Nintendo releases its new Wii U game console, which features high-definition graphics, an embedded touchscreen and up to 32 GB of Flash storage.



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▲ Consumers Consider New High-Resolution MacBook®

Apple's 13-inch MacBook Pro® with Retina display features a stunning, high-resolution screen and an equally stunning \$1,700 price tag.



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▲ Furby™ Talks Back

The fuzzy Furby toy returns, with sophisticated technology that allows this chatty, lovable toy to learn to tell jokes and play games.

Television



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Teens Discover Their True Identities

Switched at Birth is a popular television drama on ABC Family about two girls, one rich and one poor, who learn they were switched as infants.



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New Girl Comes Back for More

Jess (Zooey Deschanel), Nick, Schmidt, Winston and Cece return for a second season of *New Girl* on FOX.



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Viewers Flock to Rags-to-Riches Reality Show

Duck Dynasty on A&E introduces the eccentric Robertson clan, which made its millions by making and selling duck calls.



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Beastly Drama Is People's Choice

Beauty & The Beast, a drama about a homicide detective with a puzzling and tragic past, wins the People's Choice award for Best New TV Drama.



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Learning Step by Step

A former ballerina turned Las Vegas showgirl must start a new life as a small town dance teacher in *Bunheads* on ABC Family.



Photo: Barbara Walters

Honey Boo Boo Makes the Most Fascinating List

Seven-year-old reality star Alana Thompson, better known as "Honey Boo Boo," makes Barbara Walters' list of the year's most fascinating people.



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Bigfoot Remains at Large

Finding Bigfoot is a reality program that follows investigators, as they search the wilderness for evidence that Bigfoot is real.



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An Eccentric English Sleuth Comes to New York

Jonny Lee Miller's Sherlock solves cases in New York, with help from Lucy Liu's Dr. Joan Watson in *Elementary*, a new CBS drama.



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American Audiences Love English Costume Drama

The eagerly awaited third season of *Downton Abbey* on PBS features a guest appearance by Shirley MacLaine as a wealthy American mother-in-law.

Movies

The People Choose Jennifer Lawrence

Jennifer Lawrence, star of *The Hunger Games* series and *Silver Linings Playbook*, wins the Favorite Movie Actress award in the People's Choice Awards.



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James Stars in Here Comes the Boom

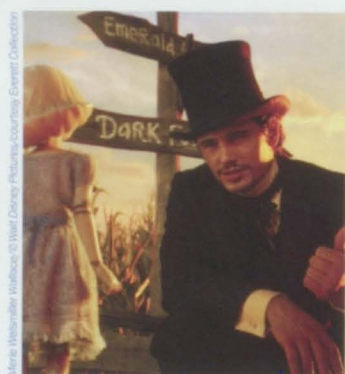
Kevin James stars as a burned-out biology teacher turned mixed martial arts hero in the feature film *Here Comes the Boom*.



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Downey Dons Hero Suit a Third Time

Robert Downey Jr. returns as Tony Stark to face new enemies and overcome new challenges in *Iron Man 3*.



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A Wizard Finds His Way

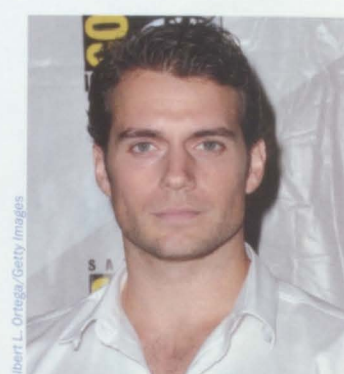
In *Oz: The Great and Powerful*, James Franco stars as a small-time magician who is transported to the Land of Oz.



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Caveman Family Discovers the World

Ryan Reynolds and Emma Stone lend their voices to *The Croods*, a 3D computer-animated comedy adventure about the world's first family.



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How Superman Began

Henry Cavill stars as Clark Kent, a journalist who is baffled by his superhuman powers. He finds his life's purpose when evil invaders attack the world in *Man of Steel*.

