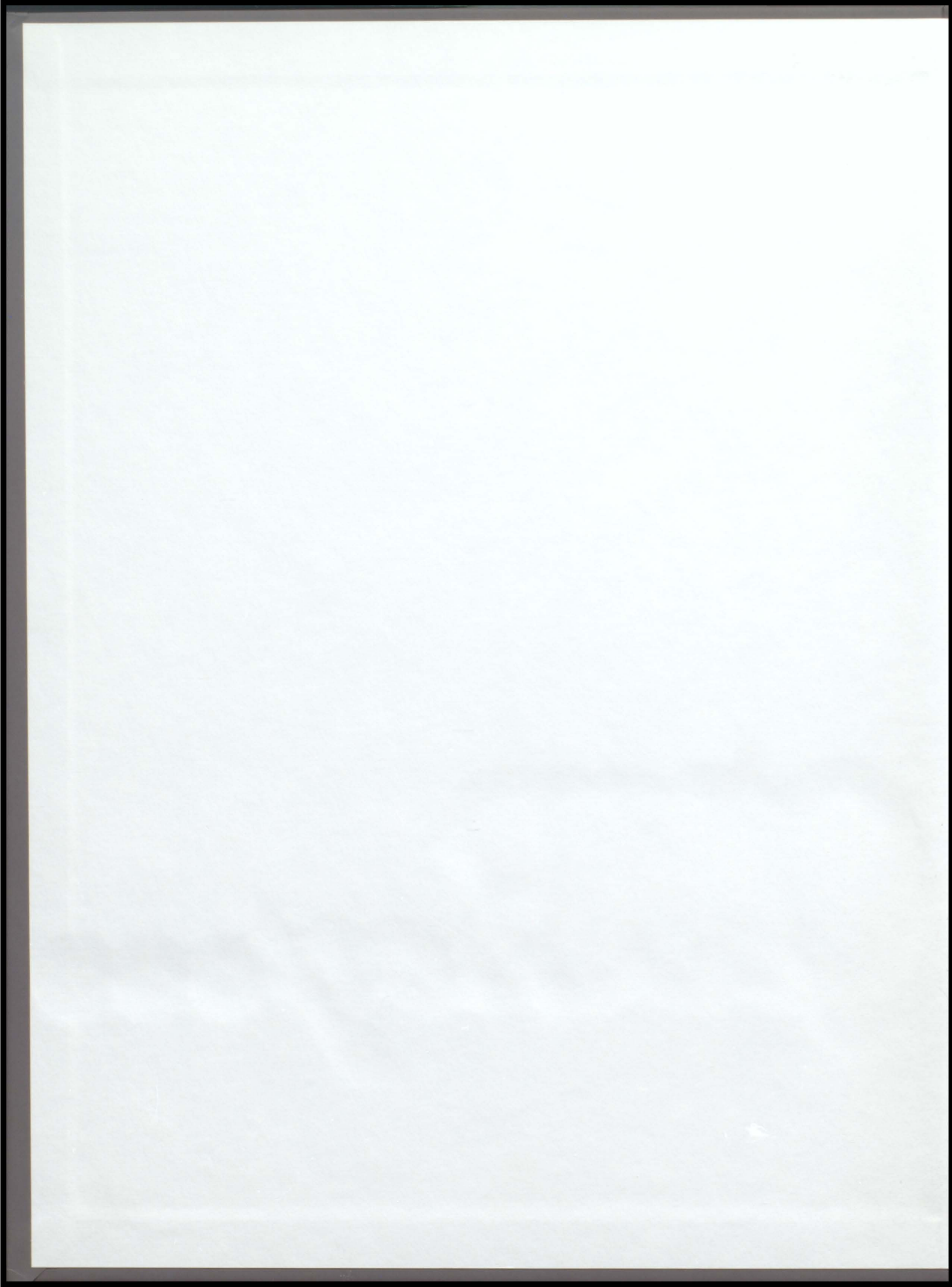
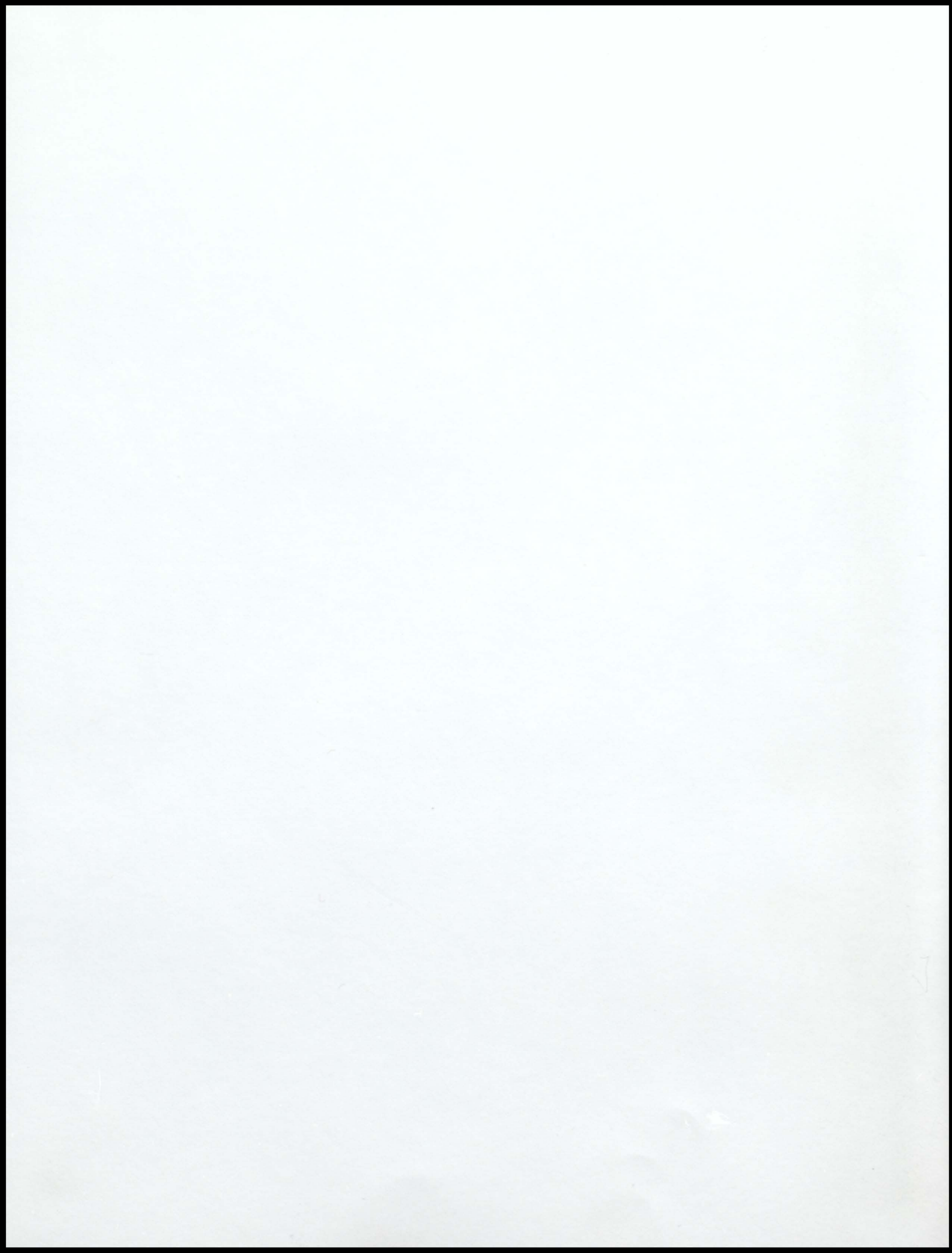


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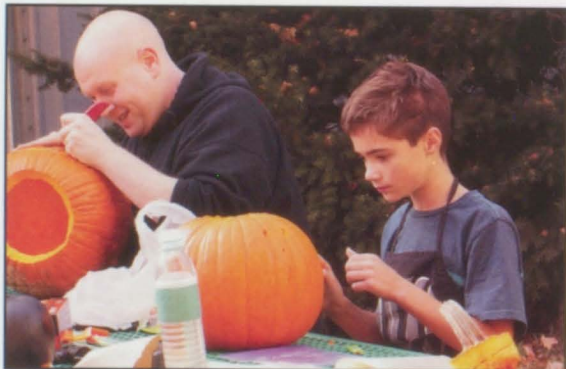
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OUR *Journey*...



The entire Scotus body takes a picture in the Dowd Activity Center holding three posters with the school's charisms, gratitude, service, and faith.



(above) **Father Capadano** carves a pumpkin with seventh grader **Ben Policky** during the Shepherd Program's pumpkin carving day.



(right) Senior **Tate VunCannon** gives the Eucharist to seventh grader **Tim Sliva** during the all school Mass with some of the elementary school kids.

This school year has been filled with many different activities. Anything from girls cross country, journalism, and cheer winning state, to a successful musical and spring play.

Throughout the year, Scotus focused on embodying three words: service, faith, and gratitude. Service is the action of helping or doing work for someone. One thing that Scotus asks of all students is to do Living the Faith service hours. This is used to help give back to the community.

"Every year for service I would work at vacation Bible school; I enjoyed playing games with the kids," senior **Keaton Kudron** said.

Faith is a big part of Scotus considering Scotus is a Catholic school. During the day, every class is asked to take time before class starts to pray. Daily Mass and school Mass are offered to the Scotus students. There are other ways that Scotus displays its faith.

"Scotus religion classes help teach students the importance of their faith and help each student grow closer to God," senior **Eastyn Klink** said.

Gratitude is defined as the quality of being thankful, readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness. At Scotus, there are people who look for ways to help others. Being gracious is seen in different ways by different people.

"Gratitude means not to take anything for granted and be thankful for what you have because it can all be gone in the blink of an eye," freshman **Tyler Vaught** said.





"The big hamster balls they had at post prom; it was fun running into people with them."

-Winston Obal, 11



"The best thing that happened to me was opening up; this has led to new relationships, ideas, and a love for people".

-Kaylie Rocha, 11



"The dances for sure. It was fun hanging out with everyone, and I love to dance".

-Jaycee Ternus, 9

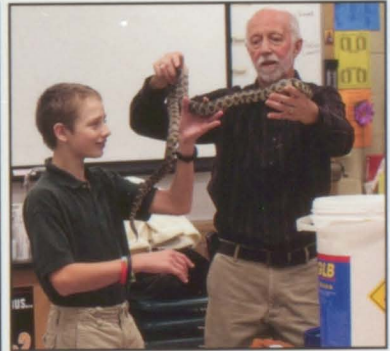
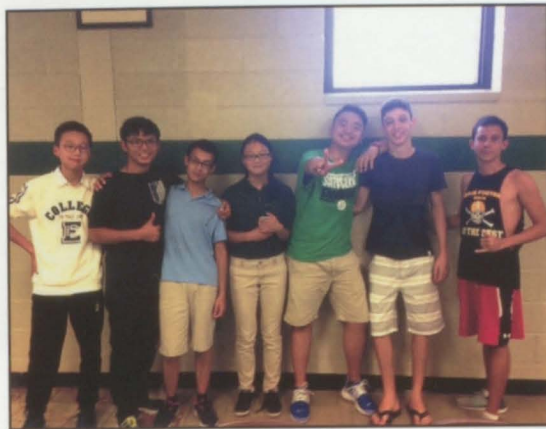
What was your favorite part about this year?

(below) Senior **River Liebig** cheers with a megaphone during the home football game against Lakeview to help keep the student section excited.

(bottom left) Scotus welcomed seven new foreign exchange students, **Duke Lin, Thong "Todd" Le, Tommy Yu, Flora "Qin" He, Gary He, Tadeu Antunes.**

(bottom middle) Seniors **Matt Hoenk, Mitchell Halligan, Cody Mroczek, Nathan Ostdiek, Anthony Kosch, and Luke Jarecke** pose together after winning the first annual dodgeball tournament.

(bottom right) Seniors **Cameron Swanson** paddles away as fellow seniors **Evan Chohon** and **Tyler Brandenburg** get into a canoe during the senior retreat to grow closer as a class.



(far left) The Scotus student section dresses up for rainbow theme to support the boys' basketball team at state during the semi-final game against Bishop Neumann.

(middle) Four seniors **Alayna Wilson, Alyssa Kuta, Maddie Sinovic, and Megan Ohnoutka** get together during the senior retreat for a photo. (above) Seventh grader **Nate Wemhoff** picks up a snake while learning about the world in science class.

(right) Sophomore **Kelsey Faust**, freshman **Liza Zaruba**, senior **Kaylee Tonniges**, and freshman **Samantha Tonniges**, four of the girls' cross country team hold the state championship trophy. This year the girls won the class C state championship. They beat Fort Callhoun by three points to win. This is the first time in school history that the girls cross country team has gone undefeated.







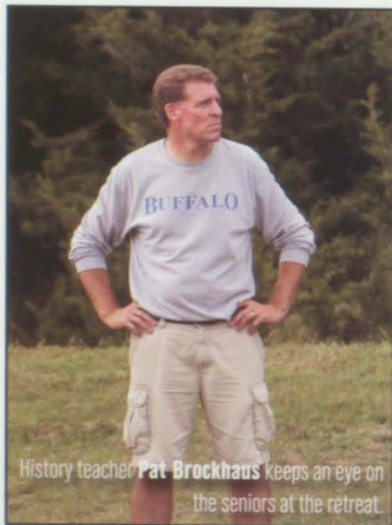
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OUR *Time to grow together* ●●●



Junior **Caitlin Steiner** laughs, while her teammates display their best game faces as they play the John Duns quarter game at the junior retreat. The quarter game is a classic played at almost all of the Scotus retreats.



History teacher **Pat Brockhaus** keeps an eye on the seniors at the retreat.

While senior retreats have changed over the years, one part of the retreat has stayed constant: history teacher **Pat Brockhaus**. **Brockhaus** has been to many of the senior retreats in the past decade.

"I have all the seniors in class, so it makes no sense for me to stay in school, and I enjoy it; I really enjoy going," **Brockhaus** stated.

Brockhaus has been to eight retreats lead by three different priests, and he has witnessed how the retreat has changed from year to year.

"We've gone from Father Jeff, to Father Roza, to Father Capadano, so I've seen the activities change. Some of the team bonding things and spiritual things have changed. Obviously with different priests you get different activities," **Brockhaus** explained.

However, there is one purpose that has not changed about the retreat over the years, and that is the way the seniors interact and come together.

Brockhaus said, "It's really neat to see how the seniors come together when they do activities like the high ropes challenge. Whether they're in athletics or fine arts, it doesn't matter. They are focused on helping each other out and cheering each other on."

While the retreat will keep evolving, **Pat Brockhaus** will most likely continue to be in the middle of it.

Seventh grader **Israel Robledo** plays an ice breaker game at the seventh grade retreat. Every year the seventh grade class comes together in Scotus Memorial Hall for their class retreat. Students participate in Mass, play various games, write letters to their parents, and take part in other activities.



"I love watching the young people. They get to play and hopefully grow in their faith. To watch that as an older person and see how much I can grow in my faith is a major reason I go on the retreat every year," **Brockhaus** concluded.





"I like the piggy-back ride game, boys against girls. I like it because you gain another level of trust with your friends."

-Rachael Lam, 9

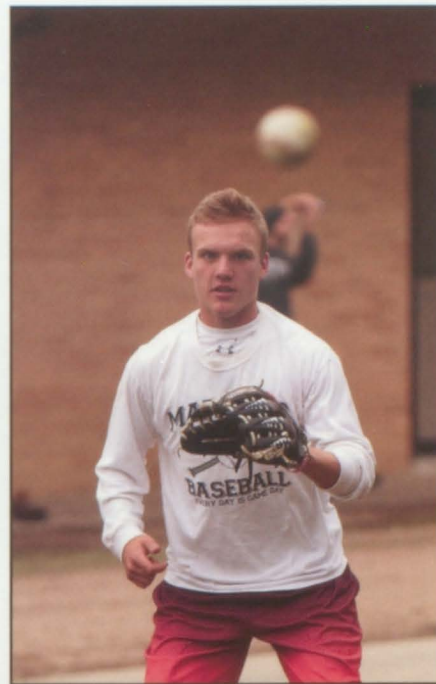
"The John Duns quarter game. It is fun to confuse the other teams with strategy and facial expressions."

-Hallie Parker, 10

"I liked the game where we threw marshmallows into each others' mouths because I REALLY like marshmallows... and sugar."

-Liza Zaruba, 9

What is your favorite retreat activity or game and why do you like it?



(top) Junior **Jake Novicki** prepares to catch a baseball during free time at the junior retreat. The junior retreat, as well as the freshmen and sophomore retreats, are held in Duncan. (bottom left, across) Junior **Winston Obal** opens his mouth to catch a marshmallow during one of the many games played at the junior retreat. Junior **Faith Przymus** plays an icebreaker game as her fellow classmates observe.



Juniors **Trey Dallman, Chase Andresen, Logan Zanardi, and Jacob Morse** take part in the quarter game. The quarter game is a favorite among students.



(upper left, across) A group of seniors work together as they compete against other groups to build a tower made of cups.

Senior **Alyssa Kuta** hangs on for dear life as she balances on a tightrope. Senior **Keaton Kudron** clings on to the trapeze bar after he successfully leaped from the power pole.

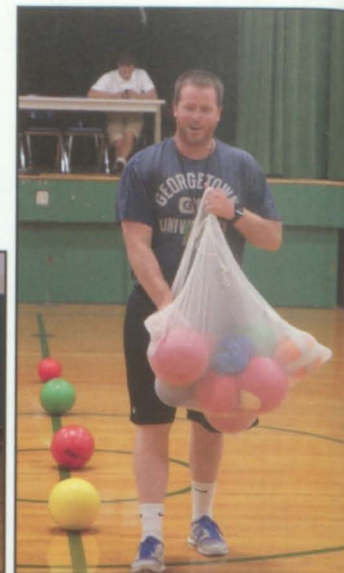
(bottom left, across) Seniors **Evan Chohon** and **Tyler Brandenburg** paddle across the lake. Canoeing was one of the multiple water activities seniors could participate in at their retreat.

Senior **Nathan Ostdiek** soars through the air as he is launched from the blob.



OUR *creative processes* ●●●

(right) The seventh grade boys warm up for their P.E. class with high knees. The class took a break with a competitive game of dodgeball.



(far right) Teacher **Zach McPhillips** prepares the floor for his P.E. class. McPhillips took on teaching seventh grade P.E. as well as several math classes this year.

(right) Junior **Austin Follette** pushes for one more squat during a Personal Fitness class. The class alternated days of games, lifting, and workouts throughout the week.



(far right) Sophomores **Carter Thorson** and **Julia Salerno** fight to the finish during their "Mrs. Tooley's Bootcamp" class. The students went from station to station for an intense workout.



Senior **Nikki Hiner** works on a project using a sewing machine. She made a T-shirt quilt using the materials available in Family and Consumer Science teacher **Carmen Johnson's** room.



"There are teachers here to help you. Go in for help; use them to your advantage."

-Cassie Seckel, 12



"The most important thing I learned is that you should never leave your P.E. locker open."

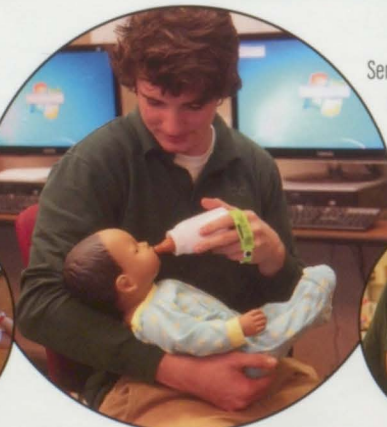
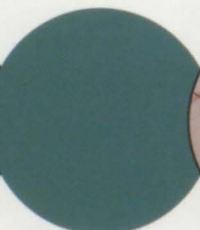
-Evan Hand, 9



"You should get your homework done on time."

-Austin O'Kane, 9

What is the most important thing you have learned throughout your years at Scotus?



Senior **Tyler Brandenburg** soothes his baby by feeding him during class. Each student in Child Development had to learn to take care of a baby for three days. They had to carry them around and care for them at school and home.



Seventh graders **Laine Leitschuck** and **Sydney Quinn** admire the artwork on display at the One Act performance. On display were pieces made by students and art club members.

Over the years, Scotus has incorporated many opportunities for students to showcase their individual talents. Two more opportunities are the art shows held on the nights of the one act performance and the musical.

Pieces made by seventh graders through seniors were on display for the audience. Art teacher **Lindsay Dannelly** created the idea for it and started it three years ago.

Dannelly said, "The art show is a perfect opportunity to display my students' work, and it's great during intermissions to give the audience something to discuss. It seems to go over well with the public."

The audience could browse the artwork before and after the performances as well as intermission.

Students benefited from the addition as well. Senior artist and veteran to the art program **Cameron Swanson** got to feature one of his projects.

Swanson added, "I've been doing art since I was three. It's something you learn and grow with. Honestly, anyone can do art!"

Some of the items on display were Gia Cometti sculptures, expressionisms, and self-portraits. Many students made their projects with a personal touch.

"I really like my surrealism heart. It was a piece I made based on my heart disease, Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome," **Swanson** said.



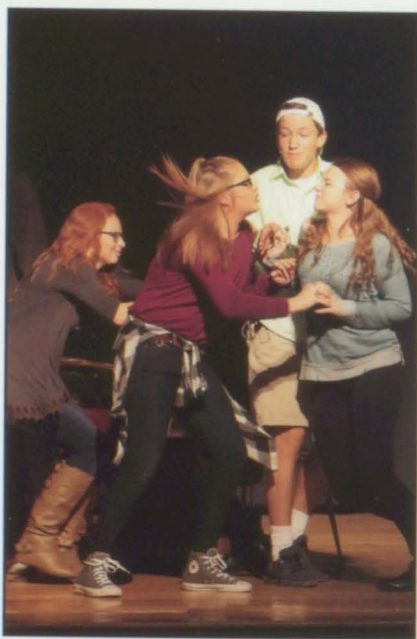
(above) Seventh graders **Ellie Fehringer**, (left) **Chloe Walker** and **Paxton Lusche** get creative during an art project. Art 7 experimented and created unique art with bubbles.



OUR *staged lockdown* ●●●



Seniors **Naomi Kosch** and **Cameron Swanson**, junior **Alaina Wallick**, sophomores **Caleb Kosch** and **Isaac McPhillips**, and freshman **Morgan Littlefield** watch in fear as their teacher runs out of the room to save a student who ran out.



(above) Junior **Alaina Wallick** and sophomore **Caleb Kosch** try to break up the fight between sophomore **Maddie Sueper** and freshman **Morgan Littlefield**.

In the middle of class, the loud speakers go off saying there is an intruder in the building. Fortunately, this did not actually happen at Scotus. However, it is exactly what this year's one act performance "Lock Down" was about.

Last year, one act had a funnier presentation. This year the performance had a more serious tone and was about a school intruder.

"We all got better at raising the intensity of the scenes as the play got more serious," sophomore **Isaac McPhillips** said.

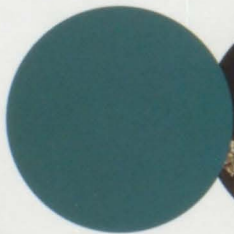
This year one act had a young cast with only four seniors. This allowed many of the underclassman to get bigger roles. Two of the younger members that grew the most were sophomore **Caleb Kosch** and freshman **Morgan Littlefield**.

"**Caleb Kosch** and **Morgan Littlefield** improved a lot. At our last performance, a judge said they were a believable couple," senior **Cameron Swanson** said.

One act performed four times. The four performances were at Osceola, the Scotus performance, conference, and districts. Some of the unique aspects this year consisted of loading an entire desk onto the bus, and singing happy birthday to other members. Even with some things being unique, there were some traditions one act kept.

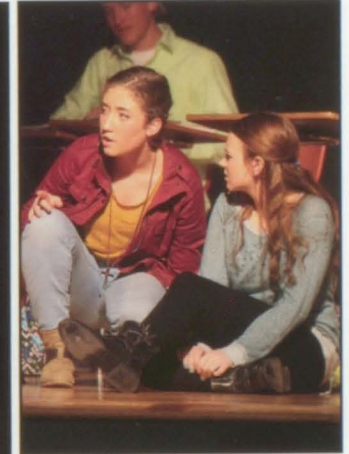
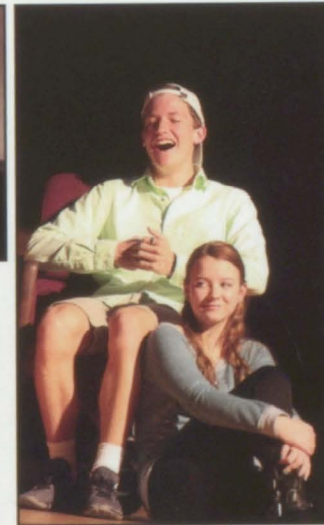
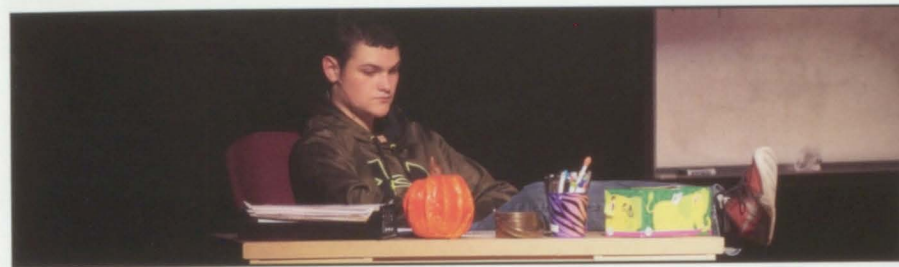
"Before each performance we would say 'break a leg' which means good luck, and we would say prayer with everyone," junior **Brock Kracman** said.

(right) Junior **Caitlin Steiner** has had enough of the arguing from sophomore **Isaac McPhillips** and the rest of the students. One act had one home performance. For this performance, one act was able to show friends and family their performance of "Lockdown".





(far left) Sophomore **Mattie Johnson** takes her bow after her performance.
 (top middle) Sophomore **Drew Zaruba** gets close to senior **Emma Ruskamp** on their date.
 (left) Junior **Brock Kracman** is caught off guard when sophomore **Mattie Johnson** begins to talk about marriage.
 (bottom left) Sophomore **Sam Blaser** and his group cheer during the rock, paper, scissor battle.
 (bottom middle) Sophomores **Kendra Korger** calls for the rest of the cheerleaders to come support her.
 (bottom right) Sophomore **Caleb Kosch** talks to senior **Emma Ruskamp** acting like a child.



"Our last performance, we sang songs on the bus the whole way. R.I.P. our voices for musical practice that night".

-Cameron Swanson, 12



"Conference because it was our best performance".

-Brock Kracman, 11



"The home performance of "Lock Down" was my favorite because we had microphones".

-Caleb Kosch, 10

What was your favorite performance of the year?



(top left) Sophomore **Isaac McPhillips** waits for the teacher to return during the school lockdown.
 (top middle) Sophomore **Caleb Kosch** and freshman **Morgan Littlefield** laugh at a joke while trying to pass the time.
 (above) Senior **Naomi Kosch** talks to freshman **Morgan Littlefield** about what is happening during the drill.
 (left) Junior **Caitlin Steiner** makes sure that junior **McKenna Spencer** is okay when she notices her crying.



OUR *night in the jungle* ●●●



Seniors **Abbie Perault**, **Alyssa Kuta**, **Tate YunCannon**, **Haley Faust**, **Naomi Kosch**, **Kaylee Tonniges**, **Jessica Buhman**, **Amberly Parker**, and junior **Kendra Weise** dance together at this year's homecoming.



(above) Sophomores **Caleb Kosch** and **Elliott Thomazin** form a circle around fellow sophomore **Mira Liebig**.
(top right) Seniors **Alison Zoucha**, **Tate YunCannon**, **Alyssa Kuta**, and **Cassie Seckel** dance together during the homecoming dance.



(right) Seniors **Abbie Perault**, **Courtney Flint**, and **Mitchell Halligan** sing along to the music being played through the speakers.

Monkeys, tigers, and tropical birds were found all around Scotus during homecoming week.

The homecoming theme this year was jungle. Every year, each high school class decorates its hallway in whatever theme it decides on. The senior class's theme is always the theme of homecoming, so the senior theme was jungle. The junior class decided on a Dr. Seuss theme. *Up* was the theme for the sophomore class, and the freshmen decided on *Finding Dory* for their hallway theme.

This year the teachers voted on a winner. They voted on overall theme and how their hallway looked.

"I love the *Up* theme, but I have to go with the seniors. They clearly put a lot of work into their hallway, and it looked amazing," art teacher **Lindsay Dannelly** said.

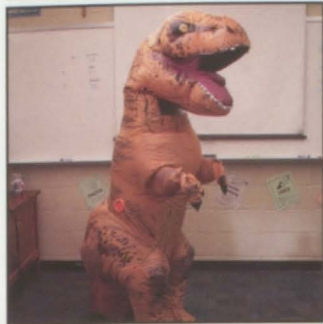
After voting was over, the results ended with a tie between all the classes. Because the classes tied, everyone was awarded a dress down day.

Social Science teacher **Pat Brockhaus** said, "Channeling my inner Bernie Sanders, all the classes are winners and should share in the reward of being 'Best Decorated'... oh wait a minute my Donald Trump voice says we should have a wall separating the classes and hallways so that a sharing of ideas can be stopped... oh wait, wait, my Hillary Clinton voice says there should be open hallways, one theme for all, because we are one school, and we need to continue making Scotus Central Catholic great!"





(far left) Senior **Maddie Sinovic** and English teacher **Becki Zanardi** pose for a picture in matching shirts on dress like a teacher day.
 (left) Senior **Kira Drehr** stands in attention with her band uniform while junior **Kyle Kobza** wears his football jersey during spirit day.
 (bottom left) Junior **Trey Dallman** wears his T-rex costume during the jungle day of homecoming week.
 (bottom middle) History teachers **Jarrod Ridder** and **Wade Coulter** wear matching outfits during dress like a teacher day to match Mr. Ohnoutka.
 (bottom right) Junior **Logan Zanardi** shows his enthusiasm with other Scotus students during the Scotus homecoming dance.



(left) Seniors **Evan Chohon, Haley Faust, Abbie Perault, Zach Svehla, Kaylee Tonniges, Nathan Ostdiek, Emma Strecker, Tate VunCannon, Alayna Wilson, Duncan Paczosa, Wyatt Gutzmer,** and **Alyssa Kuta**, the 2016-2017 Homecoming candidates, line-up for a group photo.
 (bottom left) Junior **Wren Allen** does the conga line with sophomores **Sam Blaser** and **Lucas Schaecher**.



(below) **Nathan Ostdiek** and **Emma Strecker** pose together after being crowned homecoming king and queen. Ostdiek and Strecker were nominated by fellow seniors along with ten other seniors. The list of nominees was brought to the rest of the Scotus high school student body to vote. After the homecoming football game, the last year's king and queen came to crown Ostdiek and Strecker as this year's homecoming king and queen.



"Me, duh! Just kidding, I think Cody Mroczek was the best dressed because I picked his outfit out."

-Eastyn Klink, 12



"This is a bad question because it was obviously Mrs. Lahm."

-Julia Pichler, 10



"I thought everyone was really well-dressed, especially the homecoming candidates."

-Rachael Lam, 9

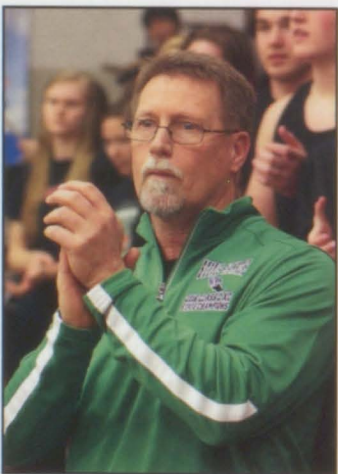
Who was the best dressed this year at homecoming?



OUR Tradition continues...



Sophomore **Abe Perault**, dressed as Moses, parts the Red Sea of students. This half-time activity only intensified the atmosphere during the boys' basketball game against Bergan.



Activities director **Merlin Lahm** monitors the student section at the boys' district championship basketball game against Winnebago. **Lahm** took over the role as activities director after thirty years in the classroom as a math teacher.

One change for the Rowdy Dowdies this past year has been the presence of **Merlin Lahm** at every athletic event. **Lahm** stepped down from teaching Algebra and Advanced Math to assume his new role as activities director. His duties range in variety, and every day brings a new task.

Lahm's least favorite part of the job definitely paled in comparison to the advantages.

"[My least favorite part of the job is] finding subs for sick staff members at six in the morning," **Lahm** commented.

Going from being in the classroom on a daily basis to scheduling nearly every event for the athletic teams has been quite a change for **Lahm**.

"I always enjoyed the interaction with students, but I cannot say I miss grading papers," **Lahm** added.

Since he has been a part of the Scotus staff for 31 years, **Lahm** had an advantage stepping into his role. **Lahm** stays busy with scheduling games, finding substitute teachers, and covering all areas of activities.

Lahm light-heartedly added, "I attain my steps goal each day."

With his busy schedule, **Lahm** still enjoys the spirit and attitude of the student body. The school has many traditions that are held close.

"I like to see teams attend Mass on game day and to see the student body pray after home games," **Lahm** stated.

As someone who has been at Scotus for many years, **Lahm** has seen the involvement that truly makes Scotus' tradition, spirit, and creativity stand out from all other schools.





(above, left to right) Junior **Brandon Huynh** breaks out his dancing skills to lead the student section for the "Chicken Dance." Eighth grader **Kade Wiese** rallies the student section after a big play for the football team. The student body "feels so good" during a cheer for a volleyball game.



"No matter what activity it is, people around the state have that 'Oh man... we have to play Scotus' feeling when they see us on their schedule."

-Matt Strecker, 11



"Praying after the conclusion of every activity because it reminds us of what is really important."

-Bryce VunCannon, 10



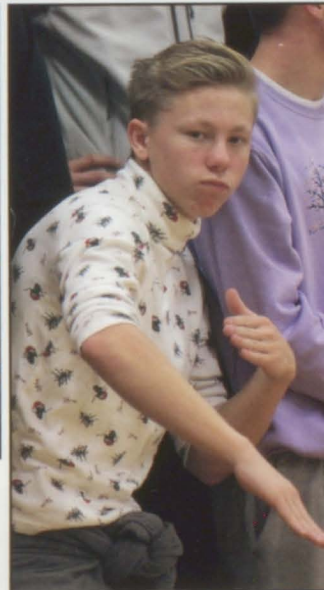
"Praying before games because He is the reason we are here, and we should praise him: win or lose."

-Colson Kosch, 11

Which school tradition are you most proud of?



(left) Senior **Will Sonderman** pumps up the student section in between sets of a volleyball game. (bottom, left to right) Juniors **Marika Spencer, Grace Wickham,** and **Shania Borchers** celebrate over a hard point earned. Seniors **Landri Swett, Alyssa Kuta, Abbie Perault,** and **Emily Hand** take a break from cheering to pose for the camera. Senior **Brady Miller** gets pumped up for the 'Ugly Christmas Sweater' basketball game.



Senior **Trevor Halligan** busts a move during haltime of a boys' basketball game. Halligan rocked the 80's look along with his fellow Rowdy Dowdies in support of the team. The student section tried to mix things up this year with a variety of new themes such as 'Moses and the Red Sea,' 'Pajama Party,' 'USA,' and 'Ugly Sweater Christmas Party.'



OUR *high-flying flags* ●●●



Junior **Caitlin Steiner**, seniors **Maddie Sinovic** and **Brooke Podolak**, and junior **Morgan Rinkol** jump during their flag routine at a football game last fall.



Senior **Zach Svehla** spins senior flagger **Maddie Sinovic** during the halftime performance of the guy/girl dance.

The flag corps aimed for great performances from the football sidelines to the state basketball court. They were lead this year by only two seniors, **Maddie Sinovic** and **Brooke Podolak**. **Sinovic** and **Podolak** worked to bring the team together and make the season memorable. The two agreed that the highlight of the year was the guy/girl dance.

"My partner was **Zach Svehla**, and he was a dancer at Barb's, so sometimes I think that he is a better dancer than me," **Sinovic** commented.

Podolak commented on the boys' effect on the team, "They really helped to liven up the atmosphere, and they kept it entertaining."

This is senior **Zach Svehla's** second time performing in the guy/girl dance. He was involved in the dance his sophomore and senior year.

"It was fun to learn the dance and perform at the game. There were a lot of people screaming and cheering. It was awesome," **Svehla** said.

The rest of the team members also enjoyed having the boys join them on the floor for this performance.

"They all did great and looked happy while we performed. I give them all so much credit for doing this dance with us,"

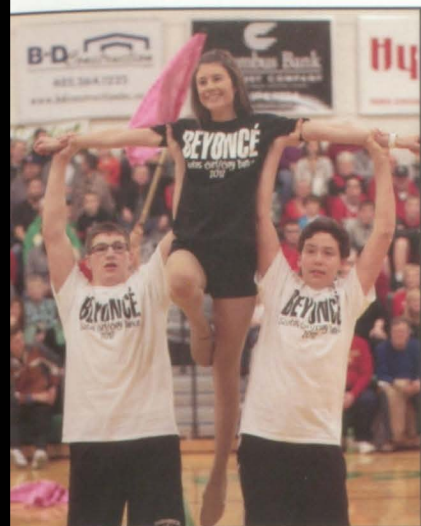
freshman **MaKenzie Enderlin** commented.

The guy/girl dance brings the parents and students to their feet after every performance.

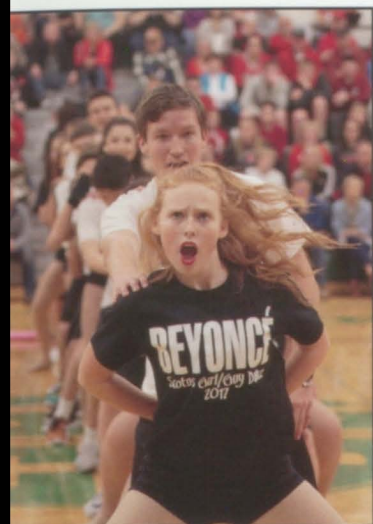
"This dance is a favorite because the girls get to sit back and watch the guys attempt the routine, and that is always fun," sophomore **Hannah Allen** concluded.

Seniors **Anthony Sprunk** and **Brooke Podolak** stand back-to-back at the beginning of the guy/girl dance this year. The senior members decided on a dance choreographed to a Beyoncé medley that included some of the artist's most popular songs. The guy/girl dance is performed every other year.





(left to right) Junior **Wren Allen** and freshman **Jared Beaver** lift junior **Kaitlyn Enderlin** during their performance. The guy/girl dance debuted on parent's night last winter. Freshman **McKenna Hoeffler** points her toe as she is held up by four flag corps members during the winter pep rally. Freshman **MaKenzie Enderlin** freezes with her flag raised at the end of a routine choreographed by senior **Maddie Sinovic** to the song "Victorious".



"I was practicing outside in the dark and after a double flip the flag landed on my face. I slept with an ice pack on my face all night."

-Brooke Podolak, 12



"I have hit myself in the head numerous times, but that is as major as it gets."

-Jaycee Ternus, 9



"At Jam the Gym during a kick line, my foot gave out and I hurt the arch of my foot."

-Caitlin Steiner, 11

Have you ever received an injury while performing or practicing for flag corps?



(top, left to right) Junior **Alaina Wallick** strikes a pose as she leads the line of flag corps members and their male dance partners. A group of flaggets slide into the splits during a routine choreographed to the Halsey song, "Castle". Junior **Morgan Rinkol** marches along with the band at the Harvest of Harmony parade last fall. (above) Junior **Emily Carstens** and freshman **Sarah Bichlemeier** shake their pom poms together during the halftime show at a home football game.



OUR *swinging season* ●●●

The Scotus girls' golf team had one main goal this season: improvement, and they worked hard to achieve this goal. The golf team started out strong by winning their first three meets. Throughout the regular season the team received a number of top five finishes and medal winners.

"There were some meets we wished we had performed better, and some that we were really proud of," junior **Emily Carstens** said.

The varsity took home the gold at districts at Quail Run with a score of 399. This was the third consecutive victory for senior **Emerson Belitz**.

"It felt amazing, and the team was very excited. I was really happy with how everything went," **Belitz** said.

The team traveled to Lake Maloney in North Platte to compete at the state tournament and tied for ninth with a two-day score of 802.

"It felt great to play at state because I worked hard to get there," junior **Kaitlyn Enderlin** said.

Even if it was not the best way to end, the team was happy with how they performed during the season.

"It was a huge accomplishment. We did the best we could and gave it our all," junior **Maddie Neville** said.

Junior **Kendra Wiese** had similar things to say about the season.

"I am thankful for the girls this season. I am very happy I made the move to golf!"



(above) Freshman **Jaycee Ternus** hits her sand shot out of a bunker at Quail Run golf course.



(right) Junior **Kendra Wiese** chips onto the green on the thirteenth hole at Quail Run. Wiese was a first year golfer.



Lone senior **Emerson Belitz** sends a putt toward the hole. Belitz ended her high school career with a thirteenth place medal at state.





"At the Blair meet, I got poison ivy and couldn't shake the golf pro's hand when I got my medal."

-Kendra Wiese, 11



"At the Albion meet, I went to the emergency room with kidney stones."

-Emily Carstens, 11



"After state golf, the team tried to get a kitten to come up to us for hours so we could cut its spurs out."

-Maddie Neville, 11

Did you have any weird experiences or awkward moments at a meet this season?



(left) Junior **Kaitlyn Enderlin** watches her putt at a dual with Fullerton at Quail Run. Enderlin's season included multiple personal bests.

(below, left to right) Freshman **MaKenzie Enderlin** putts off the fringe on her ninth hole. Coach **Tanya Neidbalski**, junior **Emily Carstens**, junior **Maddie Neville**, senior **Emerson Belitz**, junior **Kaitlyn Enderlin**, and junior **Kendra Wiese** celebrate after the second day of state golf. The team tied for ninth place after both days of competition.

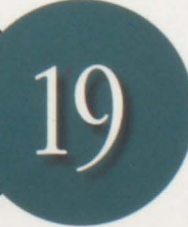
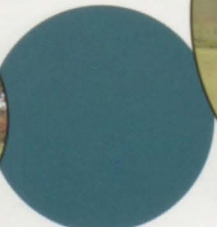
Sophomore **Hannah Allen** hits her ball toward the green at the Norfolk Catholic dual. Scotus won over their opponents with a score of 197.



(right) Freshman **MaKenzie Enderlin** lines up her putt at the Lakeview Triangular. Enderlin played as the golf team's varsity alternate. The Lakeview triangular was their first victory of the season. The girls grabbed their win with a team score of 195 on nine holes.



(above left to right) Junior **Maddie Neville** watches her ball after a shot on hole four at the Elks Country Club. Junior **Alaina Wallick** lines up her par putt at Quail Run golf course. Sophomore **Hallie Parker** punches her ball out of the rough. Junior **Emily Carstens** admires her drive off of the eighth tee box at a dual between Scotus and Fullerton.



OUR *field of opportunities* ●●●

The Scotus/CHS co-op softball team started the year with fewer seniors than the previous year, but they had some young talent.

Junior **Tessa Bridger** said, "I think we definitely proved a lot of people wrong. Our whole varsity team was practically seniors last year, and we only had four seniors this year, so for being a young and inexperienced varsity team, we definitely put up a fight throughout the season."

Out of the nine girls from Scotus who went out for softball, two were seniors, three were juniors, one was a sophomore, and three were freshmen.

Freshman **Katie Stachura** explained, "The first game I started at second base, I was terrified I would mess up, but in the end I didn't have any errors that game."

The team finished their softball year off in the district final losing to Papillion.

Bridger said, "[The most memorable moment of the year was] putting up a huge fight in the district finals and only losing 6-8 to the number one team in Nebraska to place second at districts."

The team finished the year with 14 wins and 21 losses.

Senior **Megan Ohnoutka** added, "Don't be afraid to come out and watch a game for the girls next year, they would really appreciate it!"

Senior **Emily Hand** digs a ground ball at third base. **Hand** has been on the varsity softball team for the last three years. She and fellow senior **Megan Ohnoutka** hit their first home runs this year.



