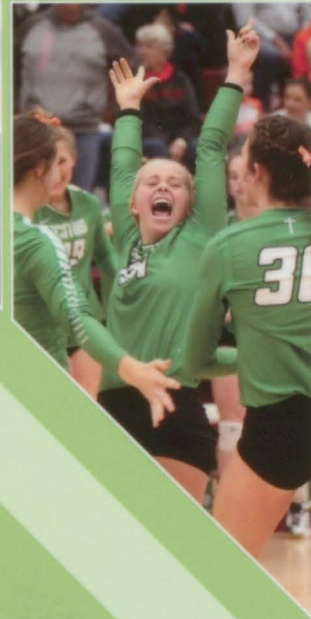


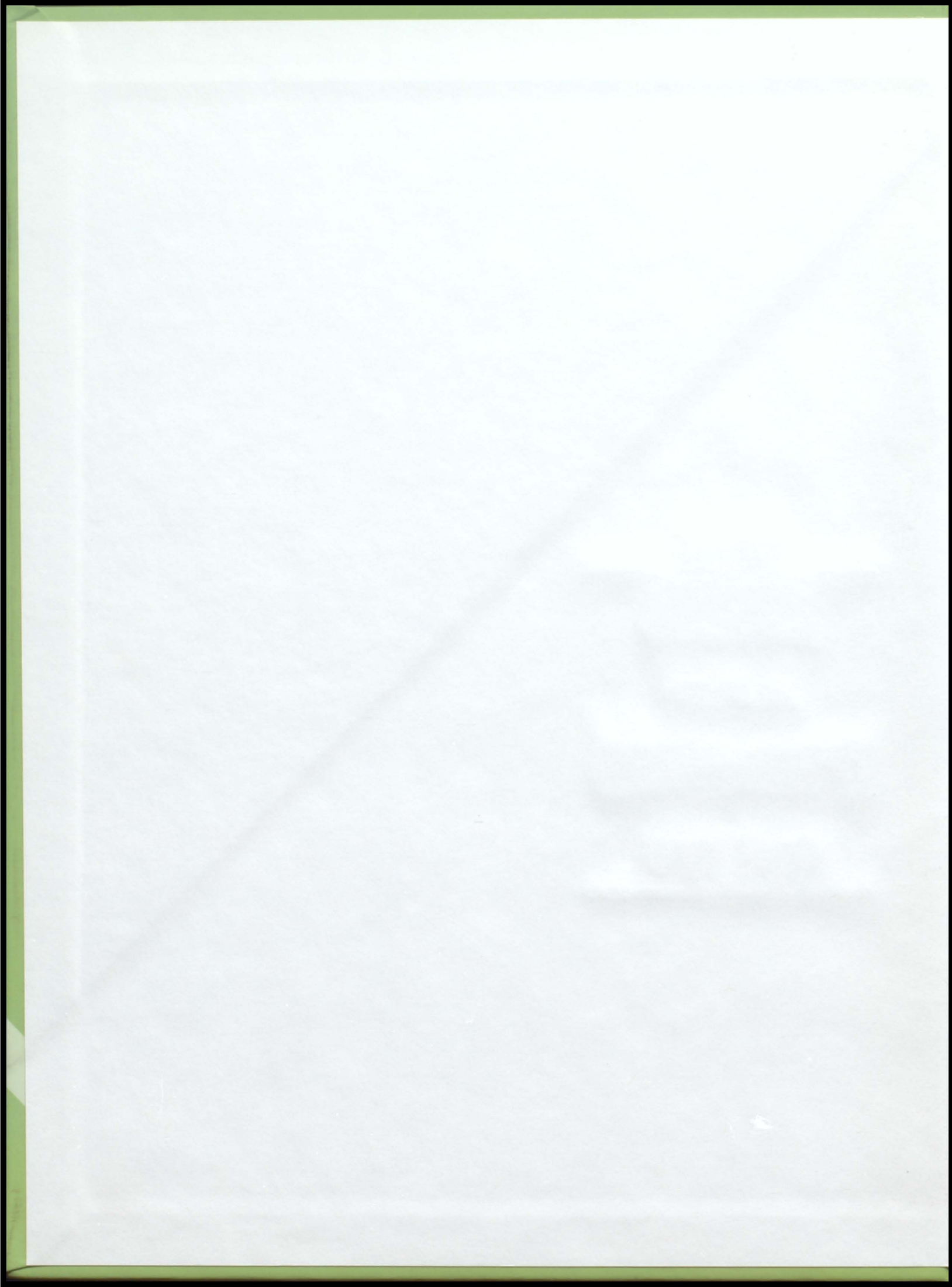
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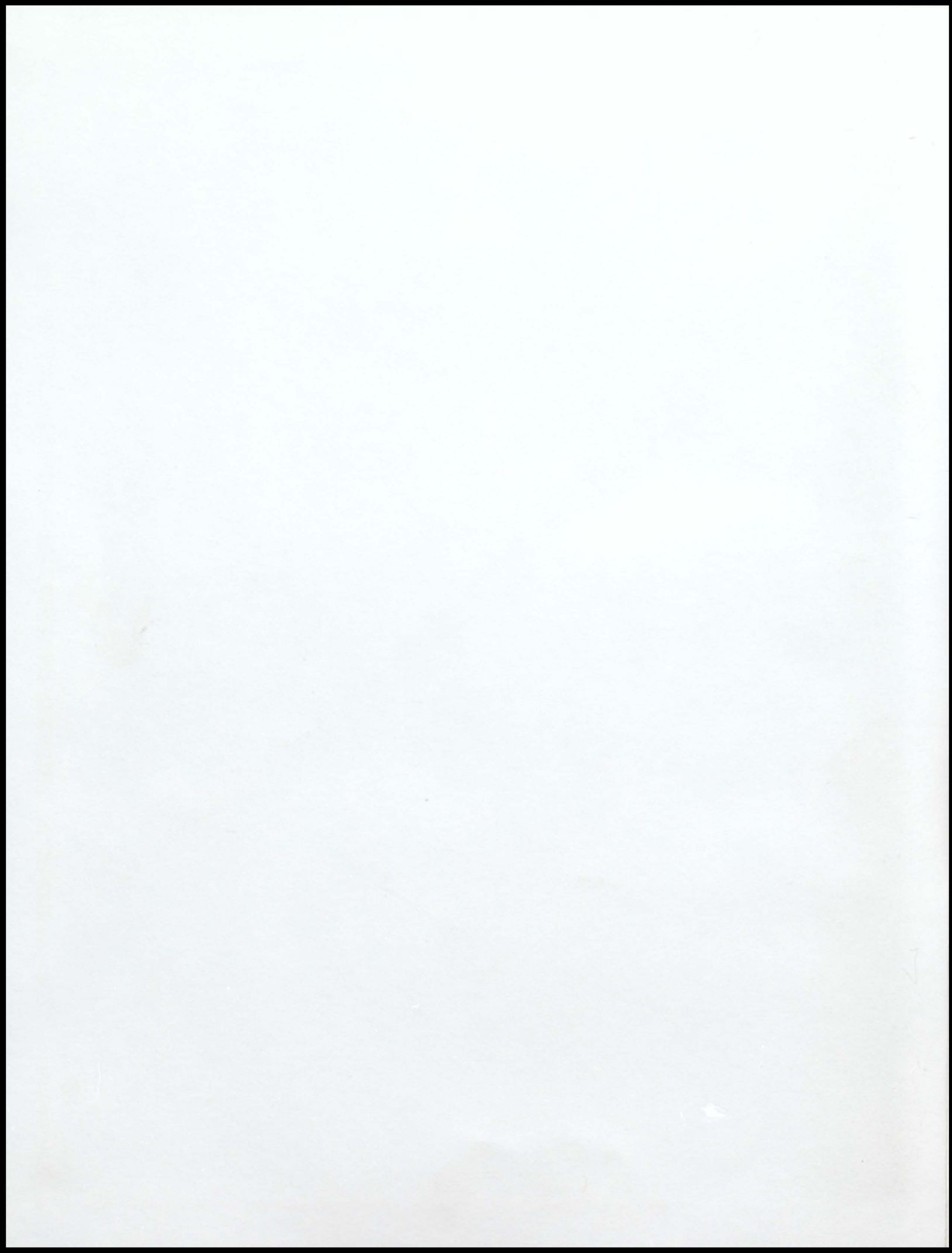
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Mrs. Zanardi's senior English class focuses while playing a game during Catholic Schools Week.

## What do you think is the best part of Scotus?



"Great teachers! Mr. Brockhaus is a great study hall teacher; he actually keeps you entertained during your studies."

**Josh Styskal, 9**



"I like how Scotus allows you to grow in your faith. We pray at the start of each class."

**Evan Ruskamp, 9**



"The kind staff who took me in on my first year and have done everything to acclimate me to the Scotus environment."

**Aaron Morse, 10**



"The best part of Scotus is lunch. Good food. 10/10."

**Stephanie Hoenk, 8**



(above) Senior **Jacob Morse** apprehends senior **Colson Kosch** (Jesus) during the Stations of the Cross. The junior high dances to a cheer at the football game. The theme was Beach. Senior **Alaina Wallick** and senior **Josh Hergott** dance during their One Act performance.  
(right) Juniors **Tommy Yu** and **Gary He** pose for a picture at a picture trial.  
(middle) Senior **Flora He** and junior **Hanna Doan** smile for a picture at homecoming.  
(far right) Sophomore **Brea Lassek** starts her closing statement in mock trial.



# BITS AND PIECES OF US

With Scotus having opportunities in faith and academics, fine arts and activities, and sports, students have many different options to grow.

Students grow through their faith and expand their knowledge in academics.

"The students around you work hard to succeed too, and you push each other. The teachers want all their students to succeed and push everyone to do their best. I think that being around people who care about their academics as you care about yours helps you to do your best and be successful," sophomore **Amber Buhman** said.

Students are required to take a religion class, but there are many other areas to help them grow in their faith.

"I think what has shaped me the most is learning to understand. I don't have any religion belief. Sometimes it is hard for me to understand Christianity and the ideas behind it, and the culture differences made things harder.

Although, there are still concepts that I don't agree with, I try to understand and learn the reason people believe it," senior **Flora He** said.

Fine arts and activities are events that start off as small groups but then grow into one big family.

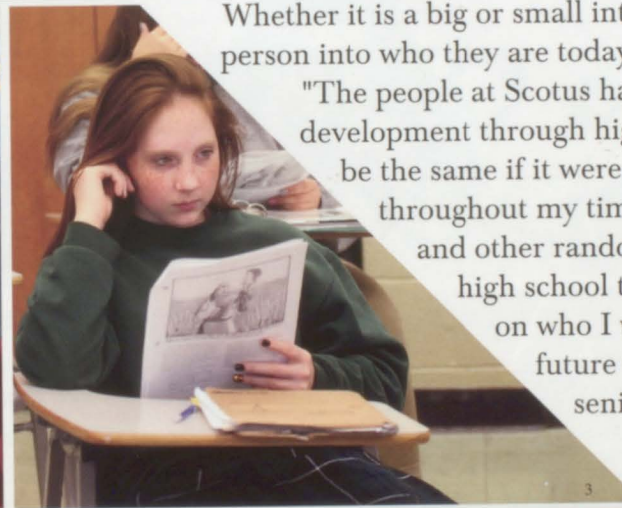
"The musical really helped me get to know many new people and make lots of new friends. The musical also helped me grow in confidence and get out of my comfort zone by trying something new. I really enjoyed how we became one big family," freshman **Emily Ferguson** said.

Scotus has always had high expectations when it comes to athletics, but no championship would be won without relationships.

"The people in Scotus athletics have shaped me by giving me the opportunity to be the best. They push me in my events and allow improvement every day. These daily encouragements help me at practice, as well as in the classroom, and will continue to help me into my future," junior **Lucas Schaecher** said.

Whether it is a big or small interaction, engaging with others can shape the person into who they are today.

"The people at Scotus have arguably had the largest impact on my development through high school. The entire environment would not be the same if it were not for the people who have surrounded me throughout my times at Scotus. My friends, teachers, parents, and other random students have all created a very positive high school to attend, and the impact that they have had on who I was, who I am now, and who I will be in the future will be one that I will always remember," senior **Winston Obal** said.



1. Senior **Jadyn Taylor** smiles while talking to her parents at Senior Mass.
2. Seniors **Trey Dallman** and **Natalie Brutty** perform in the spring play *Comic Book Artist*.
3. Seventh grader **Gianna Midendorf** focuses while studying in religion class.
4. **Father Capadano** preaches during an all school Mass in the old gym while Father Ross listens.
5. Senior **Jared Gaspers** prepares for his big jump from the pole to the trapeze bar at the Senior Retreat.
6. Junior left wing **Julia Salerno** takes the ball up the field in the first round of state soccer.



# FRACTIONS OF FAITH AND ACADEMICS

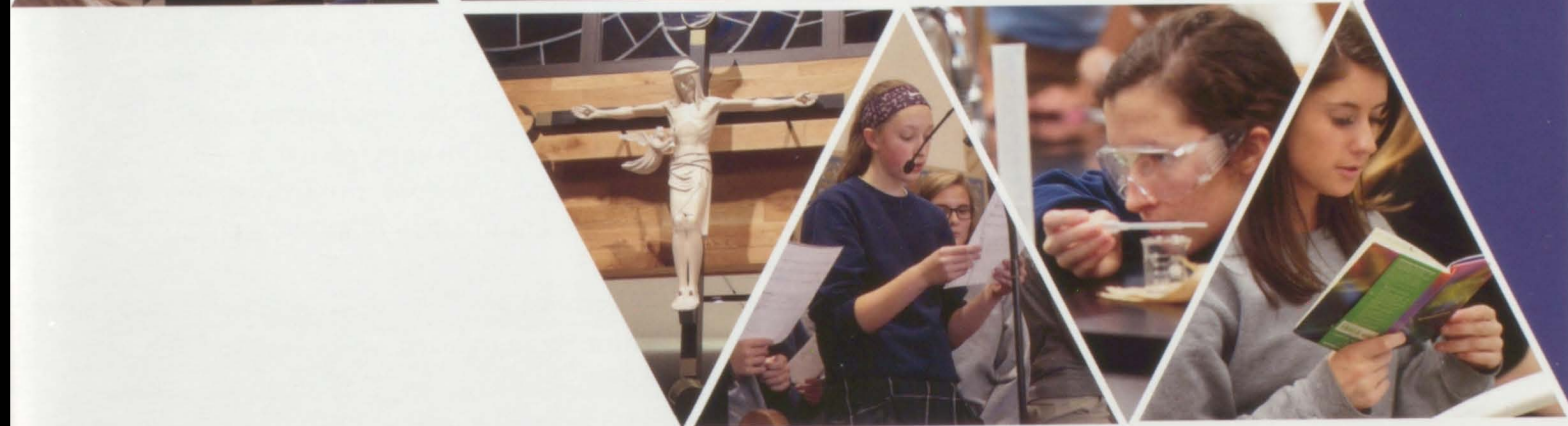
Excelling in academics and keeping the faith go hand in hand and are two essential pieces of Scotus.

Scotus is known for its academic excellence and test scores. Because the students are challenged with a tough curriculum and held to high expectations, their academic levels often shine above other schools. A student may not be the smartest person in their class, but with some effort and guidance from staff members, they can reach their academic potential. Being successful throughout academics is not the only priority. Engaging in the faith is even more important.

Students at Scotus Central Catholic have the privilege to begin each class period with a prayer. With the help and guidance of Jesus, teachers and students work together to complete each task at hand. Having a faith-based education allows the students to learn about Him, who died on the cross for the sins of the world. They are able to grow in their faith during religion class while still learning the basics in other required classes.

The school provides its students with a chance to deepen their faith and advance in their academics each day. They can then take their faith and academics to succeed outside the walls of Scotus.







Juniors at their retreat cheer as **Abe Perault** crosses the finish line of a race held during free time. **Perault** is an active member of campus ministry leadership.

## MAKING THE MEMORIES MATTER

Scotus retreats are a time for students to both grow together as a class and also grow closer to God. It is a time for students to forget their studies for a day and focus on making the memories that truly matter in high school.

Junior **Julia Salerno** attended her third retreat at the Duncan parish hall this year.

"The major focus of retreats are for class bonding. It's being able to hang out with the people that you usually wouldn't spend time with," **Salerno** said.



Seniors **Allison Starzec** and **Kendra Wiese** go for a paddle boat ride during the senior retreat. The senior retreat is held at Timberlake each year.

During retreats, many different games are played including the John Duns quarter game, the marshmallow toss, and the mail call game. These work as great ice-breakers for classes to become more comfortable around each other.

**Pat Brockhaus** is the modern government teacher at Scotus. He attends the senior retreat every year.

"I really believe my own faith grows a little more by just watching the seniors, supporting them, and getting to know them outside of the classroom," **Brockhaus** said.

One of the major goals of retreats are for classes to grow on their faith journey together. It is a time for them to learn about each other and provide support to one another.

**Julie Blaser** has been the Algebra I teacher at Scotus for 27 years. She attended her first senior retreat this year.

"This class is special to me because they have chosen to take me along with them for every retreat since their freshmen year. It's been great to see their growth in maturity and unity throughout the years. As freshmen, they were really cliquy, whereas this year everybody spent time together as a group," **Blaser** said.

# What was the most memorable part of the retreat?



"The most memorable part of the retreat was the BLOB because I was pretty good at being heavy to fling people."

**Matt Strecker, 12**



"During our free time, Emma and Abe decided to have a race. Abe won, but only because Emma gave up."

**Abbie Zoucha, 11**



"Obviously seeing Brock Kracman getting cut down from the high ropes challenge will never be forgotten!"

**Pat Brockhaus**

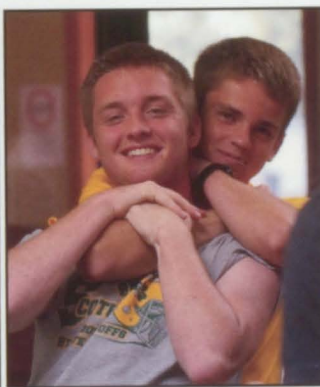


"I enjoyed when we were in our small groups and wrote letters to our future selves as seniors."

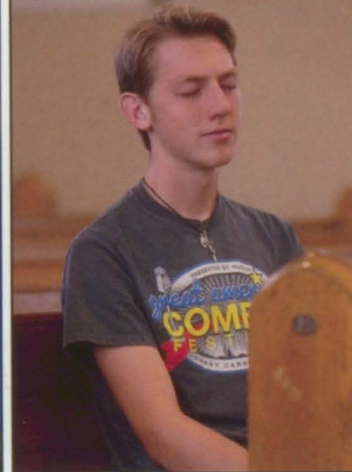
**Lily Dohmen, 7**



(top row) Senior **Brandon Huynh** bounces off the BLOB at Timberlake. Seniors **Matt Strecker** and **Jacob Morse** kayak through the water during free time. Senior **Kayla Hall** falls after attempting to catch the high bar.  
(bottom row) Senior **Brock Kracman** struggles through the obstacle course. Senior **Natalie Brutty** flies through the air after being launched by the BLOB.



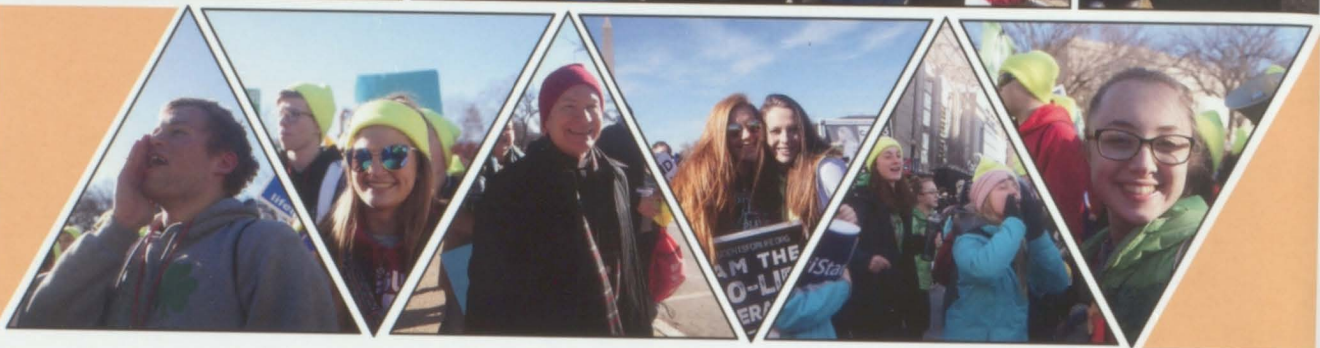
(top row) Scotus Chaplain **Father Capadano** watches as **Kelsey Faust** prepares to catch a marshmallow in her mouth. Juniors **Jackson Neville** and **Carter Thorson** have a friendly fight during free time. English teacher **Becki Zanardi** shows off her goofy side during the junior retreat. Junior **Mattie Johnson** attempts to catch a marshmallow in her mouth.  
(bottom row) Seniors **Kaitlin Enderlin** and **Macy Hamling** pose for a photo during free time. Junior **Elliott Thomazin** focuses while in prayer.



The day of the March, Friday January 19th, was spent in front of the Washington Monument and in the streets of Washington. (right) Senior **Caitlin Steiner** along with juniors **Julia Pichler**, **Caleb Kosch**, and **Patrick Herchenbach** stand in front of the Washington Monument before the March. Freshmen **Janae Rusher** and **Maddie Blaser** pose for a picture with their signs before the March. Scotus Chaplain Fr. Capadano leads chants through the streets of Washington. **Julia Pichler**, **Maddie Blaser**, sophomore **Chloe Odbert**, freshmen **Clarissa Kosch**, **Caleb Kosch**, **Patrick Herchenbach**, **Caitlin Steiner**, freshman **Olivia Klug**, sophomore **Kate Smith** and junior **Mattie Johnson** (far right) hold up signs before the March and speak out against abortion.



(right) Junior **Abram Perault**, senior **Caitlin Steiner**, **Archbishop Lucas**, sophomores **Kate Smith** and **Chloe Odbert**, juniors **Emily Stutzman** and **Mira Liebig**, and senior **Kelli Williams** all take part on the March.



The whole Columbus March for Life group poses for a photo in front of the Washington Monument while waiting for the March to begin.

# FIGHTING FOR THE FORGOTTEN

Speaking for what you believe in means speaking for what is right. When someone strongly believes in something, they fight for it and speak up for it.

The March for Life allows people from all across the country to speak out for what they believe in. This event took place in Washington, DC. This event is the fight to end Roe vs. Wade, which is the law that was passed on January 22nd of 1973, which allows abortions in the United States.

“Life is such a beautiful and precious gift from God. If we don’t defend it from conception to natural death, we are not good Christians,” freshman **Noah Korth** said.

This year the school took one charter bus filled with 40 students and 10 chaperones all from the Columbus area. The pilgrimage began with a 22 hour bus ride to Washington on Tuesday, January 16, and ended on Sunday the 21st of January.

The day of the March was Friday, January 19th. Scotus pilgrims started the March at the Washington Monument and marched to the Supreme Court building.

“I loved the March but also my feet hurt really badly, but it was a sacrifice I was willing to take,” freshman **Kamryn Chohon** said.

On their trip to Washington, students and chaperones had the chance to visit famous museums and monuments within the area. Many even rode the subway for the first time. Along with freshman **Maddie Blaser**, many agreed that the Holocaust was their most moving experience.

“My favorite place that we visited was the Holocaust Museum because it really put into perspective how bad the Holocaust really was for the Jews and other people who were killed,” **Blaser** said.

“Respect for all life is important. Not only the unborn, but everyone who walks the earth. During and after the March, you notice the littlest things in people and how beautiful those things are about them even if it’s something as little as someone smiling,” senior **Emily Carstens** said.



(top left) Senior **Allison Starzec** looks at the wall in the Holocaust Museum. Juniors **Mira Liebig** and **Emily Stutzman** pose for a picture in front of the Washington Monument. Freshmen **Lizzie Parker**, **Maddie Blaser**, and **Clarissa Kosch** ride the subway with chaperone **Kim Pichler**. (far left) The March for Life group poses in front of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Juniors **Emily Stutzman**, **Hannah Allen**, and **Mattie Johnson**, and senior **Maddie Neville** dance at the youth rally the night before the March.





Chaplain **Father Capadano** blesses the painting of Blessed John Duns Scotus at an all school Mass.

## ART ADDS HISTORY TO THE CHAPEL

Stained glass windows, candles, and pictures of saints decorate the school's chapel, but there has never been anything to represent the school's namesake, Blessed John Duns Scotus. Scotus Chaplain **Father Capadano** along with president **Jeff Ohnoutka** had been searching for a relic of Scotus the past couple years, but came across none. Father then decided to consult senior artist **Emily Carstens**.



Senior **Emily Carstens** proudly displays her painting of Blessed John Duns Scotus while standing outside of the chapel.

"Emily was the first student I considered asking because her portraits look as if they were photographs of people that had been run through a 'pencil' graphic processor. Her attention to detail is exactly what one needs when doing an icon," **Capadano** said.

**Carstens** was willing to take up the challenge.

"I was a little hesitant at first and wasn't sure if I would be able to do it because it's something different from what I'm used to, but Father bought a board, and I started on it that day," **Carstens** said.

The task was unlike any other as she spent numerous hours sketching, erasing, and drawing the icon from her own perspective.

"The most difficult part of writing the icon was adapting a new technique and drawing it out. There aren't any icons of Scotus, so his face came from a few pieces of art that I'd found as well as how I imagined it would look," **Carstens** said.

The illustration depicts Blessed John Duns Scotus holding a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary along with a scroll that says 'potuit decluit ergo fecit', which translates to "he did it because he could".

**Father Capadano** concluded, "I hope the students see the icon of Scotus and desire to know more about him and rely on his intercession for their studies. He was a brilliant man and a great student."

What is one way you grow in your faith at school?



"One way I grow in my faith here at school is by praying everyday in every classroom before class starts."

**Audrey Sprunk, 8**



"One way I grow in my faith at school is in religion class by learning about why we do things the way we do it as Catholics."

**Tyler Stuart, 8**



"One way I have grown in my faith at school is in religion class. We have had many people come talk to us about the priesthood and religious life, which I thought was interesting."

**McKenna Hoefler, 10**

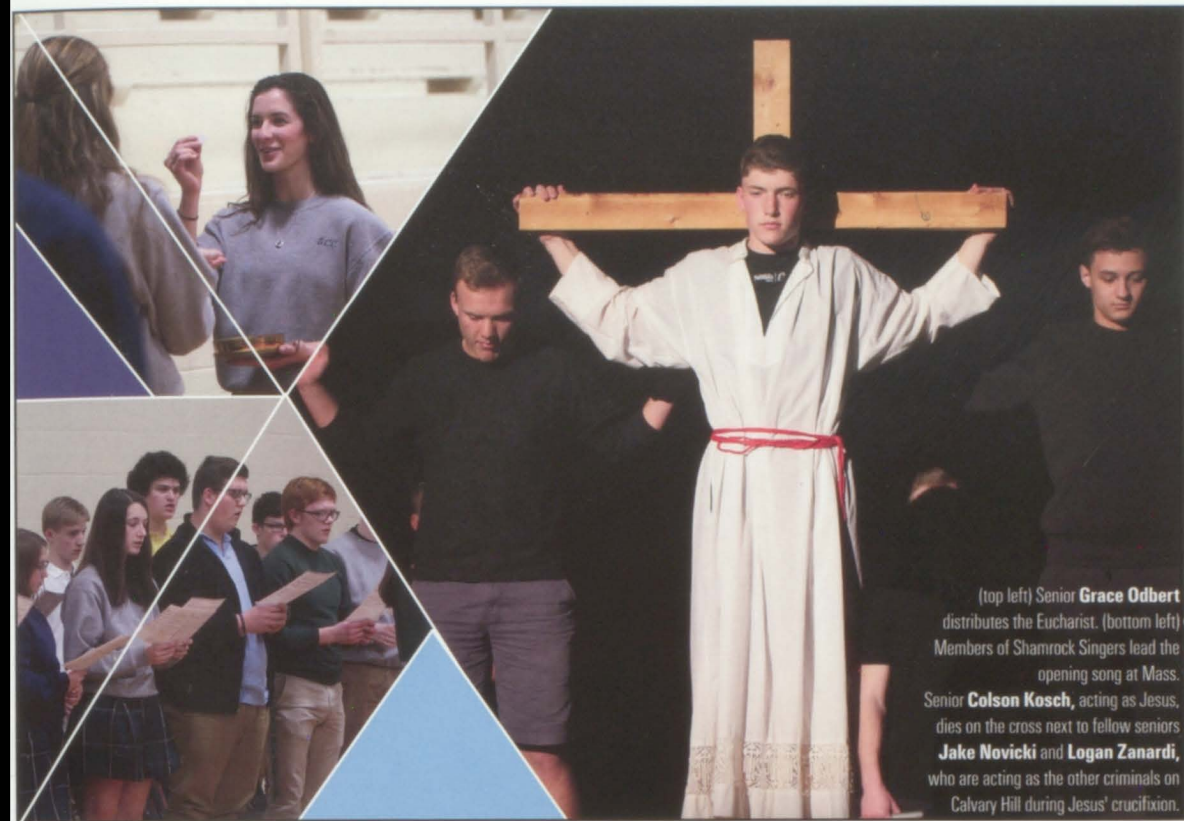
(top far left) Religion teacher **Kelly Koranda** stands next to her drawing of Saint Mother Theresa. Koranda majored in Art and Spanish as well as in Religion in college.

(middle far left) Eighth grader **Patrick Cieloha** gives a sign of peace to classmate **Trenton Cieloha** at Mass.

(bottom far left) Freshman **Clarissa Kosch**, juniors **Elliott Thomazin**, **Abe Perault**, and **Isaac Ostdiek**, and senior **Emily Carstens** dress up as martyrs for All Saints Day.

(left) Senior **Maggie Feehan** reads a book to St. Bonaventure fourth graders for Catholic Schools Week. A group of seniors read their favorite children's book to the St. Bonaventure grade schoolers for the occasion.

Senior lector **Faith Przymus** reads at Mass.



(top left) Senior **Grace Odbert** distributes the Eucharist. (bottom left) Members of Shamrock Singers lead the opening song at Mass. Senior **Colson Kosch**, acting as Jesus, dies on the cross next to fellow seniors **Jake Novicki** and **Logan Zanardi**, who are acting as the other criminals on Calvary Hill during Jesus' crucifixion.



# EXPLORATION THROUGH EXPERIENCES

The Scotus students had many opportunities to try new things this year, one of them being a whole school field trip to watch the solar eclipse. On the morning of August 21, 2017, the entire student body and staff of Scotus Central Catholic filled more than just a few buses to travel to Concordia University to watch a solar eclipse. This whole-school field trip was organized by science teacher **Joan Lahm**. The day was filled with memories with friends and the unforgettable view of the total eclipse of the sun even though it only lasted for not even two minutes.

"I gasped, looking around at the darkness, and as I gazed up at the moon covering the sun, I teared up with how beautiful and amazing it was," junior **Tara Kamrath** described.

An overwhelming amount of students said they enjoyed the field trip to watch the eclipse and would like to go on another like this.

"I thought it was a super cool experience. I was so excited when I found out the whole school was going," sophomore **Jaycee Ternus** said.

While many were quite excited to watch the process of a solar eclipse, others looked at it as another way to spend some quality time with their classmates and friends.

Seventh grader **Isaac Carstens** said, "It was fun to hang out with my friends and exciting to see an eclipse for the first time."

The last solar eclipse took place in 1954 and will not happen again until 2024.



(top) A group of seniors, **Ms. Salyard** and **Mrs. Salyard** prepare for the total eclipse. (middle) Junior **Isaac McPhillips**, seniors **Grace Odbert**, **Colson Kosch**, **Maggie Feehan**, and **Mrs. Lahm** watch the eclipse. Scotus was one of many schools to go to Concordia to watch the eclipse.

(right) Junior **Abe Perault**, seniors **Caitlin Steiner** and **Emily Carstens**, junior **Isaac Ostdiek**, and a group of sophomores wait for the solar eclipse.



## How did you react when the solar eclipse reached totality?



"It was really cool, and I screamed."

**Konner Kudron, 11**



"I was surprised because I didn't expect it to be as bright as it was."

**Sarah Bichlmeier, 10**



"I was shocked when it started to get colder and darker right before the solar eclipse reached totality."

**Hallie Parker, 11**





## DISCOVER WITH STEAM

In September, Chuck Hagel spoke to the Scotus students about his experiences as a previous U.S. Senator and U.S. Secretary of Defense. Scotus Central Catholic hosted a "Chuck Hagel Dinner" to help fund the up and coming STEAM lab. This will be put into place next year for students to use. This innovation will encourage students to further explore the ideas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics.

(top) Chuck Hagel speaks at the fundraising dinner about his experiences.  
 (middle) Senior **Shania Borchers**, and staff members **Father Capadano**, **Mrs. Rusher**, and **Mr. Brockhaus** listen to Chuck Hagel speak.  
**Mr. Ohnoutka** speaks at the Chuck Hagel dinner.  
 (bottom) Chuck Hagel holds a Scotus hat given to him by student council. Hagel is a 1964 graduate of the school.



(above) Sophomores **Tyler Vaught**, **Katie Stachura**, and **Nick Taylor** listen intently to a speaker. Sophomore **Jaycee Ternus** reads a story about a Jew who died during the Holocaust. The sophomore class and **Mrs. Zanardi** smile for a picture with a Holocaust survivor.

## LEARNING THROUGH OTHERS' LIVES

English teacher **Becki Zanardi** spends a unit every year with the sophomores talking about World War II and the Holocaust while reading the book *Night*. The sophomore class had the opportunity to listen to a Holocaust survivor speak this year to learn even more about World War II at an event that took place at the SAC Museum. This class was the first class to have the opportunity to take this trip.



# EXPERIENCES IN ELECTIVES

Art is a common method of self-expression and a well-known language among enthusiasts of various forms of art. Someone who understands this is new art teacher **Clyde Ericson**.

"I have been drawing as long as I can remember. I initially enjoyed being able to imagine something and somehow making my imagination more real by putting it on paper," **Ericson** said.

**Ericson** said that as a child, he would ask for paper and a pencil rather than playing with tractors. One medium he enjoys working with is sculpture as he said it is challenging, yet rewarding.

"To me art has been a way of creating an experience through art making and recalling experiences or observations through the art I create. I enjoy the process of committing to something and not knowing exactly how it will turn out, knowing that there are multiple solutions to the problems I discover," **Ericson** said.

Some of the curriculum taught in the art classes offered included artmaking, art history, and art appreciation, which expose students to specific mediums, techniques, and concepts. The students ended the quarter with a project based on their choice. This allowed them to use different mediums that they wanted to use.

**Ericson** said, "Art has multiple functions such as reaching for a high standard of beauty or prompting a discussion about something that would otherwise go unappreciated."



(top) Seniors **Tessa Bridger**, **Marika Spencer**, and **Madison Kerkman** cook food in Culinary Arts.

Senior **Jake Novicki** takes a bite of his food in Culinary Arts.

(middle) **Mr. Ericson** helps a student with an art project.

(top) Sophomore **Tyler Palmer** holds a whiteboard with the answer to a Spanish question.

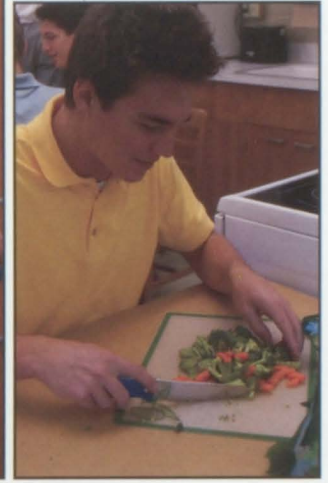
Senior **Kaitlyn Enderlin** cares for her Child Development baby.



(far left) Senior **Logan Mueller** eats the meal he has prepared in Culinary Arts.



Senior **Maddie Neville** takes care of her Child Development baby. Senior **Trevor Kaslon** sharpens a knife in **Mrs. Johnson's** class. Senior **Carson Hottovy** chops up some vegetables in Culinary Arts.



## What elective did you take this year and why?



"I took textiles because it was a fun class to learn how to sew, and I took child development so I could take care of the fake babies."

**Kaitlyn Enderlin, 12**



"I took Street Law. I like it because it's a Mr. Brockhaus class, and it's fun to listen to him talk about random stuff."

**Caleb Kosch, 11**

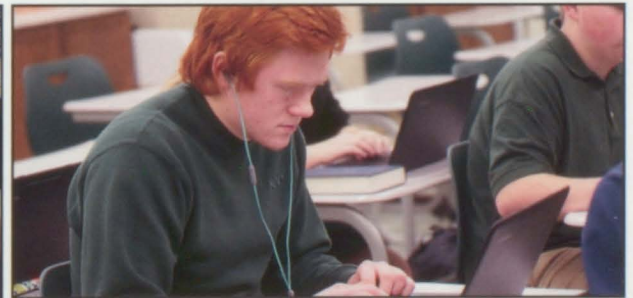


"I'm in all of Mr. Brockhaus' classes because I wanted to take interesting classes that covered a wide range of topics."

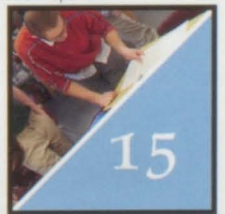
**Tisa Kasik, 12**



Electives are the optional classes at Scotus that are offered by many teachers. **Mrs. Johnson** offers classes that equip students with useful skills in electives such as Textiles & Clothing, Child Development, and Culinary Arts. With **Mr. Brockhaus**, students are able to take classes such as Street Law, Psychology, and Sociology. In these classes and many more, students can grow in specific areas of knowledge or take them just for fun.

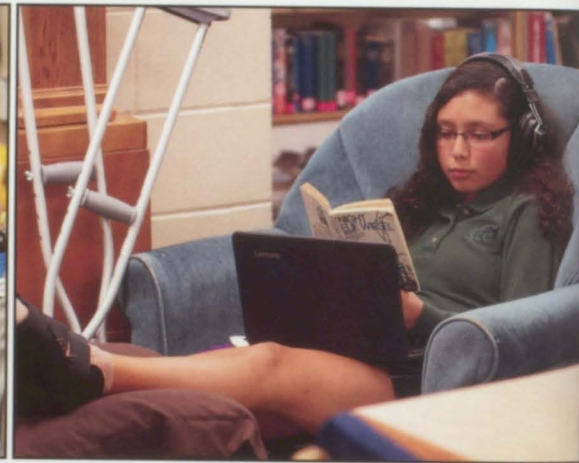
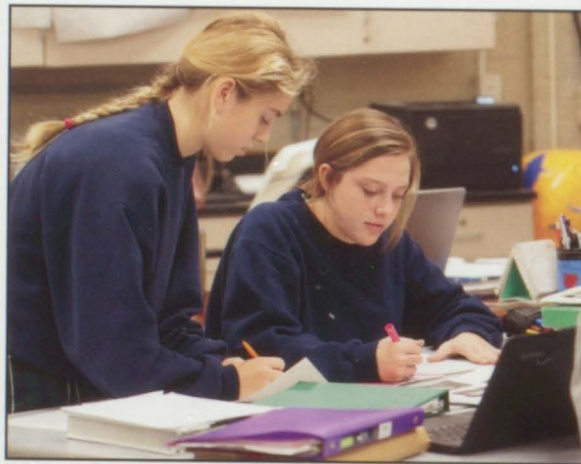
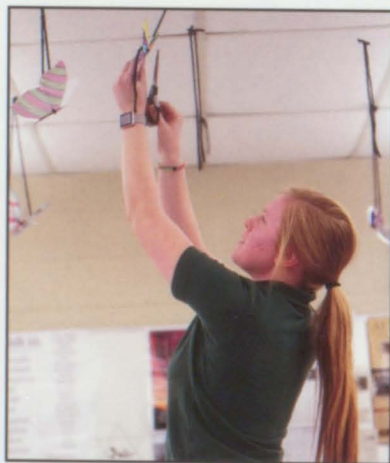
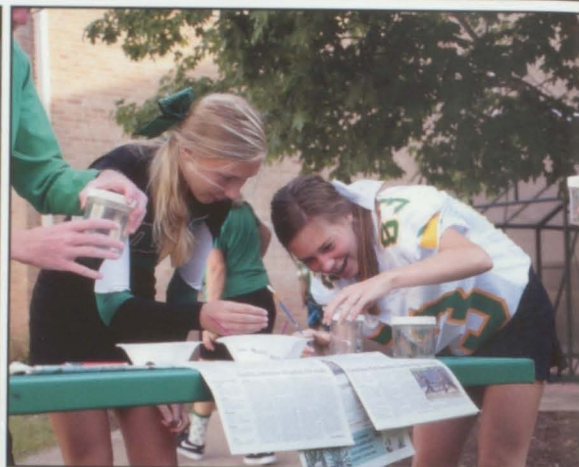
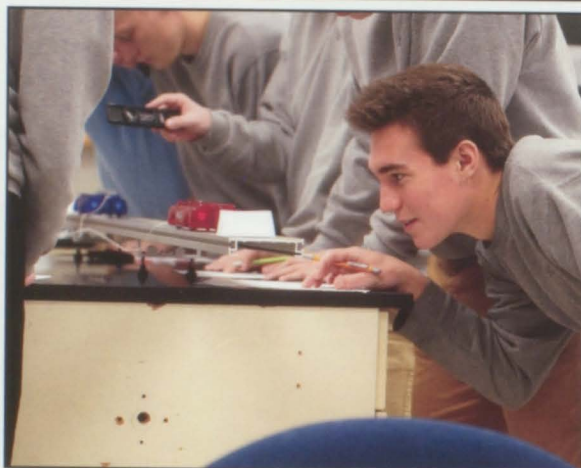


(above) Eighth grader **Zoe Euteneuer** cuts a shape out for an art project. Senior **Bryan Littlefield** works on an assignment in speech class. (far left) Sophomore **Molly Carstens** works on a lenovo for Speech class. Seventh grader **Isaac Carstens** talks to friends before P.E. class. **Mrs. Moody** writes on a whiteboard in Spanish.

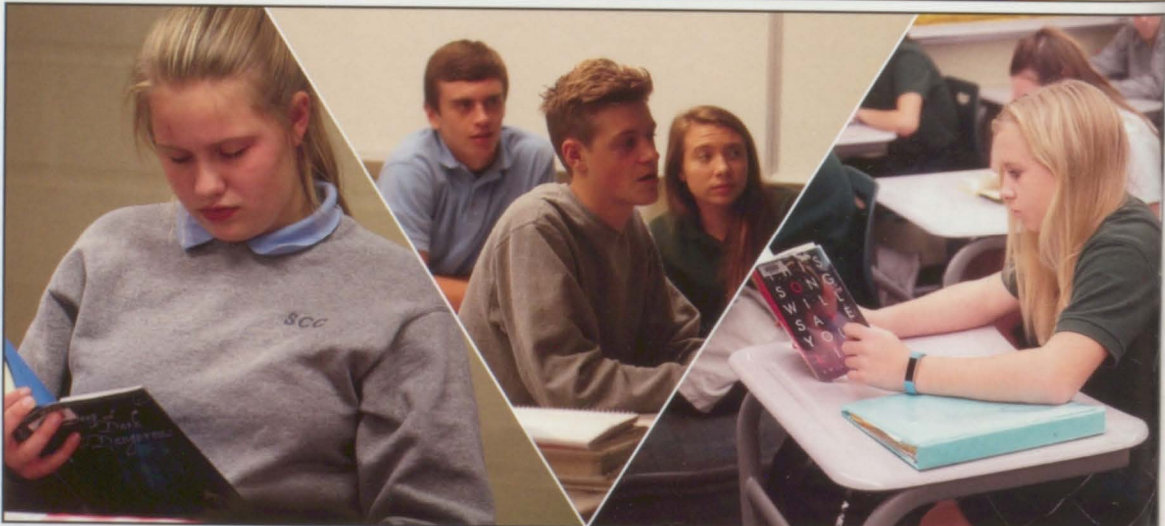


(right) Eighth graders **Abee Hutchinson, Avery Dierman, and Garrett Oakley** perform a science experiment during their Earth Science class. Junior **Eduardo Torres** uses peanut butter in his chemistry lab during his Chemistry class. Junior **Hallie Parker** writes down observations on her paper while she performs a lab in Chemistry.

(below) Juniors **Nathan Schumacher and Emily Stutzman** work on their lab in their Chemistry class. Senior **Carson Hottovy** examines the red car during an experiment in his Physics class. Sophomores **Samantha Tonniges and Liza Zaruba** paint crickets in the courtyard during an activity in their Biology class.



(above) Sophomore **Kate Smith** takes down her butterfly after reading the novel *Night* in English class. Each student's butterfly was then burned in the courtyard. This was the first year that English teacher **Becki Zanardi** decided to do this activity. Eighth graders **Liz Adamy and MaKenna Svehla** do a science project in their Earth Science class while using a Lenovo. Sophomore **Debanhi Adame-Hernandez** uses a Lenovo in the Media Center to Skype her English class as she reads her book.



(right) Seventh grader **Hailey Steffensmeier** reads a novel in the Media Center during a "Book Tasting" event held by the librarian **Cathy Podliska**. Juniors **Grant Shanle, Drew Zaruba, and Blaney Dreifurst** play a game in American History class. Seventh grader **Libbie Brezenski** reads a book in English class.