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Bond Breaks a Record

Skyfall, starring Daniel Craig as Agent 007, makes \$87.8 million in its first weekend, the most successful opening of any Bond film.

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Heroes Unite in Rise of the Guardians

Fans of fantasy flicks head to the theaters for *Rise of the Guardians*, a 3D animated film from DreamWorks Animation based on the popular book series.

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Grandparents Need Guidance

Bette Midler and Billy Crystal star as traditional grandparents who are baffled by their grandkids in *Parental Guidance*.



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▲ Wallflower Blooms on Big Screen

The Perks of Being a Wallflower, adapted from the book of the same title, tells the story of a shy high school freshman and his quirky friends.



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▲ A President Earns His Place in History

Lincoln, a historical drama based on an award-winning biography, depicts the last four months of the legendary president's life.



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▲ Breaking Dawn Breaks Box Office Records

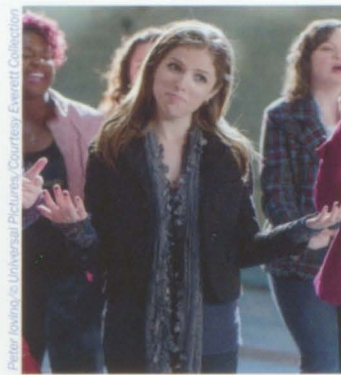
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2, the finale to the vampire romance series, is No. 1 at the box office for three weeks in a row.



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▲ Downey Is a Fan Favorite

Voters for the People's Choice Awards choose *Iron Man* star Robert Downey, Jr. as the year's Favorite Movie Actor.



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▲ College Singers Perfect Their Pitch

In *Pitch Perfect*, Anna Kendrick stars as a college student who inspires a mismatched a cappella singing group to achieve hilarity and harmony.



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▲ Soundtrack Album Tops Charts

The movie soundtrack for *Les Misérables*, featuring performances by Anne Hathaway and Amanda Seyfried, reaches the No. 1 spot on the Billboard 200 chart.



Jeff Kravitz/FilmMagic

▲ Fans Root for Wreck-It Ralph

In the animated feature film *Wreck-It Ralph*, an arcade game character wants to be a hero instead of a bad guy, but his well-intentioned plans go haywire.



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▲ It's a Wonderful Life of Pi

Nineteen-year-old Suraj Sharma stars in the movie adaptation of *Life of Pi*, about a teenager and a Bengal tiger who survive a shipwreck.



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▲ Bilbo Baggins Journeys to Theaters

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey is the first of three films adapted from J.R.R. Tolkien's novel about a reluctant adventurer in Middle Earth.

Trends

Minis Are Major ▶

Little dresses and short skirts go over jeans and leggings by day. At night, they go solo for dances and dates.



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LED Headlights Turn Heads ▶

Drivers who love making their cars stand out on the street add LED headlight strips to create colorful, futuristic effects.

YOLO

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“YOLO” Is Favorite Catchphrase ▶

Rapper Drake and actor Zac Efron popularize YOLO, an acronym standing for “you only live once.” *Time* magazine names it one of the year’s top buzzwords.



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Cowboy Boots Are Cool Again ▶

Western style makes a comeback on runways and campuses. Classic cowboy boots are paired with short skirts or cropped pants.



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Trends Point to Nail Art ▶

Adhesive nail-art kits make outrageous manicures easy and affordable. Options include animal patterns, stripes, polka dots, images and more.



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Color Sneaks onto Sneakers ▶

Basic footwear takes a back seat as brightly colored and patterned high-tops and athletic shoes emerge as must-have accessories for school and weekend style.



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Tees Get the Message Out ▶

The graphic tee trend becomes a personal expression obsession. Shirts feature favorite lyrics, Internet memes, irreverent graphics and witty jokes.



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Taco Bell Considers More Doritos® Dishes ▶

After the success of Taco Bell’s Doritos Locos Taco, the fast food chain drops hints that a new Cool Ranch version is coming next.