Senior **Megan Ohnoutka** catches the softball at first base. They ended the night with a split in the double header against Lincoln North Star.



"I rode back to school with Megan Ohnoutka, and I didn't have my bag, my shoes and socks were soaking, and I was wearing Kate Smith's sweatpants since she had extra, and my softball pants were soaked."

-Katie Stachura, 9



"I hit two home runs this year, and both times I did not realize I did, so I sprinted around the bases and thought I was going to trip."

-Emily Hand, 12



"The game that stood out to me the most was the Lincoln Southeast game because it was senior night. That night I hit a homerun and got a concussion."

-Megan Ohnoutka, 12

What was your most memorable moment of the year?



OUR *Tennis trio* ●●●



Senior **Brady Miller** returns the ball while at the net. **Miller** was one of the players on the number one doubles team at CHS.

Although there were not as many tennis players from Scotus on the Scotus/CHS co-op team as the previous season, the two Scotus seniors and one Scotus freshman had a big impact on the season.

Senior **Matt Hoenk** said, "The tennis season went well. We had a lot of inexperienced players step up; with only two returning varsity players, that was important."

Some achievements the team made this year were defeating Grand Island in a dual and getting second at the CHS invite.

Senior **Brady Miller** said, "[My favorite match was] being down 0-7 to York and making a comeback to win 9-7."

Freshman **Adam Kamrath** started his first year of tennis this year.

"For my first year playing tennis, I feel like I did pretty well and learned a lot," **Kamrath** said.

The team ended their season on the first day of state tennis placing 21st out of 27.

Miller added, "We all worked together well; I'll definitely miss playing with my team."



"The moment I remember the most is winning against Norfolk 11-9 in a tiebreaker." **-Adam Kamrath, 9**



"Continuing the SouthPaw legacy with my also left handed partner, Trey Rinkol." **-Brady Miller, 12**



"When I pulled out the wooden raquet at state and won five straight games." **-Matt Hoenk, 12**

What was your most memorable moment of the year?



Senior **Matt Hoenk** serves the tennis ball in his doubles match against the Fremont doubles team. The Fremont dual was the last dual of their season.



OUR girls make history...

The girls' cross country team made history as the first girls' cross country team to obtain an undefeated season.

Senior **Ashley Foreman** said, "It is so weird to say that a running team is undefeated because we don't just beat one team at a time, we go up against at least six at a time. It makes being undefeated so much more amazing."

The girls finished their season with a record of 100-0.

The season began at the Boone Central meet where they placed five girls in the top twenty. Finding confidence in themselves throughout the other meets, winning them all, they traveled to the UNK invitational.

"My favorite meet this year was the UNK invite. It is a huge meet with a lot of competition, so it was a big deal that we won. It made us realize that we had a good chance of winning a state title," sophomore **Kelsey Faust** stated.

The girls won as a team at the Boone Central district meet, which lead the team to the state meet.

"We wanted to win so badly, but we knew there were a couple teams that could challenge us at state," freshman **Brea Lassek** said.

The Shamrocks were challenged, but they fought and took the gold. Scotus won the state meet with 58 points, but right behind was Fort Calhoun with 61 points.

Senior **Kaylee Tonniges** said, "It feels amazing to say we have won a state championship. It was a great way to end my senior year of cross country; I couldn't be more proud of the girls and what we accomplished."



The girls' varsity team poses for a picture after running in the state meet. The girls' team was young this season, consisting of three freshmen, one sophomore, one junior, and two seniors.



Freshman **Brea Lassek** runs first for the girls' team. She placed fifth at the state meet.





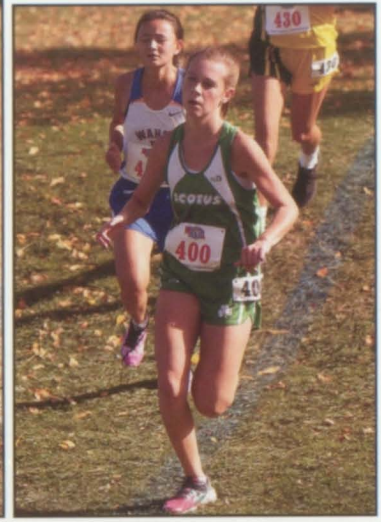
(far left) Sophomore **Kelsey Faust** is determined to place at the state meet. She was a top runner for the team.

(top middle) Freshman **Samantha Tonniges** runs fifth for the team at state.

(bottom middle) The team gathers to pray before their race begins.

(left) Senior **Ashley Foreman** looks up at her competition while running in the state meet.

(below) Freshman **Liza Zaruba** moves past her competitors at the state meet.



"I loved messing around with Kaylee Tonniges. At the moment we won, we hugged each other. Best feeling ever!"

-Ashley Foreman, 12



"There are too many to just pick one. We had way too much fun together! #skertskert #hunchback."

-Liza Zaruba, 9



"My best memory was my first time placing in a meet."

-Haylee Cielocha, 9

What was your best memory of the cross country season?



(above) Scotus girls take it out strong at the state meet. They were running for the gold.

(left) Sophomore **Mattie Johnson** and freshman **Jacey Clarey** run side by side while finishing the race. **Johnson** and **Clarey** ran side by side at every meet; they pushed each other to become better.



The team's two seniors, **Ashley Foreman** and **Kaylee Tonniges**, hug each other when they hear the team results at the state meet. **Tonniges** ran cross country all four years of high school, and **Foreman** ran the last two years of high school.



OUR *strive for improvement*...

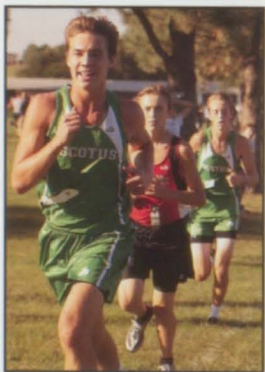


Freshman **Tyler Vaught**, senior **Nathan Ostdiek**, and sophomore **Elliott Thomazin** pump their arms as they start off strong during the state meet.



(above) Seniors **Nathan Hiemer**, **Cody Mroczek**, and **Nathan Ostdiek** smile after they are done competing at their final state meet.

The boys finished third at state. (right) Junior **Carson Hottovy** leads a group of runners at the Boone Central Invite. The boys finished fourth at the meet.



Coming off a fourth place finish at the 2015 state meet, four returning runners took on the challenge of improving both their individual and team goals heading into the 2016 season. Though the potential was there, they understood it would take a great amount of hard work to improve on last year's finish.

"Going into the season, we needed some work," freshman **Tyler Vaught** said. "Our first runner to our fourth runner time was about three minutes. At the end of the season, it was about one minute."

The Shamrocks improved throughout the season. For example, **Vaught** decreased his time of 21:12.0 from a triangular in September to 18:41.75 at the state meet.

Sophomore **Nathan Schumacher** said, "I think I did pretty well because I beat my personal records on many of the courses this year." **Schumacher** also reduced his time from 17:02.0 to 16:46.51.

After earning a conference and district championship, the team was eager for the state meet.

"My favorite meet was state because of the exciting atmosphere," top runner senior **Nathan Ostdiek** said.

Ostdiek received second place at the state meet.

"I can't complain about it," **Ostdiek** said. "I gave it my best effort and ended my season successfully."

Sophomore **Elliott Thomazin** finished eleventh overall to help the boys' cross country team finish in third place at the Nebraska State Cross Country Meet held at the Kearney Country Club in October of 2016.





"My most memorable moment from this season is when we played dodgeball on the bus on the way down to state."

-Nathan Hiemer, 12



"My most memorable moment was throwing my banana peels at Zach Svehla on the way to the meets."

-Anthony Sprunk, 12



"Pre-meet pink was my favorite part of the season."

-Nathan Ostdiek, 12

What was your most memorable moment from the season?



(top) Seniors **Cody Mroczek** and **Nathan Hiemer** stride out as they sprint the final stretch at the state meet. This was the seventh consecutive year the Shamrock boys' cross country team has participated in the state invite at the Kearney Country Club in Kearney, Nebraska. (middle) Sophomore **Nathan Schumacher**, senior **Nathan Hiemer**, and sophomore **Elliott Thomazin** compete during the regular season. They ended up 100-14. (left) The entire boys' cross country team gathers together in a circle before the start of their race to pray.

Senior **Nathan Ostdiek** was the top runner for the boys' cross country team. He received second place at the Kearney State Invite in 2015 and 2016; however, he improved his time this year. **Ostdiek** decreased his time from the previous state meet at 16:54 to 16:37 at the 2016 state meet.



OUR *new swing of things* ●●●

(right) Senior **Hannah Mielak** powers through the block on an attack against Lakeview. Scotus defeated Lakeview twice during the year.

Junior **Shania Borchers** tips the ball over the block during a home win against Schuyler. **Borchers** led the team in blocks this season.

Junior **Elley Beaver** blocks the kill attempt of a Lakeview player. The Scotus volleyball team had a total of 181 blocks.



"All of the seniors, but I would have to say Jessica Buhman. She was a great teammate to me, and she brings out the competitiveness in all of us"

-**Maggie Feehan, 11**



"Courtney Flint. She was always there to pick me up. She was positive 100% of the time and was an awesome teammate."

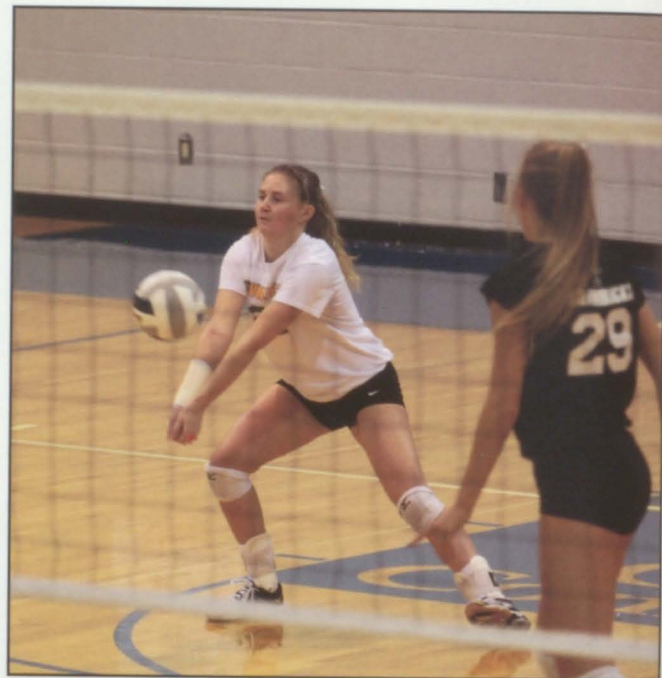
-**Bailey Lehr, 10**



"Kayla Hall. She always motivated me to keep working hard even when things weren't going my way."

-**Hannah Mielak, 12**

Which player influenced you the most this season?

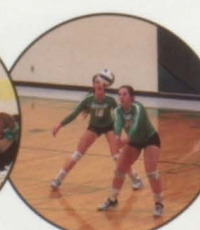
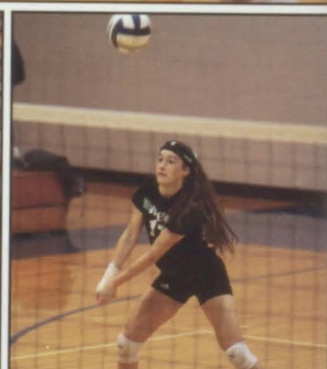


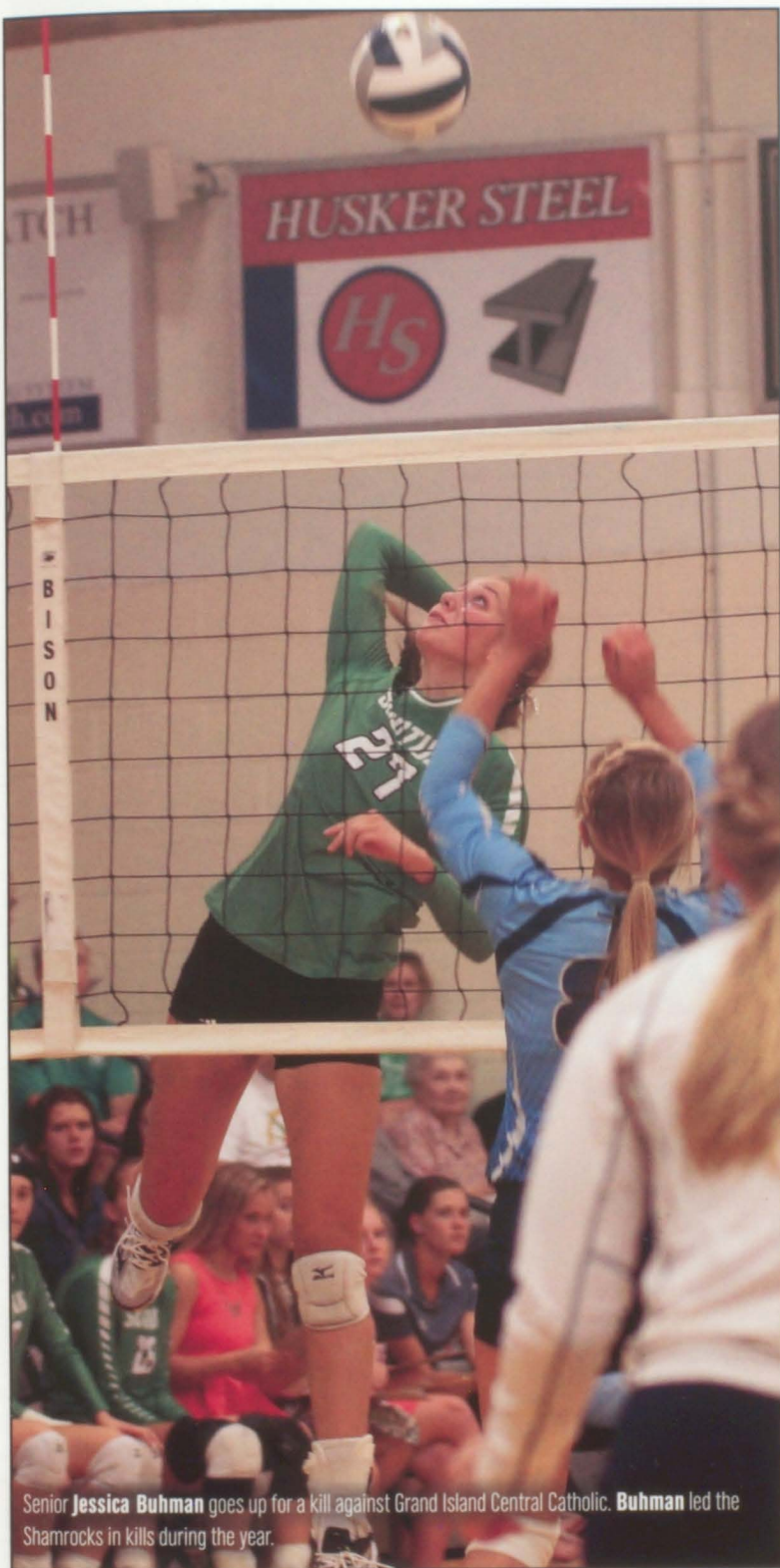
(top right) Senior **Eastyn Klink** digs a ball to the setter. **Klink** was the libero for Scotus, and she lead the team in digs with 221.

(right) Senior **Alyssa Kuta** prepares to serve receive during a home game versus the number six team in the nation, Skutt Catholic.

Junior **Maggie Feehan** jump sets the ball to her teammate in the match versus Wahoo Neumann. **Feehan** accumulated a total of 613 assists on the season.

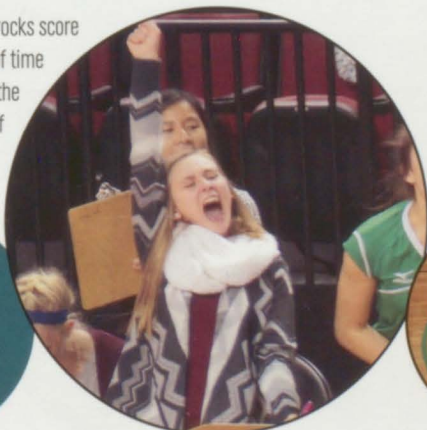
Sophomore **Emily Stutzman** passes the ball during the Knights of Columbus Invite held at Lakeview High School. The Shamrocks finished in second place at the tournament, just falling short to Kearney Catholic in the finals.





Senior **Jessica Buhman** goes up for a kill against Grand Island Central Catholic. **Buhman** led the Shamrocks in kills during the year.

Senior **Cassie Seckel** cheers after the Shamrocks score a point. **Seckel** contributed a large amount of time as the manager for the Scotus volleyball team the last four years. She played a part at every one of the team's practices and games, taking stats, filling water bottles, and cheering.



After losing every starter but one from the 2015 state fourth place team, the Shamrock volleyball team had their work cut out for them from the beginning of the season.

"Our team did not have much experience or chemistry at the beginning of the season, so we had to learn to grow as teammates and play more like a team throughout the year," senior **Eastyn Klink** said.

One of the challenges the Shamrocks faced was their incredibly difficult schedule which included the number six team in the nation, Skutt Catholic.

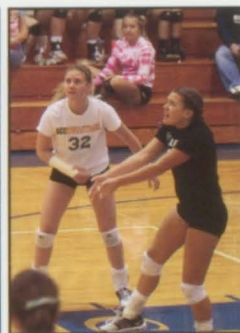
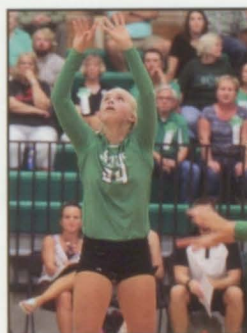
"Skutt was actually my favorite game of the season. Even though we lost, they were the best opponents we faced, and it was fun to be challenged," senior **Alyssa Kuta** explained.

Despite the adversity the Shamrocks faced, they came together to win some key games during their 14-12 season.

"The first time we played Lakeview at home during the regular season was a lot of fun. There was so much energy on the court, and the gym was full and loud," junior **Shania Borchers** said.

Scotus came out on top twice against Lakeview during the regular season before being beat by the Vikings in the sub-district final, ending the team's state tournament streak.

"Even though the way the season ended wasn't ideal, I'm proud of my team and the way we fought and overcame adversity. I wouldn't trade the experience for anything. It has been an honor to be part of the legacy that is Scotus volleyball," senior **Jessica Buhman** concluded.

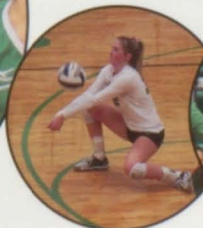
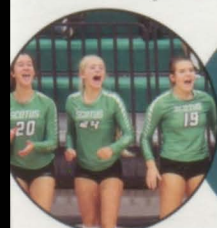


(top left) Junior **Grace Wickham** prepares to set the ball during the Schuyler match. Wickham stepped up to set for the Scotus volleyball squad on multiple occasions.

(top right) Sophomore **Jadyn Larsen** passes a ball as senior **Eastyn Klink** watches. **Larsen** and **Klink** were two primary passers for the Shamrocks.



(bottom) Sophomore **Bailey Lehr** swings over the block. **Lehr** was an all around player for the Shamrocks on the outside, contributing to the team in blocks, kills, aces, and digs.



OUR *Friday night fights* ●●●



Senior running back **Luke Jarecke** runs the football up the field for a touchdown against Columbus Lakeview.

The football team came back from a state title looking to find another one, but, unfortunately, fell short.

After losing many seniors from the previous year, the team had questions of what their season held.

“Going into the season there were a few question marks to begin with because we had lost so many seniors. Once the season started, we began to work well together,” senior lineman **Mitchell Halligan** stated.

The football team won their first game against Wayne 37-26, and then went on to play Wahoo Neumann.

“The toughest game we encountered was Wahoo Neumann because we were still trying to find positions and strengths,” senior running back **Luke Jarecke** explained.

The boys left the game losing to Bishop Neumann 14-34. Throughout the next three games, the football team won against Pierce and Grand Island Central

Catholic, but fell short against Aquinas Catholic. The Shamrocks had to bounce back quickly because the following week they faced their cross town rival Columbus Lakeview.

Freshman quarterback **Tyler Palmer** said, “The game that stood out the most to me was the Lakeview game. Our energy was flowing, and, of course, Lakeview being our rival, it felt good to beat them.”

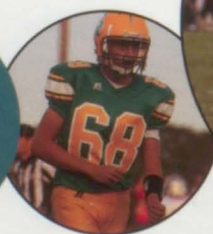
The Shamrocks scored the most points in their season against Lakeview, winning 53-28.

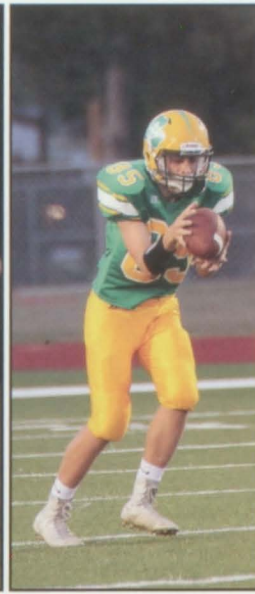
The football team then went on to play-offs where they faced Kearney Catholic, but fell short, losing 30-33.

Freshman fullback **Eric Mustard** said, “We, as a team, got to show our toughness, and our ability to fight back. It was terrible to lose, but I’ll be a much better football player in the future because of that game and the whole season.”

After the loss against Kearney Catholic, the Shamrocks finished their season six and four.

Coach **Tyler Linder** discusses a call made by the referee. He has been a teacher at Scotus for six years and has been the head football coach the last three years.





(far left) Freshman quarterback **Tyler Palmer** runs the ball up the field, gaining yards. (middle) Sophomore running back **Zack Beiermann** goes to tackle the offense of Kearney Catholic in the first playoff game. (left) Senior punter **Tate Vuncannon** prepares to punt the ball against Columbus Lakeview.



"Definitely Tyler Palmer. He was put in such a tough position, and he really stepped up. I wouldn't want anyone else out there taking charge."

-**Chase Newman, 12**



"I would say Wren Allen. When coaches made changes to the line, he stepped up, and he did it."

-**Brandon Huynh, 11**



"I think guys like Luke Jarecke, Tate Vuncannon, and Chase Newman. They didn't play a lot last year, but this year they turned out to be great leaders for us."

-**Matt Strecker, 11**

Which teammate improved the most throughout the football season?



(top) The punt return team gets in formation to take on the punting team of Bishop Neumann. (above left) Senior running back **Anthony Kosch** runs the ball up the field while he goes to stiff arm the defense. (above right) Senior wide receiver **Dalton Taylor** takes on two Bishop Neumann players. (far left) Senior fullback **Evan Chohon** runs the ball up the field against Bishop Neumann. (left) Seniors **Duncan Paczosa, Dalton Taylor, and Evan Chohon** lead the team out of the locker room. They were prepared to take on Lakeview.





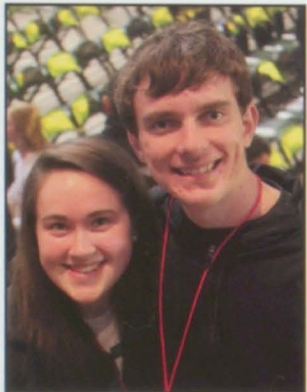


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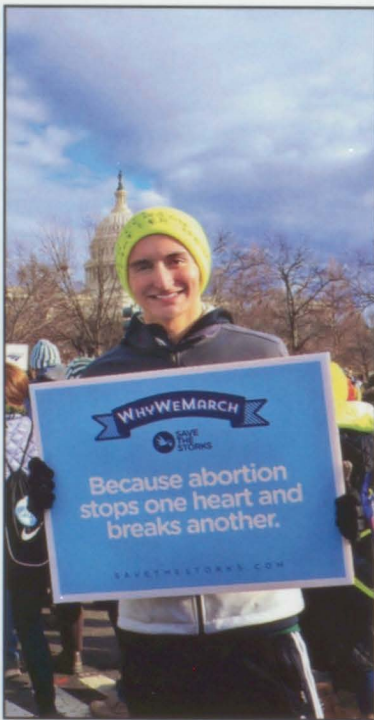
OUR *fullness of faith*...



Seniors **Alison Zoucha**, **Emerson Belitz**, and **Nikki Hiner** pose while walking to support the unborn during the 45th annual March for Life which was held on Washington Avenue in Washington, D.C.



(above) Seniors **Mallory O'Hearn** and **Zach Svehla** smile during the youth rally at George Mason University in Washington, D.C. At this rally, speakers presented to the large audience. There was also confession and adoration.



(right) Senior **Anthony Sprunk** holds up a sign while marching for life.

This year thirty-nine students from Scotus joined 800,000 other individuals that shared their beliefs as they all gathered in Washington, D.C. to take on the 44th annual March for Life.

"I decided to attend the March for Life to stand up for what I and many others know to be true about the horrific reality of abortion," senior **Natalie Schaecher** said.

Besides the march itself, the students also had the opportunity to experience several other sites and events.

Senior **Anthony Sprunk** said, "I thought gathering to pray outside Planned Parenthood was the event that affected me the most on the trip other than the march. We saw several women walking into the clinic, which made it all seem so surreal."

On the other hand, senior **Keaton Kudron** found something else more intriguing.

"I thought going to the graves of saints was very interesting to see because living in Nebraska I do not feel that close to the saints. However, while we were in Pennsylvania, I was able to be only feet away from them, which was really cool," **Kudron** said.

Out of the thirty-nine students who attended the pilgrimage, nineteen of them were seniors. This was senior **Crystal Rinkol's** second time going on the march.

"I learned that the life we have is a gift. It is important to be happy with what we have," **Rinkol** said.





"My favorite part about godparents is the icebreakers. My group always goes all out for them, so it is really funny!"
-Elley Beaver, 11



"My favorite part about godparents is how you don't get judged constantly like you do everywhere else. You just show up and be yourself."
-Levi Robertson, 9

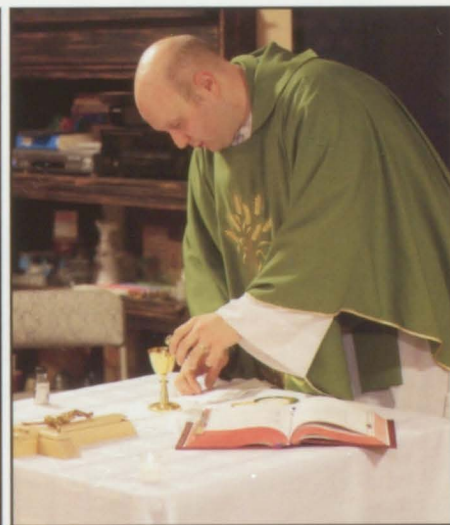


"My favorite part about godparents is how we all get along so well. Also, our godparents are really nice."
-Shania Borchers, 11

What is your favorite part about godparents?



(top left) Juniors **Matthew Bichmeier** and **Nathan Donoghue** concentrate on their godparent leaders during an activity.
 (far left) Juniors **Kendra Wiese** and **Anna Swope** laugh during their godparent session. Godparent sessions are held every Wednesday evening.
 (left) A junior godparent sponsor passes out journals for the students to write in. Each week, the students are given a question to reflect on.

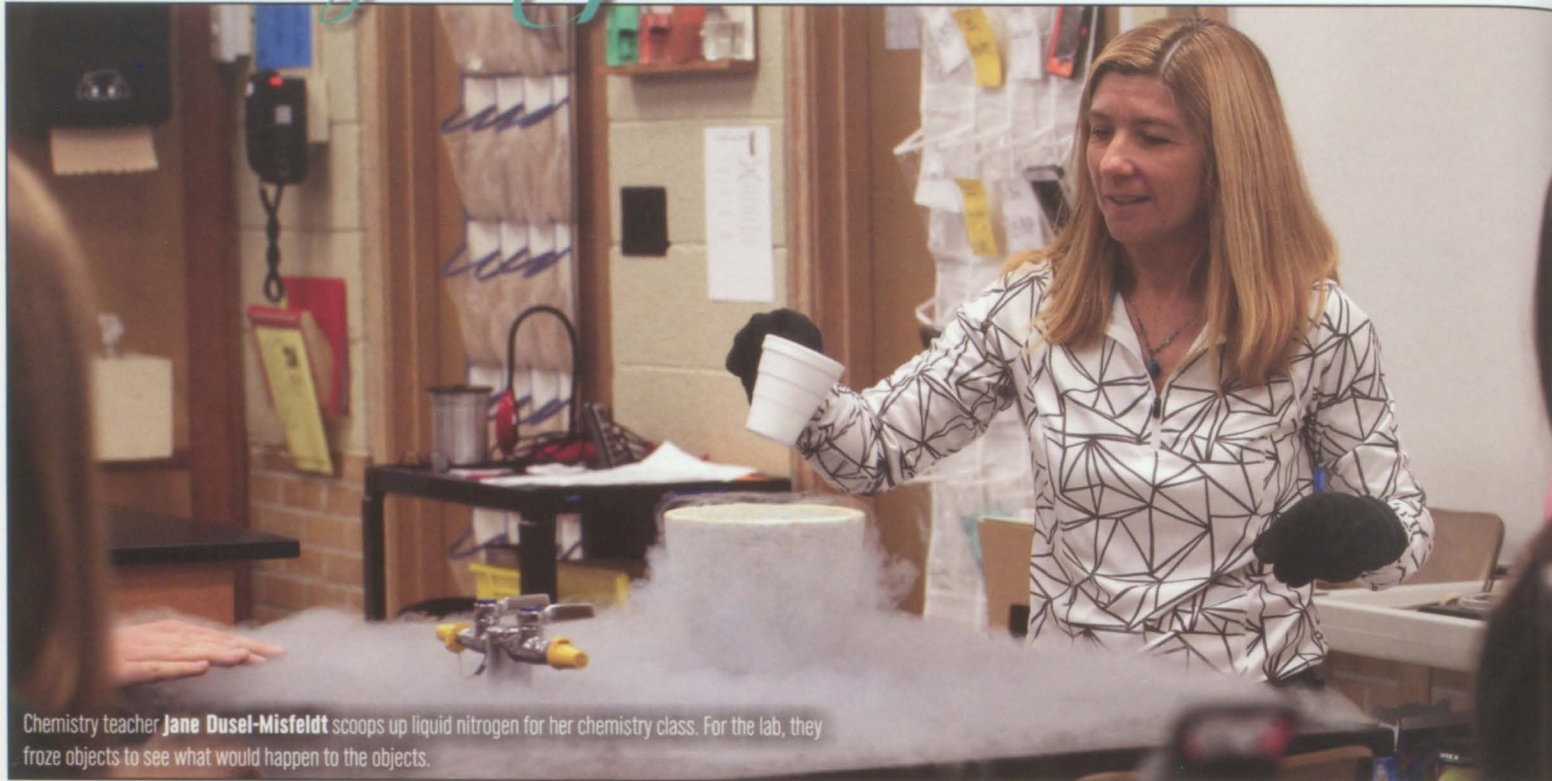


(left) Seniors **Adam Foreman**, **Jared Mulligan**, and **Mitchell Halligan** hold hands during the Lord's Prayer as they celebrated Mass in their godparent sponsor's home. (middle) The Scotus chaplain, **Father Matthew Capadano**, came to the home to celebrate Mass with the students. Each godparent group celebrated Mass one time throughout the course of the year. (right) Senior Naomi Kosch volunteers to read the daily readings during the celebration of the Mass.

The seniors in the godparent program gather together at the St. Bonaventure Parish Center to listen to a presentation delivered by Dr. Kim Allen. That night, Allen had a discussion with the senior class on the effects of several different types of sexual infections.



OUR *daily explorers* ●●●



Chemistry teacher **Jane Dusel-Misfeldt** scoops up liquid nitrogen for her chemistry class. For the lab, they froze objects to see what would happen to the objects.



(above) Freshman **Brock Clarke** drops an egg during science teacher **Bridget McPhillips'** class.

Computers, math, and science are three subjects people normally love or are not fond of. They are, however, necessary in today's growing world to make progress. There are so many different subjects to study, everyone has their favorites.

"My two favorite science classes I've been in are Biology and Astronomy. In Biology, I just really enjoyed the material we were going over," senior **Jared Mulligan** said.

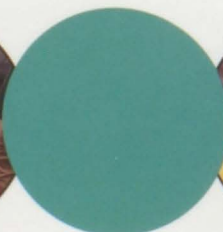
Teachers are always working to come up with different ways to make the students engaged and excited to learn about the world around them.


"Foam Saccharides is my favorite project I've done at Scotus. We made peanut brittle in the experiment, and I love food," junior **Bryan Littlefield** said.

There are so many different things that a person can do with math and science. Some of the time the projects can be serious, but there can be some funny stories that happen during these classes.

"One time in Mr. McPhillips' class, he tried to make a joke. Nobody laughed, so we all sat there in silence for a second. It was pretty awkward when it happened, but it was extremely funny," senior **Crystal Rinkol** said.


(right) Sophomore **Alex Jacobo** drops an egg in her science class. The project was to use pieces of paper to make a cushion for the egg as it fell. **Mrs. McPhillips**, a first year science teacher, came up with the idea for her class.






"Any science class. I get to learn about different things."

-**Kaleb Wiese, 9**



"Astronomy with the one and only Thomas Salyard. Especially when he would make pirate noises."

-**Layne Schroeder, 12**



"Anatomy with Mrs. Lahm. I really want to go to the Cadaver lab!"

-**Alyssa Morton, 11**

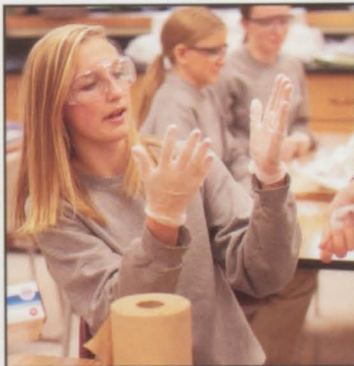
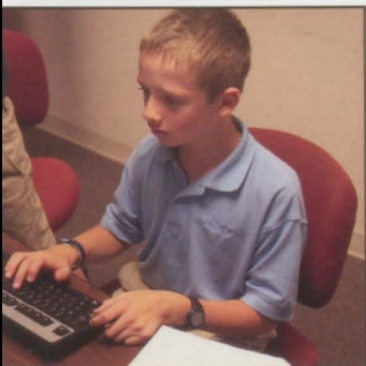
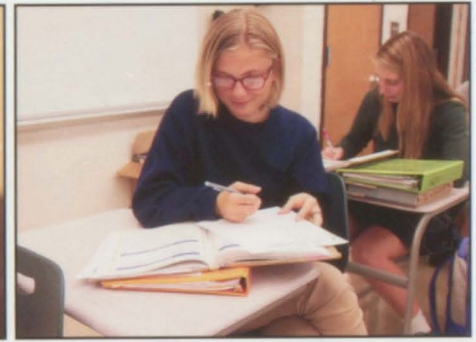
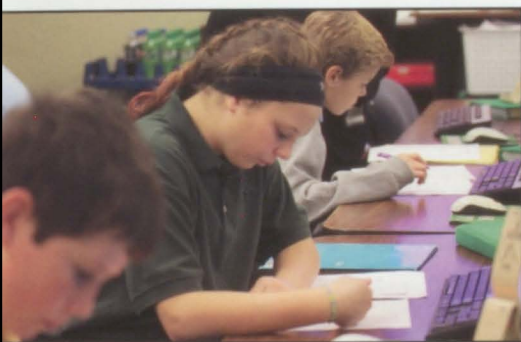
If you could only take one science or math class, what would it be?

(below) Juniors **Macy Hamling, Ellie Bock, and Kelli Williams** laugh together as they work on an assignment for Chemistry.

(bottom left) **Mrs. Lahm** helps the seniors cut open a cat during senior Anatomy.

(bottom middle) Senior **Nikki Hiner** cuts open a cat during Anatomy class.

(bottom right) Junior **Marika Spencer** laughs as she eats a frozen teddy graham in Chemistry class.



(top left) Seventh graders **Lyndon Obal, Paxton Lusche, and Cole Hottovy** finish their computer worksheets.

(top middle) **Abbie Zoucha, Emma Brandt, and Bryce YunCannon** look at their computers as they work on their projects in the media center.

(above) Sophomore **Mattie Johnson** studies her science during her study hall.

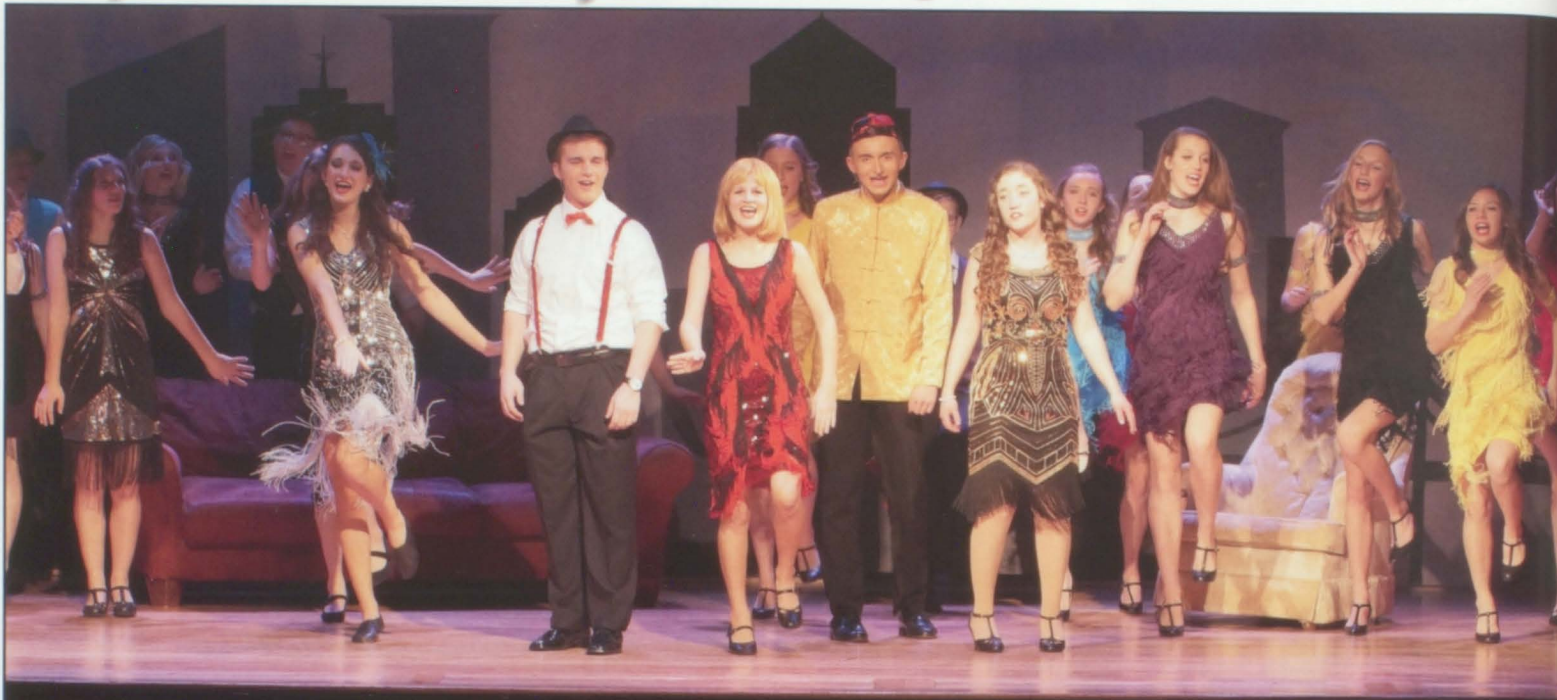
(far left) Seventh grader **Nate Wemhoff** types a paper in the media center for one of his classes.

(left middle) **Kaylee Tonniges** looks at her gloves as she prepares to dissect a cat in senior Anatomy.

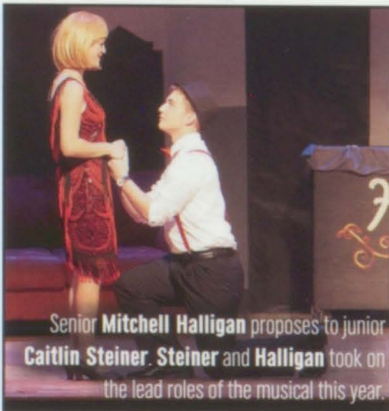
(left) Sophomores **Blake Sucha and Aaron Peterson** work on the computer in the media center.



OUR modern musical...



The musical cast performs the final song "Thoroughly Modern Millie." The musical was filled with numerous upbeat songs and dance numbers including the finale.



Senior **Mitchell Halligan** proposes to junior **Caitlin Steiner**. Steiner and Halligan took on the lead roles of the musical this year.

From tap numbers to sparkly dresses, this year's musical had an upbeat tone that kept audiences entertained. The Scotus musical department put on the energetic musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie* this winter.

Thoroughly Modern Millie is set in the 1920s and follows the story of Millie Dilmount, a Kansas native who moves to New York in search of a modern, lavish lifestyle, hoping to marry a successful business man.

"The best part of the musical was how the costumes were exciting, and the music was upbeat," senior male lead **Mitchell Halligan** said.

The energetic theme also caused some challenges for the cast, however, especially when it came to the multiple dance numbers.

Senior **Naomi Kosch** said, "I had to learn how to dance and teach **Isaac McPhillips** to dance, which was a challenge and took work, but we had fun with it!"

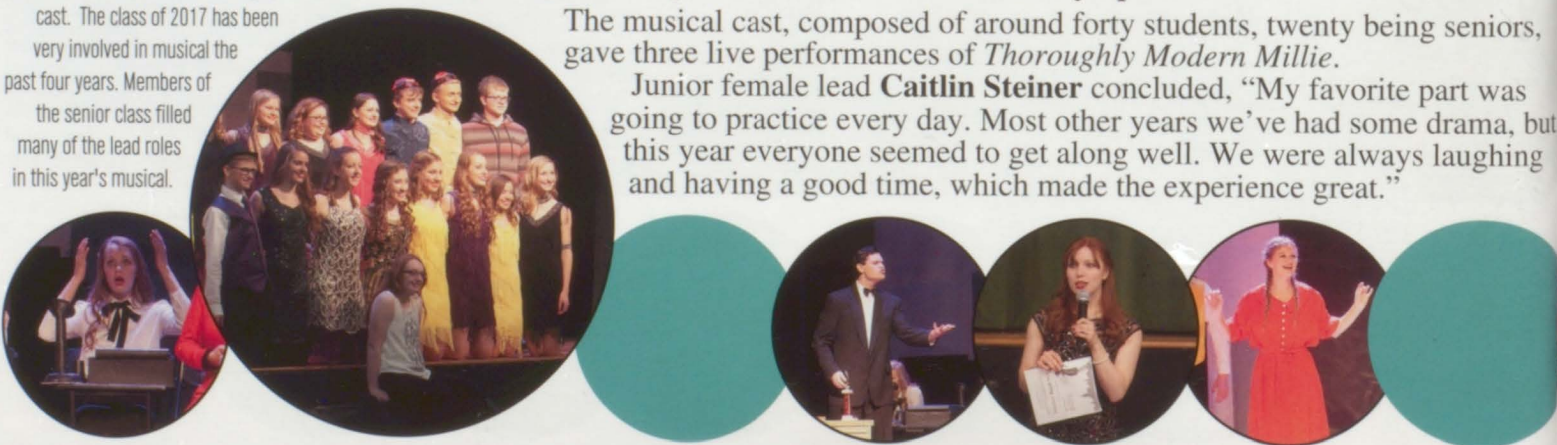
After hours of rehearsals from the cast and co-directors, **Helen Schumacher** and **Laura Salyard**, the cast performed the show for the first time on February 17.

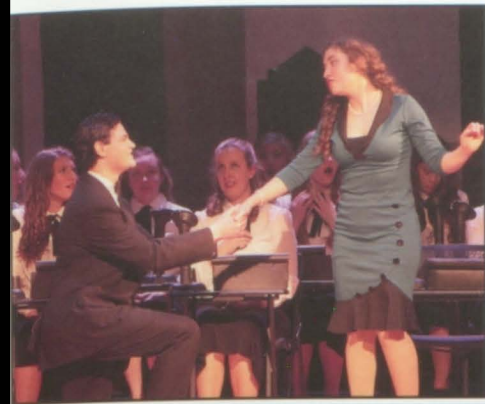
"The coolest part of the musical was when it all came together on our opening night. We never ran the whole show before then, so it was an awesome feeling to see everything come together so well," senior **Anthony Sprunk** said.