## What are some of the benefits of having technology at Scotus?



"I think the class I use technology the most is Mrs. Rusher's class because we work on computers for everything, like writing article outlines, designing layouts, and we get to take pictures."

Flora He, 12



"I think the Lenovos help us to do more activities in class and help us to write our papers faster in English class."

Jaden Hollmann, 11



"We are able to get online and do work and look up events in the world. They are a real resource that allows us to connect to the outside world."

Abaigeal Ayd, 9



"Some of the benefits of the Lenovos is that we can access PowerSchool on them."

Tyler Stuart, 8

# TECHNOLOGY ADDS TO COURSES

At Scotus, all of the students have easy access to technology ranging from their cell phones to the computers in the Media Center. During last school year, Scotus added 280 Lenovos, similar to a laptop, to many classrooms so students could use technology without going to the computer lab. Students have noticed some benefits emerge from these laptops.

"I like the Lenovos because we do not have to wait for computers in the Media Center to be free," junior **Abigail Stuart** said.

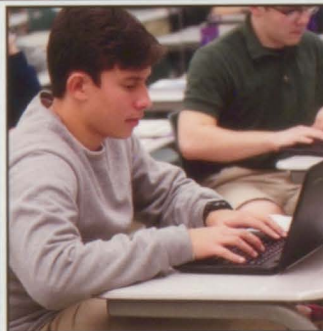
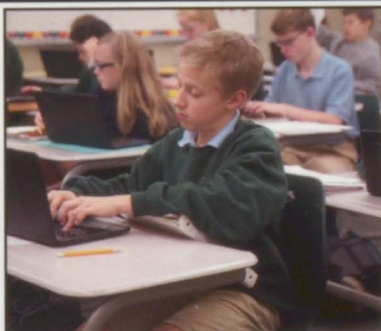
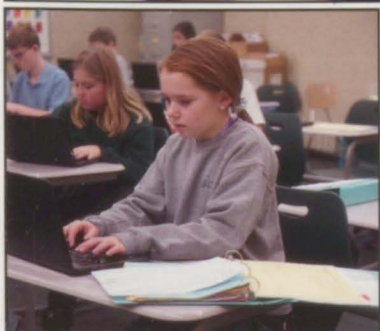
Another advantage that students appreciate is having the opportunity to use computers in their classes.

"I think the Lenovos have definitely made class more efficient and productive, which saves a lot of time, and we could actually put ourselves to work," senior **Flora He** said.

The students are not the only people to recognize the advantages of the Lenovos at Scotus, but the staff also appreciates the laptops.

"They may not be the top of the line, but they are a great asset," English teacher **Helen Schumacher** said.

**Schumacher** uses the Lenovos in her classroom for quizzes, research, paper writing, projects, and grading, just as many other teachers use them for. Many teachers, including teachers who teach science, history, and English classes, have carts of Lenovos as well.



(above) Seventh grader **Brianna Belzer** uses a Lenovo during her English class. (far left) Seventh graders **Gabbi Young** and **Alex Zoucha** also use Lenovos in their English class to work on their projects. Senior **Thiago Pereira-Ferriera** works on a Lenovo in order to write his speech in Speech class. The Lenovos have seen a big improvement from last year because many students noticed they work a lot faster.





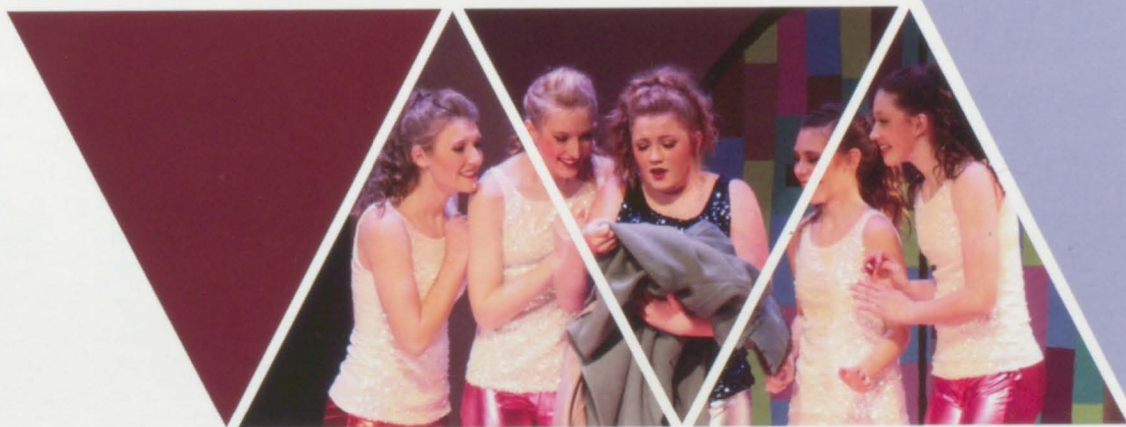
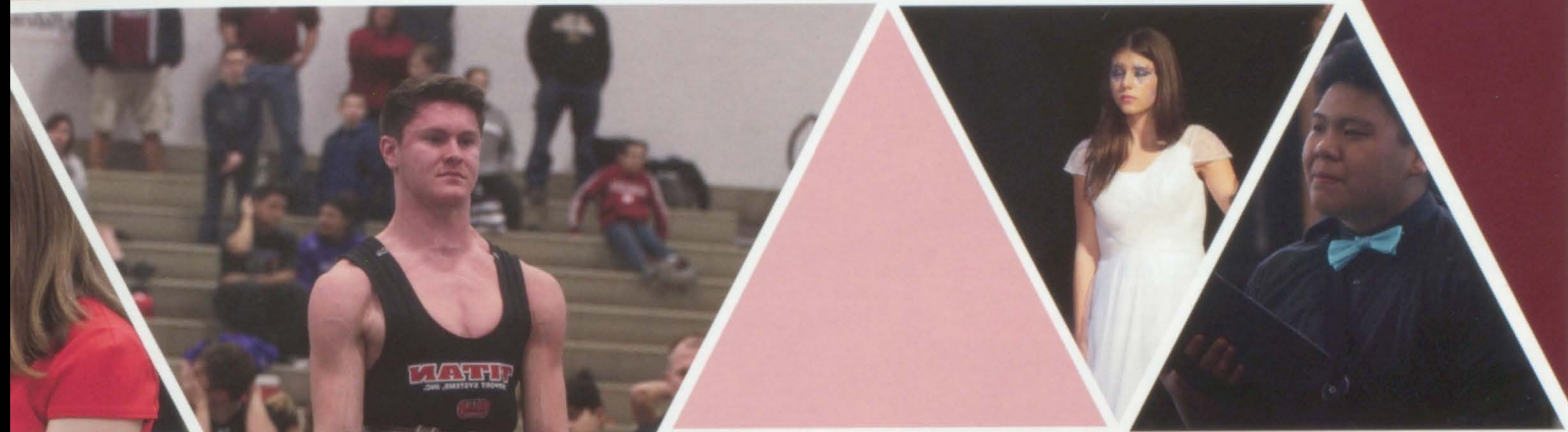
# PARTS OF FINE ARTS AND ACTIVITIES

Being at Scotus Central Catholic means being involved in many different activities. Students take part in fine arts, clubs, or other activities. This makes everyone busy.

Many students go between basketball and then straight to musical, while someone else might be in speech and also the president of FBLA. Some even do NHS, a sport, and may be involved in some other type of activity right after practices. Even dances keep everyone busy, especially when they are right after winter break.

Through all of this busyness, it also creates great opportunities. Juggling between academics, sports, dances, and other activities teaches hard-work and dedication. It gives students the opportunity to learn how to handle many activities in a stressful situation. Activities help to explore different careers and talents.

Despite the stress of being busy, everything falls into place. At Scotus, there are different pieces of everyone in all the parts of the school, from the musical, to the dances, to NHS, and to sports. Everyone's pieces fit together with others which then creates Scotus Central Catholic.





Sophomore **Samantha Tonniges** listens to the Red Cross worker during her donation at the Scotus NHS Blood Drive. **Tonniges** was one of the 114 participants who attempted to give blood on February 27th.

## ADVISORS BUILD LEADERS

Over the years, sponsors of organizations and sports come and go. This is not true for at least three major organizations at Scotus. Student Council advisor, Joan Lahm, has been heading the organization for the last 14 years. National Honor Society advisor, Jane Dusel-Misfeldt, has been in charge for the past 20 years. FBLA advisor, Patti Salyard, has lead her organization for the longest of the three for a total of 23 years.

From events like Mr. Shamrock, to No Shave November, to the Dodgeball Tournament, the student council has come up with many new ways to raise money for other organizations in the community.

"I do believe that we do more service projects than we've done in the past. We are more cognitive of helping others in the community as well as our own student body," Lahm said.

Like Lahm, Salyard has gotten Scotus FBLA more

involved with community service and school projects. To name a few, FBLA puts on multiple food drives, holds decorating contests, and runs the football concession stands. With that many activities going on throughout the years, there were always jobs to be done.

"When I first started, I didn't know what was going on. Now it's a little easier to just let go and let the students do it," Salyard said.

Each member gets points based on the number of events they help with or attend. At the end of the year, members are then awarded for their hard work by getting the chance to attend the state leadership conference if they have enough points.

Dusel - Misfeldt has spent the last 20 years at Scotus working with other student leaders. She enjoys helping students to find out how they can become better leaders as well as helping them see how they already lead, even when they don't acknowledge their abilities themselves.

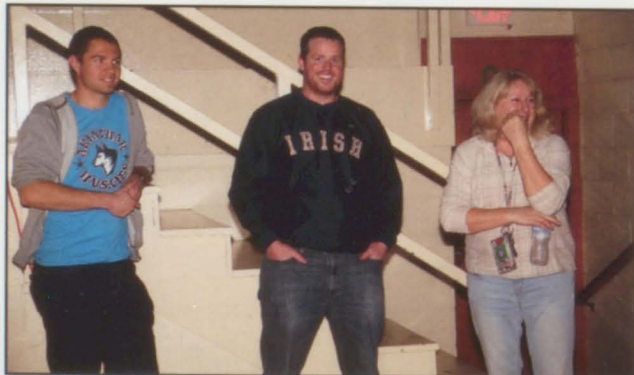
"As a member of NHS sometimes people don't think of themselves as leaders, and they are. Sometimes I can see it, but they might not even think about the fact that they are leading there," Dusel - Misfeldt said.

Each of these advisors have made their organizations thrive, and they will continue to do so until they find the right time to end their journeys at Scotus.

Student Council advisor **Joan Lahm**

(far right) chaperones the Sadie Hawkins dance along with **Clyde Ericson** and **Zach McPhillips**.

The dance was put on by the student council as a fundraiser for The Simon House.





# Why are you a member of this organization?



"I wanted to learn about business leadership."

**Dominic McPhillips, 8**



"I was able to meet the qualifications and it's truly an organization that makes a difference."

**Kayla Hall, 12**



"I am a member of FBLA because we do a lot of community projects where we get to help others, and I love helping others!"

**Emily Ferguson, 9**



"I really enjoy all of the different opinions and ideas that every unique person in student council brings to the table. It's awesome to see the intelligent students that make up this institution."

**Caden Pelan, 11**



(far left) Eighth graders **Kyanne Casperson** and **Hannah Pflum** pose with the basket of port-cath pillows they handmade. Junior high FBLA members had the option to come in before or after school to make port-cath pillows to earn FBLA points.

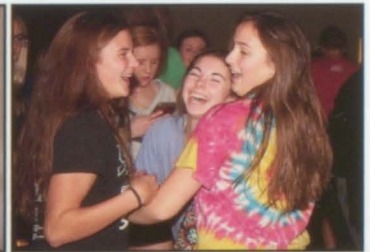
(left) Freshman **Cassie Kouma** glides across the Memorial Hall gym on a scooter during FBLA's winter Olympics. During FBLA week, the group held a winter Olympic competition in celebration of the winter Olympics being held in South Korea around the same time.

(bottom left) Juniors **Tyler Wurtz** and **Mira Liebig** rake the yards of elderly parishioners at St. Bonaventure Church during FBLA's "Rake and Run" event.

(below) Sophomore **Eric Mustard** spones in his surroundings before getting ready to throw during the dodgeball tournament sponsored by student council.

(below) Sophomore **Jayden Heng** and juniors **Kendra Korgor** and **Logan Bennett** laugh and dance together during the Sadie Hawkins dance held in December.

(below) Seniors **Jacob Morse**, **Trevor Kaslon**, **Carson Hottovy**, **Logan Mueller**, **Calen Hinze**, and **Matt Strecker** pose with the dodgeball tournament bracket after their win over the 13 teams that participated.



(far left) Seniors **Grace Odbert** and **Colson Kosch** volunteer at the blood drive by making posters to hang on each donor's locker or door in school.

Junior **Logan Johnson** participates in the blood drive held by NHS. Senior **Brock Kracman** and juniors **Maddie Sueper** and **Rylie Olson** pose for the camera during their volunteer shift at the NHS blood drive.

NHS held a blood drive in the Dowd Activity Center on February 27th. The blood drive successfully donated a total of 111 units to the American Red Cross. These donations came from Scotus students and faculty as well as their family members and friends.



NHS President **Nathan Donoghue** lights junior **Isaac Ostdiek's** candle during induction. **Ostdiek**, along with thirty other students, was inducted into NHS in September.



Senior **Tyler Miksch** deadlifts during the Omaha Central competition.

Senior **Logan Mueller** and freshman **Katelyn Bayer** squat at the powerlifting meet in Beatrice.

Sophomore **Collin Dreher** squats at the state powerlifting competition in Beatrice at the beginning of March.

The members of the powerlifting team pose with their trophies at the state powerlifting competition in Beatrice. The boys and girls both placed third, and the team also placed third overall.



## What has been your favorite part about HOSA?



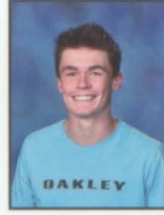
"My favorite thing about HOSA is the opportunity to explore the medical field and receive first-person exposure to different practices. It helps to look at potential career decisions so closely."

Drew  
VanCannon, 10



"My favorite part about HOSA was attending the HOSA convention in Omaha and seeing the different positions in the medical field."

Emily  
Stutzman, 11



"I enjoyed making treats as well as eating the treats at the bake sale. It also helped raise money for a great cause."

Dalton  
Borchers, 10



"Definitely visiting the hospitals in Omaha or just the people in our group. And of course having Mira be our president."

Kendra  
Korger, 11

## FLOURISHING IN NUMBERS

Two activities that have thrived in popularity at Scotus are Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and powerlifting, a form of competitive lifting. Both groups believe that with more people comes a positive outcome.

Junior **Emma Brandt** is in her first year as a powerlifter. She thinks the number of people positively increases the atmosphere in the weight room.

"The more people involved, the louder it is. I love when there are a ton of people because everyone is yelling and encouraging each other," **Brandt** said.

Despite the large number of people out for powerlifting, freshman **Madison Wittwer** said the coaches still make an impact on her time in the weight room.

"The coaches are the most helpful part of powerlifting, and they really do care about how we do at meets and individually in the weight room," **Wittwer** said.

HOSA, an organization that gives students the opportunity to explore the health field, has increased in

numbers over the years. Science teacher **Joan Lahm** is in charge of HOSA.

"We had 12 members the first year and then 15 the second year. This year we had 33 members. We were able to go to two hospitals in Omaha, so we were able to have more students involved in health experiences by going to different workshops. This gives them the idea if the health field is right for them," **Lahm** said.

Junior and president **Mira Liebig** has been involved in HOSA for two years. She joined because it helps her find her career path in the medical field.

"HOSA is a great program to get involved in the medical field. This program opens you up to new jobs and careers. It also helps us to work as a group," **Liebig** said.

As president, **Liebig** helped coordinate fundraisers and trips to SLC.

"I chose to be involved in HOSA so I could become closer to finding my career path and help others find their way," **Liebig** concluded.



(far left) Senior **Kayla Hall** uses a respirator to practice breathing while sophomore **Liza Zaruba** learns about the equipment used in the ambulance. The HOSA group went to CHI Health to learn about the different medical fields. (middle) P.E. and Health teacher **Janet Tooley** along with seniors **Marika Spencer** and **Trevor Kaslon** purchase treats at the bake sale that HOSA put on for the Sammy Superhero's Foundation. The foundation helps build childhood cancer awareness.



# FINDING THEIR INNER 'FREAK'

Suicide is a rising issue in today's society as it is a contributor to the leading causes of death among teenagers. The One Act team this year brought light to the subject in their production of "FREAK" by Angela Hill. In this play, Monique, played by senior **Alaina Wallick**, is greeted by several characters who are considered 'freaks' and have sent themselves to the 'freak show' by killing themselves.

"I liked it. It helped raise awareness of suicide and how words affect others," senior **Jenna Salerno** said.

The team spent countless hours improving their characters and the play itself through practice and effort.

"We just kept getting better as a whole. **Mrs. Schumacher** would make changes, and we would complain, but then we would roll with them and every change made the whole show a lot better," senior **Jadyn Larsen** said.

The team grew closer through practice and performances and had fun while doing so.

"My main goal was for my team to feel like a family. I want them to believe in this production and even more importantly, in themselves," senior **Kaylie Rocha** said.

The team took home the very first One Act plaque after taking second in the district competition that took place at Central Community College. The team also placed third at the conference tournament a few weeks before districts.

"Before districts, we were extremely nervous. A lot of hardwork, sweat, and tears were put in this season," senior **Natalie Brutty** said.

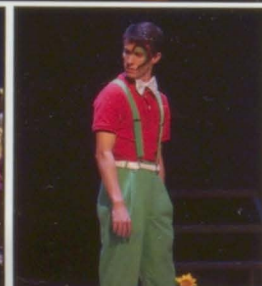
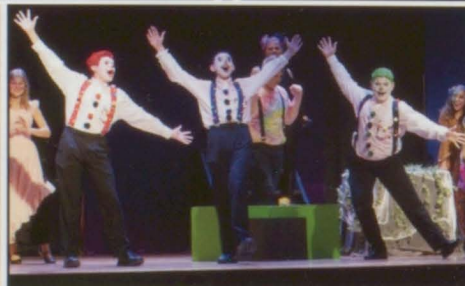
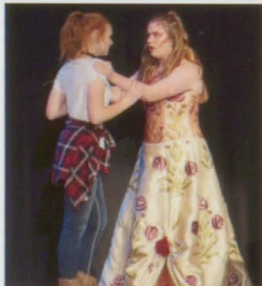


Junior **Isaac McPhillips** attempts to intimidate the main character of the One Act.



(top) The main cast of the One Act play this year try talking senior **Alaina Wallick's** character into killing herself. (bottom) Junior **Maddie Sueper** explains that there is hope.

Freshmen **Noah Korth, Simon Pichler, and Ben Merrill** act as the comic relief in the play. Senior **Jared Gaspers** plays his character of Benny the Batboy. Freshman **Mckenna Mausbach** acts as Hope.



**What character did you play in the One Act this year?**



"I was Bella. She came to this world because she did not think she was pretty enough so she peeled her skin off."

**Caitlin Steiner, 12**



"My character was Max. He is a maniacal maniac and the head hancho. He controls the freaks and makes sure everything is in line."

**Brandon Huynh, 12**



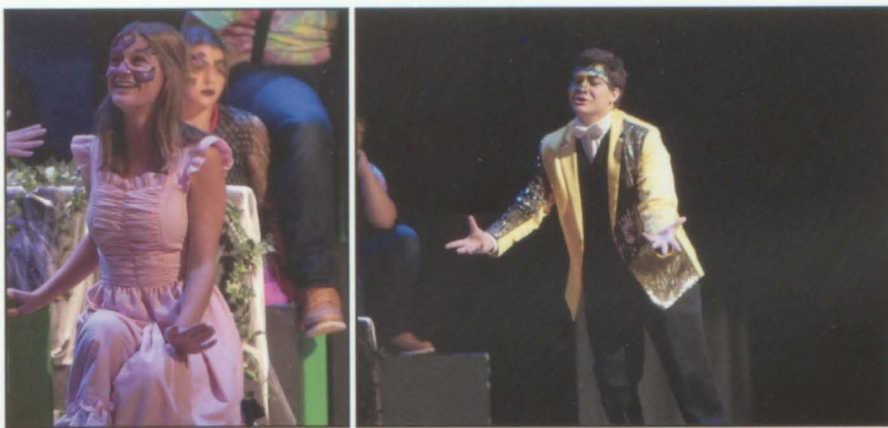
"I was Kitty. The whole play I explain how lonely I feel. I got no attention and no one wanted to talk to me. I acted crazy to get people to notice me."

**Mattie Johnson, 11**



"I was Fauna: a twin who was super close to her sister Flora. We longed for people to see us as individuals, but since no one did, we drove into a lake together."

**Clarissa Kosch, 9**



(top) senior **Caitlin Steiner** greets Monique. Senior **Josh Hergott** introduces his character to the play with a dramatic entrance. (middle) seniors **Brandon Huynh** and **Alaina Wallick** observe a box that screams throughout the play. (bottom) Senior **Alaina Wallick** opens the play with a monologue. Junior **Mattie Johnson** plays the role of a cat by showing a ball of yarn. English teacher **Helen Schumacher** and her son wait to introduce the play. **Schumacher** directed One Act. Freshman **Clarissa Kosch** and senior **Jenna Salerno** play hippie twins. Junior **Isaac McPhillips** asks if he is scary.



(above) seniors **Jadyn Larsen** and **Brock Kracman** add to the background of the scene taking place. Senior **Alaina Wallick** is freaked out by senior **Josh Hergott** as he tells her more about his character. (far left) senior **Natalie Bratty** predicts Monique's future. Senior **Brandon**

**Huynh's** character tells Monique about where she is and who he is.



# SPEAKING TO SUCCEED

In past years, Scotus has dominated district mock trial. This year, the Scotus seniors had the opportunity of making it even further. After hours of hard work and practice, they soon found themselves in the state final at the end of the season, making Scotus history by taking second place.

“Mock trial was such a great experience. It has taught me so much. I wouldn’t trade the memories for anything,” senior **Natalie Brutty** said.

There are different parts that take place in a mock trial competition. Some of these roles include attorneys and witnesses.

“We would have practices every Sunday. Each witness worked with his/her attorney to develop questions the attorney would ask then the witness would have to remember the answers to the questions,” freshman **Cassie Kouma** said.

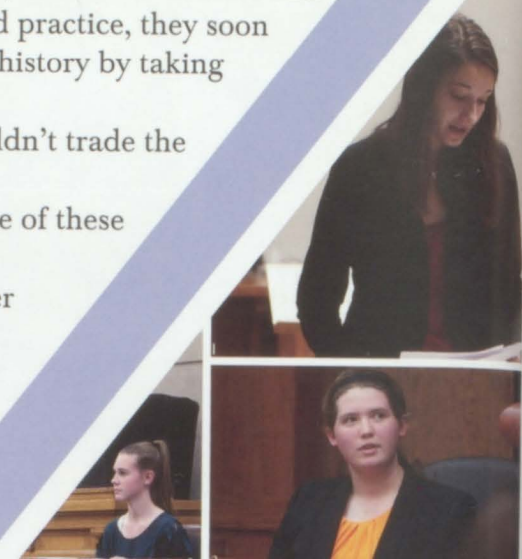
Mock trial gives students an opportunity to get an authentic look at cases and each part that takes place in a trial and possibly even spark interest in a career being a lawyer or an attorney.

“The thing that I like most about being an attorney is cross examination. Watching witnesses squirm because they have to answer a question that they don’t want to answer is so fun,” junior **Elliott Thomazin** said.

One thing is for sure, through all of the time and effort put in by each of the mock trial teams, many agreed that it had created close friendships and a team bond throughout their experiences.

“I love that mock trial gave me a chance to begin pursuing my dream while forming some of the best friendships in the process,” senior **Faith Przymus** said.

1. Senior **Jenna Salerno** gives the opening statement for a competition.
2. Sophomore **Liza Zaruba** plays her part as a witness in the case.
3. Junior **Hallie Parker** answers questions as a witness.
4. Senior **Trey Dallman** acts as a witness during the case.
5. The freshmen mock trial team poses for a photo after their first ever competition against the Scotus sophomores.
6. Sophomore **Chloe Odbert** cross examines the other team’s witness.
7. Junior **Elliott Thomazin** prepares to speak as an attorney for the case.
8. Junior **Drew Zaruba** is cross examined by the opposing team’s attorney.
9. Junior **Emma Brandt** is interrogated at a competition.
10. The Scotus senior mock trial team gets together to discuss during a break.
11. Sophomore **Brea Lassek** gets ready to give the closing statement for the competition.





1. Senior **Emily Carstens** holds her hand out for a handshake during her entertainment speech about goodbyes.

2. Senior **Logan Zanardi** plays Count Olaf in an OID from a *Series of Unfortunate Events*.

3. Senior **Alaina Wallick** and junior **Isaac Ostdiek** play Violet and Klaus in the OID.

4. Senior **Brandon Huynh** plays Sunny in the OID.

5. Junior **Hannah Allen** gives an informative speech about bread.

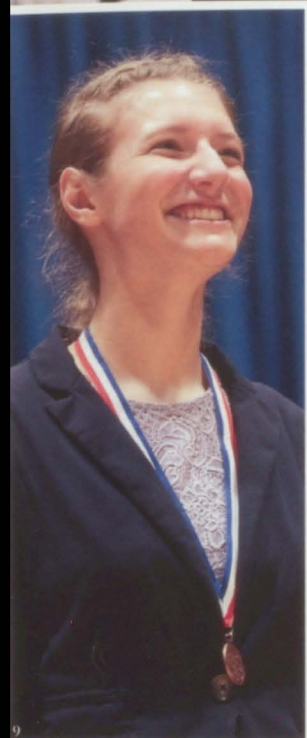
6. Junior **Isaac McPhillips** performs in the OID as Lemony Snicket.

7. Junior **Patrick Herchenbach** and senior **Bryan Littlefield** wait for awards for Extemporaneous speaking.

8. Freshman **Ben Juarez** gives a persuasive speech about success.

9. Sophomore **Lauren Ostdiek** places fourth at the state tournament.

10. Sophomore **Debahni Adame** performs her poetry.



Early Saturday mornings during the winter are met with nothing but love from speech team members. From late night practices revising and memorizing speeches to remaking visual aids for the third time during the season, there's no doubt about it: speech team is quite unique to other extra curricular activities.

"When I was a 7th grader, I went to watch my brother compete with his OID, and ever since then, I wanted to do that," junior **Isaac Ostdiek** said.

Students join speech team for a myriad of reasons, but most decide to so they are able to work on the necessary and lifelong skill of public speaking.

"I joined speech to help conquer my fear of speaking in public. I also enjoy seeing everybody's speeches," sophomore **Katie Stachura** said.

While the past season had many returning members, there were also a few new faces to the team who were ready to try out something new.

"I had always wanted to do speech, but dance always got in the way. I just decided to go for it my last year," senior **Jenna Salerno** said.

Many speech team members broke at least once throughout the season, sending them to finals to place in the top 6 at the meet after placing well in their preliminary rounds.

"My favorite meet of the year was state because I loved competing against such great speakers, and I was super happy with the results," sophomore **Lauren Ostdiek** said.

Ostdiek placed 4th at the state competition in Kearney with an entertainment speech about decision making. Other state competitors included seniors **Logan Zanardi** and **Alaina Wallick** in duet, junior **Hannah Allen** in Informative, and the Oral Interpretation of Drama which consisted of seniors **Logan Zanardi**, **Alaina Wallick**, **Brandon Huynh**, and juniors **Isaac Ostdiek** and **Isaac McPhillips**.

What is your favorite memory from this season?



"Being with my team. We are all so close and get along well."

Jenna Salerno, 12



"My favorite memory was competing at districts because that's when all of our hard work paid off when we qualified for state."

Logan Zanardi, 12



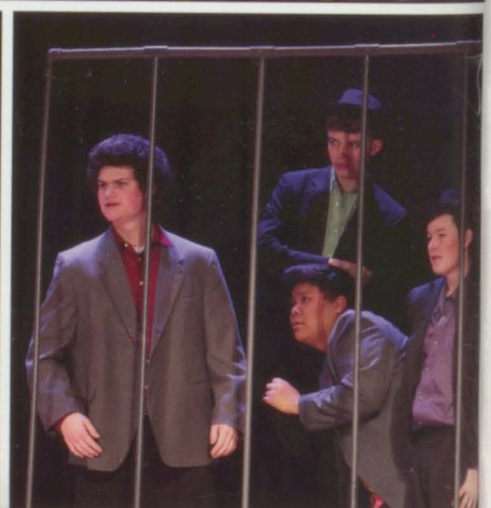
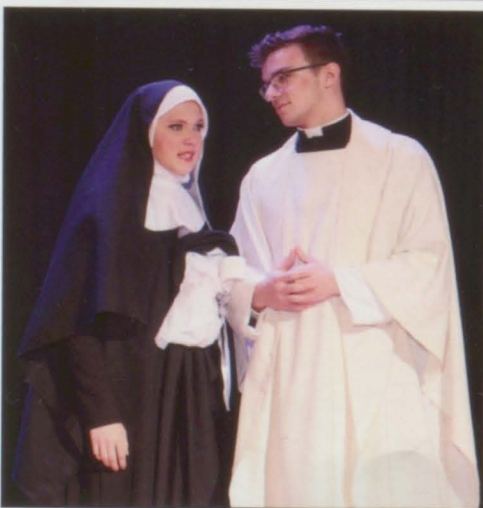
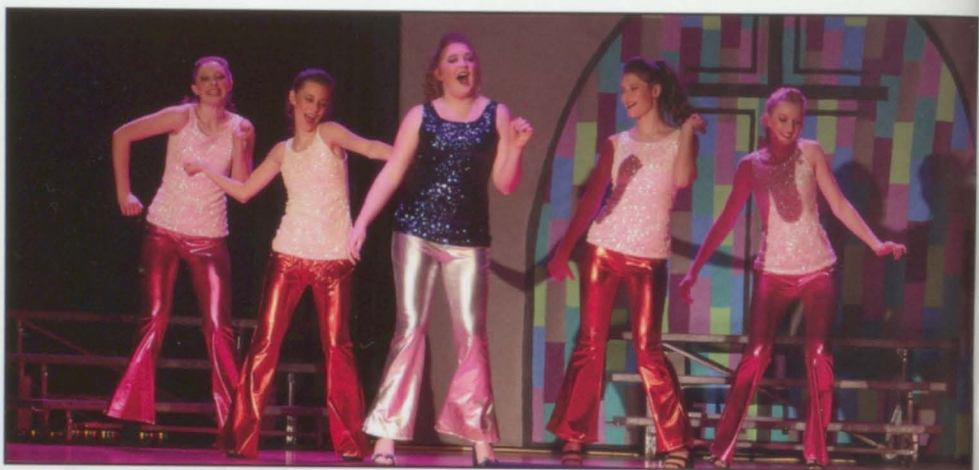
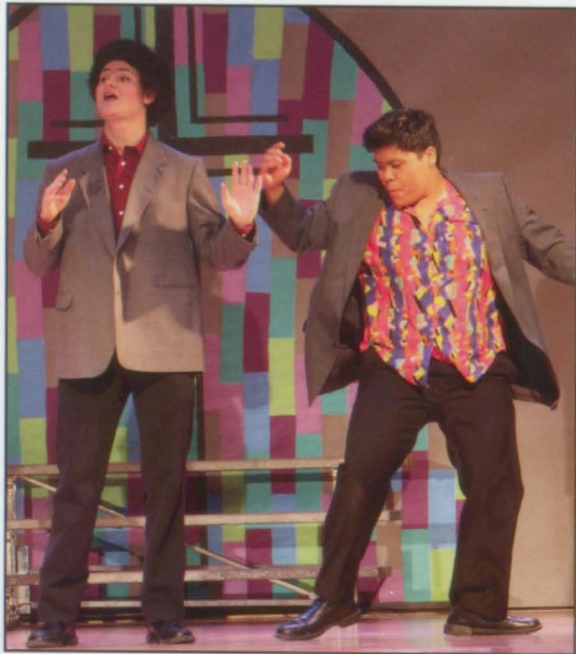
"A girl was giving her speech and her heel flew off, hit the ceiling, and then came down and hit the judge."

Emily Carstens, 12





The nuns surround senior **Matthew Strecker** to hear their choir review by the local newspaper.



(above) Junior **Isaac McPhillips** and senior **Brandon Huynh** dance to a song during the musical. **McPhillips** was one of the leads who played the character Curtis Jackson. (above right) In the front, junior **Maddie Sueper**, who played a lead role in the musical as Deloris Van Cartier, dances with her background dancers, who are freshman **Janae Rusher**, sophomore **Liza Zaruba**, sophomore **Lauren Ostdiek**, and freshman **Maddie Blaser**. (right) Junior **Mattie Johnson** and senior **Matthew Strecker** talk to each other during a scene in the musical. **Johnson** played the role of Mother Superior while **Strecker** portrayed Monsignor O'Hara. (far right) Junior **Isaac McPhillips**, senior **Brandon Huynh**, junior **Isaac Ostdiek**, and freshman **Noah Korth** plot against Deloris from their jail cell.



## What is the greatest memory you had in the musical?



"At the Sunday showing, I ran on stage for the final bow bawling, and Maddie Blaser tried to comfort me. I looked out and saw my mother and grandmother also crying."

**Caitlin Steiner, 12**



"Ms. Salyard told us we would have a guest as the pope, and I said immediately, 'Mr. Salyard for sure!' She told me that would be ridiculous. I knew I was right."

**Matthew Strecker, 12**



"I cannot think of just one fun memory. All of our practices were a blast. Occasionally, they got to be a bit grueling, but it was so much fun laughing with the cast and crew during rehearsal."

**Patrick Herchenbach, 11**



"Being the savage in the musical was so much fun."

**Mattie Johnson, 11**

# SINGING WITH SISTERS

With the lights, costumes, make up, and music, the members and cast of this year's musical were prepared to make yet another memorable and unforgettable performance presenting *Sister Act*. Junior **Maddie Sueper** portrayed Deloris Van Cartier and junior **Mattie Johnson** played the role of Mother Superior.

"Outside of school practice, it was hard to try to learn all of our songs and lines because I had so many of them," **Sueper** said. "I used my voice memos app a lot on my phone. I'd record myself speaking and try to fill in the blanks as I went. This helped a lot."

Another prominent cast member in the musical was senior **Caitlin Steiner**, who played Sister Mary Robert. Steiner has been involved in the musical for several years.

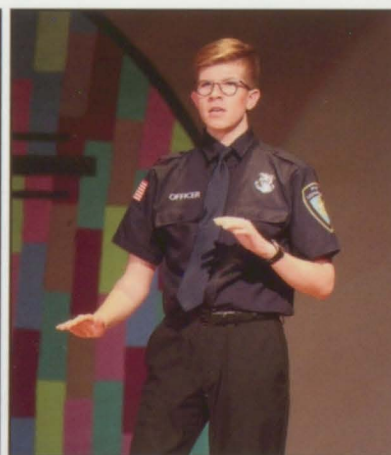
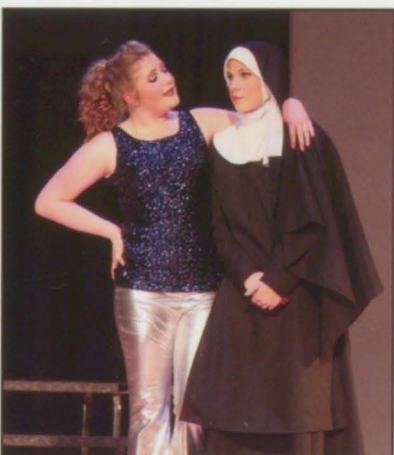
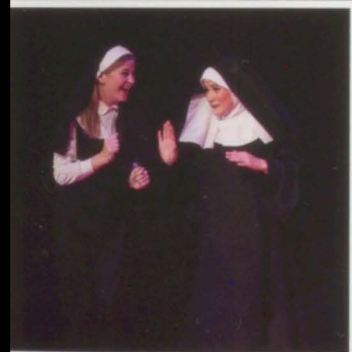
"I have been participating in musicals since I was six years old. There is no way I was going to miss the musical my senior year," **Steiner** said.

As the performance dates came closer, the cast members started to increase their practice time. Senior **Matthew Strecker** was recruited to play the part of Monsignor O'Hara and attended rehearsals after basketball practice.

"I started coming to practice with about three weeks left to rehearse, and I had to cram my lines and movements as fast as possible," **Strecker** said.

The co-directors **Laura Salyard** and **Helen Schumacher** decided to do *Sister Act* because of the large number of actresses who went out. There were nineteen nuns and seven male roles. Together, there were thirty-two people who made up the cast and crew.

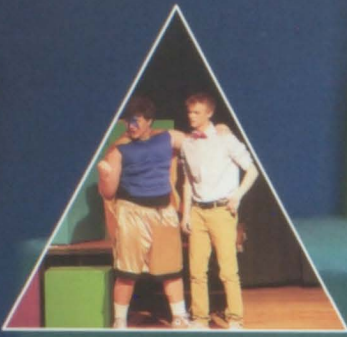
"My favorite part of being in the musical is getting to meet a bunch of new people. The musical cast is truly a family who helps lift each other up and is encouraging each other throughout the entire season," **Sueper** said.



(top left) Sophomore **Lauren Ostdiek**, who played Sister Mary Lazarus, raps during the musical. Senior **Caitlin Steiner** and sophomore **Jayden Heng** laugh together as they perform a scene in the musical. **Steiner** played the part of Sister Mary Robert and **Heng** portrayed Sister Mary Patrick. (far left) Junior **Maddie Sueper** sings a solo on stage. (middle) Junior **Maddie Sueper** talks to junior **Mattie Johnson** during a portion of the musical. (left) Junior **Patrick Herchenbach** performs a solo in the musical. **Herchenbach** played the role of Eddie Souther.



Seniors **Trey Dallman** and **Natalie Bratty** perform for the audience. This was Dallman's and Bratty's first year performing in the spring play.



(top to bottom) Seniors **Trey Dallman**, **Josh Hergott**, junior **Mattie Johnson**, senior **Natalie Bratty**, junior **Elliott Thomazin**, freshmen **Laura Bettenhausen**, **Cassie Kouma**, **Keira Feehan**, junior **Julia Pichler**, and freshman **Clarissa Kosch** perform the play *Comic Book Artist*.

## What was your favorite part in the play?



"My opening scene in the beginning of the play. I really get to make the audience get a taste of what they're about to get themselves into."

**Brandon Huynh, 12**



"My favorite part of the play was the end when Trey was erasing Brandon. I thought it was so bad, that it became funny."

**Natalie Brutty, 12**



"When the people actually laughed at the jokes."

**Lizzie Parker, 9**



"My favorite part of the play was finally putting it all together and performing for the kids and adults."

**Cassie Kouma, 9**

# FIRST TIME IN SPOTLIGHT

Every year Scotus Central Catholic puts on a spring play that is student directed. This year the play was about an insecure artist trying to find his way in the comic book world, *Comic Book Artist*. One of the three student directors was senior **Emily Carstens**.

"I enjoyed directing because we had a super awesome cast to work with this year. They were a lot of fun and would show up to practice ready to work and put the show together," **Carstens** said.

This year there were a few students who stepped on stage for their first time. Even though they are involved in other activities, they decided to try something new. One of those students was junior **Elliott Thomazin**, who played the role of Triple Time.

"It was a blast! I highly recommend everyone in Scotus to be a part of some sort of theater production. I learned a lot about myself and theater in general," **Thomazin** said.

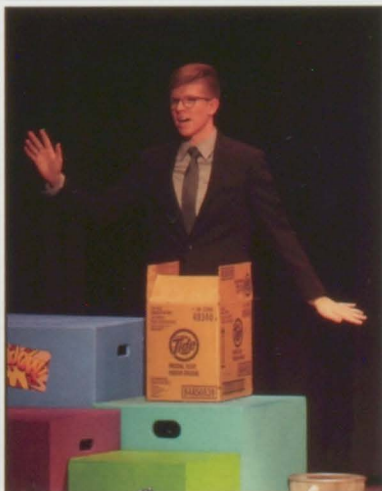
Another student who was in the play for the first time was junior **Patrick Herchenbach**. He played the role of Mr. Wonderman.

"[Since it is student directed] it gets confusing/frustrating when there are three directors, and they do not always agree," **Herchenbach** said.

Senior **Trey Dallman** went out for spring play for the first time and earned a leading role.

"I absolutely loved every second of it. It is definitely one of the best experiences I've ever had, and I wish I would have gone out for it years ago," **Dallman** said.

The spring play was presented to the three elementary schools in Memorial Hall. The following Sunday it was presented again to the community.



(top left) Freshman **Maddie Blaser** tries to hug junior **Patrick Herchenbach**, but he refuses because his character does not feel the same way.

Freshmen **Noah Korth** and **Josh Styskal** play minions to their leader.

Junior **Elliott Thomazin** and senior **Josh Hergott** fight over who is the leader. This was **Thomazin's** first year in the spring play.

(bottom left) Senior **Alaina Wallick** practices her lines during one of the practices before the performance.

Junior **Patrick Herchenbach** is excited about getting the pens he has wanted throughout the play.





The Shamrock Singers look to **Ms. Salyard** for direction during the Christmas vocal concert. At the concert, they performed as well as the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade choirs.

## PERFECTING THE PERFORMANCE

Numerous concerts, national anthems, and competitions, make for a year full of preparation and improvement for the Shamrock Singers.

"When I first joined Shamrock Singers, I sang quieter than others. Now you can actually hear the different tones that I sing," senior tenor **Bryan Littlefield** said.

A few of the members of Shamrock Singers got the privilege of singing solos throughout the year, and they received outstanding scores at districts.

"I got a one on my solo for the first time, so I was very happy with it," senior alto/tenor **Jenna Salerno** said.

The Singers welcomed many new freshmen to the group. At first this was a challenge, but they found a way to work all their singing together.

"The most challenging part was that it was our final year to continue to make Shamrock Singers into the amazing program it is. It was also hard because we had so many new people this year that we had to take a couple steps back for the freshmen. It was difficult, but they got it figured out," senior bass **Brock Kracman** said.

The team competed well at districts. They received a superior rating which is the highest ranking a team could have received.

"Districts was amazing this year. We all performed very well, and I was happy with the results. I am very proud of all of us for how well we did at districts," junior bass **Patrick Herchenbach** said.

Becoming close to a group and being able to work out all the challenges together makes saying goodbye rather difficult.

"I will miss the family atmosphere of the class. The altos got yelled at for talking more than we actually sang. I'll miss talking to them everyday," senior alto **Caitlin Steiner** said.



(above) Music director **Laura Salyard** welcomes the audience to the Christmas vocal concert. This was Ms. Salyard's third year at Scotus.

# What was your favorite song you sang this year?



"My favorite song was 'Carol of the Bells' because when we sang it in the hospital elevator it was so awesome."

**Ava Kuhl, 9**



"My favorite song we sang was 'Ave Maria' because it had a lot of parts and sounded so beautiful. We even made Ms. Salyard cry!"

**Janae Rusher, 9**



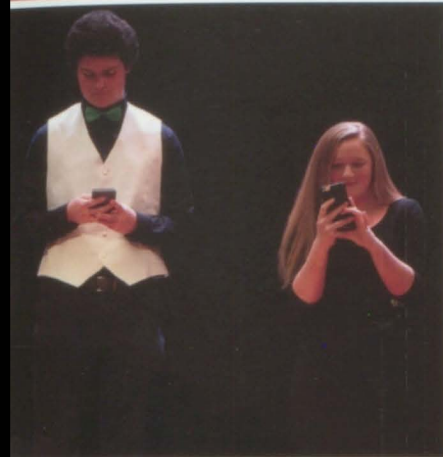
"My favorite song was 'Jenny' because it is acapella, and its harmonies are amazing."

**Noah Korth, 9**

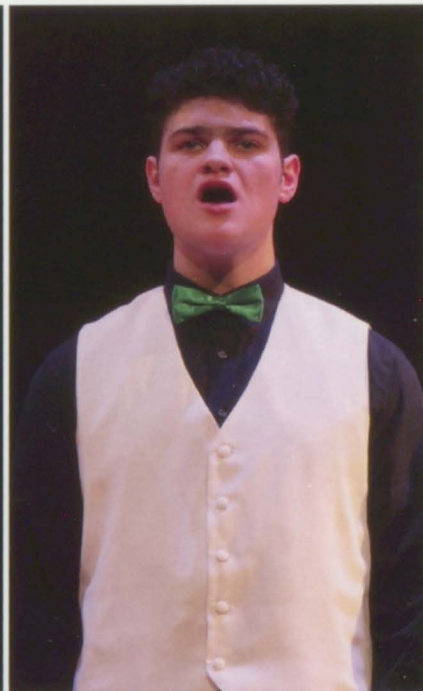


"My favorite song was 'Jenny' because it was acapella, which made it sound cooler, and it was challenging because it was more evident if someone sang wrong."