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Infinity Scarf Is Endless Trend ▶

The must-have neckwear accessory is the circular infinity scarf, which loops around the neck to add color, texture and warmth.



▲ Baseball Caps Are Tops with Girls

The flat-brim baseball cap trend is popularized by celebrities like Rihanna. The casual style is perfect for hiding from the paparazzi.



◀ Backpacks Are Global Chic

Boring backpacks take a back seat to colorful patterns inspired by traditional graphic motifs from around the world.



▲ Hoodies Are Hot

For every guy, there's a hoodie: athletic hoodies for jocks, rock band hoodies for fans and humorous hoodies for class clowns.



▲ It's a Plaid, Plaid World

Fashionistas go mad for plaid. The trend starts on designer runways and quickly makes its way to fashion outlets in malls and online.



▲ Duct Tape Inspires Creative Types

Crafty tweens and teens use tough, colorful duct tape to make purses, wallets, decorations, jewelry, fashion accessories and even formal wear.

JUST SAYIN'

▲ Adults Find Expression Annoying

Teens use "Just sayin'" to minimize an expression of criticism or sarcasm. The phrase ranks highly on a Marist Poll surveying the most irritating words and phrases.



▲ Footwear Moonlights as Basketball Coach

Sensors in the soles of Nike+ Basketball shoes track the wearer's every move and sync stats to the player's iPhone.



▲ Jeans Are Anything but Blue

Traditional blues are timeless classics but the newest skinny denims feature bold colors, feminine prints and modern patterns.



▲ Glitter Gets a Foot in Fashion's Door

The trend for "glitter shoes," featuring sequins and sparkles, includes glue-it-yourself sneakers, sky-high designer platforms and everything in between.

Lifestyle



Instagram Is Tops with Teens

Facebook snaps up Instagram and its 80 million users. The social media site clicks with teens, ranking as the top photography destination among ages 12 to 17.



MoviePass™ Sends Fans Back to Theaters

MoviePass gives film lovers the chance to save money by seeing up to one movie per day in theaters for one low monthly fee.



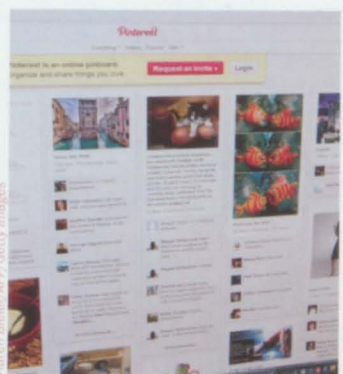
Nike Motivates with Fuelband

Nike has launched a new tool called Nike+ Fuelband™. This technology tool lets users know how active they are and reminds them to achieve their fitness goals.



Pop Is Personal with New Coke Machine

The Freestyle Coke machine lets customers mix their own flavor combinations from more than 100 choices.



Pinterest Attracts Interest

Pinterest is a social media phenomenon. Users "pin" images and share virtual bulletin boards about fashion, food, travel and sports.



Apple iPhone 5 Sees Record-breaking Sales

The Apple® iPhone® 5 sells more than five million units in its first three days, setting a new record for opening weekend sales.



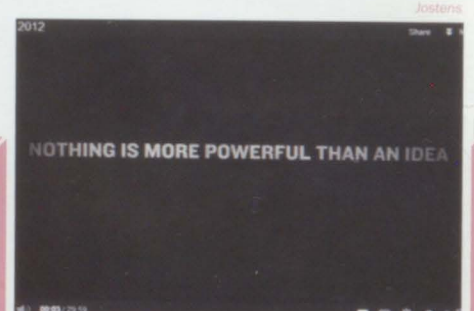
Zumba® Is the Trendy Fitness Class

The Latin-inspired dance-fitness classes known as Zumba deliver hot music, cool moves, serious fitness and tons of fun.