The musical cast, composed of around forty students, twenty being seniors, gave three live performances of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.

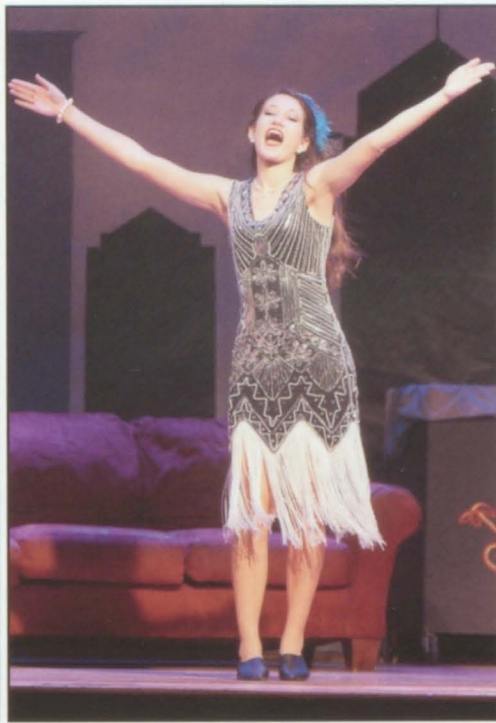
Junior female lead **Caitlin Steiner** concluded, "My favorite part was going to practice every day. Most other years we've had some drama, but this year everyone seemed to get along well. We were always laughing and having a good time, which made the experience great."

A group of seniors pose for a picture after the final performance. This year, twenty seniors went out for musical, making up half of the cast. The class of 2017 has been very involved in musical the past four years. Members of the senior class filled many of the lead roles in this year's musical.





(far left) Love-sick sophomore **Isaac McPhillips** flirts with senior **Naomi Kosch** as the stenogs watch in disgust.



(left) Junior **Jenna Salerno** celebrates after seeing her step-son propose.



(bottom left) Senior **Emma Ruskamp** shows her friends the newspaper with a disturbing headline regarding white slavery.

(below) Senior **Naomi Kosch** reads the newspaper headline in shock, as senior **Anthony Sprunk** tries to explain to her the dangerous situation that she is in.



"My character was Ching Ho, and the best part about it was having Zach play my brother Bun Foo and 'sorta' learning Chinese lines."

-Anthony Sprunk, 12



"I played Bun Foo, and I enjoyed that I didn't have to speak in English, so if I messed up, no one knew. I also liked that my character was funny, and everyone laughed at it."

-Zach Svehla, 12



"I played Miss Dorothy. My favorite part about her was that she was completely different than me. She's rich, excessively polite, and falls in love very quickly."

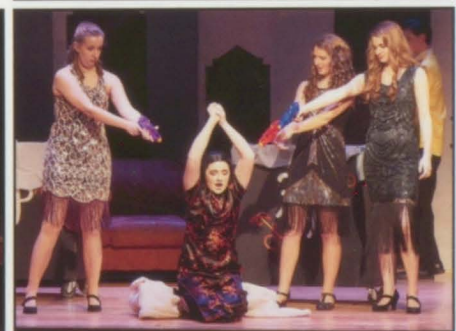
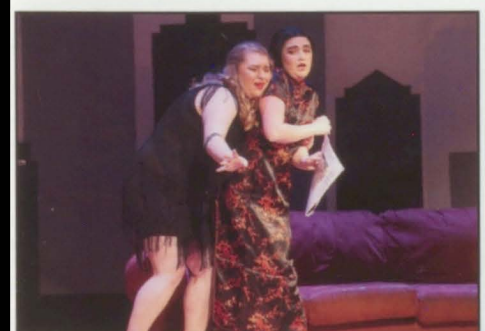
-Naomi Kosch, 12

What character did you play, and what was your favorite part about that character?



(left) Senior **Zach Svehla** argues with his brother played by senior **Anthony Sprunk**. A majority of **Sprunk** and **Svehla's** speaking and singing lines were in Chinese. (bottom left, across) Senior **Emma Ruskamp** cries on the shoulder of sophomore **Maddie Sueper** after learning about the death of her uncle. Junior **Adelynn Newman** shows off her "lovely elbows" to senior **Mitchell Halligan**.

Sophomore **Maddie Sueper** begs for mercy after being caught as the head of a white slavery ring as seniors **Courtney Flint** and **Emerson Belitz** and freshman **Lauren Ostdiek** surround her with water guns.



OUR *day in court*...



Junior **Alaina Wallick** gives the opening statement to the jury.

Scotus has won district mock trial consecutively for the past seven years. Throughout fall into the winter, each of the four teams spend countless hours practicing and memorizing statements in hopes of continuing the tradition.

Junior **Natalie Brutty** commented, "Our mock trial program at Scotus is pretty outstanding. We're lucky to have a great supervisor and dedicated coaches. They, along with the high schoolers, are the reason for the program's success."

The district competition is the first and only competition of the year. The freshman team lost the first round. The sophomore team won the first round and lost the second round. The senior and junior teams faced off in the district final competition. For the second year in a row, the senior team won the competition to advance to the state competition in Lincoln.

Senior **Megan Schumacher** said, "State was fun because it's what we worked for all season. I liked competing in more trials for all the work we put in and practices we had."

They competed against Ainsworth, York, and Duchesne Academy at the state competition and took home 10th place.

Sophomore **Mira Liebig** concluded, "Mock trial is a blast. I am glad I am a part of this group."



(top left) Sophomore **Elliott Thomazin** interrogates sophomore **Mira Liebig**.
(top right) Senior **Nikki Hiner** direct examines senior **Courtney Flint**.
(right) Seniors **Megan Schumacher** and **Alison Zoucha** celebrate a district victory after the trial.



"I asked the judge to recognize that my witness, Alison, had identified the defendant, but Alison never identified the defendant." **-Haley Faust, 12**



"When I was questioning a witness, the other team objected, and I had no clue what to respond." **-Lauren Ostdiek, 9**



"During a trial, a real criminal walked into the courtroom and sat in the jury box." **-Nikki Hiner, 12**

Did you have an awkward moment during one of the trials?



OUR *wall* Talkers



Juniors **Emily Carstens** and sophomore **Elliott Thomazin** perform a duet about awkward relationships.

From practicing in front of walls in their bedrooms late at night to perfecting their speeches in the hallway to a wall before their speech rounds, speech kids are no rookies to wall talking. Speech participants put many hours into perfecting their speeches for the judges.

Junior **Emily Carstens** said, "Usually by the end of the season, I've given my speech over 60 times. I practiced between rounds and even sitting and watching other speeches."

The speech team competed in nine different meets throughout the season.

Sophomore **Elliott Thomazin** commented, "The Scotus meet was my favorite because our duet managed to get first, so it was nice to see that our hard work paid off."

At district speech, the team had five medalists and sent four members to state. Juniors **Logan Zanardi** and **Bryan Littlefield** and freshmen **Morgan Littlefield** and **Lauren Ostdiek** participated in state speech held at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Zanardi concluded, "I would like to thank my coach, Ms. Mimmick, and my team members for making it a fun and successful season."



"I enjoyed watching other people's speeches because there's a different story told in each one."

-**Megan Ohnoutka, 12**



"The bus rides are fun because we all grow closer; however, I did not like the early mornings."

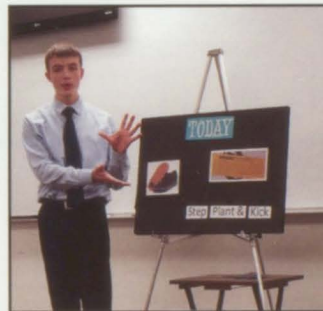
-**Isaac Ostdiek, 10**



"It is very relaxed, and I enjoyed meeting new people from different schools."

-**Caitlin Hottovy, 10**

What was
your
favorite part
of speech?



(top left) Sophomore **Isaac Ostdiek** points to his poster about the history of Heely's.
(above) Senior **Cameron Swanson** presents a speech at the home speech meet.
(left) Junior **Brock Kracman** delivers a Humorous Interpretation speech at the Scotus speech meet.



OUR *student involvement*...



Eighth graders **Emily Ferguson** and **Christina Oakley** present the FBLA portacath pillows to the Columbus Community Hospital. The pillows are used as padding under seat belts for patients with medicinal ports.

The Future Business Leaders of America, FBLA, had a busy year from start to finish. Whether it was working concessions at football games, hosting activities such as the pumpkin decorating contest, door decorating, or "Support the Troops" packages, FBLA was in full swing throughout the 2017 school year. Along with their regular events, junior high FBLA was added at the beginning of the year in order to get more junior high students involved with the school. The addition was a success, and the club welcomed twelve new junior high students.

"It looked like a good way to make my leadership skills stronger and act as a leader to others," eighth grader **Camille Pelan** said.

The inclusion of the junior high students in FBLA was beneficial for more than just their leadership and business education.

"I enjoy doing activities after school because I get to do them with my friends, and I get to meet other people," eighth grader **Lizzie Parker** commented.

The club held its annual FBLA week in February, which involves games for the student body, a member and staff breakfast, and a business attire dress-down day. One activity put on for the student body was a contest to see which student could find the most key logos. The logos were hidden throughout the school by the FBLA members. The next day, students attempted to locate the keys and win a prize.

"My favorite part was watching everyone looking for the hidden keys. I thought it was funny watching people race each other to find them," seventh grader **Hannah Pflum** said.

Through the use of these activities, the FBLA students learn about social and professional skills and how to give back to their community.

"I enjoy organizing events and being involved with FBLA. It is fun, but also helps me develop responsibility," eighth grader **Cassie Kouma** concluded.





"It has held me accountable for myself, and being around people who are academically driven is beneficial."

-Naomi Kosch, 12



"I cry about my grades a lot more than I ever thought that I would."

-Alaina Wallick, 11



"I have learned how to be a leader and use my actions to teach others how to be good examples."

-Sam Blaser, 10

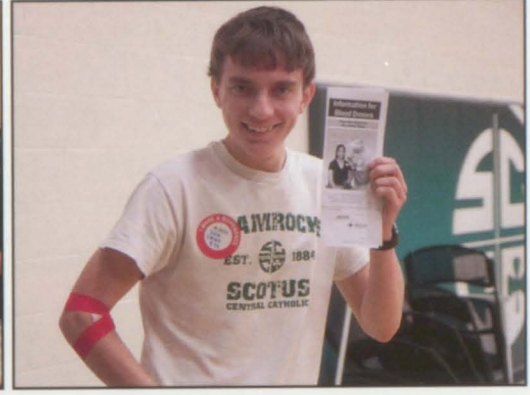
How have you benefitted from being in National Honor Society?

(below) Sophomores **Mariana Valdez Ortiz** and **Bryce YunCannon** take their pledge at NHS induction. The inductees were lead by NHS president, senior **Nathan Ostdiek**.

(below, left to right) Senior **Megan Schumacher** sorts candy cane slips. NHS students sell candy canes during December to raise money to support the holiday co-op gift donations.

A group of senior NHS members work together to organize candy cane slips last winter.

Senior **Zach Svehla** smiles after giving blood at the annual blood drive sponsored by National Honor Society. The drive successfully generated 105 units of blood.



(left to right) Seniors **Dalton Taylor** and **Matt Hoenk** present the money raised from the "no-shave November" student council fundraiser. The proceeds raised from the fundraiser were donated to the local Simon House at a pep rally.

Student council seniors **Naomi Kosch** and **Amberly Parker** host Mr. Shamrock with the help of the other council members.

Freshman **Allie Mielak** sports one of the new black fleece jackets introduced to Scotus this year. The idea of adding the jackets to the dress code was brought to the administration by the members of student council. This was the first major addition to the Shamrock's uniforms since the added sweatshirts in 1995.



OUR club communities...

Aside from being in sports and fine arts, there are more opportunities for students to get involved. Various clubs provide students with these opportunities. After a hiatus of a few years, chess club made a comeback this year.

Senior **Kira Dreher** stated, "I wanted to join to become a better player and to play new people."

Several students joined chess club at the beginning of the year, and surprisingly most of them were underclassmen.

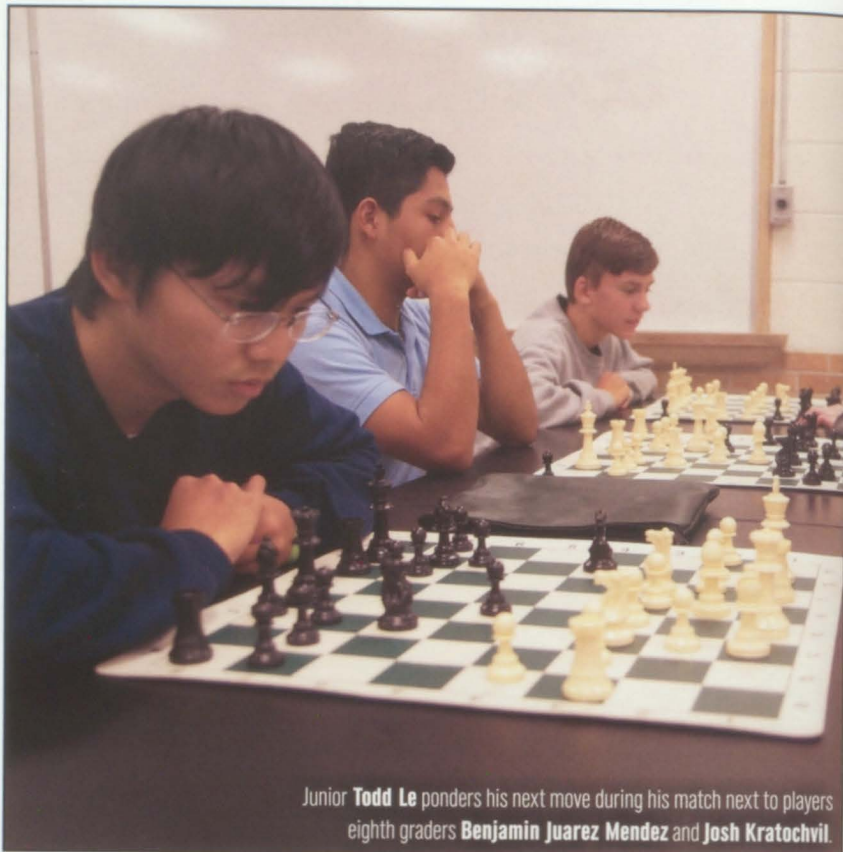
Seventh grader **Stephanie Hoenk** said, "[My favorite part of chess club was] beating someone because it makes me feel like a competent human being."

Chess club not only let members play chess with friends, but the sponsor **Tom Salyard** would teach them moves and tricks to win the game.

Dreher said, "I learned new moves and new ways to win and enjoy the game."

Throughout the year, **Salyard** had everyone try to compete against different people so that everyone had the chance to play each other.

Seventh grader **Dominic McPhillips** added, "Did I mention it was fun?"



Junior **Todd Le** ponders his next move during his match next to players eighth graders **Benjamin Juarez Mendez** and **Josh Kratochvil**.



(top) Senior **Cameron Swanson** works on painting a tree in the background of a painting at art club.

(Bottom) Eighth grader **Keira Feehan** and sophomores **Eduardo Torres** and **Julia Pichler** share a laugh while painting the background of a canvas.



"It would be cool to have a math club so people could go more into what they might like."

-Prestyn Engel, 10



"One club that should be added to Scotus is a ping pong club. Because, lets be honest, everybody loves ping pong."

-Evan Hand, 9



"An advanced warfare club because it seems really fun."

-Connor Wiehn, 9

What is one club that you would like to add at Scotus?



OUR *potential power*...



Junior **Brandon Huynh** squats at one of the few powerlifting meets. **Huynh** went on to place first at state with a squat of 520 pounds.

One of the newer clubs that is growing in leaps and bounds at Scotus is powerlifting.

Senior **Abbie Perault** started her first year of powerlifting this year.

Perault said, "[I think the Powerlifting season was] awesome! I am really happy I decided to try it out this year. It went way better than I thought it was going to. Best decision I have made in a long time."

The year kicked off with a rocky start at the Creighton prep meet.

Junior **Tyler Miksch** said, "The Creighton prep meet was probably the meet that stood out the most to me. There were insanely good lifters there, and it set the bar for where I need to get to by the end of the season."

The end of the season came and three athletes from Scotus earned first place at state. The three who took home the gold were senior **Abbie Perault** and juniors **Brandon Huynh** and **Tyler Miksch**.

Perault added, "The coaches are outstanding and a main reason for our teams success this year. They were always so supportive, positive, and overall helped us succeed like we did throughout the season."



"The night before the state meet because our hotel had bed bugs."

-**Allie Mielak, 9**



"At Creighton Prep a guy passed out while doing deadlift."

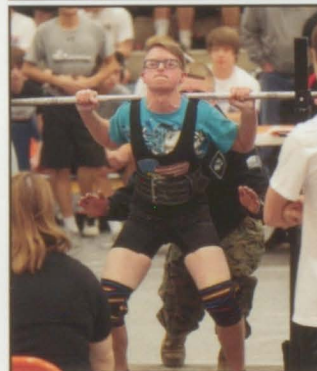
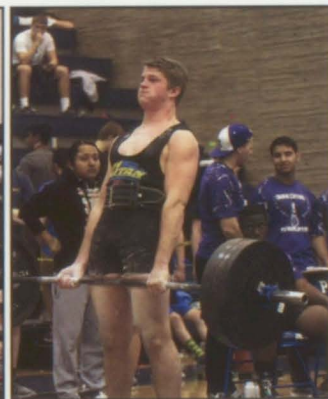
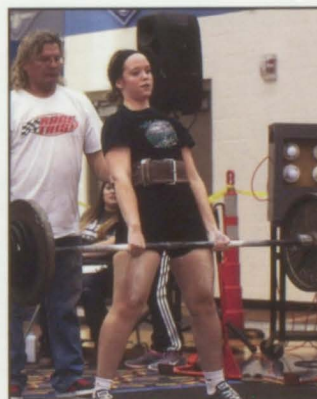
-**Will Sonderman, 12**



"My most memorable moment was getting first at state with a 520 squat."

-**Brandon Huynh, 11**

What was your most memorable moment of the powerlifting season?



(top left) Senior **Abbie Perault** holds a considerable amount of weight as she performs a deadlift.

(above) Senior **Will Sonderman** does his best to hold on to his deadlift.

Sonderman placed second in his weight class at state powerlifting.

(left) Freshman **Collin Dreher** begins a squat with a bit of difficulty.



OUR *frozen formal*...



Juniors **Kendra Wiese** and **Natalie Brutty**, sophomore **Kendra Korger**, and junior **Grace Odbert** enjoy their time on the dance floor during the winter formal.



(above) Freshmen **MaKenzie Enderlin** and **Rachael Lam** participate in the conga line during the dance.

(right) Senior **Anthony Sprunk** busts a move on the dance floor.



The student body was welcomed back to the second semester with the winter formal dance this year, after only having been back to school for two days.

“I wish the dance was later in the semester because when it is later in the semester, it gives us something to look forward to and provides a sort of break from school,” senior candidate **Jessica Buhman** said.

Even with the dance being so soon after Christmas break, students were not stopped from coming and enjoying their time together. Even the teachers chaperoning the dance were able to participate in the dance.

“My favorite part of the dance was when **Mr. Coulter** came out to show us his dance moves,” senior winter ball king **Mitchell Halligan** said.

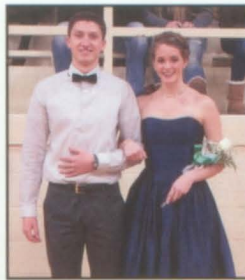
The theme for this year’s winter ball was “A Winter Wonderland.”

“I liked the theme this year. It was simple, and the lights on the back drop were pretty,” senior candidate **Eastyn Klink** stated.





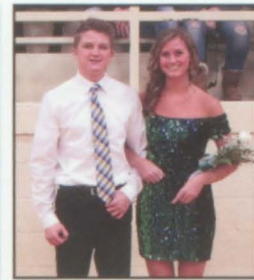
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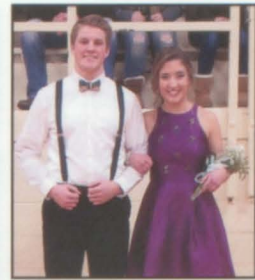
Cody Mroczek
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Layton Mullinix
Emily Hand



Chase Newman
Eastyn Klink



Will Sonderman
Naomi Kosch



Anthony Sprunk
Hannah Mielak



"Line dances like 'Cotton-Eyed Joe' and 'Cupid Shuffle' because it makes me feel like I'm part of the student body."
-**Kira Dreher, 12**



"'Sweet Caroline' is my favorite song because nearly everyone comes out to dance to this song."
-**Hallie Parker, 10**



"'Starships' because everyone sings and dances together."
-**Madison Kerkman, 11**

What is your favorite song to dance to?



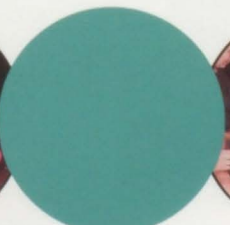
(left) Juniors **Jenna Salerno** and **Caitlin Steiner** smile at the camera while dancing away at the winter formal.
(below) Freshmen **Haylee Cielocha**, **Brea Lassek**, and **Liza Zaruba** let loose on the dance floor at their first winter formal.



Seniors **Emily Hand** and **Mitchell Halligan** pose for a picture after the winter formal coronation ceremony. **Hand** and **Halligan** were crowned winter formal King and Queen. They are only the second pair to be crowned king and queen of the winter formal because the dance was previously known as Sweetheart and used to be held later in the year.



(above, left to right) Seniors **Alayna Wilson**, **Emma Strecker**, and **Eastyn Klink** dance like no one is watching at their last winter formal dance. Seniors **Nikki Hiner** and **Brady Miller** show off their dance moves while they are cheered on by their peers. Seniors **Emerson Belitz** and **Courtney Flint** groove to the beat of the music.



OUR *cheer champions* ●●●



Senior captain **Cassie Seckel** leads the cheer squad in a cheer for the parents during a football game.



(above) The cheer squad performs at the state competition. This was one of their two performances that day. (right) The cheer squad poses at the end of one of their performances. Their two performances were Side Line and Game Day Cheers.



This year's cheerleaders not only cheered other teams all year on to their victories, but they cheered their way to their own victory as well. The cheerleaders made school history by being the first ever cheer squad to win a C-1 state championship for Game Time Cheer.

"When our name was called, my emotions were everywhere. It was easily one of the best moments of my life," senior **Alayna Wilson** said.

The squad also received first runner-up in C-1 Side-line Cheer along with the C-1 Spirit Award, but not without all of the many practices they put in before their competition.

Sophomore **Kelsey Faust** stated, "We put so much work into our state routines! We had morning practices every day and weekend practices."

The state routine was not the only routine the cheer squad performed all year. They also performed at most games and pep rallies.

"My favorite routine this year was when we performed at the football game before homecoming because we got to do our pyramid, and it looked very polished and clean," senior **Nikki Hiner** said.

The cheer squad also had many team bonding nights where they spent time with each other doing various activities.

"We had sleepovers, long practices, and games that brought us together as a team. We loved to get together and are all great friends now," **Wilson** said.





"My favorite sport to cheer for is football. I love cheering with the whole squad, and the fans are always into it!"

-Kate Smith, 9



"I really like cheering for boys basketball because the student section is really loud and involved."

-Haylee Cielocha, 9



"Football because that is where I feel like the biggest crowd comes and supports."

-Libbie Zeller, 10

What is your favorite sport to cheer for?

(below) Sophomore **Kelsey Faust** and junior **Grace Wickham** perform alongside their fellow cheerleaders during the boys' state basketball tournament at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

(below, left to right) Junior **Faith Przymus** performs at a half time show. Senior **Nikki Hiner** shows her team spirit during a home football game. The theme was pink out for breast cancer awareness month.

Junior **McKenna Spencer** cheers along with the student section during a football game.



(left to right) Sophomores **Julia Salerno**, **Olivia Lyons**, **Bekah Hergott**, and **Libbie Zeller** pose for a picture during a home football game.

Junior **Faith Przymus** and sophomores **Kelsey Faust**, **Kendra Korgor**, and **Mattie Johnson** enjoy their time cheering with the student section during a home basketball game.

Senior **Alayna Wilson** performs during half time of a home football game.

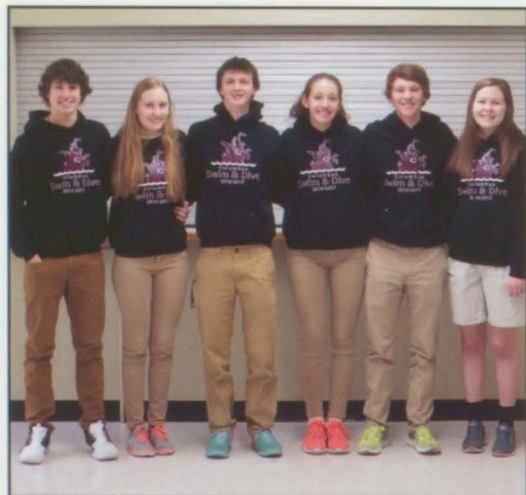
Senior captain **Nikki Hiner** dances with some of the mini future cheerleaders. Every year the cheerleaders teach young girls in the elementary schools a cheer routine that they perform at halftime of a football game.



OUR swim squad...



Junior **Chase Andresen** swims the breaststroke during the Columbus Relays held at the Columbus Aquatic Center. **Andresen** went on to qualify for the state meet.



Junior **Chase Andresen**, freshman **Emily Miksch**, junior **Trey Dallman**, and sophomores **Julia Salerno**, **Konner Kudron**, and **Callan Fuscher** pose for a picture before they head off to state swim. Every Scotus athlete on the CHS/Scotus co-op swim team qualified for state swim.

Even with a small team, the Scotus/CHS co-op swimming season ended with a trip to state swim. All six of the Scotus student athletes who were members of the swim team participated at state swim.

Freshman **Emily Miksch** said, "The state meet was overall my favorite because every moment was so much fun."

Junior **Trey Dallman** has been swimming for the swim team for three years. He has swam at the state meet every year of his high school career.

Dallman said, "[My favorite meet was] the conference meet at Kearney because our relay got our best time, and we all had matching speed suits for the first time."

Sophomore **Konner Kudron** has been on the team for two years and has made it to state as an alternate both years.

Kudron said, "From where I was in September I believe that this is the best year I have had in any sport."

Dallman made it to state in the free relay in consolations and missed making it in the medley by only two places.

Dallman said, "Besides dropping time in all my events, my relationships with the team are what improved the most."

With no seniors from Scotus on the team, there is still room for improvement.

Miksch said, "My first year of swimming went by really fast, and I can't wait to go back next year."





(far left) Sophomore **Konner Kudron** turns around at the end of one lap during the butterfly stroke.

(left) Junior **Trey Dallman** comes up for a deep breath as he swims his leg of the relay.

(bottom left) Freshman **Emily Miksch** swims hard during her leg of the relay. Miksch was the only Scotus freshman on the swim team.

(middle) Sophomore **Julia Salerno** warms up to compete in a race at the Columbus Relays.

(bottom) Sophomore **Callan Fuschler** swims the backstroke during the Columbus Relays. The Columbus Relays are held at the Scotus/CHS swim team's home pool.

(below) **Dallman** dives into the pool at the beginning of his race.



"The most memorable moment for me was standing on the podium at conference with my relay team holding our medals."

-**Trey Dallman, 11**



"At the very beginning before practice started when I gave Kari (my coach) my release note, which stated that I would be able to swim."

-**Konner Kudron, 10**



"Trey Dallman dropped his phone in the diving well at state."

-**Julia Salerno, 10**

What was your most memorable moment of the year?



Sophomore **Konner Kudron** comes up for a breath of air during his butterfly stroke. **Kudron** started the season

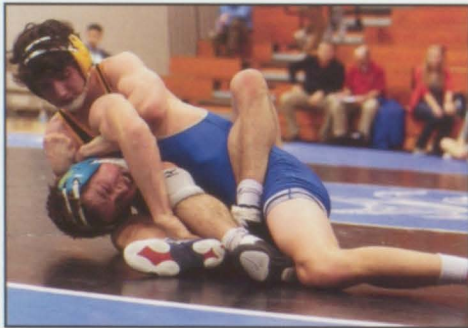
hesitantly after breaking his humerus earlier in the school year. He healed quickly and was cleared to swim right at the beginning of the season.



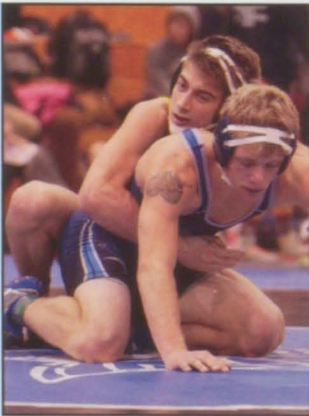
OUR *wrestlers take the mat...*



Senior **Layton Mullinix** holds his opponent down while competing at the Lakeview Invite. **Mullinix** was the first four-time conference champion in Scotus wrestling history.



(above) Senior **Tyler Brandenburg** pins his opponent at the Lakeview Tri. He received his 100th win this year at the Logan View Invite. (right) Senior **River Liebig** gets in the starting position at the Lakeview Invite.



Although the team may not have taken as many wrestlers to state as they would have hoped, the team still improved and saw some great achievement throughout their season, including 100th wins, a 150th win, and multiple time conference champs.

Junior **Wren Allen** said, "I thought we were going to be a good team. We worked hard, and I think we proved ourselves as the season went along and ended."

The boys started their season at the Lakeview Invite where they placed second as a team. Starting off at the top, the wrestling team continued throughout their meets placing first and second in all of them.

The team then went on to the High Plains Invite where they competed for two days.

"The toughest meet I encountered was the High Plains Invite where all the competitors were the ones that placed at state because we got to see our competition," senior **Tyler Brandenburg** stated.

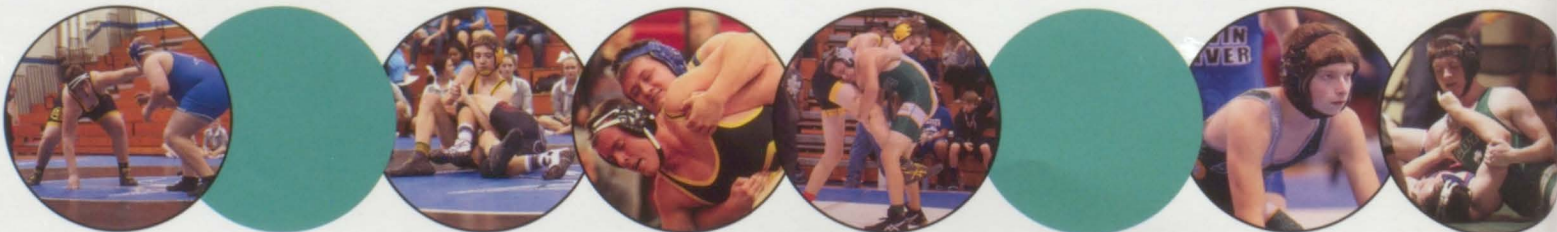
The wrestling team finished sixth. Over the next couple of meets, the team regained their confidence and finished the conference meet number one.

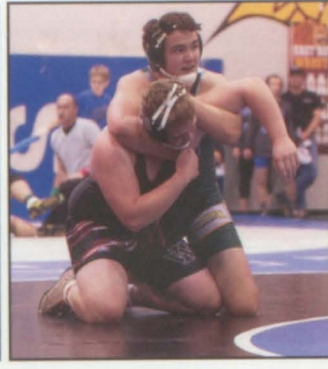
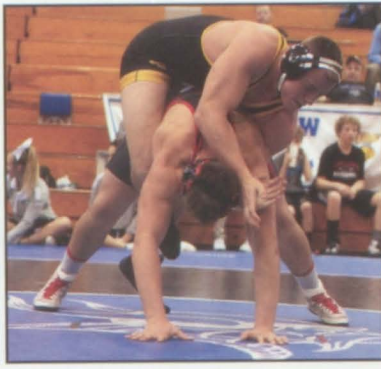
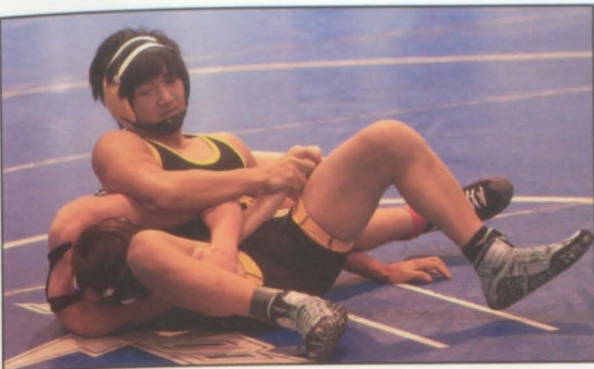
"The conference meet stood out to me the most because the team won over all making the team five-time conference champs. I also received my 100th win scoring 25 points for my team," senior **River Liebig** explained.

Competing in six more meets, they finished their season at state. Three of the four wrestlers that qualified placed at state.

Senior **Wyatt Gutzmer** said, "I was disappointed when I did not make it to the finals, but I was happy that I came back and wrestled hard to finish third at state."

Along with **Gutzmer**, **Mullinix** placed third while **Brandenburg** placed sixth at state.





(far left) Senior **Noah Tworek** works to pin his opponent at the Lakeview Invite. (middle) Senior **Wyatt Gutzmer** attempts to take down his opponent. He received his 150th win this year. (left) Senior **Matt Hoenk** puts his opponent in a head lock to receive points at the Lakeview Invite.



"My match at the Schuyler Dual. I knew I needed to win to put my team on top, and I ended up pinning my kid to win the dual." -**Matt Hoenk, 12**



"When I was winning my match 13 to 0 at the GICC Invite because I almost got disqualified for stalling too many times." -**Daniel Tworek, 10**

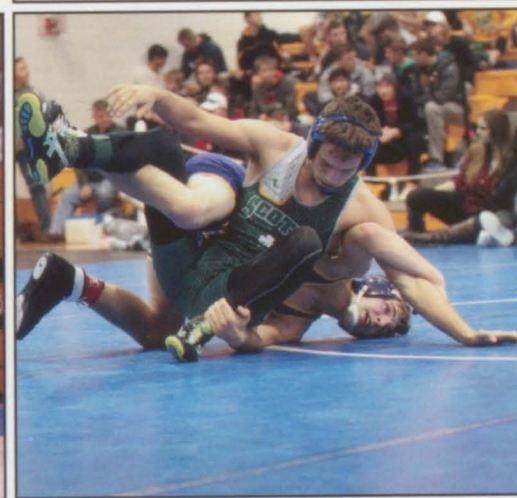
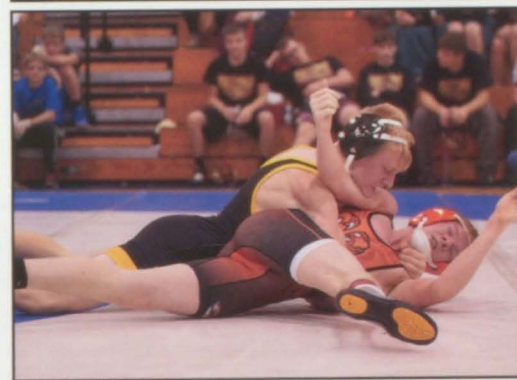


"Wrestling Zach Charity from Millard South because he was undefeated and ranked #1 in the state, but I ended up pinning him." -**Layton Mullinix, 12**

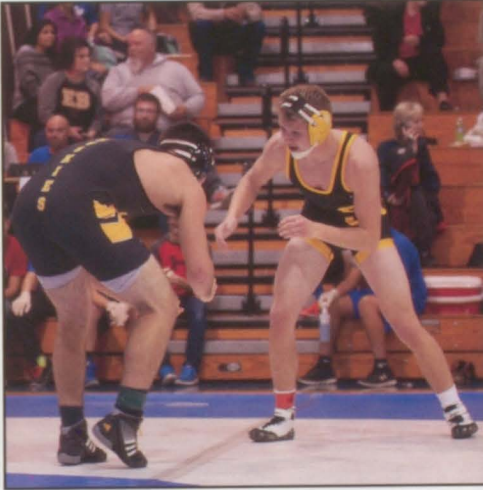
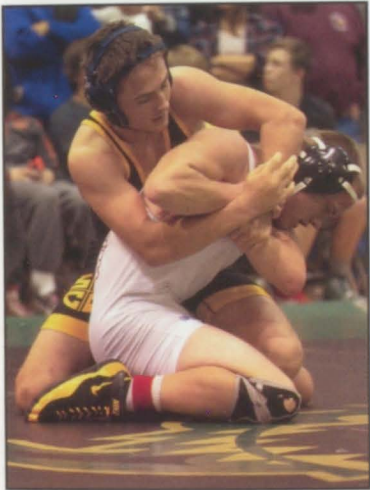
What was your favorite match this year?



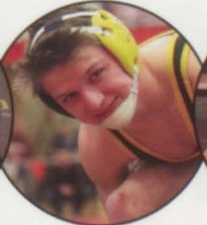
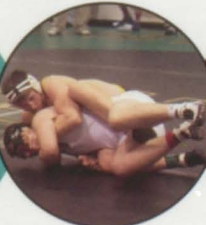
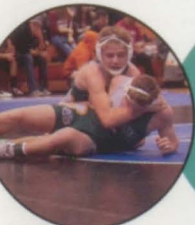
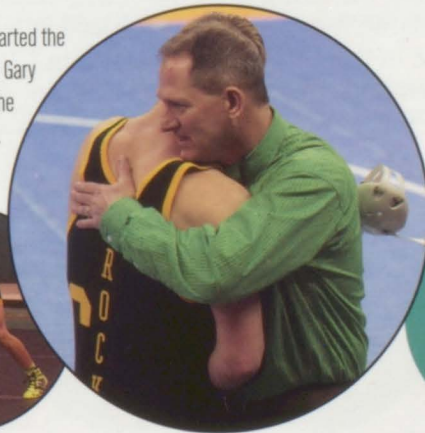
(above) Junior **Charles Case** works to get back points at the Scotus Invite. (left) Freshman **Jacob Weyers** pins his opponent. (bottom left to right) Senior **Dillon Muchmore** makes a move against his opponent putting him in a chicken wing. He received his 100th win this season. Senior **Chase Newmann** gets in his stance to wrestle. Senior **Jeffrey Wheelock** puts his opponent in a head down position at the Lakeview Invite.



(bottom left to right) Senior **Dillon Muchmore** makes a move against his opponent putting him in a chicken wing. He received his 100th win this season. Senior **Chase Newmann** gets in his stance to wrestle. Senior **Jeffrey Wheelock** puts his opponent in a head down position at the Lakeview Invite.



The Scotus wrestling coaches stepped down from their coaching positions after the state meet. Tracy Dodson started the wrestling program in 2012 and has been the head coach ever since. His assistant coaches, Gaylen Kamrath and Gary Schlesinger, have followed after Dodson and stepped down with him. Scotus will be in search of new coaches for the wrestling season next year.



OUR *shot at state*...

(below) Junior **Marika Spencer** concentrates as she shoots a free throw during the annual holiday tournament.

(right) Sophomore **Courtney Kosch** dribbles the ball as she observes the court to find the next open player.



Making it to the state tournament is every high school basketball player's dream. This year the Scotus girls' basketball team made their dream come true by attending the state tournament for the first time since 2012.

"Overall our team's goal this season was to all work together and continue to hold great team chemistry, so we could make it to state," sophomore forward **Bailey Lehr** said.

The team came off of the regular season with sixteen wins, several of them being very close games.

Junior point guard **Maggie Feehan** said, "I had a lot of confidence in our team going into our post season games. Throughout the season, we played good teams, and we learned to play mentally tough. I think our season games really helped prepare us."

The girls' basketball team matched up against Fort Calhoun to take on the district final game, which was held at Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska.

The team consistently held a lead on the scoreboard winning the game, which allowed them the opportunity to participate in the state tournament.

The lone senior, **Emma Strecker**, said, "It was a humbling experience. I was so thankful to have earned that experience. It has been something I have always wanted to do since watching the girls' basketball team play in the state tournament as a seventh grader."

The team lost in the first round to Lincoln Christian who ended up winning the state championship. The Shamrock girls' basketball team ended their season with a record of 16-8.



Sophomore **Bailey Lehr** goes up to shoot a layup against a Lakeview defender. The girls' basketball team won the holiday tournament.





"I am most proud of Emma. She was our only senior and really stepped up this year. Next year all of us juniors that will then be seniors will have big shoes to fill."

-Marika Spencer, 11



"The teammate I am most proud of would be Bailey. Bailey Lehr is a beast on the court and not to mention such a great friend. She works really hard and puts in time to be great."

-Maggie Feehan, 11



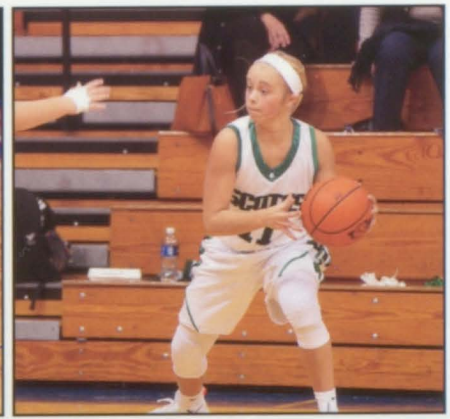
"Grace Wickham really made a lot of games and practices enjoyable for everyone. She brought a good vibe to the team. This year she made some huge plays for us, and she worked hard day in and day out."

-Grace Odbert, 11

Out of all your teammates, who are you the most proud of?

(below left) Senior **Emma Strecker** looks to find the open player to pass to during the annual holiday tournament. These games were played at Lakeview High School.

(below) Junior **Kendra Wiese** focuses on the ball as she stands in a defensive position. The Shamrocks played the Twin River Titans during the first round of the holiday tournament.



(top left) Sophomore **Abbie Zoucha** dribbles past a defender during a game against Lincoln Lutheran.

(top right) Junior **Grace Wickham** looks to pass the basketball while running a play during an offensive possession.

(above left) Sophomore **Bailey Lehr** makes a move to drive past a defender.

(above right) Junior **Maggie Feehan** passes the ball after it was inbounded by lone senior **Emma Strecker**.

Assistant coach **Wade Coulter**, head coach **Jarrold Ridder**, and assistant coach **John Petersen** hold the plaque after a win against Fort Calhoun in the district final. This game was held at Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska.



OUR *slamming* season...

It was a dominating regular season for boys' basketball. They had a season record of 23-2 going into the state tournament. They kicked it off with an exciting and close game against Boys Town at the Devaney Center. The boys were down by 12 going into the fourth quarter and outscored the Cowboys 30-8 to win the game.

"It was a fun game to be a part of. When **Nathan Ostdiek** made a three pointer in the fourth quarter and started the comeback, the place was going crazy," senior manager **Nathan Hiemer** said.

The second round of state was against rival Bishop Neumann. This game did not turn out the way the Shamrocks wanted. Neumann ended up winning with a final score of 48-36.

"It was a tough game. The best part about it was listening to the referees and **Cody Mroczek** banter with each other during the fourth quarter," senior **Tate VunCannon** said.

This set up the Shamrocks to have a rematch of the district championship game against Winnebago. The game turned into a nail biter as it went into overtime. The game ended with a buzzer beater to win Winnebago.

"It was a hard game to lose, but the energy from the crowd was intense," sophomore **Caden Pelan** said.

The boys' basketball team finished with a record of 24-4 and fourth place at state.



Senior **Dalton Taylor** takes a shot against Boys Town during the first game of the state tournament. Dalton was the leading scorer this season with 329 points.

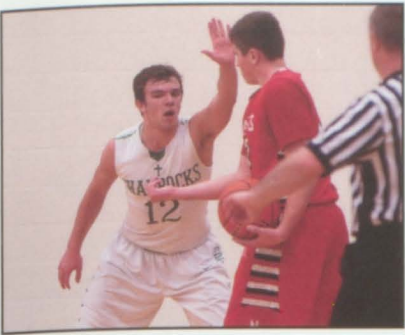


(above) The seniors on the Scotus basketball team take a group picture. They ended with a career record of 94-19.