**Maddie Blaser, 9**



(far left) Juniors **Isaac McPhillips** and **Maddie Sueper** go on their phones while singing the song "I wanna stare at my phone with you," which was performed by all the Singers.  
 (middle) Seniors **Bryan Littlefield** and **Caitlin Steiner**, juniors **Julia Pichler** and **Tommy Yu**, and freshman **Clarisa Kosch** focus while singing during the vocal concert.  
 (left) Junior **Patrick Herchenbach** warms up before the concert.  
 (bottom left) Seniors **Jenna Salerno** and **Caitlin Steiner** present Ms. Salyard with a present at the Christmas concert.  
 (below) The Shamrock Singers perform the National Anthem at a home volleyball game.



(far left) Freshman **Josh Styskal** plays the violin at the concert. **Styskal** has been playing the violin since he was thirteen.  
 (middle) Senior **Caitlin Steiner** presents her solo at the vocal concert.  
 (left) Junior **Isaac McPhillips** focuses while performing his solo at the vocal concert.





Junior **Isaac Ostdiek** marches in the Columbus Days Parade. (left, top to bottom) Freshman **Ashtyn Preister** plays the piano for jazz band. Senior **Matthew Bichlmeier** receives the director's choice award. Junior **Isaac McPhillips** plays the tuba in the Christmas concert. Junior **Tara Kamrath** receives an award at the district music concert. Freshman **Emily Ferguson** plays her clarinet solo. Band director **Mrs. Cox** conducts at the district music concert.

What is your favorite part of band?

# BITS OF BAND



"Learning 'Careless Whisper' on the saxophone and blasting it in the halls after pep band."

**Katie Stachura, 10**



"The best part of band is the people. We make band what it is."

**Elliott Thomazin, 11**



"My favorite part of band is how close everyone is."

**Abigail Stuart, 11**

Band is a different kind of elective as it requires a different kind of commitment. Not only is it a class, but the band is constantly working on new music for concerts, district music contest, while also making sure they always have pep band songs ready to cheer on their school's sports teams.

"My favorite concert is the dinner concert; I love dressing up in costumes for it, and the music is always super fun," freshman **Emily Ferguson** said.

This extracurricular typically starts in fifth grade when senior high band director **Kristen Cox** helps them pick a certain instrument to learn how to play.

"I joined band because I have an extreme interest in reading and playing music," junior **Caden Pelan** said.

While there are different reasons that band sparks a student's interest, many had older siblings that had joined and decided they wanted to try it out too.

"All of my siblings had done it, and I thought it was really cool how they were able to play an instrument," freshman **Lizzie Parker** said.

From the squeaking of reed instruments to saliva filled trombone slides, the band kids are always ready for another day of band as no day is ever the same.

"My favorite band memory of the year is when all of the saxophones, flutes, and clarinets sat in the back row while Mrs. Cox helped the trombones with their music. All of a sudden, we started to pretend that our instruments were violins and ukuleles. We also played them upside down. It's a whole new world in the band room," junior **Tara Kamrath** said.



(top left) The flute section plays their district music ensemble piece for the concert. The clarinet section comes together to play their district ensemble piece for the concert. Junior **Braden Labenz** plays his trumpet solo. Senior **Matt Quinn** plays the trumpet for jazz band. Senior **Wren Allen** marches in the Columbus Days Parade with his trombone. Junior **Elliott Thomazin** cheers at the camera after receiving a band award. Senior **Emily Carstens** with director **Kristen Cox** after receiving the John Phillip Sousa award. Senior **Matt Strecker** plays his tenor saxophone at the Columbus Days parade.



(far left) Freshman **Ben Kamrath**, senior **Alex Preister**, and freshman **Kade Wiese** play their alto saxophones for the dinner concert. Sophomore **Lauren Ostdiek** and senior **Emily Carstens** perform their duet for the district music concert. Juniors **Sam Blaser**, **Drew Zaruba**, and **Caden Pelan** wait to play the drums at the dinner concert. The trombone ensemble plays their "Ode To Joy" piece from district music.

# ENHANCING THE ENTERTAINMENT

From half time shows to parades, the flag team is always on the move. They practice week after week to bring new dances and routines to perform for the Scotus community. They show their excitement, energy, and school pride to the audience with each performance they present.

"The flag team adds entertainment during half time at basketball and football. During the pep rally, the flag team gets the whole school cheering and on their feet," sophomore **Makenzie Enderlin** said.

Most mornings the team can be found practicing in Memorial Hall to get their routines perfected before the next game or pep rally. With so little time between each event and the need for new entertainment, the group prepares each dance in less than a month's time.

"What a lot of people don't realize is that we pull routines together in two to three weeks. At dance studios we spend an entire year practicing an hour a week on just one dance," senior **Caitlin Steiner** said.

With each girl's dedication to the group comes a drive to perform to the best of their ability. For some it's the thrill of the performance, and for others it's the feeling of acceptance in the group.

"Many students enjoy sports like volleyball, basketball, or football. However, for some people, dance is their sport. The flag team allows people interested in dancing [a way] to participate in a school activity," freshman **Cassie Kouma** said.



Senior **Alaina Wallick** swings her flag during the halftime show of the first home football game at Memorial Stadium. **Wallick** was one of three seniors on the team.

Through out the football season, the flag team performed a new routine during halftime at every home game.

(right) Senior **Emily Carstens** takes her starting pose and smiles for the camera before her performance during halftime.

(middle) Sophomore **Molly Carstens** waves during introductions that are held before each halftime flag's performance.

(far right) Junior **Hannah Allen** and freshman **Cassie Kouma** dance to the music during their halftime performance.





**What is your favorite memory or routine from this year?**



"When I was practicing in the dark and gave myself a black eye. I dropped the flag on my face, and it really hurt."

**Anna Ehlers, 9**



"Our Queen routine because the seniors choreographed it."

**Molly Carstens, 10**



"Our spring pep rally dance because I can relate to the meaning of the dance."

**Madison Wittwer, 9**



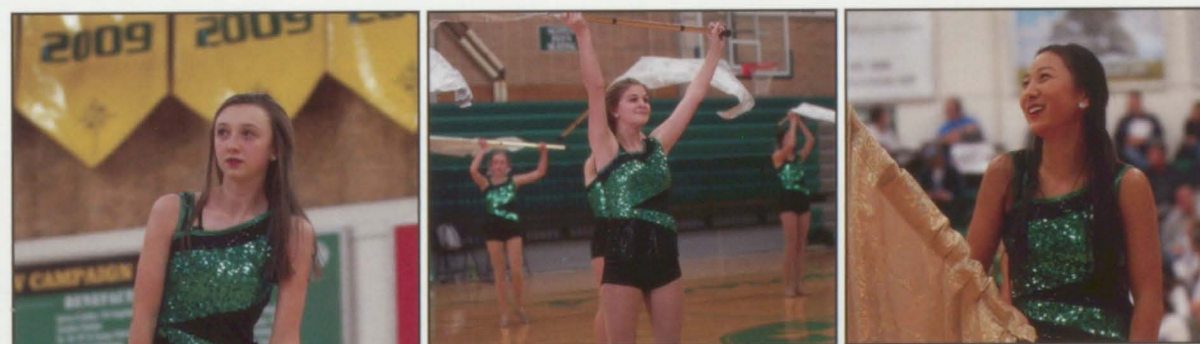
"Our homecoming routine because it was really fast and really fun!"

**Hannah Allen, 11**



At the beginning of the year, the flag team marched in parades such as the Columbus Days parade and the Harvest of Harmony parade. (left to right) Senior **Caitlin Steiner**, sophomore **MaKenzie Enderlin**, and sophomore **Sarah Bichlmeier** march in the Columbus Days parade. The flag team continued their year with performances during a few of the boys' basketball home games.

(below) Freshman **Keira Feehan**, senior **Alaina Wallick**, sophomores **Makenna Hoefer** and **Jaycee Ternus**, and freshman **Cassie Kouma** form a kick line during one of the basketball halftime performances. (below triangles left to right) Freshman **Anna Ehlers** raises her flag during a halftime performance. Freshman **Madison Wittwer** holds up her flag during a basketball halftime show. Sophomore **MaKenzie Enderlin** uses her pom poms during one of the few pom routines the team performed this year. Senior **Emily Carstens** raises her pom poms during a halftime performance. Sophomore **Sarah Bichlmeier** twirls her flag during a basketball halftime performance.



(far left) Sophomore **Jaycee Ternus** is lifted in a stunt by her teammates during one of their halftime performances. (above left) Senior **Caitlin Steiner** raises her flag during her final performance at the spring pep rally. (left) Sophomore **Makenna Hoefer** and senior **Alaina Wallick** laugh together while waiting for their music to start. (above) Freshman **Keira Feehan** laughs while waiting for the performance to begin.





The dance floor was packed the whole homecoming night with grades 9th to 12th as they danced the night away.

(top left) Sophomores **Allie Mielak, MaKenzie Enderlin,** and **Molly Carstens** dance with a group of other sophomore girls at this year's homecoming.

(top right) Sophomores **Dalton Borchers, Evan Hand, Levi Robertson, Connor Wiehn,** and **Henry Hernandez** break out their dance moves on the dance floor.

(center) Seniors **Grace Wickham, Maddie Neville, Elley Beaver, Shania Borchers, Thiago Pereira,** and **Marika Spencer** cheer as the DJ adds bubbles to the dance.

(bottom left) Freshmen **Camille Pelan, Janae Rusher,** and **Shelby Bridger** enjoy their first homecoming dance together.

(bottom right) Juniors **Bailey Lehr, Mattie Johnson, Logan Bennett, Kendra Korger,** and **Kelsey Faust** pose for a picture in the middle of the dance floor.



(above) Junior **Blaney Dreifurst** and speech teacher **Melanie Mimick** show off their dance moves. Seniors **Brandon Huynh, Calen Hinze,** and Spanish teacher **Jo Moody** lead the conga line as Moody leads the dance. Sophomore **Antonio Chavez Quiroga** and **Evan Hand** embarrass **Mimick** by dancing around her during the dance. Each year parents and teachers of Scotus volunteer to chaperone the dance and get to join in on the fun.

# HOMECOMING AROUND THE WORLD

The week of homecoming began with costumes and school spirit centered on the theme of "All Around the World." All different cultures were shown through the class decorations of their hallways. The week was then followed by the Friday night football game against David City Aquinas. The Shamrocks fought for the win, yet didn't come out on top. Meanwhile, the flag corps and the cheer squad performed their homecoming dances during half time.

"Performing our homecoming dance was fun because we have been practicing the routine since summer," sophomore **Molly Carstens** said.

After the football game, all twelve of the homecoming candidates were announced and called onto the field. Senior **Faith Przymus** and **Nathan Donoghue** were crowned the king and queen of the 2017 Homecoming Coronation.

The dance was on the following night after the coronation, finishing off the week of activities.

"My favorite part about homecoming was how

much enthusiasm every student and teacher brought to the dance. It was a very energetic and fun-filled night; it was the best dance I have ever been to at Scotus," **Przymus** said.

The student council, who is in charge of the homecoming dance, voted to have the dance on Saturday for the third year in a row.

"The most memorable part of the dance was when **Tommy** danced in the center of the circle," sophomore **MaKenzie Enderlin** said.

After the success of last year's homecoming dance, the DJ was asked back for a second homecoming dance.

"I really enjoyed the dance. I thought it was very fun and the music was good. I liked the DJ, and I thought everyone was having a great time," junior **Mattie Johnson** said. "I loved the Spanish music that played; we need to keep the Spanish jams rolling."

The dance ended at eleven at night, yet for many classes the party didn't stop there. Many classes had a breakfast to finish up the night.



Seniors **Nathan Donoghue, Faith Przymus, Chase Andresen, Elley Beaver, Brandon Huynh, Natalie Brutty, Colson Kosch, Grace Odbert, Nathan Donoghue, Tessa Bridger, Trevor Kaslon, Faith Przymus, Jake Novicki, and Jenna Salerno** were all candidates for the homecoming coronation after the football game Friday night.

## What was your first/last homecoming like?



"My last homecoming was a blast; everyone danced the night away and participated."

**Kendra Wiese, 12**



"My first homecoming was super fun and very memorable. I got to dance with a lot of people which I liked! It was also fun to just be around so many people dancing and having fun. My favorite part was everyone dancing in a big circle."

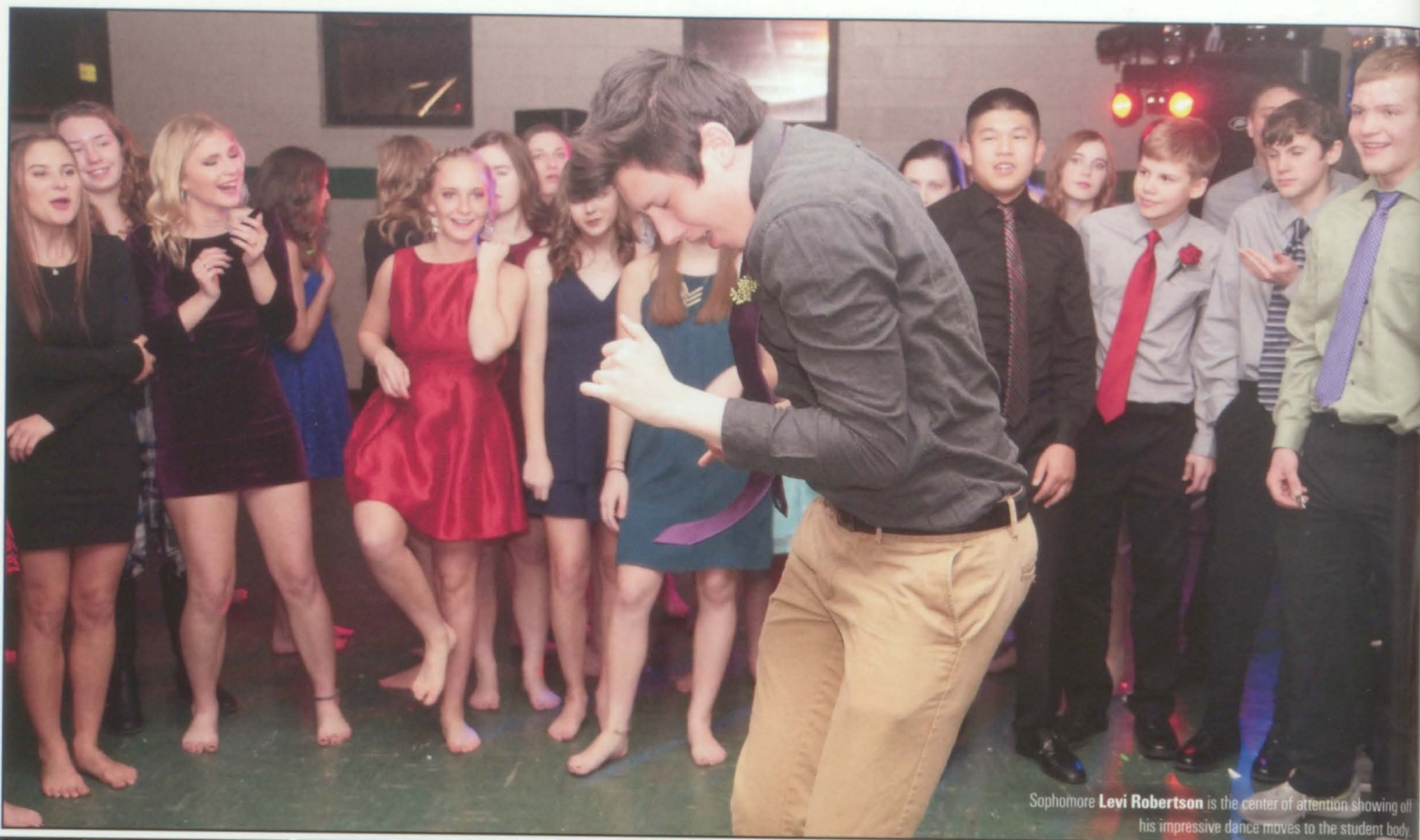
**Olivia Klug, 9**



"My last homecoming was amazing, a day to be remembered forever. My favorite part was dancing with everyone."

**Thiago Pereira, 12**





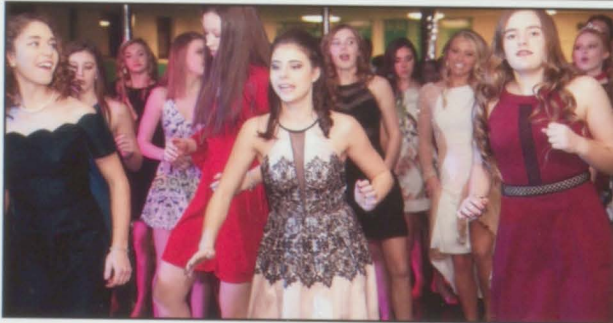
Sophomore **Levi Robertson** is the center of attention showing off his impressive dance moves to the student body.



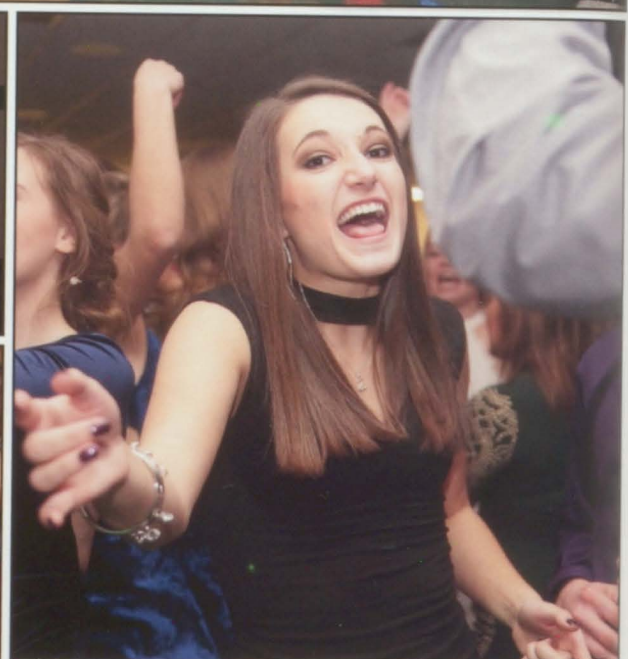
(above) Senior **Tisa Kasik** dances with a friend at the dance.



(top right) Senior **Emily Carstens**, and juniors **Isaac Ostdiek**, **Nathan Schumacher**, and **Caleb Kosch** sing at the top of their lungs to a song during the dance.



(right) Freshmen **Clarissa Kosch**, **Kenna Mausbach**, and **Camille Pelan** all dance in sync with the rest of the student body.



(far right) Senior **Jenna Salerno** sings and dances in the middle of a big crowd of students.

## What was it like preparing for the dance right after break?



"I completely forgot about it until my friends asked me what time I was going."

**Kamryn Chohon**, 9



"It was rough because I couldn't ask someone."

**Max Middendorf**, 10



"Well, I didn't get my dress until four days before the dance."

**Lizzie Parker**, 9

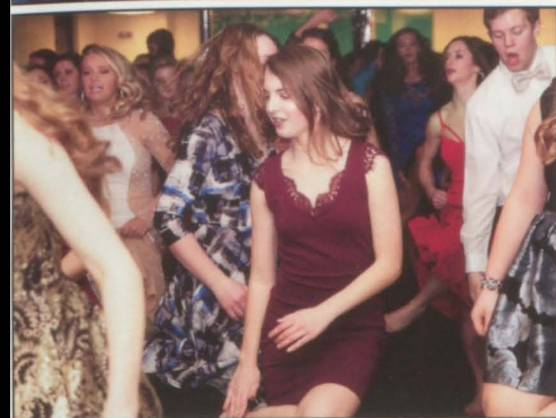


"I needed a little more heads up in advance, but, overall, it ended up alright."

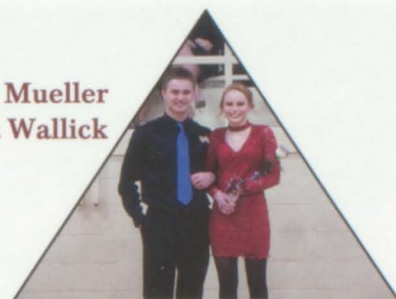
**Camille Pelan**, 9



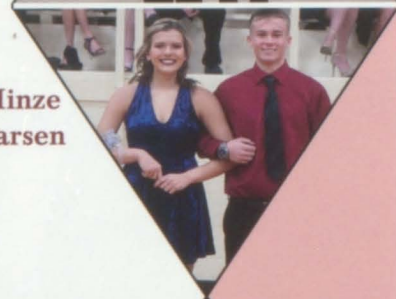
(left) Freshman **Michaela Kresha** dances with a friend in the middle of the dance floor. (bottom left) Freshman **Laura Bettenhausen** does a line dance during winter ball. (bottom) Seniors **Alaina Wallick** and **Matthew Bichlmeier** pose after being crowned Winter Formal queen and king.



**Logan Mueller**  
**Alaina Wallick**



**Calen Hinze**  
**Jadyn Larsen**



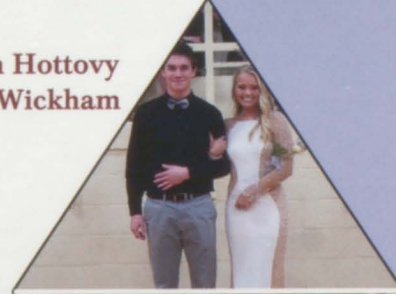
**Trey Dallman**  
**Maggie Feehan**



**Matthew Bichlmeier**  
**Shania Borchers**



**Carson Hottovy**  
**Grace Wickham**



**Brock Kracman**  
**Kelli Williams**



# FORMAL, FUN BUT FAST

Right after Christmas break, the student body was welcomed back by Winter Formal, which was only one day after students were back from break. Since Winter Formal was so soon, many students were rushed and stressed about the dance.

"[Preparing right after break] was kind of stressful because I got my dress the week before," freshman **Janae Rusher** said.

Even though the dance came up so quickly, it did not stop the students from coming and enjoying the dance with their friends.

Many who attended the dance enjoyed seeing the wild and crazy sides of their friends. They also loved dancing and having a good time.

"I liked all of the socializing and dancing with my friends because it's a fun way to see the energetic sides of people," junior **Caden Pelan** said.

Other students appreciated listening to their favorite songs and being able to sing at the top of their lungs without being made fun of.

"[My favorite song was] 'Party in the USA' because I was the chick that was rockin kicks," junior **Julia Pichler** said.

For many of the students this was their last dance, and they wanted to enjoy the most of it. One of the major events of Winter Formal is the crowning of the king and queen. The winners were seniors **Matthew Bichlmeier** and **Alaina Wallick**.

"Winning Winter Formal queen was definitely my favorite part of the dance. Nothing could have prepared me for that, and it just felt amazing!" **Wallick** said.



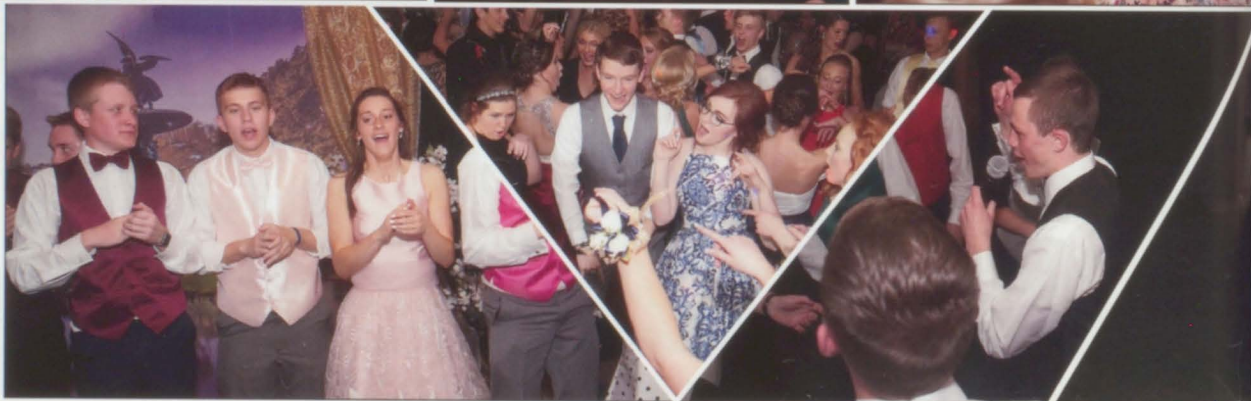


Seniors **Logan Zanardi, Trevor Kaslon, Grace Wickham, Jadya Larsen, Kayla Hall, Matt Strecker, Brandon Huynh, Natalie Bratty, Chase Andresen, and Calen Hinze** circle up to dance. The dance was held in the Scotus Cafeteria.



(above) Juniors **Bailey Lehr** and **Eduardo Torres** circle up to dance with sophomore **Debani Adame-Hernandez**. Junior **Blake Sucha** shows off his dance moves on the floor. Junior **Hannah Allen** celebrates the Taylor Swift song playing with all her friends.

(right) Juniors **Cameron Johnston, Zack Beiermann, and Emily Stutzman** dance to the chicken dance. Senior **Emily Carstens** dances with her date junior **Caleb Kosch** to a party song. Senior **Nathan Donoghue** sings 'Soulja Boy' on the dance floor.



## Who had the best dance moves at prom?



"Nathan Donoghue doing his signature wavy arm move was the best dance move of the year."

**Matthew Bichlmeier, 12**



"The junior girls broke out in a choreographed dance, and it was definitely the best dance all night."

**Jadya Larsen, 12**



"Tommy really knew how to get the ladies with his dance moves."

**Bailey Lehr, 11**



"Hannah Allen and Grant Shanle were singing and dancing to Taylor Swift songs."

**Nathan Schumacher, 11**

# PROM IN CENTRAL PARK

Prom in Central Park was a night for the books, to say the least. Juniors, seniors, and their dates all gathered in the Scotus cafeteria for a dinner catered by Husker House followed by dancing and more fun.

Senior **Alaina Wallick** attended her last Scotus dance in the cafeteria.

"The most memorable part was definitely watching Binky (**Matthew Bichlmeier**) dance to the centipede song," **Wallick** said.

Junior **Emma Brandt** attended the prom with **Elliott Thomazin**.

"**Elliott** and I learned how to swing dance right before we came to prom, so the best part was definitely swing dancing in front of everyone at the actual dance," **Brandt** said.

The popular opinion of this year's prom was the amount of fun had by students compared to dances in the past.

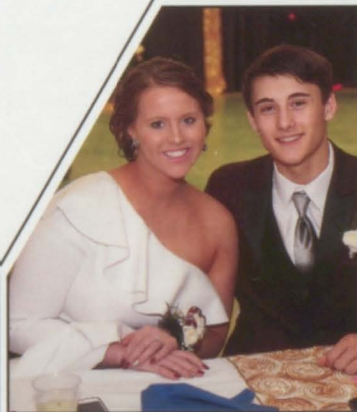
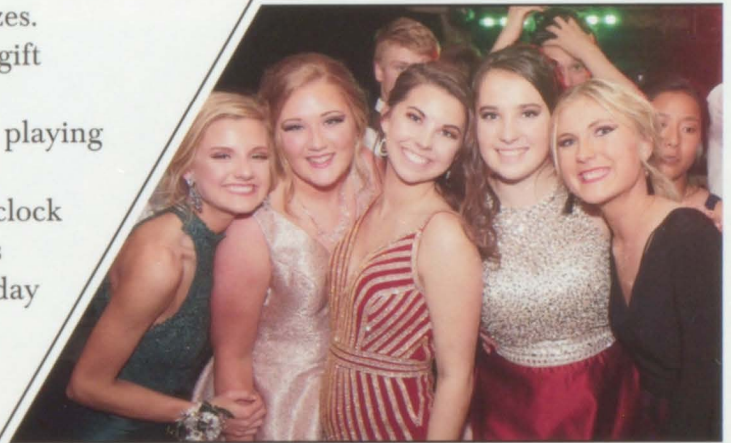
"The reason prom was so much fun this year was because of the great music that the DJ played. At past dances, the music wasn't as good," senior **Maggie Feehan** said.

Post prom was once again held at Scotus in the gyms and the cafeteria. Activities included laser tag, inflatables, board games, a magician, and many prizes.

Senior **Brock Kracman** won a \$25 gift card to HyVee gas.

"The best part of post prom was playing laser tag," **Kracman** said.

Prom 2018 concluded at 4 o'clock Sunday morning with students returning home to sleep the day away.



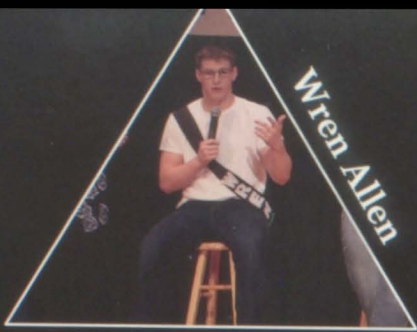
Juniors **Emma Brandt** and **Elliott Thomazin** swing dance together during a country song.



(top) Seniors **Grace Odbert** and **Colson Kosch** pose for a picture during the meal catered by Husker House. Juniors **Kelsey Faust**, **Maddie Sueper**, **Kendra Korger**, **Logan Bennett**, and **Mattie Johnson** stop their dancing to pose for a photo. Senior **Alyssa Morton** poses for a picture with her date while waiting for dinner. Senior **Kaylie Rocha** poses for a picture with junior **Eduardo Torres** and sophomore **Debanhi-Adame Hernandez**. (left) Juniors **Bailey Christensen**, **Daniel Tworek**, **Luke Bettenhausen**, **Gary He**, and **Tommy Yu** gather at a table with **Thiago Pereira-Ferreira** before the meal.



Senior **Brandon Huynh** was crowned Mr. Shamrock 2018.  
He was one of seven senior boys who participated in this year's pageant.



Wren Allen



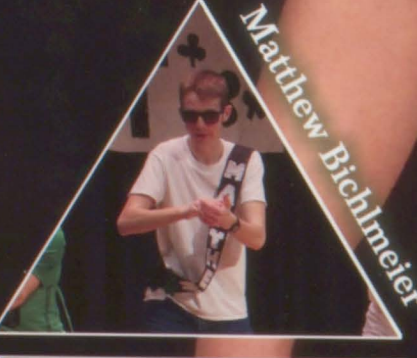
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Matt Strecker



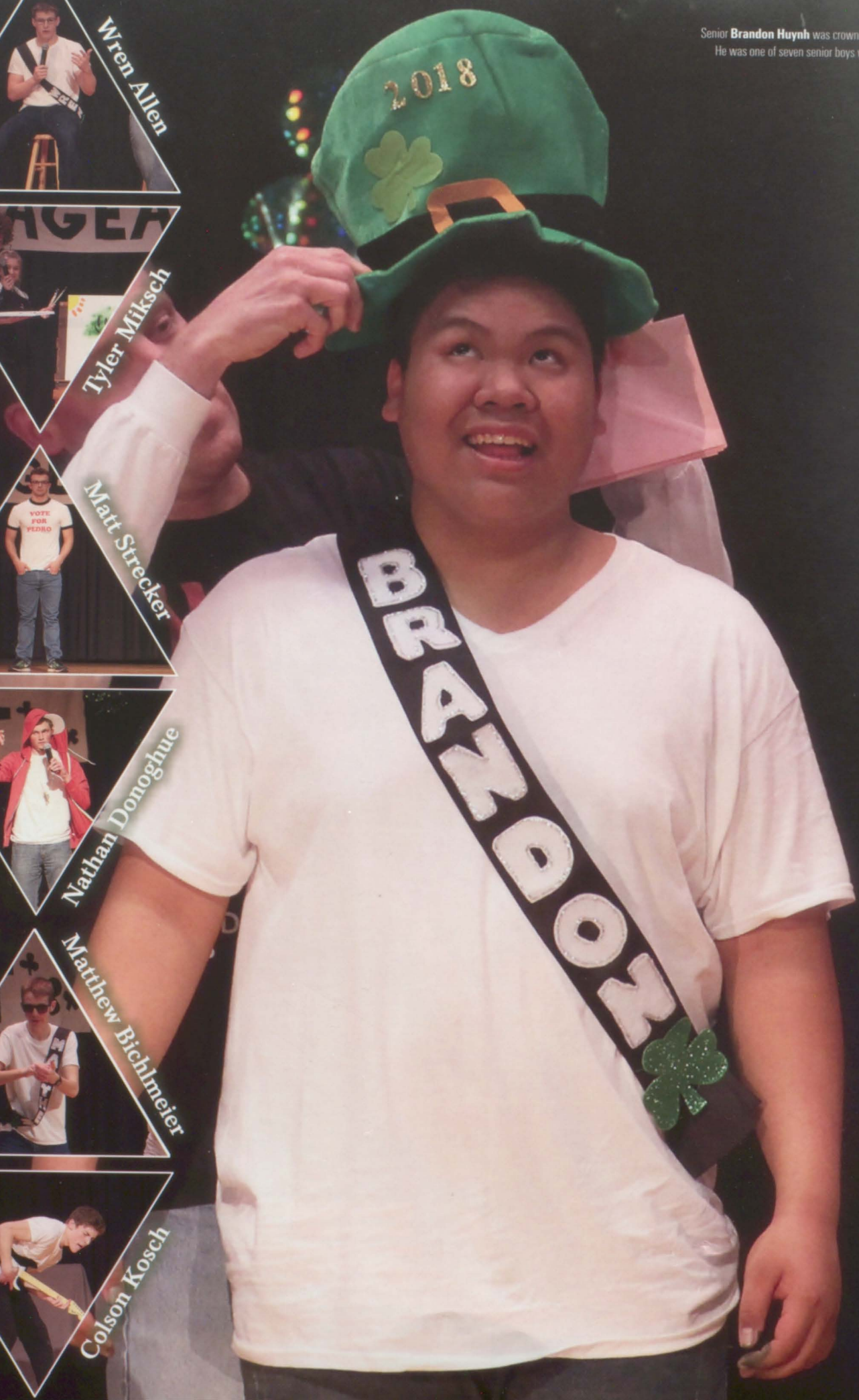
Nathan Donoghue



Matthew Bichlmeier



Colson Kosch





# SHAMROCK SPOTLIGHT

There are many traditions at school that have been a continuous success with a positive outcome. The Mr. Shamrock contest is an example.

The contest allows the senior boys to show off their talents by raising money and collecting canned goods for the Simon House. This is one reason senior **Matt Strecker** thinks the Mr. Shamrock tradition should continue.

“I think a lot of students, parents, and teachers get a kick out of it, and it’s a fun way to raise money and food for people who need it,” **Strecker** said.

Getting on stage to perform is not something most people have the chance to do. **Tyler Miksch** thought he would give this opportunity a try.

“I wanted to do something that was a little out of my comfort zone before I graduated, and this was the perfect opportunity to do so,” **Miksch** said.

The contestants agreed that competing in the contest is something worth taking part in. Senior **Wren Allen** said his favorite part was watching one of his fellow contestant’s performance.

“It was a lot of fun to participate in Mr. Shamrock. My favorite part was watching **Brandon** and **Jake** do their beach ball ballerina,” **Allen** said.

One big reason that some chose to do the contest was to make many people laugh and entertain them through the contest’s humor.

“I made a fool of myself and underachieved, but I am glad that I did it,” senior **Nathan Donoghue** concluded.

The judges this year were teachers **Pat Brockhaus** and **Becki Zanardi**, senior **Faith Pryzmus**, and senior **Alaina Wallick**. **Huynh** came out on top winning the Mr. Shamrock contest with **Miksch** finishing runner up.



(top left) Senior **Matthew Bichmeier** answers a question in the interview category of the pageant.  
 (bottom left) Seniors **Wren Allen** and **Colson Kosch** dance with the other contestants in the final dance before the crowning of Mr. Shamrock.  
 (above) The senior boys who participated in the contest pose after the opening dance was complete.  
 (middle) Senior **Jake Novicki** helps **Brandon Huynh** with his talent of beachball ballerina.  
**Nathan Donoghue** performs his talent of singing and dancing to various songs.  
 (bottom) **Brandon Huynh**, **Wren Allen**, **Colson Kosch**, and **Matthew Bichmeier** dance to the opening songs.

# PICTURING VICTORY

Through camera clicks, layouts, and articles, the journalism staff hit the pinnacle of their season in Norfolk at the state championship contest. Going into state, the Scotus journalism team was predicted to come out in third place. Failing to submit in any Broadcasting categories, a new event this year, nothing stopped the Shamrocks from excelling to a back to back State Championship.

"It's great that we pulled the upset and came up on top even though we were not picked to win. I think it's the year for upsets," senior **Maggie Feehan** said.

As the underdogs, the journalism team medaled more than one person in 9 different events. In the 17 categories the students were qualified in, they received 25 out of the 35 possible medals.

"I told the kids that we had enough qualifying entries to win, but that we would have to do really well in every category to pull it off. They did great, other schools did not do as well as predicted, and it all came together for another win," journalism advisor **Angie Rusher** said.

With sweeping the competition in 2017, the students went into the competition with a lot of pressure; they knew they had to do everything possible if they wanted to come home with gold around their necks.

"I thought I had totally bombed it coming out of my first round which was Newspaper Layout. Then to my surprise I got first place! The Lord works in crazy ways," junior **Abram Perault** said.

Throughout the course of the year, the journalism classes worked on numerous projects to build their skills for that moment. Coming from behind made the victory for the 2018 journalism staff seem a bit sweeter.

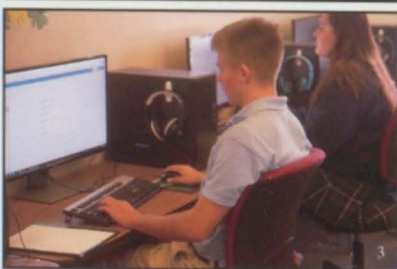
"It was very exciting. Going into the day of state, we were behind by a lot of points, but everyone on the team was able to compete well. The win was unexpected, but very satisfying. All of the work that the team had put in over the last year was finally worth it," senior **Jacob Morse** said.



1. Senior **Ellie Bock** takes a photo of another staff member.



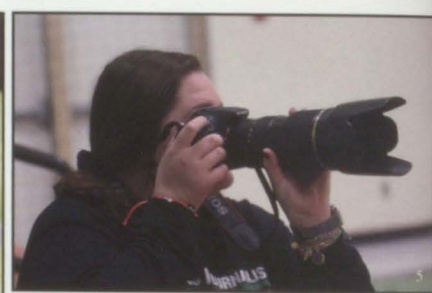
2. Seniors **Elley Beaver** and **Chase Andresen** ride around on a golf cart as they take pictures at a golf meet.



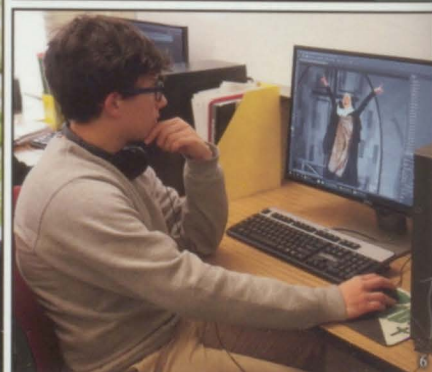
3. Senior **Calen Hinze** works diligently on the school web site in media class.



4. Senior **Kendra Wiese** poses for a photo while taking pictures at conference track.



5. Senior **Morgan Rinkol** takes photos at a pep rally.



6. Senior **Thiago Pereira-Ferreira** sorts through musical pictures to post on the school web site.



7. The yearbook staff sorts through yearbooks as they begin to brainstorm ideas at the beginning of the year.



8. Seniors **Caitlin Steiner**, **Maggie Feehan**, **Kaylie Rocha**, **Alaina Wallick**, and **Jenna Salerno** pose for a photo while the newspaper staff watches the school paper get printed.



The journalism staff poses with the first place trophy after winning the State Championship for the second year in a row.



1. Senior **Kaylie Rocha** received her 4th place medal in Editorial Cartooning.
2. Seniors **Brandon Huynh** and **Ellie Bock** received 5th and 6th in Advertising. This was the first time Scotus has placed in this category. Bock also won Sports Action Photography.
3. Seniors **Maggie Feehan**, **Alaina Wallik**, and junior **Abram Perault** received top three in Newspaper Layout.
4. The journalism staff celebrates as they are announced the Class B State Champions.
5. Seniors **Kayla Hall** and **Grace Wickham** receive 4th and 3rd in Yearbook Layout.
6. Senior **Caitlin Steiner** receives her 1st place medal in Newspaper Feature writing.





Senior **Matt Quinn** shakes hands with Loup representative while receiving scholarship at Honors Night.

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

The students at Scotus are not only involved in their studies throughout the year; many students take advantage of the number of extra-curricular activities offered at Scotus and excel in them as well. Honors Night and the Athletic Banquet recognize students for their talents in academics, fine arts, and athletics.

“Often times the school receives comments how we acknowledge athletics, but we are also a school of academic excellence, and so it’s our night to showcase our kids’ academic abilities,” Scotus counselor **Pam Weir** said.

Honors Night recognizes students for their success in individual classes as well as their involvement in organizations such as Student Council, Campus Ministry, and HOSA. Seniors and other students receive scholarships at the event. Once all the awards are given out, the night is concluded in the cafeteria at the Athletic

Banquet.

“So many people invest so much time and effort in those things and to some of them that’s the most important thing to do. It’s a nice evening to recognize the people who have been successful in those things, and who are good at those things,” activities director **Merlin Lahm** said.

One of the most honorable awards at the Athletic Banquet is the presentation of the new inductees of the Shamrock Athletic Hall of Fame, which recognizes student-athletes, coaches and athletic directors, and boosters.

Development director **John Schueth** said, “The Shamrock Athletic Hall of Fame celebrates tradition of effort and success. It engages people with Scotus which converts to support.”



**Gerry Engelbert** and **Dick Van Dyke** pose for a picture. They were inducted into the Shamrock Hall of Fame after 40 years of service to the chain gang during Shamrock home football games and their many other areas of support of the school and churches.

# Which upperclassman do you look up to and aspire to be and why?



"Courtney Kosch because she helped make my freshman year so much easier not only in sports, but by having fun during everything I did."

**Camille Pelan, 9**



"Alaina Wallick because of her involvement in many activities and her excellence in academics. Also, she is an incredible leader."

**Noah Korth, 9**



"I look up to Trevor Kaslon because he can dunk."

**Carson Czarnick, 8**



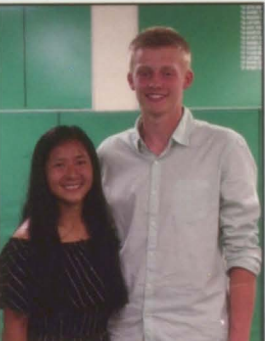
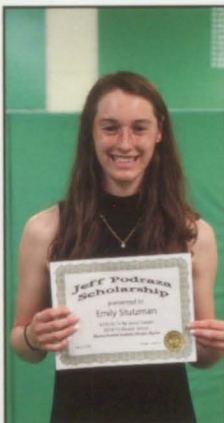
"Maggie Feehan because she's really nice to everyone and always goes the extra mile so she can do her best."

**Olivia Klug, 9**



(left to right) Junior **Patrick Herchenbach** and freshman **Cassie Kouma** receive their award envelopes from their class sponsors. Senior **Bryan Littlefield** shakes NHS sponsor **Jane Dusel-Misfeldt's** hand.

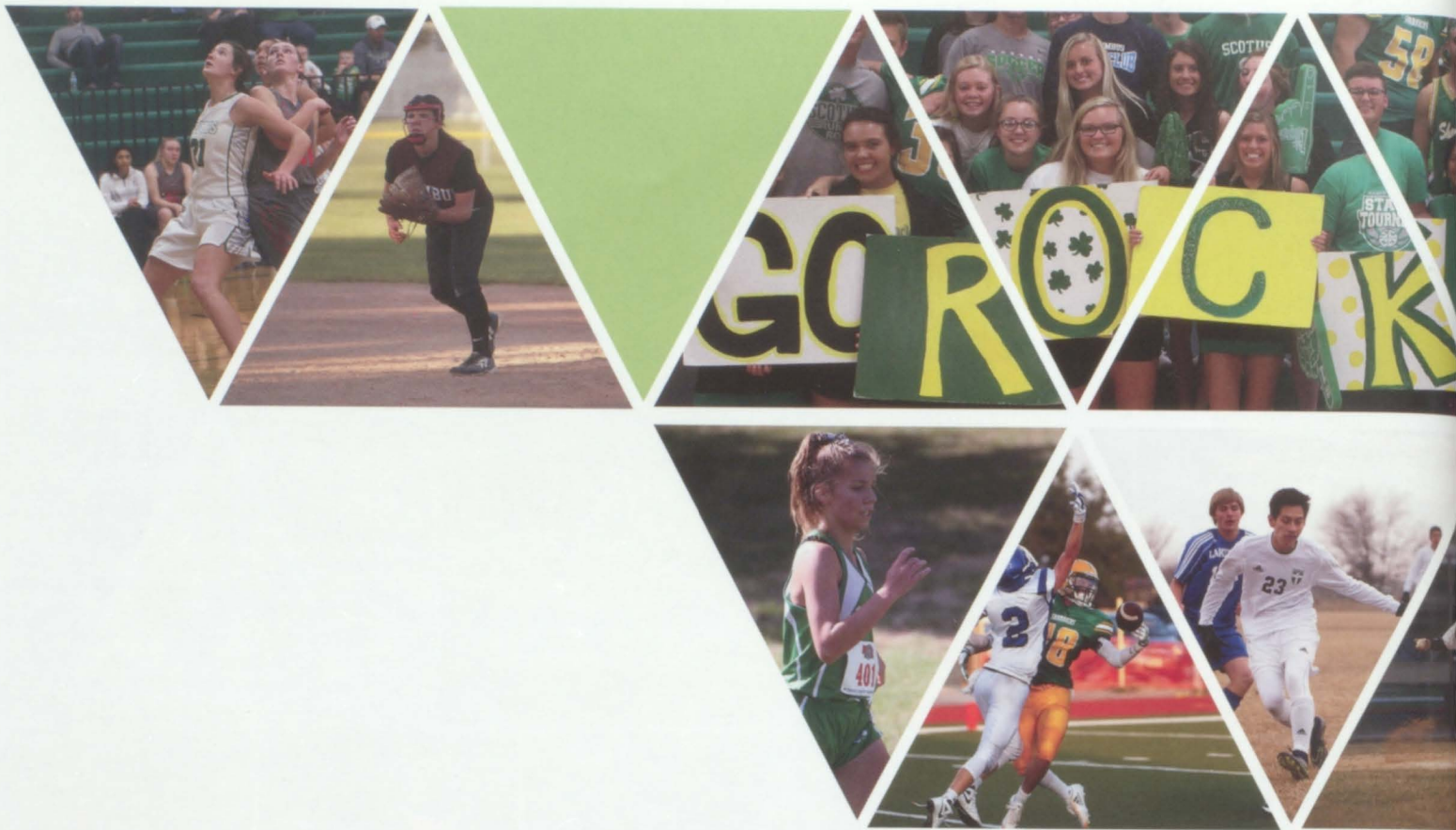
(below left to right) Senior **Maggie Feehan** and sophomore **Eric Mustard** received male and female lifters of the year. Seniors **Tyler Miksch, Nathan Donoghue, Faith Przymus, and Elley Beaver** received the Gene G. Witt Scholarship, which is awarded to two male and two female athletes in track or cross country. Seniors **Flora He** and **Jadyn Taylor** shake the NHS sponsor's hand. Senior **Kelli Williams** receives her honors envelope from the senior class sponsor **Gail Bomar**. Junior **Eduardo Torres** receives his honors envelope from junior class sponsor **Helen Schumacher**.