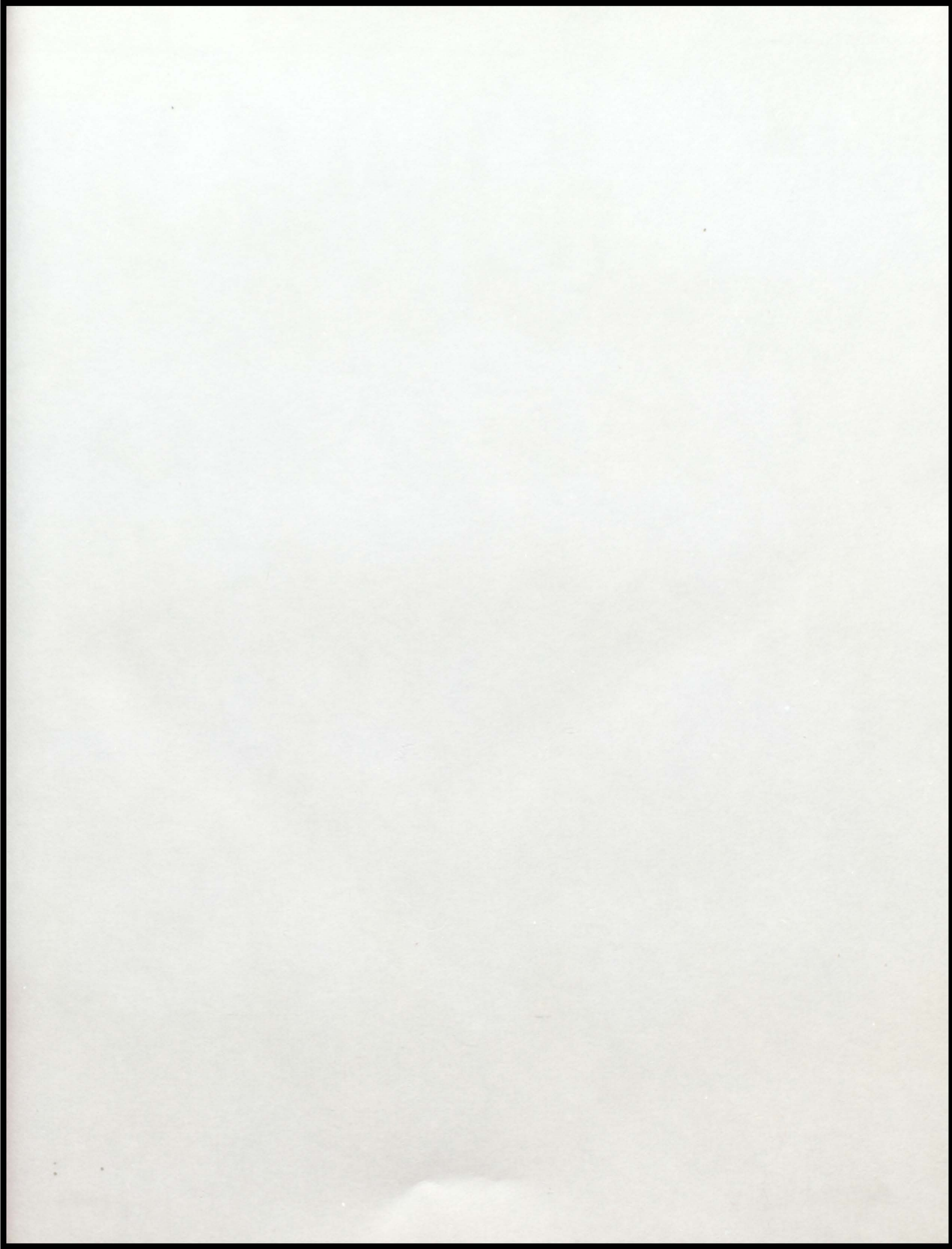
Classrooms Connect via Smartphone

Teachers use QR Codes, which can be scanned by smartphones, to deliver class information and assignments to students.



Uganda Documentary Is Most Viral Video

Justin Bieber and Oprah help to make *Kony 2012*, a documentary about child soldiers, attract more than 100 million views in its first six days online.