(right) Coach **Tyler Swanson** yells at his players on the court during the state playoff game against Boys Town.



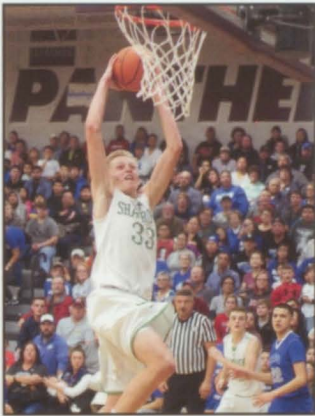


(far left) Junior **Matt Strecker** plays defense during the regular season game against Norfolk Catholic.

(left) Senior **Anthony Kosch** drives the baseline against Twin River during this year's holiday tournament.

(bottom, left to right) Sophomore **Caden Pelan** takes a three point shot against Fremont Bergan. Sophomore **Grant Shanle** drives to the basket during the holiday tournament against Twin River.

Senior **Luke Jarecke** drives along the baseline for a lay-up against Norfolk Catholic. Senior **Tate VunCannon** looks to score against Winnebago during the district championship.



"The second Neumann game. Easiest the best atmosphere I've played in during my high school career."

-Cody Mroczek, 12



"Winnebago because we all played very loose and gave it our all even though it was for third place."

-Evan Chohon, 12



"The state tournament Boys Town game because we came back, and Trevor Kaslon had some crazy dunks."

-Luke Jarecke, 12

What was your favorite game to play in throughout the year?



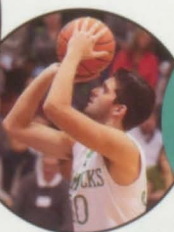
(top left) Senior **Nathan Ostdiek** drives the ball into the defense during the regular season game against Lincoln Christian. Junior **Trevor Kaslon** goes up for a slam-dunk during the district championship game against Winnebago.

(far left) Senior **Evan Chohon** drives in for a layup against Norfolk Catholic. Senior **Duncan Paczosa** sets a screen against a Schuyler defender during the holiday tournament.

(left) Senior **Cody Mroczek** dribbles into the Norfolk Catholic defense.

Senior **Nathan Ostdiek** drives down the court for a breakaway lay-up during their home game against Norfolk Catholic.

Nathan was the third leading scorer with 226 points this season.

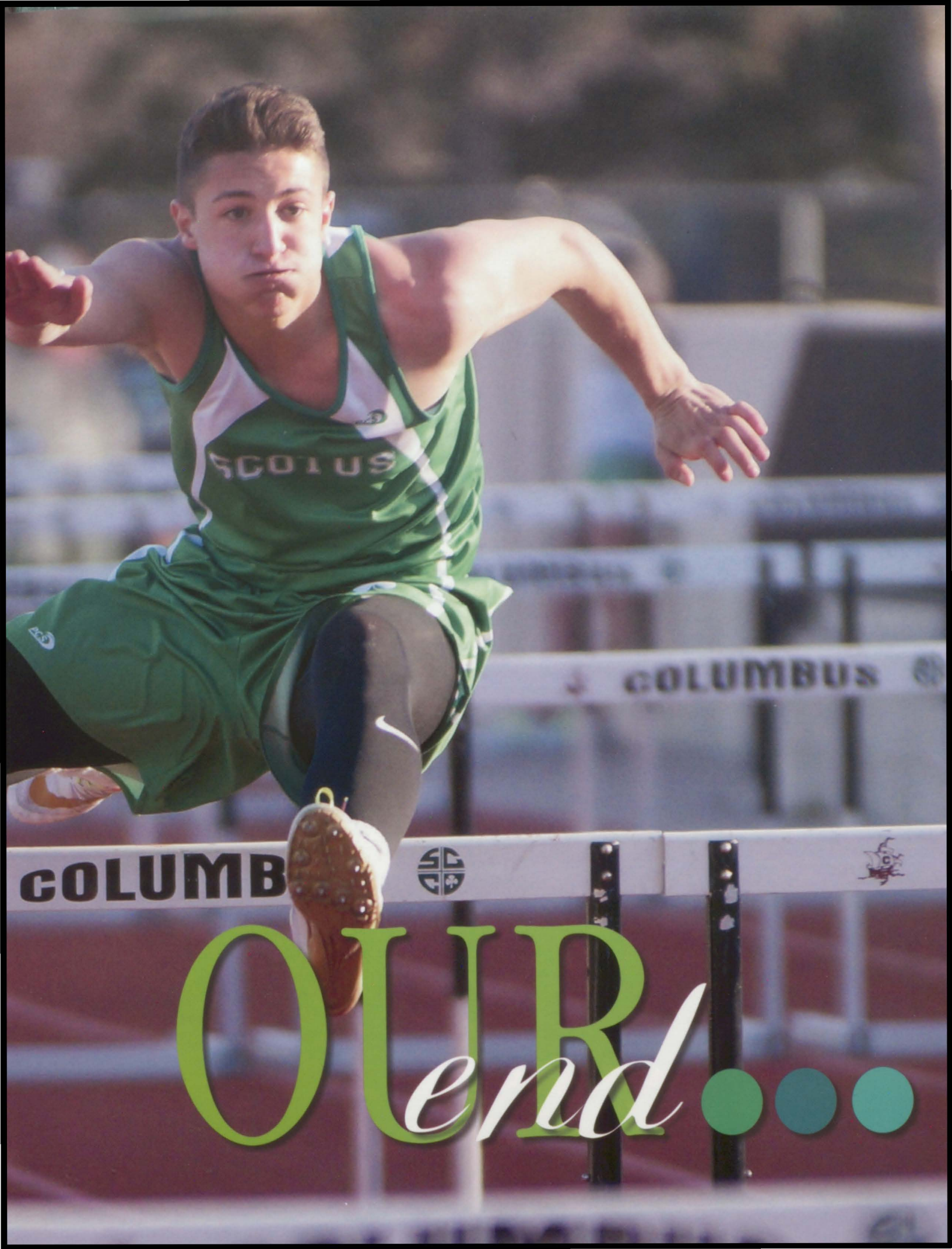




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OUR *end* ● ● ●

OUR *internal faith*...



Senior **Matt Hoenk**, acting as Jesus Christ during the stations of the cross, is scourged at the pillar.



Senior **Bennett Frewing** helps fellow senior **Matt Hoenk** carry his cross. **Frewing** played the role of Simon and **Hoenk** portrayed Jesus in the stations of the cross. In this scene Simon helps Jesus carry his cross.

Each year the Scotus student body congregates in the dark gym in order to watch the senior led living stations. The senior class presents the living stations at the end of Lent. This year senior **Alison Zoucha** acted as Mary in the stations.

Zoucha said, "Being able to come together and pray the stations as a school strengthens Scotus' faith and reminds us of the reason for Easter."

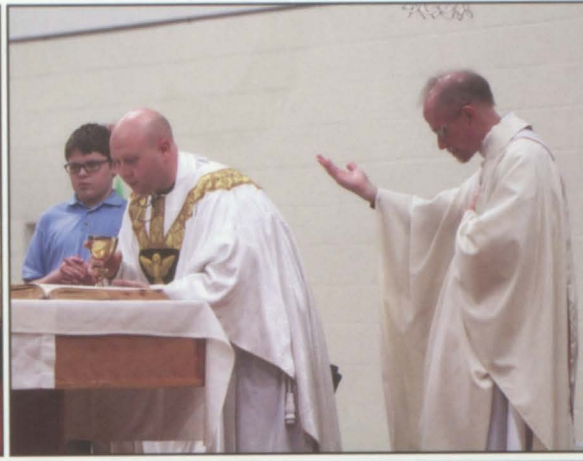
The seniors organize the stations with each other, and this year they included music to transition from scene to scene.

Senior **Naomi Kosch** said, "[My favorite part of being in the stations was] being able to perform something meaningful with the whole class."

Something new to the faith life at Scotus this year was an addition during Lent. **Father Capadano** offered Reconciliation every Wednesday before school. Some students were excited for a positive change such as this one. Sophomore **Elliott Thomazin** was one of the students who was happy with the addition.

Thomazin said, "The only times available for Reconciliation at St. Bon's were during after school practices or on Saturday afternoon. Weekly confession gave me no reason to not receive the grace I need to live a happy life."





(far left) **Father Capadano** is led by seventh graders **Christopher Adame-Hernandez, Nick Ehlers, and Carson Czarnick** at the end of Mass at St. Bon's.

(left) **Father Capadano** is joined by **Father Ross** from St. Anthony's in blessing the cup of wine during the four school Mass. (bottom left) **Amy Sokol** and **Cheryl Zoucha**, seniors **Alison Zoucha, Abbie Perault,** and **Tate VunCannon**, junior **Colson Kosch**, and **president Jeff Ohnoutka** prepare to give communion to the students from all of the Catholic schools in the area.

(bottom middle) Senior **Naomi Kosch** reads the first reading at an all school Mass at St. Bon's.

(below) Seniors **Nikki Hiner** and **Anthony Sprunk** and junior **Brock Kracman** sing at Mass.



"When the priest extends his hands over you and absolves you of your sins. As soon as it happens, a great weight is always lifted off my shoulders."

-Elliott Thomazin, 10



"I love everything about it! The fact that God is always willing to forgive our sins is just mindblowing."

-Abe Perault, 10



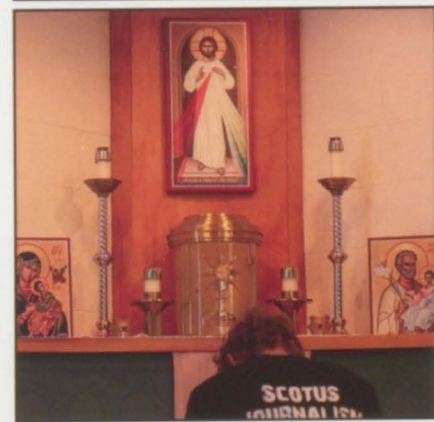
"Just being there knowing no one will judge you on all the sins you have committed."

-Caden Pelan, 10

What is your favorite part of Confession?



(above) Seventh grader **Dominic McPhillips** reads out of **Mrs. Johnson's** prayer book to start religion class.



(left) Senior **Tate VunCannon** prays in the school's chapel. Adoration was held in the chapel on Fridays during the school year.



The students from St. Anthony's stand up for the beginning of Mass. This year was the first year that all three grade schools joined the Scotus student body in an all school Mass during Catholic schools week.



OUR *classroom cultures*...



Spanish IV student **Tadeu Antunes** reads the Monopoly game card while fellow students **Haley Faust, Amberly Parker, Cameron Swanson, Brooke Podolak, and Emerson Belitz** listen. The students are only allowed to communicate using Spanish while playing the game.

Spanish teacher **Gail Bomar** brought fun to the classroom every Friday of the month. **Bomar** gave her Spanish III and IV classes the opportunity to learn how to have conversations in Spanish while playing Monopoly.

Bomar said, "I wanted an activity that forced students to speak Spanish, but was fun at the same time."

Every second and fourth Friday of the month, the Spanish III classes played Monopoly while the Spanish IV classes played Monopoly the first, third, and fifth Fridays of the month.

Senior **Ashley Foreman** stated, "Monopoly gets intense, and people get frustrated. I am also proud because my team won the first game of the year."

Spanish Monopoly is played the same way as regular Monopoly, but only speaking in Spanish is allowed.

"Monopoly teaches us to use what we learn, put it into sentences, and have actual conversations," added senior **Naomi Kosch**.

Both **Foreman** and **Kosch** have taken Spanish all four years of high school and are currently enrolled in

Spanish IV.

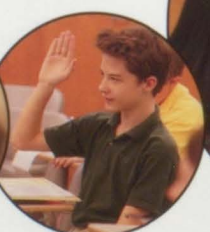
The properties, money, and game board are written in Spanish. The students in each class are split up into teams of two. One member of the team is in charge of rolling the die and the other is in charge of the money.

Bomar said, "I've been doing this for more years than I can remember."

The students must speak Spanish at all times during the game; otherwise, they risk losing 100 dollars. If a student is caught speaking English during the game, that team must place 100 dollars in the center of the board.

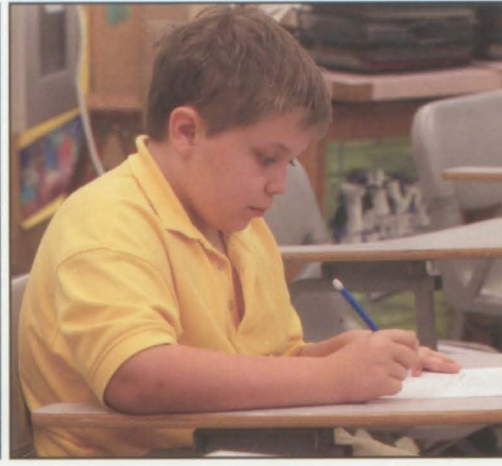
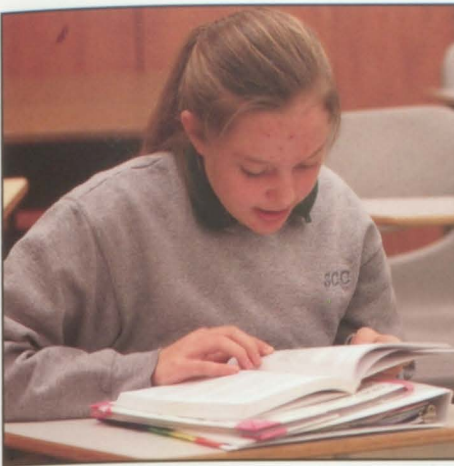
Bomar explained, "By playing Monopoly, students have to use the language—even if it is with a limited vocabulary."

The team with the most money at the end of the year gets a special prize.



Junior **Jake Novicki** gets interviewed on Business and Industry Day. Local companies come to Scotus and conduct interviews with students of the junior class to test and expand their interview skills.





(far left) Seventh grader **Makenna Svehla** reads to her Religion 7 class from her theology textbook.
 (middle left) Religion teacher **Carmen Johnson** instructs her second period Religion 7 class.
 (left) Seventh grader **Payton Schroeder** proves his knowledge while taking a Religion 7 test.



"It gave me a chance to get feedback on my resume and practice real interview situations."

-Maggie Feehan, 11



"It made me feel uncomfortable, but it got me out of history class, so I'll take what I can get."

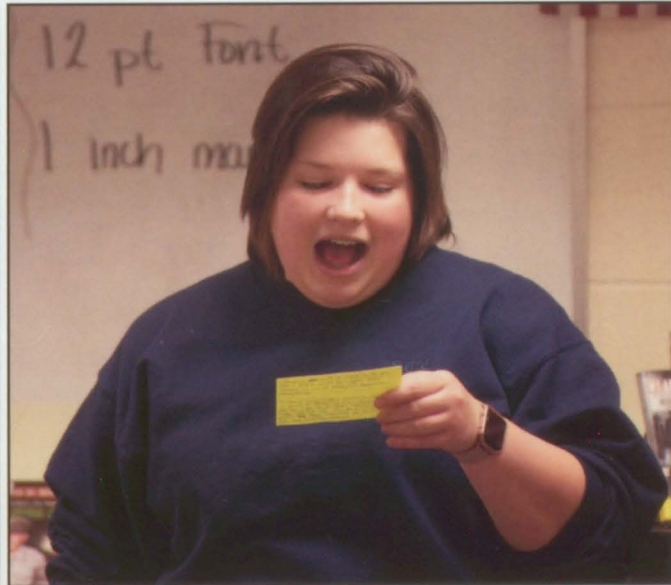
-Kayla Hall, 11



"I enjoyed the fact that we got to do a practice interview, and I thought it went well."

-Wren Allen, 11

What did you enjoy or dislike about Business and Industry Day?



(above) Junior **Alyssa Morton** participates in Business and Industry Day.
 (far left) Seventh grader **Adriana Cielocha** examines a novel during the English 7 book taste testing.
 (left) Sophomore **Hannah Allen** presents to her English 10 class about *Animal Farm*.



OUR *Talented seniors* ●●●



Seniors **Nathan Ostdiek**, **Trevor Halligan**, and **Camerson Swanson** answer questions on important issues. Each candidate was asked three questions.

Every year, the senior boys have an opportunity to show off their talents and pageantry during the Mr. Shamrock Pageant. This year was one for the books. With nine contestants, the competition was filled with a variety of talents and outfits.

Senior **Nathan Ostdiek** commented, "I think my 'catch that dream girl' outfit was my best area. I heard a

lot of laughs, which is a good sign."

Other contestants strutted their own outfits such as a cowboy, an athlete, and a dinosaur.

At the end of the contest, teacher **Pat Brockhaus** crowned senior **Anthony Sprunk** as Mr. Shamrock 2017. **Sprunk** dressed as a banana, sang an original song, and gave very heartfelt answers.

"I decided to sing an original song called 'Notes to Myself' because I thought it would give the audience something to think about," **Sprunk** noted.

The runner up for the competition was senior **Luke Jarecke**.

"I put in a lot of effort to come up with ideas for my act and outfits," **Jarecke** added.

The pageant was a fundraiser for the Simon House, and the competition was all in good fun.

Teacher **Pat Brockhaus** crowns senior **Anthony Sprunk** at the conclusion of the Mr. Shamrock competition. Senior **Luke Jarecke** was runner-up.



Senior **Matt Hoenk** struts down the runway with his friend **Geno**. Their matching outfits were used for Hoenk's 'catch that dream girl' portion. **Geno** has been present for many Scotus activities this year and has been an important part of the Scotus community.





Anthony Sprunk



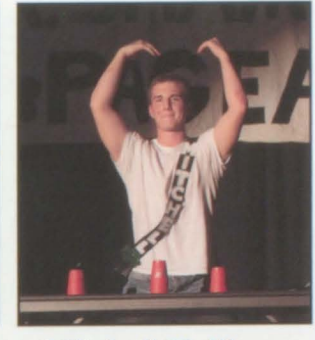
Will Sonderman



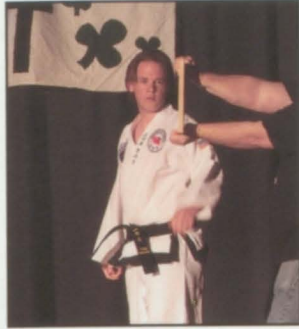
Keaton Kudron



Nathan Ostdiek



Mitchell Halligan



Trevor Halligan



Luke Jarecke



Matt Hoenk



Cameron Swanson



(left to right) Senior Nathan Ostdiek helps hoist senior Luke Jarecke into the air. The contestants entertained the crowd with dancing while the judges chose a winner. Senior Will Sonderman and his assistant senior Evan Chohon prepare for the talent portion of the competition. Sonderman performed several tricks including pouring milk through a newspaper, a card trick, and separating his thumb from his hand. Senior Trevor Halligan receives a free haircut from a fellow contestant. Senior Matt Hoenk cut his hair for his talent. (left) Senior Luke Jarecke prowls to find his desired woman during the 'catch that dream girl' outfit portion of the competition.



"Playing the ukelele. My fingers were really shaky, so it was hard to play."
-Cameron Swanson, 12



"Learning the dance. It was a lot to learn in a small amount of time."
-Will Sonderman, 12



"Definitely learning the dance because I am awful at dancing."
-Keaton Kudron, 12

What did you think was the hardest part of the contest?



OUR *Time to shine* ●●●



Sophomore **Isaac McPhillips** and seniors **Natalie Schaecher** and **Alison Zoucha** perform "Romeo and Juliet in Verona High" in the Little Theater.



(above) Senior **Keaton Kudron** and sophomore **Isaac McPhillips** perform on stage during the first play, "Romeo and Juliet in Verona." (right) Junior **Alaina Wallick** looks at junior **Adelynn Newman**, who is portraying the role of Natalie, a stereotypical nerd with a retainer, glasses, and a lisp.



Every spring students in the drama department take the wheel and are in charge of directing the spring play. This year the students decided to perform two short plays instead of one short play.

The cast first performed "Romeo and Juliet in Verona" by James Venhaus. Seniors **Alison Zoucha** and **Naomi Kosch** directed this play. Senior **Cameron Swanson** and junior **Emily Carstens** directed the second play, "Through the Looking Glass."

The drama students had two days of performances. Their first performance was at the three elementary schools. They also performed at Scotus in the Little Theater.

Senior director **Naomi Kosch** said, "My favorite part of spring play was our home performance because everyone laughed a lot. It was supposed to be a funny play, but comedic timing is difficult to master, and we only had a week to pull the play together. I was happy with the result though."

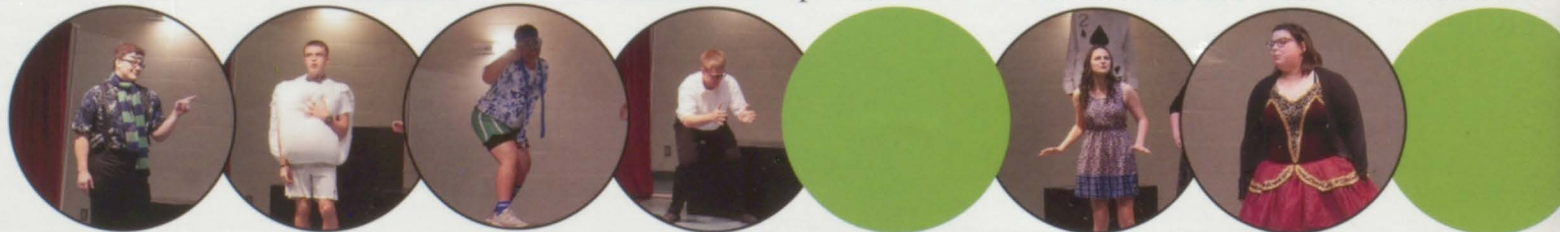
The cast had a great time working together this year.

Junior **Adelynn Newman** said, "I enjoyed having different sources of leadership this year, along with all the young creativity."

This year was different from previous years.

Ms. Schumacher was the new sponsor this year for the spring play.

"We had a lot of bumps in the road, but I worked with **Ms. Schumacher** in hopes that next year will be a great one for Thespians," senior director **Cameron Swanson** concluded.





"I had fun until some of my friends started yelling inside jokes at me, which made me laugh."

-Isaac Ostdiek, 10



"Standing in the box was fun because I enjoyed hearing people's comments as they passed by. Also, it was satisfying to hold a pose even when people are trying to get you to laugh."

-Naomi Kosch, 12



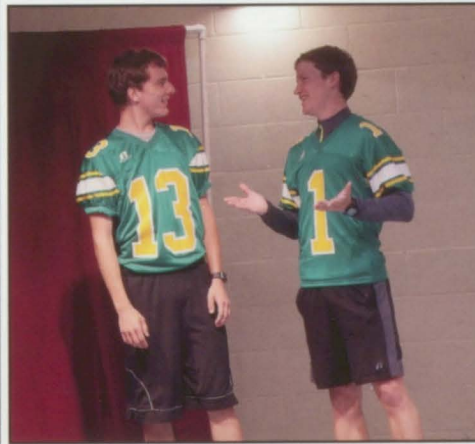
"I thought being in the box was a lot of fun, and it was nice to know that being in the box made the new members less worried."

-Cameron Swanson, 12

What is it like standing in the box during thespian initiation week?



(left) Senior **Alison Zoucha** dressed up as Lily Moscovitz during thespian week. (bottom left) Senior **Naomi Kosch** dressed up as Mia (Amelia Mignonette Grimaldi Thermopolis Renaldo), **Zoucha's** best friend. (below) Sophomore **Isaac Ostdiek** dressed up as Ash Ketchum from Pokemon.



(far left) Senior **Keaton Kudron** and sophomore **Julia Pichler** act on stage during the "Through the Looking Glass" performance. (middle) Junior **Adelynn Newman**, sophomore **Isaac Ostdiek**, senior **Alison Zoucha**, and junior **Alaina Wallick** play chess on stage. Senior **Zach Svehla** and sophomore **Caleb Kosch** play football players. (above) Sophomore **Hannah Allen** and junior **Brock Kracman** converse on stage during the second play performance.

Seniors (bottom row) **Natalie Schaecher**, **Alison Zoucha**, **Naomi Kosch**, **Cameron Swanson**, (top row) **Keaton Kudron**, and **Zach Svehla** pose for a picture following their final spring play.



OUR *persevering players* ●●●



The Scotus band marches at the Harvest of Harmony parade held last October in Grand Island, Nebraska. The band received an "Excellent" rating for their performance.



Sophomore **Tara Kamrath** roll-steps to the beat of the drumline's cadence during the Norfolk parade this last September.

From marching through the pouring rain during the Norfolk parade, to being under the direction of a new instructor, the Scotus band underwent numerous challenges over the year. Although the band's strength and perseverance were tested in more ways than one, their determination to succeed was never deterred.

"We had our bus broken into and lost our instructor for two months. I think we bounced back fairly well to play and compete as normal," junior **Matt Strecker** said.

The band encountered issues in almost every activity they participated in. The band bus was broken into and many students lost belongings during a trip to Lincoln for state pep band.

Freshman **Lauren Ostdiek** commented, "We all 'banded' together, and the seniors really stepped up to help."

The band managed to end their difficult year on a high note. After many weeks of uncertainty as to whether they would perform, the full band received an Excellent rating at the District Music Contest, and many of the ensembles and solos earned Superior ratings.

"Mrs. Cox has always taught us to turn to each other and to Christ in tough situations. We get through everything as a family," senior **Emma Ruskamp** said.

Band substitute **Carol Nelson** receives a bouquet of flowers from the senior class at the end of the spring concert. She began directing the band in early February in place of **Kristen Cox**. **Nelson** conducted the high school band at the District Music Contest, along with the various solos and ensembles. She taught the fifth through high school bands for the remainder of the school year.





(left to right) Freshman **Liza Zaruba** plays her flute during the Columbus Days Parade. Junior **Nathan Donoghue** marches through downtown Columbus with the band last August. The band performed at a total of three parades during their marching season. They received both Superior and Excellent ratings.

(below) The Scotus band marches in-line and in-step during the Columbus Days Parade. The band works throughout the summer months in preparation for this parade.

Junior **Emily Carstens** plays the saxophone at the Norfolk Lion's Club parade.



"It's just the fact that I am totally going to marry Zach Svehla."

-Emma Ruskamp, 12



"When our bus got broken into, we all had to eat loaves of day-old bread from Jimmy John's for lunch because it was a Friday in Lent."

-Abigail Stuart, 10



"Nathan, Emerson, and I finally achieving the bottle flip with our trumpet mutes. It was a grand old time."

-Braden Labenz, 10

What is the best memory that you have from band this year?



(left to right) Senior **Nathan Ostdiek** plays "Taps" on the trumpet with sixth grader **Ben Fehringer** at the band's dinner concert. The senior class chose the theme "Let Freedom Ring" to honor the United States. The drumline taps out a cadence during a time out at the state basketball tournament. The drumline consists of percussionists from grades 7-12.

Junior **Grant Shanle**, sophomore **Elliott Thomazin** and freshman **Debanhi Adame-Hernandez** perform "Marches of the Armed Forces" at the dinner concert.



OUR *perfect harmony*...



The Shamrock Singers perform at their vocal concert in December.



Senior **Anthony Sprunk** performs a solo piece named "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables" at the spring vocal music concert.

The Shamrock Singers provided music at many events this school year ranging from music concerts to Masses to the district music competition.

This year the Shamrock Singers had seventeen members in the choir. The group was instructed by music teacher **Laura Salyard**. With a couple years under her belt, **Ms. Salyard** said, "I knew what I wanted the program to accomplish this school year."

At the District Music competition, the choir received a I rating, which stands for "Superior" and is the highest rating given at the competition. The choir sang two pieces that earned them a I. They performed "The Isle is Full of Noises" and "Rest Not!"

"I think Districts went very well," **Salyard** said. "They were happy with the way they performed."

Other Superior ratings included both the boys and girls ensembles, the girls trio consisting of sophomores **Caitlin Hottovy**, **Mattie Johnson**, and **Maddie Sueper**, solo senior **Nikki Hiner**, solo senior **Anthony Sprunk**, and a duet consisting of sophomore **Isaac McPhillips** and senior **Nikki Hiner**. The rest of the performances consisting of duets and solos all earned a II rating for "Excellence."

Salyard concluded, "I am proud of the kids because they all performed to the best of their abilities."



The Shamrock Singers provide music for the all school Masses held throughout the school year. They prepare a special Responsorial Psalm and Meditation song for each Mass. Sometimes the Meditation songs are even sung in a different language.

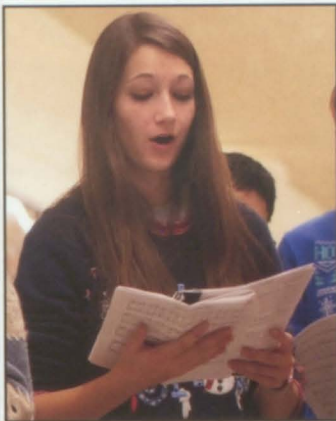




(left) Sophomore **Caitlin Hottovy** and freshman **Morgan Littlefield** sing Christmas carols while wearing ugly Christmas sweaters with the rest of the Shamrock Singers.

(below) Junior **Jenna Salerno** and the Shamrock Singers serenade the yearbook staff with "Carol of the Bells."

(right) Sophomore **Natalie Semin**, senior **Alayna Wilson**, and junior **Caitlin Steiner** carol in the hallways during ninth period. Every year the Shamrock Singers parade in the halls singing Christmas carols the Friday before Christmas break.



(far left) Seniors **Anthony Sprunk** and **Alayna Wilson**, junior **Caitlin Steiner**, and sophomores **Natalie Semin**, **Bekah Hergott**, **Emily Stutzman**, and **Mattie Johnson** sing "Rest Not" under the direction of **Ms. Salyard**.

(left) Freshman **Max Middendorf**, senior **Nikki Hiner**, and sophomore **Tommy Yu** perform a song at the spring vocal concert. Shamrock Singers director **Ms. Salyard** conducts her junior high class at the winter vocal concert in December.



"Every time Nikki Hiner missed her chair when she was going to sit down."

-Anthony Sprunk, 12



"When Brady and Dana sang "me and my daddy" in the song "Get Along Home", and they laughed hysterically."

-Bennett Frewing, 12



"When Ms. Salyard handed us four foreign language pieces, and we all looked at her like she was insane."

Caitlin Steiner, 11

What is your favorite Shamrock Singers memory?



OUR *red carpet event...*



A group of friends dance together during their last prom dance all together.



There is no better way to enter a dance party than to walk in on a red carpet. This year's prom theme was Hollywood, and everyone showed up dressed to impress. Some even showed up in style by arriving in a party bus before the dance.

"The party bus before the dance was really fun," senior **Luke Jarecke** said.

The night started off with a dinner catered by Husker House. After dinner, students were invited to join the DJ on the dance floor and dance the night away.

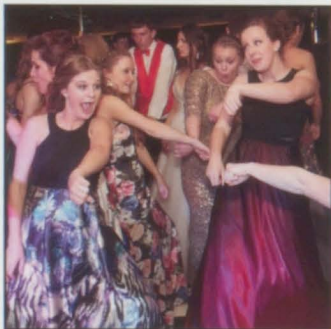
"My favorite part about prom was getting to dance with everyone. It's awesome because we all group together and dance, which makes it a lot of fun," senior **Crystal Rinkol** stated.

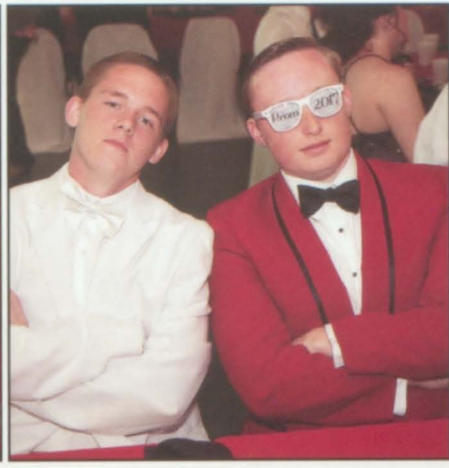
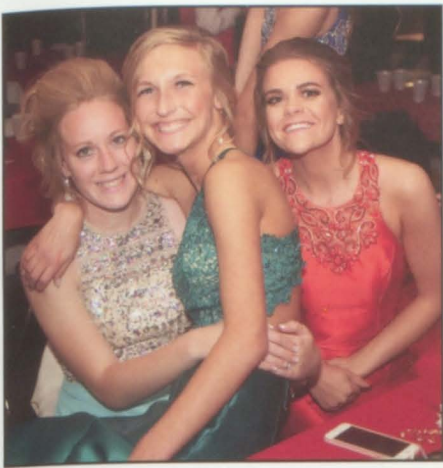
Once the dance ended, all students and their dates were welcomed to attend post prom, which was held by the junior class parents. This year for the first time, post prom was held at Scotus. Different kinds of activities were set up in both gyms and the cafeteria for all students to enjoy.

"My favorite activity was the blow up bungee basketball game. It was a lot of fun, and I enjoyed going against Tatem Vance because she would always get thrown around," senior **Mitchell Halligan** said.

Games provided at post prom included a blown up obstacle course, bungee cord basketball, Twister, knocker balls, karaoke, and Just Dance on the Wii. There was also an entertainment portion during post prom where a comedian/magician performed for everyone.

(above) Senior **Kira Dreher** laughs with her date during the dance.
(right) Junior **Caitlin Steiner**, and seniors **Tatem Vance**, **Emma Ruskamp**, and **Emerson Belitz** whip on the dance floor.





(left to right) Seniors **Ashley Foreman**, **Kaylee Tonniges**, and **Megan Ohnoutka** pose for a picture before dinner. Seniors **Trevor Halligan** and **Matt Csukker** show off their stylish prom attire. Junior **Maggie Feehan** and seniors **Hannah Mielak** and **Jessica Buhman** smile for the camera before the dance portion of the night.



"My favorite activity was the bungee cord. I didn't beat anyone, but it was so much fun."
-Tatem Vance, 12



"The inflatable soccer game. It was fun running over people!"
-Trevor Halligan, 12



"Twister was lit because I won everytime."
-Anthony Sprunk, 12

What was your favorite activity at post prom?



(above left to right) Sophomores **Bekah Hergott** and **Eduardo Torres** show off their dance moves together during the dance. Seniors **Luke Jarecke**, **Nathan Ostdiek**, **Alayna Wilson**, and junior **Grace Wickham** dance to the "Wobble." Senior **Haley Faust** throws her hands in the air in the middle of the crowd during the dance. (left) Seniors **Anthony Kosch**, **Dalton Taylor**, **Duncan Paczosa**, and junior **Trevor Kalson** mess around with the decorations during the dance.

Seniors **Anthony Kosch**, **Keaton Kudron**, and junior **Brandon Huynh** participate in a magic trick performed by a magician for this year's post prom entertainment. The Magician, who is a comedian as well, travels the world performing for many different occasions.



OUR *written history*...



The Scotus journalism team celebrates as they receive their first state championship trophy. Through their victory, the team will get to hang a banner and picture to fill the school with their success.

Through the clicking of cameras, the frantic hands of writers, and the beads of sweat that ran down many foreheads, Scotus Central Catholic High School journalism came out on top. The smiles ran big when the Scotus journalism team became the champions of the state journalism competition. The shiny, gold trophy rose above their heads as they made history as the first fine arts team to bring home the gold.

Senior **Alyssa Kuta** said, "I knew we had a strong team and talented journalists, so I was confident in what we could do."

Kuta competed in Yearbook Feature Writing placing seventh just out of reach of an individual medal.

Senior **Emma Ruskamp** received an individual gold medal in Entertainment Writing.

"As the names kept being called, I thought there was no chance left for me to win. I had completely given up

on myself when the second place winner was called. However, the announcer started reading the first place winner and said they are from Columbus, that second, I knew I had won. I started screaming and ran onto the stage. My smile was endless. I could hear my team cheering me on and that is the moment I will cherish forever,"

Ruskamp said.

Overall as a team, they received 23 individual medals, helping them win their first state journalism championship.

Senior **Eastyn Klink** explained "I wouldn't trade my journalism team for anything. I love every single one of them with my whole heart. We are a family. I also want to thank our amazing teacher, Mrs. Rusher, for her support, dedication, and excitement! We could not have won without her!!"

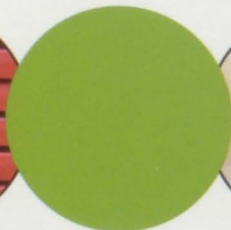
Klink received three individual medals placing 5th in two events and 2nd in another.

The Scotus journalism team won soundly, beating second place Yutan by 88 points.

Journalism teacher **Angie Rusher** has been teaching journalism for the last nine years.

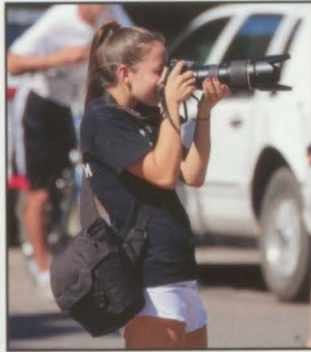
She received her first state journalism championship of her career on April 24th.

Rusher said, "We have great students at Scotus who care about everything they do and know how to compete. When given the right direction, they can achieve anything. There are no words for how proud I am of all my students."





(far left) Senior **Jessica Buhman** smiles while she holds the state journalism championship trophy. She is the defending state journalism champion in News Feature Photography. (middle) Senior **Tate YunCannon** and junior **Matt Strecker** proudly show off their individual state journalism medals. (above) Senior **Anthony Sprunk** smiles big as he holds the state journalism championship trophy. He placed second in Sports Action Photography. (left below) Senior **Matt Hoenk** and junior **Kaylie Rocha** play cards at the state journalism competition.



"Getting to capture the vocal concert. They started a song by whispering, and it scared me."

-Keaton Kudron, 12



"My favorite moment I caught on camera was the rowdiness of the student section. I got to capture their happiness and excitement from the team's success."

-Landri Swett, 12



"When I was able to capture the atmosphere of the gym during the game Scotus defeated Wahoo Bishop Newmann."

-Chase Newman, 12

What was your favorite moment to capture on camera?



(far left above) Senior **Kaylee Tonniges** captures a moment at a home football game. (left above) Senior **Haley Faust** takes pictures during the Columbus Days Parade of the band marching, the cheerleaders, and the flag corps. She participated in the state journalism meet and individually placed first in newspaper layout. (far left) Senior **Hannah Mielak** sorts papers for journalism teacher Mrs. Rusher. **Mielak** is one of the three seniors who participated in yearbook her junior year. She also competed in two events at state journalism placing in both events. (left) Senior **Eastyn Klink** snaps pictures at a football game.



OUR *surprising season*...

The Scotus girls' soccer team knew they had to step up after losing eight seniors from the previous season.

Senior captain **Emma Strecker** said, "I was not expecting much out of us this year. I was expecting this year to be a growing year for all the underclassmen, so they would be prepared for the rest of their soccer careers."

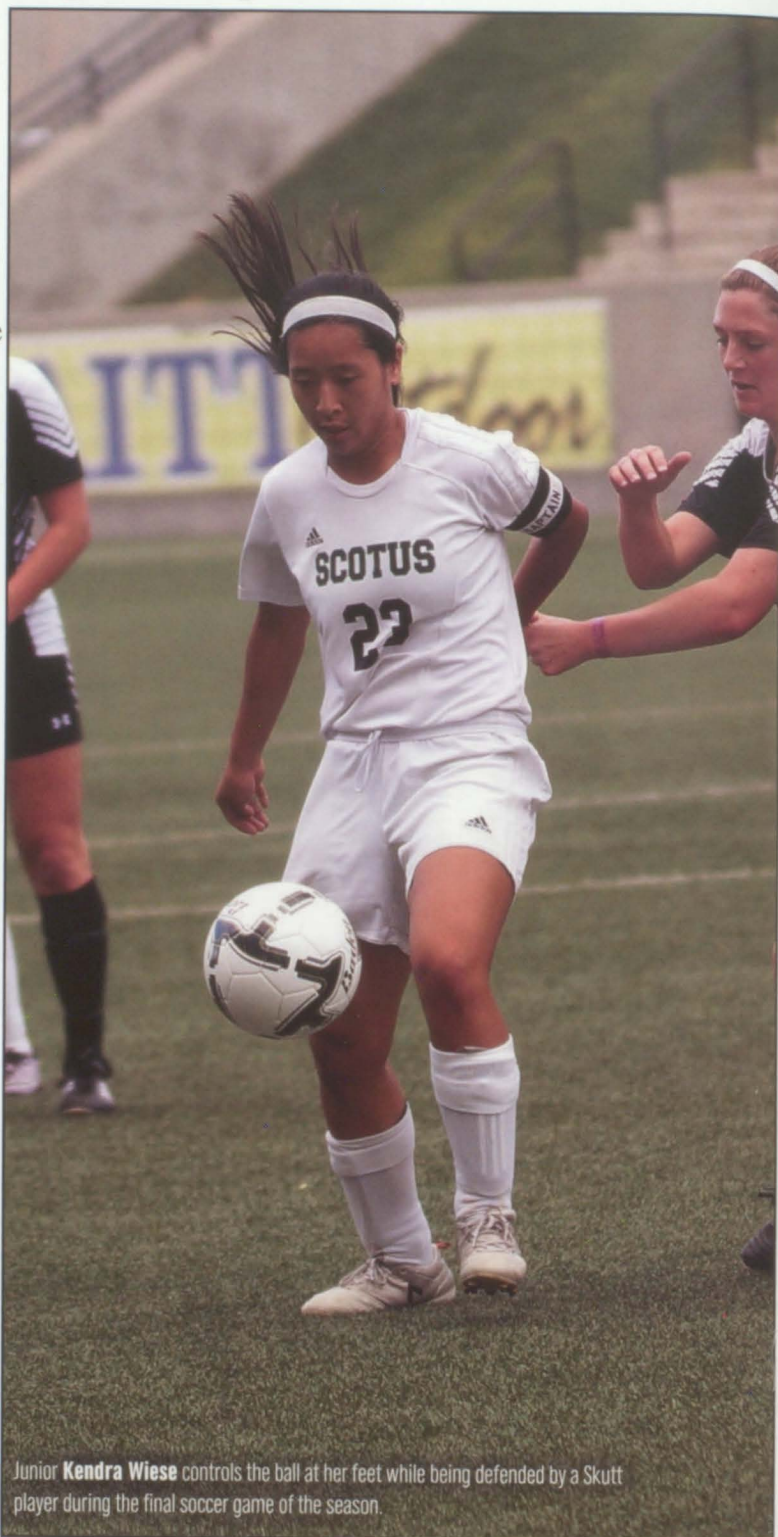
However, the team jelled more quickly due in large part to the leadership shown by the three seniors in bringing the underclassman along.

Senior midfielder and captain **Alyssa Kuta** stated, "We had some downs at points in our season, but every team does. We bounced back so well and came back stronger than ever."

After finishing with a regular season record of 11-2, the girls went 3-0 in districts, allowing them to make it to the state tournament. The team won the first two rounds of the state playoffs, which landed them a spot to play in the championship game, the first time since 2002.

"I feel that our season ended better than we expected. We played our hearts out during the finals and competed with a soccer team whose players play soccer all year round. I am looking forward to next season to see how far we can get again," sophomore **Emily Stutzman** concluded.

The team finished #3 in the Lincoln Journal-Star and #4 in the Omaha World Herald.



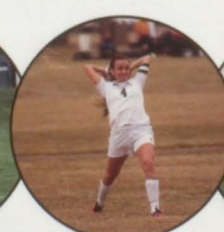
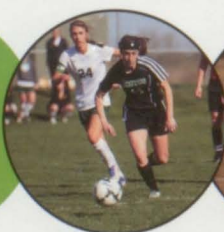
Junior **Kendra Wiese** controls the ball at her feet while being defended by a Skutt player during the final soccer game of the season.



(above) Sophomore **Abbie Zoucha** hugs assistant coach **Cindy Kosch** after receiving her medal.



(right) The team holds up the runner-up trophy after the championship game.





"I am so thankful for the opportunity to play at Morrison Stadium. I loved being able to play on the turf field, especially in the championship game with my best friends and teammates."

-Samantha Tonniges, 9



"My favorite part was the feeling of stepping onto Morrison field. It is something I will never forget."