(above left to right) Seniors **Matt Strecker** and **Maggie Feehan** received the Shamrock Club Scholarships. Junior **Emily Stutzman** received the Jeff Podraza Scholarship, which is awarded to a junior aspiring to go into the medical field. Junior **Bryce VanCannon** and sophomore **MaKenzie Enderlin** received the Dale Gonka achievement award. Seniors **Chase Andresen** and **Marika Spencer** were voted Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

(left to right) Seniors **Grace Odbert** and **Landon Sokol** received the Babe Ruth Award. Seniors **Kendra Wiese** and **Trevor Kaslon** were recognized as Sertoma Athletes of the Year. Seniors **Wren Allen** and **Marika Spencer** were recognized as KLIR athletes of the year.





# PIECING CHAMPIONS TOGETHER

Scotus Central Catholic is a team. We win together, lose together, celebrate together, and cry together. From not making football playoffs to winning a basketball state title, saying goodbye to our seniors to cheering from the bench or in the crowd, we all share the emotions and love of the game.

Scotus is home to 364 students with over 90% being involved in sports and activities. Over the years Scotus has won 45 state titles in the athletic department alone.

Championships are won through the teamwork of an athletic group, not through an individual person. Scotus is a team; many strive by themselves but rise with the help of their teammates. Injuries, playing time, and inexperience doesn't hold the team back from rising to the top. If anything, it makes the team stronger in the fight to victory.

At Scotus we aren't just building memories but building character and legacies, setting the bar for students in the future.







What is the funniest memory you had in the student section?



"When we were doing the roller coaster, Marika stood up and yelled before it was over."

Ellie Bock, 12



"During a volleyball game, Tommy picked up the volleyball and punted it."

Logan Zanardi, 12



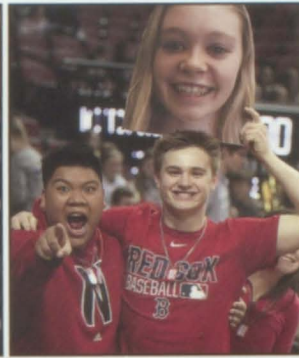
"During the volleyball games. Being creative and coming up with different chants/ways to cheer on the team was a good time."

Jacob Morse, 12



"It's always funny when we use our fingers to follow the volleyball."

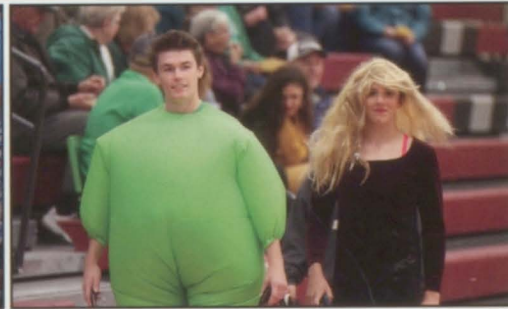
Brianna Belzer, 7



(far left) Senior **Kelli Williams** cheers at the girls' state semifinal basketball game against Mitchell. The student section theme was rainbow. (middle) Seventh grader **Brooklyn Brandt** poses at the homecoming football game against Aquinas. The theme was whiteout. Seniors **Brandon Huynh** and **Logan Mueller** cheer at the semifinals game as **Mueller** holds up the cutout of senior basketball player **Madison Kerkman**.



Seniors **Elley Beaver**, **Ellie Bock**, **Alaina Wallick**, **Jake Novicki**, and **Colson Kosch** do a cheer directed by the cheerleaders during the first round of the girls' state basketball game.



(far left) A group of seniors show their spirit by following the beach theme for the football game against Wayne. Sophomores **Dalton Borchers** and **Levi Robertson** dress in their halloween costumes for the subdistrict final volleyball game that took place on Halloween night.

## UNDERCLASSMEN INVOLVEMENT

It is always the dream for a young Shamrock fan to grow up and mold into a Rowdy Dowdy. Each year, a new batch of underclassmen come in with the anticipation of cheering in the student section.

Seventh grader **Alex Zoucha** always looked forward to sitting in the student section for the first time.

"I felt old, but I am short, so I couldn't see over any of the taller people," **Zoucha** said.

One of the big reasons that the junior high kids come to games is to socialize with their friends and fellow classmates.

"I really enjoy [being a part of the student section], and I love how we can hang out with our friends," freshman **Christina**

**Oakley** said.

All the indoor sports draw big student sections which makes the cheering louder. What comes along with sitting in the student section is having a favorite cheer.

"My favorite cheer is 'I believe that we just won' because that means we have won the game," seventh grader **Claire Rickert** said.

Although student sections aren't a part of the NSAA activities, being a Rowdy Dowdy is a tradition that all students enjoy being a part of.

"It's one of the most exciting experiences at Scotus to take part in," eighth grader **Eden Broberg** concluded.





Sisters Jenna and Julia Salerno lift up freshman Tanley Miller during the girls' state basketball championship game as the cheerleaders stomp to get the crowd involved.

# DOING IT ALL

The Scotus cheerleaders started their season off before any other team and ended late in the spring.

In July the squad attended NCA Cheer Camp at UNL. The cheerleaders competed against other squads the last day at camp and came home with a championship trophy in the game day performance, a spirit stick, and the spirit award for the 4th year in a row. Sophomore **Brea Lassek**, junior **Kendra Korger**, and senior **Grace Wickham** all made the NCA All-American team.

“The highlight of the cheer season was definitely either the homecoming dance or cheer camp. Both really brought the squad together; they were both so much fun!” sophomore **Liza Zaruba** said.

When school started in August, along with innumerable practices, preparing their homecoming dance and marching in three parades, the cheerleaders led the crowd at home and away events for volleyball and football games followed by basketball and wrestling in the winter. Through the countless events, the cheerleaders grew closer to one another throughout the year.

“They are all like my sisters. We have such a fun time whenever we are together. We act so goofy and laugh so hard when we are around each other,” sophomore **Haylee Cielocha** said.

The cheerleaders also got to stand on the floor at Pinnacle Bank Arena as they led the crowd during the Class C1 Girls State Championship basketball game.

“Cheering at state basketball was so fun. Watching the girls' faces light up when they won was the best feeling,” senior **Jenna Salerno** said.

The cheerleaders ended their season at State Cheer, placing runner-up in Sideline and third in the Game-day category.

Cheerleading has allowed girls at Scotus to have another sport to participate in.

“Cheer was something that helped me grow; it taught leadership skills along with a lot of selflessness,” senior **Natalie Brutty** said.

1. Senior **Natalie Brutty** holds a sign while competing at state cheer.
2. Senior **Grace Wickham** dances during the state cheerleading game-day routine.
3. Sophomore **Haylee Cielocha** chants a cheer at girls' state basketball.
4. Junior **Rebekah Hergott** smiles as she marches in the Columbus Days Parade.
5. Freshman **Jaelyn Podolak** dances to the fight song.
6. Sophomore **Brea Lassek** cheers for the girls' basketball team during the state championship.
7. Senior **McKenna Spencer** strikes a pose as she performs at state cheer.
8. Sophomore **Liza Zaruba** leads a cheer during a timeout at a volleyball game.
9. The cheer squad strikes a final pose at the end of their homecoming dance.
10. Sophomore **Kate Smith** smiles as she dances to the fight song at the last pep rally of the year.





Senior **Kendra Wiese** takes a practice swing during her ball. Wiese, as well as many other players, took lessons during the season to help improve their swings.

(left to right) Senior **Alaina Wallick**, sophomores **MaKenzie Enderlin** and **Jaycee Ternus**, and seniors **Maddie Neville** and **Kaitlyn Enderlin** line up their putts on the green. The team had practices strictly dedicated to putting that stressed the importance of lining up their putts.

The varsity team participated in the two day state tournament at Lake Maloney Golf Course in North Platte. (right) Senior **Kaitlyn Enderlin**, sophomore **MaKenzie Enderlin**, and seniors **Maddie Neville**, **Emily Carstens**, and **Kendra Wiese** pose for a picture while waiting for the final scores at state golf. The varsity team, along with Coach **Tanya Niedbalski**, poses for a picture in front of Lake Maloney in North Platte for their annual lake picture after state awards. The team tied for sixth place with a score of 812. (far right) The team went out for a team dinner after they played a practice round at Lake Maloney Golf Course the day before the tournament.



## What is your favorite memory from this season?



"My favorite memory from this season would be when Michaela and I tried the Happy Gilmore Swing!"

**Jaelyn Podolak, 9**



"Finding out that someone was stabbed down the street during our meet at the Norfolk Country Club. It was very scary!"

**Hallie Parker, 11**



"At our meet in Grand Island, I had this really good group, and the two girls and I kept hitting our balls into the ditches on the sides of the course."

**Michaela Kresha, 9**



"My favorite memory was going geocaching at the Dairy Queen in Central City after the Grand Island meet."

**Alaina Wallick, 12**

# SLICES OF IMPROVEMENT

As the chemistry grew amongst the girls' golf team this fall, the scores continued to drop.

Throughout the season, individual scores continued to improve, and by the end of the season, the team qualified for the state tournament. Although the team was predicted to play in the state tournament after attending it the last five years, getting there all depended on the team committing time to practices and meets.

"I think our team improved a lot over the course of the season. We all knew we were improving as well, which made us want to work harder," senior **Emily Carstens** said.

Over the course of the season, the varsity team took first place at four of their meets.

"One of our team goals this season was to shoot under 400," junior **Hannah Allen** said. "We accomplished this at two meets, so now we get bucket hats."

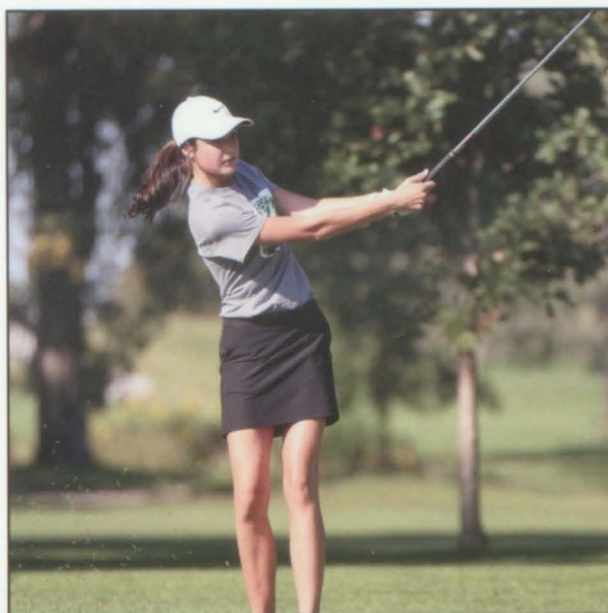
As districts approached, the pressure was on to lower their scores even further.

Districts were held at the Fremont Country Club, one of the most difficult courses the girls had played all season. The team took second place at the district meet with a score of 449 and advanced to the state tournament.

"[I felt] relieved and happy because districts was at a hard course," senior **Kaitlyn Enderlin** said.

The team ended their season at the Lake Maloney Golf Course in North Platte by tying for sixth place at the state tournament with a two-day score of 812. It was a tough season for the team, but they ended on a high note.

Senior **Maddie Neville** said, "We did our best. We all tried as hard as we could and just tried to have fun."



(left) Sophomore **MaKenzie Enderlin** hits her ball down the fairway at the Lakeview/Fullerton Triangular at Quail Run. (below) Junior **Hannah Allen**, freshman **Michaela Kresha**, and senior **Emily Carstens** take a swing. Scotus seized first place over their opponents with a score of 208 on 9 holes.



(above) Juniors **Hallie Parker** and **Hannah Allen** and sophomores **Jaycee Ternus** and **MaKenzie Enderlin** pose for class pictures after their first JV meet. Both sets of girls have been the only ones from their class on the team since their freshmen years.

(far left) Senior **Kaitlyn Enderlin** takes her last putt on hole number nine during the Lakeview/Fullerton Triangular at Quail Run. Junior **Hallie Parker** practices her putting before her first meet of the season. The Scotus JV team took second place at the JV Triangular versus Columbus High and Lakeview.

Freshman **Jaelyn Podolak** lines up her stance before she is ready to swing. This was the first year Podolak had ever swung a club, and she joined the team to enhance her game.





(top) Senior **Marika Spencer** hits the ball during a softball game. **Spencer** was the leading scorer this season. (bottom) Sophomore **Adam Kamrath** follows through after hitting a ball across the net. **Kamrath** was one of only three Scotus boys who participated in tennis.

# FINDING VICTORIES IN THE LITTLE THINGS

Despite being lower than usual in numbers, the Scotus/CHS co-op softball and tennis teams fought hard all season, the softball girls ending with a 14-29 win/loss record and the tennis boys finishing the season with a record of 0-6 in tournaments. Though the records don't show it, many individual goals were met.

Sophomore **Adam Kamrath** was the only Scotus athlete on the varsity tennis team.

"I feel like I really improved on hitting the ball harder. I used to hit cautiously because I was afraid of hitting it out," **Kamrath** said.

Senior **Marika Spencer** led the softball team in points.

"I broke the home run record with 21 home runs, and 9 for a season," **Spencer** said.

Both the softball and tennis seasons did not go quite as planned, but both teams found a way to enjoy the season through 'little victories.'

Sophomore **Sydney Martinsen** played outfield for the Discoverers.

"The most memorable game of the season was probably when we beat Millard West. It was such a good feeling!" **Martinsen** said.

Sophomore catcher **Kate Smith** also commented on the Millard North win.

"We had been crushed by them earlier in the week, so being able to cause a huge upset against the number three ranked team was pretty awesome!" **Smith** said.

Both the softball and tennis seasons were a battle to the end with the softball girls losing to Grand Island during districts, and the tennis boys falling to Norfolk to finish off the 2017 season.

## Describe the worst conditioning that you've done.



"The conditioning itself wasn't that hard, except for the fact that I always had to wear my catching gear."

**Kate Smith, 10**



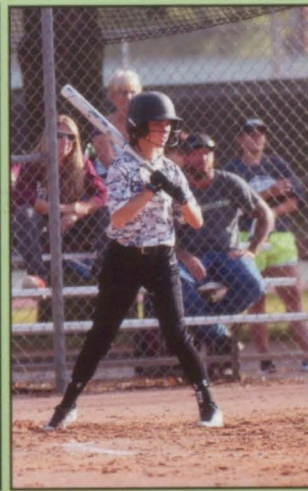
"I think that the toughest conditioning was the mile run."

**Collin Dreher, 10**



"I can't remember what the drill was, but you run back and forth between the bases and do crunches in between sets."

**Sydney Martinsen, 10**



(top row) Sophomore **Katie Stachura** pitches a ball during a softball game. Sophomore **Kate Smith** slides on her catcher's helmet to begin a new inning. Senior **Tessa Bridger** prepares to bat at a softball game. The Discoverer softball team consisted of six Scotus athletes.



(bottom row) Sophomore **Connor Wiehn** serves the ball during a tennis match. Sophomore **Collin Dreher** forehands a ball during his tennis match. Sophomore **Adam Kamrath** forehands a ball during his tennis match. The three boys were the only Scotus athletes on the tennis team.





Senior **Grace Odbert**, junior **Kelsey Faust**, and freshman **Olivia Fehringer** stride out to get good placement at the state cross country meet.

## THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

With a year of interruptions and challenges, the girls' cross country team still found a way to push through.

Sophomore **Liza Zaruba** said, "Going into this season, I really thought I was going to be the weakest link on the team because I was just coming back from breaking my leg. Injury after injury began occurring, and I knew I had to step up and run even faster for the girls who physically couldn't. All of the injuries were definitely hard on the team's morale, so I really tried to step up to keep spirits high and the team hopeful."

The girls started off the season coming back with first-place plaques for the first three meets then due to some interruptions they fell short.

Freshman **Emily Ferguson** said, "This season went really well as a whole this year. We had a lot of injuries, which was hard, but our team still did really well."

The Shamrocks have always held their Scotus Invite at Lutjelusche, which to many has always been a tough race.

Freshman **Abai Aydt** said, "The course that stands out the most is Lutjelusche because we ran it so many

times, and it always had a new situation or surprise when we ran it."

Everyone has a goal that they want to achieve by the end of the season; some achieve it and others don't.

"I wanted to become a better runner and make more friends. I also heard about the hills on Lutjelusche, and I wanted to try and race on them. By the end of the season, I had gotten in better shape and had lots of upper-class friends," freshman **Keira Feehan** said.

The girls received runner up at districts returning them to state for the ninth year in a row.

This was senior **Grace Odbert's** not only first state meet but also first time competing on the Shamrock's cross country team.

**Odbert** said, "I felt very excited! With the whole cross country experience being new, state was new too, and I was excited all the hard work paid off."

The team ended with a record of 99-8 and made many memories doing it.

Junior **Kelsey Faust** said, "I miss cross country so much already! I love my teammates, and I am already looking forward to next season with them."





(left) The team gathers to pray before the Scotus Invite.  
 (bottom left) Senior **Grace Odbert** and sophomores **Brea Lassek** and **Liza Zaruba** stay focused while running in the state meet. This was **Odbert's** first year competing for the team, but **Lassek** and **Zaruba** were returners from last year.  
 (below) Freshman **Olivia Fehringer** listens to head coach **Merlin Lahm** after she competed in the state meet. Sophomore **Samantha Tonniges** hugs her mother after she ran at the state meet.  
 (bottom) The varsity team poses with the district runner up plaque at O'Neill.



## What will you miss most about XC?



"I have formed friendships with other girls that will last a lifetime. I will miss the moments that we cried and laughed together, and I will miss participating in my favorite sport with my favorite teammates."

**Faith Przymus, 12**



"I'm going to miss the team and all the memories we made this season."

**Haylee Cielocha, 10**



"I will miss my team and our practices because even though they were hard they were always fun."

**Abai Aydt, 9**



"The part of XC I will miss the most is being with my teammates everyday while working hard to reach our goal of winning state and having fun. Our team is so encouraging and fun."

**Emily Ferguson, 9**



(far left) The team huddles up for prayer before the state meet.  
 (top middle left) Junior **Mattie Johnson** competes at the Scotus Invite at Lutjelusche. This was her third year running for the Shamrocks.  
 (bottom left) Senior **Macy Hamling** runs at the Scotus Invite. This was her second year competing for the Shamrocks.  
 (above) Freshman **Olivia Fehringer**, junior **Kelsey Faust**, sophomore **Brea Lassek**, and senior **Grace Odbert** pose for a picture while waiting for the results at state. The team finished fourth this year.



Junior **Elliott Thomazin** runs at the Lutjelusche Course at the Lakeview/Scotus/Schuyler Triangular. Thomazin was the lead runner for the boys' team this season, placing 28th at the State Cross Country meet.



(top to bottom) Juniors **Carter Thorson**, **Lucas Schaecher**, and **Nathan Schumacher** compete at the Lakeview/Scotus/Schuyler Triangular at the Lutjelusche course. Sophomore **Tyler Vaught** runs at the district meet in O'Neill. Freshman **Michael Gasper** strides down a hill at the Lutjelusche course at the Scotus Invite. These five runners and **Elliott Thomazin** (above) were the six varsity runners for the Scotus boys' team for the 2017 season.

## What was the most memorable practice of the season?



"The day Mr. Lahm told us we didn't have practice, which has never happened before Mrs. Sokol said."

**Carson Hottovy, 12**



"The day we ran hills. It's always fun to watch people struggle up hills."

**Carter Thorson, 11**



"The most memorable practice was when we just got done running in the country and Coach Lahm and Coach Sokol stopped at Lake Stop and bought us all ice cream."

**Tyler Vaught, 10**



"The most memorable practice this season was our first two mile race because it was the practice that showed me that I had a good chance of being on varsity."

**Michael Gasper, 9**

# MAKING SMALL STEPS

For the past few years, the Scotus boys' cross country team has made it to the state meet. Even though this year was a little different, the team still had some runners who stepped up from last year.

"I think that **Nathan Schumacher**, **Carter Thorson**, and **Lucas Schaeacher** all improved the most because they were always pushing each other whether that be at practice or at a meet," sophomore **Tyler Vaught** said.

Several team members participated in the summer morning runs because they had big shoes to fill from last year.

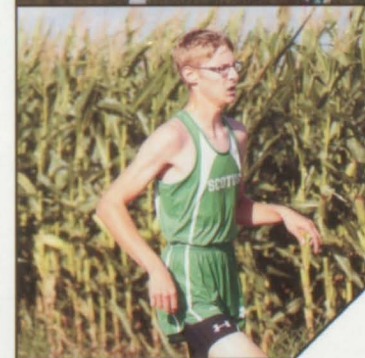
This season the Scotus boys' team placed well at the Scotus Invite placing 5th as a team and achieving 2nd place as a team at the Boone Central Invite in Albion.

"To prepare myself for the season, many cross country runners and I ran 200 miles during the summer so we could make improvements before the season. **Tyler Vaught** and **Carter Thorson** helped push me during these morning runs, which did not just benefit me but helped them too," junior **Nathan Schumacher** said.

The two runners who led the boys' team during the season were junior **Elliott Thomazin** and freshman **Michael Gasper**. They both placed well in several meets, and the two Scotus boys' runners made the trip to the state meet and placed 28th and 54th, respectively. Despite the fact that only two runners qualified for state, the team still had several runners who performed well throughout the season, which helped improve the talent and morale on the team.

"This year was really special. We lost some good runners last year, so this year was a journey to find out who was going to step up and start running well," **Thomazin** said.

Even though the Scotus boys fell short on competing at the state meet as a team, they will return every varsity runner.



(top to bottom) Senior **Carson Hottovy** competes at the Lutjelusche course at the Scotus Invite. Seniors **Matthew Bichlmeier** and **Austyn Follette** run at the Lakeview/Scotus/Schuyler Triangular held at the Lutjelusche course. These three runners were the seniors who were part of the Scotus boys' team this season.

(left to right) Juniors **Caleb Kosch**, **Isaac Ostdiek**, and freshmen **Matthew Dolezal** and **Ben Juarez** compete at the Lutjelusche course, which is located northeast of Columbus. The boys' cross country team competed at the course three times this season, running at the Lakeview/Scotus/Schuyler Triangular, the Columbus/Scotus Dual, and the Scotus Invite.





Senior right side hitter **Madison Kerkman** and senior middle hitter **Shanie Borchers** go up for a block against North Bend.

## EMBRACING THE JOURNEY

With a year of change, the Shamrocks volleyball team had to make many adjustments.

One major change was **Janet Tooley** returning to coaching after a three-year hiatus.

**Tooley** said, "When the opening came up for the position, with the time of year it was going to be hard to advertise, and once we discussed some of the conflicts I was going to have and got all the logistics figured out, it just made sense that I would be the one to come back in and do it since I did it in the past."

**Tooley** inspired the team with unique ideas like giving them beads after special events throughout their journey during the season.

Senior defensive specialist **Jadyn Larsen** said, "She believed in us and for the most part kept a positive attitude. I'm glad she got to coach us this year. I don't know how we could have made it without her."

With a record of 17-11, the Shamrocks had some huge upsets against Grand Island Central Catholic, Bishop Neumann, and Lincoln Lutheran.

Senior right-side hitter **Madison Kerkman** said, "Grand Island Central Catholic was our best win because we showed everyone that we could beat top teams."

The season had some ups and downs, but the girls always found a way to get out of the slump.

Senior libero **Kayla Hall** said, "The turning point of the season was the Omaha Bryan Tournament because we gained a lot of confidence as a team."

The Shamrocks defeated Bishop Neumann and Aquinas to get to the conference championship where they fell short against Concordia.

Senior defensive specialist **Grace Wickham** said, "There were many ups and downs, but we did our best to be the best players and teammates we could be."

The Shamrocks lost to North Bend at the second round of districts to end their season.

Head Coach **Janet Tooley** observes from the sideline as her team competes in the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Tournament. Tooley has coached at Scotus for 27 years.



# Who pushed you the hardest this season?



"My team in general pushed me the hardest this season because I wanted to win and do my best for my teammates. They were like a family to me."

**Jadyn  
Larsen, 12**



"Elley Beaver and Grace Wickham. They were two of the most hardworking people in the gym, and they were always a reason for me to work harder because they motivated me."

**Chloe  
Odbert, 10**



"My teammates pushed me the hardest because they always told me what spots were open for us to get a point, and they always kept a positive attitude."

**Elley  
Beaver, 12**

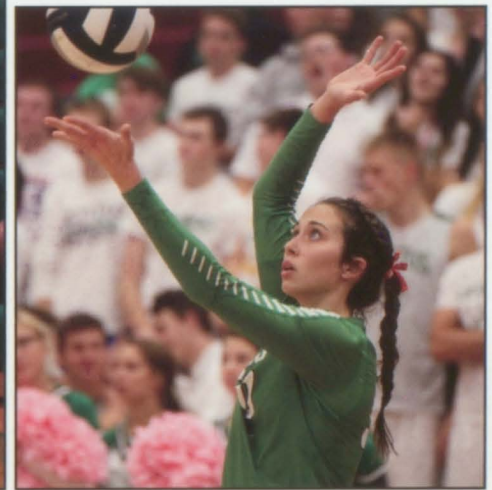


"Mrs. Blaser pushed me the most this year because she always kept my confidence up."

**Kayla  
Hall, 12**



(far left) Junior middle hitter **Bailey Lehr** attacks the ball against two North Bend players. The Shamrocks played North Bend at the second round of districts.  
(middle) Senior right side hitter **Madison Kerkman** blocks the kill attempt of a Lakeview player.  
(left) Junior outside hitter **Courtney Kosch** serves the ball at the Shamrock Invite. The Shamrocks ended the invite with a record of 2-2.  
(below) Senior outside hitter **Elley Beaver** serves the ball against the Aquinas Monarchs at districts.



(top left) Senior defensive specialist **Grace Wickham** cheers with the team after the Shamrocks defeat the Aquinas Monarchs the first round of districts.  
The Shamrocks celebrate after they receive a point.  
(above) Junior middle hitter **Bailey Lehr** and the Shamrocks get excited after earning a point against Stanton.  
(far left) Junior setter **Abbie Zoucha** and senior middle hitter **Shania Borchers** celebrate after the Shamrocks get a kill.  
The bench cheer after the Shamrocks win a set.



# BUILDING BLOCKS FOR SUCCESS

The Shamrock football team came out ready to fight this season, but fell short in many areas. The Shamrocks were off to a rough start, failing to win a game and starting out 0-4, but these losses did not stop the team from giving it everything they had.

"I know our record wasn't pretty and people stopped believing in us when we were 0-4 or 1-5, but I wouldn't want to battle every Friday with anyone else but my team and coaches," senior **Matt Strecker** said.

The boys showed their strengths in their three wins against GICC, Ord, and Adams-Central. The unforgettable game at Ord allowed the team to get down and dirty to win 14-10.

"The field was mostly mud, and our uniforms were brown in the end. It was just a really fun, crazy game and we came out on top; it is a game I will never forget," senior **Colson Kosch** added.

Senior **Jake Novicki** was a two-year starter for the Shamrocks.

The offensive and defensive lineman concluded, "This season was an outlier. The upcoming teams are going to be battle-tested, which will help them secure more victories for this proud football school."

The team defeated Adams-Central 41-21 in the seniors' final football game as Shamrocks finishing their season 3-6.



Seniors **Colson Kosch**, **Matt Strecker**, and sophomore **Eric Mustard**, take the field after a timeout to start the next play against Wayne. The Shamrocks fell to Wayne 43-33.

## Who inspired you the most this season?



Landon Sokol, 12

"I think Nathan D. inspired the team this year. With Donnie's motivation, we started 'DIFD' (Do it for Donnie). We wanted everything we did on the field to be for him."



Zack Beiermann, 11

"The seniors inspired me the most because they all gave us encouragement throughout the season."

## What was the best win of the season?



Brandon Huynh, 12

"Adams-Central because it is always nice to end the season with a dub at home."

"Ord. The conditions were not ideal, but we still came out on top."



Nathan Donoghue, 12

(top far left) Seniors **Brandon Huynh** and **Wren Allen** tackle Wayne's ball carrier to stop the first down.  
 (middle far left) Senior **Matt Strecker** breaks the tackle to score a touchdown for the win against GICC.  
 (bottom far left) Seniors **Logan Mueller**, **Colson Kosch**, and **Jake Novicki** take down an Aquinas player in order to stop a drive for a touchdown.  
 (left) Sophomore starter **Tyler Palmer** fights to complete the pass with a Wayne defender.  
**Caden Pelan**, the junior quarterback, runs the ball past the defender to get a first down.



(top left) Seniors **Kyle Kobza**, **Jake Novicki**, and **Wren Allen**, part of the offensive line, clap in unison to prepare for the next play.  
 (bottom left) Senior **Logan Mueller** runs the ball past the defense to score a touchdown against Wayne.  
 Senior lineman **Jake Novicki** bows his head after the tough loss against Aquinas.





The girls' basketball players scream for joy and run to meet their teammates at half court of the Pinnacle Bank Arena after winning the state championship game in overtime.

## BECOMING THE BEST

Every athlete dreams of their season ending with a gold medal around his or her neck, but only a few get to live the experience. The Scotus girls' basketball team peaked at the right time in the season to defeat their arch nemesis Lincoln Christian, punch their ticket to state, and win a state championship.

"Playing for each other and for an injured teammate makes the victory a little bit sweeter. We played harder and had more endurance," senior guard **Grace Wickham** said.

With the win against Christian, the girls were 19-5 entering the state tournament with plenty of confidence despite having to face the new number one ranked team Wahoo.

"We knew that if we could beat Christian, we could beat anyone. Beating Lincoln Christian propelled us into the state tournament knowing we had the talent and ability to win it," senior guard **Kendra Wiese** said.

The Shamrock's defense was a major factor in their success as they held the Warriors to their lowest scoring of the season at 32 points. The following morning, the girls played undefeated Mitchell, whose record was 27-0. Again, their defense was rock solid only allowing 26 points. The girls won 43-26 advancing them to the state championship.

"We really focused on not letting their best player beat us, so we were aware of where she was and played tough help defense off the ball," senior post **Shania Borchers** said.

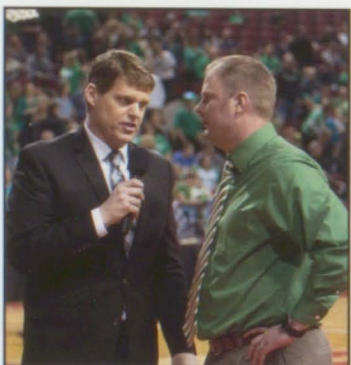
The state title game was a rematch between the Shamrocks and the Bishop Neumann Cavaliers. Earlier in the

season, the Cavaliers defeated the Shamrocks with a buzzer beater. The state championship game was just as intense as the girls trailed most of the game, but a three pointer from junior forward **Bailey Lehr** sent the game into overtime.

"In the middle of the third quarter I had tears in my eyes because we couldn't get a lead, and I thought the game was over, but after making the three, I had all the confidence in my team to win it," **Lehr** said.

The Shamrocks defeated the Cavaliers with a final score of 40-37. Their season ended with a record of 22-5, and the first girls' basketball championship in 14 years.

Senior point-guard **Maggie Feehan** concluded, "Basketball has taught me that by just taking a little time out of each day to work at whatever it is you love, and playing alongside great teammates, you might just find yourself a few years down the road with a gold medal around your neck."



Head coach **Jarrod Ridder** talks with the sports announcer during halftime of the state championship game at the Pinnacle Bank Arena. The win against Neumann captured Ridder's first state title.



What is your favorite Coach Ridder or Coach Coulter saying?



"It's Marika time boys."  
-Coach Coulter

Grace  
Odbert, 12



"You can't play defense standing straight up!"  
-Coach Coulter and Coach Ridder

Marika  
Spencer, 12



"Displacement!"  
-Coach Ridder

Courtney  
Kosch, 11



"You are awesome, go be amazing."  
-Coach Ridder

Madison  
Kerkman, 12



(far left) Junior **Bailey Lehr** shoots over a Lakeview defender during the holiday tournament championship game. The Lady Shamrocks won the holiday tournament for the seventh consecutive year. (left) Senior **Marika Spencer** waits patiently to go up for a power lay-in. (below left) Senior **Madison Kerkman** dribbles looking for an open teammate. (below) Junior **Courtney Kosch** slows Bishop Neumann's point guard.



(above left to right) Senior **Maggie Feehan** goes up for a left-handed layup against an Omaha Concordia defender. Senior **Grace Odbert** pivots looking for an open teammate to pass to. The seven seniors hold up number ones while waiting to receive their medals after winning the state championship. (left) The Shamrock bench enjoys the 49-32 victory over the Wahoo Warriors during the first round of the state tournament at the Devaney Center. (below left to right) Senior **Grace Wickham** brings the ball up the court. Senior **Shania Borchers** holds the basketball tightly while being closely guarded. Senior **Kendra Wiese** goes in hard for a one-two lay in during the first round of sub-districts against Aquinas.



## What is your favorite school to play against?



"I like to play Wahoo Neumann because the atmosphere is always intense."

**Carson Hottovy, 12**



"I love playing Lakeview because their crowd loves to talk trash whether it was a close game or we were beating them by 25."

**Matthew Strecker, 12**



"I like to play against David City Aquinas because I know a lot of them and they know me and they make the game more fun."

**Caden Pelan, 11**



"Neumann because we are both elite basketball schools, and there is rarely a time when one team gets blown out because we are both athletic."

**Tyler Palmer, 10**

## GAINING MOMENTUM

Scotus boys' basketball has been the epicenter of high school basketball in Nebraska. After graduating a large number of seniors who had a great amount of varsity experience, the team had to grow in this area in order to find success.

"The difference between this year and previous years was how we grew over the year. We had the same goal to win state, but we knew to get there we were going to need to work harder than ever before and develop as a team," senior **Trevor Kaslon** said.

This basketball season gave the opportunity for many players to play in a varsity game for the first time in their high school careers. These players were unable to see the court in past years due to the vastness of talent that the team possessed in the past few seasons.

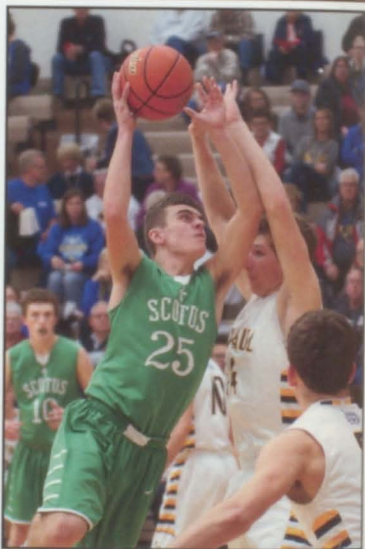
"Previous years I sat on the bench and never played, but this year I was able to start, making this year different," senior **Matthew Strecker** said.

Despite the fact that the basketball team had very little varsity experience, they still managed to fight through this obstacle by making steps from last year.

"I thought everyone stepped up and improved from last year. Everyone made themselves better throughout the summer and basketball season and really improved themselves," junior **Caden Pelan** said.

This season the team was able to defeat some of their rivals from previous years, such as upsetting Wahoo Neumann and beating crosstown rival Lakeview High School. Their season concluded in a close matchup against David City Aquinas in sub-districts and ended the year with a record of 8 - 15.

"My favorite part about basketball was everyone I developed relationships with, everyone who made practices fun, and all of the coaches who pushed me to be my best," **Kaslon** said.



(left to right) Senior **Jacob Morse** tries to rebound the basketball after a free throw. Senior **Jake Novicki** attempts to pass the ball during a game against Norfolk Catholic. Senior **Trevor Kaslon** shoots the basketball during a game in the Dowd Activity Center. Junior **Bryce VunCannon** plays defense during a junior varsity game. Senior **Nathan Donoghue** watches a varsity game from the bench at Lakeview due to a knee injury he suffered earlier in the year. (top right) Sophomore **Tyler Palmer** drives to the hoop during a varsity game. Junior **Grant Shanle** shoots the basketball against a St. Paul defender.



Senior **Trevor Kaslon** dribbles the basketball to the hoop during the sub-district basketball game. The team played David City Aquinas.



(top left) Senior **Carson Hottovy** goes in for a lay-up in a varsity basketball game. (above) Junior **Caden Pelan** drives by a GICC defender in the Dowd Activity Center. (far left) Sophomore **Eric Mustard** protects the basketball against a Crete defender during a varsity game. (left) Senior **Colson Kosch** drives to the basketball hoop. **Kosch** was one of the starting point guards for the varsity team this season.





Senior **Calen Hinze** raises his hand to signal his win after the match.

Sophomore **Evan Hand** pushes down on his opponent's head to try to get points.

Freshman **Jacob Weyers** tries to take down his opponent during a match.

Freshman **Kade Wiese** takes down his opponent during a match. This was **Wiese's** first year wrestling on the varsity team.

## What is something odd/unique you do before a match?



"I stare my opponent in the eye until my match."

**Evan Hand, 10**



"After we weigh in, Evan Hand and I eat our 'ultimate porker' from Jimmy Johns."

**Jackson Neville, 11**



"I pray one Hail Mary."

**Brock Clarke, 10**



"I put my ankle band on at the edge of the mat. I get up and make the sign of the cross and walk to the center of the mat."

**Charles Case, 12**

# PIN IT TO WIN IT

This year the Scotus wrestling team had a coaching change, making **DJ Brandenburg** the new head coach. Being his first year as head coach, the Scotus Shamrocks were successful. One of the duals they won was the Mount Michael dual, winning it 42-26.

“[The turning point was] the Mount Michael dual when I got two pins; it boosted my confidence,” sophomore **Brock Clarke** said.

Two of their better meets were conference, and the JV team at the Neumann Invite, where they both got second. These two meets led up to districts.

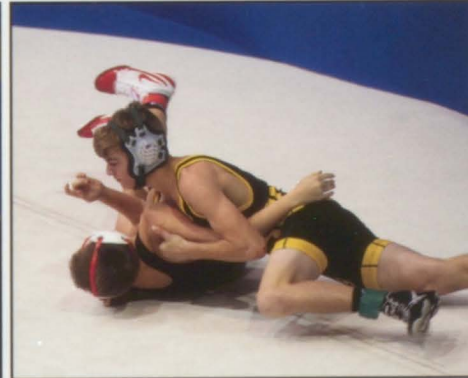
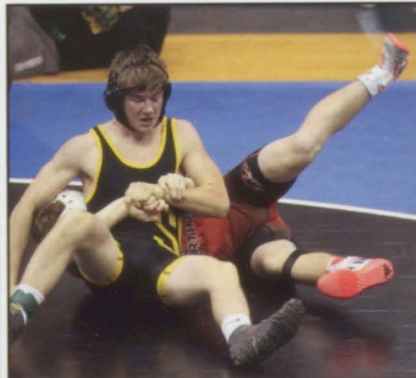
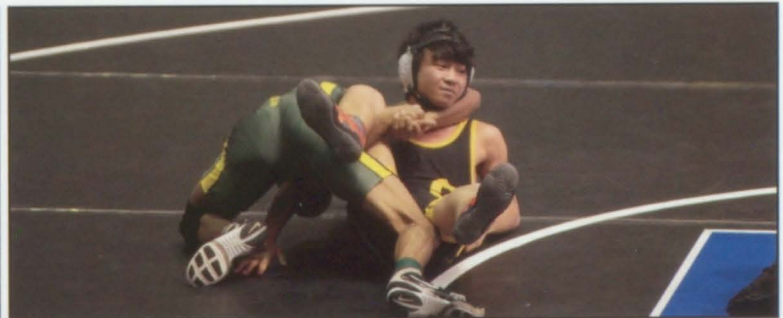
“[The match that stands out the most is] my match at districts because wrestling a kid from Skutt taught me that it is not all about strength,” junior **Daniel Tworek** explained.

Seniors **Landon Sokol** and **Wren Allen** made it to state after winning their matches at districts to earn their spots. After getting a spot, preparing for the matches became the main focus.

“Preparing for state was more of a mental thing. Wren and I both knew we were in the best shape so we decided to run for ten minutes to get warmed up, then we wrestled,” **Sokol** said.

Both **Sokol** and **Allen** made it past the first rounds of state which led to the second day.

“I was sad after my last match because I knew I would never step on a mat as a competitor ever again. Fourteen years of wrestling had actually come to an end; it was tough to walk off the mat for the last time,” **Allen** said.



(top left) Senior **Landon Sokol** tries to pin his opponent. Junior **Daniel Tworek** tries to keep his back off the ground so his opponent does not pin him. Seniors **Calen Hinze**, **Charles Case**, and freshman **Jake Heesacker** try to get their opponents on their backs to get back points.

(bottom) Coach **DJ Brandenburg**, seniors **Wren Allen** and **Landon Sokol**, and coaches **Rex Robinson** and **Steve Jenny** pose after the district meet. **Allen** won his weight class and **Sokol** got second. Senior **Wren Allen** raises his hand after winning his match during the state tournament.





Junior **Julia Salerno** swims the freestyle at the Varsity Relays in Columbus. **Salerno** went on to qualify for the state meet.

## SWIMMING FOR A CHANCE

The Scotus swimmers have always been a part of the Scotus/CHS co-op team, but this year they had a great impact on the team. Senior captain **Chase Andresen** was involved all four years and got to know people from both schools.

"It's nice to have a bigger team and to have the opportunity to meet new people," **Andresen** said.

The swim team attended many meets throughout the season including wins against Fremont and South Sioux.

"The state and conference meets are my favorite because a lot of good teams are there, and you always seem to drop time," sophomore **Emily Miksch** said.

The swimmers get the opportunity to qualify their times for state throughout the season. Seven out of thirteen of the swim members who made it to state were from Scotus.

"It was special because almost all Scotus swimmers got the opportunity to go and swim at state. I think that is an awesome accomplishment for all of us to say," junior **Julia Salerno** said.

The swim team is saying goodbye to **Andresen** and seniors **Thiago Pereira** and **Trey Dallman**. **Dallman** has qualified for state all four years of high school.

**Dallman** concluded, "There's a moment of anticipation when you're on the block waiting for your race to start, and when you jump off and hit the water, it is pure bliss. You forget about everything, and your body takes over. That feeling is what I'll miss the most."



Senior captain **Chase Andresen**, freshman **Kaira Dallman**, junior **Konner Kudron**, junior **Callan Fuchs**, junior **Julia Salerno**, sophomore **Emily Miksch**, and senior **Trey Dallman** pose for a Scotus state qualifier picture. They competed in Lincoln on February 23rd and 24th.

What was your favorite part of the swim season?



"It was the away meets because we got to meet new people and get to know new places."

Thiago Periera, 12



"When you beat your personal best time."

Olivia Fehringer, 9



"You can ask any person, I am the most excited for kick sets. They're too much fun."

Callan Fuchser, 11



"My favorite part about swimming was always being together and frequently going to team dinners which resulted in team bonding."

Kaira Dallman, 9



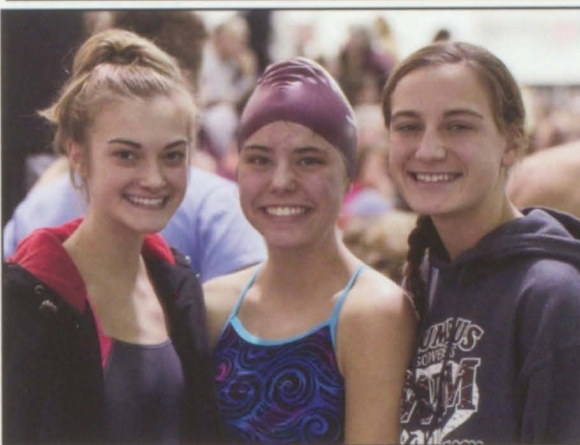
(far left) Sophomore **Emily Miksch** swims hard in the breast stroke. **Miksch** was the only Scotus sophomore on the team.