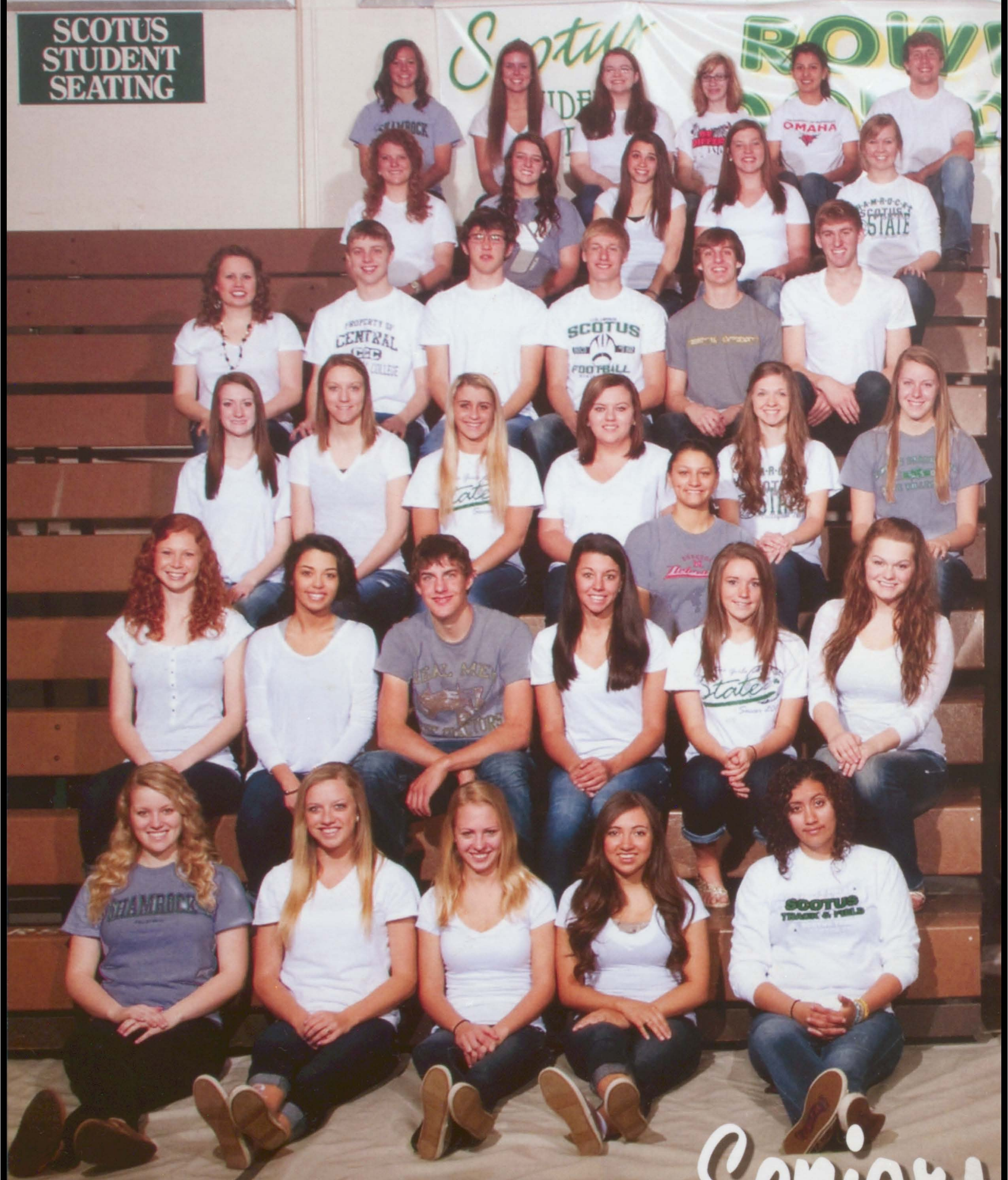
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