-Chloe Odbert, 9



"My favorite part was just the whole experience. It was awesome watching and playing the best teams in the state."

-Haylee Cielocha, 9

What was your favorite part about playing in the state tournament?

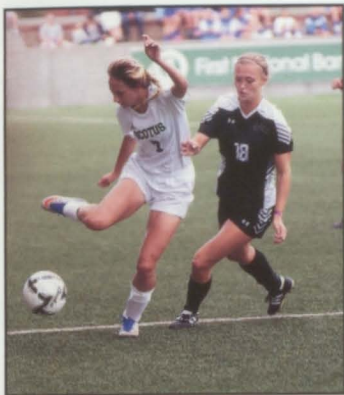


(left) Senior **Courtney Flint** guards the soccer ball to keep possession during a home game played at Wilderness Park.

(below, left to right) Freshman **Kenzie Brandenburg** works to pass the ball forward.

Junior **Grace Wickham** and senior **Alyssa Kuta** smile while they are introduced during the championship game, which took place on Creighton's campus.

(below) Freshman **Samantha Tonniges** dribbles the ball during a regular season game.



(right) Freshman **Allie Mielak** holds up the runner-up trophy after playing at Morrison Stadium in her first state tournament. **Mielak** helped the Scotus defense post twelve shut outs on the year. Starting all nineteen games, her goal against average was 0.75 per game.



(above left to right) Sophomore **Emily Stutzman** plays defense on the ball during an away game versus Gretna. Junior **Maggie Feehan** passes the ball across the field. Senior **Emma Strecker** controls the ball and continues to look up the field to the next open teammate. Sophomore **Courtney Kosch** fights to earn possession of the ball while playing against Lakeview.



OUR *changing dynamics*...

Although it was not the ending they were hoping for, the boys' soccer team had a successful season. With such a young team, they had to work together to play as a team.

"My favorite teammate to play with is [freshman] **Connor Wiehn** because he always does something weird to make me laugh," senior **Evan Chohon** said.

The team started five or six underclassmen every game.

"I wanted to make all of the underclassmen play to the best of their abilities. They will have to do that when they get to be leaders on the team too," senior **Duncan Paczosa** said.

Head coach **Jon Brezenski** said goodbye to his team after twelve years of coaching. **Brezenski** and the team have seen much success throughout the years. After winning three straight championships, the Shamrocks ended the season with a 10-8 record.

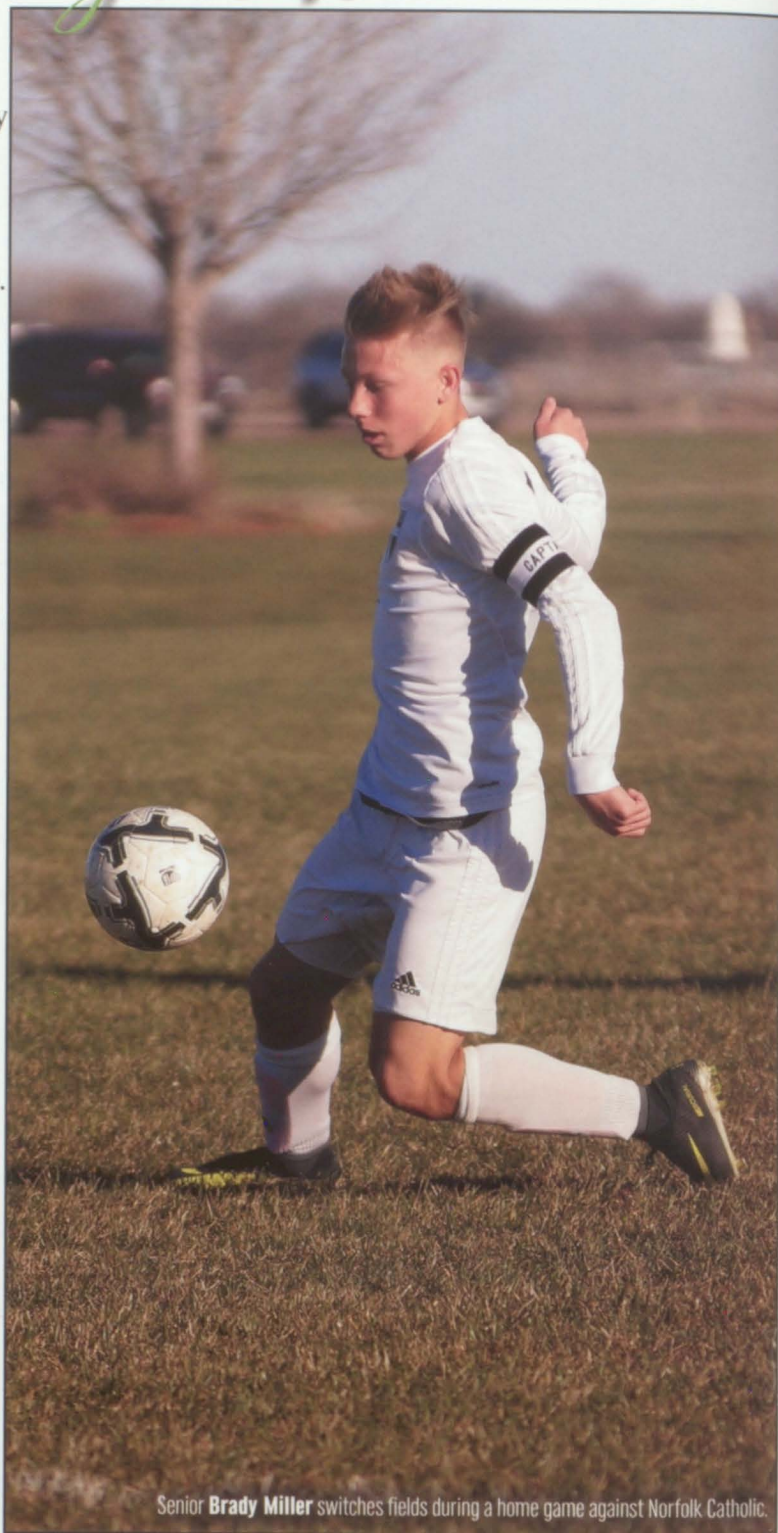
"That's a winning record and something to always be proud of," **Brezenski** said.

Many of their losses were to teams who made the state tournament in class A and class B: Creighton Prep, Lewis Central, and Columbus High. The Shamrocks lost the district final game to Norfolk Catholic 1-0. Despite the losses, the team had many successes in their wins against tough opponents like Crete, York, and Pius X.

At the conclusion of the season, **Brezenski's** decision to step down was not an easy one for him.

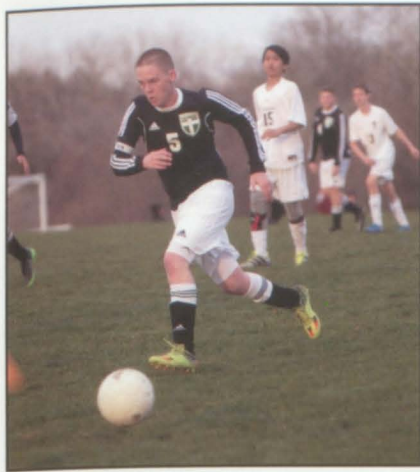
"I have been so blessed over my coaching career to be around so many awesome young men and being able to build lifelong relationships and now friendships with many of them. Those memories will always be important to me, even more so than the success we had on the field," **Brezenski** concluded.

Senior **Will Sonderman** dribbles past an opponent from Norfolk Catholic to go to goal. The Shamrocks faced Norfolk Catholic three times throughout the season.



Senior **Brady Miller** switches fields during a home game against Norfolk Catholic.





(left to right) Senior **Trevor Halligan** carries the ball during a junior varsity game. Freshman **Henry Hernandez** reaches for the ball as he works through two opponents. Senior **Matt Hoenk** clears the ball away from the defense during the sub-district game against Norfolk Catholic. (below) Senior **Anthony Kosch** strides past his opponent to go for a goal.



"Take nothing for granted. You never know when the last time you will step on the field will be."

-Chase Newman, 12



"Stay as a team. You are a family, act like one."

-Brady Miller, 12



"There is always a 'next time.' You can't keep yourself down. If you do, the 'next time' won't come."

-Tadeu Antunes, 11

If you could give your team one piece of advice, what would it be?



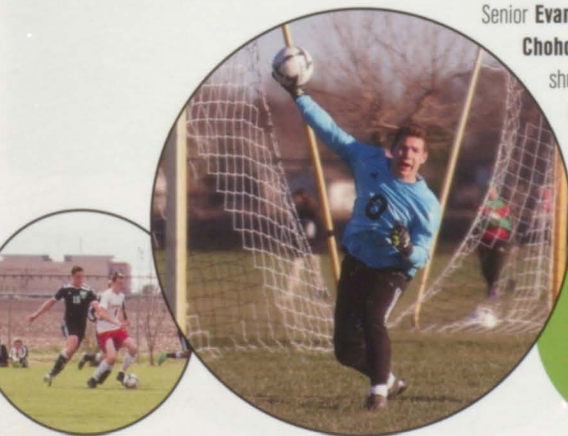
(far left) Senior **Evan Chohon** pumps up the team to begin the second half of their game against Kearney Catholic. Sophomore **Zack Beiermann** dribbles down the field toward the goal. Junior **Tadeu**



Antunes, a foreign exchange student, was a key player for the team.



Senior **Evan Chohon** clears the ball after a save. **Chohon** set the all-class record for career shutouts with 39 games. **Chohon** also holds the school record for shutouts per season with 12 in 2016. **Chohon** was a team captain this year.



OUR *step up to the plate...*

With a young team, a tough schedule, and a second year coach, the Columbus High/Scotus co-op baseball team had their work cut out for them from the start.

"We faced tough teams. If we made any physical or mental errors, [the other teams] were good enough to capitalize," junior **Jake Novicki** said.

The worthy opponents made for a slow start for the baseball team. However, the team did manage to win some important games.

"Our best game of the season was when we beat Fremont because they kicked us out of districts the summer before," junior **Logan Mueller** said.

At the end of the season, the team, coached by Scott Loseke, came together to finish the year with a 5-19 record.

"Our team chemistry really started to come together, and we began to play as a team," freshman **Tyler Palmer** stated.

As for next season, the team plans to take their end of the season momentum into the next year, and the athletes have big plans.

"2018 is the year we make the state tournament for the first time," **Novicki** concluded.



Senior **Luke Jarecke** releases the baseball as it soars into the strike zone. **Jarecke** was the only Scotus senior on the baseball team.



(above left to right) Junior **Jake Novicki** winds up preparing to pitch. Junior **Jacob Morse** slides safely into second base. (right) Junior **Trevor Kaslon** watches the pitch come in and prepares to swing. **Novicki, Kaslon, and Morse** were three of the five juniors on the Columbus High/Scotus co-op baseball team.



"I'll remember the bus rides there and back because Trevor, Luke, and I always played Clash Royale."

-**Tyler Palmer, 9**



"I will remember Luke Jarecke getting tackled by our coach on the football field."

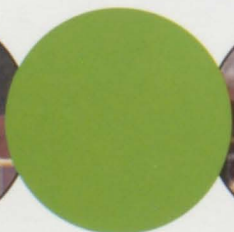
-**Trevor Kaslon, 11**



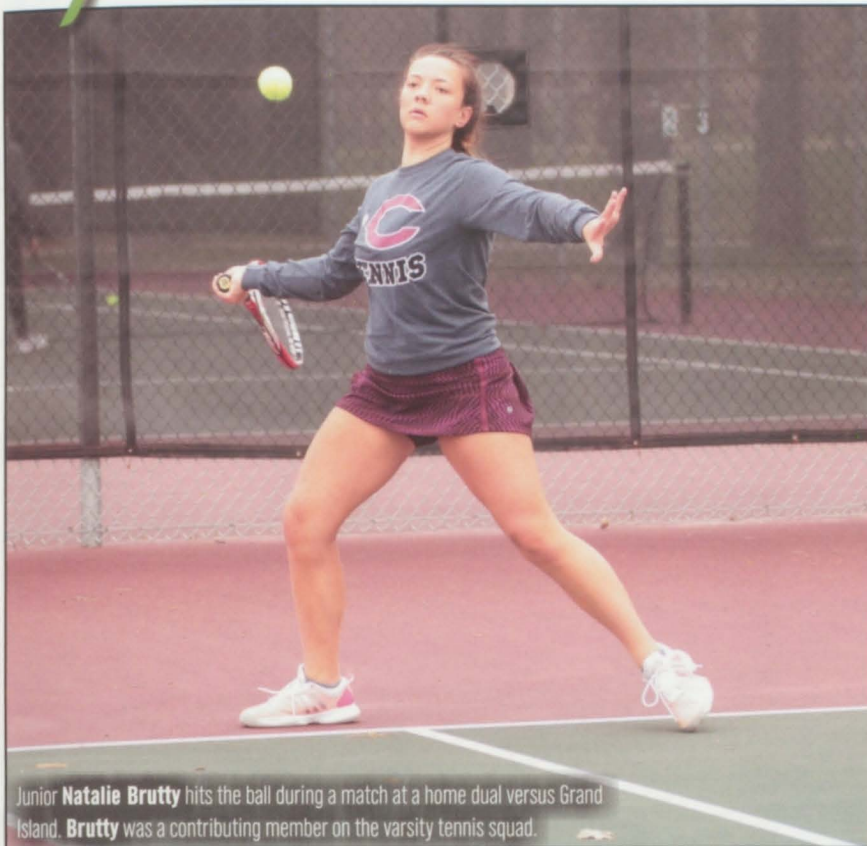
"Reaching personal milestones throughout the season, and then, unfortunately, breaking my ankle before I could reach more."

-**Jake Novicki, 11**

What will you remember most about the season?



OUR *positive mindset*...



Junior **Natalie Bratty** hits the ball during a match at a home dual versus Grand Island. **Bratty** was a contributing member on the varsity tennis squad.

Despite the dreary spring weather and challenging competition, the nine Scotus tennis players on the CHS/Scotus co-op girls' tennis team kept their head in the game to overcome adversity.

"The biggest challenge of the season was playing girls who were older and more advanced than me," freshman **MaKenzie Enderlin** said.

Varsity player junior **Natalie Bratty** agreed, "You have to learn how to play really tough girls and not get down on yourself."

Bratty stepped up for the CHS/Scotus co-op tennis team and was a varsity contributor, making the state tournament, but losing to her rival from Norfolk in the first round of the tournament.

"Tennis is all about what is going through your mind, and it's all up to your attitude before your match on how you will perform," **Bratty** stated.

Sophomore **Mira Liebig** also worked to improve on the mental aspect of the game to make herself a more skilled tennis player in order to contribute to the success of the tennis team who won five varsity and junior varsity duals throughout the season.

"I improved throughout the season by working to keep a positive mindset. Each time I hit the tennis ball, I aimed to be better than before," **Liebig** said.



"My favorite meets to compete at were when varsity, jv, and reserves all played together. The endless support of my teammates really helped me to compete to the best of my abilities."

-Maddie Sueper, 10



"The best meets are when we go as a whole team with varsity, jv, and reserves and compete together."

-Mira Liebig, 10



"The best meet was the first one although I lost. It was more of a learning experience, so I would know what I needed to work on."

-Rachael Lam, 9

What was the best meet of the season?



Junior **Tessa Bridger** focuses as she prepares to return the ball at the home dual against Hastings. Both the varsity and junior varsity teams beat Hastings at the dual.



OUR *stride for success* ●●●

The Scotus girls' track team experienced many victories throughout the season including the Wayne Invite, the Knights of Columbus Meet, and the City Triangular. The team consisted of 28 competitors and 2 managers. They had a 49-13 record for the season.

"We had some injuries this year. Some girls pushed through it, and other girls who needed to step up did," senior **Ashley Foreman** said, "Practices were tough, but our coaches always pushed us to do our best."

Many of the athletes recorded personal bests throughout the season. Some of these personal bests qualified them for the state meet. Senior **Jessica Buhman** qualified in triple jump by jumping her personal best by almost one and a half feet to clinch the third place spot to Burke. **Buhman** had another personal best at the state meet jumping 34 feet 11.25 inches earning her a fifth place medal.

Junior **Marika Spencer** won both shot put and discus at the district meet. **Spencer** broke her own school record in disc by 2 feet throwing 141 feet. **Spencer** went on to win both shot put and discus at the state meet as well.

Coach Tooley said, "We qualified 7 girls in 9 events to the state meet. The girls worked really hard throughout the season, and we were prepared to compete in all types of weather."

The girls had qualifiers in multiple events such as shot put, discus, high jump, triple jump, 100 meter high hurdles, 300 meter low hurdles, 400 meter run, and the 2 mile run. They ended their season with an 11th place finish at the class B state meet.



(above left) Senior **Kaylee Tonniges** sprints the open 400 meter race at the Knights of Columbus Invitational. (above right) Senior **Ashley Foreman** runs the second leg of the 3200 meter relay at the K.C. Invite.



Senior **Megan Schumacher** long jumps into the sand pit at the Schuyler Invite.





(top left) State qualifier sophomore **Kelsey Faust** races down the home straightaway on the last lap of the two mile race.

(top middle) State qualifier junior **Elley Beaver** clears the low hurdles at the conference meet at Pawnee Park

(top right) State qualifier junior **Marika Spencer** throws discus at the Nebraska Track and Field Festival.

(bottom left) State qualifier junior **Grace Odbert** leads the 200 meter dash finals at the K.C. Invite held at Pawnee Park.

(bottom middle) State qualifier senior **Amberly Parker** pole vaults at the K.C. Invite.

(bottom right) State qualifier senior **Jessica Buhman** triple jumps at the conference meet.

(below) State qualifier sophomore **Bailey Lehr** clears the high jump bar at the district meet held in Wayne.



"I love the 3200 meter relay because I love running with my group of girls, and we could all suffer through the 800 together."

-Ashley Foreman, 12



"I like the open 400 best because it's the race I am best at, and it's always super competitive."

-Grace Odbert, 11



"Discus, because it's more mental for me. Disc is technique. If your technique is off, your disc won't go anywhere."

-Marika Spencer, 11

What is your favorite event to compete in?



(above) Junior **Madison Kerkman** clears the high jump bar at the Scotus Relays.

(top left) Freshman **Debanhi Adame-Hernandez** hurdles the 100 meter low hurdles at the Knights of Columbus meet at Pawnee Park.

(top right) Senior **Haley Faust** pole vaults at the Knights of Columbus meet.

Grayson Bender plays on the infield during the K.C.

Invite at Pawnee Park. **Grayson**, son of Coach Danielle Bender, came to the home track meets and some practices throughout the season. He became known as the team's "mascot."



OUR *Time on the track* ●●●



Senior **Cody Mroczek** strides out as he finishes the 1600 meter relay at the Scotus Relays. **Mroczek** had a set back in the middle of the season due to an injury, but he finished his season overcoming and taking all class gold in the 400 meter run.

The Scotus boys' track team came up short as they competed at the state meet. Through the mud and rain that filled May 19th and 20th, four points separated Scotus and the runner-up team.

The boys' track team still had a successful season through the many meets they competed in. They finished their season with a record of 46-15-1.

Senior **Nathan Ostdiek** said, "Coming into the season, I was excited to see what I could do on the track. From leaving my last three state championships in soccer, my goals were to qualify for state in the 1600 and the 3200 and also medal in both. Throughout everything, I was ultimately glad I went out this year and had fun every day."

Ostdiek entered the state track meet qualifying in the 3200 meter relay, the 1600, and the 3200. He finished with an individual medal in the one mile receiving his personal best time.

Throughout the season, the Scotus boys' track team became more confident in themselves. They placed 4th at the KC Invite, tied for 5th at the Schuyler Fred- Arnold Invite, runner-up at the Centennial Conference, and finally runner-up at districts.

Sophomore **Elliott Thomazin** said, "My favorite meet was districts because of the amazing 3200 meter relay team we had. We were just hoping to qualify for state, so when **Hiemer** was the first to cross the finish line I was ecstatic. I never thought that I would bring home a gold 3200 meter relay medal."

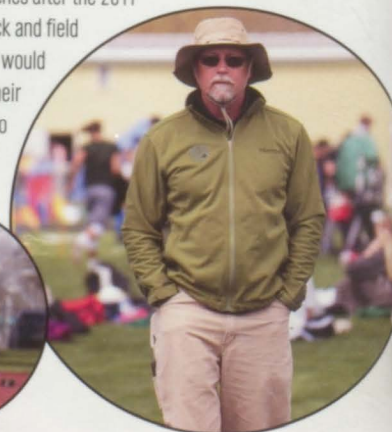
The 3200 meter relay team placed 14th at the state meet.

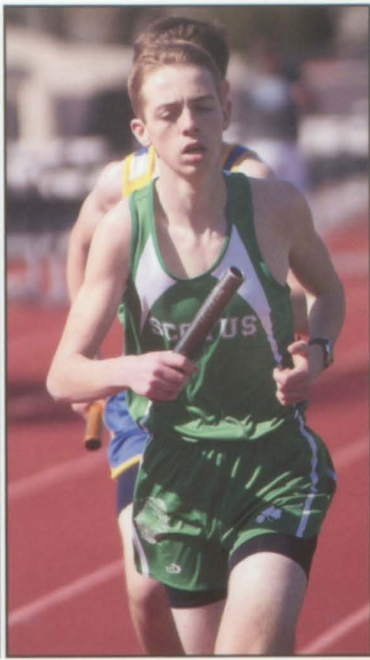
The Scotus boys' track team took six competitors and one alternate to the state track meet.

"Feels pretty great ending my high school career with my third class B gold medal in the 400, and it makes it even better that I finally got the all class gold medal," senior **Cody Mroczek** said.

Mroczek competed in the 100, 200, 400, and long jump at the state meet, medaling in all four events.

Coach **Merlin Lahm** hung up his stop watches after the 2017 track season. **Lahm** has been coaching track and field for Scotus the last 31 years. **Lahm** said, "I would like to thank all the past track athletes for their efforts and in making coaching so rewarding."





(left to right) Junior **Matt Strecker** sprints to the finish at the Schuyler meet. Junior **Matthew Bichlmeier** competes at the Scotus Relays. Bichlmeier was an alternate for the 3200 meter relay at the state meet. Junior **Lucas Schaecher** hurdles the 110 intermediate hurdles. State qualifier, junior **Chase Andresen** vaults himself over the bar at the Schuyler meet. **Andresen** tied the school record at 14 feet.



(above left to right) Senior **Nathan Hiemer** runs the last leg of the 3200 meter relay at the Scotus Relays. He competed in the state meet. Junior **Logan Zanardi** long jumps at the KC Invite. Senior **Nathan Ostdiek** competes in the Nebraska Track and Field Festival finishing 12th in the two mile and 10th in the mile. Ostdiek broke the 3200 meter indoor record at the Wesleyan Invite. Junior **Brandon Huynh** throws the shot at the KC Invite. (left) State qualifier, junior **Nathan Donoghue** runs the 3200 meter relay at the Scouts Relays.



"The 100 meter run so I could show off my speed in front of everyone!"

-Mitchell Halligan, 12



"Triple jump because I think it would be fun seeing how far I could jump, but I was always stuck in four other events."

-Grant Shanle, 10



"I have always wanted to compete in the 3200 meter run because I thought I could out last people, but I didn't have time to train."

-Dillon Muchmore, 12

What is one event you have always wanted to compete in but never have had the chance?



OUR *shift* in balance ●●●



Senior **Tate VunCannon** watches his shot as it flies toward the green on the ninth hole at Quail Run in Columbus.

The Scotus boys' golf team underwent a change in coaching staff at the end of last season. The previous head coach, **Karl Dierman**, ended his career with the Shamrocks, and the position was filled by computer apps, personal finance, and modern technology teacher, **Tyler Swanson**. In addition to receiving a new coach, the boys had to get used to the new approach produced by **Swanson**.

"The team has adjusted by switching from drills every day to playing nine holes most days," sophomore **Cameron Johnston** said.

The switch in leadership pushed the team to further their success as individuals and as a team. The smaller team size also allowed the boys to receive more personal help from their coach to improve.

"We kept working to reach our potential. The competitiveness between teammates helps when we compete at meets," junior **Colson Kosch** said.

This year nearly half of the Scotus golf team was made up of brothers senior **Tate VunCannon**, sophomore **Bryce VunCannon**, and freshman **Drew VunCannon**. The addition of the three siblings not only added talent, but brought a lighthearted attitude to the team.

"When Drew would hit a good shot, Tate would say, 'hey, that wasn't terrible,' and Drew would respond with, 'you're terrible,'" sophomore **Bryce VunCannon** said.

The brothers' rivalry with each other helped create a new mindset of competition within the team.

"My favorite moment was shooting an 83 and beating Bryce because that was a lot of fun," freshman **Drew VunCannon** joked.

The golf team placed seventh at the District meet held at the Wayne Country Club with a team score of 368, missing the state mark by 4 places. The season was over for everyone except the lone state qualifier, sophomore **Bryce VunCannon**, who took fifth place by shooting an 82. **VunCannon** competed at the State tournament at Highlands golf course in Lincoln and ended with a first-day score of 75 and a second-day score of 86.





"Consistency. If your shots are all over the place, it is hard to shoot low."

-Drew VunCannon, 9



"It is not about hitting every shot perfectly; it's about recovering and learning from your mistakes."

-Layne Schroeder, 12



"It is important to be mentally tough. It takes mental fortitude and extreme focus to score well."

-Tate VunCannon, 12

What, in your opinion, is the most important aspect of a good golf game?



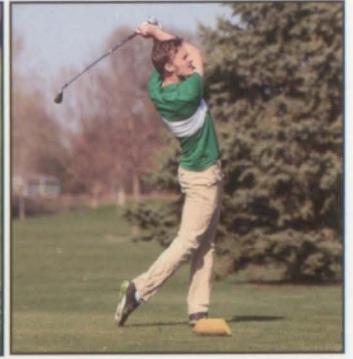
(left) Sophomore **Bryce VunCannon** putts on the practice green before a dual with Schuyler. The team took home their second victory at this meet.

(below, left to right) Junior **Colson Kosch** squats down to read the line of his next putt.

Sophomore **Cameron Johnston** sends a putt off the fringe towards the hole.

Sophomore **Blake Sucha** chips his ball out from underneath an over-hanging branch.

Senior **Tate VunCannon** tees off during a dual with Stanton. This was the Shamrock's first victory of the season.



(left to right) Senior **Layne Schroeder** chips his ball out of the trees on the fifteenth hole at Quail Run in Columbus. Freshman **Drew VunCannon** follows his putt as it approaches the hole.

VunCannon played on both junior varsity and varsity this year.

Sophomore **Sam Blaser** warms up his chipping before the first home dual at Quail Run.

Head golf coach **Tyler Swanson** talks with junior **Colson Kosch** and freshman **Drew VunCannon** before a dual against Stanton held at Quail Run Golf Course. This is Swanson's first season as the Shamrock's golf coach. Swanson took the challenge of rebuilding the boys' golf team after the loss of multiple varsity seniors last spring.



OUR *night of champions* ●●●



Senior **Cameron Swanson** goes across the stage to shake **Mrs. Dusel-Misfeldt's** hand during honors night. Awards Night is held every year to recognize students on their academic and fine art success and to award scholarships to deserving students.



(above) Activities director **Merlin Lahm** introduces the next speaker during the Athletic Banquet. Mr. Lahm also announced that he is not going to be coaching boys' track next year.

Students at Scotus partake in a wide range of activities. At this year's honors night and athletic banquet, Scotus recognized the student's success both in the classroom and on the field.

"Success to me is not necessarily winning, but giving it all that you have all the time," freshman **Tyler Palmer** said.

The night began with Honors Night. This is when students get acknowledged for all the organizations they are in as well as their success in individual classes. Seniors and other students are also awarded various scholarships.

"The thing that I like about Honors Night is it is a chance for those people not in sports to be recognized for their accomplishments," junior **Emily Carstens** said.

When Honors Night is over, students and parents make their way to the cafeteria for the Athletic Banquet. At the Athletic Banquet, students were awarded letters for their success in the extracurricular activities they partook in. There were also special awards such as Lifter of the Year, Female Athlete of the Year, and Male Athlete of the Year.

"I was surprised I won, but I was thankful for receiving the award for Athlete of the Year because it shows all of the hard work I have put in during the offseason," senior **Evan Chohon** said.





"Mr. Brockhaus, because he says what comes to mind and uses random gestures. I also love it when he makes fun of his kids".

-Alison Zoucha, 12



"Mr. Coulter, because he would make jokes at Levi Robertson, which I thought were pretty good".

-Cole Demuth, 9



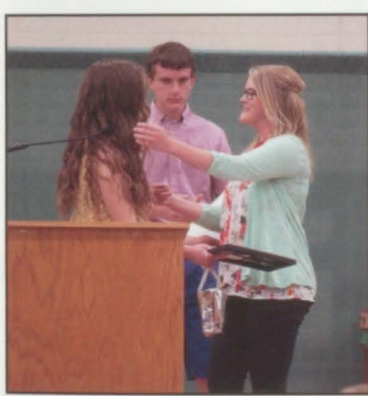
"Mrs. Zanardi, because one time I turned in a project late, and she made a point of it, which was funny".

-Inri Dimas, 10

If there was an award for the funniest teacher, who would win?



(left) Senior **Ashley Foreman** accepts the Gene G. Witt Scholarship, which is awarded to two male and two female athletes in either track or cross country. (bottom left) Three seniors **Cody Mroczek, Emma Strecker, and Evan Chohon** were voted Male and Female Athletes of the Year. (bottom middle) Soccer coach **Jon Brezenski** gives a speech on the soccer season and tells the Scotus community that he is stepping down from head coach next year. (below) Seniors **Tate VunCannon** and **Courtney Flint** both received the Babe Ruth Award at the Athletic Banquet.



(far left) Art teacher **Lindsay Dannelly** gives senior **Naomi Kosch** a hug after **Kosch** recognized Ms. Dannelly for her work since she is leaving Scotus. (middle) Senior **Emerson Belitz** smiles during Honors Night with her folder of awards. (left) Senior **Trevor Halligan** shakes hands with a representative from Loup as he receives a scholarship.



(left) Senior **Tate VunCannon** receives his awards during honors night. Tate VunCannon was the only senior chosen to be on All West Central Academic First Team. Seniors **Jessica Buhman, Naomi Kosch, and Luke Jarecke** were elected to All West Central Academic Second Team.



OUR *final goodbye*...



Seniors **Luke Jarecke** and **Eastyn Klink** enjoy their last moments with their class.



Seniors **Tatem Vance**, **Noah Tworek**, **Kaylee Tonniges**, and **Dalton Taylor** wait their turn to go and hand their mothers the class flower. The senior class chose white and gold as their class colors.

Though every school year ends with caps and gowns, every class that leaves a school is different. This year's senior class left an impact on the school, just like every other class has, but in their own, unique way.

"There was an immediate impact on the school when this year's senior class came in at the beginning of the year. They were so open and fun, and overall just has a positive influence on everyone at school. They were all just generally happy and enjoyable," Scotus chaplain **Fr. Capadano** said.

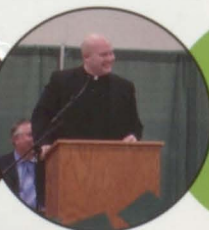
Senior class president **Alyssa Kuta** gave the welcoming speech during the graduation ceremony. She thanked all of Scotus and the parents for guiding them to be who they are and for giving them a place to always come home too.

"I wanted our class to realize that looking back on our time here at Scotus really has shaped us into the people we are today, and that's a gift we will always have," **Kuta** said.

Senior year always brings many memories that seniors will remember and miss most about their time at Scotus.

"I'm going to miss being around my friends every day and also all of my teachers. I've learned many good study habits from them," senior **Tatem Vance** said.

Senior **Sam Schacher** added, "My favorite memory is all of the debates in Mr. Brockhaus' classes."





"I am going to miss going to a small school and having small classes."

-Landri Swett, 12



"I am going to miss knowing everyone in my class and the school."

-Sam Schacher, 12



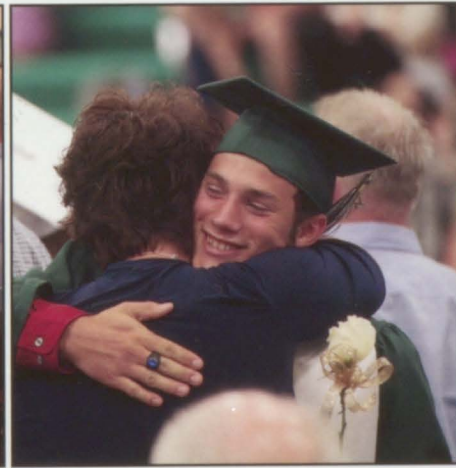
"I will miss the school cheese quesadillas the most."

-Maddie Sinovic, 12

What are you going to miss most about Scotus?



(top) Senior class president **Alyssa Kuta** gives the welcoming speech to all who attended the ceremony. (far left) Senior **Emma Ruskamp** receives her diploma from school board member Mike Novicki. (left) Senior **Nikki Hiner** walks across the stage to receive her diploma from school board member Jason Mielak.

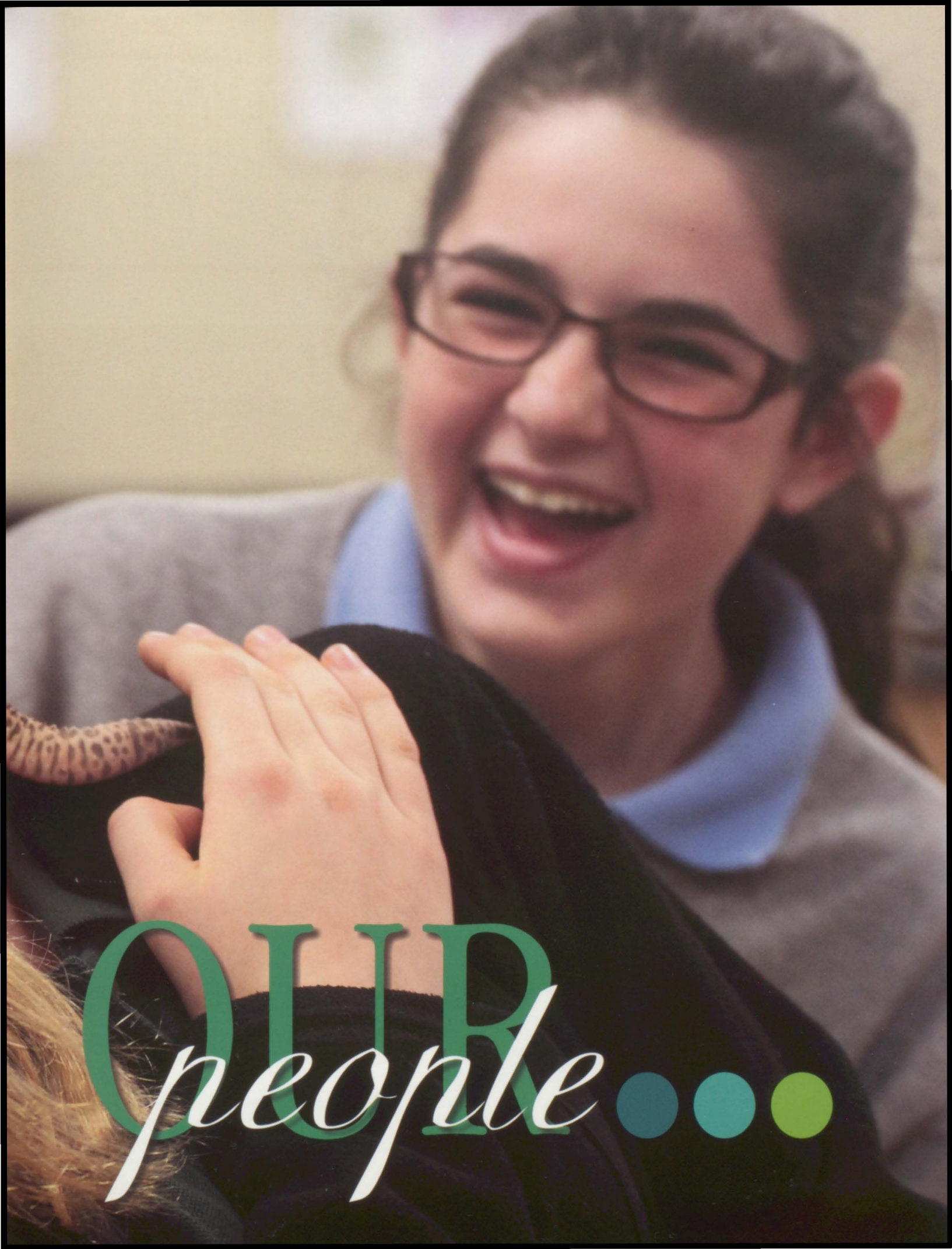


Senior **Mitchell Halligan** receives the Spirit of Scotus award from the school's president Jeff Ohnoutka. This award is given every year to a senior who shows their support to the school, has a strong faith, and is a positive influence to all underclassmen. Six students are selected by the staff, and one is voted to receive it at the graduation ceremony.

(above, left to right) Seniors **Megan Ohnoutka** and **Brady Miller** link arms as they walk out of the graduation ceremony. Senior **Jeffrey Wheelock** hugs his mother while giving her the class flower during the ceremony. Senior **Alayna Wilson** embraces her parents before she returns to her seat for the closing of the ceremony.







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OUR *dynamic duos*...



Teachers **Tyler Linder, Jarrod Ridder, Tyler Swanson, Kelly Koranda, Bridget McPhillips, and Zach McPhillips** pose with their babies. They were the six teachers who had children this year.

The Scotus staff had six teachers who fulfilled the role of "dynamic duos" by having babies this school year. Of those six, three were first-time parents: teachers **Kelly Koranda** and **Zach** and **Bridget McPhillips**. Teachers **Tyler Linder, Jarrod Ridder, and Tyler Swanson** also added to their families.

Bridget McPhillips stated, "I'm super excited for some baby snuggles! We're ready (as we'll ever be) for all parenthood's challenges. **Mr. McPhillips** is really excited for all the late night crying wakeups."

Koranda had a similar view on the upcoming idea of parenthood.

The 8th period Accelerated English class knows this dynamic duo all too well. Senior **Hunter Smith** and English teacher **Becki Zanardi** dueled it out on a daily basis about any and all topics. This like-minded duo had a unique love/hate relationship.

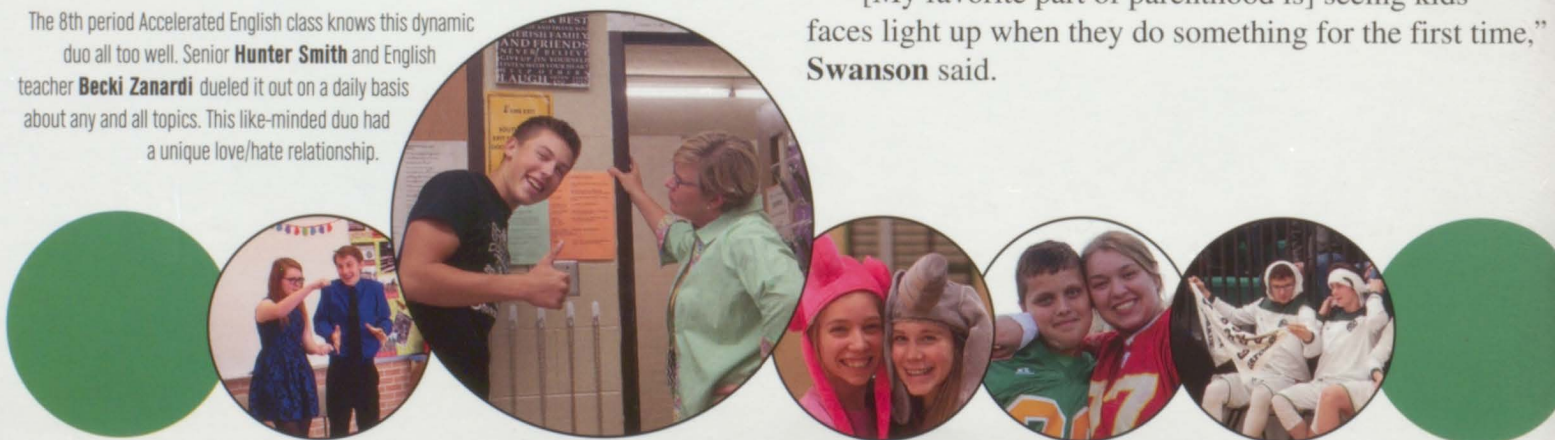
"[I look forward to] baby snuggles, watching the baby develop its own personality and interests, and being able to share family traditions with "Baby" as he/she grows up!" **Koranda** said.

The staff also had some experienced parents who added to their families. **Linder** took a different view on teaching after becoming a father.

"I have a lot more stories to tell. Being a father has taught me more about God the Father and his enormous heart," **Linder** commented.

Both the girls' and boys' basketball coaches, **Ridder** and **Swanson**, both already fathers, had to balance their families and teams during the season.

"[My favorite part of parenthood is] seeing kids' faces light up when they do something for the first time," **Swanson** said.



Look-A-Likes



Luke Jarecke



The Once-ler



Elley Beaver



Maiara Walsh



Sam Blaser



Know-It-All



Grace Odbert



Sandra Bullock



"Blake Lively. She is gorgeous and maybe a Ryan Reynolds look-a-like would marry me."

-Alison Zoucha, 12



"Ryan Reynolds, so I can marry a Blake Lively look-a-like."

-Abe Perault, 10



"Tom Hanks, because he's handsome and charming."

-Joel Schumacher, 8

If you could have one look-a-like, who would it be?

Teacher Couples



Merlin and Joan Lahm



Tom and Patricia Salyard



Zach and Bridget McPhillips



Jeff and Deb Ohnoutka



OUR *trending topics*...



Sophomore **Grant Shanle** goes to take a bite of a chicken nugget. Many students were upset the first time the school had chicken nuggets this year because the texture had changed from the previous year.

New changes happen all the time. One change that happened this year was the addition of the phone caddies. The phone caddies were supposed to be a tool to keep students focused on school and off their phones.

Senior **Layne Schroeder** said, "I think they're the wrong solution to the right problem. They invade the privacy of students, aren't effective, and most teachers don't even use them."

The caddies are supposed to be helpful, and students have varying opinions on the caddies. One such student is senior **Tate VunCannon**.

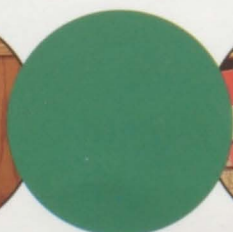
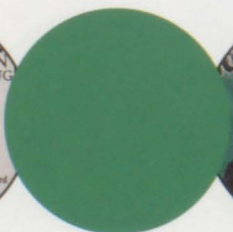
VunCannon said, "I think they are a useful educational tool that reduces distraction in the classroom when used effectively."

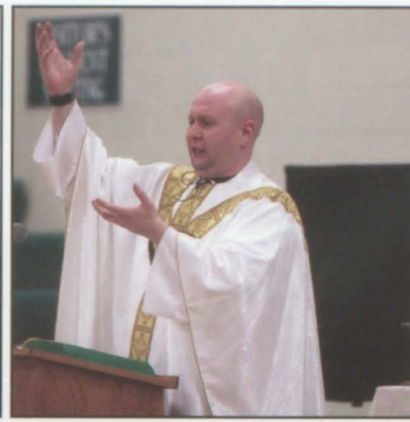
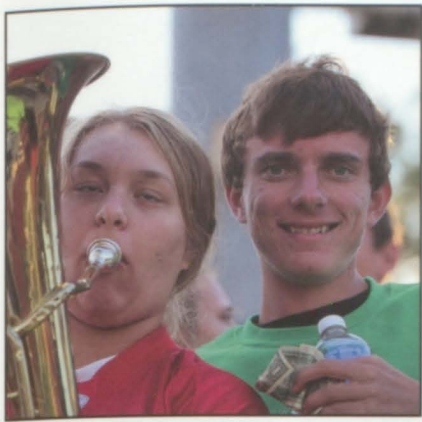
Some teachers would go to extreme lengths to get all their students to put their phones in the phone caddies.

Junior **Tadeu Antunes** said, "I would say that **Mrs. Bomar** has the best strategy because if a phone is not there, she is going to ask for it."