(middle) Junior **Callan Fuchser** swims the freestyle. **Fuchser** qualified for state the past three years.

(left) Freshman **Kaira Dallman** takes a breath during her breast stroke. **Dallman** was the only freshman to qualify for state.

(bottom left) Freshmen **Kaira Dallman**, **Mckenna Mausbach**, and **Olivia Fehringer** pose for a picture during the Varsity Invitational.

(below) Juniors **Julia Salerno** and **Callan Fuchser** smile for the camera at the Varsity Relays.



(top left) Senior captain **Chase Andresen** swims the butterfly stroke at the Varsity Relays.

**Andresen** has been a captain for the swim team the past two years.

(above) Junior **Konner Kudron** dives into the pool to begin his race.

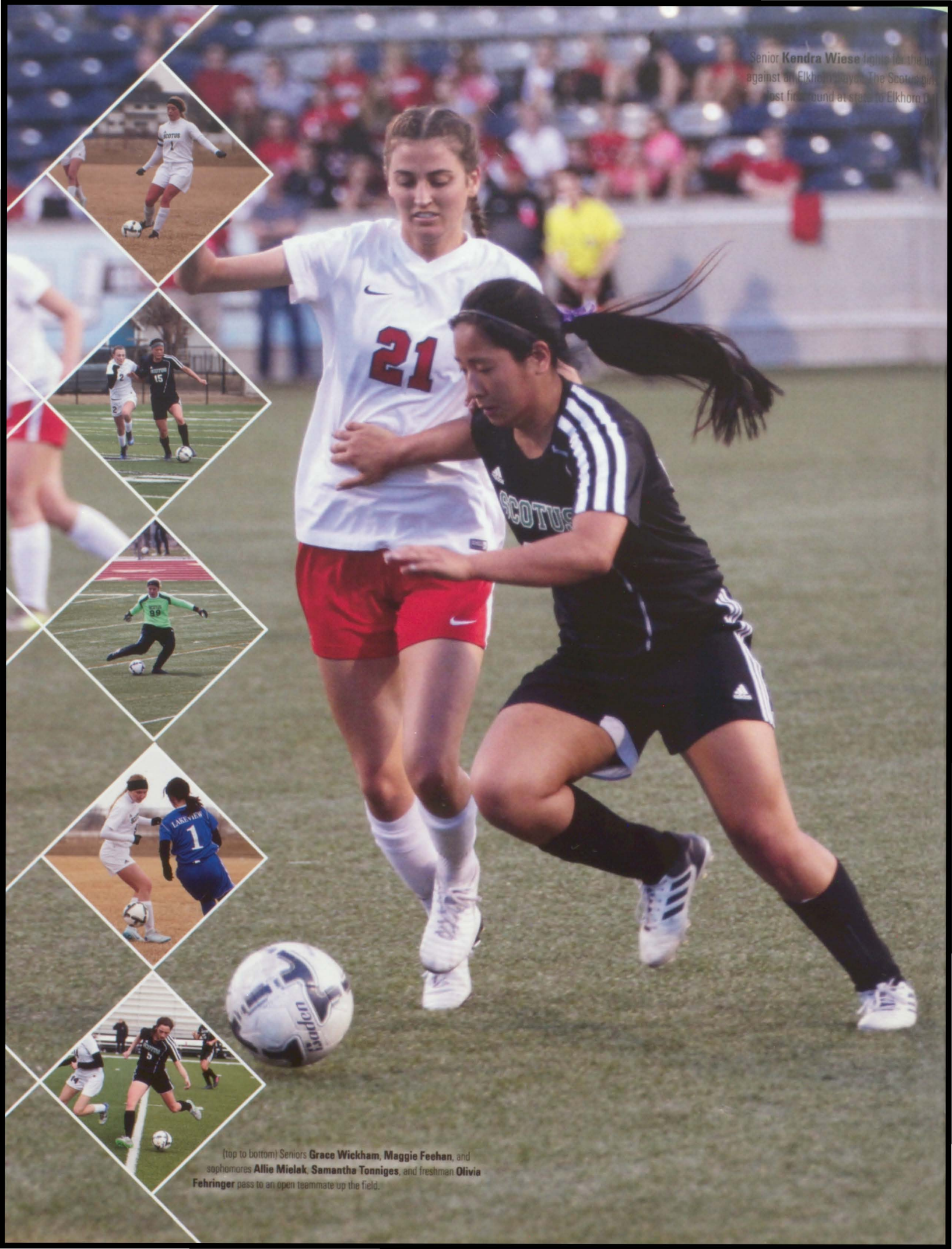
(far left) Senior **Trey Dallman** swims the breast stroke. **Dallman** has competed at state all four years.

(left) Senior **Thiago Pereira-Ferreira** swims the breast stroke at the Aquatic Center. This was **Pereira-Ferreira's**

first year on the swim team.



Senior **Kendra Wiese** fights for the ball against an Elkhorn player. The Scotus girls lost first round at state to Elkhorn.



(top to bottom) Seniors **Grace Wickham**, **Maggie Feehan**, and sophomores **Allie Mielak**, **Samantha Tonniges**, and freshman **Olivia Fehringer** pass to an open teammate up the field.



## What was your favorite game?



"My favorite game was playing CHS. It is always good to beat them especially when it is the district final."

Abbie Zoucha, 11



"Playing Hastings and Elkhorn because we really played as a team."

Olivia Fehringer, 9



"Hastings because we made it to state because of that win and scored an awesome header off of Courtney Kosch's corner kick!"

Julia Salerno, 11



"The Hastings game when the ref kept giving yellow cards."

Tanley Miller, 9

# OVERCOMING THE WEATHER

The Scotus Central Catholic girls' soccer team made it back to state for the eighth year in a row. The soccer team had many setbacks due to the weather but were still able to pull through and earn a spot at state.

"It's always a great feeling playing at Morrison. The stadium is huge and the atmosphere is one I'll never forget," senior **Maggie Feehan** said.

Due to the weather, the girls' team had seven games cancelled. Since so many games had been cancelled, it was difficult to get in the groove of the new formation they had just learned.

"[Having seven games cancelled] was very disappointing, and I know if we would have had those games we would have had a more successful season," junior **Courtney Kosch** said.

Since the team had so many games cancelled, they decided to scrimmage the boys team during one of their practices. Both teams wore their uniforms and made jokes about how it was the girls' first game in a month.

"[Playing the boys] was fun, but we should have won," freshman **Kamryn Chohon** said.

At state, the girls' team lost 0-1 to Elkhorn. Elkhorn would go on to win the state title the following Monday. This was the end for the four seniors on the team, but **Maggie Feehan** and **Kendra Wiese** will go on to play college soccer.

"Scotus soccer will always have a special place in my heart. The girls have strong leaders coming back, and I'm confident they will make it back to state next year," **Wiese** said.



(top left) Senior **Grace Wickham** hugs freshman **Olivia Fehringer** after scoring a goal.

Sophomore **Lauren Ostdiek** dribbles the ball down the field to the goal.

Junior **Emily Stutzman** tries to clear the ball during the state game.

(middle) The boys and girls soccer teams pose after their scrimmage. The teams decided to have a scrimmage after the girls had seven games cancelled.

(bottom left) Senior **Jadyln Larsen** kicks the ball to an open teammate up the field.

Junior **Courtney Kosch** makes a move on an Elkhorn player.



# NEW BEGINNINGS

Change can be a hard obstacle to face sometimes, but for the boys' soccer team this year, transitioning to a new coach didn't affect them too much.

"We had **Coach PJ** as an assistant coach when **Jon Brezenski** was head coach. It's not too different because we have known him for a while," junior midfielder **Inri Dimas** said.

Sometimes new ideas and drills come along with having a new coach. Junior defender **Carter Thorson** commented on one particular addition to practice.

"We had to condition this year unlike past years," **Thorson** said.

The boys this year defeated crosstown rivals Lakeview as well as Grand Island Northwest, Grand Island Central Catholic, Concordia, and Jefferson. Their season ended

when they lost to Norfolk Catholic in the sub district game. This was the second time this season they played Norfolk Catholic.

"We played our hearts out, but we unfortunately fell short both times," junior forward **Braden Labenz** said.

Since ending their season in a heartbreaker, junior midfielder **Zack Beiermann** and the rest of the returners look forward to getting better in the off-season.

"One big thing I took from this season to prepare for next season was never giving up on a player or the team. We always have to believe in each other," **Beiermann** concluded.

The boys' final record was 5-12.



(above) Sophomore defender **Tyler Vaught** dribbles the ball up the field against Lakeview.



(top right) Freshman **Ben Juarez Mendez** counterattacks the Lincoln Lutheran defense.

(right) Junior defender **Carter Thorson** traps the ball during the scrimmage against the girls.

(middle) Junior forward **Braden Labenz** takes the ball up the field to score against Lakeview.

(far right) Senior **Grant Bettenhausen** throws the ball in to a fellow teammate in the game against Abraham Lincoln in the Council Bluffs tournament.



# Which teammate impacted you the most this season?



"Calen Hinze because it was his first year playing, and he was able to do everything the coaches asked of him."

**Zack Beiermann, 11**



"Ross Thorson because he was a great freshman who stepped up and did very well for us."

**Braden Labenz, 11**



"Inri Dimas because he always encouraged me during the game."

**Tommy Yu, 11**



"Wren Allen because he always put 100% on the field and never gave up. He always encouraged others to do better."

**Inri Dimas, 11**



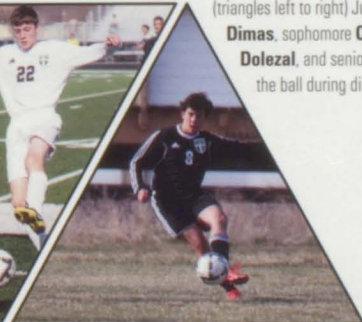
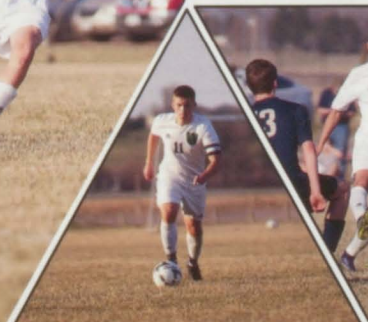
(far left) Sophomore **Henry Hernandez** dribbles the ball up the field on a breakaway against Lincoln Lutheran. Junior forward **Tommy Yu** takes the ball past the Abraham Lincoln defender in the Council Bluffs tournament.



(top left) Senior **Wren Allen**, junior **Braden Labenz**, sophomore **Henry Hernandez**, and freshman **Ross Thorson** run back to their side after scoring in the Lakeview game.  
(middle) Goalie **Connor Wiehn** and defenders **Zack Beiermann** and **Tyler Vaught** defend a corner kick.  
(above) **Inri Dimas** prepares to receive a pass from **Grant Bettenhausen**.  
(bottom left) **Ross Thorson** takes a shot on goal during the game against Lincoln Lutheran.  
(middle) Senior **Wren Allen** prepares to throw in the ball in the Lakeview game.  
(left) Senior defender **Calen Hinze** makes a run up field in the Lakeview game.



(triangles left to right) Junior **Zack Beiermann**, junior **Inri Dimas**, sophomore **Connor Wiehn**, freshman **Nick Dolezal**, and senior **Thiago Ferreira-Pereira** control the ball during different games in the season.





Senior **Elley Beaver** and junior **Bailey Lehr** compete against one another at the conference meet. **Beaver** and **Lehr** both competed at the state meet.

## THE RUNNING 'ROCKS

After the long winter, the team, as well as head coach **Janet Tooley**, was thrilled for the start of the season.

"I was excited because I felt that we had some real quality on the team. I wasn't sure where our team scores would be due to the lack of depth, but overall the girls did even better than I anticipated, and we also got a great group down to Burke. We had a super season," **Tooley** said.

The girls ended up winning the Wayne Outdoor Meet and placing runner up at the Knights of Columbus Meet, the Lakeview Invitational, districts, and the conference meet.

"[The meet that was most exciting to win as a team] was the conference track meet because there was such competition, and we pulled together as a team to get runner up against some of the best competitors," senior thrower **Alyssa Morton** said.

The Shamrocks hauled thirteen team members to Burke, seven of them being from the girls' team. Freshman **Anna Ehlers** qualified in the high jump.

"It was fun watching all the different people race and get their personal bests. I also loved bonding with all the girls that went down. It was great. I would love to go again," **Ehlers** said.

Senior thrower **Marika Spencer** won the disc at state and placed second in shot put.

"I'll miss throwing, then going out on the football field and watching my teammates run," **Spencer** said.

Junior hurdler **Bailey Lehr** was the second girl to place at state. **Lehr** placed seventh in the 300 m hurdles.

(right) High jump coach **Chris Mustard** and head girls coach **Janet Tooley** chat while watching high jump at the Varsity Relays. (far right) Junior **Kelsey Faust**, freshman **Anna Ehlers**, junior **Bailey Lehr**, senior **Marika Spencer**, senior **Elley Beaver**, and sophomore **Liza Zaruba** all qualified to compete at state.





(top left to right) Sophomore **Amber Buhman** strides out while running the two mile relay at the Wesleyan indoor meet. Senior **Shania Borchers** flies over the high jump bar at the conference meet at Pawnee Park. (bottom left to right) Freshman **Anna Ehlers** tries to tie her personal best of five foot at the Wesleyan indoor meet. She competed in the state meet. Junior **Kelsey Faust** strides out down the home straightaway on the last lap of the mile at the conference meet. (below) Freshman **Gillian Brandt** long jumps at the Wesleyan indoor meet.



## What event was most challenging?



"Pole vault was challenging because I was new to it. Opening height was always too high, and I could never get over it."

**Haylee Cielocha, 10**



"The hardest event for me in track was the 100 hurdles because the high hurdles made it harder to alternate unlike 300 hurdles, which was my favorite race."

**Kate Smith, 10**



"The most challenging event for me was the mile. Even though it is shorter than the two mile, it is a much faster race. I had a hard time getting a new personal best."

**Emily Ferguson, 9**



"Running the open eight was the most challenging for me because I struggled to figure out how to pace myself while running close to the other girls."

**Clarissa Kosch, 9**



(left to right) Senior **Marika Spencer** throws the disc at the Scotus varsity relays. **Spencer** got first in disc and second in shot at the state meet and holds the Scotus record for shot at 44'2.5" and disc at 153'4". Senior **Alyssa Morton** focuses while throwing shot at the varsity invitational at Pawnee Park. Senior **Madison Kerkman** vaults herself over the bar at the varsity invitational. (above) Sophomore **Liza Zaruba** focuses while running the two mile relay. **Zaruba** competed in the state meet.



# STRIDING FOR SUCCESS

Running for fun isn't everyone's idea on how to end their day, but if it involves a medal of some kind at the end, the idea isn't so bad. The Scotus track team doesn't just compete as a team, many of the runners use their own strategies. Junior **Elliott Thomazin** is a distance runner for the Scotus team. He was also one of the six boys on the track team who qualified for state.

"Track is more personalized than other sports. It's all about individual competition. My favorite part of track is always the people," **Thomazin** said.

Junior **Abram Perault** throws disc and shot put for the boys track team.

"It's not a sport about getting first place. It's all about beating your best and improving times and distances," **Perault** said.

Track is a team sport though, too. The 4x800 is one of the many relay events in the sport that calls for a group to compete. Freshman **Michael Gasper** is one of the four who ran this event.

"My favorite event was the 4x800 because it was one I got to compete with a team instead of individually," **Gasper** said.

Many records were broken throughout the track season including school records. Senior **Chase Andresen** competed in pole vault, long jump, and the men's high hurdles. **Andresen** holds the school record for Scotus at 15 feet 4 inches in pole vault, and he also qualified for state.

The boys track season ended with six of the varsity boys qualifying for state, and **Andresen**, placing seventh, was the only one who placed. Senior **Matthew Strecker** qualified for state in the 4x100 relay.

"I was frustrated due to not qualifying for state junior year after going freshman and sophomore year, so I was determined to get there this year. We battled through pouring rain and freezing weather for a majority of the season, but we finally made it. It felt great to end my season and career at Burke," **Strecker** said.

1. Freshman **Michael Gasper** runs the 4x800 during a track meet.

2. Junior **Konnor Kudron** runs the men's high hurdles at Scotus Relays.

3/4/5. Junior **Abram Perault**, senior **Brandon Huynh**, and sophomore **Cole Demuth** throw the discus at a Scotus track meet.

6. Senior **Nathan Donoghue** runs the 4x800 during a Scotus track meet.

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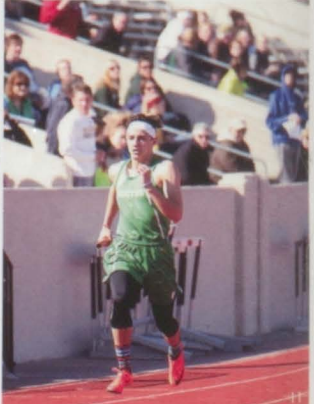
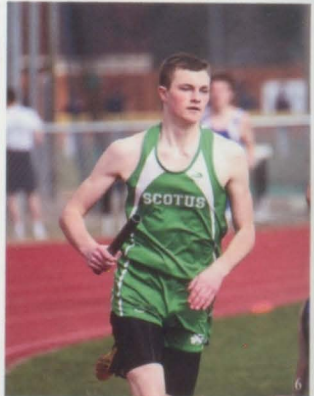
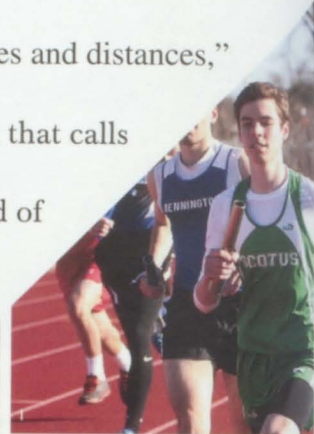
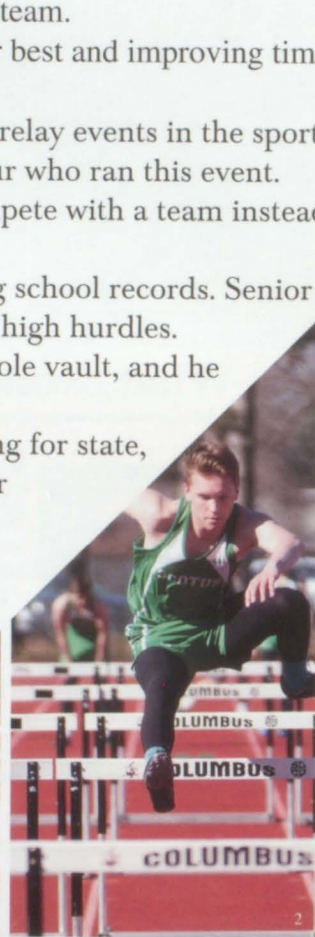
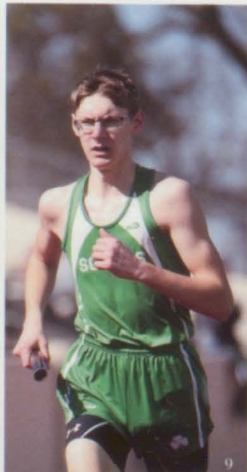
junior **Lucas Schaecher**,

and senior **Logan Zanardi** run during

the conference track meet at

Pawnee

Park.



# What is your favorite memory during the season?



"Winning the freshman medley at the Wayne track meet."

**Simon Schumacher, 9**



"Cole put a dent in our \$200 disc."

**Grant Shanle, 11**



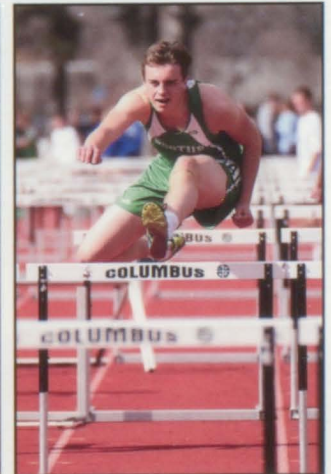
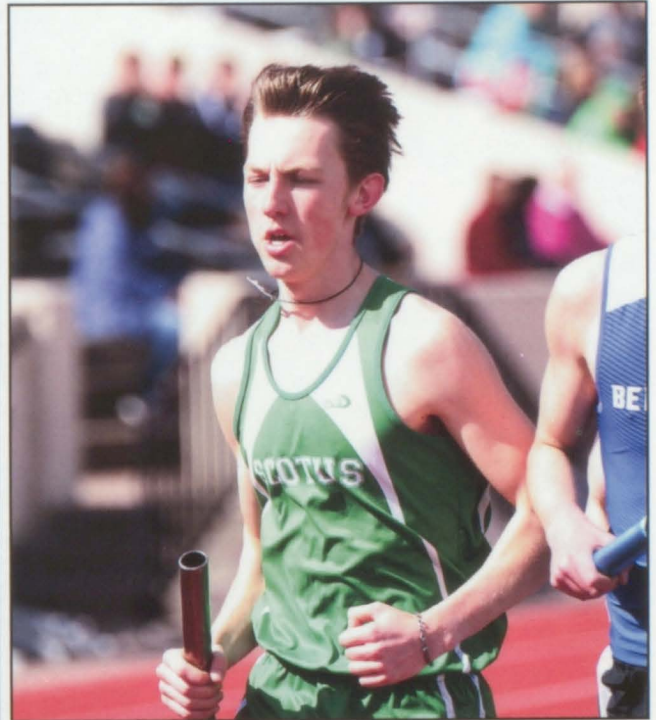
"Being able to compete at districts."

**Justin Sliva, 9**



"One of my favorite memories is getting to eat and sleep all I want after I got done running at a meet."

**Emmitt Broberg, 10**



(top left) Senior **Chase Andresen** jumps to new heights as he vaults over the pole vault bar. (above) Junior **Elliott Thomazin** runs the 4x800 relay during the Knights of Columbus Invite. Senior **Matthew Strecker** runs the 4x400 at the conference track meet at Pawnee Park. Junior **Grant Shanle** runs the men's high hurdles during conference track. (far left) Senior **Tyler Miksch** vaults over the pole vault bar during a Scotus track meet. (left) Freshman **Nicolas Schultz** hands off the baton to senior **Matthew Bichlmeier** during the 4x800 relay at Wesleyan's indoor track meet.





Sophomore **Emily Miksch** returns the ball during a meet against Lincoln North Star. The team lost against North Star.

(left to right) Freshman **Keira Feehan** waits for her opponent to send her the ball. Senior **Kaitlyn Enderlin** returns the ball to her opponent. Junior **Mira Liebig** serves the ball to the other player. Sophomore **MaKenzie Enderlin** serves the ball to her opponent. Junior **Maddie Sueper** sends the ball back to the other player.



(right) Senior **Natalie Brutty** returns the ball to her opponent during the Lincoln North Star Meet. **Brutty** was the only senior from Scotus on the varsity team.  
(far right) Freshman **Alli Demuth** returns a ball to her opponent during a JV meet.



Would you rather play in cold, windy, rainy weather, or in hot weather?



"Rainy weather is the most fun because everyone is soaked at the end of the game."

**Logan Mueller, 12**



"Anything but wind. I don't care if it is cold or hot or rainy. I'll take anything but wind."

**Eric Mustard, 10**



"Hot weather because playing in a lot of layers is not helpful, and we get to wear skirts and tanks!"

**MaKenzie Enderlin, 10**



"If I had to choose, I'd rather play in the hot weather. My face gets super red, which always makes everyone laugh, but being hot makes me move faster and play more aggressively. (Mostly because I just want to get done as quick as possible and sit in the shade again)."

**Maddie Sueper, 11**



# LEARNING TO ENDURE

Spring 2018 sure made it hard on athletes as they

pushed through the dynamic weather patterns to do what

they love. Thanks to the horrendous weather, 5 baseball

games and 1 tennis meet had to be canceled. Scorching heat,

cloudy skies, rain and lots of wind; Mother Nature couldn't set her

plans straight.

Sophomore **Emily Miksch** ended the season playing the varsity's number four doubles.

"The Fremont tournament was the worst of all. 21 mph winds with a downpour session and the meet was delayed plus a sunburn on top of it. Nebraska weather, what can you do?" **Miksch** said.

Senior **Natalie Brutty** ended the season playing the varsity's number two singles and number three doubles.

"The Lincoln East tennis tournament by far was the worst because there was a wind advisory and it was raining," **Brutty** said.

Throughout the season, the team had several victories over Hastings, Lincoln Northeast, and Norfolk as well as winning their home invite. The entire tennis varsity team competed at the state tournament in Lincoln, but no individuals placed.

Alongside tennis, the baseball team had just as many problems with the weather. Not only were the conditions uncomfortable, they were unpredictable!

Sophomore **Tyler Palmer** was the one of two sophomores from Scotus to play varsity this season.

"The first game of the year I thought it was going to be nice, so I didn't wear sleeves. Turns out it was 40 degrees and windy that night, and center field was the equivalence to Alaska to me," **Palmer** said.

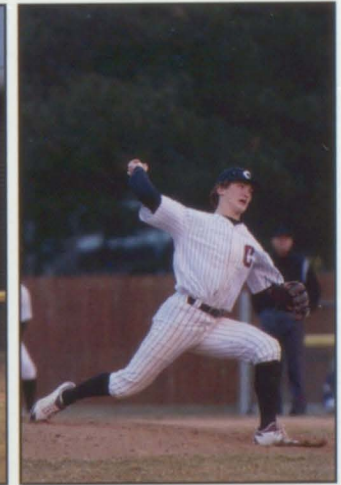
The team lost to Bellevue East at districts, ending the season with a record of 10-11. However, this was an exceptional improvement from last year's record of 5-19.

Senior **Trevor Kaslon** finished out his high school career by playing first base, third base, and pitcher.

"Overall, I think we have helped change the culture of CHS Baseball. I don't think that we are exactly where we want to be, but it has been better than previous years," **Kaslon** said.



(left) Senior **Jake Novicki** pitches during a home game against Omaha South.  
(below) Sophomore **Eric Mustard** swings at the ball. Senior **Jacob Morse** throws the ball in to a teammate from the outfield. The team lost against Omaha South that night.



(above) Senior **Trevor Kaslon** throws the ball to his teammate from his base. Sophomore **Tyler Palmer** pitches to the batter at the Bellevue West game. The team won both games against Bellevue West that night.  
(far left) Senior **Logan Mueller** throws the ball in from first base during a home game. Junior **Caden Pelan** prepares to swing at the Grand Island game. The team lost against Grand Island in both games that night.



Senior **Colson Kosch** prepares to strike the ball on his tee shot at the Schuyler meet.



(top to bottom) Junior **Bryce VunCannon** reads the green as he lines up his ball for a putt. Sophomore **Jared Beaver**, junior **Sam Blaser**, sophomore **Adam Kamrath**, and sophomore **Evan Hand** all strike the ball as they advance towards the hole.

Which meet stood out the most to you?



"The district meet at Wayne stands out the most to me. Our goal the entire year was to make it to state as a team and at districts we played well and met that goal."

**Colson Kosch, 12**



"The Lakeview Invite stands out to me because I beat Adam Kamrath and that was my goal I wanted to meet this year."

**Evan Hand, 10**



"The Lakeview dual stood out the most to me because I thought it was really fun and entertaining."

**Jared Beaver, 10**

# EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

Golf can be seen as an individualized sport to those who are looking in from the outside in. This may be due to the fact that most of the game is played inside the player's head as they count their individual score. After immersing oneself into this world, they are opened to the importance of teamwork.

"My favorite part is probably just being able to be with my friends and hang out," sophomore **Jared Beaver** said.

While golf is sometimes seen as more of an individualized sport, it also requires an effort from each member to work together as a team. They push one another as they strive towards a specific goal. The boys' golf team was determined to get to state.

"The team worked together to help each other improve so we could reach state. We challenged each other and helped each other out," junior **Sam Blaser** said.

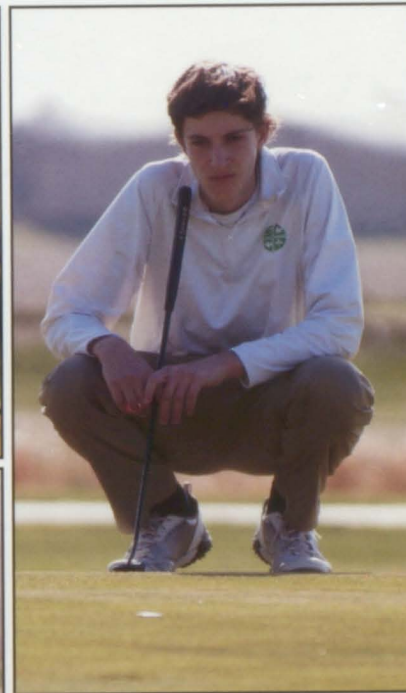
Many of the golfers had set personal goals to reach by the end of the year.

"My goal was to not embarrass myself, and I failed that on the first 18 holes of the year," sophomore **Evan Hand** said.

Junior **Bryce VunCannon** went into the season with a goal of placing at every meet as well as the state tournament and met this goal after working for it all year.

"I was disappointed with the second day because I felt like I hadn't played very well, but overall I was happy that God gave me the opportunity to play at state and place fifth," **VunCannon** said.

**Vuncannon** placed fifth at the two-day state tournament that took place at Quail Run with a 76 the first day and a 78 the second day.



(top left) Sophomore **Drew VunCannon** brings his club back to putt the ball. Junior **Bryce VunCannon** lines up his ball marker with the hole for a putt. Senior **Colson Kosch** finishes the swing of his drive. (far left) Junior **Blake Sucha** strikes a ball at the Schuyler dual at Quail Run. Junior **Cameron Johnston** hits the ball in the fairway. Junior **Sam Blaser** drives the ball off the tee box at Schuyler's golf course.





# FRAGMENTS OF FAMILY

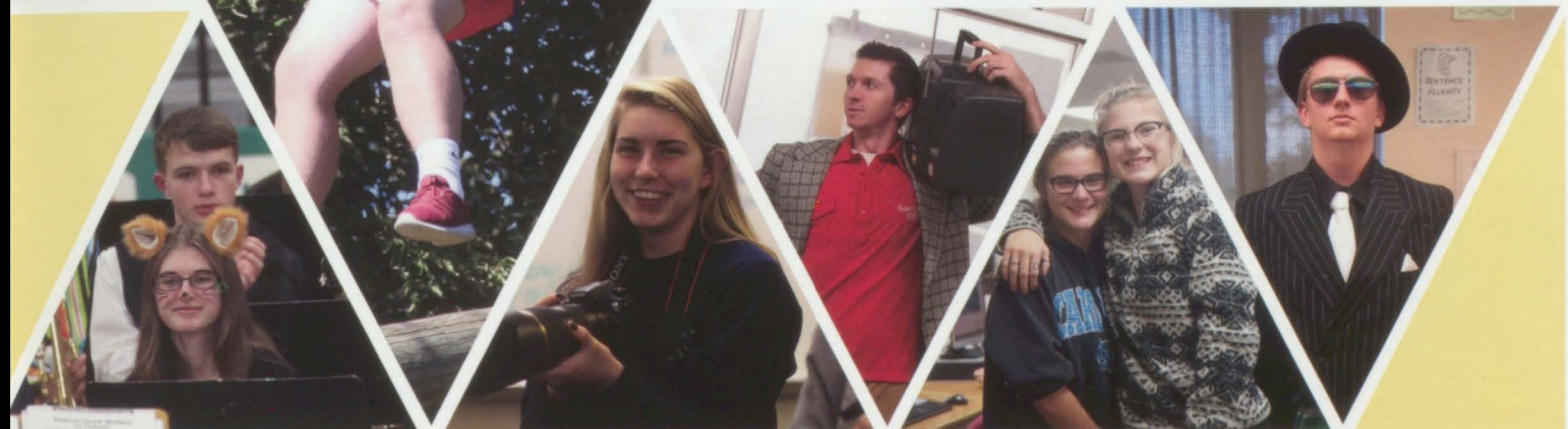
Family. Noun. A basic social unit consisting of parents and their children, considered as a group, whether dwelling together or not.

Another way family is defined is as a group of people who are generally not blood relations but who share common attitudes, interests, or goals and, frequently, live together.

Scotus is not a boarding school, but the students and faculty do indeed live together. They encounter new experiences together and help each other to grow. Class discussions, pep rallies, state tournaments, and public performances are just a few of the places that the faculty and students express their Scotus love and pride.

At Scotus students thrive because they receive the guidance to work toward their goals and follow through. One does not come to Scotus to get an average education. When joining the Scotus family, each individual is set up for the chance to flourish and excel.

Through all the extracurricular activities offered at Scotus, students get the chance to bond together throughout the group's different events. Not just that, but each member of the team, club, or organization play a big role in the Scotus family.



## "Playing the violin can fix any problem."

-Josh Styskal, 9

Freshman **Josh Styskal** picked up playing the violin as a hobby about two years ago.

"I just love playing and feeling the music. I find it really fun and amazing how I use my fingers, hand, wrist, mind, and soul to play the violin," **Styskal** said.

Though **Styskal** did not begin to play until he was thirteen, he has always had an interest in it.

"We couldn't find a teacher in Columbus until May of 2016, and she is now my biggest influence," **Styskal** said.



## "Reading books is my stress escape."

-Jesse Dreifurst, 8

With over 350 students at Scotus, everyone has a unique story to tell. To try something new, 180 students were asked to sum up their lives in a total of six words. The responses included humor, passions, and even concerns. This survey gave students a chance to express their lives and tell what it is like for them inside and outside of school, sports, and other activities.

Eighth grader **Jesse Dreifurst** voiced his interest in reading relieving his stress in his six word story.

"When I am worrying about my grades or an upcoming test, I can turn to reading to relax my mind," **Dreifurst** said.

Though **Dreifurst** has not always enjoyed reading, he has found it is sometimes a great way to escape the reality of this harsh world for a little bit.

"My love for reading began when I was seven years old. My mom insisted I read the *Harry Potter* books. At first I hated it, but after a while, I couldn't put them down," **Dreifurst** said.

## "Dance can be the best thing."

-Ben Merrill, 9

Freshman **Ben Merrill** has been dancing since he was three, and it has always been a passion of his.

"I started dancing because my sister danced, and when my mom and I would wait for her to get out of class, I would always be dancing to the music," **Merrill** said.

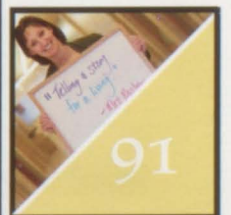
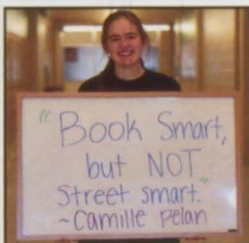
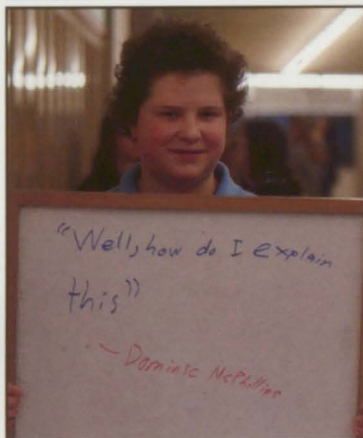
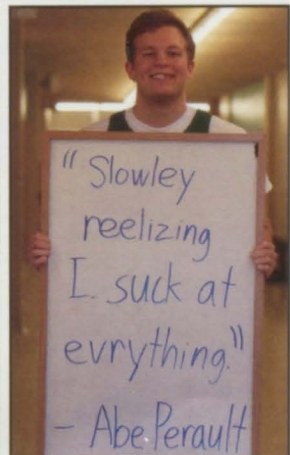
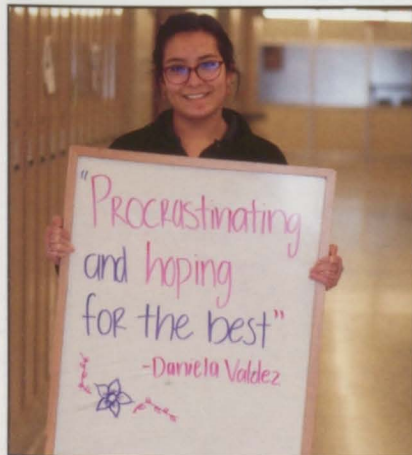
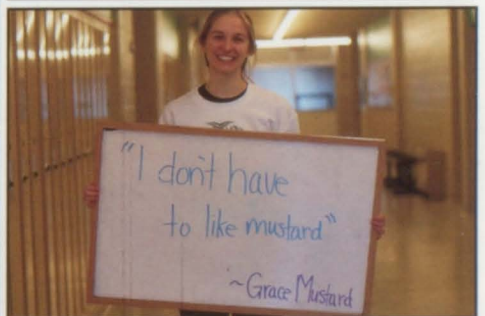
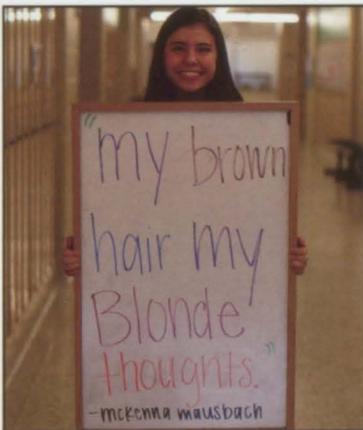
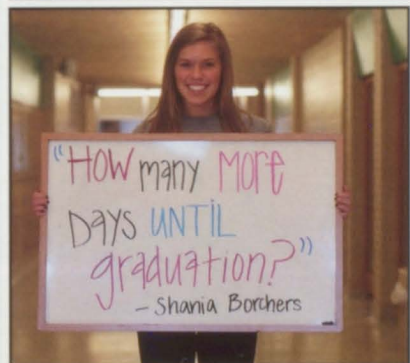
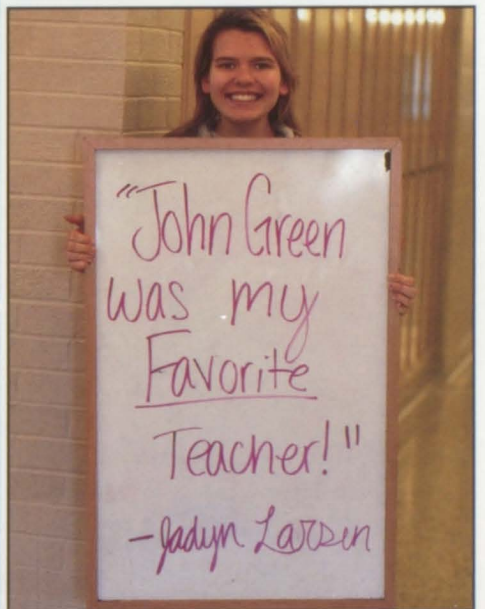
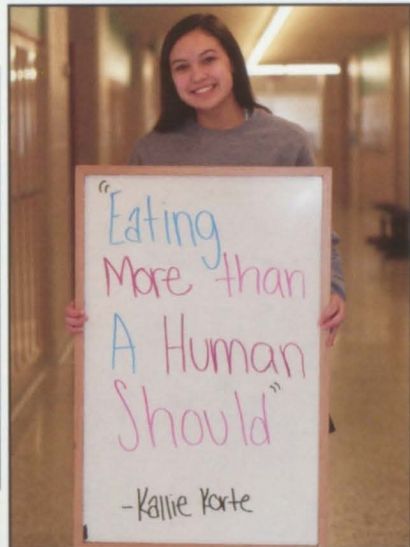
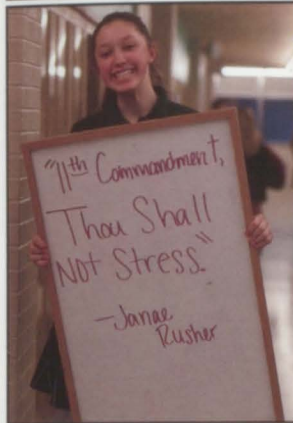
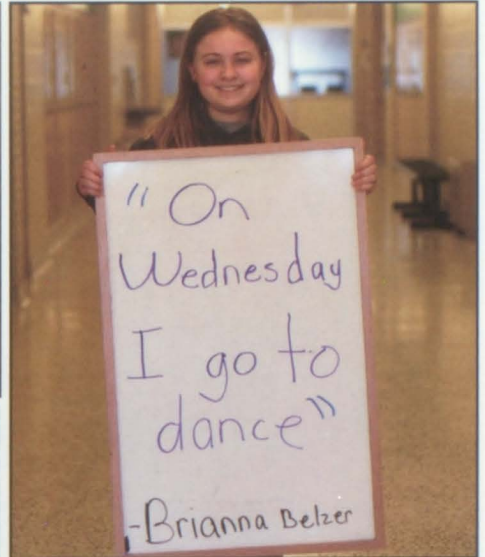
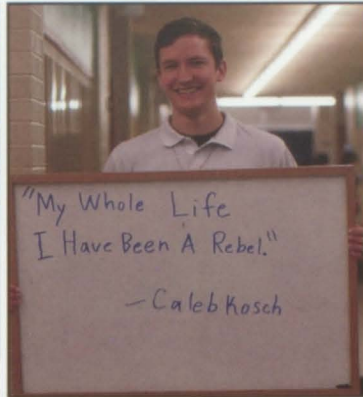
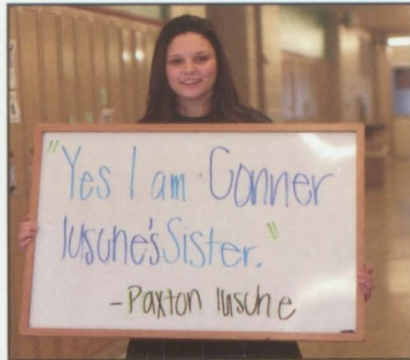
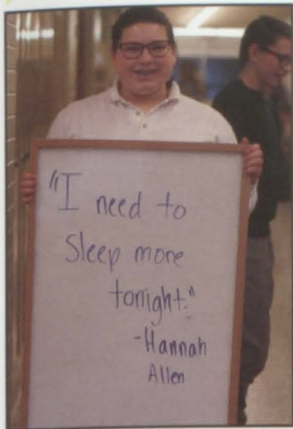
Though **Merrill** started dancing because of his sister, she is not the only influence in his love for dance.

"My biggest influence would have to be my dance teacher, Desiree Johnson, because she is so inspiring, and she makes me accomplish my goals," **Merrill** said.

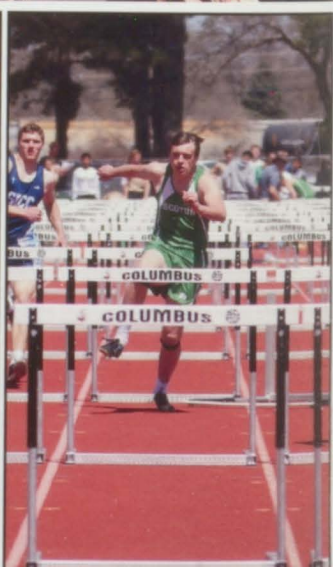
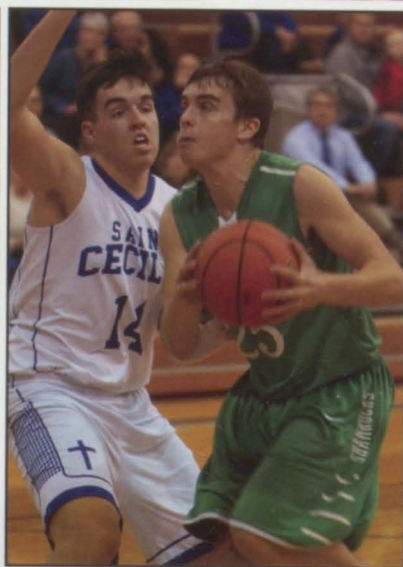
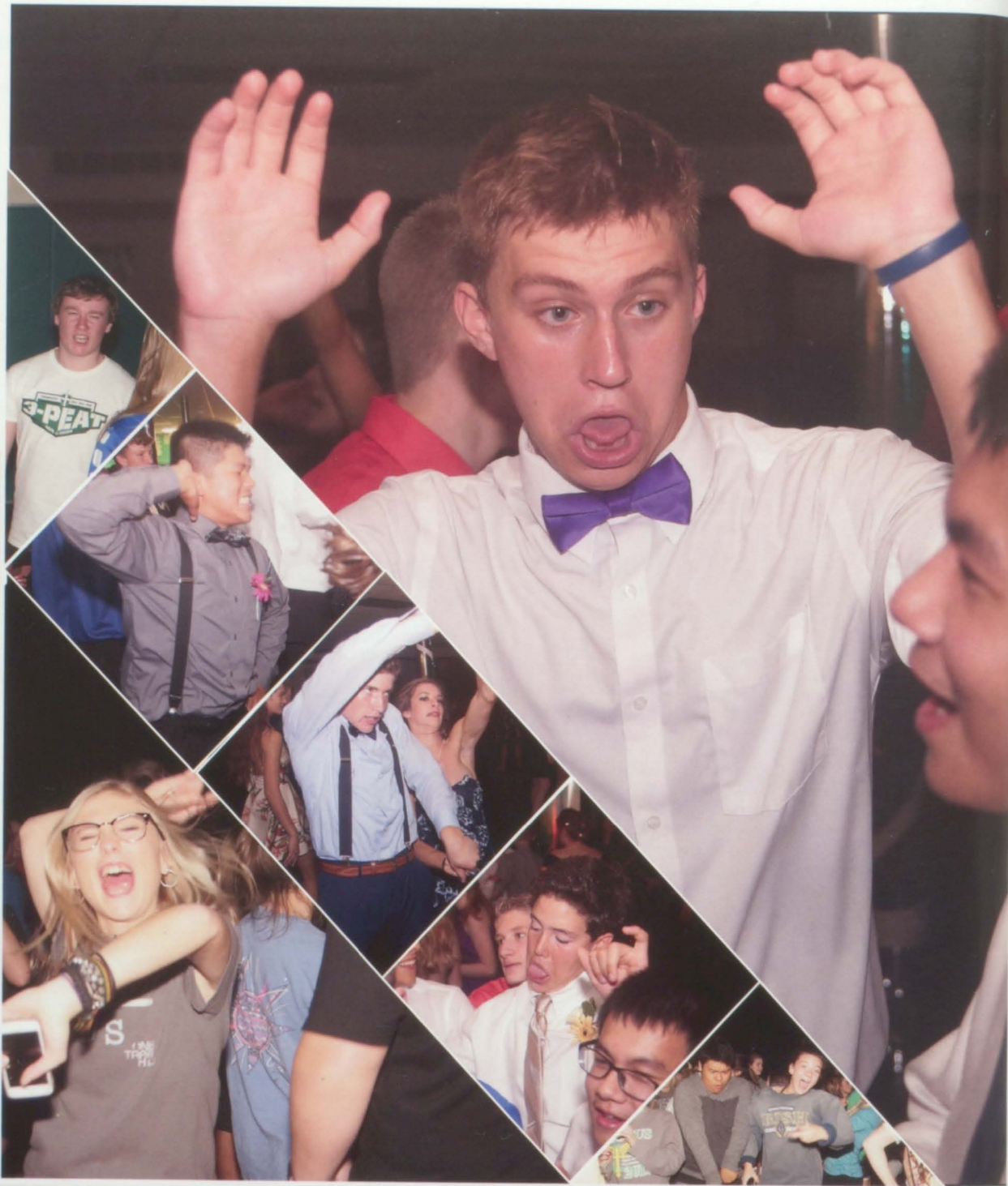
"I love to dance because throughout the years, I have made many new friends that have stayed true to me." **Merrill** said.



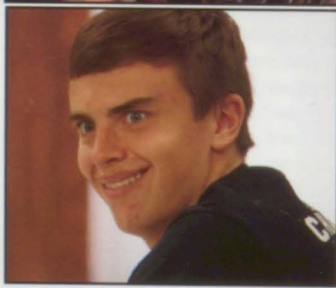
# LIFE IN SIX WORD STORIES



Dances are a time to make memories that will never be forgotten, but they are also a time to show weird and awkward sides. Junior **Zack Beiermann** shows a great example of this as he dances at homecoming with junior **Tommy Yu** (top right), (right, top to bottom) Junior **Braden Labenz**, freshman **Kade Wiese**, seniors **Colson Kosch** and **Grace Odbert**, sophomore **Jared Beaver** with junior **Tommy Yu**, seniors **Brandon Huynh** with **Natalie Brutty** also show how dances are a place to be wild and free. Not only are dances for awkward pictures but as junior **Mattie Johnson** (bottom right) shows it can also be for the weird and exciting times. (below) Senior **Brandon Huynh** shows his unique dance styles during the homecoming dance.



Sometimes people make the wrong faces at the wrong time when cameras are around. Others tend to always make the wrong faces. Junior **Grant Asch** never fails to keep everyone entertained with his facial expressions at dances, in sports, and his everyday life. (top, left to right) Juniors **Blaney Dreifurst**, **Zack Beiermann**, **Shanle**, and **Sam Blaser** dance together at homecoming. Juniors **Bryce VunCannon** and **Shanle** dance the night away. **Shanle** drives to the hoop during a basketball game. **Shanle** attempts to clear a hurdle. (right) **Shanle** makes googlie eyes at his friends during the junior retreat.







(left to right) Social science teacher **Pat Brockhaus**, science teacher **Jane Dusel-Misfeldt**, art teacher **Clyde Erickson**, English teacher **Helen Schumacher**, journalism advisor **Angie Rusher**, English and speech teacher **Melanie Mimick**, registrar **Kris Andresen**, vocal teacher **Laura Salyard**, math teacher **Alison Timoney**, and school chaplain **Fr. Matthew Capadano** all pause in a stange moment during the school day.



## BITS OF AWKWARDNESS

"One time my friend and I were walking up the stairs and she tripped going up the stairs, and then after that I was laughing so hard that I tripped in the same place."

**Libbie Brezenski, 7**



"During Homecoming week my freshman year, I dressed as the president. My pants were too tight, and when I squatted down to grab my books, I blew out the crotch. I spent the next hour in the teachers lounge bathroom while Mrs. Hergott sewed up my pants."

**Abe Perault, 11**

"I once was walking to class, late as always because I had to use the restroom, and the cutest little freshman girl was trying to run to class and wiped out. I had no idea what to do so I kept walking after asking if she was okay."

**Chloe Odbert, 10**

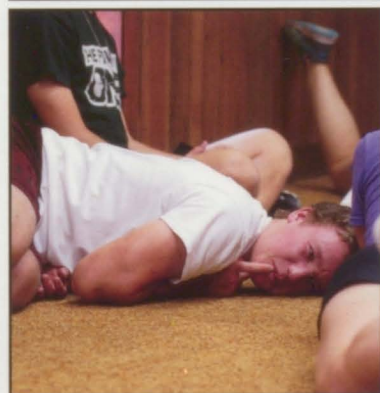


"I was in 8th grade, and I was in Mr. Salyard's class. He has these really cumfy rocking chairs, and I was rocking a little too much. I rocked back too far, squealed out and fell to the floor. You can imagine the laughter, and Mr. Salyard saw the whole thing."

**Maggie Feehan, 12**

"In P.E. my 7th grade year I was running the 10 minute run, I tripped over one of the lines in the gym because obviously lines are hard to jump over."

**Braden Labenz, 11**



"I once fell asleep in English class with Mrs. Gibson subbing. She tried to wake me up several times before I gave her the excuse that I was praying."

**Kayla Hall, 12**



# FACULTY



Shelly Adams



Kris Andresen



Andy Bierman



Holli Bettenhausen



Julie Blaser



Gail Bomar



Pat Brockhaus



Fr. Matthew Capadano



Wade Coulter



Kristen Cox



Rob Daniels



Jane Dusel-Misfeldt



Clyde Ericson



Annette Hash



Laurie Hergott



Brooke Hughes



Carmen Johnson



Kelly Koranda



Joan Lahm



Merlin Lahm



Tyler Linder



Oliver Loseke



Bridget McPhillips



Zach McPhillips



Melanie Mimick



Jo Moody



Chris Mustard



Deb Ohnoutka



Jeff Ohnoutka



Cathy Podliska



Jarrod Ridder



Janice Rosenquist



Angie Rusher



Laura Salyard



Patti Salyard



Tom Salyard



Joe Schoenfelder



John Schueth



Helen Schumacher



Kaye Stuchl



Tyler Swanson



Alison Timoney



Janet Tooley



Pam Weir



Becki Zanardi

Math teacher **Zach McPhillips** and government teacher **Pat Brockhaus** display their green cards during a fire drill. The green cards signal that all of their students are accounted for. Head football coach and theology teacher **Tyler Linder** huddles with his team one last time after the final game of the season against Adams Central. The Shamrocks defeated the Patriots 41-21.

## Did you originally go to college to become a teacher?



"No. I NEVER wanted to be a teacher after seeing how my classmates treated them."

Joan Lahm



"Nope. I had considered something in radiology, but I hated my first science class."

Becki Zanardi



"Yes. While in high school, I thought about being an English teacher, but *Beowulf* ruined that."

Pat Brockhaus



"No. I intended on going into broadcast journalism and doing football/basketball play-by-play for ABC Sports."

Wade Coulter

# TEACHERS SHARE SIMILAR PASTS

The faculty teaches the students, but at some point the teachers were students themselves. The Scotus teachers graduated from colleges spread across Nebraska including Midland Lutheran, Concordia, Hastings, UNK, CCC, UNL, Wayne State, and as far as Benedictine College in Kansas.

Theology teacher **Kelly Koranda** commented, "I went to Benedictine College in Atchison, KS because they had a strong theology program, and I felt very welcomed and at home when I visited there."

Unlike **Koranda**, many teachers did not cross state lines to attend college. A handful of Scotus teachers stayed close to home and attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"The teaching program consisted of a very small group of future teachers, so it didn't seem 'too big.' Being in Lincoln also offered a lot of opportunities to do my practicums in different types of schools," English teacher **Deb Ohnoutka** said.

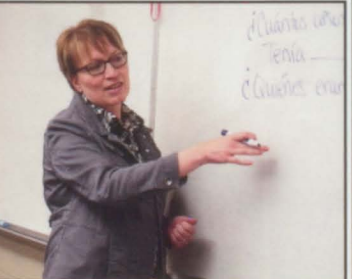
Although Lincoln is an overall bigger school, more teachers found their home at Wayne State College in the small town of Wayne, Nebraska. Ten Scotus staff members attended Wayne State.

"I liked the size of the college – not so huge so that I would be a number, but big enough with activities to participate in," media center specialist **Cathy Podliska** said.

Development director **John Schueth** added one final comment, "WSC is noted for a strong teacher education program. In fact, it was named Nebraska State Teachers College at Wayne from 1949 to 1963."



(left) Art teacher **Clyde Ericson** peeks from behind his students' first art project of the year. **Ericson** was the only newcomer to join the Scotus faculty. (below) Scotus president **Jeff Ohnoutka** introduces Chuck Hagel to the student body during an assembly.



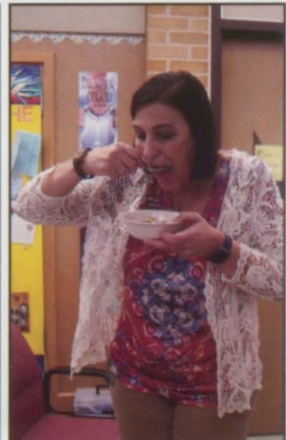
(top left) Religion teacher **Kelly Koranda** grades her freshmen religion tests during a ninth period study hall. (above) Science teacher **Joan Lahm**, activities director **Merlin Lahm**, math teacher **Zach McPhillips**, and science teacher **Bridget McPhillips** interview with Spirit Catholic radio about working with their spouses.

(middle left) Spanish teacher **Jo Moody** reviews a new verb tense with her Spanish II sophomore class.

(bottom left) Teachers **Jarrod Ridder**, **Tyler Swanson**, and **Wade Coulter** stare off into the distance in their matching attire during homecoming week.

Chaplain **Fr. Matthew Capadano** strums his guitar during his free period.

Family and Consumer Science teacher **Carmen Johnson** enjoys a bowl of chicken stir fry that was freshly made by her culinary arts class.



(right) Seventh grader **Emma Lindhorst** tells a story to her friends in the cafeteria.  
 (below) Seventh grader **Trevor Laska** smiles for the camera during freetime in Memorial Hall.  
 (far right) Eighth grader **Eden Broberg** celebrates with her classmates after doing an ariel flip on the dance floor.



# LOCKING IT IN BEFORE BREAK

Each year a junior high lock-in is hosted on the Wednesday of Easter break by junior high student council sponsor **Julie Blaser**. High school students and parents of junior high students are encouraged to help out whenever possible as this lock-in takes place from 7 P.M. Wednesday night until 7 A.M. Thursday morning.

Seventh grader **Isaac Dreher** attended the lock-in for the first time this year.

"To stay awake, I pinched myself while I was sitting in the gym," **Dreher** said.

Also attending the lock-in for her first time was seventh grader **Samantha Johnston**.

"I still haven't recovered from the all-nighter,"

**Johnston** said.

The lock-in consists of many activities including volleyball tournaments, basketball tournaments, dancing, and a dodgeball tournament. To keep things moving, high school students helped with refereeing games and being the DJs for the dance in the cafeteria.

Seventh grader **Brianna Belzer** spent most of her time at the lock-in on the dance floor.

"The best high school helper was **Brandon Huynh** because he was an awesome DJ," **Belzer** said.

The lock-in concluded in the morning with many junior high students half-asleep in the bleachers as they awaited the arrival of their rides to take them home.

## What was the best part of the lock-in?



"Brandon Huynh snapped the chain down in the cafeteria."

**Carson Hoefler, 8**



"I liked dodgeball because it's fun to run around and throw balls at people."

**Bohden Jedlicka, 7**



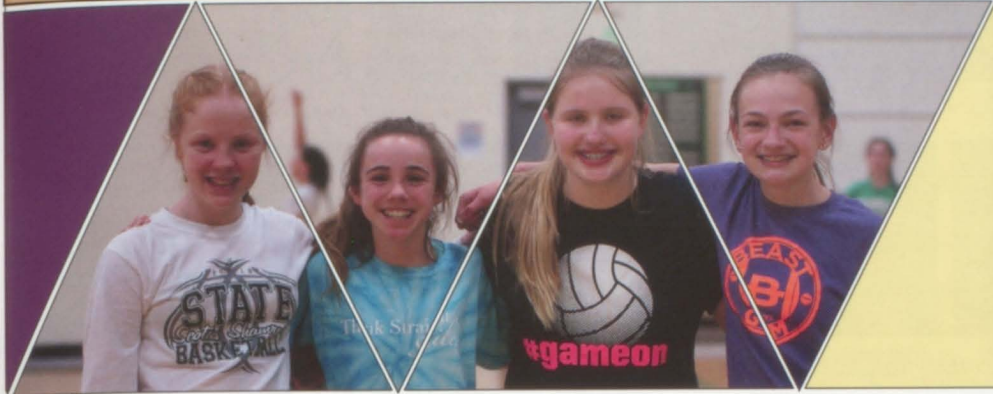
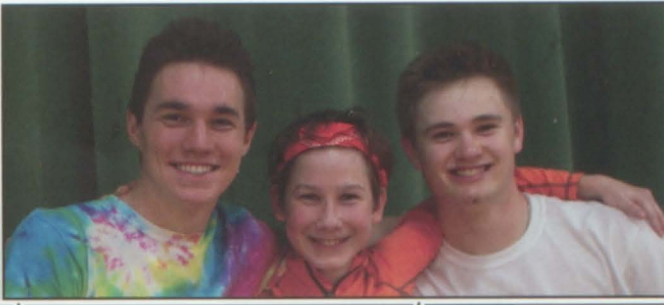
"I just liked hanging out with my friends and being with everyone before a break; it was awesome."

**Paxton Lusche, 8**



"The dance circle was the best part about the lock-in."

**Lily Dohmen, 7**



(top left) Seventh graders **Blake Wemhoff**, **Sebastian Duren**, **Isaak Liebig**, and **Mason Roberts** prepare to play a basketball game. Senior helpers **Carson Hottovy** and **Logan Mueller** pose for a picture with seventh grader **Calder Obal**. Seventh graders **Gianna Middendorf** and **Emmy Wielgus** play volleyball during freetime.

(far left) Seventh graders **Maysa Kuhl**, **Shelby Brandenburg**, **Claire Rickert**, and **Ella Nahorney** put a stop to their volleyball game to smile for the camera. Eighth graders **Paxton Lusche** and **Berlin Kluever** play defense on **Tim Siiva**.

## JUNIOR HIGH PROBS

1) "Having seniors look at you when something embarrassing happens anywhere."

-**Callie Backman, 8**

2) "Not being included in high school activities like homecoming week."

-**Ashley Steiner, 8**

3) "Trying to figure out where you fit."

-**Lainee Leitschuck, 8**

4) "Finishing my AR points."

-**Noah Beirman, 8**

5) "Trying to find my pencil."

-**Alex Long, 7**

6) "When people call you 'sevies.'"

-**Samuel Meyer, 7**

7) "Learning all the teachers' names. I usually forget half of them."

-**Haley Leise, 7**



(top) **Isaac Dreher** pumps up the junior high for a dance. (above) Eighth graders **Cole Hottovy** and **Luke Przymus** practice their slowdancing moves. (far left) Seventh grader **Jack Faust** busts a move on the dance floor. Seventh graders **Brianna Belzer** and **Faith Weber** try to push **Libbie Brezenski** into the middle of the dance circle. Seventh grader **Brooke Lehr** convinces her classmate **Maria Ayd** to dance in the circle.



# SEVENTH GRADE



Maria  
Aydt



Brianna  
Belzer



Shelby  
Brandenburg



Brooklyn  
Brandt



Libbie  
Brezenski



Isaac  
Carstens



Jase  
Christensen



Trenton  
Cielocha



Patrick  
Cielocha-Carreto



Ava  
Cremers



Kaelyn  
Dierman



Erick  
Dimas



Lily  
Dohmen



Isaac  
Dreher



Sebastian  
Duran



Jack  
Faust



Ted  
Fehringer



Alex  
Ferguson



Carter  
Filipi



Bryce  
Follette



Jackson  
Hanson



Alyssa  
Hiemer



Ashley  
Hoffman



Cameron  
Houfek



Lauren  
Houfek



Eli  
Jarecke



Bohden  
Jedlicka



Brennen  
Jelinek



Samantha  
Johnston



Whitney  
Klug



Kallie  
Korte



Maysa  
Kuhl



Jamison  
Kush



Trevor  
Laska



Brooke  
Lehr



Haley  
Leise



Isaak  
Liebig



Emma  
Lindhorst



Paul  
Littlefield



Alex  
Long



Samuel  
Meyer



Gianna  
Middendorf



Ella  
Nahorny



Katie  
Nelsen



Jace  
Nelson



Taylor  
Neville



Lindsay  
Ohnoutka



Evan  
Ostdiek



Claire  
Rickert



Mason  
Roberts



Owen  
Rother



Zach  
Schultz



Alex  
Settje



Emma  
Shotkoski



Conner  
Siemek



Neleigh  
Sliva



Shay  
Smith



Hailey  
Steffensmeier



Izic  
Stoffel



Alyssa  
Taylor



Colby  
Tworek



Trenton  
Vanicek



Mauricio  
Velasco



Faith  
Weber



Ally  
Wemhoff



Blake  
Wemhoff



Emmy  
Wielgus



Gabbi  
Young



Alex  
Zoucha



Nicholas  
Zoucha

## What are the benefits of being the first child in your family to attend Scotus?



"You don't have your siblings to embarrass you here."

**Libbie Brezenksi, 7**



"One of the benefits is that they won't call you your older siblings name or think you act like them because you're the oldest."

**Claire Rickert, 7**



"The benefits of being the first child of my family to attend Scotus is that I get to see what it is like, so I can prepare my brothers for it."

**Shay Smith, 7**



"I don't have a big brother to pick on me."

**Nicholas Zoucha, 7**

## SEVENTH GRADERS SUPPORTED BY SIBLINGS

New school, new teachers, and new people all add up to panic for most seventh graders. However, many of the kids in this year's group of seventh graders didn't have quite as much to panic about. About one fifth of the kids in seventh grade this year were the youngest child in their family to attend Scotus.

**Lindsay Ohnoutka**, youngest of five kids in her family, got advice from her siblings before starting at Scotus.

"They told me that everything may seem hard on the first day, but it becomes easy and you'll get used to it," **Ohnoutka** said.

Other students found little help from their siblings before attending Scotus.

"My brother didn't give me hardly any advice before I came here," **Gabbi Young** said.

For some kids it was also helpful to already have

social connections in the school. **Alyssa Hiemer**, youngest of three kids in her family, already knew several upperclassmen because they had gone to school with her two older brothers.

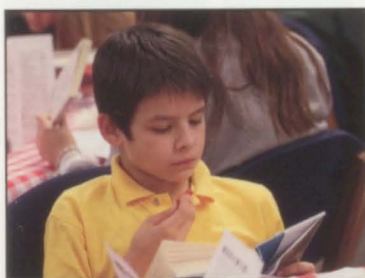
"My benefit [of having older siblings attend Scotus] is that older students know who I am already because of my brothers," **Hiemer** said.

Some students, like **Samantha Johnston**, got details about what to expect from new teachers and classes before she arrived at Scotus.

"[They told me] what teachers are more strict about what you say or do. They also told me which classes are easier than others," **Johnston** said.

For the most part, that one fifth of the seventh graders were pleased to have their siblings in school with them or to get their advice.

"She is a huge help, and I like having my sis around," **Alex Ferguson** concluded.

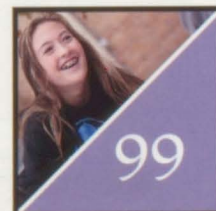


(top left) 7th grader **Sebastian Duran** enjoys a snack while reading a book. The 7th graders enjoyed picnic-themed snacks in the media center while they did a "book tasting".

(middle) 7th grader **Isaac Carstens** poses for a picture during the book tasting picnic that took place during his literature class.

(far left) **Ted Fehringer** gets ready to throw a ball at his opponents during the dodgeball tournament. The dodgeball tournament took place in Memorial Hall and 14 teams participated.

(left) 7th graders **Brennen Jelinek, Izic Stoffel, Cameron Houfek, Nicholas Zoucha,** and **Bohden Jedlicka** wait for the whistle to be blown at the dodgeball tournament.



# EIGHTH GRADE



Christopher  
Adame-Hernandez



Liz  
Adamy



Callie  
Backman



Chance  
Bailey



Allie  
Baumert



Zane  
Beiermann



Noah  
Bierman



Devon  
Borchers



Gavin  
Brabec



Eden  
Broberg



Kyanne  
Casperson



Adriana  
Cieloha-Carreto



Tyler  
Cline



Camille  
Cox



Carson  
Czarnick



Alaina  
Dierman



Avery  
Dierman



Jesse  
Dreifurst



Nick  
Ehlers



Riley  
Eickmeier



Nathaniel  
Eisenmenger



Zoe  
Euteneuer



Nolan  
Fleming



Carson  
Hoefler



Stephanie  
Hoenk



Cole  
Hottovy



Abee  
Hutchinson



Berlin  
Kluever



Jamison  
Kozak



Halle  
Langan



Dalainee  
Leitschuck



Paxton  
Lusche



Kate  
Maguire



Ruby  
Martinez



Dominic  
McPhillips



Grace  
Mustard



Garrett  
Oakley



Calder  
Obal



Lyndon  
Obal



Sophie  
Palmer



Hannah  
Pflum



Ben  
Policky



Luke  
Przymus



Adam  
Quinn



Sierra  
Quinn



Sydney  
Quinn



Israel  
Robledo



Emiliano  
Rodriguez



Jack  
Ryan



Payton  
Schroeder



Trevor  
Schumacher



Tim  
Sliva



Audrey  
Sprunk



Gwendolyn  
Stachura



Ashley  
Steiner



Tyler  
Stuart



Regan  
Sucha



Makenna  
Svehla



Seth  
VunCannon



Chloe  
Walker



Nate  
Wemhoff



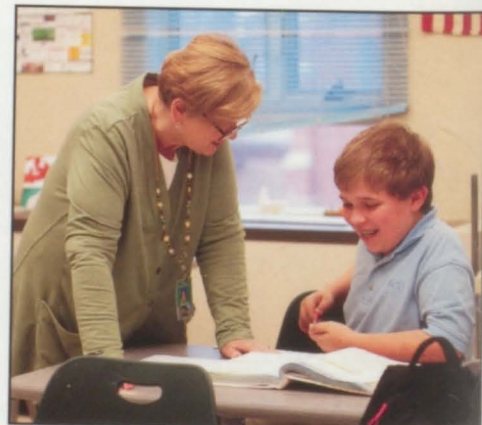
Vijay  
Wemhoff



Peter  
Woodhams



Ethan  
Wulf



Spanish teacher **Gail Bomar** helps eighth grader **Payton Schroeder** with his math assignment in ninth period study hall.



# If you could pick one person to be your twin, who would you chose?



"Audrey Sprunk because we spend a lot of time together, and we once pretended to be twins to keep kids away that wouldn't leave us alone."

**Callie Backman, 8**



"I would chose Gwen Stefani. I might as well embrace it considering I've been called it every day last year."

**Gwendolyn Stachura, 8**



"Jamison Kozak because people already think we are brothers."

**Dominic McPhillips, 8**



"If I could pick one person, I would pick Garrett Oakley because he is 6 foot 2 inches tall as an eighth grader."

**Seth VanCannon, 8**



Eighth graders **Ethan Wulf** (far top left), **Sydney Quinn**, and **Jack Ryan** (far bottom left) watch the solar eclipse that occurred on August 21st. The whole school went to Seward to witness the continental eclipse. (left) **Abee Hutchinson**, **Garrett Oakley**, and **Avery Dierman** do a science experiment in Mrs. **McPhillips'** Earth Science class. (bottom) Another group of students including **Grace Mustard**, **Regan Sucha**, **Peter Woodhams**, and **Sophie Palmer** complete the same experiment. Waiting for their fellow classmates to complete their experiments are **Allie Baumert**, **Camille Cox**, **Callie Backman**, and **Audrey Sprunk**.

## DYNAMIC DUOS

Almost every grade at Scotus has a set of twins, but some don't have any at all. For the eighth grade class, however, there are two sets of twins along with one set of triplets.

There are benefits and drawbacks that come along with having a brother or sister in the same class.

"Some of the benefits are being able to do homework together and study for tests, but the best thing is coming home and telling each other funny stories that happened in school that day," commented **Alaina Dierman**, whose twin sister is **Avery Dierman**.

Another set of twins in their class is **Lyndon** and **Calder Obal**.

"One of the drawbacks is always getting compared to him when it comes to school and sports," **Calder Obal** said.

Since the Quinn triplets are at school and go home

with each other, both **Sydney Quinn** and **Adam**

**Quinn** agree that the relationship is different at school than it is at home.

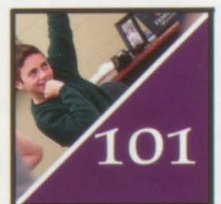
"At home they don't talk to me as much," **Adam** said. Along with her brother, **Adam**, **Sydney** commented, "They lock themselves in their rooms and avoid me."

**Sierra**, on the other hand, disagreed because of the time they spend together.

"The relationship is relatively the same. I see them a lot at home since we live together, and I see them a lot at school because we have about every class together," **Sierra** said.



Triplets **Sierra**, **Adam**, and **Sydney Quinn** share many classes together including 9th period study hall with **Gail Bomar**.



# FRESHMEN



Abaigeal Ayd



Katelyn Bayer



Laura Bettenhausen



Madelyn Blaser



Evan Bock



Gillian Brandt



Shelby Bridger



Kamryn Chohon



Kaira Dallman



Alli Demuth



Matt Dolezal



Anna Ehlers



Josh Faust



Keira Feehan



Olivia Fehringer



Emily Ferguson



Bryce Foreman



Brennan Frewing



Sebastian Fritz



Michael Gasper



Nathaniel Gokie



Nic Gonzales



Trenton Hamling



Jake Heesacker



Ben Juarez Mendez



Ben Kamrath



Nate King



Olivia Klug



Noah Korth



Clarissa Kosch



Cassie Kouma



Josh Kratochvil



Michaela Kresha



Ava Kuhl



Riley Luebe



Kenna 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



Kade Wiese



Louis Williams



Madison Wittwer



Kaden Young



Freshman **Emily Ferguson** plays the clarinet while marching in the Columbus Days Parade. Freshman **Camille Pelan** passes the ball during a freshmen volleyball game. Freshman **Jaelyn Podolak** watches as others hit the ball during a golf meet. As freshmen, they were able to participate in high school activities for the first time.

# If you were able to rename yourself, which name would you choose?



"I would choose the name Theresa. This is because Mother Theresa is someone who I look up to."

**Cassie Kouma, 9**



"Joe, because my sister used to refer to me as Joe before my parents named me."

**Simon Pichler, 9**



"I would choose the name Penelope. It reminds me of rainbows and sunshine, and it makes my heart happy by saying it. So, if other people said my name their hearts would be happy too!"

**Camille Pelan, 9**



"I would rename myself Sharkisha because it sounds snappy."

**Michaela Kresha, 9**

## NAMES DEFINE STUDENTS, CONFUSE TEACHERS

Out of 364 students at Scotus, a few have the same name or unique ways of spelling their names. The freshmen class has nineteen students who either have the same name or names closely related. They also have a few people who have unique ways of spelling their names.

With there being three Ben's in one class, it can become confusing. One Ben is freshman **Ben Merrill**.

"It is very confusing [having two other Ben's in my class] because if two of us are in one class, the teacher will always say 'Ben', and we will always say 'Which one?' In religion, all three Ben's sit in one row," **Merrill** said.

Freshmen **Kaira Dallman** and **Keira Feehan** have closely related names. The only difference being an 'a' and an 'e' causing confusion for teachers.

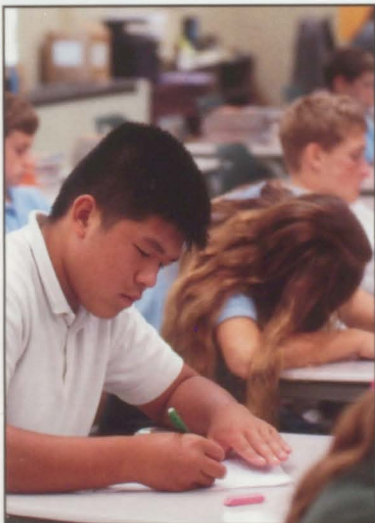
"[Teachers have messed up our names] many times, and they mainly call me Keira," **Dallman** said.

**Feehan** has a unique name full of meaning.

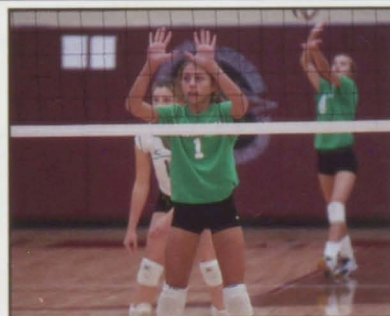
"My name Keira means 'Black' and Feehan means 'Little Raven' so together they mean 'Little Black Raven', which I think is pretty cool," **Feehan** said.

Freshman **Abaigeal Aydt** may have one of the most distinctive ways of spelling her name, but she loves it because it makes her unique.

"[I like the way my name is spelled] because it is very fun to try and tell someone how to spell it. It also is different, and I like different. I would definitely keep it the same. Also, Abaigeal is the Irish way of spelling my name," **Aydt** concluded.



Freshmen **Alex Novicki, Trenton Hamling, Grant Neville, and Kaden Young** scream during one of the cheers at a volleyball game.



(top left) Freshman **Kade Wiese** works on his assignment during English class.

(left) Freshmen **Josh Kratochivil, Louis Williams, Nate King, and Ben Juarez Mendez** show their spirit during homecoming week.

Freshman **Tanley Miller** stays loaded at the net while her teammate serves during a freshmen volleyball game.



# SOPHOMORES



Debanhi Adame-Hernandez



Jared Beaver



Sarah Bichlmeier



Dalton Borchers



Mackenzie 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



Jayden Heng



Henry Hernandez



Kyle Hiemer



McKenna Hoefler



Adam Kamrath



Rachael Lam



Brea Lassek



Sydney Martinsen



Max Middendorf



Allie Mielak



Emily Miksch



Aaron Morse



Eric Mustard



Austin O'Kane



Chloe Odbert



Lauren Ostdiek



Tyler Palmer



Levi Robertson



Kate Smith



Katie Stachura



Nick Taylor



Jaycee Ternus



Samantha Tonniges



Tyler Vaught



Drew VanCannon



Jacob Weyers



Connor Wiehn



Kaleb Wiese



Liza Zaruba



The sophomore biology class poses for a photo after catching and marking crickets with Mrs. Lahm.



**Emily Miksch** competes in the butterfly on the Columbus High swim team.  
**Evan Hand** scrambles to get around his opponent from Aquinas in wrestling.  
**Mackenzie Brandenburg** dribbles down the field to find an open teammate against Lakeview High School.  
**Samantha Tonniges** runs at State Cross Country. The girls team finished 4th at the state competition.



**Tyler Vaught** looks to dribble the ball up the field during the 3-2 win against Lakeview.  
**Amber Buhman** jumps up to block a hit against Kearney Catholic.  
**Katie Stachura** pitches the ball to strike out a Lincoln Northeast's batter.  
**Tyler Palmer** runs the ball through the defender for a touchdown against GICC.



**Kate Smith** catches a strike against Lincoln Northeast.  
**Nick Taylor** raises his arm after defeating his competitor.  
**Dalton Borchers** prepares for the next passing play against David City Aquinas.  
**Brea Lassak** comes around the corner at the State Cross Country meet.



**Eric Mustard** goes up for a layup against Omaha Concordia. The boys lost 57-48.  
**Adam Kamrath** approaches the ball to score on his opponent.  
**Liza Zaruba** runs toward the finish line at the home course, the Lutjelusche course.  
**Allie Mielak** rolls the ball out to a teammate during the Council Bluffs tournament.

## STRIVING AS A SOPHOMORE

Excelling in many areas, the sophomore class has had an important role in varsity sports all year long. These students have been dreaming of showing their skills, strength, and determination through sports since they were young.

**Allie Mielak** is the starting goalie for the girls' soccer team.

"I have been playing soccer since I was about 5 years old. I started playing the goalie position around 9 years old," **Mielak** said.

Sophomore **Tyler Palmer** has been starting for the football team for two years. **Palmer** also contributes to the varsity basketball and baseball teams.

"My dad taught me to play sports; I have been playing since I was young, and he has been

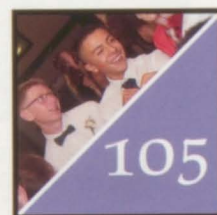
encouraging me ever since I was little," **Palmer** said.

Returning swimmer **Emily Miksch** competed on varsity as a freshman and was a state qualifier.

"It's challenging but relaxing because it's okay to have a bad day as an underclassman. When you're older I think that coaches expect you to be perfect, but as a sophomore it seems more acceptable," **Miksch** said.

Although contributing to win on a varsity team is what the team strives for, the relationships and memories are what the sophomore class will remember forever.

"You really become closer with the upperclassmen and make friendships and bonds with your teammates," **Dalton Borchers** said.



# JUNIORS



Hannah  
Allen



Zack  
Beiermann



Logan  
Bennett



Luke  
Bettenhausen



Sam  
Blaser



Emma  
Brandt



Bailey  
Christensen



Inri  
Dimas



Hannah  
Doan



Blaney  
Dreifurst



Prestyn  
Engel



Kelsey  
Faust



Callan  
Fuchser



Colby  
Gilson



Gary  
He



Patrick  
Herchenbach



Rebekah  
Hergott



Jaden  
Hollmann



Logan  
Johnson



Mattie  
Johnson



Cameron  
Johnston



Tara  
Kamrath



Kendra  
Korger



Caleb  
Kosch



Courtney  
Kosch



Konner  
Kudron



Braden  
Labenz



Bailey  
Lehr



Mira  
Liebig



Kaity  
Lovell



Isaac  
McPhillips



Jackson  
Neville



Rylie  
Olson



Isaac  
Ostdiek



Hallie  
Parker



Caden  
Pelan



Abram  
Perault



Julia  
Pichler



Cheydon  
Puntney



Julia  
Salerno



Lucas  
Schaecher



Nathan  
Schumacher



Grant  
Shanle



Evan  
Sliva



Abigail  
Stuart



Emily  
Stutzman



Blake  
Sucha



Maddie  
Super



Elliott  
Thomazin



Carter  
Thorson



Eduardo  
Torres



Daniel  
Tworek



Daniela  
Valdez Ortiz



Mariana  
Valdez Ortiz



Bryce  
VunCannon



Kayden  
Walnofer



Tyler  
Wurtz



Tommy  
Yu



Drew  
Zaruba



Abbie  
Zoucha



The junior class cheers at the homecoming pep rally after announcing they won the hallway decorating theme. Their theme was "Shark Week."

## What school event or activity do you enjoy the most?



"I enjoy all the activities! I enjoy all of them because we act as a family in every activity. We all care and push one another to be the best."

Mira Liebig, 11



"I liked the dodgeball tournament. My team wasn't very good because we lost to the eighth graders, but the atmosphere was fun and enjoyable."

Braden Labenz, 11



"I enjoy being in FBLA the most because we do a lot of activities that help support our school and community while having fun at the same time!"

Hallie Parker, 11



"Soccer because I love the people and the sport so much. It is a great environment."

Emily Stutzman, 11

## LEAVING THEIR MARK AND IMPACTING OTHERS

The junior class is not only found on the court, a field, or in a gym, but they are also involved in school and community projects.

**Elliott Thomazin** is involved in campus ministry and is the Vice-President of NHS. He has also attended the March for Life, Steubenville, JC Camp as a counselor, and Quest for two years, yet he still finds time to do magic.

"All of these activities bring a lot of joy to my life. Knowing that I helped someone along their faith journey while working a retreat is a beautiful reward. Impacting the lives of the student body in a positive way is another awesome reason," **Thomazin** said.

**Emma Brandt** is involved in NHS, Revolution, mock trial, and has attended the March for Life and Steubenville. She recently went to St. Louis for a mission trip.

"I helped kids in St. Louis who did not have much. They were still very happy and made you realize things

don't make you happy like other people think. I also helped restore a cemetery that was covered with weeds and tall grass. When people came to see that their loved one's grave had been uncovered, it brought them such joy," **Brandt** said.

All the different activities define the junior class. **Julia Pichler** is involved in campus ministry, student council, FBLA, one act, and the musical. She also attended the March for Life and Steubenville.

"These activities really show what the junior class is capable of and how dedicated we are to helping others," **Pichler** said.

**Hannah Allen** is involved in flag corps, NHS, the Youth Leadership Program in Columbus, and has attended the March for life, Steubenville, and JC Camp.

**Allen** concluded, "I think it shows that we are a really well rounded class that is very involved in not just sports, but the arts and our faith."

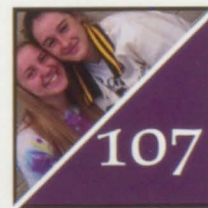


(top) **Bailey Lehr, Mattie Johnson, Kelsey Faust,** and **Maddie Sueper** sing to a song during the homecoming dance.

**Rebekah Hergott** and **Julia Salerno** cheer at the Aquinas football game.

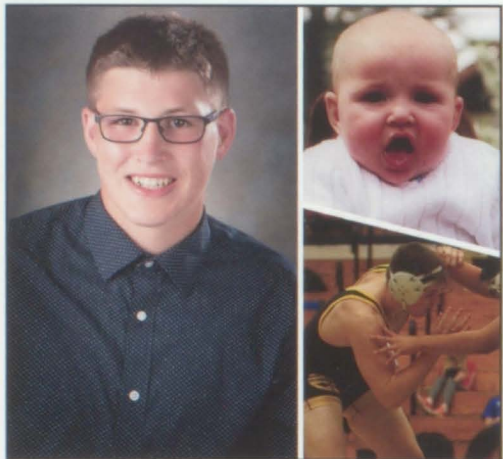
**Callan Fuscher, Rylie Olson, Courtney Kosch, Abbie Zoucha, Julia Salerno,** and **Emma Brandt** enjoy their junior retreat in Duncan with their classmates.

(bottom) **Tommy Yu** dances in the middle of a group of juniors during a song at homecoming. A group of juniors pose during the homecoming pep rally. They show their Scotus pride by participating in Friday's theme during homecoming week which was "Team Spirit Day." **Elliott Thomazin** receives communion at St. Stanislaus in Duncan while attending the retreat.