Although most of the teachers have class rules about the phone caddies, a couple teachers have none because they are so new.

Senior **Riley Roddy** said, "[The teacher with the best strategy for phone caddies is] **Mr. Brockhaus** because he doesn't really look at them, and it doesn't create a distraction like it does in other classrooms."





Everyone has awkward times in life. These pictures capture some of the most awkward moments of the school year. (top left) Senior **Emma Ruskamp** plays the baritone while senior **Zach Svehla** smiles for the camera. (top middle) Junior **Grace Wickham** throws the soccer ball onto the field. (top right) **Father Capadano** raises his hands for effect during his homily.



(far left) Senior **Tate VunCannon** dribbles the ball to the other side of the court after getting a steal. (middle) Junior **Trevor Kaslon** celebrates during the girls' district basketball game. (left) Sophomores **Lucas Schaecher** and **Zack Beiermann** play dodgeball during the dodgeball tournament.



"My favorite memory of this school year was our lock-in because we stayed up all night, and my team won the Advanced Warfare Tournament."

-**Eden Broberg, 7**



"Hearing Luke Jarecke and Carson Hottovy argue at lunch because they are both great philosophers."

-**Jake Novicki, 11**



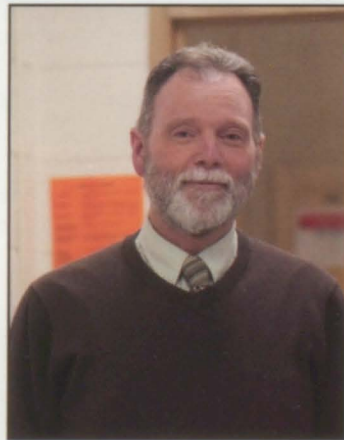
"When the seniors prank was totally ruined, and they had to repark their cars or get towed away."

-**Adelynn Newman, 11**

What is your favorite memory of this school year?

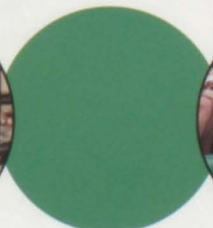


(above) Seniors **Luke Jarecke** and **Anthony Kosch** cheer with the banana man. The banana man from Lincoln Christian joined the Scotus student section in cheering on the girls' basketball team in their first round of the state tournament. (left) **Mr. Salyard**, the long loved Physics and Calculus teacher, grew a beard after returning from Christmas break.



Seniors **Nathan Ostdiek** and **Anthony Kosch** wear cheerleader outfits at the last pep rally of the year.

Ostdiek and **Kosch** upset some of the cheerleaders by saying that cheerleading was not a sport after they won their first state championship ever at Scotus, so the cheerleaders got back at them.



OUR *little rocks* ●●●



Members of the eighth grade class hold up the letter "L" with their fingers during the confirmation retreat as they sing the word "Lord."



(top) Eighth grader **Nicholas Gonzalez** plays the trombone during band class.
(above) Eighth graders **Justin Sliva**, **Lizzie Parker**, and **Cassie Kouma** play their band instruments for eighth grade band class.

Making the move to a new school can be difficult. Changing schools means leaving the comfort of the old school behind in pursuit of something new. "I really like coming to Scotus. Coming here, I get to see the high schoolers and what it is going to be like when I'm in high school," seventh grader **Gavin Brabec** said.

There are many changes when switching from elementary school to high school. Students get to meet new friends, encounter new teachers, and experience new beginnings. But, there are certain things about elementary school that students miss.

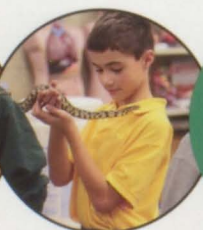
"The teacher that I miss the most is Mrs. Micek. She taught my other siblings. She was a great teacher, and she really cared about how each of us was doing," seventh grader **Audrey Sprunk** said.

Something unique about Scotus' junior high is that they are combined with the senior high. In some schools, the junior high is a separate building from the high school.

"I really like it. It's a different experience from other places, and I believe we have more freedoms," seventh grader **Camille Cox** said.

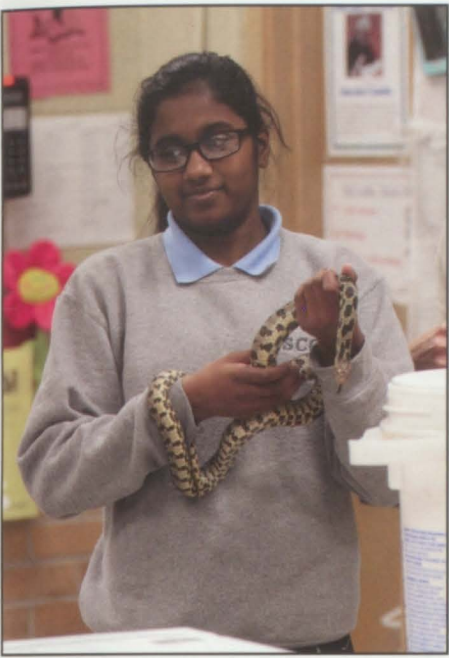


(left) Seventh grader **Christopher Adame-Hernandez** runs down the practice field during the first ever Shepherd's Program Ultimate Football game. All of the seventh graders were invited to play, and the high schoolers involved with the Shepherd's Program also played on teams with the seventh graders.





(far left) Eighth grader **Ross Thorson** holds a bucket to catch a ball on his head. (middle) Eighth grader **Maddie Blaser** throws a ball as fellow eighth graders **Michael Gasper** and **Clarissa Kosch** watch on during the eighth grade Confirmation retreat. (left) Seventh graders **Ellie Fehringer** and **Makenna Svehla** stand in the circle during a game for their seventh grade retreat.



(far left) Seventh grader **Vijay Wemhoff** holds a live snake during science class. (top middle) Seventh grader **Carson Czarnick** jumps onto the pad diving for a volleyball while fellow seventh graders **Jamie Kozak**, **Tyler Stuart**, **Lyndon Obal**, and **Zoe LeVier** watch on. (above) Seventh graders **Garrett Oakley**, **Israel Robledo**, **Chance Bailey**, and **Calder Obal** get in a circle for their seventh grade retreat. (left) Eighth grader **Nicolas Schultz** types on a Lenovo during careers class.



"Jake Novicki, because he is really funny and makes a fool of himself. He always comes up and says, hi."

-Lucianne Aviles, 8



"Emma Strecker, because she is just who she is and won't let others bring her down."

-Olivia Fehringer, 8



"Josh Hergott, he is friends with my brother, and he is really nice."

-Jake Heesaker, 8

Who is your favorite upper classman?



(top left) Eighth grader **Olivia Klug** dribbles the ball up the court against Norfolk Catholic. (above) Eighth grader **Ava Kuhl** drives past a Norfolk Catholic defender. (left) The eighth grade girls' basketball team celebrates after their last eighth grade basketball game.





Shelly Adams



Kris Andresen



Holly Bettenhausen



Andy Bierman



Joan Birchem



Kristie Bird



Julie Blaser



Gail Bomar



Pat Brockhaus



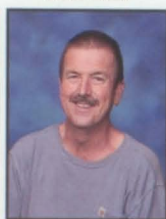
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Wade Coulter



Kristen Cox



Rob Daniels



Lindsay Dannelly



Lauri Diamond



Jane Dusel-Misfeldt



Connie Gibson



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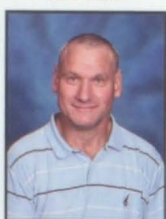
Laurie Hergott



Cathy Hoops



Brooke Hughes



Kevin Jedlicka



Carmen Johnson



Kelly Koranda



Susie Korth



Deb Krumland



Joan Lahm



Merlin Lahm



Tyler Linder



Oliver Loseke



Charlene McKown



Bridget McPhillips



Zach McPhillips



Melanie Mimick



Josephine Moody



Mary Ann Oehlrich

Do you have any fun stories from the school year?



"I saved the lives of all my students at Mass by killing a wasp with my bare hands! Okay, maybe that is an exaggeration, but true."

-Angie Rusher



"My speech class found a stuffed monkey after homecoming and named it Peaches. Peaches is my class 'pet' and hangs out on the wall."

-Melanie Mimick



"Telling my classes I'm pregnant; I stuck the announcement in a slide of notes, and it was great to watch their reactions! Some people accidentally wrote it in their notes before they read it!"

-Kelly Koranda



"Eighth graders who try to rap and freshmen who are obsessed with making slime. Oh, and all the 'kindergarten comments'."

-Bridget McPhillips

Scotus president **Jeff Ohnoutka** makes a funny face for the camera at the first home basketball game, which was held on December 1. Ohnoutka has previously coached the basketball team and has taught numerous history classes throughout his years at Scotus. Ohnoutka took over as president at the end of the 2016 school year.



OUR Faculty...



Deb Ohnoutka Jeff Ohnoutka Cathy Podliska Jarrod Ridder Janice Rosenquist



Joe Schoenfelder Angie Rusher Laura Salyard Patti Salyard Tom Salyard



John Schueth Helen Schumacher Kaye Stuchl Tyler Swanson Alison Timoney



Janet Tooley Pam Weir Becki Zanardi Marge Zegar

With the start of the school year last August, also came the start of five new teachers' stories at Scotus. Teachers **Bridget McPhillips, Zach McPhillips, Melanie Mimick, Helen Schumacher, and Alison Timoney** were welcomed to the Scotus family this fall.

English teacher **Melanie Mimick** not only began teaching English classes, but also took on the role of coach for the Shamrock speech team this year.

"The day before school started a group of freshmen girls came into my room and introduced themselves. That's when I knew I'd enjoy it here," **Mimick** said.

Math teacher **Zach McPhillips** grew up in Humphrey, Nebraska and is a graduate of Wayne State College.

"I have enjoyed getting to know the Scotus family of students, faculty, and staff, and the rest of the community," **McPhillips** commented.

Prior to teaching here, English teacher **Helen Schumacher** taught at a D-1 school and liked the change of environment the Scotus offered.

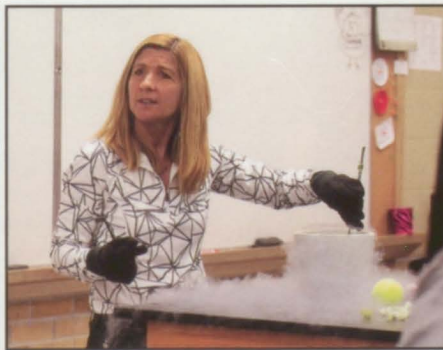
"The bigger class sizes make group work and activities so much more exciting," **Schumacher** said.

Math teacher **Alison Timoney** has had Catholic school experience as she graduated from David City Aquinas.

"[My favorite part of teaching here] is that there are not really any disciplinary problems," **Timoney** added.

Science teacher **Bridget McPhillips** graduated from Wayne State along with her husband, **Zach McPhillips**.

"My students have been wonderful! I love teaching at a school where I get to live out my Catholic faith with others," **McPhillips** concluded.



(left to right) **Father Matthew Capadano** plays with a student's Child Development baby during one of his religion classes.

Chemistry teacher and NHS sponsor **Jane Dusel-Misfeldt** does a demonstration with liquid nitrogen for her class of juniors.

Band director **Kristen Cox** smiles as the junior high plays a piece of music correctly.





Christopher Adame-Hernandez



Elizabeth Adamy



Callie Backman



Chance Bailey



Allie Baumert



Zane Beiermann



Noah Bierman



Devon Borchers



Gavin Brabec



Eden Broberg



Kyanne Casperson



Adriana Cieloha



Tyler Cline



Camille Cox



Carson Czarnick



Alaina Dierman



Avery Dierman



Nick Ehlers



Riley Eickmeier



Nathaniel Eisenmenger



Ellie Fehringer



Nolan Fleming



Carson Hoefer



Stephanie Hoenk



Cole Hottovy



Abee Hutchinson



Austin Kahlant



Berlin Kluever



Jamie Kozak



Halle Langan



Laine Leitschuck



Zoë LeVier



Paxton Lusche



Kate Maguire



Dominic McPhillips



Grace Mustard

What was the biggest change that you had to overcome coming to Scotus?



"The biggest change I had to overcome is the number of teachers. In elementary school you had one main teacher, but now we have around 9-11."

-Ashley Steiner, 7



"The biggest change I had to overcome was probably trying to remember where all of my classes are."

-Ethan Wulf, 7



"The biggest change that I had to overcome was the building size being so much larger than elementary school."

-Elizabeth Adamy, 7



"The biggest change for me was switching classes because I would grab the wrong books."

-Eden Broberg, 7

7th graders **Nate Wemhoff, Zane Beiermann, Ethan Wulf, Devon Borchers, and Riley Eickmeier** relax before school on the couch left behind by former youth director Brenna Prem.

The couch is used every day by students to relax, do homework, and play games on their phones.



OUR 7th graders...



Halle Nolte



Garrett Oakley



Calder Obal



Lyndon Obal



Sophie Palmer



Hannah Pflum



Ben Policky



Luke Pryzmus



Adam Quinn



Sierra Quinn



Sydney Quinn



Israel Robledo



Jack Ryan



Payton Schroeder



Trevor Schumacher



Tim Sliva



Audrey Sprunk



Gwen Stachura



Ashley Steiner



Tyler Stuart



Regan Sucha



Makenna Svehla



Seth VunCannon



Chloe Walker



Nate Wemhoff



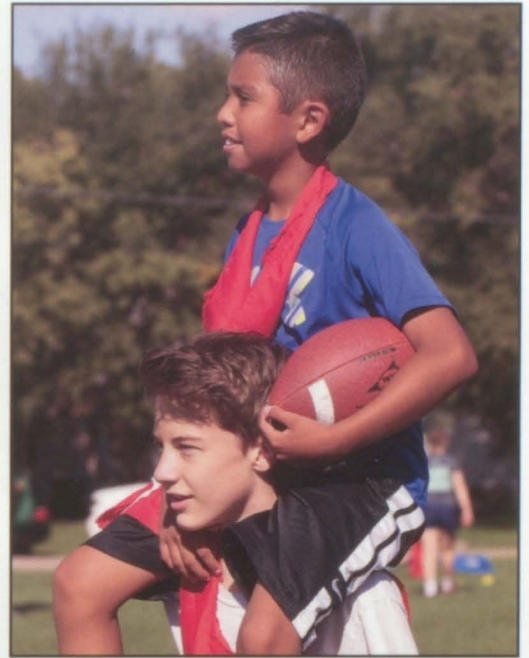
Vijay Wemhoff



Peter Woodhams



Ethan Wulf



(top) Seventh grader **Adam Quinn** carries classmate **Christopher Adame-Hernandez** during the first Shepherds Program event after the school year began. They were taught about teamwork through the ultimate football tournament. (above) Seventh graders **Luke Pryzmus**, **Stephanie Hoenk**, and **Ashley Steiner** practice on their saxophones during band class. (left) **Ellie Fehringer** and **Sophie Palmer** search for someone to attack at the student council dodgeball tournament.





Lucy Aviles



Katelyn Bayer



Laura Bettenhausen



Jacob Bierman



Maddie Blaser



Evan Bock



Gillian Brandt



Alexis Braziel



Shelby Bridger



Kamryn Chohon



Kaira Dallman



Alli Demuth



Matthew Dolezal



Anna Ehlers



Josh Faust



Keira Feehan



Olivia Fehringer



Emily Ferguson



Bryce Foreman



Brennan Frewing



Sebastien Fritz



Michael Gasper



Nathaniel Gokie



Nic Gonzales



Trenton Hamling



Jake Heesacker



Mason Hinze



Benjamin Juarez Mendez



Ben Kamrath



Nathan King



Olivia Klug



Noah Korth



Clarissa Kosch



Cassie Kouma



Josh Kratochvil



Michaela Kresha

Would you rather be attacked by a swarm of bees or a big bear?



"A swarm of bees because I could 'buzz' out of there."

-Olivia Fehringer, 8



"A swarm of bees because I would have a better chance of surviving."

-Noah Korth, 8



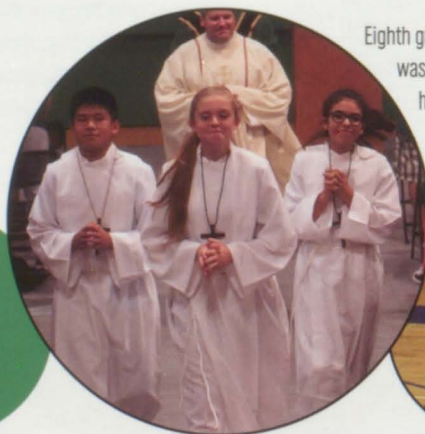
"A big bear because if you are with other people, you just have to outrun one of them."

-Maddie Blaser, 8



"A swarm of bees because I would have a better chance of survival. Unless it's a teddy bear."

-Madison Wittwer, 8



Eighth graders **Kade Wiese**, **Anna Ehlers**, and **Mariela Vazquez** serve at the Archdiocesan Youth Rally that was held at Scotus. The Youth Rally is the confirmation retreat for the eighth grade class. The students had a day filled with fun and games. They were given the opportunity to receive confession, took part in adoration with praise and worship music, and enjoyed many talks given by various speakers. The students ended the day with Mass.



OUR 8th grade...



Ava Kuhl



Riley Luebe



McKenna Mausbach



Ben Merrill



Tanley Miller



Grant Neville



Alex Novicki



Christina Oakley



Lizzie Parker



Camille Pelan



Simon Pichler



Jaelyn Podolak



Ashtyn Preister



Janae Rusher



Evan Ruskamp



Nicolas Schultz



Joel Schumacher



Simon Schumacher



Jordan Skipton



Justin Sliva



Ross Thorson



Mariela Vazquez



Kade Wiese



Louis Williams



Madison Wittwer



Kaden Young



(far left top) Eighth grader **Joel Schumacher** runs away with the flag during a game of advanced warfare while fellow classmates **Josh Faust** and **Micheal Gasper** prepare for the next game.

(far left bottom) Eighth graders **Clarissa Kosch**, **Kamryn Chohon**, **Emily Ferguson**, and **Alli Demuth** hold hands and pray after a basketball game.

(left) Eighth graders **Janae Rusher**, **Jaelyn Podolak**, **Gillian Brandt**, and **Camille Pelan** pose for a picture during the Archdiocesan Youth Rally.





Debanhi Adame-Hernandez



Jared Beaver



Sarah Bichlmeier



Alyson Bierman



Dalton Borchers



Kenzie Brandenburg



Ryan Brandenburg



Emmitt Broberg



Amber Buhman



Molly Carstens



Antonio Chavez Quiroga



Haylee Cielocha



Jacey Clarey



Brock Clarke



Cole Demuth



Collin Dreher



Tim Ehlers



MaKenzie Enderlin



Evan Hand



Henry Hernandez



Kyle Hiemer



McKenna Hoefler



Alexa Jones



Adam Kamrath



Rachael Lam



Brea Lassek



Morgan Littlefield



Sydney Martinsen



Max Middendorf



Allie Mielak



Emily Miksch



Eric Mustard



Ava Newman



Austin O'Kane



Chloe Odbert

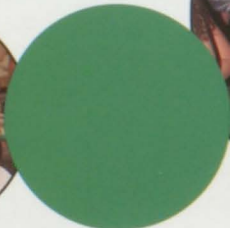


Lauren Ostdiek

(right) Freshmen girls prepare for school by quizzing each other before classes begin. (far right) Freshmen **Connor Wiehn, Levi Robertson, Alexa Jones, and Jared Beaver** cheer for their class' competitors at the winter pep rally.



Freshmen **Alexa Jones** and **Kate Smith** dance the night away at Homecoming. Freshmen year is the first year students are able to participate in the school dances. They are able to attend the homecoming and winter ball dances. The dances along with other activities are some opportunities available for students to participate in when they enter high school.



OUR freshmen...



Tyler Palmer



Levi Robertson



Kate Smith



Katie Stachura



Nick Taylor



Jaycee Ternus



Samantha Tonniges



Tyler Vaught



Drew VunCannon



Jacob Weyers



Connor Wiehn



Kaleb Wiese



Liza Zaruba



(top left) **Antonio Chavez Quiroga** plays UNO in Spanish I with his classmates.
 (top right) **Chloe Odbert** and **Alexa Jones** participate in a game at a pep rally.
 (far left) Freshmen support the boys' varsity basketball team at a home game.
 (left) **Emily Miksch** and **Levi Robertson** discuss a book in **Ms. Mimick's** English class.

In your opinion, how is high school different from junior high?



"Days go by a lot faster, which is great."
-Dalton Borchers, 9



"I think in high school you're a lot less terrified of the upperclassmen. I mean there is still a little fear, but not as much."
-Kate Smith, 9



"In high school you have more responsibilities and education starts to apply to real life."
-Collin Dreher, 9



"I don't think high school is that much different than junior high because we stayed in the same building."
-Haylee Cielocha, 9





Hannah Allen



Zack Beiermann



Logan Bennett



Luke Bettenhausen



Sam Blaser



Emma Brandt



Bailey Christensen



Inri Dimas



Blaney Dreifurst



Prestyn Engel



Kelsey Faust



Callan Fuchser



Colby Gilson



Brian Gutierrez



Gary He



Bekah Hergott



Caitlin Hottovy



Alex Jacobo



Logan Johnson



Mattie Johnson



Cameron Johnston



Tara Kamrath



Jersie Keller



Kendra Korger



Caleb Kosch



Courtney Kosch



Konner Kudron



Braden Labenz



Bailey Lehr



Mira Liebig



Kaity Lovell



Olivia Lyons



Carolina Majem Garces



Isaac McPhillips



Jackson Neville



Rylie Olson

Who is the worst driver in your class?



"Emily Stutzman because she passes people on 35 mph roads."

-Drew Zaruba, 10



"Libbie Zeller because she hit a mailbox."

-Olivia Lyons, 10



"Aaron Peterson! He got two tickets in one week."

-Logan Johnson, 10



"Callan Fuchser is the worst because she comes to a complete stop every stop sign..."

-Julia Salerno, 10



Sophomore twin sisters, **Daniela** and **Mariana Valdez Ortiz**, pose together during their algebra class. The sophomore class has two sets of twins: the Valdez sisters, and **Courtney** and **Caleb Kosch**. While the Valdez sisters are identical twins and are often mistaken for one another, the Kosch's are fraternal twins and are easily distinguishable.



OUR sophomores...



Isaac Ostdiek



Hallie Parker



Caden Pelan



Abram Perault



Aaron Peterson



Julia Pichler



Collin Podolak



Cheydon Puntney



Julia Salerno



Lucas Schaecher



Nathan Schumacher



Natalie Semin



Grant Shanle



Evan Sliva



Abigail Stuart



Emily Stutzman



Blake Sucha



Maddie Sueper



Elliott Thomazin



Carter Thorson



Eduardo Torres



Daniel Twerek



Daniela Valdez Ortiz



Mariana Valdez Ortiz



Bryce VunCannon



Kayden Walnofer



Tyler Wurtz



Tommy Yu



Drew Zaruba



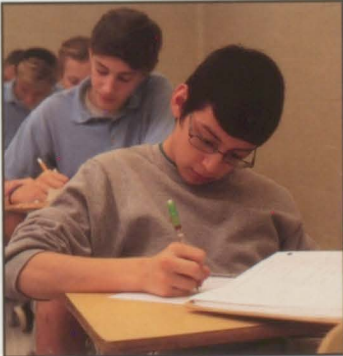
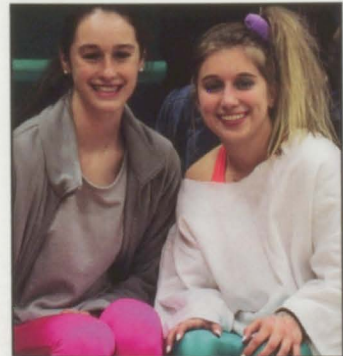
Libbie Zeller



Abbie Zoucha



(far left) Sophomores **Emily Stutzman** and **Mira Liebig** sit in the student section during a basketball game. The student section theme was the 80's.
 (middle) Sophomores **Eduardo Torres** and **Bryce VunCannon** work on their homework during study hall.
 (left) Sophomores **Lucas Schaecher**, **Emma Brandt**, and **Konner Kudron** represent the sophomore class at the fall pep rally.





Wren Allen



Chase Andresen



Tadeu Antunes Martins



Elley Beaver



Grant Bettenhausen



Matthew Bichlmeier



Ellie Bock



Shania Borchers



Tessa Bridger



Natalie Brutty



Emily Carstens



Charles Case



Trey Dallman



Nathan Donoghue



Kaitlyn Enderlin



Maggie Feehan



Thiago Ferreira Pereira



Austyn Follette



Kelly Franco-Sagastume



Jared Gaspers



Aaron Gonka



Noah Greisen



Kayla Hall



Macy Hamling



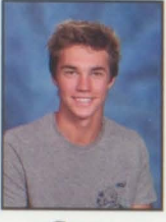
Qin "Flora" He



Joshua Hergott



Calen Hinze



Carson Hottovy



Brandon Huynh



Tisa Kasik



Trevor Kaslon



Madison Kerkman



Kyle Kobza



Colson Kosch



Brock Kracman



Jady Larsen

What is your biggest pet peeve when in the classroom?



"When teachers don't erase the board totally. They leave specks all over, and they write over them as if they don't see them." **-Grace Odbert, 11**



"When people tap their pencils during class and study hall." **-Noah Greisen, 11**



"When someone near me is chewing their gum loudly while the room is silent." **-Kelly Franco-Sagastume, 11**



"When someone asks a question the teacher just answered." **-Kendra Wiese, 11**

Junior **Duke Lin** helps his classmate **Thiago Ferreira Pereira** during their Computer Business Applications class. The junior class welcomed five foreign exchange students this year. They came from various countries including China, Brazil, and Vietnam.



OUR *juniors*...



Thong "Todd" Le



Shixiang "Duke" Lin



Bryan Littlefield



Tyler Miksch



Jacob Morse



Alyssa Morton



Logan Mueller



Madeline Neville



Adelynn Newman



Jake Novicki



Winston Obal



Grace Odbert



Alex Preister



Faith Przymus



Matt Quinn



Morgan Rinkol



Kaylie Rocha



Jenna Salerno



Landon Sokol



Marika Spencer



McKenna Spenceri



Allison Starzec



Caitlin Steiner



Matt Strecker



Jadyn Taylor



Trevor Vaught



Alaina Wallick



Grace Wickham



Kendra Wiese



Kelli Williams



Logan Zanardi



(left) Juniors **Grace Odbert, Ellie Bock, Tessa Bridger, and Morgan Rinkol** huddle together during the junior retreat. The class went to Duncan for a day of bonding, games, and Mass.
(above) Juniors pose for the camera showing their school spirit. The homecoming pep rally was held on "Spirit Day" during homecoming week.





Emerson
Belitz
UNL - Communications



Tyler
Brandenburg
UNL - Undecided



Jessica
Buhman
Creighton - Pre-Pharmacy



Evan
Chohon
Missouri Western University -
Exercise Science



Matt
Csukker
UNO - Computer Science



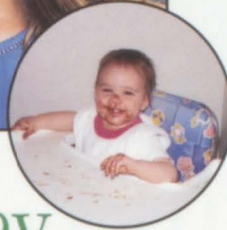
Kira
Dreher
Wayne State - Music Education

OUR
seniors ●●●





Haley
Faust
UNL - Business and Spanish



Courtney
Flint
UNO - Undecided



Adam
Foreman
Northeast CC - Drafting



Ashley
Foreman
Wayne State - Elementary
Education



Bennett
Frewing
CCC - Meteorology



Wyatt
Gutzmer
UNK - Business Administration





Mitchell
Halligan

UNL - Secondary Education



Trevor
Halligan

CCC - Counseling



Emily
Hand

Chadron State - Physical
Therapy



Nathan
Hiemer

Wayne State - Computer
Information Systems



Nikki
Kiner

Wayne State - Elementary
Education



Matt
Koenk

UNL - Undecided

OUR
seniors...





Luke
Farecke
UNL - Pre-Health



Eastyn
Klink
UNL - Occupational Therapy



Anthony
Kosch
Northeast CC - Business



Naomi
Kosch
UNO - Neuroscience and Spanish



Keaton
Rudron
UNO - Software Engineering



Alyssa
Kruta
UNO - Business and Spanish





River
Liebig
UNL - Education



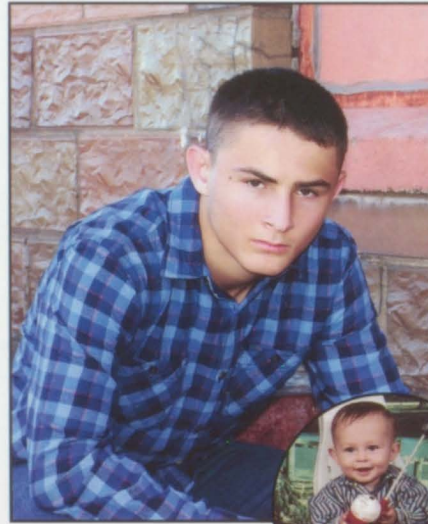
Hannah
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UNL - Pre-Health



Brady
Miller
CCC - Finance



Cody
Broczek
UNL - Business Administration

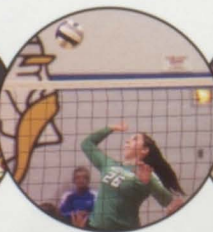
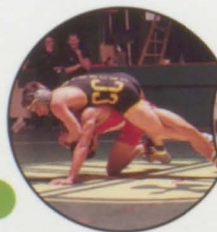


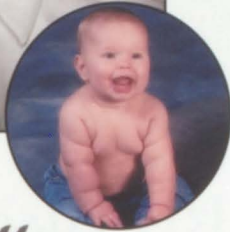
Dillon
Muchmore
CCC - Advanced
Manufacturing



Jared
Mulligan
CCC - Advanced
Manufacturing and Design

OUR
seniors





Layton Mullinix

Northeast CC - Physical Therapy



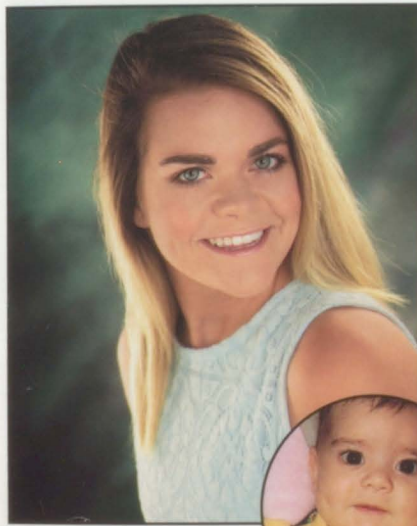
Chase Newman

South Dakota State - Electrical Engineering



Mallory O'Hearn

UNO - Psychology



Megan Ohnoutka

Northeast CC - Graphic Design



Nathan Ostdiek

Washington University, Saint Louis - Mechanical Engineering



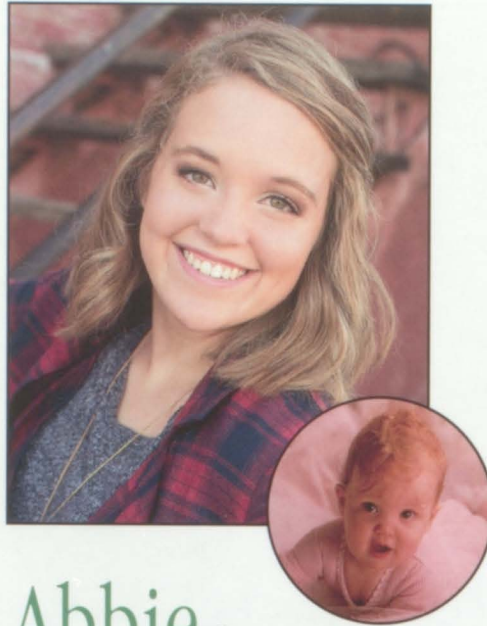
Duncan Paczosa

UNL - Pre-Veterinarian Medicine

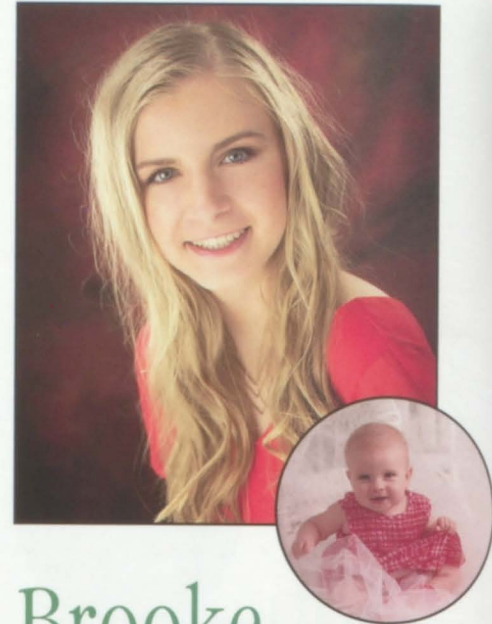




Amberly Parker
UNL - Undecided



Abbie Perault
UNL - Architecture



Brooke Podolak
College of St. Mary's - Nursing



Crystal Pinkol
UNO - Criminology



Riley Roddy
CCC - Mechanics



Emma Ruskamp
UNO - Environmental Sciences

OUR seniors





Sam Schacher
CCC - Undecided



Natalie Schaecher
Wayne State - Fashion Merchandising



Layne Schroeder
Northeast CC - Business Administration



Megan Schumacher
UNL - Elementary Education



Cassie Seckel
CCC/Midland - Education

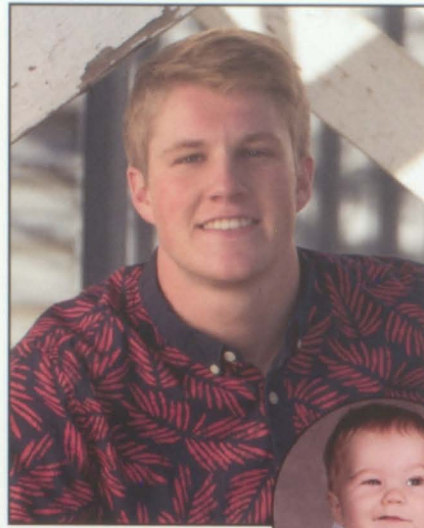


Maddie Sinovic
Iowa State University - Chemical Engineering

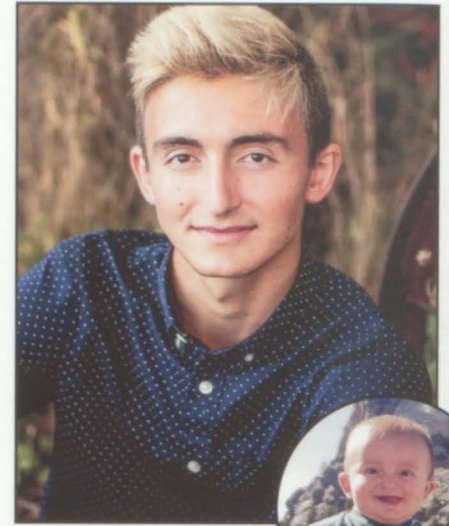




Hunter
Smith
UNK - Computer Science



Will
Sonderman
UNL - Agribusiness



Anthony
Sprunk
Columbia College, Chicago -
Music Technology



Emma
Strecker
Benedictine - Biology



Zach
Svehla
UNL - Business Marketing



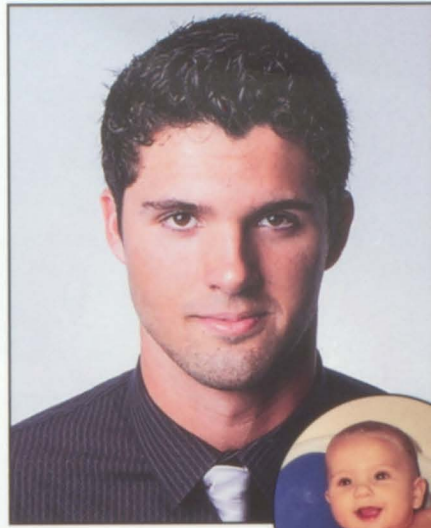
Cameron
Swanson
Doane - Computer Science

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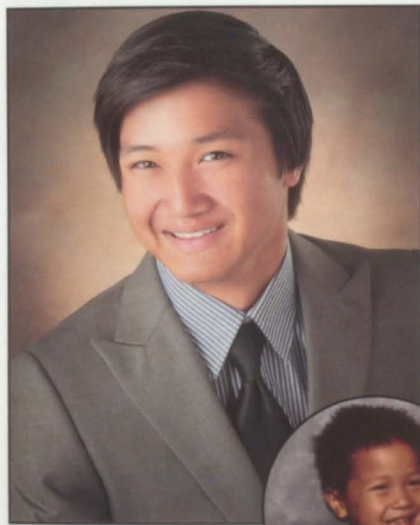
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Dalton
Taylor
Drake - Business Finance



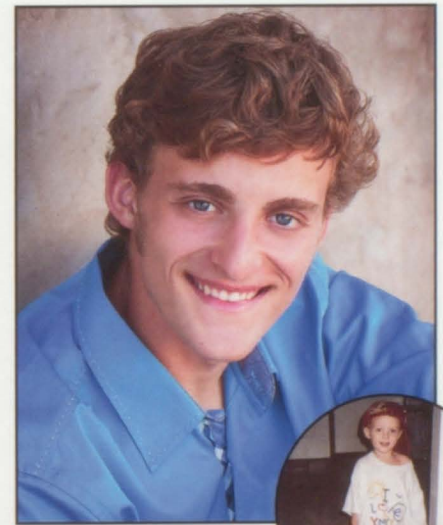
Kaylee
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College of Saint Mary's -
Occupational Therapy



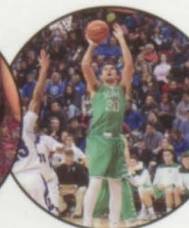
Noah
Cworek
Southeast CC, Milford - Auto
Tech and Auto Body



Tatem
Vance
UNL - Equine Science



Tate
VanCannon
Creighton - Pre-Pharmacy





Jeffrey Wheelock
Chadron State - Psychology & Counseling



Alayna Wilson
UNL - Speech-Language Pathology



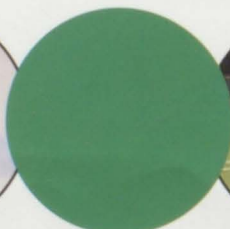
Alison Zoucha
UNO - Pre-Nursing

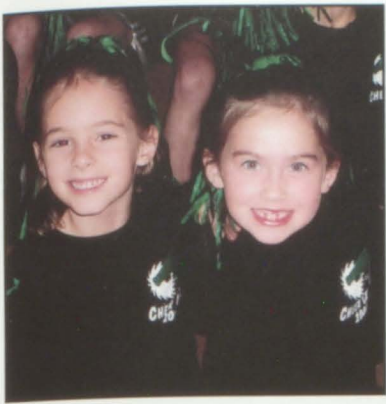


(above left to right) **Alayna Wilson** and **Cassie Seckel** smile after they participate in St. Anthony's elementary track and field meet. **Nathan Hiemer**, **Duncan Paczosa**, **Keaton Kudron**, **Anthony Kosch**, and **Jared Mulligan** celebrate a birthday at the bowling alley. **Tyler Brandenburg**, **River Liebig**, **Nathan Ostdiek**, **Evan Chohon**, and **Jeffrey Wheelock** pose together at the St. Bon's music concert. (left to right) **Alison Zoucha** and **Ashley Foreman** take a picture in the St. Bon's social hall before school. **Natalie Schaecher**, **Naomi Kosch**, **Alyssa Kuta**, **Amberly Parker**, and **Kira Dreher** travel to the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo for their fifth grade field trip.

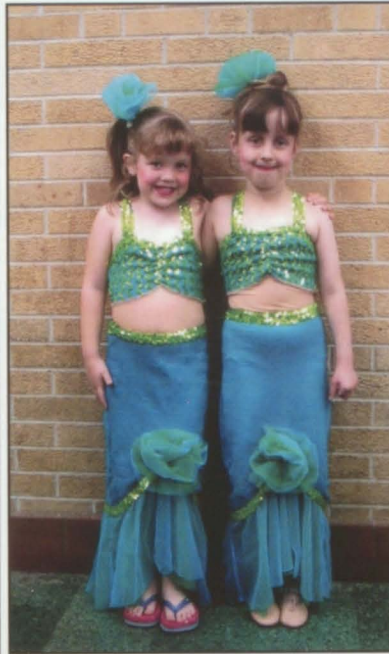


OUR seniors





(left to right) **Courtney Flint** and **Mallory O'Hearn** participate in the Scotus cheer camp. **Abbi Wendt** and **Haley Faust** have a great time together at the seventh grade retreat. These two were friends since grade school. **Abbie Perault, Audrey Dworek, Chris Voter, Kaylee Tonniges,** and **Hunter Smith** all hold up their pumpkins they picked on their field trip to Vala's Pumpkin Patch .



(left to right) **Amberly Parker, Emma Strecker, Hannah Mielak, Megan Ohnoutka,** and the **Rambour sisters** say cheese to the camera at **Hannah's** birthday party. **Abbie Perault** and **Emerson Belitz** dress up as little mermaids to perform in **Lynette's** Dance Recital. These two have danced at **Lynette's** Dance Studio since pre-school. The boys of the **St. Isidore's** class gather together to celebrate **Mitchell** and **Trevor Halligan's** birthday. There are three sets of twins within the senior class. (left below) The boy's junior high football team smile after playing their last game together before they head into high school sports. (left bottom) **Maddie Sinovic, Megan Schumacher, Emerson Belitz,** and **Brooke Podolak** play dress up together.



"Mrs. Koranda because she taught me a great deal about the Catholic Faith. Her passion for her faith, and the kindness she shows to her students left a lasting impact on me. I hope to model her in that regard."

-Jessica Buhman, 12



"Mr. Salyard because he has very effective teaching while keeping it light and fun."

-Lucas Jarecke, 12



"Mr. Brockhaus has had the biggest impact on my scholastic career because he makes coming to school fun and engages with his students like no other teacher."

-Emma Ruskamp, 12

Which teacher or staff member has had the most impact on you throughout your Scotus career?