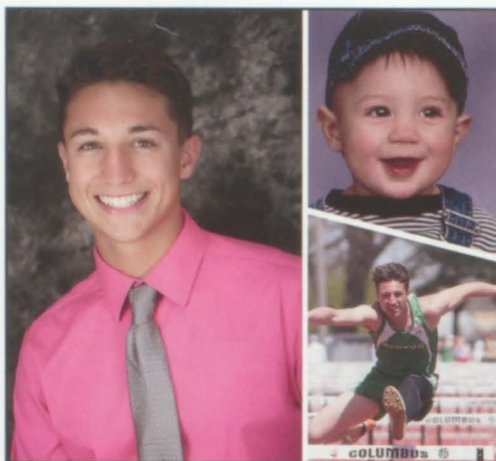
# SENIORS

WREN  
ALLEN



*Wren Allen*

CHASE  
ANDRESEN



*Chase Andresen*

ELLEY  
BEAVER



*Elley Beaver*

SHANIA  
BORCHERS



*Shania Borchers*

TESSA  
BRIDGER



*Tessa Bridger*

NATALIE  
BRUTTY



*Natalie Brutty*





MATTHEW  
BICHLMEIER



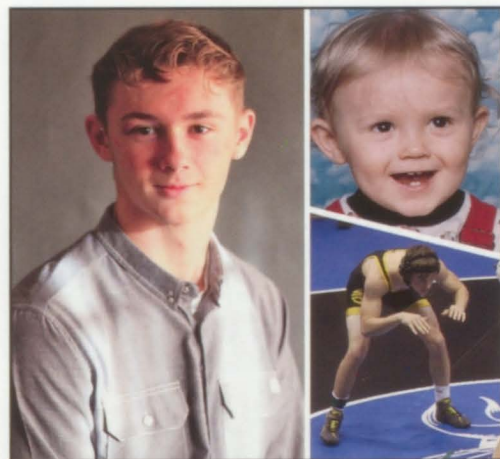
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ELLIE  
BOCK



*Ellie Bock*

CHARLES  
CASE



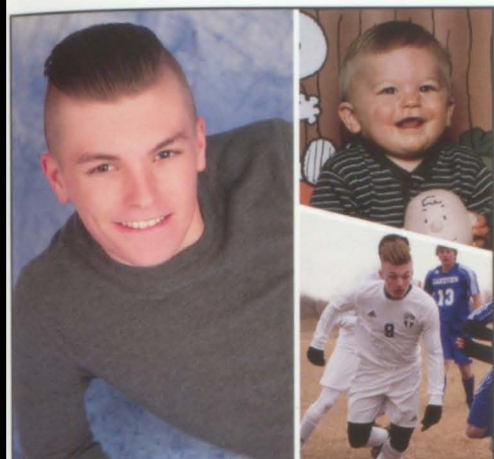
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TREY  
DALLMAN



*Trey Dallman*

GRANT  
BETTENHAUSEN

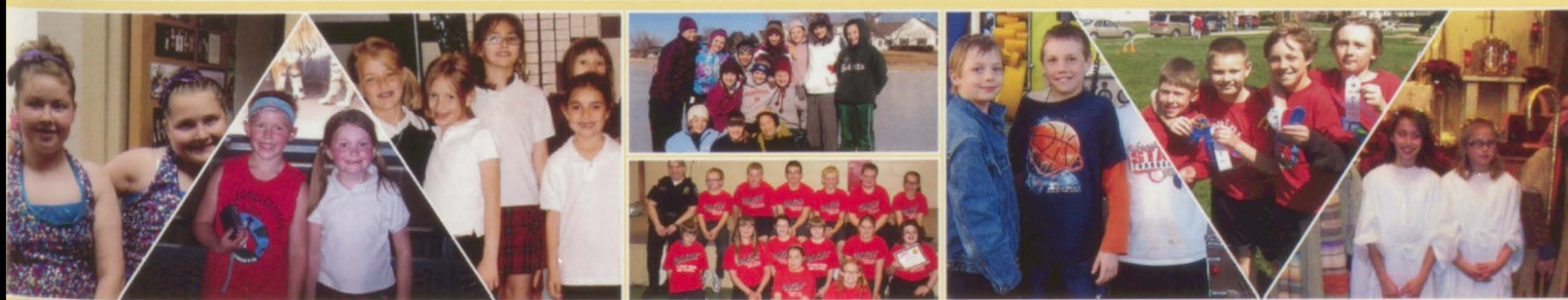


*Grant Bettenhausen*

EMILY  
CARSTENS



*Emily Carstens*



# SENIORS

CARSON  
HOTTOVY



*Carson Hottovy*

BRANDON  
HUYNH



*Brandon Huynh*

TISA  
KASIK



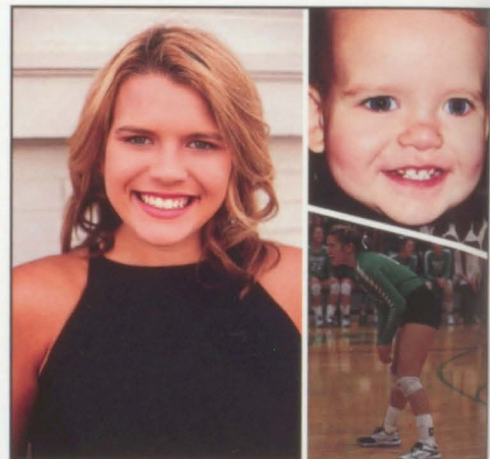
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BROCK  
KRACMAN



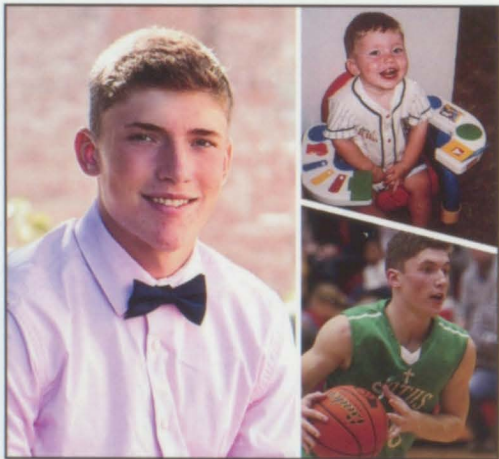
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LARSEN



*Jadyne Larsen*

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*Colson Kosch*

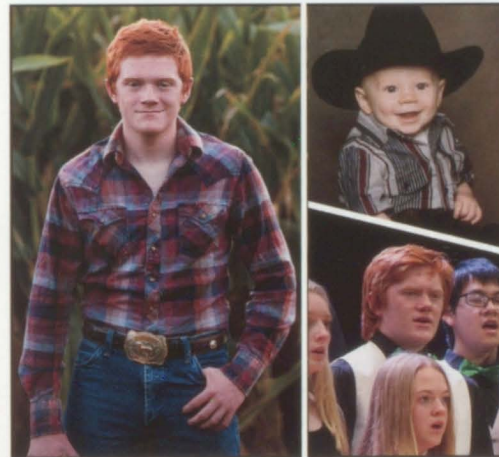


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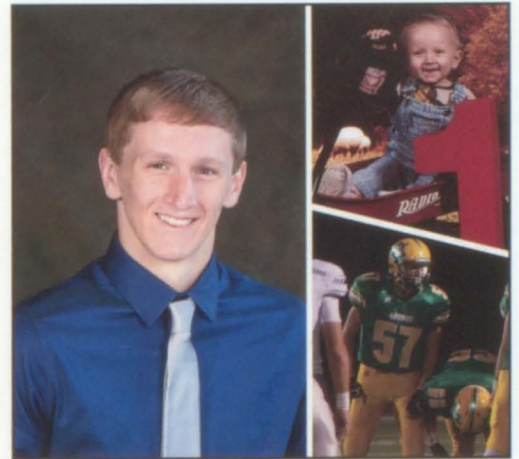
*Madison Kerkman*

# BRYAN LITTLEFIELD



*Bryan Littlefield*

# KYLE KOBZA



*Kyle Kobza*

# TYLER MIKSCH



*Tyler Miksch*

# TREVOR KASLON



*Trevor Kaslon*

# DUKE LIN



*Duke Lin*



# SENIORS

NATHAN  
DONOGHUE



*Nathan Donoghue*

AUSTYN  
FOLLETTE



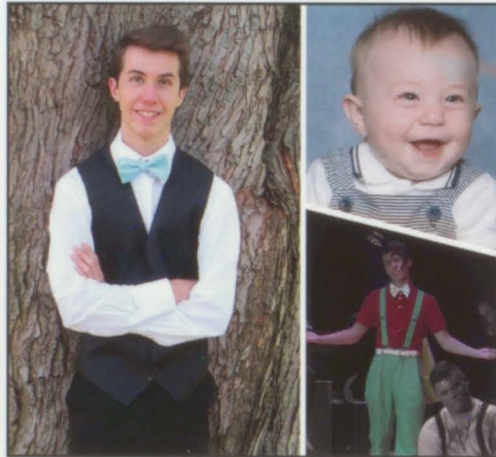
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KAITLYN  
ENDERLIN



*Kaitlyn Enderlin*

JARED  
GASPERS



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MAGGIE  
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AARON  
GONKA



*Aaron Gonka*

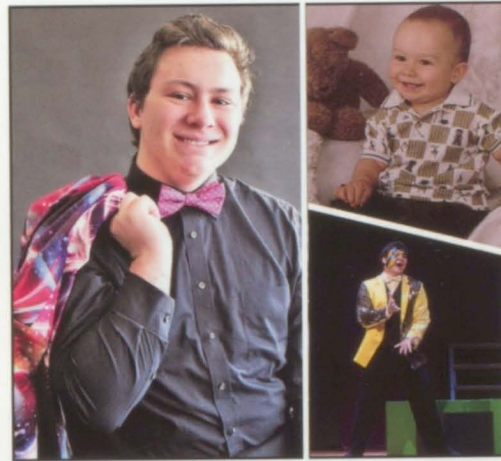


KAYLA  
HALL



*Kayla Hall*

JOSHUA  
HERGOTT



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*Calen Hinze*

NOAH  
GREISEN

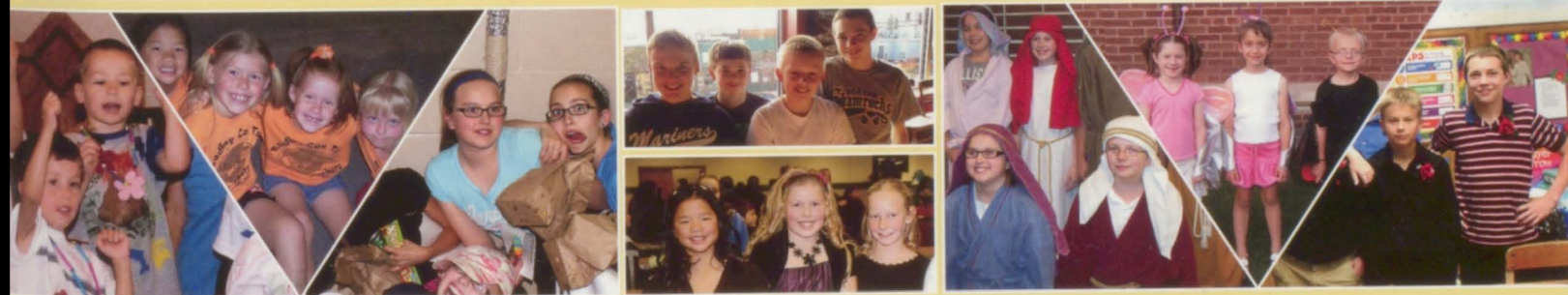


*Noah Greisen*

FLORA  
HE



*Flora He*



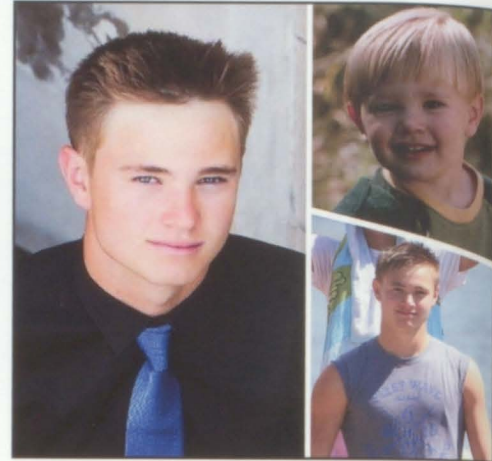
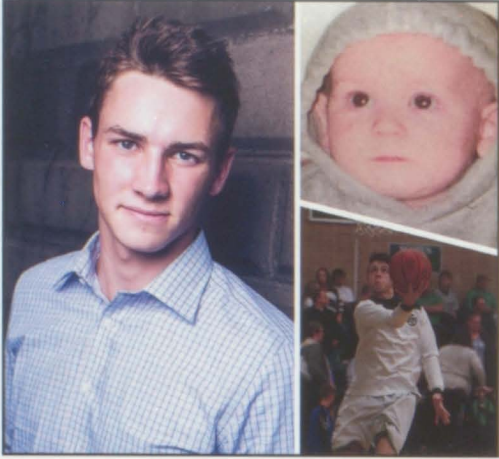
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MORSE



LOGAN  
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*Alyssa Morton*

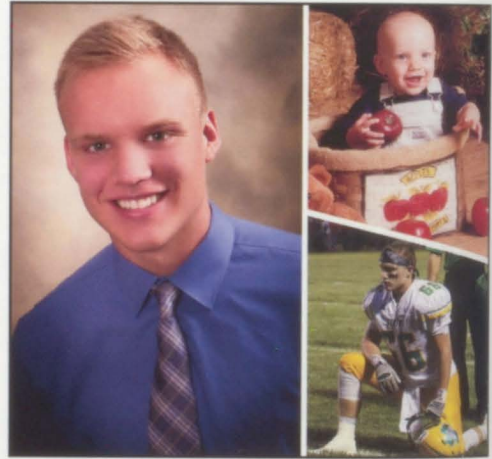
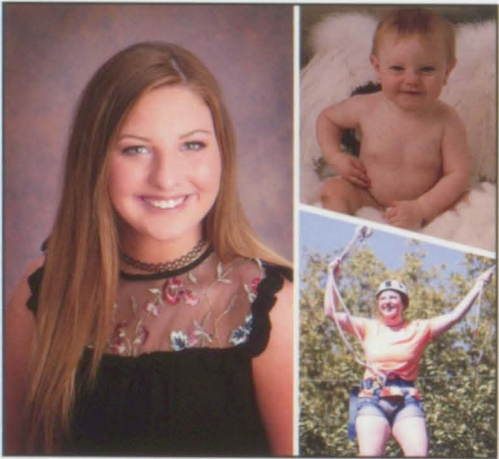
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NEWMAN

*Logan Mueller*



JAKE  
NOVICKI

MADDIE  
NEVILLE



*Adelynn Newman*

*Jake Novicki*

*Maddie Neville*



GRACE  
ODBERT



*Grace Odbert*

THIAGO  
PEREIRA-FERREIRA



*Thiago Ferreira Pereira*

FAITH  
PRZYMUS



*Faith Przymus*

MATT  
QUINN



*Matt Quinn*

WINSTON  
OBAL

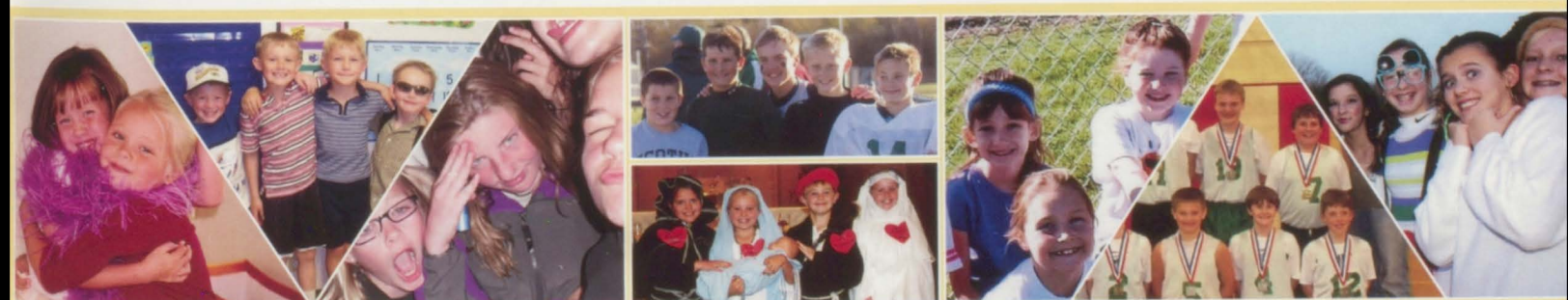


*Winston Obal*

ALEX  
PREISTER



*Alex Preister*



# SENIORS

MORGAN  
RINKOL



*Morgan Rinkol*

KAYLIE  
ROCHA



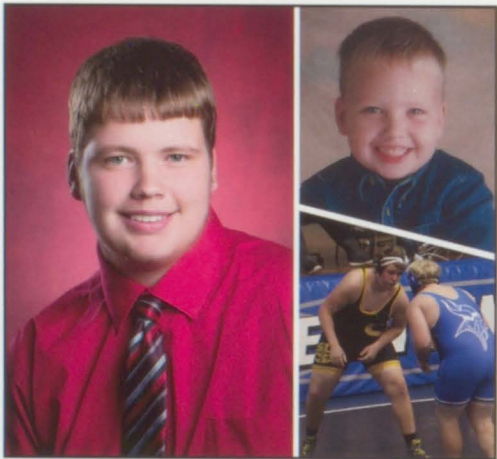
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JENNA  
SALERNO



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LANDON  
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*Landon Sokol*

MARIKA  
SPENCER



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MCKENNA  
SPENCERI



*McKenna Spencer*





CAITLIN  
STEINER



*Caitlin Steiner*

MATTHEW  
STRECKER



*Matthew Strecker*

TREVOR  
VAUGHT



*Trevor Vaught*

ALAINA  
WALICK



*Alaina Wallick*

ALLISON  
STARZEC



*Allison Starzec*

JADYN  
TAYLOR



*Jady Taylor*



# SENIORS

## GRACE WICKHAM



*Grace Wickham*

## LOGAN ZANARDI



*Logan Zanardi*

## KENDRA WIESE



*Kendra M Wiese*

## KELLI WILLIAMS



*Kelli Williams*

(top to bottom) **Alyssa Morton** pets a rabbit, and **Kayla Hall** enjoys a fruit roll-up while swinging on the porch. **Trevor Kaslon, Kaitlyn Enderlin, and Elley Beaver** smile big after receiving their First Communion. **Shania Borchers, Grace Odert, and Kelli Williams** take a break during their sixth grade track meet. **Trevor Vaught, Logan Zanardi, and Matthew Bichlmeier** wait patiently on their carpet squares in preschool. (left to right) **Kendra Wiese, Maggie Feehan, Grace Wickham, and Natalie Brutty** say cheese in the St. Bon's parish center before their First Communion. **Landon Sokol, Jake Novicki, Trevor Kaslon, Matt Strecker, and Noah Greisen** participate in a talent show at St. Anthony's.



# What advice would you like to leave with the underclassmen at Scotus?



"Your studies are important, but making memories that will last forever are even more important."

**Ellie Bock, 12**



"Make friends with people in your grade or classes."

**Tisa Kasik, 12**



"Be you. No matter what people say as long as you are happy, confident, and comfortable with you. Don't miss out on great opportunities: take a chance."

**Kaylie Rocha, 12**



"Listen and respect your teachers. Also don't do stupid things."

**Trevor Vaught, 12**



(left to right) St. Bonaventure's kindergarten group, "The M & M's", smile in their western gear that they wore for a school talent show dance. St. Anthony's second grade class poses for a picture after their First Communion.

(below left to right) **Austyn Follette, Chase Andresen, Nathan Donoghue, and Tyler Miksch** pose for a picture at field day. The seventh grade girls' basketball team gathers for a group photo after their last home game. St. Anthony's fourth graders smile in support of jump rope for heart.



St. Isidore's kindergartners dress up as pilgrims for Thanksgiving. St. Bonaventure's kindergartners pose for a class picture. This group was Mrs. Strecker's "Smarties" while the other class was Mrs. Mielak's "M & Ms."

# SEEKING SUCCESS

After six years of roaming the halls of Scotus Central Catholic, the class of 2018 closed the high school chapter of their lives.

These students have achieved many things in their high school careers. The seniors have won two state championships in both girls' basketball and journalism, and two state runners-up in mock trial and cheerleading plus many achievements in academic and fine arts.

Senior **Jenna Salerno**, who was elected class president by the senior class, gave the welcome at the graduation ceremony.

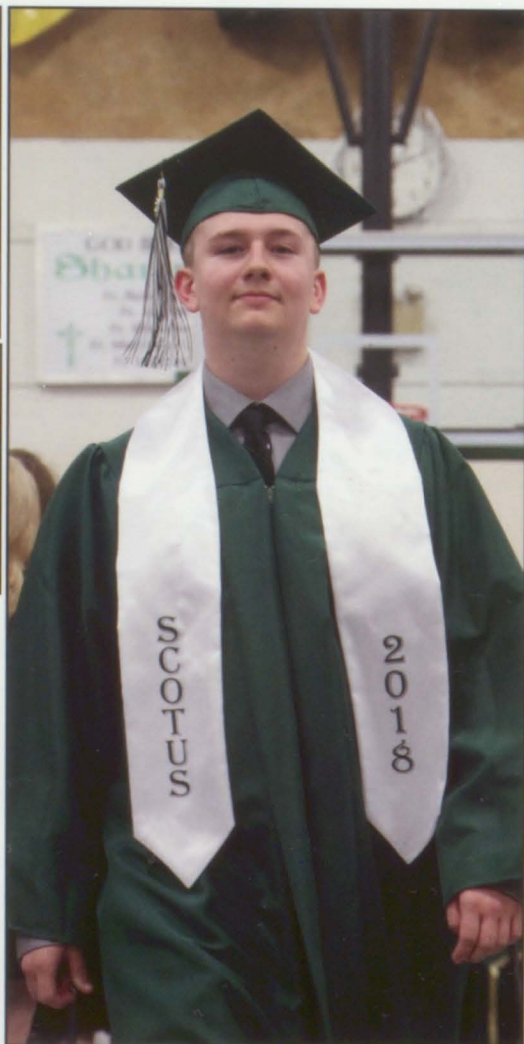
"Our class also has excelled in our academics, with many on the honor roll every quarter and involved in academic activities such as NHS and Student Council," **Salerno** said.

Although they had to overcome many obstacles, the seniors found a way to stick together as one. The class motto, "fight through adversity" allowed the class to tackle all situations and maintain an open mind.

"We all know that no matter what the situation is, we can always lean on someone around us, even if we don't know them as well as our best friends," **Salerno** said.

The class of 2018 created a bond with one another that is irreplaceable. They rely on one another to hold each other accountable to do the right thing and achieve greatness.

**Salerno** concluded, "Working with heart toward excellence and perfection at Scotus has instilled a drive in all of us to give nothing but our best, a drive that will be searched for in future careers and treasured in both our work and family lives."



(above) Seniors **Kelli Williams** and **Grace Odbert** link arms as they walk out of graduation.  
 Senior **Austyn Follette** gives his mother a hug and a flower at the ceremony.  
 (middle) Senior **Aaron Gonka** walks with his head held high, down the aisle at the graduation ceremony.  
 (far right) Senior **Tisa Kasik** walks in to take her seat at the ceremony.  
 Senior class president **Jenna Salerno** gives the welcome to her classmates.  
 Senior **Flora He** gives her flower to her host parents at graduation. **Flora** is an exchange student, who was with the class for two years.



Seniors **Grace Wickham, Alaina Wallick, Trevor Vaught, and Jady Taylor**, along with their fellow classmates, look to their parents after moving their tassels to the left side of their caps. The class of 2018 then gave flowers to their mothers.



(top left) Seniors **Charles Case and Emily Carstens** walk out smiling after graduating.  
 (above) Seniors **Brock Kracman, Caitlin Steiner, Jenna Salerno, and Bryan Littlefield** sing with the Shamrock Singers one last time at graduation.  
 (far left) Senior **Winston Obal** walks into the ceremony to graduate.  
 (middle) Senior **Grant Bettenhausen** receives his diploma to graduate.  
 Senior **Calen Hinze** hugs his mom after giving her a rose.  
 (left) Senior **Matt Quinn** struts down the aisle at graduation.

# ACTIVITY



THE FINAL PIECE

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won game

# ENTER



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## GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY



**First Row:** Emily Ferguson, Jacey Clarey, Keira Feehan

**Second Row:** Assistant coach Symantha Ayd, Haylee Cielocha, Liza Zaruba, Samantha Tonniges, Kelsey Faust, Brea Lassek, Faith Przymus, assistant coach Amy Sokol

**Third Row:** Head coach Merlin Lahm, Grace Odbert, Olivia Fehringer, Mattie Johnson, Macy Hamling, Abaigeal Ayd, assistant coach Chris Mustard

## JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY



**First Row:** Whitney Klug, Camille Cox, Maria Ayd, Taylor Neville, Alyssa Hiemer, Liz Adamy, Allie Baumert

**Second Row:** Christopher Adame-Hernandez, Cole Hottovy, Ben Policky, Zach Schultz, Carson Hoefler

## POWERLIFTING



**First Row:** Allie Mielak, Madison Wittwer, Anna Ehlers, Emma Brandt, Tommy Yu, Shelby Bridger, Alli Demuth, Mackenzie Brandenburg, head coach Dan Wallin, assistant coach Brooke Taylor **Second Row:** Ashtyn Preister, Katelyn Bayer, Logan Mueller, Braden Labenz, Grant Nimble **Third Row:** Assistant coach Dale Labenz, Gillian Brandt, Sam Blaser, Alex Preister, Lucas Schaecher, Simon Pichler, Brennan Frewing, Ben Juarez Mendez, assistant coach Tom Woodward **Fourth Row:** Tim Harrington, Ryan Brandenburg, Cole Demuth, Abe Perault, Tyler Miksch, Kyle Kobza, Levi Robertson, Nathan Schumacher

## BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY



**First Row:** Assistant coach Symantha Ayd, Matt Dolezal, Lucas Schaecher, Tyler Vaught, Carter Thorson, Isaac Ostdiek, Ben Juarez Mendez, assistant coach Amy Sokol

**Second Row:** Head coach Merlin Lahm, Michael Gasper, Caleb Kosch, Carson Hottovy, Austyn Follette, Matthew Bichmeier, Elliott Thomazin, Nathan Schumacher, assistant coach Chris Mustard

## SOFTBALL



**First Row:** Lexi Hajek, Sydney Martinsen, Tessa Bridger, Clarissa Czarnick

**Second Row:** Abbi Gerber, Macee Trotta, Marika Spencer, Kate Smith, Alyssa Turner

**Third Row:** Kennedy Jones, Maddie Liggett, Melanie Jones, Sarah Kwapioski, Rebecca Hazlett, Katie Stachura, Rylie Olson

## HOSA



**First Row:** Jenna Salerno, Kayla Hall, Grace Odbert, Mira Liebig, Elley Beaver, Grace Wickham, Kendra Wiese **Second Row:** Brock Kracman, McKenna Spencer, Kelli Williams, Shania Borchers, Emily Stutzman, Matthew Bichmeier, Tyler Miksch, Maddie Neville, Allison Starzec **Third Row:** Morgan Rinkol, Julia Salerno, Sydney Martinsen, Kelsey Faust, Kendra Korger, Maddie Sueper, Liza Zaruba, Kaitlyn Enderlin **Fourth Row:** Advisor Joan Lahm, Dalton Borchers, Cole Demuth, Drew VunCannon, Noah Korth, Ben Juarez Mendez



## CHEERLEADING



**First Row:** Julia Salerno, Kendra Korgor  
**Second Row:** Rebekah Hergott, Grace Wickham, Natalie Brutty, McKenna Spenceri, Mattie Johnson  
**Third Row:** Jaelyn Podolak, Kelsey Faust, Jenna Salerno, Faith Przymus, Kate Smith, Liza Zaruba, Brea Lassek  
**Fourth Row:** Alli Demuth, Haylee Cielocha, Tanley Miller, Shelby Bridger

## ONE ACT



**First Row:** Jared Gaspers, Kenna Mausbach, Clarissa Kosch, Jenna Salerno, Alaina Wallick, Caitlin Steiner, Isaac McPhillips, Josh Hergott, Brandon Huynh, Brock Kracman, Jadyln Larsen, Noah Korth  
**Second Row:** Mattie Johnson, Laura Bettenhausen, Rachael Lam, Jadyln Taylor, McKenna Spenceri, Michaela Kresha, Logan Bennett, Kendra Korgor, Julia Pichler, Kayla Hall, Faith Przymus, Grant Bettenhausen, Simon Pichler  
**Third Row:** Director Helen Schumacher, Natalie Brutty, Maddie Sueper, Kaylie Rocha, Patrick Herchenbach, Eduardo Torres, Kaity Lovell, Morgan Rinkol, Adelynn Newman, Sam Blaser, Luke Bettenhausen, Ben Merrill

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



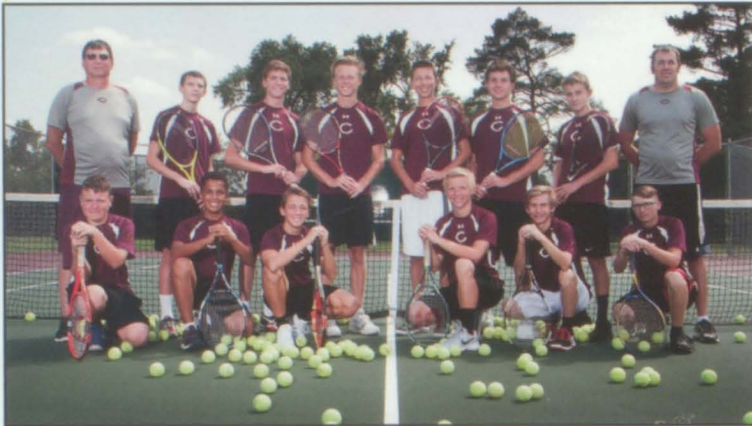
**First Row:** Tisa Kasik, Maggie Feehan, Colson Kosch, Elliott Thomazin, Nathan Donoghue, Kendra Wiese, Caleb Kosch, Jake Novicki, Wren Allen, Caitlin Steiner  
**Second Row:** Caden Pelan, Jared Gaspers, Grace Odbert, Elley Beaver, Jenna Salerno, Alaina Wallick, Kayla Hall, Trevor Kaslon, Matthew Strecker, Winston Obal  
**Third Row:** Abram Perault, Julia Salerno, Daniela Valdez Ortiz, Grant Shanle, Blaney Dreifurst, Mira Liebig, Blake Sucha, Braden Labenz, Hannah Allen, Nathan Schumacher  
**Fourth Row:** Kelsey Faust, Kendra Korgor, Isaac Ostdiek, Patrick Herchenbach, Sam Blaser, Drew Zaruba, Abbie Zoucha, Emma Brandt, Isaac McPhillips  
**Fifth Row:** Emmitt Broberg, Mariana Valdez Ortiz, Hallie Parker, Maddie Sueper, Courtney Kosch, Rylie Olson, Bryce VunCannon, Lucas Schaecher, Drew VunCannon  
**Sixth Row:** Debanhi Adame-Hernandez, Chloe Odbert, Jayden Heng, Kate Smith, Emily Miksch, MaKenzie Enderlin, Rachael Lam, Lauren Ostdiek, Liza Zaruba  
**Seventh Row:** Antonio Chavez Quiroga, Connor Wiehn, Eric Mustard, Kyle Hiemer, Jacey Clarey, Brea Lassek, Amber Buhman, Samantha Tonniges, Haylee Cielocha

## MOCK TRIAL



**First Row:** Matthew Bichlmeier, Trey Dallman, Alaina Wallick, Brock Kracman, Caitlin Steiner, Faith Przymus, Natalie Brutty, Jenna Salerno  
**Second Row:** Coach Kelly Koranda, Blaney Dreifurst, Hannah Allen, Mira Liebig, Hallie Parker, Nathan Schumacher, Patrick Herchenbach, Elliott Thomazin, Drew Zaruba  
**Third Row:** Debanhi Adame-Hernandez, Brea Lassek, Kate Smith, Rachael Lam, Liza Zaruba, Emily Miksch, Chloe Odbert, Lauren Ostdiek, Emma Brandt  
**Fourth Row:** Noah Korth, Olivia Fehring, Shelby Bridger, Kamryn Chohan, Madelyn Blaser, Ava Kuhl, Cassie Kouma, Ashtyn Preister, Simon Pichler

## BOYS' TENNIS



**First Row:** Andrew Beck, Coden Prokopec, Trevor Luckey, Colin Flyr, Adam Kamrath, Collin Dreher  
**Second Row:** Coach Tom Bock, Cadin McCullough, Grant Stadler, Ian Stirek, Conner Wiehn, Alex Uhlig, Dawson Dreifurst, coach Scott Bethune

## GIRLS' GOLF



**First Row:** Maddie Neville, Kendra Wiese, Alaina Wallick, Emily Carstens, Kaitlyn Enderlin  
**Second Row:** Jaelyn Podolak, Michaela Kresha, Hannah Allen, MaKenzie Enderlin, Hallie Parker, Jaycee Ternus  
**Third Row:** Coach Tanya Niedbalski

## 7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL



**First Row:** Gabbie Young, Brooklyn Brandt, Lily Dohmen, Brianna Belzer, Claire Rickert, Shelby Brandenburg, Ella Nahorny, Emmy Wielgus  
**Second Row:** Emma Shotkoski, Samantha Johnston, Emma Lindhorst, Lindsay Ohnoutka, Brooke Lehr, Maysa Kuhl, Ally Wemhoff, Shay Smith  
**Third Row:** Jace Nelson, Kallie Korte, Lauren Houfek, Hailey Steffensmeier, Ashley Hoffman, Faith Weber, Ava Cremers, Neleigh Sliva

## 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL



**First Row:** Vijay Wemhoff, Abee Hutchinson, Hannah Pflum, Kyanne Caspersen, Stephanie Hoenk  
**Second Row:** Paxton Lusche, Ashley Steiner, Grace Mustard, Callie Backman, Halle Langan, Regan Sucha  
**Third Row:** Audrey Sprunk, Makenna Svehla, Berfin Kluever, Kate Maguire, Chloe Walker, Sophie Palmer

## FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL



**First Row:** Olivia Klug  
**Second Row:** Clarissa Kosch, Ava Kuhl, Shelby Bridger, Camille Pelan, Kamryn Chohan, Tanley Miller  
**Third Row:** Coach Julie Blaser, Madelyn Blaser, Anna Ehlers, Janae Rusher, Gillian Brandt

## JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



**First Row:** Emma Brandt, Julia Salerno, Emily Miksch  
**Second Row:** Coach Melanie Mimick, Emily Stutzman, Amber Buhman, Blaney Dreifurst, Chloe Odbert, Lauren Ostdiek, coach Wade Coulter

## 7TH GRADE FOOTBALL



**First Row:** Nicholas Zoucha, Alex Ferguson, Carter Filipi, Isaak Liebig, Sebastian Duran, Isaac Carstens, Eli Jarecke, Ted Fehringer  
**Second Row:** Patrick Cieloha-Carreto, Alex Zoucha, Blake Wemhoff, Trenton Vanicek, Cameron Houfek, Trenton Cielocha, Jack Faust, Jackson Hanson  
**Third Row:** Bryce Follette, Jamison Kush, Brennen Jelinek, Bohden Jedlicka, Trevor Laska, Mason Roberts, Izic Stoffel, Alex Long

## 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL



**Front Row:** Chance Bailey, Seth VanCannon, Zane Beiermann, Nate Wemhoff, Tyler Stuart, Nolan Fleming  
**Second Row:** Lyndon Obal, Carson Czarnick, Tyler Cline, Nick Ehlers, Tim Silva, Trevor Schumacher  
**Third Row:** Devon Borchers, Riley Eickmeier, Garrett Oakley, Luke Przymus, Noah Bierman

## VARSITY FOOTBALL



**Ball Boys:** Cohen Pelan, Nick Fleming, Mason Gonka, Michael Krienke, Calben Pelan

**First Row:** Evan Ruskamp, Brandon Huynh, Logan Mueller, Wren Allen, Kyle Kobza, Matt Strecker, Landon Sokol, Tyler Miksch, Logan Zanardi, Jake Novicki, Colson Kosch, Tommy Yu

**Second Row:** Nick Taylor, Josh Faust, Brock Clarke, Max Middendorf, Brennan Frewing, Ross Thorson, Riley Luebe, Grant Neville, Jake Heesacker, Nic Gonzales

**Third Row:** Trenton Hamling, Kaden Young, Sebastien Fritz, Joel Schumacher, Braden Labenz, Evan Silva, Evan Hand, Antonio Chavez Quiroga, Evan Bock, Bryce Foreman, Kade Wiese

**Fourth Row:** Caden Pelan, Simon Schumacher, Eric Mustard, Ben Kamrath, Zack Beiermann, Tyler Wurtz, Levi Robertson, Jordan Skipton, Alex Novicki, Justin Silva, Trenton Hamling

**Fifth Row:** Austin O'Kane, Jared Beaver, Ryan Brandenburg, Cole Demuth, Grant Shanle, Abram Perault, Dalton Borchers, Tyler Palmer, Kaleb Wiese, Nicolas Schultz

**Sixth Row:** Coach Jim Rawhouser, head coach Tyler Linder, coach Chad Gonka, coach Tanner Johnson, coach Roger Krienke, coach Jay Pelan, coach Zach McPhillips, coach Randy Jakubowski, athletic trainer Brooke Hughes

## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



**First Row:** Elley Beaver, Grace Wickham, Kayla Hall, Jadyln Larsen, Shania Borchers

**Second Row:** Courtney Kosch, Abbie Zoucha, Madison Kerkman, Emily Miksch, Emily Stutzman

**Third Row:** Head coach Janet Tooley, Chloe Odbert, Bailey Lehr, Mira Liebig, Amber Buhman, Julia Salerno, coach Wade Coulter, coach Melanie Mimick



## 7TH GRADE BASKETBALL



**First Row:** Lindsay Ohnoutka, Samantha Johnston, Brooke Lehr, Ashley Hoffman, Libbie Brezenski, Kaelyn Dierman  
**Second Row:** Brooklyn Brandt, Ella Nahorny, Faith Weber, Shelby Brandenburg, Whitney Klug, Maysa Kuhl  
**Third Row:** Ally Wemhoff, Ava Cremers, Haley Steffensmeier, Claire Rickert, Alyssa Hiemer, Kallie Korte

## 7TH GRADE BASKETBALL



**First Row:** Jack Faust, Blake Wemhoff, Alex Zoucha, Nicholas Zoucha, Mason Roberts, Trenton Cielocha, Bohden Jedlicka, Alex Ferguson  
**Second Row:** Coach Zach McPhillips, Cameron Houfek, Carter Filipi, Brennen Jelinek, Colby Tworek, Owen Hother, Izic Pillen, coach Clyde Ericson

## 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL



**First Row:** Coach Pam Perault, Regan Sucha, Liz Adamy, Grace Mustard, Vijay Wemhoff, Hannah Pflum, coach Schoenfelder  
**Second Row:** Kate Maguire, Chloe Walker, Callie Backman, Audrey Sprunk, Makenna Svehla

## 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL



**First Row:** Coach Clyde Ericson, Israel Robledo, Seth VunCannon, Carson Czarnick, Garrett Oakley, Luke Przymus, Devon Borchers, Zane Beiermann, Lyndon Obal, coach Joe Schoenfelder, coach Zach McPhillips  
**Second Row:** Dominic McPhillips, Carson Hoefler, Calder Obal, Cole Hottovy, Adam Quinn, Ethan Wulf, Nolan Fleming, Chance Bailey, Chris Adame-Hernandez

## FRESHMEN BASKETBALL



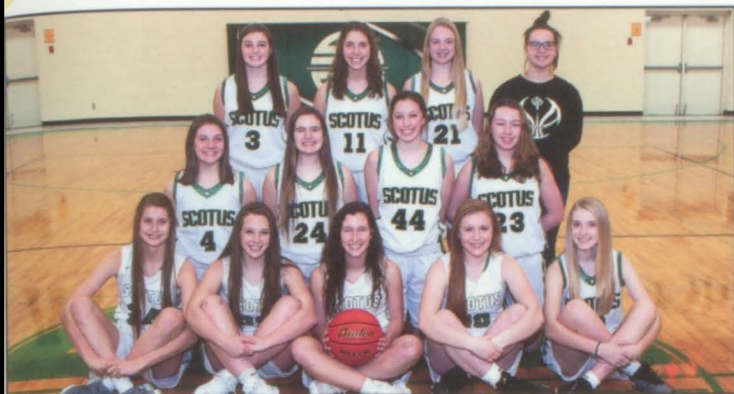
**First Row:** Olivia Klug, Ava Kuhl, Camille Pelan, Kamryn Chohon  
**Second Row:** Coach Mike Ridder, Abai Aydt, Janae Rusher, Maddie Blaser, Clarissa Kosch, coach Morgan Duren

## FRESHMEN BASKETBALL



**First Row:** Josh Faust, Matthew Dolezal, Kaden Young  
**Second Row:** Ross Thorson, Alex Novicki, Nicolas Schultz, Evan Bock

## GIRLS' JV BASKETBALL



**First Row:** Amber Buhman, Chloe Odbert, Courtney Kosch, Kate Smith, Maddie Blaser  
**Second Row:** Kamryn Chohn, Camille Pelan, Janae Rusher, Abai Aydt  
**Third Row:** Olivia Klug, Clarissa Kosch, Ava Kuhl, Katie Stachura

## BOYS' JV BASKETBALL



**First Row:** Josh Faust, Drew VunCannon, Antonio Chavez Quiroga, Evan Bock, Ross Thorson, Tyler Palmer  
**Second Row:** Tyler Wurtz, Eric Mustard, Jared Beaver, Connor Wiehn, Bryce VunCannon, Dalton Borchers

## GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL



**First Row:** Maggie Feehan, Grace Wickham, Shania Borchers, Marika Spencer, Madison Kerkman, Grace Odbert, Kendra Wiese  
**Second Row:** Rylie Olson, Courtney Kosch, Kate Smith, Bailey Lehr, Amber Buhman, Chloe Odbert, Blaney Dreifurst, Katie Stachura  
**Third Row:** Coach Jarrod Ridder, coach Wade Coulter

## BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL



**First Row:** Josh Faust, Eric Mustard, Colson Kosch, Tyler Wurtz, Carson Hottovy, Tyler Palmer  
**Second Row:** Jake Novicki, Dalton Borchers, Grant Shanle, Jacob Morse, Trevor Kaslon, Bryce VunCannon, Matt Strecker, Caden Pelan

## JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING



**First Row:** Paul Littlefield, Eli Jarecke, Sebastian Duran, Isaac Carstens, Nate Wernhoff  
**Second Row:** Coach Heath Fiala, coach Nathan Ruskamp, Isaack Liebig, Riley Eickmeier, Colby Tworek, Patrick Cieloha-Carreto, coach Jason Avery

## VARSITY WRESTLING



**First Row:** Ben Kamrath, Jake Heesacker, Emmitt Broberg, Brock Clarke, Nic Gonzales, Daniel Tworek, Sebastian Fritz  
**Second Row:** Nick Taylor, Calen Hinze, Evan Silva, Evan Hand, Jackson Neville, Jacob Weyers, Kade Wiese  
**Third Row:** Coach Rex Robertson, Charles Case, Ryan Brandenburg, Landon Sokol, Wren Allen, Colby Gilson, Kaleb Wiese, coach DJ Brandenburg

## GIRLS' SOCCER



**First Row:** Maggie Feehan, Grace Wickham, Jadyln Larsen, Kendra Wiese **Second Row:** Manager Halle Langan, Ava Kuhl, Breá Lassek, Kamryn Chohon, Camille Pelan, Tanley Miller, Jaelyn Podolak **Third Row:** Manager Jesse Dreifurst, Emma Brandt, Lauren Ostdiek, Samantha Tonnings, Allie Mielak, Olivia Fehringer, Mackenzie Brandenburg, Courtney Kosch, manager Gavin Brabec **Fourth Row:** Emily Stutzman, Julia Salerno, head coach Kristie Brezenski, assistant coach Cindy Kosch, Chloe Odbert, Abbie Zoucha

## BOYS' SOCCER



**First Row:** Ben Juarez Mendez, Kade Wiese, Thiago Pereira-Ferreira, Antonio Chavez Quiroga, Tommy Yu **Second Row:** Calen Hinze, Grant Bettenhausen, Henry Hernandez, Trevor Vaught, Carter Thorson, Matt Dolezal, Prestyn Engel **Third Row:** Luke Bettenhausen, Wren Allen, Bailey Christensen, Carson Hottovy, Inri Dimas, Zack Beiermann **Fourth Row:** Braden Labenz, Conner Wiehn, coach Brady Miller, coach Clint Torczon, head coach PJ Miller, coach Matt Hoenk, coach Marcus Horwood, Kaleb Wiese, Ross Thorson

## SWIM



**First Row:** Dillon Hall, Josue Mendez, Erik Matson, Julia Salerno, Maddisen Schulz, Hannah Benne, Esmeralda Maya, Said Mendez, Callan Fuchser, Mia Janssen, Julia Davidchik, Morgan Suhr, Emily Miksch, Kaira Dallman, Kristy Proctor, Ben Jacobs, Maegan Ludena, Alexis Haynes, Alex Reynolds, Fernando Ortiz, Douglas Davidchik, Megan Lovici, Colin Flyr, Caitlin Hottovy, MaKenna Mausbach, Haley Wagoner, Giulia Mezadre, Harper Marshall, Anna Swope, Stefani Padilla, coach Kari Wehl **Third Row:** Coach Kris Andresen, Dawson Jurado, Konner Kudron, Macy Blaser, Paige Miller, Ethan Yang, Josh Nelson, Joshua Reiff, Gabe Moseman, Florian Ladante, Chase Andresen, Faith Willets, Trey Dallman, Alec Flyr, Hunter Hall, Jayven Krepel, Bodey Meays, coach Bruce Andresen

## BASEBALL



**First Row:** Coach Jordan Haas, Eric Mustard, Alex Uhlig, Zach Benne, Aedon Eckart, Derek Smejkal, Logan Mueller, Tyler Wessel **Second Row:** Coach Cody Schilling, Cade Fullner, Jake Novicki, Caden Pelan, Tyler Palmer, Cole Wilcox, Gus Mancuso, coach John Riedmiller **Third Row:** Coach Jimmy Johnson, Jared Nitz, Nathan Slusarski, Trevor Kaslon, Jacob Morse, Haden Jacobson, coach Brady Vancura

## BOYS' GOLF



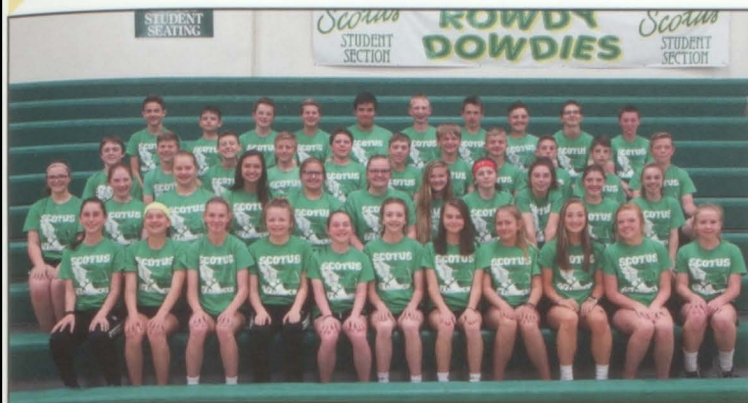
**First Row:** Evan Hand, Adam Kamrath, Drew VanCannon, Blake Sucha  
**Second Row:** Cameron Johnston, Sam Blaser, Colson Kosch, Bryce VanCannon, Jared Beaver

## GIRLS' TENNIS



**First Row:** Brooke Haynes, Mira Liebig, Alli Demuth, Sara Kruse, Kaitlyn Enderlin, Giulia Mezadre, Emma Benck, Kaitlin Brandl **Second Row:** Keira Feehan, Brooke Benck, Addi Duranski, Allie Gotschall, Lauren Benck, Jessie Nelson, Sarah Massman, Natalie Bratty, Anna Swope **Third Row:** Coach Dave Licari, Emily Miksch, Maddie Sueper, Aspen Luebe, MaKenzie Enderlin, Zoi Goebel, Miranda Swanson, Monycka Hazlett, Jessica Reiff, Becca Hazlett, Mia Janssen, Melanie Jones, Regi Zakrewski, Coach Sarah Richters

## 7TH GRADE TRACK



**First Row:** Alyssa Hiemer, Lily Dohmen, Brooklyn Brandt, Neleigh Sliva, Taylor Neville, Lindsay Ohnoutka, Ashley Hoffman, Claire Rickert, Emma Lindhorst, Kaelyn Dierman, Libbie Brezenski **Second Row:** Katie Nelsen, Gianna Middendorf, Hailey Steffensmeier, Kallie Korte, Ava Cremers, Lauren Houfek, Brooke Lehr, Maria Ayd, Jace Nelson, Whitney Klug, Shelby Brandenburg **Third Row:** Isaac Carstens, Jack Faust, Zach Schultz, Alex Zoucha, Nicholas Zoucha, Bohden Jedlicka, Bryce Follette, Trenton Vanicek, Blake Wemhoff, Jackson Hanson, Alex Ferguson **Fourth Row:** Carter Filipi, Sebastian Duran, Cameron Houfek, Izic Stoffel, Mauricio Velasco, Brennen Jelinek, Trenton Cielocha, Ted Fehringer, Owen Rother, Mason Roberts

## 8TH GRADE TRACK



**First Row:** Grace Mustard, Audrey Sprunk, Callie Backman, Makenna Svehla, Berlin Kluever, Regan Sucha, Abee Hutchinson **Second Row:** Allie Baumert, Kate Maguire, Kyanne Casperson, Stephanie Hoenk, Avery Dierman, Camille Cox, Adriana Cielocha-Carreto **Third Row:** Christopher Adame-Hernandez, Zane Beiermann, Adam Quinn, Chance Bailey, Calder Obal, Nolan Fleming, Nate Wemhoff, Lyndon Obal, Noah Bierman, Tyler Stuart **Fourth Row:** Cole Hottovy, Devin Borchers, Riley Eickmeier, Garrett Oakley, Luke Przymus, Tim Sliva, Carson Czarnick, Jamison Kozak, Ethan Wulf