OUR boys' tennis ●●●



First Row: Brady Miller, Jesse Osborn, Grant Stadler, Coden Prokopec, Alex Uhlig, Dawson Dreifurst, Adam Kamrath

Second Row: Eric Hanzel, Matt Hoenk, coach Tom Bock, coach Scott Bethune, Trey Rinkol, Joe Massman

OUR 4th grade volleyball ●●●



First Row: Stephanie Hoenk, Camille Cox, Callie Backman, Kyanne Casperson, Regan Sucha, Abee Hutchinson, Hannah Pflum

Second Row: Allie Baumert, Gwen Stachura, Halle Langan, Vijay Wemhoff, Laine Leitschuck, Ellie Fehringer, Sophie Palmer, Ashley Steiner

Third Row: Coach Jane Dusel-Misfeldt, Kate Maguire, Audrey Sprunk, Berlin Kluever, Chloe Walker, Grace Mustard, Paxton Lusche, Zoé LeVier, Makenna Svehla, coach Bridget McPhillips

OUR freshmen volleyball ●●●



First Row: Lauren Ostdiek, coach Julie Blaser, Alexa Jones

Second Row: Ava Newman, Amber Buhman, Chloe Odbert, Emily Miksch

OUR girls' golf ●●●



First Row: Hannah Allen, MaKenzie Enderlin, Kendra Wiese, Emerson Belitz, Alaina Wallick, Emily Carstens, coach Tanya Niedbalski

Second Row: Kaitlyn Enderlin, Madeline Neville, Jaycee Ternus, Hallie Parker

OUR 5th grade volleyball ●●●

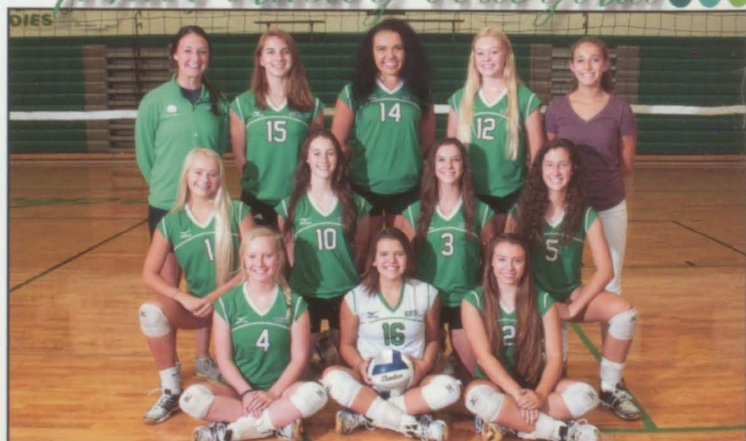


First Row: Shelby Bridger, Kamryn Chohon, Mariela Vazquez, Jaelyn Podolak, Tanley Miller, Keira Feehan

Second Row: Camille Pelan, Olivia Klug, Kaira Dallman, Clarissa Kosch, Ava Kuhl

Third Row: Michaela Kresha, Alexis Braziel, Janae Rusher, Anna Ehlers, Maddie Blaser, Gillian Brandt

OUR junior varsity volleyball ●●●



First Row: Kayla Hall, Jady Larsen, Blaney Dreifurst

Second Row: Grace Wickham, Emily Stutzman, Grace Odbert, Courtney Kosch

Third Row: Coach Danielle Bender, Natalie Semin, Allison Starzec, Madison Kerkman, Julia Salerno

OUR 8th grade football ●●●



First Row: Nate Wernhoff, Tyler Stuart, Jamie Kozak, Ethan Wulf, Lyndon Obal, Dominic McPhillips, Nolan Fleming, Chance Bailey, Tyler Cline
Second Row: Nick Ehlers, Tim Sliva, Seth VunCannon, Luke Pryzmus, Garrett Oakley, Devon Borchers, Riley Eickmeier, Carson Czarnick, Zane Beiermann

OUR 8th grade football ●●●



First Row: Nic Gonzales, Riley Luebe, Josh Faust, Grant Neville, Mason Hinze, Ross Thorson, Bryce Foreman
Second Row: Brennan Frewing, Jacob Bierman, Kaden Young, Evan Bock, Kade Wiese, Joel Schumacher, Ben Kamrath
Third Row: Evan Ruskamp, Sebastien Fritz, Jordon Skipton, Nicolas Schultz, Alex Novicki, Trenton Hamling, Justin Sliva, Simon Schumacher

OUR varsity football ●●●



First Row: Dillon Muchmore, Jeffrey Wheelock, coach Tanner Johnson, coach Roger Krienke, coach Jon Brezenski, head coach Tyler Linder, coach Jay Pelan, coach Chad Gonka, coach Jim Rawhouser, student coach Trevor Halligan, River Liebig
Second Row: Luke Jarecke, Mitchell Halligan, Anthony Kosch, Tate VunCannon, Evan Chohon, Dalton Taylor, Wyatt Gutzmer, Duncan Paczosa, Will Sonderman, Adam Foreman, Chase Newman
Third Row: Jacob Weyers, Levi Robertson, Collin Dreher, Emmitt Broberg, Prestyn Engel, Antonio Chavez Quiroga, Max Middendorf, Nick Taylor, Brock Clarke, Drew VunCannon
Fourth Row: Tyler Wurtz, Braden Labenz, Evan Hand, Colson Kosch, Jared Beaver, Joshua Hergott, Austin O'Kane, Alex Preister, Evan Sliva, Kayden Walnofer, Chase Andresen
Fifth Row: Eric Mustard, Zack Beiermann, Wren Allen, Nathan Donoghue, Dalton Borchers, Kaleb Wiese, Tyler Miksch, Brandon Huynh, Bailey Christensen, Caden Pelan
Sixth Row: Tyler Palmer, Kyle Kobza, Logan Zanardi, Abram Perault, Aaron Peterson, Landon Sokol, Grant Shanle, Matt Strecker, Cole Demuth, Charles Case, Jake Novicki

OUR varsity volleyball ●●●



First Row: Courtney Flint, Hannah Mielak, Alyssa Kuta, Eastyn Klink, Jessica Buhman
Second Row: Cassie Seckel, Maggie Feehan, Shania Borchers, Elley Beaver, Grace Wickham, Julia Salerno
Third Row: Head coach Joe Held, Emily Stutzman, Bailey Lehr, Courtney Kosch, coach Danielle Bender

OUR girls' cross country



First Row: Liza Zaruba, Jacey Clarey, Caitlin Hottovy
Second Row: Samantha Tonniges, Brea Lassek, Haylee Cielocha, Kendra Korger
Third Row: Assistant coach Chris Mustard, assistant coach Amy Sokol, Kelsey Faust, Mattie Johnson, Kaylee Tonniges, Ashley Foreman, Macy Hamling, Faith Przymus, head coach Merlin Lahm

OUR boys' cross country

OUR boys' cross country



First Row: Henry Hernandez, Connor Wiehn, Colby Gilson
Second Row: Isaac Ostdiek, Lucas Schaecher, Nathan Ostdiek, Nathan Schumacher, Tyler Vaughn, Carter Thorson
Third Row: Assistant coach Chris Mustard, Zach Svehla, assistant coach Amy Sokol, Matthew Bichlmeier, Anthony Sprunk, Cody Mroczek, Austyn Follette, Nathan Hiemer, Carson Hottovy, head coach Merlin Lahm



First Row: Grace Mustard, Emily Ferguson, Liz Adamy, Carson Hoefler, Christopher Adamy, Peter Woodhams, Cole Hottovy, Josh Kratochvil
Second Row: Ben Policky, Calder Obal, Israel Robledo, Adam Quinn, Matthew Dolezal, Benjamin Juarez Mendez, Michael Gasper

OUR softball



First Row: Kennedy Jones, Megan Ohnoutka, Sarah Kwapioski, Lexi Hajek, Katie Stachura
Second Row: Tessa Bridger, Kate Smith, Ellie Bock, Alayna Allen, Alyssa Turner, Tabitha Henke
Third Row: Alycin Braun, Katelynn Darling, Marika Spencer, Macee Trotta, Emily Hand

OUR flag corps

OUR art club



First Row: Brooke Podolak, Maddie Sinovic
Second Row: Hannah Allen, Emily Carstens, Caitlin Steiner
Third Row: Sarah Bichlmeier, Jaycee Ternus, McKenna Hoefler, Maddie Neville
Fourth Row: Kaitlyn Enderlin, Jenna Salerno, MaKenzie Enderlin, Morgan Rinkol, Alaina Wallick



First Row: Courtney Flint, Megan Schumacher, Abbie Perault, Tatem Vance, Cameron Swanson, Naomi Kosch, Alison Zoucha, Nikki Hiner, Mallory O'Hearn, Emma Strecker, Kaylee Tonniges
Second Row: Sponsor Kelly Koranda, Grant Bettenhausen, Adelynn Newman, Emily Carstens, Jenna Salerno, Caitlin Steiner, Kaylie Rocha, Tisa Kasik, Eduardo Torres, sponsor Lindsay Dannelly
Third Row: Daniela Valdez Ortiz, Abigail Stuart, Isaac Ostdiek, Julia Pichler, Caitlin Hottovy, Rachael Lam, Mariana Valdez Ortiz, Natalie Semin, Tara Kamrath

OUR cheerleading



First Row: Alayna Wilson, Nikki Hiner, Cassie Seckel
Second Row: Liza Zaruba, Kelsey Faust, McKenna Spenceri, Natalie Brutty, Kendra Korger, Faith Przymus, Haylee Cielocha
Third Row: Brea Lassek, Olivia Lyons, Kate Smith, Mattie Johnson, Julia Salerno, Grace Wickham, Bekah Hergott, Libbie Zeller

OUR one act



First Row: Isaac McPhillips, Logan Bennett, Kendra Korger, Blaney Dreifurst, Rachael Lam, Natalie Semin, Morgan Littlefield, Caleb Kosch, Julia Pichler, Isaac Ostdiek
Second Row: Maddie Sueper, Mattie Johnson, Caitlin Steiner, Tatem Vance, Emma Ruskamp, Cameron Swanson, Naomi Kosch, Eduardo Torres
Third Row: Tisa Kasik, Adelynn Newman, Alaina Wallick, Kaylie Rocha, coach Lindsay Dannelly, Abbie Zoucha, Emma Brandt, Brock Kracman, Jenna Salerno, Drew Zaruba, Jared Gaspers, Sam Blaser

OUR plays



First Row: Abbie Perault, Mitchell Halligan, Hannah Mielak, Naomi Kosch, Zachary Svehla, Nathan Ostdiek, Nathan Donoghue, Tate VunCannon, Will Sonderman, Luke Jarecke
Second Row: Megan Schumacher, Mallory O'Hearn, Emerson Belitz, Alison Zoucha, Alyssa Kuta, Eastyn Klink, Courtney Flint, Maddie Sinovic, Alayna Wilson, Emma Strecker
Third Row: Jenna Salerno, Tatem Vance, Haley Faust, Amberly Parker, Jessica Buhman, Elley Beaver, Kayla Hall, Ashley Foreman, Kaylee Tonniges, Emily Hand
Fourth Row: Jared Gaspers, Wren Allen, Sam Novicki, Caitlin Steiner, Alaina Wallick, Kendra Wiese, Grace Odbert, Trevor Kaslon, Duncan Paczosa, Keaton Kudron
Fifth Row: Hannah Allen, Mariana Valdez-Ortiz, Hallie Parker, Isaac McPhillips, Grant Shanle, Winston Obal, Colson Kosch, Maggie Feehan, Caitlin Hottovy, Daniela Valdez-Ortiz
Sixth Row: Libbie Zeller, Kelsey Faust, Julia Salerno, Caleb Kosch, Bryce VunCannon, Lucas Schaecher, Blake Sucha, Sam Blaser, Mira Liebig, Abbie Zoucha
Seventh Row: Kendra Korger, Nathan Schumacher, Braden Labenz, Abram Perault, Drew Zaruba, Caden Pelan, Elliott Thomazin, Blaney Dreifurst, Emma Brandt

OUR mock trial



First Row: Zach Svehla, Courtney Flint, Megan Schumacher, Alison Zoucha, Maddie Sinovic, Haley Faust, Hannah Mielak, Nikki Hiner
Second Row: Trey Dallman, Matthew Bichmeier, Jenna Salerno, Caitlin Steiner, Brock Kracman, Faith Przymus, Natalie Brutty, Alaina Wallick, Caitlin Hottovy
Third Row: Coach Kelly Koranda, Collin Podolak, Elliott Thomazin, Drew Zaruba, Nathan Schumacher, Hannah Allen, Blaney Dreifurst, Hallie Parker, Mira Liebig
Fourth Row: Connor Wiehn, Brea Lassek, Liza Zaruba, Lauren Ostdiek, Rachael Lam, Emma Brandt, Kate Smith, Emily Miksch, Chloe Odbert

OUR 4th grade basketball



First Row: Kyanne Casperson, Ellie Fehringer, Sophie Palmer, Elizabeth Adams, Hannah Pflum, Callie Backman, Regan Suka, Stephanie Hoenk
Second Row: Coach Joe Schoenfelder, Makenna Svehla, Avery Dierman, Chloe Walker, Berlin Kluever, Grace Mustard, Paxton Lusche, Alaina Dierman, coach Pam Perault

OUR 4th grade basketball



First Row: Tyler Cline, Ethan Wulf, Chance Bailey, Calder Obal, Nolan Fleming, Lyndon Obal, Zane Beiermann, Clione Hofer, Christopher Adame-Hernandez
Second Row: Coach Mike VunCannon, Israel Robledo, Adam Quinn, Devon Borchers, Carson Czarnick, Garrett Oakley, Luke Przymus, Seth VunCannon, Austin Kahlandt, Cole Hottovy, coach Zach McPhillips

OUR 5th grade basketball



First Row: Tanley Miller, Kamryn Chohon, Olivia Klug, Alli Demuth, Emily Ferguson, Mariela Vazquez
Second Row: Coach Rusty Kuhl, Ava Kuhl, Gillian Brandt, Janae Rusher, Maddie Blaser, Camille Pelan, Clarissa Kosch, coach Brett Rusher

OUR 5th grade basketball



First Row: Kade Wiese, Kaden Young, Ross Thorson, Matthew Dolezal, Josh Faust, Bryce Foreman, Michael Gasper
Second Row: Coach Mike VunCannon, Evan Bock, Jordon Skipton, Simon Schumacher, Nicolas Schultz, Alex Novicki, coach Joe Schoenfelder

OUR freshmen basketball



First Row: Chloe Odbert, Kate Smith
Second Row: Samantha Tonniges, Amber Buhman, Katie Stachura

OUR freshmen basketball



First Row: Antonio Chavez Quiroga, Drew VunCannon, Eric Mustard, Dalton Borchers, Tyler Palmer, Jared Beaver, Connor Wiehn, Tommy Yu

OUR girls' jr basketball



First Row: Katie Stachura, Samantha Tonniges, Kate Smith, Emma Brandt, Abbie Zoucha, Grace Odbert
Second Row: Jady Taylor, Courtney Kosch, Amber Buhman, Chloe Odbert, Madison Kerkman

OUR boys' jr basketball



First Row: Eric Mustard, Tyler Wurtz, Caden Pelan, Tyler Palmer, Logan Mueller, Colson Kosch
Second Row: Matt Strecker, Carson Hottovy, Grant Shanle, Bryce VunCannon, Nathan Donoghue, Dalton Borchers

OUR girls' varsity basketball



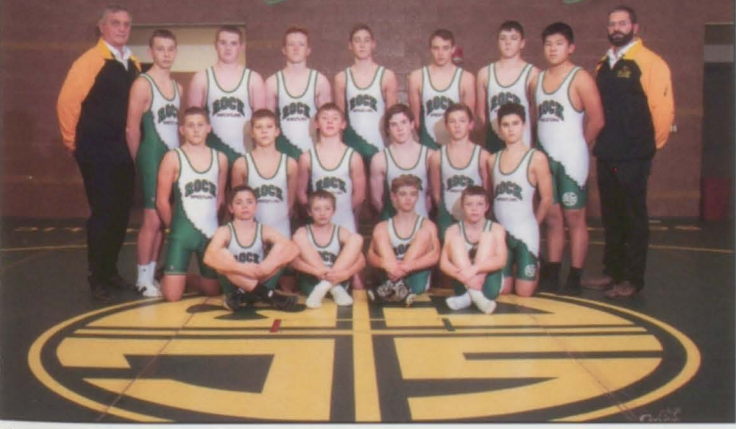
First Row: Blaney Dreifurst, Kendra Wiese, Grace Wickham, Logan Bennett, Maggie Feehan, Grace Odbert, Rylie Olson
Second Row: Head coach Jarrod Ridder, Emma Brandt, Bailey Lehr, Shania Borchers, Marika Spencer, Emma Strecker, Jady Taylor, Madison Kerkman, Abbie Zoucha, Courtney Kosch, coach Wade Coulter

OUR boys' varsity basketball



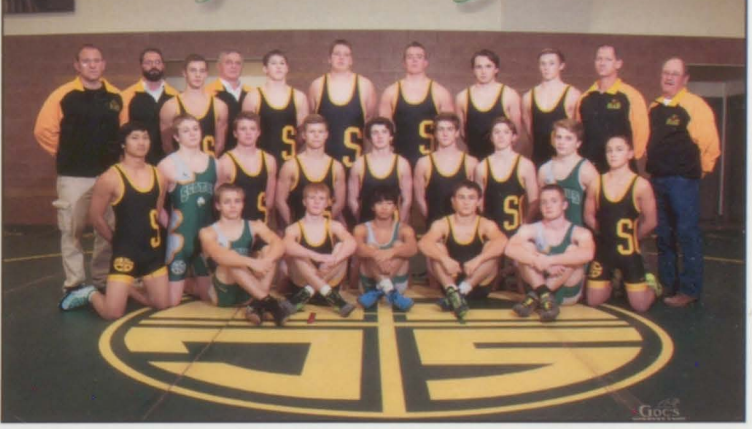
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Second Row: Nathan Ostdiek, Grant Shanle, Dalton Taylor, Trevor Kaslon, Cody Mroczek, Evan Chohon, Tate VunCannon, Nathan Donoghue, Tyler Palmer

OUR junior high wrestling



First Row: Chance Bailey, Nate Wernhoff, Jake Heesacker, Nolan Fleming
Second Row: Riley Luebe, Devon Borchers, Zane Beiermann, Grant Neville, Riley Eickmeier, Nic Gonzales
Third Row: Coach Gary Schlesinger, Luke Przymus, Sebastien Fritz, Alex Novicki, Garrett Oakley, Trenton Hamling, Ben Kamrath, Kade Wiese, coach DJ Brandenburg

OUR varsity wrestling



First Row: Brock Clarke, Jacob Weyers, Daniel Tworek, Dillon Muchmore, Jackson Neville
Second Row: Noah Tworek, Evan Hand, Chase Newman, Layton Mullinix, Tyler Brandenburg, River Liebig, Colby Gilson, Evan Sliva, Nick Taylor
Third Row: Coach Steve Jenny, coach DJ Brandenburg, coach Gary Schlesinger, Jeffrey Wheelock, Wren Allen, Landon Sokol, Wyatt Gutzmer, Matt Hoenk, Charles Case, coach Tracy Dodson, coach Gaylen Kamrath

OUR yearbook



First Row: Mitchell Halligan, Kaylee Tonniges, Alyssa Kuta, Alison Zoucha, Jessica Buhman, Emerson Belitz, Abbie Perault, Megan Schumacher, Hannah Mielak, Keaton Kudron

OUR mock trial



First Row: Zach Svehla, Courtney Flint, Megan Schumacher, Alison Zoucha, Maddie Sinovic, Haley Faust, Hannah Mielak, Nikki Hiner **Second Row:** Trey Dallman, Matthew Bichlmeier, Jenna Salerno, Caitlin Steiner, Brock Kracman, Faith Przymus, Natalie Brutty, Alaina Wallick, Caitlin Hottovy **Third Row:** Coach Kelly Koranda, Collin Podolak, Elliott Thomazin, Drew Zaruba, Nathan Schumacher, Hannah Arlen, Blane Dreifurst, Hallie Parker, Mira Liebig **Fourth Row:** Connor Wiehn, Brea Lassek, Liza Zaruba, Lauren Ostdiek, Rachael Lam, Emma Brandt, Kate Smith, Emily Miksch, Chloe Odbert

OUR Phila



First Row: Abigail Stuart, Brady Miller, Nathan Hiemer, Ashley Foreman, Nikki Hiner, Hallie Parker, Mira Liebig, Tyler Wurtz, Caden Pelan **Second Row:** Christina Oakley, Emily Ferguson, Zach Svehla, Adam Foreman, Keaton Kudron, Jared Mulligan, Allie Baumert, Kyanne Casperson, Alaina Dierman **Third Row:** Cassie Kouma, Lizzie Parker, Debanhi Adame-Hernandez, Rachael Lam, Julia Pichler, Christopher Adame-Hernandez, McKenna Mausbach, Hannah Pflum, Abbee Hutchinson, Gavin Brabec

OUR newspaper



First Row: Advisor Angie Rusher
Second Row: Emma Ruskamp, Layne Schroeder, Matt Strecker, Tate VunCannon, Matt Hoenk, Haley Faust
Third Row: Mallory O'Hearn, Kira Dreher, Eastyn Klink, Amberly Parker, Kaylie Rocha

OUR student council



First Row: Zach Svehla, Luke Jarecke, Nathan Ostdiek, Amberly Parker, Naomi Kosch, Maddie Sinovic, Tate VunCannon, Mitchell Halligan **Second Row:** Advisor Joan Lahm, Colson Kosch, Wren Allen, Nathan Donoghue, Elley Beaver, Grace Odbert, Maggie Feehan **Third Row:** Julia Pichler, Caleb Kosch, Caden Pelan, Drew Zaruba, Nathan Schumacher, Hallie Parker, Mira Liebig **Fourth Row:** Rachael Lam, Liza Zaruba, Brea Lassek, Connor Wiehn, Drew VunCannon, Lauren Ostdiek

OUR campus ministry



First Row: Tatem Vance, Megan Schumacher, Alison Zoucha, Amberly Parker, Naomi Kosch, Abbie Perault, Nikki Hiner
Second Row: Simon Pichler, Elliott Thomazin, Drew Zaruba, Abram Perault, Isaac Ostdiek, Bennett Frewing, Keaton Kudron, Nathaniel Eisenmenger

OUR *thespians*



First Row: Isaac Ostdiek, Alaina Wallick, Cameron Swanson, Hannah Allen
Second Row: Naomi Kosch, Jenna Salerno, Caitlin Steiner, Alison Zoucha, Emily Carstens, advisor Helen Schumacher
Third Row: Zach Svehla, Isaac McPhillips, Brock Kracman, Drew Zaruba

OUR *shamrock singers*



First Row: Caitlin Hottovy, Bekah Hergott
Second Row: Morgan Littlefield, Tommy Yu, Mattie Johnson, Maddie Sueper, Nikki Hiner, Natalie Semin, Caitlin Steiner, Max Middendorf, Alayna Wilson
Third Row: Bennett Frewing, Emily Stutzman, Anthony Sprunk, Laura Salyard, Isaac McPhillips, Jenna Salerno, Bryan Littlefield

OUR *junior high band*



First Row: Olivia Fehringer, McKenna Mausbach, Anna Ehlers, Ashtyn Preister, Cassie Kouma, Allie Baumert, Adriana Cieloha, Lainee Leitschuck, Camille Pelan, Maddie Blaser
Second Row: Christina Oakley, Clarissa Kosch, Emily Ferguson, Keira Feehan, Grace Mustard, Makenna Svehla, Sydney Quinn, Sierra Quinn, Kyanne Casperson, Hannah Pflum, Abee Hutchinson
Third Row: Luke Przymus, Stephanie Hoenk, Vijay Wernhoff, Ashley Steiner, Alaina Dierman, Alexis Braziel, Justin Sliva, Kade Wiese, Ben Kamrath, Riley Luebe
Fourth Row: Avery Dierman, Camille Cox, Gwen Stachura, Nate Wernhoff, Calder Obal, Zane Beiermann, Cole Hottovy, Devon Borchers, Carson Czarnick, Lyndon Obal, Nathaniel Eisenmenger
Fifth Row: Alli Demuth, Lizzie Parker, Ben Merrill, Justin Sliva, Brennan Frewing, Madison Wittwer, Nic Gonzales, Christopher Adame-Hernandez, Tyler Cline, Jack Ryan
Sixth Row: Ethan Wulf, Michael Gasper, Nathaniel Gokie, Nick Ehlers, Dominic McPhillips, Trevor Schumacher, Ben Policky, Mariela Vazquez, Josh Kratochvil, Nathan King
Seventh Row: Ava Kuhl, Adam Quinn, Noah Bierman, Peter Woodhams, Zoë LeVier, Jamie Kozak, Benjamin Juarez Mendez, Noah Korth, Louis Williams

OUR *speech*



First Row: Megan Ohnoutka, Rachael Lam, Brea Lassek, Mattie Johnson
Second Row: Cameron Swanson, Bekah Hergott, Alyson Bierman, Caitlin Hottovy, Tisa Kasik, Katie Stachura
Third Row: Blake Sucha, Isaac Ostdiek, Caleb Kosch, Lauren Ostdiek, Natalie Semin, Liza Zaruba
Fourth Row: Drew Zaruba, Logan Zanardi, Brock Kracman, Elliott Thomazin

OUR *high school band*



First Row: Abigail Stuart, Debanhi Adame-Hernandez, Nathan Ostdiek, Liza Zaruba, Kira Dreher, Cassie Seckel, Tara Kamrath, director Kristen Cox
Second Row: Brea Lassek, Logan Johnson, Tatem Vance, Henry Hernandez, Sam Blaser, Blake Sucha, Emily Carstens, Morgan Littlefield, Daniel Tworek
Third Row: Braden Labenz, Lauren Ostdiek, Isaac Ostdiek, Emma Ruskamp, Matt Quinn, Drew Zaruba, Joshua Hergott, Tim Ehlers, Bennett Frewing, Katie Stachura
Fourth Row: Alex Preister, Emerson Belitz, Amber Buhman, Elliott Thomazin, Crystal Rinkol, Wren Allen, Noah Greisen, Tyler Wurtz, Bryan Littlefield, Kate Smith
Fifth Row: Caden Pelan, Matthew Bichmeier, Matt Strecker, Grant Shanley, Aaron Peterson, Isaac McPhillips, Sam Schacher, Nathan Donoghue, Zach Svehla

OUR boys' golf ●●●



Blake Sucha, Cameron Johnston, Colson Kosch, Bryce VunCannon, Layne Schroeder, Tate VunCannon, Sam Blaser, Drew VunCannon

OUR girls' tennis ●●●



First Row: Llovana Cruz, Mira Liebig, Brooke Haynes, Emma Benck, Kaitlyn Brandl, Rachael Lam
Second Row: Anna Swope, Avery Devish, Regi Zakrzewski, Kaitlyn Enderlin, Flora He, Melanie Jones, Tessa Bridger, Natalie Bruty, Carolina Majem Garces, Sarah Kruse
Third Row: Coach Caley Nelson, Brooke Benck, Jessie Nelson, Logan Schilling, Alyssa Hartman, MaKenzie Enderlin, Rachel Klatt, Monyka Hazlett, Mia Janssen, Allie Gotschal, Lauren Benck, coach Dave Licari

OUR swimming ●●●



First Row: Morgan Suhr, Alix Reynolds, Stefani Padilla, Casey Dorantes, Andrea Medina, Megan Lovci, Morgan Littlefield, Yajaira Lopez
Second Row: Keyzee Arevalo, Christina Prado, Mia Janssen, Britney de Leon, Carol Majem, Emily Miksch, Fernando Ortiz, Bodey Meays
Third Row: Lucy Rocha, Said Mendez, Nick Balerud, Joe Diedrichsen, Hunter Hall, Trey Dallman, Julia Salerno, Callan Fuchser, coach Chelise Kampschneider, Kristy Proctor, Araceily Manzo
Fourth Row: Coach Kari Weihl, Reyna Aguirre, Deisy Aguilair, Estefany Caballero, Neisha Anavisca, Mariam Garcia-Tabares, Haley Wagoner, Madeline Hudnall, Douglas Davidchik, Macy Blaser
Fifth Row: Joshua Reiff, Gabe Moseman, Paige Miller, Faith Willets, Chase Andresen, Alec Flyr, Konner Kudron, Trent Meister

OUR baseball ●●●



First Row: Cade Fullner, Tyler Palmer, Alex Uhlig, Cole Wilcox, Jerod Augustine, Cameron Barnes, Gus Mancuso, Zack Turner, Brady Dugan, Luke Jarecke, Trevor Sanne
Second Row: Coach Scott Loseke, coach Cody Schilling, Zach Benne, Jacob Morse, Andrew Altstadt, Trevor Kaslon, Nathan Slusarski, Hunter Schilling, Jared Nitz, Jake Novicki, Logan Mueller, coach Ron Dush

OUR girls' soccer ●●●



First Row: Shelby Bridger, Nikki Hiner, Brea Lassek, Jadya Larsen, Alyssa Kuta, Courtney Flint, Emma Streckler, Kendra Wiese, Haylee Cielocha, Kamryn Chohon, Tanley Miller
Second Row: Coach Kristie Brezenski, coach Jordan Irsik, Liza Zaruba, Kayla Hall, Grace Wickham, Abbie Zoucha, Allie Mielak, Maggie Feehan, Kenzie Brandenburg, McKenna Spencer, Samantha Tonniges, coach Cindy Kosch, coach Bridget McPhillips
Third Row: Lauren Ostdiek, Emma Brandt, Mattie Johnson, Julia Salerno, Emily Stutzman, Courtney Kosch, Chloe Odbert

OUR boys' soccer ●●●



First Row: Tommy Yu, Antonio Chavez Quiroga, Henry Hernandez, Carter Thorson, Braden Labenz, Brady Miller, Prestyn Engel, Thiago Ferreira Pereira
Second Row: Matt Hoenk, Trevor Halligan, Tyler Vaught, Gary Ye, Connor Wiehn, River Liebig, Luke Bettenhausen, Grant Bettenhausen, Bailey Christensen
Third Row: Coach PJ Miller, Will Sonderman, Inri Dimas, Chase Newman, Charles Case, Wren Allen, Zack Beiermann, Kaleb Wiese, Carson Hottovy, coach Jeff Kosch
Fourth Row: Coach Jon Brezenski, Matt Csukker, Anthony Kosch, Evan Chohon, Tadeu Antunes, Duncan Paczosa, coach Ben Beller

OUR 4th grade track



First Row: Callie Backman, Elizabeth Adamy, McKenna Svehia, Chloe Walker, Regan Sucha, Halle Langan, Kate Maguire, Audrey Sprunk, Grace Mustard **Second Row:** Berlin Kluever, Stephanie Hoenk, Kyanne Casperson, Abee Hutchinson, Zoë LeVier, Sydney Quinn, Vijay Wernhoff, Lainee Leitschuck, Hannah Pflum **Third Row:** Ben Policky, Carson Czarnick, Gavin Brabec, Riley Eickmeier, Garrett Oakley, Devon Borchers, Cole Hottovy, Trevor Schumacher, Noah Bierman **Fourth Row:** Peter Woodhams, Luke Przymus, Carson Hofer, Nolan Fleming, Israel Robledo, Zane Beiermann, Seth VanCannon, Lyndon Obal **Fifth Row:** Jamie Kozak, Calder Obal, Chance Bailey, Christopher Adame-Hernandez, Ethan Wulf, Adam Quinn, Tim Sliva, Nate Wernhoff **Sixth Row:** Coach Lindsay Dannelly, coach Zach McPhillips, coach Julie Blaser, coach Tyler Linder

OUR 8th grade track



First Row: Emily Ferguson, Katelyn Bayer, Michaela Kresha, Camille Pelan, Kaira Dallman, Gillian Brandt, Cassie Kouma **Second Row:** Lucy Aviles, Anna Ehlers, Clarissa Kosch, Janae Rusher, Olivia Fehringer, McKenna Mausbach, Mariela Vazquez **Third Row:** Nathaniel Gokie, Justin Sliva, Riley Luebe, Kade Wiese, Evan Bock, Josh Faust, Ross Thorson **Fourth Row:** Nathan King, Simon Schumacher, Trenton Hamling, Brennan Frewing, Jake Heesacker, Ben Kamrath, Sebastien Fritz, Louis Williams **Fifth Row:** Matthew Dolezal, Alex Novicki, Michael Gasper, Benjamin Juarez Mendez, Nicolas Schultz, Jordan Skipton, Josh Kratochvil **Sixth Row:** Coach Zach McPhillips, coach Julie Blaser, coach Tyler Linder

OUR girls' track



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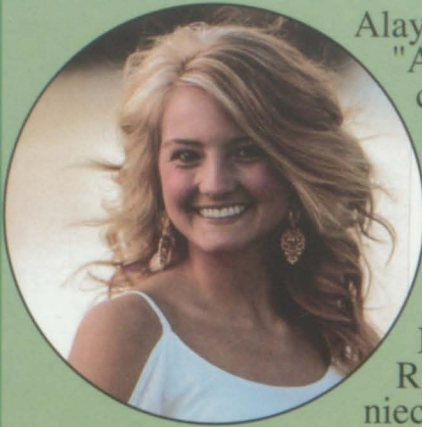


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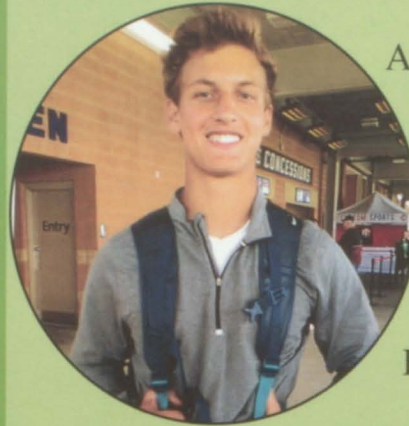
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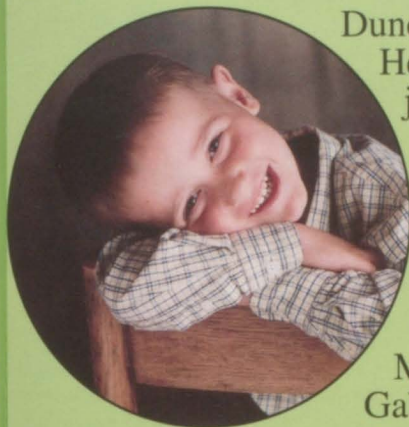
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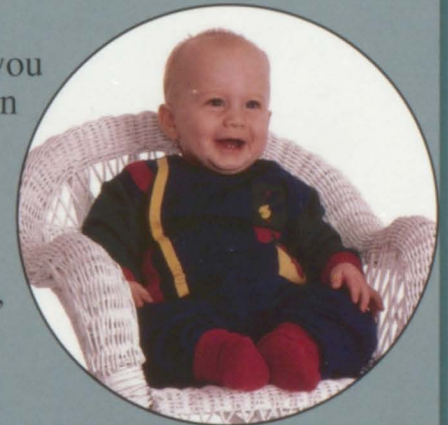
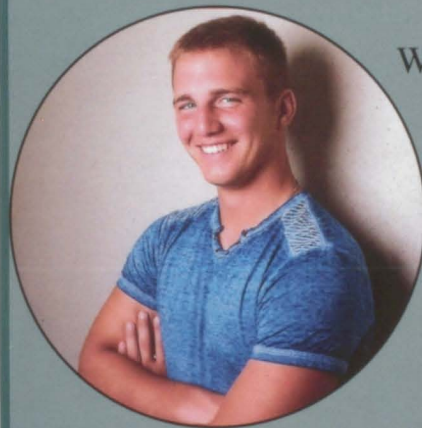
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and Alyssa



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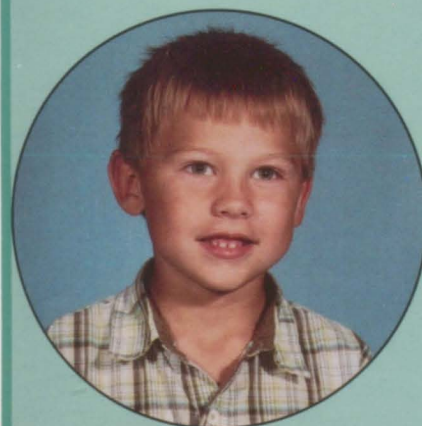
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Always remember where you receive your strength. We will always be proud of you and love you.

Mom, Dad, Amber, and Mark



Haley, We could not be more proud of the amazing young woman you have become. God truly blessed us with an incredible daughter and sister. We know you will continue to work hard and make great decisions in college and beyond. We can't wait to see where your bright future leads you!

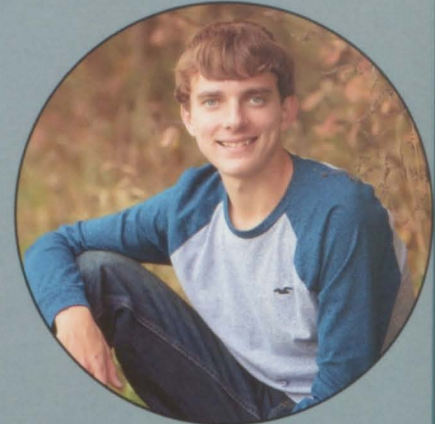
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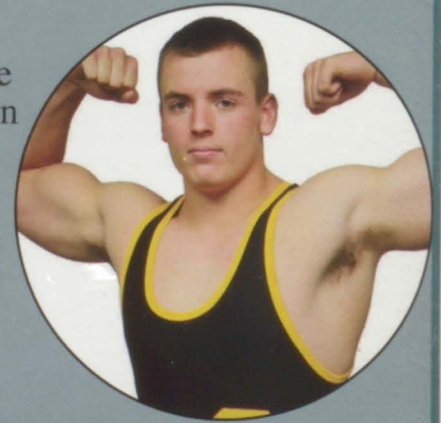


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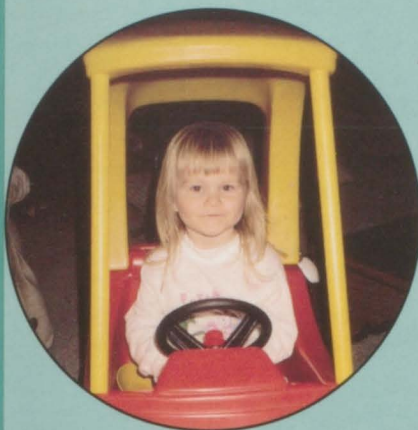
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Love always,
Mom and Dad





Trevor,
 You have blessed our family in so many special ways, and we are so proud of the remarkable young man that you have become. As this journey ends and a new one begins, we know that you are going to blaze your own trail with amazing results. Many times you have chosen to take the path less traveled, and have shown what incredible faith, character, and thoughtfulness you possess. Stay true to yourself, and we know that God has great things in store for you.
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Megan,
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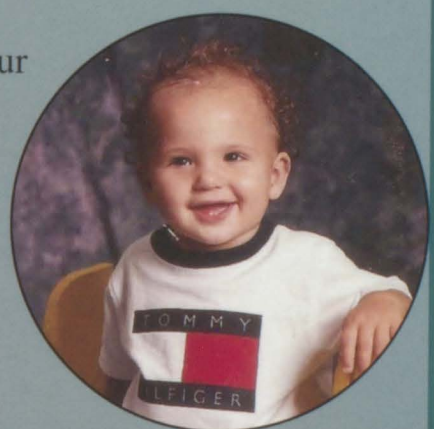
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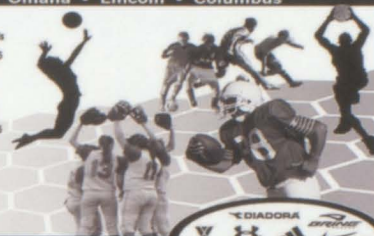
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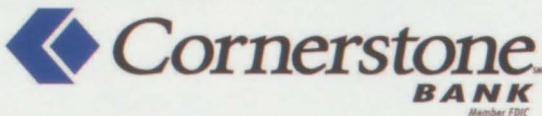
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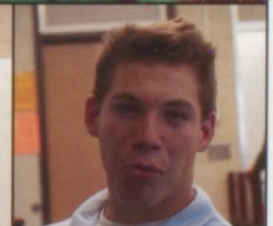
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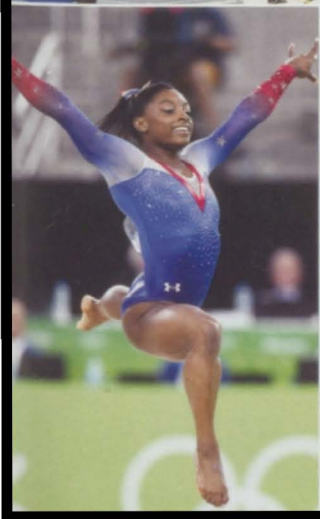
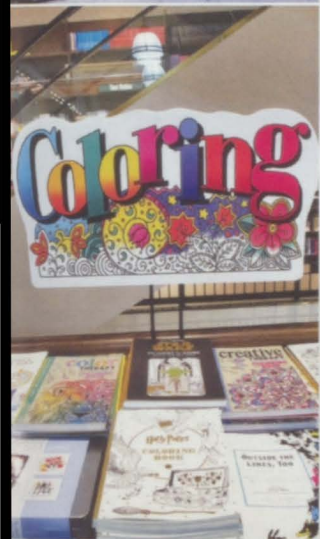
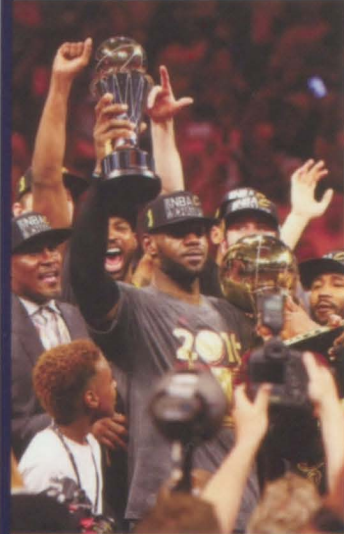
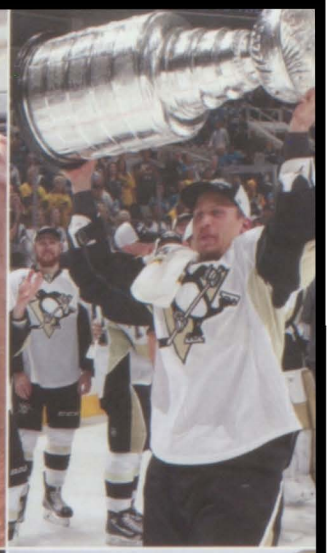
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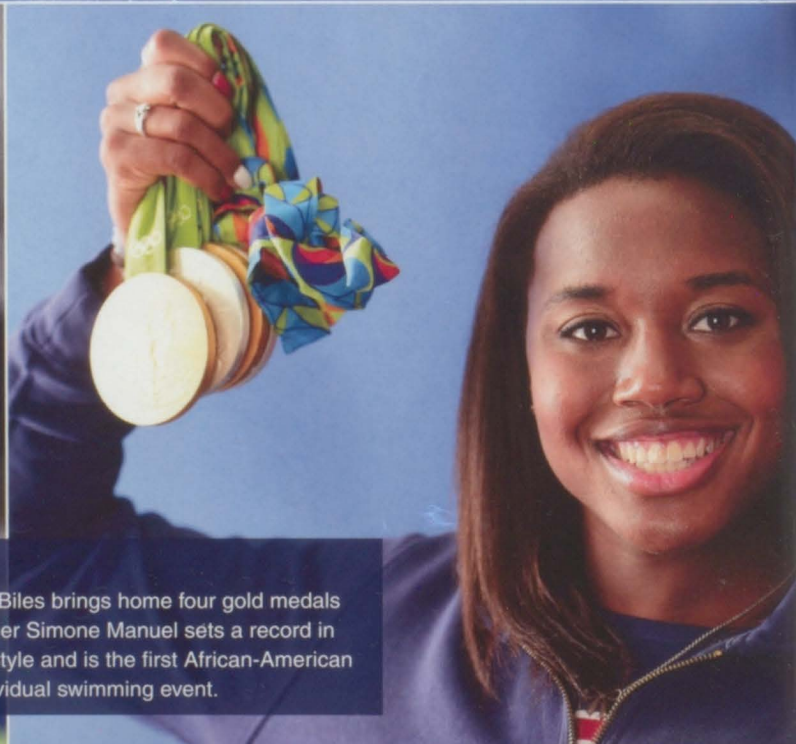
OUT OF THE POOL

Swimmer Michael Phelps, the most decorated Olympic athlete in history, confirms his plans to retire from competitive swimming after the Summer Games in Rio.



SIMONE & SIMONE

Team USA gymnast Simone Biles brings home four gold medals and a silver from Rio. Swimmer Simone Manuel sets a record in the women's 100-meter freestyle and is the first African-American woman to win gold in an individual swimming event.





MIGHTY MEDALIST

By winning two gold medals and one silver in Rio, sprinter Allyson Felix brings her Olympic medal total to nine, making her the most decorated woman in the history of U.S. track and field.

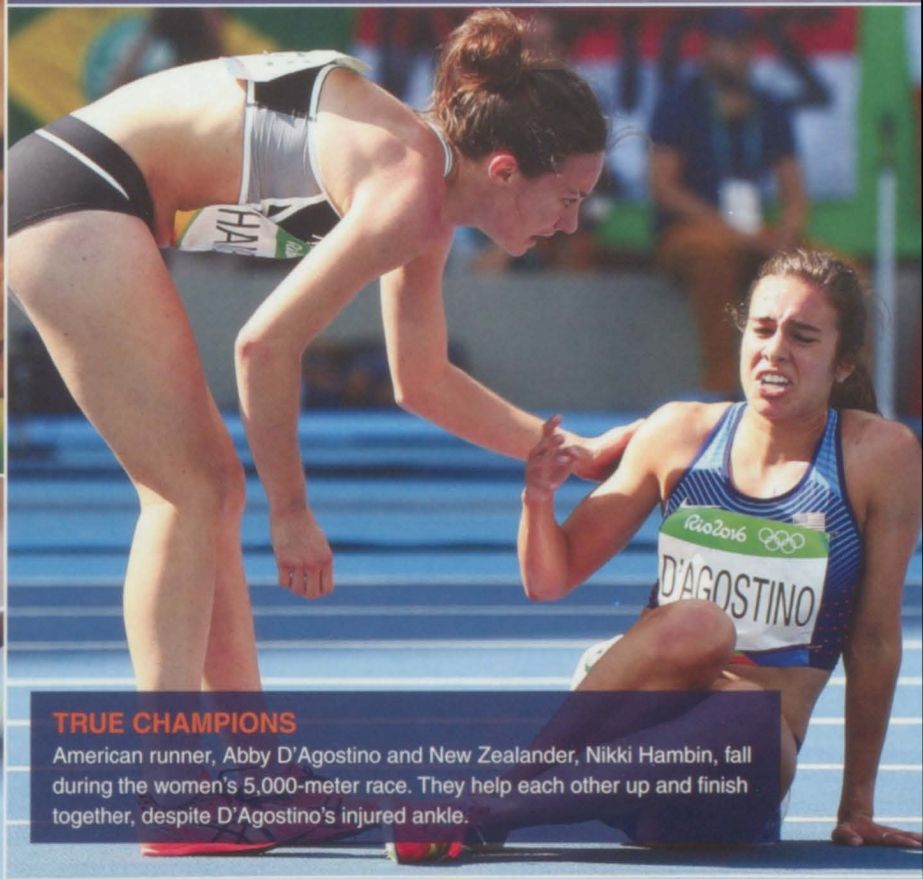


ON THE RUN

Jamaican sprinter, Usain Bolt, brings home three gold medals from Rio and hints at retirement.

BEST IN BRAZIL

Team USA tops the world medal tally in the 2016 Rio Olympics and with a total of 121 medals, beating its previous record of 110.



TRUE CHAMPIONS

American runner, Abby D'Agostino and New Zealander, Nikki Hamblin, fall during the women's 5,000-meter race. They help each other up and finish together, despite D'Agostino's injured ankle.



A BIG SPLASH

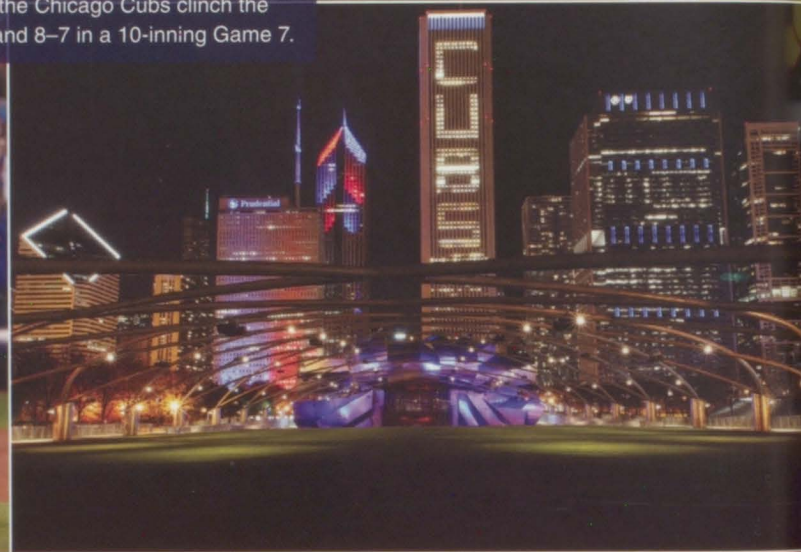
U.S. swimmer, Katie Ledecky, claims four gold medals and one silver in Rio, where she breaks her own world record for the 800-meter freestyle.

SPORTS



CUBS FANS REJOICE

For the first time since 1908, the Chicago Cubs clinch the World Series, beating Cleveland 8-7 in a 10-inning Game 7.



2016 Gold Glove Award Winners

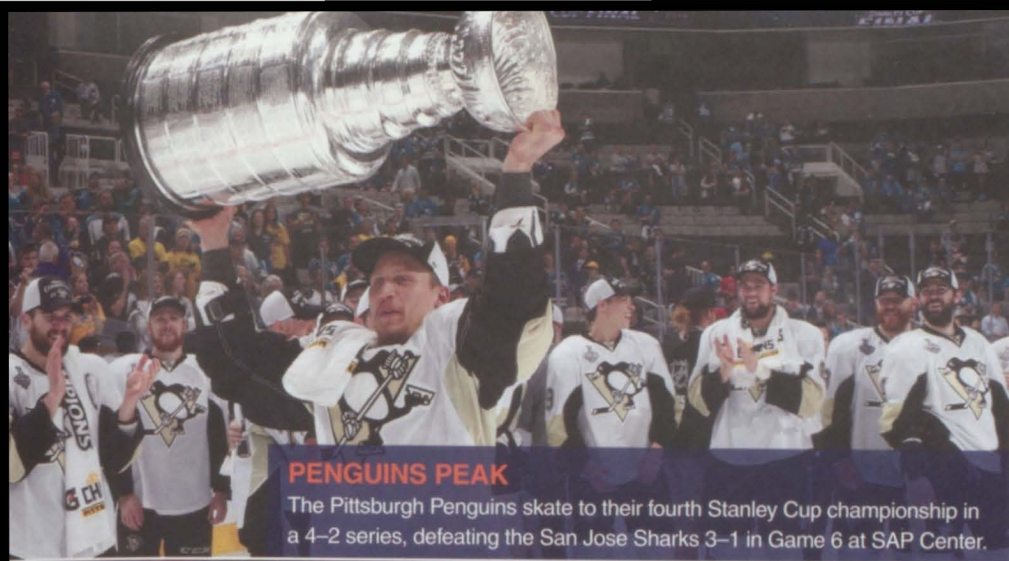
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BASEBALL GREATS

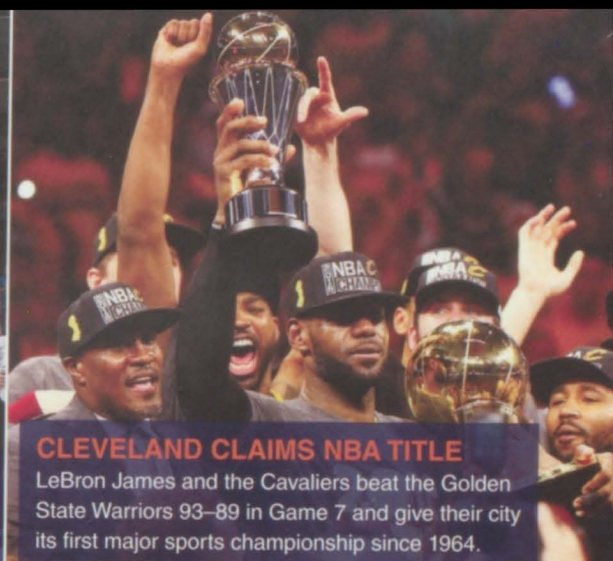
Eighteen Major League Baseball players, including two from the World Series champion Cubs, receive Rawlings Gold Glove awards from The Society for American Baseball Research.





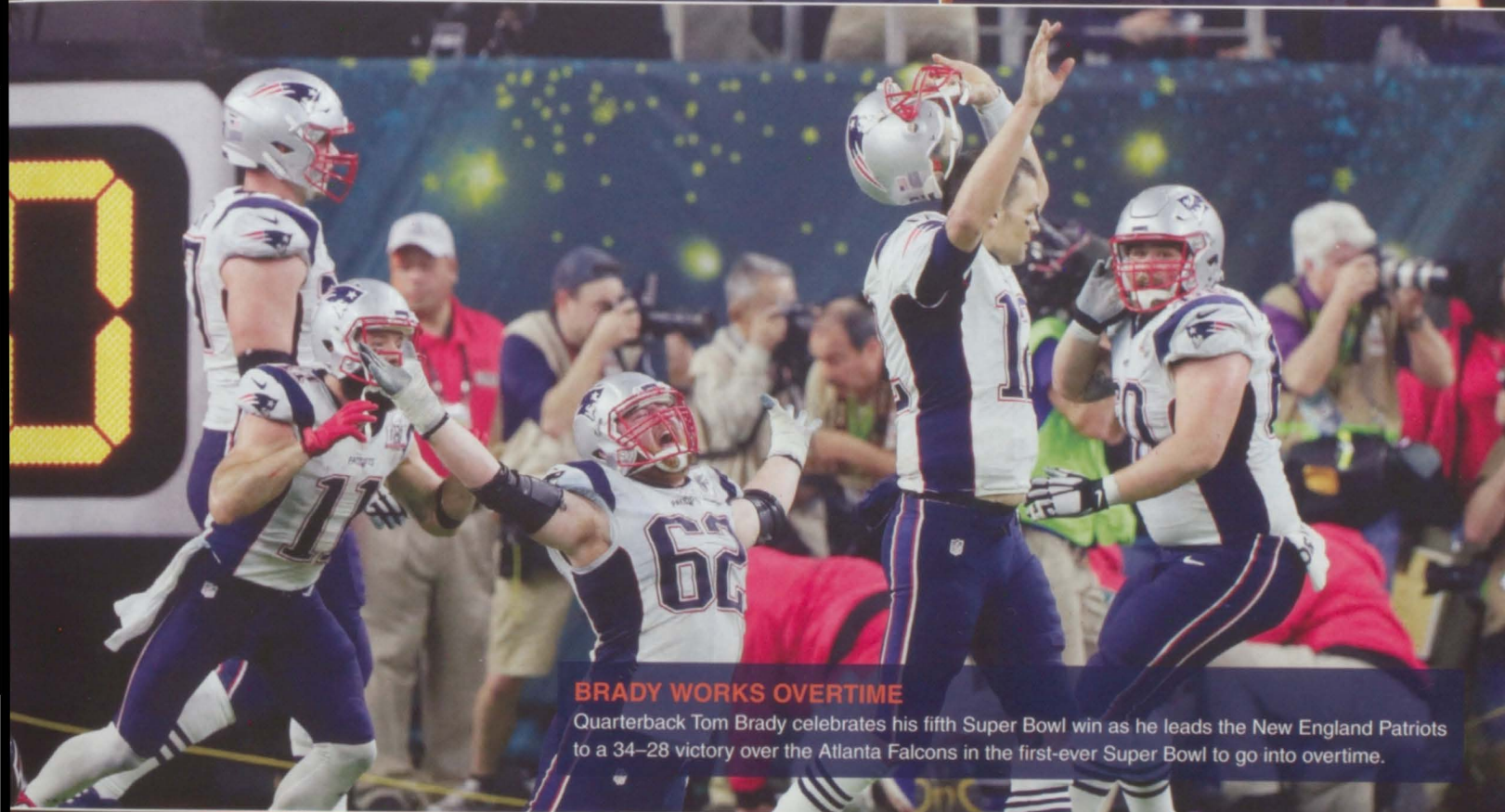
PENGUINS PEAK

The Pittsburgh Penguins skate to their fourth Stanley Cup championship in a 4–2 series, defeating the San Jose Sharks 3–1 in Game 6 at SAP Center.



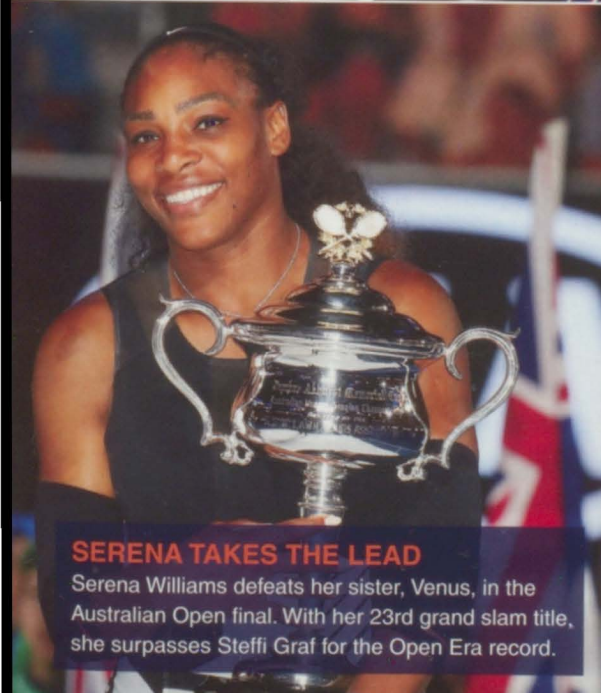
CLEVELAND CLAIMS NBA TITLE

LeBron James and the Cavaliers beat the Golden State Warriors 93–89 in Game 7 and give their city its first major sports championship since 1964.



BRADY WORKS OVERTIME

Quarterback Tom Brady celebrates his fifth Super Bowl win as he leads the New England Patriots to a 34–28 victory over the Atlanta Falcons in the first-ever Super Bowl to go into overtime.



SERENA TAKES THE LEAD

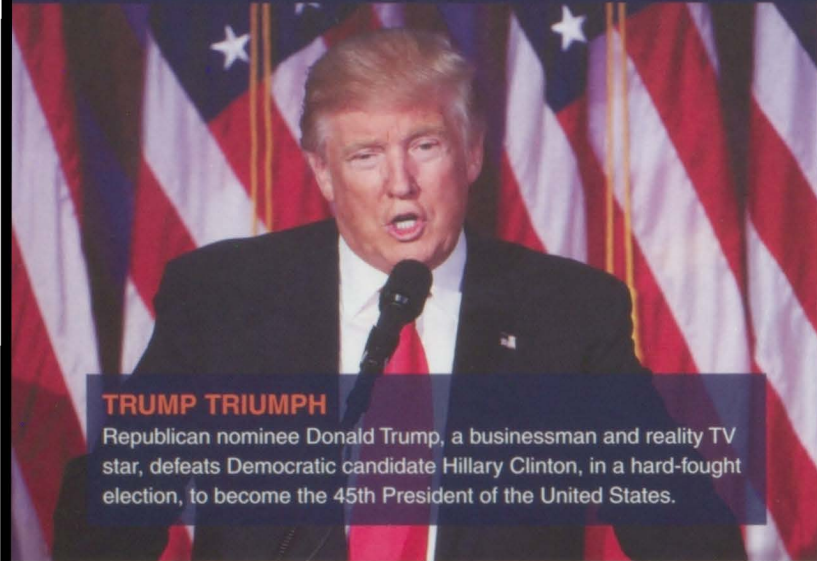
Serena Williams defeats her sister, Venus, in the Australian Open final. With her 23rd grand slam title, she surpasses Steffi Graf for the Open Era record.



CLEMSON NABS NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

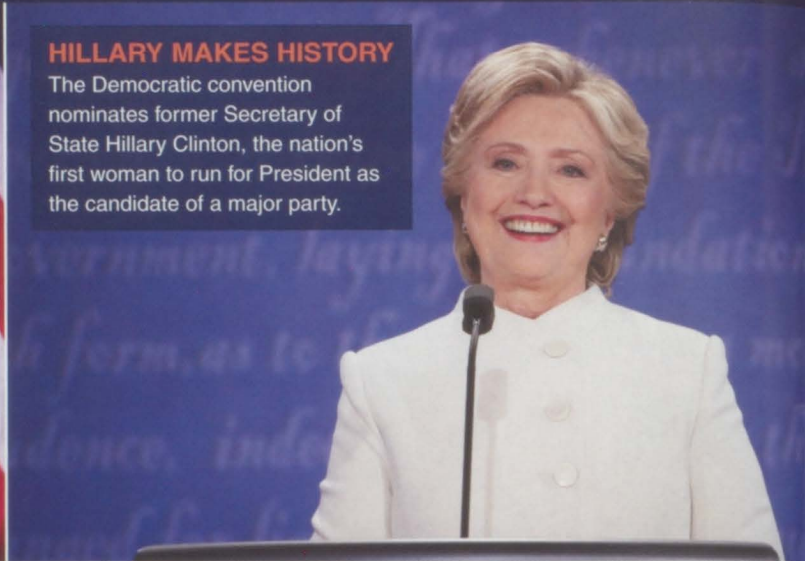
The Tigers push back Alabama's Crimson Tide 35–31, thanks to a last-second touchdown by Clemson wide receiver Hunter Renfrow.

NEWS/HEADLINES



TRUMP TRIUMPH

Republican nominee Donald Trump, a businessman and reality TV star, defeats Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton, in a hard-fought election, to become the 45th President of the United States.



HILLARY MAKES HISTORY

The Democratic convention nominates former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the nation's first woman to run for President as the candidate of a major party.



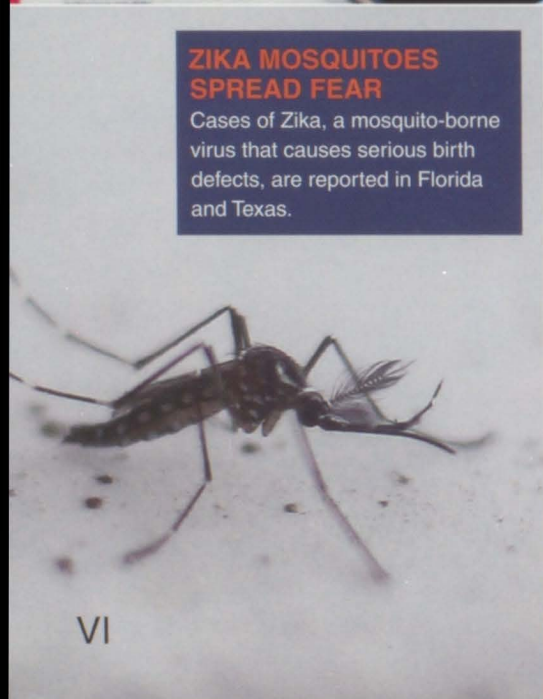
HOT NEW PHONE

Samsung recalls almost two million Galaxy Note 7 phones after battery malfunctions cause the devices to explode and burst into flames.



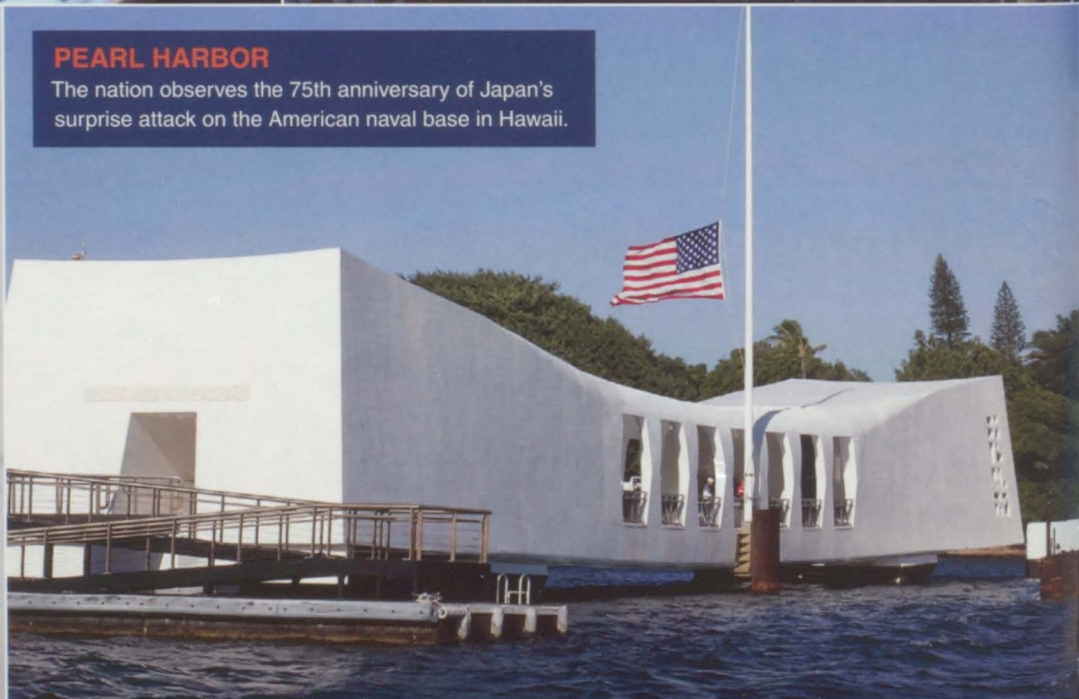
UK DECIDES TO BREXIT

Great Britain's voters choose to leave the European Union, reflecting growing concerns about immigration, national identity and the economy.



ZIKA MOSQUITOES SPREAD FEAR

Cases of Zika, a mosquito-borne virus that causes serious birth defects, are reported in Florida and Texas.



PEARL HARBOR

The nation observes the 75th anniversary of Japan's surprise attack on the American naval base in Hawaii.

MATTHEW MAYHEM

Matthew, a Category 5 Atlantic hurricane, leaves a wake of damage and destruction stretching from the Caribbean to the coasts of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

9/11 ANNIVERSARY

The country observes the 15th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. President Obama honors the victims and their families in a speech at a memorial service at the Pentagon.



TRAVEL TO CUBA

American Airlines Flight 17 from Miami is the first regularly scheduled commercial flight from the U.S. to Havana since 1961.



SPELL "COINCIDENCE"

For the third straight year, the Scripps National Spelling Bee declares two winners. Eleven-year-old Nihar Janga of Austin, Texas and 13-year-old Jairam Hathwar of Corning, New York are co-champions.



AIR AMAZON

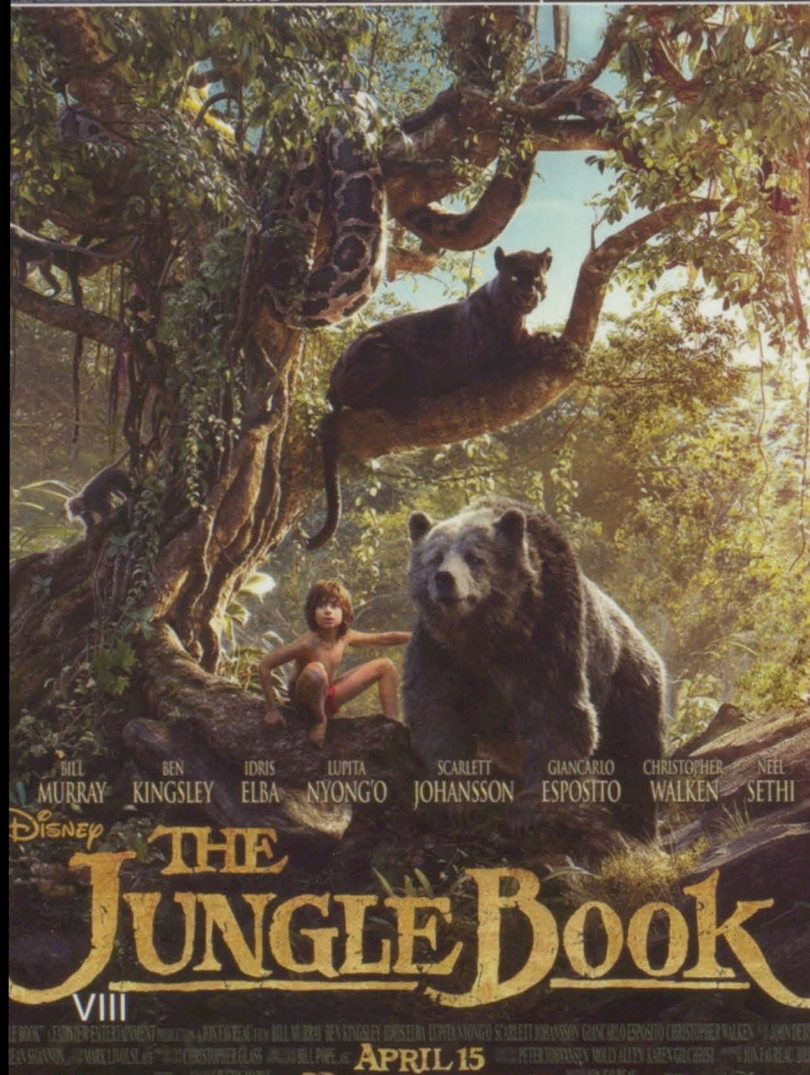
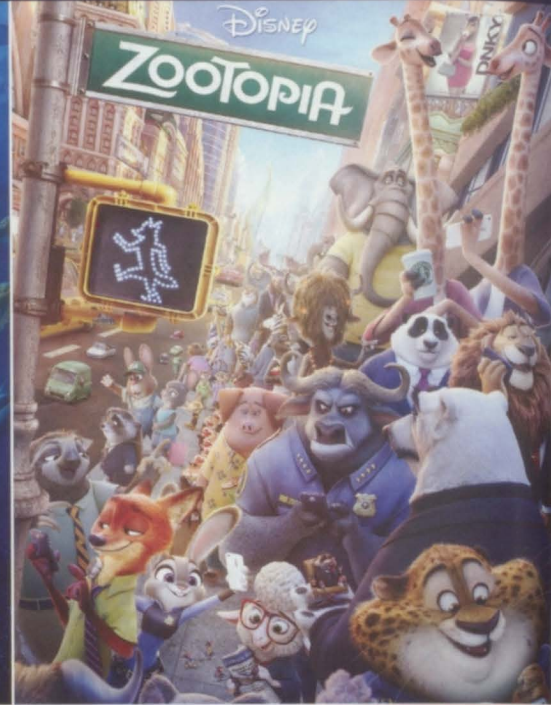
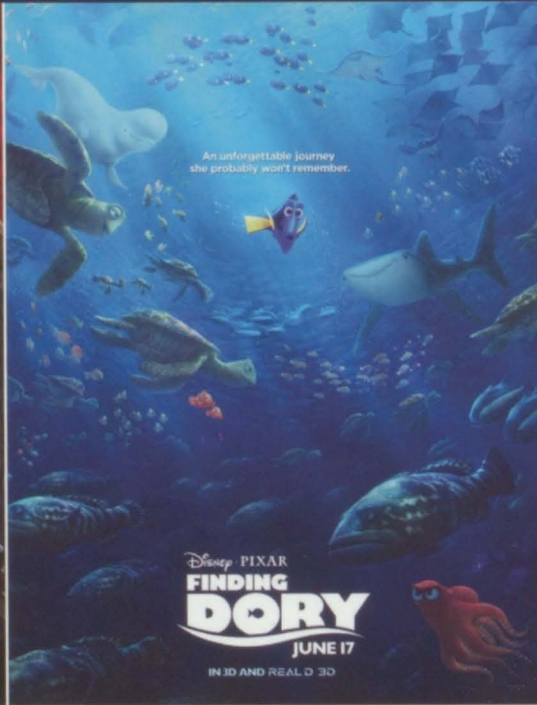
An Amazon customer in London is the recipient of the e-commerce company's first home delivery by drone.



TESLA CARS RECEIVE AUTOPILOT UPDATE

With an over-the-air update, Tesla adds self-driving functionality to thousands of their customers' vehicles; however drivers can't go completely hands-free.

MOVIES



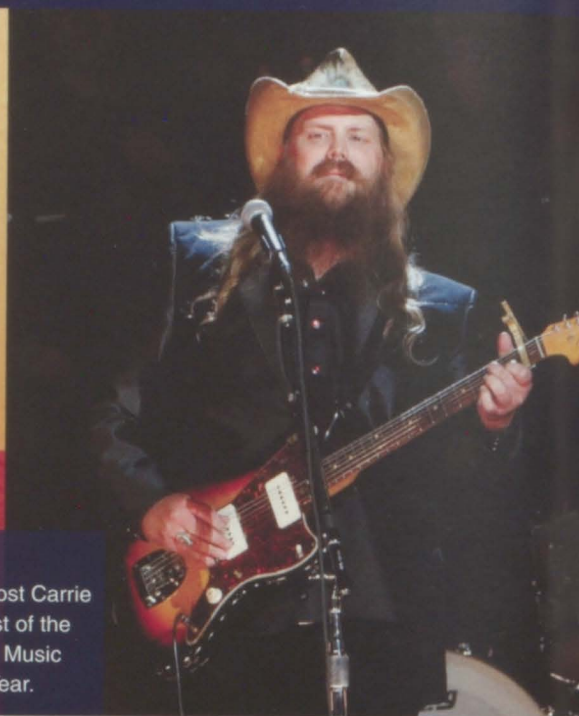


MUSIC



50TH ANNUAL CMA

At the Country Music Awards, host Carrie Underwood wins Female Vocalist of the Year; Chris Stapleton nabs Best Music Video and Male Vocalist of the Year.



QUEEN BEY REIGNS SUPREME

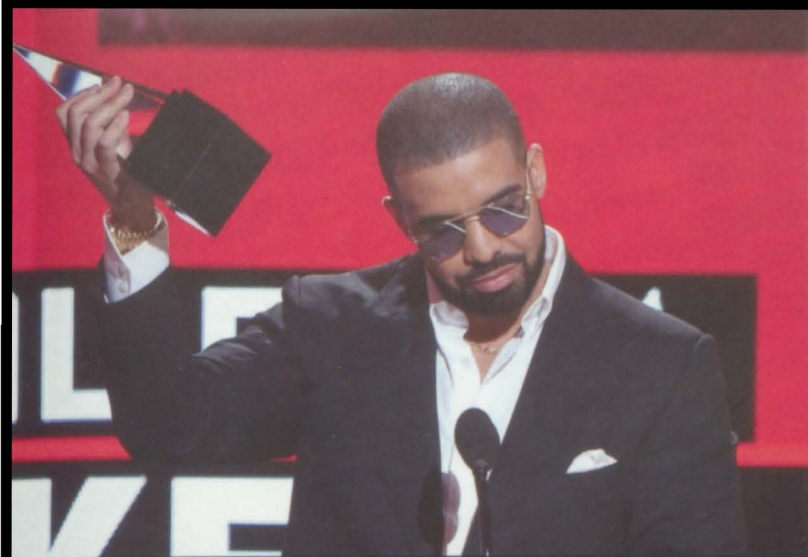
With her record-breaking nine nominations, Beyoncé leads the Grammy pack, followed by Drake, Kanye and Rihanna, with eight a piece.

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ARIANA ACES THE AMAS

Ariana Grande sends love to her fans in a heartfelt acceptance speech for her American Music Awards Artist of the Year award.



4.7 BILLION STREAMERS AND COUNTING

With the most streamed single, "One Dance," and the most streamed album, "Views," Drake is the most streamed artist of the year according to Apple Music and Spotify.



TWENTY ONE IS NUMBER ONE

With the top three songs on the Hot Rock Songs chart, Twenty One Pilots comes out on top as the Billboard top Rock Artist of the Year.



TAYLOR TAKES THE LEAD

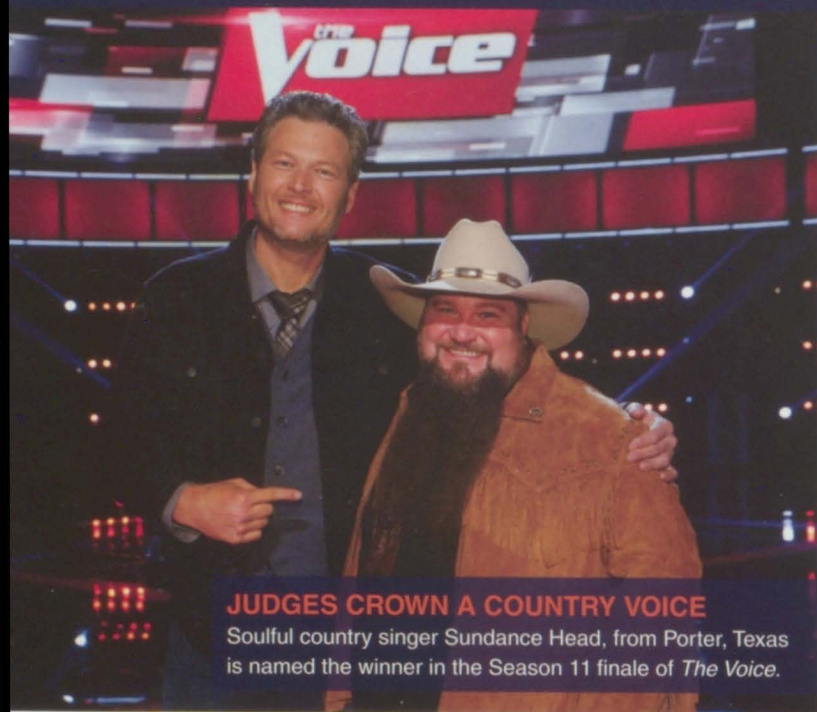
Forbes crunches the numbers and finds that Taylor Swift is the world's highest-paid musician, ahead of One Direction in second place and Adele in third.



SONGWRITER NABS NOBEL

The Swedish Academy bestows the Nobel Prize in literature on singer-songwriter Bob Dylan. It's the first time the award has gone to a musician.

CELEBRITY NEWS



JUDGES CROWN A COUNTRY VOICE

Soulful country singer Sundance Head, from Porter, Texas is named the winner in the Season 11 finale of *The Voice*.



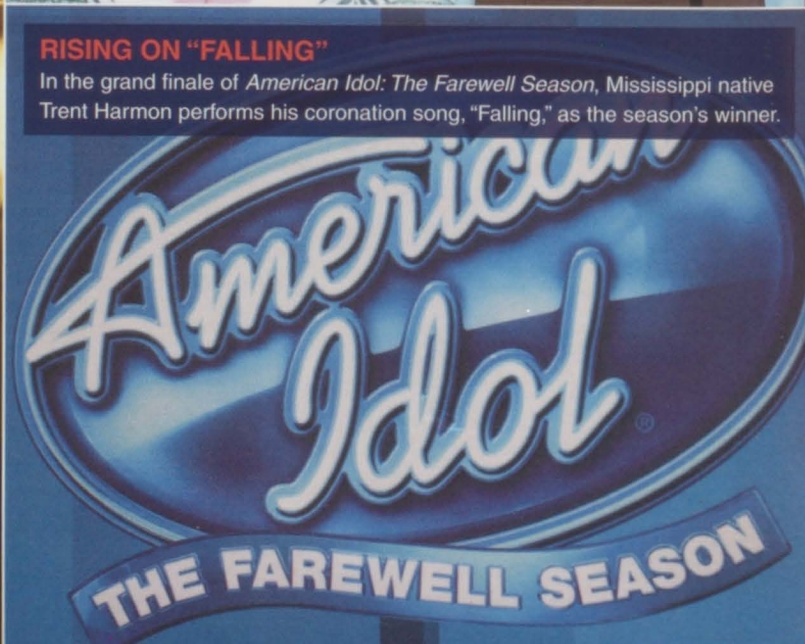
TEN YEARS OF TIMBERLAKE

TEEN CHOICE celebrates Justin Timberlake with its first-ever Decade Award to mark his 10-year-career as a TEEN CHOICE icon.



THE OSCAR GOES TO LEO

After five previous nominations, Leonardo DiCaprio finally clinches an Academy Award. He is named Best Actor for his role in *The Revenant*.



RISING ON "FALLING"

In the grand finale of *American Idol: The Farewell Season*, Mississippi native Trent Harmon performs his coronation song, "Falling," as the season's winner.



HOWL AT THE MOON
In the sixth and final season of MTV's popular supernatural drama, *Teen Wolf*, the characters confront ghostly adversaries during their last semester of high school.



IN MEMORIAM
Pop culture fans bid farewell to several iconic performers including music legends Prince and David Bowie, actor Alan Rickman and actor/screenwriter Carrie Fisher.

POP CULTURE



"HELLO" FROM THE CARPOOL

The year's most-viewed YouTube video captures Adele's appearance in "Carpool Karaoke" a popular recurring feature on James Corden's *Late Late Show* on CBS.



FASHION FLASHBACK

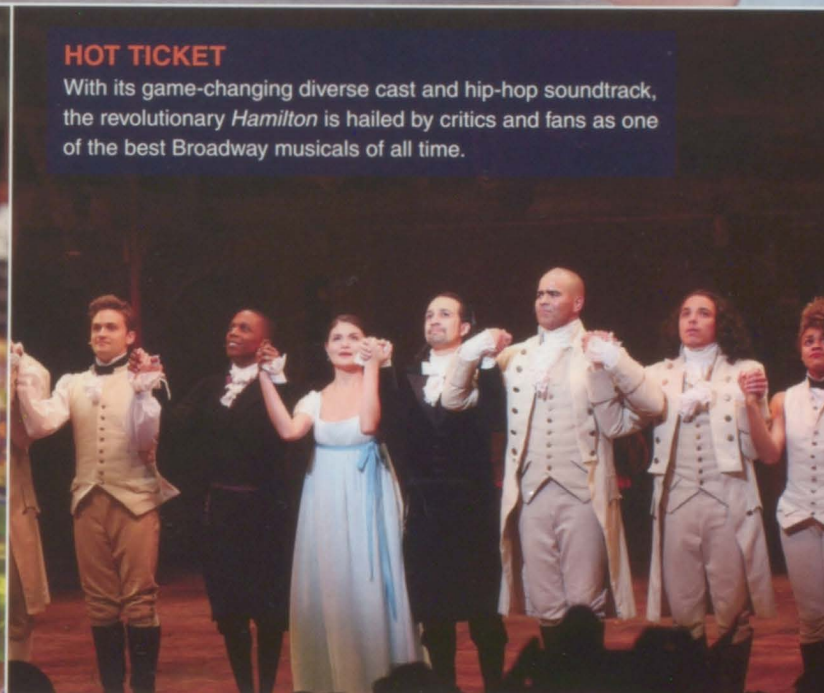
Iconic looks from the 1990s — like chokers, Doc Martens, biker jackets, jelly sandals, scrunchies, overalls, high-waist jeans and flannels — make a comeback.



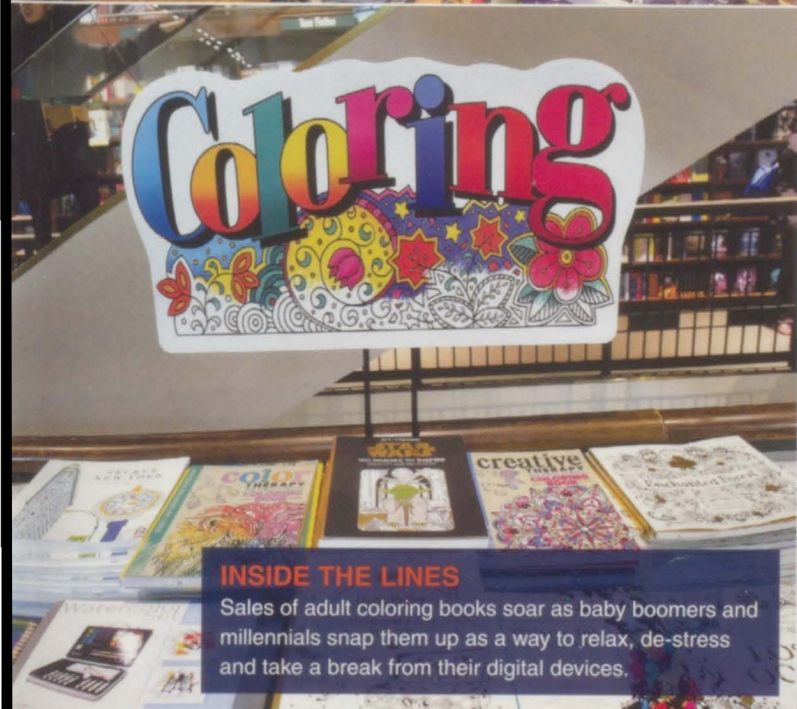
POKÉMON PHENOMENON
Pokémon Go is a bestselling game; millions of players hunt and capture its digital creatures, resulting in a dramatic increase in visits to parks across the nation.



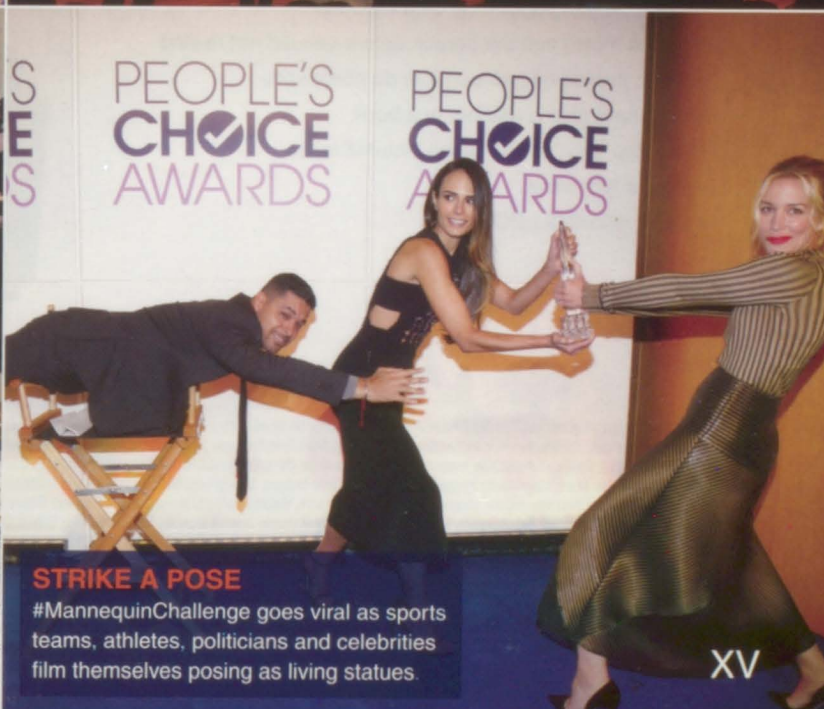
POTTER RULES
A special rehearsal script for *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, the eighth story in J.K. Rowling's popular series, tops the Amazon bestseller list.



HOT TICKET
With its game-changing diverse cast and hip-hop soundtrack, the revolutionary *Hamilton* is hailed by critics and fans as one of the best Broadway musicals of all time.



INSIDE THE LINES
Sales of adult coloring books soar as baby boomers and millennials snap them up as a way to relax, de-stress and take a break from their digital devices.



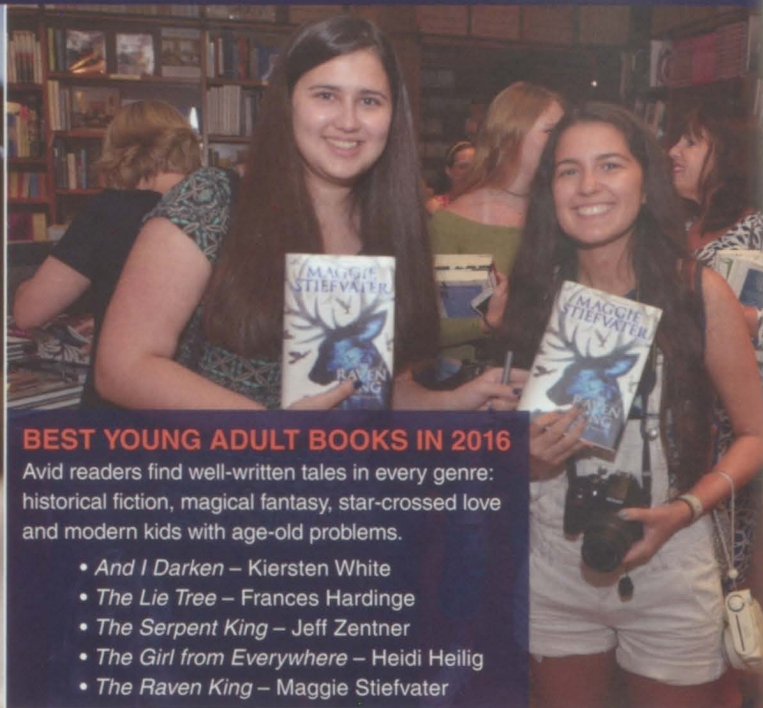
STRIKE A POSE
#MannequinChallenge goes viral as sports teams, athletes, politicians and celebrities film themselves posing as living statues.

FUN FACTS



TEENS' TOP APPS

- Snapchat
- Twitter
- Spotify
- What's App
- Instagram
- Facebook Messenger



BEST YOUNG ADULT BOOKS IN 2016

Avid readers find well-written tales in every genre: historical fiction, magical fantasy, star-crossed love and modern kids with age-old problems.

- *And I Darken* – Kiersten White
- *The Lie Tree* – Frances Hardinge
- *The Serpent King* – Jeff Zentner
- *The Girl from Everywhere* – Heidi Heilig
- *The Raven King* – Maggie Stiefvater

Things your parents did but you may never do:

- Miss your favorite TV show or sit through all of the commercials
- Roll down the car window manually
- Use a printed paper map on a road trip
- Rent a movie that the person before you did not rewind
- Use a printed encyclopedia to do homework
- Look for a phone number in a book
- Develop a roll of film to see pictures taken
- Hear a typewriter
- Use 1-800-COLLECT



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