## GIRLS' TRACK



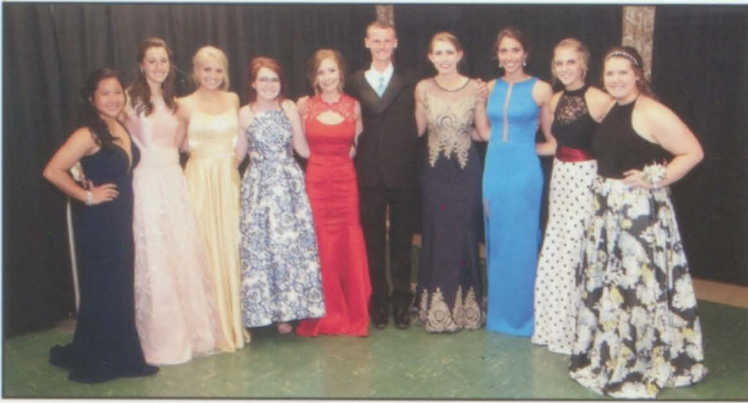
**First Row:** Kelsey Faust, Debanhi Adame-Hernandez, Michaela Kresha, Haylee Cielocha, Liza Zaruba, Jaycee Clarey, McKenna Mausbach, Emily Ferguson, Madison Wittwer **Second Row:** Tessa Bridger, Ashtyn Preister, Katelyn Bayer, Kendra Korger, Shelby Bridger, Gillian Brandt, Kate Smith, Clarissa Kosch, Rylie Olson, Kayla Hall, Ellie Bock **Third Row:** Coach Joe Schoenfelder, coach Danielle Bender, coach Janet Tooley, coach Roger Krienke, Abaigeal Ayd, Alyssa Morton, Janae Rusher, Bailey Lehr, Marika Spencer, Amber Buhman, Shania Borchers, Anna Ehlers, Elley Beaver, Madison Kerkman, coach Clyde Ericson, coach Ron Starzec, coach Symantha Ayd

## BOYS' TRACK



**First Row:** Ben Merrill, Simon Schumacher, Konnor Kudron, Lucas Schaecher, Tim Ehlers, Brennan Frewing, Ermit Broberg **Second Row:** Cole Demuth, Brandon Huynh, Michael Gasper, Nathan Schumacher, Elliott Thomazin, Tyler Miksch, Austin O'Kane, Chase Andresen, Justin Sliva, Nathan Donoghue **Third Row:** Coach Janet Tooley, coach Danielle Bender, coach Joe Schoenfelder, coach Roger Krienke, Matt Strecker, Grant Shanle, Austyn Follette, Landon Sokol, Matthew Bichlmeier, Abe Perault, Logan Zanardi, Nicholas Schultz, coach Clyde Ericson, coach Ron Starzec, coach Symantha Ayd

# YEARBOOK



**First Row:** Kendra Wiese, Emily Stutzman, Grace Wickham, Emily Carstens, Kayla Hall, Nathan Schumacher, Emma Brandt, Elley Beaver, Abbie Zoucha, Hallie Parker

# CAMPUS MINISTRY



**First Row:** Julia Pichler, Hallie Parker, Abe Perault, Emily Carstens, Isaac Ostdiek, Elliott Thomazin  
**Second Row:** Caleb Kosch, Caitlin Steiner, Colson Kosch, Grace Odbert, Kendra Wiese, Faith Przymus  
**Third Row:** Chaplain Fr. Matthew Capadano, Clarissa Kosch, Emily Ferguson, McKenna Hoefer, Lauren Ostdiek, assistant sponsor Kelly Koranda

# NEWSPAPER



**First Row:** Advisor Angie Rusher, Caitlin Steiner, Alaina Wallick, Grace Odbert  
**Second Row:** Faith Przymus, Kaylie Rocha, Jadyln Larsen, Maggie Feehan, Flora He  
**Third Row:** Jenna Salerno, Abram Perault, Jacob Morse, Matthew Strecker

# STUDENT COUNCIL



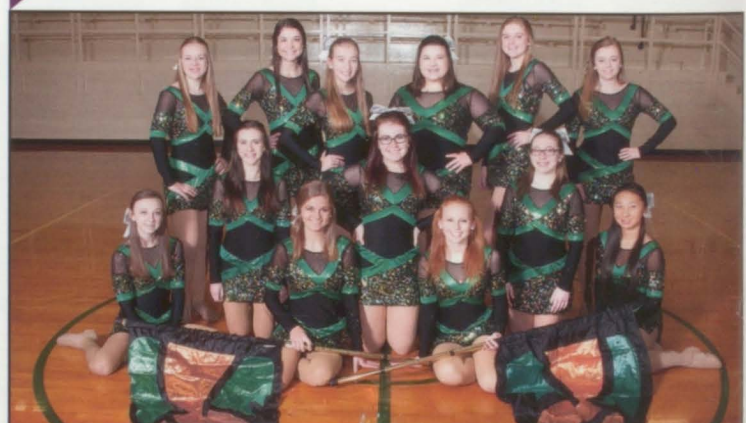
**First Row:** Sponsor Joan Lahm, Colson Kosch, Grace Odbert, Maddie Feehan, Elley Beaver, Wren Allen  
**Second Row:** Caden Pelan, Drew Zaruba, Julia Pichler, Mira Liebig, Nathan Schumacher, Caleb Kosch, Elliott Thomazin, Hallie Parker  
**Third Row:** Drew VunCannon, Connor Wiehn, Kyle Hiemer, Brea Lassek, Rachael Lam, Lauren Ostdiek, Liza Zaruba  
**Fourth Row:** Noah Korth, Josh Faust, Shelby Bridger, Camille Pelan, Janae Rusher, Maddie Blaser

# FBLA



**First Row:** Mira Liebig, Cassie Kouma, Lizzie Parker, Julia Pichler, Hallie Parker, Tyler Wurtz, Camille Pelan, Emily Ferguson  
**Second Row:** Assistant sponsor Alison Timoney, Thiago Pereira-Ferreira, Simon Pichler, Abigail Stuart, Kenna Mausbach, Rachael Lam, Abaigeal Aydt, Debanhi Adame-Hernandez, head sponsor Patti Salyard  
**Third Row:** Christopher Adame-Hernandez, Logan Mueller, Christina Oakley, Gillian Brandt, Emily Stutzman, Patrick Herchenbach  
**Fourth Row:** Alaina Dierman, Dominic McPhillips, Avery Dierman, Gavin Brabec, Bryce Follete  
**Fifth Row:** Allie Baumert, Hannah Pflum, Abee Hutchinson, Emmy Wielgus, Shay Smith, Maria Aydt

# FLAGS



**First Row:** Jaycae Ternus, Caitlin Steiner, Alaina Wallick, Jacey Clarey, Keira Feehan  
**Second Row:** Molly Carstens, Emily Carstens, Cassie Kouma  
**Third Row:** Madison Wittwer, MaKenzie Enderlin, McKenna Hoefer, Hannah Allen, Anna Ehlers, Sarah Bichlmeier



## SPRING PLAY



**First Row:** Kaylie Rocha, Clarissa Kosch, Trey Dallman, Natalie Brutty, Josh Kratochvil, Caitlin Steiner, Emily Carstens, Nathan King  
**Second Row:** Laura Bettenhausen, Lizzie Parker, Josh Hergott, Alaina Wallick, Elliott Thomazin, Mattie Johnson, Emily Ferguson, Julia Pichler  
**Third Row:** Isaac Ostdiek, Maddie Blaser, Patrick Herchenbach, Simon Pichler, Josh Styskal, Brandon Huynh, Noah Korh, Keira Feehan, Caleb Kosch

## SPEECH



**First Row:** Bryan Littlefield, Jenna Salerno, Alaina Wallick, Brandon Huynh, Emily Carstens, Logan Zanardi  
**Second Row:** Head coach Melanie Mimick, Isaac McPhillips, Patrick Herchenbach, Hannah Allen, Isaac Ostdiek, Katie Stachura, Rachael Lam, assistant coach Becki Zanardi  
**Third Row:** Ben Juarez Mendez, Lauren Ostdiek, Brea Lassek, Debanhi Adame-Hernandez, Noah Korh, Josh Styskal

## SHAMROCK SINGERS



**First Row:** Jayden Heng, Ava Kuhl, Tommy Yu, Julia Pichler, Kenna Mausbach  
**Second Row:** Noah Korh, Maddie Sueper, Patrick Herchenbach, Madelyn Blaser, music director Laura Salyard, Mattie Johnson, Isaac McPhillips, Michaela Kresha, Bryan Littlefield  
**Third Row:** Clarissa Kosch, Jenna Salerno, Brock Kracman, Janae Rusher, Caitlin Steiner

## HIGH SCHOOL BAND

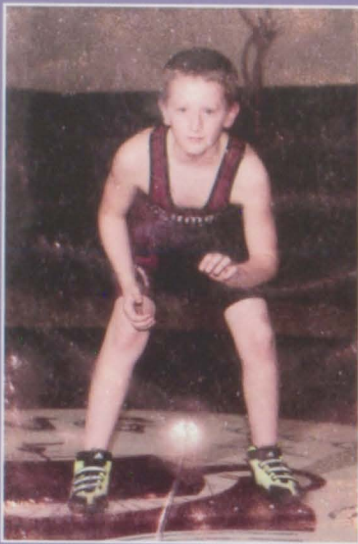


**First Row:** Drew Zaruba, Caden Pelan, Sam Blaser, Nate King, Michael Gasper, Henry Hernandez  
**Second Row:** band director Kristen Cox, Daniel Tworek, Blake Sucha, Josh Kratochvil, Noah Korh, Ben Juarez Mendez, Logan Johnson, Elliott Thomazin  
**Third Row:** Anna Ehlers, Ashlyn Preister, Cassie Kouma, Katie Stachura, Tara Kamrath, Camille Pelan, Hannah Doan  
**Fourth Row:** Lauren Ostdiek, Keira Feehan, Abigail Stuart, Emily Ferguson, Clarissa Kosch, Madelyn Blaser  
**Fifth Row:** Debanhi Adame-Hernandez, Ben Kamrath, Kade Wiese, Alex Preister, Emily Carstens, Isaac Ostdiek, Matthew Strecker  
**Sixth Row:** Isaac McPhillips, Madison Wittwer, Braden Labenz, Matt Quinn, Lizzie Parker, Josh Styskal, Nathan Donoghue  
**Seventh Row:** Noah Greisen, Brennan Frewing, Tyler Wurtz, Wren Allen, Matthew Bichmeier, Tim Ehlers, Grant Shanle

## JUNIOR HIGH BAND



**First Row:** Alex Zoucha, Gianna Middendorf, Makenna Svehla, Grace Mustard, Hannah Pflum, Kyanne Casperson, Abee Hutchinson, Sierra Quinn, Sydney Quinn, Adriana Cieloha-Carreto, Dalainee Leitschuck, Allie Baumert  
**Second Row:** Jamison Kozak, Alex Long, Evan Ostdiek, Duran Sebastian, Bryce Follette, Bohden Jedlicka, Whitney Klug, Ella Nehorny, Emmy Wielgus, Haley Leise, Shay Smith,  
**Third Row:** Band director Kristen Cox, Tyler Stuart, Adam Quinn, Christopher Adame-Hernandez, Tyler Cline, Jack Ryan, Luke Przymus, Tim Sliva, Alaina Dierman, Vijay Wemhoff, Ashley Steiner, Stephanie Hoenk  
**Fourth Row:** Jamison Kush, Ally Wemhoff, Isaac Carstens, Erick Dimas, Katie Nelsen, Maysa Kuhl, Hailey Steffensmeier, Kaelyn Dierman, Lindsay Ohnoutka, Ted Fehring, Camille Cox  
**Fifth Row:** Ben Policky, Peter Woodhams, Cole Hottovy, Carson Czarnick, Devon Borchers, Nathaniel Eisenmenger, Nate Wemhoff, Zane Beiermann, Lyndon Obal, Avery Dierman, Gwendolyn Stachura  
**Sixth Row:** Owen Rother, Zoe Euteneuer, Noah Bierman, Ethan Wulf, Patrick Cieloha-Carreto, Alex Ferguson, Izic Stoffel, Samuel Meyer, Isaac Dreher, Alex Setjje, Nick Ehlers, Dominic McPhillips



Kyle,

I am extremely proud of your accomplishments throughout your high school years. How time has gone so quickly. May you be blessed throughout your life with good fortune, happiness, and the drive it takes to be successful wherever you may land.

Love, your dad

Marika,

You have brought so much joy to us throughout the years. We have watched you grow into a beautiful, strong woman and couldn't be more proud of you! We love your desire to reach for your goals and can't wait to see what the future holds for you! Always keep God first in your life and ALWAYS stay humble and kind!

We love you!  
Dad, Mom, and Zach



Alex,

We are so proud of the hard-working and kind person you have become. Good luck in college, and we can't wait to see you accomplish your goals in the future.

Love always,  
Mom and Dad



Jenna,



Proud...understatement. We could not be more proud of you. We can't wait to see where this life takes you, but know it's going to be an awesome ride. Never stop believing, always pray for those less fortunate, be thankful and never, never, stop loving those puppies out there!

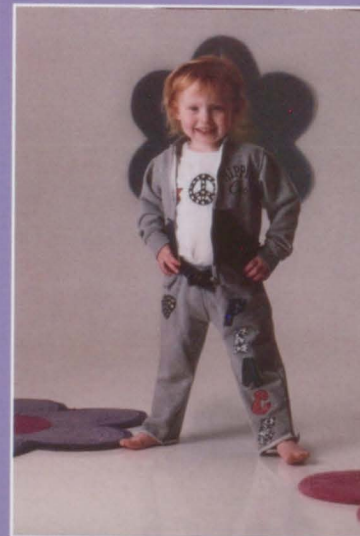
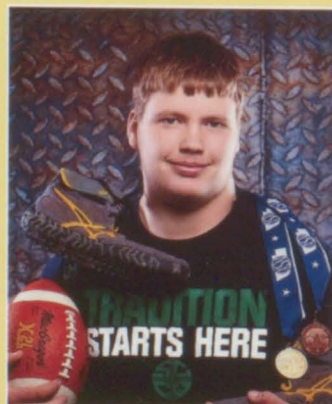
All Our Love Always,  
Mom, Dad, Julia, Loki and Murphy

Landon,

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished so far in life. Remember to dream big because God has amazing plans for you! Trust Him. We know that you will do great things, and we will be here to support you every step of the way. We are so excited for you on this new journey.

God bless you!

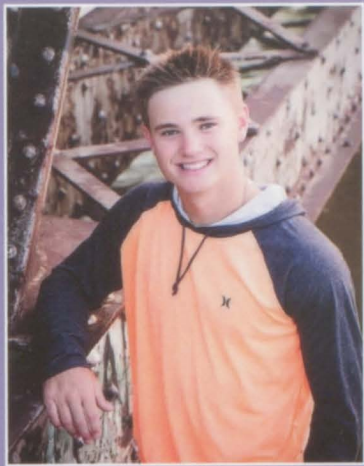
Lots of love,  
Mom, Dad, and Callie



Alaina,

We are so proud of the beautiful woman you have become. You are beautiful inside and out. As you begin this new journey, remember to keep God close. We know you will do great things. We love you.

Mom, Dad, Austin, and Alex



Logan,

Congratulations on your high school graduation! We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. It has been a true blessing to watch you grow and mature in both school and sports. With your determination, hard work ethic, and outgoing personality, you will continue to be successful. We are so excited for you as you begin your new journey at Buena Vista University!

Love Always,  
Mom, Dad, and Reeyce

We are grateful and honored to have been your parents the past 18 years, Kendra! You make us extremely proud of your accomplishments and we wish you the very best as you begin this exciting chapter in your life. Keep aiming high and always keep your Faith strong as He will see you through anything!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Kaleb, and Kade



Grace,

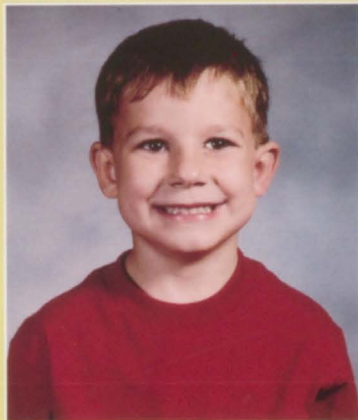
We are so proud of the strong young woman you have become. We are excited to see where your path will lead. Remember to keep your strong faith in God and trust He will guide you when your road is difficult. As you drive away, don't forget to look over your shoulder and remember where you came from. We love you more than you will ever know!! Now go make enough money to buy yourself the Jeep you always wanted! Haha

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Anna, and Will



Kelli,  
We have been so blessed to have been able to watch you grow and mature into a beautiful young lady. We are so proud of you and who you have become. Best of luck to you in college and in your future.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Jennifer



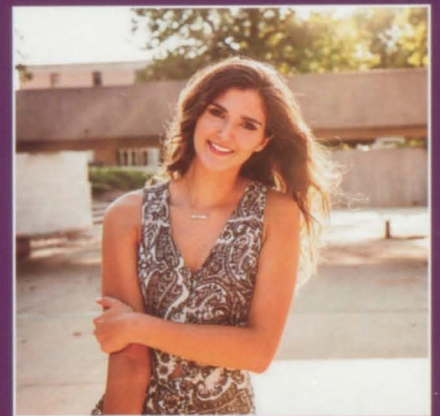
Winston,

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams and live the life you've imagined. Most of all, keep your faith in God and he will guide you.

With all of our love and support,  
Mom and Dad

Jadyn,  
Your future can be anything you want. Dream big!!

Lots of love,  
Mom and Dad



You've been blessed with many gifts and talents, and we've been constantly amazed. The refining you experience is God's guarantee of gold if you follow Him.

God's continued blessings to you, dear boy.

Love you more,  
Mama, Dad, and Regan



Wren,

We are so proud of what a fine young man you have become.

Always know how much you are loved!

-Mom and Dad



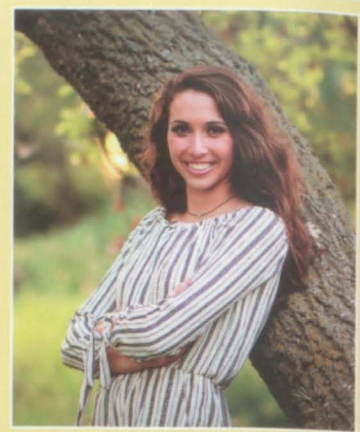
Brock,

We are so proud of the young man you've become and are looking forward to this next chapter in your life—we know you will soar!

Always follow your dreams, give it your all, and become what you want to be. We will always be here to support you. Remember to keep God in your life.

Love you forever and always,

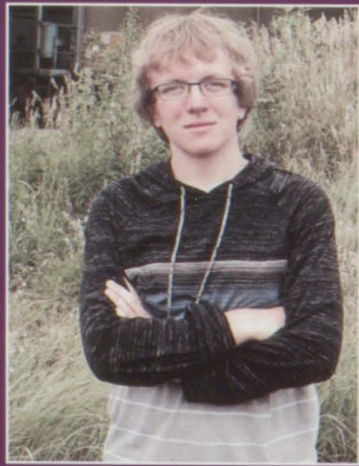
Mom and Dad



Elley,

We have watched you become the strong, determined, and beautiful person you are today. You have always let God lead the way so continue to let him be by your side as you embark on the next chapter of your life. We are very proud of you and couldn't be more excited to watch you in the next journey of life.

We love you very much,  
Dad, Mom, and Jared



Noah,

We are so proud of you and are truly blessed to have you as our son. We are so excited for you to pursue your dream! Life is a journey...enjoy the ride!!!

Love you so much!

Mom, Dad, and Cooper

Shania,

We are so very proud of the beautiful person you are inside and out and all you have accomplished so far in your life. We wish you the best of luck in college and your future and look forward to watching you make your dreams come true. Always keep God in your life, work hard, do your best, make good choices, and have fun! Remember that we are always here for you! We love you very much!

Love,

Dad, Mom, Dalton, Devon, and Shayla



Ellie,

Congratulations on finishing this chapter of your life! You are a bright, compassionate young lady, and we have no doubt that you will accomplish great things. Stay true to yourself and remember we are always here for you.

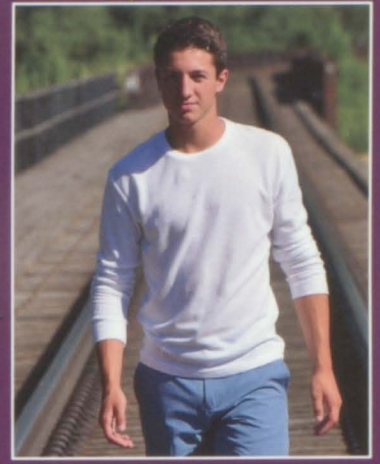
We Love You,

Mom, Dad, and Evan





Chase,  
 Your life will have some HURDLES  
 along the way.  
 FLY over them and be FREE.  
 Always hold yourself to a STANDARD  
 of grace, not perfection.  
 Just look at those PUNS  
 I used Chase!  
 We love you!!  
 Mom, Dad, and Kara  
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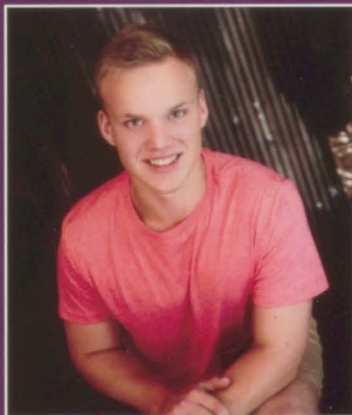
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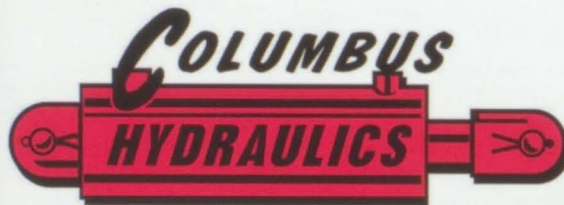
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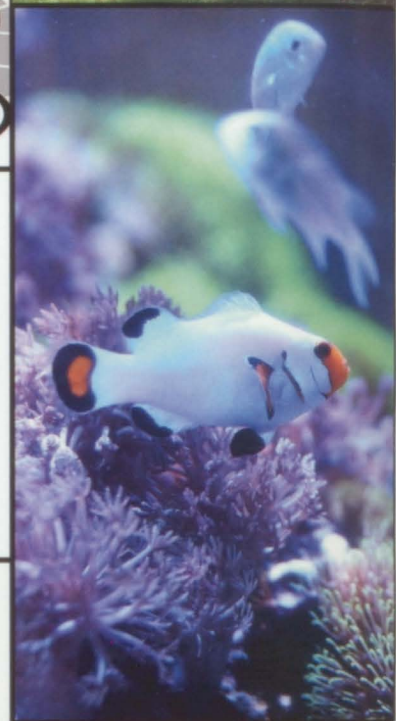


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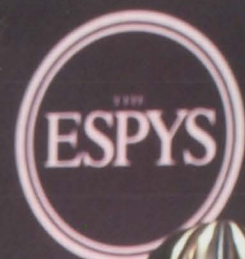
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# 2017-2018 WORLD BEAT

This year's top stories in Music, TV, Movies, News, Sports, Pop Culture and more.



# NEWS/ HEADLINES

## HURRICANE HAVOC

The southeastern coast of the United States and its territories are battered by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. This is the first time that three category 4 hurricanes have hit the United States in the same year.



## REVOLUTIONARY ROBOT

Boston Dynamics' advanced humanoid Atlas robot gains internet fame with a video showing the robot jumping, handling rough terrain, and landing in impressive backflips.



## ECLIPSE EXCITEMENT

Millions of people watch in awe as a total solar eclipse passes over North America, with the path of totality passing across the United States from Oregon to South Carolina. This eclipse was the first total solar eclipse visible in the mainland United States since 1979.



**X**  
Apple unveils the iPhone X in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the iPhone.



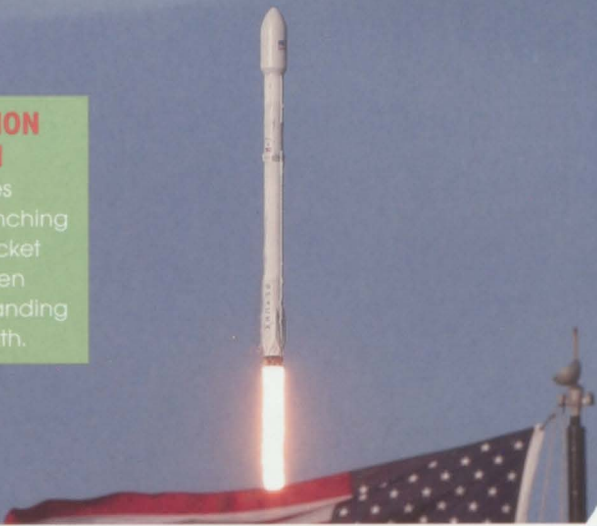
## A ROYAL ENGAGEMENT

Prince Harry and girlfriend Meghan Markle are engaged to be married in Spring 2018. Markle is an American actress and humanitarian who is proudly of mixed-race heritage, making history in the Royal family.



### SPACE STATION INNOVATION

SpaceX makes history by launching a recycled rocket into space, then successfully landing it back on Earth.



### DAY OF GIVING

Charitable donations on Giving Tuesday top 2.4 million online gifts worth a combined total of \$274 million. Donations pour in from over 150 countries worldwide.

# #GIVING TUESDAY

### EXTRATERRESTRIAL TRAVELER

Scientists have confirmed our first interstellar visitor: Oumuamua, an asteroid from another solar system.



### UP IN SMOKE

Deadly fires sweep across the western United States and Canada, including the deadliest fires in California history.



### SCOUTS HONOR

Boy Scouts of America decide to welcome girls for the first time in the organization's history.



## WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 10 MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS THAT HAPPENED THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

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# MUSIC

## LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO

Taylor Swift's highly anticipated new album, *Reputation*, debuts at number 1 on the Billboard 200 Albums chart.



## TAKE A CHANCE

Chance the Rapper is best known for touring and performing on TV without being signed with a music label. In 2017 he wins his first Grammy for Best Rap Performance with his song "No Problem." Also known for his social activism, Chance donates \$1 million to Chicago Public Schools to help schools that have suffered budget cuts, lack textbooks and music programs, and have seen a decrease in graduation rates.

## REDHEAD REIGNS

Ed Sheeran wins the first ever Artist of the Year award at the 2017 VMA's.



## COUNTRY CROONERS

Miranda Lambert wins Female Vocalist of the Year at the 2017 CMA awards for the seventh time, while Chris Stapleton takes home the award for Male Vocalist of the Year for the third year in a row.





### OUT OF TRAGEDY COMES TRIUMPH

In the wake of tragedies surrounding concerts, music festivals, and natural disasters the world over, artists from all different backgrounds come together to host benefit concerts for those affected by this year's tragic events. Some of the biggest in 2017 include *One Love Manchester*, *Hand in Hand*, *Texas Strong*, *Vegas Strong*, and *Band Together*.

### MAGIC MARS

Bruno Mars wins big at the 2017 American Music Awards, taking home seven awards including Artist of the Year, Favorite Male Artist-Pop/Rock, and Favorite Album-Pop/Rock for his 2016 album *24K Magic*. Bruno Mars also takes home Album of the Year, Record of the Year, Song of the Year, Best R&B Performance, Best R&B Song, and Best R&B Album at the 2018 Grammy Awards.



### RISING STAR

Alessia Cara, best known for her songs "Stay" from the motion picture *Everything, Everything* and "How Far I'll Go" from the motion picture *Moana*, takes home the 2018 Grammy award for Best New Artist.

### WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE SONGS & ARTISTS THIS YEAR?

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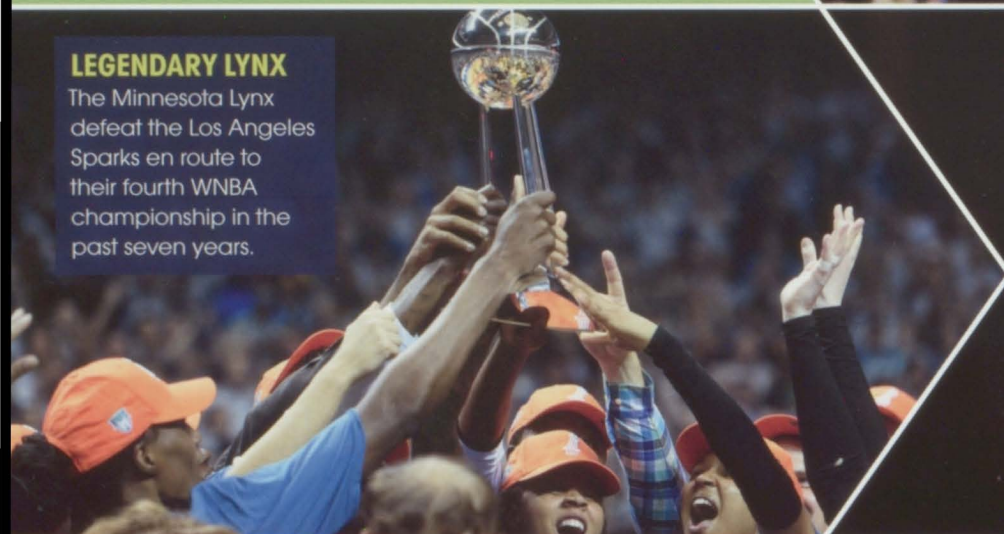
## ROLL TIDE

The Alabama Crimson Tide defeat the Georgia Bulldogs 26-23 to win the College Football National Championship. Their win gives coach Nick Saban his sixth national title, tying him for the most national titles of all time.



## LEGENDARY LYNX

The Minnesota Lynx defeat the Los Angeles Sparks en route to their fourth WNBA championship in the past seven years.



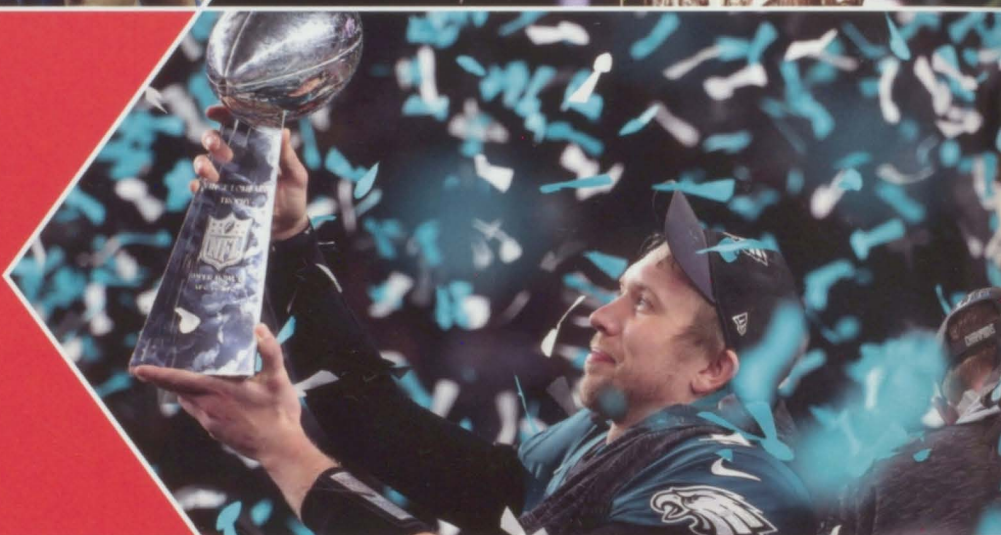
## GREATEST OF ALL SLIME

Michael Phelps is drenched in golden slime as he accepts the Legend Award at the 2017 Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Sports Awards.



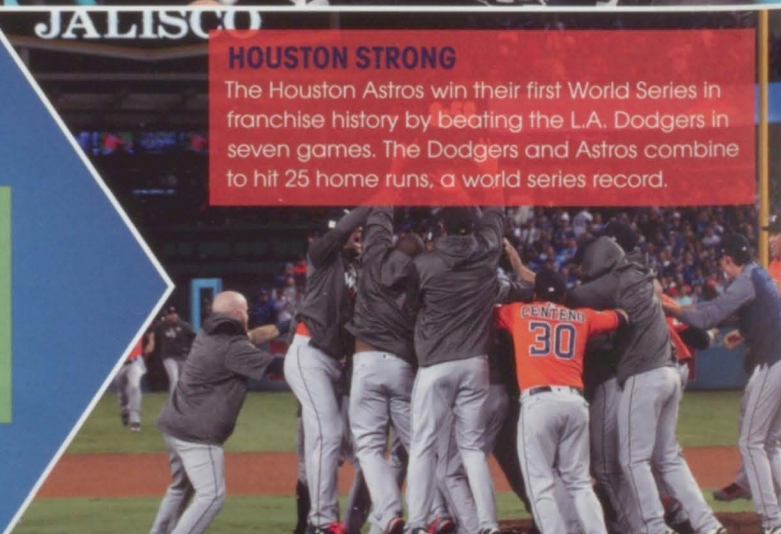
## FLY EAGLES FLY

The Philadelphia Eagles defeat the New England Patriots, 41-33, in Super Bowl LII to earn their first-ever Super Bowl win.



## HOUSTON STRONG

The Houston Astros win their first World Series in franchise history by beating the L.A. Dodgers in seven games. The Dodgers and Astros combine to hit 25 home runs, a world series record.



## RACING LEGEND RETIRES

Dale Earnhardt Jr., two-time Busch Series Champion, retires after 20 years of professional racing.



### GOLD MEDAL GIRL

Simone Biles wins Best Female Athlete at the 2017 ESPY's.



### OH, CANADA!

Toronto FC triumphs over the Seattle Sounders in the 2017 Major League Soccer Playoffs.



### X GAMES

The Minneapolis X Games are held in July with athletes from all around the world competing to win in dozens of categories. Garrett Reynolds takes home the win in the BMX street competition, with Aori Nishimura taking home the win in the women's BMX Skateboard street competition.



### TITLETOWN

The Pittsburgh Penguins repeat as Stanley Cup Champions, winning their fifth title in team history. Sid "The Kid" Crosby wins his second MVP award.



### AMERICAN DREAM

Shalene Flanagan becomes the first American woman to win the New York City Marathon in 40 years.



## WHAT WERE YOUR MOST MEMORABLE SPORTS MOMENTS THIS YEAR?

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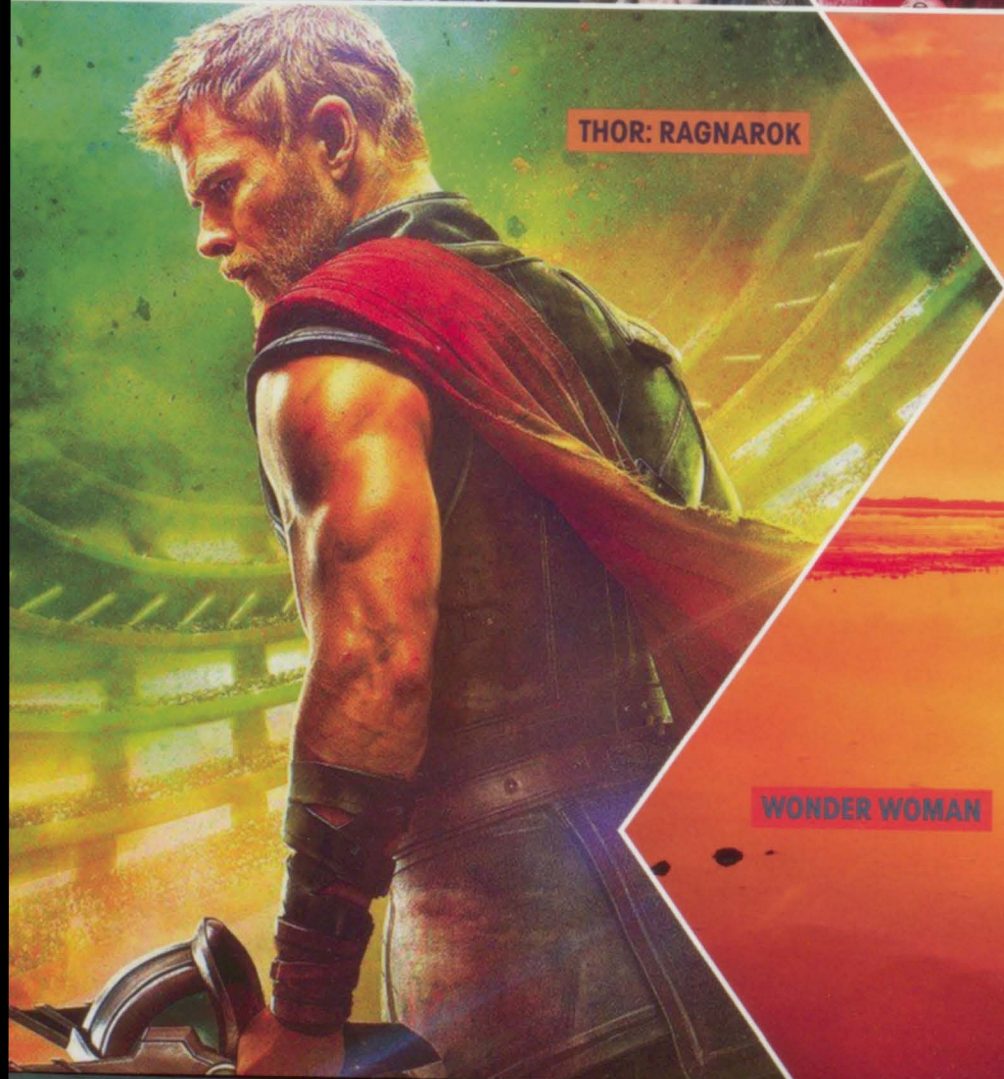
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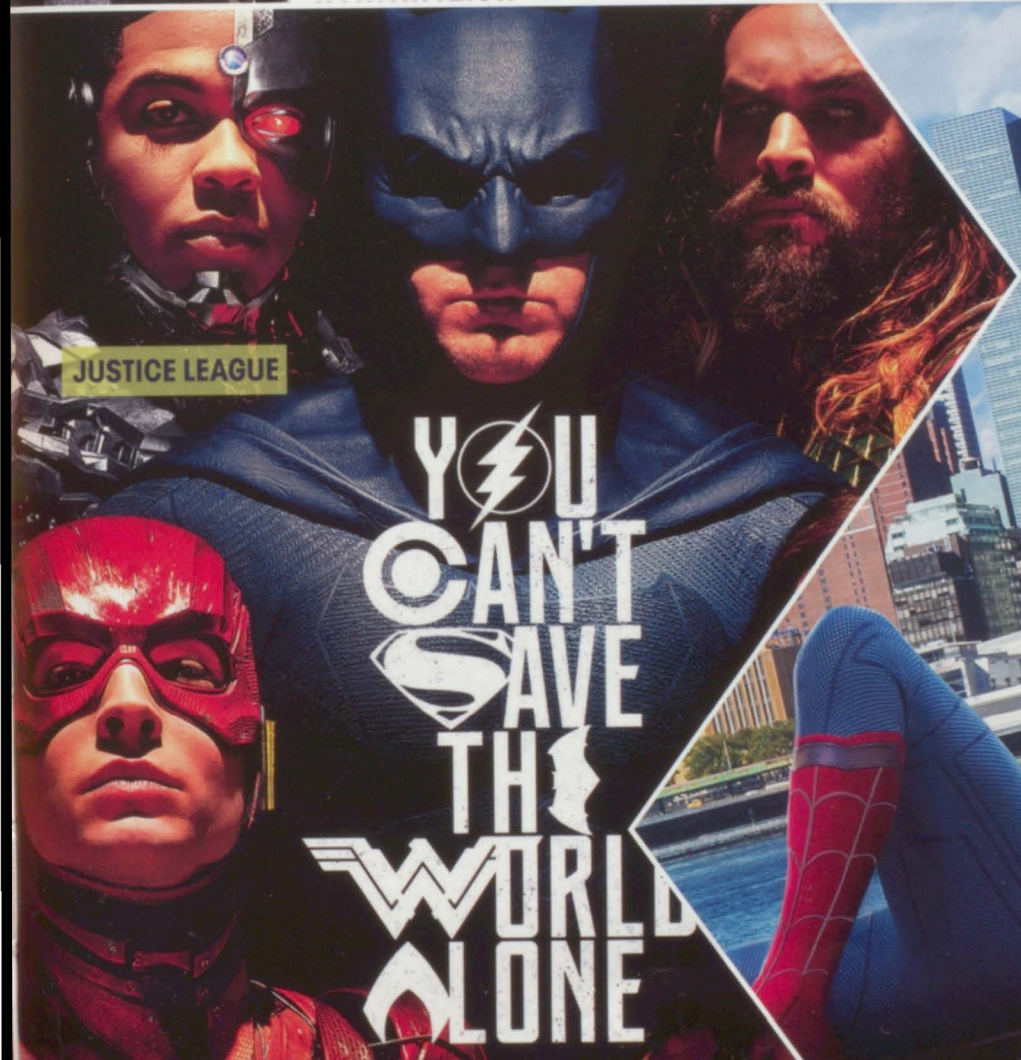
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SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING



# POP CULTURE

## BEY-BIES

Beyoncé broke Selena Gomez' record for the most-liked Instagram post by announcing her pregnancy, garnering 8 million likes in the first 24 hours. In July, Bey broke her own record with a photo of the twins, Rumi and Sir, with 10.2 million likes.



## LIVING VIRTUALLY

Whether PokemonGo or The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim VR, virtual and augmented reality are taking the world by storm by making digital landscapes come to life right before our eyes.

## SWITCH SURGE

The Nintendo Switch provides gamers with the ability to take their gaming system anywhere or play at home with multiple users. The first system of its kind, it gains instant popularity.



## ENVELOPE-GATE

A faulty envelope handoff causes one of the most shocking moments in Oscars history—*La La Land* is announced as the best picture winner, when the film *Moonlight* is the true winner. A *La La Land* producer corrects this mistake onstage, shocking audiences around the globe. As a result, the Oscars will implement new rules for handing over envelopes to celebrity presenters to prevent future blunders.





### FIDGETING FUN

The spinning gadgets take over malls, schools and offices everywhere this year. The fidget spinner is not patented, allowing anyone to replicate the design.

### THE FORCE TURNS 40

The original *Star Wars* movie, released 40 years ago in 1977, launched one of the most successful and beloved franchises ever. The eighth movie in the series, *The Last Jedi*, is released in December.



### WONDER WOMAN

Director Patty Jenkins' *Wonder Woman* crosses the \$600M threshold worldwide, making the film the highest-grossing live-action movie by a female director in history.

### WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE POP CULTURE MOMENTS THIS YEAR?

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# TV

## IDOL RETURNS

Two seasons after its final episode on Fox, *American Idol* will be returning to television for the 2017-2018 season on ABC.

A close-up photograph of a television screen displaying the Hulu logo in its characteristic green font. The screen is dark, and the logo is the central focus.

## THE FUTURE OF FUN

Streaming TV is taking over traditional cable as the way we consume entertainment. Amazon Studios, Netflix, and Hulu have all started their own original series to drive engagement and revenue.

## TV TECH

Just as the ways we watch TV are evolving, so are the screens we watch it on. New screen technology innovations this year include 10-bit color depth, 4K, HDR, and OLED.



## WHAT'S OLD IS NEW

Shows like *Gilmore Girls* and *Full House* (now *Fuller House*) make a comeback to the small screen and their popularity shows. *Fuller House* wins the award for Favorite TV Show-Family at the 2017 Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards.





### STERLING STORY

Sterling K. Brown, who plays Randall in NBC's *This Is Us*, makes history by becoming the first African American male to take home the Screen Actors Guild award for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series and the Golden Globe award for Best Actor in a Television Series, and the first black actor since 1998 to win the Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series.



### SQUAD GOALS

The CW's *Riverdale*, a series based on the characters in the *Archie* comics, became a viral favorite among teens after the pilot aired earlier this year.

### WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE TV MOMENTS THIS YEAR?

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# TRENDS

## MIND YOUR MINDFULNESS

Mindfulness and focusing on well-being are top trends this year. Calm, an app that helps you meditate and find clarity, is the 2017 Apple app of the year.



## HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE

Wearable technology may soon save your life. Apple launches the Apple Heart Study app, which collects data and notifies users who may be experiencing irregular heart rhythms or atrial fibrillation. New innovations in wearable health monitoring include measurement of UV exposure, blood pressure, blood glucose, and stress.



## BITCOIN BUZZ

Bitcoin, the first digital currency that does not rely on central banks or administrators, becomes a global sensation and a source of debate over the future of money.



## SNAPS THE APP

Snapchat reigns supreme as the most popular app of 2017, followed by Instagram and Sandbox.



### FASHION FLASHBACK

What's old is new again. Denim, chokers, patches, and embroidery make nods to the past while staying on-trend in the present.

### PRIME SLIME

Making slime (a mixture of glue, water, and other additives) becomes a sensation for both kids and young adults.



### FANTASTIC FOOD

Unicorn noodles, rainbow cheese, and edible cookie dough are some of the biggest trends in food this year.

### WHAT WERE THE TOP TRENDS YOU ENJOYED THIS YEAR?

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# TOP OF 2017

## TOP HOW-TO GOOGLE SEARCHES

- How to make slime
- How to make solar eclipse glasses
- How to buy Bitcoin
- How to make a fidget spinner
- How to watch the solar eclipse



## TOP INSTAGRAM HASHTAGS

- #Art
- #Love
- #Photography
- #Photooftheday
- #Fashion

## TOP EMOJIS

Emojis are changing the way we communicate. The most popular emojis of the year are:



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